

MS BOE Chooses Hess to Fill Unexpired Seat of Jorge Batista

By ERIC D. WILDSTEIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

MOUNTAINSIDE — After more than a week of deliberation, the Mountainside Board of Education, on Tuesday night, voted to fill the board's vacant seat. By a unanimous decision, Maureen Hess was chosen over three other candidates.

Mrs. Hess, who was not present Tuesday when the board announced its decision, was one of four candidates who interviewed for the position on July 20. A panel, consisting of all six board members and Chief School Administrator Jeanette

Baubles, conducted 30-minute interviews with each of the applicants. All applicants had submitted letters of intent by the July 15 deadline.

Lori Federico, former candidate Marilyn Atlas-Berney and veteran ex-board member Patricia Knodell interviewed for the job, along with Mrs. Hess. All looked to fill the unexpired eight-month term made available after the resignation of Jorge Batista, who announced in June that he would soon be moving out of the district.

The panel posed similar questions to each candidate at a special July 20 board meeting to discern their cre-

dentials, background, community involvement and intentions as a board member.

At the July 20 meeting, Mrs. Hess, a mother of three children in the district, called education and school work "paramount in our house," and said she will strive to bring that sentiment to the board. She stressed a need for "fiscal responsibility" and "more transparency and approachability" from the BOE. Originally from Union, Mrs. Hess has resided in Mountainside for five years and is active with PAL and the PTA, and is a CCD teacher.

Mrs. Atlas-Berney ran in April's school election against current board members James Ruban, Christopher Minks and Carmine Venes. She angled her bid for the position to "working for the benefit of our children" along with finding new ways to use technology in education and enhancing community relations. Mrs. Atlas-Berney said she regularly attends BOE meetings to be "proactively involved."

Mrs. Federico, like Mrs. Hess, interviewed with no previous administrative experience. She characterized her own involvement within the community and as a parent of four as a way to "represent the parents of the community." She told the board, "I would like nothing more than to help the parents and children get to where they need to be."

Mrs. Knodell vied to retain a spot on the Mountainside BOE, which she left four years ago. She has worked on school boards for almost three decades and said she hoped her experience could "benefit the current board." She described one of her proudest achievements as helping to raise the legal drinking age in New Jersey from 18 to 21, and decreasing class sizes.

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Potosnak Wants to Stimulate Research and Development

By PAUL J. PEYTON
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WESTFIELD — Ed Potosnak, a former high school teacher and Congressional aide, formally kicked off his campaign for the Seventh Congressional District seat, currently held by freshman Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th).

During an interview at *The Westfield Leader* offices on Friday, the Democratic candidate admitted he has an uphill battle in campaign contributions against Mr. Lance. But he noted that he has three times more individual contributions than his opponent in the last quarter ending June 30. By comparison, he said, 60 percent of Mr. Lance's contributions are from "special interests" such as banks and Wall Street.

According to the Federal Election Commission website, Mr. Lance had raised \$997,130 through June 30, but spent \$668,443 in the Republican Primary against three opponents. He currently has \$358,877 in cash on hand, to Mr. Potosnak's \$72,485. Mr. Potosnak raised a total of \$146,794.

Talking about the high unemployment rate, he said the Obama Administration has missed an opportunity in developing initiatives to get Americans back to work, such as small-business loans. In addition, he said, the government needs to help provide skills for the unemployed in "emerging industries."

Mr. Potosnak said that if elected, he would push to "stimulate" research and development by "maintaining strong schools" and ensuring students have access to college after graduation.

On the issue of healthcare, the candidate said employees "should not have to choose between getting more money in their paycheck and their health insurance." He said the prob-



THE STARTING LINE...A total of 2,600 runners are poised at the starting line for the annual 5K Pizza Run in downtown Westfield last Wednesday evening, July 21. Several thousand spectators joined in the fun of the event, sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation.

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Tax Collector's Office Open Late Aug. 2

WESTFIELD — The office of the Westfield Tax Collector will be open Monday, August 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the collection of property taxes. Interest will be charged beginning on Thursday, August 6. Anyone with questions is asked to contact the office at (908) 789-4051 or by e-mail to taxcollector@westfieldnj.gov.



BEATING THE HEAT...Kids in the Westfield Recreation Department's Summer Playground Program beat the heat at the Tamaques playground with a self-made human bowling slip and slide.

Garwood Discusses Projects And Bulk-Waste Dumping

By RENNIE WOLTERS
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GARWOOD — The borough council held a brief meeting Tuesday to discuss borough-wide renovations for the summer months.

Sidewalk and street-painting projects are in full operation, said Councilman Keith Sluka, and will continue until school begins in September.

The committee pertaining to the development of the new athletic field complex at the end of Myrtle Avenue met June 21 to discuss the results of the environmental-testing process.

The original test found evidence of chlordane in the soil, a carcinogenic pesticide that was banned completely by the Environmental Protection Agency in 1988. The contaminated soil was ordered to be removed in accordance with the Department of Public Works (DPW) regulation. Follow-up tests concluded that the toxin did not contaminate the ground water due to its low solubility and its tendency to adhere to soil particles.

Additionally, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection concluded from examination that the synthetic field is impervious to

water, and thus, a drainage retention basin has been required at a cost of \$60,000 to the borough.

"It looks like things are progressing, and we'll be finalizing plans and presenting them to the public," said Councilman Jonathan Linken, Athletic Field Complex Project Committee representative.

Resident Bruce Paterson expressed concern that residents appear to be dumping bulk garbage in private dumpsters after the borough has discontinued bulk pick-up in the interest of cutting costs.

"Residents are taking it into their own hands," Mr. Paterson said.

Mayor Dennis McCarthy said the police should be called immediately if someone is witnessed dumping garbage in private dumpsters, as it is unlawful to do so.

Councilman Linken said residents might consider using the Big Green Bag, a bulk garbage bag sold at national home improvement stores that can be picked up by waste management by appointment.

The policy on white goods pick-up has not changed. Residents may still

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GROOVING ON THE GREEN...The Westfield Symphony Orchestra performed for township residents last Thursday evening at the Alan Augustine Village Green in Scotch Plains. See more on page 16.



CONGRESS ISSUES...Ed Potosnak, right, Democratic candidate for the Seventh Congressional District, discusses his views with editor Paul Peyton during an interview at *The Westfield Leader* office on Friday.

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DAD'S DAIRY...Al Danker, Westfield High School Class of 1938, looks for bottles from his father's dairy of the early 1900s from a collection at *The Westfield Leader* last week. Mr. Danker also hopes to visit his classmate, Everson Pearsall, who turned 90 on June 18. Mr. Danker now resides in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Pictured also is his daughter, Karen Butt, WHS '68. She resides with her husband, Rex, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Probe Continues Into Attack, Murder of Summit Man

SUMMIT — The Union County Prosecutor's office and the Summit Police Department are continuing their investigation into the July 17 murder of a 47-year-old Summit man on a park bench allegedly by three teenagers.

Charges were upgraded Monday against Khayri Williams-Clark, 18, of Summit, Nigel Dumas, 19, of Morristown and a 17-year-old of Summit, from manslaughter to murder.

The 17-year-old is being held in the county juvenile detention center in Linden. Authorities have not released his name. Dumas is being held at the Union County jail in Elizabeth on bail of \$250,000, according to authorities. Williams-Clark, who was being held on \$100,000 bail, has been released after making bail, authorities said.

The victim, Abelino Mazariego, was on a bench in the promenade off of Springfield Avenue around 9:30 p.m. when he was approached by a group of teenagers, according to County Prosecutor Ted Romankow.

Authorities said two teens facilitated the attack, causing serious injury to Mr. Mazariego, who later died of his injuries at Overlook Hospital, having never regained consciousness. Mr. Romankow said the attack appears to be unprovoked.

Police were called to the scene soon after the attack, where they found the victim suffering from severe head trauma. The county's medical examiner ruled that Mr. Mazariego died on July 20 as a result of brain injuries sustained in the attack.

The Summit Police Department and the Union County Prosecutor's Office's Homicide Task Force immediately launched an investigation. Authorities said the attack was recorded by a teenager who was present during the assault, but who has not been

charged. It is believed that the video was circulated among teenagers in Summit.

On top of the arrest of the teens charged in the attack, police on Monday arrested Stephan Randolph, 39, of Flemington, a registered nurse at Overlook Hospital, on one count of third-degree theft after he allegedly stole several hundred dollars from Mr. Mazariego while the man was in the hospital's emergency room.

Authorities said the attack coincided with Mr. Mazariego's regular payday, and family members informed police that \$640 was missing from his wallet. A police investigation led them to Randolph.

The case remains an active investigation, as members of the Union County Homicide Task Force and the Summit Police Department continue to gather and examine evidence and take additional witness statements.

Anyone with information regarding the attack is urged to call Homicide Task Force Detective Patrick Bradley at (908) 527-4152 or Summit Police Department Sergeant Michael Rabasca at (908) 277-9389.

GW Council

schedule pick-up of appliances including air conditioners, washing machines, dryers, hot water heaters, stoves, ovens and refrigerators with the DPW at the rate of one item per residence per year.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, at the municipal building.

History All Bottled Up from 2007

WESTFIELD — Barry Batzel has been collecting old bottles ever since he was a teenager growing up in rural Pennsylvania. Now (2007) a field construction supervisor for the Town of Westfield, Mr. Batzel has had the good fortune of being at the right place at the right time to unearth some fascinating pieces of local history.

One-quart milk bottles bear the imprints of "Maple Farm Dairy, Westfield, New Jersey." He also has

Cranford Adopts \$32.3-Mil. Budget; Taxes Up \$154,528

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

CRANFORD – The township council last week officially adopted the 2010 municipal budget of \$32.3 million, representing an increase of \$1.1 million, with taxes jumping \$154,528 to \$21.3 million.

"This budget," commented Cranford Mayor Mark Smith, "was one of the most difficult budgets to formulate in over 25 years due to a \$745,000 loss in state aid and other declining revenues."

Mayor Smith noted that out of the average property in Cranford, assessed at \$181,000, the township collects \$2,495, the board of education receives \$5,013 and the county collects \$1,767, for a total tax bill of \$9,300.

He said residents would see an average municipal tax increase of \$197, which includes \$168 for sewer charges that will now be billed separately from tax bills. The mayor noted that the cut in state aid alone equals an \$81 increase in the average municipal tax bill.

"Without that cut in aid, the estimated municipal tax increase is around \$110, which is the same as the 2009 increase," Mayor Smith said.

Officials also noted that the township had budgetary problems because of increases in pension contributions, as well as an increase in salaries due to collective bargaining agreements.

Officials also observed that to combat these increases, the township had to resort to layoffs and a seven-day unpaid furlough for certain township employees. Specific details of these measures

were discussed during a closed-session meeting held Monday evening. However, Township Administrator Marlena Schmid did comment that information regarding negotiations would be available soon.

Mayor Smith noted that Department of Public Works employees and township management did not receive a raise this year.

In other business, the council adopted, on second reading, an ordinance that removes sewer charges for the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority from being included in property taxes. Officials said residents would now be billed separately for these services based on the assessed valuation of their homes. Chief Financial Officer Jeff Theriault said the change brings Cranford's tax levy to 3.4 percent over 2009.

The mayor said, "the same sewer fee has been charged for many years as part of the property tax bill." He further noted that, "It will be collected separately to allow the township to remain under the 4-percent levy cap imposed by the state."

In a separate matter, Commissioner Mark Dugan reported that Library Director John Malar addressed the council at the council's agenda meeting on Monday evening regarding a proposal by the Union County Improvement Authority (UCIA) for installation of solar panels at the Cranford Library.

In his report, Mr. Malar said UCIA representatives had been at the library to assess whether the building would be a good candidate for the solar project, and that, according to the UCIA, Cranford met all the specifications. He also stated that the notification had just come within the last week and that the due date for pursuing the project was the end of this month.

Council members all agreed that they liked the idea of pursuing the project but felt the close deadline was too short to make a proper decision. Mayor Smith said, "the township is very interested in getting into a solar project," but that officials would not be acting with "due diligence" if they rushed into the project.

"We have many unanswered questions; for example, what will the estimated cost to the town be for this project?" Mayor Smith asked. "We would like to ask for an extension because of the compressed nature of timing."

The township council formally recognized the 27 years of service given by retiring Finance Director Thomas Grady. Also, Mayor Smith said there was a formal dedication on June 30 of the new Patrolman Robert F. Hand Street that runs in front of the municipal building. The officer lost his life in the line of duty in 1975.

The next regular Cranford council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, at 8 p.m.



Archive November 13, 2008
TAILGATE...Westfield High School football fans gather for the alumni tailgate party last Saturday afternoon in Westfield prior to the football game rivalry with Scotch Plains-Fanwood. Westfield won the rain-soaked game, 35-12.

Ed Potosnak for Congress

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vulnerable population, our children...are at risk of being put at a disadvantage through a weakening of our education system."

He said the federal stimulus provided \$100 billion in funding for schools. "Every school in this Seventh District received funding," he said. "What that meant was we were able to delay a little bit of the pinch for layoffs...so that students weren't negatively impacted."

"We have to do everything we can to provide our students with the highest quality education and make sure they are given all the tools they need so they can compete and lead our global economy. Anything less than that is not acceptable, in my opinion," Mr. Potosnak said.

On the loss of American jobs overseas to low-cost labor, the candidate said the United States should reward companies for "keeping and creating jobs here and not shipping them overseas." Thus, he supports ending tax breaks for employers who shift jobs overseas.

"My opponent allowed companies to continue to receive those tax breaks," Mr. Potosnak said.

When asked about the fate of offshore drilling on the heels of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, Mr. Potosnak said the federal government failed "to provide oversight and regulation to protect our environment, our consumers and our economy." He favors increasing the federal government's role to oversee safety precautions on offshore oil rigs to ensure that oil companies are "taking all of the necessary precautions to conduct the work that they are doing safely for the workers that are there and for our environment."

Mr. Potosnak said he does not support offshore drilling, noting America must move away from fossil fuels. "We are taking our ingenuity to deeper waters but we are not using ingenuity to find alternatives, and what I think we need to be focused on is alternatives," he said. "Instead of dreaming up new oil rigs, let's dream up new

energy sources." He also supports ending "billions of dollars" in tax breaks and subsidies for oil and coal industries and, instead, looking into investment and development of alternative energy sources.

"We need a clean energy source that is readily available, that's cheap, keeps costs for consumers reasonable and that's clean," Mr. Potosnak said.

Mr. Potosnak also said he does not support the "cap and trade" climate change legislation, saying the "burden (and) the costs that is transmitted to our families living in the (Seventh) District is just way too high."

"I will not support legislation that drives up the cost of energy to an unsustainable level," he said. "I support a system whereby polluters pay, not consumers." The candidate said he supports finding alternative energy sources "to lower our greenhouse gas emissions."

Breaking down the fall campaign, Mr. Potosnak said, "the voters in the Seventh Congressional District are going to have a choice in November between politics as usual and someone with real-world experience who is going to fight to represent them and make sure America gets its edge back."

"I am running for Congress to get a job done; I am not running for a job," Mr. Potosnak said.

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BOE President Mary-Beth Schaumburg said to close Tuesday's meeting, "We had very high-quality candidates seeking this position. I thank them all for their interest in serving the community and hope they continue to show that interest in the future."

Mrs. Hess will be formally sworn in at a regular BOE meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 31. She will then begin her eight-month term, concluding in April 2011.

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Redevelopment of South, Martine Focuses on Ex-Lounge Property

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

FANWOOD — The borough council, serving in its role as the Fanwood Redevelopment Agency, heard from Diane Dabulas, Cranford-based attorney and the Redevelopment Agency’s executive director, and Stan Slachetka, a planner with T&M Associates serving as the borough’s redevelopment planner, on the borough’s business district redevelopment efforts.

The redevelopment plan includes a complete overhaul of the existing municipal parking lot located between LaGrande and South Avenues. Currently, the lot has two entrances on LaGrande, and a one-way exit onto South Avenue. After redevelopment,

the existing exit on South Avenue will be turned into a pedestrian walkway or promenade, and the parking lot will have only one two-way entrance on LaGrande, but will connect with a parking lot that exits onto Second Street. Ultimately, the municipal lot will have two exit/entrances, one on LaGrande and one on Second Street.

Additionally, the redevelopment plan calls for the construction of single-family townhouses along LaGrande Avenue, as well as new mixed-use properties along South Avenue, stretching from the corner of South and Martine Avenues, where the building that once housed The Internet Lounge still stands, to the

site of recently demolished buildings across from the train station. These properties are planned to have commercial space on the first floor with townhouses up top. The pedestrian walkway will form a partition between the two new buildings.

“There are several changes that are being made to the redevelopment plan,” Mr. Slachetka explained. “We’re increasing the overall residential development potential of the full-redevelopment plan area by 16 units, up to a total of 122 units.” In addition, the height of the building on the corner of South and Martine Avenues has been increased to four stories and 48 feet, “to provide for a more iconic type of building or structure to be located at that prominent corner, and also approximate to the train station,” Mr. Slachetka added.

David Checchio, a Scotch Plains native and in-house counsel of Elite Properties of Warren, the company that will have ownership of the redeveloped properties, emphasized that Elite is “not just here for financial reasons, we have a vested interest in this community; we were raised here...It’s really exciting for us to be able to participate in the shaping and redevelopment of a community in which we grew up.”

Elite Properties purchased the site of the now-demolished Sovereign Bank in November 2009, and is now under contract to purchase the corner property, previously the home of The Internet Lounge, from Net Property Group, LLC of North Plainfield.

“As we acquire [the corner site],

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Courtesy of Sal Trifiro
H2O...Sal Trifiro, chairman of the Scotch Plains Environmental Commission, above, and Michele Bakacs of the Rutgers Water Resource Program (not pictured) last week instructed kids at the Scotch Plains Day Camp about rain barrel construction and water conservation. The children also learned about tree appreciation with an exercise class imitating the life and growth of a tree.

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SP Boards Have Full Agenda Upon Reconvening in Fall

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

SCOTCH PLAINS — The township’s two land use boards have adjourned for the summer, and will resume hearings in September on multiple matters that have raised strong concerns from residents.

The zoning board of adjustment hopes to complete its work later next month on an application by T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless to install a cellular antenna tower in Hillside Cemetery. The proposal calls for a 125-foot structure that would house nine T-Mobile antennas and 12 Verizon antennas on a monopole to be situated at the end of Frank Street off Raritan Road, at the southern end of the 129-acre cemetery.

At its latest hearing on July 19, the board heard testimony from and then questioned the applicants’ planner until late in the evening. The board has promised residents from Scotch Plains and neighboring Edison and Plainfield an opportunity to publicly voice their concerns and opinions about the proposed tower, and it is expected they will be able to speak at a special meeting on Wednesday, September 29, after which the board will vote on the application six months after the hearings began.

The zoning board also will continue its hearing in September on a new application to erect a cellular antenna tower at the Willow Grove

Swim Club on Roosevelt Avenue. T-Mobile is seeking permission to build a 117-foot monopole at that site.

The board’s initial hearing earlier this month consisted of testimony from a radio frequency expert who told the board that any radio frequency emissions from the tower would fall within federal safety guidelines “by an extremely healthy margin.” The next hearing on the application, which Board Chairman Ken Anderson has said could stretch out for several months, will be on Wednesday, September 15. Three years ago, a similar application was made to the zoning board, but T-Mobile eventually was forced to withdraw it in late 2007 after the board turned down repeated requests for extensions of that hearing.

Meanwhile, the township planning board will resume its hearing on Monday, September 13, on an application by Union Catholic High School to install lights and a new scoreboard at its ballfields, a proposal that has drawn the ire of neighborhood residents.

The board opened the hearing in June, but delayed the presentation of formal testimony in order to give opponents of the application additional time to prepare a case. Attorneys Marc Rogoff and Joseph Murray are representing homeowners living adjacent to the Union Catholic

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Potosnak Wants to Stimulate Research and Development

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

WESTFIELD – Ed Potosnak, a former high school teacher and Congressional aide, formally kicked off his campaign for the Seventh Congressional District seat currently held by freshman Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th).

During an interview at *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* offices on Friday, the candidate admitted he has an uphill battle in campaign contributions against Mr. Lance. But he noted that he has three times more individual contributions than his opponent in the last quarter ending June 30. By comparison, he said, 60 percent of Mr. Lance’s contributions are from “special interests” such as banks and Wall Street.

According to the Federal Election Commission website, Mr. Lance had raised \$997,130 through June 30, but spent \$668,443 in the Republican Primary against three opponents. He currently has \$358,877 in cash on hand, to Mr. Potosnak’s \$72,485. Mr. Potosnak raised a total of \$146,794.

Talking about the high unemployment rate, he said the Obama Administration has missed an opportunity in developing initiatives to get Americans back to work, such as small business loans. In addition, he said, the government needs to help provide skills for the unemployed in “emerging industries.”

Mr. Potosnak said that if elected, he would push to “stimulate” research and development by “maintaining strong schools” and ensuring students have access to college after graduation.

On the issue of health care, the candidate said employees “should not have to choose between getting more money in their paycheck and their health insurance.” He said the problem is that health insurance premiums have been “outpacing” the rate of inflation.

“Something has to be done to put those increases in check,” he said. While supportive of the Affordability Health Care Act (AHCA), the candidate said he is “extremely disappointed” that health care providers “are gouging in advance of the implementation of some of these reforms” by passing down “double-digit increases in insurance premiums” to companies.

“I don’t know to what extent it can be avoided, but I think certainly that we need to hold them accountable for that practice,” Mr. Potosnak said.

“Health care is a huge program, and we have now taken steps to pass a piece of legislation to reform health care. I want to be in Congress to make it better, make it stronger, to put in protections for our small businesses and medium and large businesses, to make sure that everything that we are doing is being done to let us get out of their way and let them be successful,” Mr. Potosnak said.

The candidate said one change that could help small businesses down the road is an exchange program that will allow companies to form larger partnerships in order to purchase lower-cost health-care plans for their employees. Mr. Potosnak said Mr. Lance has vowed to repeal the bill.

“I think about it a lot different. I think there are opportunities for us to build upon positive provisions of [the health care law],” he said, noting that, “there is no question that the rising cost of health care has been an extreme burden on our economy.”

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Ed Potosnak for Congress

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On education, the candidate said Congress must be mindful that “states are hemorrhaging...and that our most vulnerable population, our children...are at risk of being put at a disadvantage through a weakening of our education system.”

He said the federal stimulus provided \$100 billion in funding for schools. “Every school in this Seventh District received funding,” he said. “What that meant was we were able to delay a little bit of the pinch for layoffs...so that students weren’t negatively impacted.”

“We have to do everything we can to provide our students with the highest quality education and make sure they are given all the tools they need so they can compete and lead our global economy. Anything less than that is not acceptable, in my opinion,” Mr. Potosnak said.

On the loss of American jobs overseas to low-cost labor, the candidate said the United States should reward companies for “keeping and creating jobs here and not shipping them overseas.” Thus, he supports ending tax breaks for employers that shift jobs overseas.

“My opponent allowed companies to continue to receive those tax breaks,” Mr. Potosnak said.

When asked about the fate of offshore drilling on the heels of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, Mr. Potosnak said the federal government failed “to provide oversight and regulation to protect our environment, our consumers and our economy.” He favors increasing the federal government’s role to oversee safety precautions on offshore oil rigs to ensure that oil companies are “taking all of the necessary precautions to conduct the work that they are doing

safely for the workers that are there and for our environment.”

Mr. Potosnak said he does not support off-shore drilling, noting America must move away from fossil fuels. “We are taking our ingenuity to deeper waters, but we are not using ingenuity to find alternatives, and what I think we need to be focused on is alternatives,” he said. “Instead of dreaming up new oil rigs, let’s dream up new energy sources.” He also supports ending “billions of dollars” in tax breaks and subsidies for oil and coal industries and, instead, looking into investment and development of alternative energy sources.

“We need a clean energy source that is readily available, that’s cheap, keeps costs for consumers reasonable and that’s clean,” Mr. Potosnak said.

Mr. Potosnak also said he does not support the “cap and trade” climate change legislation, saying the “burden (and) the costs that is transmitted to our families living in the (Seventh) District is just way too high.”

“I will not support legislation that drives up the cost of energy to an unsustainable level,” he said. “I support a system whereby polluters pay, not consumers.” The candidate said he supports finding alternative energy sources “to lower our green-house gas emissions.”

Breaking down the fall campaign, Mr. Potosnak said, “the voters in the Seventh Congressional District are going to have a choice in November between politics as usual and someone with real-world experience who is going to fight to represent them and make sure America gets its edge back.”

“I am running for Congress to get a job done; I am not running for a job,” Mr. Potosnak concluded.

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Cranford Adopts \$32.3-Mil. Budget; Taxes Up \$154,528

By **KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL**
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

CRANFORD – The township council last week officially adopted the 2010 municipal budget of \$32.3 million, representing an increase of \$1.1 million, with taxes jumping \$154,528 to \$21.3 million.

“This budget,” commented Cranford Mayor Mark Smith, “was one of the most difficult budgets to formulate in over 25 years due to a \$745,000 loss in state aid and other declining revenues.”

