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Benjamin B. Corbin for The Westfield Leade 'I CAN'T COMPETE'...Jerry Infantino Infantino Bros. Disposal of Westfield, left, meets with Westfield Leader Publisher Horace Corbin, right, and editor Paul Peyton concerning disposal fees charged to independent haulers at the Union

# **Scotch Plains Campaign Has Independent Twist This Year**

By PAUL J. PEYTON

SCOTCH PLAINS - The municipal election for three seats on the township council in Scotch Plains took a twist this year, when two incumbents bucked the local Democratic and Republican Parties to run as Independents.

After being bounced by the Democratic and Republican parties, respectively, incumbents Jeff Strauss and Dominick Bratti chose to run as Independents. Also running for council this election season are Democratic incumbent Kevin Glover as well as fellow Democrats Neal LeStrange and Michael "Mickey" Marcus, in addition to Republicans Salvatore Trifiro, Tony Patti and William "Bo" Vastine. Mr. LeStrange previously ran for council in 2006, and Mr. Vastine ran

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"I did not want to get involved [in personalities]. I just want to deal with the issues," he said.

Mr. Strauss said he sees the sharedservices initiative between Scotch Plains and Fanwood as the number one campaign issue. He noted that a \$48,000 study has been completed, by consultant Dan Mason of Jersey Professional Management. Mr. Strauss serves on the Shared Services Study Committee.

The report, which he supports, recommends the merger of the Fanwood and Scotch Plains police departments, public works departments and construction offices. The two recreation departments would continue to operate independently, although the Scotch Plains department would handle some of duties of the smaller Fanwood Recreation Department.

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Benjamin B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* MEET THE PRESS...Rep. Leonard Lance (R, 7th Congressional District) meets with the editors of The Westfield Leader last Thursday to review affairs in Washington. Pictured, left to right, are: Congressional aide Ron Holden, Publisher Horace Corbin, Congressional District Director Amanda Woloshen, Assistant Publisher and Sports Editor Dave Corbin, Editor Paul Peyton, Rep. Leonard Lance, Editor Suzette Stalker and Editor Michael Pollack

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He said as part of its lease with the UCUA, Covanta must produce 250,000 tons of waste. He said that trash includes New York City garbage, which is charged lower tipping fees than towns like Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood. The UCUA produces the remainder of the 500,000

Mr. Infantino questioned the UCUA's enforcement procedures to stop haulers from dumping Union County-generated garbage illegally, saying it is hurting his business, as customers of haulers dumping illegally out of county are being charged significantly less than his customers.

It costs Infantino Disposal more than \$1,500 per truckload to dump at the Union County incinerator.

"I can go to Middlesex (County) and dump for \$400, but it is against the law," Mr. Infantino said. "I can't

By PAUL J. PEYTON

Lance (R-7th) commented on every-

thing from the federal deficit to the

Afghanistan war during an interview

A number of issues have gone be-

fore Congress this year, even over the

summer. Among them was a vote to

extend unemployment benefits. The

congressman voted against the mea-

sure, saying the Republican caucus

"favored extending the unemploy-

ment insurance but only if it had been

Clarifying statements he recently

made in support of maintaining tax

paid for, and it was not paid for."

last Thursday.

WESTFIELD - Rep. Leonard

**Lance Supports Keeping Tax** 

Cuts, Repealing Health Act



JAZZ NIGHT SONGSTER..This up-and-coming musician plays along during last Tuesday's Sweet Sounds of Jazz Festival in Westfield. The concerts will continue through the end of the month.

# DWC Looks to New Businesses, Reviews 5K, WF in Bloom Contest

Weather this year was hot and hu-

mid, with rain threatening prior to the

race. However, Mother Nature held

By WAYNE BAKER

WESTFIELD - The board of directors of the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC) met Monday night and analyzed the recent 5K "Pizza Run." They also discussed the aftermath of the Westfield in Bloom promotion and the many stores transitioning right now in the business district.

DWC Executive Director Sherry Cronin said this year's Downtown Westfield 5K Race and Pizza Extravaganza looks like it will turn a modest profit. She said the goal of the race is not profit, but to create a positive Westfield experience for parout, and the race went off as scheduled. One participant was transported to the hospital, believed to be a victim of the heat. Six hundred and thirty pizzas from Cosimo's, Ferraro's and Buona Pizza were served during the event. Tyler Maccubbin, a summer intern with the DWC, analyzed the 5K Race;

details of his findings revealed that of

the 2,578 registrants, 423 (or 16.4 percent) did not finish the race. Another 950 (or 37 percent) came from multi-participant households, a point taken to highlight family participation in the event. Also, several runners came from both neighboring Pennsylvania and New York; in addition, runners also participated from non-bordering states, including Connecticut, Maine, Colorado, Illinois,

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# **Paving Projects Underway On Major County Roads**

AREA — Individuals trying to get somewhere by using Union County's major thoroughfares in August should prepare for detours.

Milling and paving has been completed on Springfield Avenue, in Springfield, from Hillside Avenue to the Mill Lane in Westfield, Springfield Avenue in Summit from Passaic Avenue to Morris Avenue, and Salem Road in

Mountain Avenue in Mountainside was closed August 10-11 from Route 22 to New Providence Road, with traffic detoured over to Route 22, Springfield Avenue and Woodland Drive. Galloping Hill Road in Elizabeth/Roselle Park will be closed from Magie Avenue to will be closed August 17-19 from Mountain Avenue to Valley Road, with Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains closed August 19-21 from South Avenue to Raritan Road. Traffic will be detoured to Terrill

Repaving work on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield is scheduled for August 24-26 from West Broad Street to Tamaques Park. Traffic will be diverted onto Rahway Avenue. The Boulevard in Kenilworth will be closed for paving on August 31 from the Garden State Parkway to North Michigan Avenue. Motorists will not be able to access the Parkway North during the two-day project.

The Union County Freeholders board has hired Schifano Construction Corp. of Middlesex to complete the work, with funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

#### East Westfield Avenue around August Plainfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights



Benjamin B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader
BE PREPARED TO STOP...Mountain Avenue in Mountainside is closed Tuesday while crews resurface the street. The region, over the next month, is undergoing significant road resurfacing, causing temporary traffic diversions and delays. **PAGE INDEX** Police Blotter...6

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#### cuts for those families with annual incomes over \$250,000, he said, "I do not want to raise taxes on anybody in this economic climate. I believe we are still in a recession...and that is why I favor extending the tax cuts of 2001 and 2003," Mr. Lance said.

"If we do not promote job creation, particularly from small businesses, the economy is not going to get better as quickly as we would like," the congressman said. "Not only am I of the belief that raising taxes would harm the nascent recovery, if in indeed we are in a recovery, [but also] that it would lead to fewer jobs [being created]. This is a Congressional District that pays much more in taxes than we get back from Washington."

The congressman, who serves on the 70-member House Financial Services Committee, said he believes his main responsibility is, "trying to address the federal debt of between \$13 eral deficits are a combined \$3 trillion over the past two years. He said the deficits have grown to

and \$14 trillion." He said annual fed-

such high levels "because of the anemic tax revenue and because we have an unemployment rate in this country of 9.5 percent."

The congressman said he would likely oppose a \$26-billion stimulus, which came before a special session of the House this week, aimed at helping cash-strapped states avoid layoffs such as teachers, saying, "I don't think that is paid for [either]."

"It was my understanding that New Jersey was not going to benefit greatly from it," Mr. Lance said.

Mr. Lance was among those Republicans and Democrats supporting the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, which would have provided \$7.4 billion in aid for 9/11 first responders who have become ill as a result of toxins at Ground Zero. The bill fell 20 votes short of the twothirds vote needed for passage due to a procedural matter. Mr. Lance said the bill would likely resurface in September, when only a simple majority would be needed for passage.

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## **Photo Credit for Jazz Night Correction**

The front-page photographs last week of the Jazz Night in Westfield should have credited Gene Jannotti. We regret the error. His complete photo album can be viewed at goleader.com/ photos/10aug03-WF-Jazz/.

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Horace Corbin for The Westfield Leader INDEPENDENT THINKER...Scotch Plains Councilman Jeff Strauss is running for re-election as an Independent after opting not to run again as a Democrat. He is among eight candidates seeking three council seats. Ādding to the unusual political situation, Republican incumbent Councilman Dominick Bratti also is bucking the establishment and seeking re-election as an Independent as well.

# N.J. Tax Reform Groups Call For Immediate Tool Kit Hearings Signing the letter to the Legislators were: Mr. Cantrell; Jeffrey Kaszerman

director of Government Relations for the

New Jersey Society of CPAs; Deborah

Dowdell, executive director of the New

Jersey Restaurant Association; Neil

Coleman, president of the New Jersey

Taxpayers Association; Sal Risalvato, ex-

ecutive director of the New Jersey Gaso-

line-C Store-Automotive Association;

John Galandak, president of the Com-

merce and Industry Association of New

Jersey; John Stephenson, state govern-

ment affairs manager for the National

Taxpayers Union; Joshua Culling, state

government affairs manager of Ameri-

cans for Tax Reform; Mark Williams,

president of the GRAND Institute; Henry

Levari, business director for Excellent

Education for Everyone and Laurie

Ehlbeck, state director of the NFIB/New

**Strauss** 

Mr. Strauss said he supports the

recommendations, noting that it has

been estimated they would save tax-

payers in the two towns a combined

\$2 million over a 10-year period, or

\$200 per year for the average tax-

TRENTON — As the State Legislature approaches the one-month anniversary of its bipartisan approval of a 2percent cap on property tax increases, the New Jersey Taxpayers Alliance is calling on the Legislature to schedule public hearings and formally advance a package of bills giving mayors and school boards a toolkit to keep property taxes under the cap without drastic service cuts.

When supporting a hard property-tax cap, the Alliance joined a chorus of local and state elected officials in acknowledging that a cap without a toolkit is unworkable. Despite that acknowledgement by cap supporters, little formal action has been taken on toolkit items, and no public hearings have been scheduled. In a jointly signed letter to members of the legislature, Alliance members said:

"We believe that the Governor's proposed toolkit...is what New Jersey needs now. Among the reforms is a 2.5-percent cap on arbitrators' salary and benefit awards, service sharing, more furlough authority for municipalities, and limits on paid vacations and sick leave. In a state with 1,600 government entities, these reforms will go a long way in containing the cost of government at a more manageable level, one where chronic deficits and the pressure for higher taxes are greatly diminished.

The group also stressed the urgency of the toolkit. Any fundamental change to the way local governments deliver services deserves significant public input. The only way to reconcile that with the practical need of mayors for speedy action in order to fully implement the biggest, most necessary changes, is for hear-

ings to begin immediately.
"Without approval by September, local officials may not have the time to fully implement toolkit items and reduce pressure on New Jersey's highest-in-the-nation property taxes," NJTA President Jerry Cantrell said. "That sets up a punishing situation for taxpayers in which they are left with hefty tax bills and low levels of government service. Every day that passes with no action from Trenton brings taxpayers closer to that outcome. This Legislature has already shown a willingness to work in a bipartisan way on issues such as pension reform and the tax cap, and taxpayers deserve the same effort on the toolkit," Mr. Cantrell concluded.

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# **Interview with Rep. Lance**

"In the State of New York and in the State of New Jersey, there was overwhelming bipartisan support," Mr. Lance said, noting that only two congressmen from the neighboring states voted against the bill. "I thought, on balance, that I should have voted 'yes' and did vote 'yes.' New Jersey, of course, is a state that lost more than 700 people [on 9/11]."

The congressman said he favors repealing the Affordable Health Act (AHA), the national healthcare law signed by President Barack Obama, noting he would like the law to be replaced with malpractice medical insurance reform along with certain provisions in the current law such as not denying health coverage for preexisting conditions and letting young people stay on their parents' policies until age 26. He said the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has said overall healthcare costs would rise \$150 billion in the first 10 years un-

"I use the term 'repeal' because I don't think that it (AHA) was well thought out or particularly well vetted," he said.

Commenting on the ethics charges against Reps. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) and Maxine Waters (D-Calf.), Mr. Lance said he hoped Mr. Rangel

"Among the charges is that he did not report income repeatedly on his income tax forms," Mr. Lance said. This was a repeated action, year-in and year-out, as I understand the charges. And, of course, he was chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the committee that writes tax policy in this country. That impresses me as being an extremely serious charge."

Ms. Waters is charged with using her position on the House Financial Services Committee to steer \$12 million in federal funds to a California bank in which her husband owned stock.

"I think the charges against Maxine Waters are serious. I think the charges against Chairman Rangel are extremely serious," Mr. Lance said. He said House Speaker Nancy



Benjamin B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* LANCE SUPPORTS 'DRAINING THE SWAMP'...Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7) discussed everything from the Afghanistan War and fiscal policy to ethics charges heaped on House Democrats during an interview session at The Westfield Leader offices in Westfield last week

Pelosi had previously said she was 'going to drain the swamp" of those members with ethical lapses. "It is not clear to me that the swamp has been drained yet," Mr. Lance said.

On the international front, the congressman said he voted two weeks ago to support continued funding of United States troops in the Middle East. He said the legislation would not have passed "without almost unanimous Republican support."

Mr. Lance said he supports President Obama's Afghanistan mission as being in the national-security interests of the United States. However, he said, "I do not want to be in Afghanistan forever. I think this next year is critical [for the opera-

Commenting on the release of classified Defense Department documents obtained by the Wikileaks website, the congressman said he was concerned that "lives have now been placed in jeopardy."
"There seems to be some indica-

tion from the White House that this will have an adverse effect on our relationships with various entities in Afghanistan," Mr. Lance said.

The congressman said the Cap and Trade climate change bill, which he supported last year, is likely dead, as India and China are not supporting the effort.

"I do believe we need a policy of greater energy independence in this country and, in particular, a policy that encourages the building of nuclear power plants," Mr. Lance said. He supports looking for sources of energy within the United States and putting less reliance on "dangerous foreign sources of energy.'

Commenting on his opponent's (Democrat Ed Potosnak) opposition to Cap and Trade, he said, "The President and the administration were certainly supportive of the (Cap and Trade) bill last year."

On Mr. Potosnak's invitation to tour the Seventh District with Mr. Lance, the Congressman commented, "I have lived in this district my entire life. He has lived in the district less than a year. I am very active and visible in the district whenever I am in New Jersey.'

Looking to the fall campaign, the congressman said he believes the GOP "will make major gains" in the House and may take the majority. He said Americans want a "greater check and balance on what this (Obama) administration is doing than is currently the case with oneparty control in the White House and both houses of Congress.'

Mr. Lance said he will hold a press conference today, August 12, at 10 a.m. at the Robert Treat Delicatessen on Quimby Street in Westfield to discuss his support for extending the Bush-era tax relief as well as small-business legislation he is introducing in Congress.



Benjamin B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader*TAKING SHAPE...The Union County Annex building and garage is now coming into view on North Avenue in Westfield, as the rubble from the demolition of the old annex building is removed. Parking lot paving is part of the final phase of the work scheduled over the next several weeks.

# DWC, Westfield in Bloom

Florida, Maryland and Kansas. A proposal from Trinitas Healthcare was received for a two-year platinum sponsorship commitment to the 5K. Trinitas had come on board this year as a platinum sponsor and is looking to solidify its relationship with the event, Mrs. Cronin said. DWC's race committee will evaluate the proposal.

Judging of Westfield in Bloom took place about a month ago. Mrs. Cronin said many groups and entities helping with the program were struggling against the hot, dry weather to keep the plants and flowers looking well.

She said the America in Bloom judges were pleased but that they are "hard to read," and results will not be known until the end of September. Mrs. Cronin also commented on the level of community involvement, saying she thinks, "we'll excel in that category." She also said the flowers along the fences under the Central Avenue train overpass had received many positive comments.

The retail real estate market in downtown is holding at under 6 percent vacancy. Mrs. Cronin said she was saddened by the sudden closing of Rhain and Couture Exchange, a boutique on Elm Street. Mrs. Cronin commented that she had received a few calls from patrons who liked Rhain and were asking what the store's owner planned to do. Mrs. Cronin said she was unsure but thought an Internet presence was a possibility for the store's

South Avenue is now entirely rented except for the space recently vacated by Homecare America, which has moved into space along Central Avenue. DWC Board President Dominick Verdic said that installation of lighting related to the South Avenue streetscape project should begin next week and, "with a little luck," should all be up by

Other news on the retail front is that the Turning Point Restaurant, to be located in the former Bombay Company space on Central Avenue, will open in September. A new organicfood store, Alan's Orchard, is to open on Quimby Street. The board approved

a sign grant for the new store. The Leader Store space on East Broad Street is currently under interior demolition, and will likely see some exterior changes in the back of the space, with removal of some smaller structures.

This fall's Restaurant Week is scheduled for September 19 through 26, and will feature \$10 lunches and \$20 dinners. Analysis of entries from a contest last Restaurant Week showed Limani Seafood Grill doing an "excellent job' of using the promotion to bring out-oftown diners to its North Avenue restaurant, Mrs. Cronin said.

The problem with graffiti, both downtown and elsewhere in town, seems to be growing. Mrs. Cronin asked Frank Arena, council representative to the DWC, to "consider this to be a plea from me for help on this issue.'

The next board meeting is slated for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 27. Meetings are held in the DWC board offices at 105 Elm Street.

# Garbage

compete (with the lower prices to customers)."

Waste flow is restricted in Cape May, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson. Ocean, Mercer, Monmouth and Morris counties. The remaining counties have no dumping restrictions, according to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

According to a chart of waste flow per-ton tipping charges in New Jersey, fees in surrounding counties are: Middlesex, \$65.35; Somerset, \$77; Essex, \$92.76; Hudson, \$83.56 and Morris, \$86.90. In addition to Union County, Warren (which charges \$95 perton), Essex and Gloucester (\$92.76 per ton) operate resource recovery facilities. Much of South Jersey uses landfills and transfer stations, the latter of which are used to transport solid waste to facilities out of the area.

Union County is looking to have the contract amendments completed by the end of the year.

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After incumbents Jeff Strauss and Dominick Bratti were bounced by the Democratic and Republican parties, respectively, they both filed as Independent candidates against the organized party slates.

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"I did not want to get involved [in personalities]. I just want to deal with the issues," he said. "We are all trying to do certain things and that is save money and increase efficiencies."

Talking about the issues, Mr. Strauss admitted that the governing body faces a challenge with the new 2-percent cap on tax levies. He said without exemptions for pensions, health insurance and capital improvements and borrowing, the township would not be able to meet the lower

cap.
"Those are things we have no control over," he said. "These items go up greater than that (2 percent), and there are contractual obligations that go up greater than that. So, there is only one alternative. We have to bal-CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

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significantly less than his customers.

It costs Infantino Disposal more than \$1,500 per truckload to dump at the Union County incinerator.

UCUA, Covanta must produce 250,000 tons of waste. He said that trash includes New York City garbage, which is charged lower tipping fees than towns like Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood. The UCUA produces the remainder of the 500,000

Mr. Infantino questioned the JCUA's enforcement procedures to stop haulers from dumping Union County-generated garbage illegally, saying it is hurting his business, as customers of haulers dumping illegally out-of-county are being charged

"I can go to Middlesex (County) and dump for \$400, but it is against the law," Mr. Infantino said. "I can't CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

By PAUL J. PEYTON

WESTFIELD - Rep. Leonard

Lance (R-7th) commented on every-

thing from the federal deficit to the

Afghanistan war during an interview

A number of issues have gone be-

fore Congress this year, even over the

summer. Among them was a vote to

extend unemployment benefits. The

congressman voted against the mea-

sure, saying the Republican caucus

"favored extending the unemploy-

ment insurance but only if it had been

made in support of maintaining tax

cuts for those families with annual

incomes over \$250,000, he said, "I

do not want to raise taxes on anybody

in this economic climate. I believe

we are still in a recession...and that is

why I favor extending the tax cuts of

"If we do not promote job creation, particularly from small businesses,

the economy is not going to get better

as quickly as we would like," the congressman said. "Not only am I of

the belief that raising taxes would

harm the nascent recovery, if in in-

deed we are in a recovery, [but also]

that it would lead to fewer jobs [being

created]. This is a Congressional Dis-

trict that pays much more in taxes

than we get back from Washington."

the 70-member House Financial Ser-

vices Committee, said he believes his

main responsibility is,"trying to ad-

dress the federal debt of between \$13

and \$14 trillion." He said annual fed-

eral deficits are a combined \$3 tril-

He said the deficits have grown to

lion over the past two years.

The congressman, who serves on

2001 and 2003," Mr. Lance said.

Clarifying statements he recently

paid for, and it was not paid for."

last Thursday.



TASTE OF VICTORY...Former Scotch Plains Mayor Marty Marks, playing for Park Beverage, got a face full of dirt after diving into third base in the eighth inning of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League "A" Division championship game at Jerseyland Field on August 10. Park Beverage defeated the defending champions, Stage House, 13-5.

# **Fanwood to Protest Water Rate Hike Proposed by American Water**

effective in next year's budgets)."

Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell

also noted that thousands of dollars

must be spent to fill all of the borough's fire hydrants "whether we

The council also passed a procla-

mation in support of the state's Over

the Limit Arrest 2010 Statewide

Crackdown against drunk driving.

use them or not.'

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL

FANWOOD - Mayor Colleen Mahr announced at Tuesday night's council meeting that the borough council would be drafting a letter to the state's Board of Public Utilities (BPU), which governs the New Jersey American Water Company, in regards to their 15 to 22 percent rate increase in services. America Water services 17 New Jersey counties including Union County

Mayor Mahr said the increase is "unacceptable and offensive especially when we are living in a world of a 2 percent cap (on tax levies

such high levels "because of the ane-

mic tax revenue and because we have

an unemployment rate in this country

The congressman said he would

likely oppose a \$26-billion stimulus,

which came before a special session

of the House this week, aimed at

helping cash-strapped states avoid

layoffs such as teachers, saying, "I

don't think that is paid for [either]."

Jersey was not going to benefit greatly

publicans and Democrats supporting

the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and

Compensation Act, which would have

provided \$7.4 billion in aid for 9/11

first responders who have become ill

as a result of toxins at Ground Zero.

The bill fell 20 votes short of the two-

thirds vote needed for passage due to

a procedural matter. Mr. Lance said

the bill would likely resurface in Sep-

tember, when only a simple majority would be needed for passage.

the State of New Jersey, there was overwhelming bipartisan support,"

Mr. Lance said, noting that only two

congressmen from the neighboring

states voted against the bill. "I

thought, on balance, that I should

have voted 'yes' and did vote 'yes.'

New Jersey, of course, is a state that

lost more than 700 people [on 9/11]."

repealing the Affordable Health Act

(AHA), the national healthcare law

signed by President Barack Obama,

noting he would like the law to be

replaced with malpractice medical

insurance reform along with certain

provisions in the current law such as

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The congressman said he favors

"In the State of New York and in

from it," Mr. Lance said.

"It was my understanding that New

Mr. Lance was among those Re-

of 9.5 percent."

**Lance Supports Keeping Tax** 

**Cuts, Repealing Health Care** 

major thorough fares in August should prepare for detours.

Milling and paving has been completed on Springfield Avenue in Springfield, from Hillside Avenue to the Mill Lane in Westfield, Springfield Avenue in Summit from Passaic Avenue to Morris Avenue, and Salem Road in Union.

Plainfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights will be closed August 17-19 from Mountain Avenue to Valley Road, with Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains closed August 19-21 from South Avenue to Raritan Road. Traf-

According to Councilman Anthony

Parenti, the borough's former police

chief, this crackdown will increase

impaired driving enforcement to

Fanwood as well as the entire state,

during the weeks of August 20

through September 6 to combat alco-

hol-related accidents and fatalities.

Mr. Parenti noted that 31 percent

fic will be detoured to Terrill Road. Repaving work on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield is scheduled for August 24-26 from West Broad Street to Tamaques Park. Traffic will be diverted onto Rahway Avenue. The Boulevard in Kenilworth will be closed for paving on August 31 from the Garden State Parkway to North Michigan Avenue. Motorists will not be able to access Parkway North during the two-day project.

The Union County Freeholders board has hired Schifano Construction Corp. of Middlesex to complete the work with funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

# **Paving Projects Underway On Major County Roads** AREA — People trying to get somewhere by using Union County

Mountain Avenue in Mountainside was closed August 10-11 from Route 22 to New Providence Road, with traffic detoured over to Route 22, Springfield Avenue and Woodland Drive. In Elizabeth/Roselle Park, Galloping Hill Road will be closed from Magie Avenue to East Westfield Avenue around August 12.

Benjamin B. Corbin for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times ROAD WORK...Mountain Avenue in Mountainside is closed Tuesday while

crews resurface the street. The region over the next two weeks is undergoing significant road resurfacing, causing temporary traffic diversions and delays.

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# N.J. Tax Reform Groups Call For Immediate Tool Kit Hearings

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TRENTON — As the State Legislature approaches the one-month anniversary of its bipartisan approval of a 2percent cap on property tax increases, the New Jersey Taxpayers Alliance has called on the Legislature to schedule public hearings and formally advance a package of bills giving mayors and school boards a toolkit to keep property taxes under the cap without drastic service cuts.

In a jointly signed letter to members of the legislature, Alliance members said: "We believe that the Governor's proposed toolkit...is what New Jersey needs now. Among the reforms is a 2.5 percent cap on arbitrators' salary and benefit awards, service sharing, more furlough authority for municipalities, and limits on paid vacations and sick leave. In a state with 1,600 government entities, these reforms will go a long way in containing the cost of government at a more manageable level, one where chronic deficits and the pressure for higher taxes are greatly diminished.

The group also stressed the urgency of the toolkit. Any fundamental change to the way local governments deliver services deserves significant public input. The only way to reconcile that with the practical need of mayors for speedy ac-

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tion in order to fully implement the biggest, most necessary changes, is for hear-

ings to begin immediately.
"Without approval by September, local officials may not have the time to fully implement toolkit items and reduce pressure on New Jersey's highest-in-the-nation property taxes," NJTA President Jerry

"That sets up a punishing situation for taxpayers in which they are left with hefty tax bills and low levels of government service. Every day that passes with no action from Trenton brings taxpayers closer to that outcome. This Legislature has already shown a willingness to work in a bipartisan way on issues such as pension reform and the tax cap, and taxpayers deserve the same effort on the toolkit," Mr. Cantrell concluded.

