

Westfield Council, Residents and Officials Oppose Armory Tower

By LAUREN S. BARR
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD – More than 50 residents, many wearing “no cell tower” stickers, attended Tuesday’s town council meeting to hear from the council and State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. and Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, both Westfield residents, regarding a proposed cell tower on the Westfield Armory property on Rahway Avenue.

The 150-foot-high tower is being proposed by T-Mobile. Because the Armory property is state-owned, the project does not require the town’s

approval.

Mr. Kean told the residents he has been talking with the state’s Adjutant General, Major General Glenn Reith, to find a solution “that doesn’t include a cell tower at that location.” He said that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is currently reviewing the project and that the review will take at least six months. “I feel very good about the direction we’re going in,” Mr. Kean said, adding that the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs started this project, but “We’re going to end it.”

Mr. Bramnick said he and Mr. Kean are “bringing all of the resources we have to stop the cell tower.”

Mayor Andrew Skibitsky thanked the senator and assemblyman for attending the meeting and said he hopes that with their help, the town will prevent the construction of the cell tower at the Armory.

Before the public-comment portion of the meeting, the council passed a resolution opposing the cell tower, which Fourth Ward Councilman James Foerst read in full for the audience. The resolution says that, “the Town of Westfield strongly objects to the erection of a communications tower that would, in fact, be the tallest structure in the entire town and, therefore, would permanently alter the landscape of this primarily residential community.”

According to the resolution, “the Town Planner has forwarded the Historic Preservation Element of the Town’s Master Plan to the consultant conducting the requisite investigation to determine compliance with regulations set forth by the federal government through the National Historic Trust.” The Armory is located in the vicinity of the historic Stoneleigh Park neighborhood, which is listed with the National Register of Historic Places.

Ben Levin, who spoke on behalf of the residents opposed to the cell tower, thanked the council for speaking out against the project. He said that this is a “proposal that would have a negative impact on housing prices.” Mr. Levin added that while it is currently unknown what the health risks are in living next to a cell tower, there are special-needs children in the neighborhood surrounding the property who are pre-disposed to cancer.

Mr. Kean and Mr. Bramnick said that they would update the mayor and council regarding any news on the issue.



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Westfield Council Acts On Properties, Hears Public

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WESTFIELD – The town council passed two ordinances on second reading, at its Tuesday night meeting, regulating the placement and length of time for use of portable storage structures and an ordinance on the installation of handicapped ramps.

The ordinances regarding “mobile storage structures” require that residents submit an application to the town’s construction official and submit a non-refundable \$10 registration fee. Residents will only be permitted to have one unit on their property for no more than 30 days and can only apply for a unit twice in a 12-month period. Violations of the ordinance are subject to a \$250 fine.

The new ordinance regarding handicapped ramps changes the process for residents who become ill and require a ramp to gain access to their homes. Prior to Tuesday night, anyone requiring a ramp had to apply to the zoning board of adjustment, a

process that could take months, and prevented residents from being able to return home from the hospital, according to Fourth Ward Councilman James Foerst.

The new ordinance allows for residents to apply to the Zoning Official with proper documentation of medical need for a fee of \$50 with an annual renewal cost of \$25. The ordinance also sets forth certain landscaping requirements on the property owner and that the ramp must be removed within 60 days of the “cessation of medical need.”

The council also approved the demolition of houses and detached garages at 24 South Wickom Drive and 818 Wallberg Avenue.

During the public-comment portion of the meeting, residents spoke on several topics.

Martin Robins encouraged the council to pass a resolution to support a project to build a tunnel that would connect the Raritan Valley rail line directly to New York Penn Station. The

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BUD BOOTHE...Former Westfield Mayor Garland “Bud” Boothe was honored on October 7 at the Union County Courthouse along with other Union County Bar Association attorneys who died within the past year. Pictured are Gail Boothe, Bud’s wife, and two of his three children, along with Superior Court Judge James Hely. Judge Hely, who served as a councilman when Mr. Boothe was mayor, spoke about Mayor Boothe’s ability to balance his long public service to his community, his productive career as an attorney and his gratifying family life.



Paul Lachenauer for The Westfield Leader

MAKING PROGRESS...Gary Michel, collection coordinator for the Rotary Club of Westfield’s Pedals for Progress, fixes a bike during the donation event held Saturday morning at the parking lot of the Westfield Board of Education administration building. The program rescues American bicycles and sends them to needy communities overseas.

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Westfield Police Investigate Report of Sexual Assault

By SUZETTE F. STALKER
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WESTFIELD – The Westfield Police Department is currently investigating an incident that occurred in the early-morning hours Monday in which a 20-year-old Cranford woman reported being forced inside a vehicle and sexually assaulted.

According to Captain David Wayman, the victim said she was walking alone in the area of South Chestnut Street near Gumbert Park in Westfield when a white male approached her and physically forced her into a waiting dark minivan operated by a black male. The victim said that, once inside the vehicle, she was held at knifepoint while the suspects attempted to forcibly remove her clothing and sexually assault her.

Captain Wayman told *The Westfield Leader* Tuesday that the victim was inside the vehicle for “a brief period of time” before managing to escape. According to Captain Wayman, the victim then contacted police and subsequently received medical treatment.

The captain said the victim was unable to describe the make and model of the vehicle. He told *The Leader* that the Westfield Police Department was waiting for the New Jersey State Police to arrange a time to do composite sketches of the suspects.

The Westfield Police Department’s Detective Bureau is handling the investigation. Anyone witnessing this incident or having any information is asked to contact the Westfield Police Department at (908) 789-4000 or Detective Barron Chambliss at (908) 789-6077.

Police Chief John Parizeau told *Leader* reporter Lauren Barr Tuesday night that the white male is de-

scribed as between 35 and 40 years old, and that the black male driver is described as about 50 years old. The victim was unable to give any further description on the clothing or features of her attackers. She reported being followed by a white male while walking south on South Chestnut Street toward North Avenue from a friend’s house and was forced through the rear door of a van.

The chief described the incident as “criminal sexual contact” and said that a rape test was not conducted. The victim was robbed of two credit cards and \$450 in cash. The van did not move during the incident and the victim was able to escape, at which time she called her father, who took her to police headquarters.

Chief Parizeau said, “I don’t recall anything [sexual assaults or kidnappings] like this in years.”

The Leader has learned that the incident occurred at 4:20 a.m. that morning.

SP Nixes One Tower; To Review Swim Club

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REMEMBERING...Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, left, rings the bell as Scotch Plains Police Chief Brian Mahoney, second from left, reads the name of Cranford Police Officer Robert Hand, who was killed pursuing a suspect in 1975, during the county Law Enforcement In The Line of Duty memorial service on October 9 at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains. Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow, second from right, presented Cranford Police Chief Eric Mason, right, with a plaque in officer Hand’s honor. The 37 officers killed in the line of duty in Union County since 1895 were remembered at the ceremony.

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GRANTED...Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) announced that the Scotch Plains Police Department will receive a \$39,500 federal community-oriented policing grant for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District. Pictured, from left to right, at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) press conference are: Officer Ted Conley, the grant-writer; Police Chief Brian Mahoney; Anthony Del Sordi, business administrator for the SP-F Board of Education; Mr. Lance; Frank Festa, Scotch Plains Tea Party co-organizer; Scotch Plains Mayor Nancy Malool; Al Smith, Scotch Plains Tea Party co-organizer, and David Heisey, SPFHS principal.

Recent Home Sales

Fanwood:

Mary A. Rey to Gonzalo and Jessica Ramos, 5 Sun Valley Way, \$355,000.

Sovereign Bank to Elite Properties at Fanwood, 246 South Avenue, \$511,000.

Kenneth Terry to Eric and Neida Rodrigue, 353 La Grande Avenue, \$340,000.