Mayor Smith noted that out of the average property in Cranford, assessed at \$181,000, the township collects \$2,495, the board of education receives \$5,013 and the county collects \$1,767, for a total tax bill of \$9,300.

He said residents would see an average municipal tax increase of \$197, which includes \$168 for sewer charges that will now be billed separately from tax bills. The mayor noted that the cut in state aid alone equals an \$81 increase in the average municipal tax bill.

“Without that cut in aid, the estimated municipal tax increase is around \$110, which is the same as the 2009 increase,” Mayor Smith said.

Officials also noted that the township had budgetary problems because of increases in pension contributions, as well as an increase in salaries due to collective bargaining agreements.

Officials also observed that to combat these increases, the township had to resort to layoffs and a seven-day unpaid furlough for certain township employees. Specific details of these measures were discussed during a closed-session meeting held Monday evening. However, Township Administrator Marlena Schmid did comment that information regarding negotiations would be available soon.

Mayor Smith noted that Department of Public Works employees and township management did not receive a raise this year.

In other business, the council adopted, on second reading, an ordinance that removes sewer charges for the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority from being included in property taxes. Officials said residents would now be billed separately for these services based on the assessed valuation of their homes. Chief Financial Officer Jeff Theriault said the change

brings Cranford’s tax levy to 3.4 percent over 2009.

The mayor said, “the same sewer fee has been charged for many years as part of the property tax bill.” He further noted that, “It will be collected separately to allow the township to remain under the 4-percent levy cap imposed by the state.”

In a separate matter, Commissioner Mark Dugan reported that Library Director John Malar addressed the council at the council’s agenda meeting on Monday evening regarding a proposal by the Union County Improvement Authority (UCIA) for installation of solar panels at the Cranford Library.

In his report, Mr. Malar said UCIA representatives had been at the library to assess whether the building would be a good candidate for the solar project, and that, according to the UCIA, Cranford met all the specifications. He also stated that the notification had just come within the last week and that the due date for pursuing the project was the end of this month.

Council members all agreed that they liked the idea of pursuing the project but felt the close deadline was too short to make a proper decision. Mayor Smith said, “the township is very interested in getting into a solar project,” but that officials would not be acting with “due diligence” if they rushed into the project.

“We have many unanswered questions; for example, what will the estimated cost to the town be for this project?” Mayor Smith asked. “We would like to ask for an extension because of the compressed nature of timing.”

The township council formally recognized the 27 years of service given by retiring Finance Director Thomas Grady. Also, Mayor Smith said there was a formal dedication on June 30 of the new Patrolman Robert F. Hand Street that runs in front of the municipal building. The officer lost his life in the line of duty in 1975.

The next regular Cranford council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, at 8 p.m.

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that’s the parcel that is closest and really ready to go,” Mr. Checchio said. “The corner will be developed first. It’s the corner-stone to the redevelopment, it’s the gateway to the community, and it’s really going to be a crown jewel.”

After reviewing the Elite Properties’ materials, Mayor Colleen Mahr commented, “I think [Elite Properties] definitely captured the essence of what we would want to do here.”

In clarifying her vision for the redevelopment, Mayor Mahr told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*: “If you sort of picture downtown Westfield, a block in Westfield, you don’t have any break-ages along that block: they’re all retail stores. You want to maximize your retail opportunities and also your ratables, and so by doing this, it gives [Fanwood] more development potential.”



Archive November 13, 2008
TAILGATE...Westfield High School football fans gather for the alumni tailgate party last Saturday afternoon in Westfield prior to the football game rivalry with Scotch Plains-Fanwood. Westfield won the rain-soaked game, 35-12.

Probe Continues Into Attack, Murder of Summit Man

SUMMIT — The Union County Prosecutor’s office and the Summit Police Department are continuing their investigation into the July 17 murder of a 47-year-old Summit man on a park bench, allegedly by three teenagers.

Charges were upgraded Monday against Khayri Williams-Clark, 18, of Summit, Nigel Dumas, 19, of Morristown and a 17-year-old of Summit, from manslaughter to murder.

The 17-year-old is being held in the county juvenile detention center in Linden. Authorities have not released his name. Dumas is being held at the Union County jail in Elizabeth on bail of \$250,000, according to authorities. Williams-Clark, who was being held on \$100,000 bail, has been released after making bail, authorities said.

The victim, Abelino Mazariego, was on a bench in the promenade off of Springfield Avenue around 9:30 p.m. when he was approached by a group of teenagers, according to County Prosecutor Ted Romankow.

Authorities said two teens facilitated the attack, causing serious injury to Mr. Mazariego, who later died of his injuries at Overlook Hospital, having never regained consciousness. Mr. Romankow said the attack appears to be unprovoked.

Police were called to the scene soon after the attack, where they found the victim suffering from severe head trauma. The county’s medical examiner ruled that Mr. Mazariego died on July 20 as a result of brain injuries sustained in the attack.

The Summit Police Department and the Union County Prosecutor’s Office’s Homicide Task Force immediately launched an investigation. Authorities said the attack was recorded by a teenager who was present during the assault, but who has not been charged. It is believed that the video was circulated among teenagers in Summit.

On top of the arrest of the teens charged in the attack, police on Monday arrested Stephan Randolph, 39,

of Flemington, a registered nurse at Overlook Hospital, on one count of third-degree theft after he allegedly stole several hundred dollars from Mr. Mazariego while the man was in the hospital’s emergency room.

Authorities said the attack coincided with Mr. Mazariego’s regular payday, and family members informed police that \$640 was missing from his wallet. A police investigation led them to Randolph.

The case remains an active investigation as members of the Union County Homicide Task Force and the Summit Police Department continue to gather and examine evidence and take additional witness statements.

Anyone with information regarding the attack is urged to call Homicide Task Force Detective Patrick Bradley at (908) 527-4152 or Summit Police Department Sergeant Michael Rabasca at (908) 277-9389.

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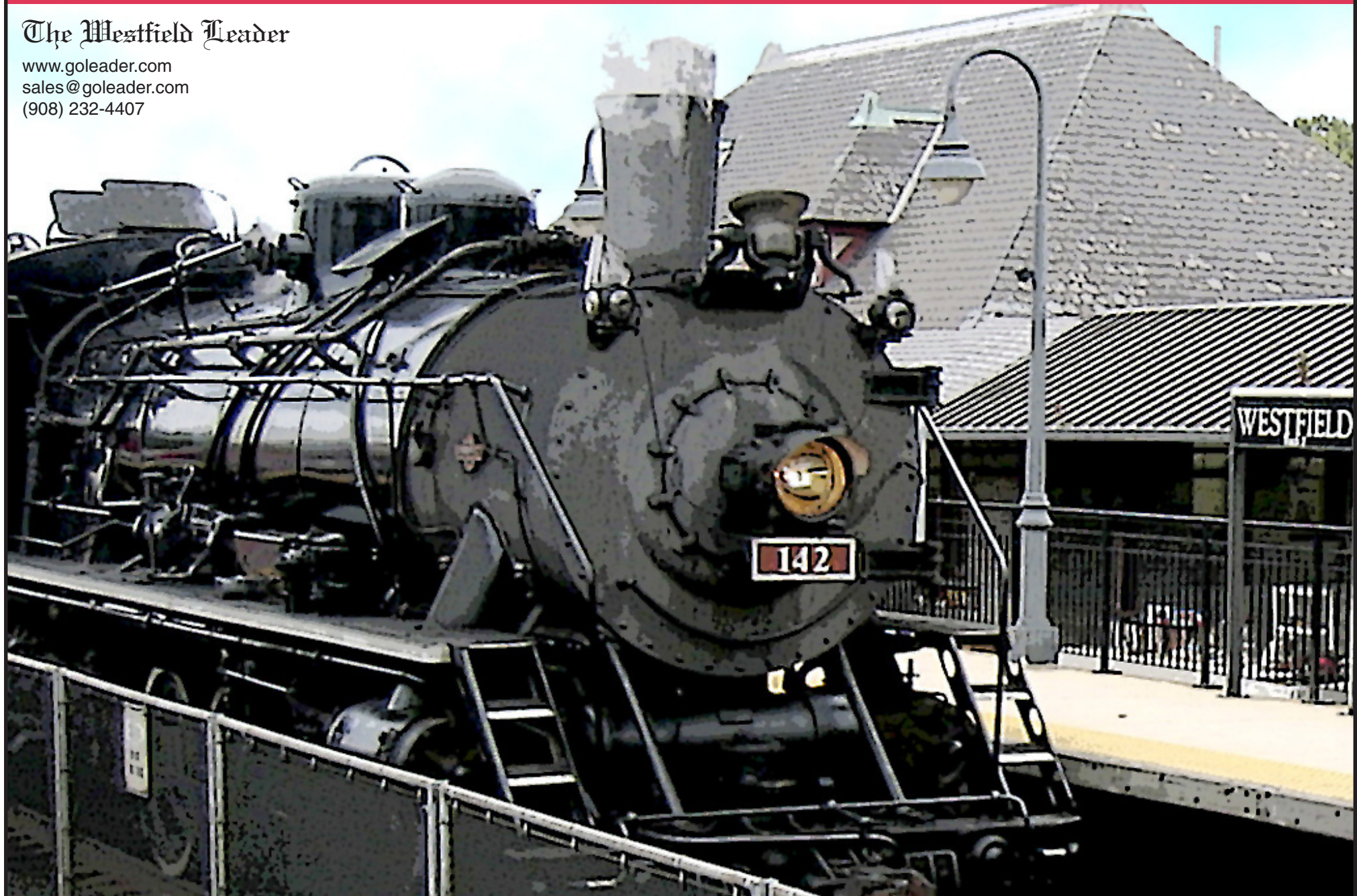
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Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of *The Leader/Times*

House Ethics Panel Says Rangel Violated Rules; Faces Hearing
A four-member House of Representatives ethics committee has charged New York Rep. Charles Rangel (D-Harlem) with multiple ethics violations. The 40-year Congressman stepped down earlier this year as Ways and Means Committee chairman as the probe began.

According to *The Huffington Post*, the charges include Mr. Rangel's use of official stationery to raise money for the Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service at City College of New York, his use of four rent-subsidized apartment units in New York City, including one for a campaign office, and his failure to report income as required on his annual financial disclosure forms for a rental unit at the Punta Cana Yacht Club in the Dominican Republic.

The report will now be the subject of a hearing before a separate Congressional panel of four Republicans and four Democrats. Mr. Rangel told reporters that he believes the allegations have no substance. "I look forward to airing this thing," he said.

OLS Says Deficit in FY11 Will Be \$10.5 Bill; Gov. Disagrees
The Office of Legislative Services (OLS), the research arm of the New Jersey Legislature, predicts the state will face a \$10.5-billion deficit for next year's fiscal year 2011 budget, the Associated Press has reported.

A memo by OLS points out that many big-ticket items that contributed to the current-year deficit still will be around next year. They include \$3.5 billion for pensions, \$2.3 billion to fully fund schools and \$2.1 billion for rebates. Governor Chris Christie disagreed with the report, saying OLS counted all mandatory hikes in state funding and assumed all programs in this year's budget would be in effect next year.

Assembly Budget Committee Chairman Lou Greenwald (LD-6,

Voorhees), has announced that the committee would conduct a hearing on Thursday, August 5, to discuss the recent OLS memo.

Affordable Mail Alliance Opposes Proposed Postal-Rate Hike
The Affordable Mail Alliance (AMA), a coalition of postal customers, has filed a motion with the United States Postal Service to dismiss the proposed postal-rate hikes proposed on July 6. AMA's motion argues that the rate hike violates the cost controls Congress put in law to protect consumers and that the Postal Service needs to cut costs and modernize rather than raise rates an average of 10 times the rate of inflation.

Lawmaker Wants Red Decals Eliminated for Teen Drivers
Assemblyman Bob Schroeder (LD-39, Woodcliff Lake) has asked Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver (LD-34, East Orange) to direct the Assembly Transportation Committee to hold a hearing this summer on proposed legislation that would repeal the requirement for provisional (teen) drivers in New Jersey to affix a red decal on the front and rear license plates of the car they are driving.

Mr. Schroeder described two separate traffic accidents that occurred in July, each involving provisional drivers, that resulted in fatalities. In each incident, the red decals were removed from the license plates prior to the accident, rendering them "ineffective," according to Mr. Schroeder.

Tea Party Questions Possible Adler Ties With DeStefano
The North New Jersey Tea Party Group has questioned the validity of the Peter DeStefano campaign for New Jersey's Third Congressional District seat, according to an e-mail from Mark Kalinowski of the group. He claims that while Mr. DeStefano describes himself as the "N.J. Tea Party" candidate, "a lot of evidence has been uncovered showing that he is really a fake Tea Party candidate — meaning, a Democratic Party plant...to fool the voters in the Third district for the benefit of Democratic incumbent [Rep.] John Adler [D-3rd]."

Mr. Kalinowski claims Mr. DeStefano was helped in getting his name on the ballot by Marshall Spevak, a former press assistant to Mr. Adler. Mr. Kalinowski also notes that Mr. DeStefano was registered as a Democrat up until June 3.

Kolagi Retiring as Linden Attorney After 22 Years
Edward Kolagi, Linden's attorney for the past 22 years and a former councilman for three years, has announced his retirement effective August 1, according to mycentraljersey.com.

Mr. Kolagi will still work at his private law practice in Linden. He has been a member of the New Jersey Bar Association since 1983. John Hudak, senior assistant city attorney, is expected to replace Mr. Kolagi as city attorney.

Lawmaker Seeks Testimony On Trenton Schools from Auditor
Senator Tom Goodwin (LD-14, Hamilton Square) has asked Senator James Whelan (LD-2, Northfield), chairman of the Senate State Government Committee, to invite State Auditor Stephen Eells to testify before the committee on the reported financial mismanagement by the Trenton Public School District. The request was made by Mr. Goodwin, a member of the committee, in a letter that was sent to Mr. Whelan.



Thomas Fortunato for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
AN ORGANIC MEETING...Seventh Congressional District Democratic candidate Ed Potosnak visited with employees of the Organigaya Café in North Plainfield, last week, as he officially kicked off his campaign for the House seat currently held by Republican freshman Rep. Leonard Lance.

Union County to Hold Next Recycling Event on Aug. 7

SCOTCH PLAINS – The County of Union will sponsor a special recycling event on Saturday, August 7, where Union County residents can dispose of mercury thermometers and thermostats, propane tanks and automobile tires. The collection will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the campus of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, located at 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, near the John H. Stamler Police Academy.

In addition, the Union County Police Bomb Squad will be on hand to collect ammunition and fireworks. For information about unwanted ammunition and fireworks, call the Union County Police at (908) 654-9800.

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost. Pre-registration is not required for this special Saturday collection. All that residents need to do is drive to the site. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles.

"Household special waste" that will be accepted includes oil-based paint and varnish, antifreeze, aerosol cans, pool chemicals, corrosives, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, thinners, fire extinguishers, motor oil and oil filters, gasoline, batteries, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs (unbroken), blood pressure devices and mercury switches.

Only materials in original or labeled containers will be accepted. No containers larger than five gallons

will be accepted.

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

There is a limit of eight automobile tires (without rims) per household. This is a household recycling event.

Residents can turn in their old mercury fever thermometers and receive a new mercury-free digital thermometer, free of charge. One new digital thermometer per household will be provided (while supplies last) regardless of the number of mercury thermometers dropped off. Mercury thermometers should be sealed in plastic bags to prevent release of mercury in case of accidental breakage. Residents will receive a \$5 gift certificate to Home Depot for every mercury thermostat turned in at the August 7 recycling event.

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

The household special waste collection will be held rain or shine for Union County residents only and not for businesses. Proof of Union County residency is required. For more information, call the Recycling Hotline at (908) 654-9889.

AARP Applauds Senate Passage Of Financial-Reform Legislation

AREA – The United States Senate, last week, passed the "Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act," aimed at protecting consumers from hidden fees and investment scams, and requiring the financial industry to provide clear information to consumers. The bill was signed by President Barack Obama.

"AARP supports this legislation because it will establish a watchdog that will protect Americans from getting a mortgage or credit card that has hidden fees that cause their bills to skyrocket; ensure Americans get the clear, accurate information they need to shop for mortgages, credit cards and other financial products; and crackdown on investment scams targeted at older Americans," according to an AARP press release.

"Over the last three years, older Americans have lost billions of hard-earned dollars due to the failure of an outdated and compromised financial regulatory system," AARP New Jersey State President Sy Larson said. "The failures that led to this crisis require bold action to restore responsibility, accountability and consumer confidence in our financial system, and this bill will protect Americans' money and help stabilize our entire economy."

"We are extremely pleased that Senators (Frank) Lautenberg and (Robert) Menendez sided with consumers when they cast their vote(s) for this bill. AARP polling demonstrates that Americans age 50-plus, regardless of party affiliation, want Congress to hold financial institutions accountable," Mr. Larson said.

Reinhardt Makes Bates' Dean's List

WESTFIELD – Josephine Reinhardt of Westfield was named to the dean's list at Bates College as a result of her scholastic standing during the winter semester of the 2009-2010 academic year. A double major in history and Spanish, she is a 2008 graduate of Westfield High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Reinhardt of Westfield.

Potosnak Kicks Off Campaign for Congress

By THOMAS FORTUNATO
Specially Written for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

NORTH PLAINFIELD — Ed Potosnak officially kicked off his campaign last week as the Democratic candidate for New Jersey's Seventh Congressional District against incumbent Republican Rep. Leonard Lance.

Mr. Potosnak made his announcement at Organigaya Café on Somerset Street in North Plainfield, a café dedicated to serving an all-organic menu, owned and operated by local entrepreneur Paul Alirangues. Mr. Potosnak chose to announce his candidacy at The Organigaya Café because of how this restaurant was affected by The Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act of 2010, colloquially known as "The Jobs Bill," which he said Mr. Lance voted against.

"Part of Paul's business plan was to expand this already-successful business and add an additional two to five jobs to his payroll [by] building a new kitchen," Mr. Potosnak explained. "Paul's plan included applying for a small-business loan," which was to be funded by the jobs bill.

"While the bill did eventually pass the U.S. House of Representatives," Mr. Potosnak said, "Paul's congressman, Mr. Lance, was among a group of partisan career politicians who stood in the way of this bill's passage," preventing the bill from passing and delaying Mr. Alirangues from receiving the funding for his restaurant.

While the bill was still being debated in the House of Representatives, The Organigaya Café remained "closed even longer, pending the [kitchen] renovations, meaning that Paul's revenue was halted; existing employees were without pay, and the pending new [employees] were delayed even further," Mr. Potosnak explained. "Paul sought the assistance of his representatives in Wash-

ington, and when he reached out to Congressman Lance, all he got were political answers. Lance's 'no' votes didn't give [Alirangues] the edge he needed to compete [and] didn't help him to create a single job."

Peg Schaffer, Somerset County Democratic Party chairwoman, also spoke at the press conference to introduce Mr. Potosnak.

When asked why Mr. Potosnak happened to be the only candidate on the Democratic primary ballot, in contrast to Mr. Lance's three challengers for the Republican nomination, Ms. Schaffer explained "[The Democratic Party] is better organized; we don't have a Tea Party arm. The Democrats selected Ed in this district overwhelmingly...By the time we got to the primary, he did not [have any opponents]. There were other people interested in the position, [but] they were screened. Union County, Hunterdon County and Somerset County all came out in favor of Ed."

"I think what you see in the Republican primary," Mr. Potosnak elaborated, "the message isn't that it's more of a Republican district; I think what you see is that there's a dissatisfaction of Lance among Republicans."

"I think it's time America got its edge back," stated Mr. Potosnak, "and one way to start is by getting rid of the career politicians in Washington and electing real-world people with real-world experience...I'm a science teacher; I am not a career politician. I put myself through Rutgers to become a scientist and a teacher. I took on extra jobs when times were tough, and I started my own business."

The district stretches across parts of Union, Somerset, Middlesex and Hunterdon Counties, including Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Scotch Plains, Mountainside, and Westfield.

State Senate Panel Proposes Eliminating Inactive Boards

TRENTON – Assembly Democrats have proposed legislation streamlining state government by getting rid of inactive boards, commissions, committees and task forces. The legislation was approved, 78-0, by the Assembly in June and was released last week by the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism and Historic Preservation Committee.

Getting rid of the boards was among the recommendations included in the April Red Tape Review Group report.

"This is common sense," said Annette Quijano (LD-20, Union). "State government shouldn't be littered with unnecessary boards and commissions. These commissions have served their purpose and now just take up space on government directories," said Ralph Caputo (LD-28, Montclair). "They're not serving any public good, so let's get rid of them."

The bill would eliminate the following agencies: Agent Orange Commission, Camden Financial Review Board, Christopher Columbus Quincentennial Observance Commission, Commission on Early Childhood Education, Commission to Study Sex Discrimination in the Statutes, Committee to Review the State Commission of Investigation, Corporation Business Tax Study Commission, Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, Delaware and Raritan Canal Transportation Safety Study Commission, Drug Utilization Review Council, Environment Advisory Task Force, Ergonomics in Education Study Commission, Fisheries Information and Development Center Coordinating Board, Governor's Air and Space Medal Nominating Committee, Hospital Care Payment Commission, Jewish Heritage Trail Study Commission, Managed Care Task Force, New Jersey Citizens' Clean Elections Commission, New Jersey Commemorative Coin Design Commission, New Jersey Health Data Commission, New Jersey Obesity Prevention Task Force, New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Museum Commission, New Jersey Uniform Securities Law Study Commission, Parents' Education Program Advisory Committee, Police Paperwork Reduction Task Force, Pollution Pre-

vention Advisory Board, Prepaid Higher Education Expense Board and associated program in its entirety, Property Tax Convention Task Force, Recreational Sports and Leisure Activities Liability Study Commission, Regional Intergovernmental Transportation Coordinating Study Commission, Right to Know Advisory Council, including its duties and powers, School Construction Review Commission, State Board of Public Movers and Warehousemen, State Commission on Drunk Driving, State Revenue Forecasting Advisory Commission, State Review Board on Driver Education, Task Force on New Jersey History, Task Force on Workplace Violence, Task Force to Study Attendance in Public Schools, Trustees of the New Jersey School of the Arts and the World Language Instruction Committee.

"Streamlining government and making our state friendlier to businesses and taxpayers is always a good thing," said Wayne DeAngelo (LD-14, Hamilton). "If these boards no longer serve any purpose, then I see no reason to keep them around."

The Senate panel amended the bill to include an advisory council on state libraries, upon request of librarians. If it is approved by the Senate, the bill will now have to go back to the Assembly for concurrence.

MVC Announces New Hours For Agencies

TRENTON – New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) customers are reminded that, effective this Saturday, July 31, all MVC Agencies will adjust hours of operation to the following schedule:

Sunday, closed; Monday, closed; Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Knowledge testing will be offered during normal business hours. Road testing will be conducted Tuesday through Friday only. Additionally, walk-in services offered at select agencies for suspension and surcharge issues will be provided Tuesday through Friday only. For additional information, visit njmvc.gov.

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Christie Vetoes Bills Citing \$132 Million in New Spending

TRENTON – Citing the unprecedented economic and fiscal difficulties faced by New Jersey, Governor Chris Christie vetoed Senate Bills 2134 and 2139, as well as Assembly Bill 1678.

S-2134 would appropriate \$24.6 million in state funds to enable adults who meet the federal poverty level to continue to be enrolled in the NJ FamilyCare program. S-2139 would have appropriated \$7,453,000 for Women’s Health and Family Planning Services, while A-1678 would have established a New Jersey Homebuyer Tax Credit Program under the New Jersey gross income tax for home purchases. According to a fiscal analysis of A-1678, the legislation would have reduced gross income tax (GIT) revenues deposited into the Property Tax Relief Fund (PTRF) by \$33.3 million in fiscal years 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Governor Christie spokesman Michael Drewniak said, “these bills ignore current economic realities, as evidenced by the \$11-billion shortfall in the fiscal year 2011 budget, and would add millions of dollars in unbudgeted additional statespending.”

In vetoing the bills, Governor Christie noted that the state continues to confront “historic economic and fiscal crises” and that these bills

would add \$132 million in state spending that was not accounted for in the budget nor envisioned as part of the bipartisan agreement on a spending plan. Governor Christie wrote in the veto message to the Legislature that, “state spending has been reset to levels the taxpayers can afford, and supplemental spending that would return us to the unchecked spending and out-of-control budget shortfalls of the past will not make it past the governor’s desk.”

Even after closing a \$2.2-billion shortfall in the fiscal year 2010 budget and an \$11-billion budget deficit in the fiscal year 2011 budget, the Governor said New Jersey continues to face long-standing structural difficulties in its finances, which require continued fiscal restraint and additional reforms.

“Governor Christie will continue to demand fiscal responsibility and accountability in government, and advocate for the necessary reforms to put New Jersey on a stable financial foundation in the long run. Continuing to make unsupportable expenditures will only take New Jersey backwards and follow the same irresponsible path of the past that led the state to the fiscal crisis we have only recently begun to overcome,” Mr. Drewniak said.

Stender Rips Christie On Family-Planning Veto

TRENTON – Assemblywoman Linda Stender (LD-22, Fanwood) deemed Governor Chris Christie’s decision to veto \$7.5-million for women’s healthcare an affront to women, families and taxpayers throughout New Jersey.

