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Rep. Lance, Freeholders Face Challenges in Tuesday Primary

By PAUL J. PEYTON
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ELIZABETH — Union County voters will go to the polls Tuesday to decide a number of Primary races at the county and municipal levels, as well as the Seventh Congressional District. There are no competitive Primary municipal races in Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Garwood or Mountainside, although all towns, with the exception of Mountainside, have competitive General Elections in November. There are no municipal elections in Westfield this year.

In the race for Congress, first-term congressman Leonard Lance (R-7th) is opposed by Bruce Baker of Westfield, Lon Hosford of Alexandria Township and David Larsen of Oldwick. The congressional district spans across Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Union Counties. This is the last Congressional election year before redistricting occurs in 2012.

Mr. Lance's opponents have been critical of his initial "yes" vote on the Cap and Trade/Climate Change bill, with some even questioning his conservative credentials. Mr. Lance said he now opposes the bill because China and India have not committed to similar climate-related efforts, believing the issue is a worldwide one.

Mr. Lance also has said his main reason for running for Congress was to focus on fiscal issues, including reining in the nation's increasing national debt.

Mr. Lance's opponents have criticized him for accepting federal earmarks (federal funds) for his district, while he has pointed to his efforts to help first responders receive federal dollars for equipment that municipalities can no longer afford due to the struggling economy.

According to the state Division of Elections website, there are 105,339 registered Republicans in the Seventh District, including 44,361 from Union County, and another 196,138 unaffiliated voters. In a seven-candidate field GOP Primary two years ago, 8,000, or 23 percent of GOP registered voters, turned out in the county.

The winner will take on Democrat Ed Potosnak of North Plainfield in November.

There is also a Republican Primary mayoral race in New Providence, where Councilman Brooke Hern, a former Democratic state Assembly candidate with former Westfield mayor Tom Jardim in 2001, is being challenged by former mayor Al Morgan. While no Democrat filed for mayor, a write-in candidate could surface on Tuesday. Mayor John Thoms, a Republican, is not seeking reelection.

At the freeholder level, Democratic incumbents Dan Sullivan, the current board chairman, Bette Jane Kowalski and a newcomer, Plainfield Councilwoman Linda Carter, are being challenged by the Democrats for Change ticket of Carmen Southward of Linden, Janet Reynolds of Roselle and Elcy Castillo Ospina of Elizabeth. Ms. Carter replaces Rayland Van Blake, who was not given the Union County Democratic Party organization line after one term on the board.

In the race for sheriff, 33-year veteran Ralph Froehlich is being opposed by Essex County sheriff's officer Charles Mitchell, who ran as an independent sheriff candidate in 2007, where he captured 10 percent of the vote in a three-way race won by Mr. Froehlich. Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, who has served since 1995 and previously served 12 years in the now-defunct office of Register of Deeds and Mortgages, faces a challenge from *Rahway News-Record* Publisher Lisa McCormick on the Democrats for Change banner.

Democrats for Change is running candidates in six urban municipalities. In Rahway, Freeholder Rick Proctor, Rahway's Democratic chairman, faces a challenge from Renee Thrash in the race to replace the retiring 20-year mayor, James Kennedy. In the race for Linden mayor, Coun-

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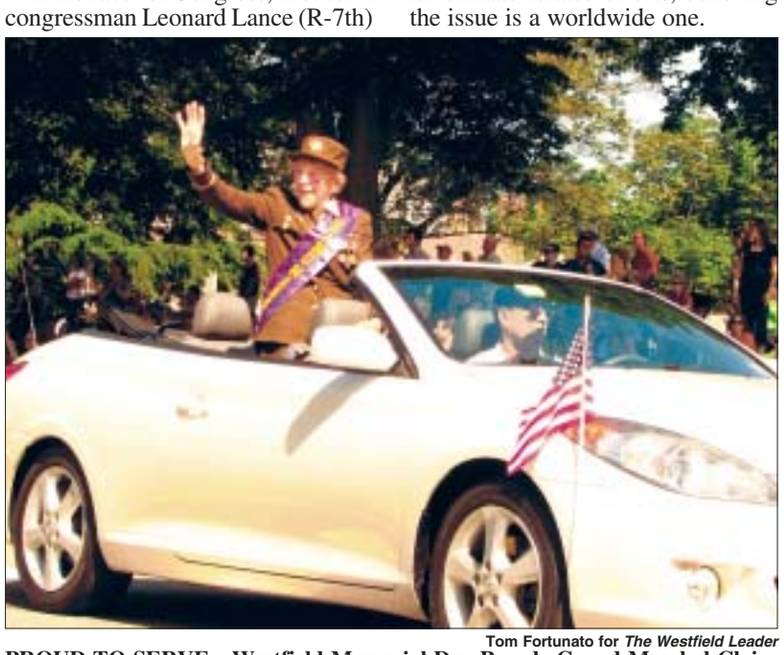

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PROUD TO SERVE…Westfield Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshal Claire Butler waves to the crowd on Monday. Ms. Butler is a World War II veteran and a champion archer.

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TO THE RESCUE...Members of the all-volunteer Westfield Rescue Squad line up for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday to honor those who have served in the military.

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MEMORIAL DAY...A rousing parade, a tradition in Westfield, was held on Monday morning of Memorial Day to honor those who have served and sacrificed in the military in the defense of this country. Citizens lined the streets, bands played, flags waved, and dignitaries provided tributes.

Westfield BOE Hears Pleas From Paraprofessionals for Rehiring

By RENNIE WOLTERS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — Residents and school district paraprofessionals spilled out the door of the board of education (BOE) meeting room on Tuesday night as the rehiring of paraprofessionals was urged, and as the board honored former member Richard Solomon for his nine years of service. National Energy Association plaques were presented to four district schools.

Pat Doyle, president of the Westfield Instructional Support Staff Association, representing the paraprofessionals of the Westfield school district, urged the BOE to reinstate the district's 108 local paraprofessionals, most of whom work closely with special education students, and all of whom received reduction in force (RIF) notices when budget cuts were revealed in March, eliminating their positions in the Westfield school district entirely.

Schools Superintendent Margaret Dolan explained that the BOE cut the jobs in accordance with orders from the Union County Superintendent of Schools, Carmen Centuolo.

"Despite all of our contributions to the education of our students, to the safety and security at Westfield High School, despite being in positions for over 20 years … we are treated more like temporary support than permanent partners in the educational process," Ms. Doyle said.

Although the BOE reinstated 29 paraprofessionals at its last meeting on May 25, including Ms. Doyle, she urged the BOE to "correct this ill-advised error in judgment" to prevent parents from looking outside the school district for the care and personal attention their children may need.

"We feel that we are partners in the educational process and fervently wish to continue in this role," Ms. Doyle said.

"I think it's awful how paraprofessionals have been treated this year in our district," Superintendent Dolan said. "There wasn't much that we cut that I thought we could do without, but we had to do without because we were cut $4.2 million… I can't project what public education will be in the next year or the next five years."

The BOE voted to approve the reinstatement of fourth-grade teachers Kathryn Cocco of Wilson School and Kristin Hannon of Tamaques School for the 2010-2011 school year. Even though the teachers had received RIF notices this year, Ms. Dolan said the board will continue to revise the budget as changes are made and monetary aid is received, possibly resulting in more rehires.

As well wishers listened from the hallway, BOE President Julia Walker presented former board member Mr. Solomon with a resolution thanking him for his nine years of service to the Westfield education system. In a nod to Mr. Solomon's professional experience with the David Letterman Show, Ms. Walker presented the top 10 reasons the BOE would be "lucky" to have him on the board.

Mr. Solomon said of his time on the BOE, "We never lost sight of our ultimate goal, which was always to do what was in the best interest of the children whose education we were elected to oversee."

Mr. Solomon was defeated in his re-election bid by newcomer Mitch Slater in the April 20 public election.

District energy managers Michael Pate and Tony Cuccaro awarded plaques from the National Energy Association to four Westfield schools in recognition of their conservation of energy efforts. Tamaques Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Roosevelt Intermediate and Edison Intermediate schools ranked among the top nine public schools of 2,500 in New Jersey in energy conservation as determined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In the 33 months since the inception of the Westfield energy conservation program, the district has saved over $1 million through measures such as the reduction of greenhouse gas and the planting of tree seedlings.

Mr. Pate said that if Westfield were to continue on this path of conservation, the district will have saved nearly $5.5 million by 2017.

BOE member Jane Clancy announced that the Franklin School PTO has donated $13,000 in tables and benches to be used by students for

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RVSA, County in Dispute Over Sinkhole in Clark

By THOMAS FORTUNATO
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RAHWAY — The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority approved an increase in sewer connection fees as well as a sewer-connection application filed by the Town of Westfield on behalf of Millennium Properties/Premier Communities & Menlo Engineering at its May 20 meeting. The application was filed for four, three-bedroom townhouses located at 1464 East Broad Street.

The City of Rahway also filed a sewer-connection application for a property located on Hamilton Street; the city wanted to relocate the sewer to serve an outdoor amphitheater. This application was also approved.

During the meeting, RVSA commissioners addressed an incident in which the RVSA went out to inspect a sinkhole that developed on Walnut Avenue in Clark. The authority was met by public works officials from Union County and Clark Township, as well as Elizabethtown Gas. The authority concluded that the sinkhole was not its fault, and billed the county for cost of the inspection.

The county, however, refuses to pay, claiming that "the authority needed to inspect the [sewer] line in order to make sure it wasn't [their] sewer causing the sink hole," as the meeting agenda stated. Additional resolutions approved at the board meeting included: investing $1,017,128 for the operating reserve fund at the Two River Bank in Westfield at an interest rate of 5 percent, an increase from $2,674,655 to $2,694,461 to contract Consolidated Construction Management Services and the construction manager on the CoGeneration/Sludge Drying Facility; $38,000 to contract Russell A. Berner for construction support services, and three broker of record resolutions relating to insurance, which did not specify any dollar amount.

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GOD BLESS AMERICA...Kerry Stubbs inspires the crowd of many hundreds with his traditional rendition of "God Bless America" during Memorial Day ceremonies in Westfield on Monday.

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TWISTED METAL...A driver ran the stop sign at East Dudley Avenue in Westfield last Wednesday. The street was closed to clean up the accident.

New Jersey Primaries

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cil President Robert Bunk is challenged by Derek Armstead. Mayor Richard Gerbounka, a former Democrat, is now a registered Independent and, thus, is not a factor in the Primary. Republican Patrick Cassio is also a candidate for mayor. Democrats for Change is running council candidates in Elizabeth, Plainfield, Union, Linden, Rahway and Roselle.

According to election data on the Union County Clerk's website, recent Democratic Primary Elections have shown a county-wide turnout of between 13,000 and 25,000, or 15 to 25 percent. According to the Board of Elections, there are currently 121,000 registered Democrats in the county.

Polls will be open Tuesday from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. To find polling locations, visit the Union County homepage at ucnj.org and click on the "where to vote" tab on the left side of the page.

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lunch or outdoor class activities, and also by community members for sporting events. Six tables will be set up adjacent to the baseball diamond, and four tables will be arranged at the north side of the Habitat Garden.

The next meeting of the BOE is set for Tuesday, June 15, where the framework of the strategic plan will be discussed, including its purpose and mission, as well as district beliefs and goals.

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Freeholders Hire Vendor To Upgrade County Website

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ELIZABETH — The Union County Freeholder Board, two weeks ago, approved a $136,600 one-year contract with a vendor, Web Creation of Clark, for the "design, development and maintenance of the county's Website."

According to Al Faella, director of parks and community renewal, the county wants to make it easier for users of the website to find what they are looking for while also building traffic to the site by linking to social-media websites Facebook and Twitter.

"Our web design and our interactivity for our current website is basically the same it's been since the beginning of the decade. It needs to be modernized. We want it to be a real-time source for information," Mr. Faella told the freeholders at their May 20 meeting. He said the site would be redesigned and relaunched. "Our goal is to not just improve the look and feel but also the form and functionality of the website."

Mr. Faella said the county wants to "maintain and enhance the highest quality level of information that we provide." He explained to the board that the county is also working with various departments to remove redundant or outdated information on the website while ensuring that the latest information on such things as grants is provided.

"We really want it to be a real-time source for both news and emergencies as quickly as they originate," he said.

Other highlights of the redesign will include incorporating the site to conduct online surveys with the public and improving the site's "search engine optimization."

The current homepage includes information such as where one can vote, county budgets, county ordinances, freeholder meeting agendas and minutes, and requests for proposals for prospective vendors. Dropdown menus also provide links to all public libraries in the county, municipalities, town maps, county departments, parks and golf courses.

"When you want information about something, we want to make sure it's there, it's concise and you find what you need," Mr. Faella told the freeholders.

Tina Renna of Cranford, president of the Union County Watchdog Association, was critical of the hiring of the firm.

"You are spending $136,600 on Web Creation of Clark, and they do not have a website themselves," she said.

Maryellen Taylor of Berkeley Heights was critical of the county's webpage devoted to the disabled community.

"This is it," Ms. Taylor said, holding up a copy of a printout of the webpage. "One little page that says nothing."

SP-F Taxes

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Mayor Mahr said Fanwood and Scotch Plains wanted to make a BOE cut that was "realistic and attainable [while having a] minimal impact in the classroom."

"It (the BOE budget cut) was probably the most difficult process I've ever gone through in seven years [as mayor]," Mayor Mahr said, noting that 75 percent of the school budget is salaries and benefits. "That piece is still not settled," she said, referencing the ongoing negotiations with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association (SPFEA).

Mayor Mahr said both towns encouraged the school district to look at joining the state health benefits plan, which, she said, would generate $1.5 million in savings. Also, she encouraged the SPFEA to accept a wage freeze, noting that since the BOE budget contains no funding for salary increases, any further pay hikes would likely affect the classroom.

"When there is no money, there is no money," Mayor Mahr said.

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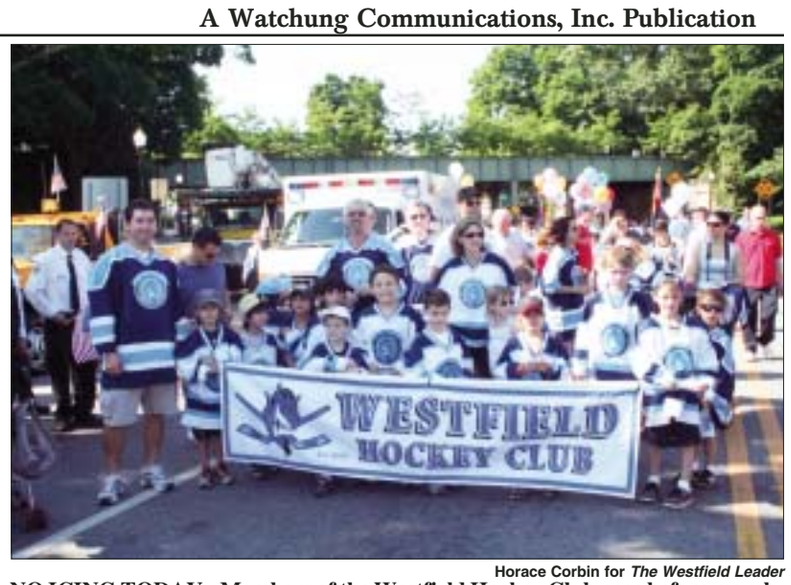

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NO ICING TODAY...Members of the Westfield Hockey Club pose before marching in the parade to celebrate Memorial Day.

Cranford Township Committeeman Offers Series of Budget Proposals

By DAN ASCHENBACH
Cranford Committeeman

CRANFORD — Governor Christie's arrogance in treating all local governments the same and cutting as much state aid as he did and leaving Cranford with options such as laying off 25 employees is beyond reasonable governance. I want lower property taxes too. But Cranford has an obligation to ensure citizens are well served. Our professional staff serves our community and such reductions will reduce the level of service citizens request. Cranford does need to do things differently and more effectively. Following are several of the proposals that thus far the Township Committee has not considered.

(1) Before any further discussion of affecting current service levels, do a line-by-line evaluation of budget items not by department but by type of expenditure. For example, review subscriptions, cell phones, professional memberships, computers and municipal car use. Target 10 percent savings of expenditure category.

(2) Request state legislators to restore Cranford's state aid cut of $700,000. All this cut will do is raise local property taxes. Cranford does not waste money and should not be targeted like this in a broad stroke of indifference.

(3) Request the Governor to fund the flood control capital improvement program since the cause of the flooding is largely regional and not local.

(4) First negotiate with Union County College to increase the in-lieu of tax payments. Than ask state legislators to support state legislation to permit a dollar per student fee (estimated at $150,000).

(5) Find a corporate sponsorship for the July 4th fireworks.

(6) Add curb assessments on Willow Street as Cranford has done for all other curb installation projects ($40,000). The non-assessment was a gift to several Republican friends.

(7) End the garage deficit that has reached $150,000 and will reach $250,000 if we do not implement changes. Deficit means taxpayers pick up the garage loss. We need to act now on this to incorporate in budget.

(a) Shift 25 long-term north side spaces to garage to free up additional retail spaces where needed. This will add vital retail spaces and yield more revenue per space than now in the parking garage since the spaces are empty.

(b) Raise the out-of-town commuter parking permits to $950 per year for parking in garage and elsewhere. Market the spaces for the garage to the six towns nearby that have waiting lists.

(c) Let more of the held back retail spaces for additional commuter spaces on a monthly basis until retail comes.

(d) Market overnight parking better.

(e) Permit AT&T to install cell tower on roof.

(f) Develop a DMC-Crossings marketing campaign to push the retail so retail parking spaces are used, which is the best revenue producer.

(8) Do not lease NJ Transit train station. Appoint citizen task force to evaluate purchase and redevelopment possibility ($30,000).

(9) Require all township land purchases to put 10 percent down as a down payment as a way to ensure project has priority.

(10) Sell Mosquito Commission property to commercial developer. Meet with school district to prepare for equipment re-location and evaluate the highest and best use. Meet with state DEP to expedite their review of remediation work.

(11) Close municipal buildings on Fridays except for essential services. Shift as many service requests to online. Fifty-five percent of electricity bill is for summer air conditioning.

(12) Establish a higher service fee for township services related to accidents.

(13) Establish a higher alarm fee to pay for the cost of this service. Cranford is below other communities.

(14) Consolidate all revenue collection activities into one unit and merge into the tax collector's office. Move more to online service.

(15) Eliminate use of paid lobbyists and designate bipartisan task force to better attract federal, state and county funds.

(16) Sell several township owned lots to fund part of the RVSA 2010 capital costs related to new treatment facility.

(17) Implement an aggressive IandI program. Appoint several senior citizen volunteers to visit all homes to check into illegal connections and provide homeowner education of cost. Meet with RVSA to jointly develop I&I program.

(18) A complete revamp of TV35 and Cranford.com to integrate their role in service to Cranford citizens. List on website a list of services and links to forms needed or contacts.

(19) Approve the expansion of DMC boundaries to fund the expanded marketing program.

(20) Implement the roof repair and HVAC system improvement at Community Center with existing available funds, which will yield immediate energy savings.

(21) Use balance in the Enrichment Fund to support recreation department 2010 budget ($45,000).

(22) Reduce the pay rate for all attorneys employed by Cranford by 20 percent. They are supposed to keep the township out of litigation and resolve labor issues-($50,000).

(23) Restructure parking garage debt to meet initial commercial rental space occupancy- ($100,000).

(24) Apply $50,000 from Winfield Township trust fund to public safety capital improvement needs.

(25) Sell Cranford West and apply proceeds to Community Center debt.

(26) A call to citizen volunteers to enhance what the local government does. There is a man that does litter cleanup along Springfield Avenue for example. We can enlist citizens to take on numerous projects and, in my experience, they just have to be asked.

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In Fanwood, Mayor Colleen Mahr said $17,340,244 would be collected in school taxes. The owner of a home assessed at $84,595 will pay $6,403 in school taxes, up $350 over last year. That amount would have been $72 higher if the tax levy had not been defeated by voters in April. Municipal taxes will average $2,148, with the county portion at $1,734, for a total average tax bill of $10,285.

The school budget in Fanwood is up 5.84 percent; the municipal portion will increase 3.6 percent, followed by the county tax hike of 7.15 percent, for a total average borough tax hike of 5.67 percent.

Mayor Mahr said Fanwood and Scotch Plains wanted to make a BOE cut that was "realistic and attainable [while having a] minimal impact in the classroom."

"It (the BOE budget cut) was probably the most difficult process I've ever gone through in seven years [as mayor]," Mayor Mahr said, noting that 75 percent of the school budget is salaries and benefits. "That piece is still not settled," she said, referencing the ongoing negotiations with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Education Association (SPFEA).

Mayor Mahr said both towns encouraged the school district to look at joining the state health benefits plan, which, she said, would generate $1.5 million in savings. Also, she encouraged the SPFEA to accept a wage freeze, noting that since the BOE budget contains no funding for salary increases, any further pay hikes would likely affect the classroom.

"When there is no money, there is no money," Mayor Mahr said.

RECOGNIZING DECA…Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA national finalists, from left to right, Chris Freeman, Morgan Puleo, Johan Hernandez and Kyle Birnbaum pose with their awards at a Louisville conference in late April.

SP Roadwork Program To Resume This Summer

By FRED T. ROSSI
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

SCOTCH PLAINS — The township will resume its road repair and resurfacing program this summer, with roads that were slated for work in 2009 back on the agenda.

During a briefing for the township council at its conference meeting on Tuesday, Assistant Township Engineer Joseph Timko said nearly a dozen streets would be repaved or resurfaced, including Dogwood Court, Evergreen Boulevard, Francis Lane, Gallagher Avenue, Henry Street, Hilltop Road, Michael Lane, Overlook Way, Stony Brook Circle, Tanglewood Lane and Ravine Court. Most of these streets were set for repair last year but postponed due to budget constraints.

In addition, the Hetfield Avenue railroad bridge will be worked on in a joint project with Fanwood and NJ Transit. Mr. Timko also outlined a number of drainage projects that will be undertaken this year, including a culvert on Union Avenue off Route 22 that was weakened during the March rainstorms. There will also be a traffic study conducted at the corner of Raritan Road and Rahway Avenue to see if a four-way stop sign might be feasible. And Mr. Timko said an inspection of all 1,500 manholes in the township is being scheduled.

Township Manager Chris Marion told the council that a bond ordinance to fund this year's capital projects, along with a new telephone system for the municipal building, would likely be introduced at the governing body's Tuesday, June 15 meeting. He added that he anticipates getting to work, in conjunction with various municipal department heads, on a six-year capital plan that will force the municipality to "identify and set priorities" for capital expenditures on a longer-term basis.

In other business, the council will discuss further a proposal to help clear so-called open permits, which result when a homeowner fails to secure a final inspection for construction, plumbing or electrical work that was done via a township-issued per-

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DODGING FOR DIMES…The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) hosted its Fourth Annual March of Dimes Dodge Ball Tournament earlier this year. Nearly 30 teams, made up of eight students each, entered the event to support the charity. Sam Bhakuni, SPFHS FBLA chapter president, presents a $1,500 check to Melissa Gass, regional director of the March of Dimes.

Fanwood Ordinances Top Council Agenda Meeting

By TED RITTER
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

FANWOOD — Tuesday night's monthly borough council agenda meeting was an especially brief one, devoted mostly to discussion of previously introduced or proposed ordinances and other routine administrative business.

Borough Engineer Joseph Pryor announced that the Russell Road improvement project is scheduled to begin "in the latter part of June," once the school year is over. He said a preconstruction meeting would be held Wednesday, June 9.

Mr. Pryor also sketched out a proposed "dumpster ordinance," which he said the borough is "obligated to pass" under storm-water permit requirements.

"What it basically does is it says if you own a dumpster, you will prevent stuff from spilling out or prevent it from leaking," explained Mr. Pryor.

Also discussed was a measure to ban motorists from pulling U-turns on Roosevelt Avenue at the intersection of Daniel Place.

Borough Clerk/Administrator Eleanor McGovern told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that drivers making U-turns are creating a safety problem at this location, which is near McGinn School.

"There are a lot of kids going through there, and as for the U-turns, they really shouldn't be doing it and this [proposed ordinance] would stop it," Mrs. McGovern said.

Another measure, amended by Borough Attorney Dennis Estis in response to a request from a resident, would waive permit fees for the construction of access ramps or other residential unit improvements designed to serve people with disabilities.

In response to a question from Council President Russell Hugel, who presided at the meeting in absence of Mayor Colleen Mahr, Mr. Estis clarified that the ordinance does not apply to commercial establishments that are upgrading to meet requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"They have to pay," he said.

Councilwoman Joan Wheeler asked about the status of a planned survey of the Borough Hall complex to determine how it can be upgraded and made more energy efficient.

Mrs. McGovern said the survey would be part of a bond ordinance for borough capital improvements. The measure will be among those considered on second reading at the Tuesday, June 8 regular borough council meeting.

Fred Rossi for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*

LEADING THE MARCH...Lieutenant Colonel Edward Chrystal, Jr., a Scotch Plains resident and veteran of the Iraq War, serves as grand marshal of Monday's Memorial Day Parade in Scotch Plains and Fanwood, held under sunny skies and before crowds of thousands. Inset, a bugler blows taps to end the ceremonies preceding the parade.

Rep. Lance, Freeholders Face Challenges in Tuesday Primary

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

ELIZABETH — Union County voters will go to the polls Tuesday to decide a number of Primary races at the county and municipal levels, as well as the Seventh Congressional District. There are no competitive Primary municipal races in Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Garwood or Mountainside, although all towns, with the exception of Mountainside, have competitive General Elections in November. There are no municipal elections in Westfield this year.

In the race for Congress, first-term congressman Leonard Lance (R-7th) is opposed by Bruce Baker of Westfield, Lon Hosford of Alexandria Township and David Larsen of Oldwick. The congressional district spans across Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Union Counties. This is the last Congressional election year before redistricting occurs in 2012.

Mr. Lance's opponents have been critical of his initial "yes" vote on the Cap and Trade/Climate Change bill, with some even questioning his conservative credentials. Mr. Lance said he now opposes the bill because China and India have not committed to similar climate-related efforts, saying he believes the issue is a worldwide one.

Mr. Lance also has said his main reason for running for Congress was to focus on fiscal issues, including reining in the nation's increasing national debt.

Mr. Lance's opponents have criticized him for accepting federal earmarks (federal funds) for his district, while he has pointed to his efforts to help first responders receive federal dollars for equipment that municipalities can no longer afford due to the struggling economy.

According to the state Division of Elections website, there are 105,339 registered Republicans in the Seventh District, including 44,361 from Union County, and another 196,138 unaffiliated voters. In a seven-candidate field in the GOP Primary two years ago, 8,000, or 23 percent of GOP registered voters, turned out in the county.

The winner will take on Democrat Ed Potosnak of North Plainfield in November.

There is also a Republican Primary mayoral race in New Providence, where Councilman Brooke Hern, a former Democratic state Assembly candidate with former Westfield mayor Tom Jardim in 2001, is being challenged by former mayor Al Morgan. While no Democrat filed for mayor, a write-in candidate could surface on Tuesday. Mayor John Thoms, a Republican, is not seeking reelection.

At the freeholder level, Democratic incumbents Dan Sullivan, the current board chairman, Bette Jane Kowalski and a newcomer, Plainfield Councilwoman Linda Carter, are being challenged by the Democrats for Change ticket of Carmen Southward of Linden, Janet Reynolds of Roselle and Elcy Castillo Ospina of Elizabeth. Ms. Carter replaces Rayland Van Blake, who was not given the Union County Democratic Party organization line after one term on the board.

In the race for sheriff, 33-year veteran Ralph Froehlich is being opposed by Essex County sheriff's officer Charles Mitchell, who ran as an independent sheriff candidate in 2007, where he captured 10 percent of the vote in a three-way race won by Mr. Froehlich. Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, who has served since 1995 and previously served 12 years in the now-defunct office of Register of Deeds and Mortgages, faces a challenge from *Rahway News-Record* Publisher Lisa McCormick on the Democrats for Change banner.

Democrats for Change is running candidates in six urban municipalities. In Rahway, Freeholder Rick Proctor, Rahway's Democratic chairman, faces a challenge from Renee Thrash in the race to replace the retiring 20-year mayor, James Kennedy. In the race for Linden mayor, Council President Robert Bunk is challenged by Derek Armstead. Mayor Richard Gerbounka, a former Democrat, is now a registered Independent and, thus, is not a factor in the Primary. Republican Patrick Cassio is also a candidate for mayor. Democrats for Change is running council candidates in Elizabeth, Plainfield, Union, Linden, Rahway and Roselle.

According to election data on the Union County Clerk's website, recent Democratic Primary Elections have shown a county-wide turnout of be-

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AND THE BAND PLAYED ON...During Monday's Memorial Day Parade in Scotch Plains, volleys were fired into the air along Park Avenue.

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GOD BLESS AMERICA...Kerry Stubbs inspires the crowd of many hundreds with his traditional rendition of "God Bless America" during Memorial Day ceremonies in Westfield on Monday.

RVSA, County in Dispute Over Sinkhole in Clark

By THOMAS FORTUNATO
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

RAHWAY — The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority approved an increase in sewer connection fees as well as a sewer-connection application filed by the Town of Westfield on behalf of Millennium Properties/Premier Communities & Menlo Engineering at its May 20 meeting. The application was filed for four, three-bedroom townhouses located at 1464 East Broad Street.

The City of Rahway also filed a sewer-connection application for a property located on Hamilton Street; the city wanted to relocate the sewer to serve an outdoor amphitheater. This application was also approved.

During the meeting, RVSA commissioners addressed an incident in which the RVSA went out to inspect a sinkhole that developed on Walnut Avenue in Clark. The authority was met by public works officials from Union County and Clark Township, as well as Elizabethtown Gas. The authority concluded that the sinkhole was not its fault, and billed the county for cost of the inspection.

The county, however, refuses to pay, claiming that "the authority needed to inspect the [sewer] line in order to make sure it wasn't [their] sewer causing the sink hole," as the meeting agenda stated.

Additional resolutions approved at the board meeting included: investing $1,017,128 for the operating reserve fund at the Two River Bank in Westfield at an interest rate of 5 percent, an increase from $2,674,655 to $2,694,461 to contract Consolidated Construction Management Services and the construction manager on the CoGeneration/Sludge Drying Facility; $38,000 to contract Russell A. Berner for construction support services, and three broker of record resolutions relating to insurance, which did not specify any dollar amount.

Primaries

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tween 13,000 and 25,000, or 15 to 25 percent. According to the Board of Elections, there are currently 121,000 registered Democrats in the county.

Polls will be open Tuesday from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. To find polling locations, visit the Union County homepage at ucnj.org and click on the "where to vote" tab on the left side of the page.

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Freeholders Hire Vendor To Upgrade County Website

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

ELIZABETH — The Union County Freeholder Board, two weeks ago, approved a $136,600 one-year contract with a vendor, Web Creation of Clark, for the "design, development and maintenance of the county's Website."

According to Al Faella, director of parks and community renewal, the county wants to make it easier for users of the website to find what they are looking for while also building traffic to the site by linking to social-media websites Facebook and Twitter.

"Our web design and our interactivity for our current website is basically the same it's been since the beginning of the decade. It needs to be modernized. We want it to be a real-time source for information," Mr. Faella told the freeholders at their May 20 meeting. "Our goal is to not just improve the look and feel but also the form and functionality of the website."

Mr. Faella said the county wants to "maintain and enhance the highest quality level of information that we provide."Hea explained to the board that the county is also working with various departments to remove redundant or outdated information on the website while ensuring that the latest information on such things as grants is provided.

"We really want it to be a real-time source for both news and emergencies as quickly as they originate," he said.

Other highlights of the redesign will include incorporating the site to conduct online surveys with the public and improving the site's "search engine optimization."

The current homepage includes information such as where one can vote, county budgets, county ordinances, freeholder meeting agendas and minutes, and requests for proposals for prospective vendors. Dropdown menus also provide links to all public libraries in the county, municipalities, town maps, county departments, parks and golf courses.

"When you want information about something, we want to make sure it's there, it's concise and you find what you need," Mr. Faella told the freeholders.

Tina Renna of Cranford, president of the Union County Watchdog Association, was critical of the hiring of the firm.

"You are spending $136,600 on Web Creation of Clark, and they do not have a website themselves," she said.

Maryellen Taylor of Berkeley Heights was critical of the county's webpage devoted to the disabled community.

"This is it," Ms. Taylor said, holding up a copy of a printout of the webpage. "One little page that says nothing."

Westfield Paraprofessionals Address BOE, Urge Board to Consider Rehiring

By RENNIE WOLTERS
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

WESTFIELD — Residents and school district paraprofessionals spilled out the door of the board of education meeting room on Tuesday night as the rehiring of paraprofessionals was urged.

Pat Doyle, president of the Westfield Instructional Support Staff Association, representing the paraprofessionals of the Westfield school district, urged the BOE to reinstate the district's 108 local paraprofessionals, most of whom work closely with special education students, and all of whom received reduction in force (RIF) notices when budget cuts were revealed in March, eliminating their positions in the Westfield school district entirely.

Schools Superintendent Margaret Dolan explained that the BOE cut the jobs in accordance with orders from the Union County Superintendent of Schools, Carmen Centuolo.

"Despite all of our contributions to the education of our students, to the safety and security at Westfield High School, despite being in positions for over 20 years … we are treated more like temporary support than permanent partners in the educational process," Ms. Doyle said.

Although the BOE reinstated 29 paraprofessionals at its last meeting on May 25, including Ms. Doyle, she urged the BOE to "correct this ill-advised error in judgment" to prevent parents from looking outside the school district for the care and personal attention their children may need.

"We feel that we are partners in the educational process and fervently wish to continue in this role," Ms. Doyle said.

"I think it's awful how paraprofessionals have been treated this year in our district," Superintendent Dolan said. "There wasn't much that we cut that I thought we could do without, but we had to do without because we were cut $4.2 million (in state aid). …I can't project what public education will be in the next year or the next five years."

The BOE voted to approve the reinstatement of fourth-grade teachers Kathryn Cocco of Wilson School and Kristin Hannon of Tamaques School for the 2010-2011 school year.

Even though the teachers had received RIF notices this year, Ms. Dolan said the board will continue to revise the budget as changes are made and monetary aid is received, possibly resulting in more rehires.