Signing the letter were: Mr. Cantrell as well as representatives of the New Jersey Society of CPAs, New Jersey Restaurant Association, New Jersey Taxpayers Association, New Jersey Gasoline-C Store-Automotive Association, Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey, National Taxpayers Union, Americans for Tax Reform, GRAND Institute, Excellent Education for Everyone and NFIB/



MEET THE PRESS...Rep. Leonard Lance (R, 7th Congressional District) meets with the editors of The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times last Thursday to review affairs in Washington. Pictured, left to right, are: Congressional aide Ron Holden, Publisher Horace Corbin, Congressional District Director Amanda Woloshen, Assistant Publisher and Sports Editor Dave Corbin, Editor Paul Peyton, Rep. Leonard Lance, Editor Suzette Stalker and Editor Michael Pollack.

# Interview with Rep. Lance

not denying health coverage for preexisting conditions and letting young people stay on their parents' policies until age 26. He said the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has said overall healthcare costs would rise \$150 billion in the first 10 years under AHA.

"I use the term 'repeal' because I don't think that it (ÂHA) was well thought out or particularly well vetted," he said.

Commenting on the ethics charges against Reps. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) and Maxine Waters (D-Calf.), Mr. Lance said he hoped Mr. Rangel would resign.

"Among the charges is that he did not report income repeatedly on his income tax forms," Mr. Lance said. "This was a repeated action year-in and year-out, as I understand the charges. And, of course, he was chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the committee that writes tax policy in this country. That impresses me as being an extremely serious

Ms. Waters is charged with using her position on the House Financial Services Committee to steer \$12 million in federal funds to a California bank in which her husband owned

"I think the charges against Maxine Waters are serious. I think the charges against Chairman Rangel are extremely serious," Mr. Lance said.

He said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi had previously said she was "going to drain the swamp" of those members with ethical lapses. "It is not clear to me that the swamp has been drained yet," Mr. Lance said.

On the international front, the congressman said he voted two weeks ago to support continued funding of United States troops in the Middle East. He said the legislation would not have passed "without almost unanimous Republican support."

Mr. Lance said he supports President Obama's Afghanistan mission as being in the national-security interests of the United States. However, he said, "I do not want to be in Afghanistan forever. I think this next year is critical [for the operation]."

On the release of classified Defense Department documents by the Wikileaks website, the congressman said he was concerned that "lives have now been placed in jeopardy."

"There seems to be some indication from the White House that this will have an adverse effect on our relationships with various entities in Afghanistan," Mr. Lance said.

The congressman said the Cap and Trade climate change bill, which he supported last year, is likely dead, as India and China are not supporting the effort.

"I do believe we need a policy of greater energy independence in this country and, in particular, a policy that encourages the building of nuclear power plants," Mr. Lance said. He supports looking for sources of energy within the United States and putting less reliance on "dangerous foreign sources of energy.'

Commenting on his opponent's (Democrat Ed Potosnak) opposition to Cap and Trade, he said, "The President and the administration were certainly supportive of the (Cap and Trade) bill last year."

On Mr. Potosnak's invitation to tour the Seventh District with Mr. Lance, the Congressman commented, "I have lived in this district my entire life. He has lived in the district less than a year. I am very active and visible in the district whenever I am in New Jersey."

Looking to the fall campaign, the congressman said he believes the GOP "will make major gains" in the House and may take the majority. He said Americans want a "greater check and balance on what this (Obama) administration is doing than is currently the case with one-party control in the White House and both houses of Congress."

# **Councilman Jeff Strauss**

ance our budgets." He said the 2percent hard cap on revenue will likely force towns to "shrink government," which will "diminish services."

"We exist to provide services, and we have to do it as efficiently and effectively as we can. That's our mission here," he said. "But this is practical reality here. If you only raise 2 percent, and it's a hard (cap), and you have things that exceed that, what's the alternative? ... You just can't exist that way. You have to cut back."

Mr. Strauss said he sees the sharedservices initiative between Scotch Plains and Fanwood as a major campaign issue. He noted that a \$48,000 study has been completed, by consultant Dan Mason of Jersey Professional Management, but has been not released to the public. Mr. Strauss serves on the Shared Services Study Committee.

"But the money (to move forward on recommendations) is not there," he said. "Unless someone is driving the bus, we are not going to forward on it."

The councilman said the report recommends the merger of the Fanwood and Scotch Plains police departments, public works departments and construction offices. The two recreation departments would continue to operate independently, although the Scotch Plains department would handle some of duties of the smaller Fanwood Recreation Department.

Mr. Strauss said he supports the recommendations, noting that it has been estimated they would save taxpayers in the two towns a combined \$2 million over a 10-year period or \$200 per year for the average taxpayer. He savings would be generated through retirements, not through layoffs.

He said Fanwood's agreement with Union County to assume responsibility for the borough's emergency dispatch services "surprised us (Scotch Plains)."

"We thought we were on the road to getting the dispatch done between the two of us," he said. "And if we did that, we felt that would have facili-

# Fanwood

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of fatal alcohol-related accidents typically occur during the summer season and especially on Labor Day weekend. He added, "Think before you drink."

Tuesday's meeting also included a detailed discussion on legislation proposed to rescind a \$7.5-million cut in women's health and family planning services made in this year's state budget by Governor Chris Christie.

The mayor concluded that council meeting by announcing she will holding a "Meeting with the Mayor" at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church on Monday, September 20 at 7 p.m. Agenda items will include re-development efforts in the downtown, a shared-services report and the 2 percent cap and taxes.

tated our getting the police departments together.'

Another area he supports is maintaining a capital budget schedule. He said Township Manager Chris Marion has developed a six-year plan. "That is a centerpiece of running a township," Mr. Strauss said.

You have to have the (fiscal) discipline. You can't just say, 'let's go back and pull a few dollars this year from here or from there.'...If you do that, you rob your ability to do phased work," Mr. Strauss said.

On the downtown district, Mr. Strauss said he believes members of the Scotch Plains Management Corp. (SPMC), which runs the new special improvement district, were initially enthusiastic but were "insulted and demeaned" after a battle ensued with the township's governing body over the entity's proposed budget; this resulted in many members resigning

from the board of directors. "So now, what we are left with, I think, is basically a shell of what otherwise would have been there,' Mr. Strauss said. "I think it threw back the effort of improving our business district significantly.

Also running for council are Democrats, including incumbent Kevin Glover, Neal LeStrange and Michael "Mickey" Marcus and Republicans Salvatore Trifiro, Tony Patti and William "Bo" Vastine. Mr. LeStrange previously ran for council in 2006, and Mr. Vastine ran for the state Assembly last year.

The Times will be conducting interviews with the other candidates in the coming weeks.

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# Garbage

compete (with the lower prices to customers)."

Waste flow is restricted in Cape May, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Ocean, Mercer, Monmouth and Morris counties. The remaining counties have no dumping restrictions, according to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

According to a chart of waste flow per-ton tipping charges in New Jersey, fees in surrounding counties are: Middlesex, \$65.35; Somerset, \$77; Essex, \$92.76; Hudson, \$83.56 and Morris, \$86.90. In addition to Union County, Warren (which charges \$95 per ton), Essex and Gloucester (\$92.76 per ton) operate resource recovery facilities. Much of South Jersey uses landfills and transfer stations, the latter of which are used to transport solid waste to facilities out of the area.

Union County is looking to have the contract amendments completed by the end of the year.

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# Governor Hails Honeywell's Decision to Stay in N.J.

TRENTON – At a visit to the Honeywell campus in Morris Township, Governor Chris Christie and Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno praised Honeywell's intention to redevelop its global headquarters and called the company's decision an important economic gain for New Jersey and the

"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 Christie said.

"As my administration works to stabilize our economy and improve our business climate, I am committed to bringing new businesses to New Jersey and helping existing ones grow in order to create good-paying jobs for New Jersey families," he

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 mixeduse campus that will provide benefits to their employees and the greater Morris Township commu-

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 mixeduse campus.

Honeywell plans to have a LEED

(Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design)-certified headquarters, preserve and reuse the existing infrastructure and roadway network, and include 50 percent green space that allows wildlife to continue to

"Honeywell has called New Jersey its home for more than 50 years, and the fact that this global leader plans to continue growing its business in our state is a positive indicator for future growth in our state," Lt. Governor Guadagno said. "Honeywell's investment symbolizes the Christie Administration's commitment to making our state more competitive and attractive to new and existing businesses alike.

"Honeywell has been proud to make New Jersey and Morris Township the home of our global headquarters for over 50 years, and it is our hope we will stay here," Honeywell Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Dave Cote said. "We will be incorporating our advanced technologies with a new facility design to create a world-class, energy-efficient, contemporary global headquarters – one that is better for our customers, employees and our hometown – right here in New Jersey. I commend Governor Christie and his administration for their focus on improving the business climate in our state, and for their outreach, responsiveness and thoughtful approach. I look forward to working with him and the Legislature to help make New Jersey a better, more competitive place to do business.'

Honeywell manufactures aerospace products, control technologies for buildings, homes and industry; automotive products; turbochargers; and specialty materials.

AVERTING DISASTER...Union County Emergency Management responders and firefighters in the region averted disaster on June 16 when a tanker truck with 8,000 gallons of gasoline overturned and leaked on Bonnie Burn Road. See more

# **County First Responders Shine in Hazmat Incident**

UNION COUNTY - When a tanker truck recently overturned at the western edge of the Union County with 8,000 gallons of gasoline on board, the result could have been a disaster. Instead, Union County and neighboring Somerset County coordinated more than 130 responders to contain the spill and resolve the situation without further incident.

"It was a textbook example of how to protect the public in an emergency," Union County Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan said. "You plan ahead, you drill and train, you ensure that the right equipment is on hand, and above all, you work efficiently with other responders from multiple jurisdictions.

The incident, which occurred on June 16, involved a gasoline tanker that overturned on a curve while traveling southbound on Bonnie Burn Road near Route 22 on the Berkeley Heights/Watchung border. The road forms a border with Somerset County and is within that county, but is maintained by Union County.

The accident did not involve other vehicles, pedestrians or damage to buildings. However, it did involve multiple factors that complicated the emergency response, including an injury to the driver requiring hospitalization, gasoline leaking from the tanker, potential contamination of a nearby waterway due to gasoline infiltration, damage to power lines, and a broken water main that impacted a nearby fire hydrant.

Fire departments were on the scene from Springfield, Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Westfield, Millburn, and New Providence. The Union County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) sent out its HazMat team equipped with grounding rods to prevent sparks from touching off an explosion due to gasoline vapors, along with absorbent materials to contain the spill, officials said.

The county also called upon a foam tanker, which is used to keep vapors down. It is one of two foam tankers purchased by Union County through a federal Homeland Security grant. The responding truck was stationed in Springfield, and the other was stationed in Elizabeth.

The response was coordinated through the fire mutual aid system, in which fire departments from different municipalities respond jointly to emergencies that require more resources than one can handle alone.

Since the mutual aid system draws emergency resources out of the responding municipalities, it also requires a second layer of coordination in order to prepare other nearby responders to fill in, in case another emergency occurs.

"This episode could have resulted in significant environmental damage, which would have involved a costly clean-up effort among other complications," Mr. Sullivan said. "It affirms the value of investing in preparation and training.'

# **Christie Admin. Approves** \$270 Mil. in School Grants

TRENTON - The Christie administration announced in late July that 177 school districts are eligible for approximately \$270 million in state funds toward the cost of 740 capitalmaintenance and construction projects.

"Efficient, up-to-date school facilities are a priority of this administration and part of ensuring New Jersey children receive a quality education. These grants will fund critical projects across our state, helping to improve the learning environments for our students and providing necessary support to districts by easing their local property-tax burden," Governor Chris Christie said.

"This funding for school improvements will help school districts keep their facilities properly maintained and ease the burden on local property taxpayers of doing so," added Education Commissioner Bret Schundler.

Including state and local contributions, the 740 eligible projects are estimated to cost approximately \$697 million and would generate as many as 6,000 jobs over the duration of construction.

The state-funded grants represent at least 40 percent of eligible costs for projects in the Regular Operating Districts (RODs). These grants are contingent on voter or budget approval of the remaining cost to local school districts.

Grants are approved by the Department of Education (DOE) in fixed annual allocations based on a prioritization process that considers critical needs such as health, safety, special education, renewal of existing buildings and overcrowding. Types of construction include capital maintenance, renovation, expansion and new facilities.

"The Schools Development Authority is proud to support Governor Christie and his administration's continued commitment to the future of New Jersey's schoolchildren," School Development Authority Chief Executive Officer Marc Larkins said.

"By providing hundreds of millions of dollars in additional state aid, this administration is further infusing the state's economy with much-needed job support, and we are pleased to serve as a catalyst toward economic recovery," he added.

A report on the allocations including districts, approved projects and available funds - can be found on the DOE website at nj.gov/education/ facilities/projectapplication/rod/ aprod.pdf.

DOE determines which school projects receive grant funds from the SDA. The authority currently has a portfolio of 1,126 ongoing grant projects in the RODs.

# Law Regulates Credit Card **Offerings to Students**

NEWARK – The Division of Consumer Affairs has mailed letters to all public and private college and university administrators in New Jersey, reminding them that a new state law requires credit-card issuers to register with their institution before offering credit cards on campus to students.

The state's Credit Card Solicitation Act, which took effect this May, also requires credit-card issuers to provide an on-campus education program. The program must include an explanation of when any introductory interest rate expires and higher rates begin, how interest on unpaid balances is computed and how long it will take to pay off balances if only minimum monthly payments are made, among other information.

Gifts and other promotional incen-

tives designed to entice students to apply for a credit card are prohibited, under this law.

The Credit Card Solicitation Act also prohibits credit-card issuers from taking any debt-collection action against the parent or guardian of the student unless he or she has agreed in writing to be liable for the debts of the student.

Credit-card issuers who violate provisions of this law are liable for civil penalties between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for each offense.

Consumers can report any suspected violations of the law to the Division of Consumer Affairs by filing an online complaint at nj.gov/ oag/ca/ocp/ocpform.htm or by calling toll-free (800) 242-5846 or (973) 504-6200.

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# **School Administrators Association** List N.J. Back to School Issues

TRENTON — As New Jersey prepares to head back to school, state legislators continue to work on key issues that will affect districts as early as 2011, according to the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA).

"We anticipate several announcements as these issues are addressed," said Richard Bozza, executive director of the NJASA. "We suggest that the public continue to follow the progress. Resolution of these issues could impact the quality of educa-

The New Jersey Legislature has approved a 2 percent "cap" on annual property tax increases. In addition, the Legislature is reviewing 33 bills known as "the tool kit" to help control costs.

According to the NJASA, since 1977 school districts and municipalities have been subject to various forms of budget caps. Mr. Bozza said the NJAŠA supports "reasonable caps" on school tax levies that take expenditures into account. However, he said a "reasonable cap must include allowances for cost increases that are not within a local school board's control," according to the NJASA press release. "A balance must be struck between controlling property taxes and ensuring adequate

The NJASA said New Jersey's schools have already taken three deep budget hits. The first cut occurred when the Governor Chris Christie withdrew \$475 million in state aid that had been promised, forcing districts to use "excess" surplus to support 2009-2010 bud-

They said the second cut happened when the governor announced how much schools could anticipate in state funding for the coming 2010-2011 school year, "which was essentially nothing in wealthier districts and up to a 5 percent budget cut in poorer districts," according to the NJASA.

The third strike against school budgets came when many taxpayers voted against the proposed budgets for the 2010-2011 school year.

"The governor likes to say he made the tough decision to cut state aid," Mr. Bozza said. "But the really tough calls on how to implement a radically reduced budget while maintaining educational integrity fall on the chief education officer in each district."

"The Christie administration would like to use student learning as a yardstick to evaluate teachers and reward them with merit pay. However, as school superintendents, we know that standardized test scores are not always an accurate reflection of student progress. The way in which we evaluate teachers must be fair," according to the NJASA press release.

'Similarly, there needs to be a plan in place to evaluate administrators. How will the progress of all the students and the work of the teachers in a school be reflected in the evaluation of the principal?"according to the NJASA.

#### **NJEA Endorses Only DEMs for Congress**

TRENTON — The New Jersey Education Association's 125-member political action committee has voted to endorse seven incumbents in the general Congressional elections Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein (D) for the open Senate seat vacated by former State Senator Bill Baroni (R-Hamilton).

The NJEA endorsed: Rep. Rob Andrews (D-1st); Rep. John Adler (D-3rd); Rep. Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-6th); Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-8th); Rep. Steven Rothman (D-9th); Rep. Donald Payne (D-10th); Rep. Rush Holt (D-12th).

The NJEA did not make any endorsement in Congressional Districts 2, 4, 5, 7 and 13.

A new state committee will wrestle with this issue. The committee, to be made up of teachers, principals, superintendents, parents and students, will try to agree on ways to measure academic progress. The committee will begin to meet in August and will make its first recommendations in

According to association, the nearly 3,000 students in about 65 districts did not graduate from high school this year because they did not pass the state's Alternate High School Assessment test. The New Jersey Department of Education changed how the exam is given and scored. The department has allowed schools to appeal and students to submit evidence of SAT or ACT scores. In similar news, New Jersey algebra and biology students were assessed with pilot tests that revealed large achievement gaps between poor and wealthy districts, according to the NJASA.

"In addition, the success rate was minimal," they said.

"Barely half the students passed the biology exam and fewer than a third demonstrated proficiency in algebra. The tests are slated to become a graduation requirement in the near future," according to the NJASA.

A new financial literacy component is now a graduation requirement for New Jersey schools. Students will be learning about credit, debt, investing and insurance as part of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for 21st-Century Life and Ca-

"As chief education officers, school superintendents will be following each of these issues and identifying ways that schools, parents and students can take action to ensure that the quality of education remains high in New Jersey," Mr. Bozza said.

Due to the complexity of the school budget cuts and the effects that will be felt in schools across the state, the NJASA has released a series of videos to help parents and taxpayers better understand the issues and potential aftermath of the events and changes that may follow. Each video can be accessed YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/ TheNJASA.



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ROSELLE PARK — Councilmen Joe Accardi and Moe Miranda both Republicans, are sponsoring "Movies in The Park," a series of free open-air movie showings to be held on the Roselle Park Library lawn throughout the month of August. All systems are go for this week after the first event on August 4 netted over 100 residents.

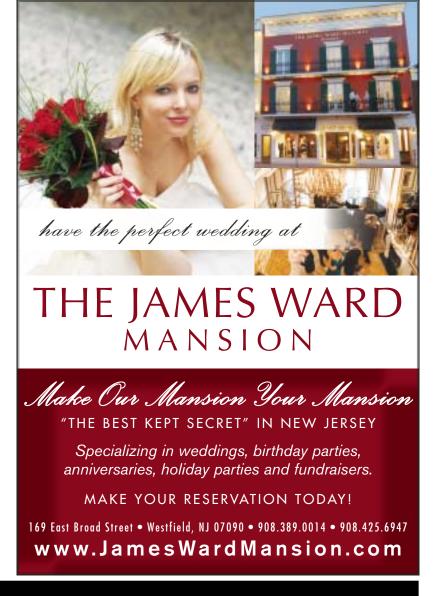
This week on Wednesday, August 11, The Tale of Despereaux was shown. Councilman Joe Accardi, incum-

bent Second Ward Councilman, is seeking election to a four-year term as Roselle Park mayor. Councilman Moe Miranda is seeking re-election for a three-year term as fourth ward aouncilman. Long-time Mayor Joe DeIorio, a Republican, is not seeking

Upcoming movies include: *Up* on August 18, a double-feature of *The* Ant Bully and Millions on August 24, and then a viewer's choice on September 1, which can be voted for by logging on to wjoeaccardi.com.

#### **Union Catholic Grad Reports for Duty**

SCOTCH PLAINS - Marine Corps Pfc. Jonathon Abel, a 2008 graduate of Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains, recently reported for duty with Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Aircraft Group 36, Okinawa, Japan.



# Sen. Lesniak Calls for Internet **Gambling to Promote Revenues**

TRENTON — Senator Ray Lesniak (LD-20, Elizabeth) has issued his own report on the New Jersey gambling industry following a proposal by Governor Chris Christie to takever the Atlantic City gaming industry and to either sell or close the Meadowlands and Monmouth Park race tracks.

"It is not necessary to torpedo the Meadowlands and Monmouth Race Track and our horse farms to help Atlantic City. We are allowing hundreds of millions of dollars to go to New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Las Vegas, off-shore internet operators and organized crime," Mr. Leniak said. "I've been fighting to bring these revenues to New Jersey for investment in Atlantic City to make it a resort and entertainment destination, not just a casino destination, and to revitalize the horse racing industry at Monmouth Race Track and the Meadowlands and keep our horse farms in operation.

"There's plenty of money leaving New Jersey that can be recaptured and invested in New Jersey, rather than going into the corporate coffers of casino interests headquartered in Nevada. It's time to stand up for our interests, for Atlantic City's interests, for Bergen County's interests, for Monmouth County's interests and for the interests of the State of New Jersey, and not allow our gaming policy to be dictated by the interests of Nevada," Mr. Lesniak said.

The Senator's proposal calls for expanding on-line horse betting and Internet gambling.

"Who could possibly be against this? The casino industry, that's who! Why? Because it's lobbying for federal legislation which will prevent New Jersey from getting any revenues from Internet gaming. What a tragedy it will be if we let them fleece the people of the State of New Jersey and sell out Atlantic City, the Meadowlands, Monmouth Racetrack and our horse farms in the process," Mr. Lesniak wrote. His report references a McKinsey document that makes recommendations to: Make Atlantic City safer, cleaner and look less urban (greener); make improvements with broad base market appeal that renovate existing casinos and hotels; build new restaurants, casinos and hotels; target non-gaming market segments by providing more entertainment options; and to build Las Vegas-style casinos and hotels.

According to the McKinsey document, the improvements would almost double potential visitor spending. "It is difficult to project the amount of subsidy that is going to be needed to position Atlantic City as a resort and entertainment destination. It is probably a reasonable estimate to project that the public subsidy will be between \$800 million and \$1 billion," Mr. Lesniak said.



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# Four-Way Stops, Eye Contact And The Jersey Death Spiral

Four-way stop intersections are not so common in most of our area towns, but several are popping up in Westfield. Four-way stops are primarily a U.S. trafficcontrol technique, so says Wikipedia; Europeans prefer traffic circles, Wikipedia reports. Traffic circles are a whole other story, as those using the traffic circle on South Avenue in Westfield can tell you.

So, when you encounter a four-way stop, such as at Boulevard and Park Street or at Chestnut and Fourth Streets in Westfield, what are the rules? More importantly, what's the safest thing to do? Fuhgidabowdit, the honking one encounters if hesitating.

We suggest that you read the New Jersey Driver's Manual, which is available online. We did, and here's what we understand the manual to say (though every legal disclaimer available to us is interjected here, as we're not sure what it means in all circumstances).

The first obvious thing that must happen is that everyone must come to a complete stop at the intersection. This doesn't always happen. The manual says that the first car arriving at the intersection has the right-ofway. If two cars arrive at the same time, one must yield to the car on their right.

Sometimes, the intersection is backed up with cars stopped on all four corners. Who arrived first? Does everyone have to yield then to the car on his or her right? If so, it's paralysis by analysis.

If two cars arrive at the same time, each wanting to make a right-hand turn, can both go at the same time? If four cars are there, all wanting to make a right-hand turn, can all go at the same time like "musical chairs?"

Of course, we all know that, above and beyond all

else, pedestrians entering the crosswalk have rights above all those of drivers. You must stop (everyone at the four-way stop?).

Most drivers prefer to make eye contact with the other drivers at the intersection, rather than gunning it through the intersection – even if they have the right of way. This seems to be very sensible.

However, never make eye contact with the mass of drivers when merging into the Lincoln Tunnel from Manhattan to Jersey. It's a game of chicken, and the first one to blink loses.

Another amazing driving phenomenon that occurs around here is what we call the "Jersey Death Spiral" when making a left-hand turn. This occurs when you are waiting at a traffic light such as heading eastbound on North Avenue waiting to cross Central Avenue in Westfield. Drivers in the opposite direction get a head start with a left-hand-turn signal to head south on Central Avenue. Then the light turns green for all on North Avenue to proceed. However, about five or six cars turning down Central initiate the Jersey Death Spiral, each cutting in front of you more and more with a decreasing turn radius – to the point they almost hit the cars waiting on Central facing northward.

Many of us feel lucky and relieved when making it through a four-way-stop intersection or when navigating through the traffic circle on South Avenue. Perhaps the purpose of all this is to make one think and slow down. However, we can't depend that every driver will

Fortunately, most drivers in the area are courteous at

# When Will Congress Get It Right **And End Automatic Pay Raises?**

Struggling through the worst economy in some 60 years, most Americans are just happy to have a job. But as Americans have struggled the past few years, that did not stop Congress from accepting a \$4,700 "cost of living" increase in January of 2009.

Congress is required by Article I. Section 6. of the Constitution to determine its own pay, according to a report to Congress by Ida Brudnick. Congressional salaries were \$1,500 in 1815, \$30,000 in 1969, \$98,400 in 1990, \$141,300 in 2000 and \$174,000 as of January

From 1789 through 1968, Congress raised its pay 22 times through legislation. Over the years, the system has changed to being accomplished through a recommendation by the United States President, which was done five times, to the current system of automatic annual adjustments enacted in 1989. Salaries have risen seven times since 2001 under the automatic raise system. Congress did not take raises in 2007 or 2010.

Both houses of Congress passed legislation this year to not accept a raise in 2011.

Legislation to eliminate the automatic salary increase system, sponsored by Senator Russ Feingold (D-Wis.), has cleared the Senate but is hung up in the House. The Senator said this legislation would save \$80 million over 10 years.

