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Council Hears of Safety Concerns, **Approves Vietnam Memorial**

By LAUREN S. BARR

WESTFIELD — Public safety discussions dominated Tuesday night's Westfield Town Council conference session, with residents from Ludlow Place and Board of Education President Julia Walker on hand to discuss parking and traffic issues.

After much discussion and multiple neighborhood meetings, residents of Ludlow Place are on board

with recommendations being made in areas to increase safety. by the council's Public Safety Committee in order to stop people from blocking driveways and making uturns on their street in order to use the

Westfield Area "Y."
Public Safety Committee Chairwoman JoAnn Neylan said that the committee recommended making the entire northwest side of Ludlow a noparking zone, new signage regarding

"no u-turns" and marking the street

FROM FRANCE TO AFGHANISTAN...In a photo taken at last year's 65th D-Day anniversary and observances, then-Staff Sergeant Tim Henshall, left, of a New Jerseybased Army Reserve units, tands with a fellow paratrooper and two American citizens following a re-enactment parachute jump on Iron Mike Drop Zone just outside the village of Sainte-Mère-Église, France, commemorating the June 6, 1944 invasion of Normandy during World War II. A former Westfield resident and a 1978 WHS alumnus, Sergeant First Class Henshall currently is serving as a Civil Affairs Team Chief and Pashto language linguist on a tour of duty in the mountains of Southeastern Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Matt Kravetsky Will Return To Westfield School System

By MICHAEL J. POLLACK

WESTFIELD - An agreement reached earlier this month will keep Tamaques third-grade teacher Matthew Kravetsky employed in the Westfield school system and ensures that he is granted tenure this coming

Tamaques Principal Michael Cullen, supported by Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan, chose not to renew Mr. Kravetsky's contract earlier this year due to Mr. Kravetsky's "failure to provide consistent, effective instruction" to his students. As a result, two parents sprang to Mr. Kravetsky's defense, coming to board meetings and rallying support through e-mails, advertisements and even a Facebook group.

Mr. Kravetsky, seeking to get his job back, had asked for a "Donaldson hearing," before the board of education, which would allow him to make his case about why he should be retained and the decision overturned. That hearing, scheduled for

Wednesday, July 7, never occurred because an agreement was reached on the morning prior.

Legally, boards of education cannot take official action unless at a duly notified public meeting; since the agreement was struck at a private gathering, and not advertised to the public, no official action has been executed. However, Westfield Board of Education President Julia Walker confirmed with The Westfield Leader, last Friday, that an agreement has been reached between the Westfield school board and Mr. Kravetsky.

"No official board action will be taken until our next meeting," which occurs on Tuesday, August 24, Ms. Walker said. "Until we ratify the agreement, there's not much else to

say."
Jennifer Silva, who, along with fellow parent Danielle Bracco, led the charge to keep Mr. Kravetsky employed in the school system, provided the details of the agreement to The Leader.

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RVSA Sees Rising Charges In 2011 Sewer Assessments

By WAYNE BAKER

RAHWAY — The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority's (RVSA) Board of Commissioners heard a report from its auditors at its meeting last Thurs-

Auditor Robert Butvilla, of Suplee Clooney & Co., described the audit as "nice and neat." He said, "Bob (Materna) does a very good job putting this together."

Westfield's commissioner, Allen Chin, said \$4.2 million was given back to member municipalities this year to help reduce assessments. Mr. Materna said he "can't imagine a similar giveback in 2011." The Star-*Ledger* on Tuesday reported that the auditor anticipates towns will see a 17-percent hike in sewer rates next

year to towns as there is only \$500,000 left in RVSA's surplus.

Mr. Materna said RVSA's annual budget is made up of approximately \$14.1 million in operating expenses and \$13.8 million in debt service.

In other business, RVSA's roof contract, which was a rebid, was for a new roof on the RVSA's office building. The winning bidder was Integrity Roofing, Inc. of Rahway. Its bid was more than \$100,000 lower than the next closest bid.

Insurance contracts were approved to New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Co. for workers' compensation and to Business and Government Insurance Agency for liability and property coverage. The total costs for the insurance are slightly in excess of **CONTINUED ON PAGE 8**

Several residents of Ludlow were present and objected to no-parking proposal. Instead, it was decided that the area from Clark Street to 134 Ludlow, where there are no homes, would be designated as "no parking," and the rest of the street would remain as a two-hour zone.

Residents had originally asked that the street be designated for residentparking only or be made a one-way. Councilman Mark Ciarrocca said that no street in town is resident-parking only, and that if the council allowed that on Ludlow, it would "open the floodgates" and residents in other high-use areas of town would ask for

Officials said an ordinance would be crafted to reflect the proposed parking changes, and should be implemented some time in October.

Councilwoman Neylan announced that the council is "really working together" with the board of education (BOE) to resolve parking and traffic issues in the areas of Westfield High School, Kehler Stadium, Edison Intermediate School and Lincoln School. She said that the council and BOE intend to hold public meetings to gain residents' input on improving safety and quality of life issues in the area.

Ms. Walker explained that a survey that was distributed to all parents and high school juniors and seniors re-



Horace Corbin for *The Westfield Leader*ALL EARS...The Westfield Farmer's Market is now open on Saturdays at the southside train station parking lot. There is

Former Westfield Cop Alleges Police Department Mismanagement

By LAUREN S. BARR

WESTFIELD—Former Westfield police officer and town resident Greg Kasko read a prepared statement to

Westfield, Mass., Mayor **Comments on Property Tax**

Editor's Note: As part of our coverage of New Jersey's 2-percent cap on property tax levies recently passed by the State Legislature, The Westfield

By PAUL J. PEYTON

Leader conducted a phone interview on Friday, July 16, with Westfield, Mass. Mayor Daniel Knapik. Massachusetts' voters approved Proposition $2\frac{1}{2}$ in 1980, and it has been cited

as a model upcoming for New Jersey. The Fanwood Borough Council was to meet last night to discuss Governor Chris Christie's proposed "tool kit," now before the State Legislature. Union County and other town governments in our readership area, including Westfield, Scotch Plains, Cranford and Mountainside, are trying to understand what the impact may be for them in the

upcoming year and beyond. We thank Mayor Knapik and his staff for their assistance with this article.

Westfield, Mass. is a municipality of 42,000 residents, located at the foot of the Berkshire Mountains in Western Massachusetts, seven miles west of Springfield, Mass. The city, governed by a full-time mayor and 13-member council, has a budget of \$117 million, which includes the public schools system, water, sewer and ambulance services.

Unlike New Jersey, where school boards are separate from municipal government, Westfield, Mass.'s school budget is prepared by its superintendent, and then sent to the town's seven-member elected school committee for review and then on to the city council for final approval. The mayor chairs the school commit-

Mayor Knapik said property taxes in his town average \$3,500 to \$3,800 for residential properties, as 84 percent of taxes are paid by industrial- and commercial-prop-

erty owners.
"We have great (property) valuations throughout the state," he said, noting that a decade ago, a house in Westfield, Mass. assessed at \$120,000 would be valued at \$300,000 just outside of Boston (100 miles away).

He said property tax evaluations "are in the tank, so there isn't any new property tax growth," as "there has been almost no building in the region" in recent years. The city had been receiving \$4 million from the state's excise tax, which has been reduced to \$2.7 million, as car sales have sputtered.

"The State of Massachusetts budget grew expeditiously large in the

last 15 years, and they got themselves into funding things that they had never done before, and they really didn't calculate how it was going to happen (when the state assumed county services). When capital gains took a tank a few years ago, I think it blew a \$3-billion hole in the (state) budget," the mayor said.

Mayor Dan Knapik He said requiring health Westfield, Mass. care for all Massachusetts residents "wasn't well thought out, and now, we are really strapped" for cash. Massachusetts has all but done away with county government, with

> fices shifted to state government. Mayor Knapik is serving his first year as mayor and previously served eight years on the city council. All terms are two years in length.

> county roads, jails and sheriff's of-

"To a large degree, my chief responsibility is preparing the budget, collective bargaining negotiations, chairing the school committee and then the day-to-day operations of the city and signing contracts and payroll," said Mayor Knapik, noting that, as the full-time mayor (there is no town administrator), he is paid \$90,000 plus \$5,000 for expenses. The 13 council members receive \$10,000 each, while school committee members are paid \$5,500. Elections for the town are on a non-partisan basis.

Prior to 1980, the mayor said, towns tax rates were "based on their expense structure." "There was no sense of efficiency, so you would continue to tax to the point it took to run your government," he said.

At the time Proposition 2½ passed, then-Governor Michael Dukakis agreed to send back roughly 40 percent of the CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

the mayor and town council at Tuesday night's public meeting urging the council to make hearings on the employment of a current Westfield police officer public.

According to Mr. Kasko, the officer, whom he did not name, asked to have the hearing made public but that the town denied the request. He went on to say that the "officer's claims involve the credibility of ranking officers and their ability to bypass union rules and regulations.' Mr. Kasko also said that in 2005, the

Institute for Forensic Psychology evaluated candidates for promotion within the police department, and he alleged that a "specific candidate not be recommended for promotion," and while he did not name the individual, he alleges that the report was ignored. He added that there is "abuse of the rules" in regards to promotions and alleges that there have been "secret pay raises to those favored by management."

He said that the employee's hearings will continue on Friday, August 20, when Chief John Parizeau is scheduled to testify, and he asked that the council "open a window into the abusive practices inside the Westfield Police Department" by making the hearing open to the public.

On a separate matter, Highland Avenue resident Robert Ball spoke to the council regarding difficulties he has faced with the zoning board of adjustment. He told the council that his home needed a lot of work when he purchased it, most of which he was able to complete without needing any variances. He said that the time came for him to repair his porch and "square off" — which would not change the existing setback, but was told he needed a variance.

Mr. Ball complained about being sent back and forth between the zoning office and a need for a hearing before the boardand that he, ultimately, had to seek relief from State Superior Court Judge Karen Cassidy. He returned to the zoning board on Tuesday night, but was not permitted to speak, which he said "violates Judge Cassidy's order" which he said would not allow him to introduce new evidence, but would allow him to refer to the record on past hearings. Mr. Ball alleged that the board grants developers variances to "overbuild" on lots but is problematic for residents. A suit by Mr. Ball against the town was discussed in executive ession later in the evening regarding this matter.

In other business, the council introduced on first reading an ordinance to approved the wages for the Teamsters union per a new two-year contract with Public Works employees. Union members will receive a zero pay raise for 2010 and new hourly wages and salaries for 2011.

The council also passed a resolution for the demolition of a single-family home at 1738 Boulevard in town.



LET THERE BE LIGHT...Christina Miller, a teacher in Basking Ridge, builds a light bulb as part of a project for teachers at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS) in Scotch Plains last Thursday. In the background is Andy McAlpin, a teacher from Camden County. UCVTS and Honeywell hosted the Boot Camp to help educators learn about "teaching green." See story on page 3.

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KEEPING THE DOCTOR AWAY...The Westfield Farmers' Market, now open on Saturdays at the Southside Train Station parking lot, offers many varieties of fresh produce such as apples, plums and nectarines.

Governor Proposes Takeover Of AC, Sweeping Changes

TRENTON — Governor Chris Christie announced Wednesday plans to take over the Atlantic City's casino and entertainment district, sell the Meadowlands race track along with other sweeping measures including the stalled Xanadu development. The Governor reported his actions are forced in order to save the industry and were based on a commission report describing crime, incompetent local government and ferocious competition.

The Governor proposes sweeping changes and divesture of the troubled

state horse racing industry along with the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority.

Some of the Governor's proposals can be implemented by executive order while other parts require Legislative approval. Reactions are sharply divided among Legislators. Protecting Atlantic City interests and south Jersey economics are expected to be debated with those in North Jersey proposing gambling expansion there.

Details of the proposal are just now being posted on the Governor's

N.J. State Library Proposes To Change Aid and Grants

TRENTON -The Division of the State Library proposes to readopt NJAC 15:21, state library aid and Grants with the following substantive changes. The full text of the proposal may be found at 42 NJR 1492(b).

NJAC 15:21-2.3 describes minimum requirements for the receipt of per capita state library aid regarding compliance with laws governing public libraries, training of trustees and professional

\$362,000.

An unusual maneuver was executed at the meeting, with Clark Commissioner Frank Mazzarella asking for Cipolla and Company's bills to be separated from the authority's other bills. Current billings were approved, but Mr. Mazzarella said he wanted the charges from the forensic accountant separated, with the understanding that greater detail was needed on his billing.

The meeting concluded with a long executive (closed) session. Topics included discussion of a replacement executive director and the authority's lawsuits related to the cogeneration project.

website, state.nj.us/governor.

librarian positions. An increase in the

amount of library-related education for

library trustees from three hours per

year per board to seven hours per year per board is proposed. This requirement may be met by free workshops provided by the state library, free webinar training and in-house training. This requirement will raise the minimum standard for the receipt of per

capita state library aid. No economic impact is anticipated. A codification change is also proposed to make the subsection easier to read. This will not change the meaning of the section and will improve clarity. NJAC 15:21-2.5 describes mini-

mum requirements for library materials and their availability. An amendment is proposed subsection (c) and Chart B to remove the requirement for paid print periodical titles. Because of the availability of electronic resources, this collection has become a browsing collection the size of which is best determined locally. No economic impact is anticipated.

The public can submit written comments on these proposals by September 17 to: Victoria Rosch, Associate State Librarian, New Jersey State Library, P.O. Box 520, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0520, e-mail, vrosch@njstatelib.org, or fax (609) 278-2650.

Westfield, Mass., Interview

state revenue to cities and towns to offset the shortfall in revenues felt by towns per the new cap law.

"At the time, maybe the state budget was \$4 or \$5 billion. Today, the state budget's at \$28 billion," he said. Today, around 25 percent of state revenues are returned to cities and towns., he said.

"So, in large percent numbers, they've starved us. They turned us into basically slaved state distribution," Mayor Knapik said, explaining that towns have "no ability to raise enough revenue to keep up with expenses," which has "devastated our ability" to address the capital needs of the city's infra-

One area that was hit hard since the 2.5-percent cap became law was the Westfield, Mass., city highway department. In the last 30 years, the number of employees in the department has dropped from 70 to 11, while the number of road miles the city is responsible for has increased from 170 to 250.

"That's really the legacy of Prop 2 ½ in city government," he said. The

state also passed "universal health care" but, he said, did not properly fund the initiative. "So, that's opened a billion-dollar hole in their budget, and they are scrambling for ways to fund it. Now, clearly, what [they] are going to do is pick on [their] little brother and sister, which is your cities and towns."

The mayor said state school aid to his town in recent years had been \$39 million. This year, that number was slashed \$633,000. Four years ago, the city received \$41 million in state aid. The council chopped \$860,000 on top of the state aid cut to Westfield's public schools.

"With every downturn, they dig deeper into your local aid contribution, and it never, ever comes back up at a rate we can hire back effectively," he said, noting that his city's tax assessor's office has gone from a staff of 10 some two decades ago to four staffers today.

He predicted that "times will be significantly different" in New Jersey, with the new 2-percent cap in place. "There will be mass layoffs," the mayor warned.

FW TV to Air Show on 1919 **Auction of Ackerman Estate**

FANWOOD - Fanwood Municipal Television will have a special showing of its newest local history program on Sunday, August 1 at 2 p.m. in the Forest Road Park building.

The 50-minute show provides an indepth look at the largest real estate auction ever held in the Fanwood-Scotch Plains area. The estate of the late Warren Ackerman was auctioned off in July of 1919. A total of 610 acres as well as numerous structures were up for bid. Warren Ackerman died in 1896, but his extensive real estate holdings were not sold until about 25 years after his passing. The offering included two major residential estates on Mountain Avenue, 11 farms, seven farm houses, many private dwellings, as well as open acreage and timberland. The expansive estate owned by Dr. Abraham Coles and his son, Dr. J. Ackerman Coles, was known as "Deerhurst."

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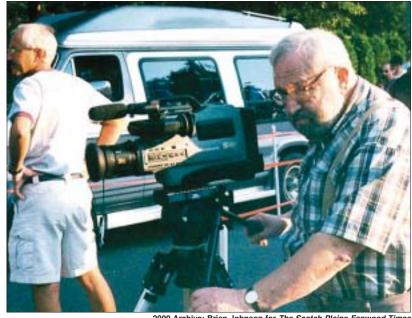
Local residents interested in tracing the origins of their residential land will be able to speak with regional historians. They will also be able to make arrangements to see detailed, local maps going back to the 1860s.

This program will be of interest to residents of the Brunner School area on Westfield Road. Information about the previous landowners and tenant farmers who worked the land around present-day Waldon Road, Tillotsen Road, Lois Place and Linda Lane is included in the video. Information about the land along Jerusalem Road and Mountain Avenue is also in-

The Forest Road Park building is air conditioned. There is no admission charge and parking is free.

Fanwood TV is available on Verizon Channel 24 and on Comcast Cable Channel 35. For further information, residents can call the producer George Weiss of Fanwood Television at (908) 322-2373.

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LONG-TIME PRODUCER...George Weiss of Fanwood TV 35 has been producing community TV for decades. Mr. Weiss is pictured above in August 2000 producing a series when, at the time, TV35 was shared with Mountainside. A new history show will debut August 1. See story on this page.

Westfield Public Safety

vealed more concern about public safety than about parking. She added that more surveys were returned from parents than from students.

Councilwoman Vicki Kimmins said she felt that parents might not be aware of all of the issues regarding parking at the high school and felt that it should remain a separate issue.

Councilman James Foerst said with the added traffic at Lincoln School and concerns that already existed regarding safety at Kehler Stadium, it was important that the entire area be looked at as a grid.

Councilwoman Neylan also announced that "the number of (crossing guard) posts to be eliminated has been reduced" and that an announcement on the final decision would be coming in the next few weeks. She declined to specify the number of positions that will be eliminated.

Eagle Scout Candidate Luke Gibbons received a green light from the council to proceed with a Vietnam Memorial to those Westfield residents who were killed during the war along the hillside near the World War I and Korean War memorials at the circle on North Avenue and Broad Street. He is proposing to construct two walls, as a smaller version of what exists in Washington, D.C. and will be seeking input from local Vietnam veterans as to what will go on the walls.

The council went into closed session regarding Sunnyside Senior Housing lawsuit. Sunnyside is seeking a high-density housing development including affordable housing onSpringfield Avenue. Also discussed were lease negotiations with Westfield Senior Housing Corporation and the Westfield Board of Adjustment and employment matters.

Teacher Kravetsky to Stay

She said, last Thursday, that in the private meeting between Mr. Kravetsky, his representative, members of the BOE and their attorney, it was decided that he would be granted tenure and would be teaching this coming fall at one of the town's six elementary schools. Which school has yet to be determined.

"So, basically, we won," Ms. Silva said.

Speaking about the unprecedented nature of how the decision to retain Mr. Kravetsky unfolded, she said, 'Two moms were at the forefront of saving a teacher's job. It literally had not been done before...We didn't have any idea what we were getting ourselves into. We were going by the seat of our pants. We did everything we could to get people involved. We were Team Kravetsky.

A Donaldson hearing had not oc-

curred in Westfield for more than 20 years, and the last one to be heard did not end favorably for the teacher involved.

Mr. Kravetsky's first experience in Westfield took place during the 2006-2007 school year, as he filled in as a substitute for a teacher on maternity leave. With the school choosing to retain Mr. Kravetsky, he started fulltime in the fall of 2007. Now, he has taught three full years and will be granted tenure on the first day of the upcoming school year.

Ms. Silva's son had Mr. Kravetsky as his third-grade teacher. Speaking from experience, she said Mr. Kravetsky was "somebody [who] needed to be held on to...We're definitely proud and glad that the BOE came to its senses...It was a good day to save a great teacher."



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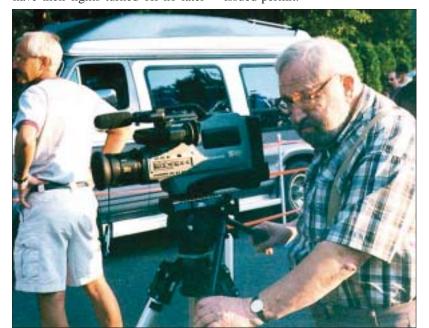
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SP Council Introduces Multiple **Ordinances for Action Next Month**

SCOTCH PLAINS - The township council on Tuesday introduced multiple ordinances, including one regulating hours of operation at municipal parks and fields and two others dealing with construction-related fees and permitted secondary uses in

business zones. All parks and ballfields will be open from 8 a.m. until dusk, under the ordinance, while lighted facilities such as the southside soccer field will have their lights turned off no later than 10 p.m. No one will be permitted at those facilities during the hours they are closed.

The second ordinance introduced at the council's regular meeting this week allows the township building department to charge a \$50 administrative fee to property owners who have outstanding permits needing to be closed out. These so-called open permits result when a homeowner fails to secure a final inspection for construction, plumbing or electrical work that was done via a townshipissued permit.



2000 Archive: Brian Johnson for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times LONGTIME PRODUCER...George Weiss of Fanwood TV 35 has been producing community TV for decades. Mr. Weiss is pictured above in August 2000 producing a series when at the time TV35 was shared with Mountainside. A new history show will debut on Sunday, August 1. See story on this page.

Fanwood-Scotch Plains History Takes to Film

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During earlier discussions, Construction Officer Bob LaCosta told the council that 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 a fee to have the permit

Also included in the same ordinance is a provision calling for a \$35 fee for a change of contractor, meaning that the fee would be levied when a homeowner or other property owner changes contractors during the period of an open permit and the building department has to adjust its records to identify the change of contractor.

cleared.

The third ordinance sets out permitted uses of upper floors in commercial buildings, and allows apartments and offices to be located on second and third floors but not mixed together on the same floor.

The council will vote on all three ordinances at public hearings on Tuesday, August 17.

In other business, the council passed a resolution accepting responsibility for the maintenance of traffic signals along Park Avenue, including the new ones being planned in connection with the ongoing renovation of the Park Avenue bridge traversing Route 22. The project began early



Fred T. Rossi for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times COUNCIL CONFERENCING...The Scotch Plains township council discussed the possible rezoning of land on North Avenue at its conference meeting on Tuesday night. Mayor Nancy Malool, center, provides details of the consideration

SP Council to Look at Rezoning Of North Avenue Properties

By FRED T. ROSSI

SCOTCH PLAINS - The town-

ship planning board's planner will be asked to study a proposal to

Westfield, Mass. Mayor **Comments on Property Tax**

By PAUL J. PEYTON

Editor's Note: As part of our coverage of New Jersey's 2-percent cap on property tax levies recently passed by the State Legislature, The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times conducted a phone interview on Friday, July 16, with Westfield, Mass. Mayor Daniel Knapik. Massachusetts voters approved Proposition 2½ in 1980, and it has been cited as a model upcom-

ing for New Jersey. The Fanwood Borough Council was to meet last night to discuss Governor Chris Christie's proposed "tool kit" now before the State Legislature. Union County and other town governments in our readership area, including Westfield, Scotch Plains, Cranford and Mountainside, are trying to understand what the impact may be for them in the upcoming year and be-

yond. We thank the mayor of Westfield, Mass. and his staff for their assistance with this article.

Westfield, Mass. is a municipality of 42,000 residents, located at the foot of the Berkshire Mountains in Western Massachusetts, seven miles west of Springfield, Mass. The city, governed by a full-time mayor and 13-member council, has a budget of \$117 million, which includes the public schools system, water, sewer and ambulance services. Unlike New Jersey, where school boards are separate from municipal government, Westfield, Mass.'s school budget is prepared by its superintendent, and then sent to the town's seven-member elected school committee for review and then on to the city council for final approval. The mayor chairs the school committee.

Mayor Knapik said property taxes in his town average \$3,500 to \$3,800 for residential properties, as 84 percent of taxes are paid by industrialand commercial-property owners.

"We have great (property) valuations throughout the state," he said, noting that a decade ago, a house in Westfield, Mass. assessed at \$120,000 would be valued at \$300,000 just outside of Boston (100 miles away). He said property tax valuations "are

in the tank, so there isn't any new property tax growth," as "there has been almost no building in the region" in recent years. The city had been receiving \$4 million from the state's excise tax, which has been reduced to \$2.7 million, as car sales have sputtered.

"The State of Massachusetts' budget grew expeditiously large in the

last 15 years, and they got themselves into funding things that they had never done before, and they really didn't calculate how it was going to happen (when the state assumed county services). When capital gains took a tank a few years ago, I think it blew a \$3-billion hole in the (state) budget," the mayor said.

Mayor Dan Knapik He said requiring health Westfield, Mass. care for all Massachusetts

residents "wasn't well thought out, and now we are really strapped" for cash. Massachusetts has all but done away with county government, with county roads, jails and sheriff's offices shifted to state government.

Mayor Knapik is serving his first year as mayor and previously served eight years on the city council. All

terms are two years in length. "To a large degree, my chief responsibility is preparing the budget, collective bargaining negotiations, chairing the school committee and than the day-to-day operations of the city and signing contracts and payroll," said Mayor Knapik, noting that, as the full-time mayor (there is no town administrator), he is paid \$90,000 plus \$5,000 for expenses. The 13 council members receive \$10,000 each, while school committee members are paid \$5,500. Elections for the town are on a non-partisan basis.

Prior to 1980, the mayor said, towns' tax rates were "based on their expense structure." "There was no sense of efficiency, so you would continue to tax to the point it took to run your government," he said.

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rezone multiple tracts of land on North Avenue that would allow a developer to possibly build a housing complex.

The township council will refer the matter to planner Mary Moody for her input as to whether the proposal is consistent with the township's master plan, and why the land has never been utilized. The two tracts of land are situated along the railroad tracks paralleling North Avenue, adjacent to the Charlie Brown's restaurant property, and are presently zoned as R-3 residential.

Township Attorney Jeffrey Lehrer told the council at its conference meeting on Tuesday that the unnamed developer is seeking a zoning change to B-1, which would allow offices and multi-family dwellings to be built. He said it is possible that a duplex could be built on one lot and as many as 13 apartment units containing up to 16 bedrooms could be built on the other.

The two parcels flank a small township-owned tract that contains a drainage easement. Councilwoman Mary DePaola raised the possibility of the developer purchasing the township land so the two private lots could be joined into

Mr. Lehrer said there currently is a "mishmash" of zones and property types between Charlie Brown's and Hetfield Avenue, including the old Gulf gas station, residential housing, township land and the empty lots in question.

Ultimately, the planning board will first discuss a possible zoning change before making any recommendations to the council, which must take formal action to change the zone designation.

Concert Set for Tonight At Village Green in SP

SCOTCH PLAINS - The 2010 concert series will continue tonight, Thursday, July 22, with a performance by the Westfield Symphony Orchestra. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. on the Alan Augustine Village Green, located at 430 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs to enjoy a night of free music.

The Westfield Symphony Orchestra, founded in 1983 and under the direction of David Wroe, is viewed as one of the "cultural jewels" in the metropolitan area, as well as "the leading professional freelance orchestra in New Jersey," according to The Star-Ledger.