Mrs. Stender was one of the primary sponsors of legislation (S-2139/A-3019) to restore the money that received final legislative approval on June 28, but was vetoed by the governor.

“This cruel and heartless veto is the height of arrogance and irresponsibility,” said Mrs. Stender, a vocal opponent of Governor Christie’s plan to cut family planning services. “Restoring these programs would have saved lives and money, and kept New Jerseyans – especially women – from

needlessly dying from diseases that can be treated with proper screening, but Gov. Christie clearly has another agenda.”

The lawmaker noted more than 136,000 patients were served by family planning in New Jersey last year, helping to prevent 40,000 pregnancies and 19,000 abortions, and saving the state more than \$150 million. The legislation vetoed, she said, explicitly prevents the funding from being used for abortions and would also have required New Jersey to apply for a 90-percent match in federal dollars, a move that would save the state an estimated \$90 million over the next five years.

Family planning services involve contraception, routine gynecological exams, screening for high blood pressure, anemia and diabetes, breast and cervical cancer screening and education, screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, HIV testing and counseling, pre-pregnancy counseling and education, pregnancy testing and confirmation, and prenatal care.

In addition, State Democratic Chairman John Wisniewski said, “Coward King Christie let down the women of New Jersey to further appeal to his national right-wing base by vetoing the Women’s Health Funding restoration bill. This bill passed with bi-partisan support in both Houses.

N.J. Scores ‘F’ On Worker Freedom Report

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Alliance for Worker Freedom (AWF) has announced the release of its second biannual report, the Index of Worker Freedom, a state-by-state comparative study that measures worker freedom through an analysis of policy implications as well as quantitative state data.

This year’s Index found that workers and employers are fleeing states with low levels of worker freedom -- generally heavily unionized states -- in favor of states with high levels of worker freedom.

“Residents of New Jersey should look carefully at the Index’s findings. The positive correlation found in this year’s Index between state population growth and worker freedom is proof that Americans are rejecting union’s inhibiting policies; people are being drawn to states that foster choice and entrepreneurship,” said Christopher Prandoni, AWF executive director.

With the grades ranging from “F,” a zero on the Index scale, to a possible high of “A,” a score of 15; New Jersey scored 1 out of 15, earning the state a “F” on the report.

AWF is a project of Americans for Tax Reform and is “dedicated to combating anti-worker legislation and promoting free and open markets.”

“During the campaign, Christie was shocked and outraged that his commitment to women’s health was being questioned, calling Democrats’ charges ‘deceitful.’ The only deceitful thing about the issue was Chris Christie using his wife and mother in a campaign commercial to refute the charges and con New Jersey voters into thinking that he cared about women’s health.

“Signing this veto on a late Friday, summer afternoon may be designed to lessen the media coverage of this shameful act, but we will not forget the immediate danger he has put women’s health in around the state. Working with my many legislative colleagues who sponsored this bill, we will do everything in our power to override his veto,” he added.

AUGUST 2010 Events at the Westfield Memorial Library 550 East Broad Street, Westfield 908.789.4090 www.wmlnj.org Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:30 am - 9 pm Fri and Sat 9:30 am - 5 pm Closed Sundays for the Summer			
PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS			
8/4	7:00 pm	Jazz pianist Steve Teti	
8/6	1:30 pm	TGIF! Gregory Peck (video)	
8/9	2 & 6:30 pm	Foreign Film Festival: “White Ribbon” (German, Rated R)	
8/11	7:00 pm	Next Stage Ensemble presents “The Rover” by Aphra Behn	
8/13	1:30 pm	TGIF! Classic Movie Week: “Three Coins in a Fountain”	
8/23	2 & 6:30 pm	Foreign Film Festival: “Departures” (Japanese, PG 13)	
PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS (Westfield cardholders only)			
8/3 & 8/10	10:00 am	Preschool Storytime (3-7 yrs)	
8/3 & 8/10	7:00 pm	Young Critics’ Club-for middle schoolers	
8/4 & 8/11	10:00 am	Tots’ Storytime (2½-3½ yrs)	
8/5	3:00 pm	Make a Splash Story & Craft (3-7 yrs)	
8/6 & 8/13	10:00 am	Baby & Toddler Group (birth to 3 yrs)	
8/6, 13, 20, 27	3:00 pm	Memorial Pool Storytime & Swim (all ages) Call to register 908.789.4090 x3	
8/16	6:00 pm	Teen Book & Movie: “The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian” and “Smoke Signals.” Call to register. Pizza!	
8/24 & 8/31	2:30 pm	T-shirt Design (all ages) Bring your own cotton t-shirt, white or light colored.	



ON A JOURNEY...Nels Matson, right, a 27-year-old congenital heart defect (CHD) survivor from Bradenton, Fla., recently finished his 3,700-mile journey from Santa Monica, Calif. to New York City, where he helped raise awareness of CHD. Here, he poses with Westfield resident Darren Composto during a stop at Jay’s Cycle on July 20 prior to the final leg of his journey.

Bicyclist Helps Raise Awareness of Heart Defects

By CHARLOTTE MURTISHAW
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — While the 189 participants in this year’s Tour de France battle their way through Europe for fame and the yellow jersey, one cyclist back in America has been making a very different journey.

Nels Matson, a 27-year-old congenital heart defect (CHD) survivor from Bradenton, Fla., finished his 3,700-mile journey from Santa Monica, Calif. to New York City on Tuesday, kicking off the final leg from Jay’s Cycles of Westfield.

After departing Westfield in the wee hours of the morning along with four local cyclists who opted to join him, Mr. Matson rode into the city, where he appeared on “The Today Show.”

Since his June 8 start date in California, he has made stops in 39 towns, where he rallied with local CHD sufferers. Attendees signed his bike, and some joined him for part of his ride. His objective throughout was to raise both funds and awareness for CHD, a condition in which the heart does not form properly.

“I want people to know that one in 100 kids are affected... every 15 minutes, a kid is born with a congenital heart defect,” Mr. Matson said.

The severity of each case can vary, and 10 percent of those who experience a congenital heart defect do not live to see their first birthday.

FoodBank Offers Health Screenings

HILLSIDE — The Community FoodBank of New Jersey is offering free health screenings and activities for children, with its annual Family Health Fair today, Thursday, July 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at the FoodBank, located at 31 Evans Terminal Road in Hillside. The rain date is Thursday, August 5.

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National Night Out Event On Tap at Meisel Park

SPRINGFIELD – The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will host a National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Meisel Park, located off Meisel Avenue in Springfield.

The 27th Annual National Night Out is a police-community partnership aimed at preventing crime and drug use. The Township of Springfield and the Borough of New Providence will also participate.

“National Night Out is a time for people to learn about neighborhood safety and to stand together against crime and violence,” said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan. “And it’s a time to strengthen our relationships with the law enforcement and public safety officials who work to protect and serve our communities.”

This year’s event will showcase the Union County Police, the Union

County Office of Emergency Management and the Union County Sheriff’s Office’s K-9 and ID units. Emergency vehicles and equipment from Springfield and New Providence will also be featured.

Complimentary hotdogs and water will be available, donated by Target, for all attendees. There also will be free inflatable rides, games and activities.

After the National Night Out activities, at 8:45 p.m., the animated movie *Shrek 2* will be screened as part of Union County’s summertime Family Flick program.

For more information about National Night Out in Springfield or the schedule for Family Flick, call the Department of Parks and Community Renewal at (908) 527-4900 or visit the Union County website: ucnj.org.

Lance Calls for Spending Cuts To Offset Unemployment Benefits

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) issued the following statement after the House of Representatives approved a \$33.9-billion measure on July 22 to extend unemployment benefits to the 2.5 million out-of-work Americans by a vote of 272 to 152, including his “no” vote:

“I support extending unemployment insurance for the millions of Americans who are out of work.

Chris Rhodes Makes Michigan Dean’s List

WESTFIELD – Christopher Rhodes was named to the dean’s list for the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan for the spring semester.

He also received University Honors. Chris, the son of Mark and Kimberly Rhodes of Westfield, is a rising sophomore majoring in aerospace engineering; he is a 2009 graduate of Westfield High School. CHRIS also participates in Air Force ROTC at Michigan and is working on his private pilot’s license.

However, the debate in Washington isn’t whether to extend unemployment benefits – both Republicans and Democrats agree this should be done to help those in need. The debate is whether the \$34-billion cost should be paid for with offsetting spending cuts.

“For far too long, Washington’s leaders have chosen a path of fiscal irresponsibility, putting forth measures that have driven our debts and deficits to unprecedented levels,” Mr. Lance said.

“Out-of-control spending on ObamaCare, bank bailouts and failed stimulus plans is costing trillions of dollars in borrowing. And today, we have added another \$34 billion on to the backs of our grandchildren without making the tough choices on how to pay for it.

“It is time for Congress to begin to show some fiscal constraint and begin to reduce spending and refocus on lowering unemployment, creating jobs and jump-starting our ailing economy,” the congressman stated.

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PLAINFIELDS' UNICO...members visit with Pierluigi Bersani, chairman of the Democratic Party of Italy, following a roundtable discussion with other Italian dignitaries. Mr. Bersani discussed Italian politics and their impact on Italians abroad and answered questions from a standing-room only audience at the Club San Cono di Teggiano Catholic Association in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Pictured, from left to right, are: Plainfields' UNICO President Anthony Bengivenga and member Susie Leonardis, Mr. Bersani, Plainfields' UNICO member Angela Baratta and Public Relations Director Sebastian D'Elia.

Retired Westfield Police Officer Kasko Questions Departmental Hearing

On July 20, I attended the Westfield Town Council meeting and outlined various problems in the police department which seem to be unfolding as a result of an on-going PERC hearing involving a current Westfield police officer. These problems involve mismanagement by some of the ranking members of the police department, manipulation of the promotional list and a secret pay raise.

The mayor and council have said the department has declared this a "personnel matter" and, thus, it should be overseen by the police department.

Would you (the newspaper) ask the mayor and council how a secret, unpublished raise to one sergeant assigned to the detective bureau is a "personnel matter?" Would you also ask them why this is not mismanagement by the department and the administrator who approved it? Would you also ask the mayor and town council why the lieutenant's list was allowed to expire only after it was obvious that the recipient of the secret pay raise could not be elevated to lieutenant?

He was given the money without the rank while those ahead of him on the list were told there was no money to fund a

promotion? How is this a "personnel matter" and not blatant mismanagement?

The Westfield Leader newspaper has constantly printed the vaunted views of "transparency" of the mayor and the town council. May I request that you start to equate ink to Windex and allow your print to wipe away the sooty film caused by the insulting evasions offered by the those politicians which allow the fox to guard the hen house? The very existence of an unpublished raise to one officer screams out secrecy and fosters distrust of management. The raise was given by management. The decision to keep it secret was made by management. The approval by the administrator was an act of management.

How can management be allowed to declare the matter as one involving "personnel" and, thus, be given the ability to investigate itself? Please ask the mayor and council and then print the response of each or the silence of each.

Gregory Kasko
Westfield
WPD, retired

My Dear Mr. President: Welcome to New Jersey

Welcome to Edison, New Jersey – the birthplace of the technological revolution. It is an honor to have you visiting the Garden State to discuss the important issue of job creation.

As you prepare for your trip, I ask that you strongly reconsider your economic policy advocated by U.S. Treasury Secretary Geithner last weekend that would allow the Bush-era tax relief to expire for those families making \$250,000 or more. This would have a disastrous affect on New Jersey's working families and small businesses.

I am proud to represent in Congress many of the constituents and small businesses in Edison. They work hard to afford one of the nation's highest federal and state tax burdens. They are not the so-called "super-rich," but hard-working middle-class families facing one highest costs-of-living in the country.

And many of these families in Edison and across New Jersey are gravely concerned about the state of the economy and the uncertainty associated with the policies coming out of Washington.

Higher taxes, unchecked spending, government bailouts and new health care mandates are just a few of the job-killing policies passed by Congress that are putting a strain on local small-and medium-sized businesses. And now many of these job creators are facing a stark reality of higher taxes if the Bush-era tax cuts are allowed to expired at the end of this year.

There is bipartisan opposition in Congress to higher taxes, as most Republicans and some Democrats strongly be-

lieve that raising taxes on any group, particularly one considered crucial for creating jobs, could endanger a precarious economic recovery.

I whole-heartedly support your call for deficit reduction. However, raising taxes to reduce our deficit is the wrong medicine for our ailing economy and will do little to get our deficits under control over the long-term.

The solution to our national debt is not more government revenue but less government spending. Instead of proposing tax increases to reduce our federal debt, we should focus on reducing out-of-control federal spending as a way of addressing the growing size of the federal deficit and returning our nation to a path of fiscal responsibility.

Mr. President, New Jerseyans already pay too much in taxes. Allowing any of the Bush-era tax cuts to expire would hit many of New Jersey's small businesses and, undoubtedly, curtail any economic expansion and will lead to a "double dip" recession resulting in further economic hardships for all Americans.

I hope you will reconsider your tax policy and instead join me in advocating for free-market solutions that will help New Jersey's economy grow, expand and create jobs. Best personal wishes.

Leonard Lance
Member of Congress
New Jersey 7th District

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Letters to the Editor

Americans Fear Freedom and All It Entails, Both Good and Bad

Some years ago, on the Sean Hannity radio show, Mr. Hannity was interviewing KABC Los Angeles libertarian radio talk show host, Larry Elder. He asked, at the time, why was it that libertarians, when running for political office, only receive 3 percent of the vote. Mr. Elder was quick in his reply, "The reason is because people fear freedom." I was taken aback by the response. I fully accept it now. Americans, sadly, do fear freedom and what it entails.

Freedom means praise, as well as scorn; Freedom means standing up and facing the consequences, good and bad; Freedom means doing what you please, pro-

vided that you do not physically harm another; Freedom means standing up, and reminding the powers that be that there are limits.

Freedom means adhering to a Constitution, and not deviating from it; Freedom also means choosing the road in which you want to travel, and doing it peacefully; Freedom means taking responsibility, for your words, deeds and actions; and, finally, freedom means standing tall and walking into the sunshine of liberty.

Yes, people fear freedom. They fear freedom because it sometimes requires pain, instead of pleasure; they fear freedom, because at times it means struggle and stress; they fear freedom because at times it can be burdensome; and they even fear freedom because then, they cannot "pass the buck." That is why some Americans would like to surrender their freedoms and liberties to achieve and obtain security from government and the welfare state. To me, this is not only sad, it is very dangerous. It would be the equivalent of surrendering one's soul or being to Lucifer himself.

Benjamin Franklin said it best when he said that those who give up their liberties for the sake of security deserve neither liberty nor security. How true those words are today.

Alex Pugliese
Kenilworth

Sheriff Asks Public to Join In National Night Out on August 3

The 27th Annual National Night Out, a unique police-community partnership aimed at preventing crime and drug use, will take place across the country on Tuesday, August 3. This is a perfect time for all residents, members of law enforcement and community organizations to come together against crime and drugs.

National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, is designed to strengthen local anticrime programs, neighborhood spirit and police-community relationships while sending a message to criminals that our neighborhoods are organized and not easy targets.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, communities nationwide will celebrate National Night Out with a variety of events and activities such as cookouts and local police and sheriff's department exhibits. Union County will be offering up an entertaining and educational mix of activities to mark the date.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will be hosting a National Night Out event at from 6 to 8 p.m. in Meisel Park off of Meisel Avenue in Springfield.

It will be a fun evening for the kids with complimentary hot dogs, free inflatable rides, games and other activities. There will be emergency vehicles and equipment from the Union County Police Department and other law enforcement agencies on display. Police dogs from the Union County Sheriff's Office K-9 Search and Rescue Unit will also be on hand.

It is also a perfect opportunity for parents to take advantage of the Fingerprint on File program, an important service offered by the Union County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of the program is to establish a fingerprint record of a child that can be used by law enforcement agencies in the event a child becomes lost or abducted. Fingerprint cards are returned to the parents for safekeeping.

Officers from the Sheriff's Identification Bureau will be set up to fingerprint

your child at the park during the evening. Please take advantage of this very important program.

National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. More than 36 million people from communities in all 50 states were involved in National Night Out 2009.

The benefits to our community from National Night Out will most certainly extend well beyond the one night. Please come out and help us make National Night Out 2010 a strong, united voice against crime.

Ralph Froehlich
Union County Sheriff

Garwood Schools Announce Honor Roll Students

GARWOOD – The Garwood Public School system announced its honor roll and honor society designees. Those making the honor roll earned all A's and B's. Those named to the Honor Society earned all A's.

Honor Roll:

Grade 5: Eric Carlson, Connor Fayard, Emmanuel Flitsanov, Rosario Guerrero, Megan Gunning, Jessica Moore, Gavin Parkhill, Christopher Pazienza, Kayleigh Pender, Alison Price, Jake Siranides, Sean Stouffer, Kelly Sullivan, Samantha Wagner.

Grade 6: Michael Banek, Sean Baron, Joseph Brecht, Jacqueline DeFilippo, Anthony Furci, Austin Graham, Nathan Kramer, Joseph Massett, Kayla McMillan, Andrew Resetter, Gabriella Sluka, Colleen Staba, Jenna Staines, Victoria Wagner, Michael Woitkowski.

Grade 7: Mark Barranger, Michael Basso, Amanda Brown, Jake Burkert, Daniel Courtney, Sara Diwane, Nora Duffy, Ricardo Hidalgo, Joseph Matlosz,



TEAR DOWN...The demolition of the old Union County administration building on North Avenue in Westfield is in full swing and the area will be turned into parking. A new office building has opened in the rear of the property.

Major Changes Occur in N.J. Motor Vehicle Inspections

TRENTON – *Editor's Note: The following statement is from Raymond Martinez, chief administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC):*

Beginning August 1, the MVC will implement two significant changes to the state's Enhanced Motor Vehicle inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program.

These changes are expected to result in a total savings of \$17 million in fiscal year (FY) 2011.

First, in eliminating the mechanical portion of the biennial inspection that is required of all passenger automobiles, New Jersey will be joining 29 other states (including the District of Columbia). Currently, all passenger vehicles must undergo an inspection every two years that tests for both emissions levels and mechanical defects. Under a new state law, the inspection process will entail only an emissions test.

Additionally, inspections will be eliminated entirely for motorcycles and certain diesel-powered vehicles (which are already exempt from emissions testing). Mechanical inspections will continue to be required for various commercial vehicles such as taxicabs, limousines, jitneys, and school buses.

Please note that any vehicle, which failed an inspection for mechanical defects prior to August 1 will still need to get the required repairs and return for a re-inspection in order to obtain a valid inspection sticker.

The decision to eliminate mechanical inspections comes after careful review of

other states' programs and various academic studies conducted by educational institutions as well as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Our research indicates that motor vehicle crashes are overwhelmingly related to driver error and/or poor road conditions, rather than the result of any mechanical defect.

Also, data obtained by the MVC illustrates no significant difference in fatality rates when comparing states that check for mechanical defects versus those that do not.

Despite the elimination of mechanical inspections, law enforcement will continue to cite motorists for equipment that is not in compliance or for failure to make necessary repairs. Additionally, the MVC will continue to deploy members of its mobile inspection team to assist local police departments when they set up roadside checkpoints to identify vehicles with mechanical deficiencies.

The second change to the I/M program is an extension of the waiver from vehicle inspections for newer vehicles from four years to five. Currently, passenger vehicles with a model year of 2004 or later do not have to undergo an inspection for four years. Under the new law, new and used cars manufactured in 2006 or later will not have to return for an inspection for five years. Subsequent inspections will continue to be required every two years thereafter.

New vehicles will be provided with a five-year sticker at the time of purchase, while vehicles with a model year of 2006 or later that are already on the road will be mailed a "1-year extension" sticker, which is to be affixed to the inspection decal already located on the windshield. The decision to extend the inspection waiver is based on the fact that cars manufactured today are much cleaner and more fuel-efficient than they once were.

The MVC is implementing this extension of the inspection waiver in close coordination with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, which oversees the emissions portion of the state's program.

These changes to the inspection requirements afford us the opportunity to reinforce with vehicle owners the importance of taking proper care of their vehicles with regular maintenance, including oil changes, tire pressure checks and replacement, brake repairs, and general tune-ups. As you are well aware, owning a vehicle is just as much of a responsibility as driving one. While drivers must act responsibly behind the wheel, keeping one's vehicle well-maintained and "road-ready" is equally important.

Further information is available by calling MVC's Legislative Liaison, Jonathan Pushman, at (609) 341-5751.

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Dental Update

by Kenneth W. Arida, D.D.S.
Family & Cosmetic Dentistry

COSMETIC BENEFIT OF DENTAL IMPLANTS

Aside from restoring biting and chewing capability to the mouth, dental implants also serve a cosmetic function. The most obvious benefit to an implant patient's appearance is that the replacement tooth fills in the gap left by the lost tooth with a natural-looking substitute. On a deeper level, dental implants help patients avert bone loss. Without implants, missing teeth and associated bone loss cause the lower third of the face to collapse and shrink inward. As the anchoring portion of a dental implant forms a strong bond with the jaw, it stimulates the surrounding bone and preserves it. As a result, the bone loss that would otherwise be inevitable with missing teeth is avoided.

In addition to their cosmetic appeal, implants eliminate the day-to-day frustrations and discomfort of ill-fitting dentures. They allow people to enjoy a healthy and varied diet without the restrictions some denture wearers face, and implants often bring a renewed sense of self-confidence. People with implants often say they feel better, look better, and live better. If you think implants may be for you, call us for a consultation. A visit to our centrally located office in Westfield at 131 South Euclid Avenue may be just what you need to enhance your quality of life. Call us at 908-654-6262.

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Regina Fitzherbert, 61, Loved Family; Active With Church, Squad and Elks

Regina Mazur Fitzherbert, 61, of Mountainside passed away on Saturday, July 24, 2010.

Regina was the daughter of the late Lt. Joseph Mazur and the late Sophie (Zielonka) Mazur. Born on April 30, 1949, this great woman is survived by a sister, Caroline Walters of Missoula, Mont., and a brother, Joseph Mazur of Gillette. She also leaves two wonderful daughters, Jennifer Fitzherbert of Randolph and Jacqueline McDonald of Nashville, Tenn. She additionally has one amazing granddaughter, Mikayla.

Regina was diagnosed with multiple myeloma and amyloidosis 10 years ago, but that never stopped her from being an active member of the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catho-

lic Church Rosary Society, the Mountainside Rescue Squad and the Mountainside Elks.

This loving mother and grandmother, amazing friend and volunteer was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Visitation will be held today, Thursday, July 29, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, July 30, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Mountainside.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Chronic Disease Fund, 6900 Dallas Pkwy, Ste. 200, Plano, TX 75024 would be appreciated.

July 29, 2010

Michael Pelosi, 33, Company Owner; Family Man, Musician and Vocalist

Michael Pelosi, 33, of Bethlehem, Pa. died on Sunday, July 25, 2010, at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem.

Born December 8, 1976 in Summit, N.J., he had lived in Flemington, N.J. before moving to Bethlehem four years ago.

Mr. Pelosi was the owner and operator of Clinton Auto Body in Lebanon, N.J.

He was a guitar musician and vocalist, belonging to many rock bands.

Surviving are his wife of four years, Tara Stokes Pelosi; his parents, Joseph and Diane Boyle Pelosi of Whitehouse Station, N.J.; two daughters, Kaylee and Jennifer Pelosi, and one son, Michael Pelosi, all at home; two brothers, Joseph Pelosi of Paramus, N.J. and Robert Pelosi of Manassas Park, Va.; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Paula Pelosi of

Hillsborough, N.J.; his maternal grandparents, James and Doris Boyle of Bluffton, S.C., and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Calling hours with prayers will be today, Thursday, July 29, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Scarponi-Bright Funeral Home, 26 Main Street in Lebanon.

A Funeral Mass will be offered tomorrow, Friday, July 30, at 10 a.m. at The Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale, N.J. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Granulosa Cell Tumor of the Ovary Foundation, P.O. Box 722440, San Diego, CA 92172-2440 or to the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, 8085 Saltsburg Road, Suite 201, Pittsburgh, PA 15239.

July 29, 2010

‘Picturing America’ Series To Take Place at Library

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Memorial Library will host a new five-part reading and book discussion series called “Let’s Talk About It: Picturing America – Land of Opportunity.”

Offered free of charge, this series will explore literature and culture through scholar-led discussions of contemporary and classic books on a common theme.

The series will open on Wednesday, September 15, at 7 p.m. at the library with E.L. Doctorow’s novel “Ragtime.” A work of historical fiction, it blends the stories of three different families in the early years of the 20th century.

“Picturing America” is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities, conducted in cooperation with the American Library Association, which brings works of American art into thousands of communities across the country. The Fanwood Memorial Library was one of only 30 libraries in the United States to receive this grant.

“We are excited and pleased that once again the American Library Association has chose us as a recipient

of a ‘Let’s Talk About It’ grant that enables us to bring to the community both the books and the artwork that show America at its best,” said Library Director Dan Weiss.

“With the success of the LTAI Jewish Literature grant in 2008, we know that our community enjoys a scholar-based discussion group, and we are proud to have Professor Christopher Gibbs lead these discussions,” he added.