We support this legislation. We also believe that Congressional members should be forced to vote on these raises. Any increases also should not be buried in some 1,000-page appropriation bill, but separated out for all to see.

It is amazing that with annual deficits hitting \$1.4 trillion each of the past two years that members of Congress, along with all their aides, still had no problem, regardless of which party had the majority, of continuing a system of automatic wage hikes for themselves. Given the current times, perhaps the only thing that should be automatic is a pay decrease.



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# Letters to the Editor

# Unfortunately, Many Of Us Take These Service Workers For Granted

I was pleased to see The Westfield Leader editorialize about the tragic mur-der of Abelino Mazariego in Summit, and certainly agree that our rescue and police personnel are vital in emergencies such

I had hoped that the editorial — given its title "The Murder in Summit Reminds Us to Thank Those Who Serve" — might also recognize the service that kitchen staff and other low-income service workers such as Mr. Mazariego give our communities.

Early each morning, many of us see the home-care workers walking or bicycling or arriving by train or bus to serve those Westfielders fortunate enough to employ them. Late each night, we see the restaurant staff making their way home. Some even somehow live within in our town to be closer to work and to try to give their families a better life.

Unfortunately, many of us take these service workers for granted, just as we do our first responders. We consider them dispensable or think they're denying "real Americans" work when, in fact, our own children and others are unwilling to do the difficult, low-paying work they do. Yet most of our ancestors started life here very similarly.

So perhaps Mr. Mazariego's murder can also remind us not to devalue these members of our community.

Although there are legitimate issues for our country to resolve about immigration, Westfield and our nation as a whole will become far less if we think, teach and act as if people are less valuable if they do "menial" work, have less money, have a different native language and/or are of different ethnicities

**Shane McDermott** 

# **Another Punch To The Gut; The Cost** Of Government Is Just Too Expensive

The western suburbs of Union County could get a nasty surprise this year in their tax bill. Every year, an equalization formula is applied to the tax bill for each municipality to adjust for differences in assessed value. The eastern end of the county - Elizabeth, Linden, Hillside etc. have had a disproportionate increase in foreclosures and short sales, and a larger decline in property values.

Our county taxes are increasing approximately 4.5 percent. To equalize and raise the needed revenue, the western suburbs could be apportioned much more than a 4.5-percent increase. Many of these municipalities had most of their municipal aid cut, and some had all of their

school aid cut. This will be another punch to the gut that makes us realize the cost of

our government is just too expensive. To quote Peter Lijoi, Republican candidate for County Sherriff, "Growth in the county budget must be eliminated. We must stop funding programs that are not mandated, and just fund essential

Let's elect leaders who are committed to lowering the crushing cost of govern-

Thanks for your time. I can be reached (908) 598-1221 or see ellendickson.com.

> Ellen Dickson Candidate for Freeholder (R)

# **Standing Up for Union County** Communities, Making a Difference

As a member of the Freeholder Board, I have spent many hours visiting all parts of Union County, and it is always a pleasure to experience the common threads that bind our 21 diverse municipalities together. We share a willingness to set goals and work toward them, an enthusiasm for the arts and recreation, an eagerness to look out for people in need, a thriving spirit of volunteerism and, above all, an awareness that in our crowded little corner of the Earth, every individual can make a difference.

The murder in Summit last month is a reminder that, for all of the good things that we have in common, any community can be vulnerable to the worst capabilities in human nature. Whether it happens rarely or all too often, it is a wound that cuts deeply

In our efforts to deal with violence, we Union County residents call upon our strengths, such as good police work, active community engagement, and value for the richness of our diversity. The many public events and celebrations in Union County are a testimony to our drive for reaching out and getting to know our neighbors from all walks of life.

But Union County does not exist in a vacuum. Our efforts are influenced by the signals we receive from the nation at large. Right now, the strongest of these messages is one that is, to say the least, not helpful.

Too much of our national discourse has become dominated by a seemingly endless - and unjustified - stream of hate, fear and violence directed at immigrants and cultural differences. This is expressed not only by ordinary citizens who happen to be caught in the news.

It comes from certain elected officials and leaders of certain political groups, media commentators and personalities in the talk show and entertainment industry who are figures on the national stage. These public figures have deliberately sought out positions of leadership, responsibility and public visibility, and yet instead of using their influence to help guide our communities and support our efforts, they are actively working to destroy what we have accomplished.

Despite the challenges, we have achieved a vibrant community that is proud to welcome new cultures and new energy. No matter how loudly the voices of ignorance and fear may shout, we will continue to work together in the cause of dignity and respect for all who live, work and visit in Union County.

> Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski Candidate for Reelection (D)

# Freeholder Elections in November -We Need To Pay Attention Now

It is no secret that Union County residents pay the second highest property taxes in the nation. In the past few months, we have read of the recent board of education budget discussions in our districts and paid attention to our town councils final budget presentations — all the while possibly ignoring the county portion of our property tax bills. In some towns, this portion of the budget is actually larger than what our town councils have to work with to run our towns.

It seems to me that Freeholders are the only group unwilling to stop excessive spending and take a real hard look as to where they can save us, the taxpayers, the people that they represent, some money.

County construction is clearly out of control, with one project after another being built on borrowed money. Why are our towns having to cut teachers, policemen, etc. while these folk continue to spend our money on the Music Fest, archery, golf clubhouses — where does it

It ends when county residents take back control of the Board of Chosen Freeholder. Yes, we chose them. We chose them by either voting for them or not

coming out to vote for their opponents.

We have a group that seems to think that they can continue to spend our money on absolutely whatever they like. They have had a 9-0 majority on every vote every year for too long now — and nothing is going to change unless we force a change by electing new blood to this

entity Earlier this year, change did seem possible, and I was encouraged by the group that challenged the incumbents in the primaries in June. Though they were not successful, they should be applauded for

trying.

In November, we get another opportunity to create some change, as three brave people have decided to run for this office on the Republican ticket—Ellen Dickson, Brian Flanagan and Elyse Medved.

Regardless of your party affiliations, it is my hope that the taxpaying residents of Union County will take a good look at all the candidates fairly. We need to better understand what each of the candidates is going to do for us — and vote for who best will represent us going forward.

Geraldine Keogh

# **Dear Members of The Union County Board Of Chosen Freeholders...**

taxpayers of Union County regarding the additional savings or costs resulting from closing the Oak Ridge Golf Course. We have now had two seasons of Oak Ridge being utilized as a public park, dog park and archery range; it's time that the taxpayers knew the current cost of operating

Oak Ridge's use as a golf course was costing the taxpayers approximately \$200,000 per year, per your estimates. In addition, the historic clubhouse required renovation. These were the reasons given

house has been renovated. While I have not stepped inside the restored clubhouse, from the outside, it looks beautiful. You are to be congratulated for a job well

So now there is only one question -"What is the net cost to the taxpayers of Union County to operate Oak Ridge in its current state?" Is this net cost more or less than if it were utilized as a golf course? I look forward to your response.

Mitchell Siegel, CPA

# **Scotch Plains Resident Happy That** Renna Is 'Watchdogging' His Back

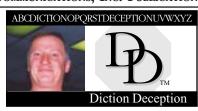
As a concerned citizen of Scotch Plains who cannot possibly be on top of all the local politics, I am extremely happy to know that citizens like Tina Renna and the Union County Watchdog Association are "watching my back." Tina and the Association should be complimented, not harassed, by the Union County Freeholders, who seem more intent on hiding

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information from the citizens than working for the citizens.

In case they have forgotten, their salaries come from the taxes paid by all citizens of Union County. Politicians throughout the counties, state and federal governments seem to have lost their way and believe that the people work for them, not that they work for the people. Let us all get rid of "partisan politics" and work for the good of the people.

Marvin Agran Scotch Plains



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 free time!

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

Answers to last week's arcane words.

- 1. Succor Aid or assist
- 2. Oneiroscopist One who interprets
- 3. Sudor Sweat or perspiration 4. Wynkernel – The European water

#### **TAMPOON**

- 1. A plug, such as in barrels
- 2. A slipper
- 3. A marsh or swamp
- 4. A wax candle
- **HYLOBATES** 1. Having many legs, such as with
- centipedes 2. A whirlwind; a firework that rises
- with a spiral motion 3. Afflicted with gout
- 4. A genus of apes including the gib-

#### INFIBULATION

- 1. Humiliation; shame; falling from
- 2. An intestinal infestation causing severe cramping and associated spasms 3. Clasping with a buckle or padlock
- 4. An abnormal fear of falling
- **AURIGAL** 1. Pertaining to a chariot or carriage
- 2. Pertaining to the fleece of sheep

3. The north wind 4. A Roman mineral bath

Letters to the Editor,

#### **Neighbors Oppose Site For Antennas**

The local residents of Prospect Street and Cowperthwaite Place vehemently oppose the installation of six wireless communication antennas (cell phone antennas) on the roof of 264 Prospect Street. The antennas will be owned by MetroPCS. a wireless communication company which is expanding its network in New Jersey. T-Mobile and Sprint/Nextel already claim 25 antennas, and six more would make a total of 31 antennas on that small roof. MetroPCS admits that there are alternatives. They claim that coverage would be adequate for them atop of the Union County Police building on

North Avenue, East. We urge MetroPCS to seek another location, and we urge the Westfield Planning Board to encourage MetroPCS to

find an alternative location. The next planning board meeting, where this case will continue, is scheduled for September 1, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. We urge all concerned citizens to attend this meeting.

Saul Drittel. Chelmsford Condominium Assoc

#### Politicians' Raises and **Deficits**; Where Do They Find The Money?

I wrote to the paper a few weeks ago about raises for the politicians' staff members, and there was a letter from Dale Neseman responding to this letter the following week.

I do not believe I said President Obama gave himself a raise. I thought when Congress gives themselves automatic yearly raises, it includes the President. I think most Americans feels this is what happens. I did refer to the President taking the raise but not that he gave

I was hoping someone would have written explaining where the politicians found \$38 million for these raises/bonuses for their staff members. In fact, where did they find the money for their own raises when we have such a huge

deficit? More borrowing? Anybody out there have the answer? **Barbara Edwards Scotch Plains** 

#### We Feel Safe Because Of Those Who Do Care

While leaving the supermarket, a person was asking for donations for our wounded veterans. After making a donation, I thanked her for what she was doing and said, "You have no idea how much what you are doing means to our veterans." She replied that sometimes it is discouraging when she asks for a donation

and a person replies, "Why should I care?"

I first wish to thank those who do care and to those who made a donation. I have a few words for those who said "Why should I care?"

1. Tonight you can sit with your family, have dinner and watch television, knowing you are safe because of those in the military who sacrificed so much.

2. Take your family to Ground Zero and look into the big hole where the World Trade Center once stood. Think about what you would do if it happened again and you lost a family member. 3. Look at your family and think about

those men and women who volunteered for military service; they are away from their families in the hope of preventing another attack. 4. Try to put yourself in the shoes of the

people in Iraq and Afghanistan who must live in fear for their lives from day to day. 5. Talk to a veteran or visit a vet in the hospital and listen to what they have to

say.
You and your family can feel safe because of those who "do care."

Thomas Lienhard

# Letters to the Editor

# **Westfielder Presses for Police Department Hearing Details**

In last week's Westfield Leader, you [Westfield Mayor Andrew Skibitsky] began your letter by stating you did not intend to address my factual inaccuracies. You then proceed to answer nothing, make irrelevant statements and numerous derogatory references to me in your attempt to "shoot the messenger."

Mayor Skibitsky, you mislead the reader by stating that the town is required to follow the Attorney General's Guidelines. Those actually have to do with police misconduct. The police officer involved in the PERC (Public Employment Relations Commission) hearing has not been accused of misconduct, so the Attorney General's guidelines are irrelevant.

I asked you to open the PERC hearing to the public. There is nothing in the police union agreement with Westfield that guarantees either side confidentiality. There is, however, a town booklet/ policy that insists on it. You have the power to waive this.

The PERC hearing is the final step in the grievance procedure. You have the ability to open that hearing to the public. Assuming the town buys its way out with a settlement, will you order that there is to be no confidentiality agreement in the settlement?

Your letter indicates that what I declared a "secret pay raise" was in fact an "acting pay adjustment.... processed in the normal course of business." The truth is, that the "normal course of business" would post the "pay adjustment," and it would be public when made. This "pay adjustment" was disclosed during the formal discovery process by the grievant in the PERC matter. It had been unknown to the public before then. I consider that to

You keep telling me to consult the prosecutor of Union County. He, like the New Jersey Attorney General's Guide-lines, is concerned with misconduct by a

#### Freeholders Spend \$ **Like Drunken Sailors**

It is shocking in recent weeks to read the childishness in the letters to The Westfield Leader from, of all people, the County Information Director D'Elia where he attacks those persons who openly criticize the County's free-spending ways. We know our County Freeholders are spending money like drunken sailors and it would seem they could not manage their way out of a paper bag — for example, accepting a 34 percent increase in healthcare costs this year? Wow, who got paid off for that?

And so they are taking an additional \$1 million from Westfield residents in their new budget while we are now cutting crossing guards. Absolutely appalling.

Tellingly, Mr. D'Elia never responds directly to the assertions made by those critical of the County Management. At the next Freeholder meeting, perhaps someone should put forward a motion to change his title to Mis-Information Di-

John Dencker

#### **Union County Freeholders** 10 Elizabethtown Plaza

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bonds.

policeman. I asked you about misman-

agement, not police misconduct. It is not illegal to take a patrol officer off patrol and assign her to secretarial duties. It is a waste of her training and salary, and is an evasion of the town's refusal to accommodate a ranking officers request to hire a secretary for that ranking officer. It is mismanagement.

It is not illegal to take a patrol officer off patrol and put him in the record room making copies. It is mismanagement.

It is not illegal to take a detective sergeant out of the detective bureau, for whatever reason, and put him as the head of the parking department, when his predecessor was a civilian employee whose salary was at least \$30,000 less than the detective sergeant.

What is even worse about this mismanagement is that your present PERC hearing has to do with filling a void in the detective bureau to which the absence of the detective sergeant is contributory.

Mismanagement could probably have been avoided if the position of head of parking had been given to a civilian, thus leaving the detective sergeant to do what he had been trained to do - unless, of course, the detective sergeant could not stay in the Detective Bureau. Mayor Skibitsky, do you really know why the detective sergeant was moved to the Parking Department?

None of the above is illegal, but how much extra money did you and your administrator waste by having patrol officers removed from patrol to do office work? How much did it cost in overtime when these two officers weren't available for street duty? How much have you wasted by having a six-figure-salary detective sergeant in charge of the parking department?

None of this is illegal, but it is wasteful; it is mismanagement by you and your administrator. These are conditions about which the town council is probably igno-

These are the things that would never occur if you practiced the transparency

I asked the town council to demand full copies of the report from the Institute for Forensic Psychology in Oakland, N.J. If they were given copies, it might shed light on what I called "the old system in Westfield." The town paid good money for help in choosing a police chief. One candidate came out first in testing. He was not chosen. Another candidate was recommended as the best candidate, and the town was told to name him as chief.

The Institute for Forensic Psychology went so far as to say that one candidate should not be raised any higher in rank, and guess what, he was promoted.

Mayor, did you order the institute's report to be given to each of the council

Council members, did you publicly ask for copies of the institute's report? Please remember, voluntary ignorance is Now Mayor, in your next letter, if you

dare, forget trying to smear me. I am a retired police officer in good standing with the documentation to prove it. Forget me. Try answering the above. These are facts, not inaccuracies. Also, don't pass them off as preroga-

tives of the head of a department. You as mayor, and your administrator, are the civilian supervisors of that head of department. You have to approve of his profligate spending. Answer, please.

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# Westfielder Discusses Town Priorities **And Fire Safety and Rescue Options**

require that the Town [Westfield] ensure that when two firemen enter a fire, two others must be outside — the two-in/twoout rule. In 2006, the town lowered the number of firemen on a duty crew there were three injuries and the town increased the size of the duty crew — just as the press found out the Town was cited

This year, Springfield has had two occasions where they arrived at the fire and were required to watch it burn until enough men were on the scene so as not to violate the two-in/two-out rule. Springfield homeowners also have suffered when the insurance industry declared them a greater risk and increased their premi-

The Administrator of Westfield has again lowered the number of men on a duty crew as within the town's discretion. He claims it is cheaper to pay overtime than hire the two new firemen needed. His "discretion" ignores such things as sick time, vacation time or two calls at the same time. When that causes the number of available firemen to drop, your house

He looks good to the council, and you can thank him after you get settled at the

For years, it has been suggested that the town charge insurance companies [homeowners and auto] for ambulance responses and transports to hospitals. Insurance companies have it already written into their policies and pay approximately \$500. Medicare pays \$350. The

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**Happy Birthday** 

Town of Cranford charges \$650. Nothing is paid by the taxpayer. Every single fireman is an EMT and capable of being licensed. The emergency squad, which is voluntary, could certainly be convinced to help the town and get licensed.

There are at least 1,000 medical responses, which are billable each year. At just the Medicare rates, that is \$350,000 being ignored by the administration's exercise of discretion. This administration seems to prefer to appear to save you money by cutting jobs when it actually will cost us more in premiums or loss of property. This is improper management.

I suggest to you that the priorities of this administration are warped when they opt to endanger the lives of firemen, increase the risk of loss to our homes and leave us to the increase in premiums inevitable from the insurance industry.

> A. John Blake Westfield



# **Great Satisfaction To Make Our** Family Home In Fanwood

Some may find it odd to reflect on the past 12 months any time other than New Year's Eve. However, the past 12 months have brought my family many blessings and wonderful opportunities.

In the past year, my son Logan was born. As Logan approaches his first birthday on August 11, I've taken the time to recall how I've seen my life, and subsequently will continue to see it and Fanwood, through new sets of eyes.

Planning Logan's first birthday party, to be held in Forest Road Park, highlights the outstanding efforts of the Recreation Commission's work on our parks and its facilities, and the commitment to make them even better. I am proud to invite friends from out of town to join us as we

celebrate and play on well-kept fields.

That reminds me of the value of our department of public works, which was evident many months ago as they worked tirelessly to plow the streets of Fanwood during an exceptionally snowy winter, even more so as I take notice of the conditions of our public parks.

Once our guests arrive, I'll be pleased

to show them our ever-available library that provides my family with movies, books and children's activities. How much more convenient can you get than a library across the street from your house? I'll make sure to take time to introduce them to the Fanwood Museum housed in our centrally located train station that gives us insight into Fanwood's past and a perfect way to research the history of our home.

At the party, I'll take the opportunity to revel in the accomplishments of my running mate, Tony Parenti, and other members of the Fanwood Borough Council who together this year successfully kept our local municipal taxes low — all the while providing important quality services and events like movies in the park, an annual tree lighting at Christmas, numerous summer children's programs, as well as festivals and street fairs like Fanny Wood Day.

I count myself among the most fortunate residents of New Jersey because we live in this outstanding borough and that my son will do the same. Through his eyes, and the eyes of our guests, I take great satisfaction in my decision to raise a family in Fanwood, our home.

I look forward to meeting many of our residents during the fall campaign and the opportunity to continue to contribute the community my son will grow up in.

Jason Benedict (R) **Candidate for Fanwood Council** 

# **Customs Canine Sniffs and Stops Heroin Hangers at JFK Airport**

Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officers and CBP Canine Officers at John F. Kennedy International Airport examined a shipment at the TNT Cargo Facility. The shipment arrived from Ghaziabad, India and was destined for Detroit, Michigan. Canine Detector Dog "Ramchez" alerted to the shipment as possibly containing narcotics. The shipment was manifested as garment samples personal. Upon

examining the contents, several wooden hangers were found. The hangers were probed and found to contain a white powdery substance. The substance tested positive for heroin. A total of over three pounds of heroin was seized with a street value of almost \$56,000.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Detroit is pursuing an investigation on the consignee of this



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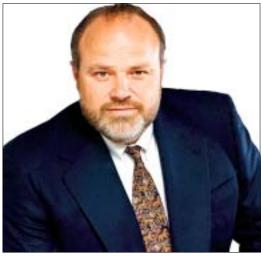
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# **Westfield Rotary Reveals Upcoming Meeting Topics**

WESTFIELD – The Rotary Club of Westfield has announced program topics for its upcoming meetings in August. Founded in 1921, the club is a non-denominational service organization of professional women and men who live or work in the Westfield area.

Club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally and internationally to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards and to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.

The club meets 50 weeks per year from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. for lunch and a program in the second-floor Kellogg Room at the Westfield Area "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield. Guests are welcome at any weekly club meetings.

Boy Scouts: 100 Years!" will be the featured program on August 17. In celebration of the Boy Scouts' centennial, local scouts William Foltz, 18, an Eagle Scout and Order of the Arrow member, and Peter Foltz, 14, Star Scout and Order of the Arrow member, will offer history, insight

#### **ECF Seeks Grantors** For Holiday Season

SCOTCHPLAINS-The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation (ECF) is asking members of the community for help in becoming wish grantors by adopting one of the organization's pediatric cancer children for the holiday season.

The goal is to make the holidays a joyful and memorable time for the pediatric cancer children that are a part of the ECF family. Tax-exempt information and donor receipts will be provided. For further information, contact Barbara Kopel at (908) 322-4323, extension no. 17, or via e-mail at: barbara@emmanuelcancer.org.

and tales of adventure and service with the Boy Scout organization.

"Hot Tips to Get Your Business Sizzlin' This Fall" will be the topic August 24. Doug Brown, chairman and chief executive officer of Paradigm Associates LLC, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Brown helps people and organizations improve their business results and achieve their personal and professional goals.

"Pure Water In Haiti: Six Months On" will be the focus on August 31. Byron Miller, Rotary Club of Westfield member, Assistant District Governor and Rotary International Service Above Self Award recipient, will lead the program.

Mr. Miller spearheads the district's efforts in supporting clean water initiatives, especially in Haiti, through Pure Water for the World. Six months after the devastating earthquake there, Mr. Miller will share poignant observations and significant updates on Pure Water's work in Haiti.

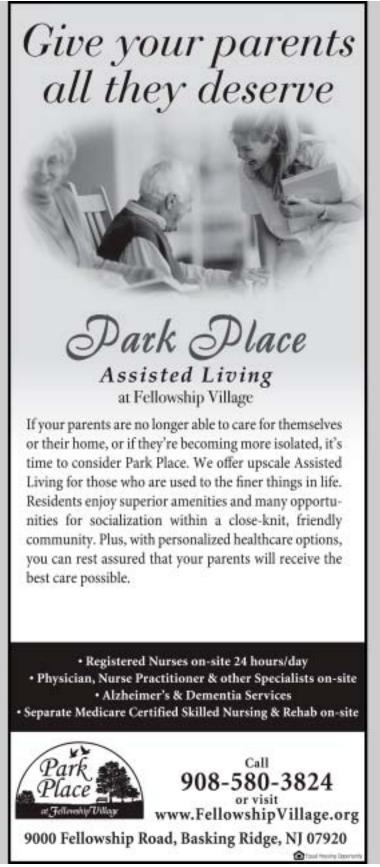
Anyone interested in attending a program or learning more about Rotary in Westfield may contact Ray Kostyack, president, at (908) 789-7834 or raymond.kostyack@wachoviasec.com, or visit westfieldrotary.com.

#### **Hiking Club Invites Public to Activities**

COUNTY - The Union County Hiking Club offers a regular schedule of hiking and bicycling activities. Most of these activities take place in central and northern New Jersey.

Annual membership dues are \$10. Prospective members may try out the club by participating in up to three outings before joining. For a complimentary schedule of club activities, which includes a new member application, interested persons may call Union County Parks at (908) 527-4900.







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RAKE AND HOE AWARD...Barbara Mullin, left, receives the Kay Cross Award from Maryann Pietruszki, club president, at the Annual Awards Luncheon of the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield. The event was held on June at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

# **Members of Rake and Hoe** Are Honored at Luncheon

WESTFIELD - The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield held its Annual Awards Luncheon on June 9 at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

Awards for excellence were given to several club members. Club awards included the Kay Cross Award, won by Barbara Mullin, which is given to a member who has contributed the most in floral design. The Judy Kampe Memorial Trophy for outstanding horticultural design was awarded to Kay Cross. The Nancy Wallace Memorial Award was presented to Maryann Pietruszki for her eightinch square herb wreath in a club competition.

The Agnes Eggiman Award, an annual award given to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the club, was awarded to Helen Pasterczyk. The Club Bird Count Award went to Marylyn Straight.

At the annual meeting of the Garden Club of New Jersey, also held in June, Peggy Smith won the Myra Brooks Memorial Trophy for floral design, and Elise Morano, a Rake and Hoe Junior, won two awards, the Pollack Award and the Garden Club of Watchung Youth Award, for her floral entries in the New Jersey Flower Show held in February. The Rake and Hoe Juniors also won the Garden Club of Toms River Intermediate Gardening Award.

The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has a long reputation for its service to the community and for donations to worthy causes. Its membership is diverse, spanning all ages, interests and occupations. The group's Holiday House Tour is scheduled for Saturday, December 4.

Federated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs, and the Garden Club of New Jersey, the Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield has between 50 and 70 members. For membership questions, call Maryann Pietruszki, club president, at (908) 789-9254.

#### **Local Temple to Hold Meet and Greet Event**

WESTFIELD - Temple Emanu-El, located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield, will hold a Prospective and New Member Erev Shabbat Meet and Greet Event on Friday, August 20.

At 7 p.m., new and prospective members will have an opportunity to meet newer and longtime congregation members, clergy and senior staff, and to learn about the temple's religious school, youth group programs and Early Childhood Education Center, as well as its education initiatives, social action programs, worship opportunities and social happenings.

Participants will be able to tour the sanctuary, classrooms, meeting rooms and community room. In addition, the special education staff will be available to discuss learning opportunities for children with developmental disabilities, which is part of the temple's Ma'ayan (water spring) program.

Attendees also will be invited to stay and worship with the congregation at its 7:45 p.m. Erev Shabbat service, followed by an "Ice Cream Sundae" Oneg Shabbat. For more information, contact Carolyn Shane, executive director, at (908) 232-6770, extension no. 114, or cshane@tewnj.org, or visit the temple's website: tewnj.org.