The concert series will continue on Thursday nights through August 19. with the exception of Tuesday. August 3, in celebration of National Night Out. For more information about the concert series, call the recreation department at (908) 322-6700, extension no. 1223.



Fred Rossi for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*JAZZING IT UP...Doug Clarke and the Rutgers Rebels, a jazz quintet, entertained the crowd last Thursday evening at Alan Augustine Village Green as the township's annual summer concert series kicked off. The Westfield Symphony Orchestra is set to perform tonight, July 22, at 7:30 p.m., and the concert series will feature shows on July 29, August 12 and August 19. The annual National Night Out program on August 3 will also feature free music.

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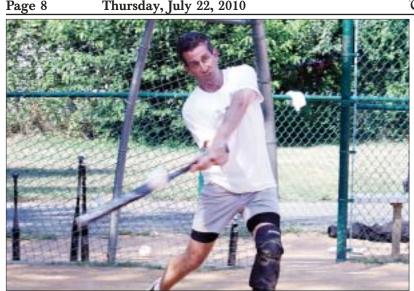
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MAKING GOOD CONTACT...Park Beverage slugger Marty Marks makes contact with the ball and thumps an RBI triple in the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League game with Scared Hitless at Jerseyland Field on July 18. Park Beverage won 23-8.

Westfield, Mass. Mayor

At the time Proposition 2½ passed, then-Governor Michael Dukakis agreed to send back roughly 40 percent of the state revenue to cities and towns to offset the shortfall in revenues felt by towns per the new cap

"At the time, maybe the state budget was \$4 or \$5 billion. Today, the state budget's at \$28 billion," he said. Today, around 25 percent of state revenues are returned to cities and towns. "So, in large percent numbers, they've starved us. They turned us into basically slaved state distribution," Mayor Knapik said, explaining that towns have "no ability to raise enough revenue to keep up with expenses," which has "devastated our ability" to address the capital needs of the city's infrastructure.

One area that was hit hard since the 2.5-percent cap became law was the Westfield, Mass. city highway department. In the last 30 years, the number of employees in the department has dropped from 70 to 11, while the number of road miles the city is responsible for has increased from 170 to 250.

"That's really the legacy of Prop 2½ in city government," he said. The state also passed "universal health care" but, he said, did not properly fund the initiative. "So, that's opened a billion-dollar hole in their budget, and they are scrambling for ways to fund it. Now, clearly, what [they] are going to do is pick on [their] little brother and sister, which is your cities and towns."

The mayor said state school aid to his town in recent years had been \$39 million. This year, that number was slashed \$633,000. Four years ago, the city received \$41 million in state aid. The council chopped \$860,000 on top of the state aid cut to Westfield's public schools.

"With every downturn, they dig deeper into your local aid contribution, and it never, ever comes back up at a rate we can hire back effectively,

he said, noting that his city's tax assessor's office has gone from a staff of 10 some two decades ago to four staffers today.

He predicted that "times will be significantly different" in New Jersey, with the new 2-percent cap in place. "There will be mass layoffs," the mayor warned.

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this year and is about a third of the way completed, with visible work being done at both ends of the bridge.

Police Chief Brian Mahoney met with the council at its conference meeting Tuesday evening and clarified that the township will not control the timing of the lights along the Park Avenue corridor. Mayor Nancy Malool said it would be optimal to have better synchronization of traffic lights along that thoroughfare, "to lessen the traffic back-

ups."
Township Manager Chris Marion said the topic would be addressed during a forthcoming meeting with engineering officials from Union County, which controls the traffic signals on Park Avenue.

Mr. Marion said at the regular meeting that the township has not yet received a final tax rate from the county tax board, meaning the issuance of tax bills will be delayed next month. As a result, the grace period for the August 1 payment is being extended.

The council also awarded a contract of nearly \$350,000 to Denbar Construction to provide various heavy equipment for the 2010 road repair

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RVSA Sees Rising Charges In 2011 Sewer Assessments

By WAYNE BAKER

RAHWAY — The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority's (RVSA) Board of Commissioners heard a report from its auditors at its meeting last Thurs-

Auditor Robert Butvilla, of Suplee Clooney & Co., described the audit as "nice and neat." He said, "Bob (Materna) does a very good job putting this together."

Westfield's commissioner, Allen Chin, said \$4.2 million was given back to member municipalities this year to help reduce assessments. Mr. Materna said he "can't imagine a similar giveback in 2011."

The Star-Ledger on Tuesday reported that the auditor anticipates towns will see a 17-percent hike in sewer rates next year, as there is only \$500,000 left in RVSA's surplus.

Mr. Materna said RVSA's annual budget is made up of approximately \$14.1 million in operating expenses and \$13.8 million in debt service.

In other business, RVSA's roof contract, which was a rebid, was for a new roof on the RVSA's office building. The winning bidder was Integrity Roofing, Inc. of Rahway. Their bid was more than \$100,000 lower than the next closest bid.

Insurance contracts were approved to New Jersey Manufacturer's Insurance Co. for worker's compensation and to Business and Government Insurance Agency for liability and property coverage. The total costs for the insurance are slightly in excess of \$362,000.

An unusual maneuver was executed at the meeting, with Clark Commissioner Frank Mazzarella asking for Cipolla and Company's bills to be separated from the authority's other bills. Current billings were approved, but Mr. Mazzarella said he wanted the charges from the forensic accountant separate, with the understanding that greater detail was needed on his

The meeting concluded with a long executive (closed) session.

Closed-session topics included discussion of a replacement executive director and the authority's lawsuits related to the dysfunctional \$70 million cogeneration project.



FROM FRANCE TO AFGHANISTAN...In a photo taken at last year's 65th D-Day anniversary and observances, then-Staff Sergeant Tim Henshall, left, of a New Jersey-based Army Reserve unit stands with a fellow paratrooper and two American citizens following a re-enactment parachute jump on Iron Mike Drop Zone just outside the village of Sainte-Mère-Église, France, commemorating the June 6, 1944 invasion of Normandy during World War II. A former Westfield resident and 1978 alumnus of Westfield High School, Sergeant First Class Henshall currently is serving as a Civil Affairs Team Chief and Pashto language linguist on a tour of duty in the mountains of Southeastern Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Fanwood Television

County) New Jersey. The idea for the show was based on an auction brochure, which is on display in the Fanwood Museum.

Local residents interested in tracing the origins of their residential land will be able to speak with regional historians. They will also be able to make arrangements to see detailed, local maps going back to the 1860's. This program will be of special interest to residents of the Brunner School area on Westfield Road. Information about the previous landowners and tenant farmers who worked the land around presentday Waldon Road, Tillotsen Road, Lois Place and Linda Lane is included in the video. Information about the land along Jerusalem Road and Mountain Avenue is included as well.

The Forest Road Park building is air conditioned. There will be no admission charge, and parking also will be free. Fanwood TV is available on Verizon Channel 24 and on Comcast Cable Channel 35. For further information, residents can call producer George Weiss of Fanwood Television at (908) 322-2373.



CLEANUP...Rotarians and other friends of the Aunt Betty Frazee Project, who are committed to restoring Scotch Plains' Revolutionary period farmstead, maintain the house and grounds. Paul Malool, right, husband of Scotch Plains Mayor Nancy Malool, lends a hand beside Rotarians Dan Marrosu and Andy Calamaras. Rotarians Kiran Dhaliwal, Janet Strunk and Blanchard Hiatt also worked the clean-up effort, which has now enabled the shed to be removed. For more information and to assist, see frazeehouse.org.

Former WF Cop Alleges Police Dept. Mismanagement

By LAUREN S. BARR

WESTFIELD — Former Westfield police officer and town resident Greg Kasko read a prepared statement to the mayor and council at Tuesday night's Westfield Council meeting, urging the council to make hearings on the employment of a current Westfield Police officer public.

According to Mr. Kasko, the officer, whom he did not name, asked to make the hearing public but that the town denied the request. He went on to say that the "officer's claims involve the credibility of ranking officers and their ability to bypass union rules and regulations.'

Mr. Kasko also said that in 2005 the Institute for Forensic Psychology evaluated candidates for promotion within the police department, and he alleged that a "specific candidate not

be recommended for promotion" and while he did not name the individual, he alleges that the report was ignored. He added that there is "abuse of the rules" in regards to promotions and alleges that there have been "secret pay raises to those favored by management."

He said that the employee's hearings will continue on Friday, August 20, when Chief John Parizeau is scheduled to testify, and he asked that the council "open a window into the abusive practices inside the Westfield Police Department" by making the hearing open to the public.

In other business, the council introduced on first reading an ordinance to approve the wages for the Teamsters. The new contract has a zero-percent pay raise for all employees for 2010 and sets new hourly wages and salaries for 2011.



FARMER'S MARKET...Fresh produce is available Saturdays at area farmers markets, including Scotch Plains on Park Avenue by the Municipal Building and Westfield at the South Avenue Train Station. Pictured above, baskets of fresh peaches are for sale in Westfield.



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Commission to Explore Prosecutor System Reform

TRENTON - Last week, Governor Chris Christie signed executive order no. 33, establishing the county prosecutor study commission to examine the feasibility of modifying the state's county prosecutor system towards greater efficiency and savings for taxpayers. Last month, the Governor met with leaders of the state's 21 counties to get input and discuss their proposals to change how the county prosecutor system operates, including the possibility of placing county prosecutors within the Attorney General's Office.

"At a time of limited resources, we must ensure governments at every level function as efficiently and effectively as possible," Governor Christie said "Through this study commission, I am directing Attorney General Paula Dow to conduct a thorough review of the current system governing the county prosecutor's offices and to determine whether efficiencies, cost savings and a more equitable allocation of resources can be achieved."

County prosecutors are appointed by the Governor and are supervised by the Attorney General. According to a spokesman for the Governor, county prosecutor's offices often have their own operating structure, resulting in inefficiencies, administrative redundancies, caseload discrepancies and inconsistent salary compensation.

"During these hard economic times, all areas of government, including law enforcement, must look for ways to operate with maximum efficiency without compromising public safety," Ms. Dow said. "I look forward to working with county officials throughout the state, my director of the Division of Criminal Justice and the county prosecutors to explore this important and challenging issue."

The study commission will examine the concerns raised by county officials and provide recommendations to the governor on a number of issues, including: viability of a total or partial state takeover of the county prosecutor's offices; potential areas of waste, redundancy and inefficiencies; alternatives to a state takeover that can achieve cost savings and efficiencies, including regional consolidation and shared services, and whether the current funding mechanisms are appropriate, including viability of the County Prosecutor Funding Initiative Pilot Program.

The Attorney General will chair the study commission, which will be comprised of state Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff, Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr., Morris County Administrator John Bonanni, Atlantic County Executive Dennis Levinson, Hudson County Executive Thomas DeGise, Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, Burlington County Prosecutor Robert Bernardi, Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow and Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia Valdes, Also serving on the commission will be Stephen Taylor, director of the Division of Criminal Justice; Patrick Hobbs, dean of the Seton Hall University School of Law, and former Attorney General Cary Edwards.

The commission will issue its final report to Governor Christie no later than Wednesday, December 15, and will serve without compensation.

State Assembly Forms Life Sciences Panel

TRENTON - Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver and Assembly Majority Leader Joseph Cryan have announced the formation of the bipartisan Assembly Task force on Life Sciences to identify ways to attract, encourage and support the life sciences industry in New Jersey

The task force will identify ways in which New Jersey can retain and attract new life science industry to spur growth and create jobs across the state. It would also identify and examine the barriers to life science growth in New Jersey and examine the successful programs in other states that are encouraging growth and attracting life sciences companies to see if there are financial, tax and regulatory incentives that New Jersey should be exploring. The task force will include six Democratic legislators including Annette Quijano (LD-20, Union). Republican appointments are expected to be announced soon.

"Having a dedicated focus on New Jersey's life sciences industry – from our research universities to our biopharmaceutical and medical technology companies - shows a strong commitment to supporting an enterprise that could be the envy of the world," said Dr. Kathleen Scotto, vice-president for Research at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

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WATER WORKS...Union County Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, third from right, congratulates members of the Rahway Water Champions on their efforts in water conservation. The students presented their audit and cost/analyses of water usage at Rahway High School to federal and state environmental officials, executives from American Standard and county officials. The students believe the school could reduce its water use by two-thirds through water-saving plumbing upgrades. Pictured are Rahway High School students, from left to right, Emera De Los Santos, Jennifer Matos, Paloma Ferreyrn, Moreen Famosa and Jamie

KemperSports, County **Announce Partnership**

KENILWORTH - KemperSports, the Union County Freeholders, Union County Golf Properties and TaylorMade Golf have agreed to transform The Learning Center at Galloping Hill Golf Course, a full-service driving range, practice facility and learning center located in Kenilworth into a TaylorMade Performance Lab.

The lab will be the seventh such location in the country. The focal point of the transformation will be a 3,000square-foot clubhouse that will house the lab, golf shop and grill room. A commemoration ceremony for the public will take place on Friday, July

The Union County Freeholder Board recently announced that the club's new 40,000-square-foot clubhouse will be the official home of the New Jersey State Golf Association. The clubhouse, which will be equipped with a 300-person banquet facility, conference center, golf shop, bar and grill, private dining room and an outdoor terrace overlooking the golf course, is on schedule to be completed at the start of the 2012 golf season.

The county golf courses are managed by Northbrook, Ill.-based KemperSports since 2009.

The Learning Center at Galloping Hill is a practice facility that includes 50 driving-range stalls (32 heated and

DeCroce: State Must Cap 'Super' Salaries

TRENTON — Assembly Republican Leader Alex DeCroce (LD-26, Morris Plains) said this week that Governor Chris Christie's plan to cap the salary structure of school superintendents, based on the student enrollment in their district, is another area of education reform that needs to be addressed immediately in order to provide relief

to taxpayers and control spending. "Without question, many superintendents' salaries are out of touch with reality," Mr. DeCroce said. "The top priority of educational funding should be focused on the needs of students, not administrators.

The governor has said \$10 million could be saved by his plan. Superintendents' salaries have increased nearly 46 percent since 2001 at a cost of nearly \$100 million to New Jersey taxpayers. The Governor's proposal would cap a superintendent's salary based on enrollment, with an additional \$5,000 allocated for each additional district served by the same superintendent. School boards would not be permitted to increase the base pay beyond these caps.

covered), a 40,000-square-foot practice area with putting greens, chipping areas and bunkers. In addition, there is a nine-hole practice course named "The Learning Center Nine." The par 33 layout offers 2,400 yards – useful for beginners to master the game.

KemperSports Chief Executive Officer Steve Skinner said, "The customers of The Learning Center at Galloping Hill will benefit by TaylorMade's innovative model of personalized club fitting and instruction.'

On Friday, July 30, TaylorMade will commemorate this partnership by conducting a Demo Day at The Learning Center, located at 1 Golf Drive, Kenilworth. This event will consist of skills competitions for long drive, chipping and putting, with the winners taking home TaylorMade Golf equipment. The event runs from 2 to 5 p.m. Range balls will be complimentary during the event, and the winners will be announced at 5 p.m.

KemperSports operates golf facilities as well as athletic clubs, lodging venues and major sporting events. For more information, visit

kempersports.com.

The board has determined that district goals include continuing the development of writing skills; monitoring the math program to determine whether the Everyday Math program numbers improve; infusing technology to improve student learning, specifically utilizing SMART Board technology, and planning for the use of Washington School as a self-sustaining early childhood education center for the 2011-2012 school year.

"It's important not to lose focus on what we're here for [as a board of education],"Ms. Thornton said. "To be better able to improve instruction, teaching and learning so that the students are better off than they were

GW BOE Discusses Goals For 2010-2011 School Year

By RENNIE WOLTERS

GARWOOD-The Garwood Board of Education (BOE) held its annual goal-setting meeting Tuesday to discuss objectives for both the district and the BOE for the 2010-2011 school year. Following the goal-setting meeting was the regular meeting of the

With the assistance of Gwen Thornton, New Jersey School Boards Association field service representative of Union County, the BOE developed a plan to improve student achievement for the next school year.

Ms. Thornton said New Jersey has seen the most significant drop in revenue from income tax and sales tax in recorded state history, and that the BOE should not expect to receive more financial aid next year than it did this year.

In preparation for next year's budget development, the BOE agreed that the board's goals include reaching out to community members to recruit volunteer involvement in the school system; expanding training for board members in finance and budget development, and continuing to develop more alternative sources of revenue and cost-saving initiatives.

"I guess we have to look outside the box," said Superintendent of

Schools Teresa Quigley, discussing alternative options for revenue, such as the Toms River school district's

revenue-generating school eatery, Café@1144. "Strap on your seat belts; put your crash helmets on," Ms. Thornton said.

'It's going to be a challenge." Utilizing the list of goals as guidelines for the school year, Ms. Quigley will create an action plan for achieving these goals, which will then be presented and adopted at the next BOE meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, August 17.

During the public portion of the meeting, Ms. Quigley noted that the \$25 per-student middle-school sportsactivity fee will remain in place for the upcoming school year, and the price of student lunches will not be raised. She also said that, as mandated by law, schools will no longer execute two fire drills per month; instead, they will execute one fire drill, and one lock-down drill in the event of a terrorist attack or a school shooting incident.

The board approved a resolution to submit a waiver application to the New Jersey Department of Education to permit the credentialing of substitutes before the notification of criminal history review is received, supposedly, said Board Attorney John Geppert, to fast track the application

The BOE voted to approve a resolution to participate in the Union County Improvement Authority's Series 2010 Local Unit Renewable Energy Program, which attaches solar panels to the roofs of the schools "to expand the use of renewable energy sources available" and "to reduce the energy related operating cost," scheduled at no cost to the school. Passing the resolution is the next step in attaining the solar panels; however, it is not guaranteed that the district will be chosen for the pro-

The BOE's next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, August 17. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are held in the all-purpose room at Lincoln School, located at 400 Second Avenue.

GOP to Wisniewski:

What Were You Thinking?

TRENTON - New Jersey Republican State Committee spokesperson Nicolle Gallo released the following statement regarding New Jersey Democratic State Committee Chairman John Wisniewski's "no" vote on property tax reform:

Chairman John Wisniewski must have been a little confused when he voted 'no' to property tax relief. On a day when New Jersey passed historic reform for all New Jersey taxpayers that have been burdened by the highest property taxes in the nation, Chairman Wisniewski voted 'no' to his own bill that he was the primary sponsor of. Instead of putting the needs of New Jerseyans front and center, Chairman Wisniewski would rather throw hollow support behind a bill he doesn't even back.

"As our state suffers from 70-percent jolts in property taxes and out-of-control tax increases, Trenton Democrats, like Chairman Wisniewski, should stop the empty promises and stick to being truthful to the residents of our state by giving the relief they said they'd stand behind. This leaves us to scratch our heads and wonder 'What were you thinking, Chairman?""

DNC's Grassroots Group Comments on Fin. Reforms

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Organizing for America-New Jersey State Director Samantha Gordon released the following statement on the U.S. Senate's passage of Wall Street Re-

"With [the] historic passage of Wall Street reform, the U.S. Senate and Congressional Democrats voted to put Main Street before Wall Street and ensured that Americans will be protected from future economic disasters similar to the one that nearly saw the collapse of our economy less than two years ago. Thanks to the vision and courage of President [Barack] Obama and Congressional Democrats, Wall Street will now be held accountable for their actions, and there will be greater protections for American families, small businesses, community banks and shareholders.

"The passage of Wall Street Reform means that another essential element of America's economic recovery is now in place. President Obama and Congressional Democrats vowed to protect the interests of the American people, and with this bill, they have done just that. By overcoming the opposition of the big banks and their Republican allies,

Congressional Democrats have stood up and said, unequivocally, that the status quo is no longer acceptable.

"The significance of this bill cannot be understated. President Obama and Congressional Democrats have not only passed the most significant and meaningful Wall Street Reform since the 1930's, but they have ushered in a new era of accountability and responsibility that will protect American families from Wall Street's risky and irresponsible practices. While there is still more work to do to ensure our country's recovery is sustained, I am proud to join the people of New Jersey in applauding President Obama and Congressional Democrats for passing such an important and momentous bill."

Organizing for America (OFA) is a grassroots project of the Democratic National Committee. OFA's network of volunteers and staff is actively working in all 50 states to promote the President's proposals "to strengthen America's middle class by creating jobs, passing health insurance reform, building a clean energy economy, improving education, and reining in the excesses of Wall

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Green Boot Camp Extended To Out-Of-State Teachers

By THOMAS FORTUNATO

SCOTCHPLAINS — Morristowntechnology company Honeywell sponsored its second "Green Boot Camp" for middle- and high-school teachers at the Union County Vocational-Technical High School's Academy for Information Technology (AIT) from July 12 to

The hands-on program is an interactive experience to help educators learn the latest methods for teaching green and sustainable topics to middle school students, using the Vo-Tech campus as a laboratory for green technology, sustainable living and environmental consciousness. The Boot Camp curriculum combines veteran Vo-Tech schools staff with Honeywell experience, tools and experts, according to the county's public information office.

"This is a workshop to learn about sustainability," explained AIT social studies teacher Paul Savage, one of many teachers who attended the Green Boot Camp.

"We're sharing some concepts and ideas for how we can become better educators to teach sustainability, [or] 'green energy' if you will," Mr. Sav-

The Honeywell Corporation has been investing a lot of money in biofuels and other alternative-energy sources, as well as in environmental cleanup. Honeywell is most known for its manufacturing of thermostats, air conditioning and heating systems for corporate and residential installations; however, the company also manufactures robots, super computers and military weapons.

Tina Casey, of the county's public information department, said this year's program was expanded to be statewide and national. She said four teachers from Camden County as well as educators from Alabama, New Mexico, and Virginia attended the Boot Camp.

"It is a substantial commitment (by Honeywell)," Ms. Casey told The Leader and The Times. "For this one (Boot Camp), they flew the teachers

WESTFIELD — Linda Adolph, a

resident of Westfield, was honored as a

"Prestigious Woman of New Jersey" at

a luncheon held recently by Worship for

Life Community Outreach, Inc., a Jack-

son-based non-profit organization. The

event, held at the Metuchen Golf and

Country Club in Edison, recognized the community service and accomplish-

ments of women throughout the state.

Ms. Adolph, a corporate sales manager

in the insurance industry, was lauded for

her successful track record of over 15

years in sales and her ability to educate and motivate others toward success.

nity Outreach and senior account

manager of sales and marketing for

Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of

New Jersey. "Linda has demonstrated

this with her devotion to those in her

In addition to the luncheon, the

event featured a classical singer and

a dance troupe, all young women

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profession and in her community.'

"A prestigious woman is a woman of virtue." said Madie Nash. cofounder of Worship for Life Commu-

Linda Adolph Recognized for

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their guests.

For the teachers attending the "Boot Camp," the workshop involved fun (and educational) activities and projects, such as making wind turbines, solar-powered model houses, a barrel to collect and filter rainwater for agricultural use and an exercise cycle hooked up to a generator. According to Mr. Savage, all these projects were interdisciplinary and utilized knowledge from almost every academic subject a student takes

As teachers share these projects with their students, not only will the children be more academically motivated by seeing how the information they learn in school all fits together and can be applied to real-life applications, but they will also learn how easy it is to "be green" and how inefficient a lot of the conveniences they take for granted are.

The last project of the workshop was to make a rudimentary light bulb out of a mason jar, candle, wire and battery, in order to demonstrate how impractical light bulbs are to produce.

"From the freeholders' point of view, we are proud to have a program of this kind in Union County. Teachers are exploring green technologies together. They come up with new ideas and teaching strategies together," Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski said.

They will go back to the schools in their home districts and develop new curricula, and their students will pick up from there. There's no telling what kind of creative ideas the students will come up with, sparked by what happens in the classroom with these teachers," Freeholder Kowalski

Honeywell's service marketing representative John Isherwood said "one of the interesting things from Honeywell's perspective [is that] these teachers will teach students [who] will become our partners in the

Ms. Casey added that those teachers who participate in the program would become "leaders" in their schools on "green technol-

who performed for the honorees and

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By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times

the paper reported.

NJ Transit OKs \$1.35-Billion **Capital Budget for FY 2011**

NJ Transit has approved a \$1.35billion capital program for the 2011 fiscal year, which started July 1. The program includes the purchase of 100 multilevel commuter rail cars and 10 dual-powered locomotives, according to The Asbury Park Press. Earlier this year, the agency hiked rail and bus fares 25 percent and announced a 2 percent reduction in its workforce, all to address a \$300-million operating budget deficit.

Garnished Wages for Late NJ Taxes Would Go to Towns

Legislation (S-2012) that would garnish income tax refunds from homeowners delinquent on their property taxes and provide the funds to towns is being considered by a Senate committee.

Sen. Barbara Buono (LD-18, Metuchen), the Senate Majority Leader, questioned whether the bill adequately protects child-support payments and whether it would punish the unemployed.

Sen. Michael Doherty (LD-23, Washington), the bill's sponsor, said he would be willing to amend the proposal to make it clear that people who are owed child support would be the first to receive garnished income tax refunds. He also accused Sen. Buono of playing politics by speaking in public rather than contacting him before the meeting

Lautenberg Bill Adds \$6 Mil. For Cameras at Airports

The Department of Homeland Security would receive an additional \$6 million to install cameras at airports, with the maximum penalty for breaching a secure area increased to 10 years in prison, under federal legislation sponsored by Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J) and approved last week by the U.S. Senate Homeland Security subcommittee

The bill includes \$950,000 for an operations center in Passaic County and \$3.5 million for a center in Hudson County.

Ex-Super Gets \$132,223 For Unused Sick Time

Freehold Regional High School District's retired superintendent, H. James Wasser, will receive \$132,223 for unused sick and vacation time he had accumulated, according to a report in The Asbury Park Press.

Mr. Wasser, who was with the district for 23 years in different capacities, retired June 30 with 162 unused vacation days, worth \$115,247, and 97 unused sick days, totaling \$16,975. He will receive an annual pension of \$129,311.

Independent Tea Party Candidate Joins Third Dist. Congress Race

The Courier-Post has reported that Peter DeStefano, an independent Tea Party candidate this fall, is running

Six in 10 Americans who have not yet retired do not believe they will receive Social Security benefits when they retire, more pessimistic than at any time since Gallup began asking this question in 1989, according to gallop.com. The 75th anniversary of the founding of the Social Security system will be marked on August 14.

against Rep. John Adler (D) and his

Republican opponent Jon Runyan.

His name "surfaced for the first time

as a viable candidate in an internal

poll commissioned by Rep. John

Adler and released to several blogs,'

Poll: Workers Don't Feel They

Will Get Social Sec. Benefits

'Nonretirees' confidence in the Social Security system has been relatively low over the last 21 years; 49 percent said they would receive benefits when Gallup first used the current question wording in 1989, ticking up to a high of 52 percent in March 2001.

The 36 pecent who in the current July 8-11 USA Today/Gallup poll say they expect to receive benefits marks a significant downturn in the last five years, according to gallop.com

Assembly Seeks to Promote Biofuel Use in New Jersey

TRENTON - An Assembly bill was advanced last week to promote independence from the reliance on petroleum-based fossil fuels. The bill, (A-1052), would require the state to purchase and use biofuels in place of fossil fuels if the cost is the same or less, and if the purchase and use of biofuels is deemed to be reasonable, prudent and cost effective.

