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Courtesy of Ed Zazzali

THE TERROR...Ed Zazzali of Scotch Plains took a trio of photographs from Newark of the collapse of the Twin Towers.



REMEMBERING HOW IT WAS...The lower Manhattan skyline as it was in August, 2001.

Commuters Riveted By Tragedy on 9/11

September 11, 2001
By FRED LECOMTE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

Leaving behind the billowing plumes of smoke and terror striking Lower Manhattan, commuters arrived safely into Westfield's train station via NJ Transit from the city and Port Authority in Elizabeth.

Visibly anxious, commuters Mike Webb and Donald Glassford were willing to relate their experiences from a devastating day that they could never anticipate.

Mr. Webb said, "Although at this time the Port Authority is closed, trains are running one way – out. It's a load-and-go situation."

"NJ Transit is very organized," Mr. Webb stressed. "They're getting everybody out."

An employee at CBS Sports, he was advised by his superiors not to come into the city yesterday, the day after the tragedy. Instead, he would conduct business by conference calls until further notice.

Mr. Glassford, who is employed as a distributor in auto services in Port Elizabeth, was one among many with a clearer view of the city.

He commented, "I saw the second plane heading across the river over

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Twin Towers Destroyed

September 11, 2001
By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

In what is being equated with the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor in its devastating magnitude of death and destruction, Tuesday, September 11, 2001 will be a date infamously linked with the worst act of terrorism to ever touch American soil.

Countless numbers of lives and the New York City skyline have been horrifically altered by a terrorist attack that totally destroyed the World Trade Center Twin Towers after two hijacked airline jets crashed into the 110-story buildings. A third hijacked jet was intentionally plunged into the Pentagon 15 minutes before the first of the Twin Towers caved in and collapsed.

Two hijacked commercial airline jets were flown directly into The World Trade Center Twin Towers, located in Battery Park City in Lower Manhattan, on Tuesday morning in what is being described as a terrorist suicide mission. The North Tower was hit at approximately 8:45 a.m. near the 80th floor, and the South Tower was hit near the 70th floor at approximately 9:03 a.m.

As of yesterday morning, much of New York City was paralyzed by the

attacks, and many schools and businesses were shut down.

Both Trade Center towers had huge, gaping holes from which flames, smoke and debris poured out for hours after the crashes. A third hijacked jet subsequently crashed into the Pentagon at approximately 9:45 a.m. A fourth jet crashed approximately 80 miles outside of Pittsburgh at 10:10 a.m.

Then, one hour after the first crash, the North Tower collapsed on itself at 10 a.m. and the South Tower collapsed approximately one half-hour later at 10:30 a.m. Both towers crumbled into piles of rubble, sending shattered glass and a thick cloud of smoke, debris and soot billowing into the streets of Lower Manhattan for hours, covering cars and people trapped in its blinding wake with silt and dust.

Although numerous employees were evacuated after the initial plane crashes, eyewitness accounts from the streets below reported, on the major news stations, seeing people plunge out of upper-story windows, to their death, from the fiery floors above.

Thousands of terrified people ran frantically from the impenetrable cloud of smoke that enveloped the entire tip of Lower Manhattan after the buildings collapsed.

Hundreds of passengers aboard the four airplanes were immediately presumed dead, and thousands of New

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MS BOE Delays Solar Panel; New Courses Added for Year

By ERIC D. WILDSTEIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

MOUNTAINSIDE — The borough's board of education (BOE) discussed long-term strategies at its meeting on August 31 to help reduce spending by lowering energy consumption and reviewing the district's foodservice program. The BOE consulted with representatives from the Union County Improvement Authority (UCIA) to join its Renewable Energy Program, which would install solar panels at Deerfield School.

UCIA Counsel Ryan Scerbo of the Teaneck-based law firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole and Wisler, and Ryan Garner of PMK Group, Inc., UCIA's energy consultant, fielded questions and concerns from the board about the program. Mr. Scerbo explained it is a "shared services project that aims to minimize county-wide

energy consumption while offering local units the lowest possible power purchase price." He said the solar panels are "inherently beneficial" and estimated a possible 45-percent reduction in power consumption after their first assessment of the Deerfield property.

Mr. Scerbo stressed that capital for installation, maintenance and operation of the solar panel system is fully funded through UCIA Renewable Energy Program Lease Revenue Bonds. He said the "only cost to the district will be the energy bill," and "there is no restriction on what utility provider is used." Mr. Scerbo said the panels are guaranteed under contract for 15 years, but have a shelf life of about 25 years.

Board member James Ruban, who works as a project architect, said, "I

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Union County Awarded \$1-Million 'Green' Grant

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

ELIZABETH – Union County has received \$1 million Green Skills = Green Jobs grant from the United States Department of Labor. The money is part of \$5-million grant that also includes the states of California and Massachusetts. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders are expected to vote Thursday, September 16, to approve the funding.

Human Services Director Frank Guzzo said, at the freeholders' September 2 agenda meeting, that the grant would allow the county to work with Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA-AFL-CIO) to train the unemployed and underemployed for green technology jobs.

He said the county would use the grant to setup a program to provide 90 hours of courses for certifications at the county's One Stop Centers for workers entering the green technology field. In addition, the grant would be used to train workers in installing solar equipment and to place them in jobs with utility companies within the solar equipment installation field.

Mr. Guzzo said the head of UWUA-AFL-CIO as well as United States Labor Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis have said they would like to come before the board once Union County's program is in place.

"I am very happy that we were able to do this. I think it is a great feat for Union County and, more importantly,

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South and Westfield Avenues, and Watson Street mid-block.

Michael Endy of Irving Avenue raised concern about the safety of the Central/Sycamore intersection for elementary-school children crossing to attend Jefferson Elementary School without a crossing guard. He also questioned whether new signage installed meant there was no turn on red at all, or just during the fire signal.

Town Administrator James Gildea explained that the Central Avenue corridor is still under construction by Union County but that the sign Mr. Endy questioned is solely a "no turn" on red for the fire signal and that the current prohibition of "no turn" on red during school hours will remain. The left lanes at all four corners of the intersection will also be changed to "left-turn-only" lanes.

Mr. Endy also said that he had heard that a child was once killed at that intersection, but Mr. Gildea said that he did not know of any such

incident. He said that four of the nine positions eliminated were at traffic lights. Mr. Gildea explained that the eliminated positions were chosen in consultation with the police department, board of education, traffic professionals and the B.R.A.K.E.S. (Bikers, Runners And Kids Are Entitled to Safety) group.

Third Ward Councilman Mark Ciarrocca told the residents that the council had to meet a large budget shortfall and was restrained by a 4-percent cap on tax levy increases. He said that the decision on which crossing guard positions to cut was one of the "hardest things we had to do" but that "you can argue having a crossing guard at every intersection." He said that he hopes that parents will volunteer for the town's "walking school bus" program.

Grandview Avenue resident Matthew Debenedetto suggested that the new traffic light being installed allow

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Woman Threatening to Jump Is Rescued From Rooftop

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD – A distraught woman was successfully led to safety last Friday night after threatening to jump from the roof of a three-story building in downtown Westfield.

Westfield police received the first of two calls at 6:23 p.m. concerning an individual on the roof of the building, located at the intersection of Elm and Quimby Streets, according to Westfield Police Captain Clifford Auchter.

He said officers made their way to the roof, where they discovered the 43-year-old woman. According to other sources, the woman resides in the building with her adult son and their cat and, following difficulties with her landlord, was facing eviction.

Captain Auchter said the woman, whose name was not released, "appeared to be distraught, and I guess had made some threats to jump off the building." She also had hung a banner from the building stating that

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SHINY WELCOME...As 6,300 students entered the Westfield Public Schools on opening day, September 2, children and staff arrived to buildings with high-gloss floors, clean desks and trimmed lawns. Throughout the summer, crews readied 902,000 square feet of rooms, hallways and stairwells in 10 schools and 75 acres of playgrounds and fields. Pictured above in the Blue Devils News classroom at the high school are, left to right, head custodian Greg DiGirolamo, Claudia Lukas and engineer Jerry Leatherman.



Courtesy of Albert Pagliulunga

NO FIRST-DAY JITTERS...It was a fantastic first day of school at Jefferson Elementary last Thursday in Westfield for, left to right, Kiana Salas, Eliza Weiniger, Rose Dudzinski, Jillian Hitzel, Alyssa Hitzel and Amy Hitzel.

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Gildea: Lowering of Bond Rating Will Have Little Impact on Westfield

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specialy Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD — Town Administrator Jim Gildea said, last week, that the down-grading of Westfield’s bonds would not have much of an impact on the town’s financial picture. Moody’s Investors Service has dropped Westfield’s municipal bond rating on general obligation bonds one level to to Aa2, the third highest investment grade.

The move affected \$8.85 million of outstanding debt that Mr. Gildea said was issued between 2004 and 2006. Moody’s reported that Westfield’s surplus declined to \$2.12 million last year from \$2.85 million. The town faced a \$1-million reduction in state aid this year under Governor Chris Christie’s first budget.

“Moody’s believes the town’s financial position and liquidity will remain pressured, following five consecutive operating deficits, as continued revenue weaknesses and ongoing expenditure demands challenge the town’s ability to regain structurally balanced operations,” according to Moody’s. “The Aa2 rating additionally reflects the expectation that growth of the town’s sizable \$7.66-billion residential tax base will remain minimal over the near term, given recessionary economic conditions and existing tax appeal activity.”

Mr. Gildea said the Aa2 rating is strong, noting that Westfield’s “large tax base” has remained stable despite the “difficult economy.”

Moody’s said declines in the town’s

current surplus in fiscal 2008 and 2009 of \$1.05 million and \$727,000, respectively, “were tied to the implementation of the state imposed 4-percent levy cap along with construction and interest on investment revenues coming in under budget.” The state has since reduced the cap on tax levies to 2 percent.

The town appropriated \$1.84 million or 86.7 percent of its surplus in Fiscal Year 2010 to lower the tax levy limit, reduced salaries and wages by \$1 million and instituted a zero-percent salary increases in an effort to offset a \$1-million reduction in state aid in the 2010 municipal budget, according to the Moody’s report. Mr. Gildea said the town is trying to regenerate its surplus while dealing with tax caps.

Mr. Gildea said Moody’s was happy with the town’s debt-management plan, which, according to Moody’s, stated that Westfield “can only appropriate capital improvements every two years and the size of the appropriations will be guided by the amount of principal indebtedness scheduled to mature during the same two-year period.”

Mr. Gildea said Moody’s report did not impact Standard & Poor’s AAA rating for general-obligation bonds floated last year by the town.

“Westfield has always had a good reputation in the bond marketplace,” Mr. Gildea said, noting the town has always received “pretty favorable” rates on bonds. “Arguably, we could have been dropped even lower” by Moody’s, he said.

Westfield Crossing Guards

for a four-way red when a pedestrian presses the button to cross. He said that this would prevent cars from blocking the crosswalk when attempting to make a left turn. The council agreed to ask Union County if this was possible with the traffic light it is installing.

Third Ward Councilman Dave Haas suggested that if the four-way stop was not possible that the intersection be re-evaluated because it is the only eliminated crossing guard post that is drawing complaints from residents.

Matthew Sontz of Vernon Terrace, who previously ran as a Democrat for Third Ward councilman, told the council that in the past, the residents

did not want a parking deck and defeated the plan, so if “people want a crossing guard, there will be one.” He said that he has knocked on doors of Democrats and Independents in the neighborhood, and they agree that a crossing guard should be at that intersection. He suggested that the council eliminate the part-time crossing guards from the pension system so that they could use the savings to reinstate the eliminated crossing guard.

Public Safety Committee Chairwoman JoAnn Neylan said that the decision on which crossing guards to eliminate “took a lot of time and consideration” and that it was done with safety in mind and was “not political” in nature.

Councilman Ciarrocca accused Mr. Sontz of coming to the meeting to “try and politically grandstand about an issue.” He added that the savings that could be realized by taking the crossing guards out of the pension system would not be enough to replace the eliminated position.

Mayor Andrew Skibitsky, who lives in the same neighborhood, told the residents that he “asked the experts several times if this was the best place” to eliminate a guard and was assured that it was.

In addition to the nine eliminated posts, seven lunchtime posts were eliminated and hours were reduced at three posts along Westfield Avenue.

School Bus

that the bus would be at Edison for the after-school pickup, which it was. Mr. Berman wrote to the parents, extending our sincere apologies for the inconvenience caused by the bus company,” she added.

The bus route was operational Friday morning, with the same bus driver as last year.

“She is an experienced driver, knows the route and knows Westfield very well. Mr. Berman was at Edison School this morning (Friday) to personally observe the arrival of the bus.”

Mountainside BOE

have concerns with the effect of reinforcement on the building and the structure holding the system,” noting that the roofs may need more structural analysis to ensure safety.

BOE President Mary-Beth Schaumburg said, “We’ve continually had to postpone roofing projects and paying in the back parking lots” due to financial restraints.

The board adjourned into executive session to discuss the project and ultimately decided not to go forward. Acting Business Administrator Daniel Saragnese confirmed there were “too many concerns with the long-term structural situation of the

County

it’s a great feat for the people who need jobs and need to get into a great industry,” Mr. Guzzo said.

Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan said the money was awarded in what was “obviously an extremely competitive grant.”

In other business, detainees at the Bergen County Detention Center will be housed at the Union County Juvenile Detention Center in Linden while a new facility is constructed in Teterboro. The current facility is in Paramus.

Mr. Guzzo told the freeholders that he is working on a draft agreement whereby Union County would house up to 20 juveniles at a rate of \$225 per day per kid at its 76-bed facility.

“This is a good contract for us. Its obviously a good one Bergen because they need it,” he said. Bergen will be responsible for transporting the kids to and from the Linden detention center.

Mr. Guzzo said Bergen wants the contract with Union County completed by November 1.

Mr. Guzzo said he will be asking the board to approve a resolution next month to amend an agreement with the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) of the Division of Unaccompanied Children’s Services (DUCS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to increase the number kids housed at the detention center to 15. The federal government has provided \$171,000 to the county under the current contract that expires September 30.

roof and parking lot, as well as potential economics.” He said, “We will reconsider next summer when the project enters phase two to make sure that it’s right and going to work.”

The BOE passed a motion that raises school lunch costs to \$2.50 for the 2010-2011 school year. Milk purchased separately will cost 50 cents. Mr. Saragnese said the increase intends to “help the district break even” on costs associated with school meals. Mr. Saragnese suggested tailoring the foodservice program to fit requirements to join the National School Lunch Program. Mr. Saragnese said benefits would include “federal subsidies” that could be used to improve the program and offer healthier food choices. He said, “I’ll be in the cafeterias each month buying the same lunch as the students, and making evaluations based on what I see.”

The board approved curriculum for 2010-2011 to include study skills for grades 5 and 6, computer literacy for grades 5 to 8, and journalism in grades 7 to 8. Mrs. Baubles said, “I’m glad to see study skills back in the curriculum.” She added, “The journalism class will teach students how to write newspaper articles” and computer literacy courses will “teach students Microsoft programs in fifth grade and focus on audio and visual programs in grades 6 and up.”

Mrs. Schaumburg also apologized for the “confusion involving the late delivery of the school first-aid packets.” She explained the delay was with the Rahway Post Office, which handles the district’s bulk mail. “Hopefully, by now, everyone has received their packets,” she said.

Commuters

Bayonne. What I saw next was just incomprehensible to me...this huge orange fireball.”

“Later, I saw yet another unbelievable sight, the collapse of the tower. It just dropped down,” he said. A still emotional Mr. Glassford added, “It’s an absolute horror, thinking something like this can happen here. Such an organized attack taking place over so many different places is just totally, unbelievable, totally unexpected. There just are no words.”

Dedicated to the over 3,000 people who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 – but especially to our Westfield and Scotch Plains family:

Andrew Alamen
David Campbell
Michael Davidson
Dean Eberling
Stephen M. Fogel
Thomas Glasser
Matthew Horning

Leo Russell Keene, 3rd
Richard B. Madden
Mark Rothenberg
John S. Salerno
See-Wong Shum
Anthony M. Starita
James Walsh



Westfield 9/11 Ceremony Is 10 a.m. Saturday

WESTFIELD - The Town of Westfield will observe the ninth anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks with a community gathering this Saturday, September 11, at the September 11th Memorial site on North Avenue at East Broad Street. The commemoration ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. with opening remarks from Mayor Andrew Skibitsky. Local clergy will offer prayers of commemoration followed by the presentation of the ceremonial wreath by an honor guard. The ceremony will conclude with a period of quiet contemplation as those in attendance stand united as a community to support each other and those who lost loved ones. The ceremony will be held rain or shine.

9/11, Manhattan Attacked

York City and Pentagon employees were injured. More than 50,000 people work in the World Trade Center and more than 200,000 people travel through the towers on a daily basis. It is estimated that approximately 24,000 people work at the Pentagon.

As of Tuesday night, there were no official figures on the number of fatalities, although city officials estimated the number of casualties would be high due to the hundreds of emergency personnel in and around the buildings at the time of the collapses. As of 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, more than 600 firefighters and New York City police were still missing. New York City hospitals were filled with the injured, including victims with third-degree burns, smoke inhalation and many eye injuries from shattered, falling glass and debris.

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Although Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld stopped short of declaring this an “act of war,” when questioned on television by ABC reporters, President George W. Bush said that these horrible acts would not go unpunished once it was determined who was responsible.

Aircraft carriers were deployed off the East and West Coasts of the United States as a security measure, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Henry H. Shelton said, “the Armed Forces are ready to go.” Most State Department buildings, including the White House, the Capitol, the Pentagon, the Supreme Court and many other government buildings in Washington, D.C., and in New York City were evacuated.

The collapse of the Twin Towers, which housed many administrative offices for international world banks and other financial institutions, forced the New York City Stock Exchange to close. Other stock exchanges worldwide followed suit as a precautionary measure.

Portions of the Pentagon, one of the largest buildings in the world and the seat of the Defense Department, collapsed after flames burned out of control for several hours. World Trade Tower no. 7 also collapsed, presumed to have been caused by associated fire.

The construction of the Trade Center

began in 1966 and was completed in 1972. The towers were 1,368 feet tall — the tallest buildings in city and the third largest in the world. They housed many administrative offices of the world’s largest, international banks and investment firms, including the offices of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. The towers were also the home of a 427,000-square-foot retail space known as The Mall, which was occupied by retailers such as The Gap, J. Crew, Banana Republic and The Limited. The towers also housed numerous museums, restaurants, hotels and a rooftop observatory. The world-renowned Windows on the World restaurant occupied the North Tower’s 107th floor.

In an unprecedented move by the Federal Aviation Administration, airports throughout the nation were shut down, and all commercial airline flights were ordered to land at the nearest airport.

Many municipal buildings in New York and New Jersey also closed to allow employees an opportunity to locate family members who were still trapped in New York. Most local schools remained opened, with counselors on hand to support students who were traumatized by the day’s events.

Many local students who have parents that work in New York were summoned to their school’s guidance offices to be counseled and to ensure that they were released home to either a parent or emergency contact person at the close of the school day. Several local churches held or will hold special prayer services for those who were affected by the tragedies.

There is no word yet on the number of local families that will be seriously affected by the tragic events.

Rescue

her landlord had caused her, her son and her cat to become homeless, the captain said.

Members of the Union County SWAT Negotiation Team and county prosecutor’s office joined Westfield police officers on the roof “and began talks with the individual” that lasted for several hours, Captain Auchter said. Meanwhile, the Union County Police Department Special Operations Unit set up an inflatable mattress on the street below in the event the woman jumped or fell, the captain said.

Captain Auchter told *The Westfield Leader* that, at about 10 p.m., the woman allowed authorities to escort her from the roof to a waiting ambulance for transport to a hospital for evaluation.

UCERT Commander Commends WPD Action

Editor’s Note: The following was sent to Westfield Police Chief John Parizeau.

I would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention some behind the scene details of the incident that occurred on Friday, September 3, 2010.

I had a conversation with Captain Dave Wayman, the officer in charge of the situation that was unfolding on Elm Street. Captain Wayman briefed me regarding the distraught female on the roof ledge of a third-floor building. It was decided that the UCERT [Union County Emergency Response Team] Crisis Negotiator Element and two UCERT command officers would respond to assist.

Upon my arrival, I observed a very controlled scene. Captain Wayman was clearly in command of the operation and he had a good grasp of what was a rapidly evolving situation. There was a smooth coordination of efforts between Captain Wayman, Westfield Police Department on scene personnel, Westfield Fire Department, Union County Police Department’s Emergency Service Unit’s (ESU) (Jump Bag Deployment), Sergeant Jason Rodger, Police Officer Beirne, UCERT crisis negotiators Weinberg, Dasilva, Lugo, Jackson, Corte, UCERT mental health doctor and UCERT Commander Mogenselussio.

I want to especially bring to your attention Sgt. Rodger’s efforts regarding this situation. In a strange turn of events, I became a secondary negotiator in assisting primary CND operator James Weinberg. From the roof edge, we were able to communicate with the suicidal female and broker a deal which ultimately lead to her peaceful return from the roof ledge. I observed Sgt. Rodger supervising the Westfield officers under his command on the roof in an exemplary fashion. Sgt. Rodger further coordinated the operation and information flow from the rooftop negotiations to [Captain Wayman] and all other officers involved during this negotiation.

Chief, all officers involved in this stressful situation acted in a professional, determined and efficient manner to diffuse and resolve this incident in a positive way. As a 26-year law enforcement officer and founding member of UCERT, I know that this positive result is directly related to the coordination of efforts by Captain Wayman, Sgt. Rodger, Sgt. (Leonard) Lugo, Officer Beirne and UCERT Operators Corte, Dasilva, Weinberg, Russo and Jackson.

I further commend your ESU and Patrol Division on a job well done in handling the crowd of over 100 spectators and the overall operation in your busy down town area.

**Lt. Martin Mogensen
Commander UCERT
Commander U.C. SWAT**

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The construction of the Trade Center began in 1966 and was completed in 1972. The towers were 1,368 feet tall — the tallest buildings in city and the third largest in the world. They housed many administrative offices of the world's largest, international banks and investment firms, including the offices of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. The towers were also the home of a 427,000-square-foot retail space known as The Mall, which was occupied by retailers such as The Gap, J. Crew, Banana Republic and The Limited. The towers also housed numerous museums, restaurants, hotels and a rooftop observatory. The world-renowned Windows on the World restaurant occupied the North Tower's 107th floor.

In an unprecedented move by the Federal Aviation Administration, airports throughout the nation were shut down, and all commercial airline flights were ordered to land at the nearest airport.

Many municipal buildings in New York and New Jersey also closed to allow employees an opportunity to locate family members who were still trapped in New York. Most local schools remained opened, with counselors on hand to support students who were traumatized by the day's events.

Many local students who have parents that work in New York were summoned to their school's guidance offices to be counseled and to ensure that they were released home to either a parent or emergency contact person at the close of the school day. Several local churches held or will hold special prayer services for those who were affected by the tragedies.

There is no word yet on the number of local families that will be seriously affected by the tragic events.

Dedicated to the more than 3,000 people who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 – but especially to our Westfield and Scotch Plains family:

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Westfield 9/11 Ceremony Is 10 a.m. Saturday

WESTFIELD - The Town of Westfield will observe the 9th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks with a community gathering on Saturday, September 11, 2010, at the September 11th Memorial site on North Avenue at East Broad Street. The commemoration ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. with opening remarks from Mayor Andrew Skibitsky. Local clergy will offer prayers of commemoration followed by the presentation of the ceremonial wreath by an honor guard. The ceremony will conclude with a period of quiet contemplation as those in attendance stand united as a community to support each other and those who lost loved ones. The ceremony will be held rain or shine.

Fanwood Democrats

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focus on patrolling streets.

Ms. Mitchell said the borough has saved money by not replacing a 35-year veteran police officer who recently retired or filling a lieutenant position when Richard Trigo was elevated to acting police chief. She said the new chief, who replaced retired Chief Donald Domanoski, has saved money by reducing overtime.

"But we are committed to maintaining a level of safety," Mr. Boris emphasized.

The candidates were asked about the recommendations of a shared-services committee made up of representatives of Fanwood and Scotch Plains. Among the recommendations is the proposed merging of the two police departments, construction offices and public works departments.

Mr. Boris said the report is more of a "road map" for the towns, noting that before departments are merged, it would have to be shown that such actions would cut costs while not impacting services.

Ms. Mitchell said the two towns already share tax assessors and tax collectors. Fanwood is also member of the Westfield Regional Board of Health.

In terms of the downtown redevelopment plan, Mr. Boris, who serves on the planning board, said the new transit tunnel under construction will "create a demand for professionals who want to live by a train station and take the train direct to Manhattan."

He said a building at the corner of South and Martine Avenues, previously housing the Internet Café, is expected to be demolished this month. The site will feature a four-story building with businesses at street level and

three floors of apartments.

"More people in the downtown means more foot traffic. More foot traffic equals more restaurants [and] more businesses," Mr. Boris said. "The new restaurants add more to the tax base." In addition, condominiums will be built near LaGrande Park, also walking distance to the train station.

He said these new restaurants would not have children, as these both housing developments will be high-end properties due to their proximity to a train station.

Ms. Mitchell noted that Flannery's, an Irish Pub, has opened on South Avenue, and Irma's Hallmark is now under new ownership.

"I think it's just a testament to Fanwood that people, in these economic times, are willing to spend millions of dollars in town, particularly with the redevelopment," she said.

Mr. Boris said when Republicans had the majority in the borough, their plan was to use eminent domain to obtain properties and have one developer. "That upset the local business community and upset the local residents," he said.

He said Democrats have brought in multiple developers, with the borough requiring that the Victorian architectural style be maintained.

Mr. Boris noted that progress on downtown developments were delayed during the national recession.

"But the good thing is Fanwood is coming out of that," he said. "It's (the building at South and Martine) been done the right way. It's been done with the support of the community, and it's been done with the support of the businesses."

Regarding the Station Square high-end condo development on the former Dean Oil site across from Lagrange Park on Second Street, Ms. Mitchell said the project has been approved by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), but the borough has yet to be furnished with the necessary paperwork for construction to begin.

"I think there is so much to be done," Ms. Mitchell said. "I'd like to see the redevelopment finished. I'd like to see where we go with these shared services. And I am really passionate about keeping taxes as low as we can. It's the only way residents can survive."

UCERT Commander

Lauds Westfield Police

Editor's Note: This was sent to Westfield Police Chief John Parizeau.

I would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention some behind-the-scenes details of the incident that occurred on Friday, September 3.

I had a conversation with [Westfield] Captain Dave Wayman Officer In Charge (OK) of the situation that was unfolding on Elm Street. Captain Wayman briefed me regarding the distraught female on the roof ledge of a third floor building. It was decided that the UCERT Crisis Negotiator Element and two UCERT Command Officers would respond to assist.

Upon my arrival, I observed a very controlled scene. Captain Wayman was clearly in command of the operation, and he had a good grasp of what was a rapidly evolving situation. There was a smooth coordination of efforts between Captain Wayman, WPD on scene personnel, Westfield Fire, UCED ESU (Jump Bag Deployment), Sgt. [Jason] Rodger, P/O Beime, UCERT Crisis Negotiators Weinberg, Dasilva, Lugo, Jackson, Corte, UCERT Mental Health Doctor and UCERT Command Mogenseffuso.

I want to especially bring to your attention Sgt. Rodger's efforts regarding this situation. In a strange turn of events, I became a secondary negotiator in assisting primary CNT operator James Weinberg. From the roof edge, we were able to communicate with the suicidal female and broker a deal which ultimately lead to her peaceful return from the roof ledge. I observed Sgt. Rodger supervising the Westfield officers under his command on the roof in an exemplary fashion. Sgt. Rodger further coordinated the operation and information flow from the rooftop negotiations to the OIC and all other officers involved during this negotiation.

Chief, all officers involved in this stressful situation acted in a professional, determined and efficient manner to diffuse and resolve this incident in a positive way. As a 26-year law enforcement officer and founding member of UCERT, I know that this positive result is directly related to the coordination of efforts by Captain Wayman, Sgt. Rodger, Sgt. Lugo, officer Beime and UCERT Operators Corte, Dasilva, Weinberg, Russo and Jackson.