Dolores Welch, Executrix to Eric M. Abrams, 144 Belvidere Avenue, \$335,000.

Richard W. and Georgene Berg to Megan C. and Christopher W. DiMaggio, 111 Willoughby Road, \$422,500.

Michael D. and Claudia Z. Johnson to Robert G. and Tracey C. Turner, 17 Byron Lane, \$490,000.

David M. and Zorica M. Gooding to Matthew P. and Cori A. Juckes, 353 North Avenue, \$492,000.

Brian D. Pagano, Executor to Michael Brennan and Jillian A. Conley, 366 South Avenue, \$230,000.

Ralph Froehlich, Sheriff to CCM Fund I, LLC, 11 Robin Road, \$268,100.

Anne Bires to Richard and Jamie Reinemann, 19 Birchwood Terrace, \$393,000.

John C. Mazzilli to Michael P. and Laura A. Lang, 61 Carsam Street, \$580,000.

Douglas R. and Vivian E. Marek to Margaret Botney, 57 Chetwood Terrace, \$265,000.

Kenneth M. Baranski, Trustee to Frank Kalata, 80 Willoughby Road, \$205,316.

The Rozanski Trust to Daniel Wasik and Mary Reilly, 57 Trenton Avenue, \$283,000.

Lynne R. Schwartz, Executrix to Kurtulus Timur, 356 La Grande Avenue, \$385,000.

Scotch Plains:

Samuel R. and Joan P. Minette to Hong Ping Guan and Wu Yin, 2071 Brookside Drive, \$563,000.

Tory D. and Deven Burgio to Santosh Nair and Nita Rawtani, 805 Donato Circle, \$388,000.

Brigid Marinaro to Dennis and Jeannette Natale, 314 William Street, \$253,000.

Todd C. and Mary Davis to Scott C. and Christine V. Lowder, 2002 Parkwood Drive, \$1,100,000.

Anne E. Reilly and Sean K. Farrell to Carl M. and Laura A. D'Angelo, 2378 Bryant Avenue, \$640,000.

Maria Grabowski to Michael Avenoso and Stephen Grabowski, 2676 Mountain Avenue, \$530,000.

John Caulfield, Executort to Needle-Point Homes, LLC, 32 Highlander Drive, \$465,000.

David and Jennifer Figueroa to Robert Bird and Venessa Perez, 2070 Westfield Avenue, \$387,000.

Joseph C. Vincenzino and Laurie A. Kutoroff to Sean A. Nelson, 1982 West Broad Street, \$510,000.

Busrolilhawa and Sugiarti Suleman to Karen Pedersen, 575 Forest Road, \$275,000.

Peter T. Loizeaux to Kurt and Nadia Hartman, 14 Unami Lane, \$680,000.

Frederick and Andrea Hayek to Debbie Li Ang, 1667 Frank Street, \$650,000.

Laurie Suslow Barnett to Mark A. and Colleen M. Greco, 1423 Sylvan

Scotch Plains Cell Towers; Denied and Pending

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Board members sided with the residents, citing the negative impact the pole would have on the neighborhood and on property values while also faulting the methods used to test for the purported gaps in coverage.

Next week, the zoning board will resume hearings on this year's other cell-tower application, one by T-Mobile, which is seeking permission to build a 117-foot monopole at the Willow Grove Swim Club on Roosevelt Avenue. Three years ago, a similar application was made to the board, but T-Mobile eventually was forced to withdraw it in late 2007 after the board turned down repeated requests for extensions of that hearing. The October 20 special meeting will be the third on the application since hearings began on July 1.

As with the Hillside cell-tower application, the primary reason cited by T. Mobile and its expert witness for wanting to install a monopole at the Willow Grove site is a perceived gap in coverage for cell-phone users in the area. Residents and a radio-frequency engineer retained by the board challenged T. Mobile's data at earlier hearings, with residents also citing concerns about the tower being situated close to McGinn Elementary School and Kramer Manor Park.

Neighborhood residents opposed to the cell tower have organized themselves, with many sporting lapel buttons reading "no cell tower" when they attend the hearings. Lawn signs with similar messages dot the neighborhood not only in the vicinity of Willow Grove, but elsewhere in town as well. And a website, fightthetoweronline.com, includes information about the proposed tower as well as an online petition.

Correction

Later this year, Cosimo's Restaurant and Pizzeria will undergo renovations as it expands. The restaurant will close for three weeks – not three months, as reported previously. We regret the error.

Westfield Council

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project is currently on hold by Governor Chris Christie due to what is said to be cost overruns of up to \$5 billion. Mr. Robins said, "This is a matter of incredible importance" and that the "future of this town" is at stake.

Resident John Mancini spoke to the council regarding a historic house on East Broad Street that dates back to 1785 and was moved, following planning-board approval in 2000, with the intention of subdividing the property and restoring the house. He complimented planning-board members Robert Newell and Councilman Foerst, as they "really questioned the man (developer Michael Mahoney)" at the planning-board meeting the previous week. Mr. Mancini said he feels it is "time to retire some of the planning-board members and replace [them] with people who care about the town's history." He said the council should force Mr. Mahoney to take steps to protect the house because, "once the house is gone, it's gone forever."

Central Avenue residents Adina Enculescu and Maria Carluccio again voiced their opposition to the recently constructed pedestrian-activated traffic light and crosswalk in front of Mrs. Enculescu's home.

Mrs. Enculescu and Third Ward Councilman Mark Ciarrocca discussed a flier regarding the project



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SP Board Turns Down Evangel Church LED Sign

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SCOTCH PLAINS — Concerns over creating an additional distraction for drivers on Terrill Road led the township zoning board of adjustment to reject an application last week from Evangel Church to replace its sign with an LED sign in front of its building.

After a public hearing lasting nearly three hours, the board voted 4-3 to turn down the request after questions were raised about whether a lighted sign with changing messages would distract drivers, especially during morning and afternoon drop-offs and pick-ups at Terrill Middle School next to the church.

"Having a sign in that location has to change for the worse the safety of the people there," board member Chris Abeel said at last Thursday's meeting.

His comments came after board member Rich Duthie questioned traffic expert Hal Simoff, testifying on behalf of the church, about the risks posed to Terrill Road drivers "experiencing several distractions at once" as they entered the vicinity of the church. Besides the new lighted sign itself, which Mr. Duthie said would be obscured by landscaping on church grounds, he also cited weather conditions, parked cars, traffic, pedestrians and school crossing guards as potential visibility hazards for drivers in the area.

Mr. Simoff maintained that the new sign would be safe for drivers, adding that it would be safer than the existing sign, given the larger size of the letters on the new sign. He also cited a study that claimed that signs of the type proposed by Evangel Church do not pose a distraction to drivers.

The proposed 34.6-square-foot sign would have included a three-foot by eight-foot message board that would

primarily broadcast, according to Evangel's attorney Bill Butler, information and church activities and programs.

Robert Persichetti, owner of a south Jersey company that markets the type of sign the church planned to purchase, said the lighted lettering on the message board would be 10 to 15 inches high, with the messages being controlled by the church office. Christopher Marinello, the church's business administrator, told the board that improved signage would aid in informing the public of the church's services and activities.

He noted that the present sign, which has lettering that requires changing by hand, normally stays up for a week, while the new sign would allow fresh messages to appear up to three times per minute. The township's police department had recommended that there be no signage during the morning and afternoon school drop-offs and pick-ups, but Mr. Marinello was hesitant to endorse the idea.

Besides the safety aspect, board members were also skeptical about setting a precedent for other entities along both Terrill Road and Martine Avenue, such as the YMCA, the JCC, other churches and private businesses, to seek similar-type signs. Mr. Abeel pointed to the potential of "having 35 to 40 of these [signs] in town," especially within residential neighborhoods. He called it an "encroachment on the residential character" of Scotch Plains.