The bill was approved 78-0 by the Assembly in May and released Thursday by the Senate Environment and Energy Committee.

"New Jersey is one of the leading states in the nation in the advancement of alternative energy technologies," Asw. Annette Quijano (LD-20, Union.) said. "Reducing our fossilfuel dependence by using more renewable resources, such as biofuel has the potential to significantly improve local air quality, reduce the state's dependence on foreign oil and reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions.'

"It's in everyone's best interest for the state, when it makes sense to do so, to advance biofuel technologies by fostering the production and purchase of biofuels," Asm. Joe Cryan (LD-20, Union) said. "Promoting alternative energy, reducing greenhouse-gas emissions and reducing reliance on petroleum-based fossil

fuels are smart approaches, both environmentally and economically."

"New Jersey can lead by example by promoting alternative energies and helping boost their production right here in the Garden State," added said Upendra Chivukula (LD-17, Somerset). "This policy could help save taxpayers money, create jobs and spark economic development, all of which would benefit New Jer-

The Senate panel amended the bill to clarify the definition of biofuels, so if approved by the Senate, it would have to return to the Assembly for concurrence.

Katie Vowell Makes Marquette Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Westfield's Katherine Vowell, a former Westfield Leader intern, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2010 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

Katherine just graduated in May after completing her Bachelor of Arts degree in Writing-Intensive English.

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Is The N.J. Supreme Court Creating a Tower of 'Babble'?

In a bizarre 4-3 ruling on June 12 (State v. German Marquez), the New Jersey State Supreme Court has determined that a person pulled over for driving while intoxicated in Plainfield in 2007 should have been read instructions in their native tongue of the penalties associated with refusing to submit to the state-mandated Breathalyzer test for motorists suspected of drunk driving. Yet, the four justices upheld the Appellate Court's decision that the motorist was correctly convicted of DWI.

Ruling in the majority were Justice Barry Albin, who wrote the decision, and Justices Virginia Long, John E. Wallace, Jr.; and Chief Justice Stuart Rabner. Voting against the decision were Justices Jaynee LaVecchia, Roberto Rivera-Soto and Helen Hoens. Governor Chris Christie has not reappointed Justice Wallace due to what the Governor said was the court's legislating from the bench. Justice Wallace certainly did not help his cause in this ruling.

By operating a motor vehicle in New Jersey it is implied that the driver has consented to a DWI Brealthyzer test under the "implied consent" statute.

The Supreme Court focused on what the word "inform" means in the law. The court said the individual in this case spoke Spanish and, thus, could not have been expected to understand English. They also noted the state's Motor Vehicle Commission has now posted on their website statements to be played by police for persons being administered Breathalyzer tests in 10 languages — Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian, Portuguese and Spanish. In addition, the state's written driver's examination has also been available in multiple languages.

But there are 6,909 known languages on the planet

today. Are we to throw out cases because an individual speaks a dialect that New Jersey does not offer – or stumbles with the proper translation to "inform" a defendant? In our opinion, New Jersey needs to apply one legal language in New Jersey – English.

Expanding our laws to cover all language barriers was not likely what lawmakers intended when they authored our DWI laws. Their focus was to get motorists off the road that pose a public safety threat to others; it was not to ensure that someone who chooses not to learn, or at least understand, English receives the proper dialect they can understand.

At least the court noted, properly, that a DWIimpaired person couldn't use as a defense that they were too drunk to understand their Miranda Rights.

The court's decision, if left to stand, could result in a huge caseload of persons seeking to overturn their convictions on the Breathalyzer tests, claiming they spoke "limited English" at the time of their convictions.

Driving is a privilege, it is not a right guaranteed by the Constitution. Let's focus on getting drunk drivers off our roadway by making English the official language of New Jersey's courts.

New Jersey is a state that prides itself because judges are appointed, not elected as many other states do. Not surprisingly, lawyers and judges love this system.

But the public is starting to wonder. Maybe it is time to have elected judges in hopes of bringing an end to nonsense such as this suxch ruling.

With one common language, many things could improve while keeping society from being mired down by a Tower of Babel created by the court's towering babble.

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Letters to the Editor

Listening Carefully to Citizens Is Not a Freeholder Trademark

Contrary to Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski's assertion (letter to the editor, July 15), it has not been my experience that Union County Freeholders "listen carefully" to citizens — and her letter proves the point. In it she appears puzzled at the offense taken by Jim Buettner for being thanked by her as he exited a recent Freeholder meeting during her closing comments

I was there. Freeholder Kowalski interrupted her prepared remarks with these exact words (phonetically): "Thank you Mr. But-ner; I appreciate your attention' (delivered in a sarcastic whine one seldom hears outside of a middle-school lunchroom) — and then, after a brief back-and-forth (wherein Mr. Buettner objected to and Freeholder Chairman Sullivan condoned Ms. Kowalski's taunt),

resumed listing county activities that everyone in that room, which consisted mostly of county employees, would have already known about.

Mr. Buettner has spoken at Freeholder meetings about 50 times over the last two years and each time he has announced himself and pronounced his name "Bit-ner." Either Freeholder Kowalski chose to embarrass Mr. Buettner by mangling his last name or else she listens carefully only up to the first name of the speaker and, if it isn't "Charlotte," tunes out.

> John Bury Kenilworth

Editor's note: Mr. Bury refers to Union County Democrat Party Chairwoman Charlotte DeFilippo.

We Have Politicians Going Crazy In **Washington Spending Our Money**

I am trying to figure out what our politicians in Washington are doing!

We have a huge deficit, but they are still finding money for their own areas. There was no money for the seniors to receive a COLA increase for Social Security this year, but our politicians still received the automatic raises they give themselves every year. The one year when voters pressured them not to take the raise, some politicians did not take their raise — but gave it to charity. The money did not stay in the "pot," but they were still able to take a deduction on their income tax.

I heard recently that, besides giving themselves raises, they found \$38 million to give raises to their staffs along with a nice bonus. Staff salaries start at

\$38,000 and up. I understand that President Obama is now receiving \$400,000.

At one time shortly after taking office, the President said his staff members making over \$250,000 would not get raises did that ever happen? If so, then why is he taking a raise when our economy is so bad and we are all struggling to make ends

We have politicians going crazy in Washington spending our money while many of us are out of work and waiting for things to get better! I don't see this happening while they spend millions of dollars for their own needs. Where are they finding this money

> Barbara Edwards **Scotch Plains**

Anti-Cell-Tower Website; Who Are These People?

After reading Mrs. Costello's letter (July 8) and the two responses (July 15) thereto, I am very interested in knowing where Ms. Mouckas obtained the information that "the proposed cell tower at Willow Grove Swim Club will do nothing to improve cell phone service in or around my home.'

Mr. Spera wants to know why someone would write a letter "expressing her distain [sic] for people placing signs on their lawns expressing their disapproval of the planned cell tower.'

I have reread Mrs. Costello's letter. Her comments are directed toward the folks who see fit to threaten, e-mail, accost and distribute propaganda anonymously. She does not refute your right to free speech. Her opening paragraph is proof of that.

The information on the signs referred to direct people to a website. The last time that website was updated was over three years ago. It has nobody's name attached to it; nor is there any "contact" information. Who are these people, and why wouldn't they want their name associated with their opinions?

Rona Goldberg

Tennis Court Usage Should Be More Equitable For Westfield Taxpayers

Bruce Kaufmann, Westfield recreation director and copied to this newspaper.

My husband and I had an unpleasant experience on the tennis courts at amaques Park on Monday morning, July 5. We arrived at approximately 8:50 a.m. and took our places on the court farthest from the parking lot. Right before we were about to take our first strokes, a gentleman named Don approached and told us some bad news. He had the four far courts reserved for a recreation department-sponsored tennis program

He indicated that his program is for young children and is being held Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from now until sometime in August. We were being bumped from playing tennis on municipal courts on the morning of a holiday weekend.

I have since looked at the tennis section of the recreation department program guide. The program we were told about is not listed on the calendar. In addition, Memorial Park is listed as having six courts. In fact, there are three usable courts, two without nets and one with a net whose surface is too uneven to safely use for tennis.

The program guide also mentions that the courts are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. We arrived before 9

open court. If the recreation department wants to monopolize courts for long periods of time for young children, it seems to me that the courts at Memorial Park are the more logical choice. They are close to the pool for cooling off, and beginners don't need a net to learn the fundamentals of eye-hand coordination hitting the ball.

As you are well aware, Tamaques Park has the best public tennis courts in town. In my opinion, it is not right that the recreation department takes those away from the tennis playing public to give them to children who are just beginning and will not appreciate the difference.

It is very nice that this town has a private tennis club with many courts, but unfortunately not everyone can be a member. There is a significant waiting list. In the meantime, the rest of us should have a fair opportunity to play on the best public courts in town, especially on a holiday weekend.

I did call your office to discuss this with you and, to date, you have not returned the phone call. I sincerely hope that you will change the policy for court usage to make it more equitable for the taxpayers of this town.

Ellen Rogers

Freeholders Listening Couldn't **Be Further From the Truth**

In her letter published last week, Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski states she welcomes input from the public at Freeholder meetings. "Freeholders listen carefully and respond with as much information as is available.

This couldn't be further from the truth. $Citizens\,who\,ask\,questions\,regarding\,how$ our tax dollars are being spent, as well as question how the peoples' business is being conducted are routinely disrespected by Freeholders and county employees including the county's spokesperson, Sebastian D'Elia, who has taken up a letter-writing campaign in this newspaper against citizens who dare to have a negative view of county government.

Kowalski didn't thank county resident Jim Buettner for his attention, as she claims in her letter; she made a snide remark as he exited a meeting. It was done in a condescending, confrontational manner; in fact, it was against the county's own standards of Roberts Rules of Order which citizens are strictly held to and Freeholders and county employees ignore routinely when harassing citizens. Mr. Buettner responded to Kowalski's

harassment and was escorted out of the meeting by county police, even though he was leaving anyway! Kowalski just smiled while this was going on. Kowalski has never answered any ques-

tioned regarding how tax dollars are spent at any meeting I have ever attended or watched. I believe she isn't capable of doing so.

Her letter does not answer the question Jim Buettner posted that evening and wasn't given a response to. Instead, Kowalski attempts to distract from serious discussion and goes on a boring rant about fluff county services such as concerts, movies, horseback riding, archery and fireworks — services that take up less than 1 percent of the almost half a billion-dollar county budget.

Censorship is un-American wrote D'Elia in his letter, however, he unsuccessfully sued me and a fellow blogger of county government in an attempt to silence us. The freeholders were forced to read an apology for banning free speech at a meeting last August to avoid a lawsuit by the NJ ACLU.

Kowalski and D'Elia are perfect representatives of the arrogant, deceitful and out-of-control Union County government. I hope they keep writing and you keep reading.

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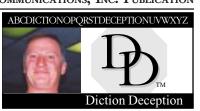
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Below are four arcane words, each with four definitions - only one is correct. The others are made up. Are you sharp enough to discern this deception of dic-

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

All words and correct definitions come from the board game Diction

Answers to last week's arcane words. 1. Quaich – A shallow cup or drinking

2. Laminiferous - Consisting of layers 3. Zoopraxiscope – An early kind of

moving-picture projector
4. Ophiolatry – The worship of snakes

num which joins onto the ribs

PLEUROSTEON 1. The lateral element of a bird's ster-

2. An extinct marine reptilian animal having had a long neck, paddlelike limbs and a length of 15 to 20 feet long

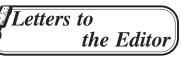
3. An air sac in the lungs of any animal 4. A thin, serous membrane which covers the inside of the thorax

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- 1. Rust-colored 2. Full of life; very lively
- 4. A sperm whale

3. Hawaiian seaweed

- **PLIOFILM** 1. A plastic coating used to protect
- furniture 2. The meniscus or curved upper surface of water
- 3. A waterproof, transparent rubber
- sheeting used for raincoats 4. The protective, transparent mem-
- brane surrounding the eyes URSON
- 1. Bristled; standing erect
- 2. Pertaining to the urinary tract 3. The Canada porcupine
- 4. Of or characteristic of a bear



Union County's Wellness Program Receives Clarification

Editor's Note: The following Union County letter was copied to this newspaper to address confusion over the Wellness

To Sebastian D'Elia, Union County Director of Public Information: We see the article in The [Westfield] Leader about the Bergen Wellness Program coming to UC. Unfortunately, the quote attributed to Frank Guzzo (human services director) is wrong, and the Bergen people have since clarified for us. Frank tried to explain it in his memo to the board, but there was some confusion. We should issue a clarification, since folks will be happy to learn that there is no registration fee. There is absolutely no cost to the consumer. The \$1 is generated by the discount from the prescription program and is shared equally by Bergen and Union Counties (.50 each per prescription filled

under this program). Karen Dinsmore **UC Department of Human Services**

Court Orders Release Of Former Garwood **Police Officer Video**

In a 25-page opinion issued on July 13, Union County Superior Court Judge Kathryn A. Brock ruled that while I am not entitled to a police surveillance video under the Open Public Records Act (OPRA), I am entitled to it under the common law right of access. At issue in the case is a surveillance video that shows former Garwood Police Officer Gennaro Mirabella trespassing after hours in

Garwood Borough's offices. Background on this case is available at my blog entry on-line: njopengovt.blogspot.com/2010/06/another-interesting-hearing-injudge.html.

Judge Brock held "that the public interest in viewing the actions of the police officer which caused the Borough to issue a complaint against him for trespassing in that office, in context of how the borough ultimately dealt with his conduct substantially outweighs the concerns raised by the borough about the effect of the disclosure on the security of the clerk's office." Judge Brock ordered Garwood Borough to give me the requested surveillance video within 45 days. She also asked for briefs from both sides in order to determine whether my lawyer, Richard Gutman of Montclair, is entitled to have his attorney fees paid by the bor-

Her order and opinion are on-line: ogtf.lpcnj.org/201085PZ//GarwoodOpinion.pdf._All the filings in the court, including Judge Brock's order and opinion, are on-line: ogtf.lpcnj.org/ 201085PZ//GarwoodCase.pdf.

John Paff

That's A Wrap

An NYU student film was recently shot in the Town of Westfield, titled Set in Grey Matter.

The SIGM crew would like to thank the following establishments for their very generous in-kind donations towards the film's craft services department: Mario's Italian Deli, Hershey's Subs Deli and Catering and The Bagel Chateau.

The film shoot was a great success, and we are very grateful for all of the local support. For updates on the film's progress, please visit the director's website at: loganleelamson.com.

Emellie O'Brien **Producer** Set in Grey Matter

POST DAILY BRIEFS AT GOLEADER.COM/NEWS

Letters to the Editor

Mountainside Resident Concerned About Drilling in His PA Property

I am not a writer or an activist, but recently I find myself with the propensity to become both. There is a danger looming with consequences that could affect many people and yet the majority of the population is unaware. My goal and hope in submitting this letter to your paper is to spark a fire that is long overdue.

Over the past two years, my family and I have been debating whether or not to sign a document giving a natural gas company the right to drill on our property in Pennsylvania. Many of your readers may be in the same predicament as we are. The money that we could make would be substantial; but I fear the cost of our pending commitment would outweigh the monetary compensation.

I have always had an innate suspicion that any type of drilling would pose negative consequences to the natural beauty of our land. However, up until recently, I have come to find out that this is an understatement looked upon from any

While flipping through the channels one Sunday evening, I came across a documentary called "Gas Land" (gaslandthemovie.com) on HBO. The film was disturbing to say the least. In it, I witnessed families that have already signed away their land to these companies, received payment and are experiencing the hidden cost of their actions Specifically, I saw farm animals slowly dieing, flammable well water and towns decimated because of the drilling. In the short term, the families made money, but what they gave up was something much

more valuable.

The drilling process is dangerous to the population and yet these companies do not care. In my limited experience, I have learned that when large amounts of money are involved, people tend to turn a blind eye. I cannot let this happen without a fight. The people need to open their eyes before it is too late.

The water system is connected at every level. When the drilling begins, we expose our drinking water to hundreds of unnatural chemicals, some of which are known to cause cancer. On top of this fact, the waste that is produced sits in large pools which, in turn, seeps back down into the water table. Americans should be able to drink their water without fear of becoming ill.

I know this to be true, and it makes me angry to think of the consequences of big business on unsuspecting families. No amount of money is worth destroying our

I urge all of your readers to become involved. In today's day and age, information is readily available. Seek out the truth with regards to this situation. Help me with this fight. I cannot do it alone. Positive change can start with a simple conversation. When we speak together our voices will reach the lowest valleys and the highest mountaintops.

Everyone should know about this alarming condition and together I know we can make a positive difference.

> **Patrick Manies** Mountainside

Westfield Chamber Tells Farmers Market Dates Through October

By Neil Pinkman

It's summer, and that means the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to bring you, once again, the Westfield Farmers Market. As in past years, the Farmers Market is made possible by the sponsorship of First State

The Farmers Market opened Saturday, July 10 and will operate every Saturday in the South Avenue Train Station parking lot from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. until October 30. There is easy access and plenty of parking. Bring the family out and enjoy strolling the market.

This year we are excited to have Donaldson Farms returning, as well as Peaceful Valley and Skeba Farms. They will be carrying Jersey Fresh corn on the cob, beans, potatoes, and multiple varieties of lettuce, blueberries, and squashes.

Potosnak Kicks Off Congress Campaign

NORTH PLAINFIELD - Ed Potosnak announced his run for Congress in New Jersey's 7th Congressional District on Wednesday, July 21 from a local business in North Plainfield, his hometown. Paul Alirangues, a business owner and

supporter, will join him. The event will be held at Organigaya Café, 478 Somerset Street, North

Running for office the first time, Mr. Potosnak is a science teacher and small business owner. He says he is running for Congress to, "Get our economy and our

country back on track. "After years in their career, politicians worry more about special interests than the interests of the people of New Jersey," he said in a press release. Mr. Potosnak said he hopes to bring real world

experience to Congress. For more information, contact Brendan Kelly at (908) 691-4770 or e-mail Brendan@edpotosnak.com.

As the summer moves along they will also have local tomatoes and peaches followed by pumpkins and apples in the fall. In other words, whatever you need you'll find it here.

Do you love pasta? Of course, who doesn't! Don't miss High Mountain Foods. They bring back their assortment of pastas, ravioli and that wonderful fresh mozzarella. Saturday night is a great night to enjoy their delicious pizza.

Your choices, and enjoyment, don't end there! Also, back this year is the Lithuanian Bakery. They offer outstanding European-style breads and treats, including Jewish rye bread, multi-grain breads, a variety of babkas and wonderful deep-dish fruit pies.

You are probably getting hungry just reading this, but there's more! Gourmet nuts and dried fruits. When you are in a mood for a snack this is the place to stock up. We think you will go nuts for their food!

The Farmers Market is a combination of town and country affording regional farmers an opportunity to sell their products, and offering local residents the availability of fresh "just picked" produce. The New Jersey Department of Agriculture fully endorses the local "Jersey Fresh" Farmers Market program and encourages you to experience the difference.

The Westfield Farmers Market is the highlight of the summer season in downtown Westfield, and the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to be able to bring it to you once again. For more information, or if you would like to participate as a vendor, please call (908) 233-3021 and speak to Neil Pinkman, executive director.

Come on out, enjoy the day and say

hello! We can't wait to see you! Join us for all the regular events. This month is networking at Jeffery's, July 28 at 6 p.m. Jeffery's is always a great place to relax and make new connections. This is your Chamber of Commerce. It is only as strong as you make it. Come out and make the WACC a significant part of building your business.

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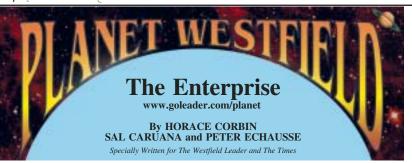
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As The 'Tool Kit' **Becomes Unfurled...**

By HORACE CORBIN

Over the next two months, the New Jersey State Legislature and the Governor will be debating and rolling out the much discussed, though still obscure "tool kit" tagged to help municipalities deal with the impending 2 percent property tax cap imposed for next year. Some residents currently receiving their bills think it is illegal now for their property taxes to rise more than 2 percent.

Not so, and the limits may take a few years for the effects to phase in. Exactly where these limits will end up in reality, few can predict. Also, the limit has big holes such as health care, which was excluded in a compromise by the Governor. No sooner than the exclusion was agreed on, insurance companies in the state raised their premiums 12 percent for public employees in the system.

The Governor acted last week with a "tool kit" item to curb the salaries (presumably total compensation package) of school superintendents statewide. This will result in a huge battle, and we wonder if the Governor will prevail. If his curbs prevail, then will there be a cascading effect to modulate downward the salaries of others in the public education system? It seems to us that a school superintendent would be upset if a school principal was earning a higher salary and the principal would be upset if a department head was earning a higher salary – and so it goes.

There's something to be said for starting the curbs at the top. We believe the Governor should start at the top in every other area he must address. Leave the little guy at the bottom the least touched.

On February 16, 2006, we published an article studying Union County salaries to determine what would need to be done then to avoid layoffs. The county data was chosen, as it was a large database felt to yield a representative picture and be a model for the entire state. The county budget was \$411 million with more than half of this sum composed of salaries and benefits. The "What If" analysis using a spreadsheet of the county employees measured how to save \$6 million in property taxes without resulting in layoffs. The results to achieve this: Of the 2,959 county employees, 1,320 (44.6 percent) earned more than \$50,000 per year and 55.4 percent would be unaffected by the analysis. Those earning \$75,000 per year would receive a 2 percent pay cut. Those earning \$100,000 per year would receive a 6 percent pay cut. The top, in the \$150,000 range and above, would receive a pay cut of 12 percent.

Since 2006, public employee salaries for schools, counties, state and municipalities have risen. They have not been recalibrated to the reality of the economy. The fiscal crisis has been ignored for four more years, and it is no longer possible to duck the issues.

We oppose layoffs as counterproductive and hurtful - except for featherbedded and "low show" positions. If someone were laid off, government (taxpayers) would be required to provide unemployment benefits. There's nothing positive about the situation. In the "tool kit" and in negotiations with

police, school and other union contracts, we'd like to see government provide their spreadsheet on how to avoid layoffs. The use of real numbers seems to be ignored in the rhetoric. Without real numbers, how can there be real solutions?

For the last two years, this newspaper wrote that school superintendent compensations were abusive to the taxpayer – some worse than others. So we agree with Governor Christie on this matter. The compilation of this discussion can be found at goleader.com/services/features/ 08jun09contracts/.

For the last several months, this Planet Westfield series has been studying the economics and challenges faced by municipalities, school systems and counties in New Jersey. The compilation of this can be found at goleader.com/planet/.

As the "tool kit" unfurls, everyone in the public becomes a player in grabbing a wrench — tightening nuts and bolts. It seems that a matrix recalibration of the public system is in the works. Can this be achieved without serious harm to our society, education, public safety and first responders? We think so, but it will require balanced sharing, sagacious assessment and wise application of priorities, unselfishness and good tools. It won't happen overnight either, or next year.

Like him or not, it takes a tough guy in Trenton. What do you think?

Governor Proposes Capping School Superintendent Pay

TRENTON - Governor Chris Christie last week proposed to trim school superintendent salaries in the state. Right now, superintendents in districts with over 1,000 students earn an average of \$192,764, while superintendents in districts with fewer than 1,000 students earn an average of \$152,764. The Governor says these salaries are out of proportion with the private sector, current economic realities and district demands. Under the current proposal, the base pay of superintendents would be capped according to a sliding scale that takes into account the student enrollment of the district(s) overseen, with an increment of \$5,000 for each additional district served by a single superintendent, and an increment of \$2,500 if the district(s) include(s) at least one high school

The Governor proposed for enrollment

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size, maximum salaries of: (0 to 250) \$120,000 max;

> (251 to 750) \$135,000 max: (751 to 1,500) \$150,000 max;

(1,501 to 3,000) \$165,000 max; (3,001 to 10,000 \$175,000 max;

Over 10,000 enrollment; Superintendent compensation in the 16 districts with student enrollment over 10,000 would be subject to separate rules developed by the Department of Education.

School boards would not be permitted

to increase a superintendent's base pay (for example, with longevity increases) beyond these salary caps. Additionally no superintendent contract that includes a compensation package above these salary caps could be extended; at its expiration, the new compensation package of the superintendent would need to conform to this new policy.

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Asw. Stender Calls for Action By Governor on Family Funds

TRENTON – Assemblywoman Linda Stender (LD-22, Fanwood) has warned that without a restoration in funding for family-planning centers New Jersey will not only lose money, but likely see a substantial rise in the number of abortions and teen pregnancies, according to testimony provided by the Guttmacher Institute before the Senate Health Committee. Asw. Stender wrote:

"Today we heard testimony reinforcing the fact that family planning centers are a proven means to save the state money and prevent abortions and teen pregnancies.
"We all agree that we want to reduce

the number of abortions in our state. While no state funding can be used for abortion services, without this funding for preventative services, we will see the number of abortions in New Jersey increase, along with the number of unplanned teen preg-

"In 2008, alone, family-planning centers helped more than 30,000 women in New Jersey avoid unintended pregnancies, 12,600 of which would have resulted in abortions. By providing publicly-funded contraceptive services, it is estimated that New Jersey saved \$156 million in state and federal Medicaid dollars in 2008, costs we would have incurred on pre- and postnatal care, delivery, and infant care.

"This program is such an effective cost-saving measure that the federal government is now actively working to help states apply for the match in Medicaid dollars to increase access to family-planning services. It is my earnest hope that the Governor will take all of these facts into account and sign the family-planning funding bill into law soon.

Asw. Stender is one of the lead sponsors of bill S-2139, a measure that would restore \$7.5 million in the state budget for family planning centers and make the state eligible for a 90 percent match in federal dollars. The bill was approved by both houses of the Legislature on June 28 and has been awaiting action by the Gov-

Fairleigh Dickinson's Publicmind **Poll on Texting While Driving**

AREA — According to a recent study by Fairleigh Dickinson University's PublicMind Poll, co-sponsored by the state's Division of Highway Traffic Safety, despite the increase in texting and high levels of speeding among young people and commuters, New Jersey drivers say that their neighbors in New York are the worst behind a wheel.

In previous years, increases in texting were sparked by drivers under the age of 30, but this is no longer the case. While the youngest drivers are more likely to text than any other age group (56 percent of drivers under age 30), the increase in this year's study can be attributed to drivers aged 30 to 60. In this year's study, 37 percent of drivers 30 to 44 years of age say they've sent a text while driving, up 9 points from last year, and 17 percent of drivers 45 to 60 years of age say they've done so, up from 12 percent in 2009.

"These figures reflect how much texting has become part of our lives, so much so that we're even doing it in the driver's seat," said Dan Cassino, the director of experimental research for the Public Mind poll. "As more people get used to texting, more are going to do it while driving, so these numbers are probably going to keep going up for some time.

