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GW Board Okays Senior Housing at St. Anne's Site

By MAGGIE DIGGORY

GARWOOD – The Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corporation (WSCHC), last Wednesday, was granted a use variance by the Garwood Planning Board to convert the former St. Anne's School property into a senior citizens housing facility.

"This is a very positive thing for Garwood and for seniors who need housing," said WSCHC Executive Director Ruth Smith, who spoke with The Westfield Leader immediately after the vote was cast.

The WSCHC had begun its presentation at the June planning board meeting and, prior to formally presenting its application, held a community meeting back in March. The board had rejected previous proposals, most re-cently by James Ward of Ward and O'Donnell Management, and the property continued to remain vacant.

Prior to the motion for a vote at approximately 10:45 p.m., the board's attorney, Donald Fraser, advised the body that, "given the late hour," the board could bifurcate its vote and choose to vote on the variance application and then, at its Wednesday, September 15, meeting, vote on the memorialized site

use variance.

"I don't see how the application can be approved tonight," Mr. Fraser said at 9:30 p.m. "I suggest we cut off testimony at 10:30. Then, at 11, there'd be pressure to vote. Nobody is served well under pressure."

However, the bifurcated vote was later cast, with only one vote in opposition, cast by Robert Scherer.

While the board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, August 25, Mr. Fraser recommended that the board put the remainder of WSCHC's application on its September 15 meeting agenda, to allow for a possibility of a "lack of a

The WSCHC attorney, Stephen Hale, of Hale & Hale, P.C. in Union, provided more expert witness testimony regarding the application to obtain a use variance to construct a new development consisting of a three-story building containing 72 senior housing units (one of these units will be a two-bedroom caretaker's apartment) and 41 parking spaces for residents, guests and staff members.

With about 15 members of the public in attendance, including a number of senior citizens, the board listened to

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SWEET SOUNDS OF JAZZ...The Jazz Lobsters perform on Central Avenue, Tuesday night, as part of the Sweet Sounds Downtown Jazz Festival, sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation. Jazz musicians will perform every Tuesday night, from 7 to 9 p.m., through August 31. The Jazz Lobsters has been in existence for 30 years.

WF Enacts Teamsters Contract, **Cuts 9 Crossing-Guard Posts**

By MICHAEL J. POLLACK

WESTFIELD - At a meeting in which the Westfield Town Council formalized a contractual agreement with the Department of Public Works' (DPW) union and introduced a similar measure with local firefighters, the council called upon the state legislature and the governor to pass a "Municipal Toolkit" that will help the town meet its future needs while adhering to a 2.5percent property-tax cap.

The Westfield governing body, which featured the minimum five members on Tuesday night, voted unanimously to approve the town's contract with the Teamsters union, which represents DPW workers. Town Administrator Jim

Gildea outlined the particulars of that contract and the other contracts with the media following the meeting.

The two-year deal for 2010 and 2011 with Teamsters features a wage freeze and five furlough days in 2010; DPW members also gave up one-third of their overtime pay. This will result in union members not having to make contributions to their health-insurance costs, and two proposed layoffs were

As per the agreement, in 2010, only those at the maximum step of the salary ladder will receive a 2-percent wage increase on July 1 (amounts to a 1percent jump for the year).

The town council also introduced a contract with the FMBA (Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association) Local

A four-year deal that is retroactive to 2009 – the previous contract expired on December 31, 2008 – it features a 3.75percent increase to maximum-step salaries for 2009 and a wage freeze in 2010.

In 2011, according to Mr. Gildea, those at the max step on the FMBA's salary structure will receive a 2.5-percent jump in salary but must make a 1.5-percent contribution to their health insurance, a net 1-percent jump.

Also in 2011, holiday pay, usually received in a lump sum at the end of the year, will be received throughout the year and be rolled in as part of a firefighter's base pay.

In 2012, max salaries will jump 2.75 percent, with a 1.5-percent contribution to health insurance.

Mr. Gildea added that this year, in 2010, to stave off four proposed layoffs in the department, all firefighters agreed to give up 70 percent of their holiday pay – roughly \$3,000 a man.

"That's very significant," Mr. Gildea noted after the meeting, when speaking to the media. "That's something you don't hear about in other communities. In other communities, people get laid off. Our people here thought about those on the bottom and took money out of their pockets to save jobs. I think this speaks volumes about the employees we have here."

On a separate matter, when asked what element of the Governor's "toolkit" would assist Westfield the most in coming years, Mr. Gildea stressed arbitration reform. With the police union's contract still not settled, Mr. Gildea called arbitration reform "crucial" for a town such as Westfield.

In other business, Public Safety Committee Chairwoman JoAnn Neylan announced during the meeting that the proposed crossing-guard-post reductions have been halved – from roughly 18 down to nine. This comes after consultations with the police department, the B-R-A-K-E-S Group (Bikers Runners And Kids are Entitled to Safety), a liaison from the crossing guards and the board of education.

"We are pleased with the decision," Ms. Neylan said. "We hope the public is as well."

During the meeting, Councilman Frank Arena acknowledged the amount of time Ms. Neylan and the committee had spent on the topic, saying the group came to a "well-thought-out" decision.

Mr. Gildea told the media after the meeting that he would not reveal the nine locations at the present time.

"This is important to write down," Mr. Gildea told the press. "Just because a location is being cut does not mean the person at that location is being CONTINUED ON PAGE 8

Westfield 'Stays Vibrant,' **As New Stores Arrive**

By MICHAEL J. POLLACK

WESTFIELD - By early fall, Westfield will be infused with another assortment of businesses opening up their doors.

Long home to a bevy of restaurants, Westfield will welcome several new eateries later this summer and in the fall.

Turning Point Restaurant, specializing in breakfast, lunch and brunch, will take up residence along Central Avenue. They have received their building permits, and construction will begin shortly. Turning Point boasts that every item on its menu is cooked to order and made from scratch.

25 Burgers, replacing another burger joint, Cheeburger Cheeburger, will set up shop this fall in the north side train station parking lot.

Casa di Pizza will take over the space previously occupied by Kabloom flower shop on Elm Street. Casa also has a location on Route 22, near the Union Sports Arena. According to Downtown Westfield Corporation Executive Director Sherry Cronin, the store proprietors "missed the foot-traffic feel of a downtown environment." Westfielders can expect Casa to open its doors in late fall.

Coming to the south side of town, the New York Bagel and Deli will take up residence across from the train station parking lot, nearest the intersection of South and Summit Avenues.

Proprietor of the restaurant 16 Prospect in Westfield, Tim Boyle told The he welcomes it.

Westfield Leader that he is not fazed by the influx of new eateries. In fact, "I'm a believer that if we fail, we fail because of ourselves, not anyone

else," he said. "I'm a believer in 'the

more reasons we have to come into

town, the better off we are.' More feet on the ground provides an opportunity for us all to make money.'

Westfield also welcomed Unmasked, a novelty toy store, to 435 South Avenue. It will be a destination for iconic movie-prop replicas, toys, collectibles and out-of-print action Also along South Avenue, the

former My Town Bakery, at 407 South Avenue, will be home to Hip Thrift & Art Gallery by early September; the store will donate a percentage of its proceeds to help animal-rescue work. Another business with a philanthropic mindset, Inspire Gifts and Crafts, at 431 South Avenue, donates all of its profits to charity. It offers customers the ability to make their own greeting cards and their own jewelry.

Mrs. Cronin said with the exception of a portion of the former Westfield Sleep Center location, everything along the South Avenue downtown business corridor will be filled shortly.

"Something good is coming soon," reads a sign plastered at 102 Quimby Street. What is to come is Alan's Orchard, which will present something completely new to the town an organic specialty food store selling local and regional fruits, vegetables and more.

Alan Weinberg, who has lived in Westfield for eight years, said he "always wanted to run [his] own busi-

Offering fresh produce from local farms - everything chosen for "The Orchard" comes from within a 150mile radius - along with artisan cheeses, Mr. Weinberg's store will try to recreate a "European Market" or "New York Green Market" feel, according to the owner.

Customers will enjoy his selection CONTINUED ON PAGE 8



OPEN FOR BUSINESS...Warehouse Cheap & Chic has opened at 17 Elm Street, featuring sample sale jewelry, scarves, handbags and hair accessories. It is among the many new businesses in downtown Westfield that have or will be opening soon. **PAGE INDEX** Police Blotter...6

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Every year, the town has turnover in its crossing-guard roster based on attrition. Right now, the town has a stable of 60 guards and had boasted 58 posts, a number that will now drop to 49.

The police department, which oversees the crossing guards, was tasked with formulating up to 25 posts that could be reduced; they used the following criteria to reach a decision: volume of vehicle and pedestrian traffic, existence of traffic lights and the busing situation at each school. That list was then whittled down to the final nine.

Crossing guards, previously earning \$20 per hour, will see their pay rate diminish as well. Mr. Gildea declined to say what that new rate would be.

At the beginning of the public meeting, Congressman Leonard Lance addressed the council and members of the public. The Seventh District Republican, like all members of Congress, is on August recess. The body will return

Mr. Lance said he is most concerned with "the state of the American economy;" there is 9.5 percent unemployment nationally and 9.6 percent in New Jersey, he noted.

Mr. Lance said "tensions" with North Korea and Iran also dominate the international discussions on Capitol Hill. He said he "personally supports the President" when it comes to his military strategy to shift 100,000 combat troops from Iraq to Afghanistan.

The congressman said, however, that he is "not a proponent" of the enacted healthcare-reform package.

"I would like to start anew on that issue, with medical-malpractice insurance reform and other matters, but I hope we can work in a bipartisan capacity," he said.

Mr. Lance, who was interviewed by Westfield Mayor Andy Skibitsky for a segment on TV-36 earlier in the day, said the town is "doing an excellent job" in its responsibilities and as a governmental partner.



CRANFORD NIGHT OUT...Michael Kalnims listens to Police Officer Matthew Nazzaro explain the uses for Cranford's water rescue boat, Zodiak, at Cranford's Night Out on Tueday night. The event was part of the National Night Out on

Westfield New Businesses

of whole-grain breads, wheels of cheese, real frozen yogurt and even barrels of pickles. Mr. Weinberg said he is most excited about bringing back milk in glass bottles – with the cream on top. The store will offer all organic meats and products from farms that employ sustainable-farming practices.

'It's exciting. It's a real passion for me," Mr. Weinberg said. "I've never had so much fun in my life. The theme is simple: You're buying fresh, local products, getting to know where your food comes from, and then eating with your family.'

Mrs. Cronin said Alan's Orchard will stand out and be "truly special" in town. According to Mr. Weinberg, the plan is to open "The Orchard" in late August, with a grand opening after Labor Day.

Madeline Moss has taken over at the former Pumpkins and Petunias



GREAT CATCH...Identical twins Parker and Shane hold up a 15-inch bass they caught in Mindowaskin Pond. They put the fish back in the pond.

location, at 258 East Broad Street, and features stylish home furnishings and accessories, as well as elegant furniture, lamps and art.

Also along East Broad Street, Jenna and Molly, who originated in Long Branch, will expand and take over where the former White House/Black Market resided. The store will focus on teen-girl clothing and may expand to carry sizes and styles for women, Mrs. Cronin said.

Also catered to female customers, Warehouse Cheap & Chic has opened at 17 Elm Street, featuring sample sale jewelry, scarves, handbags and hair accessories.

"These are the kinds of stores Westfield needs," Mr. Boyle said. "They're not re-treads. They're something new and forward-thinking."

In addition to stores arriving, staples of the downtown are expanding; Cosimo's Restaurant and Pizzeria will spread out, assuming the space that previously belonged to its East Broad Street neighbor, Little Treasures.

Cool Vines, a specialty wines and spirits shop, located on Elm Street, will be moving to a larger location on Central Avenue, where Douglas Cosmetics used to reside. Cool Vines owner Mark Censits confirmed the move in an e-mail, adding that the "timing will be late fall or possibly early [2011].

Mrs. Cronin said the moves ensure that Westfield is "staying a vibrant destination, and we're now below 6percent vacancy.'

She also is proud of the diverse mix of businesses, with 49 percent independent owners and 51 percent national chains.

"I think it's exciting; it's everchanging," she said of the downtown shuffling. "We have to change; otherwise, you become stagnant. It's exciting. There are a lot of opportunities for entrepreneurs to open new businesses.

Garwood Senior Housing

two hours of testimony from three witnesses and heard questions and sworn statements from the public, before taking a 10-minute break at 9:30 p.m. and then resuming for another 90 minutes.

The first expert witness last Wednesday evening was Steven Cohen, the project's architect, who previously had been sworn in and testified about the architectural modifications to the school structure. At its June 25 meeting, the board had raised concerns about the height of the building and the removal of a tree on the property, as well as the outdoor lighting scheme. The current design has what Mr. Cohen described as "a façade softened by changing windows" and a "changed entrance, with small and lower elements.'

Following Mr. Cohen's report, Craig Perogoy from Staigar, the engineer for the project, provided a traffic report on his study of the area of Cedar Avenue between Second and Third Avenues. Mr. Perogoy's testimony concluded that having a senior citizens housing development in the area would "generate far less traffic than the school did before." In addition, he said, "one of the attractive features is not having a car, because the train and shops are nearby." On a scale of A to F, Mr. Perogoy assigned the area "B-grade traffic."

Most of the residents' questions for Mr. Perogoy did not relate to traffic directly, but more about adequate offstreet parking for residents, guests and staff. He affirmed that the senior housing complex would "exceed the number of spaces needed," repeating that the complex's location is in walking distance to nearby stores.

Board member Stephen Greet asked Mr. Perogoy if he had "come across townships who have changed traffic signals for the visually impaired?" Mr.

Perogoy responded, "You have to determine the number of visually-impaired persons. You need a substantial population of visually-impaired people

to warrant that." The evening's final witness was John McDonough, the project's site planner from Pennoni. His testimony included multiple exhibits to illustrate the site plan to convert the parochial school

into senior housing. "Ideally, this is where senior housing units should be located – in a mature, residential neighborhood," Mr. McDonough said. Mr. McDonough's report included census data relating the need for senior housing, particularly in Garwood, with 17.2 percent of the population over 65 as of the 2000 Census. "Most applicants will be from Garwood

and the area," Mr. McDonough added. With the wait-list for the two Westfield senior-housing complexes currently closed, Mr. McDonough testified to the statistical need for more senior housing, noting there is one unit of affordable senior housing available for every 10 applicants nationwide.

Questions from the board, as well as the public, ranged from the possibility of reserving units just for Garwood residents to further explaining how the housing development was inherently beneficial to Garwood.

"This is a key and important development. This is a fantastic location. The property use is preserved (it could still be used as a school again in the future). The height is only a small fraction above the ordinance. This is an experienced applicant who retained the knowledge of professionals and met with the police and fire departments,' Mr. Hale said during his closing remarks to the board before it cast a favorable vote.

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"I am bewildered by this. You want to extend the lease to 2045. None of us will be around in 2045," Mr. Paterson said. "Why are you making a decision for people in 2045? We are talking about a 35-year lease...I seriously suggest you put a nix on that one." He said the county should have an opportunity to get out of the contract at some point, as new technologies for garpage incineration are developed.

"If that (UCRRF) becomes obsolete, we are in big trouble," Mr. Paterson told the board.

In response, Freeholder Dan Sullivan said, "I've never heard anyone talk of \$276 million in tax reduction as being a bad thing."

The resolution to execute the memorandum of understanding passed by a vote of 8-0, with Freeholder Rick Proctor of Rahway not

present for the vote.

In other business, the board passed a resolution to allow the county manager, George Devanney, to apply for matching funds of \$9.4 million from the New Jersey Office of Green Acres Land Acquisition and Park Development Grant Program for Oak Ridge Park improvements in Clark. Members of the public questioned why a hearing held last week on the application was not better publicized.

"It was unfortunate if people were unable to attend [the Oak Ridge Park Green Acres application hearing]," Freeholder Sullivan said. He said the hearing was legally advertised in The Star-Ledger and Courier-News. He said although no members of the public were in attendance, he "would be happy" to make "the same presentation" on the \$18-million park proposal at a future freeholder meeting.

"It's just smart management to apply for funds that are available. So we are applying for a maximum amount of funds," Mr. Sullivan said.

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BIKE PATROL...Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr, second from left, Police Chief

Richard Trigo, center, and Councilwoman Kathy Mitchell pose with Bicycle Patrolmen Kevin Stomber and Anthony Espinoza at Fanwood's Night Out on Tuesday.

Board Supports Apartments, Offices for Upper Floors

By FRED T. ROSSI

SCOTCH PLAINS — The township's planning board voted on Monday to recommend that the township council enact an ordinance spelling out permitted uses of upper floors in commercial buildings.

At a brief meeting, the planning board backed passage of the ordinance, which is set for a public hearing and vote at the council's Tuesday, August 17 meeting.

Board chairwoman Paulette Coronato said zoning changes enacted several years ago had allowed for commercial buildings in the B-2 business zone to have third floors, but the revisions failed to spell out the permitted uses of the second and third floors. The proposed ordinance change would allow apartments and offices to be located on the upper floors, but not on the same floor. Councilman Dominick Bratti explained that apartments could be located on a second floor with commercial offices on a third floor, or vice versa, but that apartments and offices could not be situated on the same floor.

Board member Mike Michalisin said the board's issues and objectives subcommittee had recommended some clarification on usage and called the proposed language "exactly what we had recommended."

The board's next regular meeting is Monday, September 13.

In other land use business, the zoning board of adjustment is set to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, August 11 to hear arguments from attorney Joseph Murray claiming that the zoning board, not the planning board, should be hearing an application by Union Catholic High School, which is seeking to install lights at its

Mr. Murray represents several Black Birch Road residents who oppose the application. In addition, a Union County court will hear arguments on Friday, August 20 regarding the jurisdictional question. The lawsuit was filed by attorney Marc Rogoff, who represents residents living on Dutch Lane.



Benjamin B. Corbin for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times LOOKING FOR CAPITAL...Johann Hofler and Gertrude Hofler of Marion Jewelers & Co. in Scotch Plains say President Barack Obama's \$30-billion jobs bill aimed at small businesses, now before Congress, would help businesses like theirs in obtaining capital with low interest rates

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Paul Lachenauer for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times LET IT FLY...Face painter Dee Best paints a butterfly on the arm of Ava Gelling at Fanwood's Night Out Tuesday at LaGrange Park. The 27th Annual National Night Out is a police-community partnership aimed at preventing crime and

Fanwood Hopes Future is Now For Rocco's Tavern Site

By TED RITTER

FANWOOD - Mayor Colleen Mahr and the borough council, at their August agenda meeting Tuesday night, discussed the next steps for the former Rocco's Tavern property on Terrill Road.

The old building on the property, which is vacant and has fallen into disrepair during the past several years, could very well be demolished by the end of the month, according to Borough Attorney Dennis Estis

Mr. Estis said a hearing about the property, attended by the owner, was held on July 6 before Fanwood's "public officer," Department of Public Works Director Clint Dicksen, and a bank started foreclosure proceedings. In fact, Mr. Estis said, the bank has already signaled that it may file an

application to raze the structure, long an eyesore on a busy corner.

Mr. Estis said the owner or the bank has until August 13 "to make any and all repairs" in order to bring the building "up to snuff" and to comply with codes and regulations.

If that deadline is not met, the building must be demolished by Friday, August 27. And if the demolition deadline is missed, an unlikely scenario, the borough can then prepare

to raze the building on its own, according to Mr. Estis.

Mr. Estis theorized that the bank is likely waiting for foreclosure to be complete before filing its demolition application.

Mayor Mahr, who, along with other borough officials have tried for years to do something about the property, said, "Well, it's a long time coming," adding that the eyesore building is

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ANYTHING TO HELP BUSINESS...Ronak Patel of the Corner Store, 34 South Martine Avenue in Fanwood, said the the small business loans President Barack Obama spoke of during his visit to Edison last week would be something that could help his business by expanding the store's inventory to attract even more



OPEN FOR BUSINESS...John Caferio, manager of the Martine Ave. Deli in Fanwood, says the summer is typically slow for business, but he is out to let everyone know the deli, previously Panettone's Deli & Catering, is open for business and ready to serve customers.

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SP, FW Businesses Look To Help From President

By PAUL J. PEYTON

AREA – The owners of small businesses in Scotch Plains and Fanwood said this week that they would be interested in small business loans and other efforts President Barack Obama could initiate to help struggling busi-

The President promoted his \$30billion-jobs bill, now before Congress, during a visit to an Edison sub shop last week. He said the provisions of the legislation are "helping small businesses, cutting taxes and making credit (loans) available."

'That's fabulous," said Gertrude Hofler of Marion Jewelers & Co., located at 447 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. "I think we (small businesses) are the backbone of the economy."

Her husband, Johann Hofler, said business was good in the spring, with confirmations, First Communions, etc. He and his wife said July was slow, but that August should generate additional business. The Hoflers have been in Scotch Plains for four years after moving from Fanwood, where they opened in 1993.

"I always say 'thank God for my loyal customers," Mrs. Hofler said. She said having a low overhead with no employees "keeps us afloat." She said having access to low-interest loans would help her business consolidate high credit-card debt as well make future purchases with one lowinterest monthly payment. She said small businesses like hers have to rely on credit cards because banks usually do not offer these types of

"If your credit is not that great, then you have to max out everything, my credit cards, to stay afloat," Mrs. Hofler said.

John Caferio, manager of the Martine Ave. Deli in Fanwood, located at 42-A South Martine Avenue, admitted, "Times are tight, and I know everyone is having problems." Only in business for a few months after taking over from a previous business, Panettone's Deli & Catering, he said he thinks loans for small businesses would be helpful. He said business was okay up until the summer, when business in this area is slow.

"We are just trying to keep our heads above water until we can get busy again," Mr. Caferio said. "My end is just building clientele, getting people to take the blinders off this business to come back in again. It's a good spot, a good area.'

Ronak Patel of the Corner Store, located at 34 South Martine Avenue in Fanwood, also said he favors making loans available to small busi-

"We could add more stuff inside, outside. Right now, businesses aren't doing that great, so a loan would definitely help us rethink what we could to do to attract customers. Add more things, add more vendors, anything we could do to help my business.'

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Benjamin B. Corbin for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* SETTING THE SCENE...Actresses prepare to enter the scene, last Thursday, as film crews took to Elm Street in Westfield to film a JCPenney commercial at the Towne Barber Shop.

County Trash

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to extend the lease to 2045. None of us will be around in 2045," Mr. Paterson said. "Why are you making a decision for people in 2045? We are talking about a 35-year lease...I seriously suggest you put a nix on that one." He said the county should have an opportunity to get out of the contract at some point as new technologies for garbage incineration are developed.

"If that (UCRRF) becomes obsolete, we are in big trouble," Mr. Paterson told the board.

In response, Freeholder Dan Sullivan said, "I've never heard anyone talk of \$276 million in tax reduction as being a bad thing.'

Fanwood Bike Police

FANWOOD - Police Chief Richard Trigo reports that the police bicycle unit was started about a month ago. The department received local donations for the equipment. The purpose of the unit is to break down barriers between the police department and the community by making the patrolmen more visible and accessible. In the future, the bicycle unit will sponsor bicycle rodeos and bike safety events.

The resolution to execute the memorandum of understanding passed by a vote of 8-0, with Freeholder Rick Proctor of Rahway not present for the vote.

In other business, the board passed a resolution to allow the county manager, George Devanney, to apply for matching funds of \$9.4 million from the New Jersey Office of Green Acres Land Acquisition and Park Development Grant Program for Oak Ridge Park improvenents in Clark. Members of the public questioned why a hearing held last week on the application was not better publicized.

"It was unfortunate if people were unable to attend [the Oak Ridge Park Green Acres application hearing]," Freeholder Sullivan said. He said the hearing was legally advertised in The Star-Ledger and Courier-News. He said although no members of the public were in attendance, he "would be happy" to make "the same presentation" on the \$18-million park proposal at a future freeholder meeting.

"It's just smart management to apply for funds that are available. So we are applying for a maximum amount of funds," Mr. Sullivan said.



Benjamin B. Corbin Corbin for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* READY FOR STIMULUS...As the large sign announces, Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains is soon to undergo major road work paid for by federal tax dollars.

Garwood Okays Senior Housing At Former St. Anne's School Site

By MAGGIE DIGGORY

GARWOOD - The Westfield Senior Citizens Housing Corporation (WSCHC), last Wednesday, was granted a use variance by the Garwood Planning Board to convert the former St. Anne's School property into a senior citizens housing facility.

"This is a very positive thing for Garwood and for seniors who need housing," said WSCHC Executive Director Ruth Smith, who spoke with The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times immediately after the vote was cast.

The WSCHC had begun its presentation at the June planning board meeting and, prior to formally presenting its application, held a community meeting in March. The board had rejected previous proposals, most recently by James Ward of Ward and O'Donnell Management, and the

property continued to remain vacant. Prior to the motion for a vote at approximately 10:45 p.m., the board's attorney, Donald Fraser, advised the body that, "given the late hour," the board could bifurcate its vote and choose to vote on the variance application and then, at its Wednesday, September 15, meeting, vote on the memorialized site use variance.

"I don't see how the application can be approved tonight," Mr. Fraser said at 9:30 p.m. "I suggest we cut off testimony at 10:30. Then, at 11, there'd be pressure to vote. Nobody is served well under pressure."

However, the vote was later cast, with only Robert Scherer opposing.

While the board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, August 25, Mr. Fraser recommended that the board put the remainder of WSCHC's aplication on its September 15 meeting agenda, to allow for a possibility

of a "lack of a quorum."

The WSCHC attorney, Stephen Hale, of Hale & Hale, P.C. in Union, provided more expert witness testimony regarding the application to obtain a use variance to construct a new development consisting of a three-story building containing 72 senior housing units (one of these units will be a two-bedroom caretaker's apartment) and 41 parking spaces for residents, guests and staff members.

With about 15 members of the public in attendance, including a number of senior citizens, the board listened to two hours of testimony from three witnesses and heard questions and sworn statements from the public, before taking a 10-minute break at 9:30 p.m. and then resuming for another 90 minutes.

The first expert witness last Wednesday evening was Steven Cohen, the project's architect, who previously had been sworn in and testified about the architectural modifications to the school structure. At its June 25 meeting, the board had raised concerns about the height of the building and the removal of a tree on the property, as well as the outdoor lighting scheme. The current design has what Mr. Cohen described "a façade softened by changing windows" and a "changed entrance, with small and lower elements."

Following Mr. Cohen's report, Craig Perogoy from Staigar, the engineer for the project, provided a traffic report on his study of the area of Cedar Avenue between Second and Third Avenues. Mr. Perogoy's testimony concluded that having a senior citizens housing development in the area would "generate far less traffic than the school did before." In addition, he said, "one of the attractive features is not having a car, because the train and shops are nearby.' On a scale of A to F, Mr. Perogoy assigned the area "B grade traffic."

Most of the residents' questions for Mr. Perogoy did not relate to traffic directly, but more about adequate off-street parking for residents, guests and staff. He affirmed that the senior housing complex would "exceed the number of spaces needed," repeating that the complex's location is in walking distance to nearby stores.

Board member Stephen Greet asked Mr. Perogoy if he had "come across townships who've changed traffic signals for the visually impaired?" Mr. Perogoy responded, You have to determine the number of visually-impaired persons. You need a substantial population of visually-impaired people to warrant that."

The evening's final witness was John McDonough, the project's site planner from Pennoni. His testimony included multiple exhibits to illustrate the site plan to convert the parochial school into senior housing.

"Ideally, this is where senior housing units should be located, in a mature, residential neighborhood," Mr. McDonough said. Mr. McDonough's report included census data relating the need for senior housing, particularly in Garwood, with 17.2 percent of the population over 65 as of the 2000 Census. "Most applicants will be from Garwood and the area," Mr. McDonough added.

With the wait-list for the two Westfield senior-housing complexes currently closed, Mr. McDonough testified to the need for more senior housing, noting there is one unit of affordable senior housing available for every 10 applicants nationwide.

Questions from the board, as well as the public, ranged from the possibility of reserving units just for Garwood residents to further explaining how the housing development was inherently beneficial to Garwood.

"This is a key and important development. This is a fantastic location. The property use is preserved (it could still be used as a school again in the future). The height is only a small fraction above the ordinance. This is an experienced applicant who retained the knowledge of professionals and met with the police and fire departments," Mr. Hale said during his closing remarks to the board before it cast a favorable vote.