I further commend your ESU and Patrol Division on a job well done in handling the crowd of over 100 spectators and the overall operation in your busy downtown area.

Lt. Martin Mogensen
Commander UCERT
Commander U.C. SWAT

Woman Threatening to Jump Is Rescued From Rooftop

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

WESTFIELD – A distraught woman was successfully led to safety last Friday night after threatening to jump from the roof of a three-story building in downtown Westfield.

Westfield police received the first of two calls at 6:23 p.m. concerning an individual on the roof of the building, located at Elm and Quimby Streets, according to Westfield Police Captain Clifford Auchter.

He said officers made their way to the roof, where they discovered the woman. According to other sources, the 43-year-old woman resides in the building with her adult son and their cat and, following difficulties with her landlord, was facing eviction.

Captain Auchter said the woman, whose name was not released, "appeared to be distraught, and I guess had made

some threats to jump off the building." She also had hung a banner from the building stating that her landlord had caused her, her son and her cat to become homeless, the captain said.

Members of the Union County SWAT Negotiation Team and county prosecutor's office joined Westfield police officers on the roof "and began talks with the individual" that lasted for several hours, Captain Auchter said. Meanwhile, the Union County Police Department Special Operations Unit set up an inflatable mattress on the street below in the event the woman jumped or fell, the captain said.

Captain Auchter told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that, at about 10 p.m., the woman allowed authorities to escort her from the roof to a waiting ambulance for transport to a hospital for evaluation.

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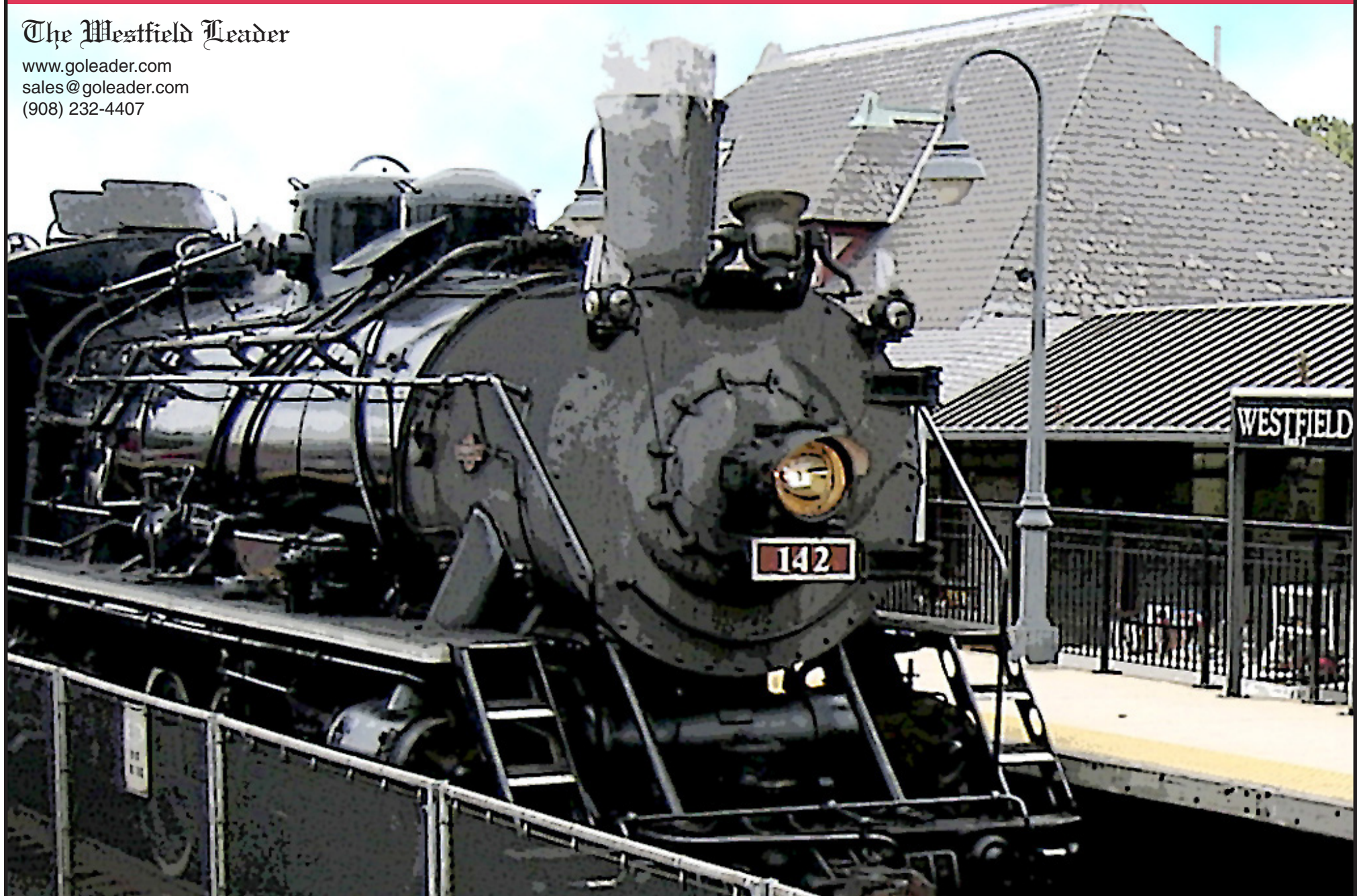
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Local HEART Grant Recipients Announced

ELIZABETH – The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that 43 artists, historians and local groups will receive funding through the 2010 Union County HEART Grant Program (History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands).

The Freeholders established the HEART Grant Program in 1998. This program supports projects related to history, the arts and humanities. The total funding for this year's grants is \$75,000.

Artists, educators, civic and historical organizations that want information about next year's HEART Grant Program can contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202, calling (908) 558-2550 or e-mailing culturalinfo@ucnj.org. NJ Relay users dial 711.

Local grants are as follows: Carol English, Cranford, \$600, presenting history of floral design seminars and show; Katie Paster, Garwood, \$1,000, presenting Fusion Art and Music Showcase at MusicFest 2010; Sandra Frank, Westfield, \$1,000, presenting music education program for senior rehabilitation center; Borough of Fanwood, Fanwood, \$1,000, presenting a Fanwood Cultural Arts Perfor-

mance Series; Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, Scotch Plains, \$2,400, providing musical performances for hospice residents; City of Rahway, Rahway, \$1,000, hiring artists to make window art for empty storefronts, and the Clark Historical Society, Clark, \$2,200 for presenting Native American program for Four Centuries in a Weekend 2010.

Also receiving grants were: Continuo Arts Foundation, Westfield, \$1,500, for presenting an Intergenerational choral program; Cranford Historical Society, Cranford, \$1,000, presenting a Civil War Sesquicentennial Celebration; Cranford Housing Board, Inc., Cranford, \$1,000, presenting a Big Band concert for senior residents; Jewish Community Center of Central NJ, Scotch Plains, \$2,000, presenting a Special Needs Symposium for families; Literacy Volunteers of Union County, Plainfield, \$2,400, creating "Connections" a literary publication of student work, and Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, \$1,000, for producing a musical involving Union County children.

Music for All Seasons, Scotch Plains, received \$1,935, for presenting five music programs for Union County Juvenile Detention Center with awards also going to: New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra, Berkeley Heights, \$2,300, presenting a concerto for guitar and chamber orchestra; Scotch Plains Baptist Church, Scotch Plains, \$2,000, replicating a gravestone of Revolutionary War-era slave named Caesar; Theater Project/ Union County College, Cranford, \$2,100, presenting "A Few Steps in a Stranger's Shoes" to promote understanding among students and the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, Summit, \$2,300, presenting a visual arts program for older adults.

The Westfield Neighborhood Council was awarded \$1,400 for presenting dance and African drumming program and conference and YM-YWHA of Union County, based out of Union, received \$2,300 to present a Holocaust through Art, Music and Film series.



Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times

Schundler Fires off Latest Salvo Over 'Lying' Charge

Former New Jersey Education Commissioner Bret Schundler has fired off a seven-page chronology of events in the latest salvo following his firing two weeks ago by Governor Chris Christie. Mr. Schundler's response came after the Governor accused him of lying, with regards to the state's application for federal Race to the Top funds. The state placed 11th, three points behind Ohio, thus losing out on \$400 million in federal funds.

New Jersey lost crucial points by not including school-funding information from Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009. The state, instead, submitted 2011 information.

"I will not accept being defamed by the governor," Mr. Schundler said.

N.J. AG Subpoenas DRPA Officials Over Free E-ZPass

New Jersey authorities are investigating the use of free E-ZPass transponders by Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) executives, according to *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. The state attorney general and comptroller have issued subpoenas for documents related to the use of a free E-ZPass by DRPA officials, including chief executive John Matheussen, a former New Jersey Republican state senator.

Mr. Matheussen, who was a candidate for U.S. Senator from New Jersey in 2002, denied television news reports that the FBI or other federal agencies also had sought informa-

tion from DRPA.

Murkowski Becomes Latest to Lose To Tea Party-Backed Candidate

First-term U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska is the latest incumbent Republican to be defeated by a Tea Party-backed candidate; she lost to Joe Miller, a lawyer, in the GOP primary. Tea Party candidates Rand Paul in Kentucky, Sharron Angle in Nevada and Ken Buck in Colorado all won their primaries over establishment-supported candidates in open races. In addition, Utah Senator Bob Bennett lost renomination at the state GOP convention when Tea Party activists and voters rallied behind Mike Lee.

Next up is Delaware, where establishment-backed Republican Rep. Mike Castle is facing a challenge from Tea Party-backed candidate Christine O'Donnell. The winner will face Democrat Chris Coons, a county executive, as they vie for the seat previously held by Vice President Joe Biden. The seat is currently held by Mr. Biden's former chief of staff, Ted Kaufman.

Lautenberg and Menendez Nominate Judges to Fed. Bench

Sens. Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez (both D-N.J.) have recommended Claire C. Cecchi and Esther Salas to the U.S. District Court bench. Both have worked since 2006 as magistrates, which are appointed by federal judges to preside over arraignments, bail hearings and other pre-trial proceedings, according to nj.com.

Union County POW/MIA Day Set for Friday, September 17

ELIZABETH — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will remember and honor the personal sacrifices of the nation's prisoners of war and military personnel missing in action at the Union County POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony. The event will take place Friday, September 17, at 11:15 a.m. in front of the Courthouse at 2 Broad Street in Elizabeth. In case of rain, the ceremony will be moved indoors in the first-floor rotunda of the courthouse.

"It is important that we take time to say 'thank you' to the men and women in our armed forces who served our

country in times of war," said Union County Freeholder Al Mirabella of Fanwood. Freeholder Mirabella is the Freeholder liaison to the board's Veterans Affairs Committee. "Those who spent time in prison camps or who are still missing should never be forgotten. The liberties and freedoms that we enjoy in this country were paid for by their sacrifices."

Veterans groups from throughout the area will be in attendance, and everyone is welcome to join with Union County officials in saluting the brave men and women.

Gruskin Foundation Crusades For Pedestrian-Bike Safety

By CHRISTIE STORMS

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Last May, Stuart Gruskin of Westfield lost his life at age 50 after a delivery bicycle plowed into him as he walked along a New York City street. The devastation felt by his wife, Nancy, and twins, David and Samantha, then 12, was compounded by the fact the accident may have been preventable: The bicyclist had failed to heed the traffic sign and pedaled the wrong way down a one-way street.

While some may think a bicycle striking a pedestrian is a rare occurrence, Ms. Gruskin uncovered evidence to the contrary. She has launched the Stuart C. Gruskin Family Foundation, which aims to collect statistics, raise awareness and ultimately prevent tragedies like this from happening.

Ms. Gruskin discovered little information is available regarding bicycle accidents as they relate to pedestrians.

In downtown areas, including Westfield's, where cars, bicycles and pedestrians must coexist along busy streets, collisions inevitably occur. Ms. Gruskin described their relationship as three points on a triangle.

"If you look at advocacy from bike to car and car to pedestrian, you can find all kinds of stats," she said. "But you cannot find it on bike to pedestrian, and that's the niche I'm filling with my foundation."

Through research the foundation has done teaming with Hunter College of the City University of New York, she discovered many inaccuracies in the way incidents are reported in Manhattan, where her husband's fatal accident occurred.

"We found out the Department of Transportation (DOT)'s numbers were faulty because the police precincts don't have a central database for these statistics."

This fact was a focus of Tony Aiello's special report, "Bike Bedlam," on CBS News two weeks ago when Ms. Gruskin appeared on his television segment.

"This was really huge," she said. "They were basically lying to the public with numbers that aren't accurate."

The DOT has since issued an apology, and Ms. Gruskin has secured a meeting with DOT Commissioner Jeanette Sadik-Khan regarding the faulty statistics.

Ms. Gruskin feels it is imperative to collect accurate statistics to begin to improve old legislation or create new laws.

The Vicarious Liability Bill is one she'd like to change. It involves businesses taking responsibility for their employees.

"Ultimately, I'd like to make businesses responsible for the training and education of their employees," she said.

For example, if a business employs

a bicycle rider for deliveries, that cyclist would have to complete a training course to learn the rules of the road.

Ms. Gruskin feels this could ultimately be a win-win situation because it would not only help with safety, but course fees could also generate revenue for the city.

This fall, the foundation hopes to participate in a press conference with New York State Senator Liz Krueger, a sponsor of the bill.

Another goal of the foundation is to assist victims' families, including providing possible financial support for the uninsured.

Ms. Gruskin stated while some injuries are minor, the potential for lifelong afflictions and fatalities exists.

"Most people don't think a bicycle can kill you, but I suffered the ultimate tragedy," she said. "I have to be the poster child..."

She said the past year has been tough for her and her children. She understandably still finds it difficult to talk about her late husband's accident and the three days that followed, where he remained in a coma following brain surgery done in attempt to reduce swelling.

"It was as if literally everything stopped," she said, adding the shock put her in "a fog."

But one thing that stands out in her mind is how Mr. Gruskin was briefly conscious after he was struck, and emergency responders reported his main concern was the welfare of the cyclist who hit him as opposed to his own head injury.

Ms. Gruskin said that sums up the kind of man Stuart was.

Mr. Gruskin had worked long hours as senior vice-president of Valuation Research Corporation in New York City. Yet, he always made spending time with his family and helping others a priority.

His charitable efforts included running a homeless program at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield and a student telethon for Muscular Dystrophy. The family also donated Mr. Gruskin's organs.

Ms. Gruskin described him as an "understated" man.

"He normally wouldn't love having his name in the paper or attention put on him," she said. "But for this foundation, I think he would be proud to help others at the expense of his name [in print]."

Implementing the foundation's mission has helped Ms. Gruskin begin to heal and believe her husband's death was "not in vain."

She offered the following message to bicyclists:

"Remember, you are a moving vehicle, and you can cause grave harm," she said. "Follow the laws."

For more information on pedestrian safety, those interested can visit the Stuart C. Gruskin Family Foundation website at www.scgff.org.

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Governor Christie Issues Best Practices Checklist for Municipalities

TRENTON — New Jersey Commissioner of Community Affairs Lori Grifa has sent a self-assessment check list to all mayors in the state regarding their municipal operations in order for their state aid payment to be released.

The department is requiring all towns to complete, certify and submit the form back to the state by October 1.

The check list includes 88 questions. Answering “yes” to 76 or more yields will equate to 100 percent of state aid to the municipality; “yes” for 61 to 75 yields 99 percent; 46 to 60 yields 98 percent; 31 to 45 will result in 97 percent of aid; 16 to 30 will yield 96 percent of the town’s aid with 0 to 15 percent yielding 95 percent.

The questions are as follows:

General Management:

1. Do you require your elected officials to attend basic courses on their responsibilities and obligations in local government?
2. Has your municipality established an “absence from meetings policy” for elected officials/appointed board members?
3. Do you share service of a tax assessor, tax collector or chief financial officer?
4. Did you renew shared service contracts or agreements during the last calendar fiscal year?
5. Does your municipality maintain an up-to-date municipal website containing, but not limited to the following? a. Both proposed and adopted budgets for at least three years; b. notification(s) for solicitation of bids and RFPs; c. employee business contact information; d. minutes and agendas—governing body, planning board, board of adjustment and commissions; e. proposed ordinances for public hearing and all other required public notices; f. display of annual up-to-date municipal and land use ordinances on website.
6. In the last year, did you participate in any type of strategic planning process designed to help you restructure to reduce costs?

Personnel:

1. Do you have a personnel manual and/or employee handbook?
2. Do you conduct ethics training?
3. Does your town provide annual employment practice liability training for elected officials, managers, administrators, department heads and supervisors?
4. Has your municipality in contract negotiations considered overtime assignments to be based on the work to be performed rather than seniority?
5. Do your new contract increases limit salary and wages to 2 percent or less?
6. Does your municipality limit health benefits to full-time (35 or more hours weekly), excluding all part-time employees, elected or appointed officials?
7. Has your municipality implemented cost sharing for health benefits of at least 1.5 percent of salary for all employees?
8. Has your municipality reviewed its accrued absence policy?
9. Does your municipality have a policy for use of municipal vehicles?
10. Does your municipality have an approval process for overtime that is not limited to the department head?

11. Do you review overtime by department by category year over year?
12. Does your municipality maintain a minimum work year of 2080 hours, for all full time employees?

Procurement Policies:

1. Has your municipality solicited for competitive insurance proposals or self-insured funds in the last three years (liability and/or health)?
2. Are you utilizing the fair and open process for professional service agreements?
3. Do you utilize some or all contract awards through the “fair and open” versus “nonfair and open” process?
4. Do you RFP professional services agreements at least every three years?
5. Do you employ a qualified purchasing agent?

Financial:

1. Did you adopt your budget without a waiver from the Local Finance Board?
2. Did you introduce and adopt its last budget within the filing deadline?
3. Did you hold a tax lien sale within the past year, and all eligible properties included, ensuring the property stays current or return to, a taxpaying basis?
4. Have you conducted an annual random internal controls review and documentation inspection to ensure that controls are functioning as required?
5. Does your audit report reflect that general ledger, fixed asset accounting and encumbrance systems are in place, and maintained on a current basis?
6. Do you conduct a revaluation at intervals frequent enough to ensure that the discrepancy between assessed valuation and fair market value of properties is no more than 30 percent?
7. Do you participate in the purchase of fuel, electric or gas in bulk through cooperative purchasing (county/state) and or a member of a SEM?
8. Did you file your annual statutory debt statement within the required time (sustainable energy meeting) or any other similar group purchase program?
9. Did you file your annual financial statement within the required time?
10. Do you annually review and update your investment policy and compare it to actual investments at least once a year to document that principle is maintained, and interest is maximized?
11. Do your municipal utilities show a five-year infrastructure plan, including holding rates stable and/or less than 2 percent, as well as fund-balance stability?
12. Does the municipality obtain a Type II SAS 70 Report, for service providers, including, but not limited to, payroll service and third-party administrators for self-insurance funds?
13. Have you reviewed your banking relationships within the past two years to ensure that you are receiving the best value for your deposits?

Budget Preparation:

1. Did you prepare a five-year summary showing the amount of surplus anticipated and the percentage of the budget that this represents?
2. Did the summary demonstrate the

entities ability to retain and regenerate fund balance at a sufficient level to maintain the entities current bond rating?

3. Did you prepare a five-year analysis showing surplus utilized compared to the surplus regenerated?
4. Did you prepare a detailed schedule of appropriations by the following categories: Salary and wages, other expenses, deferred charges, capital debt service, reserve for uncollected taxes?
5. Was a five-year chart or graph prepared showing, in declining order, the largest dollar line items to the smallest dollar line items?
6. Was a five-year analysis prepared showing the expense categories with the largest dollar increase year over year and the expense categories with the largest percentage increase?
7. Did you prepare analysis of cost centers such as, health insurance, energy, pension and salaries for last five years?
8. Did your municipality begin internal budget discussions with reviews of historical budget vs. actual data for the past three years for each department?
9. Were departmental budget requests above a certain threshold presented and department basis discussed by the respective department heads?
10. Do you use charting and graphing in your budget analysis for pictorial analysis of major items and their respective percentage of the total budget?

Budget Presentation:

1. Was a multi-year budget history and projection showing three years of history and two years of projections prepared in a “viewer friendly” style for public use?
2. Did your municipality categorize revenue into five to 10 major groupings and prepare a five-year history to demonstrate the revenue trend and the entities ability to realize the amounts anticipated in the current year?
3. Did your budget presentation list the yearly percent increase for each line item?
4. Did your budget presentation present percentage increases in line items from highest percentage increase to lowest?
5. Does the budget presentation present each department’s costs, inclusive of direct and indirect costs, as a percentage of the overall budget?

Public Safety

1. Has your municipality appointed a safety officer out of current municipal workforce to train management and staff in formal risk assessment process to decrease liability claims and injuries?
2. Do you maintain a formal safety program, which includes written policies and claims review?
3. Do you retain a management approved physician for workers compensation claims management?
4. Is your police department accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA) or have senior officers had advanced training through professional agency academy?
5. Is your police/fire dispatch handled by civilian (non-sworn) employees?

Dems Exec. Dir. Joins Federal Labor Department

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis has announced the appointment of Robert Asaro-Angelo, the executive director of the New Jersey Democratic State Committee, as her representative in the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Mr. Asaro-Angelo will be based in New York City.

Within the U.S. Department of Labor, the secretary’s representatives, also known as “sec reps,” serve as liaisons to state and local government officials and community stakeholders, and are responsible for amplifying key programs and initiatives of the department.

Mr. Asaro-Angelo was previously employed by the Mason Tenders District Council of the Laborers International Union of North America in New York City and Long Island, N.Y., and worked as a political action representative for the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees and was a political and community organizer for Service Employees International Union Local 1115 in New Jersey.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcasting and Film from Boston University and worked for ESPN and NBC Sports before obtaining a Master of Science degree in Public Policy from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University.

Rajoppi: Don’t Be a Victim Of Property Deed Scam

ELIZABETH – Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi is warning homeowners in the Union County area and owners of commercial property in the county to beware of people who offer to sell them a certified copy of their property deeds. Some of these companies are targeting non-English-speaking homeowners.

“Various municipalities in Union County have alerted me that their residents have been contacted by a company that offers to sell the property owner a copy of their deed,” Ms. Rajoppi said. “These offers are not necessary. Don’t be fooled. Normally, you or your attorney already have a copy of your deed.”

“It is advisable to have a copy of your deed stored safely with your other important documents,” continued Clerk Rajoppi. “But if you misplace or lose your deed, you can readily obtain a certified copy from my office usually for less than \$20. Scam artists are charging \$79.50 or more for the same deed. The price for a certified deed is mandated by the state and is a per-page charge.”

In 2007, Ms. Rajoppi filed a formal complaint with the Office of the New Jersey Attorney General, citing the solicitation of homeowners to purchase a deed at an exorbitant, excessive cost. Consumers who receive solicitations can contact the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs at (973) 504-6200 or 800-242-5846 to file a complaint.

Certified copies of deeds can be obtained at County Clerk’s Office, in the Union County Courthouse at 2 Broad Street in Elizabeth, at a fee of \$8 for the first page and \$2 for subsequent pages.

To find out more about obtaining a copy of a deed, call the Office of the Union County Clerk at (908) 527-4787 or visit ucnj.org.

Ms. Rajoppi is seeking he fourth, five-term as clerk. She was previously the registrar of deeds and mortgages for 12 years.

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With Solar Panel Projects, It’s Hard to Follow the Money

Scott Webb of Westfield, in his letter to the editor, below discusses some of the business aspects of solar panel projects for generating electricity. John Bury of Kenilworth, an actuary, has offered his detailed analysis of how Morris County’s government ventures into the solar business work financially [see www.countywatchers.com/]. Most of the discussions are complex involving tax credits, power purchase agreements, Solar Renewable Energy Certificates, pay-back and buybacks.

From <http://greeneconet.net/>, “Understanding the Cost of Solar Energy, August 13, 2007 - In comparison to conventional hydrocarbon fuels such as coal or oil in generating electricity, the cost of solar energy is significantly higher...”

To us, the public needs a clearer and simpler explanation. Why? Because hidden in the fanfare is that the taxpayers are footing about two-thirds of the cost and, as consumers, they will see higher utility bills.

All of these solar projects would be losing financial investments by private industry on a standalone basis – without taxpayer and ratepayer support. Some business executives have told us that they believe it to be wrong for the economy in general, but “What are we to do? – Turn down the government money?” These businesses realize it’s the taxpayers’ and consumers’ money and debt – but apparently the voters don’t.

We support New Jersey’s commitment to becoming a solar energy industry leader, but we think the flam-flam of marketable certificates only benefits the developers and insiders on the backs of public debt. Why all

the intrigue? Why can’t they be straight up deals?

Take for example the Union County Improvement Authority’s (UCIA) plan to back \$45 million of solar energy projects. Where is the financial backing coming from? It’s coming from the property taxpayers in Union County, more debt as authorized by the County of Union. Why would a solar panel developer need you to support their projects? Is it because the banks would never lend them the money because they are shell corporations with no collateral?

According to the Union County Improvement Authority on the web, www.ucianj.org and their latest published annual report (albeit 2007), the UCIA has over \$300 million in outstanding bonds (your debt?).

Westfield Mayor Andrew Skibitsky told us that the UCIA told him that none of Westfield’s government buildings qualify (structurally or orientation wise) for the UCIA solar program. Does this mean that Westfielders who shoulder more than 10 percent of the county debt and taxes now have to take on another \$5 million of county debt with nothing in return? Is this true also for other nearby towns?

Haven’t we learned our lessons yet as exemplified by this economy about shaky financial projects, hidden soft costs profiteering and excessive borrowing?

Who’s profiting by these ventures? – “Follow the money.”

For those solar panel projects being funded by taxpayer and ratepayer money, in celebration of Labor Day, couldn’t the solar panels at least be “Made in America?”

Why Is the Union County Improvement Authority Spending \$45 Million on the Solar Energy Business?

I read Paul Peyton’s piece (September 2, 2010; front page) about Solar in Union County and was interested on two fronts. One, I have been a resident of Westfield since 1995 and like every resident here, I would love to see anything done that would reduce our cost structure and thereby arrest our annual tax increases.

My family and myself (my wife and I have three boys in the Westfield school system) like Westfield in every way – except the taxes. I’m sure we are not alone in that sentiment. Second, I am also in the solar energy business and am curious as to what they want to spend \$45 million on in the surrounding towns.

There are two basic solar financing structures.

One, you can purchase the system and receive a 30 percent Investment Tax Credit (ITC) from the federal government off the top in the form of a tax rebate. You also save money because you’re producing your own electricity, and as Paul mentioned in his piece, you’re producing Solar Renewable Energy Certificates

(SREC’s). It is these incentives that make solar so popular in New Jersey.

The purchase of solar requires a rather substantial up front cost but it pays for itself in approximately five years. After that, you can reap an additional 10 years of income and many years of cost-free electricity.

However, since Union County is a non-profit entity, the 30 percent ITC is not available to them. That would push the payback out to 6.5 years give or take.

Two, the other form of financing is what is called a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), or a lease. With a PPA, you simply call up a PPA provider and ask them to come out and look at your roof and consumption. They will design and install the system for free. What they will provide you is cheaper electricity than what we are paying from PSE&G now and in the future. After the agreement expires, usually twenty years or so, the system will generally revert to the roof owner at no cost (they will tell you there is a “buyback” price, but what good is 20-

year old technology to them?).

It has value to the roof owner because it is still producing all the electrical needs for the building, and most systems still have five years left on their warranty. This is generally the way non-profits go, and actually [so for] a great many businesses.

In Paul’s piece he reported that the solar provider will be able to take advantage of “federal tax incentives, economies of scale and the sale of [Solar Renewable Energy Certificates].” So the county wants to use a PPA, which is fine. But what do they need to spend \$45 million on? It’s free to install. Do they want to spend \$45 million to study solar? PPA’s are exceptionally profitable to the providers as long as your customer has the ability to continue to pay his bills.