Plaques from the National Energy Association were awarded to four Westfield schools in recognition of their conservation of energy efforts which have saved the district $1 million.

SP Roadwork

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mit. Construction Officer Bob LaCosta said one way to remove these open permits from his department's files would be during a smoke detector inspection. When such an inspection is requested, if that property is found to have an open permit, the homeowner would be charged $50 to have the permit cleared. Mr. LaCosta said such a fee could result in several thousand dollars in township revenue.

The council will also have further discussions on the feasibility of implementing more firm closing times for municipal parks and ballfields. Residents living near such facilities periodically complain of noise after dark, but local regulations do not state a clear hour for their closing. Instead, the term "dusk" is stated as the time for closing, a term many on the council agreed was too vague and subject to varying interpretations throughout the year.

Greg Ryan for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*

TWISTED METAL...A driver ran a stop sign at East Dudley Avenue in Westfield last Wednesday, closing the street temporarily.

Cranford Twp Committeeman Offers Budget Proposals

By DAN ASCHENBACH
Cranford Committeeman

CRANFORD — Governor Christie's arrogance in treating all local governments the same and cutting as much state aid as he did and leaving Cranford with options such as laying off 25 employees is beyond reasonable governance. I want lower property taxes too. But Cranford has an obligation to ensure citizens are well served. Our professional staff serves our community and such reductions will reduce the level of service citizens request. Cranford does need to do things differently and more effectively. Following are several of the proposals that thus far the Township Committee has not considered.

(1) Before any further discussion of affecting current service levels, do a line-by-line evaluation of budget items not by department but by type of expenditure. For example, review subscriptions, cell phones, professional memberships, computers and municipal car use. Target 10 percent savings of expenditure category.

(2) Request state legislators to restore Cranford's state aid cut of $700,000. All this cut will do is raise local property taxes. Cranford does not waste money and should not be targeted like this in a broad stroke of indifference.

(3) Request the Governor to fund the flood control capital improvement program since the cause of the flooding is largely regional and not local.

(4) First negotiate with Union County College to increase the in-lieu of tax payments. Than ask state legislators to support state legislation to permit a dollar per student fee (estimated at $150,000).

(5) Find a corporate sponsorship for the July 4 fireworks.

(6) Add curb assessments on Willow Street as Cranford has done for all other curb installation projects ($40,000). The non-assessment was a gift to several Republican friends.

(7) End the garage deficit that has reached $150,000 and will reach $250,000 if we do not implement changes. Deficit means taxpayers pick up the garage loss. We need to act now on this to incorporate in budget.

(a) Shift 25 long-term north side spaces to garage to free up additional retail spaces where needed. This will add vital retail spaces and yield more revenue per space than now in the parking garage since the spaces are empty.

(b) Raise the out-of-town commuter parking permits to $950 per year for parking in garage and elsewhere. Market the spaces for the garage to the six towns nearby that have waiting lists.

(c) Let more of the held back retail spaces for additional commuter spaces on a monthly basis until retail comes.

(d) Market overnight parking better.

(e) Permit AT&T to install cell tower on roof.

(f) Develop a DMC-Crossings marketing campaign to push the retail so retail parking spaces are used, which is the best revenue producer.

(8) Do not lease NJ Transit train station. Appoint citizen task force to evaluate purchase and redevelopment possibility ($30,000).

(9) Require all township land purchases to put 10 percent down as a down payment as a way to ensure project has priority.

(10) Sell Mosquito Commission property to commercial developer. Meet with school district to prepare for equipment re-location and evaluate the highest and best use. Meet with state DEP to expedite their review of remediation work.

(11) Close municipal buildings on Fridays except for essential services. Shift as many service requests to online. Fifty-five percent of electricity bill is for summer air conditioning.

(12) Establish a higher service fee for township services related to accidents.

(13) Establish a higher alarm fee to pay for the cost of this service. Cranford is below other communities.

(14) Consolidate all revenue collection activities into one unit and merge into the tax collector's office. Move more to online service.

(15) Eliminate use of paid lobbyists and designate bipartisan task force to better attract federal, state and county funds.

(16) Sell several township owned lots to fund part of the RVSA 2010 capital costs related to new treatment facility.

(17) Implement an aggressive IandI program. Appoint several senior citizen volunteers to visit all homes to check into illegal connections and provide homeowner education of cost. Meet with RVSA to jointly develop I&I program.

(18) A complete revamp of TV35 and Cranford.com to integrate their role in service to Cranford citizens. List on website a list of services and links to forms needed or contacts.

(19) Approve the expansion of DMC boundaries to fund the expanded marketing program.

(20) Implement the roof repair and HVAC system improvement at Community Center with existing available funds, which will yield immediate energy savings.

(21) Use balance in the Enrichment Fund to support recreation department 2010 budget ($45,000).

(22) Reduce the pay rate for all attorneys employed by Cranford by 20 percent. They are supposed to keep the township out of litigation and resolve labor issues-($50,000).

(23) Restructure parking garage debt to meet initial commercial rental space occupancy- ($100,000).

(24) Apply $50,000 from Winfield Township trust fund to public safety capital improvement needs.

(25) Sell Cranford West and apply proceeds to Community Center debt.

(26) A call to citizen volunteers to enhance what the local government does. There is a man that does litter cleanup along Springfield Avenue for example. We can enlist citizens to take on numerous projects and, in my experience, they just have to be asked.

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Household Waste Recycling Event June 12 in N. Providence

NEW PROVIDENCE – The County of Union will sponsor a special recycling event on Saturday, June 12, so Union County residents can get rid of household special waste, mercury thermometers and thermostats, propane tanks, and automobile tires in an environmentally safe manner. The collection will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alcatel-Lucent facility located at 600 Mountain Avenue in New Providence.

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost. Pre-registration is not required for this Saturday collection.

All that residents need to do is drive to the site with their household special waste, propane tanks, automobile tires, mercury thermometers and mercury thermostats. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles.

"Household special waste" includes oil-based paint and varnish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, corrosives, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, thinners, fire extinguishers, motor oil and oil filters, gasoline, batteries, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs (unbroken), blood pressure devices, and mercury switches. Only materials in original or labeled containers will be accepted. No containers larger than five gallons will be accepted.

Latex (water-based) paint and empty cans will not be accepted. Once dried out, cans of latex paint should be disposed of with the regular garbage. Leftover latex paint can be air-dried or, to hasten the drying process, kitty litter and/or newspaper can be added to hasten the drying.

There is a limit of eight automobile tires (without rims) per household. This is a household recycling event. No businesses will be allowed the recycling event.

Residents can turn in their old mercury fever thermometers and receive a new mercury-free digital thermometer, free of charge. One new digital thermometer per household will be provided (while supplies last) regardless of the number of mercury thermometers dropped off. Mercury thermometers should brough in sealed plastic bags to prevent release of mercury in case of accidental breakage.

Also, Union County, in partnership with Covanta Energy, has expanded its household waste recycling initiative to include mercury thermostats. The mercury thermostat program complements the county's current efforts to collect household pollutants and divert mercury from the regional waste stream in order to help safeguard water and air quality. Residents will receive a $5 gift certificate to Home Depot for every mercury thermostat turned in at the June 12 recycling event.

A complete list of the materials that will be accepted on June 12 is available at the Bureau of Planning and Environmental Conservation website, ucnj.org/recycle.

The collection will be held rain or shine, for Union County residents only. Proof of Union County residency is required. For information, call (908) 654-9889.

Partenope Graduates Magna Cum Laude

WESTFIELD – Danielle Partenope of Westfield received a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) during graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 14. Danielle was on the dean's list all eight semesters at TCNJ and graduated Magna Cum Laude (meeting the school standard for a GPA between 3.75 – 3.89). She will attend New York University starting this fall for a Master of Music degree in Instrumental Performance (Flute). Danielle is the daughter of Edward and Barbara Partenope of Westfield.

Peyton's *Peek at the Week* In Politics

By Paul Peyton of *The Leader/Times*

Authorities Continue Probe of Insurance Contracts in State

The FBI, Internal Revenue Service and the state Attorney General's office are continuing a probe of insurance contracts with raids in 30 towns across the state. Contracts in at least 10 counties, from the Jersey Shore to Sussex County, have been reviewed, according to NJ.com. Authorities are said to be looking at the relationships between public officials and insurance brokers that often make six-figure commissions paid by the carriers. To date, no one has been charged with a crime, the report said.

A Maryland firm, Federal Hill Risk Management owned by Francis X. Gartland, a registered Republican, has been in the probe as his companies have a dozen or more contracts, according to NJ.com.

Baker Asks Larsen to Drop Out of Race Following Event

Seventh Congressional District Republican Primary candidate Bruce Baker has requested that fellow hopeful David Larsen drop off the race, accusing Mr. Larson of arranging a "Dog and Pony show orchestrated by Mr. Larsen's camp." The event was held in Montgomery Township.

NJEA Supports State's Latest 'Race to Top' Application'

The New Jersey Education Association has signed on to the state's application for the Obama Administration's Race to the Top program. If successful, the state could garner $400 million over the next four years. The NJEA opposed last year's application but has said this year's submittal was stronger.

The application includes provisions for merit pay for teachers based on student performance.

New York's Tax Increase Could Attract New Yorkers to N.J.

Senator Steve Oroho (LD-24, Sparta) has said New York State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's proposal to raise his state's income tax on high income earners could cause New Jersey to "become attractive to New Yorkers fleeing from a proposed 13 percent surcharge on income over $1 million."

"[New Jersey] Governor [Chris] Christies' refusal to raise taxes would give us a competitive edge over New York in at least one important category," he said.

Senate Confirms Lori Grifa As Commissioner

The New Jersey State Senate has confirmed Lori Grifa as the next commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

Ms. Grifa was most recently a member of the law firm Wolff & Samson law firm where she focused on the areas of land use, regulation and environmental law. In this capacity, she also represented municipalities on affordable housing issues. From 2002 to 2003, she served as chief of staff to then state Attorney General David Samson.

Bagger Guest Speaker For Summit Republicans

SUMMIT — Republican City Committee will hold a breakfast this Saturday, June 5 with Rich Bagger of Westfield, chief of staff for Governor Chris Christie.

The event will be held at the Grand Summit Ballroom, located at 570 Springfield Avenue. Prior to joining the Christie Administration, Mr. Bagger spent more than 16 years with Pfizer, most recently as senior vice-president of worldwide public affairs and policy.

Mr. Bagger also served 10 years in the New Jersey State Assembly and one year in the state Senate.

The breakfast will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tickets are $35 per person. Checks should be made payable to the Summit Republican City Committee. For information, call Dorothy Burger at (908) 522.9475. The event is open to the public.

Super Bowl Coming to New Jersey in 2014

EAST RUTHERFORD — Professional football in New Jersey in February? It will happen when the National Football League brings Super Bowl XLVIII (48) to the new Meadowlands Stadium in February of 2014. The announcement was made by league last week over the second-place city, Tampa, Fla. Miami was also considered.

Governor Chris Christie was among those ecstatic by the league's decision.

"The eyes of the entire world will be on New Jersey. I'm looking out this door, this is New Jersey, and I look where that stadium is, and it's in New Jersey," the governor said. "And when everybody gets on the train or in their cars or on buses, they're going to be coming to that game in New Jersey. When the game comes up, they're going to say, 'live from East Rutherford, New Jersey.'"

State Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr, (LD-21, Westfield) called the selection of New Jersey for the 2014 Super Bowl "a great day for New Jersey, our football fans and the numerous local businesses that will benefit from the game being held here."

"The Super Bowl will generate not only tremendous excitement, but also substantial economic activity that will benefit the people of New Jersey and the entire tri-state region," Mr. Kean said. "The selection of New Jersey reflects the acknowledgement of the NFL that the Garden State has the key ingredients to host a successful Super Bowl: a world-class stadium, a solid transportation and lodging infrastructure, proximity and easy access to nightlife and entertainment, and, most importantly, one of the largest blocks of diehard football fans in the nation.

"I am thrilled that the NFL has selected New Jersey. I know we can make this the biggest, most talked about Super Bowl in the history of the league," Mr. Kean said.

Senator Paul Sarlo (LD-36, Wood-Ridge), whose legislative district includes the Meadowlands, said, "It's about time that football's biggest game is played in its best venue on the world's biggest stage. For North Jersey, hosting the Super Bowl will be an economic win long before kickoff. And for all of New Jersey, it will be an opportunity for us to showcase our state as never before."

Senator Richard Codey (LD-27, West Orange) said the announcement is "great news not only for New Jersey sports fans but also for the state as a whole."

"Hosting a major professional sports championship like the Super Bowl carries a lot of financial benefits for the host state. The host committee has committed to having both teams stay and practice in New Jersey for the entire week and have proposed to have major pre-game events in the Garden State, including the main Saturday night Super Bowl party which would be held at Liberty State Park. In addition to the teams, fans will take advantage of our hotels, restaurants and other amenities to root on their favorite teams putting further revenues into our economy. Additionally, hosting a Super Bowl in the Meadowlands will focus national and worldwide attention on New Jersey," Senator Codey said.

Assemblywoman Annette Quijano (LD-20, Union) just recently co-sponsored a resolution supporting bringing the big game to New Jersey.

"The Super Bowl being held in New Jersey will create hundreds of jobs for our residents, spur economic development and create a significant new revenue stream for a myriad of local businesses," Asw. Quijano (D-Union) said.

In the past, the NFL has had a rule that the average temperature in the hosting city had to be 50 degrees Fahrenheit or above. The record low for a Super Bowl was 39 degrees in 1972 at Tulane Stadium in New Orleans. The average New Jersey temperature in February is between 24 to 40 degrees. And did anyone say snow?

Freeholders to Vote on Smoking Ban in Parks

ELIZABETH — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders are considering amending non-smoking policies to include all county-owned recreational areas and facilities. The policy in place now, adopted in 1993, covers county buildings and structures.

The amended policy would prohibit smoking at boating facilities, 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 and facilities.

"If passed, this new policy will help protect the health of our residents and visitors while shielding them from second-hand smoke in our parks and facilities," Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan said.

Under the new policy, the county would also prohibit smoking at county-sponsored events, including concerts, fairs, festivals, movies and other such events at the discretion of the county manager. Signage would be created and displayed at all such events.

Members of the public who violate this policy would first be ordered to comply. Continued violation of the police would result in a fine of not less than $250 for the first offense, $500 for the second offense and $1,000 for each subsequent offense.

A public hearing and final reading for the ordinance is scheduled for Thursday, June 10.

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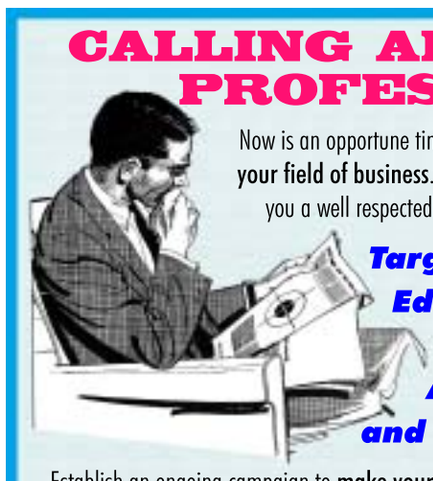

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Time Has Come for Jerseyans To Hear 'Call to Service'

By Harry Pozycki

New Jersey faces an immediate budget crisis at all levels of government and a long-term fiscal problem that can no longer be papered over by budget gimmicks. It took us a long-time to dig this big a hole, and it will take more than new leadership in Trenton to dig ourselves out. To put it simply, it requires a culture change, and that means all of us must step up to the plate.

That is the goal of the Jersey Call to Service, a public service campaign to inspire 5,000 citizens from all corners of our state to take an active leadership role in their communities. The Jersey Call to Service aims to change New Jersey's political culture from one dominated by political careerism, corruption and waste to a culture of service and frugality. This will take an infusion of new citizen leaders from outside the political establishment.

Responsible cost cutting is the next big challenge facing New Jersey. Given the fact that over six-out-of-every-10 of our tax dollars are spent at the local government level, the problem cannot be solved by Trenton alone. To meet the current financial crisis head on and beat back rising property taxes, we need to start in our own hometowns and call all hands on deck.

The Jersey Call to Service educates citizens to advance constructive cost-cutting measures at the town, school district and county level in order to reduce waste and build a new culture of savings. It is the best alternative to skyrocketing property taxes and the shrinking services that will otherwise be the certain outcome of dramatic declines in state aid to municipalities and school districts.

On Wednesday evening, June 9, the Citizens' Campaign will be conducting the first-ever, statewide Jersey Call to Service Summit in New Brunswick. It's free and it will give citizens the governmental know-how and model cost-cutting proposals needed to cut government waste and protect essential services in our towns, school districts, and counties.

The Summit is engaging the business, religious, non-profit and labor communities in this important venture — which crosses party lines and puts constructive common sense ahead of partisanship and bickering. It is being promoted by civic leaders like former Governor Tom Kean and business leaders like Dennis Bone, president of Verizon; labor leaders like Raymond Pocino, vice-president of Laborers International, and non-profit leaders like William Lovett of the YMCA as well as celebrities such as former Giants All-Pro Bart Oates.

Former New Jersey Secretary of State Reverend DeForest Soaries will give the keynote address and former Governor Brendan Byrne will make closing remarks. Most importantly, the Summit will feature a variety of citizen forums and panel discussions with top government officials to an audience of 1,000 New Jersey citizens. The Summit will conclude with a "Celebration of Citizen Service" cocktail party.

The Citizen Leadership Forums — which will be held at the Summit are also available throughout the year both live and online, on demand. They inform citizens that even with limited time they can reduce waste in their towns and school districts and take up the slack in community services which are no longer affordable.

Specifically, attendees are taught about four identified paths to leadership service: 1, serving on an appointed town or county board or commission, such as a mayor's budget task force; 2, becoming a citizen legislator by presenting a model constructive cost-cutting proposal or devising one's own for their town or school district; 3, serving as a neighborhood-level, political party committeeperson, and 4, serving as a citizen journalist to fill the growing void in local coverage of government and politics.

Interested citizens will also learn about 20 "ready-for-adoption," cost-cutting resolutions for municipal governments and school districts developed by the Citizens' Campaign Law and Policy Task Force. Taken together, these proposals offer the potential for millions of dollars in annual savings.

In short, the Summit will provide citizens with the needed support and nuts and bolts knowledge to stabilize property taxes and create a New Jersey culture of service and frugality. It's an opportunity to get off the sidelines. The first step is easy – go to www.jointhecampaign.com, get more details, and register for the free Jersey Call to Service Summit.

Mr. Pozycki is the chairman of the Citizens' Campaign, a non-partisan organization, which devises innovative government reforms and promotes citizen leadership.

Greenwald Comments On Millionaires' Tax

TRENTON – Assemblyman Louis Greenwald (LD-6, Voorhees), Assembly Budget Committee chairman, and Assembly Democrats have said Governor Chris Christie's proposed budget protects millionaires while targeting the middle-class, seniors and the poor with $1.1 billion in tax hikes.

WF Library Wins Award for Public Relations Campaign

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Memorial Library was recently honored by the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) as a winner of a public relations and marketing award in the category of Public Relations Campaign. The campaign was judged along with other libraries that have budgets between $1 and $4 million.

The campaign, "It's your Library make the most of it," was created by publicist Roz Giuditta. Originally designed as a newspaper ad, the campaign spotlights all the free and low-cost services that are available to library patrons, such as the most recent CDs and DVDs; best sellers; books, newspapers and magazines; programs for adults, teen and children; over 20 public computers with free Internet service; numerous research databases, professional reference service; free Wifi and book clubs.

"We have so much to offer here," Ms. Giuditta said. "I wanted people to go beyond the services that they use, and to take advantage of all that the Library has. Ultimately, it belongs to them."

After the newspaper ad ran with an accompanying article by Library Director Phil Israel, signs of the public relations campaign sprouted all over the library at 550 East Broad Street. Small stand-up displayers sat on tables and the tops of shelves, while flyers and posters decorated the walls and lobby. The monitor at the circulation desk began flashing the message throughout the day as well.

In conjunction with local cable television station TV-36, public service announcements highlighting six library services were also created. They can be viewed on the library's website, www.wmlnj.org.

The plaque from the NJLA is mounted on the wall next to the circulation desk.

PA to Purchase Barge-to-Rail Facility

AREA — The Port Authority board has authorized the agency to purchase and redevelop the Greenville Yards, a century-old rail yard in Jersey City. It is to remove up to 360,000 trash trucks annually from trans-Hudson crossings and New Jersey highways by moving New York City's sealed containerized solid waste and other commodities by barge and rail when completed by 2013.

The Board authorized $118.1 million for the overall project, part of which will go toward the purchase of approximately 47 acres of upland property and 72 acres of riparian rights at Greenville, and part of which will go toward the existing rail car float system operating between Greenville Yards and sites at 51st and 65th streets in Brooklyn. Funding will come from federal and state grants, and Port Authority funds.

A new barge-to-rail facility will be built at Greenville Yards for municipal solid waste and other commodities to be barged from New York. Currently, the majority of New York City's waste is trucked through the Hudson River crossings in unsealed, open-topped trucks and continues out of state using New Jersey's roads.

Capt. Gotlick to Attend Med. Service Forum

WESTFIELD — Captain William Gottlick, a 1991 graduate of Westfield High School, was recently honored as an outstanding junior Medical Service Corps Officer, and invited to attend a forum in the National Capitol Region at the end of March.

Captain Gottlick was unable to attend this year, because his wife, Chrisy, was expecting their third son at that time. Captain Gottlick will attend the forum in 2011. Their third son was born on March 17.

Captain Gottlick graduated from Loyola College in Baltimore in 1995, and from Towson University in 2005, with a Doctorate degree in Audiology. After joining the Unites States Army, he interned at Walter Reed Hospital for a year, then spent the next several years at Fort Drum in Watertown, N.Y. In 2009, he was transferred to Bamberg, Germany, where he is the chief of audiology and hearing conservation at the U.S. Army base in Bamberg. He and his family now live in a suburb of Bamberg.

Highlands Act Should Be Abolished

By David Larsen
Republican Candidate for Congress

In 2004 the State of New Jersey moved to diminish the property rights of its citizens. The Highlands Act was passed ostensibly for the purpose of protecting clean drinking water and preserving open space. We all agree that we need clean drinking water and we don't want to pave the entire state. However, some homeowners and taxpayers in Hunterdon, Morris and Warren counties have paid an unfair and unusually high price under the Highlands Act. The Act virtually prohibits development on hundreds of thousands of acres in northwestern New Jersey. To some, like my opponent Leonard Lance, that may sound like a good solution. In fact, as a state legislator, Lance voted for the Highlands Act in 2004.

But if you are Hal Danielson, whose family planted roots in Hunterdon County in the 1940's, you just lost $2.5 million in equity on property that has been in your family for generations. Hal counted on developing just 12 acres, building a mere five homes, to help fund his retirement. He had interested buyers in that land and had already invested in engineers and pre-construction costs. Then the Highlands Act passed without grandfathering people like Hal and, worse yet, declaring their land unbuildable without any compensation. Now Hal can't even sell the land because no one wants property that cannot be built upon. Living only on his Social Security check, Hal now faces eviction from his Summit home.

The government has no right to take over people's land without compensation. This is clearly protected in the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution. Even under Eminent Domain, the owner of any appropriated land is entitled to reasonable compensation, usually defined as the fair market value of the property. Under the 14th Amendment, Hal cannot be deprived of property without due process. The Highlands Act clearly violates due process by rendering property virtually worthless without recourse.

Perhaps the negative consequences of the Highland Act were unintended, but they are no less real to property owners like Hal Danielson. Yes, we want to secure clean drinking water, but not by ruining people's lives in the process. The Highlands Act should be abolished and property rights strengthened in New Jersey. The Highlands Act is an example of big government gone wrong, which Lance voted for.

Lance also voted for Cap and Trade and $21 million in state earmarks after pledging not to receive earmarks. It is this kind of big government spending which has to stop in Washington.

I'm running as a conservative Republican in the Seventh District. I believe in smaller, less intrusive government, the protection of the unborn, strengthening our free market system, lower taxes, and strictly adhering to the Constitution. If you are tired of politics as usual in Washington, then please vote for me in the Republican primary this Tuesday, June 8.

Christie Endorses Lance for Second Term

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie has endorsed Leonard Lance for Congress. The Governor said, "We need more people like Leonard Lance setting the example in Washington."

"Any time when Leonard Lance is in a fight, from here forward you can count on the fact that Chris Christie is going to be with Leonard Lance."

"Leonard Lance has always been a clear voice for fiscal responsibility," Gov. Christie said. "Leonard Lance was well before his time in the call for fiscal responsibility and now he is going to help America back to years of fiscal responsibility in the Congress."

"Leonard Lance is fighting to restore a vibrant private sector economy in the United States. He is fighting for fiscal responsibility. He is fighting for common sense and the truth. And that's why Leonard Lance is going to have an extraordinary victory in November."

The Governor concluded his remarks by saying, "I am a friend of Leonard Lance, and through his actions and his words he will always make you proud, make New Jersey proud, and make America proud. Let's go out and get behind Leonard Lance for Congress."

"I am honored to have Gov. Christie's endorsement," Mr. Lance said. "And I look forward to working side-by-side with him as we fight together to bring fiscal sanity to New Jersey and Washington."

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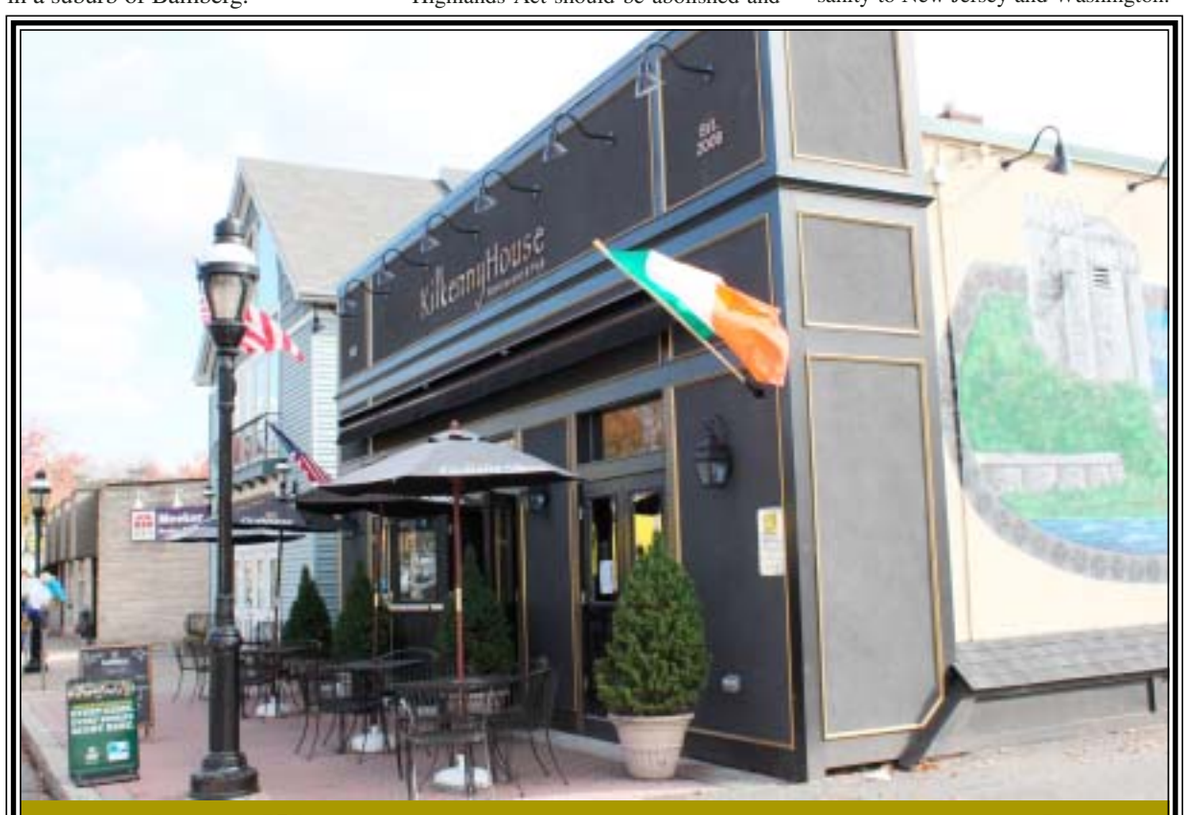

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Will Congress, County Races Drive Primary Turnout on Tuesday?

This Tuesday, June 8, New Jersey's annual Primary Election will take place. We expect turnout to be low again, although this year there are some interesting contested races in both political parties.

The last time there was a major Primary upset was in the Democratic Party primary in 2000 when former Fanwood mayor Maryanne Connolly defeated then Union County Manager Michael Lapolla in a Seventh District Congressional District battle. Mr. Lapolla was the party's choice, but Mrs. Connelly won the battle in a very tight race. This year, Democrats for Change, backed by former Rahway *News-Record* publisher and political operative, James Devine, are running candidates in six urban municipalities as well as at the county level (See front page story).

Three Union County Freeholder seats are up for election — so are the seats for sheriff and county clerk (held by 33-year and 27-year veterans, Ralph Froehlich and Joanne Rajoppi, respectively). Democrats have held all nine seats on the freeholder board since 1998. Although the county Democratic Party organization has faced challenges before, the effort has not been organized until this year. Only 19,000 of the county's 122,000 registered Democrats turned out in last year's Primary, according to the Union County Clerk's website.

On the Republican side, Bruce Baker of Westfield, Lon Hosford of Alexandria Township and David Larsen of Oldwick are challenging Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th). Mr. Lance was elected two years ago following a seven-candidate Primary. This year, his opponents have focused on the Congressman's "yes" vote on the Cap and Trade energy/climate change bill, charging that Mr. Lance is not a true conservative. Mr. Lance points to his vote against the federal stimulus, among other votes. It comes down to turnout. In 2008, only 8,000 of 43,000 registered Union County Republicans voted in the contested GOP Seventh District Primary for a turnout of 19 percent. Percentage turnouts in that election were higher in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties.

There are no local Primary challenges this Tuesday in Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside and Garwood. All four towns and the county have contested races in the General Election in November with the exception of Mountainside. Westfield does have municipal elections this year.

As a large portion of New Jersey registered voters are unaffiliated — not registered as either Republican or Democratic — the Primary system does not draw participation from the total populace. However, unaffiliated voters can show up at the Primary polls on Tuesday, declare being a member of the Democratic or Republican party, then vote in that respective election. Few do so as this automatically causes them to be registered with that party, and they prefer to remain anonymous and not have this on their record. One can, however, after voting, file papers to change party affiliation back to unaffiliated.

Low turnout and the voting rules result in complacency. This consolidates the power with the few party bosses. Incumbents seldom lose though the general population is becoming more upset with elected officials and the direction of federal, state and county government. We see this with the Tea Party phenomenon.

Should you be eligible, do your part. Please vote on Tuesday. Polls are open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

How The Insurance Game Works

Our editorial in the May 20 edition, "Freeholders OK $11-million Hike In Health Care; Isn't This Wrong?" resulted in displeasure from county officials, evoked a long explanation by the insurance broker, printed in May 27 issue, and caused several readers to lament privately.

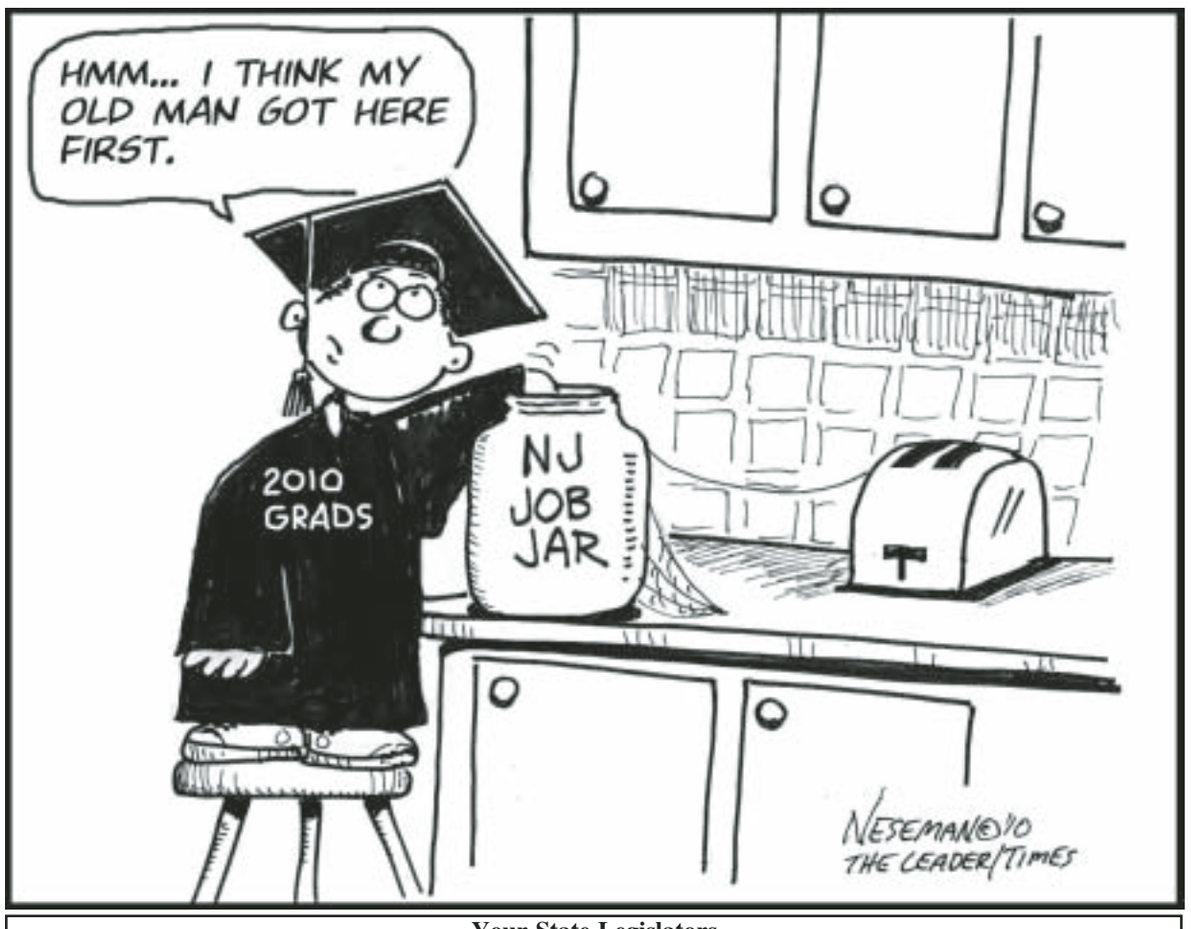
Since then, we were provided more information on how the state insurance game works.