TAKE YOUR PICK...Residents look over the many selections at the Scotch Plains Farmers' Market on Saturday at the municipal parking lot on Park Avenue.

Fanwood Council Reviews Former Rocco's Site

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"just terrible." Beyond demolition, future steps for the property are unclear at this point, but the borough may be looking at potential options for redevel-

In other business, the governing body discussed the potential impacts of water rate increases on the bor-

opment grant money.

Mayor Mahr said officials still need to clarify exact numbers, but a notice from New Jersey American Water to publicize a series of rate increase meetings suggests municipalities could pay as much as 22 percent more for their water next year.

"This is an exact case in point that we're going to face heading into this budget year," said Mayor Mahr, emphasizing that the state wants municipalities to stay within a 2-percent budget cap while costs continue to increase.

Mayor Mahr said the state has "already told us not to expect an increase" in state aid next year, "and we probably won't get the

same" level of aid as the borough received this year.

Also Tuesday night, the mayor introduced the borough's new en-Dominic gineer, Carrino, of the firm T&M Associates. Mr. Carrino said he

has already received a first-hand look at local roads to determine reconstruction and

repair needs, and said he will explore opportunities for Safe Routes to Transit grants. Mr. Carrino said the \$275,000 grants could fund sidewalks, handi-

capped "curb cuts" or other improvements for providing safe bicycle and pedestrian access to transit stops. "You can get a good-size project

out of that," he said. Mayor Mahr said Mr. Carrino's other first steps would include revis-

ing regulations governing sidewalk "sandwich boards" advertising local businesses; beginning a parks master plan and addressing renovation needs at the borough hall complex.

The mayor said Mr. Carrino's firm also has a grant writer on staff to look into options for future capital project funding.

That's going to come in handy because we need someone like that here," she said.

Following a proposal by Councilwoman Joan Wheeler to draft a resolution, the governing body also briefly discussed Republican Governor Chris Christie's recent veto of a measure providing \$7.5 million in state funding for 58 family planning centers, including 29 run by Planned Parenthood.

Democrats in Trenton have pledged to override the governor's veto, arguing that many of the funded centers provide much-needed contraceptives and health screenings to clients who might otherwise not be able to get

> CouncilwomanWheeler suggested considering a resolution calling on the governor to restore the funding.

Councilman Robert Manduca replied, "Let's be honest...this [family planning centers program] is funding abortion."

While woman Wheeler agreed that the program "does fund abortions" in certain cases, "that's not what [this program] is about."

Councilman Manduca said he 'would be happy to support" the councilwoman's measure if it was revised to emphasize the need for screenings and other services.

Mayor Mahr said she planned to "craft something" and have it ready for review prior to next Tuesday night's regular monthly meeting.

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By PAUL J. PEYTON

ELIZABETH — The Union

County Improvement Authority

(UCIA) extended the deadline for

local governments to sign up for its

renewable-energy program; towns

now have until the end of August. The

county anticipates a 25-percent sav-

ings in energy costs. The county is

bonding \$45 million to place solar

panels on 49 buildings as part of the

all municipalities, public school dis-

The initiative has been offered to

program.

Deadline Extended for BOEs,

Towns to Join Solar Program

Lawmakers Get Mixed Grades on Environment

TRENTON — Environment New Jersey's biannual report shows the average state legislator's score dipped to 55 percent, a drop of 20 percent from the prior report. The group ranked lawmaker votes on solar energy, development and energy-savings bills.

Locally, Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (LD-21, Westfield), the Republican leader in the Senate, and Nicholas Scutari (LD-22, Linden), a Democrat, scored grades of 50 and 63 percent, respectively.

In the Assembly, Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (LD-21, Westfield) garnered a grade of 38 percent, while Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz (LD-21, Summit) received a grade of 40 percent.

Assemblywoman Linda Stender (LD-22, Fanwood) was given a 75percent grading on environmental issues, while Assemblyman Jerry Green (LD-22, Plainfield) received a 63percent mark.

Four lawmakers, Senators Bob Smith (LD-17, Piscataway) and Shirley Turner (LD-15, Trenton) and Assembly members Linda Greenstein (LD-14, Monroe Twn.) and Peter Barnes (LD-18, Edison) all Democrats, achieved perfect scores. Four others, Assembly members Alison McHose (LD-24, Sparta), Gary Chiusano (LD-24, Sparta), Jay Webber and the now-retired Rick Merkt (Morris County), all Republicans, scored zeros.

Bills Ranked on Environment New Jersey's Legislative Scorecard are:

A-2867, The Permit Extension Act of 2008, which extended outdated development permits until July 1, 2010, "allowing developers to meet weaker standards than those recently adopted to tackle persistent environmental problems, such as water pollution," according to Environment New Jersey; A-4347, The Permit Extension Act of 2009, which extended the Permit Extension Act of 2008 an additional two and a half years; A-4345, legislation the group said "delays and weakens new protections for New Jersey's water supply and over 275,000 acres of environmentally-sensitive lands." Governor Jon Corzine vetoed this bill as one of his last acts of office.

Also reviewed was A-3740, a bill that would prohibit municipalities from adopting ordinances against small wind turbines for homeowners and businesses; A-3520, The Solar Advancement Act, a bill mandating yearly solar schedule between now and 2026, ensuring that, by 2026, the state will be generating enough solar to power the equivalent of 600,000 New Jersey households; A-1558, the solar homes bill, requiring developers to offer solar power to customers prior

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growth and healing factors that initiate

repair and stimulate stem cells. By

injecting large concentrations of the

patient's own platelets into the extraction

site, it is possible to jump start the body's

natural healing response.

to commencing new home construction; S-702, legislation promoting construction of energy-saving buildings by allowing the state Department of Community Affairs to amend the state's building construction code and require more energy-efficient buildings in New Jersey, and A-2806, which added \$9 million to the state parks and forests budget for Fiscal Year 2009, staving off planned closures announced by Gov. Corzine in April 2008.

Bramnick Sponsors Shore Video Contest

WESTFIELD—Assemblyman Jon Brannick (LD-21, Westfield) is sponsoring a video contest to capture the real summer fun of the Jersey Shore not the antics of Jersey wannabes being seen on the MTV reality show.

This is the situation. MTV thinks it captured the Jersey Shore. We know better. Let's show them what it's really like Down the Shore on our sandy beaches and fantastic boardwalks,' Assemblyman Bramnick said.

As the second season of MTV's "Jersey Shore" premieres, Mr. Bramnick challenged the show to compete with videos showing a true picture of life "Down the Shore."

Contestants are encouraged to submit 30-second video clips to asmbramnick@njleg.org. Entries must be submitted by Tuesday, August 31. A panel of legislators from the Jersey Shore area will judge them. Assemblyman Bramnick will personally sponsor prizes for the winners. The finalists will be premiered at a movie night.

Lautenberg Thanked for Funding Fam. Servives

TRENTON - Assemblywoman Linda Stender (LD-22, Fanwood) has applauded U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg for sponsoring an amendment that just advanced in Congress, which would expand access to family-planning services for women around the globe.

"I am so grateful that Senator Lautenberg understands the importance of ensuring that women everywhere, including in developing nations, have access to the vital services provided by family planning centers. Unfortunately, in New Jersey, the Governor has turned his back on women by denying them access to birth control and other preventative services, which will inevitably lead to an increase in abortions," Mrs. Stender said. "Women lacking health insurance in New Jersey may now have to travel to third-world countries in order to access these services.

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from the recent Space Shuttle Atlantis crew regarding their mission to the International Space Station and their efforts to repair the Hubble Telescope in space. Among the astronauts was Commander Kenneth Ham, a 1983 graduate of rthur L. Johnson High School in Clark

Sen. Scutari: Enforcement Is Key to Oyster Project

TRENTON - Senator Nicholas Scutari (LD-21, Linden) last week sent a letter to Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Robert Martin expressing concern over a recent department decision to shut down the New York/New Jersey Baykeeper oyster project, which aids in reducing pollution in the Raritan Bay.

The DEP sent a directive to the Baykeeper on July 15 instructing it to remove its experimental oyster reef from the Hudson-Raritan Estuary out of concern that the shellfish could be illegally poached. The DEP contends that sickness caused by illegally poached oysters making their way into the market could damage the state's shellfish industry.

In his letter to the Commissioner, Senator Scutari stressed the importance of the oysters, which he said provide a cleansing mechanism in the polluted Raritan Bay through a natural filtering process in which they take large amounts of water through their bodies and retain pollutants. The process helps to reduce pollution and to rebuild the ecosystem in the waters.

The Senator also emphasized that a number of factors significantly decreases the likelihood that poaching will occur, most notably that the oysters are a fraction of the size of commercially produced oysters, making them unattractive to the market.

Further, the Senator said, the DEP

already is required to increase patrols of shell fisheries to comply with U.S. Food and Drug Administration rules, a move which would also guard against potential poaching, Sen. Scutari said.

"I submit that the answer to the perceived problem of Baykeeper oysters finding their way into the food supply and thereby harming consumers and the shellfish industry is effective and proper enforcement—rather than dismantlement of a project designed to benefit the environment and ecosystems of the Hudson-Raritan Estuary and surrounding waters," Sen. Scutari said.

Kean Wants Bi-Partisan Meetings on Gaming

TRENTON — Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean, Jr. (LD-21 Westfield) issued the following statement regarding the composition of the Legislative panel that will consider Governor Chris Christie's proposed changes to New Jersey's gaming industry:

"It's unacceptable to inject partisan politics into the modernization of major industries in New Jersey's economy. The long-term futures of gaming and horse farming cross geographic and ideological boundaries. ... I hope that the Senate leadership reconsiders their position and opens a seat at the table for Repub-

tricts and local authorities within Union County. The UCIA is looking to sign a power purchase agreement with a private entity which would be eligible to receive federal energy credits in return for providing solar equipment and energy at no cost to towns and school districts, Steve Perlman, an attorney with Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole and Wisler, LLP, told the board

at a meeting last year. The program includes renewableenergy sources such as solar panels or wind devices, which will installed on buildings or grounds identified by each participating entity.

The UCIA has said the goal of the program is to reduce towns' and school districts' dependence on retail electricity while not requiring any out-of-pocket costs. It has contracted with the PMK Group, Inc. of Cranford as its energy consultant on the project.

According to county spokesman Sebastian D'Elia, the County of Union, Springfield, Hillside, Linden, Roselle and the Garwood and New Providence boards of education have all passed resolutions to join the program. The Plainfield, Roselle Park and Hillside boards of educations, as well as Rahway, Summit, Cranford, Union County College's Cranford campus and the Morris-Union Jointure are considering resolutions to join the program.

Mountainside, Berkeley Heights and New Providence have opted not to consider resolutions to join the program.

Jonathan Williams, an attorney with Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole and Wisler, LLP, counsel to the UCIA, told the board "the county will spend zero dollars" for the program. The debt to be funded by the county to initiate the program would be repaid by the private entity.

He said participating towns and school boards "will incur no expense associated with the installation of the panels.

"Instead, the private vendor will put the panel arrays on roofs and on parking lots. And the municipality or the school board...will continue to own those buildings. The improvement authority will own the solar arrays, leased to a private vendor. The private vendor will repay the debt," Mr. Williams said.

Mr. Williams said the vendor would receive solar-energy credits to sell on the marketplace. "And after a certain amount of time has gone by, the revenues from those sales would be shared with the county," Mr. Will-

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iams told the freeholders. "The balance of the money [for the vendor to repay the county] comes from the sale of electricity generated by the

He said Morris County, which has a similar program, saw a 25-percent reduction in energy bills through the installation of solar panels. "We anticipate similar benefits for all of the participating municipalities, school boards and including your county

buildings.' Kenilworth resident John Bury said Morris County is spending \$22.3 million, with anticipated savings of \$2.3 million over 15 years on its program; Rutgers University spent \$10 million to convert sunlight into electricity, with savings of \$200,000 in energy costs.

"Now, Union County wants to wants to bond for \$45 million to put solar panels on 49 buildings they've identified. Even ignoring the [time and money], it would take Rutgers 50 years and Morris County 145 years to turn a profit. So, what's so hot about solar panels?" Mr. Bury asked.

Mr. Bury said his "theory" is that the county could not generate enough participants and, thus, is putting most of the panels on county-owned build-

In other business, the board approved a resolution to enter into a shared-services agreement with Bergen County's Wellness Discount Program, which, once implemented, is anticipated to save residents 10 to 50 percent on prescription medications. According to a Bergen County brochure, the card can be used for those persons without prescriptiondrug benefits or as a substitute for those whose insurance plans do not cover specific prescriptions.

Frank Guzzo, the county's director of human services, said there would be no administrative or registration fees charged to the county or residents to use the program. Union County would receive 50 cents every time a Wellness discount card is used. There are also no income or age restrictions to join the program.

The discount program includes prescription cards, hearing exams and hearing aids; vision exams, eyeglasses, contact lenses and lasik eye surgery; dental care, diabetic supplies, pet medications as well as a teeth-widening system.

Allan Caan, who runs the Bergen County program, told the Union County Freeholders that Bergen County has partnered with United Networks of America for its program. Others counties that offer wellness programs include Essex, Mercer, Gloucester, Salem, Passaic and Hudson Counties. He said each of the different services have toll free numbers included in the brochures for those persons seeking more informa-

The freeholders will hold an agenda meeting tonight, August 5, and a regular meeting on Thursday, August 19. Freeholder meetings are held in the county's administration building in Elizabeth and begin at 7 p.m.



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Council Looks at Safety After Resident's Murder

By CHARLOTTE MURTISHAW

SUMMIT - The Summit Common Council assembled at a regular meeting Tuesday night, during which officials discussed public safety following the recent death of a Summit man, as well as the Summit Housing Corporation's proposed Habitat for Humanity project.

Council members took the opportunity to express gratitude to local and area authorities in the wake of the killing last month of Abelino Mazariego, a 47-year-old El Salva-

Honeywell Decides to Stay in N.J.

TRENTON - According to the Governor's office, Honeywell intends to redevelop its global headquarters in Morris Township and stay in New Jersey. Honeywell manufactures aerospace products, control technologies for buildings, homes and industry; automotive products, turbochargers and specialty materials.

"Honeywell's brand is synonymous with the innovation and hard work our state is known for, and I am pleased that they intend to stay and grow in New Jersey. With today's announcement, Honeywell is showing that our state is a place where businesses, both large and small, can open, expand and thrive," Governor Chris Christie said.

The Main Campus Redevelopment Project will improve the use of Honeywell's real-estate assets, improve the companies working environment and make the complex more energy efficient, officials said. The company plans to create a mixed-use campus that will provide benefits to its employees and the greater Morris Township community. As planned, the proposed project may include new office facilities, a hotel, residential units and open space – including walking trails. Hundreds of construction jobs will be created in the execution of the project, as well as permanent professional and service jobs on the mixed-use campus.

The Raritan Valley Rail Coalition will hear a report on the effects of NJ Transit's fare increases at its meeting this Monday, August 9, at 8:30 a.m. in the Somerset County Administration Building, 20 Grove Street, Somerville.

WESTFIELD - The Westfield

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nounced that the newly installed pay

stations along South Avenue and in

the "horseshoe" area adjacent to Lot

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dorian immigrant, on the promenade off of Springfield Avenue.

"I want to thank our police and the Union County prosecutor's office for all their work in the past two weeks after the murder on the promenade," said Mayor Jordan Glatt, referring to the July 17 incident in which Mr. Mazariego was beaten to death. Three teenagers - two of them from Summit – have been charged with murder.

Council President Dave Bomgaars spoke of "encouraging and demanding changes in the weeks ahead," as well as praising the local clergy's efforts at healing with a service for peace and reconciliation held on July 28.

Later in the meeting, citizens expressed concern at the allocation of police officers, especially in terms of downtown presence, but Mayor Glatt urged the public to "not react to one issue when the statistics speak differently."

In other business, the council unanimously passed the planning board's ordinance on helipad use. A D variance is now required for the construction of a helipad to be permitted.

The main issue of the evening involved the hotly debated Habitat for Humanity project at 39 Morris Avenue. The Summit Housing Corporation is seeking the release of \$530,000 from the trust fund for the project.

Many citizens spoke about the project, with an even number of supporters and detractors. Many of the complaints issued reflected concerns about the density of the project, which calls for six residences to be situated on an area currently occupied by a single family home.

However, the zoning board already has addressed the density issue with its approval of the project in its belief that the problems will be mitigated, as Councilwoman Nuris Potuondo reminded those in attendance, and were only seeking the approval and release of funds.

"We elected a zoning board," said Mayor Glatt, "and we need to trust their expertise."

As well, a resolution concerning outdoor refuse containers was passed. Containers now must be fitted with watertight lids, with the exception of construction dumpsters and town litter containers, so that they do not leak

liquid into the storm water system. The meeting opened with recognition of the local Summit Sharks swim team, which went 7-1 this season and

are posted on the pay station.

The fee for parking on the street or in the "horseshoe" is 50 cents per

hour. There is a two-hour limit for

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Peek at the Week **In Politics**

By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times

N.J. is a Finalist for 'Race to Top' Funds; State Seeks \$400 Mil.

New Jersey is among the finalists eligible for a share of roughly \$3.4 billion in federal education Race to the Top funds, the U.S. Department of Education has announced. According to The Asbury Park Press, 18 of the 35 states that applied for funding in the second round of the program were deemed finalists, along with Washington, D.C.

Finalists will travel to Washington to present their plans and answer questions from the peer reviewers who scored the applications. Winners will be announced in September. New Jersey is seeking \$400

Menendez, Lautenberg Want **BP PLC Officials to Testify**

U.S. Senators Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) and Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) are continuing their investiga-tion into whether BP PLC played a role in the release of Pan Am 103 bomber Abdel Baset al-Megrahi from a Scottish prison. He had been sentenced to life in prison following his conviction in 2001 for the December 21, 1988 bombing that killed 270 people, including 38 from New Jersey. The airliner exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Scottish Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill released him in August 2009 on "compassionate grounds"

because the Libyan was diagnosed with terminal cancer, the Associated Press reported.

Rep. Pallone Announces \$6.5 Mil. In Funding for Robert Wood Hosp.

Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-6th) has announced \$6.5 million in defense appropriations funding for programs in the New Brunswick area which, he said, would benefit Rutgers University, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. The funding would go to projects to improve disaster-preparedness efforts and improve cancer-prevention diagnoses.

Plans Revealed for Institute In Memory of Sen. Ted Kennedy

Architectural plans have been unveiled for the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, to be located adjacent to his brother's presidential library in Boston, according to an Associated Press report published in The Cape Cod

The 44,000-square-foot facility will include a replica of the Senate chamber where Sen. Kennedy served for 47 years until his death from brain cancer last August.

The institute's president and CEO, Peter Meade, said \$50 million in private donations and more than \$38 million in federal funds have been raised thus far. A groundbreaking is planned for September.

County Shredding Program Coming to Kean University

UNION-The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced that its mobile paper-shredding program for personal documents will be available for Union County residents on Saturday, August 14, in the Township of Union.

The August 14 shredding event will take place on the campus of Kean University, located at 1000 Morris Avenue in Union, in the parking lot near the corner of Morris Avenue and Green Lane.

NEXCUT Shredding of Teaneck will be shredding documents at the site from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. The shredding event will end before 1 p.m. if the shredding truck reaches capacity.

All Union County residents are eligible to use the personal document paper-shredding service. In an effort to accommodate all participants, there is a limit of four boxes per person. Documents should not be bound. Please remove plastic binders and paperclips. Residents should continue to recycle non-confidential papers and magazines with their municipal recycling programs.

The next document-shredding event will take place on Thursday, September 16, at the Linden Recycling Center in the City of Linden, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The mobile shredding program is paid for through funds from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Solid Waste Services Tax Grant. Shredding may be cancelled in the event of extreme bad weather. Please call the Recycling Hotline at (908) 654-9889 or visit ucnj.org/re-

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BOE Hires New Asst. Principal for Roosevelt, Guidance Dir.

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL

WESTFIELD — The town's board of education last week appointed Derrick Nelson as assistant principal of Roosevelt Intermediate School.

According to Margaret Dolan, superintendent of schools, the appointment is effective August 16 and will fill the position left vacant by Mathew Bolton, who was recently named principal of McKinley Elementary School. Mr. Nelson will be paid \$91,000.

According to Lorre Korecky, the district's spokeswoman, Mr. Nelson has been an assistant principal of intermediate school students in Orange, serving mostly in the city's K-7 Park Avenue School and at the K-8 Main Street School. Prior to that, Mr. Nelson served as a teacher in Plainfield from 2002 to 2007.

He has earned a Master of Arts degree in Education Administration from St. Peter's College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communication from Delaware State University. According to Mrs. Korecky, Mr. Nelson is currently enrolled in a doctorate program in education administration at Seton Hall Univer-

Superintendent Dolan concluded by saying that she was pleased to make this announcement, noting, "Mr. Nelson is thoughtful, has a great knowledge of instruction and understands children in middle school." Mr. Nelson thanked the board for the appointment and stated that he looked forward to working with the children and adults of the Westfield commu-

nity.
"I love helping teachers help kids. That is what we are all here to do, and I am very excited," Mr. Nelson

The interview team included Human Resources Specialist Barbara Ball; Roosevelt Principal Stewart Carey, K-12 Social Studies Supervisor Andrea Brennan, K-12 Mathematics Supervisor Regina Kiczek, Roosevelt teachers Melissa

Czerwinski (science) and Denis McMorrow (language arts), Roosevelt Guidance Counselor Kim Schumacher, Edison Intermediate Assistant Principal Doug Layman and Co-Presidents of the Roosevelt PTO, Barbara Bagger and Marie Sloan.

In addition, the board of education announced the appointment of Richard Charwin as the director of guidance, effective Monday, August 30.

Ms. Dolan said Mr. Charwin had 17 years of experience in guidance and "understands the complexity of the job. He shares the philosophy and shares the high standards in this com-

According to a district press re-lease, Mr. Charwin held the same title from 2003 to 2010 at Bernards High School. From 1993 to 2003 he served as the supervising director of guidance and guidance counselor for the Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education and a Master of Arts degree in Counselor Education from Kean University.

He also has earned a Doctorate in Education from Nova Southeastern University in Florida and is a licensed professional counselor and psychotherapist. The district received 40 applications for the posi-

"I am truly honored for everyone's support and honored to work in a district so rich in history of doing what is right for our students. I care about the kids and their schools. I can't wait to get started. I wish it was tomorrow," he told the board.

The interview team for the guidance director's position included Superintendent Dolan, Ms. Ball, board of education members Ann Cary and Alice Hunnicutt, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services Ted Kozlik, Edison Intermediate School Principal Cheryl O'Brien, Westfield High School Principal Peter Renwick, guidance counselors Christine Rozzelle and Robyn Solomon and parents Lisa Bleich and Mary Thompson.

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The Murder in Summit Reminds Us to Thank Those Who Serve

Emergency Medical Services are an essential service of our society – expected, though sometimes taken for granted, by the residents of our towns in Union County. Life-saving events occur daily and most go unnoticed, with the exception, perhaps, of hearing the passing sound of a siren on the street. All this good work occurs with mutual cooperation and valiant efforts of highly trained personnel from rescue squads, police and fire departments in combination with medical staff at area hospitals. With the pass down of budget cuts from the state to the towns, the availability of these services are threat-

Unless there is a tragedy, the good work goes unreported. A tragedy occurred in Summit on July 17 when Abelino Mazariego was beaten to death – murder charges are pending against three youths in the brutal attack; some calling them monsters. Many questions have arisen from this horrible event. Why were there several witnesses to the murder? Why did no one call 911 while it was occurring? How did the police and the hospital not know for three days that a brutal beating caused the man's injuries and led to his death the fourth day? Why did authorities have to find out about the details from a video posted on the Internet? What was going through the teenager's mind when taking the video, posting it on the Internet – while not reporting it to the police?

The Summit All-Volunteer Rescue Squad, founded in 1962, is one of the finest in the area. Their services are free. Why would they come under question by some about their decision to immediately take the victim to the Overlook Hospital emergency room, just a few minutes away? Some have said CenCom should have made the call for the victim to be taken by Northstar helicopter, Medevac, to the trauma center at UMDNJ in Newark.

What is Central Communications of Atlantic Health (CenCom) for medical dispatch, and what is their role? Who calls the shot on the scene during a medical emer-

We were told, "Cencom does not decide what hospital you go to. They will tell you what hospitals are on 'divert,' meaning they don't have enough available beds. The decision of what hospital to go to is made by either the squad members or paramedics (highest medical training makes the call)... You don't always have time to get to a trauma center – sometimes any hospital is better in order to at least stabilize the person than no hospital at

Another advised us, "As a person who worked in EMS on both on an ambulance as an EMT, and who was employed by CenCom as a medical dispatcher (prior to becoming a police officer), I can tell you in no uncertain terms that CenCom has nothing to do with a decision on where to transport a patient."

"The decision of where to transport lies with the highest medical authority on the scene, taking into account, whenever possible, the wishes of the patient and/or any family members present. Patients and family members are certainly overridden when there is a medical need (for example, if you are badly burned we are taking you to St. Barnabas, no matter how many times you tell us your doctor likes Overlook Hospital better)."

"The paramedics normally make this decision when they are on scene. However, the ambulance squad does have some say if the desired hospital is too far outside their normal coverage area, and it will place the ambulance unit out of service for too long. In the event it would take too long to get a patient to a trauma center, a medical helicopter is an option, however, a response time would have to be beyond 20 to 30 minutes on the ground to justify tying up such a limited resource.'

"It also takes a few minutes for the helicopter to get airborne, then another few for it to land, and there are sometimes logistical problems with landing the damn thing. Anyway, the idea in a trauma situation is to get the patient into surgery within an hour of the event. This is known in EMS as 'Golden Hour.' With all that stipulated, there is still a lot to say."

"With only the limited information available in the media, there are a number of factors which indicate to me a transport to the closest hospital, rather than a regional trauma center, was in order and a good decision...only the people on the scene would know all that information (the Summit First Aid Squad is excellent)."

With tragedies come grief, self-examination and recrimination. We need to remain thankful for all those that serve us. Surely, we need to do our best to improve things - and prevent tragedies as our first order. Perhaps, we will raise our young to know better, to not stand idly by while a horrid crime is being committed. Perhaps our youth will have better compassion and sense of reality to understand that life's drama shouldn't be the unreality on

Perhaps a policeman on the beat in downtown Summit will help eradicate the monsters in our midst.

Last Week's Editorial: Too Fanciful - Is Obamacare the **Real Cause of Our Stampeding Companies?**

In an extraordinary leap of logic, you state the U.S. can't compete with China because of "Obamacare and other such follies." [July 29, 2010 editorial - Is the Light Coming In or Are We Just letting the Darkness Out?]. At least it's not the unions or the trilateral commission.

As may have escaped your notice,

Obamacare does not really kick in for years and, more importantly, we have had a national debate for many years to try to understand why industries are leaving the U.S. Apparently it was due to Obamacare long before it existed. Who knew?

Could the dreadful thought of universal healthcare [by the only industrialized western country that lacked it] be the real cause of our stampeding companies? It's too fanciful to

Not even Benjamin Franklin had a soupcon

> Harold Wasserman Westfield



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Addressing Mr. Kasko's **Public Statements**

By Andrew Skibitsky **Mayor of Westfield**

Dear Mr. Kasko:

This letter is not intended to address the factual inaccuracies in the prepared statement you read to the Westfield Town Council at the meeting of July 20, 2010 during the portion reserved for public comment on matters that fall within the council's scope of authority; rather, it is intended to address the concerns you expressed in your statement regarding 'transparency

First, reading from your prepared statement, you alleged that there are "abusive practices inside the Westfield Police Department" and "possible indications of mismanagement." As you may recollect from your past employment as a police officer in Westfield, there are certain matters that do not fall under the direct purview of the town council. With respect to allegations of police misconduct, the town is required to follow the guidelines set forth by the state attorney general's office. Accordingly, I must advise you that if you have any first-hand, factual or credible knowledge of any misconduct or wrongdoing regarding the Westfield Police Department, it should be reported to the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

Second, please be advised that the "PERC" hearing to which you referred to in your statement is, in fact, one step in a grievance process and is being conducted in complete accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the collective negotiations agreement between the Town

of Westfield and the New Jersey State P.B.A. Local 90. I do want to clarify that the grievance process is not the same as a disciplinary proceeding, such as the ones you were involved in while you were a police officer. A "grievance" is simply a dispute involving the interpretation or application of the provisions of the collective -negotiations agreement.