POLICE BLOTTER

#### Westfield

Wednesday, August 4, Henry Koemple of Garwood was arrested on North Avenue on charges of making terroristic threats, possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes and unlawful possession of a weapon. According to police, the arrest stemmed from a road rage incident in which the suspect allegedly threatened to shoot the victim and brandished a weapon in a threatening manner. He was held in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

Wednesday, August 4, Julia Diaz, 19, of Hackensack was arrested at Putnam and Oak Avenues and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Responding to a report of a suspicious person, police located Diaz at the scene, where she allegedly was screaming obscenities and causing a disturbance, authorities said. She was released on her own recognizance to a responsible individual.

Thursday, August 5, a resident of the 1000 block of Central Avenue reported an incident of credit card fraud.

Thursday, August 5, Matthew White, 32, of Westfield was arrested on the 400 block of East Broad Street on criminal warrants from Westfield and Newark. He was processed and held in lieu of bail.

Friday, August 6, Jese Pallo, 23, of Hackensack was arrested on an outstanding traffic warrant in the amount of \$1,599, pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at Windsor and East South Avenues. She was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and held in lieu of bail.

Friday, August 6, Raymond Gigl, III, 19, of South Bound Brook was arrested at Westfield police headquarters on an outstanding Garwood traffic warrant in the amount of \$130, an outstanding Middlesex Borough traffic warrant in the amount of \$585 and an outstanding Westfield criminal warrant in the amount of \$804. He was processed and held in lieu of

Saturday, August 7, Edwin Vargas, 21, of Elizabeth was arrested as the result of a motor vehicle stop on a Mount Olive Township traffic warrant in the amount of \$81. Bail was posted, with a court date to be an-

Saturday, August 7, Jonathan D. Brucia, 18, of Westfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and resisting arrest pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on Stoneleigh Park. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and held while awaiting bail

# **Scotch Plains**

Monday, August 2, a resident of Lenape Way reported that, sometime overnight, someone entered his unlocked motor vehicle while it was parked in the driveway and removed an undetermined amount of cash.

Tuesday, August 3, a resident of Mountain Avenue reported that, sometime overnight, someone scratched the hood of his motor vehicle while it was parked in front of his house.

Wednesday, August 4, a resident of Burnham Road reported that, sometime overnight, someone entered her unlocked motor vehicle while it was parked in the driveway and removed a GPS valued at approximately \$150. Thursday, August 5, a resident of

Country Club Lane reported that someone stole his motorcycle, valued at approximately \$7,000, from the parking lot where he had parked it.

Thursday, August 5, a resident of Washington Avenue reported that someone made a \$6,900 credit card purchase at a store without her authorization. According to police, the victim does not know how the suspect obtained her credit card information.

Thursday, August 5, a resident of Westfield Avenue reported that someone made an unauthorized \$500 purchase at a store using his credit card.

#### **SP Seeks Nominations** For Mayor's Gala

SCOTCH PLAINS - Nominations for the 2010 Scotch Plains Volunteers of the Year and Volunteer Organization of the Year are still being accepted at the Scotch Plains Recreation Department office for the annual Mayor's Charity Gala.

Members of the community are encouraged to nominate those individuals and groups who have displayed extraordinary community service. The recipients of these awards will be recognized at the 20th annual Mayor's Charity Gala on Friday, December 3.

The categories for awards are as follows: Male Volunteer of the Year, Female Volunteer of the Year and Volunteer Organization of the Year. Nomination forms can be picked up in the Scotch Plains Recreation Department office, located at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, or may obtained online scotchplainsnj.com.

The gala is a non-partisan event, which serves to gather all segments of the community for an evening of dining, dancing and a silent auction. Proceeds from the event support the Municipal Alliance Committee and other local non-profit organizations.

For information about sponsoring or donating an item for the Mayor's Gala, call the Scotch Plains Recreation Department at (908) 322-6700, extension no. 1223.

According to police, the victim does not know how the suspect obtained

his credit card information. Friday, August 6, a resident of Maddaket Road reported that, sometime overnight, someone entered his unlocked motor vehicle while it was parked in his driveway and removed an undetermined amount of cash.

Friday, August 6, Curtis Williams, 20, of Edison was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Rahway Road and charged with possession of suspected marijuana. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, August 6, Anthony Boehler, 22, of Manville was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Bridgewater in the amount of \$1,000. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, August 6, Keith Hamrah, 26, of Manville was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on North Avenue and charged with providing police with false information and with possession of a weapon. According to police, Hamrah stated that he did not have any identification and provided the officer with a false identity. An investigation determined his true identity, and after being placed under arrest, a subsequent search determined he was in possession of a folding knife, police reported. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and turned over to the Union County jail after failure to post bail set at \$3,500.

Friday, August 6, Nicholas Sorice, 25, of Colonia was arrested and charged with theft and possession of suspected heroin. According to police, a resident of Lake Avenue contacted police to report that an unwanted houseguest had removed jewelry from the residence and left. Police stopped Sorice on foot on Raritan Road and Quimby Lane, and an investigation determined he was in possession of the stolen jewelry and also the controlled dangerous substance (CDS), authorities reported. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and turned over to the Union County jail after failure to post bail set at \$30,000.

Saturday, August 7, Malcolm Bradley, 20, of Edison was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Edison in the amount of \$75,000. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and turned over to the Edison Police Department.

#### Mountainside

Tuesday, August 3, a resident of Central Avenue reported that someone dumped a bag of fast food garbage on his lawn. According to police, there have been multiple similar dumping incidents in the area. A receipt in the bag provided the officer with the suspect's name. Police are

Friday, August 6, police responded to the Route 22 corporate office of a Westfield bar and grill regarding a suspicious voice message. According to police, the person suspected of leaving the threatening message had been asked to leave the restaurant the night before because of disruptive behavior. The receptionist and another office worker felt threatened by the message and contacted police, authorities reported.

Friday, August 6, a resident of Central Avenue reported that she had recently applied for unemployment benefits, and was sent a report by the unemployment office showing that she was employed by three companies. According to police, the victim has never been employed by any of the three companies and was advised by the unemployment office that she should contact the companies. When she did, she learned that someone had used her Social Security number to gain employment. The victim supplied the paperwork necessary to determine that the Social Security number belonged to her and the incident is under investigation.

Sunday, August 6, police responded to a request by the zoning director to investigate a property on Central Avenue with multiple unregistered vehicles and unsightly debris in the driveway. According to police, there were multiple vehicles, motorcycles and a trailer with an older model Volkswagen on it in the front yard. A report was submitted to the director, police said.

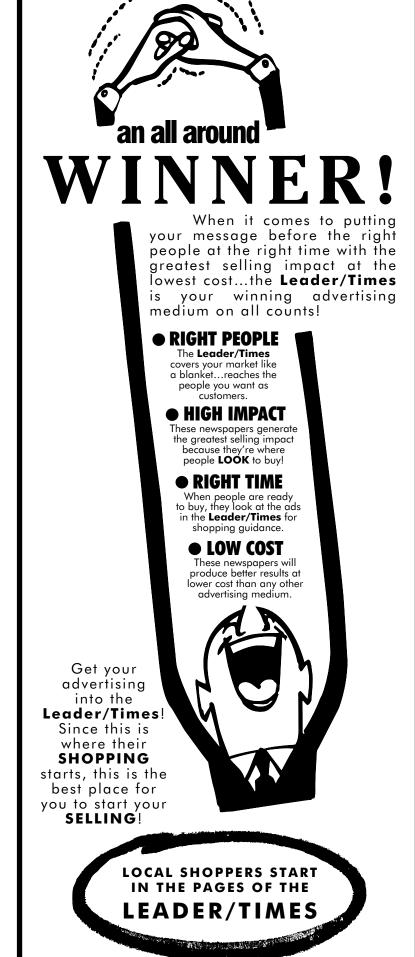
#### **Rolling Thunder Sets** 'Ride For Freedom'

AREA - Rolling Thunder®, Inc., New Jersey Chapter 2 will present "Ride For Freedom XV" on Sunday, September 19, to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel.

This non-profit, volunteer organization is dedicated to a full accounting of POWs and MIAs, and to helping United States veterans of all wars.

Participants will assemble at Warinanco Park in Roselle. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., with the \$5 registration fee serving as a donation to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation.

Departure for the memorial will occur at 11:30 a.m. Helmets will be required. The day's activities will include wreath-laying ceremonies, guest speakers and food vendors. No alcohol will be permitted. For more information, call Rolling Thunder®, Inc., New Jersey Chapter 2 at (609) 971-3544 or visit rollingthunder-nj2.org.



# **Grief Seminar to Be Held** At Church In Cranford

CRANFORD – The First Presbyterian Church will hold its 21st eightweek seminar, entitled "Journey to Wholeness – Healing the Grieving Heart" on Sunday evenings from September 19 to November 7. The church is located at 11 Springfield Avenue in

Patti Williams, a Registered Nurse and certified pastoral bereavement counselor, and psychologist Virginia Waters, Ph.D., will lead the sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. in the church's Mettam Lounge.

Mrs. Williams and Dr. Waters have

# Barrs Welcome

Daughter, Leah

Jon-Henry and Lauren Barr of
Clark have announced the birth of their daughter, Leah Faith Barr, on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, at 1:11 p.m. at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in

Leah weighed 7 pounds and 8 ounces and measured 19.5 inches in length at birth.

She joins her sister, Ainsley Rose, age 19 months.

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offered this seminar for 10 years. The sessions include learning about the stages of grief and understanding the tasks of the grieving process; coping strategies; how to take care of oneself and why this is so important; the changes, challenges and choices that coping with holidays and anniversaries and dealing with feelings of loneliness and being disconnected spiri-

The seminar will feature a special candlelight ceremony to remember lost loved ones, which includes walking the labyrinth and a time of fellow-

Both of the seminar leaders and all of the facilitators have experienced loss within their lives. According to the leaders, loss can be caused by divorce, death or such transitions as a job loss – in each case, the loss must be grieved.

The seminar is dedicated to Mrs. Williams' late husband, the Rever-



LUNCHEON PLANS UNDERWAY...The Woman's Club of Westfield (WCW) has begun preparations for its annual Scholarship Luncheon, which will take place on Wednesday, November 10, at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield. It will feature a raffle, tricky tray and music program by the members of the Jazz Band at Westfield High School. Tickets are available by calling Co-Chairwomen Jane Walsweer at (908) 232-4531 or Julia Nardone at (908) 668-9964. Pictured are Jane Walsweer, left; Echo Lake Country Club Manager John Gomez and Julia Nardone.

# **Historical Society Slates Community Garage Sale**

KENILWORTH Kenilworth Historical Society will present a Communitywide Garage Sale on Saturday and Sunday, September 11 and 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Nearly 175 residences participated in last September's garage sale.

This event will take place rain or shine. Residents who register and pay a \$10 fee to hold garage sales at their homes anytime during that weekend will receive the required borough permits and will benefit from the historical society's statewide advertising of the event via newspapers, websites, signage and fliers.

The addresses of registered participating residences will be included in a Kenilworth Communitywide Garage Sale listing and map that will be available in quantity, free of charge, at the Kenilworth A&P, 801 Boulevard; Borough Clerk's Office, 567 Boulevard; Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard, and Especially Yours Florist, 13 North 20th Street, after Wednesday, September 8.

Garage sale registration forms with instructions may be obtained at the Kenilworth Borough Clerk's Office/Borough Hall, Public Library and Especially Yours Florist. The registration deadline is Monday, August 30. For further information, call (908) 709-0434 or (908)

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LOVE STORY...Floyd and Wendy Daugherty, pictured on their wedding day, celebrated their 60th anniversary this summer. They are former residents of

# **Donations Are Still Needed To Stock SP-F Food Pantry**

SCOTCH PLAINS - "Neighbor to Neighbor," a community program created by Scotch Plains resident Gary Herzberg to increase donations to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Food Pantry, is approaching its fiveyear anniversary.

The program has become an essential contributor of supplies to the local food pantry. With community support, the shelves of the pantry have been better stocked. Due to current unemployment levels and harsh economic times, the need for donations is greater than ever.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Food Pantry assists several dozen households in the two communities. The individuals and families in these households rely on donations to the local food pantry. Many of them have

no access to other food pantries. Contributions of nonperishable foods, cleaning products and health and beauty aids may be deposited in marked collection bins near the inside entrance of either the Scotch Plains Public Library, located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, and the Fanwood Memorial Library, located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road.

Donations are brought to the local food pantry in the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, located at 430 Park Avenue, at least once per week. Items needed include:

Personal products – soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, toothpaste, shaving supplies, deodorant, moisturizing lotion, mouthwash

Paper products - toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, tissues.

Non-perishable foods - canned fruit and vegetables, cereal, soup, juice, Parmalat milk, rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, beef stew, canned meals, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, tea, coffee, ketchup,

Cleaning supplies – laundry detergent, various cleaning products.

Social Services welcomes perishable donations; however, all perishable items must be brought directly to the Scotch Plains Mayor's Office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For further specific information concerning the food pantry, contact Madeline Rutkowski at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building at (908) 322-6700, extension 1-313.

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# **Fanny Wood Celebration To Feature Fun Contests**

FANWOOD – The 15th Annual Fanny Wood Day celebration will take place on Sunday, September 26, featuring a variety of contests with support from local merchants. The festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the corner of Martine and South Avenues in downtown Fanwood.

Among the events will be the Environmental Fanwood Commission's fourth annual Birdhouse Building Contest. Birdhouses must be hand-made with bird-friendly material and should be able to withstand weather conditions for at least one year. They also should include a suitable mounting mechanism. Birdhouses will become the property of the Environmental Commission for use at the Fanwood Nature Center.

Double Dipper Café will once again sponsor an ice-cream eating contest. Advance registration is recommended. Interested persons may register at the Double Dipper, located at 38A South Martine Avenue in Fanwood.

K9 Resorts will sponsor the second annual "Scavenger Hunt." Open to all children, it will begin at the PNC Bank-sponsored children's amusement area registration table and will take participants throughout the

Fanny Wood Day vendor area. Provident Bank will sponsor the second annual Bubble Gum Blowing Contest for children of all ages. Contestants will be able to compete throughout the day, beginning at 1:15 p.m. Gum will be provided and judges will determine the prize categories, which may include largest bubble, smallest bubble, funniest break and most bubbles blown.

For specific information on the contests or to register to be a vendor, access the Fanwood website, visitfanwood.com, for complete rules and forms.

The children's amusement area will open at 12:30 p.m. and once again will feature an all-day admission fee of \$10.

"Last year, we had a record-breaking crowd and we are proud that Fanny Wood Day has become such a welcome addition to our community," noted Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr. "The great thing about Fanny Wood Day is that it's more than just a street fair, and we encourage everyone to join us for this great hometown experience."

# Fishers Welcome Son, Brian Jay Michael and Heather Fisher of

Westfield have announced the birth of their son, Brian Jay Fisher, on Saturday, July 31, 2010, at 7:17 a.m.

at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Brian weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces and measured 2034 inches in length at birth.

He joins his brothers, Michael, age 3, and Matthew, age 1.

The baby's maternal grandparents are Jay and Arleen Post, formerly of Westfield, currently residing in Mountainside.

Helen Fisher of Westfield is Brian's paternal grandmother.

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# Lucy Hirschmann, 92, Merck Chemist; **Enjoyed Opera, Literature, Gardening**

Lucy Aliminosa Hirschmann, 92, passed away at her home in Lansdale, Pa. on Thursday, July 22, 2010.

She was born in Manhattan on October 25, 1917 to Andrew and Rosalia DiBlasi Aliminosa, Sicilian immigrants recently arrived in the United States via Ellis Island.

The fifth and youngest of the Aliminosa children, Lucy was raised in the Bensonhurst neighborhood in Brooklyn. She then attended Hunter College High School, New York City's public school for the intellectually and academically gifted, where she graduated with honors in 1934 at age 16. She continued her studies at Brooklyn College, where she received her bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1939, and Bryn Mawr College, where she earned her master's in chemistry

Soon thereafter, Lucy began work at the pharmaceutical company Merck and Co. in Rahway, N.J. It was there that she met fellow chemist and future husband Ralph Hirschmann. They married in 1951

The couple raised their son, Ralph, Jr., and their daughter, Carla, in Scotch Plains, N.J. In 1973, they moved to Blue Bell, Pa., when Ralph was transferred to Merck's laboratories in West Point, Pa., to head Merck's medicinal chemistry program.

Although Lucy left her post at Merck shortly after marrying, she remained her husband's valued confidante on scientific and professional matters during his highly productive, 50-year career as a preeminent figure in chemistry.

While at Merck, he led a team of Merck chemists who achieved the first total synthesis of an enzyme, ribonuclease S, in 1969, and also headed the basic research teams that developed a number of blockbuster pharmaceuticals, including Vasotec, Lisinopril, Primaxin, Mevacor, Proscar and Ivomec.

Lucy loved literature, history, cre-

to classical music, especially the opera of Verdi. Together with her husband, she frequented the Metropolitan Opera at Lincoln Center in New York City. She passed many of her interests on to her children and grandchildren, who cherished their time

The Hirschmanns lived in Blue Bell until 2004, when they moved to the Meadowood Retirement Community in nearby Worcester, Pa.

Lucy outlived her husband, Ralph (1922-2009), and her brothers, Peter (1904-2001), Joseph (1906-1975) and Andrew Aliminosa (1908-1976).

She is survived by her sister, Katharine Aliminosa; her children, Ralph, Jr. and Carla Hummel, and their spouses, Karen Montle Hirschmann and Paul Hummel, and six grandchildren, Brian, Lisa, Brendan and Lauren Hirschmann and Patrick and Christina Hummel.

Lucy's memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 21, in the Community Center at the Meadowood Retirement Community, 3205 Skippack Pike, Worcester, Pa. 19490. The burial that follows will be for family only.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The Metropolitan Opera, with an indication that the gift is in honor of Lucy Hirschmann. Donations may be made by phone, online or by mail. Phone donations may be made by calling (212) 870-7388. Online donations may be made at www.metoperafamily.org/ metopera/support/by clicking on "Memorial and Honorary Gifts." Donations by mail should be payable to "The Metropolitan Opera" and addressed to: The Metropolitan Opera, Office of Planned Giving, 30 Lincoln Center Plaza, New York, N.Y., 10023, Attention: Honorary Gifts and Memorial Gifts.

Arrangements are by the R. L. Williams, Jr. Funeral Home, Inc. of

# August 12, 2010 ative writing, cats, gardening, refinishing furniture, baking and listening

Robert Weber, 90, Princeton Graduate;

**General Auditor With Bankers Trust** 

Robert W. Weber, 90, died on Tuesday, August 3, at his home in Fanwood. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., he grew up in Buffalo, N.Y. and lived in Fanwood since 1953.

Mr. Weber was a graduate of Princeton University, Class of 1941, and earned his Master of Business Administration degree from New York University.

He had been employed as the general auditor for Bankers Trust in New York City, retiring in 1982.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Weber served in the United States Army from 1941 to 1946.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Marie Behlmer Weber; three daughters, Ellen Weber, Barbara Avella (and her husband, Ralph) and Sue Spence

#### **Artisans and Crafters Sought For Festival**

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is seeking artisans and crafters to demonstrate Early American work and craft skills and to sell their handcrafted wares at Union County's 29th Annual Harvest Festival.

The event, featuring music, children's crafts, games, demonstrations and displays, a petting zoo and other activities, will be held rain or shine on Sunday, September 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

Among the handicrafts and work skills sought are: blacksmithing, kickwheel pottery, broom making, shoe making, hat making, jewelry making, quilting and other Colonial or Native American crafts or skills. For more information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal at (908) 527-4900.

(and her husband, Shawn); three grandchildren, Stephen Spence, Sara Spence and Nancy Avella; his nephew, Thomas Weber (and his wife, Mary Ann); his niece, Dr. Marilyn Weber, and his great-nephew, Michael Weber.

His brother, Thomas, predeceased him in 2006.

Services were held on Saturday, August 7, at the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Heart Association (www.americanheart.org) or to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (www.leukemia-lymphoma.org). For additional information or to sign the online guestbook, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

# Clarence Janiszak, 67

Clarence "Steve" Janiszak, 67, of Piscataway died on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Steve is survived by his wife, Ruth; his children, Amy of Houston, Tex., David of Hawthorne, Richard, also of Houston, Tex., Stephen of Piscataway and Pamela of Long Branch; three sisters, one brother and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held today, Thursday, August 12, at 10:30 a.m. at the Zarepath Christian Church in Zarepath. Interment will follow at Clover Leaf Memorial Park in Woodbridge.

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# Obituaries

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# James Adams, Jr., 92, Local Resident; Was Electrical Engineer and Volunteer

James B. Adams, Jr. of Scotch Plains, an electrical engineer and volunteer, passed away on Friday, August 6, 2010, just shy of his 93rd birthday.

A native of Baltimore, Md., he was a "scholar exemplar" at the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. With an accelerated course of study, he entered Johns Hopkins University as a sophomore, graduating second in his class at the age of 19 with a degree in engineering. Receiving a four-year fellowship for graduate study, he was a member of Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Psi, Gamma Alpha and

the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

His adult life was spent in defenserelated industries: Bendix Radio, Md., where he headed the Quartz Crystal Laboratory and became Assistant Section Chief of Instrument Engineering; Chief Engineer at Reeves Sound Laboratories, N.Y.; Polytech Device, N.J.; Head of Electronic Devices at Kearfott, N.J., and for 24 years at I.T.T. Defense Communications, N.J., managing the installation of microwave and troposcatter communication systems throughout Europe.

Mr. Adams' ancestry in this country begins with a land grant from England in the 1600s. His ancestor Perry Benson fought in the Revolutionary War and served as an admiral in the War of 1812. Another ancestor was Joshua Johnson, who became the first Governor of the State of Maryland and whose niece, Louisa Catherine Johnson, married future president John Quincy Adams.

Mr. Adams was very active in the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church

in Plainfield, serving as a recording engineer, Sunday school teacher, president of the adult fellowship, deacon, trustee, elder, clerk of session, and representative to the Elizabeth Presbytery. He continued his volunteer work during his retirement, working for

21 years at the Starfish

food pantry in Plainfield.

His travels, both busi-

James B. Adams, Jr. ness and pleasure, took him around the world. He documented his experiences with

> a vast photographic collection. Mr. Adams is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Leona G.; his son, James G. (Skip), and two grandsons, Jonathan and Zachary of Readington Township. He also is survived by his sister, Emily Jane.

> A funeral concert was held at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church yesterday, Wednesday, August 11. Burial followed at Old Greenwich Cemetery in Stewartsville.

> Arrangements were by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

> In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Stonework Fund of Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N.J. 07060. For additional information or to express condolences, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

# Elizabeth Beals, 88, Devoted to Family; Was Involved For 60 Years With P.E.O.

Elizabeth Martin Beals, 88, of Basking Ridge peacefully passed away on Tuesday, August 3, at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Spring Hill, Kan., she grew up in Denver, Colo. She graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder, then moved to New York City to earn a master's degree in retail merchandising from New York University. She met and married Malcolm Douglas Beals in 1944, and they enjoyed a wonderful 62-year marriage until his death in 2007.

She was a stay-at-home mom to raise her three children, Janet, Larry and Nancy; was active in the Parent-Teacher Association and the American Field Service (AFS) organization, then worked part-time in retail, which was her educational background. Elizabeth also thrived on teaching Sunday school lessons for 17 years at the First United Methodist Church in Plainfield. She and Douglas resided first in Plainfield, then for 35 years in Fanwood They moved to a beautiful retirement community, Fellowship Village, in 2005.

Elizabeth was an active member for 60 years in P.E.O., a philanthropic organization that promotes educational opportunities for women. She recently was honored at the organization's State

Convention for her longtime service. She is survived by her three children, Janet (and her husband, David) of Vail, Colo., Larry (and his wife, Karen) and her grandchildren, Morgan and Andrew, of Winchester, Mass., and Nancy, of Seattle, Wash.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Elizabeth Martin Beals will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Westfield on Saturday, August 14, at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations honoring her memory may be made to P.E.O. (P.E.O. Executive Office, Treasurer's Department, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312 or to the First United Methodist Church, One East Broad Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090. For additional information or to express condolences, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

## Annette Bracuto, 94

Annette Rose Bracuto (Lotano). 94, of Brick, formerly of Westfield, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 10, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Annette was the beloved wife of the late Daniel Bracuto (February 2010) and the devoted mother of Daniel of Brick. Chester of Fairfax. Va. and the late Gail. She also will be deeply missed by her two grandsons, Daniel and Matthew.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered tomorrow, Friday, August 13, at 10:30 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Friends may visit the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield, today, Thursday, August 12, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

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#### **Squads Launch Cooperative** For Required EMT Training FANWOOD - Volunteer rescue members get their required training at

squads from Fanwood and four other nearby communities have successfully launched a training cooperative that provides required elective courses to volunteer EMTs who might otherwise have to pay for them out of their own pockets because of budget cuts

Named the Scotchwood Training Alliance, the cooperative is made up of the Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Westfield, Summit and Springfield rescue squads. Its name is derived from the two founding squads, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Under the agreement signed by all the squads, every month a different squad will host a course, which is open to volunteers from all five squads. The host squad pays the cost, typically \$250, for a three-credit class, regardless of how many people attend.

"This spreads the cost among five different organizations and insures our

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no cost to the individual volunteer," said Tom Kranz, EMT and president of the Fanwood Rescue Squad.

Last year, the Corzine administration eliminated the source of funding for volunteer EMT training due to budget restructuring. In early 2010, the Christie administration restored funding for initial EMT courses and half of the continuing education courses EMTs are required to take over the three to five years of their certification.

Funding for elective courses, which account for half of those required, was not restored, making it necessary for volunteer squads to come up with new funding sources.

The first Training Alliance course, examining the EMS role at crime scenes, was hosted at the Fanwood squad building on Watson Road on July 27. Approximately 30 members of the five squads attended.