I have a call into Ms. [Charlotte] DiFilippo [executive director of the Union County Improvement Authority] for further clarification. If you have any other information I would love to hear it.

Scott Webb
Westfield

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Letters to the Editor

Wouldn’t Traffic Light At Marlboro Or Clover Make More Sense?

Do Westfield and Union County really have no better use for \$100,000 than to close off two streets and construct a crosswalk on Central Avenue where there does not seem to be need for one? If some overwhelming need exists to break the flow of traffic on Central Avenue, wouldn’t a normal traffic light at a main street like Marlboro or Clover make more sense? What’s next, pedestrian overpasses? I suppose the county will recoup this cost from the traffic tickets that will

Victor Attanasio
Westfield

Springfield Fire Dept. Woes Give Westfield Things to Consider

I recently wrote to warn of the problem created by the Westfield administration, which limits the number of firemen on a tour of duty to a minimum number previously proven to be incompetent. I pointed to Springfield, which suffered the ignominy of having its fire department respond to a fire and be unable to fight it properly. I also pointed out that homeowner insurance policies increased as a direct result of the ineptitude of that town’s “administrative discretion.”

Last Friday, Springfield suffered an apartment house fire. Its reduced fire department responded with three men who then had to wait 10 to 12 minutes until Millburn arrived and provided enough manpower to fight the blaze. The Westfield administration’s reduced manpower level will work as long as the fire

emergency occurs during that “window of opportunity” when no one on that tour of duty is out sick or on vacation and there is no other emergency such as a medical call, auto accident or assistance at a fire in Springfield. Westfield’s administration has exercised its discretion to return to a reduced number of firemen on a tour of duty which it knows from experience is not a practical number.

There are certain numbers below which you cannot go. Don’t claim to reduce taxes by increasing the danger to our homes and increasing our homeowner insurance premiums. Govern in reality, not the fiction of administrative discretion.

A. John Blake
Westfield

Does ‘Brought to You By The Board Of ‘Chosen’ Freeholders’ Bug You?

Does the idea of a board of “Chosen” Freeholders seem antiquated to you, a holdover from colonial times? Is your town better off sending money to the county so they can come back and fix your roads on their time schedule?

We have county roads in Summit where the county owns half and we own half. Do we stop plowing half way down the road because it is now in the county’s jurisdiction? The county park in our town is not as well maintained as our city parks, but we hand over about 25 percent of our tax bill for the minimal services we get in return.

Do those signs all over the place that say, brought to you by the Board of “Chosen” Freeholders, bug you? It sure bothers me because it should really say brought

to you by the taxpayers of Union County.

Does a little culvert that took over a year to replace really warrant two expensive brass plaques stating this was done courtesy of the Union County Board of “Chosen” Freeholders? No, it was brought to you late, at a great inconvenience, but paid for by the taxpayers of Union County!

We are in very difficult economic times. Our towns are laying off essential workers, the debt of some towns is being downgraded, and our tax appeals are up. We have a government we cannot afford.

Ellen Dickson
Summit
GOP Candidate For Freeholder

If You Believe 31 Cell Antennas on Bld. Is Excessive, Attend Sept. 15 Meeting

The local residents of Prospect Street and Cowperthwaite Place are opposed to six additional cell phone antennas, proposed by MetroPCS, to be added to the roof of 264 Prospect Street.

If you agree that 31 antennas on one building is excessive, attend the Westfield Planning Board meeting on Wednesday, September 15, in Westfield Town Hall.

This will be the third meeting concerning this issue. There are solutions to this problem, including change of site, which is possible, or a reduction in the size of the MetroPCS equipment.

We are interested in the quality of life

in our wonderful town, and we are concerned with the issue of suburban blight.

At this time, the health issue is off the table since radiation engineers have testified that the radiation levels emitted from 264 Prospect Street are well below government standards.

However, the blight issue is still plausible. Please attend this meeting, and you may state, if you desire, your opposition on that evening of September 15.

Saul Drittel
Chelmsford Condominium Assoc.
Westfield

Taxpayers Foot Bills for Scotch Plains Senior Housing Complex

After the Scotch Plains Council paid over \$48K at their last public meeting for unpaid utilities, the letter “Give Seniors Tax break to keep their Homes” Page 4, dated September 27, 1990 from: E. Dennis Hardie is again relevant. Would you consider a reprint of that letter?

Frank Festa, Jr.
Scotch Plains

Give Seniors Tax Break To Keep Their Homes

Reprinted from September 27, 1990: Scotch Plains Senior Citizen Housing Corp. Chairman, Tom Barth, in a recent letter about the controversial senior citizen’s housing project; stated that our “mayor and planning board are acting in the interests and needs of the people of Scotch Plains, especially senior citizens.” I totally disagree.

If you read the legal notices in the paper on August 9, 1990, you would have observed that our town council passed a bond ordinance to acquire more sewer capacity from Westfield. This will cost one million dollars. The notice also states that all taxable real property will carry the burden “for payment of the obligation and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.” Ostensibly, the

extra sewer capacity is for the senior-citizens’ project.

Coincidentally, another controversial real estate development sits unfinished because of the lack of sewer capacity. Why did our politicians permit construction of Lamberts Mill Village to begin without sewerage fights? Will this unfinished apartment complex benefit from this extra sewer capacity at our expense? Whose interests and needs are being acted upon by our politicians?

Meanwhile, senior citizens are forced to sell their homes due to Scotch Plains exorbitant property taxes. Rather than spend millions on a boondoggle, why not give the seniors a substantial property tax break, and allow them to keep the homes they worked for over the years. Wouldn’t this be better than crowding them into a housing project that will isolate them from the rest of the community?

The Martine Avenue site is directly under the main air traffic corridor routed over the south side of town by the FAA. Why would anyone willingly move to an area that suffers from 60 to 105 decibel thunder every two minutes? What this project amounts to is a place to incarcerate our senior citizens in an isolated environmental wasteland.

E. Dennis Hardie
Scotch Plains

Despite Escalating Expenses, There Are Workable Fanwood Tax Solutions

Having been involved as a councilman in Fanwood for the past three years, I always worked for the betterment of our community and to keep property taxes as low as possible. I am now seeking reelection because I believe the new state mandated cap on municipal, county and school budgets will present challenges on making government smaller, working with less taxpayer capital, and still provide the services our citizens have come to enjoy.

As chairman of the Administration and Finance Committee, I led a group that went through the 2010 budget line-by-line resulting in the lowest municipal tax increase of 3.6 percent in five years. I know, despite the escalating costs of salaries and operating expenses, there are workable solutions to hold the line on taxes and still deliver the results you would like to see. It may be a difficult

task, but it is not an impossible dream.

Governor Christie and the Legislature enacted the 2 percent cap because government costs were escalating more than citizens can afford. In Fanwood, the “average” property tax bill is just under \$10,000 and I know that many residents pay much more. We have reached the critical point where it is a struggle for many working families and senior citizens to afford to live here. Moreover, this level of taxes can be an obstacle for young couples and families seeking to purchase a home in our area.

Current economic conditions have only compounded the problem for many of our neighbors who are very concerned about their current and future financial security. All levels of government need to restrain spending and tax increases at this time.

The 2010 election is crucial for our taxpaying citizens where the control of your local government is at stake. My running mate, Jason Benedict, and I will provide strong conservative leadership on the borough council and bring back the satisfaction of living in an affordable Fanwood.

Tony Parenti
Fanwood Councilman

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

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

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

Answers to last week’s arcane words.

1. Sasin – The Indian antelope or black buck
2. Vatic – Characteristic of a prophet or seer
3. Scaturlent – Gushing forth
4. Versute – Crafty

CUIRASS

1. A light, rounded helmet with a visor
2. A brestplate of leather
3. An ancient flask or jug of leather
4. A footprint

TAWIE

1. Formed or made up of mud
2. A looking glass, small telescope
3. Soft sleet or hail
4. Tame

RENIDIFICATION

1. The act of making thin
2. The act of building another nest
3. The use of brushwood and thorns for making and repairing hedges
4. Rapid climate change due to a cataclysmic event

TEMIKAK

1. An Eskimo coat made of bird skins
2. A deep cut or gash
3. A boat hoist used for raising and lowering smaller boats
4. A fish net

See more letters on pages 5, 17

Letters to the Editor

Help With CA Geography

I always enjoy reading the online edition of *The Westfield Leader*; thanks for making it available!

There’s an error in the caption on page 6 of last week’s issue (September 2, 2010) I wanted to point out to you, Maggie’s photo was taken in the Marin Headlands Unit of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, which is north of San Francisco in the town of Sausalito (Marin County). Golden Gate Park is in San Francisco.

Andrew Karp
Sonoma, CA
Westfield HS 1975

Garwood Dems Announce Commitment To Borough Residents

Incumbent Garwood Mayor Dennis McCarthy is joined by former Councilwoman Kathleen Villaggio and newcomer Matthew Allouf in the 2010 campaign for Garwood’s mayor and council seats.

Mayor McCarthy has served the citizens of Garwood with integrity, fiscal responsibility, and fairness, with over 20 years of service to the people of Garwood. Mayor McCarthy has served the borough since 2003 as mayor, and is seeking another term this November.

Kathleen previously served as councilwoman for nine years, and has continued to serve as a volunteer on various committees in the borough as a resident.

With a proven record of experience in community affairs, commitment to the borough and its citizens, and efforts to make Garwood an accessible and appealing place for families to reside, Mayor McCarthy and Mrs. Villaggio will continue to dedicate themselves wholeheartedly to the best interests of Garwood and its residents, from our children to senior citizens.

Matthew Allouf, a homeowner in Garwood along with his wife, Mia, is an energetic and passionate newcomer, and brings with him a staunch work ethic and an unwavering desire to contribute to Garwood’s community. Matthew is seeking his first term as councilman. As a union ironworker, Matthew understands the value of teamwork and working together for the betterment of the community, and is excited for the opportunity to contribute to Garwood’s council. His fresh perspective will be welcomed as Garwood continues its growth and development around the community.

Mayor McCarthy, Matt, and Kathy are looking forward to meeting with each resident of Garwood over the upcoming months, and will be walking door-to-door to meet with the residents.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet them one-on-one and talk about matters that are important to you. If you are not home when they visit, or wish to speak further with any of the candidates, you will receive a flyer with each candidate’s home telephone number, which is also provided below. Accessibility and transparency are important to the candidates, and Mayor McCarthy, Mr. Allouf, and Ms. Villaggio encourage each resident to contact them directly with any questions or concerns they have about the community issues in Garwood.

Mayor Dennis McCarthy: (908) 789-0473

Matthew Allouf: (908) 264-8550

Kathleen Villaggio: (908) 789-0874

The Democratic team looks forward to meeting with as many of Garwood’s residents as possible, and is committed to providing the community with factual and accurate information throughout the campaign season.

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Letters to the Editor

Is Everyone Happy? No, But People Can Now Cross Central Avenue

It's not often that you get the opportunity to praise Union County government and the Town of Westfield in the same sentence, but the much-anticipated pedestrian-controlled traffic safety light on Central Avenue near the intersection at Clover Street represents one of those times.

Since at least 1989, residents from the east side of Central Avenue have petitioned and spoken out in support of the need for a traffic safety light at Central and Clover, just as there are traffic safety lights at Central and Clifton Street, Central and Grove and Central and Cacciola Place. Our children attend Jefferson, Edison and Westfield High School, just as the children do who live near and use those intersections. Our families attempt to ride their bikes, exercise and walk across Central, just as other families on the east side of Central do.

Up until now, our fellow residents had no safer way to cross Central Avenue, but thankfully that will shortly change. A traffic light is the safest way for children

BootCampWF Expands into Cranford; Fall Session Starts September 13

CRANFORD -- BootCampWF, Westfield's premier, healthy-living outdoor fitness training program, has expanded into Cranford with BootCampCF! Regardless of age, size, gender or fitness level, if you're in or around Westfield and Cranford and looking to get in shape, drop those pounds, build that muscle and have fun while doing it, it's time to ENLIST! The next session starts September 13.

BootCampWF is a specially designed fitness program held for one hour three days a week over six weeks. BCWF workouts are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 and 9:15 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. in Tamaques Park by the basketball courts. BCWF Lite is Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 a.m. BootCampCF is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:15 a.m. at Memorial Field, Cranford.

BootCampWF starts off with an assessment of all recruits. On the first (and last!) day we see how many sit-ups and pushups you can do, and how long it takes for you to walk/run a half mile. These assessments allow participants to measure progress over the six-week session.

To enlist in BootCampWF or for more information, please visit our website at BootCampWF.com.

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Investors Savings Bank Foundation Supports Training for Crisis Hotline

WESTFIELD - The Investors Savings Bank Foundation, which provides charitable funding to nonprofit organizations that enrich the communities the bank serves, has awarded a \$5,000 grant to sponsor volunteer training programs at CONTACT We Care.

"Before any volunteer picks up a phone, they must undergo at least 12 weeks of training," explained David Owens, the organization's executive director. "This grant will enable us to recruit about 20 new volunteers."

CONTACT We Care, part of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network, receives more than 11,000 calls annually from people in crisis throughout the region. After the initial classroom sessions, volunteers work with a training assistant while fielding live calls. The grant from the Investors Savings Bank Foundation, which has sup-

ported CONTACT We Care over the past several years, will help subsidize costs associated with the program.

"We hear from people across a wide spectrum of issues, from callers who are in severe crisis and possibly suicidal, to callers who are at a challenging point in their lives and just need someone who will listen," said Owens. "We're grateful to have the continued support of our friends at the Investors Savings Bank Foundation in helping to make this program possible."

"The volunteers at CONTACT We Care have been saving lives for more than 30 years," said Investors Savings Bank President and CEO Kevin Cummings. "We are glad to partner with them in furthering their important work."

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and residents to cross Central Avenue – a county road on which 18,000 to 20,000 vehicles travel daily. Yes, children and adults will still need to be reminded to look both ways before crossing the street, to watch out for cars backing out of their driveways and also to make sure that vehicles have come to a complete stop in obedience to the pedestrian-controlled traffic light — but Central Avenue has never been a quiet, bucolic Westfield street, and cars and trucks in town and especially on Central, very rarely yield to a pedestrian without a light.

Without a light on Central, we have witnessed cars driving around the rare courteous driver who has stopped, creating an even more dangerous situation. In 2002, Union County had earmarked funding for the light at the intersection of Central and Clover, but a safety issue became politicized in order to defeat Democratic Councilwoman Claire Lazarowitz, a strong proponent of pedestrian safety.

Subsequently in 2004, then-Councilmen [Mark] Ciarocca and [Andy] Skibitsky formed a "task force" to improve traffic safety in eight areas of concern around town including Central and Clover. The town retained the engineering firm of Keller and Kirkpatrick, who, according to the town's Outreach Information Sheet, had expertise specifically in traffic safety, to study the eight areas and develop a consensus plan that addressed both safety and resident concerns about the effect of a traffic light in the context of Central and Clover on neighboring streets.

There were many public meetings about the eight areas, including Central and Clover over a period of two years. This paper, although it showed its typical lack of leadership on the issue, did report about the task force and its meetings. The resultant plan, as I understand it, from the engineering expert retained by the town, was to make the traffic light, pedestrian-controlled instead of on a timer, meaning that unless a person presses a button to turn the light red in order to cross the street, the light at Central will stay green for all drivers on Central. Since the light is pedestrian-controlled and will not always be in use, the actual crosswalk was moved slightly south of the intersection with Clover to avoid additional disruption to traffic using Clover, as well as for safety with regards to vehicles making right turns from Clover onto Central.

The closing of the two small streets that once intersected with Central also addresses concerns about Central Avenue traffic running on to adjoining streets with the advent of a traffic safety light. Union County adopted the recommendations of Westfield. Is everyone happy? No, you can't make everyone happy, as evidenced by the two letters to this paper, but when that pedestrian-controlled traffic light goes operational, we know there will be hundreds and hundreds of children and adults who can now cross Central Avenue both happily and in safety.

Steven Lee and Julie Tarr
Westfield



HONG KONG PIE...Gino Jannotti from Garwood, on business in Hong Kong, managed to find an authentic New York style pizza there. Owner, Al Morales, right, from Brooklyn, displays a 24-inch pizza at Paisano's. Mr. Jannotti, a member of Les Marmittos of Cranford culinary club, frequently searches for interesting foods.

Scotch Plains Resident Reminds All Of September 15 Cell Tower Meeting

As many residents know, Omnipoint - T-Mobile's plans to build a cell tower at Willow Grove Swim Club is back on the drawing board. They're now planning to place their 120-foot, nine-antenna cell tower in the parking lot of the swim club. I'm writing to remind the community of Scotch Plains and the parents of children who attend McGinn Elementary School in particular about this issue.

There is a meeting with the zoning board scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building. The purpose of this meeting is for T-Mobile to present testimony regarding the service gap that allegedly exists in the area and justify why this cell tower is necessary to fill this gap.

Unquestionably, WGSC [swim club] maneuvered the contracting of this cell tower in a peculiar, quiet manner. Many members were not informed by their board, as they should have been, that there was a vote about the proposed tower. Shame on those involved for showing such inconsideration toward their club members, never mind their lack of consideration for the community.

While not all oppose a cell tower being erected so close to our homes and school, many of us do. I know that many McGinn families who don't live within the immediate area of the school are not even aware of this situation, but they ought to be. It's the right of all McGinn parents to be informed of this pertinent matter.

The placement of this tower isn't solely a McGinn issue, however. It potentially affects all of our children.

If this tower is built, it will establish itself as an attractive nuisance. Willow Grove Swim Club is in a neighborhood full of children. McGinn School, complete with its playgrounds, as well as

Kramer Park are in the immediate vicinity. How will our township be able to patrol this new climbing temptation with our economy being so challenged?

For those of you who share my stance, I can't emphasize strongly enough how important it is for you to attend the meeting. Our presence will speak volumes about our concern and demonstrate to the zoning board our opposition to this issue. Join us on Wednesday, September 15, at 7:30 p.m. (in the Scotch Plains Municipal Building located on Park Avenue) as we make ourselves heard.

Judy Lanfredi Mouckas
Scotch Plains

East Broad Street Road Work Announced

Please be advised that the Town of Westfield will begin the improvement of East Broad Street on Thursday, September 9, weather permitting. The specific work scheduled to occur is the milling, resurfacing and restriping of East Broad Street between Elm Street and North Avenue. The intersection of Elm/East Broad will not be impacted as part of this project. In order to complete this improvement with as little disruption as possible, two lanes of traffic will be maintained; however, it will be necessary to restrict parking along this section while the work is underway. Parking will be available in the evening when no work is scheduled to occur. It is anticipated that the total duration of construction is two days. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Commentary

As Fall Elections Enter Full Campaign Mode...

Now that Labor Day is behind us, the fall campaign is in full swing. Although there are no municipal elections in Westfield this year, there are Congressional and county contested races, as well as competitive contests in Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Garwood.

The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times provide space each week for candidates seeking elected office [including party officials] to express their views to our readers. Also, this is a standing offer extended to all elected officials of the region currently serving. We thank all those who have participated in this forum and encourage those who have not to take advantage of this opportunity by submitting statements, pictures and letters throughout the campaign. Press releases submitted by anyone who is a candidate for office this year will be so-duly noted in this newspaper by our editors if not included by the submitter.

Our editors will apply their judgment on campaign submissions to weed out personal attacks on opponents, spin and "fluff." They may reject submissions deemed inappropriate. Thus, we encourage candidates to stick to the issues. We look forward to what our readers, leaders and contenders have to say. Please e-mail editor@goleader.com with

your comments.

This newspaper is happy to attend and report on campaign events when we are invited. We have also extended an invitation for candidates, including Republicans, Democrats and Independents, to be interviewed by our staff. We hope all candidates will take advantage of this opportunity, as many have already done this year and in the past.

This is an important election year for Congress, as mid-term House and Senate elections could change the direction of policies of the Obama administration over the next two years. As noted, there are important county and local municipal contests as well. We believe it is important for our readers to be involved and to keep up to date so they are informed voters in November.

In conjunction with the League of Women Voters, we will again sponsor candidate forums in Scotch Plains and Fanwood for airing on local television in October. In addition, our county reporter will be among the panelists during the Union County Freeholders' Candidates Forum on Tuesday, October 19, in Cranford.

We look forward to an informative, spirited and issues-oriented campaign this fall. Good luck to all the candidates.

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Library to Unveil 40 Posters Saluting America’s Heritage

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Memorial Library will present the Picturing America Collection on Saturday, September 11. These 40 posters represent the United States’ artistic heritage – paintings, sculpture, architecture, fine crafts and photography – that reflect American character, ideals and aspirations.

Picturing America is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), conducted in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA), which brings significant works of American art into thousands of communities across the country.

The Fanwood Library was among more than 3,600 public libraries and 56,000 sites nationwide selected to receive 40 high-quality reproductions of American art. These posters will be on display at the library through January 2011.

The library will present a series of programming celebrating the images and goals of Picturing America, which strives to help individuals understand American democracy through its citizens’ common heritage and ideals. It will highlight the people, places and events that have shaped the nation and provide a way to experience America’s history through the nation’s art.



DAR OFFICERS NAMED...Officers for the Crane’s Ford Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were installed in June. Pictured, from left to right, are: Patty Campanelli, registrar; Helen van Gelder, corresponding secretary; Betty Duckworth, treasurer; Bonnie Turner, chaplain; Bonnie Cierowski, first vice-president, and Carolyn Youngs, regent.

Nature Club Schedules Trip For Hawk Watch Activity

AREA – The Greater Watchung Nature Club will present a trip on Saturday, September 18, for the Washington Valley Park Hawk Watch. Located in Bridgewater, the Washington Valley Park’s Hawk Watch Area is one of the East Coast’s premier locations to watch thousands of raptors migrate south every autumn.

From August through November, the Washington Valley Park Hawk Watch Area attracts several hundred raptor enthusiasts from all over the northeastern United States. Participants will meet at the park at 11 a.m. and are asked to bring a chair, binoculars, beverages and snacks.

The Washington Valley Park Hawk Watch Area can be reached by traveling Route 22 to the Vosseller Avenue exit in Bridgewater. Individuals should then drive up the hill (north) and make a left onto Miller Lane, continue down Miller Lane; the dirt road will bring them into the parking lot. They should then walk through the gate and down a short trail to the actual overlook area where the skies are visible.

The Greater Watchung Nature Club is dedicated to promoting fellowship among those who share an appreciation of the natural world. Annual dues are \$12 for an individual, \$17 for a

The entire series of programming is made possible through support from the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library. Additionally, the library was one of only 30 recipients nationwide of a grant from the ALA and the NEH to help underwrite the related Picturing America program “Let’s Talk About It,” a five-book discussion series that explores the American immigrant experience through the theme of “Land of Opportunity.”

Registration, which is free, is now open for the book discussions. These discussions are just one aspect of this series of programs and experiences, which also will include music, lectures, films and the display of the 40 iconic images in the Picturing America Collection.

The book discussion group, moderated by Professor Christopher Gibbs, will begin on Wednesday, September 15, with a discussion of E. L. Doctorow’s “Ragtime.” Copies of the book are available at the library’s circulation desk.

The Fanwood Memorial Library is located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road. To register for any of these programs or for more information about Picturing America, the book discussion series and other programming, call the library at (908) 322-6400 or visit fanwoodlibrary.org.



FUTURE HOME...Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains held Friday night Shabbat services August 27 for just the second time on the Lake Avenue property it will soon call home. But first, congregants enjoyed a picnic dinner together on the lawn. Temple Sholom has held two previous events on the property – a similar Friday night gathering and a Saturday night Havdalah celebration with s’mores. Pictured, Rabbi Joel Abraham, far right, chats with Natalie Darwin, Louise Rosin and Shelly Glaser-Freedman.

Tickets Currently Available For Hayrides at Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE – Tickets are available for autumn evening hayrides and fun around the campfire at Trailside Nature and Science Center, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. In addition to the hayrides, there will be songs around the campfire led by singer Marc Muller, plus hot chocolate and marshmallows toasted over the fire.

A New Jersey musician, producer and arranger, Mr. Muller has worked on PBS-TV, Food Network and Disney Channel productions, and has performed with Gretchen Wilson, Shania Twain, Dr. John, Carly Simon, Branford Marsalis, Elton John, Nickelback and many other popular entertainers.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. Seating for the hayrides is limited. Rides will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the evenings of October 1, 8, 9, 15 and 29. No tickets will be sold at the hayrides, so participants are encouraged to register early. The cost is \$5 for Union County residents and \$10 for out-of-county participants.

Tickets can be purchased daily from noon to 5 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center, located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside, or weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Union County Administration Building, Department of Parks and Community Renewal, second floor, Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue in Elizabeth.

For further information, call Trailside Nature and Science Center at (908) 789-3670 or the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal at (908) 527-4900, or visit the Union County website at ucnj.org.

Willow Grove Offers Moms’ Growth Group

SCOTCH PLAINS – All mothers of young children are invited to a weekly Moms’ Growth Group at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church for informal discussions with Willow Grove’s pastor, the Reverend Cynthia Cochran-Carney.

Starting on Monday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m., mothers and young children from infants to age 6 will meet in the church nursery with Pastor Cochran-Carney, herself the mother of two sons, ages 15 and 12, for a different kind of playgroup.

Each week, a different topic will be discussed and resources provided related to helping children’s Christian faith develop. Topics will include talking with children about God, the death of a loved one or pet, prayer, Bible stories and choosing a children’s Bible that is age appropriate.

Participants also will discuss nurturing healthy marriages and creating time for one’s own spiritual growth. For more information, interested persons are asked to call (908) 232-5678 or e-mail office@willowgrovechurch.org. Individuals also may visit the church website, willowgrovechurch.org.

The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church is located at 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, opposite the Southside Firehouse and soccer field and near the corner of South Martine Avenue. All church facilities are handicap-accessible.

Rosary Altar Society To Meet Tonight

GARWOOD – The next monthly meeting of the Rosary Altar Society of the Church of St. Anne in Garwood will be held tonight, Thursday, September 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 37 South Avenue in Garwood. Parking is available behind the hall on Willow Avenue.

President Christine Guerriero will call on committee members for their reports. Discussion will take place regarding the society’s Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 3, at which the Reverend Monsignor James M. Sheehan will be the guest speaker.

During tonight’s meeting, there also will be opportunities to socialize and enjoy refreshments. Women of the parish are welcome to attend. For more information, call Eleanor at (908) 232-7070.

POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield

Tuesday, August 31, a resident of Fair Hill Drive reported her glass kitchen window was broken as the result of criminal mischief.

Wednesday, September 1, Courtney E. Orlick, 24, of Clark was arrested after responding to Westfield police headquarters to satisfy an active Westfield warrant. She was processed and released after posting \$153 bail.

Wednesday, September 1, a Westfield resident reported the theft of a Redline, BMX-style bicycle from the bicycle rack at the south side Westfield train station sometime between 8 and 10:15 p.m. on August 31. The bicycle was valued at approximately \$200.

Thursday, September 2, a laptop computer was reported stolen from a school on the 600 block of Willow Grove Road. The theft took place between August 30 and August 31.

Thursday, September 2, John Acquardo, 26, of Westfield was arrested on the 100 block of Ayliffe Avenue and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, identified by authorities as less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. He was released with a summons.

Thursday, September 2, a GPS unit, valued at \$200, was reported stolen from a business on the 300 block of South Avenue, East. The theft took place between August 30 and September 2.

Thursday, September 2, Joseph Pintauro, 42, of Cranford was arrested at the Middlesex County jail on an outstanding Westfield warrant in the amount of \$1,000. He was unable to post bail and was transported to the Union County jail.

Friday, September 3, an incident involving attempted fraud was reported on the 1000 block of Boynton Avenue, in which an unknown person called the victim, stating that a family member was in jail and needed to be bailed out. The suspect asked the victim to wire \$5,700 to an address in Haiti.

Saturday, September 4, Edward Carter, Jr., 36, of Westfield was arrested on a no-bail Union County Sheriff’s Office warrant during a motor vehicle stop at East North and South Euclid Avenues. Carter was turned over to the Union County Sheriff’s Office. He also was wanted on outstanding warrants out of North Plainfield, for \$1,000, and Plainfield, for \$250.