Finally, your statements in the July 29, 2010 edition of The Westfield Leader outlining the basis of your claimed mismanagement are misguided. The reference to a 'secret pay raise" is nothing more than an acting pay adjustment for additional duties that was processed in the normal course of business in accordance with the terms of the labor agreement between the Town of Westfield and the P.B.A. Local 90. Such acting pay increases, where appropriate, have been processed in the same manner for other police officers over the past several years which is, again, a matter with which you should be familiar based upon your Westfield experience prior to the termination of your employment as a po-

In closing, let me reiterate that if you have any knowledge of any police misconduct, I urge you to report same to the Union County Prosecutor's Office. Further, the grievance process will continue to be conducted in accordance with the applicable collective-negotiations agreement. Thank you. Yours truly,

> Andrew K. Skibitsky Westfield Mayor

Letters to the Editor

Having An Official Language Is The Glue of A Society

I am sick and tired of the inability of people to recognize when and where people should be held accountable for their actions.

[Regarding Leader/Times July 22 editorial, Is The N.J. Supreme Court Creating a Tower of 'Babble'?] I'd have to guess that German Marquez chose not to learn to speak English. Also, I'd guess Mr. Marquez chose to drive drunk. Surrounding the issue with legal blather doesn't change the fact that Mr. Marquez should be held accountable for his ac-

I wonder what position Mr. Blacker would take if Mr. Marquez had maimed or killed a person close to him.

English as the official language of the U.S. is one of the issues; unfortunately our Congress has failed to recognize its value and that ship has sailed. Having lived in Mexico for five years, I can attest to the fact that having an official language is very valuable to a society. It's the glue of a society

Morgan O'Brien

Watchdog's Solution: 'You Are Free To Vote Them Out Of Office in Nov.'

The Union County communications director published a slanderous letter against me last week. Sebastian D'Elia's letter failed to mention that he is the Union County Freeholders' spokesperson (salary \$111,420).

There is a full, frontal and desperate attack underway in an effort to deflect attention away from the real issues by attacking the messengers. I suspect it's because the incumbent freeholders barely squeaked out a victory in the Primary Election this spring. Apparently, people are paying attention to the Union County Watchdog Association's work. So, here's

At the last Union County Freeholders holders to vote on resolutions on the agenda, a citizen noticed that Freeholder Richard Proctor, who is running for election for mayor of Rahway, got up and left — and then came right back after the votes were taken. The citizen further noted that this wasn't just a bathroom brake because: 1 - It only took about a minute and 2 - The clerk didn't call his name for the vote. Therefore, she knew in advance that he wouldn't be there.

The citizen questioned the freeholder board including Proctor as to why he left the room. And he got no response.

Freeholder Debra Scanlon did this in 2004. When it came time to vote for a

\$1,907,739 no-bid contract awarded to Consultedge in which her sister was reported to have been the sales representative, she left the room when the vote was taken and she was marked not present. She later denied that she had anything to do with her sister's company receiving the contract. But [she] offered no explanation as to why she left the room rather than abstaining from the vote.

If freeholders simply leave the room with no explanation, they don't have to draw attention to county business they may be involved in. I checked. It appears

For over a decade now the freeholder board has been 9-0 Union County Demosider on the freeholder board, there is no way for a citizen to hold county government accountable.

Well-paid freeholders and county employees are free to harass citizens who dare to ask questions rather than answer

You are free to vote them out of office in November. You almost did it in June.

> Tina Renna Cranford

Editor's Note: Mrs. Renna is President of the Union County Watchdog As-

Master Gardeners Thank Community For Support and Seek Members

The Master Gardeners of Union County would like to thank the local communities for their support during our spring garden fair and plant sale this past May. This is our only major fundraiser of the year. The funds we raise enable us to offer horticulture programs to nursing homes, schools, and other community organizations, to grow fresh vegetables in our "Sharing Garden" for distribution to shelters, community food banks and soup kitchens.

We also provide speakers on gardening topics and grant annual awards to horticulture students at Union County College (UCC), Union County Vocational Technical School (UCVTS) and for 4-H gardening activities with children.

We would also like to thank the following for their support of our fair: Amberg Perennial Farm and Garden Center, Bartell Farm and Garden Supply, Dreyer Farms, Miele's Greenhouses, Parker Greenhouses, Williams Nursery. We thank the Union County Freeholders, the county police department, the county Bureau of Mosquito Control, 4-H Master Tree Steward Volunteers and Trailside Science and Nature Center.

New Jersey Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who assist Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) Cooperative Extension in its mission to deliver horticulture programs and information to the general public. Anyone with an interest in gardening and a commitment to volunteer service can become a Master Gardener. No previous education or training in horticulture is required.

A new Master Gardener class is starting this fall at the Union County RCE office in Westfield. Contact Lynne Orlofsky at (908) 654-9854 for an application or see mastergardeners-uc.org_for more information.

Joanne Krueger Master Gardener Spring Fair Chair

Honk If You Hate Geese And Mindowaskin Splotches

In one short block on Lenox Avenue, from Elmer to St. Paul Street, a block away from Mindowaskin Pond, I just counted 153 goose splotches, and that was after the big rain we had this weekend.

I was walking my dog and willingly picked up her poop because it would be unsanitary if I didn't. Plus, I might get a big ticket. Who's going to ticket a goose?

Oddly, we let a small group of gooseloving looneys and their supporters hugely detract from our quality of life, from the quality of the water in Mindowaskin Pond, and, probably, from our health.

Further, anybody who has business with our municipal government has to walk through the wasteland created by government inaction. To me, the fields of goose poop surrounding city hall seem to an example of how whoever honks the loudest wins in council chambers.

Perhaps this ode from the state Department of Environmental Protection's goose management manual helps explain the problem: "The honking flock of Canada geese overhead brings an internal recognition of nature's intelligence and the timeless changing of the seasons. The high altitude, gracefully shifting 'V' formation, always is a source of wonder."

Yeah right. It's time for these obnoxious birds to meet their maker. Others have figured this out. Union County euthanizes geese in its parks. Why not us?

Bill Reinhardt Westfield



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

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

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

Answers to last week's arcane words. 1. Kibe - A crack or chap in the flesh caused by cold

2. Despumation – The act of skimming or scumming

3. Garran – A small work-horse 4. Eyra - A reddish or chestnut-col-

ored wildcat of Central and South America **SUCCOR**

- 1. Aid or assist
- 2. Scatter 3. Discontent
- 4. Poise; dignity
- ONEIROSCOPIST 1. A snake charmer
- 2. One who interprets dreams
- 3. A wine taster or expert
- 4. A hypnotist
- **SUDOR** 1. Thick or hard
- 2. A freed slave
- 3. Sweat or perspiration 4. The male falcon
- WYNKERNEL 1. A surplus in supplies, materials, etc.
- 2. The European water hen
- A cornfield 4. Corn meal, mush

See more letters on page 5



Boy Scouts Write of Basketball and Westfield Traffic Circle

Editor's Note: These Boys Scouts of Troop 77 of Westfield wrote these letters to the editor of The Westfield Leader as part of their Communications Merit

Basketball Courts in Westfield I am writing to express my opinion of the availability of basketball courts in Westfield. I am a member of the YMCA, and I consistently notice that there is rarely an open basketball court. This is a problem for the town because during the winter season there is no place to play basketball.

The school basketball courts are usually off-limits for general use. I notice that the basketball court at the YMCA is mostly used for adult games or the preschool children. This is a disappointment because when you practice during the season, it is hard to find someplace to

Westfield Traffic Circle I am writing concerning the circle in Westfield. I feel strongly that it is not a safe place to cross in Westfield. I feel that the people driving in that area drive very fast and are not aware of people crossing

People also display reckless driving like running red lights. I think a solution would be to station a police officer there.

Recently someone was killed in that area. Secondly, I think that there should be a traffic light instead of just a flashing red light at the intersection of Scotch Plains Avenue and West Broad Street. There is a lot of traffic there and the majority of drivers drive over the speed limit.

It is really hard to cross the street there when you are a child.

Farris Dwider Yusef Dwider Westfield

The D'Elia Letters: What's The Point?

I am all for free speech, but I do not see the point of your printing a letter from Union County Information Director, Sebastian D'Elia, that contained no less than three Internet links and eight attacks upon the person of county-watcher Tina Renna. Linking from a newspaper has to be unwieldy, and I don't believe anyone questions Mr. D'Elia's enmity towards Ms. Renna, someone he has previously harassed, insulted, and sued (unsuccess-

Instead, couldn't you have printed Mr. D'Elia's letter explaining why Union is the second-highest-taxed county in the nation? Or the one outlining how the Renewable Energy Initiative has enriched campaign donors DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick and PMK/BSG Group, as represented by Ryan Garner, former county employee and future Mt. Fuji trekker with County Manager George Devanney, to the tune of a quarter of a million dollars so far?

the Musicfest? But, perhaps, those letters were never written as Mr. D'Elia had other priorities, like intimidating away criticism of his employers on issues of relevance through character assassination of those who would raise uncomfortable issues as a warning to those who might consider doing likewise.

Or the one laying out the real costs for

John Bury

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Letters to the Editor

Trenton's Inaction Is a Bottleneck for **Downtown Fanwood Development**

On Wednesday, July 21, the Fanwood Redevelopment Agency met to review the status and progress of the downtown redevelopment plan. I have heard many residents continuously ask why there seems to be so little progress with the area designated as the Station Square in Fanwood, which is to support the construction of 24 townhouses.

Because the area was affected by lowlevel contamination left behind by a previous owner, the site has had to rely on a seal of approval from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) before they could proceed to construction. It has been nine months since final testing was completed, but because of the bottleneck created by the Christie Administration in Trenton, the DEP has yet to sign-off on its

Nonetheless, I am pleased, to have heard that our Mayor, Colleen Mahr, is not resting on Trenton's inaction to continue to delay the completion of our downtown. I applaud her tenacity to get results by insisting the deputy director of the DEP come to Fanwood, walk the redevelopment area to see where progress has

been made, in other areas of the downtown, and see how this protracted delay in moving to final sign off on Station Square is not acceptable

As a member of the Fanwood Planning Board, a municipal planning board attorney and candidate for Fanwood Borough Council, I applaud the Mayor's actions!

It is imperative that not only the mayor but also all of our elected officials become advocates on behalf of Fanwood to ensure that Fanwood's future and the sustainability of our downtown and our community is realized.

I hope that by joining the Mahr team that I can bring renewed energy and talent to ensuring that Fanwood remains a great place for young families like mine to live, work and play, while doing so in a cost effective manner.

The completion of our downtown is critical to providing both a great place to live and generating new tax revenue to relieve some of the burden from our

> **Kevin Boris Fanwood Democratic Council Candidate**

Shouldn't We know As Much About WPD As We Do About Schools?

I read with interest the July 29 2010 letter-to-the-editor title "Retired Westfield Police Officer Kasko Questions Departmental Hearing" submitted by Gregory Kasko. (In the interest of full disclosure, my brother, Lieutenant James Schneider, recently retired from the Westfield police force after having served for several distinguished decades.)

I'd like to make a few observations about the Westfield Police Department in general, and specifically how it meshes with other town services and Westfield

First, let me ask what the typical Westfield resident knows about its police force? Probably, that the dedicated officers serve around the clock, all year round, with little recognition except for when we applaud them as they march by during the Memorial Day Parade. They are kind and helpful when there has been an accident. They are vigilant when it comes to traffic violations (especially the parking kind!) In essence, we don't know much other than that we feel safe walking our streets day and night.

But should we know as much about the police department as we do about our excellent school system? Do we know anything about (or are allowed to give input on) the selection process for police chief? We are given a great deal of information when a new school superintendent needs to be chosen. And we're often given the opportunity to serve on the selection committee. Shouldn't we be afforded the same opportunity when it comes to who should be hired to oversee what I believe is the second most costly town service after the schools?

We certainly hear about teacher morale, and we often have a direct say in getting teachers reinstated (as was just seen in a recent case). Do we know anything about the morale of our police officers? If Mr. Kasko's allegations are even half true, what impact does that have on those who try to do the right things within the police force, who think they are playing by the rules, and who feel helpless and frustrated when alleged special deals are made or highly qualified personnel are passed over? Will an officer arrive on the scene of an accident just a few minutes too late because of that low morale? Probably not. Might an excellent officer

leave in disgust or get burned out long before his or her time? Most likely! And while that burnout is difficult to translate into tax dollars lost, don't we expect appropriate, high caliber conduct from our town employees for the amount of

money we are paying in taxes?

I'm concerned that there may have been a slow erosion of this morale fiber ever since Chief Scutti retired. Too many questions have arisen regarding the police force; too many articles have appeared in the news; people have left high profile positions in the police force at the peak of their careers to take lower paying positions elsewhere. While all this may or may not suggest mismanagement, or inappropriate or illegal behavior, it does speak to the question of transparency.

I agree with Mr. Kasko that there needs to be a great deal more transparency in the hiring, firing, and promotion of police department staff. I would like to take that a step further. We are able to vote in and out of office those who directly oversee our school system. We are allowed to attend Board of Education meetings to express our support or our concerns, and to ask questions - in essence, to hold our educators accountable. If we can do that for the sake of our children, I suggest we should also be able to do that with the system that protects our lives and our town. The relationship between the Westfield Police Department and the citizens of this town needs to be changed so that there is more direct accountability to those whose taxes pay the salaries of our police officers, especially the officers in senior management positions

I would like our hard-working officers to be glad they work for an exemplary police department. I would like there to be a waiting list for officers trying to get a job here. I would like the Westfield Police Department to be the model that other towns try to emulate. They say that sunshine is the best disinfectant. If there is something not quite right going on within the Westfield Police Department, I would have more confidence in its system if the police department invited more scrutiny and community participation similar to our school system

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Fanwood Working Hard to Keep Municipal Property Taxes Down

As a member of the Fanwood Borough Council and chairman of the administration and finance committee who, along with council members Joan Wheeler and Russell Huegel, Borough Chief Financial Officer Fred Tompkins and Borough Administrator Eleanor McGovern, worked very hard on the borough's budget this year. Our goal was to minimize the tax burden on our residents without reducing services. Although municipal taxes are the smallest part of the overall tax levy, we looked at every line item in the municipal budget and made reductions wherever possible.

Despite the reduction in state aid for municipalities this year (\$194,162) we managed to hold the 2010 Fanwood municipal budget to a 3.6 percent increase or \$78.64 per average household. These savings, however, did not result in much relief to taxpayers because of the extent of the school (\$422.50) and county (\$117.51) budgets on tax bills.

The work of the administration and finance committee is an ongoing process. We not only make up the budget, but we continue to have discussions and make changes to enhance the efficiency of each department throughout the year. This year, among other things, we added a purchasing agent position, at no additional cost in salary or benefits, to centralize purchasing so we can get the best possible price for goods and services. We also made suggestions to the Police and Public Works Departments to make changes in their work schedules that will reduce overtime costs. These decisions have immediate and long-term effects on our municipal budgets.

Currently, we are working with the administrative offices where we expect to improve services, provide convenient working hours to better accommodate our residents, and do it all with a substantial cost savings to taxpayers. We will report progress as it unfolds.

I want Fanwood residents to know that the committee wants to advance by providing services while, at the same time, keeping operating costs as low as possible, especially during these economically difficult times. The year 2011 will be especially challenging because of the state-mandated 2 percent cap on municipal budgets. Although we will continue looking for cost savings in the borough budget, the future lies in the fate of the 33 bills in Governor Chris Christie's proposed "toolkit" for municipal and county governments. The "toolkit" is necessary to help address the property tax cap, so I suggest that you contact our legislative representatives and urge them to quickly act on these important bills.

To be effective we have to plan for the future and only consider projects we can afford and not engage in "do now and pay later" programs. We fully realize if we want to maintain, continue, or provide new services we have to be sure we have the finances to do so.

> **Tony Parenti** Fanwood Councilman

County Freeholder Meetings Are Televised by Scotch Plains TV

In a letter to the editor that appeared in the July 29, 2010 issue of *The Westfield* Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times, Richard Fortunato suggested that Scotch Plains Television consider cablecasting the Union County Freeholder meetings. I wanted to clarify for our viewers and the readers of this newspaper that Scotch Plains Television does, in fact, already cablecast each and every Freeholders Meeting and has done so since

In fact, of the three local access television channels in the viewing area of this paper - Westfield Community Television. Fanwood Municipal Television and Scotch Plains Television, only Scotch Plains Television provides the replay of the freeholder meetings as part of its television schedule.

Previously, from 1998 to 2002, Westfield's local channel also regularly carried the county freeholder meetings. know this, because during that time I personally oversaw all programming for that station.

Currently, the Union County Freeholder meetings are cablecast in its entirety on Scotch Plains Television (Verizon Channel 22 and Comcast Channel 34) on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. Additionally, we'll gladly make available to any citizen without cable service a copy of the most recent meeting upon request

> William McMeekan, Jr. **Station Manager** Scotch Plains TV

Union County Taxes, A Burden We Can No Longer Afford

I'm Ellen Dickson, Republican candidate for Union County freeholder. Serving the community and politics have been

major parts of my life. As a second term councilwoman on Summit's Common Council, I know there

is a tremendous need to find a better balance between the public sector and the increasingly onerous financial demands put on its citizens. I consider myself fiscally responsible and support the Governor and his efforts to achieve a more affordable and sustainable government struc-Because so many deci-

sions were made without

consideration to future

burdens, the citizens of

Ellen Dickson

New Jersey face some very challenging years. Still, those challenges are worth the effort because the current structure is not sustainable, and the desired changes should result in a much better state.

At the local level, times are very challenging too! This year, most municipal

governments made some very painful choices – 2011 will likely be just as difficult. I read daily of towns in our

county reporting layoffs and furloughs. Hillside recently announced the layoff of 50 city employees, including police and

firefighters, to close a \$6.2-million budget shortfall.

Summit, like many Union County towns, sends more in taxes to the county than it raises in taxes to fund non-school city services. This is a burden we can no longer afford as many of our citizens face increasingly uncertain futures.

Cities are cutting essential services while the leaders of our county insist on running a two-day music festival and building an elaborate golf clubhouse.

Business-as-usual is not acceptable.

I am running to help start the process of making our freeholders more accountable and more sensitive to the needs of the county's citizens. If any questions, please call me at (908) 598e-mail: ellendickson@comcast.net. Thanks.

> Ellen Dickson (R) **Candidate for Union County**

Mr. Lance, Only 2 Percent of Families In Nation Make Over \$250,000 A year

On page 3 of last week's *Leader*, Congressman Leonard Lance says he doesn't favor extending unemployment benefits to the jobless unless the cost can be paid for "with offsetting spending cuts." Two pages later, in a letter-to-the-editor, Mr. Lance asserts that the Bush tax cuts on those making \$250K per year and more should be extended because, otherwise, it would have a "disastrous affect on New Jersey's working families and small businesses. These \$250K/year families are not super rich, Mr. Lance tells us, but are just "hard working middle-class families. It might interest Mr. Lance to know that

nationally, only 2 percent of households make \$250K. These are hardly the typical middle-class working families Mr. Lance professes to be concerned about. More likely, those families are the ones in which someone has lost a job and is in need of extended unemployment benefits. Perhaps Mr. Lance figures that, if the government doesn't have to pay out those additional benefits, it can afford to allow the well-todo to keep their tax cuts.

Mr. Lance then suggests that jobs aren't being created because the job creators are those very people making \$250K per year who have to pay too much tax. If Mr.

Lance has read a newspaper lately, he would know that businesses are sitting on piles of cash these days, but choose not to hire people anyway, apparently because they don't really have to in order to be profitable. And if it hadn't been for the "government bailouts" that Mr. Lance rails against, a lot more people would be without jobs.

Mr. Lance, if you're really that concerned about the tax burden on middleclass New Jersey working families, come back home and solve our property tax problem.

> Robert Pinheiro Westfield

Personal Attacks Are Not Appropriate

Editor's Note: For several weeks this newspaper has been receiving (some published) letters to the editor from John Bury of Kenilworth, Sebastian D'Elia, Union County spokesman and others. Some have transmuted soley to personal attacks, drifting from the issues.

Though championing free speech, we will not publish such letters.



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Here Are Tips for Staying Afloat and **Avoiding Underwater Mortgages**

By Judy Appleby

Many New Jersey families are struggling to meet their monthly mortgage payments and reports indicate that New Jersey currently ranks 11th in the nation for foreclosure filings. Prolonged unemployment and other financial pressures are forcing many Garden State residents to take a close look at the balance of their mortgage and the value in their homes. These families are finding that they may owe more than their home is currently worth.

The challenge is compounded for homeowners who can neither pay the mortgage nor reap enough profit from the sale of a home to pay off the balance of their mortgage.

Until the state and national economies rebound, as surely they will, the forecast for foreclosures remains grim. But, by recognizing the difficulties that a homeowner faces and taking quick action, solutions can be found. Help is available and making a call is the first step toward recovery.

New Jersey's roughly 48,000 realtors are among the resources available for those in danger of, or, currently experiencing mortgage payment difficulties. As experts in the housing market, realtors can help homeowners determine the current value of their home and identify the programs that might be available to improve their situation.

Missing mortgage payments should be a signal that it is time to move quickly to get help to avoid losing a

Contacting the lender should be the first step. Lenders may be able to modify the loan or offer an opportunity for a homeowner to refinance under new conditions. Being prepared for this call with all documentation is important.

The foreclosure process involves numerous stages and notifications and can be avoided if it is early enough in the process. If the lender cannot make any adjustments to the mortgage payment, there may be some adjustments that homeowners can make personally to improve their financial situation. Housing counselors certified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) can of-

fer free advice to homeowners. The federal Making Home Affordable Program offers two options that can help homeowners facing financial difficulty. The Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP) and Home

Walk For Autism On Tap October 3

AREA - The Handleman Walk for Autism will take place on Sunday, October 3, beginning at 10 a.m. at Rutgers Gardens, located on Ryders Lane in New Brunswick. D.O.O.R.S., Inc., a 501C not-for-profit parent organization of the Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center (DDDC), Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, will sponsor the event.

All proceeds will benefit students, adult clients and families of the DDDC impacted by autism For sponsorship and more information, visit doorsnj.org or contact Ed Jacobson 868-2910

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Affordable Modification Program (HAMP) are each designed to evaluate a current loan agreement and optimize the terms to make payments easier to afford. HARP is designed for residents who are current on their mortgages; HAMP is for those who are in default, or behind on their mortgage payments. In both cases, lenders are encouraged to extend the life of the loan from 30 to 40 years, or decrease the interest rate, among other options, to lower monthly payments. More information is available on www.makinghomeaffordable.gov.

The New Jersey judiciary has begun a program to assist homeowners if foreclosure proceedings have already begun. Assistance is available in the form of free housing counselors to review financial status, attorneys who can help review legal documentation and negotiate, and neutral mediators to help homeowners and lenders find agreeable solutions to mortgage difficulty. Visit www.NJForeclosureMediation.org mortgage or call (888) 989-5277.

2-1-1 or www.nj211.org. This partnership between non-profit organizations and the State of New Jersey offers information on housing assistance, support for paying utilities and other helpful community programs to help homeowners avoid foreclosure.

Another option in avoiding foreclosure is to consider a "short sale." A short sale is a transaction in which the home is sold for less than the amount required to pay off the liens on the property. Short sales can help homeowners recover some home value and preserve some of their credit. However, these transactions can be complicated. It is recommended that homeowners contact a knowledgeable realtor to help navigate a short-sale transaction and mar-

ket the property to potential buyers. Consumers should only deal with certified counselors, legitimate government entities or realtors who are knowledgeable in addressing financial difficulties. Financial problems can be overcome, but reaching that goal will only happen in partnership with professionals. When researching a company from which to seek assistance, make sure the counselor and/or agency is certified by HUD. The HUD website, www.hud.gov, includes a list of federally approved agencies. A reputable company will not charge for this service.

Additional resources can be found on the New Jersey Association of Realtors consumer website, REALstoryNJ.com. Information will also be available on an upcoming webinar, or web-based seminar, on the site where members of the public can hear from certified government and nonprofit agencies that specialize in helping financially distressed

residents to stay afloat. Residents of Union County are encouraged to visit REALstoryNJ.com/ realtor_search or contact the Greater Union County Association of Realtors office at (908) 232-9000 to find a local realtor who can help address any questions or concerns regarding retaining their home.

Judy Appleby is president of the New Jersey Association of Realtors.

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The Mestfield Leader and The Scotch Plains - Fanwood TIMES

Monday, July 26, Hassien Cody, 49, of Jersey City was arrested on the 300 block of West South Avenue and charged with shoplifting. Cody was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released on his own recognizance with a summons.

Tuesday, July 27, a resident of the 200 block of Livingston Street reported a burglary at her home and the theft of \$9,375 worth of jewelry. The incident occurred sometime between July 20 and July 27, according to the

Wednesday, July 28, Benjamin L. Carter, 31, of Westfield was arrested at Garwood police headquarters on an outstanding Westfield traffic warrant in the amount of \$500. He was processed and released after posting

Wednesday, July 28, Ralph N. Rotondo, 19, of Westfield was arrested on outstanding traffic warrants from Westfield, in the amount of \$443; Cranford, \$411, and Scotch Plains, \$89, pursuant to an investigation in a municipal lot located off of Central Avenue. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and held in lieu of bail.

Wednesday, July 28, Gillian Pszenica-Scorcia, 24, of Westfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) pursuant to an investigation on the 100 block of West Dudley Avenue. She was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released to a responsible adult.

Wednesday, July 28, a resident of the 700 block of Embree Crescent



reported an incident of fraud. The victim rented property online, after which the renter cancelled the deal but did not refund the victim's money.

Thursday, July 29, Tyre Murphy, 21, of Newark was arrested on the 100 block of Central Avenue and charged with theft by deception for allegedly attempting to cash a fraudulent check at a bank. He was processed and released on his own recognizance.

Thursday, July 29, a motor vehicle belonging to a Winfield Park resident was the target of criminal mischief. The damage is believed to have occurred between 12:30 and 5:30 p.m. on July 29, while the vehicle was parked in the area of Washington Street, just off of Central Avenue. The driver's side door was scratched with an unknown object; the value of the damage was unknown at the time of the report.

Friday, July 30, Ishmael Harrison, 23, of Roselle was arrested at West South Avenue and Tuttle Parkway on a criminal warrant from Elizabeth in the amount of \$500. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and held in default of bail.

Friday, July 30, an assault was reported on the 100 block of Elm Street. An employee at a medical facility said a patient assaulted her on July 29. The victim's forearm was scratched and she sought medical treatment on her own. No charges have been filed at this time, according to police.

Friday, July 30, the owner of a construction company reported the theft of a Makita 73cc 14-inch gas-powered power cutter from a job site on the 700 block of Boulevard. The theft occurred between July 26 and July 27. The total value of the theft is \$300.

Saturday, July 31, a resident of the 500 block of Lawrence Avenue reported the theft of a bicycle from her front lawn. The item is described as a blue Trek mountain bicycle with an approximate value of \$200. Currently, there are no suspects or witnesses to the event, according to police.

Monday, August 2, Rytis Vaitekonis, 22, of Elizabeth was arrested on East Broad Street near North Avenue on an outstanding Woodbridge warrant in the amount of \$750. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters and processed but was unable to post bail. Vaitekonis was turned over to the Woodbridge Police Department.

Tuesday, August 3, Manual Serpa, Jr., 26, of South Amboy was arrested at Middlesex Borough police headquarters on an outstanding Westfield warrant in the amount of \$68. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and held in lieu of bail.

Scotch Plains

Tuesday, July 27, the manager of a swim club reported being the victim of criminal mischief after someone damaged a gate leading to the pump

Tuesday, July 27, a resident of East Second Street reported that after he refinanced his house in February 2010, someone fraudulently took out a line of credit on his house and charged \$10,000 on the account without his knowledge.

Tuesday, July 27, a resident of Ramapo Way reported that someone entered his home sometime in the morning through an unlocked door and, once inside, removed approximately \$2,000 worth of jewelry.