# - Ovituaries

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# Frank S. Pramuk, Exxon Executive: **Active In United Way Organizations**

Frank S. Pramuk of Fanwood, a longtime Middle East executive of Exxon Corporation, died on Friday, August 6, at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Lilly, Pa., Frank received a Bachelor of Science degree in

Chemical Engineering from Penn State University in 1952, graduating at 19, and a Master of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Illinois in 1954.

After three years service as a Navy officer, he joined the Exxon organization, first at Bayway Refinery and later Exxon Research and Engineering. He

transferred to Esso Middle East in 1970, working for the remainder of his career on Middle East matters, with emphasis on Saudi Arabia.

During the 1970s he was part of the team that negotiated the transfer of the Arabian Oil Company (ARAMCO) to the Saudi Arab government. In 1990 he was named the final president of ARAMCO and supervised its liquidation. He retired as Middle East manager for Exxon Company International in 1996.

Frank retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve with the rank of lieutenant commander. He was a member of Penn State's Mount Nittany Society. A United Way volunteer for many years, he served as vicepresident of the United Way for the Plainfield Area and later as a board member of the United Way of Greater Union County. Frank was

active in the Exxon Annuitants Club of Morris County and headed its Financial Club.

In addition to family, reading and classical music, he enjoyed their summer home in Point Pleasant Beach, N.J.

Surviving are his wife, the former Rosemary McDonald Bialeschki of Tolono, Ill.; three children, Kathryn Pramuk-Mari of Wayne, Pa.,

Nancy Black of Morris Plains, N.J. and Michael, of Santa Cruz, Calif.; a brother, William, of Portage, Pa., and four grandchildren. Private services by the Memorial

Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood, were yesterday, Wednesday, August 11. In lieu of flowers, donations may

be made to Overlook Hospital Foundation, Atlantic Neuroscience In-

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

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# Mary Weingart Slattery, 48, Was Active In Rainbows 9/11, PTA and Girl Scouts

Frank S. Pramuk

Mary A. (Weingart) Slattery, 48, of Cranford passed away on

Wednesday, August 4, at home, surrounded by her family and friends. Raised in Westfield, she

moved to Cranford in Mary was active in community affairs, espe-

cially in the Rainbows 9/ 11 support group, the PTA and with the Girl Scouts. Surviving are her beloved daughters, Shannon

and Caitlin; her loving parents, Linus and Marie (DiChiara) Weingart, and her devoted brother, Michael



Mary A. Slattery

6, at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Cranford. Interment took place at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. Arrangements were by

offered on Friday, August

the Dooley Funeral Home, 218 North Avenue, West, in Cranford. In lieu of flowers, the

family requests donations to the Kaleidoscope of Hope, P.O. Box 1124, Madison, N.J. 07940.
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# William L. Smith, 86, Seabees Veteran; **Local Church Member For 50 Years**

William Layton Smith, 86, of Westfield died on Sunday, August 8, at his residence. Born in Plainfield, he resided in

Westfield since 1956. Mr. Smith retired from the Hudson Hosiery Company of Charlotte, N.C., where he was a sales representative.

He was a 50-year member of The

Presbyterian Church in Westfield. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Navy Seabees. He graduated from Blair Academy in Blairstown, N.J. in 1943, and from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania in 1949, where he was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

Surviving are his loving wife, Kathryn Crandall Smith; three children, William Layton Smith, Jr. and his wife, Deborah, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Susan Smith Rooney of Fort Smith of Westfield; five grandchildren, William Layton Smith, III, David Markey Smith, Stephen Kroll Smith, William Harold Rooney, Jr. and Kathryn Crandall Gollier and her husband, Joshua, and a sister, Eleanor Smith Eshleman of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Myers, Fla. and Nancy Crandall

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, August 13, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Funeral services will begin there at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 14. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to: Westfield Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

# Audrey D. Turk, 80, Was Loving Wife, Mom, Grandmother, Sister and Friend

Audrey Doris (Kasse) Turk, 80, a former resident of Westfield, N.J., passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 1, 2010, in Naples, Fla.

Audrey was born in Paterson, N.J. on January 4, 1930 to Herman Florence and (Mendelsohn) Kasse. She graduated from Stephens College in 1950, where she met her husband, Bill. Audrey was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

She is survived by her four sons, Stephen (Barb) Turk of Tampa, Fla., David Turk of Coral Springs, Fla., Michael (Cyndi) Turk of Walnut Creek, Calif. and Dr. Andrew (Tracy) Turk of Naples, Fla.; six grandchildren, Samantha,



**Audrey Turk** 

Cassandra, Alyssa, Matthew, Nicholas and William; her sister, Marilyn (Arthur) Lawrence of Boca Raton,

Fla.; numerous nieces, nephews, a large extended family, and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William H. Turk; her mother and father; her brother, Alan Kasse, and a grandson, Scott Turk.

A memorial service celebrating Audrey's life was held on Saturday, August 7, at the Muller-Thompson Funeral Home of Naples, Fla.

Memorial donations may be made in Audrey Turk's name to Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, 4980 Tamiami Trail North, Suite 102, Naples, FL 34103.



IN STEP WITH MDA...Letter carriers of the Westfield/Mountainside Post Offices did a six-mile walk for the annual MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) Walk-a-thon on June 6 in Westfield's Tamaques Park. Pictured, from left to right, are: Harry Brandt, Lenni Brooks, Dane Doyle, Brenda Hrutkay and Tom



LEADING LIONS...Scotch Plains Lions Club leaders gather to prepare for a new club year. Pictured, from left to right, are: Seated, Ron Kelly, first vice-president; Barbara Anilo, president, and Sandy Pompilio, secretary, and standing, Jerry Kirshenbaum, publicity chairman; Barney Barnett, membership chairman, and Marshall Klein, Mike Solomon and Ralph Anilo, members of the advisory board.

# Scotch Plains Lions Install Officers For 2010-2011

SCOTCH PLAINS – New officers for 2010-2011 were installed at a recent meeting of the Scotch Plains Lions Club. The officers included Barbara Anilo, president; Ron Kelly, first vice-president; Paul DuVoisin, second vice-president; Don Wussler, treasurer; Sandy Pompilio, secretary, and Barney Barnett, membership chairman.

The Scotch Plains Lions Club is part of Lions International, a global service organization with more than 1.4 million members in over 43,000 Lions Clubs around the world. In New Jersey, there are over 250 Lions Clubs comprised of 7,500 members.

The Scotch Plains Lions Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Jade Isle on Terrill Road in Scotch Plains. The club conducts many fund-raising activities, with the monies distributed to local charities and community activities. The organization's primary focus is support to the various organizations throughout the area that serve the blind and visually-impaired.

For more information about the Scotch Plains Lions Club, call Barbara Anilo at (908) 322-4472. The Scotch Plains Lions Club always welcomes new members.

# Family Flix to Continue With Monsters vs. Aliens

CRANFORD – The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Community Renewal has announced that the "Family Flix" summer film series will continue on Tuesday, August 17, at dusk in Cranford's Nomahegan Park.

Monsters vs. Aliens will be the featured film. This 2009 DreamWorks animated science-fiction comedy follows the action-packed adventures of a giant young woman and her monster friends as they defend Earth from an alien invasion.

Monsters vs. Aliens will be shown outdoors, free of charge. Before the

movie, naturalists from Trailside Nature and Science Center will lead a nature stroll in the park.

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The last Family Flix movie and activity for this summer will be Tuesday, August 24, at Nomahegan Park, when Watchung Stable staff members will guide lead-line rides on horses for youngsters before the adventure comedy *Racing Stripes*.

edy *Racing Stripes*.

The movie will start at dusk in nice weather only. For more information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal at (908) 527-4900. For rain information, call (908) 558-4079 after 3 p.m.

# **Two River Community Bank Announces Formation of SBA Lending Division**

WESTFIELD – William D. Moss, president and CEO of Two River Community Bank, has announced the formation of a new Small Business Administration (SBA) Lending Division at the bank. Paul E. Orzechowski, vice-president of SBA Lending, will direct the business development activities of the division, which is based at the bank's Westfield office.

Mr. Moss indicated that the formation of an SBA lending program is in keeping with the bank's mandate of community lending. "As one of the premier community banks in central New Jersey, we feel that it is appropriate to offer this invaluable lending program at this juncture in the economic cycle," Mr. Moss stated.

He commented that while Two River has continued to lend in a traditional manner throughout the economic downturn, the bank now sees new opportunities to lend money prudently, with the help of the SBA. "This program will allow us to continue to help local businesses in these difficult times," Mr. Moss declared. "Small and medium-sized businesses are the backbone of our economy, and the sooner we can get main street back to normal, the faster the general economy will return as well," he concluded.

Mr. Orzechowski comes to Two River Community Bank with an extensive career in SBA lending. Following a decade of service in the securities industry, he joined the Small Business Administration in Washington, D.C. In 1994, he moved to the SBA office in Newark, where he was named Senior Loan Officer in the Finance Division. In total, Mr. Orzechowski served the SBA for

nearly eight years. He has spent the last 12 years managing SBA departments for community banks.

Mr. Orzechowski holds a Ph.D. in Economics from New School for Social Research, New York, New York, and is an adjunct professor at Monmouth University. His professional memberships include the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, the National Association for Business Economics and the American Economic Association.

The mission of the Small Business Administration is, "to maintain and strengthen the nation's economy by enabling the establishand ment viability of small businesses and by assisting in the economic recovery of communities after disasters." The SBA does not make loans directly to small businesses, but acts as guarantor on the bank loan. The SBA has directly or indirectly helped more than 20 million businesses, and is the largest single financial backer of businesses in the United States.

Headquartered in Middletown, N.J., Two River Community Bank is a full service banking institution, operating 11 branches throughout Monmouth County and four branch locations in Union County. The company serves residential, commercial and private banking customers in Monmouth, Union, Ocean and Middlesex counties. Two River Community Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Community Partners Bancorp (NASDAQ: CPBC), also headquartered in Middletown.

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# VFW Ladies Auxiliary Sets First Meeting of Group Year

GARWOOD – The next monthly meeting of Bayleaf Leonard J. Sanders Memorial Post No. 6807 Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) will take place on Tuesday, August 17. It will be held at 1 p.m. at the post home at 221 South Avenue in Garwood.

Members will gather at 12:15 p.m. for a "brown bag" lunch and social time. Senior Vice-President Catherine Madara will provide dessert. Members are encouraged to attend this meeting, as it is the first meeting of the group's new year.

Officers for the new VFW year are: State President, Lori Cannon; State Treasurer, Iris Jean George; District 5 President, Minnie Snyder; Auxiliary President, Kathy Dorkoski, and Post Commander Ed Ramaykis.

Newly elected officers for 2010-2011 include President, Kathy Dorkoski; Senior Vice-President, Catherine Madara; Junior Vice-President, Alice Hirsch; Secretary, Kathy Dorkoski; Treasurer, Lois Hasselman; Chaplain, Lena Cummins; Conductress/Guard, Madeline Pevarnik; Patriotic Instructor/Soloist, Susan Leonard, and Trustees – Three Years, Dolores Cielinski; Two Years, Anne Leonard, and One Year, Lottie Sworen.

President Kathy Dorkoski presented sixth-grade essay contest winner Joseph Brecht with a check at the Garwood Memorial Day service on May 31. The group thanked all the sixth-grade students who participated in this essay contest, as well as all

#### FW Resident to Lead First Children School

FANWOOD – First Children School on South Avenue in Fanwood has announced the appointment of Kathleen Gorski as principal.

Ms. Gorski brings more than 28 years of experience in special education, with the last 10 spent in school administration. Ms. Gorski, a mother of four, has lived in Fanwood for 19 years and has been active in the community.

"Kathy's passion, drive and dedication to children with special needs represents a resource for all of our neighbors in Fanwood and surrounding communities," said Joseph Hess, president of First Children.

The school, founded in 1978 and formerly operated by Children's Specialized Hospital, aims to provide the very best in educational services for children with medical/physical needs, behavioral challenges and autism.

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individuals who supported the organization's May "Buddy Poppy" drive. This program is conducted yearly to provide funds for veterans and their families. The Ladies Auxiliary has sent three packages to American troops in Afghanistan.

#### Fishing Derby Is Set For Disabled People

MOUNTAINSIDE – The 33rd Annual Free Fishing Derby for People With Disabilities will take place on Saturday, September 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. The rain date is Sunday, September 26.

Fishing tackle and bait will be provided. There also will be a clown/magic show, lunch and prizes for all registered participants. Volunteers are welcome and needed. For more information, call Frank Stack, president, at (908) 245-9070.

The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club, Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and The Tedesco Bunch of Rumson will sponsor the event.

Interested persons are asked to preregister by calling Ellen Chase at the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4096.

#### **Rainbow Experience Announces Auditions**

PLAINFIELD – The Rainbow Experience, a theater ministry of the First Congregational Church in Westfield and the United Church of Christ in Plainfield, announced auditions for *Bye Bye Birdie*.

Auditions will be held at the Plainfield church, located at 220 West Seventh Street, on Saturday, August 14, at noon and Tuesday, August 17, at 7 p.m.

August 17, at 7 p.m.

Rehearsals will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings, between 7 and 10 p.m., and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., starting on September 14. The show will be performed November 5, 6, 12 and 13 at the Plainfield church. To learn more, call (908) 822-1147 or visit rainbowexp.wordpress.com/2010/07/10/auditions-announced/.

#### Westfield Students Graduate Wisconsin U.

WESTFIELD – More than 6,000 students, including two Westfield residents, received degrees during the University of Wisconsin-Madison's spring commencement ceremonies in May.

Rachel Barrett earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies, while Carly Oliff earned a Bachelor of Science-Dietetics degree in Nutritional Sciences.

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AN EAGLE EFFORT...Kevin Ingram of Westfield, a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 72, is pictured working on a picnic table for the Westfield Area "Y" as part of his Eagle Scout project.

# Troop 72's Kevin Ingram Earns Eagle Scout Rank

westfield – Kevin Ingram recently earned his Eagle Scout Award with Boy Scout Troop No. 72, sponsored by The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. He is the son of Linda and Richard Ingram of Westfield. The Eagle is the highest rank available in Boy Scouting. Kevin's Court of Honor ceremony was held in June at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

The new Eagle began scouting as a cub scout with Wilson Elementary School's Troop No. 171. For his Eagle Project, he organized a volunteer group comprised of scouts, friends and adults to complete a woodworking and landscaping project with the Westfield Area "Y."

Kevin coordinated the refurbishing of the children's playground picnic tables and benches. His volunteer group replaced the rotted and splintered wood with new recycled "green" tek deck recycled wood on the picnic

tables, seats and benches. Additionally, Kevin coordinated the landscaping around the "Y" entrance sign and steps.

Kevin received community grants to complete his Eagle Project from the Rotary Club of Westfield, the Westfield Foundation, Westfield Optimist Club, Westfield "Y"'s Men's Club and the Westfield Service League. He also received supply donations from Williams Nursery of Westfield and Parker Greenhouses in Scotch Plains.

A junior and honor roll student at Westfield High School, Kevin is a varsity member of the Westfield High School Cross Country, Winter Track and Spring Track teams. He also is a confirmed member of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and employed at the Westfield Memorial Pool as a lifeguard. His brother, Ryan, also is an Eagle Scout.



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# **Dental Update**

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# GUM TREATMENT MAY HELP DIABETICS sent research has uncovered links A very big threat to dental health as

Recent research has uncovered links between gum disease and other parts of the body that previously may have seemed unlikely. For instance, periodontitis has been associated with an increased risk of heart disease and stroke, which makes a good case for addressing gum inflammation. More recently, researchers have discovered another potential benefit of keeping gum disease at bay. According to research, it has been found that treating periodontal disease in diabetics may lower their insulin levels. Researchers suggest that the connection is based on bacterial infections of the mouth that cause inflammation, which results in chemical changes that reduce the effectiveness of insulin produced in the body. As a consequence, diabetics find it more difficult to control their blood sugar.

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# THE WEEK IN SPORTS

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low right to start the second inning,

and first baseman Mark Nies absorbed

a stiff grounder. Right fielder Eddie

Zazzali capped off the inning with

the most spectacular catch of the

evening when he snared Joe Tufaro's

long drive just one step shy of the

"That's one of the best I've seen,"

teammate John Pellazzato said. "It

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**MONTEFUSCO MAKES GAME-SAVING CATCH IN 9TH** 

# Brew Crew Men 'Walk' Past Awnings Galore in 10th, 8-7

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Playoff spirit was certainly in the air with two teams full of players, who had a refuse-to-lose attitude, in game 3 of the Union County Senior 50+ Softball League A Division quarterfinals at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 5.

With the bases jammed in the bottom of the 10th inning, Bob D'Meo watched four straight pitches fall away from the strike zone to give the Brew

Crew, formally known as Buffy's and before that Antone's, an 8-7 victory over Awnings Galore.

To add to the intensity of game 3, in game 1, the Brew Crew squeaked by with a 6-5 decision, then in game 2, Awnings salvaged a 1-0 victory.

"They scored in the first inning, and that was it," Brew Crew slugger Ron Kulik said.

With the intensity level at its peak, both teams sparkled with numerous outstanding defensive plays. In the

infield, it was a showcase of dueling shortstops. Awnings' Brian Granstrand converted several "deep in the hole" snags to putouts and added three "hold the runner in check" plays, while throwing to first for the putout. Crewman Geno Antonucci demonstrated on several occasions that he was capable of the same acts of brilliance. Awnings second baseman Neil Granstrand smothered a few sizzlers and converted them to



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* CHUGGING HIS WAY TO FIRST BASE...Brew Crew player Gary Capaldo, left, hustles toward first base as Awnings first

baseman Fred Amado receives the throw for the putout.

# HOPLER HITS 3-RUN HR, NARDI TAPS GAME WINNER

# St. Killian Stuns Annies, 6-5, On 14-Foot 'Dinker' in 7th

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Five double plays and a multitude of exceptional catches ruled the pace of the game, but it was a 14-foot "dinker" off the bat of Chris Nardi that gave St. Killian a come-frombehind, 6-5, victory over St. Anne in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League action at Forest Road Park in Fanwood on August 4.

As the regular season neared its end and with the playoffs just over the horizon, St. Killian, clinging to the top spot in the Angels Division, and St. Anne, desperately trying to hold on to the third position in the Saints Division, needed to have their defenses perform well, and both teams succeeded.

Pitcher Joe Matuska initiated the first of Annie's three double plays, grabbing a one hopper and tossing to shortstop Walt Patrylo at second, who fired to first baseman Karl Grossmann in the first inning. Patrylo initiated a second-to-first double play in the fifth inning and added a short-to-third

(Bryan Munoz)-to-first double play in the sixth. Patrylo added a diving stop of a grounder and tossed to second for an out in the second inning, and Munoz absorbed a sizzling liner in the fourth.

Killian pitcher Harry Hopler initiated a short (Lou Messano)-to-first (Dan Nigro) double play in the fourth inning, and third baseman Scott Friedrichs scooped a grounder, tossed to second baseman Nardi, who fired to first for the double play in the fifth. Friedrichs and Messano made backto-back fine grabs in the second inning, and Messano added a smooth running grab in shallow centerfield in the third. Scott Curtis stole the show in centerfield with a pair of charging snags in the first and sixth innings, and a leaping grab in the seventh.

Killian totaled 15 hits, and the most impressive was Hopler's (2-for-2, 2 runs scored) three-run homer in the fourth inning. Curtis went 3-for-3 with an RBI. Nigro, who scored twice, whacked an RBI triple and singled. Nardi finished 2-for-3, and Messano had a pair of singles and scored once. Frank Litterio, Eric Fisher, Colin Craig and Harry Semple each singled, and Al Weber scored once.

Brian Williams (double) and **CONTINUED ON PAGE 13** 



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David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*ATTEMPTING TO HIT TO RIGHT FIELD...Alfonso's Kevin DeGrazio attempts to whack a shot into right field in the

## KAUFFMAN KNOCKS IN 3 RUNS, SIMO KNOCKS IN 2

# **Stage House Flags Alfonso's** In 'A' Division Semis, 10-2

mally drop in for extra bases in a

regular-season game. Twelve, top-

shelf plays accounted for 14 putouts,

and the first three came in the top of

the first inning when Corey Berger

made a running grab in left field. Shortstop Jon Lehberger made a div-

ing stop deep in the hole and fired to

first for a putout, and Berger fol-

an over-the-shoulder catch in shal-

Second baseman Todd Simo made

lowed with another running snag.

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Superior fielding overshadowed the powerful offense that would normally have seized the spotlight when the top-seeded Stage House faced the young bloods of Clean Green/ Alfonso's in the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division semifinal Game 3 at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 3.

The veteran Stage House defense resembled vacuums in the infield, sucking up any ball hit near them, and gazelles in the outfield, chasing down deep drives that would nor-

Park Beverage Tops **Stage House for Title** See story in the August 19 issue of The Leader and The Times.

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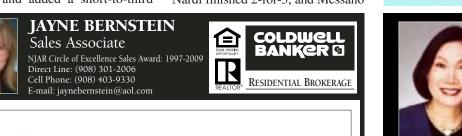
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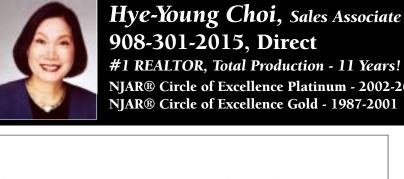




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"I didn't think I was going to get that," added Zazzali.

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Before the remainder of the great fielding plays were made, the Stage House took a 1-0 lead when Neil Kauffman walked and later scored on Berger's RBI "binker" into leftfield in the bottom of the second.

Simo used his quick reflexes to tag out Alfonso's Mike Tufaro in the third, but offense, however, was needed and Stage House line coach Steve Barba shouted, "Let's get the line drives here! Everybody is anxious. It's time to heat it up."

His words of encouragement ignited a five-run, seven-hit third inning that put the Stage men in front, 6-0. Brian Dayton and Ron Germinder both singled, and Scotty Savarese (2for-4) sliced an RBI single. After Zazzali grounded out to second, Simo (2-for-4, 2 runs, 2 RBI) punched an

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#### RBI single, Nies lofted an RBI sacrifice fly, and Kauffman (2-for-3, 3 RBI) yanked a two-run single to right. Alfonso's Steve Rivero ripped a

two-out single in the fourth, but Nies sucked up a second sizzler to end the inning. In the fifth, Alfonso's Sal Mastro drilled a leadoff triple and scored on Dave Rivero's RBİ single, but Lehberger initiated a 6-4-3 double play before Rivero scored on an error to make the score 6-2.

Zazzali thumped a triple to lead off the fifth, Simo tapped an RBI infield single, and Nies followed with the first of his two singles. Lehberger lofted an RBI sac fly, and Kauffman slapped an RBI single to left. Mike Lauricella and Kevin DeGrazio led off the sixth with singles, but Simo put a damper into Alfonso's mini surge when he grabbed a grounder, tagged the runner heading to second and tossed to first for a double play.

The Stage House added its final run in the bottom of the sixth when Rojo Mason reached on a force play and later scored on an error. Over the next two innings, Stage House pitcher, Germinder, allowed just one single to Mike Tufaro, who finished 2-for-2, then John Rachko relieved him in the ninth and kept all three Alfonso's batters from reaching base safely.

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TOWER OF POWER...St. Killian slugger Harry Hopler hammered a three-run home run against St. Anne on August 4 at Forest Road Park in Fanwood.

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

**ANGELS DIVISION:** 

(As of August 6:)			
TEAM `	w	L	Pct
St. Killian	14	6	.700
St. Aloysius	12	6	.667
St. Anthony	7	12	.368
St. Matthew	5	14	.263
St. Jude	2	16	.111
SAINTS DIVISION:			
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St. Aloysius 14, St. David 5

St. Al scored nine runs in the first two innings. Joe Negley and Craig Burfriendt had six hits and five runners plated between them and George Balint added three hits. The Davies were paced by Marty Bernstein's three hits. St. Joseph 14, St. James 6

St. Joes rallied with 12 runs in their last three at bats. Keith Middleton, Kevin Spellman and Matt Fugett all had RBI doubles for the Joes. The James Gang was led by Gerry Riepe. St. Killian 6, St. Anne 5

Harold Hopler hammered a threerun homer and Scott Curtis stroked three hits. Annie's Damon Roth had three RBI. (See exclusive story on page 11.)

Craig Burfriendt (HR, 4RBI), Dom Favorito's (4 hits) and Billy Aumenta (3-for-4) led St. Al. Ley's Rocks were rolled by Louie Blau (4 RBI) and Bruce Evans (3 hits)

St. Joseph 13, St. David 7

St. Aloysius 12, St. Rocco 11

Steve McMahon (5 RBI) and "Milk" Monroy (3 hits) led St. Joe, while Luke Fugett also joined the "wooda-hada-homer club." David's Captain Dave Rothenberg had three hits and three RBI.

St. Killian 20, St. Matthew 8

St. Killian scored 15 runs in the first three innings. Chris Nardi hit a home run, and Colin Craig, Harold Hopler and Scott Friedrichs had three hits apiece. Kevin Woodring and Paul Ross led the Matmen.

St. Anne 9, St. Rocco 5

Annie's Keith Karvczak and Damon Roth combined for three hits apiece and six runners plated. Leadoff man Mike Cucurello had three hits and Gus Alvarez led Rocco.

# Brew Crew Men 'Walk' Past Awnings Galore in 10th, 8-7

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putouts, while Brew Crew first baseman Gary Capaldo added a pair of successful smothers and a fine stretch for putouts.

Awnings leftfielder Charlie Babela made it look interesting on several occasions, but came through with numerous fine catches. Brew Crew right fielder D'Meo and leftfielder John Fessock made key grabs, but the most important snag of the evening came in the top of the ninth inning. With the score knotted, 7-7, and the bases loaded, Awnings' Tom Breen drilled a gapper into shallow center, but Crewman Don "the Count of" Montefusco charged and made a sliding, gamesaving catch to salvage the evening.