In the end, Mr. Duthie and Mr. Abeel joined Tim Livoli and Llewelyn Jones in voting to deny the application, while board chairman Ken Anderson, Susan Dinan and Brian Doyle voted in favor.

Earlier, the board approved a three-year extension of a temporary operating permit for Stone Art Design to store materials outside its Beryllium Road facility. The board also approved a fence variance for Andre and Kelly-Lynn Poeschl of 2030 Wood Road and a variance for Richard Maloney and Magali Felix to construct a 14-foot by 24-foot pool house at their 2091 Raritan Road home.

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County Human Services Director Frank Guzzo told the board that County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi will be at tonight's meeting to provide an update on how much funding has been collected to date from the surcharge. The goal of the fund is to move the homeless and formerly homeless into permanent affordable housing.

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Fanwood Driveway Ordinance Now Before Planning Board

By TED RITTER

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FANWOOD — The borough council, at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, approved on first reading an ordinance related to residential driveway widths. The ordinance now goes back to the planning board for further action.

The governing body and the planning board have been going back and forth on the measure for the past several months, with the key issue being whether to allow so-called double-wide driveways of 18 feet to have matching curb cuts or whether standard 10-foot

curb cuts should be required even when double-wide driveways are permitted.

During public comments, Planning Board member Jack Molenaar, a former Fanwood councilman, said the governing body has not explained what problem the revised ordinance is intended to solve.

Borough Attorney Dennis Estis responded, “There’s a feeling that homeowners in Fanwood should be allowed to have wider driveways and...curb cuts if they choose to do so.”

Councilman Mike Szuch, who helped prepare the revised ordinance, said wider curb cuts would make it

easier for residents to get into and out of their driveways.

“This is a solution in search of a problem,” Mr. Molenaar said. “I disagree with this [ordinance]; if you don’t identify the problem right...you could create more problems.”

Mr. Molenaar suggested that wider driveways could result in people pulling into their driveways at a faster speed, creating a potential safety problem for pedestrians.

“I don’t think it makes much difference,” responded Councilman Anthony Parenti, the borough’s former police chief, to Mr. Molenaar’s question of whether cars drive faster on wider driveways.

Poplar Place resident Mike DelCorsano, who has been waiting to complete the driveway at his home, spoke in support of the measure, as he has at several recent meetings.

“There is an issue of visibility,” he said, suggesting that narrow driveways make it harder for drivers pulling in or out to spot pedestrians, especially when cars are parked along the street.

“If you don’t see someone, there’s going to be a problem,” Mr. DelCorsano said.

“A lot of people in town have driveways that are wider; I don’t see a problem with it,” he added.

Resident Harry McNally said both 10- and 18-foot driveway widths “can be handled safely.”

“My concern is paving...increasing the impervious surface of the land,” he said.

The planning board now has 60 days to review the measure and make any final revisions before sending it back to the borough council, which will then schedule it for a second reading.

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County Human Services Director Frank Guzzo told the board that County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi will be at tonight’s meeting to provide an update on how much funding has been collected to date from the surcharge. The goal of the fund is to move the homeless and formerly homeless into permanent affordable housing.



Fred Rossi for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

FARM-FRESH... Late-season shoppers flocked to the Scotch Plains Farmers Market last Saturday to scoop up the last of this summer’s crop of fresh corn, tomatoes and other vegetables, as well as more seasonal items like pumpkins and gourds. The market runs through November 6.

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Tom Fortunato for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

GRANTED... Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) announced that the Scotch Plains Police Department will receive a \$39,500 federal community-oriented policing grant for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District. From left to right at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) are Officer Ted Conley, the grant-writer; Police Chief Brian Mahoney; Anthony Del Sordi, business administrator for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education; Mr. Lance; Frank Festa, Scotch Plains Tea Party co-organizer; Scotch Plains Mayor Nancy Malool; Al Smith, Scotch Plains Tea Party co-organizer, and David Heisey, SPFHS Principal

Zoning Board Turns Down Evangel Church Sign Request

By FRED T. ROSSI

Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

SCOTCH PLAINS — Concerns over creating an additional distraction for drivers on Terrill Road led the township zoning board of adjustment to reject an application last week from Evangel Church to replace its sign with an LED sign in front of its building.

After a public hearing lasting nearly three hours, the board voted 4-3 to turn down the request after questions were raised about whether a lighted sign with changing messages would distract drivers, especially during morning and afternoon drop-offs and pickups at Terrill Middle School next to the church.

“Having a sign in that location has to change for the worse the safety of the people there,” board member Chris Abeel said at last Thursday’s meeting.

His comments came after board member Rich Duthie questioned traf-

fic expert Hal Simoff, testifying on behalf of the church, about the risks posed to Terrill Road drivers “experiencing several distractions at once” as they entered the vicinity of the church. Besides the new lighted sign itself, which Mr. Duthie said would be obscured by landscaping on church grounds, he also cited weather conditions, parked cars, traffic, pedestrians and school crossing guards as potential visibility hazards for drivers in the area.

Mr. Simoff maintained that the new sign would be safe for drivers, adding that it would be safer than the existing sign, given the larger size of the letters on the new sign. He also cited a study that claimed that signs of the type proposed by Evangel Church do not pose a distraction to drivers.

The proposed 34.6-square-foot sign would have included a three-foot by eight-foot message board that would

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Tom Fortunato for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

STATE OF THE ARTS... Members of the Union County Freeholder Board joined Kean University President Dawood Farahi in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open the new Academy of Performing Arts High School at the Union County Vo-Tech Schools campus in Scotch Plains, last week. The new facility features classrooms, a theatre and studios for dance, acting and recording. Above, Freeholders Rayland Van Blake, Angel Estrada, and Bette Jane Kowalski applaud a student performance.



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Paul Lachenauer for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*
GETTING IN SHAPE...Personal trainers Tommy Zara and Vin Costantino try out the new treadmills in the newly renovated fitness center at the Jewish Community Center in Scotch Plains on Sunday, October 10.

Westfield Police Investigate Report of Sexual Assault

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

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Police Department is currently investigating an incident that occurred in the early-morning hours Monday in which a 20-year-old Cranford woman reported being forced inside a vehicle and sexually assaulted.

According to Captain David Wayman, the victim said she was walking alone in the area of South Chestnut Street near Gumbert Park in Westfield when a white male approached her and physically forced her into a waiting dark minivan operated by a black male. The victim said that, once inside the vehicle, she was held at knifepoint while the suspects attempted to forcibly remove her clothing and sexually assault her.

Captain Wayman told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* Tuesday that the victim was inside the vehicle for “a brief period of time” before managing to escape. According to Captain Wayman, the victim then contacted police and subsequently received medical treatment.

The captain said the victim was unable to describe the make and model of the vehicle. He told *The Times* that the Westfield Police Department was waiting for the New Jersey State Police to arrange a time to do composite sketches of the suspects.

The Westfield Police Department’s

Detective Bureau is handling the investigation. Anyone witnessing this incident or having any information is asked to contact the Westfield Police Department at (908) 789-4000 or Detective Barron Chambliss at (908) 789-6077.

Police Chief John Parizeau told *Times* reporter Lauren Barr Tuesday night that the white male is described as between 35 and 40 years old, and that the black male driver is described as about 50 years old. The victim was unable to give any further description on the clothing or features of her attackers. She reported being followed by a white male while walking south on South Chestnut Street toward North Avenue from a friend’s house and was forced through the rear door of a van.

The chief described the incident as “criminal sexual contact” and said that a rape test was not conducted. The victim was robbed of two credit cards and \$450 in cash. The van did not move during the incident and the victim was able to escape, at which time she called her father, who took her to police headquarters.

Chief Parizeau said, “I don’t recall anything [sexual assaults or kidnappings] like this in years.”