The use of hand-held phones while driving in the Garden State is on the decline. This year, 12 percent say that they "very often" or "sometimes" talk on a hand-held cell while behind the wheel, down from 18 percent in 2009.

The biggest contributor to this drop was a decline in the use of hand-held phones by young drivers. This year, only 13 percent of drivers under age 30 said that they regularly talked on a hand-held phone while driving, compared to 33 percent last year.

Some say, 79 percent, that hand-held phones are more dangerous than handsfree devices, up from 67 percent in 2008.

"Most drivers don't seem to understand that it isn't holding the phone that's the problem, but the mental and visual distraction caused by the conversation," said Pam Fischer, the director of the state's Division of Highway Traffic Safety. "If we're replacing hand-held cell phone use with texting, which is more dangerous than driving drunk, we're certainly not moving in the right direction."

Younger drivers are not only more likely to be texting behind the wheel, they're also more likely to be going over the speed limit while doing so: 35 percent of drivers under the age of 30 say that they speed on highways "most of the time, compared to 26 percent of all drivers. 31 percent of young drivers admit they regularly go over 70 miles per hour on the highway. These younger drivers also tend to think that they can go faster without having to worry about getting a ticket.

Only 7 percent of those under the age of 30 say that the actual speed limit – the speed at which you can drive without getting a ticket - is below 70 mph. A majority (54 percent) say that it is somewhere between 70 and 74 mph, and nearly a third, 31 percent, say that it is over 75

"Any driver going 75 mph on the interstate while texting is a scary thing," Mr.

Unsafe behaviors are not limited to young drivers. Workers with long commutes are more likely to speed, use handheld cell phones and text while driving. A majority of drivers who travel more than 20 miles to work each way (58 percent) say that they regularly go over 65 mph Also, 17 percent of drivers with long commutes talk on hand-held phones while on the road "very often" or "sometimes," compared with just 7 percent of those who don't drive to work. These same commuters are also 50 percent more likely to text while behind the wheel. Not surprisingly, they're also much more likely to have received a ticket: 15 percent of respondents with long commutes have been cited for speeding in the last three years, compared with 9 percent of all

"All of this suggests that commuters are much more likely to be multi-tasking behind the wheel," Mr. Cassino said.

A majority of drivers in New Jersey say that their neighbors in New York are worse. Asked to name which nearby state has the worst drivers, 56 percent say that it's New York, with Pennsylvania coming in a distant second with 15 percent (14 percent say that New Jersey has the worst drivers of any state). The Fairleigh Dickinson University

phone survey was co-sponsored by the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety. Tables, questions, and methodology are available on the web at publicmind.fdu.edu.









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Norman Finestein, 82, Enjoyed Sports; **Had Been Accountant and Educator**

Norman Finestein, 82, formerly of Westfield, passed away on Sunday, July 11, 2010.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he graduated from Erasmus High School. After serving in the United States Navy in World War II, Mr. Finestein received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Long Island University.

Mr. Finestein was a New York certified public accountant and then financial officer for several companies during his business career. He also taught business courses at New York University and the Fashion Institute of Technology.

Mr. Finestein was an avid sports enthusiast. In his later years, his passion was tennis, and he also enjoyed reading, bridge and canasta

with his friends. Surviving are his wife, Claire, to whom he was married for 59 years; his children, Brian, Russell and Dean; his 10 grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren, all of who adored him. He also is survived by his two sisters,

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, July 12, under the direction of Menorah Chapels at Millburn, 2950 Vaux Hall Road in Union.

Renee and Elaine, and his many life-

long friends.

The family has requested that anyone wishing to make a donation in Mr. Finestein's name can send it to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

Timothy Waugh, 49, Local Resident; **Wood Craftsman and Avid Bicyclist**

Timothy Waugh, 49, of South Plainfield died suddenly on Friday, July 9, 2010, at home.

Born in Summit, Tim was raised in Scotch Plains and had lived in Westfield before moving to South Plainfield 10 years ago.

An excellent wood craftsman, he worked for Fairmount Custom Crafters in Chatham. Prior to that, Tim worked for New Jersey Hardwoods in Plainfield.

Tim was an avid bicyclist and a member of the Morris Area Freewheelers Road Touring Club. On a regular basis, Tim enjoyed riding more than 100 miles in one day. He also participated in the High Point to Cape May Bike Tour, which covered nearly 300 miles.

A great admirer of the outdoors, Tim also made time for hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and camping.

He was predeceased by his father,

Surviving are his mother, Dorothy, of Scotch Plains; his brother, Robert Waugh, and his wife, Deon Vaughan, currently of Suttons Bay, Mich., and his close cousin, David Housel of South Plainfield.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals (mccriskinfuneralhome.com), 2425 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield,

A memorial service celebrating Timothy's life will be held at a later date at the First Baptist Church in Westfield.

July 22, 2010

James R. Zitch, 57, Had Been Executive; WHS Graduate and Talented Athlete

James R. Zitch, 57, of Bryn Mawr, Pa. died peacefully at Bryn Mawr Hospital on Friday, July 9, 2010, after a year-long battle with colon cancer.

Born in Orange, N.J., Jim grew up in Westfield. He was the son of Robert and Anita Zitch of Tinton Falls, N.J., formerly of Westfield. He was a High School Football All-State linebacker in 1970 and graduated from Westfield High School in 1971.

Jim also was selected to the High School All-American Football Team in 1970. He was recruited by Penn State, but due to a career-ending injury, he was unable to play. He graduated from Penn State in 1975 with a

Bachelor of Science degree in Finance. Jim worked for several brokerage houses as vice-president and branch manager, with a successful career that spanned 32 years. He retired in 2008 and started his own business, Business Development Compass, to coach small business owners in business strategies. He also recently worked with the Oechsli Institute in

Greensboro, N.C. In addition to his parents. Jim leav behind his beloved wife, Margaret (née Schwan), and two daughters, Kelly and Erika, and his sisters, Kathy Van Pelt (Richard) of Satellite Beach, Fla. and Lorrie Berwick (Robert) of Scotch Plains, N.J. He also is survived by his cousins, Russell Zitch (Linda) of Nevada, Janet Karlen (Dwayne) of Maryland, John Ott (Janice) and Bob Ott (Shelly) of California, as well as many loving nieces, nephews and extended family and

A celebration of Jim's life will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2010, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Villanova Conference Center, 601 County Line Road, Villanova, Pa. Please respond to zitchmemorial@gmail.com to indicate your attendance.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name and memory to the Methodist Home for Children. 4300 Monument Road, Philadelphia, Pa. 19133-1690, or to the Penncrest Scholarship Foundation, 1105 Green Lane Road, Malvern, Pa. 19355 to support Erika's college education.



SILVER SCOUTS...Westfield Girl Scout Troop 813 members received their Silver Award May 25 during a ceremony at the First Congregational Church of Westfield. Pictured, from left to right, are: Kelly O'Connor, Helen Keating, Julia Abbattista, Grace O'Connor, Kristen Ryan and Katie Lafemina. The Silver Award is the second highest award a girl can earn in Girl Scouts, and requires at least 40 hours of service. For their project, the troop produced a PowerPoint on Camp Lou Henry Hoover, which will appear on the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey website as a marketing tool.





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— Obituaries

Richard W. Bennett, 65, Family Man; Was Dir. of Union Co. Legal Services

Richard W. Bennett, 65, of Ocean Township, formerly of Westfield, died on Sunday, July 11, 2010, at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York

City.
Born in Newark, he had lived in Westfield for more than 34 years before moving to Ocean Township last

Affectionately known as "Pop Pop," Mr. Bennett was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He also was an avid baseball fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York

Mr. Bennett had been director of Union County Legal Services in Elizabeth for many years before he retired. He also was past chairman of the Union County Human Services Advisory Council.

He served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1967, and graduated from Rutgers University and also from its School of Law.

Mr. Bennett was president of Jew-

ish Family Services and a member of The Arc of Union County. Additionally, he was a member of the New Jersey Bar Association and a longtime member of Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains.

Surviving are his wife, Susan (Heiferman) Bennett; two sons, Jed Bennett and his wife, Sarah, and Lee Bennett; a brother, Carter Bennett, and his wife, Marlene, and two grandchildren, Daisy and Violet.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, July 14, at Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains. Interment followed at Beth Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge.

Arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Millburn, 2950 Vaux Hall Road in Union.

The family has requested that donations be made to Jewish Family Services of Central Jersey; The Arc of Union County or Community Health Law Project in South Orange, N.J.



LOVING TRIBUTE...Roberta Makow displays the award she accepted at The Arc of Union County's Annual Meeting honoring her late husband, Martin, for his decades of service to the organization. With her are Frank Caragher, executive director of The Arc of Union County, left, and Kevin O'Brien, a former Arc board member, who presented the award.

The Arc Honors Mr. Makow **Posthumously at Meeting**

WESTFIELD – The Arc of Union County held its Annual Meeting on June 28 at its main office in Springfield, during which Roberta Makow accepted an award on behalf of her husband, Martin, who recently passed away.

Mr. Makow was recognized at the meeting for his many contributions, friendship and years of service to The Arc. Making the presentation, former Arc board member Kevin O'Brien reflected, "Marty Makow decades, and as a vital member of The Arc family made significant contributions, helping to pave the way for generations to come.'

The Annual Meeting offers The Arc the opportunity to provide an overview of the past year, as well as for the upcoming year. Frank Caragher, executive director of The Arc of Union County, spoke about the anticipated reductions in government funding and strategies to continue programs and services despite these reductions. He also led a tour of The Arc Opportunities Behavior Programs Center, now housed next door to The Arc's main office in a recently renovated space.

"We consolidated similar programs from three locations under one roof, creating a cost savings of both staff time and money," stated Mr. Caragher.

The Annual Meeting closed with

Local Knights Reward Students With Bonds

 $GARWOOD-Monsignor\,John\,M.$ Walsh Council No. 5437, Garwood Knights of Columbus, recently offered congratulations to Sara Brinkerhoff and Sara Law, both students at Garwood's Lincoln Public

The students had the two highestgrade averages in a foreign language for the 2009-2010 school year. In recognition of their achievement, the Garwood Knights of Columbus rewarded each of them with a \$100 Wachovia Savings Bond.

Mr. Caragher encouraging all of The Arc's corporate, community and family partners to participate in its next fund-raising event, the Fifth Annual Step Up for The Arc, on Saturday, September 25, at Oak Ridge Park in Clark.

Founded in 1949, The Arc of Union County is a non-profit organization that serves more than 1,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families.

In New Jersey, The Arc of Union grams and services enabling individuals with disabilities, and their families, to realize full, productive and enhanced lives. For more information about The Arc or to volunteer, contact Debbie Dreher at (973) 315-0060 or ddreher@arcunion.org.

Rape Crisis Ctr. Seeks **Volunteer Advocates**

ELIZABETH-The Union County Rape Crisis Center is seeking individuals to serve as trained Volunteer Confidential Sexual Violence Advocates. Advocates provide a calming, reassuring presence during a time of crisis, as well as information about legal options. All volunteers receive a thorough training course. For information on volunteering, call the Rape Crisis Center at (908) 233-

The Rape Crisis Center, part of the Union County Department of Human Services, has been serving Union County residents since 1984. It offers counseling to victims of sexual assault, their families and significant others.

Volunteers from the center are trained to advocate on behalf of rape victims, and may accompany them to hospital emergency rooms, police interviews and court proceedings.

Interviews for prospective volunteers will be held this summer, and the next training session will begin on Tuesday, September 21. For more information, call the Rape Crisis Center hotline, (908) 233-7273, or visit unioncountyrapecrisiscenter.blogspot.com.

POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield

Tuesday, July 13, Lynde N. Jules, 21, of Westfield was arrested on an outstanding Westfield criminal warrant in the amount of \$289 pursuant to an investigation on the 1200 block of West South Avenue. Jules was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released on her own recognizance.

Tuesday, July 13, Oscar Rodriguez-Flores, 35, of Elizabeth was arrested in the area of the 600 block of West North Avenue during a traffic stop on outstanding warrants from multiple jurisdictions. They included warrants from Randolph Township, in the amount of \$608; South Plainfield, \$643; Elizabeth, \$882; North Plainfield, \$633, and Dover, \$2,500. Rodriguez-Flores was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and turned over to Dover po-

Wednesday, July 14, David Barker, 49, of Scotch Plains was arrested on a Westfield warrant in the amount of \$500 after he responded to Westfield police headquarters. He was processed and released on bail.

Wednesday, July 14, Duquan Randolph, 25, of Plainfield was arrested in the area of North Avenue and East Broad Street on a Toms River warrant in the amount of \$350. He was processed and released on his own recognizance.

Thursday, July 15, Juliana Diaz, 19, of Hackensack was arrested on an outstanding Essex Fells criminal warrant in the amount of \$126 pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at East Broad Street and Wychview Drive. She was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released on her own recognizance as per the Essex

Fells Police Department.
Thursday, July 15, a resident of Jackson reported that his motor vehicle was the target of criminal mischief while it was parked on the 300 block of East South Avenue. Someone unknown damaged the driver's side door lock and handle. The approximate total value of the damage

Friday, July 16, Antwan Wilson, 34, of Paterson was arrested on multiple outstanding warrants pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at West South Avenue and the plaza. The warrants included an East Orange criminal warrant, in the amount of \$200; an East Orange traffic warrant, \$300; a Paterson criminal warrant, \$1,000, and a Passaic County Sheriff's Department no-bail warrant. Wilson was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and held in lieu

Friday, July 16, a West Broad Street resident reported being the victim of

fraud involving an apparent fictitious iob/employment offer on a social networking website.

Saturday, July 17, Sherise Simmons, 38, of Roselle was arrested on an East Orange warrant during a motor vehicle stop at East Broad Street and Park Drive. She was released after posting \$79 bail.

Saturday, July 17, an attempted burglary was reported at a residence on the 500 block of Codding Road. It appeared that someone had attempted to gain entry through a window, but it was unknown at the time of the report whether the attempt was successful.

Sunday, July 18, patrol officers discovered criminal mischief, in the form of graffiti, on the rear of the Tamaques Elementary School building on Willow Grove Road. A large mural was painted on an exterior wall, as well as various other markings.

Mountainside

Tuesday, July 13, a resident reported that she lost a black patent leather handbag with beige circles, valued at approximately \$100, on Justin Place. The handbag contained a black wallet with her driver's license and credit cards, plus eyeglasses valued at approximately \$325, and makeup items.

Tuesday, July 13, a patron at a Route 22 theater reported a lost wallet near the concession area. Among other items, the wallet contained an East Orange Fire Department badge, insurance cards and currency.

Wednesday, July 14, police responded to eight reports of criminal mischief in which mailboxes were damaged on Chapel Hill.

Wednesday, July 14, Maynor M. Pena, 40, of Plainfield was arrested at Route 22, West, and New Providence Road and charged with driving while on the suspended list. He was initially stopped for operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Saturday, July 17, Anthony T. Christian, 23, of Union was arrested on Route 22, East, and charged with driving while on the suspended list. He also was issued summonses for speeding and for not having the proper mirrors on his motor vehicle.

Sunday, July 18, Reynaldo Mena, 40, of Paterson was arrested on Route 22, West, and charged with driving while on the suspended list. He also was issued summonses for being an uninsured motorist and for operating a motor vehicle while using a cell phone without a hands-free device.

Sunday, July 18, Joaquim A. Cunha, 37, of Hillside was arrested at Route 22, West, and Lawrence Avenue on an outstanding warrant out of Hillside in the amount of \$50. He was stopped for failure to maintain his motor vehicle's lights.



SCIENCE IS FUN...Frances, left, and Tim Alliegro of Westfield enjoy participating in science experiments last summer during a Wednesday Matinee at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. The matinees will continue this summer with "Wacky Science" on July 28; "Rizzo's Reptile Discovery" on August 4 and "Discover Wild Foods" on August 11. For more information about upcoming programs at Trailside, call (908) 789-3670 or visit ucnj.org/trailside.

Trailside Matinee to Feature 'Wacky Science' Wednesday

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Wednesday Matinee Series at Trailside Nature and Science Center will continue on July 28 with a show entitled "Wacky Science," beginning at 1:30 p.m.

"'Wacky Science' is an interac-tive family program that will educate and delight children and parents alike," said Freeholder Vice Chairwoman Deborah Scanlon. "Union County is committed to providing affordable family programs at our facilities, and the Wednesday Matinee Series is a prime example of that effort."

This matinee performance will feature "Crazy S. Cooper" from Mad Science of West New Jersey, who will melt the "Wicked Witch of the West" right before audience members' eyes and conduct a dry ice experiment and a "hair-raising" static electricity demonstration.

The August 4 Wednesday Matinee will feature "Rizzo's Reptile Discovery" – a blend of nature and environmental awareness that helps the audience learn about the creatures of the earth.

The final Wednesday Matinee for the summer will be on August 11, when naturalist Steve "Wildman" Brill will demonstrate how people have been using wild plants for cen-

All the Wednesday Matinee shows are recommended for children ages 4 and older. Admission will be \$4 per person and tickets will go on sale at 1 p.m. on the day of each show.

For more information about upcoming programs and special events, call (908) 789-3670 or visit ucnj.org/trailside. Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside and is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Oasis to Continue 'No Perfect People'

MOUNTAINSIDE - Oasis-Church-NJ.com last Sunday launched a new series entitled "No Perfect People Allowed at Oasis Church" that will continue over the next five weeks.

The concept behind this theme is that Oasis Church is "an imperfect church for imperfect people seeking a perfect God," and that being an imperfect person is not a bad

Services are held on Sundays at 11 a.m. at 1180 Spruce Drive in Mountainside. David Butler is lead pastor. For more information, access Oasis-Church-NJ.com or call Pastor Butler at (732) 406-7821.

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Ms. Vanessa B. Swaim and Sean P. Joffe

Sean P. Joffe to Marry Ms. Vanessa B. Swaim

Patricia Joffe of Westfield and Edward Joffe of Deerfield Beach, Fla. have announced the engagement of their son, Sean Patrick Joffe of New York City, to Ms. Vanessa Bozena Swaim, also of New York City. She is the daughter of Solange Dunn and Sidney Swaim of New Orleans, La.

The future groom graduated from Westfield High School in 2000 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. in 2004. Mr. Joffe served as an officer in the United States Navy Civil Engineering Corps from 2004 to September 2009. He presently is a Master of Business Administration graduate student at New York University-Stern.

The future bride graduated from Ursuline Academy in New Orleans, La. and is a 2004 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Miss. Ms. Swaim is an account executive for Theory Specialty Stores in New York City.

An April 2011 wedding is planned in New Orleans.

Torah Center Series to Look At History, Health Topics

WESTFIELD - The Union County Torah Center will present a series of lectures and workshops as part of its Jewish Literacy Program during July and August. They will take place at the center, located at 509 Central Avenue in Westfield.

Rabbi Mitchell Bomrind will conduct a four-part lecture series entitled "The Jews in Turkey and Other Historical Events" on consecutive Mondays, July 26, August 2, 9 and 16, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The lectures will be open to the public, with a fee of \$10 per session. Reservations are suggested, but not required. For more information or to respond, call the center at (908) 789-5252 or e-mail info@torahcenter.org.

Certified holistic health counselor Sharon Goldner will conduct nutrition workshops on consecutive Thursdays, July 22 and 29, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. There will be a charge of \$10 per session. Reservations are required.

The first lecture will be entitled "Recipe for a Healthy Life: Greens, Grains and Whole Foods." The second lecture, entitled "Got Sugar?," will help participants understand their cravings and how to reduce sugar

Interested persons are asked to respond by calling (908) 789-5252 or e-mailing info@torahcenter.org. The deadline for reservations is today, Thursday, July 22, for the first lecture and Wednesday, July 28, for the second.

Mandi Zucker, a certified grief recovery specialist, will present a grief recovery outreach program. This workshop will take place on Thursday, August 5, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. There will be a charge of \$10. The program will be open to the public and reservations are suggested, but not required. For more information or to respond, call (908) 789-5252 or e-mail info@torahcenter.org.

'Shel Silverstein' to Open **Tonight at Trinity Church**

CRANFORD - The Driftwood Players will present "An Adult Evening with Shel Silverstein" on Thursdays and Fridays beginning tonight, July 22, and continuing on July 23, 29 and 30. Performances will take place at 8 p.m. in Sherlock Hall at the Trinity Episcopal Church, located at North and Forest Avenues in Cranford.

Tickets will be sold at the door. They will be \$5 for the preview performance tonight, and \$12 for general admission and \$7 for children and senior citizens for the remaining performances. For additional information, call (908) 276-4047 or visit njdriftwoodplayers.com.

The late Shel Silverstein had a diverse career, writing country and popular songs, as well as poetry, plays, short stories and children's books, and also was an illustrator. He won a Grammy Award in 1970 for writing "A Boy Named Sue," recorded by Johnny Cash. Other musical credits include "The Unicorn," recorded by the Irish Rovers, and "Sylvia's Mother," recorded by

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10003898 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY

DOCKET NO. F-12503-07 Plaintiff: EUGENE G. WRIGHT

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VS.
Defendant: JOHN A. FUSCO, JR., THE ESTATE OF ANNA FUSCO; THE UNITED STATES;
MORRISTOWN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL; OVERLOOK HOSPITAL
Sale Date: 08/04/2010
Writ of Execution: 05/06/2010
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: ***Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty and 89/100***
\$97,320.89.

The property to be sold is located in the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as: 222 Central

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Nearest Cross Street: Poplar Avenue
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costs.

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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.

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Fee: \$157.08 Fee: \$157.08 Dr. Hook and The Medicine Show. His book of poems and illustrations, "A Light in the Attic," was on The New York Times Best Seller list for two years. Among his children's books, he is best remembered for "Where the Sidewalk Ends."

"An Adult Evening with Shel Silverstein" will feature a collection of his poems and plays. Katherine Benson, who is artistic director and founder of Driftwood Players, will direct. In addition to Ms. Benson, the production will feature Allie Brand, Chris Braca, Nicole Byer, Dylan Brennan, Amanda Nordstrom, John Mason, Eli Taylor and Jim Shoemaker.

Founded in 2008, Driftwood Players is dedicated to providing an outlet for New Jersey's aspiring creative community. For more information on the group, access njdriftwoodplayers.com.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10004091 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-5258-08 Plaintiff: THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE,INC. VS.

FINANCE, INC.

VS.

Defendant: LYUSY BLINOVA; YURIY KALINCHAK; OLGA KALINCHAK
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Writ of Execution: 05/24/2010

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Church Offers Opportunity To Join Loving Community

By REVEREND PAUL KRITSCH

Even though I am a pastor, I can think of a host of reasons why someone might not want to go to church. Chief among those reasons is that the church is made up of people who often say one thing and act the opposite, all while claiming to have the absolute truth. Besides, who needs an organization when you can be spiritual on your own, finding all you need for your personal spiritual journey on the Internet?

One of my personal heroes is a man who had a super abundance of reasons not to go to church, but who chose to stay involved anyway. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor who served in Nazi Germany during the 1930s and 1940s, was very critical of the church of his day.

The German state church had sold its soul to Hitler and the Nazis, of all people. The liberal churches he encountered in New York City had very little substance in what they preached, having forgotten why they existed. The one exception was the Abyssinian Baptist Church, the African-American congregation in Harlem pastored by Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, Sr.

It was there that Bonhoeffer encountered the good news of Jesus, not only preached by the pastor but also lived out through the lives of the people. He came to the conclusion that real piety and power came only through suffering. With that in mind, Bonhoeffer chose to go back to Germany in order to apply his Christian faith, to the point of sacrificing his life for others.

Although Bonhoeffer was critical of the church as an organization, he at the same time valued the church as people who shared a common faith. Among his many writings was "Life

Together." Written in response to the closing of the preachers' seminary by the Gestapo, "Life Together" contains Bonhoeffer's summary of what had sustained that Christian community's "life together" despite the threats of the Nazis.

He boldly states that, just like Christ, Christians belong "in the midst of enemies. There they find their mission, their work." What could possibly sustain the courage of that Christian community? Bonhoeffer concluded that it was their faith in Christ, who is present in God's word, the Lord's Supper, their prayers for one another, and service given to others.

So then, why go to church? The reason to go is found in the very reason to stay away. Both are about the people who are the church. Imperfect and often causing consternation, these same people often also exhibit great love, peace and strength. The people are the story of why Jesus came in the first place - to forgive and restore. The people are also the story of what His forgiveness and restoration accomplish - the making of a people who are willing to give their lives for others, despite all threats and seemingly insurmountable odds.

If it's been a while since you've gone to church, or if you never have gone, you're invited this weekend. You may discover plenty of reasons not to want to go back next week. However, you'll also discover genuine people of faith whose lives are being shaped by Jesus. Their stories of courageous love are worth hearing and joining.

Reverend Kritsch is in his 22nd year as pastor of the Redeemer Lutheran Church and School, 229 Cowperthwaite Place in Westfield.

Thrift Shop Cook Book Sale To Get Underway Saturday cream maker will be among the selec-

SCOTCHPLAINS-The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Service League Thrift Shop will hold a cookbook sale beginning this Saturday, July 24, and continuing through Saturday, July 31. The shop is located at 1730 East Second Street in Scotch Plains.

Categories with an international flair, like French, Mexican, Spanish, German and Italian, will be offered. Books on grilling, slow-cooker recipes and baking also will be available. There additionally will be books about holiday parties, cooking with beer, health and nutrition. Collector editions and vintage books, published in the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s, will be featured as well, some actually signed by the authors.

Hundreds of cookbooks have been donated to the thrift shop throughout the year, and have been saved for a special sale like this one. Prices for small pamphlets will be 25 cents. Collection sets and larger hardcover books will be higher-priced.

Besides cookbooks for sale, a large variety of kitchen and baking items will be stocked. Measuring spoons, mixing bowls, pie plates and a new ice

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Defendant: FRANK ZACK AND LISA RICHLIN.

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tion of kitchen bric-a-brac. From the

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napkins, placemats and aprons. The thrift shop will be open throughout the summer on its regular schedule: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or directions, call the shop at (908) 322-5420.

All profits realized from this sale will be donated back into the surrounding communities, as are proceeds from the sale of all merchandise in the shop.









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MR. AND MRS. BRIAN JOHN JOFFE (She is the former Miss Lindsey Beth Kepnes)

Miss Lindsey Beth Kepnes Marries Brian John Joffe

Galley Beach on Nantucket Island was the setting of the marriage of Miss Lindsey Beth Kepnes, the daughter of Christine Fortin of Nantucket, Mass. and Paul Kepnes of Marblehead, Mass., to Brian John Joffe, son of Patricia Joffe of Westfield and Edward Joffe of Deerfield Beach, Fla., on Saturday, May 22, 2010. The Reverend Ted Anderson officiated at the afternoon beach ceremony. A reception followed at the Galley Beach Restaurant.