"I always feel that I am going to catch everything. It was a hard line drive. I came charging in. I had to make the catch or lose the game. I had to give it all I had. Luckily enough, the ball stayed up, and I caught it," Montefusco explained. "It kept us in the game and gave us a chance to get up and win it.

The parity was also at the plate, as the Crewmen totaled 17 hits and Awnings totaled 16. Awnings Brian Granstrand hit singles in all five of his at-bats, scored once and had an RBI. Breen scored twice, ripped two singles and had two RBI. Pitcher Tom Pasko had three singles and an RBI. Bob Grausam, Babela (RBI) and Fred Amado each singled and scored once. Ray Meigs and Joe Bihler each singled and had an RBI, Niel Granstrand singled, and Bruce Crawford scored once.

Crewman Kulik rapped four singles and scored once. Greg Hartnett, who was intentionally walked once, hammered a two-run triple, singled twice and scored twice. "Duck" Ball had three singles and scored once. Pitcher Bob Lieberman (RBI) singled twice and scored once. Montefusco singled, had an RBI sacrifice fly and scored

#### WF Flag Football **Registration Begins**

Registration for the upcoming Westfield 2010 Flag football season is now underway. Now in its 13th season, flag football has grown to over 400 players. The season will begin on Saturday, September 11 at Tamaques Park. For further information or to register, please go to www.westfieldpal.com.orcall league coordinators George Lanzano at (908) 400-6936 or John Dugan at (908) 868-2811.

twice. Antonucci and Fessock, who was intentionally walked twice, each had a single and an RBI. Capaldo (run

scored) and Joe Viso (RBI) each singled. Montefusco reached on an error and later scored on Antonucci's groundout to short to give the Brew Crew a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Awnings tied it in the second when Breen singled and later scored on Bihler's RBI single to left. In the third, Breen smacked a two-run single, Pasko punched an RBI single, and Meigs lofted an RBI sac fly to right, giving Awnings a somewhat shaded 5-1 lead.

The Brew Crew shed some light on their hopes with three runs in the bottom of the inning, highlighted by Hartnett's two-run triple to right, but Awnings added two runs on three hits

in the fourth to seize a 7-4 lead. "We are in a dogfight! We've got to be barking the loudest," snapped Lieberman as the Brew Crew came to

After Ball began making barking noises that sounded more like that of a Yorkie Terrier, an unidentified teammate snarled, "We need a much bigger bark than that!"

Foaming like rabid dogs, the Brew Crew lathered the bottom of the fourth inning with three runs on four hits to tie the score. Lieberman, Viso and Montefusco each had an RBI.

While Awnings produced only two singles over the next four innings, the Brew Crew tapped two singles in the sixth inning and had a bases-loaded situation in the seventh, but failed to score on both opportunities.

After Montefusco made his spectacular catch in the ninth, the Crew failed to immediately capitalize, but Awnings went down 1-2-3 in the 10th. Hartnett hopped a leadoff single over second in the bottom of the inning, and Antonucci duplicated it as Antonucci scooted to third. Fessock was ceded his second intentional walk to load the basses, and D'Meo patiently waited out four tosses to push Hartnett home with the winning run.

"Two evenly matched teams! It was just a really great game. These are great guys who we played. We had a great series," Montefusco said.

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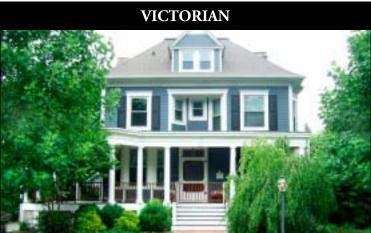
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#### RYAN RETIRES FIRST 11 SOFA KINGS, COVIELLO 2 RBI

# DJ's Limo Men Rumble Over Sofa Kings, 10-2, in B Division

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Pitcher Jimmy Ryan, with his rhythmic style, caught the Sofa Kings napping and retired the first 11 batters, while his team dazed the Kings' defense with an eight-run second inning as DJ's Limo rumbled to a 10-2 victory in game 1 of the best of three championship series in the B Division of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 9.

Ryan did not allow a run until the bottom of the sixth inning and finished the game, yielding 10 hits and only one walk. Brian Schiller was the

Mike Coviello led DJ's 16-hit attack with an RBI single, a double, a run scored and an RBI sacrifice fly. Jay Semple (RBI) and Dave Doyle each tripled, singled and scored once. Matt Myers (RBI) singled twice and scored once. Brian Ray singled twice and scored twice. Randy Lee whacked an RBI triple. Ryan, Joe Carrasquillo and Sal Ciatto each tapped an RBI single and scored once. Rick Myers singled and scored, and Mike Patriarca had an RBI single.

The Sofa Kings turned three double plays (DP). Third baseman Delle Donne initiated a 5-4 (Ed Belford)-3 (Jay Everitt) DP in the first inning. Carrasquillo initiated two 6-4 (Ray)-3 (Rick Myers) DPs.

Semple hammered a leadoff triple and Patriarca tapped his RBI single to give DJ's a 1-0 lead in the top of the first. After holding the Sofa Kings scoreless in the bottom of the inning, Ryan became his team's cheerleader as DJ's came in to bat.

"Let's Go! Win every inning. Stay level. Lots of green," he uttered. DJ's proceeded to blister the ball

with eight runs on nine hits, which included five straight RBI singles before the double play, followed by Ryan's RBI single and Lee's RBI triple. Still exercising some faith, Sofa Kings' Mike Otchy shouted,

"Let's get it started."

With an effort to awaken his team, Ed Belford suggested, "Just remember! You can't hit an eight-run home run. Get singles!"

Lyp added, "Lots of line drives!'

Unfortunately, all the line drives were right at DJ's fielders then Coviello lofted an RBI sac fly to give the Limo drivers a 10-0 lead in the third.

After lullabying the Sofa Kings to sleep in the third, Ryan chanted, "Don't stop! They are a good team out there."

From the fourth inning on, Sofa King pitcher Gatto tossed shutout ball, allowing only one hit in four of the six remaining innings.

Sofa Kings plated their first run in the sixth. Gatto punched a leadoff single, Ed Belford doubled down the right field line and Mariani brought Gatto home with a groundout to short. The Kings' final run came in the ninth when Ed Belford's

pinch runner scored on

Schiller's RBI single.

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MAKING THE PUTOUT AT FIRST...St. Anne first baseman Dave Weischadle, right, makes the putout on St. Killian runner Scott Friedrichs in the second inning at Forest Road Park in Fanwood.

# Killian Stuns Annies, 6-5, on 14-Foot 'Dinker'

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Damon Roth (triple) both went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Jack Kennedy and Matuska each went 2for-2. Keith Karyczak singled and scored once. Patrylo (run scored) and Grossmann each had an RBI sacrifice fly, and Munoz scored once.

St. Anne came out of the shoot quickly with three runs in the top of the first. Karyczak ripped a leadoff single, Williams lined an RBI double and Munoz reached safely on an error. Patrylo and Grossmann followed with their sac flies. The Annies upped their lead to 5-0 in the fourth when Patrylo walked and Roth hammered his triple to right and scored on a throwing error.

When Killian came in to bat, Nigro suggested, "Come on! We need some base runners.'

Weber walked, Messano lined out to left, Nigro singled and Hopler whammed his three-run shot over the right fielder's head.

"Way to wake up the bats," Nigro added.

In the fifth, after Friedrichs turned his double play and Killian came in to bat, Messano commented, "Some-

body woke up a sleeping giant." Craig and Fisher began the inning with singles. Litterio followed with a single to right, but Karyczak grabbed the ball and fired home to nail Craig as he attempted to score. A double play ended the threat and kept the giant silent a little longer.

The Annies were silent with their sticks in the seventh, but not Killian. Messano dribbled a single, Nigro slashed an RBI triple down the right field line, Hopler walked and Curtis tied the game with an RBI single. Jason Semple popped out to short,

and Friedrichs lined out to left for the second out. Harry Semple walked to load the bases then Nardi took a mighty swing. The ball "dinked" along the third baseline. Hopler roared home to beat the throw.



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en route to a 10-2 victory at Jerseyland Field on August 9.

first Sofa King to dent the Limo pitcher

with a double in the fourth inning. He

added an RBI single in the ninth.

Craig Gatto (run scored) and Brad

Belford each had a pair of singles. Ed

Belford doubled and scored, and Billy

Mariani singled and had an RBI, while

Doug Della Donne and John Bruno

each singled.

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David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*TOSSING A GEM...DJ's Limo pitcher Jimmy Ryan retired the first 11 Sofa Kings he faced

Shortstop Dave Belford initiated a 6-

4-3 DP in the second inning, and

Everitt had an unassisted DP in the

eighth and added a fine scoop in the

ninth. Dave Belford also made a pair

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Leftfielder John Lyp made a few rangy

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August 12, 1998: An energetic PEPCO team took to the field at Brookside Park, caught the Phoenix flying low and bagged a 14-9 victory to take a 2-1 lead in the championship series of the A Division of the Scotch Plains Softball League. Jim Hellwig hammered a three-run homer in the first inning then went on to collect four hits, score three runs and drive in

four runs by the game's end. **August 9, 1999:** The Mattress Factory captured its third straight Westfield Men's Softball League title by defeating Checchio Chiropractic, 8-5, in game 4, winning the series, 3-1, at Tamagues Park. The Factory men blew a closely contested game wide open with five runs in the sixth inning. Al Manzi and Kevin Zippler singled, Kevin Lombardi wiggled an RBI single and Clint Factor yanked a two-run double. Ron Shovlin and Jordan Scher followed with RBI singles.

August 14, 2001: Pep Again blazed its way into the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division finals and crunched top-seeded Checchio's Chiropractic in four games to acquire the title. The energizers rallied for four runs in the seventh inning then held off the Chiropractic manipulators to win game 4, 10-6, at Brookside Park. Butch Torsiello contributed plenty of pep with two singles, a double, an RBI sacrifice fly, a run scored and four RBI. Pitcher Dave Legg whacked a double and a single and knocked in

August 11, 2002: Red Thunder of the JCC Men's Softball League defeated the Outsiders, 27-26, to win the championship. Dan Shinderman, the 60-year-old superstar, had the



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Fred Lecomte (2004 files) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* WESTFIELD PD-2 CHIEF THIEF...PD-2 Thieves pitcher Greg Kasko helped his own cause by cracking three hits and knocking in five runs en route to a 15-11 conquest of major rival Westfield PD-1 in 2004.

game-winning RBI. Outsider Pete Byer rocked three homeruns.

August 12, 2003: PEP Again warded off a bases-loaded, ninthinning scare from Checchio Chiropractic to win game 2 of the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division championship, 15-12. Checchio slugger Mark Nies crushed a colossal two-run homer. PEP leadoff hitter Joe Ward contributed three RBI.

August 10, 2004: It took years in the making, but Checchio Chiropractic finally captured the Scotch Plains Softball League A Division title, by nipping Dunellen Hotel, 9-8, in game 2 of the finals at Brookside Park. The night before, Checchio's had a much easier time, winning 12-0. The securing of the title came down to a spectacular leaping catch in leftfield for the final out by Bryan Dayton. Jon Crowley went 4-for-4, including two triples, with two RBI and a run scored.

August 11, 2005: St. Anne's soft-

ball team offered no mercy in a 21-6 roughing up of St. Aloysius at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains. Bob Gittleman blasted three homers and had seven RBI to set the pace for St. Anne's. John Esposito banged a three-run homer and a triple, while Tom McGall had three hits and four RBI.

August 9, 2006: No shortage of offense existed in the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division championship series between top-seeded Deegan Roofing and two-time defending champions Investors Savings, formerly known as Geeks on Call. The Roofers won a 15-14 thriller in Game 1 and the Investors won the second game, 13-10. Then in the finale, the Investors invested in a 28-hit attack to claim its third straight title with a 21-11 victory at Brookside Park. Nick Piscopo (4-for-6, run scored, 4 RBI) set the pace for the Investors by smashing a grand slam home run in the first inning.

August 9, 2007: Shortstop Scott Smith made a number of run-preventing plays, and Art Hobble hacked a two-run single and an RBI triple to help St. Luke remain the "top dog" in the St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League with an 11-6 victory over St. Patrick at Brookside Park. Smith also pounded a solo homer, doubled and scored twice. Joe Tilocca fooled the outfielders with an RBI triple to add to his single and two runs scored

# **Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Playoffs:**

50+ A DIVISION: Brew Crew 6, Awnings Galore 5 Awnings 1, Brew Crew 0

In a tremendous pitching dual, winning pitcher Tom Pasko, got the only run he needed in the first inning, scoring on a single by Neil Granstrand after Bob Grausam led off with a triple. Awnings turned three double plays. The Brew Crew loaded the bases with no outs in the sixth but failed to score. Awnings' Bob Grausam, Neil Granstrand and Ray Meigs had two hits apiece.

Brew Crew 8, Awnings 7 (10 innings)

The Brew Crew moved on to the next round. Liberty Lighting 9, Molly

Maguire's 7 Pitcher Al Betau received terrific defensive plays from Rick Regenthal, Steve Pietrucha, Tom Mac and Harry Semple.

Liberty 15, Molly Maguire's 11
Trailing 7-1 in the third inning, the Mollies knotted it 11-11 after five innings. Liberty scored in the top of the seventh. Mollies John Hartnett homered, while Keenan Phelan, Vic Trindate and Bill Hinkle each added three hits.

Linda's infield of John Esposito, Steve Adase, Joseph Adase, Ron Horinko and pitcher Tom Siano stopped several Sun Tavern rallies. Joe Sarica, Steve Adase, Mac Kowalski, Ron Horinko, and Rich Krov had multi-hit games. Bill Moore, Chris Moore and Steve Falco had two hits each for the Sunmen.

Magnolia Auto 18, D&K 17 D&K 16, Magnolia 12 D&K 19, Magnolia 7

D&K Associates advanced. Linda's I, 16, Linda's II, 15

Joseph Adase drove in the winning run in the top of the final inning. For the victors, Joe Sarica, Keith McDede, Steve Adase and Mac Kowalski had

multi-hit games.
SUPER 60S RESULTS:

Nicolina Pizza 8, The Office 3 The Pizza men shut out The Office over the last four innings. Nicolina's Bob DeBellis, Ed Kushner and Walt Serafyn had three hits each. The Office's Brian McDermott had two hits (triple, RBI).

Nicolina 19, The Office 16

Nicolina grabbed an 8-0 lead, but The Office cut the lead to 8-6 in the bottom of the second. Nicolina's Carmen Capolla, Ed Kushner, Ron



SLAPPING ANOTHER SINGLE...Awnings Galore batter Ray Meigs slaps a single in the game against the Brew Crew at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 5. The Crew won, 8-7, in 10 innings.

#### 50+ B DIVISON: Lindas Driftwood Bar & Grill I, 12, Sun Tavern 4

Steve Lerner, Ron Horinko and Ron Martins (all 3-for-3), Steve Adase, Keith McDede, Rich Krov and Tom Siano (2 hits each) and Jack Helfrich (HR) led Linda's. Linda's Steve and Joseph Adase turned three double plays. Jim Price and Bill Moore (multihit games) and Rich Polonitza (HR) led Sun Tavern belted a home run. Linda's I, 8, Sun Tavern 1



Virgilio and Tony Orlando (3BH) had three hits each. Brian McDermott (4 hits, double, HR, 4 RBI) and Ed Spinelli (3 hits, 3 runs, 2 RBI) sparked The Office.

Nicolina will face Kilkenny House. Creative Industries 13, Associated Auto 5

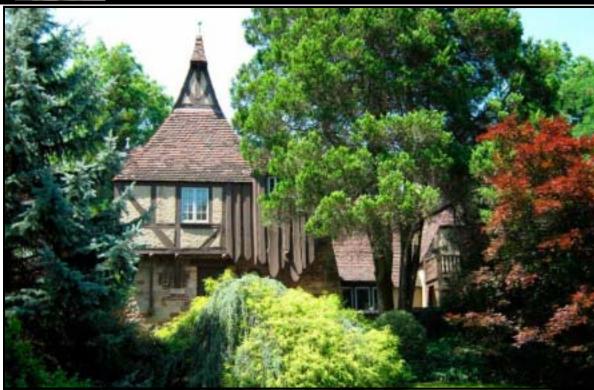
Creative plated three in the second, five in the fourth and four in the fifth. Pitcher Larry Berra (sacrifice RBI) gained the victory. Nick Lehotsky (2 hits, 3 RBI), Charlie Lehman and Ray Cozzarelli (2 hits, 2 RBI each), and Demo Cervelli (triple, RBI) led Creative. Paul Brody (4-for-4), Robert Maley, John Tomaine (2 hits, HR, RBI) and Pat Sarullo led the Automen. Creative 15, Associated 3

Marv Scherb, Rich Vitaliano (RBI), Charlie Lehman (3 RBI) with three hits each, and Demo Cervelli (2 hits, 3 RBI) led Creative. Associates Robert Maley and Donny White had multihit games. Creative Industries moves on to play TLC.



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The Stage House/Alfonso's, Brew Crew/Awnings, St. Killian/St. Anne games are also in The Westfield Leader newspaper

KAUFFMAN KNOCKS IN 3 RUNS, SIMO KNOCKS IN 2

# **Stage House Flags Alfonso's** In 'A' Division Semis, 10-2

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Superior fielding overshadowed the powerful offense that would normally have seized the spotlight when the top-seeded Stage House faced the young bloods of Clean Green/ Alfonso's in the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division semifinal Game 3 at Jerseyland Field in

Scotch Plains on August 3. The veteran Stage House defense resembled vacuums in the infield, sucking up any ball hit near them, and gazelles in the outfield, chasing down deep drives that would normally drop in for extra bases in a regular-season game. Twelve, topshelf plays accounted for 14 putouts, and the first three came in the top of the first inning when Corey Berger made a running grab in leftfield. Shortstop Jon Lehberger made a diving stop deep in the hole and fired to first for a putout, and Berger followed with another running snag.

Second baseman Todd Simo made an over-the-shoulder catch in shallow right to start the second inning, and first baseman Mark Nies absorbed

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a stiff grounder. Right fielder Eddie Zazzali capped off the inning with the most spectacular catch of the evening when he snared Joe Tufaro's long drive just one step shy of the basketball court.

"That's one of the best I've seen," teammate John Pellazzato said. "It was awesome!'

"I didn't think I was going to get that," added Zazzali.

Before the remainder of the great fielding plays were made, the Stage House took a 1-0 lead when Neil Kauffman walked and later scored on

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times A TOUCH OF ROYALTY...Brew Crew superstar Don "the Count of" Montefusco not only had a hot stick at the plate, but

he also made a spectacular game-saving catch in the 8-7 win over Awnings Galore on August 5 in Scotch Plains.

**MONTEFUSCO MAKES GAME-SAVING CATCH IN 9TH** 

# Brew Crew Men 'Walk' Past Awnings Galore in 10th, 8-7

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Playoff spirit was certainly in the air with two teams full of players, who had a refuse-to-lose attitude, in Game 3 of the Union County Senior 50+ Softball League A Division quarterfinals at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 5.

With the bases jammed in the bottom of the 10th inning, Bob D'Meo watched four straight pitches fall away from the strike zone to give the Brew Crew, formally known as Buffy's and before that Antone's, an 8-7 victory over Awnings Galore.

To add to the intensity of Game 3, in Game 1, the Brew Crew squeaked by with a 6-5 decision, then in Game 2, Awnings salvaged a 1-0 victory.

"They scored in the first inning, and that was it," Brew Crew slugger Ron Kulik said.

With the intensity level at its peak, both teams sparkled with numerous outstanding defensive plays. In the infield, it was a showcase of dueling shortstops. Awnings' Granstrand converted several "deep in the hole" snags to putouts and added three "hold the runner in check" plays, while throwing to first for the putout. Crewman Geno Antonucci demonstrated on several occasions that he was capable of the same acts **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3** 



David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* GREAT PLAY AT SECOND BASE...Alfonso's second baseman Mike Lauricella, left, puts the tag on Stage House slugger Mark Nies after receiving a fine throw from leftfielder Sal Mastro in a Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division semifinal playoff game.

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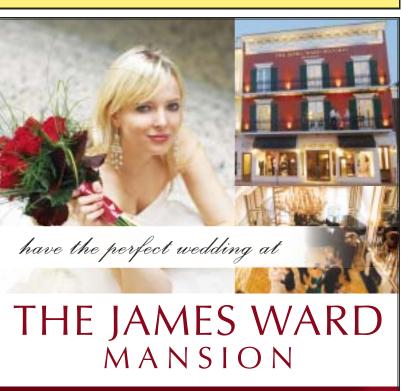
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# Stage House Flags Alfonso's in 'A' Semis, 10-2

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Berger's RBI "binker" into leftfield in the bottom of the second.

Simo used his quick reflexes to tag out Alfonzo's Mike Tufaro in the third, but offense, however, was needed and Stage House line coach Steve Barba shouted, "Let's get the line drives here! Everybody is anx-

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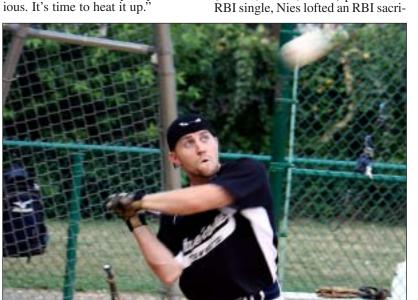
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His words of encouragement ignited a five-run, seven-hit third inning that put the Stage men in front, 6-0. Brian Dayton and Ron Germinder both singled, and Scotty Savarese (2for-4) sliced an RBI single. After Zazzali grounded out to second, Simo (2-for-4, 2 runs, 2 RBI) punched an



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times READY TO MAKE CONTACT...Stage House leadoff hitter Scotty Savarese of New Providence prepares to make contact with the ball. Savarese slashed a pair of singles in the game against Alfonso's on August 3.

fice fly, and Kauffman (2-for-3, 3 RBI) yanked a two-run single to right.

Alfonso's Steve Rivero ripped a two-out single in the fourth, but Nies sucked up a second sizzler to end the inning. In the fifth Alfonso's Sal Mastro drilled a leadoff triple and scored on Dave Rivero's RBI single, but Lehberger initiated a 6-4-3 double play before Rivero scored on an error to make the score 6-2.

Zazzali thumped a triple to lead off the fifth, Simo tapped an RBI infield single, and Nies followed with the first of his two singles. Lehberger lofted an RBI sac fly, and Kauffman slapped an RBI single to left. Mike Lauricella and Kevin DeGrazio led off the sixth with singles, but Simo put a damper into Alfonso's mini surge when he grabbed a grounder, tagged the runner heading to second and tossed to first for a double play.

The Stage House added its final run in the bottom of the sixth when Rojo Mason reached on a force play and later scored on an error. Over the next two innings, Stage House pitcher, Germinder, allowed just one single to Mike Tufaro, who finished 2-for-2, then John Rachko relieved him in the ninth and kept all three Alfonso's batters from reaching base safely.

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David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* WITH A PRESIDENTIAL FLARE...Jack Kennedy of St. Anne's ripped a pair of singles in the St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League game against St. Killian at Forest Road Park in Fanwood. St. Killian won, 6-5.

# HOPLER HITS 3-RUN HR, NARDI TAPS GAME WINNER

# St. Killian Stuns Annies, 6-5, On 14-Foot 'Dinker' in 7th

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Five double plays and a multitude of exceptional catches ruled the pace of the game, but it was a fourteen-foot "dinker" off the bat of Chris Nardi that gave St. Killian a comefrom-behind, 6-5, victory over St. Anne in St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's

Softball League action at Forest Road

Park in Fanwood on August 4. As the regular season neared its end and with the playoffs just over the horizon, St. Killian, clinging to the top spot in the Angels Division, and St. Anne, desperately trying to hold on to the third position in the Saints Division, needed to have their defenses perform well, and both teams

succeeded. Pitcher Joe Matuska initiated the first of Annie's three double plays, grabbing a one-hopper and tossing to shortstop Walt Patrylo at second, who fired to first baseman Karl Grossmann in the first inning. Patrylo initiated a second-to-first double play in the fifth inning and added a short-to-third (Bryan Munoz)-to-first double play in the sixth. Patrylo added a diving stop of a grounder and tossed to second for an out in the second inning, and Munoz absorbed a sizzling liner in the fourth.

Killian pitcher Harry Hopler initiated a short (Lou Messano)-to-first

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(Dan Nigro) double play in the fourth inning, and third baseman Scott Friedrichs scooped a grounder, tossed to second baseman Nardi, who fired to first for the double play in the fifth. Friedrichs and Messano made backto-back fine grabs in the second inning, and Messano added a smooth running grab in shallow centerfield in the third. Scott Curtis stole the show in centerfield with a pair of charging snags in the first and sixth innings, and a leaping grab in the seventh.

Killian totaled 15 hits, and the most impressive was Hopler's (2-for-2, 2 runs scored) three-run homer in the fourth inning. Curtis went 3-for-3 with an RBI. Nigro, who scored twice, whacked an RBI triple and singled. Nardi finished 2-for-3, and Messano had a pair of singles and scored once. Frank Litterio, Eric Fisher, Colin Craig and Harry Semple each singled, and Al Weber scored once.

Brian Williams (double) and Damon Roth (triple) both went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Jack Kennedy and Matuska each went 2for-2. Keith Karyczak singled and scored once. Patrylo (run scored) and Grossmann each had an RBI sacrifice fly, and Munoz scored once.

St. Anne came out of the shoot quickly with three runs in the top of the first. Karyczak ripped a leadoff single, Williams lined an RBI double and Munoz reached safely on an error. Patrylo and Grossmann followed with their sac flies. The Annies upped

their lead to 5-0 in the fourth when Patrylo walked and Roth hammered his triple to right and scored on a throwing error.

When Killian came in to bat, Nigro suggested, "Come on! We need some base runners.

Weber walked, Messano lined out to left, Nigro singled and Hopler whammed his three-run shot over the right fielder's head.

"Way to wake up the bats," Nigro

In the fifth, after Friedrichs turned his double play and Killian came in to bat, Messano commented, "Somebody woke up a sleeping giant."