Registration is required for the series and will begin on Monday, August 2. Books and other materials will be available after Monday, August 23, but participants must be registered to receive these items.

Individuals with their own copy of the book are asked to inform the library at the time of registration that they do not need a copy. Subsequent books for the series will be “All the King’s Men,” “Seabiscuit,” “Pale Horse, Pale Rider” and “Dreaming in Cuban.”

The Fanwood Memorial Library is located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road. For more information about this or other library programs, call (908) 322-6400 or visit fanwoodlibrary.org.

— Obituaries —

Robert Furstner, 77, Was Intl. Banker; Volunteer, Gardener and Nature Lover

Robert E. Furstner, 77, of Westfield died peacefully at home on Wednesday, July 21, 2010, after a battle with cancer.

He was born in The Netherlands on August 6, 1932. After completing his education and his military service in the Royal Dutch Air Force in 1955, Mr. Furstner began his career in the shipping industry with Holland America Line in Rotterdam. In 1962, he was transferred to the New York office of the company. He remained with Holland America Line until 1968.

Mr. Furstner then joined J.P. Morgan. He continued his banking career with European American Bank and Banco Portugues do Atlantico, from which he retired in 1995.

After his retirement he became an active volunteer at the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. For many years he was treasurer of the Cowperthwaite Condominium Association, and he participated in the annual Westfield Memorial



Robert E. Furstner

Library Book Sale. During the last years of his life, he served on the board of trustees of the Youth and Family Counseling Service.

Mr. Furstner was an enthusiastic gardener and nature lover. He and his wife were avid hikers who enjoyed travel in the United States and abroad.

He is survived by his beloved wife, May, also of The Netherlands, whom he met and married in New York City in 1965, and a son, Andrew, and his wife, Meredith, of Alexandria Township, N.J. Mr. Furstner also is survived by two brothers, several cousins and nieces and nephews in The Netherlands and South Africa.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, July 30, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Youth and Family Counseling Service, 233 Prospect Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

July 29, 2010

Jacob Tussel, 72, Local Business Owner; Flight Instructor and Commercial Pilot

Jacob F. Tussel, 72, of Scotch Plains passed away on Sunday, July 25, 2010, at the Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains.

Jake was born on the family farm in Scotch Plains and remained a lifelong resident.

Mr. Tussel graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and attended many aeronautical schools. He operated Tussel Excavating Co. in Scotch Plains for more than 50 years, retiring two years ago.

A certified flight instructor, he taught at Sky Manor in Pittstown. He also was an accomplished commercial pilot, flying for various companies including Sun Oil.

Jake was the beloved husband of Lillian “Lee” (née Richel); loving father of George Bradley and his wife, Michele, of Medford, N.J. and Roy Schwalbach of Maryland; dear brother

of Constance Tussel of Colorado, Robert Tussel of Clark, N.J. and the late Jean Eggleston, and the proud grandfather of Jacquelyn and Kristen Bradley and Luke Schwalbach.

A funeral service will be held yesterday, Wednesday, July 28, at the Paul Ippolito Berkeley Memorial, 646 Springfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights. For more information or to send condolences, please visit www.ippolitofuneralhomes.com.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his memory to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, Inc., 92 Killian Road SW, Lilburn, Ga. 30047.

July 29, 2010

Memorial Service Set For Barbara Peterson

A memorial service will take place on Saturday, August 14, at 2 p.m. for Barbara Winn Peterson. The service will be held at the Westfield Community Center, located at 558 West Broad Street in Westfield. Barbara was born on January 13, 1942 and died on June 26, 2010.

Rescue Squad to Host Blood Drive Saturday

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad will host a blood drive this Saturday, July 31, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the squad headquarters, located at 335 Watterson Street in Westfield. The Blood Center of New Jersey will organize this event. Donors will receive an Applebee’s gift card. For further information, check the Blood Center website, bloodnj.org, or call (973) 676-4700.

SHERIFF’S SALE

SHERIFF’S FILE NO.: CH-10003930
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-7201-09

Plaintiff: HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, A FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

Defendant: FRANK ZACK AND LISA RICHLIN, HUSBAND AND WIFE

Sale Date: 08/04/2010

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, 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: ***Eight Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Three and 81/100*** \$899,753.81

Property to be sold is located in the Town of Westfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, being Tax Lot 3 in Block 503 on the Official Tax Map of the Town of Westfield, and also commonly known as 814 Highland Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090. The dimensions of the premises are approximately 150 feet by 15 feet by 60 feet by 55.63 feet by 178.30 feet by 109 feet by 11.95 feet. The property is located approximately 165 feet from the intersection of Birch Avenue and the northwesterly side of Highland Avenue. This description does not constitute a full legal description of the premises and a full legal description of the premises can be found in the Office of the Sheriff of the County of Union.

SUBJECT TO UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF MAY 24, 2010, AS PER THE TAX COLLECTOR, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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4TH QUARTER 2009 \$4,395.27 plus interest
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2ND QUARTER 2010 \$4,181.47 plus interest
TOTAL: \$17,153.48 plus interest

THE ABOVE FIGURES WERE FURNISHED TO HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK BY THE TAX COLLECTOR’S OFFICE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AND THE ACCURACY OF SAID FIGURES MUST BE VERIFIED BY ANY INTERESTED PARTY AS HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK MAKES NO REPRESENTATION AS TO THE ACCURACY OF SAME EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED. ACCORDINGLY, YOU MUST CHECK WITH THE TAX COLLECTOR TO VERIFY THE EXACT AMOUNT DUE.

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Total Upset: ***One Million Thirty Three Thousand Three Hundred Forty Four and 95/100*** \$1,033,344.95 together with lawful interest and costs.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person’s claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff’s Office.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

Ralph Froehlich Sheriff

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& 07/29/10 Fee: \$232.56

SHERIFF’S SALE

SHERIFF’S FILE NO.: CH-10003988
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-12503-07

Plaintiff: EUGENE G. WRIGHT

VS.

Defendant: JOHN A. FUSCO, JR., THE ESTATE OF ANNA FUSCO, THE ESTATE OF 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 venue, 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 Avenue

Tax Lot #: 62 in Block #: 5T

Dimensions of Lot (Approximately): 100 x 424.57

Nearest Cross Street: Poplar Avenue

Total Upset: ***One Hundred Seven Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Three and 25/100*** \$107,293.25 together with lawful interest and costs.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person’s claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

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Ralph Froehlich Sheriff

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POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield

Tuesday, July 20, Jose Rivera, 46, of Bloomfield was arrested at the Essex County jail on warrants from Westfield, in the amount of \$2,500; Woodbridge, \$1,000, and Paterson, \$400. Rivera was held on bail.

Tuesday, July 20, an attempted burglary was reported at a residence on the 600 block of Scotch Plains Avenue. The incident occurred between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. that day. At the time of the report, it was believed entry was not gained.

Wednesday, July 21, a resident of the 700 block of Tamaques Way reported the theft of a package that had been delivered and left by UPS. The stolen merchandise was valued at \$120.

Thursday, July 22, Katherine Parsons, 32, of Westfield was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on the 200 block of West Grove Street on two outstanding Westfield traffic warrants totaling \$150 bail. She was released after posting bail.

Thursday, July 22, Martin H. Spector, 57, of Westfield was arrested after responding to Westfield police headquarters to satisfy multiple traffic warrants. They included warrants from Westfield, in the amount of \$296; Cranford, \$229, and Sayreville, \$131. Spector was processed and released after posting the full cash bail.

Thursday, July 22, Luis Desiqueria, 25, of Kearny was arrested during a traffic stop in the area of West Broad Street and Rahway Avenue on an outstanding Alpine warrant in the amount of \$300. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Thursday, July 22, a resident of the 200 block of Lynn Lane reported that his motor vehicle was damaged through an act of criminal mischief that occurred while the vehicle was parked on the street where he lives. The front driver’s side window was completely smashed and the area near the driver’s side rear door was dented, with visible shoeprints on it. The approximate total damage was valued at \$700.

Saturday, July 24, Zachary Miller, 18, of Clark was arrested pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on the 700 block of West South Avenue. He was charged with underage possession of alcohol, possession of less than 50 grams of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS), identified as suspected marijuana, and possession of CDS paraphernalia. Miller was released on his own recognizance with summonses.

Monday, July 26, Joseph Pintauro, Jr., 42, of Cranford was arrested at Bayonne police headquarters on outstanding warrants from Westfield, in the amount of \$1,000; Sayreville, \$1,000; Milltown, \$750, and East Brunswick, \$673. He was held in lieu of bail pending transport to the Union County jail.

Mountainside

Thursday, July 22, an officer responded to an assisted living facility on Route 22 on a report of an injured person. According to authorities, a human resources employee told police the victim, who suffers from dementia, had struck his head on a wall and needed to be transported to the hospital. The victim’s head and face were severely swollen and bloodied, and he had abrasions on his body and sensitivity on the right side of his abdomen, authorities reported.

Both medics and EMS workers called to the scene concluded the injuries sustained were not consistent with banging into a wall, police said. The victim was transported to Morristown Memorial Hospital Trauma Center for his injuries and the incident is under investigation.

Thursday, July 22, Stephanie K. Lemons, 53, of New York City was arrested and charged with theft after an officer responded to a public storage facility on Route 22 on a report of a stolen cell phone. According to police, an employee of the facility who was watching a surveillance camera observed Lemons allegedly steal a cell phone from an elderly man she had accompanied to the facility. After officers reviewed the tape and confirmed the story and the identity of the victim, they contacted him regarding the theft, police said. The victim stated that he had recently been released from the hospital and that Lemons was his driver until he was well enough to drive on his own, authorities reported. According to police, Lemons responded to headquarters for questioning, and initially denied the charges until police explained what they had seen on the surveillance video, at which time she confessed to the crime. The suspect stated that she threw the cell phone over a wall behind the Summit Diner after authorities contacted her, and an officer was able to retrieve the phone and return it to the victim, police said.

Friday, July 23, authorities met with a male juvenile and his mother regarding the juvenile attempting to sell Airsoft handguns to other juveniles in town. According to police, the handguns were taken into custody and the juvenile was advised of the dangerous nature of having such weapons in his possession.

Friday, July 23, Josephmy L. Nazario, 19, of Union was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 on an outstanding warrant out of Union in the amount of \$350.

Friday, July 23, Shaheed R. Parks, 33, of Newark was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license, as well as on an outstanding warrant out of East Orange.

Scotch Plains

Friday, July 16, a resident of the 300 block of Hunter Avenue reported his bicycle was stolen from his front porch.

Saturday, July 17, a resident of New Milford reported that someone intentionally scratched his motor vehicle while it was parked on East Second Street.

Saturday, July 17, Marvin Martinez, 39, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with hindering apprehension and on an outstanding warrant in the amount of \$350 after a motor vehicle stop, at which time he allegedly provided the officer with a false name.

Monday, July 19, David Downes, 20, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana after an officer observed a group of men loitering near a playground at Farley Park. Downes was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Tuesday, July 20, a resident of East Second Street reported that her former boyfriend has been harassing her by calling her multiple times a day and yelling at her.

Wednesday, July 21, a resident of White Oak Road reported that he is being harassed by multiple youths who have been ringing his doorbell and throwing trash on his lawn. According to police, the victim feels that the suspects are the former boyfriend and friends of his daughter.

Saturday, July 24, Mitchell Sattler, 51, of Union was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated after a motor vehicle stop on Front Street, at which time the officer smelled the strong odor of alcohol. Sattler was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, July 24, the manager of a Route 22 liquor store reported that a patron of the store purchased liquor and paid with a counterfeit \$100 bill and then fled.

Sunday, July 25, the manager of a construction project on Martine Avenue reported that someone spray painted one of the doors of the house.

Sunday, July 25, a resident of Seneca Drive reported that someone scratched the side of his motor vehicle while it was parked in the street in front of his house.

Sunday, July 25, Andi Theodore, 18, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding Scotch Plains warrant in the amount of \$89 after a motor vehicle stop on Park Avenue. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Fanwood

Wednesday, July 14, a resident of the 30 block of Walden Road reported that sometime overnight, someone entered her unlocked motor vehicle while it was parked in her driveway and removed \$100 from her purse, which had been left in the vehicle.

Saturday, July 17, Jimmy Chapman, 28, of Whitaker, Pa. was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue on outstanding warrants out of Roselle and Roselle Park. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, July 17, Jasmine Morrison, 23, of Plainfield was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue on an outstanding warrant out of Fanwood in the amount of \$120. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, July 18, a resident of the 100 block of Pleasant Avenue reported that someone smashed the passenger side window of his locked motor vehicle while it was parked in the street and, once inside, removed a GPS valued at \$200. Another victim residing a few doors down reported that someone entered her vehicle and rifled through it, but that nothing was missing at the time.

Tuesday, July 20, Michael Cichon, 20, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle, underage consumption of alcohol and possession of a controlled dangerous substance. The arrest occurred after an officer responded to a suspicious vehicle parked in front of a residence on Robin Road and found Cichon asleep inside the vehicle. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released with a summons.

Thursday, July 22, a construction company working on a roadway project at the corner of Midway Avenue and Russell Way reported the theft of five orange safety cones that were left at the site overnight.

Friday, July 23, a resident of Shady Lane reported the theft of a 23-inch women’s bicycle, valued at \$100, from the side of her residence.

Friday, July 23, Robert Nelson, 47, of Branchburg was arrested on two outstanding warrants out of Newark after an officer responded to an individual sleeping on a bench at the south side train station. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released on his own recognizance pending a court date.

Friday, July 23, an employee of the public service department reported that someone climbed over the fence surrounding the station on South Avenue and removed copper wiring valued at \$300.

Saturday, July 24, Juan Francisco, 30, of Atlanta, Ga. was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue on an outstanding Newark warrant. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Monday, July 26, Shirone Diggs, 23, of Rahway was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue on an outstanding Newark warrant. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Tuesday, July 27, Charles Alford, 57, of Newark was arrested on an outstanding Newark warrant after an investigation into a complaint of a garbage truck idling for an extended period of time while its occupants consumed alcohol. According to police, no alcohol was found at the scene. Alford was processed and released on his own recognizance pending a court date.

- Obituaries -

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Eagle Scout John Lizzo Aids ‘Pedals For Progress’ Group

WESTFIELD – John Lizzo of Boy Scout Troop No. 77 in Westfield, who recently completed his Eagle Scout project of purchasing and installing six bicycle racks at Tamaques Park in Westfield, met with David Schweidenbeck of Pedals for Progress to make a donation to that organization.

John financed his Eagle project by soliciting donations from friends and neighbors. Their generosity allowed for the purchase of the bicycle racks and equipment for the installation, and provided an excess of over \$1,100.

At the start of the project, John had indicated that any excess donation would be given to Pedals for Progress. John admired this organization because of its mission of helping disadvantaged people in Third World countries by providing them with the means to earn a living and help themselves.

Pedals for Progress is an organization founded in 1991 by David Schweidenbeck following his experi-

ences in Ecuador with the Peace Corps. While there, he stayed with a carpenter whose ownership of a bicycle enabled him to work more days than his neighbors and to become a success.

Since founding the organization, he has shipped more than 126,000 bicycles to 33 countries in Central America, South America, Africa and Eastern Europe. He also collects and ships sewing machines because they provide jobs themselves.

Mr. Schweidenbeck does not just give away the bicycles; he sells them at a fair and affordable price to those who need them. Not only does this instill a sense of ownership, but creates a market for bicycles that is necessary for economic growth.

To ship the bicycles, it costs an average of about \$35 per bike. When bicycles are donated, Pedals for Progress charges the donor \$10. This, along with the average \$10 sale, still leaves about \$15 left to cover costs. Pedals for Progress relies on the generosity of others to help support this effort.



GIVING A RIDE...Westfield Eagle Scout John Lizzo presents a donation to Pedals for Progress founder David Schweidenbeck to benefit the organization, which supplies bicycles to Third World countries for transportation that promotes economic growth.

Registration Is Underway For Fall Riding Lessons

MOUNTAINSIDE – Registration is now in progress for Fall Troop riding lessons at Watchung Stable, located at 1160 Summit Lane in Mountainide.

Classes will be conducted for beginners through advanced students at the stable, which is a facility of the County of Union. Riders from age 9 to adults, especially those who have never ridden before, are encouraged to participate.

Junior Troop, for youngsters ages 9 through 18, will begin the week of Tuesday, September 7. The fall ses-

sion will consist of 10 one-hour weekly lessons. Classes are available Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Adult Troop, consisting of eight lessons held on Sunday afternoons or Tuesday mornings, also will begin on September 7.

Applications must be presented in person at the Watchung Stable office and may be submitted between 9 a.m. and noon and 1 and 3 p.m. No mail-ins will be accepted. Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Full payment must accompany all applications. All new students must bring proof of residence. New Junior Troop members also must bring a birth certificate.

All students will be required to provide specified uniforms and helmets. These items can be purchased year-round at the stable during regular office hours.

For further information about riding lessons, riding equipment or other activities at Watchung Stable, call (908) 789-3665, e-mail stablequestions@ucnj.org or visit the Union County website: ucnj.org.

Best Friend Sale Set For August 6 and 7

SCOTCH PLAINS – Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption will have a super savings sample sale at its thrift shop on Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7. Located at 1750 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, the shop is open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day except Sunday and Monday.

This event will include end-of-season merchandise, summer hats, socks, hosiery, belts, hair accessories, scarves and shawls. Colognes, jewelry and handbags also will be available, along with Halloween and Christmas decorations.

The shop also is accepting donations of dog food and very much needed cat/kitten food and clumping litter for its foster animals. Additionally, volunteers are always needed in the thrift shop, and the organization desperately needs foster homes for its cats.

For more information, call (908) 486-0230 or visit pets waiting for permanent homes at bestfriend.petfinder.org. Tax-deductible donations also are needed and may be sent to: Best Friend, P.O. Box 335, Cranford, N.J. 07016.



Jeffrey Genery and Ms. Carolyn Avis

Ms. Carolyn Avis To Wed Jeffrey Genery

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Avis of Westfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Carolyn (Callie) Avis, to Jeffrey (Jeff) Genery. He is the son of Ms. Catherine A. Genery of New Castle, Del.

A 2004 Westfield High School graduate, the bride-to-be received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Neumann University in Aston, Pa. in 2008. She currently is employed as a kindergarten teacher at Kindercare in Delaware.

Jazz Pianist to Play At Library August 4

WESTFIELD – Jazz pianist Steve Teti will perform at the Westfield Memorial Library on Wednesday, August 4, at 7 p.m. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

Both a jazz and classical pianist, Mr. Teti studied music at the Manhattan School of Music. Originally from Maplewood, he currently resides in Hoboken. Mr. Teti led a jazz trio at the Highlawn Pavilion for three years and presently is the pianist at The Manor in West Orange. He also regularly performs with the Stardust Big Band, a 17-piece orchestra.

This program is open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. To register, access the library's website, wmlnj.org, and click on the Online Calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, extension no. 4140.

For more information on library programs, visit wmlnj.org, sign up on the website to receive the e-newsletter, "Library Loop," or stop by the library for a copy of its quarterly newsletter, "Take Note."

Needle Nite Session To Be Held Aug. 6

FANWOOD – The monthly Needle Nite program at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will take place on Friday, August 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall on Marian Avenue.

A new quilt project is underway, with a goal of 40 quilts for Children's Specialized Hospital to be completed by next March. Participants are asked to bring the equipment (cutting boards or sewing machines) that they will use to the session.

This knit-and-crochet circle will continue with the various projects that members make for donation to newborns, area nursing homes, military personnel serving overseas and those needing the extra care of a prayer shawl.

For further information about these projects or directions to the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, call the church office at (908) 889-8891 or e-mail fanwoodpress@erols.com.

Saving a Life: Driver Safety Can Prevent Lifetime Regret

By RABBI DOUGLAS SAGAL

In the Jewish tradition, we have a concept of *pickuach nefesh*, which means "saving a life." The law of *pickuach nefesh* states that the saving of a life has the highest priority, far higher than any religious precept. In order to save a life, one may ignore such important religious duties as observing the Sabbath, fasting on the Day of Atonement, keeping kosher, etc. There is nothing greater than saving a life.

In that spirit, I am writing this as an appeal to my fellow residents. In Westfield, we are blessed with beautiful homes, wide, lovely streets, great schools and a thriving downtown. But, I have also noticed with increasing frequency that many of our residents choose to ignore the stop signs that mark our intersections. Drivers either barrel through entirely, or stop five or 10 feet into the intersection, and then speed up immediately.

Judging by the quality of cars often driven by these individuals, they should know better. In my neighborhood, near Washington School, I have witnessed several incidents of children walking home from school or camp nearly being

struck by cars disregarding the stop sign. Biking home from the "Y" the other day, I was nearly struck by a large SUV pulling out of a driveway connected to a local business and going right through the stop sign (the driver calling out "sooorry!" before roaring away).

I wish to commend the town for installing some four-way stop signs over the summer. While this may not stop drivers who are determined to ignore the signs, it will increase awareness of the need to stop at an intersection.

School begins in just a few weeks. Need I remind us all that there will be many children on the streets, some of whom will be learning for the first time how to walk to school? Please observe the posted signs. The 30 seconds we save traveling to our destination by ignoring the stop sign is not worth the lifetime of regret.

I know this sounds like begging, but as a clergyman, I would rather beg drivers now than pray over a soul later.

Rabbi Sagal is senior rabbi at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Library Program to Recall Doo Wop Era Performers

GARWOOD – "Under the Streetlamp: Tales from the Doo Wop Era" will be presented by Classic Urban Harmony on Tuesday, August 3, at 7 p.m. at the Garwood Public Library.

The presentation will include a special tribute to the Moonglows' lead, Harvey Fuqua, who passed away in early July. There also will be a special guest or two.

Presenters Charles and Pamela Horner have over the past 40 years interviewed hundreds of vocal group singers of the Doo Wop era. Their organization promotes the legacy of rhythm and blues, Doo Wop music, Soul Harmony and early rock 'and' roll – generally the music of the 1940s to the 1960s.

Dr. Charles Horner is a music historian and former radio personality who is considered an authority on the history of vocal harmony. Pamela Horner has been an aficionado of rhythm and blues vocal group harmony for more than 20 years. Her photographs of the singers and performers of this era will be an integral part of the presentation.

Audience members will learn

about the roots of Doo Wop and hear stories about the groups, among them the Five Satins, Dion and the Belmonts and some of the lesser-known artists of that era. This program will recall the days when groups harmonized under the streetlights to tunes like "Gloria," "Earth Angel" and "In the Still of the Night."

The material for the program has been assembled through memories, personal stories and interviews, as well as the Horners' huge archive of records, photographs, sheet music and other memorabilia, some of which will be displayed at the library. Many photographs are unpublished and come directly from the singers themselves. The presentation also will feature audio song clips and, in some cases, video clips.

Registration is required for this 90-minute presentation and can be done in person at the library, by calling (908) 789-1670 or at the library's interactive calendar found on its website, youseemore.com/garwood. The Garwood Public Library is located at the corner of Third Avenue and Walnut Street.

Ovarian Cancer Event Set At Patriots Game Aug. 5

AREA – The Northern New Jersey Chapter of the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) will sponsor its second annual "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Night" at the Somerset Patriots baseball game on Thursday, August 5, starting at 6 p.m. (game time is 7:05 p.m.).

Tickets are \$7 and include the "Field of Dreams" pre-game event, where fans are invited to play catch on the field; the game itself; a 50/50 drawing and fireworks after the game. For tickets and information, call Carl and Ellen Santaniello at (908) 754-2371 or (908) 305-4191.

"The Somerset Patriots are a wonderfully supportive partner in helping the NOCC raise awareness about ovarian cancer," said Mr. Santaniello, a member of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of NOCC.

"They are helping us offer dis-

count tickets. Every woman who attends the game will receive a gift bag with detailed information about the early warning signs of ovarian cancer, and we will be making a pre-game presentation about ovarian cancer to all the fans," he stated.

Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women ages 35 to 74. The mission of the NOCC is to raise awareness and increase education about ovarian cancer. The coalition is committed to improving the survival rate and quality of life for women with ovarian cancer.

More than 20,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with ovarian cancer each year, and approximately 15,000 women die annually from the disease. For more information about the NOCC or ovarian cancer, visit ovarian.org.

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WF Gray Stops WF Blue 10s In N. P. League Playoff, 11-7

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

Fifth-seeded Westfield Gray got out of an early jam and had success putting the bat on the ball, especially in the second and third innings, then managed to withstand a gradual comeback to defeat the fourth-seeded Westfield Blue 10-year-old baseball team, 11-7, in the first round of the New Providence Green League play-offs at Gumbert 3 Field in Westfield on July 23.

“The only regret is that there were two Westfield teams, and one had to go home,” Westfield Gray Head Coach John Toal said. “They played an awesome game. Great hitting! Great pitching! They took it to us. They let us work for this.”

After taking a 1-0 lead, Westfield Gray found itself in a jam, when Westfield Blue loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the first. Gray pitcher Danny Russo scooped a grounder back to the mound and fired home for the force out. He struck out the next batter, then got the following batter to ground out to third.