Given in marriage by her father and mother, the bride was attended by her sister, Heidi Kepnes of Salem, Mass., as her maid of honor. Her bridal attendants were Olivia Cavasina of New York City, Lia Burke of New York City, Erica Necarsulmer of New York City and Marissa Miller of Cincinnati, Ohio, college friends of the bride; Ashley Webb of Braintree, Mass., childhood friend of the bride, and Kelly Joffe of Baltimore, Md., sister-in-law of the groom.

Sean Joffe of New York City and Edward Joffe of Baltimore, Md., brothers of the groom, were the best men. The groomsmen included Jarett Kamins of Hoboken, N.J., childhood friend of the groom; Brendan Malone of Rye, N.Y., Brian McIntosh of Rye, N.Y. and Martin Dehler of New York City, college friends of the groom; Colin Cavasina of New York City and Robert Mountain of New York City, friends of the groom. Matthew Joffe of Baltimore, Md., nephew of the groom, carried the rings to the bride

and groom on a fishing pole.

A 1997 graduate of Marblehead High School, the bride earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication from Denison University in Granville, Ohio in 2001.

The groom graduated from Westfield High School in 1997 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa. in 2001. Mr. Joffe is employed as a trader for Highbridge Capital Management in New York City.

The groom's family hosted the rehearsal dinner the evening before the wedding at the Westmoor Club. Lynn Leitner, friend of the groom's mother, hosted a bridal shower at her home in Mantoloking, N.J., and the bridal attendants hosted a shower in New York City at the home of Olivia Cavasina.

Friends of the groom, Brendan and Jenny Malone and Brian and Kate McIntosh, honored the couple with a pre-wedding party in Rye, N.Y. A bridal luncheon, hosted by the bride's mother, was held in her home, Tucked In, on Nantucket Island.

Following a wedding trip to Greece, the couple resides in New York City.



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Park Beverage Plates 7 in 6th To Stun Scared Hitless, 23-8

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Tritten for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Scared Hitless was not really scared, but Park Beverage just had too much potency to register a 23-8 victory in Scotch Plains Men's Softball League action at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on July 18.

Park Beverage big man Dan Samila provided the most proof with a tworun triple, a two-run single, a double and a pair of RBI sacrifice flies to

total six RBI, while scoring three runs. Gus Alvarez scored twice and went 4-for-4, with a double and an RBI sacrifice fly, and five RBI, which included the game-ending two-run single. Harry Semple had a pair of singles and four RBI, and Rob Stratton also went 4-for-4, with a two-run double, and finished with three RBI and a run scored.

Leadoff hitter Kevin Woodring added to the Park Beverage men's 27-hit total with a pair of singles and a double, three runs scored and an RBI. Marty Marks, who scored the game's final run, went 3-for-4, including an RBI triple, with four runs scored. Tom Straniero (RBI) and Matt Walsh each singled twice and scored four times. Rick Carlucci rapped three singles and scored twice, and Tony Radice singled.

Scared Hitless banged out 15 hits, CONTINUED ON PAGE 12



A STYLISH STRETCH AT FIRST...Park Beverage first baseman Harry Semple makes a stylish stretch for the putout on

HE EXCELLED IN SOCCER, WRESTLING, LAX AT WHS

WF's Wojcik Named Harvard Men's Lacrosse Head Coach

By DAVID B. CORBIN

From learning the fundamentals of lacrosse, while in the seventh grade at Edison Intermediate School in Westfield in 1987, to being named Head Coach for the Harvard University men's lacrosse team in Cambridge, Mass. became a reality for Chris Wojcik (WHS Class of 1992) on July 12

A two-sport captain at Harvard Chris Wojcik (Harvard Class of '96) had been an All-American in lacrosse (1996) and All-Ivy League selection in lacrosse and soccer. He helped the Crimson qualify for the NCAA tour-

nament and led his team to a 15-12 victory over Hofstra in the first round before falling to Virginia in the quarterfinals. He completed his career with 134 career points on 89 goals and 45 assists, placing him first among midfielders and 15th overall all-time on the program's scoring list.

Wojcik served as captain of the Harvard soccer team, earning two All-Ivy League honors and leading the team to an Ivy League title and an NCAA tournament appearance in the fall of 1994. Prior to graduation, He was named the winner of Harvard's Bingham Award, presented to the top male student-athlete in the senior

class. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics. He also earned a Master's of Education in secondary education/social studies from Boston College in 2007.

After his college years, Wojcik spent five seasons as an assistant coach in Cambridge under former head coach Scott Anderson. As the program's offensive coordinator in helped the Crimson earn its first NCAA Championship berth since 1996. In 2008, he was the offensive coordinator at Bowdoin College when the Polar Bears finished ranked No. CONTINUED ON PAGE 11



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LEAPING TO GET THE BALL... Westfield Blue second baseman Jack Neiswenter, No. 15, leaps in attempt to catch the relay as Florham Park's Jason Sardo slides in for a double.

LaCORTE GETS 3 RBI: CHIRICHELLA 2 HITS. 2 RUNS

WF Blue 11s Score 5 in Sixth, Tie Florham Park Boys, 7-7

By DAVID B. CORBIN
/ritten for The Westfield Leader and The Times

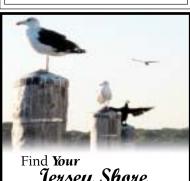
Pitching ace Matt LaCorte relieved in the fifth inning and pitched two perfect innings, while the Westfield Blue 11-year-old baseball team scored five runs in the top of the sixth inning to earn a tie with Florham Park at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 16.

Both teams were experiencing their first season of playing on a 50/70 pitcher's mound is 50 feet from the plate and distance between bases is 70 feet – field setup.

"At this level, I think it should be 50/70. It's a natural progression and a perfect transition as they advance to the 60/90 level next year," Florham Park Head Coach Bob Agriogianis

"We prepare for it over the winter and fall. This is the first year that they played 50/70 in league play," said Westfield Blue coach Paul Friel. Both teams had success putting the

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bat on the ball. Florham Park struck out only three times, while Westfield fanned only twice. Florham Park out hit Westfield, 11-7, and Mark Amendola led the attack, going 3for-3 with an RBI. Jason Sardo had an RBI double and a single and scored twice. Vin Solano (run scored) rapped a double, while Tristan Barquin (run scored) and Michael Marerro each lashed an RBI single. Brian Monaghan (run scored), Derek Saul and Frankie Caruso each had a single, while Steve Agriogianis and Jake

Berger each had an RBI and scored

"We stress to be aggressive. A lot of teams will take pitches and look for walks to try to win ball games. We probably could win some more games if we took pitches, but I am here to teach them how to hit," coach Agriogianis said.

LaCorte was also very successful at the plate with two singles, three RBI, a run scored and two stolen bases. Patrick Chirichella cracked a **CONTINUED ON PAGE 12**







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STATE SENIOR SOFTBALL CHAMPS...Renda Roads recently won the state senior softball "A" Division title. Pictured, left to right, are: bottom row; Pat Nigro, Gary Pence, Frank Pepe, Angelo Corbo, Tom Straniero and Lou Balestriere; top row, Larry Esoldo, Tom Baldowski, Brian Williams, Keith Gibbons, Dave Lavelle, Tony Williams, Joe Massimino and Ed Belford. Not in Picture: Tom Lombardi and OJ Simpson.

Renda Roads Seniors Capture State 'A' Division Softball Title

What started out on July 10 in Mercer County on the fields of Freehold's Michael Tighe Recreation Complex as the battle for Senior Softball supremacy among the top teams in New Jersey, ended on July 11 in Union County. Margaret "Toots" Nusse field in Linden's Veterans Memorial Park, the site of the finals with Union County's own Renda Roads capturing the NJSSA State Championship, in the elite "A" Division.

Scotch Plains Softball League Standings:

MONDAY DIVISION (July	18):	:
TEAM	<u>w</u> ′	
Five Guys	14	<u>L</u>
Sofa Kings	11	7
Neighborhood Painting	10	8
Hocus Pocus	8	10
Outlawz	6	12
DJ's Limos	3	15
WEDNESDAY DIVISIO	N:	

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 Park Beverage
 12
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 Stage House
 11
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 Viennas 60/Divas Salon
 10
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 Clean Green/Alfonso's
 8
 7

 Scared Hitless
 3
 12

 Trinity Electric
 3
 12

It looks like a real race to the finish on Wednesday nights, because the mighty have fallen hard this past week. While the door opened for the Stage House to make it's mark going into the playoffs with Vienna 60's pounding a double header win out of Park Beverage last week, it was the young guns from Clean Green/Alfonso's, who changed the face of the standings on July 18 by beating the Stage House twice to set the stage for this week's events.

Viennas is on a nine-game roll screaming towards the playoffs, while Clean Green took their first baby step towards respectability with the recent sweep. While the top of Monday nights has been decided, there are still some issues with the second bye slot as Neighborhood Painting is making noise towards the coveted bye. Five Guys has been consistent enough to waltz into the top position, but the ever-psychotic Sofa Kings continue to run in quicksand and leave itself vulnerable. Has the magic come out of the Hocus Pocus wands of late, or can the old guys put together one more trick to stay in contention?

Renda Roads, a perennial county powerhouse in senior softball has had as many different names as it has earned titles over the years. In the late '90s and early years of the new millennium, the team was known as Comcast and earned their first State Championship in the "B" division. A few years later, the team became Green Keepers Landscaping/ Lombardi Painting. The last few years they were know as Bare Necessities, American Legion, Babooshka and currently, Renda Roads. Whatever the name, the team has been a dominate force in Union County Senior Soft-

ball for more than a decade.

The best of three games final round came down to Renda Roads and Higgins of Monmouth County. Renda took two straight, 20-10 and 13-11 to capture the title.

Ed Belford and Larry Esoldo led Renda offensively, both hitting .769. Tom Baldowski hit .800 and Belford was a perfect 1.000 on July 10. The championship round hitting stars were: Esoldo (8-for-8), Joe Massimino (6-for-7) and Keith Gibbons, who hit .833.

Renda's infield defense consisted of field captain Pat Nigro behind the plate, Belford, Esoldo, Tony Williams, Lou Balestriere with Massimino and Gibbons sharing time at first. The group turned four double plays during the finals, including one backbreaker in the seventh inning of the final game.

Outfielders Tom Straniero, Dave Lavelle, Baldowski and Frank Pepe played errorless ball, cutting off lanes and keeping runners from advancing, all of which kept the excellent hitting Higgins team in check. Belford was awarded the tournament "team ball" for his outstanding hitting and fielding.

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Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Standings:

Renda Roads	20	C
SMC	14	7
Brew Crew	12	7
Liberty Lighting	10	11
Molly Maguire's	9	12
Awnings Galore	8	12
50+ B DIVISION:		
TEAM	W	L
Contact Lens & Vision	13	
Driftwood Bar & Grill I	11	10
Driftwood Bar & Grill II	11	10
Magnolia Auto Service	8	12
D&K Associates	5	16
Sun Tavern	3	18
SUPER SENIORS DIVIS	ION:	
TEAM	W	L
TLC	16	2
Kilkenny House	14	3
Creative Industries	13	2 3 5
Nicolina Pizza	5	13
The Office	3	14
Associated Auto	2	16
TLC 8, Kilkenny House 7		

50+ A DIVISION (July 18):

Kilkenny, coming off a second place finish in the NJSSA 50+ "C" Division state tournament, scored five in the first and two in the third. TLC's Ray Meigs homered in the fourth and TLC scored four more in the fifth. TLC's Oscar Harrison's (3-for-3) double sparked a three-run rally in the sixth. Kilkenny had a runner on second with one out in the seventh when leftfielder Richie Traub caught a fly ball and threw to shortstop Harrison, who fired to third baseman Wayne Michael for a

Howie Busch went 3-for-3. **Creative 23, Nicolina Pizza 8**The Pizza men plated six in the first but ran out of sauce. Art Kopacz started for Creative but Tom Lombardi picked

game-ending double play. Kilkenny's

NJ Panthers Take First In U14 Softball Tourney

The North Jersey Panthers girls softball team faced two days of tough competition over the July 16-18 weekend to capture first place in the United Girls Athletic League Suburbia Summer Classic U-14 Tournament in Bergenfield. The tournament field consisted of 16 teams from New Jersey and New York.

The Panthers managed to go undefeated, winning six games in two days. The nail-biting championship game was decided in the eighth inning when the Panthers rallied for four runs and held on to defeat Shore Shock, 6-4.

up the win in relief. Marv Scherb (4 hits, 3 RBI), Bob Failla (4 hits, 2 RBI) and Steve Ferro (RBI), Lombardi, Bill Reichle (2BH, 2 RBI), Nick Lehotsky (4 runs, RBI), Frank Cavallaro, Demo Cervelli (RBI), Karl Grossmann (3 runs, 2 RBI), Ray Cozzarelli (3BH, 2 RBI) and Kopacz (3 RBI) each had three hits.

The Office 14, Associated 6
The Office scored six in the sixth, which featured Brian McDermott's (3-for-4, 7 RBI) grand slam. George Merlo (3 hits, 2 RBI) and Bill Hinkle went the distance for The Office. Larry Lesnik, Paul Brody, Richie Krov, Robert Maley and John Tomaine (HR) led Associated Auto.

Renda Roads 13, Awnings 5
Pat Nigro (3-for-3) and Tom
Baldowski (2-for-3, HR) led Renda.
Contact Lens 9, Linda's I 5

Lensmen Rick Wolf, Carmen Mosier, Kerry Gelb and George Merlo each had multiple hits. Linda's Steve Lerner, Joe Sarica, Steve Adase and Mac Kowaleski had multi-hit games. Linda's Driftwood II 22, D&K 21

John Brown drove in the winning run. Steve Lemanowicz (6-for-6, scored the winning run), Steve Kraemer, Joe Menza, Lenny Ladislaw, Mike DiRienzo and Dave LaPoint each with multi-hit games led Linda's. Bob Lorincz (4-for-4) and Al Feigenbaum (3 triples) led D&K. Liberty Lighting 17, Brew Crew 4

Harry Semple and Tom MacDermant made over the shoulder catches and the Light men added four double plays.

WTA Masters Singles Tennis Ladder Results:

John Mancini maintained his lead on the ladder with a win against Mike McGlynn in an 8-7 (7-4) tiebreaker. McGlynn moved to second with an 8-6 victory over Peter Lee. The next reporting period ends on August 1.

John Mancini (3)*
Mike McGlynn (3)*
Peter Lee (7)*
Janice Honymar (6)
Joe Donnolo (5)
Don Dohm (2)
Nancy Freundlich
() matches played
* played a match this period
MATCH PLAY
7/15 Mancini vs McGlynn, 8-7(7-4)
7/11 McGlynn vs Lee, 8-6



SOFTBALL CHAMPS...The North Jersey Panthers U14 softball team won the UGALS Summer Classic Tournament on July 18. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Elena Scarano, Lizzie Fox, Isabel Chin and Molly Jennings; back row, Coaches Chuck Seitz and Gary Fox, Natalie Tupper, Sara Seitz, Lauren Schmeider, Michelle Kostyak, Coach Bud Jeannette, Nora Cunningham, Ashley Abbott and Coach Mark Scarano



SMOKING A TRIPLE...Jack Gerris smokes a two-run triple in the Westfield 9U Black team's 12-8 victory over the Branchburg Bull Dogs.

Westfield 9U Black Defeats Branchburg Bull Dogs, 12-8

The Westfield Black 9U ball team beat the Branchburg Bull Dogs, 12-8, at Gumpert Field on July 16 to secure its fifth win in the New Providence Green League.

Coach Gerris commented, "It was a real team effort. We hit up and down the lineup, our pitching was strong, and we made the plays we needed to make in the field."

Branchburg scored two runs in the top of the first, but Westfield answered with four runs in its half of the inning. Matt Leone walked in Sebastian Ferrero. Christian Kreusser's RBI single brought home Tim McGann. Brendan Cox brought in Sandy Miller on a walk, and Leone scored on An-

drew Zanfagna's RBI groundout.
In the second, Westfield padded its advantage to 9-2. Ferrero rapped an RBI single that scored Nick Manganello. Jack Gerris smoked a

two-run triple that scored Ferrero and Miller, and Joe Hickey scored on Cox's RBI single.

In the third, Branchburg narrowed the gap to 9-6, but Westfield added two more runs in its half of the inning on McGann's two-RBI double that drove home Kyle Wynne and Michael Charlton

Branchburg scored two in the fourth, but Westfield added an insurance run in the fifth when Cox doubled into the gap, moved to third on Wynne's single and scored on Charlton's second successive double.

Pitchers Ferrero, Leone and Wynne combined to strike out 12, while walking just one. Defensively, shortstop Miller snared a sharp line drive and flipped to McGann at third for a double play. Zanfagna chased down a fly ball in center, and Leone put away pop-up at first base as did Cox, at the plate.



July 22, 1998: Fourth-seeded A. J. Jersey Forklift scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to pull off an 8-6 come-from-behind win over the fifth-seeded Jolly Trolley in the first game of a best-of-three series in Westfield Men's Softball League action at Tamaques Park. Tony Ciullo, John Kolas and Greg Hobson provided the three, key RBI in the fifth to lift A. J. Jersey to victory.

July 22, 2000: The John Fiorino Memorial Baseball Tournament, commemorating John Fiorino; a Westfield firefighter who lost his life tragically in 1998, kicked off at Gumbert Field in Westfield with 12 teams, including teams from Glen Ridge to New Providence, making the trip. Westfield had two teams in the games, the Blue and the White. Representing Westfield Blue against Roselle Park, as cheers of, "hit one for mom," arose from the crowd, Vince Fiorino strutted to the plate and clobbered a 200-plus foot,

two-run homer. Mike Yee also hammered a solo home run.

July 23, 2003: Peaking at the right time, fourth-seeded Elm Street Café booted fifth-seeded Boo Ray, 12-2, in the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division playoffs at Jerseyland Field. Café pitcher Billy Scott must have had the caffeine running smoothly in his arteries as he retired 12 of the first 13 Boo Ray batters. (07-22-10)

July 21, 2004: The situation in the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division heated up when third place Jade Isle wobbled top dog, 14-4 Checchio Chiropractic, 6-4, at Brookside Park. Keith Gibbons scattered 12 hits but more importantly, limited the powerful Checchio lineup, which boasts at least six sluggers who can knock the ball out of the ballpark, to one home run and two doubles. Islander third baseman Mark Zyla made several startling plays.

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APPELBAUM 4 HITS, FLEISCHMAN HR, LOGAN 4 RBI

St. Anthony Ruins St. Jude's **Hopes with 14-5 Trouncing**

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Dave Roth secures the ball for the putout.

Larry Fleischman's three-run home run in the top of the third inning, Phil Appelbaum's four hits, Bruce Logan's four RBI and shortstop Ron Labin's superior fielding led St. Anthony to a 14-5 triumph over cellar-dwelling St. Jude in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on July 15.

The St. Anthony's offensive wrecking crew banged out 23 hits, and Fleischman, the leadoff hitter, finished 3-for-5 with three runs scored and three RBI. Beginning with an RBI double, Appelbaum hit safely in his first four at-bats before flying out to leftfield. He scored twice and had two RBI. Logan rapped a pair of RBI singles and a two-run double, while scoring once. Labin also put his bat to work with three hits and two runs scored.

The remainder of the Anthonys had, at least, one hit apiece. Mike White and Tony Perfilio each had three hits, an RBI and a run scored. Tom Grycan punched a pair of singles, walked, and added an RBI and a run scored. Pitcher Tony Perconte ripped an RBI single and scored three times. Dave Roth singled.

Veteran Tom Ulichny led the Judes with an RBI double, two singles and an RBI groundout, while scoring twice. Pitcher Anthony Blasi poked a pair of singles, scored once and had an RBI. Nate Mangiris and Steve Polak each had a single and an RBI, while Paul Bifani (run scored), Joe DeChiaro and Phil Gans each singled. Larry Szenyi walked and scored once, and Chris Paterek walked twice.

But the real show stealers of the

evening were a series of stellar defensive plays, especially from Labin, who made two straight diving stops, resulting in putouts in the third inning, and a game-ending double play in the seventh. Logan, at second, made a pair of ambidextrous plays, as did Perconte from the mound. Blasi took defensive matters into his own hands early in the game with a pair of fine

According to Szenyi, "Tony said, if nobody else can catch the ball, I'm going to do it myself.'

Blasi's defensive brilliance early on spurred Szenyi, who played first base, to make a few of his own. In the fourth inning, he grabbed a grounder, tagged the runner heading to second and stepped on first to complete a double play. He added another alert putout in the fifth. Ulichny also made a sensational diving grab in leftfield.

St. Anthony seized a 3-0 lead in the first when Appelbaum yanked an RBI double to right and Logan lashed a two-run double to left. Ulichny added an RBI groundout in the bottom of the inning, making the score, 3-1. Fleischman, Labin and Perconte scored in the second, but after the Anthonys plated their third straight three-run inning on Fleischman's three-run shot to center, it appeared that the Judes did not have a prayer, but they kept the faith and scored to runs in the bottom of the third to make the score, 9-3.

In the fourth, the Anthonys put together five straight singles, and it looked like another three-run inning, but Perconte was called out at home on a close call, causing a murmur from his teammates.

"I thought one of you guys was

joking when you said it was an out,"

In the bottom of the fourth, Ulichny looped and RBI double and Blasi bopped an RBI single to make the score, 11-5, but St. Anthony added three runs in the fifth on RBI singles from Perfilio, Logan and Grycan. Offensive silence prevailed then Labin dashed St. Jude's hopes in the seventh when he charged a grounder, stepped on second for a force out and fired to first for the game-ending double play.

St. Anthony

WF White 8s Defeat Livingston 8s, 9-4

The Westfield White eight-yearold travel baseball team improved its record to 7-6 by defeating league opponent Livingston American, 9-4, on July 12, to avenge a pair of losses to Livingston, including a 10-9, nineinning marathon, just the day before.

White trailed, 4-0, after a full inning but managed to score five runs in the top of the second inning. Danny Varano singled, John Eric Tilyou walked, and Dillon O'Connor, Matthew Korth and Colin Elliott followed with singles. Gravson Shovlin worked a walked, Brendan Hiltz singled and Jack Riley followed with a booming shot to left-center.

Westfield's solid defense was highlighted by first baseman Jack Riley's spectacular unassisted double play and the smooth fielding of shortstop Danny Kohler and catcher Declan McCauley. Pitchers Brendan Hiltz, Nick Russo, Griffin Rooney and Jack Musho held Livingston to just four hits.

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Wojcik Named Harvard Men's Lax Head Coach

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20 nationally. Next, Wojcik spent two years as the top assistant coach/offensive coordinator at the University of Pennsylvania, as well as the team's recruiting coordinator.

"Since the day I started coaching, it was my goal to be the head coach at Harvard," Wojcik said. "I applied and initially did not get an interview. They interviewed three Division 1 head coaches only. A week later, they reconsidered and interviewed two assistant Division 1 coaches [Wojcik and another coach] and then the next week, I got the job.'

But Wojcik remembered his lacrosse roots in Westfield, coming up through the ranks with classmates Matt Prybylski, Dave Sprague, Steve Kocaj, Chris Capone, Mike Catenacci, Bob Hermiston and Matt Connell to name a few.

"My youth coaches, Skip Prybylski and Tom Sprague, were my first coaches and they taught me the fundamentals. They gave their time and energy to Westfield youth lacrosse and they were very devoted and committed to the kids," Wojcik said.

Location, location means everything, and Wojcik grew up on the same block as WHS Head Coach Sean Cherewich and had what is now Kehler Stadium as a backyard.

"He convinced my brothers and I to play lacrosse. Coach Cherewich pushed me to be my best and taught us to play as a team. In addition, Toni Bristol was a volunteer coach with the high school, and he helped develop so many high school players," Wojcik said. "My classmates and I were very interested in lacrosse as a result of the Westfield state championship teams of 1986 & 1987. We



Chris Wojcik

were ball boys at the state championship games and we dreamed of winning a state championship together and being a part of the tradition of

Westfield lacrosse." Wojcik recalled his most memorable games as a Blue Devil came in the 1992 season, beating Lawrenceville on the road when they were undefeated, beating Bridgewater in overtime and losing to Montclair in the state quarterfinals in their last game, which he felt was devastating.

Lacrosse was not his only sport at WHS. Wojcik was one of those rare three-sport athletes, who could compete in all three very well. In the fall, he earned All-Union County (UC) honors all four years in soccer. In his senior season, he was named First Team All-State and led the Blue Devils to the Group 4 state title.

In the winter, he wrestled and helped the Blue Devils win the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 state championship. In 1991, he qualified for the NJSIAA tournament.

In the spring came lacrosse, and

Wojcik, an attacker, was named First Team All-State in 1991 and 1992. He was also honored as a First Team All-America attack (1991) and midfield (1992). He finished his WHS lacrosse

career with 106 goals and 65 assists. Wojcik, who is a member of the New Jersey Lacrosse Hall of Fame, was inducted into the Westfield Athletics

Hall of Fame on November 25, 2002. To Wojcik, growing up in Westfield

created an air of victory. "I think Gary Kehler created a community in Westfield that rallied around its sports teams, and he helped build a strong sense of pride in the community. I was drawn to sports at a young age, and I was eager to be a part of the Westfield tradition. In the high school, you could sense the pride the students had in playing for Westfield, and so many teams were successful," he said.

Now as the head coach at Harvard, Wojcik has a few others to thank.

"My parents [Randy and Marie] instilled in me a strong work ethic and I will give my best to Harvard and the lacrosse program," he said.

St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's **Softball League Standings:**

ANGELS DIVISION: (As of July 16:) St. Aloysius St. Kilian St. Anthony

SAINTS DIVISION: Pct .846 .769 .571 .429 .385 TEAM St. David St. Rocco St. Joseph

St. David 8, St. Kilian 4

St. Matthew

St David scored six runs in the fourth. Pitcher, Howard Bialos yielded only two hits to the top four Kilian batters. Costello (3 RBI), Rothenberg (3 RBI, triple) and Villaverde (2 RBI) led David St. Aloysius 17, St. Joseph 3 Aloysius amassed 29 hits (26

singles). Barone went 6-for-6 with five RBI. St. Anthony 14, St. Jude 5

See exclusive story St. David 6, St. Joseph 4

St David's charge began with a Baboomian three-run blast in the first

St Rocco 17, St James 5 St Rocco's Gus Alvarez rapped a home run and had three RBI. St James totaled 14 hits.

St. Matthew 8, St. Jude 7 St. Matthew overcame a 5-0 deficit

after two innings. The Matt men scored four in the third and three in the fourth, led by Straniero's homer and three RBI. St. Jude's Rich Banasiak had three hits and three RBI.

St. James 7, St. Anne 6 The James Gang II stole this 12-

inning marathon at Farley. St. Kilian 13, St. Joseph 8

St. Kilian scored 11 of their 13 runs with two outs. Kilian's Scott Curtis whacked a grand slam, and Jay Semple added a three-run blast. Marty Marks (HR, 3 RBI) and Kevin Spellman (single double, triple) led the Joe boys. St. David 10, St. Anne 9 Each team plated three runs in the

first. David led, 6-4, entering the bottom of the sixth, but the Annies scored five runs. St. David answered with four runs in the seventh. David pitcher Howie Bialos hushed the Annies in the bottom of the seventh.