Craig and Fisher began the inning and singles. Litterio followed with a single to right, but Karyczak grabbed the ball and fired home to nail Craig as he attempted to score. A double play ended the threat and kept the giant silent a little longer.

The Annies were silent with their sticks in the seventh but not Killian. Messano dribbled a single, Nigro slashed an RBI triple down the right field line, Hopler walked and Curtis tied the game with an RBI single. Jason Semple popped out to short, and Friedrichs lined out to left for the second out. Harry Semple walked to load the bases then Nardi took a mighty swing. The ball "dinked" along the third baseline. Hopler roared home to beat the throw.

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# Brew Crew 50+ Men 'Walk' Past Awnings Galore in 10th, 8-7

of brilliance. Awnings second baseman Neil Granstrand smothered a few sizzlers and converted them to putouts, while Brew Crew first baseman Gary Capaldo added a pair of successful smothers and a fine

stretch for putouts. Awnings leftfielder Charlie Babela made it look interesting on several occasions but came through with numerous fine catches. Brew Crew right fielder D'Meo and leftfielder John Fessock made key grabs, but the most important snag of the evening came in the top of the ninth inning. With the score knotted, 7-7, and the bases loaded, Awnings' Tom Breen drilled a gapper into shallow center, but Crewman Don "the Count of" Montefusco charged and made a sliding, game-saving catch to salvage the evening. "I always feel that I am going to

catch everything. It was a hard line drive. I came charging in. I had to make the catch or lose the game. I had to give it all I had. Luckily enough, the ball stayed up, and I caught it," Montefusco explained. "It kept us in the game and gave us a chance to get up and win it.

The parity was also at the plate, as the Crewmen totaled 17 hits and Awnings totaled 16. Awnings Brian Granstrand hit singles in all five of his at-bats, scored once and had an RBI. Breen scored twice, ripped two singles and had two RBI. Pitcher Tom Pasko had three singles and an RBI. Bob Grausam, Babela (RBI) and Fred Amado each singled and scored once. Ray Meigs and Joe Bihler each singled and had an RBI, Niel Granstrand singled, and Bruce Crawford scored once.

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Crewman Kulik rapped four singles and scored once. Greg Hartnett, who was intentionally walked once, hammered a two-run triple, singled twice and scored twice. "Duck" Ball had three singles and scored once. Pitcher Bob Lieberman (RBI) singled twice and scored once. Montefusco singled, had an RBI sacrifice fly and scored twice. Antonucci and Fessock, who was intentionally walked twice, each had a single and an RBI. Capaldo (run scored) and Joe Viso (RBI) each

Montefusco reached on an error

and later scored on Antonucci's groundout to short to give the Brew Crew a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Awnings tied it in the second when Breen singled and later scored on Bihler's RBI single to left. In the third, Breen smacked a two-run single, Pasko punched an RBI single, and Meigs lofted an RBI sac fly to right, giving Awnings a somewhat shaded 5-1 lead.

The Brew Crew shed some light on their hopes with three runs in the bottom of the inning, highlighted by Hartnett's two-run triple to right, but Awnings added two runs on three hits in the fourth to seize a 7-4 lead.

"We are in a dogfight! We got to be barking the loudest," snapped Lieberman as the Brew Crew came to

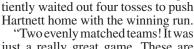
After Ball began making barking noises that sounded more like that of a Yorkie Terrier, an unidentified teammate snarled, "We need a much bigger bark than that!"

Foaming like rabid dogs, the Brew Crew lathered the bottom of the fourth inning with three runs on four hits to tie the score. Lieberman, Viso and Montefusco each had an RBI.

While Awnings produced only two singles over the next four innings, the Brew Crew tapped two singles in the sixth inning and had a bases-loaded situation in the seventh but failed to score on both opportunities.

After Montefusco made his spectacular catch in the ninth, the Crew failed to immediately capitalize, but Awnings went down 1-2-3 in the 10th. Hartnett hopped a leadoff single over second in the bottom of the inning, and Antonucci duplicated it as Antonucci scooted to third. Fessock was ceded his second intentional walk to load the basses, and D'Meo patiently waited out four tosses to push

just a really great game. These are great guys who we played. We had a great series," Montefusco said.



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IN A MARATHON GAME...Brew Crew pitcher Bob Lieberman had to endure 10 innings on the mound before his team nipped Awnings Galore, 8-7, in the Union County Senior 50+ League playoffs.

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

# **Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Playoffs:**

50+ A DIVISION: **Brew Crew 6, Awnings Galore 5** Awnings 1, Brew Crew 0

In a tremendous pitching dual, winning pitcher Tom Pasko, got the only run he needed in the first inning, scoring on a single by Neil Granstrand after Bob Grausam led off with a triple. Awnings turned three double plays. The Brew Crew loaded the bases with no outs in the sixth but failed to score. Awnings' Bob Grausam, Neil Granstrand and Ray Meigs had two

Brew Crew 8, Awnings 7 (10 innings) The Brew Crew moved on to the

next round. Liberty Lighting 9, Molly Maguire's 7

Pitcher Al Betau received terrific defensive plays from Rick Regenthal, Steve Pietrucha, Tom Mac and Harry Semple.

**Liberty 15, Molly Maguire's 11**Trailing 7-1 in the third inning, the Mollies knotted it 11-11 after five innings. Liberty scored in the top of the seventh. Mollies John Hartnett homered, while Keenan Phelan, Vic Trindate and Bill Hinkle each added

#### 50+ B DIVISON: Lindas Driftwood Bar & Grill I, 12, Sun Tavern 4

Steve Lerner, Ron Horinko and Ron Martins (all 3-for-3), Steve Adase, Keith McDede, Rich Krov and Tom Siano (2 hits each) and Jack Helfrich (HR) led Linda's. Linda's Steve and Joseph Adase turned three double plays. Jim Price and Bill Moore (multi-hit games) and Rich Polonitza (HR) led Sun Tavern belted a home run.

Linda's I, 8, Sun Tavern 1 Linda's infield of John Esposito, Steve Adase, Joseph Adase, Ron Horinko and pitcher Tom Siano Kowalski, Ron Horinko, and Rich

Krov had multi-hit games. Bill Moore, Chris Moore and Steve Falco had two hits each for the Sunmen. Magnolia Auto 18, D&K 17

D&K 16, Magnolia 12 D&K 19, Magnolia 7 D&K Associates advanced.

Linda's I, 16, Linda's II, 15 Joseph Adase drove in the winning run in the top of the final inning. For the victors, Joe Sarica, Keith McDede, Steve Adase and Mac Kowalski had

multi-hit games.
SUPER 60S RESULTS: Nicolina Pizza 8, The Office 3

The Pizza men shut out The Office over the last four innings. Nicolina's Bob DeBellis, Ed Kushner and Walt Serafyn had three hits each. Officer Brian McDermott had two hits (triple,

Nicolina 19, The Office 16

Nicolina grabbed an 8-0 lead, but The Office cut the lead to 8-6 in the bottom of the second. Nicolina's Carmen Capolla, Ed Kushner, Ron Virgilio and Tony Orlando (3BH) had three hits each. Brian McDermott (4 hits, double, HR, 4 RBI) and Ed Spinelli (3 hits, 3 runs, 2 RBI) sparked

Nicolina will face Kilkenny House. Creative Industries 13, Associated Auto 5

Creative plated three in the second, five in the fourth and four in the fifth. Pitcher Larry Berra (sacrifice RBI) gained the victory. Nick Lehotsky (2 hits, 3 RBI), Charlie Lehman and Ray Cozzarelli (2 hits, 2 RBI each), and Demo Cervelli (triple, RBI) led Creative. Paul Brody (4-for-4), Robert Maley, John Tomaine (2 hits, HR, RBI) and Pat Sarullo led the Automen. Creative 15, Associated 3

Mary Scherb, Rich Vitaliano (RBI). Charlie Lehman (3 RBI) with three hits each, and Demo Cervelli (2 hits, 3 RBI) led Creative. Associates Robstopped several Sun Tavern rallies. ert Maley and Donny White had multi-Joe Sarica, Steve Adase, Mac hit games. Creative Industries moves on to play TLC.



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GREAT NIGHT AT THE PLATE...Brew Crew leadoff hitter Ron Kulik rapped four singles in five at-bats in the 10-inning playoff game against Awnings Galore at Jerseyland Field in Scotch Plains on August 5.

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A SLAM DUNK...In June, Westlake School on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield held its annual outdoor carnival, where students enjoyed cotton candy, skeeball, face painting and many other activities, including the always-favorite, Dunk The Teacher. Westlake staff and volunteers from Goldman Sachs Community Teamworks Volunteer Program managed the booths. Westlake School, a member of the Union County Educational Services Commission, serves students from ages 7 to 21 who have multiple disabilities, including cognitive impairments, physical disabilities and autism spectrum disorders.

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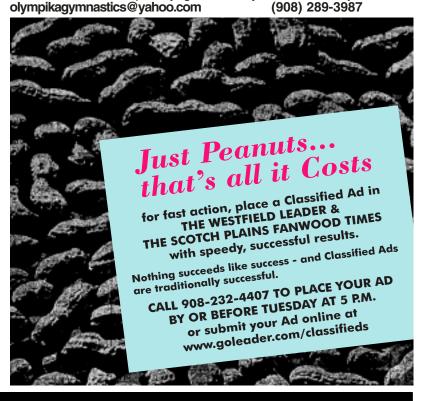
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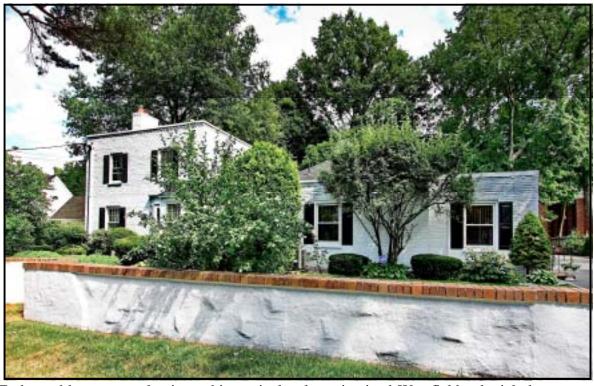
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TRENTON — Stressing the need for increased efficiency in delivering services rather than continually raising costs on New Jersey families, Governor Chris Christie vetoed A-2921, which would have eliminated the August 1, 2010 sunset provision under a 2007 law that provides funds for the New Jersey Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS).

The bill would have allowed the state registrar to charge an enhanced \$15 fee on a permanent basis for each human burial, removal or transit permit issued, rather than reverting back to \$5, as current law provides.

The New Jersey Electronic Death

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#### **TOWN OF WESTFIELD**

Public Notice is hereby given that an ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting held August 3, 2010, and that the said Council will further consider the same for final passage on the 14th day of September, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which time and place any person who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance

Claire J. Gray Town Clerk

**GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1962** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF **WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 13** 

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

SECTION I. Section 13-4.4 – "Turn Prohibitions" of the Town Code shall be changed by

adding the following language: Turn Intersection: Ludlow Place

Prohibited: U-Turn Movement Prohibited: No U-Turn between Clark Street and Nelson Place in

both directions Section 13-20 – "Same – at all times"

of the Town Code shall be changed by adding the following language: Ludlow Place, northwesterly side, from the easterly curb line of Clark Street and extending in a northeasterly direction for a

Section 13-21.5 – "Handicapped parking space - On street." of the Town Code shall be changed by adding the following

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SECTION II. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict or inconsistent with any part of the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or inconsistent.

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

SECTION IV. This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication, as soon as, and in the manner permitted by

1 T - 8/12/10, The Leader Fee: \$58.65

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### **TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Notice is hereby given that Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted Resolutions at its August 9, 2010 meeting for the following applications heard at its July 12, 2010 meeting.

F&J Foot, Inc. 112-116 Cacciola Place, Applicant sought extension of previous approval of preliminary major site plan with use and bulk variances. Approval granted February 2008 extended to July 2010. Applicant sought an extension pursuant to the Permit Extension Act of 2008 as extended to December 31, 2012. Application approved.

New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 109 North Avenue West, Block 3103, Lot 12 (the "Property"), Applicant purposed to erect on the East Elevation of the existing building one new externally-illuminated wall sign of ±28.53 square feet and to switch and relocate the existing North Elevation illuminated wall sign of +30.61 square feet to the West Elevation and the existing West Elevation illuminated wall sign of +15.42 square feet to the North Elevation Applicant sought variance relief from the following Sections of the Land Use Ordi-

§16.04E1 - Ordinance allows one exterior sign at the main entrance. Presently there are two wall signs. The proposal is to switch the North and West Elevation signs

and erect a third sign on the East Elevation §16.04E1b - Ordinance allows a sign height of 12 feet. Proposed are heights of 13 feet 8 inch (West Elevation), 13 feet 11 1/4 inch (North Elevation, existing condi-

tion) and 12 feet (East Elevation). Applicant will also sought variances as may be required from §16.04E.1c (maximum horizontal dimension of main entrance sign) and §16.04E1d (maximum vertical dimension of main entrance sign Amended application approved with conditions.

Mr. & Mrs. William Crandall, 40 Canterbury Lane, Applicant sought permission to expand an existing covered porch contrary to Section 11.07E5 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a front vard setback of 45.1 feet (EFYD). Proposed was 37 feet to 40 feet. Application approved with conditions.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Catania, 4 Azalea Trail - Applicant sought permission to construct a one story addition contrary to Section 12.04F1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance allows a maximum building coverage of 20%. Proposed is 21%

Application approved with conditions. Danny A. Reverendo, 589 Sherwood Parkway - Applicant sought permission to construct a two-story addition to the rear of the house contrary to Sections 11.09E6 and 11.09E13 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet. Proposed was 8 feet. Ordinance allows a maximum zoning mass at a side yard of 25 feet. Proposed was 45 feet 2 inches. **Application approved with** conditions.

Kathleen Nemeth Secretary, Board of Adjustment 1 T - 8/12/10, The Leader Fee: \$65.28 Registration Support Fund was created in 2004 to meet the developmental and operational costs of the New Jersey EDRS and to reimburse local registrars involved in the process. In 2007, the Legislature passed a law increasing the fee from \$5 to \$15 until August 1, 2010, at which time it was to revert back to \$5.

"The economic crisis affects every citizen of the state. I reject the mindset that renewing, prolonging or extending temporary fees is the way to solve our problems," Governor Christie

"Although I fully support the main-tenance of the EDRS, I will not sign this bill into law. It is not fair to make the citizens of New Jersey continue to pay increased fees for the burial of their loved ones," the Governor said through a statement released by his press secretary.

The Governor added that the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has sufficient resources to maintain the EDRS without further burdening citizens with an enhanced fee.

"State government must live within its means," the Governor continued. 'We must increase efficiency, and find ways to deliver essential services without raising costs. By declining to sign Assembly Bill No. 2921, I am affirming my administration's commitment to these principles."

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### TOWN OF WESTFIELD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

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

Westfield, New Jersey.
The person who holds 100% interest in Pendelton Place, Old Bridge, New Jersey

Objections, if any, should be made in writing to Claire J. Gray, Municipal Clerk of the Town of Westfield, 425 East Broad

> Chintan Patel 128 Pendelton Place Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857

2 T - 8/12 & 8/19/10, The Leader

Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

#### Fee: \$48.96 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

TOWN OF WESTFIELD **COUNTY OF UNION** 

#### **NEW JERSEY NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, in the Town of Westfield Municipal Building Court Room, 425 East Broad Street on Tuesday, August 31st, at

#### EXISTING CONCESSION AREA ALTERATION AND EXPANSION AT MEMORIAL

in accordance with Drawings and Specifications prepared by Thomas DiGiorgio Architecture, Westfield, New Jersey. No bids shall be received after the time desig-

nated above. Plans and specifications will be available for pick up on Monday, August 16, 2010, at Westfield Recreation Department.

One set of complete documents may be obtained upon the payment of One Hundred Twenty Five dollars (\$125.00) per project for each set. Deposits are nonrefundable. Drawings and Specifications are on file at 425 East Broad Street in the Recreation office and may be examined and obtained there between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. daily except Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Checks must be made payable to the order of the "**Town** of Westfield". Bidders must use, and fully complete the proposal pages included with the specifications furnished by the Owner and comply with all requirements attached thereto, including the following:

1. An experience record of the bidder; 2. Certified Check or a Bid Bond in an amount not less than 10% of the amount for which the bid is submitted, but not in excess of \$20,000.00, furnished by a Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey;

- 3. A Non-Collusion Affidavit; A Consent of Surety:
- Qualification Statement; and,
- Ownership disclosure statement; Affirmative Action Information.

Certificate Each bid must be submitted and enclosed in a sealed envelope with the name and address of the bidder and the project title and contract number clearly shown on

New Jersey Business Registration

The bid shall be directed to the attention

#### **Town Clerk Town of Westfield** Municipal Building 425 East Broad Street

Westfield, New Jersey 07090-2196 The Owner expressly reserves the right to reject any or all bids, accept and enter into contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the project, or combined projects, or to waive any informalities in the bids and accompanying documents received, should it be deemed to be in the best

interest of the Owner. The Owner also reserves the right to correct any erroneous mathematical computations in any proposals submitted, and to consider the bid on the basis of the corrected total or totals. The written figures shall prevail over the numerical fig-

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.) entitled "Law Against Discrimination".

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1999, c. 39 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-23.1 and 40A:11-23.2).

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of PL. 1999, C.238 The Public Works Contractor Registration Act. Bidders are required to comply with the

requirements of P.L. 2004, c. 57 New Jersey Business Registration Act.
M. Bruce Kaufmann

Recreation Director 1 T - 8/12/10, The Leader Fee: \$80.07



MOVING ON UP...Westfield residents Kyle Heffernan and Benjamin Verchick, left to right, participated in the Morristown-Beard School eighth-grade Moving-Up ceremony in June along with Westfield resident Zachary Baum (not pictured).

# **Local Teen Pursues Dream At Rutgers Conservatory**

WESTFIELD - Westfield's own Annie Oldakowski decided to chase her dream of becoming a professional actress as a student in the eighth annual installment of the prestigious Rutgers Summer Acting Conservatory for High School Students (RSAC).

Described as "a boot camp for actors," RSAC is a four-week residency program running through late July on the New Brunswick Douglass campus; it offers students an intense preprofessional and wide-ranging acting and theater curriculum.

According to Annie, "RSAC was everything I was looking for in a summer experience. We work hard every day, but it felt as if I was just having fun. I enjoyed all of my classes. I thought I knew everything, but RSAC is really just the beginning to a beautiful and lifelong love of theater."

Annie is a student at Westfield High School. Some of her favorite credits include Oliver!, Museum and The Mystery of Edwin Drood.

Annie's work at RSAC culminated with a showcase on July 24 for fellow students and family.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT, BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES 1035 PARKWAY AVENUE, PO BOX 605

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received via the Internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on 9/9/10, downloaded, and publicly opened and read, from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.1 et seq.; in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton,

Maintenance Machine Sweeping Contract, North - 2011, Various locations including and North of Route 57, Counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris,

Passaic, Sussex, Union, and Warren 100% State, DP No: 10462 Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 N.J.A.C 17:27. The awarded bidder must provide a completed Contractor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contribution Form(s) according to both P.L 2205, C.51 and Executive Order No. 117 within fourteen (14) days from the award date. Executive Order No: 117 is effective on November 15, 2008. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, all bidders must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue, Business Registration, as of the date of bids. The awarded bidder must provide proof of valid business registration within fourteen (14) days from the award date. Pursuant to the Public Works Contractor Registration Act", N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq. (P.L. 2003, c. 91), all bidders must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance, at the time of bid. The awarded bidder must provide proof

of PWCR within fourteen (14) days from the award date. The Department, in accordance with Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252 U.S.C., 49 C.F.R., Parts 21 and 23 issued pursuant to such Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 will afford minority business enterprises full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any bidder on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or handicap in the project award.

lans, specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website www.bidx.com. You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe follow the instructions on the website. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express. Plans, specifications, and bidding information may be inspected (<u>BUT NOT OBTAINED</u>) by contracting organizations at our Design Field Offices at the following locations:

200 Stierli Court Mt. Arlington, NJ Freehold, NJ 732-308-4025 3 T - 8/12/10, 8/19/10 and 8/26/10, The Leader

Route 79 and Daniels Way 1 Executive Campus Rt 70W Cherry Hill, NJ

856-486-6624 Fee: \$201.96

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that an ordinance of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting held August 3, 2010, and that the said Council will further consider the same for final passage on the 14th day of September, 2010 at 8:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at which time and place any person who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD** 

## **GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1961**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1899 EN-TITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN EM-PLOYEES OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD AND VARIOUS AMENDMENTS THERETO."

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of Westfield in the County of Union as follows: That General Ordinance No. 1899, as titled above, be and is hereby amended to read

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT

I. ANNUAL SALARIES

(1) All salaries shall be retroactive to their effective dates and the annual salaries of the Westfield Fire Department shall be as follows:

Salary Schedule without EMT in Base **Effective Effective Effective** Effective Jan. 1, 2011 Feb. 1, 2012 Feb. 15, 2009 Jan. 1, 2010 \$99,700 \$99,700 \$107,302 \$110,253 Captain (Grade 2)\* Captain (Grade 1)\* \$95.593 \$95.593 \$102.882 \$105,711 Lieutenant (Grade 2) \$91,486 \$91,486 \$98,462 \$101,170 Lieutenant (Grade 1) Firefighter (Maximum) \$82,061 \$82,061 \$88,319 \$90,747 Firefighter (Grade 6) \$78,905 \$82,949 \$82,949 Firefighter (Grade 5) \$73,365 \$73,365 \$77,125 \$77,125

Firefighter (Grade 4) Firefighter (Grade 3) Firefighter (Grade 2) Firefighter (Grade 1) Firefighter (Probation)	\$65,214 \$57,056 \$46,938 \$41,682 \$35,090	\$65,214 \$57,056 \$46,938 \$41,682 \$35,090	\$68,556 \$59,980 \$49,344 \$43,818 \$36,888	\$68,556 \$59,980 \$49,344 \$43,818 \$36,888
Salary Schedule with E	MT in Base Effective Feb. 15, 2009	Effective Jan. 1, 2010	Effective Jan. 1, 2011	Effective Feb. 1, 201
Captain (Grade 2)*	\$101,668	\$101,668	\$109,419	\$112,428
Captain (Grade 1)*	\$97,560	\$97,560	\$104,999	\$107,887
Lieutenant (Grade 2)	\$93,453	\$93,453	\$100,578	\$103,344
Lieutenant (Grade 1)	\$88,739	\$88,739	\$95,506	\$98,132
Firefighter (Maximum)	\$84,029	\$84,029	\$90,436	\$92,923
Firefighter (Grade 6)	\$80,712	\$80,712	\$84,849	\$84,849
Firefighter (Grade 5)	\$75,172	\$75,172	\$79,025	\$79,025
Firefighter (Grade 4)	\$67,021	\$67,021	\$70,456	\$70,456
Firefighter (Grade 3)	\$58,864	\$58,864	\$61,881	\$61,881
Firefighter (Grade 2)	\$48,689	\$48,689	\$51,184	\$51,184
Firefighter (Grade 1)	\$43,433	\$43,433	\$45,659	\$45,659
Firefighter (Probation)	\$36,842	\$36,842	\$38,730	\$38,730
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\* Effective January 1, 2011 the title of Captain will be changed to Battalion Chief as per Article 22, Section 6 of the collective negotiations agreement. Any or all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict, or inconsistent, with any part of the

terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are in such conflict or In the event that any section, part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court, such holdings shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so held unconstitutional or

This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication as soon as, and in the manner provided by law. 1 T - 8/12/10. The Leader Fee: \$234.00

# **Tyler Maccubbin Serves As DWC Summer Intern**

WESTFIELD – The Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), with the assistance of a Westfield Foundation grant, has hired Tyler Maccubbin for its summer intern position.

The Westfield Foundation grants provide non-profit and civic organizations with financial assistance to provide summer employment to an

A 2006 graduate of Westfield High School, Tyler currently is a senior public relations major at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

A former captain of Westfield High School winter and spring track and field, Tyler is captain of James Madison University's Men's Rugby Team and also is a fitness instructor at the university.

He also is a member of the Public Relations Student Society of America and currently is studying for his National Strength and Conditioning Association certification exam.

Working closely with DWC Executive Director Sherry Cronin, Assistant Executive Director Beth Brenner and Online Marketing Manager Jamie Lemberg, he has been

involved in the planning and promoting of summer events such as the Downtown Westfield 5K & Pizza Extravaganza, Sweet Sounds Downtown Jazz Festivals and Summer Sidewalk Sales.

This year, particular focus was placed on the America in Bloom Competition, locally known as "Westfield in Bloom," and the beautification of Downtown Westfield.

Tyler will be finishing his summer employment focusing on press releases, and the September Restaurant Week promotion.

#### **FW's Schreiber Earns B.S.** at Grove City

FANWOOD - A senior class of 612 students earned degrees during commencement exercises at Grove City College in May.

Among the graduates was Katie Schreiber, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in Entrepreneurship.

A 2006 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, she is the daughter of Andrew and Jennifer Schreiber of Fanwood.