Saturday, September 4, Jason R. Smith, 31, of Garwood was arrested on the 800 block of Embree Crescent on a Newark warrant. He was released after posting bail.

Monday, September 6, Joan M. Portaro-Christopher, 44, of Westfield was arrested after responding to Westfield police headquarters to satisfy an active Westfield traffic warrant. She was processed and released after posting \$106 bail.

Monday, September 6, Steven O. McIntyre, 25, of Linden was arrested at Roselle Park police headquarters on two outstanding Westfield criminal warrants. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, but could not post the \$538 bail and was held pending transport to the Union County jail.

Tuesday, September 7, a Mastercard credit card was turned in at Westfield police headquarters after being recovered in the municipal lot at Central and Lenox Avenues. Attempts to contact the card’s owner were unsuccessful. The card was placed in the Westfield Police Department’s property locker for safekeeping.

Fanwood

Friday, August 20, Aundra Stanley, 46, of South Plainfield was arrested and charged with shoplifting, resisting arrest and obstruction of justice after a store on the 100 block of South Avenue reported an incident of shoplifting. According to police, the suspect was observed riding a bicycle on South Avenue near the Plainfield border, and when officers attempted to question him, he fled the scene and a foot chase ensued. The suspect was eventually apprehended and an employee who witnessed the crime positively identified the suspect, authorities reported.

A knapsack containing the stolen merchandise, valued at approximately \$331, was found in close proximity to the suspect, police said. He was transported to headquarters, where he was processed and turned over to the Union County jail in lieu of \$4,500 bail.

Friday, August 27, a resident of the 100 block of Farley Avenue reported that someone attempted to break into his house, after returning home and finding the screen to the back door of his residence had been removed. According to police, the back door also was opened and two planters in his yard were knocked over, causing dirt to spill in the backyard. Footprints were observed leading into the residence but nothing was reported missing, as authorities believe the homeowner may have interrupted the crime in progress, police said.

Sunday, August 29, a resident of the 100 block of Tillotson Road reported that someone entered his motor vehicle while it was parked in front of his house by damaging the lock. According to police, once inside, the suspect rummaged through the glove compartment, but nothing was reported missing at this time.

Sunday, August 29 a resident of the 200 block of Midway Avenue reported that someone removed her bicycle from her porch. According to police, the bicycle was described as a green Cannondale mountain bike and was valued at approximately \$400.

Monday, August 30, an officer on routine patrol discovered an act of criminal mischief after someone wrote graffiti on the Sheelan’s Crossing Bridge. According to police, photos were taken and the Department of Public Works removed the graffiti.

Monday, August 30, a resident of Nichols Court reported that someone entered three of his unlocked motor vehicles and removed a GPS, 20 CDs from one vehicle and ransacked the other two. The value of the items removed was approximately \$700, police said.

Tuesday, August 31, a resident of the 100 block of Glenwood Road reported

that someone entered his unlocked motor vehicle and rummaged through it. According to police, nothing was removed.

Tuesday, August 31, Justin Lanzara, 21, of Somerset was arrested and charged with hindering apprehension and an outstanding warrant out of Flemington after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road. He was transported to headquarters, processed and released.

Thursday, September 2, an individual visiting a friend on the 500 block of Terrill Road reported that she left her purse in her unlocked motor vehicle while she was inside the residence, and when she returned, it was missing. According to police, her iPhone, \$750 in cash, credit card and her driver’s license were inside the purse when it was removed.

Friday, September 3, a resident on the 20th block of Ginder Place reported that someone attempted to enter his motor vehicle by damaging the lock on the driver’s side door. According to police, nothing was removed from the vehicle.

Saturday, September 4, a resident of the 90th block of Midway Avenue reported that she heard a noise at 4:45 a.m. and realized it was her motor vehicle being stolen from the front of her house. According to police, the vehicle, described as a 1999 black Jeep Cherokee, was later recovered in East Orange.

Saturday, September 4, a resident of the 100 block of Hunter Avenue reported that someone entered her unlocked motor vehicle while it was parked in the driveway and removed an iPhone and loose change valued at approximately \$600.

Saturday, September 4, Melissa Torzewski, 21, of Glen Gardner was arrested and charged with suspected driving while intoxicated (DWI) after a motor vehicle stop, at which time the officer smelled the strong odor of alcohol. According to police, the suspect was given multiple sobriety tests at the scene and failed. She was transported to headquarters, processed and released to a responsible adult.

Mountainside

Tuesday, August 31, police responded to a residence on Sylvan Lane on a report of a dog bite. According to police, a fire inspector was doing an inspection when the homeowner’s dog bit him twice in the calf area of his right leg. The victim declined further medical attention.

Tuesday, August 31, an individual working at a residence on Ridge Drive reported that another individual was walking his dog on a leash in close proximity to the victim when another dog, unsupervised and unleashed, charged the leashed dog in an aggressive manner, causing an altercation between the two dogs. According to police, the victim was in the middle of the fight and became tangled in the dog’s leash. The leashed dog bit the victim on the ankle, police said. The victim told police he made multiple attempts to have the other dog’s owner provide paperwork confirming that the dog is up to date on his shots, but the dog owner has not yet provided him with the requested documents, police reported. A copy of the report was sent to the board of health.

Tuesday, August 31, Curtis A. Brown, 26, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Wednesday, September 1, police responded to a residence on New Providence Road after an individual passing by a residence found someone lying in a driveway. According to police, the individual was found to be intoxicated and was transported to Overlook Hospital for evaluation.

Thursday, September 2, Gareth W. Bevan, 19, of Westfield was arrested and charged with soliciting without a permit after a resident of Old Tote Road reported that an individual who appeared to be intoxicated attempted to solicit from her. He was transported to headquarters, processed and released to a responsible adult.

Friday, September 3, a resident came into headquarters to report a possible scam. According to police, the victim stated that a young girl rang her doorbell and stated that she was selling magazine subscriptions for a company called HP Consulting. The victim stated that she bought a subscription in the amount of \$51 and gave the girl a check, police said. After checking the validity of HP Consulting on the Internet, the victim learned that the company has been associated with fraud in the past, and she cancelled the check and contacted authorities, police reported.

Saturday, September 4, a resident of Darby Lane contacted police on a report of an illegal fire pit in her neighbor’s backyard, claiming her daughter was having a reaction to the smoke. According to police, an investigation of the fire pit determined that it was being used to roast marshmallows at a backyard get-together, and it was in compliance with state code. The victim demanded the fire be extinguished and wanted local fire officials called to the scene, police said. The officer advised her to calm down because police said she became inconsolable and would not listen to reason, but no laws or codes were being broken and no further action would be taken, authorities reported.

Saturday, September 4, Daquan J. Cook, 22, of Newark and Dion A. Jones, Jr., 19, of East Orange were arrested and charged with receiving stolen property and resisting arrest after an officer was stationed out on Route 22 on a report that a stolen vehicle was headed in his direction. According to police, the vehicle had been stolen from Scotch Plains, and after the officer attempted to make a motor vehicle stop, the suspects fled at a high rate of speed, eventually crashing the vehicle in Hillside. A foot chase ensued, with the suspects subsequently being apprehended.

Sunday, September 5, a resident of Woodacres Drive came into headquarters to report being the victim of credit card fraud and identity theft. According to police, three separate Internet purchases were made using her credit card for approximately \$900.

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Willow Grove to Spotlight Revelation, Mark’s Gospel

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church invites area residents to attend its Bible studies during the week and an Adult Forum series on Sunday mornings, all held in the church lounge.

Beginning September 16 at 10 a.m., a Thursday morning Bible class will study the Book of Revelation, led by the Reverend Cynthia Cochran-Carney, pastor. The primary resource for this study will be “Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today” by Barbara Rossing. The class will discuss the different levels of meaning and symbolism found in Revelation.

Those who are new to study of the Bible may decide to attend “The Bible from Scratch – The Gospel of Mark” series on Wednesday nights. Reverend Cochran-Carney will lead this six-week series beginning on September 22 at 7:30 p.m. Mark’s gospel focuses on the actions and words of Jesus. Participants also will learn the basics of the Bible, including how to find their way around this ancient book.

Rosary Altar Society Posts Meeting Date

SCOTCH PLAINS – St. Bartholomew’s Rosary Altar Society will hold its first meeting for 2010-2011 after the 7:30 p.m. Novena on Monday, September 13, at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, located at 2032 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains. Linda Caminiti from The Chelsea at Fanwood will be the guest speaker. This meeting will be open to all women of the parish and their friends. Refreshments will be served. Additionally, tickets will be available for the organization’s annual Communion Breakfast, to be held on Sunday, October 3, after the 9 a.m. Mass.

All Saints’ Episcopal Slates Sunday School Registration

SCOTCH PLAINS – Registration for the 2010-2011 Sunday school term at the All Saints’ Episcopal Church will take place on Sunday, September 12, at 11 a.m. Classes will begin the following Sunday, September 19, at 9:55 a.m. There will be classes for young people in pre-kindergarten/kindergarten through middle school. Nursery care also is available every Sunday.

Sunday school meets during the 10 a.m. service of Holy Communion. Classes are approximately 40 minutes long, enabling the young people to come into church for the Communion portion of the service.

At all age levels, classes focus on Bible stories from the Old and New Testament, illustrated through arts and crafts and with help from computer resources. Special events during the year bring young people together for a variety of activities.

Sunday worship at All Saints’ is at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist is celebrated at both services, with the All Saints’ Choir singing at the second service (and sometimes the Youth Choir). The Reverend Jane Rockman is rector, Sohyun Ahn is organist and choirmaster, and Glen Robertson is

how it came to be, and about different translations and interpretations.

Everyone also is welcome to 10 a.m. worship services each Sunday at Willow Grove Church. Refreshments are served during the social time, from 11:15 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, visit willowgrovechurch.org, call the church office at (908) 232-5678 or e-mail info@willowgrovechurch.org.

The church is located at 1961 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, opposite the Southside Firehouse and soccer field and near the corner of South Martine Avenue. All facilities are handicap-accessible.

Reckon So to Perform At Folk Music Café

MOUNTAINSIDE – The duo Reckon So will perform on Thursday, September 16, from 7 to 8:40 p.m. at the Mountainside Library’s next Folk Music Café.

Reckon So members Danny Weiss and Mary Olive Smith perform a mix of country western, swing, honky tonk and bluegrass music. Mr. Weiss also is a founding member of the groundbreaking contemporary bluegrass band Tony Trishka and Skyline.

Additionally, the program will feature a song-share where participants can bring out their own instruments and lead the room in a song. A piano also is available. Topping off the night will be an informal, live jam session for everyone. Desserts will be available.

The Folk Music Café is sponsored by a grant from the Watts-Mountainside Community Foundation. The Mountainside Library is located at Constitution Plaza. For more information, or for driving directions, visit the library’s website: mountainsidelibrary.org, or call (908) 233-0115.

All Saints’ Episcopal Slates Sunday School Registration

Sunday school director. The All Saints’ Episcopal Church is located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains, across from Park Middle School. The parking lot is behind the church, accessible via School Place. For more information, call the church at (908) 322-8047.

Mulvaney’s Welcome Son, Brennon Ross

Sean and Adrienne Mulvaney of Laguna Beach, Calif. have announced the birth of their son, Brennon Ross Mulvaney, on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at 8:50 a.m. in Laguna Hills, Calif.

Brennon weighed 10 pounds and 8 ounces and measured 21½ inches in length at birth.

He joins his sister, Cailin Anne, age 3.

The baby’s paternal grandparents are Kathy and Frank Mulvaney of Westfield. His paternal great-grandmother is Betty Scarbrough Dixon of Palo Alto, Calif.

Brennon’s maternal grandparents are Pat and Gloria Corcoran and Joanne Grikis of Stroudsburg, Pa.



LEHAVAH AWARD...At a special Shabbat Hallelu service, 16 youngsters earned the Jewish Award for Brownie Girl Scouts: Lehavah Award, for scouts in grades 2 and 3, after working with Rabbi Erin Glazer for three learning sessions at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield. Each scout learned about herself, her family and her religion. Pictured, from left to right, are: Top row, Rachel Saxon, Maia Zaborowski, Jessica Roland, Sasha Levine, Alyssa Milrod, Jordan Wallis and Julia Tompkins, and bottom row, Amanda Raddick, Brianna Worms, Aliyah Feinberg, Rachel Schuman, Sarah Hacker and Lexi Melnitsky.

Friends of Library Request Donations For Book Sale

FANWOOD – The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library will sponsor their annual book sale this month, and are seeking donations of items for the event. All proceeds will benefit the Fanwood Memorial Library and its patrons.

The sale organizers are asking area residents for donations of used books, books on CD, CDs and DVDs. Donations need to be in clean, saleable condition. All varieties of current fiction, relevant non-fiction, cookbooks, gardening books, books on sports and children’s books in hardcover and paperback, as well as music and movies, are requested.

No textbooks, encyclopedias, condensed books, magazines, toys, games, puzzles or cassette tapes can be accepted. All contributions are tax-deductible.


Donations will be accepted at the Forest Road Park building in Fanwood

Caregivers Meeting To Be Held Monday

WESTFIELD – A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones will meet on Monday, September 13, at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen’s Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield.

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





Dental Update

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

GETTING TO THE ROOT

In the event of a tooth becoming abscessed (due to infection) or traumatized (due to injury), it is often necessary to perform root canal therapy to remove the dead or damaged root pulp. The goal of the procedure is to save the crown (white outer portion of the tooth). The pulp is the area inside the crown that extends down into the gums with nerves and blood vessels. The dentist can check to see if the tooth is alive by testing whether the patient can feel cold on the tooth or reacts to an electrical stimulation on the tooth. The procedure involves removing the pulp from the non-vital tooth and filling and sealing the area and securing the crown.

is half the fun, expecting root canals to be painful is usually more than half the reason for a patient’s fears. We hope you’ll feel free to discuss your dental concerns with us. You can always count on us to be truthful and compassionate about your dental care. If you’ve never visited our office before, you may not realize how pleasant a visit to the dentist can be, since we pay as much attention to the simplest six-month cleaning as we do to more complex issues like root canals. Centrally located in Westfield at 131 South Euclid Avenue, please call 908-654-6262 for an appointment for comprehensive dental care.

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Miller-Cory Offers Preview Of New Season’s Programs

WESTFIELD – The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, has announced that a new season of programs will begin this month.

The museum provides an extensive schedule of special Sunday programs, which will begin again on September 26 with the annual “Antiques Appraisal Affair.” Visitors will be able to learn the value of their “treasures” by bringing items for evaluation by experienced dealers.

Other popular events also are returning for the season, such as the museum’s participation in Union County’s Four Centuries in a Week-end program on October 16 and 17; Halloween Hocus Pocus on October 24; Thanksgiving Dinner and Table Customs on November 21, and Gingerbread Sunday on December 5.

The museum will offer other programs as well, including various new ones. The History of Brewing in Early America will be presented October 3; Native American Medicine Pouches will be featured November 7; Crazy for Cranberries will be the topic November 14, and Christmas at Mount Vernon with Martha Washington will be celebrated December 11.

The Miller-Cory House Museum will be available for school or other group tours during weekdays, scout tours after school and special programs on site at schools or other community groups as of Wednesday, September 15.

In 1740, Samuel Miller built a farmhouse for his wife, Sabra, in the West Fields of Elizabethtown, on a property of 100 acres. More than 230 years later, that farmhouse became a museum, assuming the name Miller-Cory after its first two owners.

The museum is listed on both the State and National Registers of His-

toric Places. Since the house’s inception as a museum, thousands of children and adults have been given tours by costumed docents and taught about Colonial farm life.

Volunteers are always welcome, and full training is provided. For more information, call the museum office week-day mornings at (908) 232-1776 or e-mail millercorymuseum@gmail.com. The museum’s website is millercoryhouse.org.

MothUP Event on Tap At Library Sept. 15

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Memorial Library will present another MothUP storytelling event on Wednesday, September 15, at 7 p.m. The theme for the evening will be “Fall Memories,” such as the first day of school or a disastrous hayride.

This program was inspired by the popularity of New York City’s “The Moth,” an event in which people get up and tell five-minute, true stories based on a particular theme. All the stories are told in front of an audience, without notes, scripts or cheat sheets, and should be true, first-person accounts.

The names of 10 individuals from the audience who have prepared stories are picked randomly from a hat. Each storyteller has five minutes to share his or her story. A team of judges, chosen from the audience, gives a score. To get a better idea of how this evening works, participants are encouraged to visit themoth.org.

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

Community Partners Bancorp Announces Director Appointment

REGION - William D. Moss, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Community Partners Bancorp (the “Company”) (Nasdaq:CPBC), has announced that James M. Bollerman has been elected a director of the company and a director of the company’s wholly-owned subsidiary, Two River Community Bank. Mr. Bollerman is the founder of Bollerman Real Estate Services, a firm that develops and provides real estate consulting services, including master planning, asset management and construction management services, to select corporate and institutional entities.

“Jim Bollerman is an accomplished real estate professional who is widely recognized for his professional accomplishments and his entrepreneurial spirit,” Mr. Moss declared. “He is very familiar with the New Jersey economy and with the needs of local businesses. We believe his experience and counsel will play a critical role in the continued growth of our corporation,” Mr. Moss concluded.

Mr. Bollerman has been directly involved with the development, planning and construction of over 20 million square feet of commercial, industrial and residential space in New Jersey. His numerous awards include the 1991 NAIOF (a commercial real estate development association) Developer of the Year, The Monmouth-Ocean Development Council Silver Gull

Award, New Jersey Business & Industry Association New Good Neighbor Award and The New Jersey State Conference of Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen Annual Masonry Award.

Prior to starting his own companies, Mr. Bollerman was president and CEO of Commercial Realty & Resources Corp., a wholly-owned real estate development subsidiary of the New York Stock Exchange listed New Jersey Resources Corporation, a \$1 billion holding company. He is a former member of the New Jersey Resources Board of Directors and served on its finance committee.

Mr. Bollerman is a graduate of Seton Hall University and Seton Hall University School of Law. In addition, he has taken course study at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and New York University.

Community Partners Bancorp is the holding company for Two River Community Bank, which is headquartered in Middletown, N.J. Two River Community Bank currently operates 15 branches throughout Monmouth and Union Counties. More information about Two River Community Bank is available at www.tworiverbank.com. More information about Community Partners is available at www.communitypartnersbancorp.com.

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ANCHORS FOR THE STORM

On September 18th-19th (Saturday/Sunday), Dr. John Mark Hicks will be speaking at the Echo Lake Church of Christ on “God’s Response to Our Suffering.”

*What is He doing? Does He even notice or care?
Where is He? Why does He allow so much suffering?
How can I believe in a God like this?*

Saturday, September 18th—Coffee at 9:30 a.m.

God Loves—10:00 a.m.
God loves me during the storm
The Unrelenting Love of God

God Listens—10:35 a.m.
God is present with me during the storm
The Inviting Presence of God

God Understands—11:10 a.m.
God suffers with me in the storm
The Caring Empathy of God

God Reigns—11:45 a.m.
God can calm my storm
The Unlimited Sovereignty of God

Question and Answer Session—1:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 19th

God Wins—Worship Assembly—10:30 a.m.
God will bring me to the shore
The Ultimate Victory of God

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Norman E. Ziegenfuss, 86, Sports Fan; Had Worked For West Side Plumbing

Norman Edwin Ziegenfuss, 86, entered into eternal rest on the morning of September 1, 2010, at The Center For Hope Hospice and Palliative Care in Scotch Plains, N.J., with his entire family at his bedside.

A lifelong Springfield, N.J. resident, Norman was a member of one of the first graduating classes of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield. He served as a staff sergeant in the Army during World War II in the Pacific Theater. Upon his return, he worked for West Side Plumbing of Newark and Hillside, N.J. for 49 years.

Norman met the woman of his dreams, Dorothy Dix, on a blind date. They married in 1946, and raised their two daughters, Irene and Ginny, in Springfield. Norman enjoyed 64 years of being happily married to his loving wife and true companion.

He was a devout New York Giants and Yankee fan, and was well known in Springfield for the two-gun salute he offered to all he greeted along his

twice daily walks through town. He will always be remembered by all who knew him, with a smile on his face and his salute.

Always patient and polite, with a thankful heart, Norman was a wonderful father and an even better grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a caring and gentle man, who will be missed by his two daughters, Irene Naugin of Kenilworth, N.J. and her husband, Ed, and Ginny Taner of Westfield, N.J. and her husband, Larry; his grandchildren, Eric Naugin, Jodi and Jeff Wilhelm and Alex and Sara Taner, and his two great-grandchildren, Madelyn and Lylah Wilhelm, all of whom love him dearly.

A repass was held on Friday, September 3, at the Taners' home in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Center For Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076; (908) 889-7780.

September 9, 2010

George Ehrnman, 87, Export Manager; Crossing Guard and Active Parishioner

George A. Ehrnman, 87, passed away at his home in Jackson, N.J. on Tuesday, August 31, 2010.

Born in Chicago, Ill., he lived in Santa Fe, N.M. and Douglass, Ariz. before marrying Frances Smalley on September 29, 1944 and moving to Westfield. They moved to Jackson in 2007.

After graduating from Douglass High School, Douglass, Mr. Ehrnman enlisted in the United States Navy and served in the Pacific during both World War II and the Korean War. He attended Seton Hall University and Rutgers University, and had been employed by RCA, before retiring as export manager from Whittaker, Clark and Daniels of South Plainfield. During his retirement, Mr. Ehrnman served as a crossing guard for the Westfield Public Schools.

An active member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield for over 60 years, Mr. Ehrnman had been an Elder, a Deacon and a member of the Monday Morning Bankers, taught Sunday school, participated on many church committees and was active in the AGAPE program from its inception in 1997 until 2007.

Mr. Ehrnman was predeceased by his son, R. Bruce Ehrnman.

He is survived by Frances, his wife of 65 years; his sister, Mary Liguore; a son, Richard Ehrnman, and his wife, Carol; his daughters-in-law, Patricia Ehrnman and Karen Bodenhorn; his grandchildren, Brad Ehrnman, Greg Ehrnman and his wife, Jennifer, Holly Ehrnman and Melissa Ehrnman; his great-grandchildren, Henry and Charlotte; three nieces; two nephews, and many beloved grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 19, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. Interment will be at the Revolutionary War Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to "Presbyterian Church in Westfield – Ehrnman Memorial" and given to The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, N.J. 07090. Contributions will go to support the AGAPE program.

September 9, 2010

Holy Trinity Seniors To Begin New Season

WESTFIELD – The Holy Trinity Senior Social Club will hold its first meeting of the fall season on Monday, September 13, at 1:30 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Interparochial School gymnasium, located on First Street in Westfield.

Laura Sodano from the Community Food Bank of New Jersey will be the guest speaker. During the meeting, attendees also will have an opportunity to sign up for a trip to the Royal Manor in Garfield for the Octoberfest. Refreshments will be served.

Prayer to St. Jude

Oh Holy St. Jude, apostle and martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. (Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys, and three Glorias.) St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. Publication must be promised. This novena has never been known to fail.

K.P.

Prayer to The Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)

Oh most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me! Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. Show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x).

Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I may attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life You are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank You as I confirm once again that I never want to be separated from You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. Amen.

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— Obituaries —

Michael R. Cowles, 63, Business Owner; Had Been Analyst For U.S. Army NSA

Michael Roderick Cowles, 63, of Pacifica, Calif. died peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, at the Bruns Hospice House in Alamo, Calif.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1946 to Roderick S. and Joy Rose Cowles, he was one of five children. Michael is survived by his wife, Judith; his daughter, Silintira, of New York City; his son, Benjamin, of Florida, and his step-children, Kay Jarawiwat of San Mateo, Calif., Jason (Chrissy) Van Note of Grass Valley, Calif. and Kendra (Rob) Van Note of Bend, Ore. He also leaves his mother, Joy, of Long Beach Island, N.J.; his sister, Meg (Randy), of New York City; his brothers, Peter (Eniko) of Newport Beach, Calif., David of Long Beach Island, N.J. and Jonathan (Martha) of Colts Neck, N.J., and a host of nephews, nieces, three step-grandchildren, cousins and friends.

Michael graduated from Westfield High School in 1964, where he was point guard on the 1962-63 basketball team that won the Union County Championship. He graduated from California State University-San Francisco with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business.

He served as an analyst for the U.S. Army National Security Agency (NSA) and, after completing his training at the Monterey Language Insti-



Michael R. Cowles

tute, was stationed in Panama, in Vietnam during the conflict, and finally in Thailand. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service in New Jersey until returning to Thailand to teach at the Thai Military Academy in Bangkok.

After returning to California, he worked at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco and he owned and operated several businesses, including a restaurant in San Bruno, Calif. and S-CAR-GO Couriers in San Francisco.

Mike loved cooking for his family and friends and was an avid sports fan, card player, Beach Glass collector, Jeopardy player, Pacific School volunteer and great joke teller.

He was a kind, loving family man who will be dearly missed but always treasured in our hearts.

His cremains will rest in the First United Methodist Church Memorial Garden in Westfield with those of his father, Roderick, and his lifelong friend, Doug Carver.

Private memorial services are being arranged. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in memory of Michael Cowles to the Bruns House, c/o Hospice of the East Bay, 3470 Buskirk Avenue, Pleasant Hill, Calif. 94523.

September 9, 2010

Mary Ann Cotton, 89, QC Supervisor; Active With Westfield Food Pantry

Mary Ann Cotton (Nawrot), 89, of Westfield passed away on Wednesday, September 1, 2010.

Born in Belleville, she formerly lived in Nutley and resided in Westfield for the past 42 years.

Mrs. Cotton was a Quality Control supervisor for 42 years at Westinghouse Co. in Bloomfield. She also was very active with the Westfield Food Pantry at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Donald Warren Cotton. Also surviving are two sisters, Tillie Quinn and Jay Smith and her husband, Ed; her brother-in-law, Guy Bowden, and many nieces and nephews.



Mary Ann Cotton

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, September 7, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Interment followed at Glendale Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Arrangements were by the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, N.J. 07092 or Associated Humane Societies, 124 Evergreen Avenue, Newark, N.J. 07114-2133.

September 9, 2010

Mothers' Center to Present Kids Stuff Consignment Sale

AREA – The Mothers' Center Kids Stuff Consignment Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2, at the Casano Community Center, located at 314 Chestnut Street in Roselle Park. The center is situated a few blocks off of Westfield Avenue and near Garden State Parkway Exits 137 or 138.

Since 1984, the Mothers' Center has been offering quality children's items to the community. The sale will feature gently used children's fall and winter clothing in sizes from newborn to children's 12. Other merchandise will include Halloween costumes, children's toys, videos and books, sports equipment and bicycles, plus strollers and other baby equipment.

Anyone interested in consigning is asked to visit the Mothers' Center website, westfieldnj.com/mccnj or to leave a detailed message at the Mothers' Center by calling (908) 561-1751. Participants keep 50 percent of the total sold and the other 50 percent is a tax-deductible donation to the Mothers' Center.

For those who do not have the

time to prepare items for consignment, the Mothers' Center also will accept donations of gently used children's clothes, toys and other items for the sale.

Proceeds will benefit the Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization providing friendship, education, outreach and support for all parents across Central New Jersey. The group offers daytime and evening discussion and craft groups, book clubs, morning and afternoon playgroups and special events. New members are always welcome. For more information, call (908) 561-1751 or visit westfieldnj.com/mccnj.

Fanwood Presbyterian Slates 'Celebration'

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Presbyterian Church will observe a special "Celebration Sunday" on September 19, beginning with the church service at 10 a.m.

The Reverend David Jahnke will officiate in the sanctuary, located at the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues. The music during the service will spotlight the Praise Ensemble of church musicians.

The "celebration" will then continue at 11:15 a.m. in Westminster Hall on Marian Avenue with a fair featuring carnival games, relay races, crafts and food. Registration for regular Sunday school classes and multiple choirs also will take place at that time.

For further information about the Fanwood Presbyterian Church or "Celebration Sunday," call the church office at (908) 889-8891.