St. Aloysius 15, St. Anthony 13 The top five batters for Aloysius had three hits apiece, led by Bob Barone's two homers and seven RBI. Anthony Pat Nigro had four RBI. Aloysius scored four runs in the top



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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times FIRING TWO PERFECT INNINGS...Westfield Blue pitcher Matt LaCorte shut down all six batters he faced to give his team the opportunity to pull out a 7-7 tie

WF Blue 11s Score 5 in Sixth, Tie Florham Park Boys, 7-7

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the league. He is an elite pitcher. He

is a very good player. He shut us

down. We hit ground ball after ground

ball. He wouldn't let us get anything

LaCorte stepped to the mound in

the fifth and from that point on

Florham Park's bats could not find an

Chirichella slapped a leadoff single

in the sixth. Cruz and Ukrainskyj

both walked, and LaCorte drilled a

two-run single off the right field fence

then stole second. After Hall walked,

Xaio tapped an RBI groundout.

Bartok poked an RBI single, and Xaio

scored on a wild pitch to tie the score.

unbelievable. They never say die. We

spent the first half of the season going

down in the first inning of almost

every game, and every game this team

battled back. We only have two losses

in league play on the season," said coach Friel, who added, "He

[LaCorte] basically shut them down,

and it took the life out of them. He had

a lot of pop on his fastball, and he was

"He shut us down the last two in-

nings. We were saying we needed to

get a lead, because we knew they

would be bringing him in," coach

Agriogianis said. "It's funny how you

could be ahead, 7-2, and looking for

a win then wiping your brow to walk

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

will be received by the Town Clerk of the

Town of Westfield, County of Union, State

of New Jersey, in the Town of Westfield

Municipal Building Court Room, 425 East

Broad Street on Tuesday August 17, at

TENNIS COURT RECONSTRUCTION

in accordance with Drawings and Speci-

fications prepared by Kinsey Associates,

Hackettstown, New Jersey. No bids shall

be received after the time designated

Plans and specifications will be avail-

One set of complete documents may be

obtained upon the payment of Fifty dollars

(\$50.00) per project for each set, refund-

able to Bidders only. Drawings and Speci-

fications are on file at the Recreation office

and may be examined and obtained there

between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00

P.M. daily except Saturday, Sunday and

holidays. Checks must be made payable

to the order of the "Town of Westfield".

Bidders must use, and fully complete, the

proposal pages included with the specifi-

cations furnished by the Owner and com-

ply with all requirements attached thereto,

1. An experience record of the bidder;

2. Certified Check or a Bid Bond in an

amount not less than 10% of the amount

for which the bid is submitted, but not in

excess of \$20,000.00, furnished by a

Surety Company licensed to do business

in the State of New Jersey;
3. A Non-Collusion Affidavit;

5. Qualification Statement; and,

6. Ownership disclosure statement;

Affirmative Action Information.

8. New Jersey Business Registration

Each bid must be submitted and en-

closed in a sealed envelope with the name

and address of the bidder and the project

title and contract number clearly shown on

the face of the envelope.

The bid shall be directed to the attention

Town Clerk

Town of Westfield

Municipal Building

425 East Broad Street

Westfield, New Jersey 07090-2196

to reject any or all bids, accept and enter

into contract with the lowest responsible

bidder for the project, or combined projects,

or to waive any informalities in the bids and

accompanying documents received,

should it be deemed to be in the best

correct any erroneous mathematical com-

putations in any proposals submitted, and

to consider the bid on the basis of the

corrected total or totals. The written fig-

ures shall prevail over the numerical fig-

Bidders are required to comply with the

requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C.

17:27 et seq.) entitled "Law Against Dis-

Bidders are required to comply with the

Bidders are required to comply with the

requirements of PL. 1999, C.238 The Pub-

requirements of P.L. 2004, c. 57 New

M. Bruce Kaufmann, Recreation Direct

1 T - 7/22/10, The Leader Fee: \$76.50

lic Works Contractor Registration Act. Bidders are required to comply with the

Jersey Business Registration Act.

requirements of P.L. 1999, c. 39 (N.J.S.A.

40A:11-23.1 and 40A:11-23.2).

The Owner also reserves the right to

interest of the Owner.

crimination"

The Owner expressly reserves the right

4. A Consent of Surety;

Certificate

including the following:

able for pick up on July 22, 2010.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids

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locating very well tonight.'

out of here with a tie.'

Westfield Blue

Florham Park

10:00 a.m. for:

"The cardiac kids! These kids are

going," coach Friel said.

pair of singles and scored twice. Jack Neiswenter (run scored), Owen Bartok (RBI) and Jack Hall each singled. Mike Ukrainskyj and Arthur Xaio each had an RBI and scored once. Victor Cruz walked and scored, while Zach Rabinowitz (stolen base), James Friel and Tom Mueller each

As the visiting team, Westfield Blue plated two runs in the top of the first when Neiswenter and Chirichella scored respectively on Ukrainskyj's and LaCorte's RBI, but Florham Park scored three in the bottom of the inning and added two more in the second to take a 5-2 lead.

Monaghan stepped to the mound in the third and pitched three perfect innings. In the meantime, Florham Park plated a run in the third and another in the fourth to seize a 7-2

"He's [Monaghan] our ace. He's got four or five different pitches. He throws hard. He loves to compete. The bigger the game, the bigger he pitches," coach Agriogianis said. "He is one of the best pitchers in

> **See More Photos of:** WF Blue/Florham Park 11s www.goleader.com

Cranford Online pages **PUBLIC NOTICE**

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

MetroPCS New York, LLC is proposing to install new wireless telecommunications antennas on an existing building located at 900 South Avenue. Westfield Union County, New Jersey. The new facility will consist of mounting of three new panel antennas and three future panel antennas at a top height of 47.5 feet on the roof of the building. Support equipment will be placed in the building's basement. Vertical cables on the building exterior will match the building finish. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 61104418-RL c/o EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York Pennsylvania 17403, or via telephone at (574) 315-7347.

1 T - 7/22/10, The Leader Fee: \$19.89 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

Notice is hereby given that **ORDINANCE**

NO. 10-10-R AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 12-10(F) AND 184-35 OF THE CODE OF THE **BOROUGH OF FANWOOD TO** PROVIDE FOR THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN FEES ON BE-**HALFOFDISABLE PERSONS**

was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on July 13, 2010.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Eleanor McGovern Borough Clerk

Fee: \$17.85 1 T - 7/22/10, The Times **PUBLIC NOTICE**

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Please take notice that on August 25, 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: 119 Hunter Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 27 Lot 18, as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map,

owned by Laura Crawford. The applicant requests addition of front

porch which is in violation of: Section 184-115 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: side yard setback; Permitted: 8.0 feet; Present: 9.0 feet; Proposed: 4.6 feet.

Section 184-115 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: front yard set back; Permitted: 30 feet; Present: 35.6 feet; Proposed: 27.6 feet.

Section 184-134 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: side yard; Permitted: 3.0 feet; Present: 1.5 feet; Pro-

posed: 1.5 feet. Section 184-134 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: shed;

Permitted: 100 square feet; Present: 135 square feet; Proposed: 135 square feet. 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

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 Of-

fice 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 Plan-

Applicant: Laura Crawford 119 Hunter Avenue Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023

Fee: \$42.84

1 T - 7/22/10, The Times

Union County's SMC Wins NJSSA Softball Crown

The Mestfield Leader and The Scotch Plains - Fanwood TIMES

SMC won the prestigious New Jersey Senior Softball Association (NJSSA) 50+ State B Division Championship in Linden over the weekend of July 10. The SMC squad, which plays in the Union County Senior Softball League, compiled a perfect 5-0 record and swept Check Exchange

mances, both offensively and defensively, were received from Bill Dugan, Jim McCullough, John Amato and Ed Kushner over the five games.

In Game 1 of the finals on July 18, SMC battled back from an early eightrun deficit fueled by a dramatic threerun homer by Jeff Baier in the bottom



Association 50+ B Division Championship on July 18. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Jim McCullough, Ray Pelesko, John Amato, Dennis Valvano and Chris Paterek; back row, Jeff Baier, Paul Levenberg, Ed Kushner, Harry Streep, Ed Lubas, Water Serafyn and Bill Dugan.

of Middlesex County in the finals.

Harry Streep was the winning pitcher for all five games and also contributed many clutch hits batting in the clean up spot for Manager Ed Lubas' team in the tournament. Outstanding perfor-

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, July 20, 2010 there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, the

> AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 23-3.11B ENTITLED "PERMITTED SEC-ONDARY USES" OF SECTION 23-3.11 ENTITLED "B-2 **BUSINESS ZONE" OF CHAP-TER 23 ENTITLED "ZONING"**

Purpose: This ordinance amends subsection 23-3.11b, entitled "Permitted Secondary Uses" of Section 23-3.11 entitled "B-2 Business Zone" of Chapter 23 en-

titled "Zoning".

A public hearing for same is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 17, 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 nterested 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 Thursday by any member of the general public who wants a copy of same without cost

BARBARA RIEPE Township Clerk Fee: \$34.68 1 T - 7/22/10, The Times

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

Notice is hereby given that Westfield at its July 12, 2010 meeting for the following applications heard at its June 14, 2010

Demetri & Lisa Tsavekou, 758 Clark Street. Applicant sought permission to construct an addition over the existing first floor on the right side of the house and to build a two-story addition at the back of the house contrary to the following sections 11.08E6 and 11.08E11 of the Land Use Administrative denial.

Jeffrey Flynn and Keiran Brown, 523 Birch Avenue, Applicant sought permis sion to construct a one story addition contrary to Section 11.08E6 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a 8.8 feet side yard setback where 10 feet setback is required. Application approved.

Wilma Barker & Carol Barker, 106 Oxford Terrace, Applicant sought permission to retain an aboveground oil storage tank contrary to Section 13.05 of the Land Use Ordinance that does not allow the bulk storage of heating fuel above ground. Application approved.

Ross & Patricia Margolies, 8 Stoneleigh Park, Applicant sought permission to construct an addition to the existing garage contrary to the Sections 13.01G1b, 13.01E and 13.01I1 of the Land use Ordinance. Ordinance requires that accessory building greater than 500 square feet be set back have a side yard setback of 10 feet. Proposed is 6.5 feet. Ordinance requires accessory structures to be located in the rear yard. Proposed is a portion of the structure in the front yard (of a through lot property). Ordinance allows a maximum height of 15 feet for accessory structures. Proposed is ± 21 feet to the top of the weather vane, \pm 19.5 feet to the top of the cupola (15 feet to the garage roof ridge). Application approved.

Ms. Sherry Hines, 28 Stoneleigh Park, Applicant sought permission to construct first and second story additions contrary to Sections 12.03 and 11.05E6 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a front yard setback of 46 feet 2 inches where 55 feet 6 inches is required, and to allows a side vard setback of 11.55 feet where 15 feet is required. Application denied.

Martha Beyazova - Panayot Panayotov, 1040 Rahway Avenue, Applicant sought permission to construct a second story addition contrary to Section 11.06E6 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow side yard setbacks of 9.33 feet and 10.2 feet where 12.5 feet is required. Application approved.

Melissa & Suresh Krishnamurthy, 106 Frazee Court, Applicant proposed to remove decks and sheds to construct a onestory addition on the front of the dwelling contrary to Sections 12.03D, 12.04F1 and 11.08E14 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a front yard setback of 37 feet 1 inches where 42 ft. is required; to allow a maximum building coverage of 20.7% where 20 is allowed; and to allow a front facing garage offset of 18.2 ft. in front of the façade where a minimum offset of 2 ft. behind the main façade is required. Application approved.

Kathleen Nemeth Secretary, Board of Adjustment 1 T - 7/22/10, The Leader Fee: \$68.85

of the seventh to tie the game. Ray Pelesko hit a two-run double in the eighth inning to win it for SMC by a score of 16-15.

SMC won Game 2, 11-7. Walter Serfyn, Chris Paterek, Dennis Valvano and Paul Levenberg led the attack in the championship clinching victory.

SMC had a perfect 3-0 record on July 17, parlaying outstanding offensive performances from Amato, Dugan, Lubas, McCullough and Paterek in support of Streep's pitching and defensive performance.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjust-ment of the Township of Scotch Plains held on July 1, 2010, the Board adopted

Approved - Gary Anderson, for a variance to construct a handicap ramp and deck at 233 Westfield Road, Block 2903,

Denied-Steven Needle, t/a 1801 Front Street. for a variance to convert a singlefamily home into a two-family residence at 1801 Front Street, Block 1001, Lot 62.

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

Barbara Horev, Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment 1 T - 7/22/10, The Times Fee: \$21.93

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

Public Notice is hereby given that an ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting held July 20, 2010, and that the said Council will further consider the same for final passage on the 3rd day of August, 2010 at 8:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which time and place any person who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance

Claire J. Gray Town Clerk

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1958 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1900 ENTITLED "AN ORDI-NANCE FIXING THE WAGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DE-

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Westfield in the County of Union as

SECTION I.

That there is hereby established by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield the following schedule of wages and salaries to be paid to certain employees of the Public Works Department represented by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 469: Rates of Pav

Effective January 1, 2010, and thereafter at the dates set forth, the follow-

hourly wa	ges shall be pa	id:			
Classification Effective Effective					
iteps	1/1/10	7/1/11			
	\$30.15	\$30.75			
	\$28.72	\$28.72			
	\$27.29	\$27.29			
	\$25.86	\$25.86			
i	\$24.43	\$24.43			
i	\$22.99	\$22.99			
•	\$21.56	\$21.56			
1	\$20.13	\$20.13			
1	\$18.69	\$18.69			
0	\$17.27	\$17.27			
1	\$15.83	\$15.83			
b) Effective	January 1, 201	0, and there			

after at the dates si yearly salaries shall		e following	
Classification Steps	Effective 1/1/10	Effective 7/1/11	
Engineering Aide 2	\$36,372	\$37,099	
Engineering Aide 1	\$49,669	\$50,662	
Survey Party Chief	\$60,959	\$62,178	
Project Engineer 2	\$68,519	\$69,889	
Project Engineer 1	\$76,075	\$77,597	
Building Inspector	\$60,172	\$61,375	
Housing Code			
Inspector	\$52,623	\$53,675	
Building/Housing Code			
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Any or all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict, or inconsistent, with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent. SECTION III.

SECTION II.

In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holdings shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or invalid. SECTION IV.

This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as, and in the manner provided by law. 1 T - 7/22/10, The Leader Fee: \$73.95



STRIKING A POSE ON BEAM...Brooke Vaccaro, Grace Fontana, Jamie Frank, Shania Phillips and Samantha Anastasiou show off a group balance beam pose, while having fun at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Y Summer Gymnastics Camp.

Westfield Rowers Compete In Philadelphia Youth Regatta

Westfield's rowers competed in the Philadelphia Youth Regatta on July 17. This annual summer regatta featured many of the premier junior rowing programs of clubs from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

The race was held on the Schuylkill River and was a 2000-meter collegiate course instead of the 1500-meter high school course length. Westfield rowers competed in Jr16 (16-andunder) and Jr18 (18-and-under) events in quads and doubles.

The boys Jr16 quad of Henry Hershey, David Vercheck, David Adsit and Matt Huff finished third in their heat to qualify for the finals. Westfield did not compete in the final as Hershey was needed in the Jr18 boat and there was not enough time between races. The girls Jr16 quad of Delia Annistakis, Sara Hoerrner, Katie Eliades and Charlotte Dreizen failed to qualify with a sixth place finish. The boys J16 double of Ian Yeager and Mike Paone finished fifth. The boys $Jr 18\,quad\,of\,Hershey, Chris\,Morrissey,$

Malcolm Spurlock and Lars Keating

finished fifth. The girls Jr18 quad of

Liz Driscoll, Annistakis, Meredith

Latimer and Amanda Adsit advanced

to the finals with a third place finish. They finished sixth in the finals. Westfield crew offers summer Learn to Row programs for middle school and high school students, see

www.westfieldcrew.com for more in-

Park Beverage Stuns Scared Hitless

and the biggest bang came from the bat of Mike Venables, who slammed a solo home run, and added a single. Rob Janish did some barking himself with three hits, including a two-run triple and an RBI single, while scoring once. Doug Martin poked three singles and scored once. Keith Grabowski and Vinny DeGregorio each had two hits and scored two runs. Mark Giordano and Mike Garrielli each added an RBI single.

Defensively, Scared Hitless first baseman Grabowski absorbed a line drive and quickly stepped on first to record a double play. Second baseman Tom Granham made several fine plays but paid the price by taking a bad hop on the chin and adding a face full of dirt on a tumbling play. Park Beverage centerfielder Alvarez made a great running grab. Stratton snagged a sharp liner at shortstop, as did Samila at second. Semple made a fine stretch at first to induce an out call.

Scared Hitless was timid in the top of the first, but the Beverage men plated three runs in the bottom of the inning,

See More Photos of: Park Beverage/Scared Hitless www.goleader.com Cranford Online pages

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD Notice is hereby given that ORDINANCE

NO. 10-08-R AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 280-62, SCHEDULE XVII OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

HIBITIONS was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood

CONCERNING U-TURN PRO-

held on July 13, 2010. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication

as required by law. Eleanor McGovern

Borough Clerk 1 T - 7/22/10, The Times Fee: \$17.34

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Municipal Clerk of the Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, for a Person-to-Person transfer to Clover Holdings, LLC trading as The Liquor Basket of Westfield. of Plenary Retail Distribution License 2020-44-013-006 heretofore issued to Arthur Byrd trading as The Liquor Basket of Westfield, premises located at 115 Quimby Street, Westfield, New Jer-

The person who holds 100% interest in this license is: Arthur Byrd, 33 Sleepy Hollow Road, Red Bank, New Jersey 07701.

Objections, if any, should be made in writing to Claire J. Gray, Municipal Clerk of the Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090. CLOVER HOLDINGS, LLC

33 Sleepy Hollow Road Red Bank, New Jersey 07701 2 T - 7/15 & 7/22/10, The Leader

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF **ORDINANCE 10-11-R** AND PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on July 13, 2010. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through

This ordinance amends Section 280-5 of the Borough of Fanwood Code concerning parking violations and fines.

This ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on August 10, 2010, at 7:30 P.M., Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey. Eleanor McGovern

Borough Clerk 1 T - 7/22/10, The Times Fee: \$21.42 highlighted by Alvarez's RBI double to right-center. Scared Hitless abandoned their phobia and scored three runs in the second, but the Parkmen sparked a twoout rally and scored four runs in the bottom of the inning. Venables whacked his solo blast to

faced another two-out situation in its half of the inning. "Come on! Another two-out rally," shouted Marks. Samilia answered with a two-run

center in the third, and Park Beverage

single, then Alvarez and Semple followed with RBI singles. DeGregorio singled and scored in

the fifth, but Samila drilled a leadoff double and scored on Alvarez's sac fly in the Park's fifth to make the score, 14-5. Janish jolted a two-run triple and Garrielli slashed an RBI single to agitate the Beverage men as they came to bat in the sixth. As a result of their fury, the Beverage men poured it on and scored seven runs on nine hits to seize a 21-8 lead. Stunned, Scared Hitless was scared scoreless in the seventh, but with Woodring on third and Marks on second, Alvarez punched his game-ending two-run single to center.

Scared Hitless Park Beverage

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD **BOND ORDINANCE** STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on July 20, 2010, and the 20-day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available, at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

> TITLE: A BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IM-PROVEMENT BARCHESTER WAY (FROM LAWRENCE AVENUE TO BARCHESTER WAY) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$375,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAY-MENT, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO AUTHO-RIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSU-ANCE OF BOND ANTICIPA-TION NOTES IN ANTICIPA-TION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Purpose(s): to improve Barchester Way (from Lawrence Avenue to Barchester Way), including roadway reconstruction and installation of curbs, undertaking of drainage improvements and installation of handicapped access ramps, where necessary.

Appropriation: \$375,000 Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$95,200 Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$275,000 Section 20 Costs: \$2,000

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Park Beverage/Scared Hitless, Westfield Blue/Florham Park & St. Anthony/St. Jude are also in The Leader newspaper

SAMILA RIPS 6 RBI, ALVAREZ 5, SEMPLE 4, STRATTON 3

Park Beverage Plates 7 in 6th To Stun Scared Hitless, 23-8

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Scared Hitless was not really scared, but Park Beverage just had too much potency to register a 23-8 victory in Scotch Plains Men's Soft-

ball League action at Jerseyland Field

in Scotch Plains on July 18 Park Beverage big man Dan Samila provided the most proofage with a two-run triple, a two-run single, a double and a pair of RBI sacrifice flies to total six RBI, while scoring three runs. Gus Alvarez scored twice and went 4-for-4, with a double and an RBI sacrifice fly, and five RBI, which included the game-ending tworun single. Harry Semple had a pair

three RBI and a run scored. Leadoff hitter Kevin Woodring added to the Park Beverage men's 27-hit total with a pair of singles and a double, three runs scored and an RBI. Marty Marks, who scored the

putout on Scared Hitless runner Keith Grabowski.

of singles and four RBI, and Rob

Stratton also went 4-for-4, with a

two-run double, and finished with

game's final run, went 3-for-4, including an RBI triple, with four runs scored. Tom Straniero (RBI) and Matt Walsh each singled twice and scored four times. Rick Carlucci rapped three singles and scored twice, and Tony Radice singled.

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Scared Hitless banged out 15 hits, and the biggest bang came from the bat of Mike Venables, who slammed a solo home run, and added a single. Rob Janish did some barking himself with three hits, including a two-run triple and an RBI single, while scoring once. Doug Martin poked three singles and scored once. Keith Grabowski and Vinny DeGregorio each had two hits and scored two runs. Mark Giordano and Mike Garrielli each added an RBI single. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

See more sports photos Westfield/Florham Park 10jul16-wf-fl-pk-11 Park Beverage/Scared **Hitless Softball** 10jul18-pk-bev-hitless St. Anthony/St. Jude 10jul15-st-ant-st-jude

David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times



GETTING THE BALL A LITTLE TOO LATE...Westfield Blue shortstop Owen Bartok, No. 24, gets the ball a little too late from the catcher as Florham Park's Tristan Barquin steals second.

LaCORTE GETS 3 RBI; CHIRICHELLA 2 HITS, 2 RUNS

WF Blue 11s Score 5 in Sixth, Tie Florham Park Boys, 7-7

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Pitching ace Matt LaCorte relieved in the fifth inning and pitched two perfect innings, while the Westfield Blue 11-year-old baseball team scored five runs in the top of the sixth inning to earn a tie with Florham Park at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 16.

Both teams were experiencing their first season of playing on a 50/70 pitcher's mound is 50 feet from the plate and distance between bases is 70 feet – field setup.

"At this level, I think it should be 50/70. It's a natural progression and a perfect transition as they advance to the 60/90 level next year," Florham Park Head Coach Bob

Many of the Union County Senior 50+ players are from Westfield, Cranford, Scotch Plains and Fanwood

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Standings:

50+ A DIVISION (July 18): Renda Roads SMC Liberty Lighting Molly Maguire's Awnings Galore 50+ B DIVISION:

Driftwood Bar & Grill I Driftwood Bar & Grill II Magnolia Auto Service **D&K** Associates SUPER SENIORS DIVISION:

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Kilkenny House
Creative Industries Nicolina Pizza The Office Associated Auto

TLC 8, Kilkenny House 7

Kilkenny, coming off a second place finish in the NJSSA 50+ "C" Division state tournament, scored five in the first and two in the third. TLC's Ray Meigs homered in the fourth and TLC scored four more in the fifth. TLC's Oscar Harrison's (3for-3) double sparked a three-run rally in the sixth. Kilkenny had a runner on second with one out in the seventh when leftfielder Richie Traub caught a fly ball and threw to shortstop Harrison, who fired to third baseman Wayne Michael for a gameending double play. Kilkenny's Howie Busch went 3-for-3.

The Pizza men plated six in the first but ran out of sauce. Art Kopacz started

for Creative but Tom Lombardi picked up the win in relief. Mary Scherb (4 hits, 3 RBI), Bob Failla (4 hits, 2 RBI) and Steve Ferro (RBI), Lombardi, Bill Reichle (2BH, 2 RBI), Nick Lehotsky (4 runs, RBI), Frank Cavallaro, Demo Cervelli (RBI), Karl Grossmann (3 runs, 2 RBI), Ray Cozzarelli (3BH, 2 RBI) and Kopacz (3 RBI) each had three hits.

The Office 14, Associated 6

The Office scored six in the sixth, which featured Brian McDermott's (3-for-4, 7 RBI) grand slam. George Merlo (3 hits, 2 RBI) and Bill Hinkle went the distance for The Office. Larry Lesnik, Paul Brody, Richie Krov, Robert Maley and John Tomaine (HR) led Associated Auto.

Renda Roads 13, Awnings 5 Pat Nigro (3-for-3) and Tom Baldowski (2-for-3, HR) led Renda.

Contact Lens 9, Linda's I 5 Lensmen Rick Wolf, Carmen Mosier, Kerry Gelb and George Merlo each had multiple hits. Linda's Steve Lerner, Joe Sarica, Steve Adase and Mac Kowaleski had multi-hit games.

Linda's Driftwood II 22, D&K 21 John Brown drove in the winning run. Steve Lemanowicz (6-for-6, scored the winning run), Steve Kraemer, Joe Menza, Lenny Ladislaw, Mike DiRienzo and Dave LaPoint each with multi-hit games led Linda's. Bob Lorincz (4-for-4) and Al Feigenbaum (3 triples) led D&K.

Liberty Lighting 17, Brew Crew 4 Harry Semple and Tom MacDermant made over the shoulder catches and the Light men added four double plays.

"We prepare for it over the winter and fall. This is the first year that they played 50/70 in league play," said Westfield Blue coach Paul Friel. Both teams had success putting the

bat on the ball. Florham Park struck out only three times, while Westfield fanned only twice. Florham Park out hit Westfield, 11-7, and Mark Amendola led the attack, going 3for-3 with an RBI. Jason Sardo had an RBI double and a single and scored twice. Vin Solano (run scored) rapped a double, while Tristan Barquin (run scored) and Michael Marerro each lashed an RBI single. Brian Monaghan (run scored), Derek Saul and Frankie Caruso each had a single, while Steve Agriogianis and Jake Berger each had an RBI and scored

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"We stress to be aggressive. A lot of teams will take pitches and look for walks to try to win hall games. We probably could win some more games if we took pitches, but I am here to teach them how to hit," coach Agriogianis said.

LaCorte was also very successful at the plate with two singles, three RBI, a run scored and two stolen bases. Patrick Chirichella cracked a pair of singles and scored twice. Jack Neiswenter (run scored), Owen Bartok (RBI) and Jack Hall each singled. Mike Ukrainskyj and Arthur Xaio each had an RBI and scored once. Victor Cruz walked and scored, while Zach Rabinowitz (stolen base), James Friel and Tom Mueller each

walked. As the visiting team, Westfield Blue plated two runs in the top of the first when Neiswenter and Chirichella scored respectively on Ukrainskyi's and LaCorte's RBI, but Florham Park scored three in the bottom of the inning and added two more in the second to take a 5-2 lead.