The Times has learned that the incident occurred at 4:20 a.m. that morning.

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primarily broadcast, according to Evangel’s attorney Bill Butler, information and church activities and programs.

Robert Persichetti, owner of a south Jersey company that markets the type of sign the church planned to purchase, said the lighted lettering on the message board would be 10 to 15 inches high, with the messages being controlled by the church office. Christopher Marinello, the church’s business administrator, told the board that improved signage would aid in informing the public of the church’s services and activities.

He noted that the present sign, which has lettering that requires changing by hand, normally stays up for a week, while the new sign would allow fresh messages to appear up to three times per minute. The township’s police department had recommended that there be no signage during the morning and afternoon school drop-offs and pick-ups, but Mr. Marinello was hesitant to endorse the idea.

Besides the safety aspect, board members were also skeptical about setting a precedent for other entities along both Terrill Road and Martine Avenue, such as the YMCA, the JCC, other

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way and Hunter.

As written, the measure restricts parking to two hours between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. on the east side of Tower Place in response to bus commuters parking their cars there; on the west side of Tower, parking would be allowed by residential permit only.

Parking on Paterson Road would likely be prohibited on the north side of the street and restricted on the other side because the road is narrow and officials want to make sure that fire trucks can get through in an emergency.

However, during discussion, council members indicated that further revisions are likely before the measure comes up for second reading next month.

In addition, the police department will work with county officials on potential parking restrictions on Midway Place between Terrill Road and Farley Avenue, also in response to bus commuter parking there.

Regarding the former Rocco’s Tavern property at the corner of Terrill Road and Midway, the governing body approved three resolutions.

One is an “emergency appropriation” that will finance the demolition of the vacant and derelict property, which is in foreclosure by the bank that holds the mortgage.

The borough gave the owner time to complete the demolition and held a hearing over the summer, but borough officials said the owner cannot afford the demolition and the borough needs to proceed for safety reasons.

In addition to the emergency appropriation, the two other approved resolutions authorize the borough’s engineering firm to draw up demolition specifications and authorize a contract with an asbestos-testing company.

Borough Attorney Dennis Estis said a lien would be placed on the property for whatever expenses the borough incurs related to the demolition. If the property is finally sold, that lien and at least one other on the property would have to be resolved in order for the sale to go through.

Approved on second reading Tuesday night was an ordinance that regulates so-called “sandwich board” signs to advertise businesses along South and Martine Avenues in the downtown.

The signs may now be placed on the sidewalk, during business hours, as long as there’s still five feet of space left for people to walk.

The signs are limited to 2 by 2 ½ feet mounted to an A-frame support that is no more than five feet high.

In addition, if there’s more than one business at a particular address, they’ll have to share space on a single sandwich board if they choose to advertise that way.

The borough council also approved the appointment of Richard Trigo as chief of police; he had been serving in the role as acting chief since the retirement of Donald Domanoski earlier this year.

churches and private businesses, to seek similar-type signs. Mr. Abeel pointed to the potential of “having 35 to 40 of these [signs] in town,” especially within residential neighborhoods. He called it an “encroachment on the residential character” of Scotch Plains.

In the end, Mr. Duthie and Mr. Abeel joined Tim Livolsi and Llewelyn Jones in voting to deny the application, while board chairman Ken Anderson, Susan Dinan and Brian Doyle voted in favor.

Earlier, the board approved a three-year extension of a temporary operating permit for Stone Art Design to store materials outside its Beryllium Road facility. The board also approved a fence variance for Andre and Kelly-Lynn Poeschl of 2030 Wood Road and a variance for Richard Maloney and Magali Felix to construct a 14-foot by 24-foot pool house at their 2091 Raritan Road home.

Recent Home Sales

Fanwood:

Mary A. Rey to Gonzalo and Jessica Ramos, 5 Sun Valley Way, \$355,000.

Sovereign Bank to Elite Properties at Fanwood, 246 South Avenue, \$511,000.

Kenneth Terry to Eric and Neida Rodrigue, 353 La Grande Avenue, \$340,000.

Dolores Welch, Executrix to Eric M. Abrams, 144 Belvidere Avenue, \$335,000.

Richard W. and Georgene Berg to Megan C. and Christopher W. DiMaggio, 111 Willoughby Road, \$422,500.

Michael D. and Claudia Z. Johnson to Robert G. and Tracey C. Turner, 17 Byron Lane, \$490,000.

David M. and Zorica M. Gooding to Matthew P. and Cori A. Juckes, 353 North Avenue, \$492,000.

Brian D. Pagano, Executor to Michael Brennan and Jillian A. Conley, 366 South Avenue, \$230,000.

Ralph Froehlich, Sheriff to CCM Fund I, LLC, 11 Robin Road, 268,100.

Anne Bires to Richard and Jamie Reinemann, 19 Birchwood Terrace, \$393,000.

John C. Mazzilli to Michael P. and Laura A. Lang, 61 Carsam Street, \$580,000.

Douglas R. and Vivian E. Marek to Margaret Botney, 57 Chetwood Terrace, \$265,000.

Kenneth M. Baranski, Trustee to Frank Kalata, 80 Willoughby Road, \$205,316.

The Rozanski Trust to Daniel Wasik and Mary Reilly, 57 Trenton Avenue, \$283,000.

Lynne R. Schwartz, Executrix to Kurtulus Timur, 356 La Grande Avenue, \$385,000.

Scotch Plains:

Samuel R. and Joan P. Minette to Hong Ping Guan and Wu Yin, 2071 Brookside Drive, \$563,000.

Tory D. and Deven Burgio to Santosh Nair and Nita Rawtani, 805 Donato Circle, \$388,000.

Brigid Marinaro to Dennis and Jeanette Natale, 314 William Street, \$225,000.

Todd C. and Mary Davis to Scott C. and Christine V. Lowder, 2002 Parkwood Drive, \$1,100,000.

Anne E. Reilly and Sean K. Farrell to Carl M. and Laura A. D’Angelo, 2378 Bryant Avenue, \$640,000.

Maria Grabowski to Michael Avenoso and Stephen Grabowski, 2676 Mountain Avenue, \$530,000.

John Caulfield, Executor to Needle-Point Homes, LLC, 32 Highlander Drive, \$465,000.

David and Jennifer Figueroa to Robert Bird and Venessa Perez, 2070 Westfield Avenue, \$387,000.

Joseph C. Vincenzino and Laurie A. Kutoroff to Sean A. Nelson, 1982 West Broad Street, \$510,000.

Busrolilhawa and Sugiarti Foreman and to Karen Pedersen, 575 Forest Road, \$275,000.

Peter T. Loizeaux to Kurt and Nadia Hartman, 14 Unami Lane, \$680,000.

Frederick and Andrea Hayek to Debbie Li Ang, 1667 Frank Street, \$650,000.

Laurie Suslow Barnett to Mark A. and Colleen M. Greco, 1423 Sylvan Lane, \$590,000.



WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER...Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, left, rings the bell as Scotch Plains Police Chief Brian Mahoney, second from left, reads the name of Cranford Police Officer Robert Hand, who was killed pursuing a suspect in 1975, during the Union County Law Enforcement In The Line Of Duty memorial service on October 9 at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains. Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow, second from right, presented Cranford Police Chief Eric Mason, right, with a plaque in Officer Hand’s honor. The 37 officers killed in the line of duty in Union County since 1895 were remembered at the ceremony.

Patel and Geeta Nisraiyya, 10 Stoneleigh Drive, \$740,000.

James T. and Joan D. Pate to Richard F. and Cindy M. Pitonzo, 15 Essex Road, \$670,000.

Edward and Marian Schwartzbach to Wendy E. Alexander, 2683 Deer Path, \$609,000.

Ralph Hobson to 4 King James Court, LLC, 4 King James Court, \$125,000.