“The first inning was a momentum changer. Their pitcher did a great job of keeping us off-balance, and we didn’t have a solid hit to drive in the runs. That, and a couple of mistakes we made, was really the difference in the game,” Westfield Blue Coach Rob Brancatella said. “We hit the ball where they were.”

“That was big for us. It took a lot of steam out of their sails,” coach Toal

said.

Both teams’ pitchers exercised fine control. Gray starter Russo allowed only a pair of walks and three hits in three innings, and reliever Ryan Toal walked two and hit a batter, while yielding six hits in three innings. Blue starter Chris Wagner walked three in his three innings, and reliever Ryan Chirichella permitted only one free pass in three innings.

“We got great pitching from Chris Wagner and Ryan Chirichella. Overall, I am very proud of the defense we got. The boys made plays. They hit their cutoffs. They communicated well,” Coach Brancatella said.

“Our pitching came through. We threw strikes, put pressure on them,

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

MAKING GREAT CONTACT WITH THE BALL...Westfield Gray’s Matt Cetlin gets solid contact and pokes a single to right field in the second inning against the Westfield Blue 10s. Westfield Gray won, 11-7, on July 23.

ROSA 4-FOR-4, HR; MINEO, RYAN WEBER WHACK HRS

Divas Disconnect Electricians In First Round Playoff, 20-3

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

Third-seeded Vienna 60/Diva’s Salon, a team formally known as Cepp’s Vets, traded in a number of those vets for young talent, and it paid dividends in a 20-3 jolting of sixth-seeded Trinity Electric in the first round of the Scotch Plains Men’s Softball League A Division playoffs at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on July 26.

The Divas, whose nine-game winning streak came to an end with a tough loss to Park Beverage, recuperated quickly to pound out 26 hits against the Electricians, and several of the remaining veterans demonstrated that they still had the right stuff to inflict offensive damage. Veteran Tony Mineo legged out a two-run homer in the third inning before

deciding to sit out the remainder of the game. Ivan Rosa tore up the softball with a three-run homer and three singles to finish with five RBI, while scoring three times. Ed Gutierrez banged out three hits with three RBI and three runs scored, and Art Schmidt drilled a pair of doubles and singled, while scoring once and adding three RBI.

The Divas’ talented “rookies” also cashed in on the offense. Anthony D’Annunzio (3 runs, RBI) and Chris Sarna (2 runs, 2 RBI) both went 4-for-4, and Ryan Weber bashed a two-run homer. Colin Weber ripped a pair of singles and scored twice, while young Joe Cepparulo doubled, singled and scored twice. Mike Rusin added a single, two runs scored and an RBI, and “daring” Nick Giannaci singled and scored in his one plate

appearance, which also included a swan dive into second base.

Tom Giannone provided most of the juice for the Trinity Electricians, with three hits and two runs scored. Veteran John Rubineti thrashed an RBI double and a single. Kyle Baker singled and scored once, and his brother Keith slapped an RBI single. Chris Wester, Rob Rowland and Anthony DePinto each added a single.

Pitcher Mike Cornacchia shut down the Electricians the first three innings, while the Divas plated five runs in the first inning, three in the second and four in the third to seize a 12-0 lead.

After Gutierrez and Sarna finished off the first inning with a two-run single and an RBI single, respectively, Cornacchia shouted, “We won

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WELCOME RECEPTION AT HOME...Westfield White teammates eagerly await Ethan Prevoznak to step on home plate after blasting a solo home run in the fourth inning in the 12-7 win over the Westfield Blue 12s at Gumbert Field in Westfield on July 22.

BRYK 3-RUN HR, ROSSI 2-RUN HR, PREVOZNAK SOLO HR

WF White 12s Plate 9 in 3rd, Stop WF Blue in Playoff, 12-7

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

Lightning struck off the metal sticks in the top of the third inning when the sixth-seeded Westfield White 12-year-old baseball team flashed nine runs across the plate and held off a final-inning rally to defeat third-seeded Westfield Blue, 12-7, in the first round of the New Providence Green League playoffs at Gumbert 3 Field in Westfield on July 22.

Westfield Blue received the higher seed by virtue of a close victory over the White team earlier in the season, but the White had a much different idea in the playoff game when they put together a pair of home runs, three doubles and a pair of singles in that third inning to send the Blue reeling. Ryan Bowman began the onslaught with what appeared to be a harmless infield single. Ethan Prevoznak ripped an RBI double, and Michael Rossi followed with a two-run home run over the centerfield fence to open Westfield Blue’s eyes.

After a strikeout, the floodgates opened wider, and the White team surged again. Austin Kreusser walked, Tommy Sebato (1-for-2, two runs scored) tapped a dribbler down the first baseline but beat out an infield single. Bobby Abbott (1-for-3, run scored) reached first on a force play, and Billy Arndt drilled an RBI double to left. Ethan Smith walked, and Jordan Hindes slashed a two-run double to force a pitching change, but Mitchell Bryk took the first pitch and

whacked a three-run homer over the centerfield fence.

“We are hitting our stride at the right time,” Westfield White Head Coach Charlie Bowman said. “We just came home from the Cooperstown trip. We played some really good competition with really great pitchers, and I think our bats got used to that. We had a great time, and they came home ready to play ball.”

“They swung the bats today. There was nothing we could do about it. They hit a couple of shots out. You’ve

got to keep it in the ballpark,” Westfield Blue Head Coach John Monaghan said. “They came back from Cooperstown the week before we came back from Myrtle Beach, so we both were ready to play.”

Westfield Blue starting pitcher Owen Monaghan struck out the side in the first inning, then in the bottom of the inning, the Blue took a 1-0 lead when Kyle McIntyre (1-for-1, 2 RBI, 2 runs scored) doubled to right, stole third and scored on Jake Furst’s chop-

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and the defense did an excellent job. It was textbook,” Coach Toal said. One of the most outstanding and run-saving plays came from Westfield Blue second baseman Miles Brancatella, who grabbed a very sharply hit ball to second with the bases loaded and two outs and fired to second for the force out. “It could have made the difference in the game. It didn’t turn out that way, but a play or two like that could always be the difference in the game,” Coach Brancatella said. “We are two evenly matched teams. The difference was they made a few more defensive plays than we did.”

Both teams put the bat on the ball, but the Gray team had more success with 15 singles. Russo went 2-for-2 with an RBI and scored twice. Matt Cetlin (run scored), Dan Bracco and Matt Manning each had two hits. Ben Strauss rapped a two-run single and scored once. Matt Bromberg had an RBI single and an RBI groundout. Tom McEllynn poked an RBI single and scored twice. Jack Cifelli singled, scored and had an RBI. Dylan Jackson (run scored) and Ryan Roth each singled. Toal and Joe SanGiacomo each scored once, but the most eye-opening moment of the game came from John Sickles (RBI single), who hurdled over the catcher’s head to score in sixth inning.

“We had very timely hitting. We came through with two outs a lot of times,” said coach Toal. “The play at the plate when Johnny Sickles jumped over the catcher, you don’t see that everyday.”

Westfield Blue had nine hits. Rory McGovern singled and had two RBI. Tyler Hoffman and Jamie Petrovcik each doubled, scored and had an RBI. Brancatella (RBI), Hunter Hagan, Alex Apostolos and Chirichella each singled. Jason Glickstein (RBI) and Matt Feinberg each singled. Wagner walked, was hit-by-a-pitch and scored once. Kevin Fuller walked and Robbie Faktor reached base safely in the first inning.

Westfield Gray took advantage of two errors, a walk and two singles, including Sickles’ RBI single to add three runs in the second. After Blue’s Petrovcik drilled an RBI double and Glickstein hopped an RBI single in the bottom of the inning to make the score, 4-2, Westfield Gray surged with four runs on four hits in the third to seize an 8-2 lead.

Hagan and Wagner scored in the fourth to narrow the score to 8-4. In the fifth, Gray added a run on Bromberg’s RBI single, but Chirichella singled and scored in the bottom of the fifth. Strauss slapped his two-run single in the sixth, then in the bottom of the sixth, Apostolos rapped a leadoff single and Brancatella followed with a nifty RBI bunt single. Later, McGovern added an RBI then Gray pitcher Toal fanned the final batter to secure the victory.

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TRYING TO KEEP HIM HONEST...Westfield White pitcher Ben Arndt tosses the ball to first baseman Ethan Prevornak as Westfield Blue base runner Jared Glassman scoots back to the bag at Gumbert 3 Field in Westfield on July 22.

WF White 12s Defeat WF Blue in Playoff, 12-7

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ping RBI single. Westfield White threatened in the second with singles from Jordan Hindes and Peter Walter, but Monaghan escaped the inning when catcher Liam Loughlin robbed Holden Sabato of a single when he grabbed his dribbler in front of the plate and fired to first in time for the third out.

After the third inning changed the entire complexion of the game, Provornak blasted a solo homer in the fourth inning to make the score, 10-1, and to finish 2-for-2, with two runs scored and two RBI. In that inning, Blue third baseman Justin Yoon snagged a sharp liner and fired to second to complete a double play. In the bottom of the inning, Jared Glassman drew his second of three walks, dashed to third on Jacob Kurstedt’s single and scored on McIntyre’s RBI sacrifice fly to center. The White increased its lead to 12-2 in the fifth. Tommy Norris hopped a single to left, Tommy Sabato walked, Abbott singled and Smith slapped a two-run single to left. Westfield Blue answered with a run when Jack Curry doubled, moved to third on a passed ball and scored on Monaghan’s RBI groundout to second. The Blue threatened more in the inning. Zack Campbell (2 walks) walked, then Jack Petrovcik and Ed Encinas tapped back-to-back singles to load the bases with two outs, but Westfield White pitcher Smith fanned the next batter.

Prior to the bottom of the sixth inning and, with the exception of the outbreak of the third inning, both teams’ pitchers fared well. White starter Arndt pitched four innings, allowed four hits, walked four and struck out two. Reliever Smith yielded a run in the fifth. Westfield Blue starter Monaghan ceded just two hits and walked none in the first two innings, while fanning three. Harry Wachtel, who relieved toward the end of the third inning, finished with five

strikeouts and one walk. Westfield White pitchers, however, ran into control problems in the sixth, and Westfield Blue sensed the difficulty and took advantage with a strategy of patience at the plate. The result was seven walks and four runs, beginning with Devin Zrebiec (run scored), Glassman and Kurstedt (run scored), respectively. McIntyre drew an RBI walk. Furst (run scored) reached on a force out at home. Yoon, Monaghan and Wachtel also drew RBI walks.



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GREETING AT THE PLATE...A mob of Divas greet Ivan Rosa, center, at the plate after he hammered a three-run homer in the second inning against Trinity Electric.

Deva’s Salon Jolts Electricians In ‘A’ Division Playoff, 20-3

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that inning. That’s all we want to do.” When Rosa blasted his three-run shot in the second, Cornacchia added, “That was big, Ivan! We won the first two innings.”

Mineo highlighted the third inning with his two-run blast, then Trinity finally got on the board when Giannone singled and scored on Rubinetti’s RBI double in the fourth. Rosa hopped an RBI single, and Schmidt slashed a two-run double in the bottom of the inning to jump the score to 15-1.

Still not comfortable with his lead, Cornacchia commented in the fifth, “Come on! Every inning we’ve got to score.”

With the assistance of Ryan Weber’s two-run shot, four more Divas danced across the plate. The Electricians fired a few sparks in the sixth to score a pair of runs, and Diva Sarna rapped an RBI single to bring home Gutierrez in the bottom of the inning, but when the Electricians failed to scuff the plate in the seventh, it was time for both teams to shake hands.

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GETTING SOME LIFT...Trinity Electric batter Andy Mulvey launches a long fly ball to right field against Diva’s Salon at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on July 26.

St. Bart’s Oldtimers Men’s Softball League Standings:

ANGELS DIVISION: (As of July 23:)

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Aloisius	9	5	.643
St. Kilian	10	6	.625
St. Anthony	7	9	.438
St. Matthew	3	12	.200
St. Jude	2	14	.125

SAINTS DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. David	13	3	.813
St. Rocco	12	3	.800
St. Anne	8	8	.500
St. James	7	9	.438
St. Joseph	6	9	.438

St. Joseph 17, St. Matthew 5

St. Joe’s Mike McLane tapped a towering 520-foot (?) stand-up triple. Kevin Spellman and Keith Middleton added a pair homers, and Bryant Pantano chased home three RBI. Tom Straniero led the charge for the Mattmen.

St. David 25, St. Aloisius 21

David’s Jason Fiore left the yard at Farley, and Dave Rothenberg relied on natural speed, as each homered and scored 11 runs between them. Peter Chemidlin, Dom Favorito and Marty Garcia homered for St. Al.

St. Kilian 11, St. Jude 5

Chris Nardi and Frank Litterio homered for Kilian, and Al Weber singled and scored. Joe DiChiaro homered for Jude, and Paul Bifani scored twice on three hits.

St. Aloisius 18, St. Matthew 16

Joe Romash went 3-for-4 and scored once for Al, and Bill Aumenta and Dom Favorito each scored four times on seven hits. Ed Marchelitis (4 runs, HR) and Kevin Woodring (4 runs, 4 hits) led Matt. Tom Maher moved up one spot on the St. Bart’s all-time hit list.

St. Anthony 18, St. Anne 7

Tony Perconte (4-for-4, HR, 3 RBI) and Ron Labin (2 HRs, 2 RBI) led Anthony. Annies Bryan Munoz homered, and Walt Patrylo had three hits.

St. David 18, St. James 7

The “Neo” James Gang posted a six spot in the first, but withered on the vine when David answered with nine in the second. Homers by Erik Hastrup and Jason Fiore aided Super Dave Rothenberg’s cause. Kevin St. Onge and Charlie Laskowski led James with three hits each.

St. Anthony 12, St. Matthew 9

Larry Fleischan (3 hits, 4 RBI, runs scored), and Tom Grycan and Jeff Friedlander (3 hits each, 5 runs scored between them) paced Anthony. Mattmen Stan Lesniewski, Brian

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Dunn, John “Brooks” Chupko combined for six hits.

Scotch Plains, Rec. 2, St. Bart 0

See Dean Talcott for in-depth details.

St. Rocco 6, St. David 4

The Feature Game for the second annual St. Bart’s Oldtimers Family Night at Brookside Park, St. Rocco’s Bruce Evans homered, and Gus Alvarez was the perfect “Pawn” in this chess match. But it was Nash Warfield who won Outstanding Oldtimer this night!

St. Kilian 22, St. Aloisius 13

Kilian’s 22-hit barrage included home runs from Lou Messano and Scott Curtis. Mike Walch scored twice and drove in another. Peter Chemidlin (4 hits, HR) and Brian Glod (4-for-4) led St. Al.

St. Joseph 8, St. Anne 6

Marty Marks (2 HRs), Kevin Spellman (HR), Milc Monroy (3 hits, run scored) led the Joes. Annies Walt Patrylo homered, and Jim Sosinski delivered in the Night Cap at Brookside.

St. James 8, St. Jude 6

Tom Ulichny rapped a pair of hits, including a triple, for St. Jude.



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PGA Professional Gary Ostrega

Golf Instructor Says It Is A Two-Handed Swing Motion

By GARY OSTREGA

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

I am left-handed. I eat, write and do most everything left-handed with the exception of throwing a ball.

My grandfather liked to watch our Chicago Cubs play baseball and

wanted me to play little league. He then went to the “Dime Store” and, by accident, purchased a glove for my left hand since I was left-handed. I soon tired of taking the glove off my left hand to throw the ball and instead learned to throw right-handed. I believe that his incorrect purchase eventually led to me excelling in my golf career.

The notion of the swing being a left-hand-dominant motion for right-hand-playing golfers was extremely popular several decades ago. The reverse would be true for left-hand-playing golfers. This pulling or back-handed motion would mostly produce an open-faced impact position, resulting in a push or a weak slice. This type of motion is best served for shots near the green. But, to produce the powerful full-swing motion that produces distance, the involvement of both sides of the body are necessary.

It was my fortune to have been shown the 2-club swing motion drill early in my development as a PGA professional. It clarified for me that the true full-swing motion is a joint effort shared by both arms. To do this exercise, swing two middle irons back and forth with a full swing motion with the eventual goal of not touching each other. Done properly, this drill guarantees the correct feeling of the effortless motion demonstrated by the tour pros.

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SECOND IN LAX TOURNEY...The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Lacrosse Club’s 10-11 year old team participated in the First Annual Beach Lacrosse Tournament, in Wildwood during the July 17-19 weekend and placed second with a record of 2-1-1. Games are 5 versus 5 with four field players and a maximum of 10 players per team. Each game had 18-minute halves with a four-minute break and fields were 30 yards by 40 yards. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Jack Friebele, Jason Calabria, Greg Oross, Richie Nardone and Jake Kloepper; second row, Griffin O’Leary, Riley Guma, Max Ross, Anthony Magnotta and Tommy Bruchman; third row, Coach John Friebele and Head Coach Mike Kloepper.

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BRYK 3-RUN HR, ROSSI 2-RUN HR, PREVOZNAK SOLO HR

WF White 12s Plate 9 in 3rd, Stop WF Blue in Playoff, 12-7

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

Lightning struck off the metal sticks in the top of the third inning when the sixth-seeded Westfield White 12-year-old baseball team flashed nine runs across the plate and held off a final-inning rally to defeat third-seeded Westfield Blue, 12-7, in the first round of the New Providence Green League playoffs at Gumbert 3 Field in Westfield on July 22.

Westfield Blue received the higher seed by virtue of a close victory over the White team earlier in the season, but the White had a much different idea in the playoff game when they put together a pair of home runs, three doubles and a pair of singles in that third inning to send the Blue

reeling. Ryan Bowman began the onslaught with what appeared to be a harmless infield single. Ethan Prevoznak ripped an RBI double, and Michael Rossi followed with a two-run home run over the centerfield fence to open Westfield Blue's eyes.

After a strikeout, the floodgates opened wider, and the White team surged again. Austin Kreusser walked, Tommy Sebato (1-for-2, two runs scored) tapped a dribbler down the first baseline but beat out an infield single, Bobby Abbott (1-for-3, run scored) reached first on a force play, and Billy Arndt drilled an RBI double to left. Ethan Smith walked, and Jordan Hindes slashed a two-run double to force a pitching change, but Mitchell Bryk took the first pitch and

whacked a three-run homer over the centerfield fence.

"We are hitting our stride at the right time," Westfield White Head Coach Charlie Bowman said. "We just came home from the Cooperstown trip. We played some really good competition with really great pitchers, and I think our bats got used to that. We had a great time, and they came home ready to play ball."

"They swung the bats today. There was nothing we could do about it. They hit a couple of shots out. You've got to keep it in the ballpark," Westfield Blue Head Coach John Monaghan said. "They came back from Cooperstown the week before

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DAVID B. CORBIN FOR THE WESTFIELD LEADER AND THE TIMES
SPRINTING TOWARD FIRST...Westfield Gray's Dylan Jackson, No. 11, speeds to first as Westfield Blue first baseman Kevin Fuller waits to receive the throw.

RUSSO 2 HITS, 2 RUNS, RBI; STRAUSS 2-RUN SINGLE

WF Gray Stops WF Blue 10s In N. P. League Playoff, 11-7

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

Fifth-seeded Westfield Gray got out of an early jam and had success putting the bat on the ball, especially in the second and third innings, then managed to withstand a gradual comeback to defeat the fourth-seeded Westfield Blue 10-year-old baseball team, 11-7, in the first round of the New Providence Green League playoffs at Gumbert 3 Field in Westfield on July 23.

"The only regret is that there were two Westfield teams, and one had to go home," Westfield Gray Head Coach John Toal said. "They played an awesome game. Great hitting! Great pitching! They took it to us. They let us work for this."

After taking a 1-0 lead, Westfield Gray found itself in a jam when Westfield Blue loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the first. Gray pitcher Danny Russo scooped a grounder back to the mound and fired home for the force out. He struck out the next batter then got the following batter to ground out to third.

"The first inning was a momentum changer. Their pitcher did a great job of keeping us off-balance, and we didn't have a solid hit to drive in the runs. That and a couple of mistakes we made was really the difference in the game," Westfield Blue coach Rob Brancatella said. "We hit the ball where they were."

"That was big for us. It took a lot of steam out of their sails," coach Toal said.

Both teams' pitchers exercised fine control. Gray starter Russo allowed only a pair of walks and three hits in three innings, and reliever Ryan Toal walked two and hit a batter, while yielding six hits in three innings. Blue starter Chris Wagner walked three in his three innings, and reliever Ryan Chirichella permitted only one free pass in three innings.

"We got great pitching from Chris Wagner and Ryan Chirichella. Overall, I am very proud of the defense we got. The boys made plays. They hit

their cutoffs. They communicated well," Coach Brancatella said.

"Our pitching came through. We threw strikes, put pressure on them, and the defense did an excellent job. It was textbook," coach Toal said.

One of the most outstanding and

run-saving plays came from Westfield Blue second baseman Miles Brancatella, who grabbed a very sharply hit ball to second with the bases loaded and two outs and fired to second for the force out.

"It could have made the difference in the game. It didn't turn out that way, but a play or two like that could always be the difference in the game,"

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Probitas Verus Honos

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 25):			
TEAM	W	L	
Renda Roads	22	0	7
SMC	15	7	
Brew Crew	13	9	
Liberty Lighting	11	11	
Molly Maguire's	10	12	
Awnings Galore	10	12	

50+ B DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Contact Lens & Vision	13	9	
Driftwood Bar & Grill I	11	11	
Driftwood Bar & Grill II	11	11	
Magnolia Auto Service	8	14	
D&K Associates	5	17	
Sun Tavern	3	19	

SUPER SENIORS DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	
Kilkenny House	16	3	
TLC	16	4	
Creative Industries	14	6	
Nicolina Pizza	6	14	
The Office	4	15	
Associated Auto	3	17	

Creative 6, Nicolina Pizza 5
Creative scored six runs in the fifth and sixth. Pitcher Larry Berra (3-for-3, RBI), Bill Reichle (3-for-3, 2 RBI) and Tom Lombardi (3 hits) led Creative. Pizza man Ed Kushner homered and doubled.

Kilkenny House 10, TLC 3
Kilkenny shut down the bats of TLC.

The Office 17, Associated 2
George Merlo (3 hits, 2BH, 3BH, 4 runs, 4 RBI), Chip Weiss, Ken Dunbar, and Tex Charkowick (3 hits each) led the Office. Associates Pat Sarullo and Robert Maley had multi-hit games.

Renda Roads 17, Magnolia 5
Tony Williams (4-for-4), Tom Baldowski (3-for-3, triple), Dave Lavelle (3-for-3, HR), Joe Massimino (3-for-4) and Tom Straniero (3-for-4, HR) paved the way.

Awnings 20, Contact Lens 10
Brian Granstrand (4 hits), Charlie Babela, Tom Breen, Tom Pasko and Neil Granstrand (3 hits each), and Ray Meigs and Joe Bihler with triples led Awnings. CLV's George Merlo, Bob Beiner and Bill Early led the offensive surge.

Nicolina Pizza 13, Creative 9
Nicolina scored seven in the fourth.

Kilkenny 14, TLC 13
Kilkenny scored twice in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Associated 18, The Office 10
Associated came from five runs down. Dave Goodman, Larry Lesnik (2 HRs), Paul Brody (3 extra-base hits), Pat LoPiccolo (4-for-4) and Dave Levine (HR) led Associated.

Molly Maguire's 13, D&K 5
Dave Drechsel (4-for-4, double, 2 triples, HR, 5 RBI) and Charlie Wischusen (3 hits, HR, triple, 4 RBI) led the Molliers.

Liberty 11, Contact Lens 4
Dennis Quigley (HR), Tom MacDermatt (HR) and Harry Semple (triple) supported winning pitcher Tony Radice. Brian McDermott and Steve Splain with multi-hit games led CLV.

SMC 23, Linda's Driftwood II 5
Ed Kushner went the distance for the victory. Jeff Baier (5-for-5, HR, triple, 3 doubles) and with Steve Cauley, John Amato and Ray Pelesko (3 hits each) led SMC.

Renda Roads 16, Linda's I 13
Keith Gibbons, Larry Esoldo, Pat Nigro, Gary Pence and Joe Massimino (3 hits each), Tom Baldowski (HR) and Joe Massimino (HR) led Renda. Linda's, scoring seven runs in the sixth. Steve Lerner, Keith McDede, Mac Kowaleski, Jack Helfrich, John Esposito, Ron Horinko, Tom Siano and Ron Martin had multi-hit games for Linda's. Rich Krovo tripled and had an outstanding over-the-head catch leading to a double play.

Awnings 19, Sun Tavern 4
Bob Grausam (5-for-5), Joe Bihler, Tom Pasko, Bruce Crawford, Charlie Babela and Brian Granstrand (3 hits each) led Awnings. Bill Moore, Pete Osborn and George Gonzales had RBI for Sun Tavern.

Brew Crew 17, Magnolia 3
Brew men Ron Kulick, Don Montefusco, John Fessock, Gregg Hartnett, Garry Capaldo, and Bob Leiberman had three hits each. Gene Antonucci homered.