Though towns and counties pick brokers (competitively?) and pay a fee (percentage), with the maximum percent regulated by the state, the brokers are also paid a commission from the insurance companies.

A few local officials complained that this clearly represents a conflict of interest, since both parties are paying the broker. Who is his client and how is the public protected? When the officials wanted to know how much the companies are paying the broker, the broker appealed to the state insurance board saying that it is illegal to ask that question.

The FBI is investigating insurance transactions of 30 towns, school districts in over 10 counties at the moment, according to an article last Sunday on NJ.com. Presumably, there's more to this story.

We're not singling out any entity, but we want costs controlled and bad practices eliminated.



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Letters to the Editor

Thank You, Letter Carriers' Food Drive Was a Huge Success

The letter carriers of Westfield and Mountainside would like to thank the community who helped to make the 18th annual NALC Food Drive on May 9 such a huge success. The largest one day food drive in the nation collected over one billion pounds of food this year Despite the hard times being felt by all, with your help, we raised over 25,000 lbs. of food for those less fortunate in our area. At the start of the day, the shelves at the Holy Trinity food pantry were bare, but through our combined efforts, they filled quickly. Special thanks all who volunteered at the food panty, to Tony and Nick from Falcon Printing for donating the thank oou cards we were able to hand out and to everyone in the community for opening their cupboards again to help fill Holy Trinity's.

Lenni Brooks, Pres.
(Westfield P.O.)
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(Mountainside P.O.)
NALC Branch 1492

Thank You Rubber Ducks In Mindowaskin for FightSMA

On behalf of the New Jersey Chapter of FightSMA, we would like to thank everyone who generously supported the 4th annual Rubber Duck Race in Mindowaskin Park last weekend. Hundreds of people lined the pond to watch 5,000 rubber ducks race to the finish line, and we raised more than $15,000 toward finding a cure for spinal muscular atrophy.

Special thanks go to Brian Moynihan, our DJ for the fourth consecutive year, who donated his time and talent to create a wonderful musical backdrop for the event. The Department of Public Works and the Fire Department once again got the ducks into the pond and to the finish line in great style.

Thanks to Rockin Joe and Philly Pretzels for their delicious donations. Thanks to everyone who baked (especially Lauren Echausse for her delicious cake-balls and the Warsh family for the chocolate chip cookies.), and to those who took photos (especially Nancy Murray, our unofficial event photographer), helped out with games and prizes, and came out to cheer while the ducks took their mark.

Thanks also go to: Eric LaGrande and Mohammed Sinu from the Rutgers University football team who came out to meet the crowd and sign autographs; Roosevelt Vice-Principal Matt Bolton who braved the dunk tank – and to special guests from PTC Corporation in nearby South Plainfield, where they work diligently in their laboratories every day to find a cure for spinal muscular atrophy.

It was a wonderful afternoon for all.

Maureen Higgins
Westfield

Excuses, Not Reasons, For Union County Insurance Premium Hike

[Re: Letter to the editor last week]: Michael Presutti, representing Union County's health insurance broker Brown and Brown Metro, may believe the excuses he provides for the 34 percent premium hike Union County had foisted upon them this year — but insurance insiders willing to be honest know the real reasons.

The idea that CIGNA originally wanted a 45 percent increase because of inordinate claims activity is absurd for a product designed to spread risk and, as far as I know, we didn't have a plague affecting only Union County employees. Rates went up because the industry's monopoly pricing assures no competition and higher premiums are needed right now to make up for past (and expected future) investment losses. In addition, the recently enacted health care law repeals portions of the McCarran/Ferguson Act applicable to health insurers and will likely mean that future premium increases will be capped by federal law.

Because of that, insurers are looking to start from as high a base as possible.

John Bury
Kenilworth

For Those Tired of Stale Politics as Usual, Why Not Join Reform Party?

This June 8 when the polls close for the Republican Primary Election in New Jersey's Seventh Congressional District, three men will stand impatiently by the television screen to see if any of them had defeated incumbent Leonard Lance. Through the spring time months Bruce Baker, Lon Hosford, and David Larsen have argued that they are each the true Conservative, and that Mr. Lance is actually just a Republican in Name Only, or R.I.N.O.

Lance has received the endorsement from each of the Seventh District's Republican County Organizations: Hunterdon, Middlesex, Union, and Somerset. It would seem that Mr. Lance is the Republican Party's backed candidate, and when viewing each of the other candidate's positions, Mr. Baker, Mr. Hosford, and Mr. Larsen are actually the Republicans in Name Only, which is a positive.

On May 13, Mr. Larsen made a pitch towards his fellow Conservative-backed candidates to rally behind him to defeat Mr. Lance in the Primary. Taking a peak at Mr. Hosford's website, an individual will see that he is a certified constitutional candidate and has been present for numerous Tea Party functions. Lastly, Mr. Baker makes immediate mention on his website that he is for a constitutional amendment that would establish term limits for our elected officials and a balanced budget. On the other hand, the Republicans have backed a candidate in Mr. Lance who has supported economic policies, which have nearly destroyed our economy and the American Dream.

He continues to back the free trade agreements, which have cost millions of Americans their jobs. He continues to support "Cap and Trade" which has helped eliminate instead of stimulate our economy. If the Republican Party is for "Cap and Trade" and free trade, while being against term limits and a balanced budget amendment then my question to Mr. Hosford, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Larsen is, why do you want to be a Republican anyway?

There is another option in New Jersey, and it is the Reform Party. The Reform Party has fought for nearly 20 years to end America's free trade agreements, establish term limits for our elected officials in Washington, D.C., and enact a balanced budget amendment. I would like to ask the Republicans, Independents, and even Democrats if they are tired of stale politics as usual to give my party a shot, especially as we prepare for the elections of 2012.

To the candidates attempting to defeat Mr. Lance, I wish you all good luck in the Primary, but remember that there is a party with fiscal responsibility ideals right around the corner and, unlike the Republican Party, you're more than welcome to join this party anytime.

Jacob Zychick
Westfield

Rep. Payne's Role and Actions in Roselle's Politics Is Questioned

We [in Roselle] received our sample ballots in the mail and see that incumbent, Donald Payne, is listed unopposed in Column A. What has he done as a representative of Roselle in Congress? We haven't heard or seen anything that would make us automatically vote for him.

Representative Payne is pretty sure of himself, however, and is taking the voters of Roselle for granted. According to a CDM article (it's forced on us, we get it free in the mail), Payne endorsed a Roselle candidate in Column B, James Moore. The problem we have is that Payne delivered his remarks from the pulpit of the Second Baptist Church in Roselle, where Payne's candidate, Rev. Moore, is pastor.

We question Payne's actions as our legal representative in Congress and not knowing about IRS laws that threaten a not-for-profit institution, such as a church, to be so actively involved in a campaign. According to the IRS, Second Baptist Church, is by "participation in, or intervention in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office, or any attempt to influence the general public, or segments thereof, with respect to elections, legislative matters, or referendums" is putting their tax exempt status at risk.

We were surprised to find Rev. Moore's campaign fliers under the windshield of our cars parked in St. Joseph's parking lot after a Sunday Mass. I'm sure Moore did not receive permission to distribute them. Neither Moore's campaigning via churches nor Congressman Payne's campaigning from the pulpit is acceptable.

Donald Payne doesn't know about the turmoil in Roselle, due to Moore's local party, Roselle Independent Democrats. If Payne were up to date on happenings in Roselle, he would know that Moore, and his actions on the Board of Education, and his public statements made at borough council meetings indicate a candidate that does not have the best interests of Roselle at heart.

Roselle has always had a diverse population that enriched the children who grew up here. Now this small group of Roselle Independent Democrats wear Tee-shirts and campaign buttons inscribed with "Plantation Politics." They have worn them at televised council meetings and other venues. The Roselle elected borough officials' list consists of a black mayor, and five council members, one white and five black. So we really don't understand their rhetoric and seriously question their motives in doing so.

Jamel Holley, the incumbent councilman-at-Large, running against Moore, has been brutally badgered by Moore's group. We have attended council meetings where Holley and another black council member have been called "Uncle Toms." We have been present at many meetings where one of the founders of the Roselle Independent Democrats, Fred Anderson, publicly trashed Holley with numerous distorted accusations.

The goal of these few Roselle Independent Democrats is not to help Roselle, but to wield total power. Roselle needs help with sky-rocketing taxes, the Westbrook project, the police academy and other projects that direct our youth in positive directions, dealing with safety issues, the bond debt, road repair and dozens of other needs. We can't waste any more time on this power play with all its ugly tentacles.

Unfortunately, Payne and Moore are interested in something else happening in Roselle. We have called Representative Payne's office a number of times to discuss these matters. As of yet, we have not received a response.

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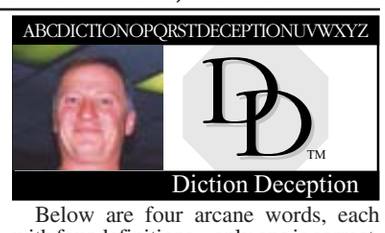

Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions – only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of diction?

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. Rhob – Juice
2. Xanthochroous – Having a yellowish complexion
3. Schizotrichia – Splitting of the hair
4. Tuz – A lock or tuft of hair

TOL
1. Haughty; boastful
2. A lowland by a waterside
3. To prod; badger
4. To take away

ICTERITIOUS
1. Having yellow skin due to jaundice
2. Covered with scales; scaly
3. Abrasive; irritating
4. Given to creeping or crawling

CASINGS
1. Fine white clay used in making porcelain
2. Topsoil
3. Cattle manure dried and used as fuel
4. A stem, stalk or support

CASEFY
1. To rapidly change in density; solidifying
2. To be concise; brief; to the point
3. Forming a rough and dry surface
4. To make or become cheeselike

Letters to the Editor

Library Hiring Freeze

At last night's meeting (Thursday, May 27) at the Westfield Library Board of Trustees meeting, the board unanimously voted to implement a hiring freeze consistent with the town's hiring freeze.

Keith Loughlin
Westfield Councilman

Parkway Exit in Clark Needs Improvements

On May 13, 2010, *The Westfield Leader* published an e-mail I sent to The Union County Board of Freeholders expressing my concern for the safety of drivers exiting the Parkway at exit 135 in Clark. Since the publication of this e-mail, I have spoken to an engineer from the Turnpike Authority who admitted to me that the Authority has received many complaints about the signs at this exit.

I have also exchanged e-mails with County Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan, whose associate has promised me that the county would look into the matter. Numerous friends and acquaintances have remarked to me that this is a real safety issue that should be addressed. I would urge any person who is as concerned about this as I am to e-mail Chairman Sullivan at dsullivan@ucnj.org and let him know that you are troubled by this situation and would like to see the relatively easy corrective measures (more accurate signs and permanent plastic pylons) taken to alleviate the problem.

Bill Gottdenker
Mountainside

Free Speech And The U.S. Supreme Court

Properly understood, moral rights are unalienable to every individual. Unfortunately for our country, President Obama's Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan is anti-rights. For example, she does not believe in free-speech rights: "Whether a given category of speech enjoys First Amendment protection depends upon a categorical balancing of the value of the speech against its societal costs." In other words, Kagan finds it perfectly OK to for government to censor speech that it dislikes. This utterly violates our Constitution's first amendment, which in part reads "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech..." What part of "no" do Obama and Kagan not understand? Obama's poor decision to nominate Kagan should be opposed by all Americans who value their free-speech rights.

Mark Kalinowski
Clifton

This Minutia Criticism Shows Time for Change

Leonard Lance has decided to take his campaign into the ditch by attacking David Larsen for being a horse farmer.

We are in need of some open spaces, to insure continued ecological balance. Fortunately, it is not a very deep ditch. Is this the best Lance can do to deflect criticism of his own voting record?

Do we really want the continued population growth in New Jersey to spoil a still very beautiful state?

Do we need more multiple housing units in lieu of a horse farm? I hope you will defend Mr. Larsen's right to raise horses in a legitimate business alternative. This minutia criticism shows that we now can have choice for the position in which both candidates are running for.

I for one am ready for a change. After all, since Lance voted for Cap and Trade before he voted against it, you might think that he would value Mr. Larsen's green business for New Jersey.

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Where The Money Goes, Seldom Discussed Abuses

By Sal Caruana
Former Westfield Councilman

Many factors, widely discussed, are contributing to the state's current fiscal crisis.

However, seldom discussed are the many individual abuses and political favors that are contributing to our pension misery and the overwhelming burden it creates for the taxpayer. Here are just two glaring examples from the political cesspool known as Union County.

Retired policemen and firemen collecting pensions are restricted from other government employment. In 1999, a special law was passed in Trenton allowing politically connected Union County Sheriff Ralph Froelich and eight other state employees to officially retire, collect a pension and still earn income in full time employment from an elected office. The pension due Froelich from his 20 years of service on the Elizabeth police force (1958-1978) paid him over $84,000 last year. Froelich was elected Sheriff in 1978 on the Democratic ticket and has now held the office for 32 years. Last year, he earned over $142,000 in that position in addition to his pension.

Were the politicians in Trenton rewarding Froelich's loyal and lengthy service to the Union County bosses when they decided he should get paid by the taxpayer, not only once but twice? Why not? Many of those legislators were earning pension credits themselves from as many as three simultaneously-held elected or appointed jobs.

Hunterdon County Sheriff Deborah Trout who was indicted on 23 counts of misconduct this month is also collecting her state pension under the exemption created for Froelich, as are others around the state

Sheriff Froelich is 82 years old and currently running for another three-year term. He also has the curious distinction of a new county building named in his honor on North Avenue in Westfield. The opening ceremony a few years ago set a new low in political decorum when Westfield's Republican Mayor Andy Skibitsky was shamefully excluded from the guest list.

A far more familiar pension abuse is the practice of naming legislators or party loyalists to commissions or special appointments late in their careers with salaries over $100,000. The obvious intent of the appointment is to "spike" the pension criteria for a political crony.

One of the most audacious examples of this involved our Freeholders and Robert Codey after his brother Richard Codey became acting governor. In 2004, Robert Codey had some 30 years in the pension system from being a state prosecutor. His state salary was $93,000, and the maximum under state guidelines for his position was $115,000. The Union County Freeholders requested that Codey be assigned to our county prosecutor's office, and then gifted him with a $46,731 salary boost from the county budget. Robert Codey was then earning almost $140,000, $25,000 more than the state limit, $20,000 more than his supervisor in Trenton and significantly more than over 100 other state lawyers who ranked above him.

In order to exceed the state guidelines, Codey received waivers from the state attorney general and personnel commissioner. Both ended up in Governor Codey's cabinet shortly thereafter. Anyone surprised?

After only one year on the new job, Robert Codey retired and received a pension that paid 70 percent of his highest annual salary. Had Codey retired before this boondoggle, his pension would have been about $65,000 per year – rather than $98,000 as contrived.

The freeholders (all Democrats) approved Codey's appointment and the additional compensation by a unanimous vote. I wonder if right after the vote they discussed a date for his retirement party.

Contempt for the public trust and the taxpayer's dollar is nothing new for the freeholders and their bosses — and it represents one of the dangers of one-party rule, no matter whose party it is. Sadly, pension spiking afflicts the taxpayer for lifetimes.

In the next few weeks, this column will focus on the abuses of Union County government, waste and cronyism. Hopefully, the political bosses who rule with iron fists may not be there for long.

The winds of change that swept President Barack Obama and Governor Chris Christie into office have begun to blow stronger in Union County. This Tuesday, June 8, is Primary Day, where the Democratic political machine incumbents for sheriff, county clerk and two freeholder offices (as well as one new nominee) are each being challenged by an organized slate of candidates from within their own party. The upstarts call themselves "Democrats for Change."

Hopefully, reform-minded Democrats who are fed up will consider their candidacies and vote. Democrats are growing tired of going to the polls in November, shaking their heads in dismay and pulling the party's freeholder levers while holding their noses.

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Planet Westfield is a weekly series since March discussing where the money goes in hopes of helping to solve the current fiscal crisis in the state. The model can be applied to other towns as well.

If You Don't Vote in the Primary, November Voting Is Too Late

We hear that there is a great deal of dissent with our elected government; however, we keep re-electing them. Some say that they will vote them out in November. That would be too late; the parties have already stacked the deck with their chosen candidate(s) in the Primary Election. This year's election takes place on June 8. Registered party members and independents can vote.

We can pick our candidate for the U.S. Seventh Congressional District. Our choices are the incumbent Leonard Lance, challenged by Dave Larson, Lon Hosford and Bruce Baker.

The choice is complicated in that all four are fine and caring people. However, the three challengers realize that our government is broken and must be fixed.

Congressman Lance and his family have been in public service (i.e., elected office) for decades. What does he have in common with us? We do not live the sheltered life of a politician with all the related benefits. In all fairness, he has voted on many bills that even conservatives would approve. However he did cast "yes" votes along with eight other Republicans in favor of Cap and Trade.

In addition, he voted for such things as SCHIP, and against removal of Rep. Charles Rangel as chairman of House Committee on Ways and Means.

As *Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* readers may remember, I have been reminding him of the loss of jobs and the barrier to creating new jobs because of his Cap and Trade vote. I find him pleasant, but [he] lack[s] the attention span and understanding on technical issues of the energy business. On nuclear power, I provided video clips of a presentation by Congressman Holt. Five months later he failed to show any evidence of remembering it.

I asked him to take an aggressive stand against the EPA's control of unproven greenhouse gases. Simply waiting for bills to come across his desk, shows a lack of initiative.

In 2008, he stated that he supported Bush tax cuts becoming permanent, repeal the death tax permanently, eliminate the AMT, reform the earmarks process, support a balanced budget amendment and give the president line-item veto power. How many have become law?

On his Cap and Trade vote, I noticed that the House approved some $500,000 for Democrat controlled Union County's emergency operations center. Was this not an earmark?

The three challengers have platforms that are similar. It makes little sense to discuss their pros and cons on the issues.

Challenger Dave Larson is a businessman who owns a window and door company. How many of us can relate to having the rumored $300K to drop on this campaign? It would appear that we would be trading one privileged class individual for another.

Lon Hosford is also a businessman, while associated with a Tea Party group, is out of touch with us, the common man. His letters get into detail that many of us cannot understand. He travels around with a painted hard hat and shovel. He said that he is shovel ready for Congress.

Did we not hear of "shovel ready" projects only a year and half ago? That time it was from President Obama and why he needed the stimulus money. Well, how did that work out for us? Does anyone know any unemployed individual that received a job from the funding?

Bruce Baker, who I met several months ago and have been helping in his campaign, has been gaining my respect. His family can trace their roots in America to the 1630's and have been in Westfield for centuries. He is an Army vet, and is the definition of common man who is a small businessman. He is us; he knows what we care about, what it is to pay our bills, and what it is to hope for a better future.

His reason for running is not for power, prestige, title but his grandchildren. He does not want to leave them a country that we presently foresee as its future.

That being the case, I hope that those that read this, vote on June 8, for your neighbor – Bruce Baker.

Albert Muller
Scotch Plains

'I Am Fully Engaged,' Means What?

The President of the United States at his nationally televised White House news conference on May 27 announced with regard to the oil spill catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico, "I am fully engaged."

What ever happened to that old standard in Article II, Section I of the United States Constitution? — "The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States." — The power to execute, to command, to order, to direct, to do.

Who could imagine Prime Minister Winston Churchill saying, "I am fully engaged in World War II"? Or President Lincoln saying, "I am fully engaged in the Civil War"?

Presidents often set the standards for the country. So, perhaps it will no longer be necessary in the future for the farmer to till, the surgeon to operate, the lawyer to plead, the teacher to teach, the carpenter to saw, the plumber to weld, the actor to act, the singer to sing, the composer to compose, the miner to mine, the painter to paint, the chef to cook. All that they will have to say with respect to their jobs is "I am fully engaged."

Of course a President should occupy his time with the country's problems, domestic and foreign, he has at hand. This goes without saying. But this is not why we elect presidents. We elect them to provide executive leadership, which is especially important in times of great national crisis.

Stephen Schoeman
Westfield

Letters to the Editor

Changes Within Mountainside BOE Prompt Concern for District's Future

On May 25, I attended the Mountainside Board of Education meeting at Beechwood School. I am writing due to my concerns over events and changes in the board of education since the recent election.

First of all, I was confused about why several meetings with other towns' BOEs and councils were arranged without proper notifications and without the required personnel. There seemed to be internal miscommunication within the board and this was not explained adequately to the public.

I am also alarmed at the sudden resignation of Rod McLaughlin, who has held our district together financially for the past five years. No reason was given for his sudden departure. It doesn't make sense that after the victory of passing this year's budget and subsequent successful budgetary fine-tuning that he would leave now.

I understand that after installing new board members, a change in the complexion of the group is expected; however, after only two new board meetings, I see a potentially toxic situation arising.

It looks as if Christopher Minks is using his new seat as a platform for personal posturing rather than working to facilitate change within the scope of the group. For example, why did he offer a "rebuttal" to the chairman's report? Does his new role as liaison to counsel allow him to have meetings with other towns without the expected procedure and personnel?

When Mr. Minks takes the floor, I often cannot follow him or understand his point. This causes delays, undue lengthy meetings and possible derailment of progress. If political posturing is substituted for procedure, then we are open for mayhem and personal gain at the expense of our children's education.

If further board members or staff choose to resign over this new unpleasantness on the board, then it will leave our district open and vulnerable to other leadership, not duly elected by the voters. Obviously, we need to rein in the problem and do what we can to save it.

Lynn Sichel
Mountainside

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MothUP Storytelling Event On Tap June 9 at Library

WESTFIELD – Storytellers and writers are invited to come to the Westfield Memorial Library on Wednesday, June 9, at 7 p.m. for another session of MothUP, a new type of storytelling event. The library held successful MothUps in January and March.

The popularity of New York City's "The Moth" inspired this program. The Moth is an event in which people get up and tell five-minute true stories based on a particular theme. All the stories are told in front of an audience, without notes, scripts or cheat sheets. The theme of the upcoming event will be "Down the Shore: Favorite Beach Stories."

Participants should share a true, first-person story. The names of 10 individuals from the audience who have prepared stories will be picked randomly from a hat. Each storyteller will have five minutes to share his or her story. A team of judges, chosen from the audience, will give a score. To get a better idea of how this evening works, interested persons are encouraged to go to themoth.org for inspiration.

The Moth, a not-for-profit storytelling organization, was founded in New York in 1997 by poet and novelist George Dawes Green, who wanted to recreate the feeling of sultry summer evenings of storytelling with friends on his native St. Simon's Island, Ga.

This program is open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street. To register, visit wmlnj.org and click on Online Calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, extension no. 4140.

Service League Posts End-of-Season Sales

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Service League will hold its annual end-of-season sales on Saturday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its thrift and consignment shops, located at 114 Elmer Street in Westfield.

Customers at the downstairs thrift shop will be able to purchase one or more grocery-sized bags for $5 each and fill them to the brim with merchandise. Upstairs in the consignment shop, all items will be priced at $1.

Gently used clothing suitable for such activities as summer camp and mission trips will be available. Both shops carry shorts, T-shirts, skirts, shoes and swimwear. Books and housewares will be featured as well. Most items in the shops will be discounted in the days leading up to the sales.

Afterwards, the shops will be closed for the summer and will reopen on Wednesday, September 8. All profits from the sales are donated by the Westfield Service League to area charities. For more information, call the thrift shop at (908) 233-2530 or the consignment shop at (908) 232-1223 or visit thewestfieldserviceleague.wordpress.com.

Chelsea Invites Public To 'Ladies' Night'

FANWOOD – The Chelsea at Fanwood will present "Ladies' Night at The Chelsea" on Wednesday, June 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. Free martinis, hors d'oeuvres and massages will be available. Participants also will have an opportunity to shop for jewelry, handbags and skin care products.

Arline McGraw-Oberst, author of "Chicken Soup for the Volunteer's Soul," will be the keynote speaker. The evening also will feature the comedy of Patricia Williams ("Ma'am" and Other Four Letter Words!)

The Chelsea is located at 295 South Avenue in Fanwood. There will be a $10 suggested donation. Proceeds will benefit the NCJW Center for Women. Responses always are appreciated and may be made by calling (908) 654-5200.

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SOARING WITH THE EAGLES…Westfield's Troop 72 recently honored Ryan Fleming, left, and Austin Wenta on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle is the highest rank in Boy Scouts. The Questers Bible Study Group of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield sponsors Troop 72.

Two Members of Troop 72 Achieve Eagle Scout Rank

WESTFIELD – Ryan Fleming and Austin Wenta recently were recognized during a Court of Honor ceremony at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank available in Boy Scouting.

Both young men are members of Westfield's Troop 72, sponsored by the Questers Bible Study Group of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. They were formally recognized as Eagle Scouts on March 8. Among those who made presentations honoring the new Eagles were Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz and Assemblyman Jon Bramnick.

On their journey to achieving Eagle rank, Ryan and Austin each earned more than 21 merit badges. Each also planned and provided leadership for a substantive community service project.

For his Eagle project, Ryan led a group of scouts and adults in repairing and painting the walls in the Westfield Rescue Squad building training room. Additionally, he led his group in researching the names of past members of the squad, to be added to expanded past member boards. Finally, he constructed a bookcase for the training room.

A sophomore at Westfield High School, Ryan is the son of Kirk and Diane Fleming. He has traveled with his class to the Dominican Republic to help build a local school and water treatment plant. The Eagle Scout has worked during this school year to raise money to return to work again on this project this summer. Ryan currently serves as Troop 72's senior patrol leader.

Austin's Eagle Project involved restoration of the Frazee cooking building at the Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield. He led a group of scouts and adults in staining the building, building a new door, cleaning out the attic and fixing cracked boards on the building. In addition, his group did extensive gardening, including building a rock wall, and secured the front sign for the museum.

Austin, the son of James and Marianne Wenta, is a senior at Westfield High School. His interests range from music as a member of the school band to sports as a member of the wrestling team. He has held many leadership positions in the troop and presently serves as assistant senior patrol leader.

Church Invites Public To Labyrinth Walk

CRANFORD – The First Presbyterian Church will sponsor a series of open labyrinth walks, with the next one scheduled for this Sunday, June 6. All walks will be held in the church's Thomson Youth Center, located at 11 Springfield Avenue in Cranford. Everyone is welcome.

Participants are invited to walk the labyrinth any time between 1 and 4 p.m., but are asked to begin their walk by 3:30 p.m. Subsequent walks will be held on the first Sunday of every month, unless otherwise specified.

Walking the labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice of prayer and meditation that is undergoing a revival. The 11-ringed pattern, painted on canvas, is modeled after the 13th-century labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France. For more information on the labyrinth program or future walks, call the church at (908) 276-8440.

Economist to Speak At All Saints' Church

SCOTCH PLAINS – Dick Peach, senior economist at the Federal Reserve Bank in New York, will speak at the All Saints' Episcopal Church on Wednesday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m. His topic will be "Current Economic Conditions in the U.S. and What Events in Europe May Mean for the U.S. Economic Outlook."

Mr. Peach will provide a rundown of conditions in the United States and then discuss ways in which the economic climate in Europe – a major trading partner – could have significant effects on the situation in this country. He also will offer insights into this complex and fluid situation.

This free program will take place in Lea Hall, the church's parish hall, located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. For more information or to reserve a place, call (908) 322-8047. Parking will be available in the lot behind the church, which can be accessed via Church Avenue to School Place.

POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield

Saturday, May 22, a resident of the 700 block of North Avenue, West, reported that someone unknown shot at his garage with what appeared to be a BB gun. A light fixture was broken and BB holes were left in the vinyl siding.

The following day, police received a report that a second home on the 700 block of North Avenue, West, was damaged with a BB gun. The gun was fired at the garage, breaking out glass in a cupola and leaving BB dimples in the vinyl siding.

Sunday, May 23, Michael Zbikowski, 26, of Linden was arrested at Westfield police headquarters on an outstanding Westfield warrant. He was released after posting $91 bail.

Sunday, May 23, James Lacey, 19, of Westfield was arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana following an investigation on Stoneleigh Park. Further investigation led to charges of possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS)/marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of CDS/marijuana with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school zone. Lacey also was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on his own recognizance with summonses pending a June 2 court date.

Monday, May 24, Gerald Schuman, 3rd, 18, of Westfield was arrested on an outstanding Westfield traffic warrant. He was processed and released after posting $106 bail.

Tuesday, May 25, Shane Edwards, 19, of Westfield was arrested on the 300 block of Livingston Street on a Cranford warrant in the amount of $50. He was processed and released on his own recognizance.

Wednesday, May 26, John Savoca, 79, of Westfield was arrested on the 400 block of Downer Street for allegedly threatening a census worker with a gun. Savoca was charged with making terroristic threats, possession of a handgun for an unlawful purpose, obstruction of the administration of law and resisting arrest. He was processed and released after posting the 10 percent cash alternative to $2,570 bail.

Thursday, May 27, Joseph G. Clanton, 27, of Linden was arrested at Westfield police headquarters on a Westfield warrant. He was processed and released on $201 bail.

Thursday, May 27, Justin Tullo, 23, of Westfield was arrested during a motor vehicle stop at the Westfield traffic circle. He was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana and possession of CDS in a motor vehicle. Tullo was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, May 28, Gregory Giresi, 28, of Westfield was arrested on multiple charges after allegedly stealing a mobile home from Marlboro Street. Giresi was charged with theft of a motor vehicle, receiving stolen property, driving while intoxicated (DWI), refusal to submit to a breathalyzer test and driving with a suspended license. He was processed and held on $10,000 bail. The mobile home was recovered.

Friday, May 28, a flower pot valued at approximately $50 was reported stolen from a business on the 300 block of East South Avenue.

Friday, May 28, Tatiana Dieguez, 25, of Linden was arrested at Westfield police headquarters on a Westfield warrant. She was processed and held on $335 bail.

Friday, May 28, Megan Wilchak, 19, of Garwood was arrested after responding to Westfield police headquarters to satisfy an outstanding Westfield traffic warrant in the amount of $106. She was processed and released after posting the full cash bail.

Saturday, May 29, Jemma Urban, 18, of Westfield was arrested during a traffic stop in the area of Central Avenue and Frazee Court and charged with DWI. Urban was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released to a responsible adult.

Saturday, May 29, Lisa M. Smith, 35, of Jersey City was arrested by New Jersey State Police and turned over to the Westfield Police Department on an outstanding Westfield traffic warrant. She was released after processing and posting $500 bail.

Sunday, May 30, someone smashed out the driver's side window of a motor vehicle in front of a residence on the 400 block of Woodland Avenue.

Sunday, May 30, after voluntarily turning himself in, Joon Chae, 19, of Westfield was arrested at Westfield police headquarters and charged with hindering apprehension by providing police with false information during an incident that occurred the previous night on the 700 block of North Avenue, East. He was released on his own recognizance with a summons.

Scotch Plains

Monday, May 24, a resident of Harding Road reported that someone threw a rock at him from a passing motor vehicle while he was walking in the street.

Tuesday, May 25, a resident of Front Street reported that someone entered his motor vehicle by prying open the window and, once inside, removed approximately $25 in cash.

Tuesday, May 25, a resident of Rahway Road reported that someone cashed a check in the amount of $750 without his authorization.

Tuesday, May 25, Henry Delphin, 36, of West Orange was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana and an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Wednesday, May 26, a resident of Riverdale Court reported that someone did approximately $60 worth of damage to the fence in the front of her house.

Friday, May 28, Rowland Adeyemo, 25, of Scotch Plains was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, May 29, Ricardo Gayle, 21, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, May 30, Joseph Prince, 47, of Scotch Plains was arrested on an outstanding warrant after a motor vehicle stop. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Mountainside

Tuesday, May 25, a patron of a Route 22 movie theater reported that he lost his wallet, which contained $59 in cash, credit cards and an identification card, while attending a movie. The wallet was described as a brown, leather, Calvin Klein tri-fold wallet.

Tuesday, May 25, a 17-year-old female resident came into police headquarters with her mother to report that she was assaulted at a party that she attended on Friday, May 21. According to police, the victim stated that a female verbally abused and then pushed her into a wall, causing her to hit her head and fall to the ground. The victim stated that she was experiencing nausea, memory loss and ringing in her ears, and was seen by a doctor who diagnosed her with a concussion, police said. The victim also had visible bruising to both arms and an abrasion on her left elbow from the assault, authorities said. An unrelated male victim came into police headquarters on May 22 to report that three males had assaulted him at the same party, police reported.

Wednesday, May 26, Mark Lovett, 47, of Newark was picked up at the Essex County jail for contempt of court.

Thursday, May 27, Beau Lia, 21, of Fanwood was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license and on an outstanding warrant out of Garwood after a motor vehicle stop on Tanglewood Road. He was processed and released after posting bail.

Friday, May 28, police responded to Deerfield School on a report of a homeless person wandering around the school grounds. The individual stated that he was from Puerto Rico and was homeless here in the United States. The officer took him into protective custody and fingerprinted him, police reported. The individual was found to pose no threat to himself or others and he was released.

Friday, May 28, Allen R. Blackshear, 57, of Elizabeth was picked up at the Essex County jail on an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside in the amount of $830.

Saturday, May 29, a resident of Blazo Terrace reported that someone removed a small compartment safe from the back of her closet that contained multiple pieces of jewelry, valued at approximately $25,000, from her residence. According to police, the victim stated that her husband had recently passed away, and that she had been receiving visitors for four days prior to noticing the safe was missing. The victim stated that only her children knew where the safe was hidden, authorities reported.

Saturday, May 29, a resident of Deer Path reported that he heard a motor vehicle, described as a 2007 black Honda Accord, pull into his driveway. While he was investigating, he saw a large, black male, with short hair, wearing a red shirt, walking towards his backyard.

According to police, the victim called out to the suspect, and he immediately got back into the vehicle and drove away. The victim was able to get the license plate of the vehicle, which was reported stolen out of Bronx, N.Y.