Wednesday, July 28, a resident of Michael Lane reported that sometime during the day, someone entered his home and removed several thousand dollars in cash. According to police, there was no sign of forced entry.

Thursday, July 29, the head groundskeeper at a grammar school reported that, in an act of criminal mischief, someone drove over the baseball field in a motor vehicle. The incident caused damage to the field.

Friday, July 30, Terrell Peterson, 24, of Somerset was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Park Avenue on an outstanding Newark warrant in the amount of \$500. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Friday, July 30, a resident of West Broad Street reported that, in an act of criminal mischief, someone scratched the side of his motor vehicle while it was parked in front of his house.

Friday, July 30, David Contreras, 27, of Newark was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue on an outstanding Fanwood warrant in the amount of \$350. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Saturday, July 31, David Gardner, 43, of Hillside was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 on an outstanding Trenton warrant in the amount of \$420. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, August 1, Tiffany Fuller, 33, of Irvington was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 on an outstanding East Orange warrant in the amount of \$567. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Sunday, August 1, David Basilio-Zapata, 24, of Newark was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue on an outstanding warrant out of East Orange in the amount of \$114. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, August 1, Gordon Phelps, 18, of Cranford was arrested and charged with DWI after a motor vehicle stop, at which time the officer smelled the strong odor of alcohol. According to police, Phelps failed multiple field sobriety tests given at the scene and he was placed under arrest. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released. Fanwood

Monday, July 26, the owner of a business on South Avenue reported that someone removed I-beams, valued at \$4,000, from the back of his establishment.

Wednesday, July 28, Larry Cooper, 52, of Franklin Park was arrested on multiple outstanding warrants, totaling \$600, after police responded to a report of a suspicious motor vehicle parked in LaGrande Park and found him asleep in his vehicle. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and turned over to the South Plainfield Police Department for failure to post bail.

Saturday, July 31, Salvatore Vigiovanni, 33, of Clark was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road on an outstanding Rahway warrant. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and turned over to the Rahway Police Department for failure to post bail.

Saturday, July 31, Fernando Johnson, 35, of South Plainfield was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of a handgun after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road. According to police, Johnson was driving with a suspended license and registration at the time of the motor vehicle stop, and the officer called for a tow truck for the vehicle. During the process of towing the vehicle, the handgun was found under the seat, and Johnson was arrested, police said. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail set at \$2,500.

Saturday, July 31, Alexander Santana, 19, of Linden was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Elizabeth after police responded to a report of individuals soliciting doorto-door on the 90 block of Glenwood Road. According to police, Santana did not have a canvassing permit, although a subsequent investigation produced the permit. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Sunday, August 1, Dennis Williams, 62, of Fanwood was arrested on a contempt of court warrant out of Fanwood while walking on the 100 block of South Avenue. According to police, an officer on routine patrol who had knowledge of the warrant observed Williams and made the arrest. Williams was transported to headquarters, processed and turned over to the Union County jail.

Sunday, August 1, Clinton Stevenson, Jr., 28, of Edison was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road on an outstanding \$250 Piscataway warrant. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released on his own recognizance with a new court date.

Monday, August 2, Jamar Green, 26, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding Plainfield warrant after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and turned over to Plainfield authorities after failing to post bail.

Tuesday, August 3, Randolph Holder, 46, of Newark was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on the 200 block of Terrill Road on outstanding warrants out of Newark and Union, totaling \$255. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.



SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY...The Westfield Service League added nine new provisional members to its ranks at its annual meeting in June. They will help serve the non-profit organization's various charitable endeavors. Pictured, from left to right, are: Deirdre Gelinne, Tracie Milford, Kim Taylor, Marcia Goodfriend, Jacqueline Pitre, Bernie Mintz and Tara Bozetarnik. Not pictured are Elisa Fitzmaurice and Carol Geraghty. For more information, visit thewestfieldserviceleague.wordpress.com.

Residents Invited to Train As Master Tree Stewards

COUNTY - Union County residents will have an opportunity to take a series of free guided learning tours in some of the region's most scenic conservation areas this fall, then share their knowledge with fourth-grade students, as part of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension's 4-H Union County Master Tree Steward Program. This program certifies adult volunteers to help youngsters learn about the importance of trees in the environment.

No teaching experience is necessary to become a certified Master Tree Steward. Individuals just need to sign up for a series of training sessions guided by experts from the Extension, which is supported in part by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Most of the training consists of field trips to the Great Swamp, Rutgers Helyar Woods and other nearby conservation areas. Transportation is provided for the field trips

The next series of Master Tree Steward training classes will begin on Wednesday, September 15. The entire series is offered free of charge, including trips, transportation and classroom materials. For more information, contact 4-H Agent James Nichnadowicz at (908) 654-9854 or nichnadowicz@aesop.rutgers.edu.

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Shakespeare Theatre Slates Performance of The Rover

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Memorial Library will present *The* Rover by Aphra Behn on Wednesday, August 11, at 7 p.m., performed by The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's Next Ŝtage Ensemble summer touring program. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

This Restoration comedy features multiple plots dealing with the amorous adventures of a group of Englishmen in Naples at Carnival time. The "rover" of the play is Willmore, a rake and naval captain who falls in love with a young woman named Hellena, who has set out to experience love before her brother sends her to a convent. Complications abound when a famous courtesan, who falls in love with Willmore, swears revenge on him for his betrayal.

One of multiple outreach programs offered by The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, the Next Stage Ensemble brings live productions to audiences of all ages throughout New Jersev each summer, while enabling young performers to gain experience in classical theater and ensemble work.

The Next Stage Ensemble upholds the Shakespearean tradition of a traveling company of actors bringing its theatrical repertory into the community, by performing at hospitals, retirement communities, libraries, camps, schools and community centers.

Much as an Elizabethan traveling company would have done, the troupe tours with only minimal sets and without lighting equipment. In traditional fashion, actors typically perform in multiple roles.

This program will be open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. Registration is strongly encouraged, as theatrical productions are typically well attended. To register, visit the library's website, wmlnj.org, and click on the Online Calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, extension no. 4140.



WARM HEARTS AND HATS...For her Girl Scout Gold Award Project, Westfield resident Julia Wasilewski knitted (and taught others to knit) 110 winter hats, which she donated to three shelters in Elizabeth. She is pictured last December with Janice Lilien, director of Project Protect YWCA Eastern Union County, a battered women's shelter, where she delivered 30 hats.

Julia Wasilewski Achieves **Girl Scout Gold Award**

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WESTFIELD – Julia Wasilewski, a Westfield resident and senior at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung, received her Gold Award in Girl Scouting on June 6. The Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. Julia is the daughter of Stan and Tina Wasilewski.

Active both in and out of school, Julia is a member of the Mount Saint Mary Academy Varsity Volleyball Team and Chorale. She also volunteers at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.

Julia's Gold Award Project reflected her values and interests. She knitted (and taught others to knit) 110 winter hats for low-income families, and later donated the hats to three shelters in Elizabeth.

She worked on her Gold Award Project during almost every month of 2009. Each month, she taught a group knitting lesson and knitted hats on her own. Julia taught 38 people in her community to knit a hat. Twenty-five of the people she taught to knit are Girl Scouts. She taught seven groups to knit hats. Forty-four hats were knitted during her group knitting lessons.

In early December 2009, Julia donated 110 hats to three local shelters in Elizabeth: 20 children's hats to St. Joseph's Social Service Center; 40 men's, 15 women's and five infants'

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hats to Agape Community Kitchen, and 10 women's, five children's and 15 infants' hats to Project Protect YWCA Eastern Union County, a battered women's shelter.

Julia thanked the girls in her CCD class (Reilly Shiarella, Elisa Niva, Mackenzie Anderson, Catherine Johnston and Meghan Dunn); her Girl Scout Troop No. 711 (Alyssa Hatch and Alex Frankel); Troop No. 536 (Laine Yamano, Abby Liptack, Lexi Holzer, Cassie Teschner, Annie Condodina, Veronica Grycon, Kitty Korth and Mrs. Diane Yamano); Troop No. 45 (Colleen Caprario, Hannah McRoberts, Annie Tanella, Jayne Gradel, Laura Streaman, Catherine Sabatino, Molly Jennings, Ellie Reinhart and Mrs. Jerri Tanella); Troop No. 835 (Stephanie Olson, Katie Yamano, Meghan Bachman and Kari Nemeth); Troop No. 445 (Emily Sullivan, Erin Frankel, Lauren Androconis and Mrs. Louise Frankel), and her family (cousins Stephanie and Jennifer Mace; her brother, Max, and mother, Tina), for attending a knitting class and knitting a hat.

Additionally, Julia expressed appreciation to the Westfield Service League and the Westfield Police Department for their donations of \$100 each. Julia used these contributions to purchase wool for her project.

MR. AND MRS. BRYN J. WORGAN (She is the former Miss Lauren M. McGovern)

Miss Lauren M. McGovern Marries Bryn J. Worgan

Miss Lauren May McGovern, the England, both childhood friends, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McGovern of Westfield, was married on Saturday, October 31, to Bryn Jonathan Worgan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Worgan of Abbey-Cym-Hir, Wales, United Kingdom.

The afternoon ceremony took place at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at Seton Hall University in South Orange, with the Reverend John Dennehy officiating. A reception folowed at The Liberty House on the Jersey City waterfront.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ivory silk satin organza A-line gown with pleated bodice, asymmetrical waist and full cathedral train. The full-skirted gown was embellished with pearls, iridescent sequins and Alençon lace. She carried a fall bouquet of magenta, peach and yellow roses, stephanotis and lavender calla lilies.

Miss Aubrey McGovern of Honolulu, Hawaii was the maid of honor for her sister. The bridal attendants included Mrs. Heather Whelan of Westfield and Mrs. Christie Hussa of Philadelphia, Pa., both sisters of the bride; Miss Katie Heinkel of Cranford, a high school friend; Mrs. Kristin Lenoir of New York City and Mrs. Dianna Joslyn of Syracuse, N.Y. both college friends of the bride. All wore strapless silk aubergine kneelength dresses and held fall-colored bouquets similar to the bride's.

Miss Kate Hussa of Philadelphia, niece of the bride, was the flower girl. She wore a floor-length crimson rosecolored dress and carried a basket of peach roses and purple calla lilies.

Mr. Andrew Worgan of London, England, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. Serving as groomsmen were Mr. John Holland of West Orange, friend of the groom; Mr. Kevin Dudleston of New York City, also a friend of the groom; Dr. Edward Wynne-Evans of London, England and James Welford of London, Simon Forsyth of Surrey, England, a college friend.

Mr. John McGeough, Jr. of Fort Worth, Tex., uncle and godfather of the bride, and Dr. Edward Wynne-Evans of London, England, a friend of the bridegroom, did scripture readings.

A 1997 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Richmond in 2001 and a master's degree in international relations from Seton Hall University in 2007. She is employed as a senior analyst at Credit Suisse in New York

Raised in Wales, the bridegroom, a graduate of the University of York, earned a Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Sciences degree in 1998. He is employed as a vice-president and manager in the Information Technology Department at Credit Suisse.

A rehearsal dinner was held at The South City Grill in Jersey City the night before the wedding. The maid of honor and bridal attendants hosted a bridal shower in September at Theresa's in Westfield.

Following a wedding trip to the Riviera Maya, Mexico, the couple resides in Jersey City.

Library to Celebrate 'Hunger Games' Book

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Memorial Library will host a Teen Party to celebrate the release of "Mockingjay" (the final book of "The Hunger Games" trilogy by Suzanne Collins) on Tuesday, August 24, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

All teens in grades 6 to 12 are invited to come to the library and play hunger games, enjoy trivia contests, eat pizza and talk about the series of books. To register, call the library at (908) 322-6400 or visit the Circulation Desk. The library is located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road.

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Small-Group Bible Study To Commence at IHM

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) parish has announced that it will initiate a program of directed smallgroup Bible study to start the week

of Sunday, September 12.
Entitled "The Great Adventure –
A Quick Journey Through the Bible," this program is designed to enhance one's worship experience by providing a comprehensive overview of the major players, places, events and themes found in

The program will consist of approximately eight weekly 90minute sessions, to begin the week of September 12. According to Felicia Levine, IHM's Adult Faith

Sepes Welcome Elizabeth Marie

Christian and Shelle Sepe of Westfield have announced the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Marie Sepe, on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at 10:38 p.m. at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Elizabeth weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and measured 19 inches in length at birth.

She joins her brother, Preston, age 6, and sisters, Madeline, 4, and Meredith, 2.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Jonathan and Dorothy Hawkins of Plymouth, Ind. Anthony and Mary Ann Sepe of

Westfield are her paternal grandparents.

Formation director, who will coordinate the program for the parish, small groups will meet on various days during morning, midday and evening hours to accommodate participants' schedules. Arrangements can be made for childcare or other

special needs. This program presumes no special knowledge of the Bible, and all are welcome. The registration fee of \$10 includes a study guide, which will help participants focus

on a given week's topic or theme. Immaculate Heart of Mary parish is located at 1571 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. Additional details and a registration form may be found on the parish website, ihmparish.net. Other inquiries may be directed to Ms. Levine through the parish office at (908) 889-2100, extension no. 22.

Library to Offer **Kits For S'Mores**

FANWOOD - To celebrate National S'Mores Day on Tuesday, August 10, the first 100 people who come to the Fanwood Memorial Library and take out 's'more' books will receive a s'more kit to take home.

S'Mores are made with graham crackers, toasted marshmallows and chocolate. The recipe was first published in the publication "Tramping and Trailing with the Girl Scouts" in 1927. The library is located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road. For more information, call the library at (908) 322-6400.



SUPER SENIORS...Robert Evans and Chloe Rothenberg of Westfield's First Congregational Church (FCC) received the church's 2010 Alexander Award at a recent worship service. Named in memory of longtime members Edna and John Alexander, the award is given annually to one or more high school seniors who have made a significant contribution to the life of the church. Pictured, from left to right, are: Robert, a Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School graduate; Sally Van Why, FCC trustee, and Chloe, a Westfield High School graduate.

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ROBERTSHAW DOUBLE, SINGLE; PINNEY RBI SINGLE

Ridge Halts Blue Devils, 10-3, For County Legion 15U Title

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Wastfield Leader and The Times

Ridge starting pitcher Eric Klacik gave the Westfield U15 baseball team a strong indication why his team entered the Union County Sophomore American Legion championship game with a 24-0 record. Klacik mixed his wicked breaking ball with an accurate fastball to allow just three hits and two walks in six innings, while fanning nine Blue Devils en route to a 10-3

victory in Rahway on July 27. "The two games that we played

against them this year, the two pitchers I saw were probably two of the better, if not the best, we saw all year," Westfield Head Coach Brian Cieminiecki said. "When you are playing in a big game, and you get a good pitching performance out of a kid, you are going to have a good chance of winning the game. To his credit, that's what he did.'

Cal Robertshaw and Frankie Pinney were the only Blue Devils to record hits off Klacik. Pinney had an RBI single in the second inning, while

Robertshaw singled in the fourth and doubled in the sixth.

The Ridge Red Devils totaled 13 hits and all were singles. Joe Vendicci, Matt Graziano, Mike Vellasco, Chuck Patrylo and Lane Legband each recorded two singles, while Cory Connor, Connor Hughes and Zack Buontempe each added a single.

Robertshaw pitched the first five-andtwo-thirds innings, walking two and striking out one. Reliever Luke Iorio faced one batter in the fifth and yielded **CONTINUED ON PAGE 10**



WAITING FOR THE THROW...Elizabeth Resolute second baseman Brendan Cross, right, waits for the throw as the

Diamond State base runner swipes second base. The Resolutes defeated Diamond State, 14-1, at Rahway River Park in

CHAMALIAN GOES 5-FOR-5, 4 RBI; UHRIG, SR. 4-FOR-4

Elizabeth Resolutes Ambush Diamond State, Del., 14-1

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Drifting way back in time, at least in the mind, the Elizabeth Resolutes Base Ball Club hosted the Diamond State Base Ball Club from Delaware for an 1870-rules game and an 1864rules game at Rahway River Park in Rahway on July 31.

"The Elizabeth Resolutes [formed in Elizabeth] played between 1866 and 1878. They were New Jersey's

first professional sports organization of any type," said team Captain Paul Salamone from Westfield prior to the game. "In 1873, they were New Jersey's representative in the first professional base ball organization, which was the National Association of Professional Base Ball Players."

The 1870 rules were somewhat different than modern days' rules as Salamone described, "It's a fly ball game. Meaning in fair territory, a ball must be caught on a fly to record an out, which was not the case up until 1865. You have pitching underhanded

from 45-feet. You cannot overrun first base. You can be tagged out. There are three balls and three strikes to the batter. The first pitch to the batter cannot be called a ball or strike. It is a dead pitch unless the batter hits it into play. A ball caught in foul territory on one bounce is an out. Games are nine innings."

In this game, Salamone became the umpire, so the duties as team captain was handed to Dan Marcus from Highland Park. "There was a festival for the 100th anniversary of **CONTINUED ON PAGE 11**

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Chatham Grabs Level 2 Title, Tops Westfield White 10s, 8-4

NAILED IN A RUNDOWN...Westfield U15 second baseman James Schiano, left, puts the tag on Ridge's Joe Vendicci after

being caught in a rundown. Blue Devil shortstop Zach Shiel (right) participated

By DAVID B. CORBIN

An air of a championship game brought out the best of the Chatham "Little Cougars" and the Westfield White "Little Blue Devils" as they battled for the New Providence Green League 10-year-old Level 2 Bracket crown at Gumbert 1 Field in Westfield

Although both teams exercised strong hitting and solid defense, the Little Cougars managed to minimize damage in three bases-loaded situations to grab an 8-4 victory and the championship.

"Their improvement has been astronomical this year. They started off

very rough in the spring. In the summer, we had a lot of practices. They worked very hard. We had a couple of kids, who did not hit the ball in June and they pounded the ball tonight," Chatham Head Coach Jim Farese said. 'It's great to see how kids love base-

ball when they get to play a lot of it." "We played these guys one time before, and it was a slugfest then with a 19-17 score. This is the kind of game where, at any given time, one play made the difference," Westfield Head Coach Pat Pucciarelli said. "Plenty of times we had the bases loaded, just couldn't get that break when we needed it. Both teams were hitting. Everybody played a really

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good, clean game."

Chatham totaled 11 hits, and Ryan Farese led the way with a 3-for-3 evening, while scoring once; however, the biggest bang came off the bat of Chloe Blanc, who blasted a three-run double in the fourth inning. She also scored twice. George Icart, Tim Crandall and Ben Herbert each had two hits with an RBI and a run scored. Jack Mulligan singled and had an RBI, and Keith Chatinover had an RBI, while David Niland and Andrew DesMarias each scored once.

David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Casey Scheper contributed two singles, an RBI and a run scored to Westfield's 10-hit attack. Andrew

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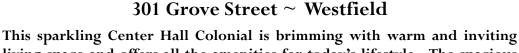
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Chatham Grabs Level 2 Crown, Tops Westfield White 10s, 8-4



GREEN LEAGUE CHAMPS...The Westfield Silver 12s became the Division Champions of New Providence Green League. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Connor Russell, Will Stern, J. Mack Rembisz, Matt Busardo, Mark Mulvey and Justin Lankler; middle row, Zack Kelly, Ben Cook, Dylan Scott, Johnny Link, Chris Cerrachio and Jesse Liu; back row, Mike Busardo, Jeff Rembisz, Chris Cerrachio, Ping Liu and Ted Scott. Missing from picture is Assistant Coach

Westfield Silver 12s Edge **New Providence for Title, 8-7**

The Westfield Silver 12-year-old baseball defeated Green Brook, 9-5, then New Providence, 8-7, to win their division and the championship trophy of the New Providence Green League on July 28.

On July 26, the Green Brook game had strong pitching performances from Jessie Liu and Zack Kelly and strong defensive plays from third baseman Johnny Link, catcher Justin Lankler and centerfielder J. Mack

Against New Providence in the championship game, after an easy three up, three down first inning for starting pitcher Chris Cerrachio, Westfield's bats got to work quickly. Leadoff hitter Matt Busardo singled, then Justin Lankler, J. Mack Rembisz, Zack Kelly and Dylan Scott got hits to plate five runs. Connor Russell's deep shot was snagged by the centerfielder on a fine defensive play to end the inning.

New Providence answered with five runs in the second inning, to tie the score at five, but Westfield stopped their momentum after a great throw by centerfielder Rembisz to catcher Stern, who then executed a perfect rundown between himself, Link and Kelly.

In the bottom of the second, Johnny Link singled, took second on a passed ball, stole third and scored on an overthrow. Ben Cook's deep blast to centerfield was caught, but Westfield added another run to lead 7-5.

Reliever Matt Mulvey pitched a solid third inning, and Westfield quickly added a run on another hit by Stern. New Providence answered with an unearned run off Mulvey in the fourth, and another off Kelly in the fifth. In the bottom of the fifth, Silver loaded the bases but could not score. Kelly closed out the game, striking out the final two batters to give Westfield the championship.

Westfield's final record was 9-6. The team's head coach was Jeff Rembisz, assisted by coaches Ping Liu, Mike Busardo, Chris Cerrachio, Joe Dwyer and Ted Scott.

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Milstein and Steven Warren each

rapped RBI singles. Eric Bebel and

John O'Hearn each singled and scored

once. Ryan Bebel, Drew Ortiz, Colin

Daniel and Dean Pucciarelli each had

a single. Jack Cerria walked and

WTA Open Singles Tennis Ladder Results: Michael Conte held on to the top position by fending off challenges from Joe Buda (6-3, 6-1), Andrew Federbusch (6-0, 6-3) and Tom Bauer (6-1, 6-3). Bauer remained in the second position. Andrew Skalkin, the

previous number three, dropped out

of the top five due to inactivity. This

allowed Federbusch, Errazo and Joe

Buda to move up to the third, fourth

Errazo staved off a tough challenge from Tuyen Diep (6-7, 6-3, 6-2) to keep the fourth position, while Buda

was pushed to the limit by a game Weldon Chin (6-4, 4-6, 6-3) to hold on to fifth. Joshua Suri took the lead

in the most active race with another five matches played during the period, bringing his season total to 26.

The next reporting period ends on

August 15. Please report all match

activity to Richard Pardo at

1. Mike Conte(19)* 24. Nate Weiss(10)*
2. Tom Bauer (9)* 25. Rohan Saigal (3)
3. Federbusch(7)* 26. Mike Manders(6)
4. Rob Errazo (8)* 27. Scott Berman(4)*
5. Joe Buda (11)* 28. Olga Yee (5)
6. Andy Skalkin (6) 29. Nate Suri (6)*
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7. Tuyen Diep (24)*30. Chris Farella(7) 8. I Bouchouev(8)* 31. Andy Ross (5) 9. Rich Pardo(11)* 32. E Bronander(1)

10. Weldon Chin(9)* 33. G. Steinfield(5) 11. Rich Perez (1)* 34. PeteMagierski(1) 12. Chris Miller(13)* 35. Mike Muroff (2)

13. Josh Suri (26)* 36. Ren Gao (1)* 14. F Adriaens(7) 37. R-Lafemina(6) 15. David Ferio (9)* 38. Mitch Mankin(1)

16. Jeff Brinker (9)* 39. Fran Franco(1) 17. D Loffredo(8)* 40. Mike Gonella 18. Chris Bonn (8)* 41. Sravan Emany

19. T Bigosinski(8) 42. Brett Zweiback
20. M Rappoport(7) 43. Don Beal
21. Daniel Ives (6) 44. Don Dohm
22. Edward Han (2)* 45. Joe Donnolo
23. Steven Lee (5)* 46. Manny Erlich
47. David Basile

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and fifth, respectively.

scored, while David Sprung and Ryan Palmer each drew a walk.

'We played these guys before. We had a 19-17 barnburner. They are a very good team. They were fun to play. It's good when kids are matched evenly. It's exciting baseball and basethrough July 30, you can hardly recognize them. And now they feel like baseball players," Coach Farese said.

The catch of the evening came in the top of the sixth inning when Palmer made a diving snag, just inches from the ground in leftfield, and fired to

the third, then Blanc's three-run double and Herbert's RBI single in the fourth jumped the score to 7-1. Westfield loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the fourth and

managed to score a pair of runs. Farese singled and scored on



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* GETTING TO THE BASE IN TIME...Westfield White 10s Drew Ortiz ploughs into third base in time to avoid the tag of Chatham third baseman Bobby Brigante. The Chatham 10s won, 8-4, in Westfield.

ball that they can appreciate," Coach

Farese said. Errors were very scarce, but good fielding was abundant. Chatham right fielder Niland robbed Milstein of a hit when he fielded a two-hopper and fired to second base to complete a force out. First baseman Matt Stanford fielded a tough grounder and fired home to nail a runner, and catcher Chatinover hauled in a difficult popup near the plate.

"You think they are 10-years-old, and then you see them make the plays. You can see the growth dramatically in the 10-11-year-old ages. From June 1st

Sprung at third base to complete an inning-ending double play.

"That was a great play! He fielded it right from the beginning. He got a read on the ball. He charged it hard. David Sprung knew to be on the bag. He threw it and made the double play," Coach Pucciarelli said. "That got the whole team excited. The kids came out, got the bases loaded again, the batter who was up was the tying run, but it didn't go our way.'

Mulligan's RBI groundout gave Chatham a 1-0 lead in the first inning, but Milstein's force-out shot to Niland in right field produced an RBI to knot the score. Chatham bunched three singles and a walk to plate two runs in Crandall's RBI single in the fifth to make the score, 8-3. Westfield loaded the bases again in the bottom of the inning but failed to score. After Palmer's fantastic catch held Chatham scoreless in the sixth, Westfield scored a run on Warren's RBI single and had the bases loaded again, but a groundout to second ended the game.

"Both teams came out here to win today. The last game of the season, everybody would have liked to put that win under his belt. Either side has a lot to be proud of. They need to just go home, and they need to remember that," Coach Pucciarelli said.

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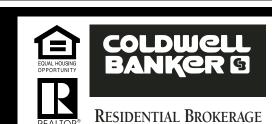


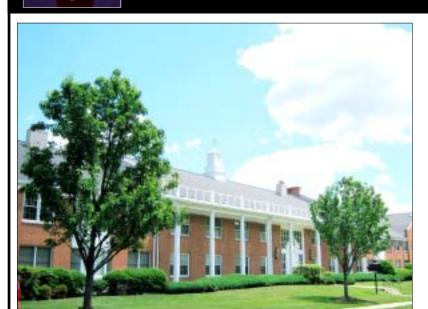
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Ridge Halts Blue Bevils, 10-3, For County Legion 15U Title

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two runs on three hits in the sixth. Ridge turned a double play in the fifth inning. Blue Devil second baseman James Schiano made several fine plays. Robertshaw initiated a successful rundown of a base runner between first and second, and Chris Hogge made a number of good scoops at third base, but there were a number of throwing errors that allowed Ridge to score unearned runs.

"In games like this, against good teams, you have to make all the plays. You can't make a couple of plays here and then throw a couple of balls away. We didn't make all the plays, and we gave them some extra runs. Those extra runs are going to be tough to come back from," Čoach Cieminiecki said.

Westfield scored a run in the top of the second inning when Tom Randazzo walked, stole second base and scored on Pinney's single that ricocheted off the first-base bag. With the assistance of a throwing error and four singles, including Legband's two-run tap to leftfield, Ridge plated four in the bottom of the inning.

Another throwing error and a pair of singles in the third inning extended Ridge's lead to 6-1. In the fifth, the Red Devils put together three hits and took advantage of a pair of wild pitches to add another two runs. One inning later, Ridge took a 10-1 lead with three singles and a walk that was assisted by two more throwing errors.

The Blue Devil batters adapted to a mode of patience in the seventh. Brad Norris, Hogge and Will Bennett each drew a walk to load the bases with no outs. Andrew LaManna followed with an RBI walk that brought home Norris, then a throwing error on Anthony Perconte's grounder allowed Hogge to score.

The 12-4 Blue Devils reached the championship game with a two-part victory over Summit, which ended on

July 26.
"We played three innings on Sunday. We led 9-8 and came back on Monday, because it rained. They scored a few runs. We were down, 11-9, in the top of the seventh and scored nine [runs], then held on," described coach Cieminiecki. "They [Westfield] didn't quit. We had a few come-frombehind wins this year. This is a good group of kids. As well as they played on the field, they have been as much of a pleasure off the field."