SHATTERING LAST YEAR'S RECORD...The challenge starts out every year, on the first day of school. McKinley Principal Claudia Andreski sets a reading goal for the year and asks the McKinley student body to try its best to meet or beat its previous year's reading goal. Throughout the year, the students keep track of all the books they have read, and they submit their reading sheets to Mrs. Andreski at the end of every month. Not only did they meet the much-increased reading goal, they surpassed it. The original challenge was to beat last year's 17,000-book total and try to hit 20,000, a tall order. But as shown in the photograph above, the students surpassed even that goal by reading 20,380 books.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE**

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF AUDIT REPORT FOR PUBLICATION SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2009 AUDIT REPORT OF TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S. 40A:5-7 COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS-STATUTORY BASIS

DECEMBER

\$ 17,875,000.00 \$ 18,480,000.00

\$ 2,550,000.00 \$ 2,900,000.00

\$ 2,833,128.33 \$ 2,999,274.68

1.819.017.28

1,825,592.44

10,118,765.34

DECEMBER

1.915.381.98

9.531.093.43

1,494,608.47

	31, 2009	31, 2008
ASSETS	,	,
Cash and Investments	\$ 13,536,347.92	\$ 12,487,584.26
Taxes, Assessments, Liens		
and Utility Charges Receivable	1,521,397.23	1,181.531.59
Property Acquired for Taxes -		
Assessed Value	284,900.00	284,900.00
Accounts Receivable	576,079.88	327,866.65
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation -		
General Capital	18,914,547.42	20,152,790.21
Deferred Charges to Revenues		
of Succeeding Years		
Fixed Assets	37,135,344.55	36,922,482.77
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 71,968,617.00	\$ 71,357,155.48
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALAN	ICE	

Improvement Authorizations

Fund Balance

Fund Balance Utilized

Fund Balance, December 31

Town Clerk

Other Liabilities and Special Funds

Reserve for Certain Assets Receivable

Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED

3,013,588.83 36,922,482.77 3,194,897.39 37,135,344.55 Investment in General Fixed Assets **TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES** AND FUND BALANCE \$ 71,968,617.00 \$ 71,357,155.48 **COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS** AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE **CURRENT FUND-STATUTORY BASIS YEAR 2009 YEAR 2008** 

Property Tax Levies Collection of Delinquent Taxes and	6,966,224.91 7,398,709.18	
Tax Title Liens	1,032,534.88 893,816.08	
Collection of Current Tax Levy	84,795,803.90 83,508,977.71	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 95,344,563.69 \$ 94,701,502.97	
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Municipal Purposes	\$ 21,327,878.85 \$ 23,227,259.34	
County Taxes	15,153,488.59 14,841,488.00	
Regional School Taxes	56,180,709.66 54,184,143.61	
Open Space Trust Fund Taxes	199,432.94 199,632.04	
Other Expenditures	99,200.00 7,228.75	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 92,960,710.04 \$ 92,459,751.74	
Excess in Revenue	\$ 2,383,853.65 \$ 2,241,751.23	
Fund Balance, January 1	2,999,274.68 3,657,523.45	
	\$ 5,383,128.33 \$ 5,899,274.68	
Less: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	2,550,000.00 2,900,000.00	

#### **COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS** AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE SEWER UTILITY FUND

YEAR 2009
\$ 2,632,947.59 1,587.02
\$ 2,634,534.61
\$ 2,416,590.00 18,210.00 25,000.00 \$ 2,459,800.00
\$ 174,734.61
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\$ 174,734.61

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the report of audit of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, for the calendar year 2009. This report of audit, submitted by Suplee, Clooney & Company, Registered Municipal Accountants and Certified Public Accountants, is on file at the Township Clerk's office and may be inspected by any interested person.

> Township Clerk Fee: \$165.24

1 T - 8/12/10, The Times

Westfield Students Earn 51

**Perfect SAT Scores This Year** 

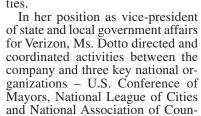


LEAVING A LEGACY BEHIND...An annual tradition, the fifth-grade class at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison planted a tree on campus before their Moving-Up Ceremony on June 9, which marks their official entry into middle school. After fifth-grade teachers Debbie Kendall and Nicole Nolan read a special message to wish them well in their future school endeavors, each student had the opportunity to "dig deep" and shovel dirt into the hole where the tree would be planted. Pictured above, Jake Payami of Scotch Plains helps plant the tree as his

# **Dotto Joins UCC; Becomes Director of College Relations**

CRANFORD - Ellen Dotto, of Berkeley Heights, has joined Union County College as secretary of the boards and the executive director of college relations.

Dotto comes to Union County College having worked for more than 35 years for Verizon and its predecessor companies, Bell Atlantic and New Jersey Bell. The former telecommunications executive is an experienced lobbyist on the local, county, state and national levels, and served as Bell Atlantic's external affairs director in Union, Middlesex and Somerset coun-



Ms. Dotto also served Verizon as the vice-president of state government affairs, in which she was Verizon New Jersey's lobbyist in

Trenton. In this position, worked with both houses of the state legislature and the governor's office on telecommunications issues.

Ms. Dotto is currently vicepresident of the **Executive Women** of New Jersey. She has been honored as one of New Jersey's Best 50 Women in Business. She has served on various boards, including the Union County College Board of Governors and

Board of Trustees; the United States Conference of Mayors Business Council Steering Committee; the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey; the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce and the Union County Economic Development Corporation. She is also a graduate of Leadership New Jersey.

Marquardt (The Marquardt Family),

Chloe Cimino (The Merry Mathletes),

Andrew Mathews (The Mathews Family), Amani Williams (The Wise Will-

iams), Amelia Morel (The Morel Fam-

ily), Zachary Polak (Team Polak), Ross

Baron, Jerry Zhu (Team Zhu) and

The proceeds from the competition

more than 60 participants who compete in mathematical competitions, pro-

duce math tutorial imovies and partici-

pate in other engaging programs that

improve mathematical abilities.

Westfield Leader

Wall Street Journal

NY Times (NJ Edition)

NY Post and Many More...

Star Ledger

**Daily News** 

**Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times** 

Phillip Tice (Team TNT).



MATH-LETIC" PROWESS...From left to right, Marcus Shaw, Zakary Elseht, Andrew Mu, Irem Gure, Mohnish Sabhani, and Luke Zhuang proudly display their Math Masters' title with Principal Lisa Rebimbas, back right.

# Park Middle School **Celebrates Math Masters**

SCOTCH PLAINS - On a weekend in June, Park Middle School students, families and friends dedicated more than 434 hours solving more than 156,000 math problems in one weekend in the second annual Math Masters' Tournament.

From June 11 to 13, more than 150 students and their families played an interactive online math game, "First in Math," to accumulate points to attain the coveted title of "Math Master."

One parent who participated said, "For the student, it's a great way to learn. For the family, it was a good way to enhance mental alertness and to sharpen our wits and, above all, to be a part of the school activity.'

The Math Masters' Tournament was open to all students in fifth through eighth grades and their families, and is run by Park Middle School Teacher Brian Rawlins. Because of the efforts of Principal Lisa Rebimbas and the Park Middle School PTA, led by Maggie Savoca, the number of participants more than doubled, breaking last year's tournament record.

There was also a strong presence of family teams participating in the event, demonstrating the community's commitment to math education. The Math Masters title went to Andrew Mu, who solved more than 5,000 math problems with varying degrees of difficulty. Second place went to Luke Zhuang, and third place was awarded to Mohnish Sabhani

In the Family/Team category, Marcus Shaw of the Tri-Hards Team took first place; Irem Gure of the Gure Monsters Team claimed second, and Zakary Elseht of Team Elseht placed third in the Family/Team all-around.

Other top performers were Darya Ganzha, Connor Reddington, Paul Triamarit, Aboluwarin Songonugo, Adesh Thanawala, Connor Walsh, John



a perfect 800.

Zachary Zagorski. On the May 2010 test, the following Westfield High School students attained 800 and are pictured here

Allison Rose, Deborah Wu and

WESTFIELD - Westfield High

School (WHS) students achieved 51

perfect 800 scores on SAT1 or SAT2

tests administered during the 2009-2010 school year. Approximately one-

half of 1 percent of the more than 1.4 million students taking the SAT score

The most recent SAT scores resulted from the June 2010 test date

were just released: Margaret Jacobi, critical reading; Josh Friedman, math;



with Principal Peter Renwick: seated, left to right, are: Nicholas Chopey, math; Danielle Fields, molecular biology; Jeffrey Yang, math; Sarah Crawford, math; and, standing, Michael Levidy, critical reading. Missing from the photo is Emma

Foley, math.

Earlier in 2010, 800 SAT's were achieved in January and March by the WHS students pictured below: Starting at front row, from left to right, are: Victoria Cheung, molecular biology; Wenqi Duan, math II; Thomas Callahan, Evan Rae Hindes, and, top row, Madeline Horowitz, and Alison Rose, math; and Cheryl Wu, critical reading.



Missing from the photo are: Justin Erickson, Anne Maguire, Nicholas Roth, Joshua Simmons and David Osterman, math; Michael Levidy and Nicholas Roth, critical reading, and Nikki Koll, writing.

The names of the WHS students attaining an "800" in the fall SAT of 2009 had been reported earlier in the school year. Together with the recent data reported here, the combined total for the 2009,2010 school year is 51 perfect SAT scores achieved by students at Westfield High School.

Mr. Renwick congratulated the students for the "outstanding achievement," adding, "it speaks volumes about your abilities and your commitment to your education."

Hoffmann was among a team of eight

teachers from New Jersey that cre-

ated thematic units in line with the

New Jersey Core Curriculum Stan-

Mrs. Hoffman's work, which was

created for grades 10 to 12, was ac-

cepted by the World Language coordi-

nator for the New Jersey Department

# WF Students Rank in Top 10 For Natl. French Exam

dards.

WESTFIELD – National ranking was earned by 14 Westfield High School students, and 20 top state rankings were awarded in Le Grand Concours 2010, the National French

The National French examenrolled more than 100,000 students in Le Grand Concours 2010, with the following Westfield High School students receiving top honors in the United States and New Jersey:

Level 1: (state, national rankings) Zoe Greenburg – 4, 5; Danielle Lipschutz – 6, 7; Lucas Bizzarro – 7,

Level 2: Meaghan Fleck - 6, 7; Michaela Nies – 9, 10.

Level 3: Geena Gao - 6, 6; Stephanie Tepper – 6, 6; Leonidas Tolias -8, 9Level 4: Priya Nayer – 3, 7; Danielle

Fields -5, 9; Nicolas Chapel -6, 10; Patrick Conlon – 7, n/a; Olivia Ryan -7, n/a; Emma Gross -8, n/a; Megan Nogan – 8, n/a; Josh Mazen – 8 Level 5: Amy Rosenfeld – 6, 8;

Abby Burton – 8, 10; Yixiao Wang –

In addition to the honors received by students, Westfield High School French teacher Marie-Laure

#### WF's Taylor Makes W. Forest Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Wake Forest University has announced that Katherine Taylor of Westfield has been inducted into Lambda Pi Eta - the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association (NCA).

To be eligible, students must achieve a GPA of at least 3.0 for all courses taken and have at least a 3.25 GPA for all communication-studies

Katherine also was named to Wake Forest's dean's list for the 2010 spring semester. Students who achieve a 3.4 and no grade below a "C" were named to the list.

She has worked as a producer for WAKE-TV for three years as well as

A 2007 graduate of Westfield High School, Katherine will graduate in Spring 2011 with a double major in communications and elementary education. She is the daughter of Kim and Bill Taylor.

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of Education and appears online at the department's website: state.nj.us/education/aps/cccs/wl/action/. According to an excerpt from the Department of Education, "The World

Languages Standard in Action documents... provide support for curriculum specialists and teachers in the design and implementation of curriculum that includes strong integration of technology applications aligned to the 2009 New Jersey Core Curriculum Standard for World Lan-

#### **Area Students Make FDU Honor's List**

AREA - Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus has released the names of New Jersey students who qualified for the Honors List for the Spring 2010 Semester.

To qualify for the Honors List, a student must carry a 3.5 or better gradepoint average out of a possible 4.0 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours (four courses).

The following have qualified: Natalie Allcock of Cranford, Thomas Anthes of Cranford, Ashley Dunnan of Westfield and Erin Roudebush of Westfield



OFF TO COLLEGE...Westfield residents Evan Bakst, left, and Kevin Hearon graduated from Morristown-Beard School on Saturday, June 12. Evan will attend Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., in the fall, while Kevin will attend Hobart College in Geneva, N.Y.



## **Pumped to Pump Gas**

By CYNTHIA LAM

'New Jersey: We don't pump our gas." Trust me, I've seen enough of these witty trademark T-shirts to know that we're all about full-service - and proud of it. And why not?

Thanks to full-service gas stations, we never have to risk inhaling smelly petroleum fumes, wait in long lines to pay at the cash register or leave the comfort of our car to fuel up during torrential downpours - all while enjoying some of the nation's lowest gas prices. All these benefits are enough to put a smile on anyone's face!

But I sure didn't feel like smiling last week, as I waited in line to get my car filled up at a busy gas station. All around me, frustrated drivers were angrily beeping their horns at the poor, frazzled gas attendant, who was running around frantically, trying to serve 12 demanding customers all at once.

To make matters worse, my air conditioning was broken, so I was literally melting in my seat on this humid 100-degree day. It didn't help that it took twice as long waiting for the attendant to ring up my bill than actually filling up my gas tank.

After cooking in the sun for another five minutes, I was overcome with the sudden urge to hop out of my car and pump my own gas. It would certainly speed up the process, shortening the waiting period so that other drivers could quickly fuel up and continue on their way.

That was great and all, until I remembered that self-serve was illegal in New Jersey, thanks to a 1949 law which established that "because of the fire hazards directly associated with dispensing fuel, it is in the public interest that gasoline-station operators have the control needed over that activity to ensure compliance with appropriate safety procedures."

In other words, New Jersey drivers aren't allowed to pump their own gas because state officials believe that it is a dangerous safety hazard. Only certified attendants who undergo hours of professional training are allowed to handle this flammable fuel, in order to prevent explosions and accidents.

While this ban may have been useful 50 years ago, when people didn't know that it was dangerous to smoke and pump gas at the same time, it is no longer necessary. Gas pumps nowadays are much safer, thanks to ad-

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vances in technology and legislation, allowing drivers across the nation to fuel up with ease.

In fact, New Jersey and Oregon are the only two states that still prohibit self-service. The rest of the country has already been using it for years, saving valuable time and money with this convenient method. Drivers simply pull up, pay at the pump and leave in matter of minutes, without ever needing to wait on busy attendants (and no, you will not smell like gas afterwards if you handle the pump properly).

Besides improving efficiency, leading economists have estimated that selfservice may also help consumers save six cents per gallon of gas. While these savings may not seem like much, a few pennies can go a long way over the course of a year.

But if this is the case, then how come New Jersey still manages to consistently boast some of the lowest gas prices in the country? It's a well-known fact that gas with self-service in neighboring Pennsylvania is a whopping 17 cents more expensive than gas with full-service in New Jersey. How then is that possible?

The answer lies in our gas taxes. New Jersey has the third lowest state motor oil tax in the nation. Since Pennsylvania's gas taxes are 17 cents higher, its final gas prices will naturally be 17 cents higher than New Jersey costs. Although we have enjoyed both full-service and low prices for years, our gas could be even cheaper with self-service.

With that in mind, I believe that it's time for us to get rid of this outdated ban and start pumping our own gas. While it is not necessary to completely eliminate full-service, which elderly and disabled citizens are legally entitled to, gas stations should at least offer drivers the option of self-service. That way, it's up to the consumer to decide whether to pump gas or not.

Cynthia Lam is a r Westfield High School.

#### FW's Kosenick Makes **Wooster Dean's List**

FANWOOD — Katelyn Kosenick a graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at The College of Wooster. Katelyn, a senior art history major from Fanwood, achieved a grade point average of 3.65 or above.

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The above three photos display the festivities at last Tuesday's Sweet Sounds of Jazz Festival in Westfield (courtesy of Paul Lachenauer). At right, Hudson Sound performs at last Tuesday's National Night Out in Scotch Plains (courtesy of Tom Fortunato).

#### **WF Resident Honored** At Millburn Arts Center

MILLBURN - "Cloud Cover," an alabaster sculpture by Gladys Reimers of Westfield, has won an award of merit at a juried art exhibit now on display in the Renee Foosaner Gallery at the Paper Mill Playhouse, located at 22 Brookside Drive in



SEEKING COVER..."Cloud Cover," an alabaster sculpture by Gladys Reimers of Westfield, won an award of merit at a juried exhibit in the Renee Foosaner Gallery at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn. The show, which will be on view until August 19, is sponsored by the Millburn-Short Hills Arts Center.

Her work, and that of almost 70 others, will be on view through August 19. The show is sponsored by the Millburn-Short Hills Arts Center (M-SHAC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the development of local

The judge for the exhibit was Charles McVicker, an award-winning painter whose works are in the permanent collections of the U.S. Capitol, Princeton University, the DuPont Corporation and Johnson & Johnson, as well as many private collections. He is a retired assistant professor of art at the College of New Jersey.

M-SHAC organizes four or five exhibitions annually at theaters, libraries, hospitals and community centers. All are free and open to the public. More information about the organization is available at mschac.org

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#### The Nerds Rock Oak Ridge in Clark

CLARK - The Union County Summer Arts Festival concert series continues on Wednesday, August 18, with a free outdoor performance by The Nerds, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. Classic rock, soul, TV show tunes and a dose of banter are all part of the show when The Nerds take the stage.

For 25 years, these Jersey guys -Biff, Spaz, Stretch and Mongo – have performed their brand of rock and pop covers on a career that has taken them from watering holes along the Jersey Shore to the PNC Bank Arts Center, Carnegie Hall and the set of "Good Morning America.'

The Union County information van will be at the concert site with staff from the Union County Sheriff's Office to answer questions and offer information about activities and services available to Union County residents.

Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. Refreshments and snacks will be available.

The remaining free concert in the weekly Union County Summer Arts Festival series will feature Jimmy and the Parrots (a Jimmy Buffett cover band) at Oak Ridge Park in Clark on Wednesday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m.

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.

#### She's already done the hard part. **POPCORN**

Dinner for Schmucks: Farce Feeding

One Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER

With runners-up like Kick-Ass (2010) and Knocked Up (2007), it's no small accomplishment that Dinner for Schmucks handily wins Best Film title honors for movies produced in the last few years. Otherwise, while the unlikely paean to friendship has many funny moments, it's hardly the scandalous laugh riot its moniker might imply.

But it is strange brew. And filmgoers tired of the same-old-formula fare should note that director Jay Roach's variation on French filmmaker Francis Veber's Le Dinner de Cons fancifully veers off into uncommonly weird territory, thanks mostly to a staggeringly abstract performance by Steve Carell. He's the schmuck invited to dinner.

It's all part of a bad joke, a nasty example of how we're revisiting the recklessness F. Scott Fitzgerald illustrated during the Roaring Twenties, except without the class. So of course it's about money and power. Specifically, the promotion Tim is vying for at the nefarious, but nevertheless legitimate firm that feeds on businesses

Portrayed by Paul Rudd, Tim explains to his art-curating, idealistic girlfriend, Julie (Stephanie Szostak), that there are two Tims: the nice, caring, socially responsible one, and the shark who earns the dough that pays for their stunning pad and the Porsche. Okay, so it's only a Boxster. But if he gets the new gig, it could be Carrera 4S time.

Good thing he has the skill and canniness to attract the eye of stereotypically cynical CEO Lance Fender, played by Bruce Greenwood. Locating half-a-billion dollars in Swiss assets just dying to be mismanaged, Tim offers up the potential client. Naturally, the big boys are determined to cut the guy out of his find. Yet they string him along, just in

So he's invited to the big dinner, a ritualistic trial of insensitivity wherein whoever brings the biggest loser (read schmuck) proves his worthiness to gorge with the higher-priced jackals. Luckily, he literally runs into his potential guest entry just shortly after the invite. Enters stage left to share the protagonist honors, Steve Carell's

All bets are off here. He is the proverbial piece of work, and as such defies conventional description. In time, we accept that Carell's fool is an experiment in improvisational characterization. Only the occasional inconsistency has me hesitant to compare his energetic depiction with Peter Sellers's Chauncey Gardiner in Being There (1979).

While also not as funny as Mr. Sellers's Oscar-nominated piece de resistance, the zany shtick is still awesomely compelling. Carell sprees scat style, where humor and craziness intersect, way up in the recesses of that frightening, comedic equivalent of speaking in tongues. Even if not laughing, you're gaping in amazement at the comic contortions.

By LINDA B. CONDRILLO

MOUNTAINSIDE - Seventeen-

year-old Sara Hoffman of

Mountainside wants to walk on the

red carpet this fall – and with a little

help from her friends (including you),

she may actually be able to pull it off.

Too bad the plot isn't as novel as the acting. Once the cruel premise is established, David Guion and Michael Handelman's screenplay rarely amounts to anything more inspired than sitcom sensibilities. It's the usual muddle of mix-up and misunderstanding, albeit lunatically prompted by Mr. Carell's enigmatic idiot. There is no end to his instiga-

The primary confusion kicks off shortly after Barry inveigles his way into Tim's apartment and begins to wreak his wacky form of havoc. Among the bits of hazardous fallout, it isn't long before Julie thinks Tim is two-timing her, and Darla, a loose cannon of a one-night stand devilishly played by Lucy Punch, is spitefully adding to the disorder.

No surprise, the domestic devastation soon works its disarraying way into the Big Business Deal. Not that it matters much to Swiss bigwig Müeller, played by David Walliams. He and his wife Birgit (Lucy Davenport), living definitions of dilettantism, are almost as nutty as Barry. The difference is, Barry has redeeming value, sort of, maybe.

It depends on whether you believe all's well that ends well. There will be moral lessons and epiphanies unearthed via the mental pillage and plunder visited by Barry's busybody desire to be of use and, ultimately, to be loved. He's the poor soul, the guy voted least likely to be your pal. Unfortunately, he has to ruin everything before proving his value.

The recent archetype of said characterization is the late great John Candy's Del Griffith in *Planes*, *Trains* and Automobiles (1987). Carell's bizarre take, while not nearly as poignant and heartwarming, nonetheless hits several empathetic notes. Yet again, it is more curious than touching. Truth be told, the unsung hero in this scenario is Paul Rudd.

Try playing opposite the indefinable, as Tom Cruise did so expertly in Rain Man (1988). While Rudd's solid stint scarcely approaches that sublimity, he does buoy matters a healthy portion above mediocrity. Pity is, while some good side dishes and a unique main course whet the appetite, Dinner for Schmucks leaves us hungry for more laughs.

Dinner for Schmucks, rated PG-13, is a Paramount Pictures release directed by Jay Roach and stars Steve Carell, Paul Rudd and Stephanie Szostak. Running time: 114 minutes.

In May, she wrote a winning essay about why she wanted to be a filmmaker. In July, she flew to Los Angeles to make a movie and meet a Hollywood director

**Hollywood Dream Comes True** 

For Mountainside Teen Hoffman

Now, it's up to the public to decide if her short film, Save Our Schools (S.O.S), will make it to a premiere event in New York City in September.

After seeing a post on Twitter in May, Sara, who will be a senior at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, entered an online contest called "Smooth Moves, In Front of and Behind the Camera," sponsored by Skintimate Studios. Skintimate is the number one women's shave prep brand, which launched the Skintimate Studios program earlier this year.

The once-in-a-lifetime opportunity was open for girls ages 14 to 18 to win a seven-day, all-expenses-paid interns from Dreaming Tree Films and coached by guest Director Mancuso.

Dreaming Tree Films (dreamingtreefilms.com) specializes in producing youth creative programs that provide teens with a hands-onexperience and allows them to interact and explore the creative process of filmmaking.

Sara told the newspaper that each of the girls played separate roles, shooting behind the camera, holding the boom mike, slating and even deciding who would be cast in their respective shorts. Filming took place on location at The McKinley School and Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena.

Well-known actor Tom Virtue, who played patriarch Steve Stevens on the Disney channel's original hit TV series "Even Stevens," landed a part in



QUIET ON THE SET...Ranging in ages 14 to 18, winners of an online contest sponsored by Skintimate Studios included girls from all across the United States, including Mountainside's own Sara Hoffman. Sara, along with members of Team S.O.S., produced a 12-minute short film entitled Save Our Schools (S.O.S). The mini movie will compete via online vote at skintimatestudios.com for a chance to attend a red-carpet premiere at a New York City film festival in September. Team S.O.S. members shown are, front, from left to right, Sara Hoffman, Dominique Boule; back, from left to right, Tandria Fireall, Michaela Lauterbach, Brittany Blackmon, Anna Sachs, Samantha Galati, Rockzana Flores and Mandy Vidales.

trip to Hollywood and work side-byside with a production team from Dreaming Tree Films as well as learn creative and technical direction from notable Hollywood Director Gail

Ms. Mancuso has directed many iconic comedies and dramas, including such hit television series as "30 Rock," "Friends," "Scrubs" and "Dharma and Greg."

Out of approximately 6,000 entrants, Sara's essay was selected, along with 17 other girls from across the country. All of the winning contestants would share duties behind the camera and learn the ins and outs of making a 12-minute short film.

Sara learned she aced the contest while in an elevator in a hotel in Wildwood in June. She told The Westfield Leader and The Times, "I figured I would check my e-mail one last time on my iPod Touch before we went to the boardwalk. The first thing I saw was 'Congratulations.' I was so excited. I was running around the boardwalk, yelling 'I'm going to Hollywood!'"

In July, it was off to California, where the girls and their chaperones lodged at the Pasadena Hilton. Sara chose her mom, Leader/Times stringer Debbie Hoffman, to accompany her on the trip.

Breaking into two teams of nine, the all-girl crews were mentored by

the production.

Lucy Hale, who stars on ABC Family's "Pretty Little Liars," also surprised the girls when she stopped by the hotel during a lunch break for a casual chat with the budding filmmakers. Sara said, "She was very interested in what we were doing, and it was kind of amazing because it's usually the other way around."

S.O.S. will compete against The Locket, made by the second team of winning contestants (Team Locket). Both productions are currently being featured online until August 30 at skintimatestudios.com.

The victorious team's film will be chosen by public vote and shown at a New York City film festival next month. Each team member will attend the red-carpet premiere and will be awarded with a \$500 scholarship prize, and, of course, bragging rights.

It may be too early to for acceptance speeches and "thank you's," but Sara noted the royal treatment she received from the staff at the Pasadena Hilton was exceptional.

"Everyone was so welcoming and friendly. I had more fun than I ever dreamed, and I also learned that it was a lot of hard work," she added. "But I loved every second of it."

Here's a call for help with no stress - just log on to skintimatestudios.com - view the chicks' flicks and cast your vote. May the best (girl) team win!

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