Saturday, May 29, Bartholomew O. Ezeigbo, 24, of North Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Watchung in the amount of $190.

Saturday, May 29, an officer responding to a report of people fighting in the street and running through private property noticed a parked vehicle with four occupants. According to police, when the officer conversed with the occupants, all male juveniles, he detected a strong smell of alcohol and observed a case of beer in the vehicle. The driver had not consumed any alcohol and he was released, while the other occupants were transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, May 30, an officer responded to a report of a fight in the parking lot of a gas station in the area of Mountain and Woodland Avenues. According to police, when the officer arrived, the Westfield Police Department had two men in custody. One of the men stated that he was in a nearby tavern when he got into an argument with the other man, and that when they took the fight outside, the second man sucker-punched him in the right eye. Neither party wished to press charges and both men were released.

Sunday, May 30, a resident of Woodland Avenue reported that someone broke the driver's side window of his motor vehicle with an unknown object while it was parked in the street in front of his home. According to police, a second resident of Woodland Avenue reported that the driver's side window of his mother's vehicle was broken while it was parked in front of his residence, causing approximately $500 in damage.

Sunday, May 30, a resident of Wyoming Drive reported that the rear window of his motor vehicle was shattered, causing approximately $1,000 worth of damage, while it was parked in his driveway. According to police, a tiny hole, consistent with a BB or pellet gun, was observed in the corner of the window. Several similar incidents were reported in the borough, authorities said.

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Imperial Brass to Perform Concert at Willow Grove

SCOTCH PLAINS – Imperial Brass, a 30-piece brass ensemble known for its diverse musical repertoire, will perform in concert on Sunday, June 13, at 3 p.m. at its home at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church.

The concert will showcase jazz cornetist Warren Vache. Mr. Vache has accompanied and recorded with such luminaries as Benny Goodman, Rosemary Clooney, Woody Herman and Bobby Short. Also featured will be music by artists ranging from Russian composer Dimitri Shostokovich to Henry Mancini, J.S. Bach, Jerome Kern and British composer Philip Sparke.

The concert additionally will include Edvard Grieg's classic "The Last Spring," along with the music of Erik Leidzen, Ray Steadman-Allen and Tone Poems by British composer Eric Ball.

Cornetist Mitch Brodsky and euphoniumist Barry Morrison of West Point Military Academy also will be featured as soloists.

Thomas McCauley, conductor of the Montclair State University Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band, will conduct the first part of the concert. Following a brief intermission, Col. Torgny Hanson, who recently retired as Inspector of Military Bands in Sweden, will conduct the second part.

Originally formed under the auspices of Rutgers University, Imperial Brass has been performing concerts throughout the Metropolitan New York and Tri-State area at churches, band festivals, schools and universities since 1991. Its repertoire includes classical, pop, Broadway and movie music, featured solo selections and big band jazz classics.

Imperial Brass has twice won the Northeastern Brass Band Competition held at West Point Military Academy and has performed at the New York Brass Conference for Scholarships five times. The ensemble also has recorded four CDs.

Tickets are on sale in advance and also will be available at the door. Prices are $15 for general admission, $12 for senior citizens and students, and free for children age 12 and under.

A reception with light refreshments will follow the concert. The concert will take place in the sanctuary of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, located at 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, as part of the Music and the Arts ministry. For ticket sales, visit willowgrovechurch.org or call (908) 232-5678. For further information on the concert, visit imperialbrass.org.

CHURCH CELEBRATION…The Fanwood Presbyterian Church trustees will hold a ribbon-cutting event on Sunday, June 13, at 11 a.m. for the recently finished repairs of the church steeple, cross and portico. The building, located at the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues, was constructed in 1958. The public is invited to join congregation members for the dedication. For more information, call the office at (908) 889-8891 or e-mail fanwoodpress@erols.com.

Rummage Sale Is Set Sunday at Synagogue

CRANFORD – The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim will hold its annual rummage sale this Sunday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The rummage sale will take place at the temple, located at 338 Walnut Avenue in Cranford.

Jessica Hoff, chairperson for the event, has announced that a variety of merchandise will be available. The sale will include clothing for men, women and children, as well as household goods, bric-a-brac, toys and miscellaneous items. For further information, call the temple at (908) 276-9231 during office hours.

Celebration to Recall Hetfield House Move

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the historic Deacon Andrew Hetfield House's journey to its present location with a celebration at the house this Sunday, June 6, from 1 to 3 p.m.

During the move, the house rolled westward along Route 22, causing the road to be closed and bystanders to marvel. The house was relocated adjacent to the Mountainside Public Library on Constitution Plaza.

Guests will have an opportunity to enjoy light refreshments while viewing a short video of the actual house move and touring the facility. They also will see the restoration work done in the house's Victorian Room, along with the rebuilt fireplace in the 1760's kitchen. The Veterans Room remains a work in progress.

The festivities Sunday also will include dedication of a gas lamp that once guided Londoners along their streets after dark, donated by former committee chairman the late Ann Hose. It now sits at the entrance to the Hetfield House's brick walkway. The latest brick donations also will be dedicated during the ceremony.

MEETING THE MAYOR…Girl Scout Troop 555 from Holy Trinity Interparochial School of Westfield visited Mayor Andy Skibitsky's office and opened a town council meeting this spring as part of learning more about their community. In opening the meeting, they presented the flag, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced themselves to the council. Troop members have worked hard this year, completing all of their requirements prior to working on their Bronze Award Project in their second year as Junior Girl Scouts.

Garden Club Invites Public To Papillion Garden Tour

WESTFIELD – The Garden Club of Westfield will present The Papillion Garden Tour on Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event will feature six fantasy gardens along with special events (plant sale, Ask a Master Gardener, Attic Treasures Boutique, Butterfly Garden, Costumes as Garden Art and bake sale).

The tour locations will be as follows: 514 Fairmont Avenue, Westfield; 26 Stoneleigh Park, Westfield; Cowperthwaite Square, Westfield; 225 Edgewood Avenue, Westfield; 1030 Minisink Way, Westfield, and 1515 Coles Avenue, Mountainside.

To purchase tickets, call (908) 233-7572 or (732) 382-2175 or visit gardenclubofwestfield.org. The price is $20 in advance. Tickets also will be available the day of the tour for $25 at any of the garden locations listed.

Proceeds will go to the Garden Club of Westfield, a non-profit organization, to fund its many community programs. The club maintains container arrangements in the center of the town, as well as gardens in town parks. Contributions also are made to the Gene O'Neal Scholarship Program, New Jersey Conservation Society, New Jersey Audubon Society and TAT to teach a child. The club additionally will support renovation of a historical building in Westfield.

Club members also prepare flower arrangements for a veterans' home and the local library, as well as contributing wreaths to the town's municipal buildings during the holiday season.

Caregivers Meeting To Be Held Monday

WESTFIELD – A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones will meet on Monday, June 7, at 8 p.m. The meeting will take place in the parish center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

Meetings are held on the first non-holiday Monday of each month. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757.

Mr. Ungar to Present 'Hollywood Musicals'

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Memorial Library will welcome Skip Ungar on Thursday, June 10, at 7 p.m. when he will present his program "Music from the Hollywood Musicals."

Mr. Ungar will discuss and sing songs from the musicals. He also will spotlight the people who wrote and sang the songs that made the Hollywood musical such an important part of the history of film.

This program will be part of a concert series brought to the library by the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library. The library is located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road.

For registration and more information about this and other programs at the library, call (908) 322-6400 or visit the library's website, fanwoodlibrary.org.

Local Museum to Spotlight Prayer-Friendship Shawls

WESTFIELD – The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, will present a program entitled "Prayer and Friendship Shawls" this Sunday, June 6, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Laurie Mills will display her hand-made collection of prayer shawls, and will discuss prayer and friendship shawls, how to start a prayer shawl ministry, and prayers that can be said while making and gifting a prayer shawl. Also on display will be patterns for knitting and crocheting the shawls.

Sunday's program also will include tours of the restored 1740 farmhouse. Members of the cooking committee will demonstrate the skills used in 18th-century open-hearth cooking, using authentic recipes 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's final program of the season will be "Summer Time on the Farm" on Sunday, June 13. The museum will close on Monday, June 14, and will reopen in September.

The Miller-Cory House Museum is a nationally recognized living museum, listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places and as a site on the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail.

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 website is millercoryhouse.org.

German Biergarten On Tap For June 11

CLARK – The Deutscher Club will present an authentic German Biergarten on Friday, June 11, from 5:30 to 11 p.m. German and American food, as well as live entertainment, will be featured. Open to the public, it will be held rain or shine.

No outside food or beverages will be permitted. Parking will be available. The Deutscher Club is located at 787 Featherbed Lane in Clark, accessible from Garden State Parkway Exit 135. For more information, call (732) 574-8600.

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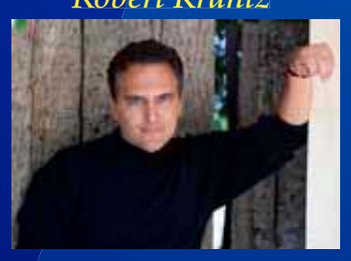

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— Obituaries —

Vida Dockter, 62, Devoted to Family; Nurse Known For Wit and Integrity

Vida Tomi (Stennecke) Dockter, 62, of Hartford, Mich. lost her valiant battle against cancer on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at home surrounded by her family.

Vida grew up in Watervliet, Mich., the second daughter of Tom and Violet Stennecke, a well-known and popular couple in business (Watervliet Phillips 66 station) and social circles. The family lived on Red Arrow Highway, which was a popular "second home" for Vida's multitude of friends from the Class of 1965 of Watervliet High School.

Vida Dockter

Vida and her sister, Marsha, brought a dose of glamour to Watervliet with their award-winning roles in the high school bands and choirs, most specially their unique high-tossed batons as they led the marching bands and many parades.

After a Watervliet education, Vida advanced to the Bronson School of Nursing, where she graduated in 1967. While studying, she married Bill Fizzell. Together, yet apart, with dignity and respect they raised three children in New Jersey, Deane Fizzell of Watervliet, Mich., Ashley Fleming of Florence, S.C. and Dana Goetter of Germantown, Wis.

In high school, Vida met Frank Dockter, a "hot rod" from Hartford. Although their romance ended as teenagers, they were fortunate enough to reconnect and marry as adults. A story worthy of a novel, they lived in Kalamazoo before retiring to Hartford in 2006.

Vida enjoyed her home, garden and church life and friends. She had a wicked sense of humor, great wit and a laugh you had to join in on. Her 30-year nursing career undoubtedly touched and changed many lives. A strong woman with class and integrity, Vida never wavered in her beliefs. There was no gray area in her life, as was the same for her beloved father, whom she adored and lost too early.

She is survived by her sister, Marsha Cole of Watervliet; her children, and three grandchildren, Tyler, Melanie and Chelsea.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Per her wishes, cremation has taken place. Services celebrating Vida's life were held yesterday, Wednesday, June 2, at the First Congregational Church of Kalamazoo, Mich. In lieu of flowers, memorials are warmly appreciated to Hospice at Home, P.O. Box 990, South Haven, Mich. 49090.

Arrangements were by the Duffield and Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Coloma, Mich., (269) 468-6000. Those wishing to sign the online guest book or leave a message of comfort for the family may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

June 3, 2010

Luise G. Tucker, 79

Luise G. Tucker, 79, of Scotch Plains died on Sunday, May 30, at her home.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., she was a longtime resident of Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Tucker had been employed as a secretary with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education before retiring. She also was a former member of the Evangel Church in Scotch Plains.

She was predeceased by her daughters, Pam, who died in 2004, and Lora, who died in 2008.

Surviving are her son, Christopher Tucker, and her good friend, Roxane Russo.

The funeral was held yesterday, Wednesday, June 2, from the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. A graveside service followed at Hillside Cemetery in Scotch Plains.

For additional information or to express condolences, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

June 3, 2010

Carol Ann Inteso, 74

Mrs. Carol Ann Inteso, 74, of Toms River died on Wednesday, May 5, at her home.

Born in Newark, she had lived in Edison before moving to Toms River in 1977.

A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, Mrs. Inteso enjoyed bingo, playing cards and her occasional trips to Atlantic City. She also was an avid Mets and Cowboys fan.

She was predeceased by her husband, Anthony C. Inteso, Sr., and her sister, Janet Swanton.

Surviving are her daughter, Nancy Malool and her husband, Paul, of Scotch Plains; her sons, Joseph Inteso and his wife, Cindi, of Alabama and Anthony C. Inteso, Jr. of Toms River; her three grandchildren, Christina, Amanda and Emily; her sister, Christine Braun, and her brother, John Wanat.

A Mass of Remembrance will be held on Saturday, June 5, at 11 a.m. at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains.

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Mary C. Dooley, 78, Registered Nurse; Received Award For Volunteer Service

Mary Charlotte Dooley (Gurnett), 78, of Scotch Plains, formerly of Westfield, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 24, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Spring Valley, Ill. to Gail V. and Mary K. Gurnett, she was raised in DePue, Ill. Mary lived in Westfield from 1958 to 1997, when she moved to Scotch Plains.

She was a Registered Nurse in Indiana and Illinois, having graduated from St. Joseph's School of Nursing in South Bend, Ind. in 1952. She worked as a delivery room nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in South Bend and St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley, Ill.

Mary was an active member of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Westfield, where she was an early volunteer with the Westfield Food Pantry and later served as its director for many years. A former member of the Parish Council, she served on the Social Concerns Committee. She also volunteered as a CCD teacher and principal for grades 6 to 8, as well as being a member of the Rosary Altar Society.

Mary received the "Caritas Award" from the Archdiocese of Newark in 1985 in recognition of her many years of volunteer service. She was a very remarkable woman who made everyone feel special.

Mary was the beloved wife for 56 years of Joseph F. "Chip" Dooley, and the devoted mother of four daughters, Mary Sofman and her husband, Mark, of Rockville, Md., Sharon Dooley and her husband, Doug McKay, of Running Springs, Calif., Maureen Groff and her husband, Rich Rowley, of Fortuna, Calif. and Moira Dooley-Sautner and her husband, Stephen, of Cranford, N.J., and four sons, Charles V. and his wife, Angela, of Cranford, N.J., Joseph F., Jr. and his wife, Tina, of Pretoria, South Africa, John L. and his wife, Donna, of Westfield, N.J. and Michael J. and his wife, Paula, of Unadilla, N.Y. She was the loving sister of Sheila Warner of Denver, Colo. and Sr. Nora Gurnett, CSC of Notre Dame, Ind. Mary also will be deeply missed by her 19 grandchildren, Carolyn, Charlotte, Peter, Luke, Rebecca, Vincent, Samantha, Tess, Elinor, Joseph, Maggie, Matt, Hannah, Kerriann, Kathleen, John, Finn, Declan and Calum.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, May 28, at the Holy Trinity Church of Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

Mary loved flowers, but believed they should be enjoyed by the living. In keeping with her wishes, please make donations in her memory to the Westfield Food Pantry at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, 336 First Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

June 3, 2010

Alma G. Mason, 89

Mrs. Alma G. Mason, 89, of Scotch Plains died on Wednesday, May 26, at her residence.

Mrs. Mason was born in Ridge Springs, S.C. and had lived in New York City and Westfield, settling in Scotch Plains in 1969. Alma was a homemaker.

Her husband, Charles T. Mason, predeceased her in 1969.

Surviving are her son Tyrone and his wife, Roxi, her son Charles and his wife, Matilda, and her son James and his wife, Marilyn; her five sisters, Daisy, Lucille, Rosena, Pansy and Anna, and her six grandchildren, Terrell, Sikandrah, Tisha, Jamal, Taralauryan and Kweku.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, June 3, from the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains. A service will follow at 11 a.m. at St. John's Baptist Church in Scotch Plains. Interment will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Donations may be made to the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 325, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

June 3, 2010

Barbara J. Alden

Barbara J. Alden, 91

Barbara (Bobbie) Alden, 91, of Middlebury, Vt. passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 16, 2010.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her parents, William and Jane Hogan Plumer; her sister, Dorothy Yeager; her first husband, William Galligan, and her second husband, Robert Alden.

Bobbie was active all of her life and won numerous championships at the Westfield Tennis Club. After her move to Vermont, Bobbie continued to play tennis until a year before her death.

She is survived by Sharon Galligan Johnson and her husband, Bill, of Cornwall, Vt.; Peter Galligan and his wife, Marcy, of West Rutland, Vt. and Nancy Galligan of Parker, Colo., along with six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, June 2, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Middlebury, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to the Middlebury College Women's Tennis Team, 5 Court Street, Middlebury, Vt. 05753.

June 3, 2010

Dr. Frederick Winsor, 88, Had Long Career as Metallurgical Engineer

Dr. Frederick James Winsor died at his home in Fanwood on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at age 88.

A resident of Fanwood for over 50 years, he had a remarkable life and a long career as a metallurgical engineer.

He was born August 22, 1921 in the town of Ilion, in the Mohawk River Valley of upstate New York, and spent his childhood there. Mr. Winsor attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute from 1938 to 1946, earning a Bachelor of Science degree, Master of Science degree and Ph.D in Metallurgical Engineering. His Ph.D research involved analysis of metal from enemy aircraft.

Dr. Winsor worked for the Armour Research Foundation, Standard Oil of Indiana, DuPont, and Foster Wheeler Corporation, where he was in charge of the Welding Development Laboratory for more than 25 years. Subsequently, he was an independent metallurgical engineering consultant for approximately 20 years. He taught courses in welding and metallurgy at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and Kean College.

Dr. Winsor was a life member of the American Welding Society (AWS) and the American Society for Metals (now ASM International), served as chairman of the AWS NJ Section in 1983-1984, was a member of its executive committee, and assisted as a test supervisor and proctor for Certified Welding Inspector exams.

In 1991, AWS presented him with the Samuel Miller Memorial Medal Award for contributions to the art of welding. In 2007, the NJ AWS Section honored him with a Meritorious Award for his dedicated activities.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Gertrude K. Winsor; his sons, Richard E. Winsor and Donald C. Winsor; his daughters, Nancy W. Clayton and Linda W. DeLap; four grandchildren, Daniel J. Winsor, Margaret I. DeLap, Karl G. Winsor and Eric D. Winsor; his nieces, Mary Elizabeth Winsor and Jen Campbell; his nephew, Ned Winsor; his great-nephew, Edward Winsor, and many other nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Glen Merritt Winsor and Elizabeth Mary Miller; his brothers, Kasson, Earl, Richard, Edward, and Gerald Winsor, and his son, Frederick Winsor, Jr.

A celebration of Dr. Winsor's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 17, at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road in Morristown.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fanwood Rescue Squad, Treasurer, 123 Watson Road, Fanwood, N.J. 07023 or to the Center for Hope Hospice, 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

June 3, 2010

Joseph Bonaccorso, 68, Was Foreman For Elizabethtown Water Company

Joseph Bonaccorso, 68, of Mountainside, formerly of Westfield, passed away on Saturday, May 29, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Bonaccorso was born to Angelo and Rosaria Bonaccorso in Riposto, Sicily. He came to America in 1958, settling in Westfield, and lived in Mountainside since 1972.

Prior to retiring in 2001, Mr. Bonaccorso had been a foreman for the Elizabethtown Water Company for 25 years. He was a member of the North Plainfield Italian American Club.

Mr. Bonaccorso was the beloved husband for 40 years of Anna Bencivenga Bonaccorso; the devoted brother of Rosaria Cintorrino, and the loving brother-in-law of Clotilde Bencivenga, Joseph Bencivenga and Salvatore Petruccelli. He also will be deeply missed by his three nieces, Mary Jo Juchnik, Rosanna O'Boyle and Cristina Sorrell, and six nephews, Ralph J. Bencivenga, Ralph Bencivenga, Angelo Bencivenga, Jr., Dino Bencivenga, Carmen Cintorrino and Joseph Petruccelli, and 14 grand-nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered yesterday, Wednesday, June 2, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Burial took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his name to Atlantic Hospice, 33 Bleeker Street, Millburn, N.J. 07041.

June 3, 2010

June Ann Nugent, 78

June Ann Nugent, 78, of Westfield passed away on Wednesday, May 26.

Born in North Bergen, she was a 1952 graduate of Montclair State University, and taught briefly in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district.

A member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Thomas Nugent, in 1988.

Surviving are a daughter, Leslie Nugent Norris (William) of Hockessin, Del.; a son, Edward Thomas Nugent, Jr., and a grandson, Edward Thomas "Tripp" Nugent, both of Westfield; a brother, Ronald Barker of Madison, N.J., and two nephews, Glenn Barker and Clifford Graviet.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 29, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

June 3, 2010

Jeffrey J. Nemeth, 51

Jeffrey J. Nemeth, 51, of Westfield passed away on Saturday, May 29.

Born in Elizabeth, he had lived in Cranford before moving to Westfield 22 years ago.

Mr. Nemeth was a comptroller at Papa John's Pizza Corporate Offices in Cranbury.

He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware and a master's degree from Rutgers University.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen A. McCaffery Nemeth; his daughter, Kari; his two sons, Daniel and Brian; his sister, Pam Lasso, and his brother, Skip.

A funeral service was held yesterday, Wednesday, June 2, at the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Avenue in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

June 3, 2010

Westfield Rotary Reveals Program Topics For June

WESTFIELD – The Rotary Club of Westfield has announced the program topics for its upcoming meetings. The club meets 50 weeks per year on Tuesday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. for lunch and a program in the second-floor Kellogg Room at the Westfield Area "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield. Guests are welcome.

"The Power of Purposeful Reinvention: What Does Your Business Stand For?" will be the topic on June 8. Heidi Guest, founder and president of The Guest Experience, will discuss how her consulting company created a significant charitable component focused on the education and development of inner-city youth.

On June 15, the 88th Annual Scholarship Luncheon will take place. This year, the Westfield Rotary Club Foundation will award 23 local high school students a total of $92,000 in combined scholarships.

On June 22, the Rotary Club of Westfield will swear in its new slate of officers for 2010-2011. They include Ray Kostyack, president; Sherry Cronin, vice president; Nancy Jackson, secretary; Lauren Falk, treasurer; Veronique Cordier, director and program chairwoman; Theresa Valentino, director; Mark Miller, director; Barbara Franz, director; Darielle Walsh, Grants Committee chairwoman, and Liz Ensslin, Scholarship Committee chairwoman. Mark Swingle will replace Mr. Elsasser as chairman of the club's Foundation. The club will celebrate its 90th anniversary in 2011.

"Westfield Foundation: Quietly and Profoundly Helping the Community" will be the program topic June 29. Rick Coltrera, Investment Committee chairman of the Westfield Foundation, will offer insight into the organization's mission and the impact of a changing financial environment, as well as deliver a briefing on the status of the club's giving portfolio.

Anyone interested in attending a program or learning more about Rotary in Westfield may contact Mark Swingle, president, at (908) 379-2705, visit westfieldrotary.com or e-mail westfieldrotary@gmail.com.

Hiking Club Offers Variety of Activities

COUNTY – The Union County Hiking Club offers a regular schedule of hiking and bicycling activities, most of which take place in central and northern New Jersey. Membership dues are $10 per year.

Prospective members are invited to try out the club by participating in up to three outings before joining. For a complimentary schedule, which includes a new member application, call Union County Parks at (908) 527-4900.

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10003162
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-7614-09

Plaintiff: CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC
VS.
Defendant: HARRY PATTERSON, DENISE PATTERSON
Sale Date: 06/23/2010
Writ of Execution: 02/11/2010

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 ELIZABETHTOWN 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 Thirty Three Thousand Ninety Five and 14/100*** $333,095.14.

The property to be sold is located in the Town of Westfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 703 West Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090-0000.

Tax Lot No. 1 in Block No. 2818
Dimension of Lot Approximately: 53 x 88
Nearest Cross Street: Scotch Plains Avenue

BEGINNING at a point caused by the intersection of the southeasterly side line of Broad Street and the southwesterly side line of Scotch Plains Avenue as now laid out and opened, and running thence South 38 degrees 23 minutes West and binding on the side line of Broad Street a distance of forty-two and ninety nine one hundreths (42.99) feet to a point; thence running North 40 degrees 25 minutes East a distance of forty-four and fifteen one hundreths (44.15) feet to a point in the side line of Scotch Plains Avenue; thence running North 50 degrees 47 minutes West and binding on the side line of Scotch Plains Avenue a distance of eighty-nine and seven on hundreths (89.07) feet to the point and place of BEGINNING.

Prior Liens/Encumbrances
Taxes Open: $1,336.13
Total as of April 28, 2010: $1,336.13
Total Upset: ***Three Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Two and 64/100*** $383,402.64 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

Attorney:
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC
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SUITE 201
PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY 07054
(973) 538-4700
4 T - 05/27, 06/03, 06/10 & 06/17/10 Fee: $173.40

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10000493
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-47370-08

Plaintiff: INDYMAC BANK, FSB
VS.
Defendant: ROBIN V. BROWN
Sale Date: 06/30/2010
Writ of Execution: 02/17/2010

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 ELIZABETHTOWN 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: ***Four Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Five and 74/100*** $489,505.74.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 516 Rolling Peaks Way, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076.

Tax Lot No. 12 in Block No. 6001
Dimension of Lot Approximately: 000.310 AC
Nearest Cross Street: Johnson Street

Being known and designated as Lot 23 in Block 157 as shown on Map entitled, "Map of Rolling Peaks" duly filed in Union County Clark's office on September 23, 1969 as filed Map No. 851-A, County of Union, State of New Jersey, APN #: Block 6001, Lot 12

Prior Liens/Encumbrances
2010 2nd Qtr Taxes Open: $2,311.22
Total as of May 5, 2010: $2,311.22
Total Upset: ***Five Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Five and 09/100*** $552,475.09 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.

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MARATHONER…David Finn, Jr. completed the Marine Corps. Marathon in Washington, D.C., last October with a finish time of 4:22:56. A sophomore at The College of the Holy Cross, David and his NROTC unit raised $16,000 in support of the Injured Marines Semper Fi Fund (IMSFF). David is the son of Mary Beth and David Finn, Sr. of Westfield and a 2008 graduate of St. Peter's Prep.

THE STUDENT VIEW

The weekly column written by local high school students

Surviving Post-AP-Exam Withdrawal Syndrome

By CYNTHIA LAM
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

For days, I had been suffering from throbbing headaches, severe physical deformities and vivid hallucinations. As a perfectly healthy teenager who rarely gets sick, I had no idea what was wrong with me. I thought that if I just ignored the symptoms, they would eventually go away.

But as the days went on, I only felt worse. Soon, it got to a point where I could no longer sleep at night, as I spent hours tossing and turning in bed, unable to endure the excruciating pain. After weeks of this unbearable agony, I finally went to see my family doctor. He took one look at me and confirmed the worst: I had Post-AP-Exam Withdrawal Syndrome (PAWS).

Every year, hundreds of teenagers are diagnosed with this rare and potentially fatal disease. According to dweebmd.com, PAWS is caused by bouts of extreme stress and tension immediately followed by a period of freedom.

It is especially common among high school students who have recently taken AP exams. If not treated quickly and correctly by medical professionals, PAWS may lead to chronic restless mumbling (in a desperate attempt to retain random facts and formulas), permanent multiple-choice fixation (a tendency to see multiple choice bubbles everywhere) and death by studying. Some of the most common symptoms include:

Fried brain – This is usually characterized by extreme heat emitting from your scalp, to the point that you may feel as if your head is burning – and it is, literally. If smoke starts spilling out from your ears and flames begin scorching your hair, call 911 immediately.

Thirst for knowledge – Your throat is dry, your tongue is clammy, and you feel a constant, unquenchable thirst that cannot be satisfied, no matter how many cups of water you drink. That is because this is a thirst for knowledge, not liquid, which can only be fulfilled with rapid intakes of new information.

Crooked arm – Commonly known as Empty Arm Syndrome, this physical disfigurement is caused by the absence of your Barron's prep book in the crook of your arm. As a result, your arm is always bent at a distinct 45-degree angle where your study guide normally belongs.

Flattened buttocks – After hours of sitting in the testing room, your bottom may be flattened to such a point that it sticks out at a sharp angle. A related side effect is inflated buttocks, which occurs when your behind has attained a distinct balloon shape, due to overuse.

Index card death grip – Here, your fingers have formed a permanently tight grip to maximize your ability to hold on to index cards. No matter how hard you try, you cannot unclench your hand from this uncomfortable – yet slightly reassuring – position.

After weeks of treatment, I feel much better now. I was so lucky that I had detected PAWS in its earliest stages. If I had waited any longer, I may not even be here today.

By sharing my story, I hope to reach out to teenagers everywhere, so that no one will ever have to suffer from this horrible disease again. If I have helped just one person with my tale, then I have accomplished my goal.

Cynthia Lam is a junior at WHS.

Scotch Plains' Lipstein Graduates Haverford

SCOTCH PLAINS – Haverford College announced the graduation of Andrew Lipstein, son of Pamela Brownstein and Kenneth Lipstein of Scotch Plains. Andrew is a graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

One of 291 members of Haverford's Class of 2010, Andrew received a bachelor's degree in mathematics, with a minor in psychology, during commencement ceremonies in Haverford, Pa. on Sunday, May 16.

The title of Andrew's senior thesis, which is the capstone of the Haverford academic experience, is "Classifying and Reclassifying Cellular Automata: Paradise Lost and Found in Garden-of-Edens."

While studying at Haverford, Andrew was involved in a variety of campus activities. He was a member of the editorial staff of *Without a Noun*, Haverford's satire magazine, and played on the men's club soccer team.

Barrett Newell Graduates Northeastern

WESTFIELD — Barrett Newell of Westfield graduated from Northeastern University in Boston on May 7. Barrett graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture.

During her five-year curriculum of studies, Barrett completed three, six-month internships: Kyu Sung Woo of Cambridge, Mass, Arquitectonica of Miami, Florida and WLA Associates of New York City. She will continue her studies at Northeastern in the fall of 2010 as she pursues her master's in architecture.

Barrett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newell of Westfield.