- Obituaries -

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Mary E. Nazzaro, 70, Cherished Family; Was Teacher and Guidance Director

Mary Elizabeth Nazzaro, 70, of Westfield passed away on Friday, September 3, at Overlook Hospital in Summit, surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Nazzaro was born in Teaneck and resided in Hohokus and Ridgewood before moving to Westfield in 1969.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from William Paterson College and a Master's Degree in Guidance from Seton Hall University. Mrs. Nazzaro began her career as a sixth-grade elementary school teacher in Hillsborough and later became a guidance counselor at Thomas Alva Edison Junior High School in Westfield.

In 1978, she became the Director of Guidance at Our Lady of the Valley High School in Orange, N.J., serving until 1981. From 1981 until her retirement in 1992, she was affiliated with Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains as a guidance counselor.

More than anything, Mary loved her family, her pets, gardening, being outdoors and camping. She also was active with the Girl Scouts, achieving the Gold Bar, and volunteered as a camp counselor at Camp

Hoover.

Mary was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Nazzaro, in 1991, and also her brother, Peter J. Longo, Jr.

She is survived by her devoted children, Paul J. Nazzaro and his wife, Elena, of Westfield and Carolina Bazerman and her husband, Marc, of Caldwell. Also surviving are her brother, James Longo, and his wife, Rosalie; her sisters, Noreen Rousseau and Joanne Longo, and her sister-in-law, Anna Longo. She also will be deeply missed by her five adored grandchildren, Sophia, Peter, Angela, Jude and Cole.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered tomorrow, Friday, September 10, at 10 a.m. at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to visit the Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue, Westfield, today, Thursday, September 9, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m.

Donations in her memory may be made to St. Anthony Bread for the Poor, Franciscan Charities, 3140 Meramec Street, St. Louis, Mo. 63118-4339, or visit franciscancharities.org.

September 9, 2010

George Richard Bucci, 23, Musician; 2005 Westfield High School Graduate

George Richard Bucci, 23, of Westfield died Tuesday evening, August 31, at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, N.J. after a long illness.

He was born April 10, 1987 in New York City, the son of Richard and Virginia Bucci. He attended Westfield schools and graduated from Westfield High School in 2005, where he was a member of Euterpe and was heard on keyboards at many a Folio show. He was on medical leave from Five Towns College in Dix Hills, Long Island, where he pursued studies in jazz and music technology.

George loved, wrote and performed music of every kind. He was a graphic arts fan, a sharp humorist and cartoonist manqué. He was a generous and loyal son, brother and friend, and will be missed terribly.

He is survived by his father and mother, Richard and Virginia Bucci; his younger brothers, Mark and

Charles; his grandmother, Virginia Hallett Hardesty; his aunt and godmother, Martha Hardesty; his uncles, James Hardesty and John Hardesty; his godfather, Robert Sottile, and many cousins among the Bucci, Scotti, Corradino and Durham families.

A celebration of life service was held on Tuesday, September 7, at the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

For online condolences, please visit grayfuneralhomes.com.

Remembrances may be made in the form desired by friends. Memorial contributions may be sent to New Orleans Musician's Relief Fund (NOMRF), 102 W. Washington Street, Unit 2, Bloomington, Ill. 61701, or donate (money or used instruments) directly via the donations webpage: nomrf.org/donations.html.

September 9, 2010

Mona Cecelia Schultz, 81, Parishioner; Was Bell Labs Administrative Assistant

Mona Cecelia Schultz, a resident of Darien, Conn., passed away on Friday, September 3, 2010, at Rosenthal Hospice in Stamford, Conn.

Born on November 24, 1928 in Paterson, N.J., she was the daughter of the late William H. and Sarah DeYoung. She was 81.

Mona worked as an administrative assistant for Bell Labs in New Jersey. She was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church in Scotch Plains.

She is survived by her six children, John Schultz of Greencastle, Pa., Gerri Anne Mason of Crossville, Tenn., Robert Schultz of Stratford, Conn., Amy Shelton of Darien, Conn., Terry Szczecina of Monmouth Junction, N.J. and Ed-

ward Schultz of Oxford, Miss.; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Walter J. Schultz, and two brothers, William DeYoung and James DeYoung.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered yesterday, Wednesday, September 8, at St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church, 374 Middlesex Road, Darien, Conn., with Father Robert Post officiating.

Arrangements were by the Edward Lawrence Funeral Home, 2119 Post Road in Darien.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Rosenthal Hospice Residence, Shelburne Road and West Broad Street, Stamford, Conn. 06902.

September 9, 2010



MELODIES...Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah in Clark was the setting last month for Kabbalah-inspired melodies and prayers to welcome the Jewish Sabbath. One hundred men, women and children were in attendance. Pictured above is the musical ensemble Psalm 150, which performed during the early part of the evening.

Clark Temple Welcomes Sabbath With Melodies

CLARK – One hundred men, women and children gathered inside Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah (TBO/BT) in Clark August 6 to hear Kabbalah-inspired melodies, and then prayed to welcome the Jewish Sabbath.

"Music and song are important portals to the past and the future," said Cantor Steven Stern, who has been with TBO/BT for more than a dozen years and recently was recognized by the Central New Jersey Jewish community for his leadership and innovative programming.

During the early part of the evening, "Psalm 150," a musical group that includes guitar, violin, flute, mandolin, percussion and accordion, performed for the congregation with its renditions of the Kabbalat Shabbat Psalms.

As the skies darkened with the advent of the Sabbath, the musicians exited, and the traditional Friday Night Shabbat prayers and songs followed, highlighted by readings by temple member Betty Needleman

(from the works of the theologian Abraham Joshua Heschel).

As "L'Cha Dodi" was played, Cantor Stern asked the congregants to close their eyes and to imagine themselves in Safed, Israel during the 16th century, a time of simplicity and mysticism, when the early Kabbalists would go out to the fields to welcome the "Shabbat Bride."

Attendees were treated to an after-service "Oneg Shabbat" array of chocolates, sweets, coffee, tea, drinks and community spirit. This is the second year of Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah's "Chocolate Shabbat."

Co-Presidents Lillian Makow and Thelma Purdy were on hand. Ms. Purdy thanked the cantor and musical group. Ms. Makow commented, "Our members and guests were transported to a serene oasis in time where our spirits could be renewed and uplifted."

For more information, see bethorbethtorah.org or call (732) 381-8403 and ask for Cantor Stern, Ms. Makow or Ms. Purdy.



IMAGINE THAT...The photo above was taken before a weekly field trip on July 21 to Imagine That! Museum at Florham Park, where children were encouraged to touch, discover, learn and explore the hands-on exhibits. Sue Liu, a parent of a 6-year-old son whom she adopted from China this year, said, "The children are learning so much... not just English. It is living knowledge." Irene Agne, another mother of a 6-year-old child added, "They interact with one another and learn English so well through this interaction. I support this program 120 percent."

WF Summer Program A Success in Any Language

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Public School district has launched a new federally funded summer program geared toward students whose primary language is not English.

English Language Learners (ELL) is taught by Westfield teachers David Greer, Linda Ulanet and Nancy Liggera, who also serves as the coordinator of the district's year-round program.

The three-week program enrolled Westfield students ages 12 through 17 who meet three days at Westfield High School with Mr. Greer, while students ages 6 through 9 meet with Ms. Ulanet and Ms. Liggera at Franklin Elementary School. The native languages of these students are Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, Thai, Turkish and Ukrainian.

"The overall goal of this program," explained Ms. Liggera, "is to develop the English-language skills of the children through social-studies themes and American culture."

The younger children in the pro-

Hewit of WF Makes Clemson Dean's List

WESTFIELD – Leanne Hewit, daughter of Dave and Carol Hewit of Westfield and a 2007 graduate of Westfield High School, made the dean's list at Clemson University for the spring 2010 semester.

The Clemson dean's list requires a GPA of 3.5 out of 4.0.

Area Residents Graduate University of Delaware

AREA – The following University of Delaware students from the readership area made the 2010 spring semester dean's list:

Erin Bange, a senior major in the College of Arts and Sciences, from Westfield; Emma Byer, a junior major in the College of Arts and Sciences, from Westfield; Chloe Cherin, a senior major in the College of Education and Public Policy, from Westfield; Marlena Cortese, a sophomore major in the College of Arts and Sciences, from Westfield; Sophie De Koning-Teasdale, a sophomore major in the College of Business and Economics, from Westfield; Sarah Dobson, a senior major in the College of Education and Public Policy, from Westfield; Craig Esposito, a junior major in the College of Business and Economics, from Westfield; Renee Ferio, a junior major in the College of Business and Economics, from Westfield; Christopher Franks, a junior major in the College of Arts and Sciences, from Westfield; Kelly Gelber, a senior major in the College of Education and Public Policy, from Westfield; Neil Huskey, a senior major in the College of Engineering, from Westfield; Julia Korn, a senior major in the College of Education and Public Policy, from Westfield; Claire Macdonald, a senior major in the College of Education and Public Policy, from Westfield.

Educ. Fund Announces First Photo Contest

WESTFIELD – The Education Fund of Westfield announced its first student-photo contest, "The Eyes of Westfield: A Student's View."

All K-12 students can submit photos of Westfield within the categories: People, Places and My Favorite Things. Each entry is \$10. There is no limit to the number of submissions. Prizes will be awarded by grade level: (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12).

Entries will be accepted from now through Sunday, October, 17 but any pictures of Westfield taken within the last year are accepted.

All entries will be published in "Eyes of Westfield: A Student's View" photo-book. Winning photos will also be displayed during an exhibition and reception in October.

The Education Fund is a volunteer, non-profit, community-based independent organization that raises money to assist the Westfield public schools in maintaining and enhancing the quality of education for all students.

For details and entry form, visit westfieldnj.com/edfund/Eyes_of_Westfield.html

gram explore the community, imagination and animal life, while the focus of the program for the older students deals with American government. Each week the students are introduced to one of the three levels of the U.S. government – local, state and federal. Once a week the students take an educational field trip to places related to the history they are studying.

Mr. Greer said, "This program enabled the English language learners of Westfield to interact with our government and to understand that each member of society, even those who are new to the United States, is entrusted with the task of working together to ensure the prosperity of our nation."

He added, "They know that their voices are heard in our community and that as they continue to improve linguistic capabilities, they can take a more active role in sharing their experiences and areas of expertise to fully integrate and add to the diversity of society."

Mr. Greer expressed appreciation to all of the individuals throughout the community who helped support various field trips for these students such as Joan Barna, who provided an exclusive tour of the Miller-Cory House, and Officer Gary Moore of the Westfield Police Department, who rearranged his personal schedule to share his knowledge and expertise of Westfield with the students.

nior major in the College of Education and Public Policy, from Westfield; John Meredith, a senior major in the College of Business and Economics, from Westfield; Mairead O'Boyle, a sophomore major in the College of University Studies, from Westfield; Samuel Rackear, a sophomore major in the College of Arts and Sciences, from Westfield; Kathryn Read, a senior major in the College of Business and Economics, from Westfield; Francesca Welham, a senior major in the College of Arts and Sciences, from Westfield; Jason Massa, a senior major in the College of Engineering, from Mountainside; Ashley Swick, a senior major in the College of Education and Public Policy, from Mountainside; Kevin Wheaton, a senior major in the College of Arts and Sciences, from Mountainside.

Named to the dean's list are full-time students with grade point averages of 3.33 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester, with no temporary grades.

Cranford's O'Neill Enters St. Michael's

CRANFORD — Mariclaire O'Neill, daughter of Edward F. O'Neill and Claire O'Neill of Cranford, began her first year at Saint Michael's College this month. Mariclaire graduated from Cranford High School before coming to Saint Michael's, which is located in Burlington, Vt.

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WF's Linda Coleman Joins Wardlaw-Hartridge School

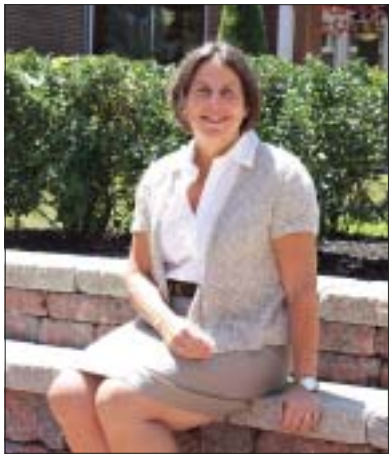
EDISON – Andrew Webster, Head of School at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in North Edison, announced that Linda Coleman of Westfield has been named the independent school's new director of admission.

A mother of three, Mrs. Coleman studied English at Washington University in St. Louis and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at The City University of New York (CUNY). She also received her Master of Science degree in Elementary Education from CUNY.

Her career as an educator spans 35 years, with the last 21 of those at Staten Island Academy (SIA). Over that time she chaired the English Department and taught English and language arts from fourth to 12th grades.

For the last two years she served as diversity coordinator and associate director of admission at SIA where she led initiatives in diversity, social justice, service learning and community outreach.

Mrs. Coleman said, "The school's core values and mission reflect what I think is central to education in the 21st century. The idea of working locally and thinking globally is also



Linda Coleman of Westfield

very appealing.

"Having been a student at an independent school, I understand how important that experience is," she added.

"Wardlaw-Hartridge offers a strong sense of community that nourishes academic curiosity while offering intellectual challenges. I was warmly welcomed by the faculty and staff and could tell that Wardlaw-Hartridge is a school that really cares about its students. I am very excited about my new role at Wardlaw-Hartridge and look forward to meeting the students and their families."

Alison Petrow Earns Master's From Loyola

WESTFIELD – Alison Petrow, daughter of Susan and Bob Petrow of Westfield, has graduated from Loyola University in Baltimore, Md., with a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology.

She is a faculty research assistant for the University of Maryland, where she is working on a National Institute of Mental Health-funded study that examines the negative symptoms of schizophrenia.

UCC Offers Free Workforce-Skills Training

CRANFORD – Union County College (UCC) offers free courses in basic-skills training for the employees of local businesses through a unique partnership of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA), the New Jersey Community College Consortium, and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

Through the grant-funded NJBIA Project, employees can be trained at one of Union County College's campuses, in Elizabeth or Cranford, or on-site at the participating business facility.

Training is available in the following areas: Computer Applications (Windows, Outlook, Excel, Word), mathematics and measurement, Communications (verbal, written and customer relations) and English as a Second Language.

Open-enrollment classes are available from October through December at the UCC Elizabeth and Cranford campuses. For a complete schedule, call (908) 527-7207. Companies may also arrange classes for their employees at a time and location of their convenience, at either one of UCC's campus locations or at a business facility.

Although these classes are provided at no charge to the company, employers must pay their employees the customary hourly wage while in

training. Companies are not required to provide a minimum number of employees for training, pay for class tuition, fill out complicated paperwork or disclose financial statements.

If interested in learning more about the NJBIA Project program or to reserve classes for a company, contact Lisa Raudelunas Hiscano at (908) 965-2358, or e-mail her at Hiscano@ucc.edu. Those doing so should make sure to include their contact information and to write "NJBIA Project" in the subject line.

The NJBIA Project program was designed to simplify employee training for New Jersey businesses. Now in its fourth year (2010-2011), this program has already benefited more than 16,550 employees with 1,125 companies and is available through all 63 of the state's community colleges.



Cancer Exercise Specialist To Join BREATHE Fitness Studio

MOUNTAINSIDE - BREATHE Fitness Studio takes great pleasure in announcing the addition of Carol Michaels, CPT CES, to our team of fitness professionals. Carol is a cancer exercise specialist and has been in the fitness field for 14 years. She is a member of The Society of Public Health Education, and has been integral in designing and developing adult fitness education programs. Additionally, Carol is Pilates certified and also teaches balance, posture, and flexibility training, strength and functional exercise, and sports specific training.

"RECOVERY FITNESS" is the program that she has created specifically for men and women that are currently, or previously, undergoing cancer surgery or any type of cancer treatment." Cancer survivors no longer have to live with stiff shoulders, tightness, poor posture, or fa-

tigue," says Carol. In welcoming her to BREATHE, we hope to provide a place where people can regain their strength and balance of life in an environment that they feel comfortable. The focus is to help individuals through their recovery process, and improve their overall quality of life. Individualized training for this program will begin at BREATHE on Tuesday September 16.

In addition to "RECOVERY FITNESS" Carol will also be teaching a brand new class at BREATHE called "AGELESS STRENGTH FOR WOMEN." The Pilates based class is appropriate for all ages and fitness levels. Join Carol on Thursday mornings at 8 a.m. at BREATHE.

BREATHE Fitness Studio is located at 1055 Route 22 East in Mountainside, N.J. (908) 301-0123.

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AN APPLE A DAY...Emily Chan, the National Honor Society President for Westfield High School, is busy organizing volunteers for the second annual Apple Fest Fundraiser, sponsored by the Westfield Historical Society. Apple Fest will be held on Saturday, October 2, from 1 to 5 p.m., with a rain date of October 3, at the Reeve House, located at 314 Mountain Avenue in Westfield. Volunteers from the Honor Society will be helping with children's games, face painting, pumpkin decorating and an art contest. Other activities will include barbershop music, master silhouettist Ruth Grabner, historic tours, apple pie contest, antiques and curiosity sale, bake sale, Victorian Bicycle display and other fun activities. Everyone is welcome. For pie contest form and rules, and to reserve a silhouette sitting, go to wesfieldhistoricalsociety.org

Parents Can Register Children for COOP Exam

STATE – The COOP Exam (Cooperative Admissions Examination Program) is the high-school entrance exam used by the Newark Archdiocese for students seeking admission into the ninth grade of a Catholic high school for September 2011.

The exam will be given on November 5; however, students should be registered ahead of time to guarantee themselves a seat. Many testing facilities rapidly fill to capacity.

Parents should not delay in registering their eighth graders for the exam. In order to register online, parents should visit coopexam.org. Registration materials may also be picked up at any Catholic elementary or high

WF's Lauren Koepfler Graduates Rider Univ.

WESTFIELD – Westfield resident Lauren Koepfler graduated, this past



May, from Rider University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications.

The daughter of Donna and Frank Koepfler of Westfield, she made the dean's list for

all four years at Rider and graduated with honors. Lauren is pursuing a career in Broadcasting.

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Welcome to The Thirteenth Annual All-Corbin Team:

The All-Corbin Team is dedicated to the Adult Softball Leagues and Youth Baseball Leagues. The selections are based entirely on neat-looking plays, fan participation and interesting positions.

1. **Best Victory Celebration** – Westfield White 12s winning Cal Ripken District 12 Championship.

2. **Best Dirty Slide at Home** – Westfield Blue 12s Jared Glassman vs. Cranford.

3. **Best Left-Handed Swing by Senior** – Ron Kulik (Brew Crew of Union County 50+ League).

4. **Most Inspired Effort & Dirtiest Face** – Marty Marks (Park Beverage – Scotch Plains Softball League).

5. **Best Retro Uniforms** – The Elizabeth Resolutes Vintage Base Ball Club playing circa 1860s, 1870s rules.

6. **Best Vintage Pitcher** – Dan Marcus of the Elizabeth Resolutes Vintage Base Ball Club

7. **Most Powerful Swing** –Dan Samila (Park Beverage of the Scotch Plains Softball League).

8. **Best Fielding Pitcher** – Ed Belford (Renda Roads of the Union County Senior 50+ Softball League).

9. **Best Response-Provoking Slide Home** –Owen Kessler (Westfield White 11s Youth Baseball).

10. **Best Contact on the Ball** – CJ Composto (Westfield Blue 8s Youth Baseball League).

11. **Coolest Slide Home** – Westfield Blue 10s’ Ryan Chirichella under Westfield Gray catcher Matt Bromberg.

12. **Best Right-Handed Swing by a Senior** – Don Montefusco (Brew Crew of Union County Senior 50+).

13. **Most Definitely Safe at Third** – Jamie Petrovcik (Westfield White 10s) WF Blue third baseman Tom McElynn.

14. **Best Pitch by a Raider** – Connor McSherry of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood 12s against Cranford 12s).
15. **Best Pitch by a Blue Devil** – Matt LaCorte of the Westfield 11s against Florham Park.

16. **Best Toss by a Bronze Star Recipient** – Frank Chupko (St. Bart’s Oldtimers Men’s Softball League).

17. **Best Three Perfect Innings** – Vin Difilippo (Westfield White 12s against South Orange in Cal Ripken finals).

18. **Best Dance Step at First** – Frank Pepe (Renda Roads against Awnings Galore of Union County 50+ League).

19. **Best Proof of Being Safe** – Sal Gano running to first in St. Bart’s Oldtimers Men’s Softball League.

20. **Busiest Vintage Play at Second** – Elizabeth Resolute second baseman Brendon Cross against Diamond State.

21. **Best Fielding Play at Second** – Luke Mineo (Scotch Plains-Fanwood American Legion Team).

22. **Best Nab in a Rundown** – James Schiano (Westfield American Legion 15U tagging out Ridge runner).

23. **Closest Contact at Third Base** – Ethan Ament (Westfield Blue 8s against Long Hill).

24. **Most Closely-Watched Play** – Michael Fox (Westfield 8s) sliding into third against Cranford 8s at Cranford.

25. **Best Vintage Swing and Miss** – Harry Uhrig, Jr. of the Elizabeth Resolutes Vintage Base Ball team.

26. **Neatest Positioning at Second** – Westfield White 12s shortstop Nick Mele against South Orange-Maplewood.

27. **Best Effort at Second Base** – Jack Neiswenter (Westfield Blue 11s against Florham Park)

28. **Best Proof of Safe at Second** – SPF Raider Frank Degnan waiting for the ball as Cougar Sean Feeney slides.

Raider Soccer Boys Return Few Starters but Have Talent

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

Fifteen seniors have graduated, and this year’s Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team has few returning starters, but the Raiders still have a wealth of talent to fill the vacancies.

“There are a lot of talented players, who do play at a high-quality-club

level. There are only a couple returning as starters, but it’s a group that I think shows tremendous promise,” said Raider Head Coach Tom Breznitsky, whose career won/loss/tie record rose to 586 (wins)-144 (losses)-45 (ties). “They have excellent skills and understanding of the game. It’s going to depend on how we gel and come together. If we can get

that chemistry working for them, I think we will do a heck of a lot better than a lot of people expect of us.”

Injuries plagued the Raiders last year, but team depth and plenty of versatile players enabled them to advance to the North Jersey, Section 2 Group 3 finals, become Co-Champions of the Watchung Division of the

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IN THE THICK OF THE ACTION...Raider junior Billy Babis, left, mixes it up with a Columbia defender during a scrimmage game in Scotch Plains on September 3.



THE ‘MAGNIFICENT SEVEN’ OF TENNIS...The Blue Devil girls tennis team came within one match of winning the Tournament of Champions last year, and all but one have returned. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Katherine McKinley, Morgan Murphy and Samantha Borr; back row, Debbie Wu, Lexi Borr, Sarah Murphy and Melissa Morawski.

Blue Devil Tennis Girls Are Taking Nothing for Granted

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

High expectations of a great season were met and even exceeded by the Westfield High School girls tennis team last year, and even with all but one starter returning, the Blue Devils are taking nothing for granted.

Last year, the Blue Devils won four

of the five flights to capture their fifth straight Union County Tournament (UCT) title, won the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 crown and the Group 4 championship, and experienced their only loss at the Tournament of Champions (TOC) title match to finish 23-1.

“Last year’s team did an outstand-

ing job. We talked a lot about it at the end of the season, and we haven’t talked about it since. Now we are focused on getting ready for the season and trying to take it one step at a time.” Blue Devil Head Coach Matt Varhley said.

Sophomore Lexi Borr, the UCT

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REIMAN, LOPEZ NAMED CAPTAINS

Lady Raiders to Face Stiff Schedule in Tennis

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

Competition in Union County has become increasingly more intense, and it will not get any easier for this year's Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls tennis team.

Last year, the Lady Raiders had one of their brightest seasons, placing third in the Union County Tournament (UCT), qualifying for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 tournament for the second straight year, being ranked eighth in Group 3 and finishing with a 13-7 record.

The Lady Raiders had a total of 46 in the UCT, behind powerhouses Kent Place (second) and the champion Westfield Blue Devils, who went on to finish second in the Tournament of Champions. But with the graduation of Aleksandra Szczuka, who placed second in the UCT at first singles, Neha Pannuri, who placed second at third singles, and Lyndsey Douglas, who placed sixth at first doubles, the Raiders will have an even stiffer challenge.

"Missing Aleksandra and Neha will be big shoes to fill. When you lose three of your top seven players, it becomes a problem," Raider Head Coach Gary Wasserman said. "We went 13-7 last year, and since they rebalanced the conferences, our conference is going to be very, very tough. We will be playing Westfield, Kent Place, Oak Knoll, Governor Livingston and New Providence. We won't have many easy matches, so it's a learning experience for these girls. We are going to go out. Play our matches and do the best we can. It's not about winning or losing. It's keeping your heads up."

Additionally, the Cranford Cougars, who had a banner season last year, finishing 17-5, will return all of their starters except a second doubles player.

"They had a good first singles player [Liz Berry], and they had a terrific third singles girl [Marianna Dzunova],

Cranford is going to be a powering force," Wasserman added.

Senior co-captains Christina Reiman, who placed fifth at second singles in the UCT, has moved up to first singles, and Isabel Lopez, who placed fifth at second doubles, will take over at second singles.

"Christina is a super player. Isabel is a super player. She really made the commitment this year. She came ready to play. This is her senior year. She earned her spot," coach Wasserman said. "They are going to have their hands full, playing against teams like Westfield and Kent Place."

Sophomore Alex Sullivan, who played first doubles last year, jumped up to third singles, while sophomore Alyssa Leyden and senior Betsey Appel will compete at first doubles. Senior Eve Rosenheck and sophomores Lindsey Wilkinson and Gabby Mendes have been vying for the second doubles spot.

The Raiders' season was to begin with a blaze when they face Westfield today in Westfield.

"Union County is one of the toughest conferences in the state. The only thing I can possibly say is we are going to have our toughest match the first match. It will get easier," coach Wasserman said.

WHS Soccer to Hold Youth Soccer Clinics

The Westfield High School boys and girls varsity soccer teams will be running separate clinics for youth players (grades 3 through 8) on Saturday, September 25, from 9 to 11 a.m. The boys clinic will be held at Tamaques School and the girls clinic will be held at Roosevelt Intermediate School. The registration fee will be \$30 per player. All players must bring a soccer ball, water bottle, cleats and shin guards.

For additional information and registration, please visit www.westfieldnjsoccer.com.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
RAIDER TEAM CAPTAINS...Raider senior co-captains Christina Reiman, left, and Isabel Lopez are aware of the very competitive season ahead in girls tennis. Reiman will compete at first singles; Lopez will compete at second singles.

Raider Soccer Boys Return Few Starters but Have Talent

Union County Conference and to finish with a 19-3-2 record.

The Raiders lost twice to Westfield, but one came in a shootout in the semifinals of the Union County Tournament. The other loss was to Millburn, 1-0, in the sectional championship game. The Raiders tied Bridgewater-Raritan, 0-0, early in the season, then battled then fifth-ranked Cranford to a 1-1 tie later in the season.

"One of the things that we don't have as much of as we did last year is depth. We have numbers, but last year, we had quality, quality depth. If we ever sustain the numerous injuries that we had last year, it would be devastating to us," coach Breznitsky said. "It's not that some of the kids are not that good of players. It's just that they haven't been tested. It's their first year on the varsity."

Presently, senior Jason Shaub, jun-

ior Seth Schlisselman and sophomore Vinnie Bianco are vying for the goalie position. Returning junior lettermen Kevin Scully, Mike Daly and Dan McMillan, along with senior Bryan Fisher, back from a two-year absence due to injury, will occupy the backfield.

The Raiders have several experienced players in the midfield, beginning with three-year starter Travis Cortes, and letter winners Blake DeJohn and Rory Szeto, both seniors, and sophomore Colin Strickland. Juniors Gio Tobon and Alex Markovitz, sophomore Andrew Leischner and freshman Christian Zazzali will add to the depth.

Szeto may also move up to forward, as will Bianco when not in goal. Junior Billy Babis, senior 6'2" Sean Reilly and sophomore Morgan Ellman will also play forward.