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SUCCESSFUL SWIPE OF THIRD...Westfield Blue's Kyle McIntyre steals third base in the first inning as Westfield White 12s third baseman Ethan Smith scoops the ball at Gumbert Field in Westfield.

ROSA 4-FOR-4, HR; MINEO, RYAN WEBER WHACK HRS

Diva's Disconnect Electricians In First Round Playoff, 20-3

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

Third-seeded Vienna 60/Divas Salon, a team formally known as Cepp's Vets, traded in a number of those vets for young talent, and it paid off in dividends in a 20-3 jolting of sixth-seeded Trinity Electric in the first round of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division playoffs at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on July 26.

The Divas, whose nine-game win-

ning streak came to an end with a tough loss to Park Beverage, recuperated quickly to pound out 26 hits against the Electricians, and several of the remaining veterans demonstrated that they still had the right stuff to inflict offensive damage. Veteran Tony Mineo legged out a two-run homer in the third inning before deciding to sit out the remainder of the game. Ivan Rosa tore up the softball with a three-run homer and three singles to finish with five RBI, while

scoring three times. Ed Gutierrez banged out three hits with three RBI and three runs scored, and Art Schmidt drilled a pair of doubles and singled, while scoring once and adding three RBI.

The Divas' talented "rookies" also cashed in on the offense. Anthony D'Annunzio (3 runs, RBI) and Chris Sama (2 runs, 2 RBI) both went 4-for-4, and Ryan Weber bashed a two-run homer. Colin Weber ripped a pair

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NOT AFRAID TO GET DIRTY...Diva's Salon player Nick Giannacci, who just scored, dons a dirty shirt after doing a swan dive into second base in the game against Trinity Electric at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains.



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WF Gray Stops WF Blue, 11-7, in League Playoff

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Coach Brancatella said, “We are two evenly matched teams. The difference was they made a few more defensive plays than we did.”

Both teams put the bat on the ball, but the Gray team had more success with 15 singles. Russo went 2-for-2 with an RBI and scored twice. Matt Cetlin (run scored), Dan Bracco and Matt Manning each had two hits. Ben Strauss rapped a two-run single and scored once. Matt Bromberg had an RBI single and an RBI groundout. Tom McElynn poked an RBI single and scored twice. Jack Cifelli singled, scored and had an RBI. Dylan Jackson (run scored) and Ryan Roth each singled. Toal and Joe SanGiacomo each scored once, but the most eye-opening moment of the game came from John Sickles (RBI single), who hurdled over the catcher’s head to

score in sixth inning.

“We had very timely hitting. We came through with two outs a lot of times,” said coach Toal. “The play at the plate when Johnny Sickles jumped over the catcher, you don’t see that everyday.”

Westfield Blue had nine hits. Rory McGovern singled and had two RBI. Tyler Hoffman and Jamie Petrovcik each doubled, scored and had an RBI. Brancatella (RBI), Hunter Hagan, Alex Apostolos and Chirichella each singled. Jason Glickstein (RBI) and Matt Feinberg each singled. Wagner walked, was hit-by-a-pitch and scored once. Kevin Fuller walked and Robbie Faktor reached base safely in the first inning.

Westfield Gray took advantage of two errors, a walk and two singles, including Sickles’ RBI single to add

three runs in the second. After Blue’s Petrovcik drilled an RBI double and Glickstein hopped an RBI single in the bottom of the inning to make the score, 4-2, Gray surged with four runs on four hits in the third to seize an 8-2 lead.

Hagan and Wagner scored in the fourth to narrow the score to 8-4. In the fifth, Gray added a run on Bromberg’s RBI single, but Chirichella singled and scored in the bottom of the fifth. Strauss slapped his two-run single in the sixth, then in the bottom of the sixth, Apostolos rapped a leadoff single and Brancatella followed with a nifty RBI bunt single. Later, McGovern added an RBI then Gray pitcher Toal fanned the final batter to secure the victory.

Westfield Gray	134	012	11
Westfield Blue	020	212	7



STIRRING UP A CLOUD OF DUST...Westfield Blue 10s player Jamie Petrovcik creates a dust cloud as he slides safely into third as Westfield Gray’s Tom McElynn takes the brunt of the slide.



COLLISION AT HOME...Westfield White 12s pitcher Bobby Arndt, No. 9, witnesses catcher Jordan Hindes being upended after putting the tag on Westfield Blue’s Harry Wachtel in the second inning.

WF White 12s Stop WF Blue, 12-7, in Playoff

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we came back from Myrtle Beach, so we both were ready to play.”

Westfield Blue starting pitcher Owen Monaghan struck out the side in the first inning, then in the bottom of the inning, the Blue took a 1-0 lead when Kyle McIntyre (1-for-1, 2 RBI, 2 runs scored) doubled to right, stole third and scored on Jake Furst’s chopping RBI single. Westfield White threatened in the second with singles from Jordan Hindes and Peter Walter, but Monaghan escaped the inning when catcher Liam Loughlin robbed Holden Sabato of a single when he grabbed his dribbler in front of the plate and fired to first in time for the third out.

After the third inning changed the entire complexion of the game, Provoznak blasted a solo homer in the fourth inning to make the score, 10-1, and to finish 2-for-2, with two runs scored and two RBI. In that inning, Blue third baseman Justin Yoon snagged a sharp liner and fired to second to complete a double play. In the bottom of the inning, Jared Glassman drew his second of three walks, dashed to third on Jacob Kurstedt’s single and scored on McIntyre’s RBI sacrifice fly to center.

The White increased its lead to 12-2 in the fifth. Tommy Norris hopped a single to left, Tommy Sabato walked, Abbott singled and Smith slapped a two-run single to left. Westfield Blue answered with a run when Jack Curry doubled, moved to third on a passed ball and scored on Monaghan’s RBI groundout to second. The Blue threatened more in the inning. Zack Campbell (2 walks) walked, then Jack Petrovcik and Ed Encinas tapped back-to-back singles to load the bases with two outs, but Westfield White pitcher Smith fanned the next batter.

Prior to the bottom of the sixth inning and, with the exception of the outbreak of the third inning, both teams’ pitchers fared well. White starter Arndt pitched four innings, allowed four hits, walked four and

struck out two. Reliever Smith yielded a run in the fifth. Westfield Blue starter Monaghan ceded just two hits and walked none in the first two innings, while fanning three. Harry Wachtel, who relieved toward the end of the third inning, finished with five strikeouts and one walk.

Westfield White pitchers, however, ran into control problems in the sixth, and Westfield Blue sensed their difficulty and took advantage with a strategy of patience at the plate. The result was seven walks and four runs, beginning with Devin Zrebiec (run scored), Glassman and Kurstedt (run scored), respectively. McIntyre drew

an RBI walk. Furst (run scored) reached on a force out at home. Yoon, Monaghan and Wachtel also drew RBI walks.

“We got them on the ropes, and we started to take pitches. It almost worked out for us,” coach Monaghan said.

“It was the right move! You need to get the runners on base to try to get the runs across,” Coach Bowman said. “The pitchers did really well. I think, at the end we had a big lead, so we said ‘just throw strikes’, and I think it got in their head, because they were trying too hard to throw strikes.”

Westfield White	009	120	12
Westfield Blue	100	114	7

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of singles and scored twice, while young Joe Cepparulo doubled, singled and scored twice. Mike Rusin added a single, two runs scored and an RBI, and “daring” Nick Giannaci singled and scored in his one plate appearance, which also included a swan dive into second base.

Tom Giannone provided most of the juice for the Trinity Electricians with three hits and two runs scored. Veteran John Rubinetti thrashed an RBI double and a single. Kyle Baker singled and scored once, and his brother Keith slapped an RBI single. Chris Wester, Rob Rowland and Anthony DePinto each added a single.

Pitcher Mike Cornacchia shut down the Electricians the first three in-

nings, while the Divas plated five runs in the first inning, three in the second and four in the third to seize a 12-0 lead.

After Gutierrez and Sarna finished off the first inning with a two-run single and an RBI single, respectively, Cornacchia shouted, “We won that inning. That’s all we want to do.”

When Rosa blasted hit three-run shot in the second, Cornacchia added, “That was big Ivan! We won the first two innings.”

Mineo highlighted the third inning with his two-run blast then Trinity finally got on the board when Giannone singled and scored on Rubinetti’s RBI double in the fourth. Rosa hopped an RBI single and

Schmidt slashed a two-run double in the bottom of the inning to jump the score to 15-1.

Still not comfortable with his lead, Cornacchia commented in the fifth, “Come on! Every inning we’ve got to score.”

With the assistance of Ryan Weber’s two-run shot, four more Divas danced across the plate. The Electricians fired a few sparks in the sixth to score a pair of runs, and Diva Sarna rapped an RBI single to bring home Gutierrez in the bottom of the inning, but when the Electricians failed to scuff the plate in the seventh, it was time for both teams to shake hands.

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READY TO MAKE CONTACT...Diva’s batter Colin Weber prepares to make contact with the ball. Weber had two hits and scored twice in the 20-3 victory over Trinity Electric.



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GREEK HOLIDAY...Fifth graders at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in North Edison dressed as mythological characters for "Mythology Day" on June 7. They staged the play *The Trojan Women* in the school's amphitheater and presented mythology projects they crafted in their history and English classes. At the end of the day, a "Mini Greek Olympics" combined the students' knowledge of Greek history and physical education, with games such as "Cotton Ball Shot Put" and "Paper Plate Discus." Pictured above, Scotch Plains residents Jake Payami and Samantha Anastasiou perform in "The Trojan Women."

Four WF Schools Earn Energy Star Recognition

WESTFIELD – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded four Westfield public schools the Energy Star Recognition Label. This year, only nine schools in New Jersey have received this recognition out of the 2,500 public schools in the entire state.

The Westfield schools receiving this recognition are Tamaques and Franklin Elementary Schools and Roosevelt and Edison Intermediate Schools.

The Westfield Public School District launched an aggressive program 33 months ago that focuses on energy efficiency and conservation. Since the inception of the program, the district has saved \$1,005,813, or 25 percent, of its energy costs in electricity and natural-gas consumption.

This has been equated to 573 passenger cars not driven in one year, or 81,667 tree seedlings planted and grown for 10 years, or 3,193 metric tons of CO2 greenhouse gas reduced.

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Energy co-managers for the district's program are maintenance employees Michael Pate and Tony Cuccaro. In a recent presentation to the board of education, Mr. Pate attributed the success of the program to teamwork by the entire staff of the district. He projected energy savings for the district to reach more than \$5 million in 2017.

According to the EPA, an Energy Star-qualified facility meets strict energy performance standards set by the EPA and uses less energy, is less expensive to operate and causes fewer greenhouse gas emissions than its peers.

Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan acknowledged the efforts of the entire district and the oversight of the Energy Managers. "In addition to the tremendous financial savings we have experienced, we are being good citizens of the earth and role models for our students."



ENERGIZED...The Westfield school principals presenting the "Energy Star" plaques from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, from left to right, are: Stewart Carey from Roosevelt Intermediate School, Cheryl O'Brien from Edison Intermediate School, Eileen Cambria from Franklin Elementary School and Michael Cullen from Tamaques Elementary School. Others in the photo include Westfield's Energy Managers Tony Cuccaro and Michael Pate, and Head Custodians Michael Rivera of Roosevelt, Vinnie Yacullo of Franklin and Jerzy Romaniecki of Tamaques.

WF Scholar Victoria Roeck Heads to Notre Dame

WESTFIELD – Victoria Roeck of Westfield, after graduating Oak Knoll School in Summit, will attend the University of Notre Dame this fall as a Reilly Scholar; this designation is given to applicants who "have demonstrated exceptional talent and are among a small group of the most highly qualified students the university admitted this year."

Victoria will also be one of only 50 students in the College of Arts and Letters to be designated a Glynn Scholar, out of 14,500 applicants and approximately 2,000 admitted students.

As a Glynn Scholar, she will attend the university's honors program and will receive a grant for summer research.

Some of Victoria's high school achievements include: earning a 1550/2340 on the SAT, with a perfect 800 in Math, as well as a perfect 800 on the Math SAT II; the highest score of 5 on all AP tests taken to date; being

named a National Merit finalist, representing the top 1 percent of high school students nationally, and being selected as a Bloustein Distinguished Scholar – the highest state award given to New Jersey high school students.

Victoria became a member of Cum Laude (in junior year), Spanish Honor Society, Science Honor Society, was named editor-in-chief of her school newspaper and captain and MVP of this year's conference-winning varsity tennis team.

Victoria is a high school sports writer for *The Independent Press* and an award-winning photographer. At the University of Notre Dame, Victoria plans to major in philosophy.

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Westfield Board of Education, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, by authority of said Board, solicits sealed bids for pupil transportation. Bids to be received at the Business Office of the Westfield Board of Education, located at 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090, up to 10:00 am on Thursday, August 12, 2010.

IN-DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Specifications and full information may be obtained upon application at the Business Office of the Westfield Board of Education, located at 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

All bids must be submitted on a bid form which will be furnished upon application at the Office of the Westfield Board of Education. Bids which are not submitted on such forms may be rejected. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27). Affirmative Action.

By order of the Westfield Board of Education

Robert A. Berman
School Business Administrator
Board Secretary
1 T - 7/29/10, The Leader Fee: \$

St. Bartholomew Academy Holds Graduation Night

SCOTCH PLAINS – St. Bartholomew Academy of Scotch Plains celebrated graduation in a ceremony held in June at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains. Diplomas were presented by the Reverend John Paladino, pastor, and Sister Elizabeth Calello, principal, to the following eighth-grade graduates:

Femi S. Adedoyin, Matthew Biaggi, Avery Riley Breitenbach-Allen, Kenny J. Brid, Olivia Buttighieri, Douglas Patrick Cassidy, John Joseph Ferry, Javier Franco, Gabriella Rose Guardascione, Yohance Jelani Huggins, Eric Kumar, Daniel Joseph Leahy, Jane Eileen Lestarchick, Gregory N. Mayers, Bridget Marguerite Pepe, Danver Quintin, Jacob L. Ramos, Leticia Carolina Rovelo, Sean Michael Ryan, Jordan Sears, Elijah J. Murray-Tucker and Claude-Valerie Viard.

The awards for General Excellence, gifts of \$300 donated by the St. Bartholomew Rosary Altar Society, were presented to Douglas Cassidy, Jane Lestarchick and Danver Quintin. The award for Outstanding Achievement, a gift of \$250 donated by the St. Bartholomew Knights of Columbus, was presented to Gabriella Guardascione.

The award for Academic Excellence, a gift of \$200 donated by the St. Bartholomew Academy Home School Association, was awarded to Gregory Mayers. The awards for High Honors, gifts of \$150 donated by the St. Bartholomew Holy Name Society, were awarded to John Ferry and Bridget Pepe.

The American Citizenship Award, gifts of \$50 from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Holy Name Society, was presented to Yohance Huggins and John Ferry.

The President's Award for Education Excellence, including a Presidential pin and letter from the President of the United States, was presented to Matthew Biaggi, Douglas

Cassidy, John Ferry, Jane Lestarchick, Gregory Mayers, Bridget Pepe and Danver Quintin.

The President's Award for Educational Improvement, honoring students who have shown outstanding educational growth and commitment, was awarded – along with a certificate, Presidential pin and letter from the President – to Gabriella Guardascione, Daniel Leahy and Jordan Sears.

The Christian Discipleship Award, a gift of \$100 in memory of Peggy Farrell, was given to Olivia Buttighieri. The Christian Discipleship Award, a gift of \$100 in memory of Father Vincent Sprouls, was presented to Femi Adedoyin.

The St. Lucy Filippini Founders Award, a gift of \$100, was awarded to Bridget Pepe. The Cardinal Marc Anthony Barbarigo Founders Award was presented to Yohance Huggins and Daniel Leahy.

Kenny Brid and John Ferry received the Rose Rossi Scholarship, a monetary gift of \$250 each, donated by Rose Rossi. The Creative Writing Award, a gift of \$100 given by Helen Boguszewski in memory of Betsy and Tom Orr, was given to Jane Lestarchick.

Gabriella Guardascione and Leticia Rovelo received the Emily Clark Scholarship, a monetary gift of \$250 each, donated by an anonymous benefactor of St. Bartholomew Academy in memory of Emily Clark. The Galileo Galilei Science Scholarship, a monetary gift of \$500 given by an anonymous donor, was awarded to Danver Quintin.

The St. Bartholomew Athletic Committee presented Gregory Mayers and Daniel Leahy with the St. Bartholomew Athletic Scholarship, an award of \$500 each, at the school's athletic banquet on May 27.

A total in excess of \$99,300 of scholarships to high schools was offered to members of the graduating class of 2010.

Scannell Named Finalist In Drug-Free Contest

SCOTCH PLAINS—Close to 6,000 fourth-grade students from across New Jersey participated in the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey (PDFNJ)/Verizon 11th annual Design a Fourth-Grade Folder Contest.

Earlier this year, 30 fourth-grade finalists were recognized for their creative peer-to-peer artwork, featuring the theme "Fun Things to Do Instead of Doing Drugs."

Ella Scannell, a student attending St. Bartholomew Academy in Scotch

Plains, was one of the 30 statewide finalists, honored for her outstanding artwork at a ceremony at Verizon's headquarters in Newark.

"The Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey has consistently believed that early-prevention programs, like the Fourth Grade Folder Contest, are effective ways to actively engage New Jersey's young people in selecting and maintaining a drug-free, healthy lifestyle," said Angelo Valente, executive director, PDFNJ.



Photo courtesy of Edward Gates/Reflections Photography Studio

DISPLAYING THEIR TALENTS...Westfield's Franklin Elementary School held its annual Talent Show earlier this year. Students in all grades participated, displaying their talents in many areas, including magic, dance and instrumental music. Pictured seated are: Julian Mazzola and Paul Sawina. Standing, from left to right, are: Kayla Rinn, Mackenzie Smith, Keira Mangam, Charlotte Fountain-Jardim, Drew Ferriss, Chelsea Frisch, Yara Assadi, Jessica Perkins and Tamara Daligaur during the show's opening number.

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on **August 9, 2010** in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider the following appeals, for use (d) and bulk (c) variances(s), from the requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance.

Stanley Gersch, 547 East Broad Street, Applicant is seeking permission to retain an accessory structure (sculpture) in the front yard contrary to Section 13.03A of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance prohibits artwork as an accessory structure on a non-residential property.

Andrew & Jennifer Fecowycz, 500 Highland Avenue, Applicant is seeking permission to construct an attic addition contrary to Sections 11.08E5 and 11.08E8 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a street side yard setback of 20 feet. Proposed is 13.67 feet. Ordinance allows a maximum building height of 2.5 stories (352 square feet permitted for attic ≥ 7 feet) Proposed are 3 stories (565 square feet for attic ≥ 7 feet).

Michael & Eileen Bianco, 18 Carol Road, Applicant is seeking permission to relocate the garage doors from the side of the existing structure to the front of the existing structure and to move the driveway to the front of the house contrary to Section 11.06E14 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum setback for a front facing garage of 2 feet behind the main facade. Proposed is 0 feet behind the main facade.

Jamie & Marc Lemberg, 537 Elm Street, Applicant is seeking permission to construct a two-story addition to the rear of the house contrary to Sections 11.07E14, 11.07E12, 11.07E8 and 11.07E13 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum of a one-car garage. Proposed is no garage. Ordinance allows a maximum eave height of 22 feet. Proposed is

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23.5 feet. Ordinance allows a maximum story height of 2.5 stories. Proposed are 3 stories. Ordinance allows a maximum continuous wall at the zoning side yard of 25 feet. Proposed is 41.25 feet.

Adam & Maribeth Shell, 415 Lenox Avenue, Applicant is seeking permission to construct a single story addition to the rear of the house contrary to Sections 11.08E10 (12.04F1) and 12.04F3 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20% (1,440 square feet) Proposed is 23.7% (1,709 square feet). Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage with a porch of 24%. Proposed is 27.7% (1,997 square feet).

Vincent & Danielle Corso, 609 Downer Street, Applicant is seeking permission to construct a second floor addition contrary to Sections 11.12E6 and 11.12E13 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a 10 foot side yard setback. Proposed is 5.2 feet. Ordinance allows a maximum continuous wall length of building wall adjacent to the side property line of 25 feet. Proposed is 38 feet 4 inches.

Ray Garguilo, 1001 Cranford Avenue, Applicant is seeking permission to construct a deck contrary to Sections 13.02C2, 12.04F2 and 13.02C1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a rear yard setback for a deck of 25 feet. Proposed is 24.2 feet. Ordinance allows a maximum building covering including deck of 22%. Proposed is 23.7%. Ordinance allows a deck to be located in the rear yard. Proposed location is the side yard.

Variances, waivers or exceptions from certain site plan details or relief from requirements may be sought as appropriate.

Plans and application are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kathleen A. Nemeth
Secretary, Board of Adjustment
1 T - 7/29/10, The Leader Fee: \$82.62



Courtesy of a patient Sigma Pi wife for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SCHOLARLY? REUNION...Members of Sigma Pi fraternity (Beta Omega Chapter 69) gathered for a reunion at a brother's farm in Centre Hall, Pa. on July 24. The fraternity house once existed at Lock Haven State College (now University) in a previous century. *The Westfield Leader* Assistant Publisher/Sports Editor, Dave Corbin, is pictured in the center of the front row.

AAI Solar Observing Events Begin Saturday at Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE – Amateur Astronomers, Inc. (AAI) and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders welcome the public to visit Trailside Nature and Science Center this Saturday, July 31, at 1 p.m. to view the sun through a special telescope.

Thanks to gifts and loans of various filters and other equipment from AAI members, the group will be able to use a Hydrogen-Alpha 60mm side-walk astronomy telescope to view and photograph the sun. Volunteers from AAI will staff the telescopic equipment on July 31 at Trailside for the initial session of what is hoped will be a regular Saturday presence for solar observation at Trailside.

The solar observing session also will involve a discussion conducted

indoors by Ray Shapp, a Senior Qualified Observer who will review safety issues regarding looking at the sun. Mr. Shapp's presentation will begin at 1 p.m., rain or shine. Following the indoor session, the group will go outside for the solar observing, if it is sunny.

For information about Amateur Astronomers, Inc., call Joseph Ascione at (908) 654-8000 or visit the AAI website: asterism.org.

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. For more information about upcoming programs and special events at Trailside, call (908) 789-3670 or visit ucnj.org/trailside.

Bolton Named Principal Of WF's McKinley School

WESTFIELD – Matthew Bolton, a current administrator in Westfield, serving as both assistant principal of Roosevelt Intermediate School and interim principal of Lincoln School's Early Childhood Learning Center, was unanimously approved as the principal of McKinley Elementary School at the board of education's meeting on June 29.

Mr. Bolton will replace retiring Principal Claudia Andreski, who has been at the helm of McKinley School for seven years, with a total of 24 years in administrative and teaching positions in Westfield. His appointment was effective July 1.

Mr. Bolton was selected from among 90 applicants in the tri-state area. He began his career in Westfield as the assistant principal of Roosevelt Intermediate School in 2007. He previously taught sixth-grade social studies as well as second grade in Fair Lawn from 2001 to 2007.

Mr. Bolton holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Seton Hall University and a Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership from the Bank Street College of Education.

In commenting on the appointment, Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan said, "Mr. Bolton has proven to be a bright, innovative and enthusiastic leader, who is well respected by students, parents and colleagues. I am very pleased to recommend him as the principal for McKinley School."

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on Monday, August 9, 2010 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. to hear and consider the following Application of **NRT, LLC, 600 North Avenue, West, Block 2502, Lot 13.**

The applicant seeks to convert the basement area for a computer room and training seminars.

The following variances are requested:

1. Section 11:27E4 – allows a minimum front yard equal to the height of the principal building but not less than 15 feet in depth. Existing is 4 1/2 feet.

2. Section 11:27E2 – allows 2 side yard with no side yard less than 10 feet. The proposal is 0 side yard.

3. Section 11:27E3 – allows side yard of 1 foot for every 2 feet of height of the principal building but not less than 10 feet. The proposal is 0 feet.

4. Section 11:27E7 – provides for front yard landscaping. It dictates that no paving will be permitted except for driveways and sidewalks which are necessary for access to the building. It requires that no paving shall be permitted except for driveway and sidewalks. The proposal is for paving in the front yard.

5. Section 17:02B4 – parking requirements – the Ordinance requires 1 parking space per 300 gross square feet of building for a total due of 26 stalls. The application provides for 2 stalls.

6. Section 17:02C5C – requires 1 parking space for each 250 gross floor area. This calls for 32 parking stalls. The application is for 2 parking stalls.

7. Section 17:03B5 – location of parking areas – the Ordinance does not allow parking in the front yard and side yards facing the street. The application calls for parking spaces in the front yard.

8. Section 17:03C5 – The Ordinance calls for parking to be set back a minimum of 2 feet. The proposal is for 1.25 feet.

Anyone interested may review the plans and application at the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey. Plans are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Anyone may appear and be heard regarding this applicant at the Board of Adjustment hearing on August 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

JAMES B. FLYNN
Attorney for Applicant
1 T - 7/29/10, The Leader Fee: \$51.51

He has worked effectively as an administrator, and I am confident he is the right match for this position."