TERRILL MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Third Marking Period

SCOTCH PLAINS – Terill Middle School Principal Kevin Holloway announced the school's third marking period honor roll, which reads as follows:

6th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Brianna Acosta, Rebecca Ames, Joshua Axelrod, Caroline Babis, Emma Bagat, Amanda Banasiak, Madison Banker, Sarah Barash, Molly Becker, Emily Boyle, August Bratti, Rachel Braun, Samantha Broders, Nancy Canevari, Celeste Cappadoccia, Laura Charos, Joseph Cianciotta, Jordan Cimring, David Clancy, Shannon Costello, Paige Crandall, Sarah Davis, Richard Dazzo, Darby Debonis, Jack Defouw, Catherine DePaola, Madison Dieu, Kayla Diggs, Jacqueline Fahrenholz, Kevin Fleck, Ally Flynn, Kara Foley, Abigail Fossaceca, Giulia Frias, Rachel Gerstenfeld, Vernika Goel, Fallon Goldberg, Ani Hsu Obrock, Isabella Iacona, Sofia Jimenez, Camille Johnson, Emma Kowalczyk, Liza Kussner, Megan Lau, Aaron Lee, Benjamin Liang, Alexander Malao, Rebecca Mehorter, Rebecca Miller, Emily Morris, Sarika Mujumdar, Nithya Narayanan, Scott Nizolak, Dillon Noone, Erin O'Connor, Amanda O'Hara, Nimit Patel, Ryan Radice, Ari Rosenzweig, Paul Sinclair, Abby Spector, Aurelia Tantra, Olivia Tumsuden, Jessica Vilarino, Rachel Voeltzel, Mariel Weigel, Benjamin Weiss, Alice Zhou, Vivian Zhuang, Carly Zogg

6th Grade Regular Honor Roll

Gabriel Alvarez, Daniel Baliko, Thomas Bara, Micaiah Battle, Noah Bernstein, Michael Besson, Alexander Bonadies, Justin Boozer, Brittany Brown, Joseph Buttigheri, Giovanna Carlino, Ashley Christian, Madeline Chrystal, Zachary Cimring, James Clarke, Emily Cohen, Aaron Cooper, Peter Coronato, Akash Dalal, Christopher Debelak, Edward DePaola, Margaret Desantis, Christopher Duffy, Daniel Fortune, Alexander Frier, Matthew Garber, Martha Garyfallos, Nicholas Giardiello, Joseph Griffith, Brian Grimaldi, Tyler Guensch, Joseph Guidi, Matthew Halpin, Matthew Heath, Patrick Henkels, Nina Hernandez, Zianne Hoover, Suzanne Imperiale, Cooper Jones, Lizabeth Kaminoff, Kristen Koederitz, Julian Korduba, Nadim Korkmaz, Madison Korteling, Jillian Lapidus, Tyler Litwin, Kelly Magrino, Charlotte McAnulty, Brian McManus, Shane McParland, Erin Mecca, Jocelyn Michnowski, Nina Mineo-Pankiewitz, Thomas Novak, Anniston Pagano Paiva, Sagar Patel, Christina Peluso, Felicia Petterway, Hannah Postlewait, Harry Randazzo, Petra Reiserova, Kaleb Rembert, Andrew Rimpici, Allison Roden, Samuel Sadel, Leila Salgado, Matthew Scariati, Matthew Schuman, Stav Shadmi, Hannah Simon, Neelan Sivaneri, Lauren Sjonell, Alexander Skowronski, Kevin Sonpar, Taylor Spirko, Kimberly Spitzer, Rebecca Stein, Maia Thomas, Isaiah Thompson, Siena Vacca, Devin Voorhees, Melanie Walker, Grace Wayman, Mariah Weigel, Melody Weigel, Kathleen Welch, Jason Wendel, Griffin Whitmer, Michael Wright, Kaitlyn Yip, Naomi Zaksenberg, Emily Zaller

7th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Daniel Babis, Jordan Banker, Rebecca Beauvais, Erica Berkowitz, Alexandra Bord, Alexandra Boyarsky, Alexandra Burns, Eric Calvo, John Cavaliere, Morgan Chemidlin, Julia Cirincione, Arianna Correa-Gomez, Olivia Dalessandro, Caitlyn Dayton, Haley Demaria, Ali Dorn, Allison Durett, Alex Eckert, Abigail Fontana, Lauren Frazier, Rachel Freeman, Jessica Fugett, Christopher Geissler, Alyssa Gilman, Alexander Gugliotta, Matthew Haas, Joseph Haverlock, Steven Haverlock, Karina Hernandez, Kian Hoover, Sarah Iannaccone, Emily Isola, Emma Jaczko, Doriane Kasper, Brendan Kelly, Ashwin Kishen, Emma Klein, Tyler Kovacs, Kyle Krutis, Michael Lange, Rachel Lavelle, Christian Lisojo, Devin Loh, Caitlin Mahoney, Vasilios Makris, Alexa Marcazzo, Arielle Margulies, Kevin Maxwell, Madeline McNichol, Claire Nguyen, Rachel Noone, Joshua Okoro, Talia Paradiso, Evan Pasternak, Mykala Porter, Ryan Romaine, Jacob Salem, Elizabeth Scacifero, Ashley Smith, Orian Sneor, Emma Sobel, Thomas Tsuchiya, Nicole Van Etten, Alexander Wang, Katherine Westerlund, Leah White, Lauren Wong, Lizette Zambri

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8th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll

Leigh Abramson, Vasu Agrawal, Kelsey Ames, Judah Axelrod, Sara Babbitt, Jessica Banasiak, Lea Barny, Jeffrey Cahn, Allison Caramico, Angelo Chaia, Alex Cimring, Madison Cooper, Andrew Davis, Gabriella DePaola, Brian Deutschmeister, Alexander Favreau, Carly Fleischer, Matthew Giardiello, Zachary Goland, Alyssa Goldsmith, Marc Gotliboym, Brandon Ho, Alicia Jiang, Tracey Katz, Justin Kaufman, Caroline Keane, Yelena Kudryashova, Julia Lavelle, Sara Lombardi, Jenna Maizes, Madeline McGovern, Claire Meehan, Rebecca Melville, Alexandra Negri, Alexandra O'Hara, Onyinye Ohamadike, Alexa Paiva, Maria Pansulla, Nikhil Patel, Matthew Picone, John Pletscher, Lindsay Ratner, Erik Reiman, Alyssa Riporti, Alec Rodriguez, Elizabeth Schwartz, Sabrina Shih, Andrew Smith, Monica Squeri, Samantha Tropper, Alexis Veglia, Megan Voorhees, Thomas Walker, Erica Weiss, Olivia Whitehouse, Olivia Whitmer, Alex Wu, Elise Xu, George Ye, Benjamin Yin, Christian Zazzali

8th Grade Regular Honor Roll

Casey Abramson, Jacob Arkin, Eduardo Arocha, Carly Bayroff, Douglas Belcik, Frank Besson, Sal Bhakuni, Michael Borik, Michael Boyle, Thomas Braun, Rachel Brody, Amber Chabus, Jasmine Charles, Gabriell Charschan, Nicole Cieslinski, Thomas Clarke, Erin Connors, Mimi Contreras, Meghan Costello, Catherine Coughlan, Morgan Dashiell, Justin Davidson, Kyle Debelak, Katherine DeMarco, Caroline Devito, Marissa DiBella, Kenneth Evely, Jr, John Fabricatore, Megan Foley, Drew Garber, Kaila Garretson, Gianni Garyfallos, Elizabeth Gelling, Justin Giacona, Eliza Going, Gabriel Gonzalez, Sara Hayes, Brian Heath, Michael Hopkins, John Horre, Alexandra Jacobs, Samantha Jacobs, Gina Jadelis, Andrew Kalaigian, Benjamin Kaminoff, Rebecca Klee, Kayla Kocha, Daniel Korduba, Valentin Kudryashov, Paul Kussner, Christian Lettieri, Jamie Levitt, Constandin Logus, Joshua Lopez, Brittany Mahoney, Madison Maisel, Amanda Malool, Amanda Marcus, Alex Mazursky, Ailene McNamara, Connor McNamara, Brandon Meyers, Amanda Michnowski, Matthew Moran, Kyra Morling, Jordan Morris, Paige Morrison, Nicole Nugent, Jeffrey Okoro, Joseph Pagano, Jack Poillon, Joseph Rembish, Elias Riginos, Sarah Robinson, Shayna Rogoff, Ryan Romanowski, Hansel Romero, Jake Rosenblatt, Neil Rosenzweig, Mia Rossi, Zachary Rothenberg, Michael Rothman, Natalie Rothweiler, Trevor Skanes, Grant Sultatos, Adam Tropp, Jenny Tyler, Emily Vaughn, Elias Vitoroulis, Nah'rya Walker-Pierson, Olivia Wallden, Michael Walsh, Erin Weber, Megan Welch, Carly Werkheiser, Caitlin Williams, Emily Williamson, Kurtis Wisniewski, Mackenzie Wright, Peter Wright, Andy Xu, Benjamin Yorkovich, James Zambri

WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Third Marking Period

WHS Announces 10th Grade Honor Roll

Editor's Note: Last week's Westfield High School Honor Roll omitted the 10th grade regular honor roll designees, who are as follows:

10th Grade Regular Honor Roll

Edward Allen, Grace Antonelli, Arjun Asija, Loren Ball, Mia Ballan, Aimee Bass, Emily Benz, Caroline Bertoni, Alexander Bond, Eleanor Callinan, Thomas Case, Madeline Chandler, Justin Coelho, Eileen Cook, Kelly-Anne Crowley, Rebecca R. Daaleman, Carley Davis, Catherine DeMasi, Dominick F. De Paula, John Dedea, Anna Liah Derojas, Amanda Earl, Samantha Ellner, Jessie Fang, Abraham Fertig-Cohen, Adam Firestone, Kaitlyn Frey, Sarah Friedman, William Geoghegan, Christopher Gerckens, Abigail Goldring, Hannah Hays, Henry Hershey, Ryan Hobson, Kimberly Hoffman, John Hogge, Matthew Huff, Lydia Hughes, Dominik Jedruszczak, Amanda Juchnik, Jenna Karnofsky, Ashley Kattak, Pauna Kiricheva, John Kirna, Marilyn Kowalski, Kayla Krasnoo, John Lanzano, Carolyn Maguire, Richard Malacrea, Maxwell Marchiano, Anna Margolis, Katie Marino, Peter Mebane, Kavita Mehta, Sydney Metzger, Emily Miller, Meghan Murphy, Caroline O'Connor, Richard O'Connor, James O'Rourke, Anne Oldakowski, Ellis Opoku, Kevin Oster, Emma Polini, Sarah Ramire, Willi Rediker, Sam Rosenburgh, Alexandra Rubin, Erica Russo, Rebecca Sarkos, Eric Saunders, Abigail Sawers, Laura Schmahl, Andrew Schwarz, Kayla Seigelstein, Shweta Sethi, Sara Shields, Sari Solomon, Mia Spitz, John Stelmach, Nicholas Sternal, Hannah Stlifer, Stephanie Tepper, Alexa Turitz, Tyler Varian, Jacob Vergara, Peter Wanfried, Marisa Watanabe, Caroline Weber, Aimee Wenta, Daniel Wolf, Ross Workman, Madison Yarusi

WF Pingry Student Wins Merit Scholarship

WESTFIELD — Three Pingry seniors, including one from Westfield, were announced as winners in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program, which is in its 55th year of honoring students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

Approximately 8,200 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than $36 million, are being offered.

Danielle Cosentino and Neha Srivastava joined Samuel Fisher, a resident of Westfield, as the Pingry honorees.

Samuel is the recipient of the National Merit New York Life Family Scholarship, a corporate scholarship sponsored by New York Life Foundation. It is worth $8,000.

To enter the 2010 program, students took the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)—the national pool of semifinalists included the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

To advance to the finals, a semifinalist must have demonstrated an outstanding academic record throughout high school, been endorsed and recommended by the school principal and earned SAT scores that confirmed the earlier qualifying test. The scholarship application included information about the student's participation and leadership in school and community activities. Approximately 15,000 semifinalists advanced to the finals.

Braun Graduates From Juniata College

WESTFIELD – Three hundred and eight seniors were awarded Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees on Saturday, May 15, during ceremonies marking Juniata College's 132nd commencement.

Among the graduates, George Braun of Westfield, son of Ralph Braun and Sara Hedgepeth, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology with a secondary emphasis in psychology.

While at Juniata, George was a leading member of the Ultimate Frisbee Club and Laughingbush Outdoors Club. He was also named author in a Psychological Paper presented at the North Eastern Evolutionary Psychology Society Conference. George is a graduate of Westfield High School.

Simcox of WF Receives Master's Degree

WESTFIELD – Jeanette Simcox of Westfield participated in the 160th commencement ceremonies at Baldwin-Wallace College. Ms. Simcox earned a Master of Business Administration degree.

SPECIAL GUEST READER…Recently, Alicia Barker of Westfield visited the classroom of her son and daughter, Ethan and Annabel Barker, to serve as the surprise guest reader to the pre-kindergarten class. Mrs. Barker read "Silly Street," a collection of whimsical poetry, by Jeff Foxworthy to the children. Mrs. Barker is pictured above with the students.

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The Week in Sports

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MURRAY, YOUNGER TAP 2 HITS, 2 RBI; FUSARO SCORES

Panthers Topple Blue Devils In Baseball Semifinals, 12-3

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

A seven-run outburst in the third inning was all that was required as the second-seeded Bridgewater-Raritan High School baseball team eliminated third-seeded Westfield, 12-3 in a North Jersey 2, Group 4, Section 2 semifinal game in Bridgewater on May 25.

Brian Murphy and Mike Giordano, who had a two-run blast in the sixth inning, led the 12-hit Panther offense with three hits each and a combined six RBI. Andrew Lyman added a homer in the third. Panther starting pitcher Jordan Weinstein scattered four hits, walked two and hit one batter.

Blue Devils Tim Younger and A.J. Murray each had a pair of hits and an RBI. Pitcher Robbie Anderson allowed two runs on five hits, struck out six and yielded five walks in his 2-1/3 innings. Jay White pitched the balance of the game. The large number of walks combined with four errors took its toll.

"We just walked too many people and made way too many errors. The walks and errors gives them loads of people on base without even having to get a base hit, but their team hit the ball very well, they got a couple of big hits and their pitchers threw

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David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

COMPETING IN THREE EVENTS…Raider Kim Wenson competed in the shot put, the discus and the javelin at the Group 3 Championships on May 29. The week before, she won the shot put and discus, and placed second in the javelin at the Group 3, Section 2 meet. See aditional photos on web www.goleader.com (Cougar Online Exclusive pages)

MELLANA PLACES 2ND IN JAVELIN, HANDY 2ND T.J.

Blue Devils Advance 5, SPF 3 To Track Meet of Champions

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

The Track and field Meet of Champions (MOC) will be held today, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at Frank Jost Field in South Plainfield. Four Westfield High School athletes will participate in the individual events and the boys 4x400 relay team will take a crack at breaking into the top-eight. Scotch Plains-Fanwood advanced three individuals, and Cranford also advanced three individuals, one who will compete in two events.

The Blue Devil boys totaled seven points to place 27th in the Group 4 meet at Egg Harbor, while the girls also placed 27th with four team points. The Raider boys tied for 10th with 14 points in the Group 3 meet at South Plainfield on May 29, and the girls finished in a six-way tie for 16th with eight team points. The Lady Cougars took sixth with 28 team points in the Group 2 meet at Egg Harbor and the boys had one team point.

Raider Frank Mellana, who had the best toss in the javelin of all the Group 3 sections last week, had to wait until the very end of the meet to get his chance to toss the javelin. Last week, Mellana took first at the Group 3, Section 2 meet with a meet-record toss of 197-8, and the week before, he tossed a 199-5 at the East Coast Relays, so his hunger to reach the 200-feet mark has increased.

"I'm just shooting for that 200, trying to get closer," said the free-spirited Mellana prior to his event. "Last night our school had the prom. I left an hour-and-a-half early, went home, went straight to bed. Everyone else is down at the shore right now, and I have been focusing on the track meet. I had to tell my date this was far more important."

When the time arrived, Mellana did not have his best throw, but he did place second with a toss of 184-4, just five inches behind Steve Iafrate of Demarest to get another crack at exceeding 200 at the MOC.

Raider Quentin Blackwell advanced to the MOC by placing third in the long jump with a personal-record (PR) distance of 20-11.

"I fouled the first time. The first time I was running through, I was a little off. I just kept running, tried to get top speed, get good height and I PRed today," Blackwell said. "The Meet of Champs! I am feeling pretty happy with what I did today. I am going to try to get better for next week."

Although he did not place in the top-six to advance to the MOC, Raider sophomore Dan Pesin jumped into unchartered territory when he cleared 12 feet in the pole vault and missed

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More Group 3 Track Photos On Cougar Online Exclusive

David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

SLIDING HOME WITH TYING RUN…Cougar on-deck batter Sean Feeney, center, clenches his fist with glee when Mark Osofsky slides home with the tying run in the sixth inning. Raider catcher Lou Mazzella, right, awaits the throw. See more photos on the web (Cougar Online pages).

MAZZELLA, BINKIEWICZ HOMER; SCHON DOUBLES

Cougars Nudge Raiders, 6-5, In Baseball Section 2 Semis

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

Capitalizing on mistakes and free passes won out over a created opportunity and a pair of long balls as the third-seeded Cranford High School baseball team managed to nudge past second-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 6-5, in Scotch Plains on May 25 to advance to the championship of the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 tournament.

The 23-5 Cougars managed only two hits of their five-hit total in the first five innings, and only one of those hits played a role in the two manufactured runs in that span. Nick Pace slammed a double off the fence in the top of the first inning, tagged up and sped to third on a fly ball to left then scored on a pitch into the dirt by Raider starter Jordan Bayroff, who pitched two innings, yielding a walk and a hit batter.

The second run came in the fifth. Mark Linger walked, and Sean Trotter, facing an 0-2 pitch, managed to not get out of the way of a sweeping curveball thrown by reliever Gary Binkiewicz. Two batters later, Binkiewicz hit Eric Walano to load the bases. Next, Linger's pinch runner Justin Van Ostenbridge scored when catcher Lou Mazzella's throwing error to first on an attempted pickoff play.

"I think through the first three or four innings, they had one hit. We hit them three times. We had four walks, and they had two runs. We made two throwing errors. That's not like us.

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Grace MacKenzie

Zach Helfand

Kate Brennan

Graeme Stahl

Westfield School Boosters Association Presents 43rd Annual Booster Club Awards to 25 High School Senior Athletes

The Westfield High School (WHS) Booster Club (BC) recently awarded 25 student athlete scholarships in honor and memory of WHS coaches, athletes and boosters. Many scholarships were funded by local organizations and donors.

A scholarship committee, which consisted of Myles Driscoll Jr., Gary Fox, Jim Lau, Bill Taylor and Tom Madaras, evaluated the candidates based on the information received from the athletes themselves, the Guidance department, and Athletic Director Ed Tranchina, who also reviewed all the applications.

The Athletic Directors Award:

Tranchina, who is retiring after 25 years with WHS, presented the Athletic Directors Award, in honor of Tranchina and the three previous WHS Athletic Directors, Bob Duncan, John Lay and Gary Kehler. The Friends of Westfield Track, The Westfield Baseball League and The Westfield Lacrosse Club stepped forward to fund the award.

Zach Helfand, son of Linda and Mike Helfand, earned five varsity letters in football, indoor track and lacrosse. In football, he earned Second Team (2T) All-Watchung Conference (WC) honors. In track, Zach was named to the First Team (1T) All-Area (AA) and 1T All-Union County (UC) teams in the 4x400 relay, and Third Team (3T) UC for the hurdles. He is also a member of the school record holding 4x400 indoor relay team.

Zach is a member of the National Honor Society, an Edward J. Bloustein Scholar, National Merit Scholar and has been a member of the distinguished honor roll throughout high school. He was awarded the Raymond Bailey Award for football and received the UC Scholar Athlete Award.

Zach has founded the Fantasy Sports Club, is a *Hi Eye's* Sports Editor, a member of the Wall Street Club and an officer of the Jr. Optimist and Latin Clubs. Zach will attend the University of Michigan.

The Walter L. Clarkson Honorary Award:

Thom Hornish, coach of the WHS girl's cross-country (CC) team, presented the award, given by the Friends of Westfield Track. Caraugh Ball, daughter of Bitsy and Russ Ball, ran CC and track, earning four letters. She was a captain of both teams and was voted the CC Most Valuable Senior (MVS) last fall.

Caraugh is a member of the National Honor Society, a Bloustein Distinguished Scholar Nominee and has been on the distinguished honor roll throughout high school. She is a Transition Project Leader, a writer, photographer and editor for *Hi Eye's* and IRIS, a member of the Latin Club and an officer of the Junior Optimist Club. Caraugh will attend The College of New Jersey, where she is considering continuing her CC and track career.

Alumni Scholarship:

Initiated by the Roger Love family, the award was funded jointly by Taylor and Love Realtors and by the Boosters Association. Roger Love (WHS Class of '57) and his daughter, Traci Kastner (Class of '84), presented the award to Mike Fietkiewicz, son of Jane and John Fietkiewicz. Mike has earned six varsity letters (3 golf, 2 CC, 1 winter track). He was the 2009 WC Golf Champion and a member of three consecutive WC and UC championship teams. This spring, he was captain of the golf team.

Mike is a distinguished honor roll student. He is a St. Helen's Peer Minister and confirmation teacher, a volunteer at the St. Joseph's and Agape Soup Kitchens. Mike co-founded the Fantasy Sports Club, which will award a scholarship with the funds the club has raised. Mike will attend Roanoke College and will play golf.

The Toni Bristol Honorary Award:

WHS girls swim team coach Brooke Smith presented the award to Suzanne Lemberg, daughter of Fran and Barry Lemberg. She earned four letters on the swim team. Suzanne, the team captain this year, holds the WHS records in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle, and is a member of the school record holding 200-yard free and 200-yard medley relay teams and the 400-free relay team. She is a four-time 1T All-UC swimmer and was named *The Star-Ledger* UC and *Courier News* Swimmer of the Year as a sophomore. Suzanne has also received all-state honors three consecutive years.

Suzanne is a distinguished honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of the Model UN, Operation Smile and Nothing But Nets. Suzanne will attend Emory University and will continue her swimming career.

The Gary Kehler Award:

Presented by coach Kehler's wife, Alice Kehler, and their sons, Glen, a WHS Hall of Fame member, and Doug. This award is given by the Boosters in memory of Gary Kehler, WHS's "Hall of Fame" former athletic director, football coach, wrestling coach and golf coach.

Brian Henry, son of Leonor Gutierrez and Michael Henry, earned six varsity letters (2 football, 2 wrestling, 2 spring track). He was a captain of the wrestling and spring track teams this year, and was voted MVS in wrestling.

In wrestling, Brian was named 3T All-UC and earned the Gary Kehler "Most Heart Award" as a senior and was on the All-WC and the UC 2T as a junior. In football, he earned Honorable Mention All-Area recognition. Brian is a Transition Project Leader and will attend Seton Hall University.

The Jack Martin Spirit Award:

Presented by Jack Martin, coach of the WHS boys CC, indoor and spring track teams, and given by the Friends of Westfield Track in honor of coach Jack Martin, who began his service as a Westfield coach in 1972.

The recipient, Tyler Cusick, son of Susan and George Cusick, earned seven letters in CC, winter track, and spring track. He was a captain of the state championship CC team last fall. Tyler was 2T All-UC in CC (2008, 2009) and 1T All-Area and 2T All-UC this winter in the 800 meters.

He is a distinguished honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society, Bloustein Scholar and has the highest GPA among senior boys at WHS. Tyler was an officer of the Spanish club, participated in the community service club and is a founder of a book drive for the under privileged. Tyler will attend Harvard University where he is considering continuing his running career.

The Peter Houlihan Memorial Awards:

Presented by Bill Ludlum, former Booster President, and funded by anonymous Boosters, as well as by the Association itself.

The female recipient, Grace MacKenzie, daughter of Barb and Scott MacKenzie, earned six letters (3 soccer, 3 spring track). Last fall, she was a captain on the soccer team that was a Group IV runner-up, ranked third in New Jersey and 11th in the nation. Grace is a member of the National Honor Society. She serves as secretary of the French club. Grace will attend Wheaton College, where she will play soccer.

The male recipient, David Fishman, son of Diane and Ronald Fishman, earned five letters (2 indoor track, 3 outdoor track). He was a winter track group sectional pole vault champion and has placed in the Group IV and Tournament of Champions competitions. He was 2T All-UC indoor track this winter and was voted the MVS.

David is in the National Honor Society and a Bloustein Scholar Nominee. He participates in the Transition Project, Future Business Leaders, and the Wall Street Society. David is a four-year member of the marching band. He will attend Washington and Lee, where he will run track and pole vault.

The Westfield Basketball Association Awards:

Presented by Frank Fusaro, Boosters first vice-president.

The female recipient, Diana Venezia, daughter of Ann and Michael Venezia, earned four letters in basketball. She was a captain was voted MVS. Diana earned 1T All-UC and WC honors, was named to *The Star-Ledger* All-Defensive Team and twice was named to the *Courier News* All-Area team. Diana was selected to participate in the New Jersey North/South game and was a top-15 selection by the UC Coaches. She was named the Brian Picolo Award winner by the District 10 chapter of UNICO this year.

Diana has been on the Distinguished Honor Roll throughout high school. Diana will attend the University of North Carolina-Wilmington and will be a member of the women's basketball team.

The male recipient, Patrick Sabatino, son of Colleen and Daniel Sabatino, played lacrosse and basketball, earning four letters. This season, he received the Coach's Award for basketball. He was voted to the All-UC 2T and named the "Skinned Knee Player of the State" this season. He holds the WHS record for blocked shots in a game (junior year). He has served as an assistant coach for the Holy Trinity sixth grade basketball teams. Patrick will attend Stevens Institute of Technology and play basketball.

The Megan Kelly Memorial Award:

Presented by Jim Lau, Boosters Treasurer. This scholarship is given jointly by the Kelly family and the Boosters in memory of Megan Kelly, who was a freshman member of the 1987 girls soccer team and who died in 1988.

Lacy Cummings, daughter of Marijane and George Cummings, was a four-year member of the gymnastics team and served as tri-captain this season. She led WHS to top-10 finishes at the state championships the last three seasons and won the NJSIAA vault State Championship once and placed third twice. She also placed 16th and 10th in the NJSIAA all-around the last two seasons. She was sectional all-around champion (junior year) and UC all-around champion the last three seasons.

She holds the WHS vault, beam and all-around records and her score last fall at the Cougar Invitational is also a school record. She was selected to represent New Jersey at the National High School Gymnastics Championship Senior Showcase.

Lacy is a member of the National Honor Society and the Latin and French clubs. She has also organized a Christmas gift drive for children at St. Lima church in Newark for the last three years. Lacy will attend William and Mary College and continue her gymnastics career.

John Byrne Memorial Scholarship:

Presented by Owen Brand, Booster and member of the WHS Hall of Fame, and given by the Byrne family in memory of John Byrne, a former varsity athlete at WHS in the late 1970s.

Lisa Nehring, daughter of Mary Jane and Robert Nehring, earned eight letters (3 volleyball, 3 spring track, 2 winter track). She is a captain of the track team. In volleyball, Lisa was named 2T All-UC. In track, she has been a member of the teams that hold the WHS records in the distance medley and 4x1,600 relays.

Lisa is a member of the National Honor Society. Lisa will attend Colby College and plans to play volleyball and run track.

The Friends and Family of Marge and Bob Brewster:

WHS varsity baseball coach Bob Brewster presented the award. Coach Brewster is also the first recipient of a Westfield Booster Scholarship. The Brewster's have been long-time supporters of the Boosters and the local football, basketball and baseball programs.

Amanda Markowski, daughter of Mary Anne and Ed Markowski, played soccer and basketball, earning four letters. She was a basketball captain this winter. This fall, she earned 1T WC and 2T All-UC honors in soccer. Amanda also holds the WHS records in girls basketball for steals.

Amanda is a member of the National Honor Society and received the UC Scholar Athlete Award. She is an officer of the concert chair, co-president of Operation Smile, a member of Breast Cancer Awareness and serves as a peer minister at St. Helen's Church. Amanda will attend Marist College.

The Greta Schoenemann Memorial Scholarship:

Presented by WHS girls soccer coach Alex Schmidt. To honor Greta's memory, the Boosters have established a scholarship in her name to be awarded to a senior girls' soccer player about whom it can be said – "she was a great teammate."

Kathleen Esler

Kathleen Esler, daughter of Patti and Bill Esler, earned six letters (3 soccer, 3 softball). She was a softball team captain. The last two seasons, Kathleen has been named to the 2T All-UC teams in soccer and softball.

Kathleen is a transition project leader and has earned Girl Scouting's highest honor, the Gold Award. Kathleen will attend Wake Forest University and plans to play club soccer.

The Jim Nicoll Scholarship Award

Thom Hornish presented the award that honors Jim Nicoll, who has served as the financial secretary of the Friends of Westfield Track for many years.

Kelly Irving, daughter of Marti and Jeff Irving, is a captain of the spring track team and played field hockey last fall. She earned nine letters (4 track, 3 field hockey, 2 winter track). She has earned 2T All-UC honors in field hockey and spring track. Kelly has competed in the Penn Relays three times. She holds the school record in the triple jump, and is a member of the 4x200 relay team that holds the school and UC records and the team that holds the WHS 4x400 record.

Kelly is a member of operation smile. Kelly will attend Salisbury University where she may play field hockey and run track.

The Westfield Baseball League Award:

Presented by Leo White, president of the Westfield Baseball League (WBL). Maximilian Fusaro, son of Janice and Frank Fusaro, earned three letters (2 baseball, 1 basketball). He is a co-captain of the baseball team. Max is a member of the Spanish club. He also works with the St. Thomas youth basketball program and coaches a 9-year-old summer baseball travel team for the WBL. He will attend St. Joseph's University.

The Girls Softball League of Westfield Scholarship:

Ed Ronk, Girls Softball League of Westfield President, presented the award to Tara Criscuolo, daughter of Claire and Steve Criscuolo, who earned six letters (4 tennis, 2 softball). Last fall she was a captain of the Group IV championship and Tournament of Champions runner-up girl's tennis team and was voted MVS.

In tennis, Tara was a member of four UC Championship teams and won the County Championship at third singles and second singles (twice), while also placing third in first singles once. She was named 3T and 2T All-UC once and 1T twice. In softball, Tara has started every game the last two years.

She is a transition leader and has played in the WHS Band and Orchestra throughout high. Tara has conducted a book drive for Queen of Angles Grammar School in Newark in which over 1,000 books were collected and donated. Tara will attend the College of New Jersey, where she will continue her tennis career.

Tri Sports Achievement Scholarship:

Tom Tresnan (Booster member and past president) and Rick Lessner (Booster) were the presenters. This scholarship, sponsored by the Lessner and Tresnan Families, recognizes a student athlete, who has demonstrated outstanding athletic abilities by achieving three varsity letters in three different sports in their senior year.

Nikki Aronson, daughter of Cindy and Mitch Aronson, earned six letters (3 basketball, 2 softball, 1 field hockey). She was named to the All-Area softball team in 2009, *The Westfield Leader* All-Decade Team and a member of the 2009 WC Championship team. She was a member of the 2008 UC Champion and 2009 WC Championship basketball team.

Nikki served as a transition leader; sports editor for *Hi's Eye* and was an officer of the Junior Optimist and Asian Awareness clubs. Nikki will attend Boston University.

The Friends of Girl's Lacrosse Award:

Lois Hely presented the award to Katie Brennan, daughter of Cathy and Bill Brennan, who has earned three letters in lacrosse. Katie is a member of the National Honor Society, French National Honor Society and won the Dartmouth English Award. She was president of her class for three years and recording secretary and president of the Student Council, respectively, the last two years. Katie is also an editor of *Hi's Eye*, a lobby president for Youth and Government and transition leader. She serves as a St. Helen's Peer Minister and is a member of the Paper Mill Theatre Touring Class. Katie will attend Brown University.

The Westfield Tennis Association Award:

WHS boys soccer and boys tennis coach George Kapner presented the award to Graeme Stahl, son of Beth Brenner and Mark Stahl. Graeme is a quad-captain of the tennis team, and he earned four letters. He won an NJSIAA State and three UC doubles crowns, been a member of four UC and two Group IV and one Tournament of Champions championship teams.

Graeme is an AP Scholar with honors, National Merit commended scholar and member of the distinguished honor roll. He is president of the National Honor Society, a Transition Project leader, and member of the Wall Street Society Club, the Fed Challenge and Euro Challenge and organizes and mentors in the Plainfield Connection. Graeme will attend the University of Pennsylvania.

The Deborah Tuohy Memorial Scholarship:

Dennis Tuohy, Deborah's husband, and their son Patrick, the assistant varsity lacrosse coach at WHS, presented the award in memory of Deborah Tuohy by her husband and three sons. The recipient, Andrew Arnold, son of Judy and Robert Arnold, earned five letters (2 football, 3 lacrosse). He was lacrosse team captain the last two seasons.

He was selected the team's defensive MVP (2008, 2009) and last season was crowned the Ground Ball King. He was selected 1T All-UC by *The Star-Ledger* and Honorable Mention All-Area by the *Courier News*. He has also earned Group 3 All-State and All-Fitch Division honors the last two seasons.

Andrew will attend Sienna College where he will play lacrosse

Advisor's Awards:

Mike Helfand (Boosters 2nd vice-president) presented the awards. The female recipient, Rebecca Kape, daughter of Laurie and Brian Kape, earned three letters in soccer. She was a captain this season on the team that was a Group IV runner-up, ranked third in New Jersey and 11th in the nation.

She was selected to the National Soccer Coaches Association of American All-America and All-Region teams, was named a top-20 state and regional player by the New Jersey Girls Soccer Coaches Association and named to their all-state teams the last two seasons. She was named to the 1T All-State, Group IV and UC teams. She was named twice to the WC 1T. She was selected MVS on the team. Rebecca was also named *The Star-Ledger* UC Player of the Year, *Courier News* All-Area Player, and National Girls and Women in Sports WHS Female Athlete of the Year.

She is an ambassador for Soccer Without Borders. Rebecca is a member of the Honor Roll and will attend Rider University where she will play soccer.

The male recipient, Matt Meserole, son of Noreen Wickwire and Gary Meserole, earned four letters in swimming. He was captain and was MVS this year. Matt has been on four UC and one state championship team. He has won eight county individual or relay championships, and was named by *The Star-Ledger* the Freshman Swimmer of the Year and Swimmer of the Year this past season. He placed twice at the meet of champions and holds UC records in 100-backstroke, 400-freestyle relay and 200-medley relay. Matt has earned All-State recognition six times in the 100-butterfly, 100-freestyle, 100-backstroke, and 400-freestyle relay.

Matt is a National Honor Society member, three time scholastic All-American and scored 800 on the Math SAT. He will attend the University of Maryland, where he will continue his swimming career.

The Executive Committee Award:

Booster John Bennett, former Booster President, presented the award to Claire Stevens-Haas, daughter of Dana Stevens and David Haas, who earned 10 letters (4 gymnastics, 3 winter track, 4 spring track). Claire qualified for the Meet of Champions in the pole vault this winter, and holds the WHS record in winter track and the spring track triple jump record, and is a member of the record-holding teams for the spring triple jump (2- and 3-person relays), and long jump (3-person relay).

Claire is a member of the Italian and National Honor societies. She is a news editor for *Hi's Eye*, president of the Young Democrats and Asian Awareness clubs. Claire will attend New York University where she plans to continue her track and pole-vaulting career.

The President's Award:

John Fietkiewicz, Booster President, presented the most prestigious President's Award to Ryan Scrudato, son of Diane and Charlie Scrudato, who earned nine letters (3 CC, 3 winter track, 3 spring track). He was a captain of the Group IV State Championship CC teams as well as the winter and spring track teams this year. Ryan was voted the MVS in CC.

In CC, Ryan was named to the Group IV All-State 3T and the UC and All-Area 1T. He was named to the UC 1T and All-Area 2T for indoor track. Ryan was a member of the UC 2T in CC and spring track his junior year.

Ryan is a member of the National Honor Society. Ryan is a Transition Project leader, and member of breast cancer awareness, operation smile and the Italian clubs. Ryan will attend the Marist College where he will continue his cross-country and distance track career.

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MAKING THE PLAY AT SECOND BASE…Blue Devil second baseman Max Fusaro makes the tag on a Panther as shortstop Tim Younger, center, backs up the play.

Panthers Topple Blue Devils in Semifinals, 12-3

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strikes. They did not walk anyone," Blue Devil Head Coach Bob Brewster said. "Defensively, we were terrible today; on our heels the whole time. The thing is, we played such great defense in the last week and a half."

Blue Devil Max Fusaro dragged a bunt single and later scored on a fielder's choice to make the score, 1-0, in the top of the first, but base-running problems would emerge to limit opportunities. In the third, opportunity knocked again when Fusaro beat out the throw to first, and walks were issued to Murray and Dan Kerr to load the pods, but two sound Panther defensive plays thwarted any threat.

"Again we didn't get a run. First inning, we get a guy thrown out stealing," coach Brewster said. "We have a bunch of people on. [If] We don't get thrown out stealing, who knows what happens, how many runs we can put up."

Seven Panthers pounced home plate in the third inning. Lyman started the merry-go-round with a homerun ruling in centerfield that was disputed by coach Brewster, noting that the ball was actually in play for centerfielder Brett Johnson. Anderson then walked the next three batters and Murphy followed with a two-run single. After a Blue Devil pitching change, Giordano lined an RBI single and pinch runner Ariel Soto scored on a passed ball. Lyman, making his second plate appearance, tapped a groundball that was booted sending two Panthers across the plate.

"If I had to do it again, Robbie would still be out there. He's our man to come to in this situation, and he's been good for us all year. Unfortunately, he has been snake bitten twice on this field," Brewster said.

The 18-9 Blue Devils did answer with two runs in the fourth inning. Greg Fortino tapped a single and Johnson took one for the team. Younger stepped to the plate, ripped an RBI single to left, and Murray cracked a long RBI single to deep centerfield.

The 17-10 Panthers added two runs in the fifth and three in the sixth. In the fifth, Giordano and Jared Hargis each singled and scored on RBI sacrifice by Jon Guida and Lyman, respectively, then in the sixth, Murphy rapped an RBI single and Giardano slid a two-run homer inside the fence.