David and Genine Schwartz to Daniel and Alison Harris, 1882 Quimby Lane, \$514,500.

Wayne B. and Deborah R. Hallard to Justin Kaufman, 518 Jerusalem Road, \$269,900.

David R. and Joanne M.F. Wilcomes to Lara Jackson, 31 Homestead Terrace, \$602,000.

Alexander F. Zissu to Daniel A. Gutierrez, 2029 Dogwood Drive, \$480,000.

Rajeev and Sheila Kuchibhatla to Hetal Shah and Parth Purohit, 804 Donato Circle, \$385,000.

Stephen Drozic to Nicole Nicdao, 1156 Martine Avenue, \$420,000.

Westfield:

Natalie Talker and Ilona Teran to Christopher and Marie L. Desantis, 360 Orenda Circle, \$739,000.

Grant and Michele Hunter to Robert M. and Caryn M. Mignemi, 846 Cedar Terrace, \$929,000.

Susan Petras and Christophe Blaise to Jing Shen and Xin Chen, 210 N. Florence Avenue, \$569,000.

Colin E. and Margaret M. Shields to David J. and Jessica T. Good, 687 Dorian Road, \$687,000.

Paul Dubitsky and Ann Shoshkes to Roger and Denise Barnes, 425 Tremont Avenue, \$660,000.

Richard G. and Ellen L. Dooley to Tomas and Erzsébet Bazsa, 320 Syncamore Street, \$480,000.

CCM Fund I, LLC to Vikram Panjwani and Menaka Subramaniam, 21 Sandy Hill Road, \$540,000.

Charles F. Ebert to Grace Centurion and Fredy A. Rocha, 107 Ayliffe Avenue, \$390,000.

Anthony M. Burton and Merlin Gonzalez to Simon Shu Kei Lee and Chin-Yee Lai, 1316 Overhill Street, \$840,000.

Frances and Donna Koepfler to Ralph and Fiorella Giacobbe, 41 Barchester Way, \$867,000.

Beth Blitzstein and Emerson Amador to Susan E. Baker, 123 Stanmore Place, \$705,000.

James G. and Karen E. Mortenson to Alexander Shalayev and Natalia Schalaeva, 232 Sinclair Place, \$889,000.

Jose A. and Anne P. Aguinaldo to D. Villane Construction, 836 Grant Avenue, \$527,000.

Garry G. Yee and Lorraine L. Tosiello to Christopher and Lauren Parlman, 123 Woodland Avenue, \$732,350.

Estrella I. Rodriguez to Anthony Burton and Merlin Gonzalez, 762 Kimball Avenue, \$1,400,000.

Jeanne d. Ammermuller to Bruce C. Marro and Paola Briones-Marro, 238 Hyslip Avenue, \$535,000.

Dorothy P. Oldfield to Michael R. and Eleanor Mroz, 713 Shadowlawn Drive, \$701,000.

Donna and Steven Spencer to Jose A. and Annie A. Aguinaldo, 54 Nomahegan Drive, \$663,000.

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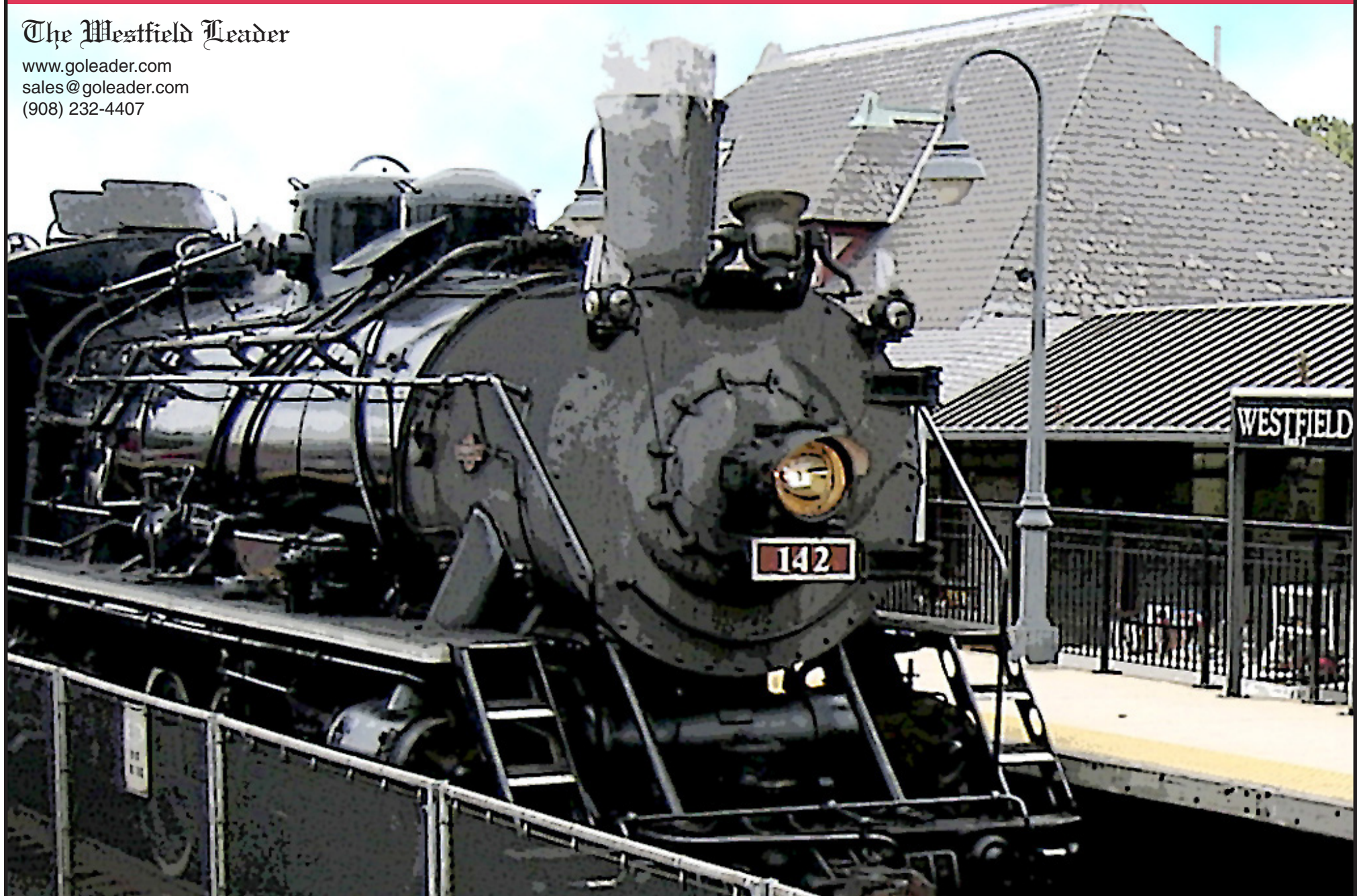
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Ex-Assis. Prosecutor Berger Joins Community Edu. Ctrs.

FANWOOD — Carol Berger of Fanwood has joined the Community Education Centers, Inc. (CEC) as criminal-justice liaison. Ms. Berger has extensive criminal-justice, drug court and pre-trial experience from her 26-year career in the Union County Prosecutor's office. As an assistant prosecutor, she headed the county's drug court and pre-trial intervention programs, which served more than 500 clients annually.

"CEC is happy to welcome Carol to its team of experts. Her extensive experience and knowledge of criminal justice intervention programs, including drug courts, will help CEC expand its already-wide offering of re-entry treatment services," said William Palatucci of Westfield, senior

vice-president and general counsel for public affairs.

She began her career as the Union County Assistant Prosecutor in 1984, and in that role, she served as the drug court assistant prosecutor and supervisor of the pre-trial intervention program, the sexual-assault section of the Violent Crimes and Arson Units, and was the assistant supervisor for the child-abuse and juvenile units. Ms. Berger is a graduate of Pace University School of Law and received her undergraduate degree from the University of Scranton.