Westfield Ridge

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Carol Tener

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A seasoned real estate professional with nearly 30 years of experience, Ms. Tener ranked number 18 among more than 3,700 agents at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New Jersey and Rockland County, N.Y. in 2009. She also has earned the NJAR® Circle of Excellence Sales Award® every year since 1984,

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Elizabeth Resolutes Ambush Diamond State, 14-1

my home town. I was walking around, taking in the sights, enjoying the day, and I came across this game in the middle of the baseball field. There was a lot of noise. I was fascinated. They were really competitive. When I got closer, I saw they were playing with no gloves. It's got to hurt your hands! One of the guys [Bill Henney] introduced himself. He explained the game, and I fell in love with it. It was a way to keep in shape and stay involved with baseball," he said.

Team statistician Neshama Marcus, Dan's wife, added, "It's a really fun pastime activity for the weekend. We enjoy watching as much as they enjoy playing. I come to almost every game.'

With respect to the old-fashioned uniforms, Neshama said, "I thought they were silly at first."

Modern-day founder and president of the Diamond State team, John Metcalf, from Glasgow, Del., commented, "Our club originated in Wilmington, Del. in 1865. Their first full season was in 1866. We play our home games in Delaware City, which is about 15 miles south of Wilmington. We emulate the uniforms of the origi-

WTA Masters Singles Tennis Ladder Results:

John Mancini stayed on top of the ladder, beating Janice Honymar, 8-5. Peter Lee moved to second with a close win against Mike McGlynn in a tiebreaker, 7-7(7-5). The next reporting period will end on August 15.

John Mancini (4)*

Peter Lee (8)*
Mike McGlynn (4)* Janice Honymar (7)* Joe Donnolo (5) Don Dohm (2) Nancy Freundlich ()nbr matches played played a match this period MATCH PLAY: 7/20 Mancini vs Honymar 8-5 8/1 Lee vs McGlynn 7-7(7-5)

WTA Open Doubles Tennis Ladder Results:

The sixth reporting period has come to a close with no matches to report. The next reporting period ends on August 15. Please report all matches Richard Pardo rspardo531@msn.com.

- 1. Weldon Chin/Rich Pardo (8) 2. Chris Farella/Josh Suri (7) 3. Manny Erlich/Mike Muroff (4)
- Joe Armstrong/Dave Cappiello(2) 5. Peter Lyons/Yun Won Cho (1)6. John Mancini/Jim Oslislo
- 7. Irondi Aliche/Michael McGlynn

() cumulative matches played *Match played in reporting period

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"We played them very close last time. We had a double header. We beat them by one run the first game and two runs the next game," said Dan Marcus, who added, "I'm pitching today, so I'm going to try to keep it under double digits.

The trip to New Jersey must have taken its toll on the Diamond State men in the 1870-rules game as the Resolutes jumped on them with a 22hit ambush to record a 14-1 victory. Marcus, with his fast release style, held the Diamond men to a pair of singles, a double and a triple that was hit by Gus Brevoort, who also scored the only run. Marcus also recorded a strikeout and a walk.

Resolute Dave Chamalian hammered out four singles and a double for four RBI, while scoring once, and Veteran Harry Uhrig, Sr. from Roselle Park rapped three singles and a triple for three RBI, while scoring twice. Anthony Ferrone from Clark went 3for-4 with a two-run double and scored twice. Shaun Kelly thumped an RBI triple and an RBI double, while scoring twice, and Jeremy "Kentucky" Davis of Fanwood slapped an RBI single and a double and scored twice. Brendan Cross had a pair of singles, and Marcus whacked an RBI triple and scored twice. Billy Shaughnessy of Clark and Harry Uhrig, Jr. each singled and scored once, and Keith Tynan added an RBI single.

In addition to Marcus' superb pitching, Diamond State's inability to score a lot of runs was a result of third baseman Urhrig, Jr.'s superlative defensive plays and first baseman Shaughnessy's sure hands. Centerfielder Davis and right fielder Chamalian also made some sav-

Chamalian and Tynan each tapped RBI singles to give the Resolutes a 2-0 lead in the second inning, then they plated five runs on seven hits, which ncluded Marcus' RBI triple and Kelly's RBI double, in the third inning. Shaughnessy reached first on an error in right, stole a pair of bases and scored in the fourth inning to up the lead to 8-0.

In the fifth, Uhrig, Sr. and Kelly drilled RBI triples, and Chamalian slashed an RBI double, then in the sixth, Ferrone lashed a two-run double, and Uhrig, Sr. punched an RBI single to give the Resolutes a 14-0 lead. Diamond State's Brevoort reached first base on an error, stole second and scored the final run.

The 1864-rules game followed and the game was much closer, with the Resolutes squeaking out an 8-7 victory.

"You see the game evolve. You see why the rules changed. For example, you can see how the infield fly rule was invented. You can see why the third strike rule changed. You can certainly see why helmets were invented. It's fun to see how you change your strategy as the rules change from year to year," Marcus pointed out.

See More Photos of: Eliz. Resolutes/Diamond State www.goleader.com Cranford Online pages



PITCHING A GEM...Resolute pitcher Dan Marcus tosses a gem against the Diamond State "base ball" team. Marcus pitched a four-hitter and allowed just



SUCCESSFULLY STEALING SECOND...Chatham's Ryan Bennett steals second base in the second inning as Westfield Blue shortstop Tyler Roth reaches for the ball. The Westfield Blue 12s won, 6-4, in Westfield on July 28

BARMAKIAN HRs; MARNER, O. MURRAY, LIN 2 HITS

Westfield Baseball Blue Nips Chatham Cougar 12s, 6-4

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Chatham Head Coach Jeff Hale and Westfield Blue Head Coach Mike Murray got a good idea of each team's improvement when their teams squared off in a 50/70 (70-foot distance between bases) baseball minitournament of 12-year-olds at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 28. The result was a very competi-

tive, 6-4, victory by the home team. "We are around 22-15. We've lost some tough ballgames. We lost to a really good South Orange team. We dropped a one-run game to Warren. We have been competitive all year," Coach Murray said. "The most important thing for me as a coach, and how I gage our season, is how we've improved. Are we having better at bats now than at the beginning of the year? Are our pitchers throwing more strikes? Are we making more plays

in the field? And we've done that." 'Our focus was on playing good quality baseball at the 50/70 level,

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which not all the kids were accustomed to. We were trying to focus on base running, stealing, working on pitching, creating a winning attitude and keeping the kids focused on having fun," Coach Hale said. "Winning is important, but it is not everything."

The Chatham Cougars totaled eight hits and swiped six bases. Jake Bevich went 2-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI, and stole a base. Leadoff batter Griffin Carroll had two hits in his three plate appearances, scored a run and swiped two bases. Will Olsen rapped an RBI double, and Robby Moskowitz had an RBI single, stole a base and scored once. Ryan Bennett singled, walked twice, stole a base and scored once. Jack Hale singled and stole a base.

Chatham's infielders were solid defensively, especially first baseman Hale's stretch to get a force out and third baseman Chris Brendahl's diving grab of Blue Devil Tyler Roth's liner that he converted into a double play. Moskowitz pitched the first three innings, walked three and struck out three. Brendahl and Olsen pitched the fourth and fifth innings, respectively, and combined for one strikeout and one walk, while allowing just two hits.

"I thought we played very well tonight. Our fielding was very good. We had some pretty timely hitting, stole a lot of bases, and our pitching held up well," Coach Hale said. "Overall, Westfield is a very tough team. They play competitive baseball, and

we played a good game tonight."
The Blue Devils totaled nine hits, including three doubles and a home run. Owen Murray had an RBI double and an RBI single, and scored once. Justin Lin doubled, singled and scored once, and JD Marner had an RBI double and singled. Steve Barmakian crashed a two-run home run, Parker Hess rapped an RBI single and scored once, and Rowan Oberman singled, stole two bases and scored. Cameron Bremer walked and scored.

"JD Marner, Owen Murray and Justin Lin each had two hits, and they were big hits. We were driving in runs with our hits tonight," Coach Murray said. "We swung the bat better tonight than the runs we scored. That third baseman [Brendahl] made a great play on Tyler. Tyler scorched two balls right at people. Steven is in double digits in home runs for us, and he's not a hit-or-miss guy. He's an excellent hitter.'

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CENTRAL JERSEY 10U CHAMPS...The Westfield White U10 A team champs pose with their trophies. Pictured, left to right, are: bottom row; Michael Knapp, Stevie Barden, Bryce Dannevig, Benny Cappiello, Jake Lerie, Mark Walter and Matt Meusel; middle row, Thomas Delvecchio, Jake Vall-Llobera, Chris O'Connor, Cory Hiltz and Michael Birle; back row, Coaches T.J. Delvecchio, Humberto Vall-Llobera and Dave Cappiello.

U10 Westfield White Wins Central Jersey Tournament

Westfield struck early against Chatham. In the first, Thomas

Delvecchio forced a walk and stole

second. Jake Vall-Llobera brought in Delvecchio with a double to left-cen-

ter. Chatham answered in the second

Meusel doubled down the leftfield

line, and Chris O'Connor used his

speed to score from first. Mark Walter

followed with a bunt single, bringing

Meusel home to tie it up. Vall-Llobera came in to relieve

starting pitcher Delvecchio and made

quick work of Chatham, due to a nice

defensive play by Benny Cappiello at

In the fourth, a Delvecchio hit and

aggressive base running by Michael

Knapp put runners on second and

third. Vall-Llobera knocked in Knapp

with a single. Two batters later,

Michael Birle brought home Vall-

Llobera on a hard-hit ball to second,

making it 5-3. Chatham scored once

in the bottom half of the inning, but

pitcher Cory Hiltz came in to get a

key strikeout with the bases loaded.

Westfield dodged another bullet when

second baseman Bryce Dannevig made

a sliding backhand stop and leftfielder

Jake Lerie made a diving catch in foul

territory. In the sixth, Westfield added

two insurance runs when Stevie Barden

smacked a double. Chatham loaded

the bases again during their last at-bat,

but Westfield held on to seal the 7-4

Llobera, who was assisted by T.J.

Delvecchio and Dave Cappiello, said

after the game, "We had a great year.

We had some trouble winning big

games, but we pulled through today.

The game was all about effort, and

our pitching was great. Every player

on this team made a play today. That's

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how you win championships.'

Westfield coach Humberto Vall-

victory

After going quietly in the fifth,

In the third, Westfield White's Matt

with three runs.

COURTESY OF JOHN BIRLE

The U10 "A" Westfield White completed a 22-6 season by beating Chatham for the championship of the Central Jersey Baseball League postseason tournament at Stony Brook Field in North Plainfield on July 30.

To get there, Westfield came back with four runs in their final turn at bat to beat Branchburg, 4-2, in the

WF Blue 12s Nip Chatham 12s, 6-4

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Lin pitched the first three innings and yielded three runs on five hits and three walks, while fanning three. Oberman tossed three innings and allowed one run on three hits, while walking none and fanning one.

Olsen ripped his RBI single in the second inning to give Chatham a 1-0 lead, but the Blue Devils stormed back with three runs. Lin drilled a double, Owen Murray followed with an RBI double, Hess yanked an RBI single, and Marner lashed an RBI

Chatham knotted the score in the third when Moskowitz and Bevich poked RBI singles. In the bottom of the third, with Oberman on second base, Barmakian crushed his two-run shot over the right field fence. Lin singled, and Owen Murray pulled an RBI single to left.

From his position on the mound, Oberman pulled off a perfect "banana" play, covering first as the first baseman fielded a grounder in the fifth inning. In the sixth, Bevich singled and stole second. Bennett singled, but Oberman nailed him on a pickoff play. Bevich scored Chatham's final run on a throwing error.

Chatham Westfield Blue

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 12

 Awnings Galore
 10
 13

 Liberty Lighting Molly Maguire's Awnings Galore 50+ B DIVISION:

TEAM
Contact Lens & Vision
Driftwood Bar & Grill II
Driftwood Bar & Grill I
Magnolia Auto Service D&K_Associates Sun Tavern **SUPER SENIORS DIVISION:** TEAM Kilkenny House TLC Creative Industries

Associated Auto Linda's II 18, Contact Lens 11 George Merlo (4 hits), Kerry Gelb, Vic Dudash, Ray Yarusi and Steve Splain (3 hits each) led the Lensmen.

Nicolina Pizza

Renda Roads 15, SMC 13 Renda Roads scored three runs in the sixth inning. Ed Belford (4-for-4), Tom Baldowski (3-for-3), Tom Straniero and Tony Williams (3 hits each) and Gary Pence (HR) led the Roadsters. Harry Streep, John Amato and Chris Paterek led SMC.

Linda's I 12, Magnolia Auto 8 Linda's Steve Lerner, Jack Helfrich, Keith McDede, John Esposito, Ron Horinko, Ron Martin and Richie Krov had multi-hit games. Joe Sarica and

Krov had home runs.

Liberty Lighting 27, Brew Crew 12

Winning pitcher Allan Betau was supported by Harry Semple (hitting for the cycle) and Dennis Quigley (5for-5). Semple and Quigley were stellar in the outfield.

D&K 21, Sun Tavern 6 Rich Polonitza and Chris Moore had multi-hit games for Sun Tavern. Molly Maguire's 22, Awnings 9

Winning pitcher Bill Hinkle received offensive support from Dick MacKay (4 hits, 2 HRs, 6 RBI), Keenan Phelan (HR), Al Burton (HR), and Dave Drechsel and Glenn Zuhl (3

TLC 12, Creative 8 Fred DiMartino shut out Creative over the final five innings. Bob Lorincz and Neil Granstrand (2 doubles) each had three hits, and timely doubles from Rich Polonitza and Pete Osborn led the TLC attack. Bill Dougherty (2-for-3, 2 RBI) and Karl Grossmann (triple, 2 RBI) led

Kilkenny 17, The Office 2 Kilkenny 26, The Office 11 Kilkenny coasted to a five-inning

mercy-shortened win the first game. The Office trailed 13-10 after three in the second game when reality struck. Ernie Spinelli (6 hits, 2 triples, 4 RBI) and George Merlo (4 hits, 2 triples, 5 RBI) led The Office.

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-692 AWARDED TO: Union County Alliance, Clark, New Jersey

SERVICES: for the purpose of advertising, allowing departments within the County to communicate and highlight program and services which they provide COSTS: in the amount of \$29,960

Nicole DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders 1 T – 8/5/10, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-659 amending (Resolution No. 2008-1134) AWARDED TO: T & M Associates, Middletown, New Jersey

SERVICES: for professional Engineering survey, design construction specifications, bid documents and construction administration services for the Stanford Drive Park Improvement Project, Township of Berkeley Heights, New Jersey COSTS: to increase the contract amount by \$97,972 for a total amount not to ex-

ceed \$521,372 Nicole DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders T – 8/5/10, The Leader Fee: \$24.48

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-676 amending (Resolution No. 2009-1051) **AWARDED TO: Brownstein, Booth &** Associates, Union City, New Jersey, SERVICES: Special Counsel in the matter entitled **Jonathan Dawkins v. UC,** et als

COSTS: for an additional sum of \$10,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$20,000

Nicole DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders - 8/5/10, The Leader Fee: \$21.93 1 T - 8/5/10. The Leader

Nicolina 10, Associated 6 (8 in.) The Pizza men tied it in the seventh and broke it open in the eighth. Paul

Brody (Associated) homered. **Kilkenny House 16, TLC 6** Kilkenny clinched its second straight league crown.

Creative 9, Nicolina Pizza 2 Mary Scherb (3-3, 3 RBI), Bob Failla (2-3, RBI) and Richie Vitaliano

(2-3, RBI) led Creative. The Office 12, Associated 5

Ken Dunbar picked up the win. George Merlo hit for the cycle (4 runs, 2RBI), Brian McDermott (3 hits, triple, HR, 3 RBI) and Bob Renaud (3 hits, triple, 2 runs, 2 RBI) led The Office. Dave Goodman, Larry Lesnik (2 HRs), Paul Brody, Alan Schachman and Pat Sarullo led Associated.



Hillary Klimowicz

Hillary Klimowicz Set To Play Pro Basketball

EWING - Former The College of New Jersey's women's basketball player, Hillary Klimowicz of Scotch Plains signed a one-year professional contract to play with the SDENT Nyon, which is a member of the First Division in the Switzerland League. Klimowicz was a two-time NJAC Player of the Year and a three-time All-NJAC First Team honoree.

Klimowicz holds the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School all-time scoring record with 1,948 points. Her freshman season, she bucketed 448 points then added 503 her sophomore season. In her junior season, she broke the SPF all-time girls record of 1,228 on February 3, 2004 against Shabazz and finished that season with 500 points. On December 21, 2004, Klimowicz, in her senior season, broke the all-time Raider record of 1,482 set by Willie McCoy (1983-86), then finished the season with 497 points.

In her first three seasons, Klimowicz averaged at least 200 rebounds, then in her senior year, she pulled down an amazing 368 rebounds to surpass the 900 mark in career rebounds. Her senior year, she also made 129 blocked shots and had a team-leading 49 steals.

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-640 AWARDED TO: Christina Strong Esq., Belle Mead, New Jersey

SERVICES: to provide legal services concerning regulatory and reimbursement matters to Runnells Specialized Hospital PERIOD: September 1, 2010- August 31. 2011 COSTS: in the amount of \$15,000

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-666 amending (Resolution No.1168-2004) AWARDED TO: O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc., Buffalo, New York

SERVICES: for additional construction administration services for the Milton Lake Dam, Nomahegan Park Dam and Rahway River Park Dam projects

COSTS: in an additional amount of \$76,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$216,000

Nicole DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders 1 T – 8/5/10, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-677 amending (Resolution No. 2009-1052) **AWARDED TO: Palumbo & Renaud** Cranford, New Jersey SERVICES: Special Counsel in the

natter entitled **Jonathan Dawkins v. UC,** COSTS: for an additional sum of \$10,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$20,000

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Westfield White U11 baseball team

Westfield White 11U Finishes Season Deep in Tourney Play

The Westfield White 11U baseball team concluded its season week with an extra-inning 4-3, loss in their league semifinal against Berkeley Heights. The 8-inning game featured four game-saving plays at the plate.

In the bottom of the first, Westfield leftfielder Sean Mikovits picked up a loose ball and fired to catcher Owen Ripperger to nail the Heights runner

to keep the game scoreless.
Heights scored twice in the second, then added another run in the fourth on an RBI triple. The runner attempted to steal home on a wild pitch, but catcher Ian Humphrey tagged him out at the plate. In the fifth, Owen Kessler got hit-by-a-pitch. Mikovits' single allowed Kessler to score. Mikovits then scored, making the

In the sixth, Trevor McNamara beat out a grounder to second. Connor Scanlon walked and Hannah Liddy singled, loading the bases with no $outs.\,Matt\,Varano\,ripped\,an\,RBI\,single.$ Heights forced two pop-ups and a fielder's choice, which nailed Scanlon at home. Heights threatened in the sixth, but outfielder Liddy made an overhead catch and threw a strike home to snare the runner attempting to score.

Reliever Varano held Heights scoreless in the seventh. In the eighth, Heights loaded the bases with no outs. After a force out at home, Liddy made another catch for the second out and immediately fired home, but the runner scored to secure victory. Westfield made the semifinals in both the District and League tournament and were runners-up in the Basking Ridge Summer Tournament, going 3-1 in pool play before falling to Milburn in the finals.

Defensively, Westfield got consistent pitching from Charlie Baldwin, Ian Humphrey, Alex Pansini, Ripperger, Scanlon and Varano. Pansini (SS), Jack Meiselman (1B) and Kessler (1B), Humphrey (3B), Trevor McNamara (2B, 3B), Scanlon (2B, 3B) and Varano (2B, SS) anchored the infield. Liddy (CF) and Mike Echausse (LF, RF) anchored the outfield. Baldwin, Humphrey, Mikovits and Ripperger shared catching duties.

Offensively, White featured a potent blend of power (Kessler, Liddy, Meiselman, Mikovits), speed (Baldwin, Echausse, Humphrey), and clutch performance (McNamara, Pansini, Ripperger, Scanlon, Varano). The team batted .337 for the season.

White finished 16-12 and was led by head coach John Ripperger and assistants Jamie Meiselman, Carl Pansini and Clint Factor.

Coach Ripperger commented, "The team improved all year and played their best games at the end of the season. Our coaches are very proud of what this group accomplished this year and we expect even better things from them next year."

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

ANGELS DIVISION:

(As of July 31:)						
EAM `	W	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct</u>			
St. Kilian	12	6	.667			
St. Aloysius	10	6	.625			
St. Anthony	7	11	.389			
St. Matthew	5	13	.278			
St. Jude	2	16	.111			
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SAINTS DIVISION: L 3 4 9 10 St. David St. Anne

Week ending July 23:

TEAM

St. James

St. Rocco 10, St. Joseph 6 Rocco's Dave Hill whacked the deciding homer. Jim Richey scored twice and Jack Ley had three hits. Keith Middleton (HR) and Frank DeFaria (3-for-3) led Joe.

Week ending 7/30

St. Matthew 17, St. Aloysius 10 Tom Straniero and Kevin Woodring had a combined nine hits, seven runs scored and 11 RBI. Al's Bill Aumenta went 2-for-3 with a homer.

St. Joseph 13, St. Jude 11 The Joes plated nine in the fourth. Coady Brown (4 RBI, HR) led the Joes. Joe DeChairo tripled and had

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-667 amending (Resolution No. 2008-672) AWARDED TO: Matrix New World, East Hanover, New Jersey

SERVICES: for a Remediation Pilot Study at the Department of Public Works Maintenance Yard, Scotch Plains, New

COSTS: for an additional amount of \$36,425 for a new total contract amount not to exceed **\$96,425** Nicole DiRado, Clerk

of the Board of Chosen Freeholders 1 T – 8/5/10, The Leader Fee: \$22.95

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-639 AWARDED TO: Robert Restifo, DO Summit, New Jersey

SERVICES: to serve as the Director of Pulmonary Medicine/Respiratory Care for the patients/residents at Runnells Specialized Hospital PERIOD: September 1, 2010- August

31 2011 COSTS: in the amount of \$4,000 Nicole DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

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three RBI for the Judes. St. Matthew 12, St. Anthony 9

Matt man Dan Margolis had six RBI and one round tripper. Anthony's Floyd Roberts proved he had home run power but only enough speed for

St. James 13, St. Joseph 10

Gangsters Joe DeRosa and Robbie Stratton had eight hits between them, and Keith Gibbons rapped four RBI. Joe boys Mike Surbrug scored two runs, while Amilcar Monroy had three RBI and a home run.

St. Rocco 14, St. Anne 7 Rocco's Nash Warfield had three hits, three runs scored and three RBI. Annie Brian Munoz went 3-for-4.

St. David 8, St. Matthew 7 David's Pete Costello and Ed Villaverde each hacked a homerun. Matt man Tom Straniero went 3-for—

4 with three RBI. St. Kilian 20, St. Anthony 13

Anthony out hit Kilian, 28-25. Kilian's Harry Hopler and Scott Curtis both homered. Anthony Bruce Logan (3-for-4) hit a three-run homer.

St. Aloysius 21, St. Jude 12 Aloysius' killer B's Barone and Burfeindt had seven RBI between them, but Tom Rutkowski went 4for-4 with five RBI. Jude's Bob Guy went 4-for-4 with three RBI.

St Kilian 13, St Alovsius 8 Kilian got out hit but puts up the power to win. Kilian's Jay (4 RBI, HR) and Harry Semple each went 2for-3. Pete Chemidlin (2-for-3, 2 runs scored, 2 RBI) led St. Al.

St David 18, St Rocco 11 St. David's Pete Costello homered and drove in five runs. John DiProspero went 3-for-3 with three RBI. Gus Alvarez increased his league-leading intentional walks to three.

St Anne 9, St James 7 St. James banged out four triples, but Annie Keith Karyczak blasted a homerun and had two RBI. James Gang's Keith Gibbons led the triple

attack with two.

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of the Board **RESOLUTION NO: 2010-679** nending (Resolution No. 2009-786) AWARDED TO: Access Systems

Manilus, New York SERVICES: to provide additional services to expand the Union County Tax Board E-Share Project to 9 more munici-

PERIOD: and to extend the contract termination date to December 31, 2010 COSTS: for an additional amount not to exceed \$16,950 for a new contract Amount of \$31,950

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SPEED AND HITTING...Stage House batter Eddie Zazzali offers superb speed with fine hitting for the playoffs.

Top Seeds Biting the Dust In S.P. Men's Softball League

The lower seeds continued to make some noise as the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League entered the second round of playoffs. The difference from previous years, however, is no longer is it one-and-done, so in order to take a higher seed out, the lower seed must

While Vienna 60's/Diva Salon laughed through their first-round game against the Electricians, they walked into a hornets' nest when the second round started on July 28. Park Beverage invited them to the bar, and had them pick up the tab in Game 1, as the beating ended with an 18-3 score hanging over the field. Steve Brainard had his full complement of players back from vacation, and the Beverage men were in no mood to have this game go down to the wire.

The DJ's Limo infusion of energy on July 26 proved short lived, as topseeded Five Guys sat and waited for their second round opponent to arrive at the field for Game 1, only to have the Limo Drivers show up dead on arrival. Five Guys won 15-3, and it was not that close. Five Guys was poised to make another visit to the finals, as no one has been able to tame the beast of Monday night. But a funny thing happened when complacency slipped in. Five Guys lost the next two, 8-6 and 12-5, to the red hot DJ Limo Drivers.

The No. 6 seeded DJ's placed themselves on a Cinderella drive to the B finals, similar to the Sofa Kings' excursion of a decade ago. Many key hits after another were being delivered by many seasoned veterans for DJ's on August 2 on its way to victory. Defense also proved to be key, as every time Five Guys hit a bomb, it was caught for another inning-ending play that broke the Five Guys heart.

The No 3 and No 4 seeds also took a dive in the Monday night league, and it was the No. 2 Sofa Kings, who remain trying to maintain some sanity for the higher seeds. The Kings opened up with the Outlawz on August 2, after the Outlawz used their passing game to score 31 runs against Hocus Pocus in the first round. Gatto's Goofballs were not willing to be part of the favorites starting slowly, as the Sofa Kings stood tall on their way to a 15-6 victory.

One lower seed forgot that they should just be happy making it to the semis. Only thing was nobody told Clean Green/Alfonsos, as the Stage House Tavern thought all they had to do was walk on the field, and victory was assured. But 10 innings later, after many weak outs and errors on both sides, Clean Green stood tall with a 13-12 victory. The Stage House was left wondering if their late-season push to the top was going to be all for naught.

Stage House Shuts Down Alfonzo's in Semis, 10-2 See complete story in the Leader/Times August 12 issue.



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*AWESOME DISPLAY OF POWER...Park Beverage big man Dan Samila has the ability to park softballs in "parts unknown".

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BEAR BLAST WINNERS...The East Coast Conditioning (ECC) 14U team played in the First Annual Newark Bears Blast tournament held at Riverfront Stadium in Newark. Two local boys, Chris Lazzarotti, right, and Daniel Savickas, left, participated. ECC won both games, defeating the OneSix Sports team, 3-2, on July 31 and the Marlboro Mustangs, 11-0, on August 1. Lazzarotti had the game winning hit in the bottom of the seventh, knocking in Alex Sotillo of Kenilworth, who had just tripled in the tying run. Lazzarotti pitched six innings, allowing two runs and just two hits. Against Marlboro, Savickas went 3-for-5 with two RBI.

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UNION COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

UNION COUNTY, NJ - The County of Union has announced its Program Year 2010 Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Summer YouthWorks / Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program grant awards totaling \$ 521,100.00 to fund nine (5) programs that will offer summer employment experiences to approximately 330 youth that meet program eligibility criteria. The program period for TANF Summer YouthWorks / WIA subcontracts is 7/1/10 through 6/30/11.

The 2010 TANF Summer YouthWorks / WIA Program grant recipients are 50,100.00 96,900.00

Plainfield Board of Education Plainfield Mayor's Task Force Rahway Community Action Organization

73,500.00 Roselle Board of Education Urban League of Union County, Inc. 50.100.00 250,500.00

In addition, the County of Union has announced its Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) / American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Program award totaling \$ 75,000.00 to fund PROCEED, Inc. to provide comprehensive youth services o eligible youth aged 17 - 21. The program period for CSBG / ARRA Comprehensive

Youth Services subcontract is 7/1/10 through 9/30/10.