"It's a hard-working group. I think it has the potential to do very well. Our expression at Scotch Plains is 'We never rebuild. We just reload.' There are different faces and different names, but there is some quality here," coach Breznitsky said.

The Raiders will open with South Plainfield in Scotch Plains today, September 9, at 3:30, p.m. then they will host Union this Saturday, September 11, at 4 p.m.

Blue Devil Tennis Girls Are Taking Nothing for Granted

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champion at first singles, will remain at first singles. Last year, Borr advanced to the semifinal round of the NJSIAA singles tournament and finished with a 31-2 record.

"Lexi's performance on the court speaks for itself; however, what a lot of people don't know is that Lexi is extremely dedicated and works very hard to achieve her success. She's an outstanding person on top of it. She's a great girl to work with. I'm excited to see how she continues to grow. I don't think we have seen her best tennis yet," coach Varhley said. "We are in a spot right now where I expect her to be one of the better players in the state."

Senior Devil Debbie Wu, a UCT second singles champion in 2008 and a UCT third singles champion last year, will remain at third singles. Wu made it to the second round of the NJSIAA tournament and finished with a 26-4 record.

But the Blue Devils will certainly miss four-year starter Tara Criscuolo, who won the UCT second singles title last year.

"Tara's presence on the team is going to be significantly missed. Although we have six starters returning, the chemistry this year is a lot different than last year's lineup," coach Varhley said.

Senior Samantha Borr, a two-time UCT champion at first doubles, has won the second singles slot. Senior Morgan Murphy, Samantha Borr's teammate at first doubles last year, has joined her sister, Sarah, at first doubles this year. Senior Melissa Morawski, a two-time UCT doubles champion, and senior Katherine McKinley placed

second in the UCT at second doubles last season, will remain at second doubles. The pair finished their season with a 25-1 record.

"Sam moving up to second singles is an exciting opportunity for us. Our doubles lineup is going to look very, very different. It's going to be hard for last year's doubles team to match what the previous year was able to accomplish. We are hoping to build that chemistry and prepare them to succeed the way they succeeded last year," coach Varhley said.

Sam Borr, however, is no stranger to playing singles.

"She brings a lot of singles experience. She's worked very hard lately to win that spot and to make sure that she does her part and is accountable for her play," coach Varhley said. "It's a special thing for her, because she really wanted back to singles after playing singles her freshman year. We have two sisters at the top of our lineup."

The talent level of the Blue Devil starters is so high that several could, most likely, play first singles at many competitive schools.

"We have a couple of girls who certainly could play at the top of a lot of other school's lineups, so we are very privileged to have a lot of depth. More importantly, [they are] a group of girls who are easy to coach. All have tremendous attitudes and are outstanding players on the court," coach Varhley said. "The only way that a team can win is that they put in the work and do something every day to make themselves a little bit better as a player and a little bit better as a teammate."



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HEROUX, ZAGORSKI, HEINE NAMED TRI-CAPTAINS

Devil Soccer Boys Feel They Should Not Be Overlooked

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

Expectations at the beginning of the 2009 season may have been slightly above mediocre for the Westfield High School boys soccer team, but the careful melding of a group of fine athletes led to advancement to the Union County Tournament (UCT) championship game for the first time since 1996, a share of the Watchung Division of the Union County Conference and a 14-4-3 record.

Last year's Blue Devils looked even sharper with a pair of triumphs over rival Scotch Plains-Fanwood, the first a 2-1, regular-season game and the second in a shootout after a 3-3 tie in the UCT semifinals. Their only losses to Union County opponents were a pair of 1-0 setbacks to fifth-ranked Cranford, the second being in the UCT title game. But when it came to individual recognition, the Blue Devils seemed to come up on the short end of the stick.

"I was very proud of the team last year. We exceeded pre-season expectations. These kids have some hunger in them. There's no question about it," Blue Devil Head Coach George Kapner said. "Many of them are back, and they have a lot to prove. They felt slighted, given the successful season they had, and the fact that they had beaten every opponent in Union County except Cranford, that they did not receive personal accolades. They felt the team was overlooked."

Coach Kapner kept 27 boys on the varsity, "because there are 27 varsity-level kids. Three keepers and 24 field players. I've never had that many kids on the varsity. Our practices are very competitive."

Senior team captains Ryan Heine, Evan Heroux and Zach Zagorski should have a positive impact on the younger members of the squad, along with senior striker Joe Greenspan, senior midfielder Eric Byer and senior back Phil Mendel. Heine has been so smooth controlling the

midfield, as well as the tempo of the game.

"The best comment came from Alex Schmidt, the girls team coach. He said, 'quite obviously, Ryan Heine is the engine that makes this team go.' He is! He's a great finisher. He's a great midfield orchestrator. He literally defends beautifully. He plays the entire game," coach Kapner said. "Evan Heroux is a great defender. He is such a great player that we are playing him at center back this year, and occasionally, we have to move him outside to get into the attack, because he's such a great attacking player."

Very tall and fluid, Greenspan is expected to be a terror to opposing goalies and backs.

"We moved Joe Greenspan up front, so he can focus totally on scoring. He's a weapon. We scrimmaged Pingry, and at times they were putting two kids on him. It's tough to mark somebody who is two heads taller

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SURE TO DRAW ATTENTION...Pictured, left to right, senior tri-captains Sam Tooley, Zach Lizmi and Andrew Kirna will provide a positive impact on the Blue Devil boys cross-country pack, which is sure to draw attention at the state level.

TOOLEY, Z. LIZMI, KIRNA TO LEAD THE DEVIL PACK

Blue Devil Boys Will Draw Attention in Cross-Country

By DAVID B. CORBIN
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Very little attention may have been given to the Westfield High School boys cross-country team at the state level throughout most of last year's season, but when the Blue Devils trampled across the line to finish fifth at the Meet of Champions, eyes will now be glancing to observe the progress of this year's team.

Last year, the Blue Devils did give several hints that they would be a contender. The first hint came when they finished second in the Junior/Senior Division of the Roxbury Invitational. The second hint came at the Stewart Memorial, when the Blue Devils ran in a tight pack to capture the Varsity A team crown. Hint No. 3 was a third-place finish in the Varsity A Division race at the Shore Coaches Invitational.

After winning the Union County conference meet and the Union County championship meet, the Blue Devils placed second behind Ridge at the sectional meet but came back to win the Group title then finish fifth at the Meet of Champions (MOC).

Some fine runners, Ryan Scrudato, Mike Kelley and Tyler Cusick, have graduated, but a wealth of talent remains.

"This is the same kind of team. They have all worked hard over the summer, so it's just a question of how they race in the early going to see what modifications we have to do if there are any surprises from kids," Blue Devil Head Coach Jack Martin said. "There are some kids who have looked good, but we just have to see how they race in competition. The difference between last year and this year is that with last year's success, more people can pay a little more attention to us at the state level, whereas last year, nobody really paid us any mind until we got to the end."

Junior Jack Leahy is sure to attract attention. Last year, Leahy, who tied Matt Elmucchio's 1994 WHS sophomore record of 16:27 at the Group 4 meet, broke that record at the MOC by crossing 22nd with a time of 16:18.

"He was our number 1 runner at the end of the season. We have a lot of kids returning from last year," coach

Martin noted.

Senior tri-captains Sam Tooley, Zach Lizmi and Andrew Kirna will provide a positive impact on the Blue Devil pack, as will juniors John Kirna, Evan Tarlow, Kevin Ingram and David Carville, as well as sophomore Kevin Smith, along with several others.

"We have a couple of young kids stepping up. David and John are coming off some nagging injuries, so they will get into form a little bit later," coach Martin said.

The first big invitational meet will be the Roxbury Classic this Saturday, September 11, followed by the Stewart Memorial, then the Shore Coaches on the first week of October.

"That will give us a sense of how we stack up against with the rest," coach Martin said.

As to the UC meets, coach Martin added, "Summit will be good. Union Catholic has some good kids, and Rahway could have tough individuals if things play out. Depth-wise, we are probably deeper than most of the schools, especially in numbers, so we have an advantage there."



LOOKING TO MAKE A CLEAR STATEMENT...The Blue Devil boys soccer team may have been overlooked last year for some personal accolades, so the players feel they have something to prove this season.

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RECORD SETTERS...Pictured, let to right, Heidi Remak Ziff, Daniel Moore and Laura Linenberg celebrate after setting New Jersey records in the 5,000-meter swim.

WF Master Swimmers Set 5K State Records

Three Westfield swimmers set New Jersey state records for their age groups in the 5,000-meter event at the Westfield Memorial Pool on September 4. Heidi Remak Ziff bested the state Masters' record by a convincing margin of 17 minutes, finishing in 1:32:07. Daniel Moore scored a hat trick by setting the N.J. Masters' 5K record with a time of 1:15:31. Earlier this year, he captured the N.J. state 200-meter backstroke and the one-hour distance record for his age group. Laura Linenberg broke the N.J. Masters' 5K record by around eight minutes with a time of 1:18:26. Her time was the fastest ever recorded by any N.J. Masters woman of any age. The Masters swimming is a group of swimmers aged 20 and up from Westfield Fanwood and Scotch Plains. Individuals may sign up for the free group by e-mailing masters@danielmoore.otherinbox.com.

Devil Soccer Boys Feel They Should Not Be Overlooked

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than you. [If] we put the ball on his head, he gets the shot," coach Kapner said. Like last year, the Blue Devils had the luxury of playing three fine goalies, and Zagorski will head the list this season, which includes seniors Ian Kuhn and Justin Coclho. "He didn't get a lot of time in goal, because we had Adam Fine as well," coach Kapner noted. "The WSA [Westfield Soccer Association] is doing such a good job, and kids are actually leaving town and playing for some of the academy clubs. Four, five years ago, we were scrambling for goalkeepers. Now, we have two and three in a class." Sophomore Henry Smith returns at striker. Senior Steve Korn and juniors Jake Bergara and Spencer Kerkhof will also see time as strikers. Senior Andrew Garfinkel and sophomore Shane Kronick will roam the midfield, as will seniors Brendan Gold and Brian Monteiro, junior Anthony Valles and freshmen twins Leo and Sam Ohaus. Seniors Dan Elides and Mike Jones will occupy the backfield, as will sophomores Jake Heroux, Sam Elides, Ben Fine and Mike Blutfield. So far, the Blue Devils have seen immediate success by yielding no goals in three scrimmage games. "They feel that they are a championship-caliber team. We are playing a new system, a 4-4-2, slightly different than we approached things in the past. We know we have a wonderful group of kids with tremendous ability. They bought this new system," said coach Kapner, who has been quite pleased with his coaching staff. "My coaching staff is sensational. Dave Shapiro is handling the JVs. Assistant Demont Heard is in charge of the defenders, as well as handling the fitness program, and Chris Carson is in charge of working with the strikers. It's a lot easier when you have three sets of eyes working on 27 kids in practice." The Blue Devils will open their season when they host Linden at Kehler Stadium this Saturday, September 11, at noon.



DEFINITELY DOWN AND DIRTY...St. Joseph's Keith Middleton has never been timid about plowing into the dirt to reach a base safely.

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St. Killian Tops St. Joe, Plays St. David for Title

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

Weariness from three grueling play-off games must have taken its toll on St. Joseph, and St. Killian took full advantage with a 21-8 victory in the losers' bracket finals at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on September 1 to advance to the St. Bart's Softball League championship game on Labor Day. Killian showed consistency, scoring in every inning, and finished with 23 hits. Harry Semple shattered the ball in all four of his plate appearances and finished with three singles and a two-run triple, while scoring twice and adding a third RBI. Jay Semple went 3-for-3 with an RBI and scored three times. Scott Curtis (2 RBI) and Paul Leso each had three singles and scored twice. Lou Messano ripped two singles, scored three times and added an RBI. Dan Nigro singled twice, had two RBI and scored once. Eric Fisher banged a two-run triple and scored three times. Harry Hopler hacked an RBI single and scored twice. Chris Nardi had a pair of RBI singles and added an RBI sacrifice fly. Mike Walch (RBI) and Scott Friedrichs each singled and scored once. Al Weber scored once. St. Joseph had some offensive fuel in its tank and managed 17 hits. Marty Marks went 3-for-4 and scored twice. "Milc" Monroy (run scored) went 3-for-3. Luke Fugett (3 RBI) and Mike McLane each had two hits and scored once. Coady Brown singled twice. Mike Surbrug punched a two-run single. Steve McMahon (RBI), Keith Middleton (run scored), Art Hobble and Frank deFario each singled. Kevin Spellman (RBI) scored twice, and Dean Talcott had an RBI. St. Joe tapped the ice first with a pair of runs in the top of the first, when Spellman lofted an RBI sac fly and Fugett added an RBI single. St. Killian immediately answered and had a run in with two on base when Jay Semple stepped up to the plate. "Come on, Jay! Get a rip," hollered Walch. Jay singled, and Harry Semple followed with an RBI single. Nardi's RBI sac fly gave Killian a 4-2 lead. In the second, while observing Killian pitcher Hopler's style, Fugett revealed, "He's throwing everything short. Step back and wait for your pitch." The Joes scored a run on three singles, but Killian stormed back with three in the bottom of the inning. Fisher hammered his two-run triple to the fence in center, and Curtis slapped an RBI single. After St. Joe scored once in the third, Killian added two in the inning. In the St. Killian fourth, St. Joe's eyesight got crossed, and errors were abundant. Killian capitalized with five runs on only two hits to seize a 14-4 lead. The Joeys came alive in the fifth. Fugett yanked a two-run single, and Surbrug slashed a two-run single, but Killian covered with five of its own then added two more in the sixth to seal the deal.

St. Joseph	211	040	0	8
St. Killian	432	552	x	21



UNION COUNTY B DIVISION CHAMPS...Contact Lens & Vision defeated the Driftwood Bar & Grill 1 for the Union County Senior 50+ B Division Softball League title. Pictured, left to right, are: bottom row; Jerry Arcibald, Ken Zierler, Dan Mulligan, Kerry Gelb and George Merlo; top row, Dave Rothenberg, Pete Byer, Gerard McDermott, Billy Early, Vic Dudash, Carmen Mosier, Rick Wolf, Bob Beiner, Brian McDermott, Ray Yarusi, Ed Quinn and Steve Splain.

Contact Lens & Vision Wins UC 50+ B Division

Making their fourth straight appearance in the Union County Senior Softball League finals, Contact Lens and Vision (CVL) finally emerged victorious. Kerry Gelb's towering two-run homer over the left-centerfield fence in the first inning set the tone for the Lensmen offense, which rapped 31 hits and scored in every inning to cruise past Driftwood Bar & Grill 1, 24-3. CLV won the best of three B Division final in a two game sweep. Following Gelb's lead, the Lensmen rode the pitching, defense and bat of Dan Mulligan, who knocked in six runs with a single, sacrifice fly and triple. Super Dave Rothenberg also contributed mightily with three doubles resulting in six RBI. All 11 Lensmen had multi-hit games making it a true team effort.



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GOING FOR THE GOLD...Abby Collins of Westfield took first in the girls 100-meter dash and second in the boys 400 meters and long jump at the 5th annual Frank Budd Track Meet in Asbury Park.

WF Marseille, Fire Win At Roxbury Classic

The Westfield Marseille U12 and Westfield Fire U11 girls soccer teams each won its respective division at the 20th Annual Roxbury Soccer Club Kick-Off Classic in Succasunna over the Labor Day weekend. More than 2,000 players from 134 traveling teams across the tri-state area participated.

Westfield Marseille won the U12 Blue Bracket, finishing 3-0-1, and outscored their opponents, 10-3, over the four-game set. The Westfield Fire won the U11 Blue Bracket, winning all four games. The Fire faced off with defending champion Roxbury twice, which included the title game. The Fire outscored the competition, 8-1.

The Westfield Rangers boys team placed third in the U14 Gold Division with a 2-2 record.

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Courtesy of Elias Rauch for The Westfield Leader and The Times
SOCCER OVERSEAS...During the summer, Zachary Rauch of Scotch Plains played soccer in Brazil with a select team, mostly comprised of players from California. A boys and girls team are representing ProSelect Soccer's International Training program in the environs of Rio de Janeiro. Zachary has had the opportunity to train with Brazilian coaches, play friendly matches with local Brazilian youth futbol clubs, experience Brazilian beach soccer, and tour famous cultural sights. Zachary is the son of Elias and Susan Rauch.




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Westfield Tennis Association Open Singles Ladder Results:

Fifty matches were played in the eighth and final reporting period of the regular season. Andrew Skalkin ascended to the top to grab the regular-season crown and the top seed for the playoffs with a 6-3, 7-6 (5) victory over Michael Conte.

Conte slipped to third with a 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 loss to Andrew Federbusch, who jumped to second. Conte defeated Francisco Franco, 8-2, Tom Bauer, 6-4, 5-7, 10-7 (in a tiebreak) and Joe Buda, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. The latter win came on the heels of a tie to Buda, where Conte narrowly escaped defeat, 6-4, 1-6, 4-5 when the lights went out at Tamaques Park. Buda kept fourth with a 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 win over Tuyen Diep. Bauer dropped to fifth after his loss to Conte.

The most active crown again went to Joshua Suri, with 34 matches played. It was a drop from his mark of 46 in 2009, but it was a big contribu-

WTA Masters Singles Tennis Ladder Results:

Peter Lee held the lead with a win against Joe Donnolo, 8-6. Mike McGlynn stayed in second, also beating Joe, 8-6. Don Dohm kept third place with a win (8-6) and then a loss (5-8) to McGlynn. This is the conclusion of the league for the WTA Open Masters Singles for 2010.

Peter Lee (10)*
Mike McGlynn (9)*
Don Dohm (6)*
Joe Donnolo (7)*
John Mancini (4)
Janice Honyndar (7)
Nancy Freundlich
(*) nbr matches played
(*) played a match this period:

MATCH PLAY
8/19/10 Lee vs Donnolo 8-6
9/1/10 McGlynn vs Donnolo 8-6
9/5/10 Dohm vs McGlynn 8-6
9/5/10 McGlynn vs Dohm 8-5

tion to the 213 matches played on the season. The playoffs had 28 qualifiers. The format will be a single elimination tournament with the top-16 in one bracket and the remaining 12 in another bracket. Please report all match scores to Richard Pardo at rspardo531@msn.com.

- FINAL STANDINGS:**
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| 1. A Skalkin(8)* | 24. P Magierski (8)* |
| 2. Federbusch(10)* | 25. Fran Franco(10)* |
| 3. Mike Conte(27)* | 26. TBigosinski(10)* |
| 4. Joe Buda(16)* | 27. M Manders(10)* |
| 5. Tom Bauer(12)* | 28. Nate Suri (10)* |
| 6. Rob Errazo(10)* | 29. E Bronander(2)* |
| 7. Tuyen Diep(33)* | 30. Nate Weiss (11) |
| 8. Ren Gao(11)* | 31. Scott Berman(5) |
| 9. Josh Suri(34)* | 32. Steven Lee (5) |
| 10. Bouchouev(10)* | 33. Gary Steinfield(6) |
| 11. Rich Perez (4)* | 34. Olga Yee (6) |
| 12. Rich Pardo(15)* | 35. Chris Farella(8) |
| 13. Weldon Chin(15)* | 36. Andrew Ross(6) |
| 14. Jeff Brinker(13)* | 37. Mike Muroff (2) |
| 15. F Adriaens(11)* | 38. R-Lafemina (6) |
| 16. David Ferio(11)* | 39. Mitch Mankin(1) |
| 17. Ed Han (11)* | 40. Mike Gonella |
| 18. R Saigal(9)* | 41. Sravan Emany |
| 19. D Loffredo(18)* | 42. Brett Zweiback |
| 20. Chris Miller(13) | 43. Don Beal |
| 21. Dan Ives (8)* | 44. Don Dohm |
| 22. M Rappoport(9)* | 45. Joe Donnolo |
| 23. Chris Bonn (9)* | 46. Manny Erlich |
| | 47. David Basile |
- (*) cumulative matches played
*Denotes match played in current reporting period

WHS Wrestlers Set Date for Garage Sale

The Westfield High School wrestling team is having a garage sale on Saturday, October 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Blue Devils are seeking public assistance for items to donate to the sale.

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ST BART'S SOFTBALL CHAMPS...St. David outlasted St. Killian, 6-5, in eight innings to win the St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League championship on Labor Day at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Scott Smith, Russ Voorhees, Ed Villaverde, Matt Marino and Erik Hastrup; middle row, Steve Spoljarie, Varojuan Baboamian, Paul Costello, Bill Lawrence, Howard Bialos and Don Rinaldo; top row, Corey Woodring, Jason Fiore, Captain Dave Rothenberg and Marty Bernstein. See complete story and pictures in the September 16 issue.

WTA Open Doubles Tennis Ladder Results:

The final reporting period has come to a close, with Weldon Chin and Richard Pardo capturing the regular-season WTA crown after four matches were played. Chin and Pardo defeated Christopher Farella and Joshua Suri, 8-0, 8-1. Joe Armstrong and Dave Cappelletto took second with 8-4, 8-4 wins over Farella and Suri. Farella and Suri dropped to third. Four teams qualified for the playoffs. The tournament will have a round robin format where all teams will play each other. The top two teams in games won will play for the championship. Please report all match scores to Richard Pardo at rspardo531@msn.com.

DOUBLES LADDER STANDINGS

1. Weldon Chin/Rich Pardo (10)*
2. Joe Armstrong/Dave Cappelletto(4)*
3. Chris Farella/Joshua Suri (9)*
4. Manny Erlich/Mike Muroff (4)
5. Peter Lyons/Yun Won Cho (1)
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1. **Best Contact by a Varsity Cougar** – Cougar Sean Trotter in Summer game against Iselin-Kennedy.
2. **Best Left-Handed Swing by a Senior** – Ron Kulik of Cranford (Brew Crew of the Union County 50+ League).
3. **Most Stylish Swing** – Eric Donohue (Cranford 12s against the Westfield Blue Youth Baseball team).
4. **Most Dirt in the Face** – Catcher Joe Norton (Cranford 12s against Jared Glassman of Westfield Blue).
5. **Best Right-Handed Swing by a Senior** – Don Montefusco (Brew Crew of the Union County 50+ League).
6. **Most Alert Base Runner** – Jamie Brawley (Cranford Youth Baseball 12s against Warren 12s).
7. **Best Left-Handed Pitcher** – Pat Knight (Cranford Youth Baseball 12s against the Westfield 12s).
8. **Best Straight-Forward Pitch** – Chris Folinusz (Cranford Summer ball against Iselin-Kennedy teens).
9. **Best Home Run Trot** – Brendan Kane (Cranford Youth 12s against the Westfield Youth 12s).
10. **Best Youth Flame Thrower** – Pitcher Eric Donohue (Cranford 12s against Scotch Plains-Fanwood).
11. **Best Summer Teener League Pitch** – Kurt Rutmeyer (Cranford teens against Scotch Plains-Fanwood).
12. **Best Pivot Move at First** – Cougar Greg Matlosz (Summer baseball against Iselin-Kennedy).
13. **Most Stuck in the Middle Situation** – Cougar Steve Savino (Cranford 12s vs Westfield Blue Youth ball).
14. **Most Obvious Summer Ball Safe Slide** – Cougar Sean Feeney sliding into second against Scotch Plains).
15. **Best Sneak Under a Tag** – Little Cougar Ben Helmstetter (Cranford 8s against Westfield in Cranford).
16. **Most Closely Observed Play** – Cougar 8s third baseman against Westfield Youth baseball at Cranford).

SALERNO, SAVULICH SELECTED COUGAR CAPTAINS

Lady Soccer Cougars Expect Rebuilding Season, Return 4

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

Few could expect this year's Cranford High School girls soccer team, with only four returning starters, to duplicate the banner season that the Lady Cougars had last year; however, although a rebuilding year is expected, that rebuilding phase may be rapid.

Last year, the Lady Cougars stunned No. 3-ranked Westfield, 1-0, in the Union County Tournament (UCT) semifinals then followed up

by dethroning Scotch Plains-Fanwood, winners of four of the last five UCTs, also by a 1-0 score. The Cougars went on to win their first sectional game before falling, 2-1, to Millburn and finishing with a 17-3-1 record.

"We had 13 seniors who graduated, and out of those 13, most of them were two-year starters for me. This year definitely is going to be a rebuilding year. I have four returning starters from last year's team," Cougar Head Coach Jen Michewicz

pointed out. But the building materials exist with the returning starters and members of the Junior Varsity team that won the Union County JV Tournament last year.

"We had a very successful JV team. Our JV team also was county champs last year. I think we will build off that," coach Michewicz said. "One of the things we are struggling with right now is the lack of experience at the varsity level. Luckily, we will

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HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF A GOOD SEASON...The Cranford Cougars have high expectations of a fine football season. Fifteen veteran seniors will lead the way. Pictured, left to right, are: front row: Jonathan Mendoza, Phillip Van Pelt, Adam Smith, Robert Gaeta and Russ Wilde; middle row, Tyrone Avent, J.T. Vicci, Joe Papandrea, Sean Trotter and Bryan Fitzsimmons; back row, Kasin Lewis, Chad Preucil, Justin Van Ostenbridge, Bobby Anstatt and Tim Handy.

PAPANDREA IS Q.B., RETURN 15 VETERAN SENIORS

Cranford Cougars Have High Expectations for Grid Season

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

Hard luck losses from last year may very well be turned into victories for a more experienced Cranford High School football team this year. The Cougars, that consisted primarily of sophomores and juniors last year and finished 4-6, return 15 veteran seniors and several experienced juniors.

Three of the Cougars' losses came in stinging fashion. The first came in a 26-24 burn to Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the season opener at Memorial Field in Cranford on September 11. One week later, the Hill-side Comets burned the Cougars by scoring two touchdowns, one on a batted down lateral that was run back, in the final quarter to seize a 14-7 victory, and the third was a singing,

28-21, overtime setback to the A. L. Johnson Crusaders.

The Cougars will get a crack at getting even with the Crusaders in their season opener tomorrow, September 10, in Clark at 7 p.m., and senior Joey Papandrea, who led the Cougars last year with 640 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns on 115 carries, will be behind center once

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Cranford Grid Men Have High Expectations

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again. Junior Sean McGovern will be the backup quarterback.

“Our expectation level is very high of Joey. He’s a great leader. It’s his third year in. We expect him to be next to perfect. I think he is up to the task. He’s been demanding. He’s worked hard. He got stronger. He got faster. His biggest asset is, when defenses try to mess with us some times with option reads, I think he’s seen just about everything that they can throw at him. It’s not his first paper route. Because of him, we expect to have a very effective offense,” Cougar Head Coach Erik Rosenmeier said.

The Cougars have very quick and speedy slot backs, and senior Sean Trotter could cause severe headaches to opposing defenses. Last year, he rushed for 572 yards, including five touchdowns, and added 18 receptions for 239 yards, including two more touchdowns. Senior Justin Van Ostenbridge has shifted from wide out to slot back. Senior Tyrone Avent, who rumbled 438 yards for three touchdowns last year, will set up at fullback.

“We have guys, when we are running a triple, and you are talking about four guys in the backfield, all who can hurt you. When defenses try to stop the option, they look at the guy they think can hurt them the most. And they are going to have trouble picking their boy,” coach

Rosenmeier said. “If they try to take care of Avent in the middle, we say, ‘OK! We will get out on the perimeter with Trotter, Van Ostenbridge or Papandrea.’ We have a chance to be explosive offensively, and that’s what we have been trying to emphasize in the pre-season, not to be satisfied with five or seven yards, but getting into the end zone. We have to expect to score more.”

Seniors Bryan Fitzsimmons and Kasim Lewis (on injured list), junior Eric Garguilo and sophomore Ryan Williamson will line up as wide receivers. Although the Cougars rely mostly on a running game, the added touch of talent in the receiving corps may add confusion to opponents.

“Our passing game is fairly simple, but at the same time, it’s effective. It’s almost impossible to play man coverage and have run support. They have to play simple coverage. If they are concentrating on running guys down on motion, to take away the option, then we are going to throw the play action over the top. If we get in a two-minute situation, it can be very effective when those safeties bite, and we send guys over the top and they are wide open,” coach Rosenmeier explained.