CEC is a provider of offender re-entry and in-prison treatment services, operating in 18 states with approximately 30,000 individuals in its daily care.

Lance Announces \$39,500 Federal Security Grant for SP-F School

SCOTCH PLAINS – Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) has announced that the Scotch Plains Police Department will receive a \$39,500 federal community-oriented policing grant for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District.

Scotch Plains Mayor Nancy Malool, Police Chief Brian Mahoney and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Principal David Heisey joined Mr. Lance in making the announcement.

The funds, administered from the Department of Justice's Office of Community-Oriented Policing Services' Secure Our Schools Program, are designed to help local law enforcement and schools with enhanced school-safety resources and equipment.

In Scotch Plains, the funds will be used to help underwrite phase two of security upgrades being made throughout the school district, including installing a digital video-surveillance system, an electronic visitor-login system and new laptop computers.

"We need to do everything we can to make our children safe at schools," Mr. Lance said at a news conference with community leaders at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. "These important funds will give Scotch Plains-

Fanwood education and law-enforcement professionals extra resources to ensure that our kids are safe. I commend the entire Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district and community and law-enforcement officials for being proactive and requesting these funds."

"We're excited to receive this important grant," said Scotch Plains Police Chief Mahoney. "This federal grant will help us enhance our efforts to protect our children and school property on a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week basis."

"The \$39,500 will go far in helping to keep our schools safe for both student and faculty," Mayor Malool said. "The grant is well appreciated, and I would like to thank Representative Lance for all his efforts on behalf of Scotch Plains."

According to the Secure Our Schools Program, grants can be used to provide law-enforcement agencies and schools with security-enhanced equipment. For example, communities can use grant funds to purchase metal detectors, locks, lighting, fencing, closed-circuit surveillance systems and other security-related equipment. Mr. Lance is seeking a second term in the House.

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IN MEMORY OF MUNOZ...Governor Chris Christie speaks after signing legislation renaming the trauma center at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) after the late Assemblyman Eric Munoz, who had been a trauma surgeon at UMDNJ. Looking on are Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (LD-21, Westfield), left, and Dr. Munoz's widow, Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz (LD-21, Summit).

UMDNJ Trauma Center Named After Dr. Munoz

TRENTON — Governor Chris Christie signed legislation renaming the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's (UMDNJ) trauma center in memory of Dr. Eric Munoz, a trauma surgeon at UMDNJ and a state lawmaker.

Dr. Munoz died at age 61 last year after being hospitalized for treatment of a heart ailment. He had worked at UMDNJ since 1988. He was also a professor of surgery at the medical school.

The Republican from Summit had served in the state Assembly since 2001 and represented the 21st Legislative District, which includes Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Garwood, Mountainside, New Providence and Summit. His widow, Nancy, was elected to assume his Assembly seat.

At the October 6 bill-signing ceremony at UMDNJ, the Governor called Dr. Munoz, "a dedicated public servant, a skilled and respected surgeon and teacher, and a friend who is dearly missed to this day," according to politicsnj.com.

"I am honored to take this action to honor and continue his memory in a small, but significant, way. As anyone who was fortunate enough to cross paths with Eric knows, his memory and legacy are best remembered through the work he dedicated himself to – the people he saved and the countless lives he improved

through his work as a surgeon and a lawmaker," the Governor stated.

Also present at the bill-signing ceremony were Assemblywoman Munoz, members of the Munoz family and Senators Robert Gordon (LD-28, Fair Lawn), Tom Kean Jr., (LD-21, Westfield), Teresa Ruiz (LD-29, Newark); and Assembly members Jon Bramnick (LD-21, Westfield), Albert Coutinho (LD-29, Newark), Annette Quijano (LD-20, Union) Frederick Scalera (LD-36, Nutley) and Connie Wagner (LD-38, Paramus).

"Eric Munoz's life was driven by his desire to help people, and it showed in everything he did. This man had a five-page resume, but it was the countless lives he touched and healed that reflect his true achievements," Mr. Kean said in a prepared statement.

"Eric was a loyal friend, a dedicated public servant and a wonderful father," Mr. Kean added. "He was a gifted surgeon and medical professor who cared passionately about his patients, his students and the health of the people of our state. When he entered a room, he filled it with energy and joy. A man like Eric can never be replaced. Renaming the trauma center in his name is a way to honor his legacy and recognize all that he accomplished in his life."

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Christie Reconsiders Call To Cancel Transit Tunnel

TRENTON – Governor Chris Christie has agreed to reconsider his decision canceling the transit tunnel to New York City after meeting with U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood on Friday.

The governor had cancelled the project a day earlier, saying that based on calculations by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and New Jersey Transit, the final budget was expected to top \$11 billion and could exceed \$14 billion, substantially more than the project's current budget of \$8.7 billion.

"The fact that the ARC [Access to the Region's Core] project is not financially viable and is expected to dramatically exceed its current budget remains unchanged. However, this afternoon (Friday, October 8) Secretary LaHood presented several options to potentially salvage a trans-Hudson tunnel project. At the Secretary's request, I've agreed to have Executive Director of NJ Transit Jim Weinstein and members from his team work with U.S. Department of Transportation staff to study those options over the next two weeks."

The New York-based Regional Plan Association said that while a two-week extension "still seems like a short period of time, we're heartened to learn the project has been granted a temporary stay of execution," said Bob Yaro, president of the Regional Plan Association. "It is critical that all parties stay at the table to find a reasonable solution, [as] ARC is too important. We believe a modest gap exists and urge the state, Port Authority and FTA to close the remaining gap to get this project back on track."

Of the current \$8.7-billion project, \$6 billion was being split between the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the federal government, with the remaining \$2.7 billion plus any additional costs coming from New Jersey.

In a press release announcing the cancellation of the project last Thursday, Mr. Weinstein was quoted as saying, "While we recognize the importance and value of a cross-Hudson transportation-improvement project, the current economic climate in New Jersey simply does not allow for this project to continue, considering the substantial additional costs that are required. The ARC project is just not a financially viable project that we can responsibly move forward with."

The Governor said it was "completely unthinkable to borrow more money and leave taxpayers respon-

sible for billions in cost overruns" for the ARC project.

The governor said he asked Mr. Weinstein, Amtrak, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, New York City and New Jersey's Congressional delegation to explore approaches to modernize and expand capacity for the Northeast Corridor if the transit tunnel project does not go forward.

Among Democrats critical of the Governor's cancellation of the project was Assemblyman Joseph Cryan (LD-20, Union).

"One thing's for sure; with the governor leaving \$3 billion in federal aid on the table, I never want to hear him say New Jersey isn't getting its fair share from the federal government," Mr. Cryan said. "It took 30 years to get to this point with this project. It took the governor 30 days to destroy it."

Union County Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan, who sits on the North Jersey Transportation and Planning Authority, called Governor Christie's cancellation of the tunnel "short-sighted and devastating to New Jersey's economy." He cited short- and long-term benefits if the project proceeds, including 6,000 construction jobs, removal of 22,000 vehicles from roadways, \$4 billion in personal income that come to the area, higher real-estate values and the creation of jobs in New York and New Jersey.

Human-Trafficking Bill Clears Committee

TRENTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee has approved a bill, sponsored by Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean, Jr. (LD-21, Westfield), that expands New Jersey's human-trafficking law.

"Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery that has a devastating impact on victims, their families and society as a whole," Mr. Kean stated. "We have a responsibility to help these victims who suffer in despair waiting for anyone to take up their cause and demand justice."