These grants assist the Workforce Investment Board to meet its overall workforce development strategy to address the special needs of youth in Union County. All interested for profit and not-for-profit organizations located in and around the County of Union area were invited to forward proposals for funding that met specific criteria as mandated by the TANF Summer YouthWorks, Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and CSBG/ARRA funding.

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Elizabeth Resolutes/Diamond State & Westfield/Chatham 12s & 10s games are also in The Westfield Leader newspaper



GOING BACK IN TIME TO 1870...Members of the Elizabeth Resolutes Vintage Base Ball Club enjoyed the afternoon playing the Diamond State Base Ball Club from Delaware in an 1870-rules game at Rahway River Park in Rahway on July 31. The Resolutes won 14-1, but later eked out an 8-7 win in an 1864-rules game

CHAMALIAN GOES 5-FOR-5, 4 RBI; UHRIG, SR. 4-FOR-4

Elizabeth Resolutes Ambush Diamond State, Del., 14-1

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Drifting way back in time, at least in the mind, the Elizabeth Resolutes Base Ball Club hosted the Diamond State Base Ball Club from Delaware for an 1870-rules game and an 1864rules game at Rahway River Park in Rahway on July 31.

"The Elizabeth Resolutes [formed in Elizabeth] played between 1866 and 1878. They were New Jersey's first professional sports organization of any type," said team Captain Paul Salamone from Westfield prior to the game. "In 1873, they were New Jersey's representative in the first professional base ball organization, which was the National Association of Professional Base Ball Players."

The 1870 rules were somewhat different than modern days' rules as Salamone described, "It's a fly ball game. Meaning in fair territory, a ball must be caught on a fly to record an out, which was not the case up until

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George Merlo (4 hits), Kerry Gelb, Vic Dudash, Ray Yarusi and Steve Splain (3 hits each) led the Lensmen. Renda Roads 15, SMC 13

Renda Roads scored three runs in the sixth inning. Ed Belford (4-for-4), Tom Baldowski (3-for-3), Tom Straniero and Tony Williams (3 hits each) and Gary Pence (HR) led the Roadsters. Harry Streep, John Amato and Chris Paterek led SMC.

Linda's I 12, Magnolia Auto 8 Linda's Steve Lerner, Jack Helfrich, Keith McDede, John Esposito, Ron Horinko, Ron Martin and Richie Krov

had multi-hit games. Joe Sarica and Krov had home runs. Liberty Lighting 27, Brew Crew 12 Winning pitcher Allan Betau was supported by Harry Semple (hitting for the cycle) and Dennis Quigley (5-for-5). Semple and Quigley were stel-

lar in the outfield. D&K 21, Sun Tavern 6

Rich Polonitza and Chris Moore

had multi-hit games for Sun Tavern. Molly Maguire's 22, Awnings 9

Winning pitcher Bill Hinkle received offensive support from Dick MacKay (4 hits, 2 HRs, 6 RBI), Keenan Phelan (HR), Al Burton (HR), and Dave Drechsel and Glenn Zuhl (3 hits each).

TLC 12, Creative 8

Fred DiMartino shut out Creative over the final five innings. Bob Lorincz and Neil Granstrand (2 doubles) each had three hits, and timely doubles from Rich Polonitza and Pete Osborn led the TLC attack. Bill Dougherty (2for-3, 2 RBI) and Karl Grossmann (triple, 2 RBI) led Creative.

Kilkenny 17, The Office 2 Kilkenny 26, The Office 11

Kilkenny coasted to a five-inning mercy-shortened win the first game. The Office trailed 13-10 after three in the second game when reality struck. Ernie Spinelli (6 hits, 2 triples, 4 RBI) and George Merlo (4 hits, 2

triples, 5 RBI) led The Office.

Nicolina 10, Associated 6 (8 in.) The Pizza men tied it in the seventh and broke it open in the eighth. Paul Brody (Associated) homered.

Kilkenny House 16, TLC 6 Kilkenny clinched its second straight league crown.
Creative 9, Nicolina Pizza 2

Mary Scherb (3-3, 3 RBI), Bob Failla (2-3, RBI) and Richie Vitaliano (2-3, RBI) led Creative.

The Office 12, Associated 5 Ken Dunbar picked up the win. George Merlo hit for the cycle (4 runs, 2 RBI), Brian McDermott (3 hits, triple, HR, 3 RBI) and Bob Renaud (3 hits, triple, 2 runs, 2 RBI) led The Office. Dave Goodman, Larry Lesnik (2 HRs), Paul Brody, Alan Schachman and Pat Sarullo led Asso-

captain was handed to Dan Marcus from Highland Park. "There was a festival for the 100th anniversary of my home town. I was walking around, taking in the sights, enjoying the day, and I came across this game in the middle of the baseball field. There was a lot of noise. I was fascinated. They were really competitive. When I got closer, I saw they were playing with no gloves. It's got to hurt your hands! One of the guys [Bill Henney] introduced himself. He explained the

1865. You have pitching underhanded from 45-feet. You cannot overrun first

base. You can be tagged out. There are three balls and three strikes to the batter. The first pitch to the batter cannot be called a ball or strike. It is a dead pitch unless the batter hits it into play. A ball caught in foul territory on one bounce is an out. Games are nine innings. In this game, Salamone became the umpire, so the duties as team

kids, who did not hit the ball in June and they pounded the ball tonight,"

worked very hard. We had a couple of

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SCHEPER RIPS 2 HITS; MILSTEIN, WARREN RBI EACH

Chatham Grabs Level 2 Title, Tops Westfield White 10s, 8-4

By DAVID B. CORBIN

An air of a championship game brought out the best of the Chatham "Little Cougars" and the Westfield White "Little Blue Devils" as they battled for the New Providence Green League 10-year-old Level 2 Bracket crown at Gumbert 1 Field in Westfield on July 29.

Although both teams exercised strong hitting and solid defense, the Little Cougars managed to minimize damage in three bases-loaded situations to grab an 8-4 victory and the championship.

"Their improvement has been astronomical this year. They started off very rough in the spring. In the sum-

Chatham Head Coach Jim Farese said. "It's great to see how kids love baseball when they get to play a lot of it."

"We played these guys one time before, and it was a slugfest then with a 19-17 score. This is the kind of game where, at any given time, one play made the difference," Westfield Head Coach Pat Pucciarelli said. "Plenty of times we had the bases loaded, just couldn't get that break when we needed it. Both teams were hitting. Everybody played a really good, clean game

Chatham totaled 11 hits, and Ryan Farese led the way with a 3-for-3 evening, while scoring once; however, the biggest bang came off the bat of Chloe Blanc, who blasted a

three-run double in the fourth inning. She also scored twice. George Icart, Tim Crandall and Ben Herbert each had two hits with an RBI and a run scored. Jack Mulligan singled and had an RBI, and Keith Chatinover had an RBI, while David Niland and Andrew DesMarias each scored once.

Casey Scheper contributed two singles, an RBI and a run scored to Westfield's 10-hit attack. Andrew Milstein and Steven Warren each rapped RBI singles. Eric Bebel and John O'Hearn each singled and scored once. Ryan Bebel, Drew Ortiz, Colin Daniel and Dean Pucciarelli each had a single. Jack Cerria walked and scored, while David Sprung and Ryan CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



MAKING THE PUTOUT AT FIRST BASE...Westfield 10s first baseman Dean Pucciarelli receives the throw in time to get

the forceout at first base in the New Providence Green League Level 2 Bracket championship game against Chatham... mer, we had a lot of practices. They

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Chatham 10s Hold Off Westfield White 10s, 8-4

Palmer each drew a walk.

"We played these guys before. We had a 19-17 barnburner. They are a very good team. They were fun to play. It's good when kids are matched evenly. It's exciting baseball and baseball that they can appreciate," Coach Farese said.

Errors were very scarce, but good fielding was abundant. Chatham right fielder Niland robbed Milstein of a hit when he fielded a two-hopper and fired to second base to complete a force out. First baseman Matt Stanford fielded a tough grounder and fired home to nail a runner, and catcher Chatinover hauled in a difficult popup near the plate.

"You think they are 10-years-old, and then you see them make the plays. You can see the growth dramatically in the 10-11-year-old ages. From June 1st through July 30th, you can hardly recognize them. And now they feel like baseball players,"

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Coach Farese said. The catch of the evening came in the top of the sixth inning when Palmer made a diving snag, just inches from the ground in leftfield, and fired to Sprung at third base to complete an inning-ending double play.

"That was a great play! He fielded it right from the beginning. He got a read on the ball. He charged it hard. David Sprung knew to be on the bag. He threw it and made the double play," Coach Pucciarelli said. "That got the whole team excited. The kids came out, got the bases loaded again, the batter who was up was the tying run, but it didn't go our way."

Mulligan's RBI groundout gave Chatham a 1-0 lead in the first inning, but Milstein's force-out shot to Niland in right field produced an RBI to knot the score. Chatham bunched three singles and a walk to plate two runs in the third, then Blanc's three-run double and

Herbert's RBI single in the fourth jumped the score to 7-1. Westfield loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the fourth and managed to score a pair of runs.

Farese singled and scored on Crandall's RBI single in the fifth to make the score, 8-3. Westfield loaded the bases again in the bottom of the inning but failed to score. After Palmer's fantastic catch held Chatham scoreless in the sixth, Westfield scored a run on Warren's RBI single and had the bases loaded again, but a groundout to second ended the game.

"Both teams came out here to win today. The last game of the season, everybody would have liked to put that win under his belt. Either side has a lot to be proud of. They need to just go home, and they need to remember that," Coach Pucciarelli said.

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DEMONSTRATING HIS AWESOME POWER...Westfield Blue 12s power hitter Steve Barmakian hammers a two-run home run in the game against Chatham at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 28.

BARMAKIAN HRs; MARNER, O. MURRAY, LIN 2 HITS

Westfield Baseball Blue Nips Chatham Cougar 12s, 6-4

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Chatham Head Coach Jeff Hale and Westfield Blue Head Coach Mike Murray got a good idea of each team's improvement when their teams squared off in a 50/70 (70-foot distance between bases) baseball minitournament of 12-year-olds at Gumbert 2 Field in Westfield on July 28. The result was a very competitive, 6-4, victory by the home team.

"We are around 22-15. We've lost some tough ballgames. We lost to a really good South Orange team. We dropped a one-run game to Warren. We have been competitive all year," Coach Murray said. "The most important thing for me as a coach, and how I gage our season is how we've improved. Are we having better at bats now than at the beginning of the year? Are our pitchers throwing more strikes? Are we making more plays in the field? And we've done that."

"Our focus was on playing good quality baseball at the 50/70 level, which not all the kids were accus-

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tomed to. We were trying to focus on base running, stealing, working on pitching, creating a winning attitude and keeping the kids focused on having fun," Coach Hale said. "Winning is important, but it is not everything.

The Chatham Cougars totaled eight hits and swiped six bases. Jake Bevich went 2-for-3 with a run scored and an RBI, and stole a base. Leadoff batter Griffin Carroll had two hits in his three plate appearances, scored a run and swiped two bases. Will Olsen rapped an RBI double, and Robby Moskowitz had an RBI single, stole a base and scored once. Ryan Bennett singled, walked twice, stole a base and scored once. Jack Hale singled and stole a base.

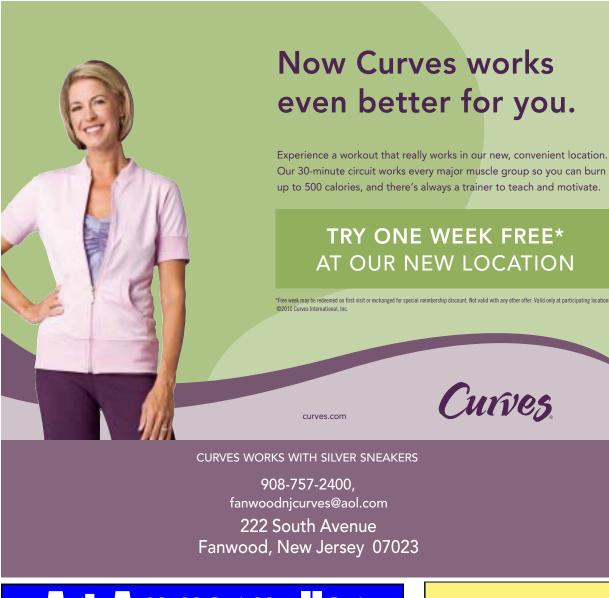
Chatham's infielders were solid defensively, especially first baseman Hale's stretch to get a force out and third baseman Chris Brendahl's diving grab of Blue Devil Tyler Roth's liner that he converted into a double play. Moskowitz pitched the first three innings, walked three and struck out three. Brendahl and Olsen pitched the fourth and fifth innings, respectively, and combined for one strikeout and one walk, while allowing just

"I thought we played very well tonight. Our fielding was very good. We had some pretty timely hitting, stole a lot of bases, and our pitching held up well," Coach Hale said. "Overall, Westfield is a very tough team. They play competitive baseball, and we played a good game tonight."

The Blue Devils totaled nine hits, including three doubles and a home run. Owen Murray had an RBI double and an RBI single, and scored once. Justin Lin doubled, singled and scored once, and JD Marner had an RBI double and singled. Steve Barmakian crashed a two-run home run, Parker Hess rapped an RBI single and scored once, and Rowan Oberman singled, stole two bases and scored. Cameron Bremer walked and scored.

"JD Marner, Owen Murray and Justin Lin each had two hits, and they were big hits. We were driving in runs with our hits tonight," Coach Murray said. "We swung the bat better tonight than the runs we scored. That

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PITCHING A STRONG THREE INNINGS...Westfield White 10s starting pitcher Andrew Milstein tossed a strong three

innings against Chatham. Milstein allowed only one walk and three runs, while striking out two

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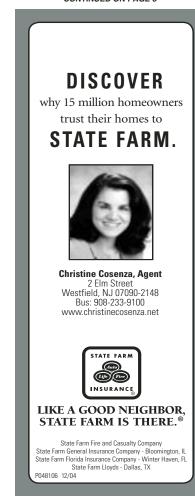
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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times VERY SURE HANDED AT FIRST BASE...Elizabeth Resolute first baseman Billy Shaughnessy played excellent defense in the 14-1, victory over the Diamond State club at Rahway River Park in Rahway on July 31.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times GETTING BACK TO THE BASE ON TIME...Elizabeth Resolute player Keith Tynan, right, steps back on the bag at first as Diamond State first baseman John Metcalf slips as he tries to catch a throw at Rahway River Park in Rahway on July 31.

Elizabeth Resolutes Vintage Base Ball Team Ambush Diamond State, Delaware, 14-1, in 1870 Rules

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game, and I fell in love with it. It was a way to keep in shape and stay involved with baseball," he said.

Team statistician Neshama Marcus, Dan's wife, added, "It's a really fun pastime activity for the weekend. We enjoy watching as much as they enjoy playing. I come to almost every

With respect to the old-fashioned uniforms, Neshama said, "I thought they were silly at first."

Modern-day founder and president of the Diamond State team John Metcalf, from Glasgow, Del., commented, "Our club originated in Wilmington, Del. in 1865. Their first full season was in 1866. We play our home games in Delaware City, which is about 15 miles south of Wilmington. We emulate the uniforms of the original ball club, with the exception that our shirts are blue other than black."

'We played them very close last time. We had a double header. We beat them by one run the first game and two runs the next game," said Dan Marcus, who added, "I'm pitching today, so I'm going to try to keep it under double digits.

The trip to New Jersey must have taken its toll on the Diamond State men in the 1870-rules game as the Resolutes jumped on them with a 22-hit ambush to record a 14-1 victory. Marcus, with his fast release style held the Diamond men to a pair of singles, a double and a triple that was hit by Gus Brevoort, who also scored the only run. Marcus also recorded a strikeout and a walk.

Resolute Dave Chamalian hammered out four singles and a double for four RBI, while scoring once, and Veteran Harry Uhrig, Sr. from Roselle Park rapped three singles and a triple for three RBI, while scoring twice. Anthony Ferrone from Clark went 3-for-4 with a two-run double and scored twice. Shaun Kelly thumped an RBI triple and an RBI double, while scoring twice, and Jeremy "Kentucky" Davis of Fanwood slapped an RBI single and a double and scored twice. Brendan Cross had a pair of singles, and Marcus whacked an RBI triple and scored twice. Billy Shaughnessy of Clark and Harry Uhrig, Jr. each

Tynan added an RBI single. In addition to Marcus' superb

singled and scored once, and Keith

pitching, Diamond State's inability to score a lot of runs was a result of third baseman Urhrig, Jr.'s superlative defensive plays and first baseman Shaughnessy's sure hands. Centerfielder Davis and right fielder Chamalian also made some saving grabs.

Chamalian and Tynan each tapped RBI singles to give the Resolutes a 2-0 lead in the second inning, then they plated five runs on seven hits, which included Marcus' RBI triple and Kelly's RBI double, in the third

inning. Shaughnessy reached first on an error in right, stole a pair of bases and scored in the fourth inning to up the lead to 8-0.

In the fifth, Uhrig, Sr. and Kelly drilled RBI triples, and Chamalian slashed an RBI double, then in the sixth, Ferrone lashed a two-run double, and Uhrig, Sr. punched an RBI single to give the Resolutes a 14-0 lead. Diamond State's Brevoort reached first base on an error, stole second and scored the final run.

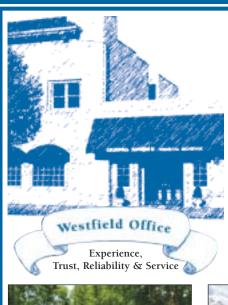
The 1864-rules game followed and

the game was much closer, with the Resolutes squeaking out an 8-7 vic-

"You see the game evolve. You see why the rules changed. For example, you can see how the infield fly rule was invented. You can see why the third strike rule changed. You can certainly see why helmets were invented. It's fun to see how you change your strategy as the rules change from year to year," Marcus pointed out.

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times LOOKING INTENTLY AT THE PLAY...The umpire concentrates on the play as Westfield Blue's Cameron Bremmer slides home to score the team's sixth run in the game against Chatham. Westfield won, 6-4, in Westfield on July 28.

Westfield Blue Nips Chatham Cougar 12s, 6-4

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third baseman [Brendahl] made a great play on Tyler. Tyler scorched two balls right at people. Steven is in double digits in home runs for us, and he's not a hit-or-miss guy. He's an excellent hitter."

Lin pitched the first three innings and vielded three runs on five hits and three walks, while fanning three. Oberman tossed three innings and allowed one run on three hits, while walking none and fanning one.

Olsen ripped his RBI single in the

second inning to give Chatham a 1-0 lead, but the Blue Devils stormed back with three runs. Lin drilled a double, Owen Murray followed with an RBI double, Hess yanked an RBI single, and Marner lashed an RBI

Chatham knotted the score in the third when Moskowitz and Bevich poked RBI singles. In the bottom of the third, with Oberman on second base, Barmakian crushed his two-run shot over the right field fence. Lin

singled, and Owen Murray pulled an

RBI single to left. From his position on the mound, Oberman pulled off a perfect "banana" play, covering first as the first baseman fielded a grounder in the fifth inning. In the sixth, Bevich singled and stole second. Bennett singled, but Oberman nailed him on a pickoff play. Bevich scored Chatham's final run on a throwing error.

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BOTTOM RIGHT PHOTO -Michael Kalnims listens to Officer Matthew Nazzaro explain the rescue Zodiak to children at Cranford's Night Out.





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The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Union, New Jersey, held on July 29, 2010. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said governing body to be held in County Administration Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on August 19, 2010 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board upon which the public notices are customarily posted in the Administration Building of the County, during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting; copies of the ordinance are available to the general public of the County who shall request such copies, at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, in County Administration Building located in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Nicole L. Dirado Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

GUARANTY ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON CERTAIN REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2010 (UNION COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER PROJECT) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVE-MENT AUTHORITY IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$3,360,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL SECURITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S PROJECT

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

the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Act"); and WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized under the provisions of the Act to acquire real estate within the County by lease or purchase and to construct, reconstruct and rehabilitate improvements thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Authority and the County are in the process of entering into a shared

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

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by the Act, including without limitation Section 11 thereof (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-54(a)), to provide public facilities for use by the County, including, without limitation, the provision for the demolition, construction and renovation, as applicable, of the proposed Union County Child Advocacy Center Project located in

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

("Section 37") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and other applicable law; and WHEREAS, the proceeds of the 2010 Bonds will be applied to, inter alia, the payment of (a) the costs of the demolition, construction and reconstruction, as applicable, of the Union County Child Advocacy Project (b) the costs of the acquisition of equipment and fixtures for the Project, (c) costs of issuing the 2010 Bonds, (d) capitalized interest on the 2010 Bonds, if any, and (e) any other costs set forth in the Bond Resolution (hereinafter

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

WHEREAS, the 2010 Bonds have such other terms as shall be set forth in that certain Resolution authorizing the issuance of the "Union County Improvement Authority

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

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

WHEREAS, the Authority has made application, on behalf of the County, to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of the State (the "Local Finance Board") for the Local Finance Board's review of the financing, including, inter alia, the Loan Agreement, the Union County Child Advocacy Center Project Deficiency Agreement and the Guaranty; and WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-

80) and the Guaranty, the County shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount to make the timely payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the 2010 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, in order to market and sell the 2010 Bonds, (i) the Authority shall issue a Preliminary Official Statement (the "POS") and a final Official Statement (the "OS"), (ii) the Authority shall enter into a negotiated sale of the 2010 Bonds with one or more underwriters (collectively, the "Underwriter") pursuant to the terms of a bond purchase agreement (the "BPA"), (iii) the Authority, the County and the trustee for the 2010 Bonds, or any successor thereto in accordance with the terms of the Bond Resolution (the "Trustee") shall enter into a Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement") upon the issuance of the 2010 Bonds if necessary, convenient, useful or desirable in connection with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor rule or regulation thereto ("Rule 15c2-12"), and (iv) the County and the Authority shall take such actions and shall authorize, execute or acknowledge, as the case may be, and deliver such other documents, instruments or certificates as Bond Counsel to the Authority and to the County deem necessary, convenient, useful or desirable in order to issue the 2010 (collectively, the "Certificate"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the County and will not create an

ndue financial burden to be placed upon the Authority or the Participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of the full mem nereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

Section 1. Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 (Union County Child Advocacy Center Project) are sometimes collectively referred to herein as the "2010 Bonds".

Section 2. This guaranty ordinance shall be adopted by the governing body of the County in the manner provided for adoption of a bond ordinance as provided in the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended (the "Local Bond Law"), codified as N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1, <u>et</u> <u>seq</u>.

Section 3. Pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Act, specifically Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80), the County is hereby authorized to and hereby shall unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee the punctual payment of the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bond in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$3,360,000, which Series 2010 Bonds are to be issued to finance the Project as described in the preamble hereof, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by and between the County and the Authority. Upon the endorsement of the 2010 Bonds referred to in Section 3 below, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the 2010 Bonds, when due, in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of bond issued by the County and accordingly, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment thereof without limitation as to rate or amount when required under the provisions of applicable law.

Section 4. The County Manager and/or Chief Financial Officer of the County (each an "Authorized Officer") shall, by manual or facsimile signature, execute an endorsement on each of the 2010 Bonds evidencing this guaranty by the County as to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest thereon. The endorsement on each 2010 Bonds shall be in substantially the following form, and absent the fully executed endorsement in such following form on any such 2010 Bond, such 2010 Bond shall not be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance:

GUARANTY OF THE COUNTY OF UNION OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

The payment of the principal of and interest on the within Bond is hereby fully unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the County of Union of the State of New Jersey (the "County"), and the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on this Bond, when due, in the same manner and to the same extent as in the case of bond issued by the County and accordingly, the County shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment hereof without limitation as to rate or amount when required under the provisions of applicable law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Union of the State of New Jersey, has caused this Guaranty to be executed by the manual or facsimile signature of an Authorized

> COUNTY OF UNION STATE OF NEW JERSEY
> Title:

Section 5. It is hereby found, determined and declared by the governing body of the

(a) This guaranty ordinance may be adopted notwithstanding any statutory debt or other limitations, including particularly any limitation or requirement under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law, but the aggregate principal amount of the Bond which shall be entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance, being an amount not to exceed \$3,360,000, shall, after their issuance, be included in the gross debt of the County for the purpose of determining the indebtedness of the County under or pursuant to the Local Bond Law.

(b) The principal amount of the 2010 Bond entitled to the benefits of this guaranty ordinance and included in the gross debt of the County shall be deducted and is hereby declared to be and to constitute a deduction from such gross debt under and for all the purposes of the Local Bond Law (i) from and after the time of issuance of the 2010 Bonds until the end of the fiscal year beginning next after the completion of the Project, and (ii) in any annual debt statement filed pursuant to the Local Bond Law as of the end of said fiscal year or any subsequent fiscal year if the revenues or other receipts or moneys of the Authority in such year are sufficient to pay its expenses of operation and maintenance in such year and all amounts payable in such year on account of the principal of and interest on all such guaranteed 2010 Bonds, all bonds of the County issued as provided in Section 36 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-79) and all bond of the Authority issued under the Act. Section 6. The following matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated

(a) The maximum principal amount of 2010 Bond of the Authority which are hereby and hereunder guaranteed as to the punctual payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon is and the maximum estimated cost the Project to be financed in accordance with

the transaction contemplated hereby is \$3,360,000. (b) The purpose described in this guaranty ordinance is not a current expense of the County and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(c) A supplemental debt statement of the County has been duly made and filed in the office of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State, and such debt statement shows that while the gross debt of the County, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by this guaranty ordinance by \$3,360,000 in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the net debt of the County is not increased, and the obligation of the County authorized by or incurred pursuant to the terms of this guaranty ordinance is permitted by an exception to the debt limitations of the Local Bond Law which exception is contained in the Act.

(d) All other items to be contained in a bond ordinance adopted pursuant to the Local Bond Law are hereby determined to be inapplicable to the County's guaranty of the 2010

Section 7. This guaranty ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law, but in any event no later than upon the issuance of the 2010 Bond. Section 8. Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board of Freeholders shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the County Manager, County Counsel, Executive Director of the Authority, and the Law Office of John G. Hudak, Esq., LLC, Bond Counsel to the Authority.

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UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS **ORDINANCE NO. 709-2010**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on the 29th day of July, 2010, and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Board of Chosen Freeholders to be held at its meeting room in the County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on the 19th day of August, 2010, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested there will be given an opportunity to be heard

FIRST READING: 7/29/2010

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

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

AMENDING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAWS OF UNION COUNTY: ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AND POLICIES AND GENERAL LEGISLATION: BY AMENDING § 1-114 DIVISION OF PARK MAINTENANCE; AMENDING CHAPTER 35-BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, MINORITY AND WOMEN; AND ARTICLE XVI-EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

"Laws of Union County" are hereby amended as outlined in the attached Schedule A:

Note: All text that is <u>underlined</u> is inserted/new language. All text that is struck through is deleted language

SCHEDULE A

PART I -ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

ARTICLE XVIII, Department of Parks & Community Renewal

[Adopted 6-26-1997 by Ord. No. 452; Amended 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664] § 1-100. Department established; purpose; organization.

Amended 6-20-2002 by Ord. No. 553; 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664: 6-25-09 by Ord. No. 6861

General Purpose; Departmental Organization. There shall be a Department of Parks and Community Renewal for the purpose of promoting and developing the planning, development and growth of the County of Union, coordinating all aspects of such through the efficient and effective use of financial, operational and administrative resources and to proactively address the needs of County residents. The Director shall be fully responsible for the Department's operation.

There may be a Deputy Director who shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Parks and Community Renewal and shall be responsible for developing plans and coordinating the implementation of plans for renovating existing park facilities and constructing new facilities.

The Department shall have a Bureau of Recreation and a Bureau of Administrative Support. The Chief of each Bureau shall be the head of the Bureau and shall report to the Deputy Director of Parks and Community Renewal.

The functions of the Bureau of Recreation is to develop and administer programs to facilitate the public use and enjoyment of County parks, playgrounds, the Watchung Reservation, open spaces and places of recreation; operating all County recreation facilities; and, coordinating park and recreational facilities, programs and special events

of the County with other public and private recreational facilities within the County. The functions of the Bureau of Administrative Support is to establish and maintain essential records and files relative to the programs offered by the Department, ensure payroll conformity, prepare and reconcile contract bids and bills, and maintain construction progress schedules and reports.