Senior Bobby Anstatt will line up at left tackle and junior Kurt Rutmeyer will play right tackle. Junior TJ

Nichols and senior 6’4”, 275-lb Chad Preucil will line up at the left and right guard positions, respectively, and experienced senior Tim Handy will be at center.

“He’s (Handy) the strongest guy on the team. He has a 600-lb dead lift. He’s experienced. With this offense, it’s very important to have a good center. These guys really hold the key to us being successful. If we can move people up front, then we are going to have a successful offense,” coach Rosenmeier said.

Defensively, the down linemen will be ends Fitzsimmons and Anstatt, while Handy, Nichols and Preucil, along with sophomore Chris Fulinosz and senior Jonathan Mendoza will be on the inside.

The Cougars have four experienced linebackers in senior JT Vicci and juniors Mike Klimek, Anthony DaSilva and JP Christiano. Sophomore Nick Diaz may also see action. The safeties will be Van Ostenbridge and Trotter.

“Those guys have all started in multiple games. We are excited at the prospect of having all those guys on the field at the same time,” coach Rosenmeier said.

Garguilo and sophomore Reggie Green will be on the corners.

The special teams should also put the Cougars in good field position. Senior Rob Gaeta will head the kick-offs and extra points, while Van Ostenbridge and Williams will do the punting. Trotter, who will return punts, and Avent will receive the kickoffs.

“We believe it’s one-third of the game. With Gaeta, we have a weapon. He can kick some field goals with good distance. His kickoffs, with the range that he’s getting, will put people in trouble. We have a luxury in that we have two very good punters. I feel that they can put us in a better position when we get the ball back next time,” said coach Rosenmeier who added, “To be a good team, you have to have all those facets, and I think we have it.”

Football Schedule:

Head Coach: Erik Rosenmeier

09/10	Fri	AL Johnson	A	7:00 PM
09/18	Sat	Voorhees	A	7:00 PM
09/24	Fri	North Plainfield	H	7:00 PM
10/01	Fri	Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	H	7:00 PM
10/09	Sat	Gov. Livingston	A	2:30 PM
10/15	Fri	Rahway	H	7:00 PM
10/22	Fri	Hillside	H	7:00 PM
10/30	Sat	Summit	A	1:00 PM
11/5	Fri	Delaware Valley	A	7:00 PM



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

LADY COUGAR VETERAN LEADERSHIP...The Lady Cougars soccer team will look to four seniors and a veteran junior for leadership this season. Pictured, left to right, are: seniors Nikki Kleiman, Emily Baumann, Julianne Salerno (co-captain) and Rebecca Shafer, and junior co-captain Madison Savulich.

Lady Soccer Cougars Expect Rebuilding Season

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have a couple of scrimmages that will help us work through that.”

One obstacle the young Cougars may face would be the speed of varsity play as compared to JV.

“When you compare the JV and the varsity games, it’s a lot faster. The speed, pace and the physical aspect of the game is always a step above. I think those players can use their success from last year to help the program, but I think we have a little bit of work to do to get them to that varsity level,” coach Michewicz said.

Another element is the loss of speedster and state-ranked track star Natalie Englese, who has decided to concentrate in track fulltime, but senior co-captain Julianne Salerno, a returning center midfielder, and junior center midfielder/co-captain Madison Savulich will give the Cougars strength in the middle.

“I am looking for her to come through, because last year, she scored four or five goals for us,” coach Michewicz said of Salerno.

Junior Taylor Pace, sophomore Nina Montero and freshman Alexa Aldredge will also work the midfield. Coach Michewicz is looking to Montero and Pace may handle corner kicks.

“We are hoping that one or two of those girls can step it up in terms of corner kicks,” she said.

The main scoring threats are expected to be juniors Emily Lupin and Danielle Jakubik, and senior Rebecca Shafer, who all had notable playing time last year.

“I am hoping that those girls can work out some combination with each other and find the back of the net,” said coach Michewicz, who may also look for help from freshman Mairead McKeany and senior Kendl Muckenthlaer.

Senior Emily Baumann and junior Leah Quinn will be in goal. The defensive center positions will be occupied by senior Nikki Kleiman and juniors Hannah Dowzycki, Shannon Maher and Cara Costa, while fresh-

men Hannah DeMars and Jenna Ellenberger will be on the outside.

“Both goalies are coming from the JV team. They have a lot of playing experience, but again, all four defenders are new players to the varsity. They are working on playing as a unit. They know each other,” added coach Michewicz.

For throw-ins, “I have been impressed with a couple of freshmen. I know Jenna Ellenbacher and the d-backs are really tough,” coach Michewicz said.

Although most of her players are new to the varsity level, coach Michewicz does feel confident with her team depth.

“I felt confident that when I chose the team this year, I chose 19 girls that I feel there is very little drop off when they are coming off the bench. It’s going to be very competitive,” she said.

Another favorable factor may be the Lady Cougars’ philosophy of superb conditioning.

“Last year, we made the record for the most games that we sent into overtime. I truly think our conditioning throughout the season contributed to our success in the long run. Those games we took into overtime, I felt that our conditioning was a little higher than the other teams,” coach Michewicz said.

The Cougars’ conditioning will be tested immediately when they host Scotch Plains-Fanwood this Saturday, September 11, at 11 a.m.

Cranford High School Girls Soccer Schedule:

Head Coach: Jen Michewicz

09/11	Sat	Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	H	11:00 AM
09/14	Tue	Summit	H	4:00 PM
09/16	Thu	Livingston	H	4:00 PM
09/20	Mon	AL Johnson	H	7:00 PM
09/22	Wed	New Providence	A	4:00 PM
09/24	Fri	Gov. Livingston	H	4:00 PM
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Writ of Execution: 07/27/2010
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. ***Three Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Five and 89/100*** \$379,355.89.
The property to be sold is located in the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union, State of New Jersey, Commonly known as 1165 Washington Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076. Tax Lot No: 7 in Block: 8802
Dimensions of Lot (Approximately): 50 feet x 100 feet
Nearest Cross Street: Evelyn Street
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due. Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available - You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.
Prior Mortgages and Judgements (if any): The plaintiff has obtained a letter of indemnification which will insure the successful bidder at sale in respect to: Judgement #DJ-107972-1991 and Judgement #DJ-018315-1992
Total Upset: ***Four Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Seven Six and 33/100*** \$423,076.33 together with lawful interest and costs.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
Ralph Froehlich Sheriff

Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
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Plaintiff: SOVEREIGN BANK
VS.
Defendant: MILDRED ECKER; SKYLANDS ENERGY SERVICE INC; NORTH STAR CAPITAL ACQUISITION LLC
Sale Date: 10/06/2010
Writ of Execution: 07/23/2010
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The property to be sold is located in the Town of Westfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, Commonly known as 104 Hazel Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090. Tax Lot No: 1.01 F/K/A 1 & 16 in Block: 2819 F/K/A 735
Dimensions of Lot (Approximately): 86 feet x 100 feet x 83 feet x 100 feet
Nearest Cross Street: West Broad Street
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due. Tax and prior lien info: 79709.72
Prior Mortgages and Judgements (if any): None
Total Upset: ***Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy Seven and 86/100*** \$92,177.86 together with lawful interest and costs.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
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Governor Christie Vetoes Del. River Auth. Actions

TRENTON – Governor Chris Christie continued to demand accountability and reform at the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA). The Governor exercised his veto authority over the August 18 and 25 meeting minutes of the DRPA Board of Commissioners because five reforms passed by the Commissioners at those meetings did not go far enough and did not comport with the directives stipulated in his July 29 and August 16 letters to the authority. In his previous letters to the authority, Governor Christie called for wide-ranging, specific reforms to “restore the public’s confidence in the authority,” and specifically warned that he would veto any DRPA board action that failed to conform to those standards. “Doing only enough to get out of the headlines and away from the ethical cloud that has formed over the authority is simply not good enough. Attempts to pass off half measures, watered-down resolutions and double standards as real reform raises serious questions about the leadership and commitment to accountability at the authority,” said Governor Christie. “The reforms I called for, along with [Pennsylvania] Governor [Ed] Rendell and numerous other public officials, represent only a baseline of reform needed at the authority. Failure to comply with these basic and common-sense directives will not restore the taxpayers’ confidence in the activity of the DRPA. The public will not accept activity in place of real action and neither will I. The board and leadership at DRPA must do better,” Governor Christie said.

The Governor’s first veto, for the minutes of the August 18 meeting, specifically addresses the following DRPA resolutions: DRPA 10-040: Requiring the authority to create an audit committee chaired by the auditor general of Pennsylvania which will oversee an independent finance performance and forensic audit every two years. DRPA 10-041: Requiring all meetings of the authority board to be open to the public and requiring the authority to follow the requirements of the Pennsylvania Right to Know law. DRPA 10-042: A resolution implementing post-employment restrictions policy for authority commissioners, officers and directors DRPA 10-064: Requiring the authority to hire independent counsel to conduct a legal inquiry into the “true-

up” provisions of the authority’s insurance contracts. All other reforms adopted by the authority at its August 18 meeting were granted early approval by Governor Christie and take effect immediately. Following objections raised by the Governor’s office after the August 18 meeting, the authority corrected resolutions 10-040 and 10-041 at its August 25 meeting. The Governor has approved those amended resolutions. The Governor’s second veto, for the minutes of the August 25 meeting, specifically addresses the following DRPA resolution: DRPA 10-054: Establishing a policy prohibiting officers and employees from performing political activities while on duty for the authority or using their office for political purposes. All other reforms adopted by the authority at its August 25 meeting were granted early approval by Governor Christie and take effect immediately. Governor Christie’s vetoes of the August 18 and 25 DRPA Board of Commissioners meeting minutes are the 12th and 13th such actions taken against the activity of various state authorities and commissions since taking office. Meeting minutes are scrutinized by the Governor’s Office Authorities Unit, headed by Director Deborah Gramiccioni, to flag potentially troublesome issues.

Rowan Students Make Spring Dean’s List

AREA – Rowan University released the names of those students in this area who made the spring 2010 dean’s list. They are as follows: Jayne Dzuback, of Fanwood, a junior English major; Ashley Caldora, of Fanwood, a junior advertising major; Lindsey Gilcrest, of Mountainside, a junior psychology major; Lauren Hauser, of Mountainside, an education major (health and physical education); Zachary Januik, of Mountainside, a graduate student majoring in mechanical engineering; Michael Porch, of Westfield, a senior political science major; Kaitlyn Anness, of Westfield, a senior journalism major, and Sara Davis, a sophomore Electric and computer engineering major. All students earned a 3.45 grade point average at minimum.

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Candidate Release 7th Congressional District Jobs Creation Is What Is Most Needed

AREA – Ed Potosnak, Democratic candidate for New Jersey’s 7th Congressional District, says that there are three key ways to get our economy back on track and create new jobs.

“If we provide better support for our small businesses, prioritize research and development funding, and modernize New Jersey’s infrastructure, we will see marked reductions in the unemployment numbers in New Jersey,” Mr. Potosnak said.

“Without a doubt, small businesses are the engine of our economy,” Mr. Potosnak said. “We need to do more to ease the burden on small businesses so that they can put people in our communities back to work. When I bring my small business experience to Congress, I’ll work to help the business community thrive and bring more jobs to the 7th district.” Congress passed legislation in July to expand access to capital and small business loans. Referencing the legislation, Mr. Potosnak said, “That bill was a start, but we need to do more to build upon the successes of that legislation. When it comes to voting to help small businesses, my votes will always be yes, unlike my opponent who continues to vote no.”

“For more than a century, New Jersey’s 7th district has been home to some of the most innovative companies in the world. My district has long been called the medicine cabinet of the world. The only industry to experience growth during the recession was biotechnology. Pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies make their headquarters here be-

cause our communities are a talent-rich pool of potential employees. America leads the world in biotechnology and we should be providing more research and development tax credits to companies who stay in our communities and don’t ship jobs overseas,” Mr. Potosnak.

“Investment in our infrastructure will create jobs now and for years to come while raising property values throughout the 7th District. I promise to be a strong advocate for transportation projects, and won’t be a roadblock like my opponent,” Mr. Potosnak said. “We know that the development of transportation infrastructure creates lasting jobs and raises property values. Our district cannot afford to lose out on vital projects necessary to improving our way of life.”

“I know what it takes to create new jobs here in the district. I’m working for America’s future and not a political career.”

Mr. Potosnak put himself through Rutgers to become a scientist and a teacher. He was born and raised in New Jersey. Growing up, he worked in his parents’ small business, manufacturing lifesaving communications equipment for police officers and emergency responders. He taught chemistry for over a decade at Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School and was an adjunct professor at Rutgers. He wrote and researched education policy as an Albert Einstein Distinguished Education Fellow. An entrepreneur and businessman at heart, Mr. Potosnak owns a small home repair business and lives in North Plainfield.

Boehner Supports Ban On Omnibus Spending

WASHINGTON, D.C.– Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th), who is seeking a second term, says he was pleased that House Republican leaders have embraced reform legislation he authored that would prohibit the use of “omnibus spending bills.”

Temple to Hold Apple-Picking Day

SPRINGFIELD—Temple Sha’arey Shalom of Springfield invites the community to join them in celebrating Rosh Hashanah and ushering in a new year, 5771, during its second annual Congregational Apple Picking Day on Sunday, September 12.

This free family event will be held at Wightman’s Farms, located at 1111 Mt. Kemble Road in Morristown. Parents, grandparents, caregivers and their families are all invited to pack a picnic lunch and enjoy an afternoon in the orchard, starting at noon. There will be an abundance of apples, ripe for the picking.

Wightman’s Farms also offers a hayride, pumpkin picking, a corn maze and a pumpkin slingshot game. This temple apple-picking event is free and open to the public. Participants simply pay Wightman’s for any other activities a family chooses. For directions, visit wightmansfarms.com.

Temple Sha’arey Shalom, located at 78 South Springfield Avenue, serves Springfield and the surrounding communities of Union and Essex counties, and is a mid-size, reform congregation.

For more information, contact the Temple office at (973)379-5387 or visit shaarey.org.

House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) told reporters last month that if House Republicans win back the majority as a result of the mid-term elections – House Republicans would ban the use of “omnibus” spending bills.

Mr. Lance said prohibiting these spending bills would increase transparency and hold lawmakers more accountable. Omnibus spending bills often result in controversial non-germane legislation combined with must-pass essential legislation into one bill. Last year, Mr. Lance voted against a 1,132-page, \$410-billion omnibus spending bill that, he said, included nine different spending measures bundled together and more than 9,000 earmarks. Mr. Lance said the legislation was “fiscally irresponsible and lacked transparency.”

He said House Resolution 1023 would change House rules to prohibit the use of omnibus spending bills.

“I am pleased that House Republican leaders have embraced my common-sense reform legislation prohibiting the use of omnibus spending bills,” Mr. Lance said. “The American people deserve a more open and transparent Congress. It is time Congress stopped attaching highly controversial, non-germane legislation to pass legislation – like funding for our troops and other essential services.”

The Congressman introduced his legislation on January 20 after House Democratic leaders attacked a controversial measure to raise the national debt limit to a key funding bill for U.S. troops.

Rajoppi Kicks Off Reelection Campaign For County Clerk

I’m excited and appreciative of the opportunity to run for re-election and offer my accomplishments for voters to review. It’s been a challenging and rewarding five-year term with tangible results and I sincerely request residents vote for me.

The Clerk performs multiple functions and services some of which include administering election laws; recording, filing and preserving all property documents; swearing in Notary Publics; issuing public oaths; recording Honorable Veteran Discharges, veteran peddler licenses, inheritance tax waivers; trade name certificates and clerk certificates.

My objective is to constantly improve residents’ accessibility to our services. There are extended hours, including evenings and Saturdays, at the Westfield Passport office. The office was cited by a National Passport Processing Center for outstanding efforts in processing more than 600 Passport applications in a three-day period including a Saturday.

Another outreach program is an annual election calendar, available to residents and town agencies free of charge, which provides important election dates and information to voters. The calendar has proved so popular that other counties have modeled editions after it. An instructional video, available on the clerks’ website, on how to vote by mail was produced to assist voters with the ballot form; Saturday hours for voters has been initiated to access Mail-In Ballots prior to each election. There is a comprehensive user-friendly services website along with a property website.

We also do outreach by participating and speaking at area expositions, fairs, colleges, club and service organizations,” she added, “with special attention to youth and seniors.”

As clerk, I led a whistle-blowing campaign against the voting machine company Union County and most other New Jersey counties use. Serious discrepancies were discovered in the results from the Presidential Primary Election and June Primary in 2008. Other county clerks, the New Jersey Department of State, which oversees elections, as well as the voting machine company were alerted.

An independent analysis of the machines by nationally-recognized computer experts at Princeton University was eventually ordered by the court.

Although threatened with legal action by the voting machine company, I persisted to alert the public to the problem. A state court case and eventual court-mandated changes in the process now make the voting system more secure for voters. *The New York Times* cited the efforts and state leadership in an editorial.

Elections are the cornerstone of our

democracy. The integrity of the process is critical. My staff and I understand and take this responsibility seriously. We work to do all that is possible to maintain that integrity.

My other areas of innovation include the computerization of indices of all document records dating from 1977. In addition, images of most of these documents are available 24/7 on the clerk’s public land records website. We have taken advantage of the downturn in the economy and decrease in property recording in the past two years to train and deploy the staff to prepare and make accessible via the web new categories of documents including trade names, construction liens, notices of settlement and Uniform Commercial Code documents. This has saved tens of thousands of dollars of contractual costs to outside vendors and allows the public greater access to those records.

I have worked to redact personal information used in identity theft from public records accessible to the public in order to protect homeowners. I am vigilant in maintaining the integrity of the records while protecting citizens.

The office also assists with Notary Public applications. An instructional manual assists and informs new Notaries of their duties and responsibility. There is formatted a booklet for all new business holders that provides important and helpful information on running a business in Union County. A courtesy veterans document card assists veterans in obtaining some other services they are entitled to.

Recently, I was elected to the position of second vice-president in IACREOT, the International Association of Clerks, Records, Election Officials and Treasurers. IACREOT is the premier organization for clerks and allows me to network with clerks worldwide gaining insight and helpful ideas on how better to serve Union County residents.

I am a six-time recipient of the National Association of Counties Award for innovative government and computerization — and a recipient of the prestigious Gill C. Job Award from the Constitutional Officers Association of New Jersey (COANJ), former president of COANJ and former president of New Jersey Association of Counties. I served as an adjunct professor at Rutgers University for almost 20 years teaching public administration.

The county clerk’s office is one of the few government agencies which generates revenue from mandated recording fees. This year it is estimated the office will generate \$23 million which, in turn, will be used partially to offset the county tax rate with the balance reverting to the state’s general fund.

Joanne Rajoppi
Dem Candidate for Reelection to
Union County Clerk

More Letters to the Editor

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New Jersey State First Aid Council President Talks of EMS Service

On 9/11, New Jersey volunteer EMS squads dispatched more than 400 ambulances to New York City and North Jersey, all while continuing to staff ambulances and answer calls in their own communities. In the months following, volunteer EMS squads throughout the state noted generous donations, and increased support, respect and acknowledgment for their daily efforts.

Less than a decade later, much appears changed for New Jersey’s EMS volunteers, and not for the better. For example:

1) Former Gov. Jon Corzine took \$4 million from the EMT Training Fund to help offset a budget shortfall. The fund now pays only part of the volunteer EMT’s educational requirements. Sources of reimbursable continuing education units (CEUs) also are scaled back. With few exceptions, the fund no longer reimburses elective CEUs, and renewing EMTs are reimbursed only if money remains after training for first-time EMTs is covered. That leaves some individuals paying to maintain their EMT certification and volunteer status.

2) Early this year, Mt. Olive’s mayor unsuccessfully waged a months-long campaign to replace the area’s long-serving EMS volunteers with paid EMTs.

3) Bills S-818-A-2095 in the New Jersey Legislature propose a major overhaul of the EMS system, which, if approved in their current forms, could result in a significant decrease in the number of volunteer squads, and dramatic cost increases for patients, communities and taxpayers.

Hopefully, it won’t take another mass casualty incident for New Jersey to realize the gems it has in its EMS volunteers.

For information on becoming an EMS volunteer, visit www.njsfac.org or call (800) 390-8991.

Barbara Aras
Little Silver, NJ

Editor’s Note: Barbara Aras is president of the New Jersey State First Aid Council, which represents 20,000 EMS volunteers statewide.

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THE KEYS TO SUCCEED...Ethan Jeon, 8, was awarded first prize in the Crescendo International Piano Competition at Carnegie Hall. He is a student of Westfield piano teacher Sondra Tammam.

Tammam’s Piano Students Perform in Carnegie Hall

WESTFIELD – Students of Sondra Tammam, a Westfield pianist, were awarded prizes in competitions in New Jersey and New York. They performed at Carnegie Hall’s Weill Hall as winners of the Piano Teachers Society of America Competition, the

FL.A.G. Announces World Lang. Program

WESTFIELD – The Foreign Language Awareness Group (FLAG) will soon post its fall 2010 World Language Program on the Westfield Elementary Schools’ websites. FLAG’s creative after-school language programs emphasize basic foreign-language skills and cultural awareness. FLAG is known for its small classes and interactive approach to teaching world languages. The training is designed so that students quickly gain confidence to express themselves in another language and to apply their conversational skills. The classroom environment is fun and safe.

FLAG plans to offer classes in French, Spanish and Mandarin. The Spanish II class complements the public-school curriculum, so it affords students an opportunity to reinforce the skills they learn in school. The French classes provide excellent preparation for children who will elect that language in sixth grade. Mandarin II will be offered to returning students.

For more information on the FLAG program, contact Sylvie Macdonald at (908) 232-4429 or by e-mail at lasylvie@aol.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 10-09-01 AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Board of Health of the Borough of Fanwood on September 2, 2010. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood New Jersey between the hours of 7:30AM and 4PM, Monday thru Thursday and Friday between the hours of 7:30AM and 12 Noon. The purpose of this ordinance is:

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TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE is hereby given that at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Scotch Plains, held in the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building of said Township on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 there was introduced, read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, the following ordinance:

THIS ORDINANCE AMENDS SECTION 2-7 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED, “DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE” BY ADDING NEW SUBSECTION 2-7.16 ENTITLED, “THIRD-PARTY PAYROLL DISBURSEMENT SERVICES”.

Explanation: This Ordinance amends Section 2-7 of the Township Code Entitled, “Department of Finance” by adding a new subsection for third-party payroll disbursement services. A public hearing for same is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, or any time and place to which a meeting for the further consideration of such ordinance shall from time to time be adjourned, and all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

A copy of same may be obtained from the office of the Township Clerk, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday by any member of the general public who wants a copy of same without cost.

BARBARA RIEPE
Township Clerk
1 T - 9/9/10, The Times Fee: \$36.21

Zoubeks’s ‘Roadside’ To Open Sept. 16 at UCC

CRANFORD – From September 16 to October 30, the exhibition, “Roadside,” by Howard Zoubek of Plainfield, will be on display in the Tomasulo Gallery in the MacKay Library of the Cranford campus of Union County College. This solo exhibition consists of photographs taken by Mr. Zoubek on the side of roads throughout his travels.

In his artist statement, Mr. Zoubek explained that the influence for his photographs, “...comes from all the arts, my experiences, and people I’ve met along the way. This exhibit is about the landscape we pass by everyday. Although some images were found in and around preserves, most come from along the side of the road, at the edge of a parking lot or a piece of land waiting to be developed.”

His photographs go on to, “...explore the layers of opposing lines, color and texture that occur as plants and trees compete within their existing space.” In taking the photos, Mr. Zoubek’s goal was to capture the complexity and bring attention to what might be considered common.

To take his photographs, Mr. Zoubek used a Wista 4x5 camera or a Canon digital. He completed all the prints of the photographs in his studio using an Epson 4000 printer on Moab Entrada Natural Paper.



Grasses of Sandy Hook

In January 2010, Mr. Zoubek participated in a juried exhibit with his piece “Photography 29” at the Perkins Center for the Arts in southern New Jersey. He also participated in an exhibit at the Perkins Center in January 2009 with “Photography 28” and won the Jurors Award.

In September 2009, he participated in a solo exhibit at Sussex Community College. The year 2008 was a busy one for Mr. Zoubek. He participated in a juried exhibit at the Monmouth Museum, a solo exhibit at the New Providence library and a group exhibit in alternative photography at the Princeton Alliance Church.

The opening reception for “Roadside” will be held on Thursday, September 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Tomasulo Gallery, located on the first floor of MacKay Library on the college’s Cranford campus, located at 1033 Springfield Avenue. Gallery hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Evening hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday. For more information, call (908) 709-7155.



A ROAD TO NOWHERE...A new exhibition at the Walsh Gallery reflects on the effects of cultural and political homogeny.

Walsh Gallery Presents Driving Without Destination

AREA – The Walsh Gallery, located on the campus of Seton Hall University, 400 South Orange Avenue, announced a group exhibition of contemporary art in collaboration with the G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith and Culture.

An essay written by Dr. Dermot Quinn, in which he ponders the ramifications of global culture, inspired exhibiting artists.

Dr. Quinn’s essay reflects upon G.K. Chesterton’s “The Outline of Insanity,” which, although published in 1926, accurately predicts the effects of cultural and political homogeny.

Curators, Tony Capparelli and Jeanne Brasile, were motivated to produce the exhibition due to the timely subject matter that ponders the thought that “oneness” denies the beauty and glory of diversity in an increasingly homogenous world.

Driving Without Destination runs from now through October 2, with an opening reception next Thursday, September 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. Participating artists include: Shannon Bellum, Ellen Denuto, Billy Friebele, Kathleen Gerard, Allan Gorman, Max Heller, So Yoon Lym, Tony Murray, Mary Ann Reilly, Ryan Roa, Larry Ross, Joan Sonnenfeld, Bill Westheimer and Heidi Younger.

The artists were selected through an open-call process and juried by the curators, Father Ian Boyd, C.S.B. and director of the Chesterton Institute, Gloria Garafulich-Grabois and Dr. Quinn, professor of History at Seton Hall University. The jury panel aimed to present a balance of themes and media in the exhibition. A symposium will take place on Saturday, October 2, at 2 p.m. in the Walsh Gallery. Speakers include Father Boyd, who is also editor of the *Chesterton Review*, and Dr. Quinn. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, see shu.edu, call (973) 275-2033 or e-mail jeanne.bratile@shu.edu.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Please take notice that on September 22, 2010 at 7:30 PM at the Fanwood Borough Hall, located at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, the Planning Board will hold a hearing on the application of the undersigned. The property in question is located at: 383 South Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 69 Lot 5, as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map, owned by Cianciulli Family Trust LLC.

The applicant requests Continued Certificate of Non Conforming Use which is in violation of:

Section 184-115 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Continued Certificate of Non Conforming Use; Permitted: Grand Father; Present: Food Use; Proposed: Food Use. Section 181-115 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Pre Existing since 1972/ Front Yard Setback; Permitted: 30'; Present: 10.1'; Proposed: 10.1'. Section 184-115 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Pre Existing since 1972/ Front Yard Setback; Permitted: 30'; Present: 1.3'; Proposed: 1.3'. Section 184-115 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Pre Existing Lot Improvement Coverage; Permitted: 3590'; Present: 40.589'; Proposed: 40.589'.

The applicant will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the application.

The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday) from the Secretary of the Planning Board at the Administration Office of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey. Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Fanwood Planning Board.

Applicant: Cianciulli Family Trust LLC
383 South Avenue
Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023
1 T - 9/9/10, The Times Fee: \$47.43



RAPIDE-FIRE ACTION...Kids on Keys, an innovative piano program offered at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, uses the unique and exciting Musique Rapide method to learn the fundamentals of reading music.

Kids on Keys Begins Fall Semester at NJWA

WESTFIELD – When Susannah Marks, founder of Keys on Keys, recently said, “Music is fun; it brings joy, and it never runs out of supply,” She showed her passion about the importance of music in a child’s life.

She brings this enthusiasm to her Kids on Keys course, which will be offered again this semester at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA).