Under Mr. Kean's bill, the state's attorney general would be required to publicize and promote the state's Human Trafficking Toll-Free Hotline, any federal human-trafficking hotline, and any local or county federally funded human-trafficking hotline. Additionally, the bill requires that police be trained in responding to the needs of victims of human trafficking and providing the services available to them.



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Public Forum to Offer Help With Avoiding Foreclosure

WESTFIELD — A public education forum entitled “Foreclosure: Moving From Fear To Positive Action” will be held this Monday, October 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Helen’s Roman Catholic Church, located at 1600 Rahway Avenue in Westfield. The event is free and open to the public.

The forum is designed to provide guidance to property owners fearing or facing foreclosure issues, and to help tenants in properties with foreclosure issues. On-site parking is available, and the facility is wheelchair accessible.

“Individuals and families in Union County are being impacted by foreclosure on their houses. Some have already lost them, or are in the mediation process. Others may be experiencing the fear and anxiety of not knowing whether or not they will be facing foreclosure in the near future,” stated Peter McTienan, co-chairman of the Union County Human Relations Commission.

“We are trying to spread the word that there are free resources that are offered on a state and county level, options that are available, and positive actions that can be taken,” he said.

“People in foreclosure wake up worried every day,” stated Caroline Petrilla. “They do not know how to save their homes or how to ask for help. This conference is about reaching out. We want these homeowners to know that they are not alone. The mediation program is designed to provide them with experienced advocates and neutral mediators to make sure that all possible ways of keeping their houses are explored with their banks.”

Ms. Petrilla is the assistant Director of the New Jersey Public Defender’s Office of Dispute Settlement, and will be one of the key presenters. She will provide an overview of the New Jersey Foreclosure Mediation Program, and how to apply for the program and its services.

The program provides resources and referral information for distressed homeowners, including free state-appointed legal representation in mediation, and housing counselors who can assist with budgeting, financing, viable loan modifications and mortgage-assistance programs.

“If you are in foreclosure now, or if you are concerned about your finances and want to avoid foreclosure, please come to the forum and learn about resources that can help you,” said Union County Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan.

At the forum, attendees will also gain an understanding of foreclosure

proceedings, mediation from the court and lender perspectives, and details about resources available to those who are affected.

Union County Department of Human Services Director Frank Guzzo and Department of Parks and Community Renewal Director Alfred Faella will share information on the Union County Foreclosure Task Force, which they co-chair. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders created this Task Force in the fall of 2008 as the foreclosure crisis was beginning to intensify.

The mission of the task force is to help stabilize Union County neighborhoods by providing property owners and tenants with guidance on their legal rights and resources. Foreclosure resource information will be available at the forum.

For more information regarding the forum, contact the Union County Human Relations Commission at (908) 889-9028.

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FW Dems to Hold Wine Tasting, Oct. 20

FANWOOD – Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr and Assemblywoman Linda Stender, chairwoman of the Fanwood Democratic Committee, have invited the community to a wine-tasting event on Wednesday, October 20, in support of Councilwoman Kathy Mitchell and her running mate, Kevin Boris, the Democratic candidates for election to the Fanwood Borough Council in the Tuesday, November 2 General Election.

The wine tasting will be conducted by the Garden State Wine Club from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Chelsea, located at 295 South Avenue in Fanwood. The suggested donation for this fund-raising event is \$70.

A Fanwood resident for more than 50 years, Ms. Mitchell was first elected to the council in 1998. She is a retired nurse, a founding member of the Fanwood Recycling Association and a former borough council president. Mr. Boris and his wife moved to Fanwood several years ago with their daughter. He is an attorney serving as counsel to the North Brunswick Planning Board and has been a member of the Fanwood Planning Board for the past two years.

For more information, contact the Committee to Elect Mitchell and Boris, P.O. Box 163, Fanwood, N.J. 07023; visit fanwooddems.com or call (908) 789-7577.



TREE TIME...Matthew Schuman of Fanwood plants a Douglas-fir tree in Fanwood’s LaGrande Park as a community-service project for his Bar Mitzvah. The tree was donated by the Fanwood Shade Tree Commission, which also supervised Matthew’s planting. The tree is four feet tall now, but a Douglas-fir can grow over 300 feet tall. Matthew also planted a second Douglas-fir in the park and was helped by his sister, Rachel.

Christie Vetoes Bill Calling For Review of Teen Decals

TRENTON – Governor Chris Christie on Thursday vetoed a bill (A-2740) that required a six-month study of Kyleigh’s Law by the state attorney general, saying his administration already is tracking the impact of the law’s controversial decal requirement.

Kyleigh’s Law, which took effect May 1, has generated public opposition from critics who claim the law – which requires teen drivers with a Graduated Drivers License to display detachable red decals on their license plates – unfairly targets young drivers.

The law is named in memory of Kyleigh D’Alessio, a 16-year-old West Morris Central High School student killed in a 2006 car crash in which another teen was driving.

“As a father, I understand the concerns raised over the placement of decals that could make them vulnerable to crime,” Governor Christie said. “In the light of these concerns, I have directed Attorney General Paula Dow to immediately conduct a survey and report to me within six months on any instances where decals have been alleged to have been involved in the commission of crimes or targeting of individuals.

“We must take potentially unintended consequences of the law seriously and make any necessary changes based on hard facts and evidence. While I applaud the goals and intentions of this bill and its sponsors in the Legislature, it is unnecessary, given the actions already underway by my administration,” he said.

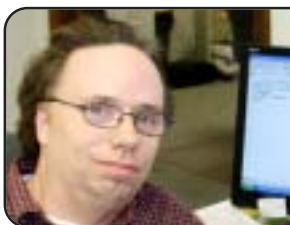
The current graduated driver’s license law requires that the perfor-

mance of new drivers be monitored, the operation and effectiveness of the graduated driver’s license law be evaluated, and that these findings be reported to the Governor and the Legislature by the Attorney General.

The Division of Highway and Traffic Safety within the Department of Law and Public Safety is already working in cooperation with Rowan University and Virginia Tech University to study the effects of the state’s graduated driver’s license law and the recent changes to it. This study will include one year of data to provide a more reliable and meaningful evaluation of the law.

NJN Could Become Non-Profit Entity

TRENTON — Legislation recently introduced in Trenton would transform The New Jersey Network (NJN) from a publically-supported television and radio network into an independent, not-for-profit, entity.



Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times

Judges’ Ruling Invalidates Third-Round COAH Rules

A state appeals court has given the state five months to return to its old system for assigning municipalities specific numbers of affordable homes they must provide, thus invalidating much of COAH’s third-round rules, Gannett’s Statehouse Bureau has reported.

The court ruled that growth-share methodology for determining future affordable-housing needs was unconstitutional. The judges ruled that zoning practices that ban townhouses and apartments are unconstitutional. They also held that COAH should return to housing rules that were in place during the 1980s and 1990s.

The judges rejected arguments raised by towns that COAH required too many, rather than too few, homes and found for private-sector developers who argued that the regulations were unlawful.

Reacting to the decision, Governor Christie stated: “[This] court decision on COAH reinforces how imperative it is for the Legislature to immediately follow my recommendations and bring to an end this hopelessly complex and outdated system...The State Assembly needs to take up and act now on legislation to eliminate COAH.”

Ex-Perth Amboy Mayor Convicted of Campaign Fraud

Former Assemblyman and Perth Amboy Mayor Joseph Vas was convicted last week of receiving illegal campaign funds and lying to federal authorities, according to published reports.

Vas, a former four-term Perth Amboy mayor, was found guilty of two counts of mail fraud involving a 12-unit Perth Amboy apartment he bought for \$660,000, quickly sold for \$950,000 and then put part of the funds in a Congressional campaign account for his battle with then-Assemblyman Albio Sires.

Vas was also found guilty of mis-

appropriating Perth Amboy affordable-housing funds to close the real estate deal.