"The umpire said before the game, 'This is a tough fence. When you have a guy that is leaning against the fence and the ball is there, what do I call?' We saw that three times today. Who knows if they were home runs or not? Three hundred some feet away, those things happen," said Brewster.

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Cougars Nudge Raiders, 6-5, In Baseball Section 2 Semis

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We really don't throw the ball around. We are a team that usually plays pretty good defense," Raider Head Coach Tom Baylock said. "They put pressure on us to make plays. That's what they do, and we knew that coming in. They capitalized twice on it."

The Raiders also capitalized on a fine created opportunity in the bottom of the second inning. Joe D'Annunzio ripped a single to left and sprinted to third on Binkiewicz's single to center. After Binkiewicz was thrown out by catcher Linger attempting to steal for the second out, Cougar starting sophomore pitcher Kurt Rutmeyer walked Mazzella, whose pinch runner got caught in a rundown. In the meantime, D'Annunzio blazed home to score before the Cougars could make the putout.

"We were setting something up for him to get off the base and to see if we can get them to throw the ball around. We capitalized on their mistake," coach Baylock said. "I don't know if we do that with anyone else on third base. He is so fast. Once the first baseman made the throw, Joey scored."

Rutmeyer was successful in throwing a fastball strike on all of his first pitches then following up with breaking balls to keep the Raiders' armada of hitters off-balance. It worked well until the Raiders broke loose in then fifth inning with a pair of runs. Mazzella whacked a solo home run, Taylor Schon singled and Ricky Shevlin (2-for-4) hopped an RBI single to give the Raiders a 3-2 lead. Freshman Ryan Williamson relieved to stop the rally.

"After a couple of innings, we got the pattern, and we started hitting the ball," coach Baylock said.

Opportunity knocked in the sixth, and the Cougars pounced. Mark Osofsky and Nick Cook walked and Rob Ghiretti chopped an RBI single over third. Freshman Sean Feeney followed with a devastating two-run triple to the right field fence, and Linger made the score, 6-3, with a sacrifice fly to right.

"I was looking to pick myself back up, and I got a pitch right down the middle. It felt good off the bat. I knew it was in the gap. I saw the kid couldn't get to it. It was stuck at the fence, so I kept going," Feeney explained.

Binkiewicz blasted a leadoff home run in the seventh. Williamson got the next batter to line out to center then followed up with a strikeout. Raider Mike Lauricella's grounder to third seemed likely to be the third out, but the ball was overthrown. Shevlin singled and Rivera bounced an RBI single to bring John Maxwell to the plate with runners on first and second. On a 2-2 count, Williamson fooled Maxwell with a curveball to pick up the win.

"I just got to keep coming in and never giving up, because my teammates never let me down, so I will never let them down," Williamson said. "My curveball really wasn't going for a strike, but I felt like I needed to throw that last one for a strike. I did it! It was a big pitch!"

"Williamson was predominantly fastball, and he threw a couple of curveballs every now and then. He threw one for a strikeout on the last pitch. It took a lot of guts to throw that pitch in that spot," coach Baylock said.

"Hats off to Cranford! They played a better game than we did. They got guys on base. We did get some big hits toward the end, but when it comes down to it, we didn't get the runs we needed," Raider shortstop Mike Ridge said. "We didn't have our greatest defense today. We made way too many errors. Their pitchers did their job. They kept us off-balance."

"We were one base hit away. I'm looking on deck, and we have Ridge and Joey coming up right behind him. Maxwell! I haven't told him yet that he had 99 hits. I was waiting for the one hit to get that 100th in. It would have been sweet to have that 100th hit as a tying run," coach Baylock said. "If we win tomorrow, we will be 25-6. Our best record in 35 years! You can't take that away form the kids."

Interestingly, Ridge and Maxwell each reached the 100-hit mark and D'Annunzio got his 40th RBI of the season in a 10-0 win over Plainfield the next day.

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Football/Cheerleader PAL Registration Set

Registration for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PAL football season for players and cheerleaders will be held this Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Scotch Plains Police Department. Signups will also be available for the SPF PAL football camp that will be held June 28 to July 1. For information or to make copies of the registration forms, go to the SPF PAL website, www.spfpal.com.

Devil's Den

Tennis Team Finds a Way To Rewrite Record Books

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

Devil of the Week
John Bohlinger
Boys lacrosse

It's not easy for the boys tennis team to do something that no other WHS boys tennis team has done. The team was created in 1921 and has only had six losing records in 90 seasons, the most recent coming in 1948.

There have been some spectacular teams, including the dominating decade of the 1980s, when Tony Berardo's teams won 10 county, six sectional and six state Group 4 titles, including three in a row from 1986-88. The 1986 and '87 teams also won back-to-back All-Groups titles, the predecessor to the current Tournament of Champions.

When you've won 30 county, 20 sectional and 18 state titles, playing "how do you top this?" is becoming an annual thing for the Blue Devils.

Last Thursday at Mercer County Park, the 2010 boys team did top the great teams of 1986-88, beating Livingston in the semifinals and then Lenape to win its fourth straight state Group 4 title, something no other WHS tennis team had ever done.

The obvious heroes were Adam Reich, with two decisive wins at no. 3 singles, and the powerful doubles duos of Graeme Stahl-Alan Chu and Tom Kowalski-Scott Thompson.

But don't overlook the performances of seniors Scott Bernstein and Justin Snyder at the first two singles spots. Though they didn't win, they had to face the two best players on two of the best teams in the state and each earned a draw against Livingston and a tough loss against Lenape.

Bernstein took on two of the top singles players in the state, Tom Caputo and Nikola Kocovic, and won 14 games while dropping 22. Snyder won 22 games while losing 26 against Brandon Goldstein and Mike Humes, the no. 2 singles player in both South Jersey and on his own team (he lost to Kocovic in the S.J. Singles Tournament 6-3, 6-4).

WHS (27-3) earned the second seed in the Tournament of Champions and was to play yesterday against the winner of Tuesday's Delbarton-Millburn match. If WHS won yesterday, it would play today in the final, against either top-seeded Chatham, Dwight Englewood or New Providence.

Coach George Kapner's 2007 squad won the TOC, and WHS lost in the final the last two years, to Delbarton and Newark Academy, both by 3-2 margins.

DEN TRIVIA QUESTION

In his 28 years as varsity baseball coach, how many losing seasons has Bob Brewster had?

BASEBALL

Here's how fast a baseball game, especially a high school baseball game, can change around.

WHS, leading Bridgewater-Raritan 1-0 in the North 2 Group 4 semifinals a week ago Tuesday at Basilone Field, had the bases loaded and two out in the top of the third. Mike Buontempo hits a ball as hard as it can be hit, an apparent three-run double … but the right fielder makes a spectacular grab.

A couple of pitches into the bottom of the third, the first batter hits a fly to deep center that Brett Johnson isn't able to come up with as he crashes into, and over, the two-foot-high snow fence. He then recovers and jumps back over the fence to pick up the ball and throw it in. Too late! The base umpire had already signaled a home run, not taking into account that the ball had never left the playing field.

Everything unraveled for WHS at this point. The next three batters walked, there were a couple of errors and, before you knew it, a potential 4-0 lead had become a 7-1 hole. And, despite Bridgewater using a couple of pitchers, who looked like they were jayvee call-ups, WHS's sectional title drought had been extended to 22 years.

The same umpire later ruled another ball that didn't appear to clear the left-field fence as a home run, after Steve Forgash crashed through the fence, and later completed his horrible call hat trick by calling a WHS batter out at first on a play that wasn't even close enough to be called a bang-bang play.

(Note to Bridgewater-Raritan: can we replace the snow fences with something taller and sturdier?)

To make things worse, the ump had "rabbit ears" and started up a conversation with several WHS fans down the right-field line who were getting on his case. The guy was ripe for the picking (on) but it's a sign of old age that I just let it slide. (My apologies to original Westfield summer travel team managers Bob Brewster Sr. and Pat Papaccio, who used to love it whenever they found an ump with rabbit ears.) And it's days like that when I really wish Al Pfeiffer was there!

JAYVEES COUNTY CHAMPS

Congratulations to coach Ken Miller and his team after they won the Union County Jayvee Baseball Tournament with an 18-9 victory over Governor Livingston.

Trailing 8-0, the Highlanders battled back to tie the game at 8 when WHS starter Mike Mondon lost his control. Justin Erickson (three innings) and James O'Rourke (two) shut the door and an eight-run fifth won it.

The offense was supplied by lf Matt Varakian (2-for-4, three runs, three RBI), ss Brett Ryan (1-for-3, three runs, three walks), 1b Mike Coletta (2-for-4, two runs, four RBI), 2b Jon Gribbin (2-4, two runs, two RBI) and cf O'Rourke (three walks, three runs). Other regulars were dh John Randazzo, c Taylor Friss, 3b Aris Psyhojos and Ben Kraus, and rf Brian Duffy and Erickson. 3b Ryan Elliott, 2b Kurt Kowalski and ss Ryan Ferraro provided infield depth.

Going back through the record books, it shouldn't be surprising that the varsity has usually been good because the jayvees were usually very good. Starting in the early 1960s with Norm Koury (34-0 in three years), followed by Dick Zimmer (61-12 in four), Pete Lima (99-41 in seven), Bob Brewster (130-59 in eight), Bob Bruno (65-26-1 in four), Joe Marino (120-39-2 in seven) and, since 1994, Miller (226-91-4 in 17 years), the jayvees have a 50-year record of 735-268-7 (73.3 winning percentage).

Here are WHS's results (6 wins, 7 losses) in championship games of the UCT Jayvee Tournament, which started in 1970 (note: that first year the winner was Gov. Livingston, coached by future WHS coach Dave Cilo):

Coach Ken Miller
2010: beat Gov. Livingston 18-9
2009: beat Cranford 10-8
2004: beat Union 13-7
2001: beat Union 2-0
1994: beat Elizabeth 10-7
Coach Joe Marino
1993: beat Union 8-4
1992: lost to Union 8-4
1991: lost to SP-F 8-4
1990: lost to SP-F 4-2
1987: lost to Elizabeth 7-3
Coach Bob Bruno
1986: lost to Union 8-6
Coach Bob Brewster
1982: lost to Union Catholic 4-1
1980: lost to Cranford 5-4

DEN STUMPER QUESTION

E-mail me with the answer to this question and earn an evening, on the Den, at Dillon's (unless the Jolly Trolley has been restored to its old name). Here's the question: name the five men who have coached the WHS boys tennis team to a state title. Hint: George Kapner (four titles), Tony Berardo (seven), Bill Hansel (three) and Sam Bunting (three) are the other four.

THIS AND THAT

Bob Brewster's 28th season as WHS baseball coach produced an 18-9 final record, giving him 474 career wins. When you include his eight years as the program's jayvee coach, Brew has notched 604 baseball wins at WHS. And those 474 baseball wins move him into the no. 3 spot for all-time wins at WHS, ahead of Walt Clarkson, who notched 467 in track, cross-country and swimming. He trails only Gary Kehler (739) and George Kapner (955 and counting).

Because recordkeeping wasn't a big deal in the 1920s, it's difficult to find the golf team's records back then. But the Blue Devils are closing in on the 1,000th golf victory in school history, a number already reached by the baseball, boys basketball and boys tennis teams. Not counting the 1920s, WHS had 912 golf victories coming into this season.

The softball team suffered its first losing season since 2003 and just the second in the 37-year history of the program.

K.C. Knobloch (WHS, '78) is the assistant coach (with his wife Deanna) of the Moorestown girls lacrosse team whose 228-game win streak against N.J. opponents was snapped last week when Shawnee posted a 7-6 victory in the South Jersey Group 3 final. Shawnee then lost to Mendham 12-6 in the state final. Meade Brewster, daughter of WHS grad Daryl ('75), had two goals for Mendham.

Congratulations to WHS grad Ken Marsh ('90), whose Ridge boys lacrosse team won the state Group 3 title over West Windsor-Plainsboro North.

DEN TRIVIA ANSWER

Three: 11-14 in 1985, 9-15 in 1990 and 9-14 in 2000.

DEVIL OF THE WEEK

This week's winner of a free sub at Westfield Subs (263 South Avenue East) is John Bohlinger. The senior attack scored 50 goals – while leading the team in assists! – to become just the seventh 50-goal scorer in school history. He joins Ryan Yarusi (61), Ed Joffe (59), Rob Schmalz (53), Mike Bialick (53), Chris Dodge (52) and Chris Aslanian (50).

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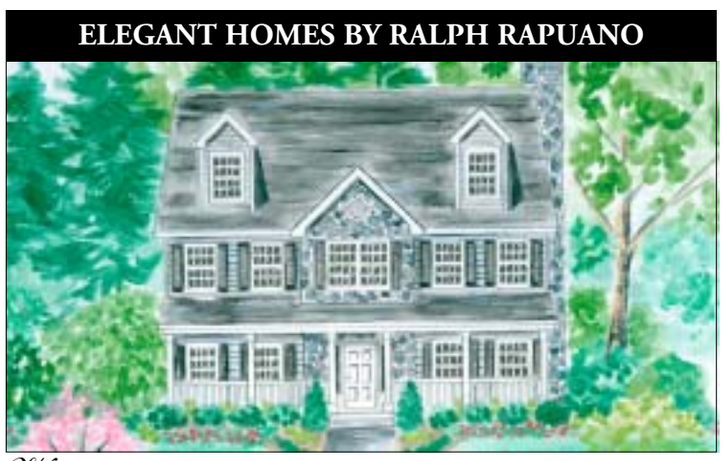

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THE SWEET FEELING OF VICTORY…The Cougar baseball team piles all over each other after defeating Morristown, 9-8, in an eight-inning classic to claim the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 championship on May 28 in Cranford.

WALANO (3-FOR-4, 2 RBI, 3 RUNS) SCORES WINNER

Cougars Nip Colonials in 8th For Section Baseball Title, 9-8

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

Eric Walano ripped a single, stole second base and sprinted home with the winning run on Rob Ghiretti's liner to short that was bobbled in the bottom of the eight inning to give No. 16 Cranford High School baseball team a 9-8 victory over no. 20 Morristown in the championship game of the NJSIAA/*Star Ledger* North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 tournament at Memorial Field in Cranford on May 28. The sectional title is the first since 2007 and seventh for the Cougars.

Cranford starting pitcher Kurt Rutmeyer, in his 2-1/3 innings, allowed three runs on five hits, and relief pitcher Ryan Williamson tossed 1-2/3 innings, allowing four runs on seven hits. Nick Cook, a senior left-hander, entered the game in the fourth inning and went the distance, delivering a gutsy four-inning effort, scattering three hits, striking out four, walking two and hitting a batter.

Cook also went 3-for-4, including an RBI single, and scored a run. Freshman third baseman Sean Feeney went 3-for-4 with an RBI and swiped a base. Right fielder Walano went 3-for-4 with two RBI and three runs scored. Mark Osofsky finished with two hits, while Nick Pace, Sean Trotter, Greg Matlosz and Marc Linger each contributed a hit.

"We were just glad to see Eric score from second. Ron (Ghiretti) put a tough at bat on there, he stayed on it and we were fortunate to put the ball in play. Eric runs the bases extremely well, and we were fortunate enough to steal and put a run across. The winning run! Morristown is well coached, their pitchers are very good and their lineup one through nine hits, so we knew we were in for a very difficult game," said Cranford Head Coach Dennis McCaffery. "Offensively, we have some very fast runners, and we were able to get guys on and put them into positions where we could steal. It's a credit to their work ethics."

Commenting on Cook's outstanding pitching performance, coach McCaffrey said, "He was able to change the momentum a little bit and keep them in check. [It is] As balanced of a lineup as I've seen in a long time in high school baseball. It's a credit to Nick; he was able to keep them close to us, and we were fortunate to get some hits."

The Cougars grabbed a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Pace slashed a single and swiped two bases, Walano and Osofsky each worked a free pass, and Cook spanked a single, scoring Pace. Next, two Cougars scratched the plate when a pickoff play to second went astray.

Morristown answered with three runs in the top of the third inning as it took advantage of four hits and two walks, highlighted by PJ Jennings' RBI single and Ian Wukitsch's two-run double. The Cougars regained the lead with a run in the bottom of the frame on Cook's sacrifice fly ball to right centerfield.

Morristown tattooed the ball with five hits and four runs in the fourth to take a 7-4 lead. Marc Palumbo lofted an RBI sac, Jennings punched a two-run single and Brandon Gonnelli came around to score on a throwing error. The Cougars retaliated with two runs in the sixth when Feeney and Andrew DiFrancesco singled, Walano rocked an RBI single then DiFrancesco slid across home plate safely on a bad throw at the plate.

In the seventh, Rafe Shupe clubbed a fastball over the 375-foot right field fence to give the Colonials a 8-6 lead, but the Cougars growled right back at them and made it an 8-8 game. Osofsky beat the throw to first and Cook singled. Both runners advanced on a double steal and scored, respectively, on Ghiretti's sac fly and Feeney's RBI single.

Walano's heads-up base running on Ghiretti's grounder in the eighth, earned the Cougars the sectional title.

"Early in the count, I was looking for a pitch I could hit. [I] fouled the first one off; put a good swing on it. He made a nice pitch for strike two. Then on the next pitch, I caught the fastball on the inside half and hit it towards the shortstop. I knew it went through, because everybody started cheering and I saw the run score. It was incredible, I can't really describe it," said Ghiretti after the game.

Morristown	003	400	10	8
Cranford	301	002	21	9

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Cranford Sports Archives From September 2009 are available.

FSPY 'C' Gymnasts Win, 'B' Gymnasts Place Second at 'Y' State Championship

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains "Y" (FSPY) competed in the New Jersey "Y" Gymnastics League State Championship on May 17 at the Madison Area "Y." The FSPY "C" Division team won their meet, and the "B" and "C" Divisions took second.

Age 10: Abigail Kennedy took silver on uneven bars and floor exercise, fifth all-around and sixth on vault. Kristy Cerini took bronze on balance beam and fifth on floor.

11-12: Sydne Powers was state champ in the all-around, vault, bars and floor, and took silver on beam. Morghan Johnson grabbed silver on unevens.

13+: Sara Rocha won the all-around and vault, and took silver on unevens and floor. Rebecca Leonard won states on unevens, and took third all-around and fifth on floor. Marissa LaMastra won states on floor, took bronze on vault and placed fifth on beam. Arielle Margulies captured silver on beam, bronze on vault and fourth on floor. Danielle Rosenblatt earned bronze on floor and fourth on vault. Naomi Porter took silver on vault. Emily Isola earned fourth on beam.

B Division 12U: Danielle Scheu captured second in all-around, vault and floor, and fourth on unevens and beam. Cara Provenzano won vault and placed fifth on unevens. Alyssa Gardner earned fourth on floor and fifth on vault. Paige VanBuskirk also competed.

13+: Abigail Fontana won states in all-around and unevens, took silver on vault and beam and bronze on floor. Michelle Rogoff won the vault, took bronze on unevens and fourth all-around. Heather Mullen won the floor, received bronze on vault and beam, and took fifth all-around. Rachel Butler grabbed silver on vault, fourth on beam and fifth on unevens. Joelle Pisauro was fifth on unevens. Meghan Yessman was fifth on beam.

A Division Level 9: Senior Gina Pelosi captured bronze on vault. Hannah Kronick earned sixth on unevens. Samantha Mazzucco and Sarah VanBuskirk also competed.

Level 8 13U: Lizzie Kwok took third all-around, third on unevens and fourth on beam. Lauren Lockfeld took bronze on vault and fourth on unevens.

14-15: Kacie Bumiller won states on vault, took second all-around and trophy floor, and bronze on beam. Zoe-Nicole Stein won states on unevens, took third in all-around and floor, and took silver on vault. Kaitlyn Frey grabbed silver on vault and unevens. Marissa DiBella took fourth on unevens.

16+: Olivia Dunham took bronze on beam, fourth all-around and on floor, and fifth on unevens. Lisa Matrale earned silver on unevens and floor. Victoria Shack also competed.

The "A" Division will be attending the YMCA Regional Championships in Hanover, Pa. and the National Championships in San Diego, Calif. in June.

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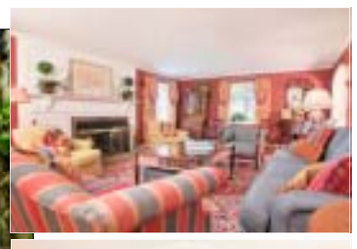

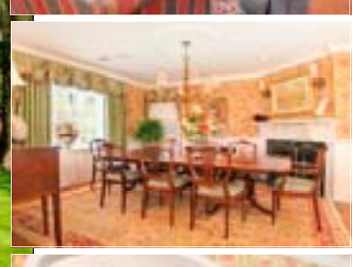

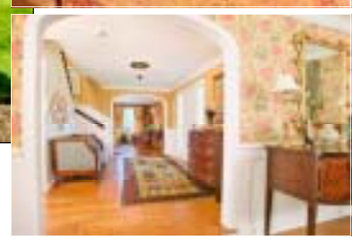

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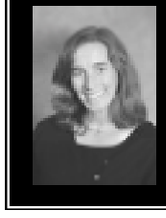

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DEFINITELY A FREE SPIRIT…Raider Frank Mellana, who took first in the javelin with a toss of 197-8 at the Group 3, Section 2 meet, placed second at the Group 3 meet with a toss of 184-4.

David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

GIVING IT A GOOD TRY…Raider senior Sarah Canfield qualified to compete in two events – the triple jump and the long jump – at the Group 3 Championships in South Plainfield on May 28 and 29.

Blue Devils Advance 5, SPF Send 3 to Track Meet of Champions

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on three attempts at 12-6. Previously, his best meet clearance was 11 feet.

Pesin, also a member of the strong Raider swim team, found some of his gymnastics background to be useful.

"I did gymnastics up until fifth grade, and then it just became too much and too overwhelming. I can still do a bunch of the tricks," said Pesin, who added, "In the beginning of the season, I had to start late, because swimming ended around where spring break was. Last year, I did 9-6. This year, once I got to my first meet, I cleared 11. Up until now, I was going 11, 11, 11. I couldn't get past that. This week at practice, I took it to 12 and cleared it, so I said, 'I guess I can do this.' That's what happened here. Hopefully next year I can get 13."

Prior to the qualifying round of the girls triple jump, Raider Head Coach Rich McGriff was considering a strategy for junior Camile Handy, who won her section last week with a PR distance of 37-0.75.

"The first jump, you want to get a jump that gets you into the finals, like a 35. Then, I think she will be aggressive. She won't have to be nervous. She can attack it, because she would know there is nothing to lose," said coach McGriff.

Handy made it to the finals and placed second with a distance of 36-7.

Raider Erin Pierce cut seven seconds off her PR time that she turned in when she placed second in the 1,600 meters at the sectional meet, crossing in 5:10. Although she did not advance to the MOC, her improvement shows a lot of promise for next year.

"I was seeded 11th. There were two girls in front of me. It was those two girls and I most of the race. We were rotating, who was leading our pack. He [Raider Head Coach Jeff Koegel] was saying to stay with them, because they were on a very good pace," Pierce said. "Going down to my final lap, he yelled, 'you have a huge PR today. Stay there.' My last lap, he said, was six seconds faster, so I had a big kick on my last lap. That's what really carried me to the end."

To help her with her big kick, coach Koegel made some adjustments in her workout in practice.

"During this week, on Wednesday, we did a workout where I did 200's and a couple of 400's. He said this will help you with your pacing, and it will help you on your last lap," Pierce said.

Raider Kim Wenson, who won the shot put and discus, and placed second in the javelin at the sectionals last week, just missed qualifying for the MOC in all three events.

According to Raider field coach Ken Hernandez, "Kim did not make the top-six in the discus, but she had a throw of 106 feet, which is about three feet better than she had last week at the sectionals. She was consistent. All of her throws were around the same."

Raider Sarah Canfield, who qualified for the group meet in the triple jump and the long jump, did not compete in the triple jump and came up short in the long jump. Osa Ebose competed in the shot put but did not make the top-six.

Blue Devil Jon Henry qualified for the MOC by finishing fourth in the 400 meters with a time of 49.53. Jhakyse Williams, Brian Henry, Pat Gray and Jon Henry placed sixth in the 4x400 with a time of 3:23.9. Gray placed sixth in the javelin with a toss of 177-9 and Dave Fishman took sixth in the pole vault with a height of 13-6. Blue Devil Ashley Edwards crossed fourth in the 400 with a time of 57.65 to qualify for the MOC.

Cranford Cougar Kelly Burke continued to break meet records. This time she broke the Group 2 record in the triple jump with a distance of 39-2.25. The previous record of 38-11 was set in 2007 by Donna Alexander of Matawan. Burke also broke the meet record of 12-1 in the pole vault set in 2008 by Nicole Pompei (Hanover Park) with a clearance of 12-2.

Cougar Natalie Englese crossed second in the 400 meters with a time of 58.03. Cougar Will Smith qualified for the MOC by crossing sixth in the 1,600 with a time of 4:24.76.

The Union Catholic Viking boys placed sixth with 25.5 points in the Non-Public A meet. Christian Brothers' Mike Mazzaccaro at 4:09.53 nosed out Viking DJ Thornton (4:09.63) for first in the 1,600. Both competitors broke the previous record of 4:15.45 set by Delbarton's Pat Schellberg last year.

Viking Allen Eke crossed second in the 800 with a time of 1:53.74. Jamaad Nash finished second in the triple jump with a distance of 43-5.5, and Alex Sarkodie took sixth in the high jump with a clearance of six feet.

ANOTHER GREAT SEASON…The Westfield U10 Tornadoes boys' travel soccer team had a tremendous winning season. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Jordan Barham, Michael Canabarro, Alex Pinkowski, Julian Bryen, Leo Warsh and William Walsweer; middle row, Matthew Canabarro, Zack Edwards, Jason Little, Daniel Lisak, Matthew Manning, Joey Wirtshafter and Head Coach Jeff Warsh; Back row, Assistant Coaches Brad Bryen and Eduardo Canabarro.

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Standings:

50+ A DIVISION (As of May 30):

TEAM	W	L
Renda Roads	9	0
Brew Crew	6	4
Liberty Lighting	5	5
Molly Maguire	5	5
SMC	5	5
Awnings Galore	3	6

50+ B DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Contact Lens & Vision	7	2
Driftwood Bar & Grill I	5	5
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Sun Tavern	3	7
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TLC	7	1
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Associated Auto	1	7

Renda Roads 16, Liberty 4

Eddie Belford's glove, Joe Massimino and Angelo Corbo (each 4-for-4), Tom Straniero (4-for-5), Lou Balestriere and Tom Baldowski (each 3-for-4) led the Roadmen.

Brew Crew 8, SMC 6

Dave Ball (3-for-3), George Brokaw (2-for-2), Don Montefusco and Joe Viso (each 2-for-3), and Bob Lieberman's pitching led the Crew. John Fessock made a great defensive play. Paul Levenberg (2 triples), Dennis Valvano and Ed Lubas led SMC.

Molly Maguire's 14, Awnings 9

Mollies plated five runs in the seventh. Pat Ahern (4 hits, 4 runs scored), Glenn Zuhl (3 hits, double, 3 RBI) and Rich Goski (3 hits) led Molly's. Charles Babela (HR, 2 singles, 2 RBI), Fred Amado, Brian Granstrand, Ray Meigs and Bruce Crawford (3 hits each) led Awnings.

Contact 6, Linda's Driftwood II 5

Contact had multi-hit games from Pete Byer, Kerry Gelb, Vic Dudash and Brian McDermott.

Linda's I 12, Sun Tavern 10

Steve Lerner (4-for-4), Joe Sarica (3-for-4) and Keith McDede (3-for-3); Jack Helfrich (2 doubles), Paul Brody, Ron Horinko and pitcher Tom Siano each with two hits led Linda's. Steve Falco (5 hits) and Ed McColgan (4 hits); George Gonzales, Pete Osborn and Dennis Baker each with multi-hits led the Tavern.

SMC 13, Sun Tavern 0

Chris Paterek tossed a shutout. Walt Serafyn, John Symczak and Steve Cauley led the offense.

Magnolia Auto 20, D&K 9

Molly Maguire's 11, Linda's I 2

Dave Drechsel (3 hits, double, triple, 3 runs scored), Charlie Wischusen (2 hits, bases-clearing triple, 4 RBI) and Al Burton (2 hits, double, 3 RBI) led Molly's. For Linda's, Joe Sarica, Mac Kowaleski and Paul Brody had multi-hit games.

Liberty Lighting 7, Linda's II 3

Tom MacDermant (3-for-3) and three double plays led Liberty. Steve Lemanowicz and Jeff Vianni led Linda's hitting.

Brew Crew 11, D&K 3

John Fessock and Greg Hartnett (each 3-for-3), Geno Antonucci, Don Montefusco and Bobby D'Meo (each 2-for-3) and Terry Franklin (2-for-2) led the Crew.

Kilkenny House 25, TLC 10

Kilkenny House exploded with 33 hits. John Wieczerak's six hits and Don Montefusco's sensational catch in left-center led the onslaught. **See ad on page 3**

Creative 16, Nicolina 1

Bob Failla (3-run HR), Bob Berger (HR) and Ray Cozzarelli (2 RBI) led Creative.

The Office 15, Associated 3

Brian McDermott (3 hits, HR, 5 RB); and Bill Hinkle, Lou Koehler, Tex Charkowick and Jim Donnelly (each with 3 hits) led The Office. Pitcher Ken Dunbar scattered 10 hits. Associated's Jim Spitler and Phil Fink had multi-hits.

TLC 9, The Office 1

Strong defense by Wayne Michael, John Silva and Rich Traub supported pitcher Fred DiMartino. Bob Lorincz (4 hits), and Pete Osborn and Oscar Harrison (HR, 3 RBI each) led TLC.

Kilkenny House 17, Nicolina 2

Kilkenny turned four double plays and everyone got at least two hits.

Creative 17, Associated Auto 3

Frank Coviello (2 triples, 3 RBI, 3 hits), Bill Dougherty (HR, 3 RBI) and Tom Lombardi (4-for-4) led Creative. Rich Krov (2 hits) and Paul Brody (3-for-3, 2 outstanding catches) led Associated.

MVP IN LACROSSE: Morristown-Beard School senior Evan Bakst of Westfield received the Most Valuable Player Award for boys lacrosse at the school's Spring Sports Awards Ceremony on May 10. Pictured from left are: Morristown-Beard School Headmaster Alex Curtis, Coach Alden Hess, junior Nicholas Strunc (Chatham), Bakst, sophomore Anthony Scioscia (Watchung), senior Phil Haynes (Basking Ridge), Ryan Geisser (Livingston) and Athletic Director David Doyle.

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Cranford Cougar High School Sports

FEENEY RAPS 2-RUN TRIPLE, GHIRETTI RBI SINGLE

Cougars Nudge Raiders, 6-5, In Baseball Section 2 Semis

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

Capitalizing on mistakes and free passes won out over a created opportunity and a pair of long balls as the third-seeded Cranford High School baseball team managed to nudge past second-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 6-5, in Scotch Plains on May 25 to advance to the championship of the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 tournament.

The 23-5 Cougars managed only two hits of their five-hit total in the first five innings, and only one of those hits played a role in the two manufactured runs in that span. Nick Pace slammed a double off the fence in the top of the first inning, tagged up and sped to third on a fly ball to left then scored on a pitch into the dirt by Raider starter Jordan Bayroff, who pitched two innings, yielding a walk and a hit batter.

The second run came in the fifth. Mark Linger walked, and Sean Trotter, facing an 0-2 pitch, managed to not get out of the way of a sweeping curveball thrown by reliever Gary Binkiewicz. Two batters later, Binkiewicz hit Eric Walano to load the bases. Next, Linger's pinch runner Justin Van Ostenbridge scored when catcher Lou Mazzella's throwing error to first on an attempted pickoff play.

"I think through the first three or four innings, they had one hit. We hit them three times. We had four walks, and they had two runs. We made two throwing errors. That's not like us. We really don't throw the ball around. We are a team that usually plays pretty good defense," Raider Head Coach Tom Baylock said. "They put pressure on us to make plays. That's what they do, and we knew that coming in. They capitalized twice on it."

The Raiders also capitalized on a fine created opportunity in the bottom of the second inning. Joe D'Annunzio ripped a single to left and sprinted to third on Binkiewicz's single to center. After Binkiewicz was thrown out by catcher Linger attempting to steal for the second out,

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SLIDING IN SAFELY…Cougar Nick Cook slides into third base as Raider shortstop Mike Ridge covers the bag in the sixth inning. The Cougars defeated the Raiders, 6-5, in Scotch Plains.

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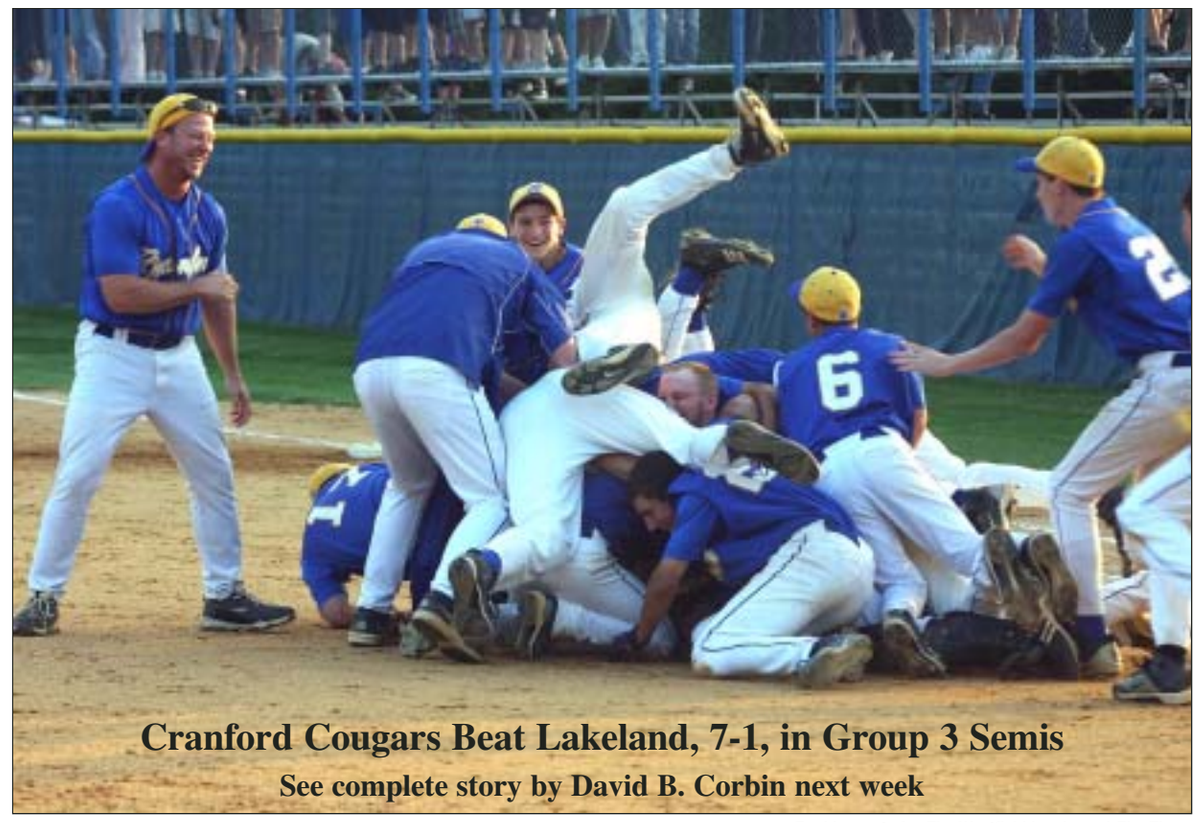

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THE SWEET FEELING OF VICTORY…The Cougar baseball team piles all over each other after defeating Morristown, 9-8, in an eight-inning classic to claim the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 championship on May 28 in Cranford.