Monaghan stepped to the mound in the third and pitched three perfect innings. In the meantime, Florham Park plated a run in the third and another in the fourth to seize a 7-2 lead.

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TO GIVE IT A WHACK...St. Jude's Chris Paterek prepares to whack the ball in the game against St. Anthony

APPELBAUM 4 HITS, FLEISCHMAN HR, LOGAN 4 RBI

St. Anthony Ruins St. Jude's Hopes with 14-5 Trouncing

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Larry Fleischman's three-run home run in the top of the third inning, Phil Appelbaum's four hits, Bruce Logan's

four RBI and shortstop Ron Labin's superior fielding led St. Anthony to a 14-5 triumph over cellar-dwelling St. Jude in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on July 15.

The St. Anthony's offensive wrecking crew banged out 23 hits, and Fleischman, the leadoff hitter, finished 3-for-5 with three runs scored and three RBI. Beginning with an RBI double, Appelbaum hit safely in his first four at-bats before flying out to leftfield. He scored twice and had two RBI. Logan rapped a pair of RBI singles and a two-run double, while scoring once. Labin also put his bat to work with three hits and two runs

The remainder of the Anthonys had, at least, one hit apeice. Mike White and Tony Perfilio each had three hits, an RBI and a run scored. Tom Grycan punched a pair of singles, walked, and added an RBI and a run scored. Pitcher Tony Perconte ripped an RBI single and scored three times. Dave Roth singled.

Veteran Tom Ulichny led the Judes with an RBI double, two singles and an RBI groundout, while scoring twice. Pitcher Anthony Blasi poked a pair of singles, scored once and had an RBI. Nate Mangiris and Steve Polak each had a single and an RBI, while Paul Bifani (run scored), Joe DeChiaro and Phil Gans each singled. Larry Szenyi walked and scored once, and Chris Paterek walked twice.

But the real show stealers of the evening were a series of stellar de-

David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times SECRETARY OF DEFENSE...St. Jude shortstop Joe DeChiaro prepares to field a grounder in the game against St. Anthony.

fensive plays, especially from Labin, who made two straight diving stops, resulting in putouts in the third inning, and a game-ending double play in the seventh. Logan, at second, made a pair of ambidextrous plays, as did Perconte from the mound. Blasi took defensive matters into his own hands early in the game with a pair of fine

snags.
According to Szenyi, "Tony said, if nobody else can catch the ball, I'm going to do it myself."

Blasi's defensive brilliance early on spurred Szenyi, who played first base, to make a few of his own. In the fourth inning, he grabbed a grounder, tagged the runner heading to second and stepped on first to complete a double play. He added another alert putout in the fifth. Ulichny also made

sensational diving grab in leftfield. St. Anthony seized a 3-0 lead in the first when Appelbaum yanked an RBI double to right and Logan lashed a two-run double to left. Ulichny added an RBI groundout in the bottom of the inning, making the score, 3-1. Fleischman, Labin and Perconte scored in the second, but after the Anthonys plated their third straight three-run inning on Fleischman's three-run shot to center, it appeared that the Judes did not have a prayer, but they kept the faith and scored to runs in the bottom of the third to make the score, 9-3.

In the fourth, the Anthonys put together five straight singles, and it looked like another three-run inning, but Perconte was called out at home on a close call, causing a murmur from his teammates.

"I thought one of you guys was joking when you said it was an out,"

In the bottom of the fourth, Ulichny looped and RBI double and Blasi bopped an RBI single to make the score, 11-5, but St. Anthony added three runs in the fifth on RBI singles from Perfilio, Logan and Grycan. Offensive silence prevailed then Labin dashed St. Jude's hopes in the seventh when he charged a grounder, stepped on second for a force out and fired to first for the game-ending double play.

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Park Beverage Men Stun Scared Hitless, 23-8

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Defensively, Scared Hitless first baseman Grabowski absorbed a line drive and quickly stepped on first to record a double play. Second baseman Tom Granham made several fine plays but paid the price by taking a bad hop on the chin and adding a face full of dirt on a tumbling play. Park Beverage centerfielder Alvarez made a great running grab. Stratton snagged a sharp liner at shortstop, as did Samila at second. Semple made a fine stretch at first to induce an out call.

Scared Hitless was timid in the top of

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the first, but the Beverage men plated three runs in the bottom of the inning, highlighted by Alvarez's RBI double to right-center. Scared Hitless abandoned their phobia and scored three runs in the second, but the Parkmen sparked a two-out rally and scored four runs in the bottom of the inning.

Venables whacked his solo blast to center in the third, and Park Beverage faced another two-out situation in its half of the inning. "Come on! Another two-out rally," shouted Marks. Samilia answered with a two-run

single, then Alvarez and Semple followed with RBI singles. DeGregorio singled and scored in single to center.

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nine hits to seize a 21-8 lead. Stunned,

Scared Hitless was scared scoreless

in the seventh, but with Woodring on third and Marks on second, Alvarez

punched his game-ending two-run

Scared Hitless



PACKING A LOT OF POWER AT THE PLATE...Park Beverage slugger Dan Samila hammered a triple, a double and a single, and totaled six EBI in a 23-8 victory over Scared Hitless at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on July 18.

Westfield Blue 11s Tie Florham Park Boys, 7-7

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"He's [Monaghan] our ace. He's got four or five different pitches. He throws hard. He loves to compete. The bigger the game, the bigger he pitches," coach Agriogianis said.

"He is one of the best pitchers in the league. He is an elite pitcher. He is a very good player. He shut us down. We hit ground ball after ground ball. He wouldn't let us get anything going," coach Friel said.

LaCorte stepped to the mound in

the fifth and from that point on Florham Park's bats could not find an

Chirichella slapped a leadoff single in the sixth. Cruz and Ukrainskyj both walked, and LaCorte drilled a two-run single off the right field fence then stole second. After Hall walked, Xaio tapped an RBI groundout. Bartok poked an RBI single, and Xaio scored on a wild pitch to tie the score. "The cardiac kids! These kids are

unbelievable. They never say die. We spent the first half of the season going down in the first inning of almost every game, and every game this team battled back. We only have two losses in league play on the season," said

coach Friel, who added, "He [LaCorte] basically shut them down, and it took the life out of them. He had a lot of pop on his fastball, and he was locating very well tonight.'

"He shut us down the last two innings. We were saying we needed to get a lead, because we knew they would be bringing him in," coach Agriogianis said. "It's funny how you could be ahead, 7-2, and looking for a win then wiping your brow to walk out of here with a tie.'

Westfield Blue

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David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* STRONG DAY AT THE PLATE...Westfield Blue 11s batter Matt LaCorte, No. 2, drilled a two-run double and an RBI single against Florham Park at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 16.



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Zimmerman (Iago) and Kimberly Zimmermann (Jafar).

The show is co-directed by Gregory Boyle, Mallory Miller and Sa-

Performances will be held at the Cranford Dramatic Club Theatre, at 78 Winans Avenue in Cranford. Show times include 11 a.m. on Friday, July 23, (for school/camp trips only) and Saturday, July 24, at 2 and 7



PREPARATION IS OVER...Budding Union County thespians have prepared over the last month for their performance of Aladdin Jr., to be performed this

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and book by Jim Luigs.

Westfield and Cranford include: Emily Arcuri (Sultan), Jordan Burd (Razoul), Ashley Diamond (Townsperson), Julia Guarneri (Guard/ Prince formerly known as the Artist), Jessica Hutt (Narrator), Kathryn Kalaigian (Narrator), Alyssa Kiel (Narrator), Max Kopla (Aladdin), Noah (Townsperson), Rose Michetti (Narrator), Elizabeth Molfetto (Baker), Nina Randazzo (Townsperson), Jake Randazzo (Guard/ Prince BaBa of Ganoush), Marybeth Rodgers (Magic Carpet/ Prince Dahdú Rahn-Rahn), Lauren Tropper (Jasmine),



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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY...Students in the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes of the Westfield Summer Workshop (WSW) celebrated the country's independence by proudly marching in their Fourth of July violin parade.



PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

Notice is hereby given that **ORDINANCE** NO. 10-09-R AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 320 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD TO FURTHER REGULATE DUMPSTERS AND OTHER REFUSE CON-TAINERS OUTDOORS OR EX-

POSED TO STORM WATER was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on July 13, 2010.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law. Eleanor McGovern

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following ordinance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER X ENTITLED,
"PARKS AND GOLF
COURSES" BY ADDING SEC-TION 10-3 ENTITLED, "PARKS".

Explanation: This Ordinance amends Chapter X entitled "Parks and Golf Courses" by adding section 10-3, entitled

"Parks" A public hearing for same is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 17, 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 Thursday by any member of the general public who wants a copy of same without cost

BARBARA RIEPE Township Clerk Fee: \$33.15 1 T - 7/22/10, The Times

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, July 20, 2010 there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VIII ENTITLED "BUILDING AND HOUSING" BY ADDING SUBCLAUSES 13 AND 14 TO SUBSECTION N. **ENTITLED "GENERAL PRO-**VISIONS" OF SECTION 8-1.3 ENTITLED "FEES".

Explanation: This Ordinance (i) establishes a fee to close and depose of all outstanding permits at the time a smoke detector certification is requested, and (ii) imposes an administrative fee for a change of contractor on an open permit.

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Set at the turn of the cul-de-sac in historic Stoneleigh Park, this Colonial is completely updated with a gracious flow and thoughtful updates - 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, stunning eat-in kitchen, large family room with fireplace, sunny den, gracious formal living room and dining room, master bedroom suite, plentiful closets and an unparalled neighborhood. Stoneleigh Park provides an oasis of quiet and community, yet is so convenient to all that Westfield has to offer. Move in for the new school year!



77 Barchester Way, Westfield

Set in the prestigious Indian Forest section of Westfield, this elegant Colonial Split Level home provides an open, gracious floorplan with superior features throughout - from the dentil crown moldings to the hardwood floors, from the spacious family room with wood burning fireplace, to the step down living room to ground level media room – this home provides comfort and quality and has been lovingly maintained and thoughtfully updated. The large kitchen opens to a sunny Florida room, which provides exciting expansion opportunities. The exterior space provides a vacation at home - the heated pool is the centerpiece of the rear of the property and is beautifully surrounded by a deck, shady seating area, a wooden playset and lots of open space for gardening and privacy. Move right into this lovely home and enjoy all that Westfield has to offer – excellent schools, vibrant town, culture, parks, convenient transportation and the friendly, hospitable community, which makes it so special.

OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, 7/25 • 1-4PM

1056 Lamberts Mill Road, Westfield

Charming Westfield center hall Colonial with quality detail throughout - freshly painted with a neutral palate this home provides an elegant flow and large rooms, dental moldings, hardwood floors, two fireplaces and a sun-filled oval office. The home has been meticulously maintained and thoughtfully updated with a new first floor family room, new Marvin windows, stainless appliances and central air conditioning. Sitting on almost half an acre, the private yard is a sanctuary with a lovely brick patio, colorful plantings, manicured yard and a sprinkler system. The home boasts a separate in-law/au-pair suite with a bedroom and full bath accessed by its own stairway and exterior entrance. There are three other spacious bedrooms and two and one half additional baths providing for comfortable family



914 Coolidge Street, Westfield

Welcome to Westfield! This updated Colonial sits in a true Westfield neighborhood, close to the Washington school walking path. Updated in 2005 with a fabulous great room open to the kitchen and yard, master bedroom suite, full walkout basement. The home boasts 4 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, great flow, new windows, new roof, new furnace, cac, hardwood floors, updated plumbing and electric and all freshly painted in a soothing neutral décor. The yard is a great place to relax with a stone patio and swing set. Move right in and



718 Austin Street, Westfield

Great opportunity to own in Westfield – this four bedroom, two bath Cape-Cod style home is waiting for an owner with love! Hardwood floors, freshly painted, eat in kitchen, updated baths, large property and excellent walk to all schools/town/train/pool location! Although being sold "as is", the home is ready to be lived in now with updates as you go! Stop renting and build equity!



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WESTFIELD EAST OFFICE

209 CENTRAL AVENUE



TEACHER OF THE YEAR...Tom Weingarten, a graduate of Westfield High School, was honored as Teacher of the Year at New York University, where he is pursuing his doctorate degree in Computational Chemistry and teaches several

Union County College Graduates Class of 2010

THE STUDENT VIEW

The weekly column written by local high school students

What I Learned From Westfield High School

my eyes.

CRANFORD - In May, Union County College (UCC) graduated more than 900 students in more than 75 academic disciplines during its 76th annual commencement ceremonies on the Cranford campus

Graduates were awarded Associate in Arts, Associate in Science and Associate in Applied Science degrees, certificates or diplomas for successful

completion of programs.
Victor Richel of Berkeley Heights, chairman of the UCC Board of Trustees, welcomed the graduates and

Mr. Richel announced that this year was a particularly noteworthy commencement, since UCC was saying goodbye to Thomas Brown, who has led the college for the last 20 years. Effective July 1, Margaret McMenamin took over as the new president. Mr. Richel invited the graduates to "...come back to celebrate with us."

Also addressing the graduates was student speaker David Molinaro, who was a member of Psi Beta Honors

The people who know me best know

this: I have been counting down to

graduation night since I was a fresh-

man. Three years. Two years. One year.

The elation-inducing realization

struck me on the night of June 22. I was

driving home from my friend's gradu-

ation party. Rain was pouring down

from the sky in sheets. Sitting behind

the wheel, I listened to Fresh 102.7.

The song "Landslide" by Stevie Nicks

suddenly came on, and I began to dwell

get older, and I'm getting older too." I

pulled into my driveway, and it was

then that I realized how close I was to

my dream day. I felt old, shocked and

Much like the night before the first

day of ninth grade, it is almost impos-

sible to sleep the night before gradua-

tion (for me, at least). Somehow, I

managed to acquire roughly four-and-

a-half hours. I woke up at 7 a.m. on

graduation morning with a heart that

was throbbing at an unhealthily rapid

"I can't believe this day is finally

here!" I sang to myself, bolting out the

front door to complete my last journey

to WHS. I knew the joy was visible on

I was one of the first people to arrive

to graduation practice already wearing

my cap and tassel (it was even plastered

to my heart during my commute to the

iust couldn't wait for the evening to

come – to be able to walk onto that

stage and officially be dubbed a high

school graduate. It was sweltering dur-

ing rehearsal, but when I returned home

sweat-stricken and scrounging the

fridge for water – I didn't mind at all.

Now, we're not a family of early

I posed for a few pictures on the front

steps, and then practically dragged my

parents and younger sister into the car.

I kept telling myself: "This is one event

that I am not going to be late for. Not

after so many years of waiting for it!"

the second-to-last student to graduate

from the class of 2010 (oh, the perks of

having a "Z" last name). It gave me

more time to observe everything that

was happening around me...to hear

In a strange way, I felt content to be

birds by any means, but I was deter-

mined to arrive at the WHS field by 5

Only six hours remained.

Was I overly anxious? Maybe. But I

"Time makes you bolder; children

One day... One day?

on my life. Inevitable.

restless

school).

He will head to Fairleigh Dickinson University in the fall. David asked his fellow classmates - regardless of whether they pursue a four-year school, join a club or start a family - "what mpact will you make?'

"I say to you all, graduating class of 2010 - and everyone here witnessing this ceremony - 'Make an impact,' David said.

In his traditional Charge to the Graduates, UCC President Mr. Brown congratulated the students and reflected on the achievements that occurred at the college during his 20-year tenure.

A highlight of the commencement ceremonies was the presentation of the coveted Alumni Prize to Sheila Casey of Roselle, the Class of 2010 graduate who maintained the highest grade-point average and earned the most credits at UCC, and The Post-Day Award, presented to the graduating student who best exemplifies the college's ideals of scholarship, leadership and service.

This year's Post-Day Award was given to Kevin Sergeon of Union and Megan Andrade of Linden.

every name echo through the loud

teacher, Lynne Gerber.

speaker, to feel every tear form within

I admit that the vast majority of those

tears were tears of happiness, because

my personal high school experience was not easy. However, in the midst of

my struggles, I often reflected on the

words of my eighth-grade Spanish

She said, "Difficult situations build

character. The more struggles we en-

dure throughout our lives, the stronger

and more capable we become as indi-

Although I was never an avid talker

in my high school classes, I developed

a strong sense of inner character that, as

I grow older, is slowly but surely ex-

tending to my outward self. Gone are

the days when I used to talk with a fake

high-pitched voice to sound "popular."

sons I have learned from Westfield

High School is the following: People

can lower your self-esteem. People can

let you down. People can laugh at you.

People can disagree with your opin-

ions. But after all the competition and

pressure the school puts you through,

people can never take away your char-

my brain with a surplus of book knowl-

edge. Ask me to recite Spanish poetry

by Jose Marti. I can do it. Ask me the

capital of an obscure country. I can tell

you. Ask me what the mathematical

terms co-secant, secant and tangent

mean. It'll take me a few minutes (or

demic knowledge I have gained is the

most important type of education, which

comes from associating oneself with

various groups of people in an every-

day social scene. Over the last few

years, I have encountered such a wide

spectrum of individuals in my different

After engaging with people from

nearly every social group, I feel well

prepared to survive in college and a

So Westfield High School, before I

leave for good, I would like to say

thank you. Despite the rough times we

have been through together, you really

have made me feel more ready for, and

less fearful of, the life that lies ahead

Even though I am quite content to

say good-bye to you (no offense), I'm

glad our paths have crossed. And may be

our paths will cross again someday.

You're kind of hard to forget.

real-life work environment.

Yet, even more potent than the aca-

maybe hours), but I can tell you.

Westfield High School has inundated

One of the most important life les-

More Artists Announced For Annual MusicFest

The Mestfield Leader and The Scotch Plains - Fanwood TIMES

UNION COUNTY - With more music and new attractions, this year's annual Union County MusicFest promises five days full of sights, sounds and activities from September 8 to 12.

Soul Asylum, The Zombies, OK Go, Suzanne Vega, Mike Peters and Friends, Vita Chambers and New Jersey's own 61 North have joined an eclectic musical lineup that already includes Spoon, Robert Randolph and the Family Band, Nils Lofgren Acoustic Duo, Jesse Malin and the St. Marks Social, and The Bravery.

Additional performing artists, including the Saturday headline act, as well as Crossroads Stage artists, will be announced in August.

As always, all performances at MusicFest will be free. Additional attractions will be free or affordably priced, and ample free off-site parking will be available nearby, along with a free shuttle. On-site parking will be available for a nominal fee of \$10 for an entire day.

Visitors are encouraged to bring blankets and folding chairs (no hardsided coolers). Food, snacks and beverages also will be available for purchase from a variety of vendors.

Contributions from business and nonprofit sponsors keep all performances at MusicFest free of charge. In an effort to continue generating new revenues to support the event, this year, a limited number of individual sponsorships will be available through the new Friends of MusicFest program.

Individual sponsors will receive free on-site parking, complimentary afternoon barbecue and drink tickets, access to a viewing stand and a tented comfort lounge, as well as free, unlimited carnival rides.

Individual sponsorships are available for one day of performances at \$150, or both days at \$250. For more

Best of Broadway Benefit To Support Youth Theatre

WESTFIELD – The brightest New Jersey Youth Theatre stars will come together at the Algonquin Arts Theatre of Manasquan for a one-nightonly Best of Broadway benefit concert on Sunday, August 1, at 7:30 p.m.

They will perform songs from New Jersey Youth Theatre musicals previously presented at the Algonquin Arts Theatre, singing show-stoppers from the classic musicals in which they appeared over the past seven years at the Algonquin Arts Theatre and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, including West Side Story, South Pacific, Guys and Dolls, Carousel, Sweeney Todd, Ragtime and Dames at Sea.

Proceeds from the benefit will support New Jersey Youth Theatre, the award-winning, non-profit theatre organization that presents Broadwayquality musical and dramatic productions featuring talented young New Jersey performers. New Jersey Youth Theatre also offers classes in drama, musical theatre, acting, dance and voice in its Roselle Park studio. "This is the first time we've been lucky enough to bring back some of our favorite performers to the Algonquin Arts Theatre," said Cynthia Meryl, executive director of New Jersey Youth Theatre. "And we're thrilled to offer this show during the week when we're

also performing Rent there." Rent performances at the Algonquin Arts Theatre will run July 30 through August 8.

Tickets for the benefit (\$25 general admission; \$15 student discount with I.D.) are available at the Algonquin Arts Theatre website (algonquinarts.org), by phone at (732) 528-9211 and at the Algonquin Arts Theatre Box Office (173 Main Street, Manasquan).

Anyone purchasing Best of Broadway tickets who buys *Rent* tickets simultaneously will get a \$3 discount to see Rent (regular price: \$29 for general admission and seniors; \$18 for ages 18 and under). Rent is suitable for ages 12 and older.



WE'RE OFF...Student actors take a break on a hot day as they prepare for The Continuo Arts' $Wizard\ of\ Oz$ performance at Oak Knoll School on July 24.

'Tex' Brooks Is Honored On His 100th Birthday

SCOTCH PLAINS - Mayor Nancy Malool and the Township Council of Scotch Plains recently saluted Herman "Tex" Brooks with a proclamation honoring him on his 100th birthday June

Born in rural Texas in 1910, Mr. Brooks and his three sisters went to school every day in a horse and buggy, with eight-year-old Tex at the reins. He and his father moved to New Jersey in the 1920s, and he went to work at

Western Electric, for \$14 a week. He later founded the Brooks Cab Company in East Orange. In 1943, at age 33, Mr. Brooks was drafted into the United States Army. Following basic training as an army medic in San Anto-

HAPPY 100TH...Herman "Tex" Brooks of Scotch Plains enjoys his 100th birthday celebration at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield.

Summit to Host Ninth Annual Music Festival

SUMMIT-The Summit Music Festival concert will take place on Saturday, July 31, and several Westfield area residents will perform in the concert.

Jason Tramm, artistic director of the Summit Music Festival, announced plans for Réflexions françaises, scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Central Presbyterian Church, located at 70 Maple Street in Summit.

Founded in 2002, the festival fea-

nio, Tex., he was shipped out from Boston with the 173rd General Hospital Unit as an EKG technician. They landed in Scotland and arrived in France on New Year's Eve. After the war, Mr. Brooks returned to

the taxi business in East Orange that his wife had run while he was away. Mr. Brooks became a business leader, active in the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations. Later in life, he went into automobile sales, retiring at age 90. Mr. Brooks has lived in Scotch Plains

for the past 27 years with his wife. A member of the All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains, he is the father of two, grandfather of four and greatgrandfather of six.

Mr. Brooks was feted at a celebration hosted by his wife for family and friends at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield, and also at a party at the All Saints' Church, where the Reverend Jane Rockman, rector, presented him with a letter of congratulations from United States Senator Robert Menendez (D-N.J.).

Also during that event, Mayor Malool presented him with the governing body's proclamation recognizing June 20 as Herman "Tex" Brooks Day.

SP's Hagan Earns B.A. Degree at Bard

SCOTCH PLAINS — Scotch Plains resident Jeffrey Scott Hagan graduated from Bard College on May 22, during the college's 150th commencement. Jeffrey was awarded a

Bachelor of Arts degree.

tures a 70-voice choir, chosen by competitive audition, which will be accompanied by the New Jersey State Opera Orchestra. The festival program will open with "Pavane" by Gabriel Fauré, followed by "Gloria" by Francis Poulenc and "Requiem" by Maurice Duruflé. Tickets are available at Coldwell Banker Realty, 401 Springfield Avenue in Summit, or at

the festival website: smfnj.org.



FUTURE LAWYERS...Union Catholic (UC) High School sophomore Adrianna

DeGazon plays the role of Bailiff in "Three Little Pigs." The performance was part of the UC's May It Please the Court Club visit to the YMCA's Kinderwrap

'May It Please the Court'

moderator, Kim Leegan, worked with the Kinderwrap program at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA to educate the kindergarteners about the job of a lawyer. The club designed a coloring book for the students that depicted lawyers and things one might see in a courtroom.

In late April, students from May It Please the Court visited a YMCA class and performed a trial version of the "Three Little Pigs.

Club members played the roles of Judge Mother Goose, the Big Bad Wolf and his attorney, Curly Pig and

ECF Seeks Volunteers For Food Deliveries

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation (ECF), located in Scotch Plains, is a nonprofit organization that seeks to preserve the quality of life for any New Jersey family whose child has been diagnosed with cancer. Joseph and Susan Vizzoni, who lost their son, Emmanuel, at the age of 7 to cancer, founded the organization in 1983.

The Central Regional Office of ECF has announced that it is in need of volunteers per the following:

Volunteer drivers to deliver food to a family in Spotswood and/or Elizabeth. Eight bags of food are packed for drivers, and the deliveries are flexible per the driver's schedule. They can be delivered during the day, evenings and or on weekends. Volunteer drivers deliver food once every two months.

In addition, ECF now is in need of food for the winter months and is appealing for donations of any nonperishable items for its pediatric cancer children and their families.

interested persons are asked to contact Barbara Kopel at (908) 322-4323, extension no. 17, or via e-mail at barbara@emmanuelcancer.org

Edison, has been selected to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar for three days during the summer at Monmouth University. He will have the opportunity to attend HOBY's World Leadership Conference.



Through its mission to inspire and develop a global community of youth and volunteers, HOBY will provide Liban leadership training, servicelearning and motivation-building experiences during the seminar.

Liban is the son of Omar Abdi and Esther Abukar of Scotch Plains. His sisters, Ayan and Anisa, are students in the Middle School at Wardlaw-Hartridge.

Dunn, Jr. Graduates From Virginia Tech

WESTFIELD - David Dunn, Jr. of Westfield graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University on May 15, earning a Bachclor of Arts degree in Economics.

A 2006 graduate of Westfield High School, David is the son of David and Kathleen Dunn.



BANKING ON IT...Newmark School (K-8) students pitch in for the Newmark School "Seeds of Success" program, part of the Wagner Farm's Giving Garden in Warren. Scotch Plains-Fanwood resident Austin Moore, third from left, joins fellow Newmark School students Jordan Patterson, Charlie Young and James Bryan as part of the team who volunteered all year to grow vegetables for local food banks and soup kitchens in the area.

Area Students Help Sow 'Seeds of Success' at Farm

AREA – Several local residents who attend Newmark School in Plainfield participated in the Giving Garden and helped raise fresh produce for area food banks as part of a Wagner Farm Giving Gardeners Community program.

"Seeds of Success" has taken on a special meaning this July at the Wagner Farms Arboretum in Warren, for Newmark School students. Since last spring, students at Newmark School, a state-approved, private school serving children from districts throughout the state with learning disabilities and behavioral disorders, have been hard at work at Wagner Farm's Giving Garden.

Started in 2007 under the direction of Ernest (Ernie) Cotrill, the purpose of the Giving Gardeners Project (GGP) is to produce vegetables dedicated to feed the poor and needy, which will be distributed to food banks and soup kitchens in

As part of Newmark School's ongoing commitment to the community, sixth-, seventh- and eighthgrade classes have been volunteering at the Giving Garden since the spring of 2009, preparing vegetable plots and wood-chipping paths.