"I am so thrilled to be joining the McKinley School family," said Mr. Bolton. "I am looking forward to developing strong relationships with all of the students, teachers and parents of McKinley and am excited about the meaningful work that lies ahead as we all collaborate to move an already fantastic school forward," he added.

The interview team for the principal's position included Mrs. Dolan, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Anita O'Neal, Human Resources Specialist Barbara Ball, Supervisor of Special Services K-12 Andrea Lo, Jefferson Principal Jeanette Munoz, board of education members Ginny Leiz and Richard Mattessich, McKinley teachers Susanne Bonhote and Joe Paradise, as well as McKinley parents Lisa Harding and Roseann Pizzi.

Audrey Zavetz, principal of Lincoln School, is expected to return from her leave this summer, and the board will launch a search to fill the position of assistant principal to Roosevelt.

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town of Westfield Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Planning Board of the Town of Westfield for Preliminary & Final Site Plan and Variance Approvals (Sections 11.23 E.1: lot area – 80,000 square feet required, 7,633.21 square feet existing non-conforming condition; 11.23 E.4: side yard setback – 35 feet required, 21.93 feet existing non-conforming condition; 11.23 E.9: impervious coverage – 80% maximum, 96.10% existing non-conforming condition; 17.10 E: maximum allowable height of lighting fixtures – 15 feet maximum, 18 feet existing non-conforming condition; 17.10 G: minimum setback of lighting fixture from curb – 3 feet required, 1 foot existing non-conforming condition; 17.03 C5: minimum setback of parking area from property line – 2 feet required, less than 1 foot existing non-conforming condition; 16.04 F - # of signs – 1 sign permitted, 2 signs existing non-conforming condition; 11.23 E3: front yard setback – 75 feet required, 12.10 feet existing non-conforming condition; 16.04 F3b: free-standing sign setback from property line – 5 feet mini. required, 0 feet existing non-conforming condition; 16.04 F3c: horizontal/vertical sign dimensions – 6 feet max. allowed, 7 feet existing non-conforming condition; 16.04 F3d: sign height – 8 feet maximum allowed, 12 feet existing non-conforming condition; 16.074 F3c: free-standing sign area – 10 square feet maximum allowed, 42 square feet existing non-conforming condition; 17.02 C: off-street parking – 161 spaces required, 138 spaces proposed) and such other variances, relief and/or waivers that may be required upon an analysis of the plans and testimony at the Public Hearing on the Application submitted by the Applicant/Owner, Arpino Associates, LLC, for property located at 560 Springfield Avenue, Block 1701 Lot 10.01 on the Tax Map of the Town of Westfield. The property is located in the O-2 Zone District. The Applicant is proposing to convert approximately 4,000 square feet of business office space on the 2nd floor of the existing building into medical office space.

When the case is called you may appear either in person or by agent or attorney and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this Application. A copy of the Application and plans will be filed and available for PUBLIC INSPECTION during normal business hours weekdays at the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey at least ten (10) days before the aforementioned hearing date.

JOSEPH A. PAPARO, ESQ.
Hehl & Hehl, P.C.
Attorneys for the Applicant/Owner
1 T - 7/29/10, The Leader Fee: \$59.16



ONWARD...On Saturday, June 5, the Class of 2010 graduated at the 116th Kent Place School (Summit) Commencement. Among the 72 members of the Class of 2010, from left to right, are: Westfield residents Geena De Rose, Elizabeth O'Connor and Amanda Rhodes.

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

HONOR ROLL

Fourth Marking Period

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD – Dr. David Heisey, principal of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, announced the Honor Roll lists for the fourth marking period of the 2009-2010 school year.

To obtain High Honor Roll, a student must have straight “A’s” if the student is taking only four or five subjects, or at least five “A’s” and a maximum of one “B.” For Honor Roll, a student must have at least three “A’s” and no mark less than a “B.”

Ninth Grade

Regular Honor Roll

Ross Alexander, Brynne Bartiromo, Jeremy Berkowitz, Vincenzo Bianco, Cody Biondi, Emily Boruch, Adam Bransky, Jason Breit, Zachary Brencons, Glenisha Brown, Benjamin Caldora, Anna Cannone, William Castore, Quinn Cicciello, Nathan Clark, Theresa Clarke, Luke Crawford, Matthew DeBiasse, Nicholas Demmel, Phillip Donatelli, Amanda Espinoza, Dahlia Fioretti, Allison Geissler, Jason Gerstenfeld, Victoria Giamboi, Justin Glock, Julie Glover, Haley Goellert, Justin Grambor, Hannah Greaney, Dasia Green, Matthew Greenberg, Gabrielle Gubernat, Emma Guidi, Ebony Hill, Jessica Howard, Hadley Jones, Conor Kelly, Lauren Koedertiz, Emily Koprowski, Madeline Krema, Nicole Lamastra, Caroline Leahy, Andrew Leischner, Alyssa Leyden, Zachary Lisajo, Steven Magnotta, Brie Manns, Jacob Margulies, Tyler Martin, Danielle McDuffie, Kelsey Meisch, Katherine Minski, Tessa Mitterhoff, Jay Morris, Kelly O'Leary, Tara Palkoski, Kelly Peck, Steven Pedersen, Alexandra Peluso, Megan Phelan, Nikell Porter, Kevin Raszka, Chandler Reeson, Sasha Refinski, Haley Regan, Samantha Renfree, Dein Rice, Amanda Rimpicki, Anna Rivero, Kathryn Rodriguez, Marc Louis Rosario, Michael Rosenheck, Andrew Schwartz, Alexander Segulin, Merhan Shams, Leila Shevins, Taylor Smith, Michael Stein, Justine Valdes, Nicholas Verdinaro, Joanna Walker, Hailey Weber, Nathaniel Woerner

Ninth Grade

High Honor Roll

Alexa Bergenfeld, Jordan Bernstein, Abigail Bridge, Brian Burns, Julie Busch, Mary Ellen Cagnassola, Dana Cappicille, Zachary Ciabattari, Christopher Ciccarino, Andrew Citera, Jackson Cochran-Carney, Kathleen Colonna, Nasim Dariani, Sari Dom, Colleen Farrell, Scott Flanzman, Jason Fortunato, Sarah Freeman, Alexa Gelfand, Kerri Gilman, Paige Goldner, Lia Gordon, Emily Ho, Danielle Karacsony, Victoria Karakis, Marianne Khalil, Jessica Klein, David Leavitt, George Leavitt, Christie Leist, Elsa Leistikow, Thomas Magelinski, Paige Mankin, Maxine Marvosa, Gabrielle Mendes, Julia Mendes, Olivia Mendes, Jonathan Miksis, Emily Miller, Christine Monroy, Rachel Naugle, Mitchell Naveh, Olivia Nelson, Hannah Nizri, Kristen Northrup, Lee Ann Orenczak, Benjamin Oster, Alex Ozdamar, Jesse Ozdamar, Ariana Paradiso, Meredith Parker, Savvas Petridis, Annabelle Ponterdolph, Aidan Racaniello, Amanda Raphael, Jamie Rauch, Carly Redfield, Lyndsay Reed, Michael Rempter, Bridget Reynolds, Elise Ringel, Kara Rizzi, Leah Salituro, Dylan Sans, Kristen Schiano, Healee Sciarra, Kimberly Shaw, Deirdre Sheridan, Joshua Simon, Tristan Sizemore, Jeremy Sonpar, Kayla Spector, Zoe-Nicole Stein, Alexandra Sullivan, Taylor Swaak, Tara Sweeney, Jo Venice Uriarte, Mary Van Natta, Andrew Wheeler, Michael White, Lindsey Wilkinson, Caitlin Worthey, Amy Zhuang

Tenth Grade

Regular Honor Roll

Andrew Alonzo, Donna Amore, Kelly Ayers, Dory Baron, Allazandra Bass, Jacqueline Batts, Stephanie Beauvais, Sean Bozkurt, Samuel Brown, Daniel Carabba, Alec Chabus, Krystel Charles, Olivia Checchio, Clare Cohen, Grant Crandall, Thomas Cusmano, Michael Daly, Taylor Dashiell, Nicole Depaola, Maria Diwane, Louis Dodge, Joseph Dunn, Ramona Dunning, Robert Dyckman, Destinee Edwards, Amanda Ekstrand, Jessica Esbrandt, Alyssa Fioretti, Katherine Fletcher, Jaclyn Friedman, Melina Gaglias, Elizabeth Gallo, Jillian Gardner, Craig Gorbunoff, Allison Grimm, Paige Hammond, Alexandra Harmon, Matthew Harnett, Ryan Henkels, Kevin Hesson, Stephanie Holmes, Naomi Joseph, Melissa Keiser, Sara Killeen, Ian Krieger, Hanaa Lakhani, Michael Mannino, Bianca Marcazzo, Mitchell Marcus, Alex Markovits, Remy Marshall, Lisa Matrale, Jessica McGovern, Anna McGuinness, Daniel McMillan, Jake Metsky, David Michalak, Elise Miner, Michael Misiak, Mariel Mital, Matthew Monroy, Dylan Mruzinski, Siddharth Nirmal, Daniel Nizolak, Sara Payne, Kwamir Philippe, Kaitlin Picone, Mark Prove, Melissa Quarto, Delaney Reimers, Miriam Reiserova, Margot Rejaud, Brandon Rodriguez, Carlie Roessle, Benjamin Ross, Angela Schnatter, Justin Scholar, Jennifer Schwarz, John Shell, Eli Silverstein, Daniel Slegowski, Allison Speck, Taylor Sprague, Sheila Strong, Alexa Suriano, Chloe Thomas, Jonathan Tomasulo, Erica Tropp, Nicole Turso, Michael Villegas, Callum Wayman, Jaime Weisbrot, Andrew Wilson, Kristina Zekunde

Tenth Grade

High Honor Roll

Meghan Allen, Nicolette Ambrosio, Omar Amer, Alyssa Apuzzio, Lisa Awaitey, William Babis, Elizabeth Baldwin, Gregory Baliko, Allison Begalman, Elijah Ben-Michael, Dominika Blach, Kelsey Boyea, Emma Budiansky, Christopher Burke, Teresa Cannone, Laura Cappelli, Adam Carabba, Daniela Caro-Espósito, Emma Cavaliere, Jason Cepparulo, Ara Cho, Jacqueline Cirincione,

Isabel Crystal, Jordan Dagostaro, Russell Davis, Francis Degnan, Erin Dempsey, Jennifer Denman, Rosalie Depaola, Madelyne Dhaliwal, Margaret Diaz, Samantha Diaz, John di Battista, Nicholas Donatelli, Lauren Eckert, Alexandra Ehrenthal, Luke Emnas, Kori Fleischman, Joshua Getman, Brenda Ho, Jacquelyn Isola, Ian Johnston, Joshua Knechtel, Anthony Krajcsik, Kristen Lee, Stacy Leinfuss, Victoria Lesce, Alexandra Loop, Edward Lopez, Evan Lubranski, Kaitlyn Majek, Brigid McGovern, Meghan McGrath, Ryan McKenna, Joseph McQuoid, Claire Muirhead, Varshini Narayanan, Margaret O'Brien, Raushan Palejwala, Emily Palmer, Dhruvi Patel, Daniel Pesin, Erin Pierce, Kathryn Romagnano, Valerie Rovner, Cassandra Segulin, Andrew Skoog, Abigail Slauch, Tracy Staedle, Nicholas Stawicki, Emily Stefanik, Michael Steinfeld, Cynthia Timko, Chayakorn Triamarit, Marissa Visci

Eleventh Grade

Regular Honor Roll

Eli Acosta, Kimberley Agbo, Betsy Appel, Micaela Bernardo, Jerry Bi, Celeste Bilkerdyk, Chana Biner, Kyle Birnbaum, Christina Bobyack, Timothy Bonacum, Erin Brown, Meghan Bruckman, Cassie Caminiti, Charles Centinaro, Christopher Cerchio, Michael Chaia, Jesse Charschan, Theresa Chrystal, Derrick Clerge, Jacqueline Cole, Evan Cole, Jennifer Cua, Stefanie Devizio, Jethro Dimeo, Patrick Dougher, Julianne Durett, Osazenoriuwa Ebose, Jalynn Farmer, Tessa Felegy, Anya Frolova, Richard Gorski, James Horning, Megan Huxford, Victoria Ingato, Julia Ingram, Priyanka Kamath, Lauren Katz, Patrick Kelly, Ezra Klemow, Evelyn Klotz, Jillian Leahy, Alexa Levy, Isabel Lopez, Brianna Mahoney, Kyle Mahoney, Vidhan Malik, Hannah Markey, Jeffrey Marks, Jillian Matza, Shannon McGovern, Faith Mirtó, Adam Monzella, Jessica Moore, Michael Napolitano, Tyler Nguyen, Jovan Pagan, Tyler Palkoski, Michael Parada, Lindsay Payne, Annahelena Pimenta, Alexa Rothenberg, Danielle Schweizer, Avika Shah, David Sherman, Jennifer Soriano, Elizabeth Stranzenbach, Gabrielle Vacca, Hollis Wang, Ryan Wheeler, Jessica Yorkovich

Eleventh Grade

High Honor Roll

Ellesse Bartosik, Emily Becker, Sam Bhakuni, W. Stephan Blanc, Laura Bruce, Lauren Buckley, Santino Butler, Joanna Carroll, Marianna Caruso-Gilbert, Rebecca Chavan, Zachary Cohen, Hayley Cornwell, Matthew D'Apuzzo, Lane Darwin, Madeline Dillon, Gregory Favreau, Elena Haggan, Amanda Ho, Emily Horowitz, Peter Huether, Danya Jacobs, Emma Kelly, Steven Klee, Allison Koransky, Richard Krema, Rebecca Kreyer, Anita Kwashie, Sarah Lazarus, Kenneth Lee, James Leitner, Katie Levitt, Eric Leyden, Haley Lindenberg, Conor Lockier, Nathalia Montoya, Emily Nagourner, Jonah Offitzer, Benjamin Parisi, Hyun-Jin Park, Alexander Parker, Michael Pesin, Christina Reiman, Andrew Ricciardi, Michael Rizzo, Stephanie Robak, Amanda Rodriguez, Michelle Rogoff, Eve Rosenheck, Anne Rubin, Jason Shaub, Evan Shissel, William Shore, Bartosz Stawicki, James Sweeney, Elizabeth Tenzer, Andrew Vaslas, Lauren Williams, Caresse Yan, Kelly Yutz, Charles Zhou

Twelfth Grade

Honor Roll

Nikki Appezzato, Stephanie Baier, Kevin Basso, Charles Beelitz, Lauren Belfer, Steven Bello, Rebecca Brand, Alessandri Bubnov, Lauren Casserly, Peter Citera, Cyril Collantes, Charles Cummings, Alexander Davis, Michael Demmel, Jacqueline Depew, Jack Diaz, Brian Dunn, Rebecca Dunn, Joshua Foote, Marc Fusillo, Kelly Gajdzisz, Jennifer Goegegan, Melissa Goldberg, Alexander Gonzalez, Andrew Gorbunoff, Alexander Graham, Lauren Harnett, Michael Harrison, Michael Henkels, Brianna Irvin, Alexandra Joy, Shaun Khan, Zachary Koch, Amy Kocot, Evan Levine, Kyle Mattson, Delia Mcgee, Mitchell McNamara, Sruthi Narayanan, Timothy Nering, Katarina Nier, Adam Offitzer, Alfredo Pawid, Jason Pearl, Alexis Pigna, Alexandra Price, Shannon Reimers, Dena Rice, Michael Riesenberger, Lara Rosato, Julia Ross, Laura Ruesch, Carrie Salem, Perry Sandrock, Eddie Sangem, Theres Sigona, Courtney Smeltzer, Christopher Smith, Valerie Smith, Gerard Smithwick, Gregory Stein, Benjamin Strauss, Sarah Strong, Tracy Toffolo, Devra Traiman, Nicole Vacca, Emily Weinstock, Erica Wise, Thomas Zeile, Allison Zimmermann, Cassandra Zito

Twelfth Grade

High Honor Roll

Matthew Alfano, Stephen Allen, Mohammed Alzobaae, Stephanie Baliko, Andrea Barone, Alecia Battle, Steven Berkowitz, Marissa Berlant, Remy Bernardo, Danielle Bernstein, Taylor Biondi, Karolyn Buckridge, Jeremy Busch, Sarah Canfield, Graceann Caramico, Timothy Carroll, Bianca Chaves, Sophie Chou, Zaria Combs, Victoria Dalessandro, Joseph D'Annunzio, Tierra Dempsey, Vangelis Dimopoulos, Marisa Dolan, Lyndsey Douglas, Luke Durett, Rosalinn Everson, Zachary Flanzman, Christopher Fortunato, Robert Frazee, Katrina Gans, Toni Ann Gattozzi, Matthew Glassett, Samantha Goldner, Matthew Harris, Noorene Helm, Samantha Henderson, Lauren Hirschhorn, Caitlin Hoynes-O'Connor, Maxim Kachalov, Jeffrey Kranz, David Kreps, Agatha Kuza, Oliviana Lumetta, Kimberly Many, John Maxwell, Ryan Mcternan, Daniel Nizri, Nicole Ostrowski, Renata Pacaja, Neha Pannuri, Kamisha Patillo, Kamisha Puleo, Gina Pelosi, Kerry Pierce, Morgan Pateo, Robert Purdon, Andrea Redmont, Ryan Reeson, Traci Rigano, Lindsey Robinson, Monica Rodriguez, Kelsey Rossi, Alanna Salituro, Matthew Sawchuk, Stephen Scannell, Jessica Schroder, Maria Seidel, Victoria Shack, Claire Shashaty, MacKenzie Sizemore, Lauren Steinbeck, Thomas Strowe, Aleksandra Szczuka, Benjamin Ungar, Andrew Van Haasteren, Kimberly Wenson, Brandon Wheeler

SPFHS Alumni Association

Honors Two Students

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD – Diane Bianco, chairman of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Alumni Association, and her committee, consisting of Josephine Perucci, Kathy Van Horn and Phillip Iaurussi, have announced two outstanding candidates had been selected to receive \$1,000 each toward their tuition at the college of their choice.

Stephanie Baliko, daughter of John and Lizabeth Baliko (both members of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Class of 1979), was selected on the basis of her good academic record as well as being an accomplished musician, performing as a member of the award-winning wind ensemble.

As a competitive swimmer, she is captain of the varsity swim team and a member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood YMCA'S National Team for three years. She also holds a part-time job at



Stephanie Baliko

the “Y” as a certified lifeguard. Her other activities include membership in

the French Club and Students Concerned for the Needy. She will attend Loyola University.

Allison Prestridge will study Anthropology at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La. Her work ethic and tenacity established her as an excellent student and competitive athlete, starting defender on the varsity soccer team and co-captain of the team in her senior year.

She was selected to both the all-county and all-state teams. She is a member of the German Club and volunteers in the relay-for-life event, Student Movement Again Cancer and Habitat for Humanity. She also contributed time to work at the local food bank.

All present at the May 18 meeting of the Alumni Association were most impressed with the achievements of these two students, agreeing they were most deserving of their awards and



Allison Prestridge

wished them well as they pursue their goals in higher education.

Park Middle School Students

Organize a Fitness Day

SCOTCH PLAINS – Two seventh-grade students at Park Middle School, Jamie Bush and Alexandra Duke, organized a special event called “Go Fit Day.”

As part of the curriculum at Park Middle School, students are required to do a service project, but these two young ladies went beyond.

Their goal was to raise awareness of staying healthy and fit at the elementary school level. They started out by raising money through a lemonade stand

and by publicizing their project in front of several stores.

They also distributed fliers asking for donations to be made to the Evergreen Elementary recess collection.

The girls then held the big event at Evergreen School. They set up tables with many varieties of healthy snacks in addition to having several fun games for the participants to play. They also educated the children in how to eat healthy and stressed how important it is to exercise.



FIT TO BE TIED...Two seventh-grade students at Park Middle School, Jamie Bush and Alexandra Duke, organized “Go Fit Day.” Pictured, from left to right, are: Megan Tsipas, Alexandra, Jamie, Elisabeth Duke, Grace O'Brien, Caroline Scobee, Morgan Martinson and Grace Lama.

Merck Institute Honors

WF Scholar Josh Friedman

WESTFIELD – The Merck Institute for Science Education (MISE) and the New Jersey Science Teachers Association (NJSTA) honored 22 New Jersey high school students recently for their performances in the 60th annual Merck State Science Day competition.

Science Day academic competition, which gives students an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of science.

Participating students take a test in biology, chemistry, physics, integrated science, or advanced integrated science. Integrated science competi-



Josh Friedman, Merck Scholar, and Dr. Joseph Maglaty, director of Education Outreach, Merck Institute of Science Education.

These students, known as Merck Scholars, received their awards at a ceremony and luncheon at Merck Research Laboratories in Rahway.

Among those honored was Josh Friedman, a student at Westfield High School. Josh was among the highest scoring students on the Integrated Science test. Attending the Rahway reception with Josh was his mother, Lori Friedman, father, Jonathan Friedman, and teachers, David Stoneback and Josh Garodnick.

A total of about 1,600 students from almost 100 high schools in New Jersey competed in the Merck State

tors are usually sophomores and juniors. Students taking the other tests are usually juniors and seniors. MISE and NJSTA gave awards to the four highest scoring students on each test.

“MISE is delighted to honor the state’s top student achievers,” said Dr. Carlo Parravano, executive director of MISE. “The success of these students is a testament to the long-term commitment of Merck to improve science education in New Jersey and Pennsylvania through the support of programs at the graduate, undergraduate and pre-college levels.”



DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR...Mother Seton Regional High School of Clark held Commencement on May 27. Sister Regina Martin, principal, awarded diplomas to the graduates. Westfield's Lorraine Cambria walked away with a departmental award in French, given for academic excellence, as well as the distinction of Seton Distinguished Scholar.

SP-F Child Find Assists Kids

With Learning Problems

SCOTCH PLAINS – New Jersey recognizes the importance of providing services to children with special needs through its Project Child Find efforts. Local school districts can provide evaluation for children 3 to 21 years of age who appear to have problems in communication, motor, social-emotional or learning areas.

The evaluation is available to preschoolers, highly mobile students with disabilities, such as migrant and homeless students, and to students who may be disabled even though they are advancing from grade to grade.

Children found to be eligible for special education and related services are entitled to free and appropriate special-education programming and related services. Information is provided to parents of children from birth through 3 years of age regarding early intervention services.

Those who know of Scotch Plains-Fanwood children who appear to have one or more of the following signs should ask their parents to call the Department of Special Services at (908) 889-8600, extension 136: significant delays in acquiring language or significant speech problems, significant difficulty walking, running or manipulating

small objects, frequent health problems or disabilities present from birth, consistent trouble seeing or hearing, tendency toward temper tantrums or excessive anxiety or shyness, significant difficulty playing appropriately with other children; and/or significant problems paying attention and listening.

All information about such requests will be kept confidential.

SP-F BOE Discarding

Special-Educ. Records

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education is scheduled to discard special-education students' records prior to 2004.

Individuals who wish to retrieve their records must send a request to the Department of Special Services by August 31.

The board is in the process of sending individual letters of notice to the last known address of the special-education students, and this notice is also posted on the district website, spfk12.org under the Department of Special Services link.

Optimist Club Honors

Siburn of Union Catholic

WESTFIELD – The Optimist Club of Westfield recently announced that Sean Siburn, a junior at Union Catholic High School, won the 2010 Karen Oros Youth Volunteer Award.

As an organization that is founded on the principles of volunteerism and community service, the Optimist Club was pleased to recognize young men and women who have embraced these ideals at an early age.

For the last 13 years, the Karen Oros Youth Volunteer Award has been given to a Westfield junior or senior who has distinguished himself or herself through volunteer service to the community.

Project co-chairs Trudy Silverman and Cathy Salomon reported that there was a near record number of nominations this year; all were worthy candidates who had given their time to a

variety of projects and causes. Many showed a long history of volunteerism, and Sean was no exception.

However, what the Selection Committee found particularly impressive was his dedication and leadership in founding the R.E.A.C.H. (Raising Educated Awareness for the Causes of HIV) project at Union Catholic High School.

Going beyond most high-school clubs, Sean built an ongoing resource to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and to provide invaluable support and assistance to the AIDS Resource Foundation for Children.

According to Mrs. Silverman, “Sean embodies the spirit upon which

our organization was built, and we are pleased to recognize his accomplishments and contributions to the community.”

With his parents James and Jennifer Siburn in attendance, Sean was presented with a plaque and cash award at the Optimist Club’s June meeting.



R.E.A.C.H. ING HIS GOAL...Marty Silverman presents Sean Siburn with a plaque commemorating his winning the 2010 Karen Oros Youth Volunteer Award.

WF Student Graduates

F&M With Honors

WESTFIELD – A Westfield student graduated Franklin and Marshall College in May and earned placement on the dean’s list for the college’s spring 2010 semester.

Kristina Fietkiewicz, daughter of John Fietkiewicz and Jane Fietkiewicz of Westfield, was awarded a bachelor of arts degree, along with magna cum laude distinction, in business, organizations and society. She is a graduate of Westfield High School.