WALANO (3-FOR-4, 2 RBI, 3 RUNS) SCORES WINNER

Cougars Nip Colonials in 8th For Section Baseball Title, 9-8

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

Eric Walano ripped a single, stole second base and sprinted home with the winning run on Rob Ghiretti's liner to short that was bobbled in the bottom of the eight inning to give No. 16 Cranford High School baseball team a 9-8 victory over No. 20 Morristown in the championship game of the NJSIAA/Star Ledger North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 tournament at Memorial Field in Cranford on May 28. The sectional title is the first since 2007 and seventh for the Cougars.

Cranford starting pitcher Kurt Rutmeyer, in his 2-1/3 innings, allowed three runs on five hits, and relief pitcher Ryan Williamson tossed 1-2/3 innings, allowing four runs on seven hits. Nick Cook, a senior left-hander, entered the game in the fourth inning and went the distance, delivering a gutsy four-inning effort, scattering three hits, striking out four, walking two and hitting a batter.

Cook also went 3-for-4, including an RBI single, and scored a run. Freshman third baseman Sean Feeney went 3-for-4 with an RBI and swiped a base. Right fielder Walano went 3-for-4 with two RBI and three runs scored. Mark Osofsky finished with two hits, while Nick Pace, Sean Trotter, Greg Matlosz and Marc Linger each contributed a hit.

"We were just glad to see Eric score from second. Ron (Ghiretti) put a tough at bat on there, he stayed on it and we were fortunate to put the ball in play. Eric runs the bases extremely well, and we were fortunate

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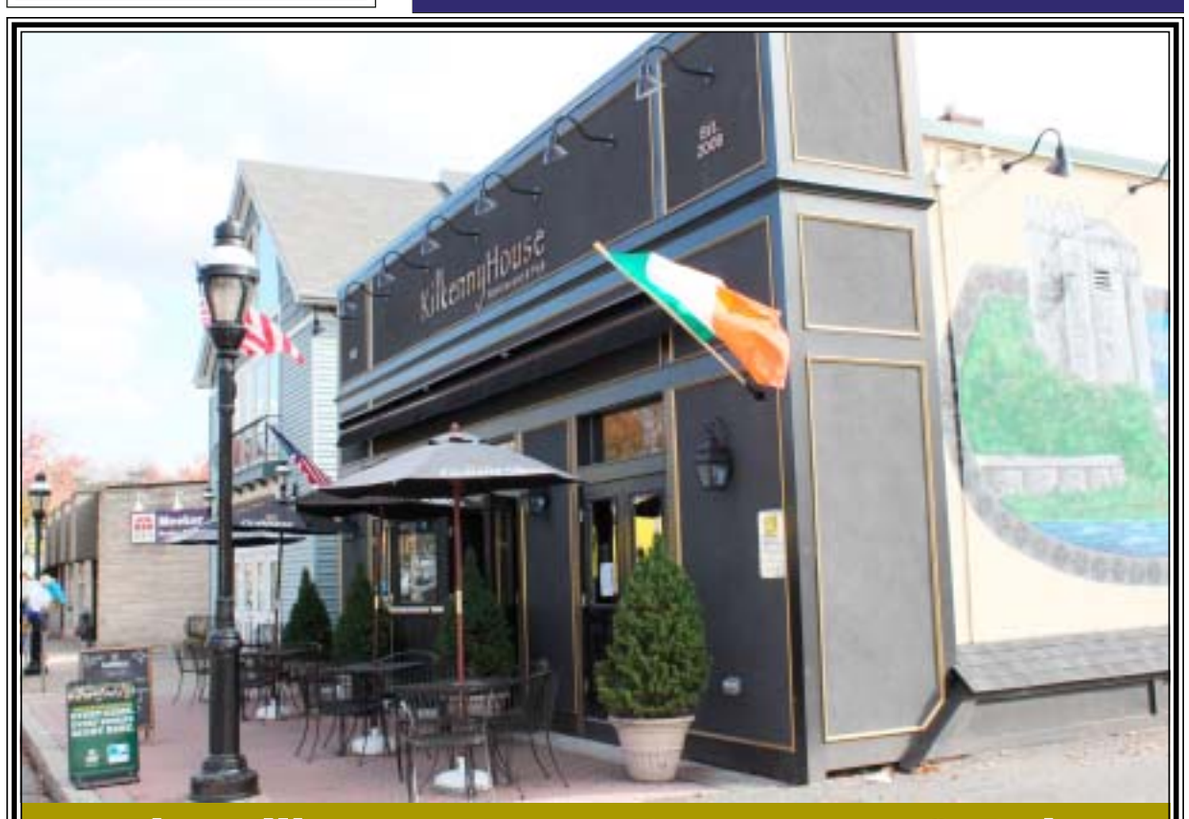

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A SQUASHING SITUATION…Raider Marcus Rivera, top, squashes Cougar Justin Van Ostenbridge as he slides into third base and the throw rolls toward left field.

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CLOSE PLAY AT FIRST BASE…Raider Joe D'Annunzio dives safely back to the bag as Cougar first baseman Nick Cook catches the pickoff attempt made by pitcher Kurt Rutmeyer.

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Cougar starting sophomore pitcher Kurt Rutmeyer walked Mazzella, whose pinch runner got caught in a rundown. In the meantime, D'Annunzio blazed home to score before the Cougars could make the putout.

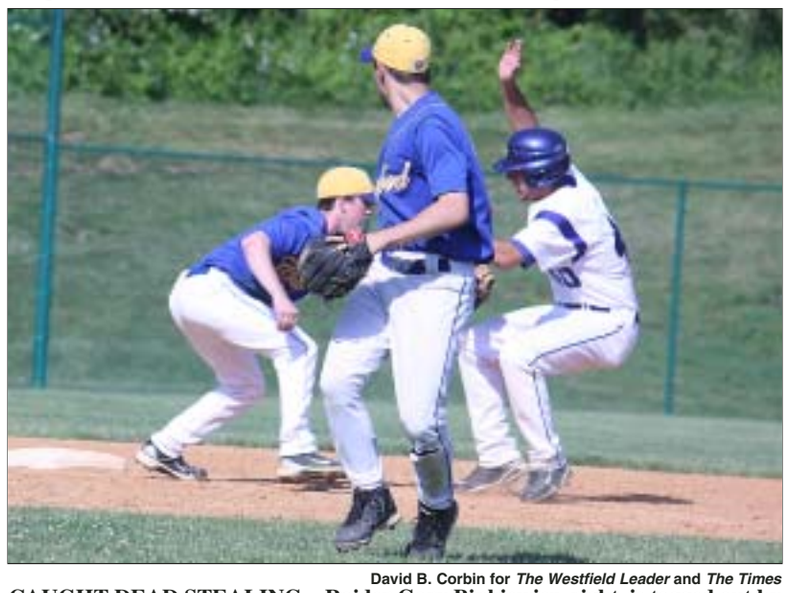
"We were setting something up for him to get off the base and to see if we can get them to throw the ball around. We capitalized on their mistake," coach Baylock said. "I don't know if we do that with anyone else on third base. He is so fast. Once the first baseman made the throw, Joey scored."

Rutmeyer was successful in throwing a fastball strike on all of his first pitches then following up with breaking balls to keep the Raiders' armada of hitters off-balance. It worked well until the Raiders broke loose in then fifth inning with a pair of runs. Mazzella whacked a solo home run, Taylor Schon singled and Ricky Shevlin (2-for-4) hopped an RBI single to give the Raiders a 3-2 lead. Freshman Ryan Williamson relieved to stop the rally.

"After a couple of innings, we got the pattern, and we started hitting the ball," coach Baylock said.

Opportunity knocked in the sixth, and the Cougars pounced. Mark Osofsky and Nick Cook walked and Rob Ghiretti chopped an RBI single over third. Freshman Sean Feeney followed with a devastating two-run triple to the right field fence, and Linger made the score, 6-3, with a sacrifice fly to right.

"I was looking to pick myself back up, and I got a pitch right down the middle. It felt good off the bat. I knew it was in the gap. I saw the kid couldn't get to it. It was stuck at the fence, so I kept going," Feeney explained.



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CAUGHT DEAD STEALING…Raider Gary Binkiewicz, right, is tagged out by Cougar shortstop Sean Trotter in the second inning.

Binkiewicz blasted a leadoff home run in the seventh. Williamson got the next batter to line out to center then followed up with a strikeout. Raider Mike Lauricella's grounder to third seemed likely to be the third out, but the ball was overthrown. Shevlin singled and Rivera bounced an RBI single to bring John Maxwell to the plate with runners on first and second. On a 2-2 count, Williamson fooled Maxwell with a curveball to pick up the win.

"I just got to keep coming in and never giving up, because my teammates never let me down, so I will never let them down," Williamson said. "My curveball really wasn't going for a strike, but I felt like I needed to throw that last one for a strike. I did it! It was a big pitch!"

"Williamson was predominantly fastball, and he threw a couple of curveballs every now and then. He threw one for a strikeout on the last pitch. It took a lot of guts to throw that pitch in that spot," coach Baylock said.

"Hats off to Cranford! They played a better game than we did. They got guys on base. We did get some big hits toward the end, but when it comes down to it, we didn't get the runs we needed," Raider shortstop Mike Ridge said. "We didn't have our greatest defense today. We made way too many errors. Their pitchers did their job. They kept us off-balance."

"We were one base hit away. I'm looking on deck, and we have Ridge and Joey coming up right behind him. Maxwell! I haven't told him yet that he had 99 hits. I was waiting for the one hit to get that 100th in. It would have been sweet to have that 100th hit as a tying run," coach Baylock said. "If we win tomorrow, we will be 25-6. Our best record in 35 years! You can't take that away form the kids."

Interestingly, Ridge and Maxwell each reached the 100-hit mark and D'Annunzio got his 40th RBI of the season in a 10-0 win over Plainfield the next day.

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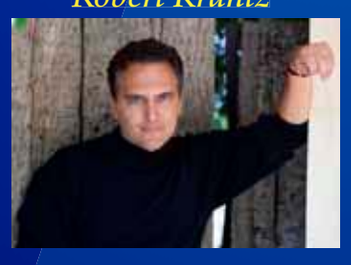

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SLIDING HOME WITH THE WINNING RUN…Eric Walano, right, scores the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning to earn the Cougars the sectional title.

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NORTH JERSEY, GROUP 3, SECTION 2 CHAMPS…The Cougars defeated Morristown, 9-8, in an eight-inning classic to capture the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 championship.

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enough to steal and put a run across. The winning run! Morristown is well coached, their pitchers are very good and their lineup one through nine hits, so we knew we were in for a very difficult game," said Cranford Head Coach Dennis McCaffery. "Offensively, we have some very fast runners, and we were able to get guys on and put them into positions where we could steal. It's a credit to their work ethics."

Commenting on Cook's outstanding pitching performance, coach McCaffrey said, "He was able to change the momentum a little bit and keep them in check. [It is] As balanced of a lineup as I've seen in a long time in high school baseball. It's a credit to Nick; he was able to keep them close to us, and we were fortunate to get some hits."

The Cougars grabbed a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Pace slashed a single and swiped two bases, Walano and Osofsky each worked a free pass, and Cook spanked a single, scoring Pace. Next, two Cougars scratched the plate when a pickoff play to second went astray.

Morristown answered with three runs in the top of the third inning as it took advantage of four hits and two walks, highlighted by PJ Jennings' RBI single and Ian Wukitsch's two-run double. The Cougars regained the lead with a run in the bottom of the frame on Cook's sacrifice fly ball to right centerfield.

Morristown tattooed the ball with five hits and four runs in the fourth to take a 7-4 lead. Marc Palumbo lofted an RBI sac, Jennings punched a two-run single and Brandon Gonnelli came around to score on a throwing error. The Cougars retaliated with two runs in the sixth when Feeney and Andrew DiFrancesco singled, Walano rocked an RBI single then DiFrancesco slid across home plate safely on a bad throw at the plate.

In the seventh, Rafe Shupe clubbed a fastball over the 375' right field fence to give the Colonials a 8-6 lead, but the Cougars growled right back at them and made it an 8-8 game. Osofsky beat the throw to first and Cook singled. Both runners advanced on a double steal and scored, respectively, on Ghiretti's sac fly and Feeney's RBI single.

Walano's heads-up base running on Ghiretti's grounder in the eighth, earned the Cougars the sectional title.

"Early in the count, I was looking for a pitch I could hit. [I] fouled the first one off; put a good swing on it. He made a nice pitch for strike two. Then on the next pitch, I caught the fastball on the inside half and hit it towards the shortstop. I knew it went through, because everybody started cheering and I saw the run score. It was incredible, I can't really describe it," said Ghiretti after the game.

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COUGAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK…Derek DeCagna, a senior captain on the varsity tennis team, ended his season with a 6-3, 6-1 win to improve his final record to 12-4 at first doubles.

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IN A VERY TIGHT RACE…Union Catholic Viking DJ Thornton, front, leads Mike Mazzaccaro (Christian Brothers Academy) in the 1,600. Mazzaccaro nosed out Thornton for the title and both broke the meet record.

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COMPETING IN THE GRUELING 3,200 METERS…Raiders Brandon Wheeler, left, and Alex Parker, second from right, competed in the grueling 3,200-meter race at the Group 3 Championships in South Plainfield on May 29.

BURKE SETS 2 MEET RECORDS, ENGLESE GETS 2ND IN 400, MELLANA GETS 2ND IN JAVELIN, HANDY 2ND T.J.

Cranford Cougars Advance in 4 Events, Blue Devils Advance 5, SP-F Raiders Advance 3 to Track & Field Meet of Champions

By DAVID B. CORBIN
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The Track and field Meet of Champions (MOC) will be held today, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at Frank Jost Field in South Plainfield. The Cranford Cougars advanced three individuals, one who will compete in two events. Four Westfield High School athletes will participate in the individual events and the boys 4x400 relay team will take a crack at breaking into the top-eight. Scotch Plains-Fanwood advanced three individuals.

The Lady Cougars took sixth with 28 team points in the Group 2 meet at Egg Harbor on May 29 and the boys had one team point. The Blue Devil boys totaled seven points to place 27th in the Group 4 meet at Egg Harbor, while the girls also placed 27th with four team points. The Raider boys tied for 10th with 14 points in the Group 3 meet at South Plainfield, and the girls finished in a six-way tie for 16th with eight team points.

Cranford Cougar Kelly Burke continued to break meet records. This time she broke the Group 2 record in the triple jump with a distance of 39-2.25. The previous record of 38-11 was set in 2007 by Donna Alexander of Matawan. Burke also broke the meet record of 12-1 in the pole vault set in 2008 by Nicole Pompei (Hanover Park) with a clearance of 12-2.

Cougar Natalie Englese crossed second in the 400 meters with a time of 58.03. Cougar Will Smith qualified for the MOC by crossing sixth in the 1,600 with a time of 4:24.76.

Raider Frank Mellana, who had the best toss in the javelin of all the Group 3 sections last week, had to wait until the very end of the meet to get his chance to toss the javelin. Last week, Mellana took first at the Group 3, Section 2 meet with a meet-record toss of 197-8, and the week before, he tossed a 199-5 at the East Coast Relays, so his hunger to reach the 200-feet mark has increased.

"I'm just shooting for that 200, trying to get closer," said the free-spirited Mellana prior to his event. "Last night our school had the prom. I left an hour-and-a-half early, went home, went straight to bed. Everyone else is down at the shore right now, and I have been focusing on the track meet. I had to tell my date this was far more important."

When the time arrived, Mellana did not have his best throw, but he did place second with a toss of 184-4, just five inches behind Steve Iafrate of Demarest to get another crack at exceeding 200 at the MOC.

Raider Quentin Blackwell advanced to the MOC by placing third in the long jump with a personal-record (PR) distance of 20-11.

"I fouled the first time. The first time I was running through, I was a little off. I just kept running, tried to get top speed, get good height and I PRed today," Blackwell said. "The Meet of Champs! I am feeling pretty happy with what I did today. I am going to try to get better for next week."

Although he did not place in the top-six to advance to the MOC, Raider sophomore Dan Pesin jumped into unchartered territory when he cleared 12 feet in the pole vault and missed on three attempts at 12-6. Previously, his best meet clearance was 11 feet.

Pesin, also a member of the strong Raider swim team, found some of his gymnastics background to be useful.

"I did gymnastics up until fifth grade, and then it just became too much and too overwhelming. I can still do a bunch of the tricks," said Pesin, who added, "In the beginning of the season, I had to start late, because swimming ended around where spring break was. Last year, I did 9-6. This year, once I got to my first meet, I cleared 11. Up until now, I was going 11, 11, 11. I couldn't get past that. This week at practice, I took it to 12 and cleared it, so I said, 'I guess I can do this.' That's what happened here. Hopefully next year I can get 13."

Prior to the qualifying round of the girls triple jump, Raider Head Coach Rich McGriff was considering a strategy for junior Camile Handy, who won her section last week with a PR distance of 37-0.75.

"The first jump, you want to get a jump that gets you into the finals, like a 35. Then, I think she will be aggressive. She won't have to be nervous. She can attack it, because she would know there is nothing to lose," said coach McGriff.

Handy made it to the finals and placed second with a distance of 36-7.

Raider Erin Pierce cut seven seconds off her PR time that she turned in when she placed second in the 1,600 meters at the sectional meet, crossing in 5:10. Although she did not advance to the MOC, her improvement shows a lot of promise for next year.

"I was seeded 11th. There were two girls in front of me. It was those two girls and I most of the race. We were rotating, who was leading our pack. He [Raider Head Coach Jeff Koegel] was saying to stay with them, because they were on a very good pace," Pierce said. "Going down to my final lap, he yelled, 'you have a huge PR today. Stay there.' My last lap he said was six seconds faster, so I had a big kick on my last lap. That's what really carried me to the end."

To help her with her big kick, coach Koegel made some adjustments in her workout in practice.

"During this week, on Wednesday, we did a workout where I did 200's and a couple of 400's. He said this will help you with your pacing, and it will help you on your last lap," Pierce said.

Raider Kim Wenson, who won the shot put and discus, and placed second in the javelin at the sectionals last week, just missed qualifying for the MOC in all three events.

According to Raider field coach Ken Hernandez, "Kim did not make the top-six in the discus, but she had a throw of 106 feet, which is about three feet better than she had last week at the sectionals. She was consistent. All of her throws were around the same."

Raider Sarah Canfield, who qualified for the group meet in the triple jump and the long jump, did not compete in the triple jump and came up short in the long jump. Osa Ebose competed in the shot put but did not make the top-six.

Blue Devil Jon Henry qualified for the MOC by finishing fourth in the 400 meters with a time of 49.53. Jhakyse Williams, Brian Henry, Pat Gray and Jon Henry placed sixth in the 4x400 with a time of 3:23.9. Gray placed sixth in the javelin with a toss of 177-9 and Dave Fishman took sixth in the pole vault with a height of 13-6. Blue Devil Ashley Edwards crossed fourth in the 400 with a time of 57.65 to qualify for the MOC.

The Union Catholic Viking boys placed sixth with 25.5 points in the Non-Public A meet. Christian Brothers' Mike Mazzaccaro at 4:09.53 nosed out Viking DJ Thornton (4:09.63) for first in the 1,600. Both competitors broke the previous record of 4:15.45 set by Delbarton's Pat Schellberg last year.

Viking Allen Eke crossed second in the 800 with a time of 1:53.74. Jamaad Nash finished second in the triple jump with a distance of 43-5.5, and Alex Sarkodie took sixth in the high jump with a clearance of 6 feet.

David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

IN UNCHARTERED TERRITORY…Raider Dan Pesin made three attempts at 12-6 in the pole vault. Prior to the meet his best height was 11 feet.

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GIVING IT A GOOD SHOVE…Raider Osa Ebose competed in the shot put at the Group 3 meet.

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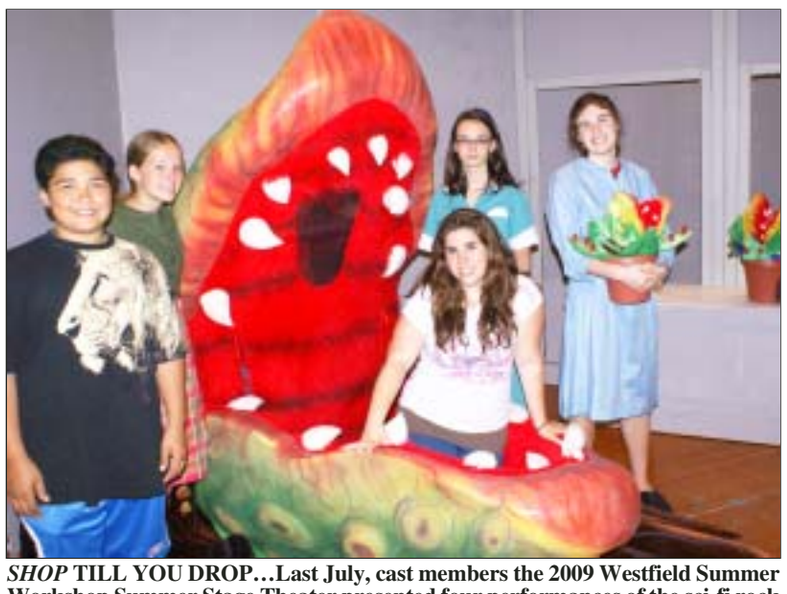
Ms. Baier Stein's poetry and prose have appeared in *Virginia Quarterly Review*, *Kansas Quarterly*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Washingtonian* and many other journals. Her novel "Fortune" received the PEN/New England Discovery Award.

Mr. Kalet is a widely published poet, an editor for the *Princeton Packet* newspaper group and an adjunct professor of English at Middlesex County College. A reporter and editor since 1990, he also is a musician and a columnist for the *Progressive Populis*t and other newspapers. He is the director of the Sunday Poetry Series at the South Brunswick Library.

An open mic session will follow the featured poets, and audience members are invited to read one of their own poems. For more information, call (908) 889-7223 or (908) 889-5298. Visit carriagehousepoetryseries.blogspot.com for online directions and information.



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AREA – Joseph Sodano of Morristown, whistling/voice student of Professor Nataliya Kolmykova at the Calderone School of Music, whistled as a contestant for the "Morristown's Got Talent" event on March 3, at the Mayo Community Theatre.

AIN'T JUST WHISTLING DIXIE…Professor Nataliya Kolmykova and Joseph Sodano, whistler/voice student at the Calderone School of Music

He performed the "Cancan" song by Jacque Offenbach. Only 16 contestants were selected to participate out of 80 who auditioned. He won second place in the competition.

Mr. Sodano has also appeared whistling "God Bless America" on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno," Bizet's "Habanera," from *Carmen*, "Amazing Grace" and "Take Me Out to The Ballgame," for the Colonial Italian American Organization of Williamsburg, Va., as well as for the Italian American Charity Organization.

For more information about the Calderone School, contact Professor Kathleen Calderone at (973) 428-0405 in East Hanover or (973) 467-4688 at the Springfield school, or log on to calderoneschoolofmusic.com.

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Local Library Receives Award For PR Campaign

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Memorial Library recently was honored by the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) as a winner of a public relations and marketing award in the category of Public Relations Campaign. The campaign was judged along with other libraries that have budgets between $1 and $4 million.

The campaign, "It's your Library make the most of it," was created by publicist Roz Giuditta. Originally designed as a newspaper ad, the campaign spotlights all the free and low-cost services that are available to library patrons, such as the most recent CDs and DVDs; best sellers; books, newspapers and magazines; programs for adults, teens and children; over 20 public computers with free Internet service; multiple research databases; professional reference service; free Wifi and book clubs.

"We have so much to offer here," Ms. Giuditta said. "I wanted people to go beyond the services that they use, and to take advantage of all that the library has. Ultimately, it belongs to them."

After the newspaper ad ran with an accompanying article by Library Director Phil Israel, signs of the public relations campaign sprouted all over the library at 550 East Broad Street. Small stand-up displayers sat on tables and the tops of shelves, while flyers and posters decorated the walls and lobby. The monitor at the circulation desk began flashing the message throughout the day as well.

In conjunction with local cable television station TV-36, public service announcements highlighting six library services also were created. They can be viewed on the library's website, wmlnj.org. The plaque from the NJLA is mounted on the wall next to the circulation desk.

WF's Silverberg Becomes Veterinarian

WESTFIELD – The College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University graduated 121 new Doctors of Veterinary Medicine at the college's commencement ceremony at C.Y. Stephens Auditorium in Ames on May 8, including Westfield's Amanda Silverberg.

During the ceremony, Associate Dean Eldon Uhlenhopp welcomed guests. The 2010 commencement speaker was Dean John Thomson, holder of the Dr. Stephen G. Julesgaard Endowed Deanship in Veterinary Medicine.

To date, the college has graduated more than 6,400 veterinarians.

Gold-Buying Benefit To Aid Learning Ctr.

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Learning Center will host a gold-buying fundraiser on Sunday, June 13, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Learning Center, located at 301 Forest Road in Scotch Plains.

Silver and gold items will be welcome. Participants will be able to sell necklaces, bracelets and rings; gold coins; medals and bullion; scrap/damaged jewelry; broken chains and items missing tone, plus matched and unmatched earrings, among other items.

The Scotch Plains Learning Center provides free, specialized instruction to children with dyslexia. Founded in 1997, it is sponsored by the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. The center is run in collaboration with Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford. The Masons finance all aspects of the program through various fund-raising efforts.

Proceeds raised from the gold-buying event will benefit Learning Center programs. For more information about this fundraiser and/or the Learning Center, call (908) 789-0813 or e-mail oesazure87@gmail.com.

The work of Stewart White

Plein Air Artists to 'Paint The Town' in Cranford

CRANFORD – "Paint the Town," a fine-arts event coming to Cranford from Thursday, June 10, through Sunday, June 13, is a "plein air" competition featuring more than 30 professional artists from around the country and as far away as Germany.

"Paint the Town" is sponsored by Jersey Central Art Studios, a group of artists and citizens dedicated to raising awareness of the arts and the artistic process, as well as integrating the arts into the community through education, events and economic development.

The work of David Lussier

"Plein Air" painting means "to paint in open air." All competition artists will be painting throughout and around downtown Cranford during this four-day event. Artists who have been accepted to this year's competition include the following award winners:

Stewart White, from Massachusetts, was the 2009 grand-prize winner at the "Plein Air Easton" competition held in the eastern shore region of Maryland. Mr. White is a watercolorist who specializes in painting architecture.

David Lussier, of Connecticut, is a painter who achieved "Best in Show" at the 2009 "Plein Air Festival, Wayne" outside of Philadelphia. Mr. Lussier is nationally known and paints in an impressionist style with broad brush strokes.

Lauren Andreach, of New Jersey, is an artist whose work was awarded "Best in Show" at the "Paint Annapolis 2008" Plein Air event held in Annapolis, Md.

"Paint the Town" offers onlookers the opportunity to peer over the shoulders of these artists. It offers everyone the chance to "immerse" themselves in the creative process, through direct observation and discussion, as artists capture the sights and feel of the specific place and time onto their canvases.

Learn more at jcas.org.

Pingry Students Win Latin Exam Awards

AREA — Ninety Pingry School students have won awards in the 2010 National Latin Exam, which promotes the study of Latin and encourages students to experience a sense of accomplishment. Of the 150,000 students from all 50 states and 13 foreign countries who took the exam, 255 of them are students in grades 7 to 12 at The Pingry School.

Two Pingry students earned perfect scores: seventh-grade students Kathleen Murray and Tomas San Miguel.

Westfield students earning honors included Neeraj Shekhar, who won a Grade 8 Cum Laude Certificate Award; Helen Daifotis, who received a Gold Medal and Summa Cum Laude Certificate Upper School Award; Adam Fraites, who won a Magna Cum Laude Certificate Upper School Award, and Malcolm Kettleson, who received a Cum Laude Certificate Upper School Award.

HUNG UP!!

Mother Voices Concern With Daughter's Facebook Activity

By Milt Faith, Executive Director
Youth and Family Counseling Service

A Troubled Mother Writes: I am a mother of a 19-year-old daughter who is on Facebook. I am aware that this is the social networking vehicle in today's society. "Terry" (disguised name) is a quiet young lady who is an honor student at our local college, works part-time and is no problem at home. However, she is shy and has few friends. Now, she has her own Facebook account and spends a great deal of time on Facebook, trying to befriend others and revealing a great many things about herself, which makes me anxious for two reasons: One, she seems to be obsessed with having as many friends as possible posted on her Facebook page. She looks up people from the past, some of whom were unkind to her in earlier days, and then tells me she is "up to 40 friends" and wants to go to 60 so that she can tell others that she has as many friends as they have. Also, she talks about personal things in order to, I think, manipulate and seduce others to befriend her. My husband and I want her off Facebook, and are threatening to have her live with her sister if she doesn't listen to us. I just don't want her to get hurt.

Answer: Don't you think she would be hurt and feel rejected (appropriately so) if you told her to leave and live with her sister? You describe a young lady who functions well and presents no real problems. Facebook is a "shade of gray situation" offering a great deal of positive social networking. At the same time, it has been abused and, as all present-day technological advances show, we have to use good discretion and judgment re what we expose about ourselves. I don't see any reason to tell her to leave. Terry is 19, not a minor. There is a difference between advising and being overprotective and "punitive." I appreciate your concern. I would continue to communicate your feelings and encourage Terry to use good judgment. Since you feel she has some self-image issues, you may want to encourage her to see a counselor. The important priority is to have a trusting and caring relationship among family members.

A Troubled Parent Writes: What do you do with a 27-year-old son who graduated from college with an MBA, has had six jobs that he lost, and has a drinking problem? When I confront him with my concerns (he lives at home because of "financial problems"), he blames everyone else for his job situation, and totally denies that he is alcoholic. Several times, my husband or I had to pick him up from a bar or party because he was plastered. I saw his checkbook (Did I snoop? Yes, I did.). He has been able to save thousands of dollars, but he talks about his need to be home because he is broke. Last week, he came home wearing a new shirt that had this saying: "Age improves with wine"! My husband and I feel it is time to tell him to leave. Your take on this, please.

Answer: It certainly appears that he is flaunting his drinking, despite the discussions you have had. Since he is 27 and has money in the bank, and seems to have a problem keeping a job, and denies a serious drinking problem, I encourage you to take a firm stand, set boundaries and give him a time limit in which to move out. I would reiterate my concern; advise him to go to AA, and clarify that you will no longer pick him up (after drinking) as you have done. The shirt with the statement "Age improves with wine" is mocking you out. Enough said!

An Angry Wife Writes: My husband and I have been married for 10 years, most of them okay. He is 12 years older than I am, and comes from a "rigid" East European family. A problem has arisen over my son being left-handed. My husband was left-handed, and his parents forced him to become right-handed because they felt this is a right-handed world, and you have a better chance of succeeding. We have fought over this. I believe there is nothing wrong with the way my son was born, but we continue to argue, and my poor 5-year-old daughter gets upset. Now my son thinks there is something wrong with him. I got so annoyed that I bought a plaque that says, "I may be left-handed but I'm always right." I'm getting nowhere.

Answer: Two problems exist. There is tension between you and your husband over this specific area, but it may exist in other situations that you have not mentioned. See a marriage counselor to evaluate if there is a problem. Secondly, no studies have shown that being left-handed is an impairment to succeed, be happy, etc. You might cite some famous people who are left-handed and have done well: President Ronald Reagan, Benjamin Franklin, Joan of Arc, Julius Caesar, Napoleon Bonaparte, Prince William, Helen Keller, Mark Twain, Charlie Chaplin, Harpo Marx, Oprah Winfrey, Larry Bird, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Cary Grant, Bart Simpson, etc. (By the way, I am left-handed, too!)

HUG A TREE TODAY…Children in Bernadette Hoyer's preschool classes at Brunner School in Scotch Plains observed Arbor Day with learning activities that focused on the beauty and importance of trees. Parents helped the children make a three-foot-high stack of newspaper in the classroom so that the children could see how much paper needs to be recycled to save one tree. After learning about the importance of trees, Brunner School student Peter Reilly gave a "thank you" hug to a tree.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building of said Township on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED, "ADMINISTRATION" BY ADDING SECTION 2-35 ENTITLED, "INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEEES'' TO THE TOWNSHIP'S CODE.

EXPLANATION: This Ordinances amends Chapter II of the Township Code Entitled "Administration" by adding section 2-35 entitled, "Indemnification of Officials and Public Employees.

A public hearing for same will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, or any time and place to which a meeting for the further consideration of such ordinance shall from time to time be adjourned, and all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

A copy of same may be obtained from the office of the Township Clerk, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by any member of the general public who wants a copy of same without cost.