The Department shall have a Bureau of Environmental Conservation. The Chief of the Bureau shall be the head of the Bureau and shall report to the Deputy Director of Parks and Community Renewal. The functions of the Bureau of Environmental Implementing and coordinating Household Special Waste, Computer and Elec-

tronics, and Battery/Motor Oil/Filters recycling events funded through the Solid Waste

Implementing and coordinating the Scrap Tire Management Program to fund cleanup and disposal of scrap tires found on public lands.

menting the Clean Communities Program. Performing such other duties as may be required by the Director of the Division

Preparing and Disseminating all mandated statistical programmatic reports to appropriate agencies and officials.

The Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Planning and Environmental Conservation shall also serve as the District Recycling Coordinator.

E.D. The Department shall have a Bureau of Governmental Relations and Community

Outreach. The Bureau Chief shall report to the Director of Parks and Community Renewal. The function of the Bureau of Governmental Relations and Community Outreach is to develop and administer programs to facilitate the public use and enjoyment of County parks and recreational facilities in consolidation of County grant programs for maximum effectiveness. The Bureau shall include the Office of Cultural and Heritage

 $\underline{\text{F.E.}}$ The Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs functions and responsibilities shall include: (1) Create, support and encourage programs promoting public interest and partici-

(2) Maintain an annual preservation awards program commending noteworthy historic preservation.

Educate the public on local, state and municipal efforts to preserve historical sites.

(4) Maintain an historic inventory as a resource for federal and state agencies and

[Amended 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 664] G.F. The Department of Parks & Community Renewal shall consist of the following

Division of Planning and Community Development.

Division of Information Technologies. [Added 7-22-1999 by Ord. No. 503] Division of Golf Operations. [Added 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664]

Division of Parks Planning and Horticultural Services [Amended 9-14-2006 by Ord. No. 636; 12-20-2007 by Ord. No. 664] § 1-113. Division of Parks Planning and Horticultural Services

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Division head. The Director of the Division of Park Planning and Horticultural Services shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Deputy Director of the Department of Parks and Community Renewal for its operation

Division organization Within the Division, there shall be the following subdivision:

The Bureau of Horticulture.

The Division of Park Planning and Horticulture Services' functions and respon-Responsible for developing plans and coordinating the implementation of plans

for renovating existing Park facilities, constructing new facilities, and environmental park

The Bureau of Horticulture's functions and responsibilities shall include: Providing for the care, cultivation, planting and replanting of all lawns on County

property.
b) Providing for the care, cultivation, planting and replanting of flowers and shrubs b) Providing for on County property.

§ 1-114. Division of Park Maintenance

[Added 6-25-2009 by Ord. No. 686] A. Under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Department of Engineering, Public Works and Facilities, the Division of Park Maintenance's functions

shall include preserving and improving all County park and recreational facilities.

B. Division Head. The Director of the Division of Park Maintenance shall be the head of the Division and shall be responsible to the Director of the Department of Engineering,

Public Works and Facilities. Division Organization

Within the Division, there shall be the following Bureaus:

The Bureau of Parks-Sector I The Bureau of Parks-Sector II

The Bureau of Recycling and Planning

b. Bureau Chief. The Chief of each Bureau shall be the head of the Bureau and shall be responsible to the Director of the Division of Park Maintenance.

The functions of each the Bureau of Parks-Sector I and Parks-Sector II shall include the provision of care and maintenance of all County park and recreational facilities within its respective Sectors.

The functions of the Bureau of Recycling and Planning will be as follows: Implementing and coordinating Household Special Waste, Computer and Electronics, and Battery/Motor Oil/Filters, and other recycling related events.

Implementing and coordinating the Scrap Tire Management Program to fund

cleanup and disposal of scrap tires found on public lands. Providing administrative and coordination and assistance to municipalities in implementing the Clean Communities Program.

• Performing such other duties as may be required by the Director of the Division of Park Planning and Maintenance.

Preparing and Disseminating all mandated statistical programmatic reports to

appropriate agencies and officials. The Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Planning and Environmental Conservation

shall also serve as the District Recycling Coordinator Chapter 35, BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, MINORITIES AND WOMEN SMALL

BUSINESS ENTERPRISES [HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union 9-10-

1987 as Res. No. 676-87. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES Affirmative action employment — See Ch. 12.

§ 35-1. Declaration of policy.

The County declares that the existence of a strong and healthy free enterprise system is directly related to well-being and competitive strength of small business concerns, minority business concerns and women business concerns and the opportunity for small businesses, minority businesses and women businesses to have free entry into business, to grow and to expand, and finds that the County must attempt to ensure that a fair proportion of the County's total purchases and contracts for construction, property, supplies and services is placed with small business concerns, minority business concerns and women business concerns

§ 35-2. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

AGENT — The Union County Director of the Division of Purchasing CONTRACTS — All purchases of the County of Union, but not including the goods and services over which the County has no discretion as to the payee such as regulated <u>utilitiesNew Jersey Bell, Public Service Electric and Gas,</u> maintenance of patients in state institutions and two-year out-of-County college reimbursement

DIVISION — The Division of Purchasing. MINORITY BUSINESS — A business which has a place of business in the state, is independently owned and operated and at least 51% of which is owned and controlled by persons who are Black, Hispanic, Portuguese, Asian American, American Indian or Alaskan Natives

SET-ASIDE CONTRACT: A contract for goods, equipment, construction or services which is designated as a contract for which bids are invited and accepted only from small, minority or women

A portion of a contract when that portion is so designated; or

C. Any other purchase or procurement so designated. SMALL BUSINESS — A business which has its principal place of business in the State, is independently owned and operated and meets all other qualifications as may be established in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27H-21.8(g)+ etseq, -N.J.A.C. 17:13-1.2 and

WOMEN BUSINESS — A business which has a place of business in the state, is independently owned and operated and at least 51% of which is owned and controlled

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of any County bidding or Local Public Contracts Law to the contrary, but subject to any superseding federal statutes or rules, the Division may designate a contract and/or a portion thereof for goods and services, equipment, or construction or services to be awarded by the agent to a qualified small, minority or women businesses pursuant to the goals and procedures established by this program whenever there is a reasonable expectation that bids may be obtained from at least two <u>qualified</u> small businesses, <u>minority businesses or women businesses</u> capable of furnishing the desired goods <u>and services or</u>, <u>equipment</u>, construction-or services at a fair and reasonable price. The designation shall be made prior to the advertisement of bids.

There is are established a goals that the Division attempt to award at least 15% of the dollar value of its contracts tofor small businesses, at least 7% of its contracts for minority businesses and at least 3% of its contracts for women businesses. This ese goals may, where appropriate, be attained by the direct designation of businesses by requiring that a portion of such a prime contract be subcontracted to small businesses, minority businesses or women businesses. The Division shall make a good faith effort to attain the goals established in this section.

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The goals established shall be attained independently of each other, and any given contract may be counted for purposes of attaining the small business business or the women business goal, but not towards more than one goal. D.C. For purposes of obtaining these goals, the Division shall, when necessary

specifically set aside contracts or portions of contracts for which only small businesses minority businesses or women businesses may bid. The advertisement for bids on a set-aside contract shall indicate that the contract to be awarded is a qualified small business enterprise set-aside contractthe i bid as a set-aside. The advertisement shall be in at least one newspaper which will best provide notice thereof to qualified small business enterprises such newspaper o

in advance of the date fixed for receiving the bids purchase or contract to promote competitive bidding among those businesses for whom the contract is being set aside but said notice shall not be published less than 10 days prior to that date. The newspaper or newspapers in which the advertisement shall appear shall be selected by the Division of Purchasing. The advertisement shall designate the time and place at which sealed proposals shall be received and publicly opened and read, the amount of the cash of certified check, if any, which shall accompany each bid and such other items as the Division may deem proper. The advertisement shall be made by the Division pursuant to the procedure set forth in the law governing such contracts. E. The Division shall establish reasonable regulations appropriate for controlling the designation of prospective small business, minority business and women business

bidders according to the financial ability and experience of the bidders and the capital and equipment available to them pursuant to and reasonably related to the class or category of work to be performed or materials and supplies to be furnished or hired in the performance of any subcontract and may require each bidder to furnish a sta The Division shall establish a procedure whereby businesses may request

inclusion on appropriate lists for small businesses, minority businesses and women

The Division shall establish a procedure annually reviewing the lists and determining whether the businesses on the lists shall continue to be designated as small businesses, minority businesses or women businesses

When a contract or portion thereof has been designated as a qualified small $business \underline{\textit{enterprise}}, \underline{\textit{minority}} \, \underline{\textit{business}} \, \underline{\textit{or women}} \, \underline{\textit{business}} \, \underline{\textit{set-aside}} \, \underline{\textit{contract}}, \underline{\textit{invitations}}$ for bids shall be confined to <u>qualified</u> small businesses, minority businesses and/or women businesses designated by the Division as appropriate for the set-aside, and bids from other bidders which are not qualified small business enterprises shall be rejected. The purchase, contract or expenditure of funds shall be awarded among the qualified small businesses, minority businesses or women businesses enterprises in accordance with the statutes and rules governing purchases by the Division. The award shall be made within the time frame authorized statute.

If the Division determines that the acceptance of the lowest responsible bid on a set-aside contract will result in the payment of unreasonable price, the Division shall reject all bids and withdraw the designation of the small business, minority business or women business set-aside contracts. Qualified Ssmall businessesenterprises, minority businesses and women businesses shall be notified in writing of the small busine minority business and women business set-aside cancellation, the reasons for the rejection and the County's intent to resolicit bids on an unrestricted basis. The cancelled <u>bid</u> solicitation shall not be <u>considered</u> counted as a set-aside for the purposes of attaining established set-aside goals. Except in cases of emergency, prior to the final award of the contract, the Division shall provide an opportunity for a hearing on the reasons for the

J. If the Division determines that two bids from qualified small businesses cannot be obtained, the Division may withdraw the designation of the set-aside contract and resolitic bids on an unrestricted basis pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law. The cancelled designation shall not be considered as a set-aside for the purposes of attaining

established set-aside goal. § 35-4. Violations and penalties.

A. Where the purchasing agent determines that a business has been classified as a <u>qualified</u> small business <u>enterprise</u>, <u>minority business or women business</u> on the basis of false information knowingly supplied by the business and has been awarded a contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled under this program, the purchasing agent shall have the authority to:

(1) Assess against the business any difference between the contract and what the County's cost would have been if the contract had not been awarded in accordance with the provisions of this program.

(2) In addition to the amount due under Subsection A(1), assess against the business a penalty in an amount of not more than 10% of the amount of the contract Order the business ineligible to transact any business with the County for a period

to be determined by the purchasing agent. Prior to any final determination, assessment or order under this section, the purchasing agent shall afford the business an opportunity for a hearing on the reasons for the imposition of the penalties set forth in Subsection A(1), (2) or (3) of this section.

§ 35-5. Report to the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The Division shall submit a report to the Board of Chosen Freeholders by January 31 of each year describing the County's efforts in attaining the set-aside goals and the percentage of the dollar value of total procurements awarded pursuant to this program. The Board of Chosen Freeholders shall publish a list of the County's attainments in the

immediately preceding local fiscal year, to include the County and local municipalities averages, in at least one newspaper circulating in the County by March 1 of each year. A. This program is to be liberally construed to effectuate the purpose herein described. Nothing herein is to be construed as repealing or abridging the emergency

powers of any agency of government except to the extent expressly set forth herein B. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this program shall be adjudged or declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which shall remain in full force and

All provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, P.L. 1971, c. 198 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.), and any supplements thereto, shall apply to purchases, contracts and agreements made pursuant to this program unless otherwise superseded by the

provisions of this program. D. This program is promulgated and adopted in accordance with P.L. 1985, c. 482 (*N.J.S.A.* 40A:11-41 *et seq.*).

Chapter 100, PERSONNEL

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE XVI, Employee Handbook

[The County of Union Employee Handbook, Resolution No. 2009-31 2010-634 adopted 1-4-2009, July 29, 2010 is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Board. A copy of this Handbook can be obtained by contacting the Division of Personnel Management

and Labor Relations.] 1 T - 8/5/10, The Leader

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Young Teen Needs Advice In Dealing With Boyfriend

By Milt Faith, Executive Director Youth and Family Counseling Service

A Teen Writes: I am 14 years old. I read the entertainment page and your column. I am writing to you without my parents knowing that I am doing this. Please give me an answer about my problem. I have a boyfriend. We have been dating for four months. He likes to kiss me. and I like it, too. But now he wants to touch me all over, and I do not want him to do this. He says that if I don't let him, we will break up, and he will find a new girlfriend. I want your advice about what to do. My parents are very good, but I think they will yell at me.

Answer: I would not wait for your "boyfriend" to break up with you; I would break up with him immediately. Nobody has the right to force somebody to do what he or she does not want to do. He is very disrespectful towards your feelings. Try to find someone else who will be understanding, and with whom you will be comfortable.

Since you say that your parents are good, I would encourage you to speak to them about your questions and concerns. The point is not to have them become angry with your friend; it is very helpful and will make you feel better to be able to talk to someone who will listen without finding fault and give you ideas on how to handle boys. Teenage years are difficult, and youth (and people of all ages) need someone in whom to confide. Good luck and keep reading! You seem to be a very thoughtful young lady.

An Angry Daughter Writes: I am very angry with my father. He only wanted a son, and kept having children until he could have a son. Guess what? He has four daughters, and he named us girl names, but they are really male-based names. Because of confidentiality, these names are not the real ones, but they are similar to our names: Natalie, Michaela, Alana and Glenn (like Glen Close, the actress).

He tried to have us excel in sports and never came to our musical recitals (dancing, playing musical instruments) because he thought they were "frivolous and silly." He was abrupt, and distant and disinterested. Guess what? Several of us grew up with hang-ups about our sexuality, and we have trouble getting close to, or trusting, men. We've taken courses, read books and been in short-term therapy. Little has changed. We want "normal" lives, but it is difficult. Is there hope, Faith?

Answer: I love your play on words. Yes, there is hope, and faith. Your father's "hang-ups" about wanting a son and his disinterest

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and rejection of his daughters is most unfortunate and, obviously, has caused much emotional pain

I urge you to return to therapy; not short-term therapy, but traditional therapy with no time limit. These are issues to be resolved, and therapy is a process by which we identify, explore (emotionally and intellectually) and resolve issues which have haunted us and prevented us from living healthy, comfortable and fulfilled lives. Good luck, and "keep the faith."

A Questioning Parent Writes: I am not sure whether my teenage daughter is troubled or just a "normal" teen who enjoys her role models. Please clarify. When Hannah (disguised name) was 13, she became intrigued with "Hannah Montana," the TV phenomenon. Hannah watched her show relentlessly, saw her movies, bought her CDs, went to a live concert and now sings her hit song, "The Climb" continuously (drives me nuts).

Now, at age 14 going on 15, she's become fixated on Lady Gaga. She bought a blonde wig, tries to wear outlandish clothing and goes around singing "Paparazzi" all day. She is a good girl, is into soccer and softball, does well in school, and has great friends. My fear is that she becomes obsessed with certain musical celebrities. Does it sound like she will outgrow this or remain on a plateau and not mature and use her abilities in college and, in life, in general?

Answer: I would not worry. You describe a teenager who enjoys a variety of activities, including pop music. We all look for role models as we mature. Hopefully, they include mom and dad. However, it is healthy and appropriate to enjoy and try to identify with popular

Like millions of 'tweens and teens, Hannah emulated Hannah Montana. Now she has moved on to the pop star of the day, Lady Gaga, who is known, not only for her music, but, in particular, for her extreme and bizarre "fashion." I would let Hannah enjoy this moment as she goes from one stage to another in the process of maturity and self-image development.

Instead of questioning her emulation of Lady Gaga, I would encourage you to spend time talking about her dress, teens' interest in her, etc. This is the best time to communicate with one's daughter. Take advantage of it. Observe Lady Gaga a little more; who knows, you may go gaga about her after awhile.

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— Obituaries

Lila S. Waddington, 80, Piano Teacher; Was Active With All Saints' Church

Lila S. Waddington, 80, died on Monday, August 2, at her home in Edison.

Born in Downingtown, Pa., she had lived in Fanwood before moving to Edison over 30 years ago.

Mrs. Waddington was a graduate of Douglass College, where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education, and taught piano lessons out of her home in Fanwood. She was a longtime member of the

All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains, where she served on the Vestry and Altar Guild, and was a member of the choir for 25 years.

Surviving are her husband, William T. Waddington; two daughters,

Helen Walkes, 94

Helen Walkes (née Gordon) of Westfield, formerly of Jersey City, 94, died on Saturday, July 31, at Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J.

Born in Jersey City, she retired 25 years ago as deputy clerk for the City

of Jersey City. She was the wife of the late Sol; mother of Bruce and Bonnie Walkes of Atlanta, Ga. and Susan and Dr. Seymour Koslowsky of Westfield, N.J.; sister of Irwin Gordon of California; grandmother of five, Lori, Jay, Marc, Beth and Amy, and great-grandmother of 11, Jake, Max, Lily, Sophie, Jack, Luke, Ava, Maya, Gracie, Joshua and Alyssa.

Services were held under the direction of Eden Memorial Chapels of Fort Lee.

August 5, 2010

Linda W. Andrews (and her husband, Gordon) and Carol W. Buckner (and her husband, Murray); her son, William B. Waddington (and his wife,

Kim), and six grandchildren. Services will be held on Saturday, August 7, at 11 a.m. at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains. Cremation will be private. Visitation will be tomorrow, Friday, August 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

Those who wish may make contributions to All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076; Haven Hospice, 80 James Street, Edison, N.J. 08818, or to a charity of one's choice.

For additional information or to sign the online guestbook, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

Memorial Donations Honoring Mr. Pelosi

The family of Michael Pelosi has asked that anyone wishing to do so may make donations to the Pelosi Family Education Savings Fund. Mr. Pelosi died on Sunday, July 25, at age 33. Checks can be made payable to: "FT 529 College Savings Plan," with FBO Pelosi Family on the memo line, and mailed to Pelosi Education Savings Plan, c/o Morgan Stanley Smith Barney (026-253), 2150 Highway 35, Second Floor, P.O. Box 399, Sea Girt, N.J. 08750-9963.



TASTE OF THE FAR EAST...Members of the Rotary Club of Westfield attended a special dinner May 20 to raise funds for relief for Haiti's earthquake victims. The dinner was arranged by Rotarian Dr. Ed Shen, a physician in Scotch Plains who grew up in the Shanghai section of China. Approximately \$1,000 was raised. Pictured, from left to right, are: Back row, Rotary Assistant Governor Beverly Howard; Frances Torres; Alicia Baker; Past District Governor Dr. D. Michael Hart; Margaret Jacobus; Tina Photis and Todd Photis, and front row, Alison Brafman; David Hart; Dr. Marilyn Hart and Ari Brafman. Not pictured are Dr. Shen, Dr. Ted Schlosberg, Bill Henderson and Dr. Bill Bonsall.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD Date Adopted: 7/29/10

Public Notice is hereby given that the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholdpetitive bidding as an Professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a) (i). This contract and the resolution authorizing it is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO: 2010-642 AWARDED TO: England Orthopedics,

Inc., Avenel, New Jersey SERVICES: to provide prosthetic and orthotic services for the patients/residents at Runnells Specialized Hospital **PERIOD:** August 1, 2010- July 31, 2011 COSTS: in the amount of \$10,000

Nicole DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders T - 8/5/10. The Leader Fee: \$20.40

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-643 AWARDED TO: Speech & Hearing Associates, Westfield, New Jersey SERVICES: to provide audiology services for the patients/residents at Runnells Specialized Hospital

PERIOD: August 1, 2010-July 31, 2011 COSTS: in the amount of \$10,000 Nicole DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

1 T - 8/5/10, The Leader Fee: \$20.40

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

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

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

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

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

A great admirer of the outdoors, Tim made time for hiking, kayaking,

snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and

camping. He was predeceased by his father,

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

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

A memorial service celebrating Timothy's life will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street in Westfield, N.J.

August 5, 2010

UCC Offers Career Prep Academy for Teenagers

CRANFORD - Beginning earlier this month, Union County College, with funding from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, will offer a free summer program for young adults. The Career Prep Academy is for 17-to 21-year-old residents of Union County, with priority given to those who live in Elizabeth.

Those attending the academy will learn about careers in retail/customer service and other industries such as healthcare and trans-

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-668 AWARDED TO: RBA, Parsippany,

New Jersey
SERVICES: for design, construction administration and inspection services for the Watchung Stables Paddock Project, Township of Mountainside

COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$17,600

Nicole DiRado, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders 1 T – 8/5/10, The Leader Fee: \$21.42

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Please take notice that on August 25. 2010 at 7:30 PM at the Fanwood Borough Hall, located at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, the Planning Board will hold a hearing on the application of the undersigned. The property in question is located at: 322 La Grande Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 113 Lot 3, as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map, owned by Amy Alfano

The applicant requests Widen Driveway which is in violation of:

Section 184-163A of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Widen Driveway; Permitted: 10 feet; Present: 10.6 feet; Proposed: 16 feet. The applicant will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday) from the Secretary of the Planning Board at the Administration Office of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Fanwood Planning Board. Applicant:

Amy Alfano 322 La Grande Avenue Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023 1 T - 8/5/10, The Times Fee: \$33.15

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portation/logistics/distribution; develop work-readiness skills such as communications, problem solving, teamwork, and computer use; connect to ongoing educational and career opportunities; develop a positive attitude toward work and learning; and have fun and make friends. A \$5 hourly stipend will be paid to those who success fully complete the coursework.

The academy will meet for 80 hours in total and run for all weeks in August, from Monday through Thursday. The program will be held in Union County College's Kellogg Building at 40 West Jersey Street in Elizabeth. Students participating in the program must dress appropriately for a business environment.

To apply for this program, students and their guardians must visit the PROCEED, Inc. Office at 1122 Grand Street in Elizabeth to fill out an application. The following documentation must also be provided: proof that the applicant is 17 to 21 years of age as of August 2; birth certificate, driver's license, US Passport, or other government issued photo ID showing date of birth, proof that they are a U.S. citizen or legal resident, by U.S. Passport, alien registration card, or naturalization document.

The PROCEED Inc. office is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and the phone number is (908) 351-7727. For more information, go to cpaucc.info or e-mail mbernal@proceedinc.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD **BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The School Business Administrator/

Board Secretary of the Scotch Plains Fanwood Board of Education, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, by authority of said Board, solicits sealed bids for student transportation. Bids to be received at the Business Office of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, located at Evergreen Avenue & Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 up to 11:00 a.m. prevailing time on August 17, 2010

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES 2010-2011 School Year, Bid # 10-11-1

Specifications are available upon re-

quest at the Business Office of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education, lo-Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076. All bids must be submitted on the bid

form contained in the specifications. Bids which are not submitted on such form 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
The Board of Education reserves the

right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education

Anthony DelSordi School Business Administrator Board Secretary 1 T - 8/5/10, The Times Fee: \$32.64

PUBLIC NOTICE

OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Resolution No. 2010-671 was adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, at their

Regular Meeting which was held on July 29, 2010 Nicole L. DiRado, Clerk of the Board Chosen Freeholders

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq. (the "Act"), each county within the State of New Jersey is designated a solid waste management district with responsibility for the development of a solid waste management plan setting forth the solid waste disposal strategy to be applied in the dis-

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union (the "County") has adopted the Union County District Solid Waste Management Plan, as amended from time to time (the "County Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the County has designated the Union County Utilities Authority (the "UCUA") as the agency responsible for implementing the County Plan; and

WHEREAS, Provider (previously referred to as the Union County Bureau of Environmental Health Enforcement) was certified by order of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (hereinafter "DEP") on January 28, 1999 as the County's lead agency under N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21, the County Environmental Health Act (hereinafter "CEHA"); and

WHEREAS, the Provider as a Certified Health Agency is authorized, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et seq. and N.J.S.A. 13:1E-9, to provide Environmental Health Services, including but not limited to enforcement of the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., pursuant to the Solid Waste Control Work Program component of the approved County Environmental Health Work Program (hereinafter "Work Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Act designated each of the twenty-one counties in the State of New Jersey, and the Hackensack Meadowlands District, as solid waste manage ment districts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-19, and required each such district to adopt a solid waste management plan pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-20; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Act and regulations promulgated thereunder, the UCUA in conjunction with the County has developed, implemented and financed the existing Union County Solid Waste

Management System ("County System"); WHEREAS, the County Plan's regulatory solid waste flow control program requires all solid waste types 10, 13, 13C 23, 25 and 27 generated within the County to be delivered to the County System fo disposal; and **WHEREAS**, the continued regulatory

flow control over such Union County-generated solid waste requires substantial enforcement efforts in order to assure compliance with the County Plan and guarantee an equitable sharing of the costs to maintain the County System; and

WHEREAS, the County and Provider recognize that it is in the best interests of its citizens that certain inspection, investigative and enforcement responsibilities continue to be carried out by the UCUA in order to utilize the Authority's consider able expertise as the implementing agency for the County Plan in fully and properly enforcing compliance with the County Plan and to carry out the applicable provisions of the Solid Waste Control Work Program within the approved CEHA Work Program that have been subcontracted to the UCUA

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have enjoyed a longstanding contractual relationship wherein they pooled their resources to jointly provide such services and desire to contractually renew such relationship for the provision of the Solid Waste Control Work Program component of the approved CEHA Work Program by

the Provider and the UCUA; and WHEREAS, the parties are authorized to enter this Agreement in accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:3A2-21 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq., the Uniform

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-**SOLVED** by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union as follows 1. The above recitals are incorporated

herein as if fully set forth at length. 2. This Board hereby authorizes the County Manager to enter into an Interlocal Services Agreement between the County of Union and the Union County Utilities Authority to effectuate the purposes of this

Resolution for a term not to exceed ten (10) years. Said Interlocal Services Agreement shall be substantially in the form of Agreement attached hereto and made a 3. This Resolution shall take effect

immediately. 4. This Resolution shall be published as

required by law. 1 T - 8/5/10, The Leader Fee: \$101.49

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EXCEPTIONAL ORATOR...In May, Middle School students at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in North Edison competed for two separate prizes in the annual speech competition. Matthew Nader of Scotch Plains, the son of Tony and Liliane Nader, captured the judge's accolades following his speech about the Pacific Campaign of World War II. The eighth grader has earned the honor of delivering the speech his class's "Stepping Up Ceremony" on June 9. Daniel Gallagher, the son of Michael Gallagher of Westfield and Carolyn Gallagher of Edison, earned the school's Streib Cup for delivering a noteworthy speech on the "Assassination of President Abraham Lincoln." Daniel competed against other sixth- and seventh-grade students for the honor. Matthew is pictured above with his English teacher, Corinna Crafton.

Union Catholic Students Attain National Recognition

SCOTCHPLAINS - Union Catholic High School announced that 34 students have attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2010 National Spanish Ex-

The students earned a total of four gold, 10 silver and nine bronze medals, along with 11 honorable menright below). Achieving Silver status are seniors Alex Bricki, Megan Carr, Tom Kaluzny; sophomores Ann Cierpial, Katie Lubin, David Schanz, Demie Teixeira and freshmen Taylor Diken, Katie Brown and Jolie Mon-

Achieving Bronze status are senior Jaime Ciocon, juniors Brian Hartnett, Michelle Ryngel, Sean Sarra, Sean



GOING FOR GOLD...Union Catholic students attained national recognition on the 2010 Spanish Exam. Achieving Gold status, from left to right, are: sophomores Yarelis Lafuente, Rosa Cuppari, Gabrielle Aquino and junior Alexandra Rojas.

"Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the Nation Spanish Examination is very prestigious," said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, national director of exams, "because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States.

Students from Union Catholic have a long history of high achievement on these exams and are taught by World Language Curriculum Specialist Cathy McHugh. The National Spanish Examinations are administered each year in grades 6 through 12, and are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP).

Achieving Gold status are sophomores Yarelis Lafuente, Rosa Cuppari, Gabrielle Aquino and junior Alexandra Rojas (pictured left to Siburn, sophomores Adriana De Gazon, Michelle Peters and freshmen Gregory Gagliardi and Courtney McGovern.