She also earned placement on the school’s dean’s list. A student earns dean’s list recognition for achieving a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.



ALLOWING BALLS IN THE HOUSE...Celebration activities continued at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Westfield, as the a cappella group Ball in the House performed an outdoor concert for the Wilson community to enjoy. All students, faculty and staff wore their 75th Birthday T-shirts. The new school song was premiered, and the children sang “Happy Birthday” to Wilson School. Cupcakes were served in classrooms after the concert.



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Inception: Perchance to Dream
By **MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER**
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Anyone who says he totally comprehends writer-director Christopher Nolan’s surreally fascinating – yet confounding –*Inception* is full of it. Aside from the economy, rarely is there so much pontification about what is so little understood. Which, if you don’t mind someone having a bit of sport with you, is what makes this movie such strange fun.

Leonardo DiCaprio stars as Cobb, a mysterious operative whose career in things clandestine has him venturing not only over sovereign borders but also, via the latest technology, into others’ dreams. This poses the proverbial puzzle wrapped in an enigma, and then some. When we meet the mind traveler, he’s been offered a dangerous job.

Like all great fictional endeavors, of course, it’s never been done before...or so it is thought. The assignment comes from Mr. Saito, a mega-powerful international player who doesn’t want dying Maurice Fischer’s (Pete Postlethwaite) gigantic energy conglomerate passed intact to sonny boy Robert Fischer, Jr. (Cillian Murphy).

If there were a written estimate for the exploit, it might read: Do *Inception*, whereby contractor will delve three dreams down into subject’s mind and plant idea to divest inherited holdings. Price includes subcontracting dream architect, Ariadne (Ellen Page); engineer, Arthur (Joseph Gordon-Levitt); and general finagler, Eames (Tom Hardy).

Fantastic indeed. But the truly outrageous achievement isn’t just the wildly inventive plot imagined and constructed by filmmaker Nolan, who previously bedeviled us with *Memento* (2000). It’s that he’s able to translate the concept and bring us into his ingenious chimera. While entirely confused, we know we’ve been somewhere, or other.

But the craziness aside, this is a typical action-suspense yarn, with all sorts of hair-raising, cliff-hanging stunts on each of the prefabricated dreams’ plateaus. Adding to the excitement are the numerous what ifs always inherent to such groundbreaking, potentially fatal exploits. I.e. – What if someone wakes up, or if they die in any of the three reveries?

Assuring it is as visually exciting as it is mind-boggling, Mr. Nolan imparts what he has no doubt synthe-

sized from Salvador Dali, Sigmund Freud, Gertrude Stein and all that gang. Yet in positing that ideas and matter function in several dimensions, major accomplishment 2 is that he doesn’t fall off the edge of the world he has designed.

While it’s one thing to formulate a truly loopy science-fiction scenario, it’s yet another to sustain that premise and maintain a consistent logic the entire length of the film.

Wafted away in this kaleidoscopic quest, we find ourselves thinking in its mechanisms. The nutty thing is, the interpretation is unlikely to be the same for any two movie-going companions.

Such is the consequence of abstract artistry and the sort of creative analysis it engenders [see Einstein’s theory of relativity].

While Nolan envisions a particular theoretical reality, he might explain his work in the way Robert Browning was said to describe the meaning of a poem. The bard allegedly informed, “Only God and I knew what it meant when I wrote it; now only God knows.”

What can be safely affirmed is that it is definitely a movie, and as such, most of the acting performances are spot-on, especially when you consider the hypothetical circumstances in which the characters are realized. Successfully establishing the fantasy, Leonardo DiCaprio exudes the frazzling tentativeness of the world he explores.

Aiding and abetting all suppositions, Joseph Gordon-Levitt’s Arthur is all you could ask for in a right-hand man: Ken Watanabe is appropriately imperious as Mr. Saito, the inscrutable mover and shaker; Ellen Page is winsome as the objective, quick-study outsider, and Tom Hardy’s Eames adds a quirky, arrogantly self-effacing comedic edge.

But because this review never satisfactorily explains what the film is about, the thought is it’s the do-it-yourself aspect that ultimately may entice viewers. The mental equivalent of checking your own groceries – you supply the illumination. The only thing I’m sure of is that I did see *Inception*. That is, assuming it wasn’t all just a dream.

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Inception, rated PG-13, is a Warner Bros. Pictures release directed by Christopher Nolan and stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Ellen Page and Joseph Gordon-Levitt. Running time: 148 minutes.



SETTING THE SCENE...Michael McKenna’s work runs from the classic landscape shot to the surreal life-like look an inanimate object can have; the above images are examples of that. On the bottom, “Four of a Kind,” “Cold Steel” was taken on the edge of the Great Swamp just up the hill in Chatham.

Gallery Presents McKenna’s Landscape Photography

FANWOOD – The new Wings Art Gallery, located in Fanwood, is presenting “Neighborhood Reflections,” the photography of Michael McKenna, with an opening night wine-and-cheese reception from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, August 6.

The show features the work of the local landscape photographer, who hails from Scotch Plains. The gallery is located across from the Fanwood train station at 228 South Avenue in the Classic Framing and Gift Store.

Mr. McKenna is a self-taught photographer who has honed the technical aspect of his art over the last 15 years. By reading, trial and error, and studying the masters of landscape photography, he has devel-

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Family Flix Teams Up With First Responders To Present The Film *Shrek 2* at Meisel Park

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 team up with Union County’s observance of National Night Out on Tuesday evening, August 3, at Meisel Park in Springfield.

“The ‘Family Flix’ feature film, *Shrek 2*, will begin at dusk, but come early to Meisel Park to participate in

Union County’s observance of National Night Out, which starts at 6 p.m.,” said Freeholder Vice-Chairman Deborah Scanlon, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

“Bring a blanket or beach chair to claim your spot on the lawn or save a seat in the bleachers – either way, the early birds will have plenty of interesting things to do and see before the movie,” she continued.

Dr. K Brings Motown To Oak Ridge Park in Clark

CLARK – The Union County Summer Arts Festival concert series continues on Wednesday, August 4, with a performance by Doctor K’s Motown Review. The free concert of Motown favorites begins at 7:30 p.m. at Oak Ridge Park in Clark.

Paul Korman’s quest to create the ultimate Motown tribute band led him to assembling an array of seasoned musicians and singers. Mr. Korman’s band, now known as Doctor K’s Motown Review, performs a history of music from the 1960s.

The Summer Arts Festival concerts continue in August on Wednesdays beginning at 7:30 p.m. The 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 remaining free concerts in the Union County Summer Arts Festival series include:

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.

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

Westfield Foundation Grant Awarded to Clark

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Summer Workshop, a division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, has selected Christine Clark to be the recipient of the Summer Youth Employment Grant from the Westfield Foundation.

The purpose of this grant is to enable a student in the community the opportunity to develop workplace skills and expand his or her job opportunities.

Christine is working at the Westfield Summer Workshop (WSW) as a classroom aide in several arts-and-crafts courses. In the afternoons, she assists the WSW office staff members with their clerical duties and expands her knowledge of the inner workings of the office. She also assists with public-relations aspects related to the theater production.

A 2009 graduate of Westfield High School, Christine is currently attending Georgian Court College, where she will be a sophomore in the fall semester. She is majoring in Elementary Education and Psychology, and is a member of the De La Salle Club and the



GRANTED...Christine Clark is the recipient of this year’s Summer Youth Employment Grant from the Westfield Foundation and is working at the Westfield Summer Workshop.

Council for Exceptional Children, in addition to being a student ambassador and an orientation leader.

Recently, she was placed in the graduate track for the university Masters in Counseling Psychology program and ultimately intends to pursue a doctoral degree.

Christine is currently working in her fifth year at the WSW. She is musically inclined and has played clarinet for the Workshop Band. She has also helped backstage for several Workshop productions and assisted students in cooking, music and craft courses.

When interviewed about working at the WSW, she said that she enjoys seeing the campers grow year-to-year in their love for the arts. She feels honored to be the recipient of the Westfield Foundation Grant and is looking forward to a fulfilling summer.

For more information about the WSW or other Workshop programs, call (908) 789-9696 or log on to njworkshopforthearts.com.

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WF Sisters Perform In *The Secret Garden*

SUMMIT – PeachCraft Studios of Summit is presenting *The Secret Garden*, based on the 1911 novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

Sisters Abby Tizzio, 14, and Julia Tizzio, 12, of Westfield are performing substantial roles, as Martha and the Ayah, respectively, in the summer musical.



This production features a cast of 23 young performers from across the state, directed by PeachCraft Vocal Conservatory faculty members Kenneth Bryson and Jody Mullen and produced by Kate Kennedy. Performances are Friday, July 30, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 31, at 2 and 7 p.m. in Morristown-Beard School’s new Founders’ Hall, a state-of-the-art 450-seat theater located at 70 Whippany Road in Morristown.

Tickets are \$20, available by calling PeachCraft Studios at (908) 673-1485.

The Good Counselor Puts Redemption on Trial

By **SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY**
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

UNION – A lush contralto voice sings the hymn “Blessed Assurance,” setting the tone of Premiere Stages at Kean University’s production of Kathryn Grant’s *The Good Counselor*.

On the upstage wall is a digital projection, one of many, that feeds a back-story of Vincent as a young African-American boy sitting with his sister.

Flash to him as an adult, a public defense lawyer delivering the opening words of the play. “A woman lives in our minds – she welcomes you into a pillowy embrace,” he tells the jury, which is made up of the first two rows of audience members.

“The woman – perfection – taunts you with the notion of the person you could have become.” He asks the jury, “Is Evelyn a good woman?” By the end of the play, the audience gets a glimpse of the depth of two mothers – the one he’s defending and his own.

Switch to stage left, where Vincent (Edward O’Blenis) and his older brother Ray (Erik LaRay Harvey) are trading verbal jabs in their mother Rita’s home on a Sunday morning. The two adult sons are dressed as opposites on the socioeconomic spectrum.

Professional Vincent is attired in preppy navy suit, designer tie and freshly starched shirt, while Ray is comfortable wearing a do-rag, well-worn work pants, boots and crumpled shirt.

When Vincent and his worn-weary mother Rita, convincingly played by Geany Masai, are ready to set off for church, she makes sure Ray, a recovering drug addict, is locked outside the house. That metaphor of the bolted door has long been her approach of tough love with him.

At the heart of Ms. Grant’s play, though, is the defense of Evelyn (Susan Louise O’Connor), whose 22-

day-old baby has been found dead in a bean field next to her tenement apartment. As she sits nervously pulling out her eyelashes, she talks with Vincent, her court-appointed lawyer, and swears that she did not hurt her baby.

Vincent’s superior in the court system, Maia, played thoughtfully by Socorro Santiago, talks to him about Evelyn’s defense. Maia argues that circumstantially, it looks like Evelyn killed her son. Everything in life was stacked against her. She was a woman alone in the world fending for her two children without emotional or financial support, and had even been abandoned by social services.

Adding damage to Evelyn’s case is the police statement that there was a “lack of emotion” when she reported her infant missing. Neighbors of the single parent say that she drinks.

“I’m a good mother,” Evelyn screams in her own defense. And we see that perhaps she is, as she speaks tenderly of Pooka, the pet name she gives her 5-year-old daughter Christine.

An especially poignant moment is shared by Susan Louise O’Connor as Evelyn and Mr. O’Blenis as Vincent, as she relates a dream. The intensity exchanged in that monologue, unforgettably dynamic, sways us to see that Evelyn is caught in the web of circumstance. Vincent is mesmerized by Evelyn’s words of despair, which pull him – and the audience with him – into a swirling vortex of emotion.

This beautiful collaboration relies on riveting acting, an inventive, unique set by Joseph Gourley and smart lighting design by Nadine Charlsen. Artfully staged and sensitively directed by Producing Artistic Director John Wooten, *The Good Counselor* is about saving lost souls that, perhaps, are not meant to be saved. It is about redemption and forgiveness – a lesson not just for mothers.



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Cranford Resident Renaud Directs *Despicable Me*

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CRANFORD – The 3D-animated film *Despicable Me* opened in theatres across the country earlier this month and has already doubled its budget in box-office sales. Directed by Cranford resident Chris Renaud, the family-friendly film held the number-two spot two weekends ago, as it doubled its cost and earned a world-wide \$125 million.

Born and raised in Maryland and married to Lauren Zarelli of Scotch Plains, Mr. Renaud studied at Syracuse University and began a career as a cartoonist for Marvel and DC Comics in New York City. His career moved him to Sesame Street and then to Blue Sky Studios to work on the animated feature film *Ice Age 2*.

He continued create *Robots*, *Ice Age 3* and *Dr. Seuss's Horton Hears a Who*, and was tapped to write and direct the animated short *No Time For Nuts*. Featuring Scrat the squirrel, the short was included on the *Ice Age 2* DVD and nominated for a 2006 Academy Award in the category of animated shorts.

Mr. Renaud joined Chris Meladandri, founder and chief executive officer of Illumination Entertainment, in the *Despicable Me* project and moved his family to Paris in 2008 to create the film in conjunction with Universal Pictures.

Voiced by Steve Carell, Gru, an evil villain who intends to upstage his younger evil nemesis by planning the biggest heist the world has ever seen, plots to steal the moon with the help of his evil scientist colleague (Russell Brand) and his band of admiring minions.

He attempts to use three young orphans to attain his wicked goals and, along the way, learns the power of

love.

The hero of the movie, or villain in his true nature, lives in a dark and dreary house in a quiet suburban neighborhood very much influenced by the suburbs of New Jersey and New York.

The movie's east-coast influences include brownstone buildings and water towers, architectural aspects that don't exist in all areas of the country or the world, Mr. Renaud said.

Having worked with Mr. Carell in *Horton Hears a Who*, Mr. Renaud said he was the first choice for the voice of Gru.

"We wanted to work with a comedic actor as opposed to a serious actor," Mr. Renaud said.

After Mr. Carell had joined the project, Mr. Renaud said it was easy to piece together the all-star cast, including the voices of Julie Andrews, Jason Segel and Amanda Cosgrove.

"We wanted to get the best people we could get for the smaller roles," Mr. Renaud said. "They always give it something extra special."

Mr. Renaud said that although he has worked with cartoons for years, he never thought he would move from Cranford to Paris to make world-renowned films.

"I made a vow to myself that I'd make something my kids would laugh at and enjoy. It's been one of the greatest experiences of my life," he said, noting that he is very appreciative of all the viewers who enjoy the movie.

His latest project includes an animated feature film based on Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax*.

"It's sort of a cautionary tale," he said, noting that the movie sends an eco-friendly message to viewers.

Although he will remain in Paris with his family for the next few years to work on *The Lorax*, he said, "Our hearts will always be on the east coast."



STAYING MAINLY IN THE PLEIN...Jennifer Holmes of Connecticut paints at the river mill in Cranford during the town's recent Paint the Town/Plein Air painting event. Ms. Holmes said she enjoys plein-air painting for the emotion and mood it evokes. At right, Brande Arno from Ionia, N.Y., is at work on a painting at the river mill in Cranford.

Cranford 'Draws' a Crowd Earlier in Month For Its 'Paint the Town' Plein-Air Event

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AREA – Art was literally in the air throughout Cranford last month, when the entire town became an outdoor studio for its first annual "Paint the Town Plein Air Event and Art Sale."

Jointly sponsored by Jersey Central Art Studios (JCAS), the Cranford Chamber of Commerce and the Cranford Downtown Management Corporation, the event drew 30 painters, from nine different states, who set up easels on Cranford street corners and other picturesque locations throughout the town.

Spectators were allowed to watch the artists in action and chat with them as they worked during the four-day event.

Jennifer Holmes, an award-winning artist from Westbrook, Conn., set up her easel near the river mill on

Lincoln Avenue.

"This event is part of what I do," she said.

Lucia DeLeiris, an artist from Watertown, Mass., was also using the river mill as a backdrop.

"I do a lot of plein-air painting," she said. "I love being out in the open air and capturing the atmosphere of the moment and the changing conditions," she continued.

"I think this is the new way of getting out of the pack of artists," said Brande Arno from Ionia, N.Y., another artist at the river mill.

Margaret Najjar of Rahway, a trained art teacher, found inspiration while watching the artists at work.

"I am picking up techniques as I watch. It's like being in art class," she said.

Janette Hopkins of Cranford, another spectator, agreed.

WSO Delivers Perfect Summertime Concert

Program: "Allegro" from *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* (Mozart), Overture to *The Barber of Seville* (Rossini), "Meditation" from *Thais* (Massenet), *Appalachian Spring* (Copland), Prelude to *The Holberg Suite* (Grieg), "Spring" from *The Four Seasons* (Vivaldi), *Carnival of the Animals* (Saint-Saëns)

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SCOTCH PLAINS – Scotch Plains' 2010 Cultural Arts Series of summer concerts on the Village Green continued last Thursday with a concert by members of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra and maestro David Wroe.

A large, cheerful audience enjoyed a program of favorite classical works well-suited to a pleasant evening's listening in the park. Maestro Wroe served as genial host, giving spoken introductions to each of the pieces, providing tidbits of information and, for the Saint-Saëns, Oden Nash's humorous, pun-filled commentary

the instruments generally did a good job, there were some difficulties picking up solo instruments within the group, and occasional short moments of feedback as well. Amplifying outdoor orchestral concerts is tricky, and subtleties can be lost along the way, usually in quieter passages (especially if a large truck rumbles by!). Both the Rossini and Grieg lacked the full orchestral sound one expects in these works, but the other pieces fared surprisingly well with reduced forces. *Appalachian Spring* was originally written for a chamber group, and both Mozart and Vivaldi wrote for the smaller orchestras common in their



SUMMERTIME TUNES...A cheerful audience enjoyed the sounds of Mozart and Copland, last Thursday, as the Scotch Plains Cultural Arts Series of summer concerts welcomed members of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra, above, and maestro David Wroe, at left.

on each orchestral animal.

Concertmaster Byung-Kook Kwak (known to his American colleagues as "Kookie") shone as soloist in the beautiful "Meditation" from the opera *Thais* and the lively "Spring" movement from *The Four Seasons*. Other excellent soloists were featured in the *Carnival of the Animals*: pianist Susan Caldwell as the Kangaroo, bassist Vincent Carano as the Elephant, flutist Theresa Norris as the Bird (who knocked the socks off this notoriously difficult piece) and cellist Joseph Kamura as the Swan. To the delight of the listeners, clarinetist William Shadel strolled through the audience playing his oft-repeated two notes as the Cuckoo.

Copland's *Appalachian Spring* was the longest and most challenging work on the program. Originally written as a ballet score for Martha Graham, Copland condensed the work into an instrumental suite which has become famous in its own right. With quiet lyrical sections and jazzier parts reminiscent of square dances and country fiddlers, the work culminates with the Shaker hymn "Simple Gifts" in a thrilling climax familiar to any classical-music lover.

There were a few minor problems. While the sound system for amplifying

time.

This was a perfect program for a summer concert in the park. An appreciative audience, with a nice mixture of young and old, enjoyed pleasant weather, a splashing fountain, well-played music and a delightful little girl who danced to the Grieg with happy abandon on the grass in front of the stage. All in all, it was a lovely evening.

By ERIC NIERSTEDT
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GARWOOD — Earlier this month, the Garwood Crossroads played host to the Rick Cantor Band's (RCB) release party for their first album, *Upstairs at Graceland*.

Recorded entirely at Memphis, Tenn., studios (though there is a shout-out to Garwood in the liner notes), the album represented a big step forward for the band of Westfield, Cranford, Short Hills and Berkeley Heights natives, who had been known previously for playing covers.

"We had all agreed to pick a date



LOVING PRINCE...Westfield resident Mallory Miller as Princess Winnifred the Woebegone, center, basks in the gaze of Prince Dauntless (Dino Curia of Kenilworth), while Queen Aggravain (Priscilla Mendes of Kenilworth) registers her displeasure in *Once upon a Mattress*, which will be presented from tonight through Saturday night at David Brearley High School in Kenilworth.

Westfield Teen Stars In 'Mattress' this Weekend

By SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY
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WESTFIELD – A teacher's well-placed word can sometimes nudge a teen toward an unexpected career path. Case in point is with 19-year-old Westfield resident Mallory Miller, a musical theater major at Westminster College of the Arts at Rider University, who will star in a production of the musical *Once upon a Mattress* at David Brearley High School in Kenilworth from tonight through Saturday.

Up until her freshman year at Westfield High School (WHS), Mallory never even considered a vocational choice of musical theater.

Now, she finds herself in a spotlight and tips her hat to high-school teachers who gave her incentive. As a part of the WHS choir as a freshman, she was encouraged by choir teacher Bill Mathews to audition for *Jesus Christ, Superstar*.

"I never thought I'd get in," Mallory said in a phone interview, "but I made the ensemble. Having that great learning experience in 'Superstar' has led me now to be a musical theater major in college."

She will handle the lead role of Princess Winnifred the Woebegone as a part of C.A.S.T. (Community Actor Student Theater), a community-based theater experience in Kenilworth for middle-school through college-age students.

This musical role will be the first time she will use the belting portion of her soprano voice.

"I studied how to belt this last semester and have been enjoying it ever since. Belting is about being down and dirty," she said.

Not a newcomer to the Kenilworth summer program, Mallory was in *Child of Eden* two years ago with the program. When she went to audition this year, she felt up to the challenge, especially in dance.

The character Winnifred is a rough-and-tumble tomboy, she explained.

"I told them to throw anything at me choreographically, and I'd give it a try." There are loads of lifts and stunts, especially in the physically demanding number "Shy."

The aspiring triple threat admits that the role is a bit of a stretch for her since she does not see herself or her body type as a tomboy.

"The costumes will help me get into character, though, and remember not to stand like the feminine ingénue. The swamp outfit, especially, is so silly and out there, that it'll be a constant reminder to be goofy," she added.

The curtain goes up on the musical, playing at 401 Monroe Avenue in Kenilworth, at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The air-conditioned auditorium will boast \$10 tickets for all ages; tickets may be purchased at the door.

Rick Cantor Band Brings Memphis Record to Garwood

and a place to record an album of our own stuff," said drummer Travis Hudelson. "And Memphis just has such a huge musical history; it was hard not want to record there."

Added keyboardist Brett Levine, "There are streets with literally 20 bars in a row, and every one of them has a band playing."

Despite the busy recording schedule, the band took time to see the city's musical history, viewing Sun and Stax Records as well as Graceland. This last visit provided the album's title.

"Basically, you can go anywhere in Graceland," Mr. Hudelson said, "but the top floor – because that's where Elvis died – they literally sealed the whole area off when he died; the sheets on the beds still haven't been changed. You can see it on the net though; it's really weird."

Having experienced such a rich history, the RCB came to Crossroads ready to wow the crowd. They began with a pair of slow covers, including the Beatles' "Dear Prudence." Lead singer/guitarist Mike "Bubba" Bange brought to mind Train's Pat Monohan with his soft but soulful voice.

He also entertained the crowd with some banter after the song: "Our album is at least as good as what the Beatles did," he said. "And yes, I've been drinking."

There were, however, the technical problems that resulted in the band constantly switching guitars onstage, which even they admitted to. Luckily, the songs more than made up for it.

The band continued with a pair of lesser-known Tom Petty songs (following a band trademark of playing lesser-known covers) "I Need to Know" and "Listen to her Heart," the latter of which was the best song of their first set.

They continued onward, letting bassist Rick Cantor handle Jimmy Reed's "Big Boss Man," while guitarist Jim Sampson rocked out a

mix of Harry Nilson's "One" and the Monkees' "I'm Not Your Steppin' Stone."

After a short break, the band played its whole album through, beginning with the synth intro of "The Kings are Lying Down," which morphed into a riff-heavy rocker. The album continued with "(The Truth is) I'm Lying Again," a Counting Crows-like song, with Mr. Bange perfectly emulating (Crow's singer) Adam Duritz.

Much of the album shone, including the hard blues-rock of "Memphis" and the pop-rock of "Unsettled."

"Beauty in Your Eyes" was a surprisingly angry – almost Black Sabbath-like – riff rocker, while the Leonard Cohen-esque "Perfect Heart," written for Mr. Sampson's young daughter and sung by Mr. Levine, was sadly the only song that fell flat, save for Mr. Sampson's monster guitar solo.

After its final break, the band delivered another set of covers, including a chugging version of The Who's "Substitute" and The Yardbirds' "Heartful of Soul," which featured an excellent organ fill from Mr. Levine.

The biggest and best song of the night was unquestionably David Bowie's "Rebel, Rebel," during which Mr. Bange strutted the stage with his mic like Bowie in his prime, while Mr. Sampson tore the signature riff a new one.

After moving through the Velvet Underground's "Sweet Jane," the band ended the night with, perhaps ironically, a cover of a cover, as they burned through the Grateful Dead's cover of Buddy Holly's "Not Fade Away" (prior to performing, Mr. Bange asked the crowd, "You drunk yet? Time for the Dead!")

The members of the RCB said at the beginning of the show that they never intended to press their album. After hearing it through, it's a good thing for rock fans that they did.



DOWNSTAIRS IN GARWOOD... Fresh off the recording of their first album, *Upstairs at Graceland*, the Rick Cantor Band brought the sounds of Memphis to the wee Borough of Garwood.



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