BARBARA RIEPE
Township Clerk
1 T - 6/3/10, The Times Fee: $36.21

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Please take notice that on June 23, 2010 at 7:30 PM at the Fanwood Borough Hall, located at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, the Planning Board will hold a hearing on the application of the undersigned. The property in question is located at: 78 Woodland Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 39 Lot 37, as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map, owned by Joseph M. Valente.

The applicant requests Enclose existing porch, which is in violation of Section 184-115(8) of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Building Coverage; Permitted: 24%; Present: 24.2%; Proposed: 26%.

The applicant will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the application.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 AM – 4 PM, Monday through Friday) from the Secretary of the Planning Board at the Administration Office of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Fanwood Planning Board.

Applicant:
Joseph M. Valente
78 Woodland Avenue
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
1 T - 6/3/10, The Times Fee: $34.17

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building of said Township on Tuesday, June1, 2010 there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED, "ADMINISTRATION" BY AMENDING SECTION 2-7 ENTITLED, "DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE".

Purpose: This ordinance amends Chapter II of the Township Code entitled "Administration" by amending section 2-7, entitled "Department of Finance".

A public hearing for same is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, or any time and place to which a meeting for the further consideration of such ordinance shall from time to time be adjourned, and all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk
1 T - 6/3/10, The Times Fee: $28.56

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
TOWN OF WESTFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010
Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

SUMMARY OF REVENUES - CURRENT FUND	ANTICIPATED 2010	2009
1. Surplus	$1,840,000.00	$2,700,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	10,351,334.26	12,468,682.96
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	1,574,000.00	1,400,000.00
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	25,333,440.77	23,424,705.46
Total General Revenues	$39,098,775.03	$39,993,388.42

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS - CURRENT FUND	2010 BUDGET	FINAL 2009 BUDGET
1. Operating Salaries & Wages	$16,196,923.00	$17,229,614.00
Other Expenses	16,265,550.50	16,178,296.42
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	3,085,121.53	3,080,878.00
3. Capital Improvements	5,000.00	45,000.00
4. Debt Service	1,606,180.00	1,509,600.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,940,000.00	1,950,000.00
Total General Appropriations	$39,098,775.03	$39,993,388.42
Total Number of Employees - Full & Part Time	325	328

2010 DEDICATED SWIM POOL UTILITY BUDGET

SUMMARY OF REVENUES	ANTICIPATED 2010	2009
1. Surplus	$304,159.00	
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	985,000.00	961,570.00
Total Revenues	$1,289,159.00	$961,570.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS	2010 BUDGET	FINAL 2009 BUDGET
1. Operating Salaries & Wages	$493,672.00	$422,470.00
Other Expenses	431,350.00	264,900.00
2. Capital Improvements	1,500.00	1,500.00
3. Debt Service	325,437.00	235,500.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	37,200.00	37,200.00
Total Appropriations	$1,289,159.00	$961,570.00
Total Number of Employees - Full & Part-time	36	36

BALANCE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT 12/31/09

	GENERAL	SWIM POOL UTILITY
Interest	$548,796.00	$165,437.00
Principal	$16,084,000.00	$3,917,000.00
Outstanding Balance	$16,632,796.00	$4,082,437.00

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, County of Union on May 25, 2010.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on June 22, 2010 at 8:00 o'clock (PM) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2010 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the detailed budget are available in the office of Claire Gray, Town Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, 07090, (908) 789-4033, during the hours of 9:00 (A.M.) to 4:30 (P.M.).

1 T - 6/3/10, The Leader Fee: $166.77

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
COUNTY OF UNION
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010
Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

SUMMARY OF REVENUES	ANTICIPATED 2010	2009
1. Surplus	$2,325,000.00	$2,550,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	$4,931,851.30	$5,335,533.48
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	$600,000.00	$600,000.00
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	$15,090,537.14	$14,350,351.65
Total General Revenues	$22,947,388.44	$22,835,885.13

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS	2010 BUDGET	2009 BUDGET
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	$8,899,696.00	$9,177,824.00
Other Expenses	$8,814,798.36	$8,527,521.13
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	$1,826,687.08	$1,779,419.00
3. Capital Improvements	$15,000.00	$5,000.00
4. Debt Service	$1,883,207.00	$1,838,121.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	$1,508,000.00	$1,508,000.00
Total General Appropriations	$22,947,388.44	$22,835,885.13
Total Number of Employees	166	176

2010 DEDICATED SEWER UTILITY BUDGET

SUMMARY OF REVENUES	ANTICIPATED 2010	2009
1. Surplus	$0.00	$0.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	$2,455,785.00	$2,459,800.00
3. Deficit (General Budget)	$0.00	$0.00
Total General Revenues	$2,455,785.00	$2,459,800.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS	2010 BUDGET	2009 BUDGET
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	$165,000.00	$176,645.00
Other Expenses	$2,244,425.00	$2,239,945.00
2. Capital Improvements	$25,000.00	$25,000.00
3. Debt Service	$0.00	$0.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	$21,360.00	$18,210.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)	$0.00	$0.00
Total Appropriations	$2,455,785.00	$2,459,800.00
Total Number of Employees	3	3

BALANCE OF OUTSTANDING DEBT

	BONDS
Interest	$1,532,853.00
Principal	$9,275,000.00
Outstanding Balance	$10,807,853.00

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, on May 18, 2010.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on June 15, 2010 at 8:30 o'clock P.M. , at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2010 may be presented by the taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of Barbara Riepe, Township Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, 07076, (908) 322-6700, during the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

1 T - 6/3/10, The Times Fee: $169.83

Featured this Saturday: This contemporary grand-stone house, which features every desirable amenity for home life as well as entertaining, is not to be missed for its elegance, sophistication and lush gardens.

Expect a 'Symphony' Of Distinguished Homes

WESTFIELD – The Friends of Westfield Symphony Orchestra, the auxiliary and fundraising arm of the orchestra, will present a medley of five stylish residences in its 2010 Tour of Notable Homes, to take place this Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chairwoman Gretchen Castorina promised that this year the five landmark homes will delight both inside and out. "Since the event is being held a month later than usual, the potential for viewing spectacular gardens is greatly increased," she remarked.

Gardeners will be enchanted by the sylvan setting and professional landscaping of an Indian Gardens contemporary stucco and stone house whose rear French doors provide access to a view of the expansive rear yard with patio, fully equipped outdoor kitchen, pool and play yard amidst hosts of annuals and perennials of vivid colors and multiple varieties.

A shingle-style home, circa 1890, registered on the Kimball Avenue Historic list is also punctuated by fine exterior architectural details, large patio and lush storied gardens. Another standout, a newly constructed owner-designed stucco and stone house based on a French Provencal castle complete with two turrets, features a Tuscan-style covered patio.

The picturesque riverside location of a classic Queen Anne Victorian Cranford home, circa 1890, has been rendered all the more enticing with the addition of three exotic water features, including a pondless waterfall and a koi pond containing a colorful array of fish.

And the now-renowned Mountain Avenue residence not only showcases magnificent interior design sensibilities; its pool area and gardens with raised beds and four seasons of interest are a sheer delight.

Mrs. Castorina and her committee promised that the tour will hold "something for everyone." There will be a musical interlude, the always-popular plant sale featuring 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.

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 the 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. Tickets can also be purchased by credit card by calling (908) 232-9400.

For further information, call the Westfield Symphony Orchestra office at (908) 232-9400 or go to westfieldsymphony.org.

POPCORN™

Shrek Forever After: Quoth the Critic, Nevermore

One Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent

By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
2 popcorns

You could save a bunch of money by shunning *Shrek Forever After* – even more if it's the 3-D version you're evading – and renting a DVD of *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946) for Junior to view instead. Explain that the fourth iteration of the friendly monster is but a primer for this classic study in what if? And no offspring of yours needs training wheels.

This isn't their older sister's *Shrek*. Its moral lesson about appreciating life's simple treasures is nicely put. Nonetheless, when I was little I preferred some laughs with my ethics, the kind you got from a Jerry Lewis record. Just saying.

The fact is, director Mike Mitchell's delve into an alternate universe created to teach a bored Shrek the error of his jadedness is a tad too solemn for its own good. Just as Shrek has taken life's little blessings for granted, the filmmaker seems to have forgotten what was comically creative about the big galoot in the first place.

Still, you have to give writers Josh Klausner and Darren Lemke credit for making almost understandable to kiddies the potentially confusing concept. As in the aforementioned movie starring James Stewart, the disenchanted protagonist gets to see what life would be like without his presence.

But in this permutation, instead of guardian angel Clarence providing the devastating peek, the perspective Shrek gains is a byproduct of the power-hungry Rumpelstiltskin's attempt to wrest away the kingdom. Time-appropriate to our current concern with finance reform, the fairy tale villain is pretty slick with a contract.

Here's the deal. In return for making him his once feared, bad self of old, Shrek must relinquish unto Rumpelstiltskin a day from his past. While not quite as convoluted as derivatives, the ensuing chicanery results in Shrek having never been born. Hence, he wasn't there to kiss Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz) and break the curse, etc., etc., etc.

And so the kingdom of Far, Far Away goes the way of Pottersville, a decadent, uncaring realm ruled by a greedy minority of one instead of the idyllic, socially conscious land that, alas, was so perfect it lulled the self-absorbed Shrek into complacency. The poor dude forgot what was important. Selfish, selfish, selfish. Aesop would approve.

But the ancient storyteller wouldn't have laughed. Woven into a series of lackluster action scenes, a listless string of puns aims at gosh knows whose funny bone. While mainstay Donkey, again voiced by Eddie Murphy, resumes his bantering friendship with Mike Myers's title ogre, it's obvious this comedy team needs to freshen up its material.

Granted, it is no easy task to populate a film ostensibly intended for moppets with jokes that will also be appreciated by their adult accompaniers. However, instead of chancing in favor of one sense of humor or the other, the writers seek the sanctuary of an unremarkable middle ground. The references are weak, the punch lines paltry.

Curiously, it is not entirely impossible that the film's major impetus is subconsciously driven by a nagging suspicion that the franchise has run its course. Like its hero, *Shrek Forever After* is suffering from a midlife crisis. While grownups might commiserate, you can hardly expect children to appreciate the dilemma.

Although little consolation, viewers at both ends of the spectrum will agree that the technological attributes of the film aren't as compromised as the script. Things go whiz-bang at regular intervals; the landscape and appurtenances are colorful; and the music is lively if not as ironically complementary as the director might have thought.

But now the big question: To see it in 3-D or plain old 2-D? From this fuddy-duddy's angle, the choice isn't too unlike what the salesperson offers you at the car dealership: Do you want the fancy-shmancy rims or these dull stock wheels? Both get you to the same place. It's just a matter of how much you need things to pop out at you.

Belaboring the automotive analogy, whether seen in stock form or with all the bells and whistles, it's all show and no go. So the advice to parents who'd like to skip this bonding opportunity but still please their own little monster(s) is to invoke a variation on an old Civil War practice: Hire a substitute escort and shirk *Shrek Forever After*.

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Shrek Forever After, rated PG, is a Paramount Pictures release directed by Mike Mitchell and stars the voices of Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz and Eddie Murphy. Running time: 93 minutes.

NEED AN ESCAPE…? Escape Quartet, featuring two area women, captured first place at the Greater New York regional Sweet Adelines International quartet and chorus competition held in late April in Philadelphia. As regional champions, they will advance to international competition, which will take place in October, and will compete against more than 30 of the top regional winners of Sweet Adelines International quartets from around the world. The quartet is comprised of singers, from left to right, Susan Schuman of Fanwood, Janel McNally of Stillman, Sara Meek of Hillsborough and Georgette Chrystal of Scotch Plains. They wowed the judges with their performances of "Jazz Me Blues" and "I Will Love You 'Til the End of Time."

Spotlight Shines on 2010 WSW Drama and Theater

WESTFIELD – The 2010 Westfield Summer Workshop (WSW) can give youngsters the opportunity to sharpen their acting skills while participating in relevant drama classes.

In the Drama and Theater Department, budding actors, in grades 2 and 3, can enjoy acting out recited stories and poems, as well as creating props to accompany their scenes.

Students in grades 4 and 5 can gain poise and confidence while they learn acting techniques, study scenes and develop characterization in Children's Theater.

Those in grades 4 to 8 can enjoy acting and reacting to improvisational situations in the popular course "Whose Line Is It?" In this class, they will create characters and scenes while they respond to unscripted cues.

Aspiring actors, in grades 6 through 12, may wish to experience the thrill of being part of a full musical-theater production. Performers who enroll in the Summer Stage Theater will present the musical *Barnum*. With 854 performances on Broadway, this award-winning musical, with music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by Michael Stewart and book by Mark Brambic, is based on the life of the infamous Phineas T. Barnum.

It traces his journey from sideshow huckster to his collaboration with James Bailey to form "The Greatest Show on Earth." The plot explores the ups and downs of his life as he builds his entertainment empire, and the show entertains us with a myriad of circus acts and novelties.

Barnum, directed by Kenneth Horn, with musical direction by Karen Romero and choreography by Irene Ulesky, will be presented on July 28 and 29. No audition is needed to become part of the cast, which features many roles to showcase all talents and levels of ability, including featured roles for both boys and girls.

In addition to the Drama and Theater Department, the 2010 Workshop includes courses in arts, crafts, communications, dance, music and special interests for students from preschool to grade 8. Professionals, as well as degreed and certified instructors, teach classes at the WSW. A registered nurse is on staff during regular workshop hours.

Open to residents of all communities, the 2010 WSW will be held from June 29 until July 30 at Roosevelt Intermediate School, on Clark Street in Westfield, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. daily. Early-morning 7:30 a.m. drop-off and an afternoon program in collaboration with the Westfield YMCA are also available.

For additional information, call (908) 518-1551, visit the studios at 150-152 East Broad Street in Westfield or log on to njworkshopforthearts.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education of the Westfield School District, Union County, New Jersey, at the Board of Education, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey, for the following supplies, equipment or services:

BID FOR:
B 11-06 PRINTED FORMS FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

BIDS DUE:
JUNE 17, 2010 AT 1:00 PM

The bids will be received at the Administration Building, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, on the date and at the time indicated, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids must be in strict compliance with specifications. Specifications may be secured from, Purchasing Office 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 (908) 789-4407. Bids must be made on the proposal forms in the manner designated. Proposals must be endorsed on the outside of the sealed envelope, with the name of the bidder, the bidder's address and the name of the supplies, equipment, or services for which the bid is submitted. It is understood and agreed that proposals may be delivered before the time or at the place specified for opening. The Board of Education assumes no responsibility for bids mailed or misdirected in delivery. No bids shall be received after the time designated.

Bidding shall be in conformance with the applicable requirements of N.J.S.A.18A:18A-1 et.seq., pertaining to the "Public School Contracts Law".

The Board of Education of the Town of Westfield, in Union County, New Jersey, reserves the right to reject any or all bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(s), (t), (x), (y), 18A:18A-4(a), 18A:18A-22, and to waive any informalities. The Board further reserves the right to take such alternates as they deem appropriate, and in any order that the Board feels may be in the best interest of theWestfield Public School District.

All bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et. seq., Affirmative Action Against Discrimination and N.J.A.C. 17:27 et. seq.

Corporate bidders are required by law (Chapter 33, Laws of 1977) to submit a list of names and addresses of all stockholders owning 10% or more of their stock.

A Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Contractor Questionnaire/Certification also must be filed with the bid. The bid package will also include other documents that must be completed and returned with the bid. Failure to comply with Instructions to Bidders and to complete and submit all required forms, may be cause for disqualification and rejection of the bid.

All bidders shall submit with their bid package a copy of the New Jersey Business Registration Certificate as issued by the Department of Treasury of the State of New Jersey. (N.J.S.A. 52:32-44)

BIDDERS NOTE: Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's check or certified check made payable to the Westfield Board of Education, for ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total bid, however, not to exceed $20,000.

By order of the Town of Westfield Board of Education, Union County, New Jersey.

Robert A. Berman
Board Secretary

1 T - 6/3/10, The Leader Fee: $70.89

Featured this Saturday: This newly constructed owner-designed stucco and stone house, based on a Provencal castle, features a Tuscan-style covered patio. It can be viewed during Saturday's Tour of Notable Homes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE IS hereby given that at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 the following ordinance entitled:

CALENDAR YEAR 2010
ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH
A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

was adopted on second and final reading.

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS
Barbara Riepe
Township Clerk

1 T - 6/3/10, The Times Fee: $15.30

More Arts and Education News on pages 17-18

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
2010 DOWNTOWN WESTFIELD CORPORATION BUDGET

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Downtown Westfield Corporation Budget of the Town of Westfield's Special Improvement District, County of Union, for the Year 2010:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Downtown Westfield Corporation Budget for the Year 2010, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget be published in THE WESTFIELD LEADER in the issue of June 3, 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Town of Westfield does hereby approve the following as the Downtown Westfield Corporation Budget for the year 2010:

Recorded Vote: Ayes: Skibitsky, Arena, DellaFera, Neylan, Ciarrocca, Haas, Foerst, Loughlin
Nays:
Abstain:
Absent: Kimmins

Notice is hereby given that the Downtown Westfield Corporation Budget was approved by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, on May 25, 2010.

A hearing on said Budget will be held at the Westfield Municipal Building on June 22, 2010 at 8:00pm at which time and place objections to said Budget for the Year 2010 may be presented by Downtown Special Improvement District taxpayers or other interested persons.

DOWNTOWN WESTFIELD CORPORATION
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
2010 BUDGET

REVENUES

GENERAL REVENUE	ANTICIPATED REVENUE
Amount to be raised by	
Special Improvement District Assessment	$390,573.00
Total General Revenue	$390,573.00

APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL APPROPRIATION	APPROPRIATIONS 2010
Operating	
Salaries & Wages	$160,772.00
Other Expenses	$229,801.00
Total General Appropriations	$390,573.00

1 T - 6/3/10, The Leader Fee: $69.36

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

Public notice is hereby given that I, Colleen M. Huehn, Collector of Taxes of the Borough of Fanwood, County of Union will sell at public auction on **THURSDAY, JUNE 24th, 2010,** in the Mayor and Council chambers at the Borough Municipal Building, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey at 9:00 o'clock in the morning or at such later time and place to which said sale may then be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner thereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. as computed to the 24th DAY OF JUNE 2010.

Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date of the sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, not to exceed 18%. Payment for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check or money order or other method previously approved by the Tax Collector or the property will be resold. Properties for which there are no other purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the Borough of Fanwood at an interest rate of 18%.

At any time before the sale I will accept payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs. Payments must be in the form of cash, certified check or money order.

Industrial properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58-10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58-:10A-1 et seq.) and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

In the event that the owner of the property is on Active Duty in the Military Service, the Tax Collector should be notified immediately.

The lands to be sold are described in accordance with the last tax duplicate as follows:

BLK	LOT	OWNER	LOCATION	TOTAL DUE
21	14	Lafayette, John & Mary	54 St John Pl	$ 9,824.97
22	11	Brenner, Mitchell & Dana	65 Montrose Ave	$12,464.87
24	9.02	DeRose, J & Neves, J	76 Montrose Ave	$ 2,064.68
26	51	Kiss, Joseph & Evelyn	24 Mary Lane	$ 8,227.75
26	66	Jankovic, Frank & Mary	14 Tower Pl	$ 9,898.07
28	5	Herrmann, J & A Ribner Trust	168 Midway Ave	$ 8,507.91
33	16	Rota, Peter & Merrilee	28 Russell Rd	$ 4,787.65
49	12	Lambertsen, Robert	3 North Ave	$ 7,865.02
55	2	Duda, Kenneth & Lillian	15 South Ave	$ 1,263.98
56	12	Ciottoni, Carlo & Nora	36 Stagaard Pl	$ 549.56
60	16	Hansen, Margit June	52A Second St	$ 3,244.09
77	28.02	Anaczkowski, E & Gonnella	89 Shady Lane	$ 6,269.05
98	3	Roeser, Donald & Susan	26 Gere Place	$ 4,926.61
105	2	Halverson, Guy & Rosemarie	174 Coriell Ave	$ 7,380.34
116	59	Curry, Frances Watson	11 Roosevelt Ave	$ 2,709.01

Colleen M. Huehn
Collector of Taxes

4 T - 5/27, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17/10, The Times Fee: $342.72

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT, BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
1035 PARKWAY AVENUE, PO BOX 605
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received via the Internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on 6/22/10 downloaded, and publicly opened and read, from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.1 et seq.; in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; for:

FHWA Long-Life Pavement Markings Contract, North - 2010; ROUTES NJ 19, NJ 20, NJ 27, NJ 28, NJ 35, NJ 53, NJ 59, NJ 63, NJ 67, NJ 80, NJ 82, NJ 120, NJ 139 – Including And North Of Route 57; Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union And Warren Counties; Federal Project No: STP-C00S(004); DP No: 10426

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 N.J.A.C 17:27.

For Federal projects, Bidders must register with both the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue pursuant to N.J.S.A 52:32-44 AND the "Public Works Contractor Registration Act", N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq. (P.L.2003, c. 91) prior to contract execution. Appropriate proof of these registrations should be provided to NJDOT as soon as possible.

The Department, in accordance with Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252 U.S.C., 49 C.F.R., Parts 21 and 23 issued pursuant to such Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 will afford minority business enterprises full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any bidder on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or handicap in the project award.

Plans, specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website www.bidx.com. You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe follow the instructions on the website. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express. Plans, specifications, and bidding information may be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contracting organizations at our Design Field Offices at the following locations:

200 Stierli Court	Route 79 and Daniels Way	1 Executive Campus Rt 70W
Mt. Arlington, NJ	Freehold, NJ	Cherry Hill, NJ
973-770-5141	732-308-4025	856-486-6624

3 T - 6/3/10, 6/10/10 and 6/17/10, The Leader Fee: $180.54

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

The WYACT d/b/a New Jersey Youth Theatre admits young people of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to young people in the company. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic and national origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other company-administered programs.

1 T – 6/3/10, The Leader Fee: $13.77

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town of Westfield in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at 10:00 AM prevailing time on Tuesday, June 22, 2010, for the "2010 SECTIONAL PAVING MPROVEMENTS IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY".

The work under this Proposal includes the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the work as shown on the Contract Drawings and described in the Contract Specifications, and Proposals shall be in accordance with such Drawings and Specifications and the terms proposed in the Contract.

The major items of work under this contract include, but are not limited to, the following in estimated quantities:

690 tons of 4 inch thick Hot Mix Asphalt Base Course

2,710 tons of 2 inch thick Hot Mix Asphalt Surface Course

20,800 square yards of Milling, Variable thickness

445 cubic yards of roadway excavation, unclassified

All bidders must submit with their bid a copy of their New Jersey Business Registration Certificate. Failure to submit proof of registration will disqualify the bid.

Proposals shall be in writing on the forms furnished and must be delivered at the place and before the hour above mentioned, and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Town of Westfield in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the base amount of the bid, but not less than $500.00 nor more than $20,000.00. (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-21) Each bid must also be accompanied by a Surety Company Certificate stating that said Surety company will provide the bidder with the required Performance bond in the full amount of the Contract (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-22), by a Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Contractor's Qualification Statement, Statement of Ownership, on the forms included in and explained in the contract documents.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 and must pay workmen the prevailing wage rates promulgated by the New Jersey State Department of Labor and Industry for this project, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Town engineer.

Plans and specifications may be seen or procured ($25.00) at the office of the Town Engineer, Public Works Center, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey. The non-refundable cost of contract documents is $25.00 made payable to the Town of Westfield, which must be paid in cash or certified check. The Mayor and Council reserve the right to reject any bid, and to waive any informality in any bid, if in the interest of the Town, it is deemed advisable to do so.

Kris J. McAloon
Town Engineer

1 T - 6/3/10, The Leader Fee: $62.22

Arts & Entertainment

WHS Art Show Emphasizes Role Community Plays in Art Education

By MARYLOU MORANO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Public School District's Fine Arts Show (FAS) is one of the highlights of the academic year, providing members of the educational community, as well as the general pubic, the opportunity to see the immense artistic talent of Westfield public school students and the focused direction of their instructors.

The work of WHS student Vivian Chiang

This year's show – the district's 26th – was held from May 18 to 20 in the Westfield High School (WHS) varsity gymnasium.

The event featured more than 500 individual pieces of artwork created by students representing all 10 public schools and grades ranging from kindergarten through 12th.

The exhibited works spanned the range of artistic media and included less-traditional forms of creativity such as fiber art and computer-generated art.

For WHS senior Brittany Graham, heading to Elon University in North Carolina this fall to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, the FAS is a chance to show pieces that eventually become part of her portfolio.

"The work I have done in high school is preparing me for my college thesis," said Brittany, whose nine contributions to this year's FAS included silk screens, drawings and paintings created in Annora Happe-Conway's Advanced Portfolio ["Art IV"] class.

An art instructor at WHS for 16 years, Ms. Happe-Conway teaches five art classes: three Drawing, one Composition and one Advanced Portfolio.

This is the first year in which each of her 100 students exhibited at least one piece of art at the FAS.

"In addition to helping the students build their portfolio, my classes also provide the [art] history and vocabulary the students need," she said, adding, "I am very much getting them ready for the next stage of their art education."

The artwork, grouped according to medium and class, formed an explosion of talent within the gym walls.

One of the most impressive aspects of the FAS was the progression of ability that flowed from grade to grade.

"[The FAS] provides an opportunity for our students to not only admire their own work in a public setting, but to aspire to the heights reached by our Art IV students at the high school," said Linda King, supervisor of Fine Arts in the Westfield Public Schools.

Ellie Reinhardt and Brian Dales are students of Tim Stumbers's Foundations of Art Class. Both displayed collages that made use of cut paper to create a focal point and pattern.

"Our goal is to show the best of the best for each project. We look for excellence, exceptional craftsmanship and exceptional creativity," Mr. Stumbers said.

"I am very impressed with the incredible talent of the high school students," said WHS Principal Peter Renwick, who was particularly interested in selecting art pieces for his "principal's showcase," a collection of art that changes periodically.

Ms. King also sees the FAS as a way of emphasizing the role the community plays in art education in Westfield.

"It is gratifying that the Westfield community continues to support the arts, understanding the value it has on our education and our society," she said.

Full Count Returns to Crossroads, Brings Basie and Big Band Sound

By ERIC NIERSTEDT
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

GARWOOD — On Thursday, Westfield's Full Count Jazz Band returned to the Garwood's Crossroads to play a tribute set to legendary bandleader/composer (and Jersey native) Count Basie.

The huge band filled the small stage, beginning with "Basie Straight Ahead," a more jazz-influenced selection that carried the Big Band sound, along with a pair of solos from the tenor sax and the piano.

The second piece, "Corner Pocket," returned to the more Big Band sound, with big bursts from the horn section. This time, however, the band let the trumpet take a solo, as the pianist and bassist gave the sound a hard push. The band then moved into "The Kid from Red Bank," which featured a much faster bass, along with an excellent alto sax solo.

Full Count has noted that its strength lies in its members not playing only Big Band standards, but also more recent songs arranged for that style. Unfortunately, the band did not name all the songs for the audience, and this caused one slight misstep.

"April in Paris," from the western comedy classic *Blazing Saddles*, is employed in a classic scene. Lawman Cleavon Little rides his horse through the desert as the music plays only to actually come across Basie and his band playing in the sand. Having a fine opportunity to mention it, Full Count just moved on to the next song.

Still, these were classic compositions played by an expert band, and a fun time was had. Full Count turned out excellent renditions of Basie's work, including an unnamed piece somewhat reminiscent of the "Pink Panther" theme, with quick sax bursts as well as solos from the bass, baritone sax and drums. A second unnamed number added a call-and-response effect, with the horns gliding like strings, then adding a 12-bar-blues effect.

Eric Nierstedt for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

BASIE BOOST...The Full Count Big Band revisited Count Basie classics at the Crossroads in Garwood last week.

The last few selections were also in fine form, as the band dedicated "Leena and Lenny" to the late Leena Horn (Basie composed the piece for her and her husband). Full Count then performed "Ya Gotta Try," which featured a pair of sax solos and ended with the show with the flute-tipped "Freckle Face" and the expectedly faster "Whirly Bird," with swirling horns and another pair of solos from the saxophones. This closed the night on a well-performed, if not gripping, tribute.

HERE COMES THE BRIDE…Melissa Crosta of Wesfield, a teacher at FUMC's Wesley Hall Nursery School, wears the wedding gown her mother, Lisa Rose Macri Crosta, right, wore on June 11. 1988, when she wed her husband Richard at The Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park. Mrs. Crosta's gown was one of 24 modeled for the "Here Comes the Brides" fundraiser fashion show.

First United Church Prepares Wedding March

By MARYLOU MORANO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD – Not one but 24 brides walked down the aisle of the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Westfield last month, when the church's United Methodist Women presented "Here Come the Brides – 100 Years of Walking Down the Aisle," a fashion show to benefit various church-related projects.

The event is one of the many planned in celebration of FUMC's 100th Anniversary.

Charlotte Broadwell of Westfield organized the event, which was based on a similar show held at FUMC 25 years ago.

"At that time, we showed wedding gowns that dated back to the 1800's. I've wanted to do another 'Here Comes the Brides' ever since," she explained.

Ms. Broadwell is affectionately known at FUMC as the "grandmother of all brides" because she assists women who are marrying at the church plan the details of their wedding.

"I've seen a lot of weddings over the years," she remarked.

Women from the congregation, the Wesley Hall Nursery School and the Prayer Shawl Ministry modeled their own wedding gowns or those of friends and relatives as narrator Molly Barber of Westfield described each dress in detail.

Marie Walford of Scotch Plains modeled the oldest gown, a floor-length sheath made of heirloom Chantilly lace, which had been worn by Agnes Josefick Blake at her 1934 wedding.

The gown was worn again by her daughter, Cindy Blake McCracken, at her 1967 wedding, and then again by Ms. McCracken's daughter, Barbara Blake Pearson, at her 1971 wedding.

The dress has a draped neckline, long tapered sleeves and a shaped train. On her head, Ms. Walford wore a crown of Chantilly lace and full-length candlelight illusion veil.

The newest gown was a Maggie Sottero design worn by Tamela Dickie when she became Tamela Beene in 2003.

Ms. Beene modeled the floor-length dress that featured spaghetti straps and a beaded skirt over a satin sheath.

Janet Poland of Springfield wore the gown her mother, Shirley Snyder, made for her May 12, 1951 wedding to Raymond Poland.

The gown – an off-white satin with a tight-fitted bodice, long sleeves and sweetheart neckline – was made from a Simplicity sewing pattern that was purchased for 50 cents.

The gown also had a front trim made from 24 buttons. Each button was handmade and covered in satin.

"As a child, my mother always downplayed the gown, saying that it was nothing special," said Ms. Poland, "but I knew the gown was not easy to make."

"Wearing my mother's gown gave me a sense of how she felt when she married my dad 59 years ago," she added.

Several mothers of the bride, mothers of the groom, bridesmaids and flower-girl dresses that had been worn at various weddings over the years were modeled as well.

Carol Archdeacon, Tristan Jones, Ms. Barber and Robert Nappa serenaded the wedding guests, and Yang-Hee Song served as the organist.

After the "wedding ceremony," a reception was held in the church's Fellowship Room. There, while eating wedding cake and drinking punch, attendees were able to mingle with the models and see the wedding dresses up-close.

Also on hand were wedding albums and individual photos of the original weddings.

'Raymond's Garrett Returns to Comedy Roots

RAHWAY – Emmy Award winner Brad Garrett will return to his stand-up-comedy roots live on stage at the Union County Performing Arts Center at Rahway for one performance on Sunday, June 13, at 7 p.m.

A three-time Emmy Award winner on "Everybody Loves Raymond" and star of the new Fox television sitcom "'Til Death," Garrett began as a standup comedian. His first appearance, at 23, on "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson" made him one of the youngest comedians ever to perform on the program.

From this appearance, Garrett's stand-up career took off, garnering him headlining gigs at national venues as well as opening spots for legends, including Frank Sinatra, Diana Ross, Julio Iglesias, Liza Minnelli and Sammy Davis Jr. In 1989, *The Las Vegas Review Journal* named Garrett the "Best Comedian" working on the Strip.

At this point, Garrett made his foray into the world of television. Garrett's television guest roles range from stints on "Roseanne" and "Mad About You," to his trademark role of the obsessive mechanic on "Seinfeld" (viewers might remember him stealing Jerry's Saab in order to teach him a lesson about poor auto maintenance).

Garrett portrayed Ray Barone's (Ray Romano) brother Robert, a New York Police Department policeman, on the hit CBS series "Everybody Loves Raymond." His sports-writer sibling constantly overshadowed Robert's existence, and the rivalry helped coin the titled line, "Everybody Loves Raymond."

Garrett's voice-over work includes giving life to Fatso, the ghost in the 1995 mega-hit feature "Casper," and can be heard playing the part of Dim, the rhinoceros beetle, in the Pixar/Disney feature, *A Bug's Life* and Bloat the blowfish in Pixar/Disney's, *Finding Nemo*.

He has since been seen in HBO's "Don King: Only in America," and has also guest-hosted "The Late Show" for a sidelined David Letterman.

Tickets range from $35 to $65 and may be purchased by calling (732) 499-8226 or online by visiting 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.

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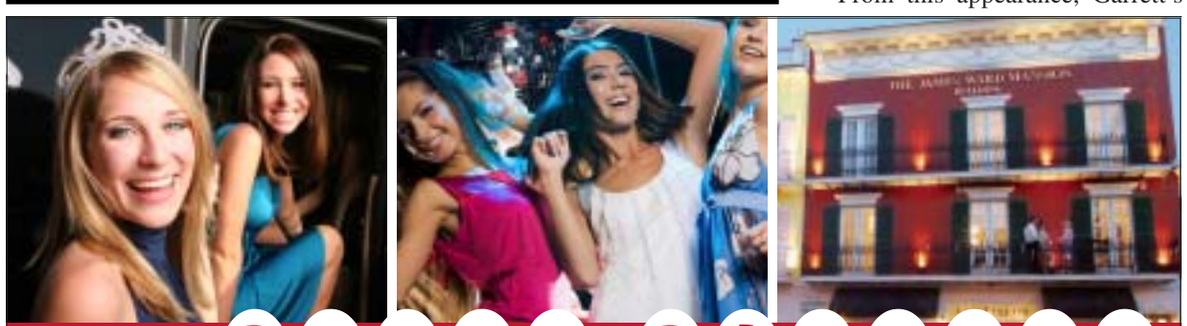

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