Honorable Mentions went to senior Samantha Marques, juniors Colleen Cassidy, Michael Chase, Brian Milanes, sophomores Roxanne Dalere, Kim Esguerra, Sarah Fox, Timothy Leach, Juliette Monroy, Kathleen Sullivan and freshman Grace Kelly.

The New Jersey chapter of the AATSP also recognizes students based on their achievement on this exam. Receiving honorable mentions from the NJAATSP are Gabrielle Aquino, Katie Brown, Rosa Cuppari, and Taylor Diken. Yarelis Lafuente was awarded second place for Level One, and Alexandra Rojas was awarded second place in Level Three.

Rotary Donation Honors Andreski, Funds Books

WESTFIELD – Among the highlights of Westfield Rotary's Scholarship Luncheon this month was a special presentation to McKinley School's retired principal, Claudia Andreski, made by club President Mark Swingle.



BOOK 'EM...Westfield Rotary Club recently honored McKinley School Principal Claudia Andreski with a donation for the purchase of books for the school's library. The tribute, in recognition for her outstanding devotion to reading, is consistent with Rotary International's Literacy Program.

Mrs. Andreski started the first Rotary EarlyAct club in Westfield at McKinley School seven years ago. The club is sponsored by Rotary with a bequest from its long-time member, the late Harry Sturcke.

EarlyAct, whose members are children 5 to 13, is an endorsed project of New Jersey Rotary District 7510, whose objective is to develop habits of caring, respect, empathy, responsibility, tolerance, citizenship, compassion, friendship and leadership.

Consistent with Mrs. Andreski's

passion for literacy, also a worldwide initiative of Rotary International, the presentation is a donation toward the purchase of new books for the school library and part of a larger initiative for the purchase of books in Mrs. Andreski's honor by the McKinley School PTO.

In his remarks, Mr. Swingle characterized her as Rotary's "partner" and explained, "Claudia embodies our Rotary values in her work, selfless service to youth and service to the community. For her Early Act effort, we made her an honorary member of the club several years

He noted that she is a former recipient of Rotary's coveted Philhower Award as Elementary Teacher of the Year. He reported that this year, the EarlyAct club raised \$4,500 for Haitian relief following the earthquake there.

Students Make Honor Rolls at Oratory Prep

SUMMIT — Local students have earned academic recognition at Oratory Prep School in Summit during the fourth quarter of the school year.

Named to High Honors roll with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 90 with no grade below 85 are the following students: junior Gus Exarhakos of Cranford, senior Michael DeNigris of Cranford and junior Ryan Murray of Westfield.

The following students received Honors recognition by earning a GPA of at least 85 with no grade below 80: eighth grader David Batista of Mountainside, freshman David Marzano of Scotch Plains, junior Daniel Fitzpatrick of Westfield and senior Gregory Mika of Cranford.

Garwood Schools Honor Students' Education Success

GARWOOD - Earlier this year, the Garwood school system announced its award honorees. They are as follows:

The Donald M. Boyden Memorial Award was given to Sara Brinkerhoff and Sara Law; it is given by the Lions Club and recognizes those students who had the highest scholastic average based upon their report-card marks.

Sara Brinkerhoff also earned The Richard Sachsel Memorial Award, given by the Garwood Board of Education, which recognizes a student's citizenship in school.

Both Sara Brinkerhoff and Sara Law won The V.F.W. Award, which recognizes those students who have the highest scholastic average in social studies.

Sara Law also received The Daniel F. Snyder Memorial Award, given by The Lions Club, which recognizes a student's highest average in science.

The PTA Well-Rounded Student Award, which recognizes the students of the graduating class who have maintained good grades while engaged in extracurricular activities in school, civic organization and/or place of worship, went to Sara Law, Kelsey Durkin and Samuel Abbaticola.

The Garwood Board of Education gives the Gustave Bley Memorial Award. This award recognizes the student who had the highest average in language arts. This year's award went to Sara Law.

The Garwood Fire Department Award recognizes those students who have the highest average in mathematics. This year's awards went to Sara Law and Sam Abbaticola.

Sara Brinkerhoff, Sara Law and Nicole Resetar won the Garwood Education Association Memorial Award, which recognizes those students who have attained honor society status for all four marking peri-

The Knights of Columbus Award recognizes those students who have the highest average in foreign language. This year's awards went to Sara Brinkerhoff and Sara Law.

Sara Law won the Technology Award, presented to the eighth-grade student who achieves a high level of proficiency in levels 1 and 2 in each of the 12 modules that comprise the technology lab.

The Police Benevolent Association Award recognizes those students who have gained the greatest improvement from 5th to 8th grade, based upon report card grades. This year's awards went to Kelsey Durkin and Sam Abbaticola.

The Mayor Crincoli Memorial Leadership Award is presented to students who demonstrate exemplary leadership skills, both in the school and the community. This year's award went to Jessica Pak.

Sarah Kramer and Jessica Pak both earned the Educational Foundation of Garwood Award, presented to students who exemplify the school motto: "Work hard, be the best you can be, treat others the way you want to be treated.

The Coverdell Education Savings Certificate, sponsored by the Spencer Savings Bank, is awarded to a student who demonstrates good citizenship and academic growth. This year's award went to Sara Law.

Jessica Pak earned the UCASE Student Recognition Award, presented to a student who has faced academic, social or emotional chal-

The Instrumental Music Award recognizes a student's excellence in instrumental ability. This year's award went to Sara Law and Karina Hernandez.

The Vocal Music Award recognizes a student's outstanding vocal ability. This year's award went to Kelsey Durkin.

Nicole Resetar and Colton Gower both earned the Theater Award, which recognizes a student's achievement in theatrical studies and performance.

The Art Award recognizes a student's outstanding ability in art. This year's award went to Rachel

Garwood schools wished to honor Jesica Weisser, the only graduate who has been a part of the Gifted and Talented program since the third

The David J. Bernosky Character Education Award is presented to a student who has woven the six points of good character: respect, responsibility, caring, fairness, trustworthiness and citizenship into academic and social life. This year's award goes went to Samuel Abbaticola.

Honor Roll Distinctions (eighth grade). He is the son of Nayan

Locals Earn Wardlaw

EDISON - Ann Hergenrother, Middle School Head at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison, has announced the names of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from Westfield, Scotch Plains, Cranford and Mountainside who have been named to the Honor Roll with Distinction and Regular Honor Roll during the third and final tri-

Students must maintain an average of 93+ to earn Honor Roll with Distinction status, whereas students must earn an average of 87+ to be named to the Regular Honor Roll.

The students named to the Honor Roll with Distinction are:

Emily Wexler of Scotch Plains (eighth grade). She is the daughter of Joanne Wexler and Bruce

Christopher Hillenbrand of Mountainside (seventh grade). He is the son of Gerald Hillenbrand and Cheng-Yen Hillenbrand.

Anisa Ahmed of Scotch Plains (sixth grade). She is the daughter of Dr. Omar Abdi and Ester Abukar.

Cecily D'Amore of Scotch Plains (sixth grade). She is the daughter of Anthony D'Amore and Tammy D'Amore.

Max Needle of Scotch Plains (sixth grade). He is the son of Steven Needle and Erica Needle.

The students named to the Regular Honor Roll are:

Ayan Ahmed of Scotch Plains (eighth grade). She is the daughter of Dr. Omar Abdi and Ester Abukar.

Michael Anastasiou of Scotch Plains (eighth grade). He is the son of Chuck Anastasiou and Nina Anastasiou.

Eric Bessette of Scotch Plains (eighth grade). He is the son of Peter Bessette and Frances Bessette.

Moenika Chowdhury of Fanwood (eighth grade). She is the daughter of Bobby Chowdhury and Margaret Chowdhury.

Aditya Dalal of Scotch Plains

Area Student Makes Duke Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Amanda Garfinkel was named to the dean's list with distinction at Duke University for the Spring 2010 semes-

Amanda was among 2,018 students who achieved that honor 1,430 on the dean's list; 588 on the dean's list with distinction).

To make the Arts and Sciences dean's list with distinction, students make rank in the top 10th of their college. Amanda is the daughter of Laurie and Matthew Garfinkel, and graduated from Westfield High School in 2009.

Dalal and Bindu Dalal.

Philip Edwards of Westfield (eighth grade). He is the son of Stephen Edwards and Janet Edwards.

Alejandro Vollbrechthausen of Westfield (seventh grade). He is the son of Alejandro Vollbrechthausen and Lucila Vollbrechthausen.

Brandon Yin of Scotch Plains (sev-

Yin and Jun Yao. $Claude\,Djan\,of\,Scotch\,Plains\,(sixth$ grade). He is the son of Phyllis-Marie

Attipoe.

Michael Sherry Graduates Elon

WESTFIELD - Michael Sherry, son of Thomas and Dolores Sherry of Harwich, Mass., a 2004 graduate of Westfield High School and a 2006 alumnus of The American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City, graduated Elon University in

North Carolina, cum laude, in May. Michael earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Music Theatre. He recently danced for Linda Reifsnyder Jenkins' "Emerging Choreographer's Concert" in Jacksonville, Fla.

He is now located in Wichita Falls, Tex., and dancing professionally for the Wichita Falls Ballet Company. He will perform in Cats for The Wichita Theatre.

Sherry Graduates Yale

WESTFIELD-Bree Sherry, daughter of Thomas and Dolores Sherry, has graduated Yale University.



A 2002 graduate of Westfield High School and a 2006 cum laude alumna of Elon University, Bree received a Master of Fine Arts degree in Stage Management from Yale's School of Drama. This was a three-year pro-

She has earned her equity card by stage-managing at the Yale Repertory Theatre. This summer, she is working at the International Music Festival in New Haven, Conn.



LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS...Reunion committee members from the Westfield High School Class of 1960 recently met to discuss their October 3 breakfast to celebrate their 50th class reunion. Clyne & Murphy of Westfield will cater the event, to be held at Westfield High School. Friends since grammar school, pictured left to right, are: Lenore Scurry, Eleanore (Pischedda) Wall and Gloria

McMenamin Takes Over At Union County College

CRANFORD-Effective last month, Margaret McMenamin took the reins as Union County College's new president. She succeeds retiring president Thomas Brown.

Dr. McMenamin previously served as the executive vice-president of educational and student services of Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, a position she held for five years. She also served as vice-president for academic and student affairs at Lehigh Carbon County Community College in Schnecksville, Pa.

While at Brookdale, Dr. McMenamin's accomplishments included an academic restructuring, development of an academic master plan

and a college-wide assessment. She also strengthened degreecompletion programs with four-year colleges, initiated a program to allow high-school students to take college classes and helped identify and secure grant and foundation funding.

"Dr. McMenamin possesses the necessary talents and insight to lead Union County College at a challenging time, both for institutions of higher education in general and our college in particular," said Victor Richel, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees.

"This is a time of expanding diversity in both the student population and in academic focus, evolving occupational demands of the community, growing competition for funding and increasing technological opportunities," he added.

"The students, faculty and staff of the college, as well as the communities

of Union County, deserve a president who can lead in all these areas, and Dr. McMenamin is supremely qualified," Mr. Richel said.

Dr. McMenamin will oversee a college with an annual operating budget of close to \$70 million. The school serves 6,300 full-time and 6,600 part-time students, with a full-time faculty of 180 and an adjunct faculty of about 300.

The school operates four campuses in Union County in Cranford, Elizabeth, Plainfield and Scotch Plains. It also maintains an associate in science degree program with the Trinitas School of Nursing in Elizabeth and the Muhlenberg Harold B. and Dorothy A. Snyder Schools in Plainfield.

In 2009, Dr. McMenamin gave presentations entitled, "Give students what they want: Engagement through technology" at the Conference on Information Technology in Detroit, Mich., and "Using the results of the student engagement survey to augment assessment" at the Indiana Assessment Conference in Indianapolis, Ind.

In 2008, she presented, "Exploring evidence-based outcomes through self reflection on teaching" at the Annual Conference of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education in Baltimore, Md.

She is a member of the Academic Officers Association of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges and the Board of Visitors of the College of Health Professions at Temple University. She also was an adjunct professor of Education at Rowan University in

Local Residents Receive Degrees From Seton Hall

AREA – The following local residents graduated from Seton Hall University:

Christine Elizabeth Darcy, of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the College of Education and Human Ser-

Joseph George Kleiber, of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Arts and Sciences. Oliver Surriga, of Cranford, received

a Master of Science degree from the College of Arts and Sciences. Caitlin Elizabeth Krako, of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the College of Edu-

cation and Human Services. Ashley Nicole Massa, of Mountainside, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the College of Education and Human Ser-

Heights, received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the College of Education and Human Services. Ashley Rose Alvernes, of Westfield,

Nicholas Mazza, of Berkeley

received a Master of Arts degree from the College of Education and Human

Debra Olszewski, of Westfield, received a Master of Arts degree in Education from the College of Education and Human Services.

Jane Jacobs, of Westfield, received a Master of Business Administration degree from the Stillman School of Business

Brian Bianchi, of Westfield, received a Master of Business Administration from the Stillman School of Business. Jennifer Brandt, of Westfield, received a Master of Arts degree in Diplomacy and International Relations from the Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations.

Allison Matthes, of Berkeley Heights, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Jennifer Laura Sacco, of Berkeley Heights, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Arts and Maura Byrne, of Berkeley Heights,

received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Arts and Sciences. Kristin Stanley, of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the

College of Arts and Sciences. Clare Byrne, of Berkeley Heights, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Alexandra Maria Garcia, of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Arts and Sciences. Nicole Elizabeth Stapinski, of

Cranford, received a Bachelor of Arts

Sciences. George Herman Dimayuga, of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Arts

degree from the College of Arts and

Sciences. Christopher James Davitt, of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Arts and

degree from the College of Arts and

Jill Veltri, of Westfield, received a Master of Arts degree from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Giovanna M. Riggi, of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the College of Education and Human Services.

Mountainside, received a Educational Specialist degree from the College of Education and Human Services. Steven Toy, of Cranford, received a

Grace Gunapal Arachi, of

Master of Arts degree from the College of Education and Human Services. Ashley King, of Mountainside, received a Master of Arts degree from the College of Education and Human Ser-

Michael McCabe, of Westfield, received a Master of Arts degree from the College of Education and Human Ser-

vices. Andrew Cusumano, of Cranford, received a Master of Arts degree in Education from the College of Education and Human Services.

Alexandra Zamorski, of Cranford, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the College of Nursing.
Heather Patterson, of Cranford, re-

ceived a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the College of Nursing. Samantha Ring, of Garwood, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the

Stillman School of Business. Giovanna Pafumi, of Westfield, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the Stillman School of Business.

Christine Ann Fitzpatrick, of Westfield, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the Stillman School of Busi-

Joshua Harris, of Cranford, received a Master of Business Administration from the Stillman School of Business.

Colin Callahan Makes Fairfield Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Colin Callahan, son of Michael and Dianne Callahan, a resident of Westfield, was named to the dean's list at Fairfield University for the spring 2010 semester.

Colin is a junior studying in the Dolan School of Business.

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Salt: Has us Thirsting For a Better Movie

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By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER

Back in the day, before the Women's Lib movement officially began, a cynic shared a fear. He - I think it was a he - fretted that after the ladies finally won equality under the law, they'd proceed to develop the same bad habits of their male counterparts. They might even play leads in formulaic action movies like Salt

Since then, there have been all sorts of gal secret agents, police detectives and other defenders of the commonweal bearing deadly arms. But in most cases, there has been a feminine hook, a dramatic point made, even if ever so slight, that this oneperson killing machine was different by one chromosome. Here, la difference makes

Except for her appearance, there is nothing about CIA agent Evelyn Salt in either modus operandi or manner that bespeaks gender. 'Tis we who bring preconceptions to the party. When she leapfrogs from the roof of a semi on a bridge to a truck on the span below, we're much more impressed than we'd be if Daniel Craig's 007 made the

Whether in party dress or jeans, this young lady is as striking as the first pretty tomboy you ever met. But she has come to play. And if that means skinning her knee on the sidewalk, suffering an Indian burn or even a bloody nose, what's it to us? Make a fuss of it and you'll be sorry

As such, it's a more complicated performance than the copycat first impression might imply. Powerful and single-minded, Salt is a force to be contended with, all right. But there's something else going on inside, a secret about her we're going to have to uncover. And therein lies the so-so twist upon which director Phillip Noyce hangs

Not that Miss Jolie or her superb co-star, Liev Schreiber, as Salt's boss, agent Ted Winter, is to blame. They're the strong points. But save for the title character impressing with her unique variation on a type, at the end of the day it's the same old, same old. Scratch the interpretation, and it's 85 percent special effects, 12 percent acting and 3 percent script.

The cat-and-mouser starts off with the potential to be a poor man's Charade (1963), albeit without the lofty wit and Mancini's

great score. Leaving work one night, late for an important date with her bug expert spouse (August Diehl), Salt is called back when Russian agent Orlov (Daniel Olbrychski) drops in to defect. Her expertise is needed.

But what's this? During the interrogation, old Orlov, who was in charge of infiltrating U.S. intelligence with homegrown plants, suggests, for all behind the one-way glass to know, that Ms. Salt is really a Russian mole. Folks start running every which way; steel doors descend; guns start blazing. She's gone. Well, just another day at the office.

It's the proverbial spy-left-out-in-thecold routine. Now, apparently nobody likes her, except maybe her husband, who, alas, has gone missing. In search of him and her destiny, on the run from mysterious loyalties, Jolie's Salt makes like Mata Hari via Loretta Young, resplendent with costume and hair color changes at every turn. It's

Still, sans a better-finessed screenplay by Kurt Wimmer, the chase scenes eventually run into each other, with all things ultimately hinging on the one-trick pony of a plot and its big secret. Dialogue is sultry, quippish or cynical, yet never Bogie and Astor-like. The chemistry between Jolie and Schreiber is OK, but hardly able to save

The story's biggest flaw is its lack of soul. If it's the filmmaker's intention to inform that all this spy business is a big, uncaring, bureaucratic dance, then he has managed it without artistic panache. However, if that isn't his goal, then he has left us with a rather nightmarish and hollow escapade through the archives of action film

Which leaves us only to assess how this reflects on that most vaunted of gossip rag icons, La Jolie. While Angelina doesn't outdo Uma Thurman in the fatal femme dept., just as sure as she will adopt another kid, fans and finances will guarantee a sequel. But separating the blabber from substance, entertainment-wise Salt just isn't worth its salt.

Salt, rated PG-13, is a Columbia Pictures release directed by Phillip Noyce and stars Angelina Jolie, Liev Schreiber and Chiwetel Ejiofor. Running time: 100 minutes.



FESTIVAL OF THE ANDES... New Jersey City University's 18th annual "Festival of the Andes," an outdoor event that celebrated the cultures of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, featured live Andean music, performances by dance troupes, musical instrument and dance workshops. Among the dancers who gathered with festival coordinator Hugo Morales, third from right, are, from left to right, Marco Ruiz, Stephany Cadenas of Westfield, Jahmel Moselli, Nathaly Zevallos, Ashley Arribasplata, Sofia Ramirez and Miguel Zevallos.

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Susan M. Dougherty for The Westfield Leader and The Times STELLAR STRINGS...David Wroe, conductor of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO), introduced teenager Matt Kimura, winner of the 2009 Stars of Tomorrow contest sponsored by WSO. The violinist entertained at High Tea held in Ana Beall's Tea Room in Westfield last month. Hostesses Carolyn and daughter Allie Fleder bid on and won the tea party at the Westfield Symphony

No 'Madness' at WSO's **Mad Hatter Afternoon Tea**

By SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY

WESTFIELD - The invitation to Ana Beall's Tea Room on July 15 read: "We'll drink and eat and laugh and be serenaded – and be quite free to wear our hats and heels to see what 'madness' is in store for we."

Twenty-two women - friends of Carolyn Fleder and her daughter, Allie, who had bid on and won a giftcertificate package at the Westfield Symphony Orchestra's (WSO) auction last year – attended the event. Bedecked in hats, summer frocks, gloves and even costumes, they all fit the whimsical celebration of an "Alice in Wonderland" theme.

Nancy Baker, owner of the Ana Beall's Tea Room at 412 Westfield Avenue, donated the gift certificate for the charity auction. As part of the package, WSO Maestro David Wroe served as emcee, and a violin virtuoso played.

Teenager Matthew Kimura, winner of the orchestra's annual tri-state Young Stars of Tomorrow Contest 2009, entertained. Mr. Wroe introduced the violinist and looked over Matt's music, the "Summer" movement of Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

beast wilt in the burning sun."

With his characteristic droll humor, Mr. Wroe smiled and pretended to mop his brow as he mentioned the words could not be more apropos.

The second number, "Rondo capriccioso" by Saint-Saens, took a fast tempo. Maestro Wroe explained, "A rondo expresses a theme that keeps coming back." The magnificent music intertwined melody in a passage and then jumped with dramatic ar-

After the women gave a rousing applause to the violinist and his mother, who accompanied the teen, Mrs. Fleder told her guests, "You have been the force beneath our wings to help us soar and fly this

"You might think that the summer portion would be soft, tender and sweet," Mr. Wroe speculated. "Here, in the composer's own words, though, is what he wants to convey: 'Man and

Concluding the informal program, Allie, dressed in a vibrant red ensemble as the Queen of Hearts, read a Lewis Carroll poem. The women then sampled tasty treats, which were attractively displayed on three-tiered

'The Rat Pack' Performs

Songs of Sinatra, Davis Jr.

CLARK – The Union County Summer Arts Festival concert series continues on Wednesday, August 11, with a performance by The Rat Pack. The free outdoor concert of songs by Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and friends begins at 7:30 p.m. at Oak Ridge Park in the Township of Clark.

Wayne Kennedy, who portrays Dean Martin, runs this reincarnation of the Rat Pack, which has toured the United States and abroad. Fred Gardner, who portrays Frank Sinatra, came to prominence when he appeared on the British



RAE OF LIGHT...A multimedia showcase of works by 21 young award-winning artists selected from the annual Juried Student Exhibit at the duCret School of Art in Plainfield will serve as the summer exhibit from now through August 14 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield. On view will be pastels, oils, stained glass, digital photography and more, including the above mixed-media work by Westfield's Rae Cauley. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Avenue. For more details, call (908) 756-1707.

television show "Stars in Their Eyes." He delivers one of the finest tributes to Sinatra and travels the world – and to Oak Ridge Park – in the guise of the Chairman of the Board.

The Union County information van will be at the concert site with staff from the Office of the Union County Clerk to answer questions and offer information about activities and services available to Union County resi-

The 6th Annual "Party in the Park," to benefit the Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County Foundation, will be held under a party tent in a nearby section of the park on August 11, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the benefit are \$35 and should be purchased in advance.

A grilled buffet and beverages will be served. Call (908) 771-5803 for tickets and information about the Runnells Foundation.

The Summer Arts Festival concerts continue in August on Wednesdays, beginning at 7:30 p.m. 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 18, The Nerds (Jersey Shore party band) and August 25, Jimmy and the Parrots (Jimmy Buffett cover band).

In case of rain, call the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal at (908) 558-4079 after 3 p.m. on the concert day or visit ucnj.org/ parks/summerarts.html to learn the status of that evening's show. There is no alternate site for the outdoor concerts and shows may be cancelled due to severe weather.

Westfield Residents Help **Usher in Next CDC Season**

WESTFIELD - The CDC Community Theatre, at its annual closing meeting, elected executive officers for the 2010-2011 season of live theatre presentations at its home on Winans Avenue in Cranford.

Joanne Geschickter and Madge Wittel, both Westfield residents, were selected to continue in their roles as business vice-president and recording secretary, respectively. Outgoing president Rosemary Schultz handed the gavel over to newly elected president Jennifer Love of Cranford.

Joining her as executive officers are Production Vice-President Elizabeth Howard of Cranford, Membership Vice-president Bill Chamis of Roselle, Corresponding Secretary Cathy Cohane and Treasurer John Duryee, both Cranford residents.

Also elected, to three-year terms, were new members of the CDC Board of Governors, including Mike Marcus of Springfield, Joel Redmount of Scotch Plains and Judi Chandler of Cranford. They join previous board members Maurice Moran of Rahway, and Sandy Howard, Marge Salway, Sandi Pells, Becky Randazzo and John Merkel, all from Cranford.

In addition, CDC Theatre announced its production schedule for 2010-2011. The fall musical will be the hit show Grease, directed by Becky Randazzo. Made popular by the long-running Broadway show and revival, the hit movie version starred John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John as reluctant sweethearts Danny and Sandy. CDC's production will run in October.

February will bring a laugh-filled farce, Moon Over Buffalo, by Ken Ludwig, whose previous hit, Lend Me A Tenor, is currently being revived on Broadway. This comedy follows the travails of an acting company in Buffalo, N.Y., as it attempts to produce Shakespeare and Noël Coward while the actors are not quite sure which one is being performed tonight.

The theatre's 91st season will conclude in May 2011 with the classic musical Gypsy, loosely based on the autobiography of the famed vaudevilleburlesque queen, Gypsy Rose Lee.

With its score by Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim, and book by Arthur Laurents, its songs, such as "Let Me Entertain You" and "Everything's Coming Up Roses," have been interpreted by such theatre legends as Ethel Merman, Patty Lupone and Angela Lansbury, as well as a TV version that starred Bette Midler.

The annual children's theatre production in December will feature a new version of the famous story "Stuart Little," about a mouse adopted by human parents, whose family cat has other ideas about this. The hit film version featured the voices of Michael J. Fox and Nathan Lane, with the parents played by Geena Davis and Hugh Laurie, now well-known on TV as "Dr.

Subscriptions to the three main-stage productions are available. Children's theatre tickets are sold separately. For more information on CDC Theatre, call (908) 276-7611 or visit cdctheatre.org.

Summit Playhouse Hosts Auditions This August

SUMMIT-Summit Playhouse will be holding auditions for The Late Christopher Bean on Monday, August 9 at 7 p.m. Those attending should prepare a two-minute monologue for the audition. The show runs from November 5 to 20.

In The Late Christopher Bean, Yankee practicality collides with New York's sophisticated art world, as all hell breaks loose when a celebrated painter's early works are traced to the humble home of a country doctor.

Both a biting satire on the destructive power of greed and a touching view of a family in turmoil, this comedy will have the audience cheering for the most unlikely heroines.

Frank Licato is an award-winning director whose most recent show was

the romantic comedy Centennial Casting, playing at the Arclight Theater in New York; he has also directed Soprano members Vincent Pastore and Robert Funaro in an Off-Broadway Production of Lamppost Re-New Jersey audiences know him

from such shows as Enigma Variations and Harold Pinter's Ashes to Ashes, as well as Brian Friel's Afterplay at the Garage Theater in Teaneck.

He also directed the New Jersey premiere of Neil Labute's Fat Pig and My Italy Story at 12 Miles West. Character descriptions are avail-

able at summitplayhouse.org. All are welcome. To learn more, visit summitplayhouse.org.



"MY GIFT AND THINE OWN ACQUISITION"... The powerful and enigmatic magician Prospero blesses the marriage of his only daughter, Miranda, to Ferdinand, the son of his former enemy. The Hudson Company will present the work tonight in Kenilworth at 7:30 p.m.

Hudson Company Wraps Up Series Tonight with Tempest

KENILWORTH - The Hudson Shakespeare Company returns for its third and final installment of its Shakespeare's in the Parks Series with *The Tempest*, tonight in Kenilworth. The play will take place at 7:30 p.m.

at David Brearley High School, located at 401 Monroe Avenue. In case of inclement weather, the show will be performed at Kenilworth Library, located at 546 Boulevard.

Patrons are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket for the shows and admission is free. Hudson Shakespeare has been performing in Kenilworth since 2004.

Earlier this summer, the group produced a modern-day King Lear and renaissance-era Much Ado About Nothing. The Tempest was written in approximately 1610-1611 and is believed to be the last show that Shakespeare wrote on his own. Although the bard would go on to write three more plays with his protégé, John Fletcher, The Tempest is regarded as Shakespeare's farewell to his life on the stage. The playwright is often seen as the embodiment of the main character of Prospero.

The Tempest tells the story of a powerful man turned wizard and his quest to right the wrongs done to him in his past while forging a more-harmonious future for his only daughter.

The performance is free to the public, who are encouraged to come early for the best seating. For infor-

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