During the fall, students helped harvest vegetables and cleared the planting areas for the winter. This spring, Newmark was honored to have its own 4-by-50-foot vegetable plot, where the students participated in the whole garden experience from preparing the soil, planting cabbage, weeding and watering.

Now, with a new extended school year, students can continue nurturing their crop through the summer, and eventually harvesting the vegetables for the food bank this fall. This year, fourth and fifth graders also helped garden, with the help of experienced seventh and eighth graders.



FIRST GRADE, HERE I COME...The kindergarten students at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in North Edison received their diplomas on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 8, during a special graduation ceremony. The students told their parents some of their favorite things about kindergarten after singing songs and reciting poems such as "Leaving Kindergarten" and "This Fabulous Year." Alyssa Monte of Scotch Plains, the daughter of Mariano Battaglia and Kelly Monte, is pictured receiving her diploma from Kimberly Ashbaugh, kindergarten teaching assistant.

WEA Bestows Scholarships To Members of 2010 Class

Business Leader of America, Latin

He accompanied other teens from

St. James Church on a mission trip to

Tennessee over the summer and is a

reader at teen masses. Kyle also con-

tinues to enjoy baseball and basket-

Kyle Stanzel

ball in his spare time while working

On June 1, Abigail Cologna, daugh-

ter of Jefferson School's special-edu-

cation teacher Judy Cologna, was

presented with the Judd Memorial

Scholarship at Delaware Valley Re-

gional High School Awards Night.

Abigail ran outdoor track, attended

the Presidential Classroom Future

World Leaders Summit at

Georgetown University 2009, was a

Abigail Cologna

member of International Club, Mock

Trial and Student Government, in

addition to working part-time after

attend George Washington Univer-

sity, with professional plans in Inter-

WF's Bigelow Makes

Muhlenberg Dean's List

lege has announced its dean's list for

the spring 2010 semester. Students

must earn a minimum of a 3.5 grade

point average (4.0-scale) to attain

Steven Bigelow, a member of the

class of 2011, is an accounting and

finance major from Westfield. He is

the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E.

Bigelow and a graduate of Westfield

Merit Scholarship

Winners Named

arship Corporation announced the more than 2,800 winners of National

Merit Scholarships, financed by col-

leges and universities, late last month.

selected their scholarship winners from

among finalists in the 2010 National

Merit Scholarship Program who plan

These awards provide between \$500

and \$2,000 annually for up to four

years of undergraduate study at the

institution financing the scholarship. Michael Sexton of Cranford, whose

probable career field is economics,

received the National Merit Univer-

sity of Chicago Scholarship; he at-

tends the Union County Magnet High

Emily Greene of Westfield, whose

probable career field is geology, re-

ceived the National Merit Carleton

College Scholarship; she attends

to attend their institution.

School in Scotch Plains.

Westfield High School.

Officials of each sponsor college

AREA - The National Merit Schol-

WESTFIELD - Muhlenberg Col-

Ms. Cologna's daughter chose to

school.

national Affairs.

dean's-list status.

High School.

two part-time jobs.

Club and Habitat for Humanity.

WESTFIELD – Kristine Smith-Morasso, chairperson of the Westfield Education Association (WEA) Scholarship committee, presented WEA Scholarships at Awards Night, held May 27 at Westfield High School (WHS) to the following graduating seniors:

seniors:

Carraugh Ball

Carraugh Ball, who was a Seeing Eye puppy raiser, team captain of varsity Cross Country/Track and was a regular on the WHS Distinguished Honor Roll, will attend The College of New Jersey and plans on graduate study in speech pathology; WHS Football team captain Brandon Dietz, who will attend St. Joseph University in Philadelphia for business, is committed to additional team sports, rugby and chorus.



Brandon Dietz

WEA scholarships are awarded to applicants based on academic achievement, school activities and community service. Funds for these scholarships are raised through the generous donations of the WEA.

This year's scholarship committee included school librarian Moira Abraham, this year's Philhower Award teacher Diana Collins, Jefferson School teacher Elizabeth Shull, WHS guidance counselor Robyn Soloman, Project '79's Jan Fine and nurse-educator Carole Stavitski.

The Barry Judd Memorial Scholarship is named after Mr. Judd, a teacher of foreign languages at WHS from 1974 to 1992. It is based on the ideal of Mr. Judd, who embodied a love for learning and a devotion to helping others.

The award is given each year to a son or daughter of a member of the WEA. At a later date, Mrs. Smith-Morasso, will present this scholarship to:

Wilson's second-grade teacher Stacey Stanzel's son, Kyle, a Ridge High School senior who will attend Elon University and pursue a business and sports management degree.

As a member of the varsity basketball team (ranked 15th in the state), Kyle was also active in the Future

Westfield Sophomores Make Honor Roll

WESTFIELD – Two Washington and Lee University sophomores from Westfield have earned honor-roll status for the winter term.

Katherine Roberts and Claire Moryan both made the list, which represents all students who earn a term grade-average of at least 3.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Katherine is the daughter of The Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Roberts of Westfield. Claire is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Moryan of Westfield.



SCOTCHPLAINS—Terrill Middle School Principal Kevin Holloway announced the school's fourth marking period honor roll, which is as follows:

6th Grade Honor Roll

Brianna Acosta, Gabriel Alvarez, Daniel Baliko, Thomas Bara, Micaiah Battle, Molly Becker, Michael Besson, Justin Boozer, Joseph Buttigheri, Laura Charos, Robert Choi, Madeline Chrystal, Jordan Cimring, Zachary Cimring, James Clarke, Emily Cohen, Aaron Cooper, Peter Coronato, Akash Dalal, Christopher Debelak, Edward DePaola, Margaret Desantis, Madison Dieu, Connor Dombrowski, Ally Flynn, Martha Garyfallos, Adam Gelfand, Matthew Gorski, Ira Gotliboym, Joseph Griffith, Brian Grimaldi, Joseph Guidi, Mathew Halpin, Patrick Henkels, Nina Hernandez, Isabella Iacona, Suzanne Imperiale, Camille Johnson, Cooper Jones, Kristen Koederitz, Julian Korduba, Nadim Korkmaz, Madison Korteling, Emma Kowalczyk, Liza Kussner, Aaron Lee, Tyler Litwin, Kelly Magrino, Char-lotte McAnulty, Brian McManus, Shane McParland, Erin Mecca, Jocelyn Michnowski, Sarika Mujumdar, Scott Nizolak, Thomas Novak, Amanda O'Hara, Anniston Pagano, Sagar Patel, Christina Peluso, Stephen Radice, Petra Reiserova, Andrew Rimpici, Allison Roden, Ari Rosenzweig, Leila Salgado, Mat-thew Schuman, Stav Shadmi, Hannah Simon, Paul Sinclair, Neelan Sivaneri, Lauren Sjonell, Alexander Skowronski, Kimberly Spitzer, Rebecca Stein, Aurelia Tantra, Maia Thomas, Siena Vacca, Rachel Voeltzel, Melanie Walker, Melody Weigel, Kathleen Welch, Jason Wendel, Griffin Whitmer, Joshua Widman, Leah Womelsdorf, Michael Wright, Kaitlyn Yip, Jenni Zakarin, Naomi Zaksenberg, Emily

6th Grade High

Honor Roll Rebecca Ames, Joshua Axelrod, Caroline Babis, Emma Bagat, Amanda Banasiak, Madison Banker, Sarah Barash, Noah Bernstein, Alexander Bonadies, Emily Boyle, August Bratti, Rachel Braun, Samantha Broders, Nancy Canevari, Celeste Cappadoccia, Giovanna Carlino, Joseph Cianciotta, David Clancy, Shannon Costello, Paige Crandall, Sarah Davis, Richard Dazzo, Darby Debonis, Jack Defouw, Catherine Depaola, Kayla Diggs, Jacqueline Fahrenholz, Kevin Fleck, Kara Foley, Abigail Fossaceca, Giulia Frias, Alexander Frier, Matthew Garber, Rachel Gerstenfeld, Fallon Goldberg, Tyler Guensch, Ani Hsu Obrock, Sofia Jimenez, Lizabeth Kaminoff, Lisa Kline, Jillian Lapidus, Megan Lau, Benjamin Liang, Alexander Malao, Rebecca Mehorter, Rebecca Miller, Nina Mineo-Pankiewitz, Emily Morris, Nithya Narayanan, Dillon Noone, Erin O'Connor, Nicholas Paiva, Nimit Patel, Felicia Petterway, Ryan Radice, Harry Randazzo, Kevin Sonpar, ibby Spector, Olivia Tumsuden, Jessica Vilarino, Grace Wayman, Mariah Weigel, Mariel Weigel, Benjamin Weiss, Alice Zhou, Vivian Zhuang, Carly Zogg

7th Grade Honor Roll

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deLeeuw Fund Bestows Scholarships to Students

SCOTCH PLAINS – Thirty-one students received scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000 at an awards dinner held Tuesday, June 8, at the Spain Inn in Piscatway.

In all, \$41,000 was distributed by the Adele deLeeuw Scholarship Fund, a fund of the Plainfield Foundation. These awards bring the fund's 15-year total distribution to \$924,500.

The scholarships are financed by a bequest from Adele deLeeuw, a longtime Plainfield resident, author of 80 books, journalist and arts activist.

Winners from the graduating class of 2010 included, locally, John Robinson, \$1,000, from the Wardlaw-Hartridge School; Caroline Williams, \$1,500, from Mount St. Mary Academy, and Matthew Glassett and Aleksandra Szczuka, \$1,000 each, both from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

Plains-Fanwood High School.
Repeat scholarship winners, now in college, included Sky Cheung, from Union County Magnet High School, who won \$1,000, and Bridget McManus, from Mount St. Mary Academy, who received \$2,500. Other repeat winners included Scotch Plains-Fanwood High

Area Students Graduate Rowan

AREA – In May, approximately 2,695 students took part in Rowan University's commencement ceremonies.

Locally, the following students graduated: Mountainside's Lauren Hauser, a Cum Laude honoree, who majored in Health and Physical Education (Education), and Zachary Januik, a Mechanical Engineering major; Scotch Plains' Christine Ditrolio, an HES: Health Promotion/Fitness Management major; and Westfield's Christine Stirrat, a Radio/Television/Film major, Alex Monaco, a Health and Physical Education (Education) major, and Michael Noblett, a Political Science major.

School's Bailey Cardinal, \$2,000, as well as Daisy Fung, Karthik Kumar and Ulysses Velasquez, who each earned \$1,000.

Applications for Adele deLeeuw scholarships in 2011 will available in January from high-school guidance offices in Plainfield, North Plainfield, South Plainfield, Warren, Watchung, Edison, Scotch Plains and Fanwood. For further information, call Sally Young, scholarship administrator, at (732) 381-6269.

Mountainside Student Graduates Davidson

MOUNTAINSIDE – A
Mountainside student at Davidson
College, Linnea Buttermore, was one
of 427 seniors to graduate in commencement exercises on Sunday, May
16.

Linnea is the daughter of Glenn and Christina McCrea, and is a graduate of Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.

A sociology major at Davidson and research assistant in that department, Linnea earned the bachelor of arts degree.

While at Davidson, Linnea was co-

captain of the women's varsity swimming and diving team, and set a school record in women's three-meter diving.

She was social chair of Warner

She was social chair of Warner Hall eating house, a Patterson Court student assistant and was named Patterson Court "Rising Leader of the Year" in 2008 and "Woman of the Year" in 2009.

She was inducted into the Order of Omega honor society for Greek-affiliated organizations. She was a hail counselor for first year students, a student caller for the Annual Fund, and co-chaired the Senior Class Gift program, which set all-time records for percentage participation and total dollars raised.

She will begin her post-graduate career in June with Amica Insurance Company as an associate account manager in June.



THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH...Cast members from the Summer Stage Theater of the Westfield Summer Workshop will present four performances of the award-winning musical *Barnum* on July 28 and 29 at Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield.

Arts Intertainment

All Can Join the Circus In Summer Wkshp's *Barnum*

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Summer Workshop (WSW) Summer Stage Theater will present four performances of *Barnum*. The awardwinning musical is based on the life of Phineas T. Barnum, the famous circus and sideshow creator.

Barnum, based on the book by Mark Brambic, with music by Cy Coleman and lyrics by Michael Stewart, will draw the audience into experiencing the life of a big-top performer.

With gymnasts, clowns, jugglers, a unicyclist and a stilt-walker performing memorable songs like "Come Follow the Band," "Join the Circus," and "The Colors of My Life," the production will delight audience members of all ages.

Kenneth Horn directs the Summer Stage Theater, with musical direction by Karen Romero and choreography by Irene Ulesky. The set is designed by Dan Black and costumes by Ellen Fitzpatrick of "If the Costume Fitz."

A professional orchestra will play the musical score for the production. During intermission, members of the Workshop Band, directed by Janet Lyman, will entertain the audience.

Cast members include Matthew Binkowitz, Kelly Bohall, Ava Carey, Grace Cerra, Renee Dorwart, Blake Fallon, Christina Harvey, Kristen Hauge, Alexandra Jackman, Alison Jaruzelski, Megan Pinna, Lauren Schnepf, Emma Stern and Claire Zara from Westfield, Amanda Karacsony and Danielle Karacsony from Scotch Plains, Shannen Jones from Garwood, Michelle Ferrer and Nicole Ferrer from Mountainside, Christina Finn and Mary Norwine from Cranford, as well as Joshua Friedman, Orion Stubbs, Corey Laidlaw, Kimberly Newman, Jenna Newman, Heather Newman and Rebecca Weinberg, from throughout central New Jersey.

The performances of *Barnum* will be held at the Roosevelt Intermediate School, located at 301 Clark Street in Westfield, on Wednesday, July 28, and Thursday, July 29, at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. each day.

Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children and senior citizens. Tickets are currently available at Roosevelt between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. daily or they may also be purchased at the door. For more information, call (908) 518-1551.

Strawberry Fields Features Music of Beatles in Clark

CLARK – The Union County Summer Arts Festival 2010 concert series continues on Wednesday, July 28, with a performance by Strawberry Fields.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites the public to attend this free concert of music made popular by the Beatles, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Oak Ridge Park in the Township of Clark.

Strawberry Fields is a band that features former members of the Broadway hit musical, *Beatlemania*. Their performance takes the audience on a Magical Mystery Tour through the 1960s, including favorite songs from the "White Album," "Abbey Road" and "Let It Be."

When it comes time for tunes from "Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," Strawberry Fields dons all the costumes featured on the famous album cover.

The Summer Arts Festival con-

remaining concerts will be held at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. Refreshments and snacks will be available from vendors.

The other free concerts in the

certs continue in August on Wednes-

days, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The

The other free concerts in the Union County Summer Arts Festival series include:

August 4 – Doctor K's Motown Review, at Oak Ridge Park in Clark; August 11 – The Rat Pack (music of Sinatra and friends), at Oak Ridge Park; August 18 – The Nerds (Jersey Shore party band), at Oak Ridge Park, and August 25 – Jimmy and the Parrots (Jimmy Buffett cover band), at Oak Ridge Park.

In case of rain, call the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal at (908) 558-4079 after 3 p.m., or visit ucnj.org/parks/summerarts.html.

Family Flix Summer Film Series Continues July 27

SPRINGFIELD – The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Community Renewal announced that the "Family Flix" summer film series will continue on Tuesday evening, July 27, in Meisel Park.

"Family Flix begin at dusk, but come early to the park to enjoy interesting preview activities at 7:15 p.m. that are fun for the whole family," said Freeholder Vice-Chairman Deborah Scanlon, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The next film this summer will be the 1979 musical comedy adventure, *The Muppet Movie*, about Kermit the Frog, Fozzie Bear, Miss Piggy and an eccentric cast of characters who trek across America to find success in Hollywood.

The Muppet Movie will be shown outdoors, free of charge. There will be a paper-bag puppet-making project for children of all ages at

7:15 p.m., before the movie.

The other dates for Family Flix free outdoor movies are:

Tuesday, August 3, at Meisel Park in Springfield: *Shrek 2*.

Tuesday, August 17, at Nomahegan Park in Cranford: *Monsters vs. Aliens*.

Tuesday, August 24, at Nomahegan Park: *Racing Stripes*. All movies start at dusk in nice

Nomahegan Park: *Racing Stripes*. All movies start at dusk in nice weather only. For more information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal at (908) 527-4900. For rain information in the parks, call (908) 558-4079 after 3 p.m.



LIGHTING THE WAY...Ten boys from Pack 270 at Washington Elementary School in Westfield received their Arrow of Light award on April 15. This is the highest honor a cub scout may achieve. Pictured are: front row, Justin Elbert, Christopher Hoerrner, Jack Newhard, Andrew Leonard, John Sanders, Matthew Reed and Jeffrey Hoens, and back row, Cubmaster Rich Elbert, Philip Zanfagna, Gabriel Givelber, Vivek Sreenivasan and Den Leader Scott Hoerrner.

'Friendship' Warns: 'A True Friend Stabs You in the Front'

By SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY

SCOTCH PLAINS - John Rotondo and Maryann Carolan, directors and playwrights at the World Premiere play presented by Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains last weekend, have proven that they understand teen situations in their latest collaboration, Something about Friendship.

Ms. Carolan and Mr. Rotondo were inspired by the feedback from the collaborative work they did last summer writing and directing the play Love (Awkwardly), and they decided to kick off the Union Catholic Per-

forming Arts Company's summer

Subtitled "A true friend stabs you

in the front," the play addresses the ubiquitous problems surrounding teen

friendships, especially when a third

party is thrust into a seemingly per-

and numbers flash on a giant screen

upstage to feature a countdown of one

day, reminiscent of the TV show "24."

of the preparations for a surprise 18th

birthday party for an unseen charac-

ter, Lisa. Her good friend, Zooey

The play follows a skeletal outline

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At the beginning of the play, words

fect two-person friendship.

season with their two-act comedy.

(Sammie Mellina), commands an entire army of gal pals and Lisa's boyfriend, Teddy (Conor McDonough), and his male friends to work together to pull off the celebration.

There are moments of frustration over who is invited to the party, who is really in the inner circle of friends and who is doing what chores for the bash.

Zooey is a shrieking, Red Bull-swilling dervish who distributes chores like a promo gal in Times Square handing out flyers in the last hour before the Saturday matinee.

Typical teens of 2010, the eight characters are constantly on their phones

either talking or texting. An excessive

amount of screaming and drama ap-

pear in some of the scenes, but hey, isn't

that the normal daily life of a teenage

The characters do a sidebar-type dis-

cussion facing the audience every 15

minutes or so, where they perch on

stools and wax philosophical about a

specific aspect of friendship. Can you

ever just go back to being friends after

having hot and heavy feelings for some-

one? Should friends help their friends

even if they know they are merely

In one of the scenes, the seated teens

Susan M. Dougherty for The Westfield Leader and The Times NOT EVERYONE GOT THE MESSAGE...The surprise 18th birthday party

turns riotous when people show up wearing strange costumes. Tuxedoed Zach (Brandon Rotondo), left, feels a bit overdressed with angry Zooey (Sammie

Mellina), who bashes Teddy (Conor McDonough), in full luau regalia. Party guests

drama queen?

being used?

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James (Jonathan Sagendorf) and Paul (Rob Krienke) look on in bewilderment.

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bring to life the "mean girls" stereotype from the movies. In fact, one of the male characters, Zach (Brandon Rotondo), delivers a perfect line when he observes — "It feels like girls go for the jugular."

The best scene of the night is the preparty pantomime, an energetic segment choreographed by Emily Eger Donahue, which features the teens walking in intricate patterns while texting to a deafening musical background. Flashing on the giant screen behind

out repeatedly.

An ensemble play, Something about Friendship is embellished with the additional talent of cast members Jonathan Sagendorf, Rob Krienke, Katie Brown and Maeve Lynskey.

duce an enjoyable night of theater.

explain, "Don't say to someone, 'I'll always be there for you' if you won't. You want to be and hope they'll be there for you, too." Good direction has the teens overlapping lines so that they

There are moments of this play that

Zooey and her one-time best friend, Molly (Justine Mujica), really do go for the lifeline of their friendship in a poignant scene. The destruction of their friendship is fueled by jealousy of a third girl muscling in on the exclusive friendship duo.

them are all of their emotional phrases -"I need you, I hate you, I want you, I despise you, I desire you." It is a perfect snapshot of teen angst played

Director Carolan, a teacher at the high school, and director Rotondo, her former student and now a student in the Department of Dramatic Writing of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, set a breakneck pace that these amazing teen actors maintain to pro-

Leader/Times Reporter Works On Local Indy Film Hunting Season

WESTFIELD—Sonia Owchariw, a freelance reporter who has written for The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times, recently began spending her days on the set of an independent film, Hunting Season. The movie, which films in northern New Jersey and New York, features such stars as Michael Sorvino and Tom Hanley.

Originally sent to cover the event for a New York publication, Ms. Owchariw said she instantly developed a great rapport with the director and crew.

She soon became passionate about the movie not only for its setting, but because local actor Mr. Hanley had not appeared in films since the classic On the Waterfront 60 years ago, and chose this for his return to the silver screen.

Director and producer Tom Balsamides said most of the actors and crew members are from the area.

"We wanted to use local talent and support the New Jersey acting and movie scene because we don't want everybody moving to Hollywood," Mr. Balsamides said with a chuckle. "Even though New Jersey is the most densely-populated Hollywood's too crowded."

Ms. Owchariw offered to help spread the word about the movie and soon found herself the film's publi-

"New Jersey is so much more than the 'Jersey Shore' [reality TV show]," she said. "Enough with 'Snookie' already...We have talented people here, and it's time to get the word out.'

She said her many years working as a reporter provided her with invaluable skills for her new role. It had taught her how to "really pound the pavement," from gathering contacts to pitching ideas and successfully seeking publication.

Mr. Balsamides was appreciative



TESTIFY...In Kathryn Grant's The Good Counselor, now playing weekends through August 1 at Kean University, the guilt of a woman accused of killing her child is at the heart of the drama that was the Premiere Stages Play Festival vinner of 2010. The play asks the question: "Is it ever too late for a chance?" Pictured are Edward O'Blenis as Vincent, Susan Louise O'Connor as Evelyn, left, and Geany Masai as Rita. To learn more, view kean.edu/ premierestages/.

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SHOWCASING NEW JERSEY...Sonia Owchariw of The Westfield Leader and The Times landed a gig promoting a new work, *Hunting Season*. Above, she stands between producer and director Tom Balsamides, left, and Charlie Sara, who plays the role of Jake in *Hunting Season*.

of her efforts.

"We met her and have been friends ever since," he said. "She's awesome.'

Ms. Owchariw took things a step further when she initiated the process for the Hudson County Freeholders to vote for a formal resolution honoring New Jersey native Mr. Hanley for his role as Tommy in On the Waterfront. She believed it to be a good way to reconnect Mr. Hanley and bring him back into the public

Watching the retired union worker receive it was the highlight for Ms. Owchariw.

"All nine freeholders accepted the

resolution one by one, and some had something sweet and tender to say about Mr. Hanley," she said. "There were people there who knew him from way back. It was very heartfelt for him."

Ms. Owchariw reported that Hunting Season is a "relationship drama" that mainly focuses on a father (Hanley) and son (Sorvino). It also is about eschewing stereotypes and "being who you are."

Mr. Balsamides said filming should wrap up at the end of the summer, for release in late 2010. It will most likely premiere at Loews' Theaters in New York and then "run the festival cir-

POPCORN



One Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent

By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER

There is something awful - yet probably necessary - about a female praying mantis eating its mate. Just as horrible – but bereft of any biological or social rationale - is director Nimród Antal's Predators. Both ugly facts of life, I hold each in the same esteem. Happily, I can warn you about it. Sadly, I doubt one male praying mantis will read this review.

Certainly, there are worse fates than seeing this tedious action flick about a group of elite mercenaries who finds itself the prey of an apparently more resolute race of hunters on another planet. For example, you could be a gentleman praying mantis allowed to see just one film before his next romantic encounter, and that movie is Preda-

This is dark, dreary stuff. It makes you wish there were a social program to dissuade filmmakers from making such tommyrot. If we can discourage a farmer from growing a certain crop in order to maneuver the economy, surely we can cultivate the arts in the name of good taste and sanity.

Of course, some may rightfully argue that we already have something in place called the free market. Which works well enough in principle. The theory is that folks simply won't pay for such toxic diversion, and thus, its purveyors won't have a financial incentive. The scary thing is, look around you. Ever notice what some people call entertainment?

Pretty Alice Braga's Isabelle, an Is-

raeli sniper with a guilty conscience, is, ostensibly, the film's moral center. Gosh knows it needs one, too. Aside from the old standard's escalation of evil and violence, the premise is unchanged. Think The Dirty Dozen (1967) with only a trace of their redeeming values.

Joining Adrien Brody's Royce, a persuasively styled soldier of fortune who waxes poetic about his profession, are, Nikolai (Oleg Taktarov), of the Russian Special Forces; Chucillo (Danny Trejo), a Mexican drug cartel enforcer; Hanzo (Louis Ozawa Changchien), a Yakuza assassin, and Topher Grace's Edwin, inexplicably an

Doc's connection to the motley crew comprises the sub-plot you have to guess. Less challenging is the usual quiz intrinsic to such pictures: In what order will they die, and will anyone live to tell the tale? It's rather obvious. Though in all fairness, we are thrown a curve when Laurence Fishburne's Noland enters stage right.

Hiding out on the planet for the past 10 "seasons," he confirms what Royce has surmised. Suffice it to note the title characters have made a deadly game of Darwinism. All of which is an excuse for grimly confusing doings, inundating special effects and lots of bad behavior. Naturally, the fittest, most evolved filmgoers will deselect Predators.

Predators, rated R, is a 20th Century Fox Film Corporation release directed by Nimród Antal and stars Adrien Brody, Alice Braga and Topher Grace. Running time: 106 minutes.

Chelsea Gallery Highlights Work of Scotch Plains Artist

SCOTCH PLAINS - Chelsea's Agora Gallery will feature Scotch Plains artist Meral Akyuz, in "Portal to Enigma." The exhibition is scheduled to run from July 23 through August 13.

Based in New Jersey, where she grew up in an Italian-Turkish family, her stripped, near-abstract compositions simultaneously express personal hardships and speak to universal struggles against isolation.

Layering materials – thread, paper, ink, paint – in her carefully textured compositions, she creates the impression of grids and organic forms struggling to define themselves against an all-enveloping force that threatens to annihilate difference.

Most of her paintings are dominated by a gritty off-white hue that harbors pockets of color, generally browns, blues and fleeting shades of pink and red. Whether painting cityscapes, interiors, still lifes or portraits, she conveys a sense of memories half-remembered and evocative views glimpsed for mere seconds

Ms. Akyuz wrote that her pieces represent "a visual struggle between the physical beauty of the piece and the ugliness in the concept," resulting in a mood of beautiful sadness. The gallery is located at 530 West

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