The class, a unique piano experience for students ages 4 and older, uses a powerful learning aid called Musique Rapide, also created by Ms. Marks. Musique Rapide uses a game composed of a miniature piano keyboard, game board and game pieces. It helps students to quickly learn the note values, count the rhythms, find the notes on the staff and sight read on the mini piano.

According to Ms. Marks, “With our unique music curriculum that starts early with Musique Rapide, we bring music to your child in a way that is fast, effective and fun.”

Students may enroll in this class on Sunday mornings or Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons or early evenings. Classes are taught at the NJWA studios at 150-152 East Broad Street in Westfield in a 45-minute format composed of 10-week sessions. The fall session begins on September 12, 14 and 15. Students may enroll at any time, and tuition will be pro-rated.

Instructors for the course include Ms. Marks, a graduate of Trinity College in London. She taught these classes in Australia and New Zealand before bringing the program to the United States nine years ago.

Other instructors include Mia Elezovic, a veteran performer and teacher who is obtaining a second master’s degree at the Manhattan School of Music.; Terezija Cukrov, who has a master’s degree from Mannes College of Music in New York, has performed widely throughout Europe and North America, and whose students include prize-winners of national and international competitions; Alex Goumas, an experienced private and group piano teacher with degrees from the University of New Hampshire and Berklee College of Music who has taught at the Stoughton Music Center in Massachusetts and the Blue Note Music Center in New Hampshire, who is experienced in a variety of music genres and has toured both in the United States and Europe.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTICE OF AWARD Professional Services

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education met on May 25, 2010 and awarded the following contracts for professional services pursuant to 18A: 18A.5.a(1). The resolution of award and the contracts listed below are available for public inspection at the Office of the Board Secretary located at Evergreen Avenue & Cedar Street &om 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday:

Name	Nature of Award	Contract Period	Contract Amount
Nisivocia & Co., LLP	Auditing Services	7/1/10-6/30/11	\$42,000.00
Casper P. Boeh, Jr.	Board Attorney	7/1/10-6/30/11	\$48,000.00 (not to exceed \$120,000)
Raymond A. Cassetta	Negotiating Services	7/1/10-6/30/11	\$30,750.00
Barre and Company	Treasurer of School Funds	7/1/10-6/30/11	\$8,320.00

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Potter Architects	Architectural Services	7/1/10-6/30/11	Per Project
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WESTFIELD FOOD 4 THOUGHT

Orange Recipes
For Sunny September

By JAYNE BOOK SALOMON
Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Yes, Labor Day has passed, and the calendar says September – but this doesn’t mean that summer is over. What’s the big rush to say goodbye to the northeast’s favorite season?

Some like summer’s warm air so much, that when the crisp fall air starts blowing, they flee for warmth of the Florida sun. So why is it then that, although according to the calendar, the official end of summer is not until the third week of the month, there is this urgency to wrap it up at the end of August?

True, schools are back in session; summer vacations are finished, and retailers are showing fall fashions, but summer weather continues throughout September. So why not relish the season until the end? Instead of the customary fall and/or back to school recipes, I’ve decided to stay focused on summer recipes.

Two months ago, I spent some time in sunny (hot) Florida, where I developed a new appreciation for the orange. I had never given the round juicy fruit, named for its color, too much thought until my recent visit to the Sunshine State.

Then I bit into the sweetest, juiciest, tastiest orange I have ever eaten. It made me realize that there really is something to this Florida orange thing. Oranges grown and eaten there are simply better; similar to Hawaiian pineapples. But that shouldn’t stop us from enjoying them right here in Westfield.

These recipes all include the use of oranges or orange products. The first is a cold orange soup to be served as a first course, although it would make a great intermezzo.

Like fine wine, a small portion is recommended. The main course, Barbecue Orange Chicken, continues the theme. The final recipe is a healthy dessert also made with oranges.

With these recipes, you can enjoy summer for as long as you want it to continue.

Orange Vichyssoise

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ½ cups apple juice
- 1 teaspoon fresh squeezed lemon juice
- 1/ ½ teaspoons dark brown sugar
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 3 apples, cored, peeled and cut into 8 wedges (McIntosh, Rome or any sweet red apple)
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups orange juice
- 1 cup half and half
- Garnish: 1 orange slice and 1 mint leave

PROCEDURE

In a large pot, combine the apple juice, lemon juice, brown sugar and cinnamon stick. Cover and cook over a moderate flame until warm. Add the cinnamon stick and the apple wedges. Continue cooking until the apples have softened or about 20 minutes. Remove the cinnamon stick and add the vanilla. Let cool. Pour into a food processor or a top-of-the-line blender and pulse until blended. Add the orange juice and half and half. Pulse and chill for at least two hours (overnight, preferred). Blend before serving. Serve chilled with a garnish of sliced orange and a sprig of fresh mint.

20 servings

Registration Open For
Fall Classes at Guild

RAHWAY – Registration is now open for fall classes for adults, teens and children at Arts Guild New Jersey (formerly The Arts Guild of Rahway). Multi-week studio art classes begin the week of September 22. Classes run weekly for eight weeks.

Adult classes are offered in morning and evening sessions. Morning classes include Expressive Watercolor on Wednesdays, Oil Painting: Basic and Beyond on Thursdays and Drawing from Life and Reference on Fridays.

Six evening classes are offered for the fall semester: Adult Drawing on Mondays, Painting with Oils, Acrylic Painting, and Watercolor on Wednesdays and Beginning Stained Glass and Intermediate/Advanced Stained Glass on Thursdays.

Class space is limited, so early registration is encouraged to ensure enrollment. To register for classes, call (732) 381-7511, e-mail artsguild1670@verizon.net or visit agnj.org.

Barbecue Orange
Chicken

INGREDIENTS

- 4 – 5 cloves garlic, roasted
- 1 jar (18 ounce) orange marmalade
- ¼ cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- 5 pounds boneless chicken breasts

PROCEDURE

Wrap the garlic cloves in tin foil and roast in a 400-degree oven for 20 minutes. In a mixing bowl, mash the garlic. Add the orange marmalade,

orange juice, brown sugar, soy sauce and vinegar. Mix well. Pour half the marinade into another bowl. Coat the chicken with the sauce and let chill for at least 30 minutes. Barbecue the breasts until cooked through or about seven minutes per side.

Brush some of the remaining marinade on the chicken as it cooks. Use the rest as a dipping sauce. Be sure to discard of the marinade used for marinating the chicken.

4 servings

Healthy Orange
Sundae

INGREDIENTS

- ¼ cup macadamia nuts
- 2 oranges, cut into segments*
- ¼ cup walnuts, chopped
- Garnish: shredded coconut
- Optional: maple syrup

PROCEDURE

Spoon the macadamia nuts in the bottom of a parfait glass or a wine glass. Fill with orange segments. Sprinkle with the walnuts and coconut. Pour maple syrup over the top, if using and serve.

*Fresh oranges can be substituted with canned orange segments.

Fanwood Performance
Series Returns on 9/11

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Arts Council and Mayor Colleen Mahr announced the opening fall show of the Fanwood Performance Series, to be held on Saturday, September 11 at 7 p.m. at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Center.

The September 11 performance will feature Peirson Ross, with a short opening set by Brian Celardo. A singer-songwriter, Mr. Ross crosses the boundaries of traditional folk music with his experimental, world-influenced melodies.

Mr. Celardo will perform a selection of acoustic blues and country/folk from his 20-year partnership with the late Mike Higgins of Angst For The Memory.

Refreshments will be sold on the patio during the intermission. The suggested donation for the Fanwood Performing Arts Series is \$7, (\$5 for seniors and students); parking is free, and the refreshments are inexpensive. To learn more, see fanwoodperformanceseries.org.

Chansonettes of WF
Seek New Members

WESTFIELD – A local group, The Chansonettes of Westfield is seeking seeks new voices as members begin rehearsing for their holiday tour, entitled “Share the Season.”

The group will perform this December at several locations in the Westfield, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Fanwood area, as well as at Runnells Specialized Hospital. The program will feature songs celebrating the winter holidays and will feature songs, including “Jingle Bell Rock,” “Bidi Bom,” “Canon of the Bells” and “River in Judea.”

The Chansonettes, an all-women’s singing group, performs its holiday concert series in December and a spring concert series in May of each year. The women rehearse once a week on Wednesday nights at the Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue in Westfield, under the direction of Jean Schork and accompanied by Mel Freda.

The group is currently looking for new members who enjoy singing and gathering with friends. Anyone needing more information regarding upcoming concerts, interested in joining the group or booking a future concert may call presidents Jackie Costello, at (908) 789-5819, or Amy Herrington, at (908) 317-5910.



New Jersey Youth Theatre
Fall 2010 Classes To Begin

ROSELLE PARK – The award-winning New Jersey Youth Theatre (NJYT) is proud to announce that its Performing Arts School’s 19th season of classes for students age 5 to 23 will begin the week of October 12.

Registration sessions for classes in Drama, Voice, Musical Theatre and Dance will be held Tuesdays and Wednesdays, September 14, 15, 21, and 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the New Jersey Youth Theatre studio, located at 172 West Westfield Avenue in Roselle Park.

Semester 1 classes will be offered October 12, 2010 through February 2, 2011; Semester 2 classes will run from February 7, through May 11, 2011.

New Jersey Youth Theatre is celebrated as one of the most critically acclaimed youth theatre companies in New Jersey. The National Youth Theatre recently announced that it is honoring NJYT’s production of *Sweeney Todd* with nine awards, including “Best Musical,” “Best Actor and Actress” and “Best Director.”

Drama critic Peter Filichia of *The Star-Ledger* honored NJYT’s *Sweeney Todd* with four 2009-2010 New Jersey Obie awards, including Best Revival and Best Director to Cynthia Meryl, artistic director of New Jersey Youth Theatre and director of NJYT’s recent summer smash hit, *RENT*, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the Algonquin Arts Theatre.

New Jersey Youth Theatre also recently received its second consecutive Citation of Excellence from the New Jersey Council for the Arts.

The mission of New Jersey Youth Theatre (formerly Westfield Young Artists’ Cooperative Theatre or WYACT) is to: provide the highest quality theatre-arts education and on-stage experience to aspiring young performers and technicians interested in entering the professional arena.

NJYT classes are designed to prepare young performers for auditions and the professional stage. Ms. Meryl, NJYT Executive Director Ted Aggress and the school’s esteemed faculty instill in young artists the importance of commitment and discipline in all areas of the performing arts. Students develop the confidence and tenacity needed not only to pursue a career in theatre, but also to face any challenge in life.

NJYT’s Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced Acting classes concentrate

on improvisation, character development and scene study. The program offers three levels of Musical Theatre instruction, focusing on song selection and interpretation, ensemble work, voice and musical theatre movement.

Students, age 5 to 7, may enroll in Theatre Games for Kids, an introduction to drama through improvisation, movement, vocal work and storytelling techniques. Dance classes include various levels of Ballet, Ballet/Jazz, Tap and Hip Hop. Private voice lessons are offered through auditions.

Classes are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 4 and 9:45 p.m. Students who enroll in more than one NJYT class per week or pay tuition in full at time of registration will qualify for tuition discounts.

New to the NJYT school staff this year is dance instructor Stacie Shivers (ballet, jazz, hip-hop), who works with three dance companies and was named American Dance Award’s Dancer of the Year.

The staff also includes:

Ms. Meryl (master instructor), a Broadway veteran and professional actress for 35 years who has stage-directed and produced over 40 NJYT productions; she teaches Beginners’ and Advanced Acting, Musical Theatre and private voice.

James Campodonico (musical director/accompanist), an accomplished composer, who has taught vocal music for 33 years and acted as musical director to over 100 productions.

Alberta Handelman (Intermediate Acting), a professional actress who has taught acting in schools for more than 25 years and founded the Blooming Grove Theatre Ensemble.

Kimberly Strafford (Beginners’ Acting), who has performed with Theatreworks USA and Hudson Shakespeare Co. and has led drama teaching-artist in residences in New York City public schools.

Evan Edwards (tap), who has performed in over 60 productions in the United States and Europe, including *Miss Saigon*, and is both a noted choreographer/director and theatre arts instructor.

NJYT has received funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and from the NJ State Council on the Arts. For detailed information about NJYT classes and productions, visit njyouththeatre.org, call (908) 233-3200 or email info@njyouththeatre.org.

The Contagious Drama
Workshop Asks: Got Drama?

WESTFIELD – The Contagious Drama Workshop (CDW), an acting school in Westfield for kids, teens and adults, is about to launch its eighth season of classes.

All classes include theater games, improvisation and scene study and conclude with a performance for family and friends. Whether they are 5 or 95, CDW’s students learn to develop their creative spirits and intuition, as well as improve upon their listening and focusing skills.

In her goal to continually improve upon her classes and challenge her students, Beth Painter, founder of CDW, has added yet another element to her teen class this year. Painter is teaming up with Montclair playwright Ben Clawson to produce original, tailor-made plays for the students.

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The Last Exorcism:
Speaking of the Devil

By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
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Smartly taking you into its confidence, director Daniel Stamm’s *The Last Exorcism* forgoes many of the hokey mechanisms that can compromise this horror sub-genre. Too bad screenwriters Huck Botko and Andrew Gurland couldn’t come up with something better than the cop-out finale that concludes the otherwise well-crafted mockumentary.

Coming clean from the get-go with a ploy about not being able to kid a kiddier, Louisiana minister and exorcist, Cotton Marcus, explains his raison d’être. Hailing from a long line of respected demon chasers, the admitted fraud contends he has nonetheless satisfied a psychological need in many troubled souls. But enough is enough. He quits.

Hence, to finalize and commemorate his farewell, the charlatan charmer agrees to allow his last Devil expulsion to be filmed. Randomly choosing from the latest urgent missives requesting his services, he is soon headed for Louis Sweetzer’s rural Louisiana farm. It seems livestock is being slaughtered.

No biggie. It’s almost always livestock, relates Patrick Fabian’s splendidly realized Cotton Marcus, a man apparently as comfortable in his skin as he is in his professional rationale. All the same, he is jarred a tad when, upon entering the grounds, a young man assaults his van with a rock. Uh oh, it’s Caleb (Caleb Landry Jones), Louis’s son.

But no, he’s not the problem, the highly religious farmer clarifies. It’s Nell, his naïve and innocent 16-year-old finely emoted by Ashley Bell. Things have been tough ever since Mom died of cancer. Mistrustful of the secular world, the widower has been homeschooling his children. No rocket scientists will emanate here. Just a possessed kid.

Naturally, or perhaps supernaturally, things are not what they seem. Or, maybe they are. In any case, we’re not going to know right off, and soon find ourselves inching toward seat’s edge, captured in an anticipatory web superbly woven by director and cast. Louis Herthum’s portrayal of the farmer is a tragic study in anguished desperation.

He is a perfect case in point, a prime patsy for those who feed on humankind’s superstitions and irrational fears. And therefore, per Minister Marcus’s rationalization, the only recourse is to humor him with all the Booga Booga he needs to believe that Satan has been excised from his poor, besieged daughter. In other words, it’s show time.

Here the camera cuts away to the van for a candid stage whisper from Rev. Marcus as he regales us with

his box of tricks, from a smoking cross to a sophisticated sound system that conveniently slips right up his sleeve. But we correctly suspect that it’s not going to be a simple case of spiritual prestidigitation this go-round. The cauldron has been stirred.

To tell too much more of the story could mean my own exorcism from the Film Critics Coven. Suffice it to note, what follows is a horror variation on a drawing room whodunit, with occasional splats of blood to remind us that something or other sure means business. No one among the small cast escapes suspicion.

Our curiosity is primarily piqued by Reverend Marcus’s confident demeanor. He has let us in on his secret. Yet almost as beguiling is how Mr. Sweetzer buys into the exorcism thing, hook, line and incantation. What’s his story? Plus, if it isn’t Beelzebub making things go bump in the night, someone else sure is. A seed of doubt is planted.

This is, after all, a horror flick, and sooner or later the real fright factor is going to jump out and rear its ugly manifestations right in our face. But it’s in no hurry, and while slowly unraveling his plot, director Stamm uses the time to say a few poignant things about the evils of superstition. Still, we are on guard. Maybe he’s setting us up, jiving us.

There’s no relaxing. The low-key tension builds so thick you can cut it with the proverbial knife...probably a dirty, rusty, blood-dripping knife that’s being wielded by whatever or whoever is killing the cows. Then again, the enlightened clergyman’s regular assurances that there is a rational answer to all this eeriness have us waffling.

The isolated, creepy location, replete with spooky farmhouse and outbuildings, heightens the angst. Nevertheless, only the most gullible – like the folks who don’t believe I was born in America – will really think this is a legitimate documentary. But unlike the *Blair Witch Project* (1999), it doesn’t hinge on that. We’ve tacitly agreed to play along.

Yet, an inherent oxymoron plagues this movie. If it’s being shown in theaters, then, evidently, the reverend and his crew, and not a boasting, film-confiscating Satan, survived to tell the story. We suspect the truth will storm in from left field. But alas, our patience and anxiety prove for naught when *The Last Exorcism* settles for a contrived ending.

The Last Exorcism, rated PG-13, is a Lionsgate release directed by Daniel Stamm and stars Patrick Fabian, Ashley Bell and Louis Herthum. Running time: 87 minutes.

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Arts & Entertainment

WHS Alum Documents Appeal Of ‘Twilight’s Home in Forks, Wash.

By MAGGIE FRAM
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

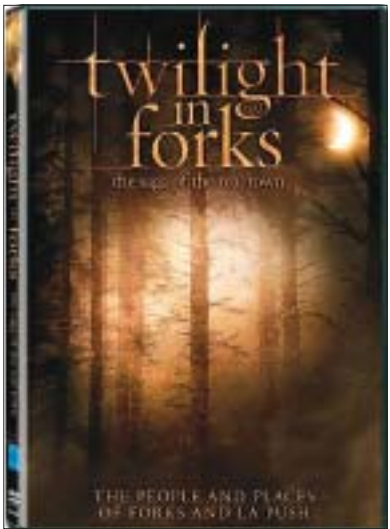
SEATTLE – “Most stories like this – you can’t go to a tangible place and actually see it and touch it and be in it,” said Forks High School (located in Forks, Wash.) Principal Kevin Rupprecht in the 2009 documentary *Twilight In Forks: The Saga Of The Real Town*. The setting’s notoriety comes from being the spot on which author Stephenie Meyer based the vampire-based fantasy book series “Twilight.”

The 82-minute documentary was executive produced by Westfield High School Class of 1977 alumnus Peter Cowles and licensed through the networking of fellow ’77 alum Michael Bartok, then released in March of this year. Mr. Cowles spoke with *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* over the phone from his law office in Seattle last week about the journey to document how Forks, Wash., became a tourist destination for *Twilight* fans.

“York Baur’s (another producer of the project besides award-winning director Jason Brown and Mr. Cowles) family had a cabin in Forks, which is about four hours north of Seattle. About three years ago, traffic started to get more significant. He said ‘What’s going on?’ His wife is a fan of the ‘Twilight’ books, and my wife has read them. We thought it would be good to do a documentary on what happened in town. We’ve all spent time in Forks. There’s a rich history and tradition:

Native American, mining, then logging.”

The area’s chamber of commerce tracked 6,000 unique visitors who signed its logbook in 2006. That number went up the 10,000 in 2007 and 18,400 in 2008. By 2009, the number had risen again to 23,700.



Both Mr. Bartok and Mr. Baur have connections to film-production studios in Hollywood, so they hired a crew to start filming and then presented their cut to Summit Entertainment, who then picked up the project and gave them more money to finish the documentary. “Once Summit Entertainment got wind of it, they made it better,” Mr. Cowles explained.

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Broadway Classics Checked Out at Garwood Library

By ERIC NIERSTEDT
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

GARWOOD — In late August, the Garwood Public Library offered a different kind of learning experience. Rather than using books, the library offered a program on great composers of Broadway and American classical music, given by veteran performer Nina Duetsch.

Ms. Duetsch, who is a graduate of both Juilliard and Yale, has spent many years as a character actress and piano soloist. She has appeared on NBC and BBC television, and was the first woman to play American classical music in China. Recently, she has been licensed to work on piano transcriptions of Bob Dylan’s work.

Ms. Deutsch took the stage after a brief introduction from Head Librarian Carol Lombardo welcomed the audience.

Ms. Deutsch began to the evening with a quote from composer Richard Rodgers: ‘Most people think music is either too good to be popular or too popular to be good.’ Rodgers was examined later, as Ms. Deutsch then spoke on George Gershwin.

While certainly informative, Ms. Deutsch made sure to keep away from the realm of pure “lecture” by dropping in some surprising facts. These included how Gershwin taught himself to play on friends’ pianos, how he desired greatly to be a classical compose and how, despite all his work, he was not recognized as great until after his death.

Ms. Deutsch then performed some of Gershwin’s famous songs (“Embraceable You,” “Someone to Watch Over Me”), encouraging the audience to sing along (all members had lyric sheets passed out to them for every song performed).

As the songs were quite short, Ms. Deutsch played them twice, allowing the audience a second chance to sing (which they took to happily). Ms. Deutsch herself was impressive, as she played keyboard and sang along, in a voice that seemed to come from a 1920’s phonograph.

This set the format for the night, as Ms. Deutsch moved on to Jerome Kern (“Look For the Silver Lining,” “All The Things You Are”) and Irving Berlin (“Always”).

Both men were also given excellent life stories. Ms. Deutsch told how Kern famously sold his collection of first-edition books to the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers for more than \$1 million in 1929.

Berlin had many more charitable contributions, giving the royalties to “Always” and “God Bless America” to his wife and the Boy and Girl Scouts of America. He also put on a traveling show that raised \$10 million in the 1940s, which he donated to the war fund.

The final two composers of the night were Richard Rodgers (“Isn’t It Romantic?”), “Edelweiss” from *The Sound of Music*) and Cole Porter (“In the Still of the Night,” “Night and Day”).

Here, Ms. Deutsch proved more than a few surprising facts about Rodgers. After considerable support from his parents and friends, he went into stage music, and his classic, *The Sound of Music*, ended up grossing a half-billion dollars in 1959. She also mentioned how Rodgers worked with only two lyricists in his career, most famously Oscar Hammerstein, who was revealed as a drunk.

Ms. Duetsch described Porter as someone who had a perfect early life, with his rich family and doting mother, but he was not initially successful. It was only after help from Berlin that he became popular.

Porter also displayed great determination in his later years, as a riding accident forced the amputation of one of his legs. He never stopped writing, as demonstrated by the sad and questioning “Still of the Night.”

Ms. Deutsch then ended the night with a final sing-along of “God Bless America” and a Q&A with the audience, discussing her love of performing for people and how it eventually led her from cruise-ship entertainer to Broadway and, finally, to the Garwood Library.



A PLAY ‘MADE WHOLE’...Warner Miller, as Gabriel, and Kim Zimmer, as Christine, star in the Premiere Stages at Kean University/Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey’s co-production of *Lost Boy Found* in *Whole Foods*.
Courtesy of Roy Groething

‘Lost Boy’ Is Quite a Find

By SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Imagine – that’s what main character Gabriel (Warner Miller) invites the audience at Premiere Stages, the professional theatre at Kean University, to do. “Imagine your entire family is gone, and the lion is now coming for you.”

The co-production of Premiere Stages at Kean University and Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey presents Tammy Ryan’s heartbreaking story of the Lost Boys of Sudan in her dramatic play, *Lost Boy Found* in *Whole Foods*. This is a serious, uplifting drama with beautiful writing and incredible acting.

Actress Kim Zimmer, best known for her years playing Reva Shayne in the TV soap opera “Guiding Light,” heads the cast of the play that opened at the 100-seat Zella Fry Theatre at Kean University on September 3.

Ms. Zimmer brings tender credibility to the role of Christine, a middle-aged mother of feisty 15-year-old Alex (Alexandra Rivera), a typi-

cal angst-filled gal. Christine, who has recently been through a contentious divorce, displays compassion to Gabriel, an amiable young black man working in the produce department in the local Whole Foods grocery store. She wants to know more about him and do what she can to help him.

Gabriel’s ubiquitous smile dims when Christine refers to him as one of the “Lost Boys.” That label places him in a group rather than seeing him as an individual who went through a horrific experience, as he escaped genocide of his villagers by walking hundreds of miles from Southern Sudan to Ethiopia and then to Kenya after their villages were destroyed in Sudan’s second civil war.

Gabriel is a fictional representation of one of the approximate 17,000 boys — some as young as five or six years old — who walked more than 630 miles from their homes to relocate in refugee camps after facing starvation, animal attacks, slave traders and government troops along the way.

Approximately 4,000 boys came to the United States from the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya during the time period of 2001 – 2005. In America, they were encouraged to find jobs, get an education and go back to the Sudan to become the new leaders in the country.

Christine, a perennial volunteer, wants to make a difference in the life of this young man, who works long hours and takes classes at the community college. Social worker Segel (Trish McCall), who gives attitude a capital “A” with her tough-love policy, adheres to the “What can you do for me?” philosophy.

“If you really want to help him,” Segel tells Christine, “have him move in with you, so he could quit his job and go to school full-time and finish college in one year.” Christine does. But her fantasy plans laden with lovely

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family dinners and meaningful mentoring don’t go well.

In his zeal to send money back to the refugee camps in the Sudan to family members, Gabriel continues to work extra hours, exhausting himself. “I’m a rat going in a circle,” he tells Christine.

He scurries from nightmares of crocodiles that attacked and killed his brother, to his waking dream of returning to the Sudan to find his mother, who he believes is alive.

Warner Miller, as Gabriel, is unforgettable. His soft, brown eyes and magnetic, toothy grin permeate and punctuate all of his sentences. His flavorful accent transports the audience across the miles of the Atlantic to the refugee camp in a number of his soliloquies.

Jamil Mangan is terrifyingly real in the role of Panther, an older Lost Boy who is cosmetically made to look the part of the boys from Africa who had no bottom teeth and scars on their foreheads, the sign of manhood. Panther’s is another fascinating story for a sequel to this play.

Michael, (David M. Farrington), a former Catholic Charities worker in the play, poignantly asks the question, “Why did we bring them here if we’re going to give up on them?” He compares them to seeds that need to be replanted in their homeland.

The seeds of education and information are planted in this thoughtful work of Tammy Ryan, who actually worked with Lost Boys in 2003. “I knew this story needed to be told,” she said in the playbill. With display items and posters lining the hallway and the foyer in the Vaughan–Eames building at Kean giving further background of the Lost Boys, the audience gets a glimpse of the horror the Sudanese boys went through.

Powerfully acted, and marvelously directed by John Pietrowski of the Playwrights Theatre of New Jersey, the play utilizes Joseph Gourley’s visually interesting set, which is artistically lighted by Nadine Charlsen.

The show runs weekends through September 19, with matinee and evening performances. Call (908) 737-7469 for tickets or visit kean.edu/premierestages.

WCP Announces Open House, Sept 12

WESTFIELD – Westfield Community Players (WCP) has announced an open house for prospective members and volunteers Sunday, September 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. with light refreshments.

Located at 1000 North Avenue West in Westfield, the open house is for anyone interested in learning more about the operations of a community based, non-profit theater and willing to give their time to support the new season of four shows.

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President JoAnne Lemenille said, “It is a great opportunity to come see what WCP is about and to help us get ready for our new season beginning this October.”

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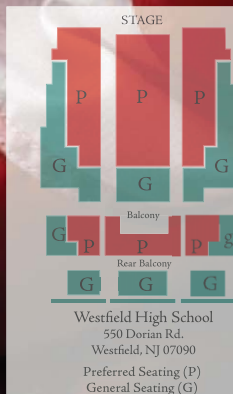
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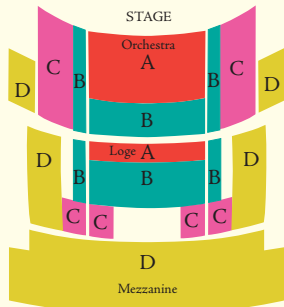
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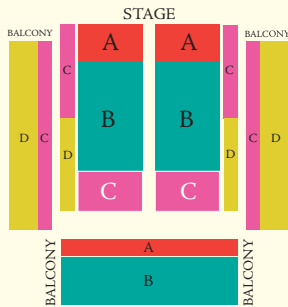
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