In all, Vas was found guilty on five of the nine charges including two counts of mail fraud, misappropriating funds, accepting illegal campaign contributions and lying to federal authorities, according to published reports. Vas still faces corruption charges from the state Attorney General’s office.

High School to Receive \$22 Mil. For Soundproofing From Airport

Rep. Steve Rothman (D-9th), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, joined local officials at a press conference Tuesday at Kearny High School to announce that \$22 million under the Federal Aviation Administration’s Airport-Improvement Program has been allocated to soundproof the high school from aircraft from nearby Newark Liberty International Airport.

The 87-year-old high school, with a student body of approximately 1,800 children, is located five miles from the airport, where there have been more than one-million flights since 2007.

Lawmakers Introduce Bills To End Spending Abuses

State Senator Donald Norcross (D-5, Camden) and Assemblyman Paul Moriarty (LD-4, Turnersville) have introduced legislation aimed at preventing spending and ethics abuses within all public bodies in New Jersey from the Governor’s Office and the Legislature on down to county and local governments, state and county colleges and universities, school districts, and all independent state, county and local authorities.

The reforms would eliminate or curtail everything from luxury-car stipends and housing allowances to personal drivers and government-issued credit cards, as well as banning officials from working with certain private employers for two years after leaving their government jobs.

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SP GOP Candidates Call on Legislature to Pass Tool Kit

Tony Patti, Sal Trifiro, and William “Bo” Vastine, Republican candidates for the Scotch Plains Township Council called on the Democrat-controlled New Jersey State Legislature to take action on Governor Christie’s proposed tool kit; a series of bills that would give school districts and local governments the ability to operate in a cost efficient manner now that a 2-percent cap on yearly property tax increases is now in effect.

Mr. Patti commented, “We have been advocates for the property tax cap right from the beginning. In fact, we would have preferred if the voters of New Jersey had the opportunity to support this initiative by referendum so that a change to the state’s constitution could have occurred thereby preventing future legislatures from undoing this crucial measure. Unfortunately, special interests and the Democrats in Trenton prevented the referendum from reaching this November’s ballot and a compromise bill was enacted instead. Governor Christie has put forth a series of bills known as the tool kit that are essential if school districts and local governments hope to operate efficiently, if not survive with this new cap in place. Once again, the Democrats in the State Legislature are stonewalling and these important bills cannot even get a hearing let alone be put to a vote. This spells disaster for towns like Scotch Plains as we head into what will be a difficult budget year in 2011.”

Mr. Trifiro added, “Most if not all of the initiatives in the Governor’s tool kit have been needed for years in order to allow local governments and school districts to operate more efficiently and in the best interest of property taxpayers. Some of the initiatives include leveling the playing field when it comes to negotiating contracts with public employee

unions, reforming civil service laws, bringing the public employee benefit system in line with that of the private sector, reducing unfunded mandates from state government, and applying spending caps to state government budgets as well. In light of the new 2-percent cap on spending and property taxes, we are greatly concerned that if the provisions of the Governor’s tool kit are not enacted in time for the 2011 municipal budget process, towns like Scotch Plains will be looking at employee layoffs and a corresponding reduction of services that our residents need and deserve.”

Mr. Vastine concluded by saying, “And while we are on record in favor of the 2-percent tax property tax cap and the provisions in the tool kit, we are also on record in stating that the Governor’s agenda does not go far enough. For too long urban areas like Newark, Elizabeth, Camden, and Plainfield have received a disproportionate share of state aid for municipal and school services and in many cases these millions of taxpayer dollars have been squandered. It is time for the Governor and State Legislature to stand up to activist state Supreme Court decisions that have mandated this unfair and unwise funding system to go on for too long. If we are going to act within the constraints of the property tax cap, Scotch Plains should receive its fair share of state aid to the municipality and the school district. Then and only then will we be able to provide necessary services to our residents and retain and attract the very best of teachers for our children’s education.”

Tony Patti, Sal Trifiro, and William “Bo” Vastine
Republican candidates for
Scotch Plains Township Council

GOP-led SP Council Has Posted Old Budgets As A Perception of Openness

In the September 30 *Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*, I criticized the hypocrisy of a Republican platform centered on communication. Specifically, I was critical of the mayor and Republican-controlled council for their past failure to act on requests to publish town budgets as well as minutes and videos from important town meetings. I should, perhaps, be flattered that three days after my letter was published, the town hastily published the town’s budgets from 2008-2010 on the town’s website. However, their action actually demonstrates several problems. First and foremost, I question the sincerity of an action like this made solely in response to public criticism.

These budgets have been published far too late to be of value to citizens trying to understand the town’s budget while those were being debated. Moreover, while the budgets are now linked prominently on the home page, there are still no meeting minutes being posted for any town meetings nor any promise to do so in the future. Unfortunately, posting the town budgets months or years after they should

have been posted can only be taken as a desperate attempt by the Republican-led council to implement a cosmetic cover-up to their historic lack of openness.

If the Mayor has changed her mind and is now serious about openness in public government, then she should publicly apologize to Councilman Kevin Glover. Councilman Glover presided over the revitalization of the town’s web page and has been a vocal proponent for publishing town meeting minutes and videos ever since he was first elected. Don’t hold your breath. The Republican-led council has instead chosen to quietly post old budgets to try and create a perception of openness, without actually adopting a policy of openness. The deception is obvious and speaks to their character.

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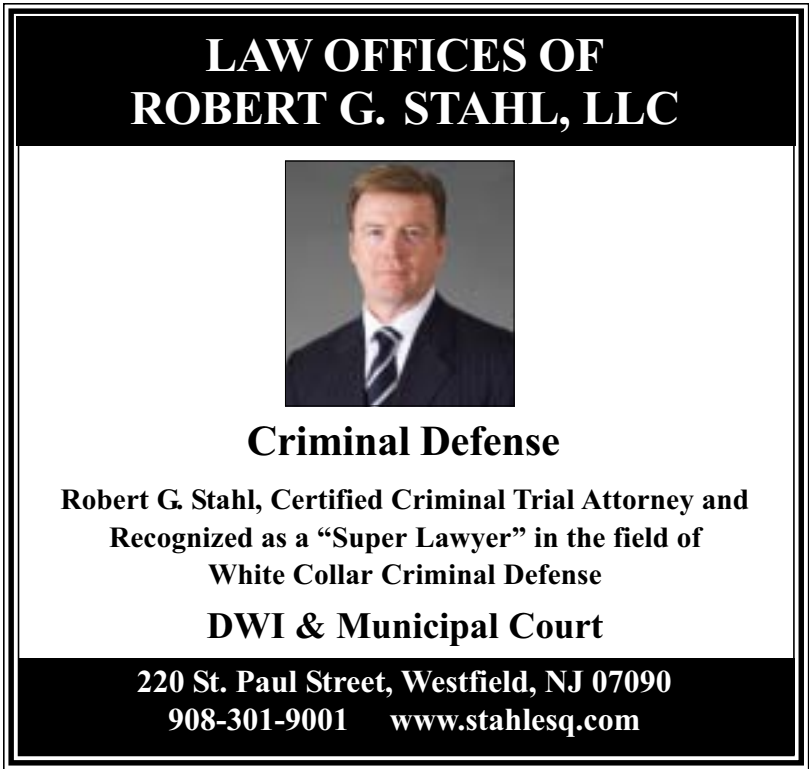
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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY...The crosswalk on Martine Avenue at Trenton Avenue in Fanwood is an example of the need for drivers to be aware of pedestrians. Pictured, left to right, are Fanwoodians: Asw. Linda Stender; Laura DeGennaro and her children, Christian and Tessa; Councilwoman Kathy Mitchell and council candidate Kevin Boris.

Mitchell And Boris Urge Drivers to Observe Pedestrian Safety Law

With the school year in full swing, our children are now protected by a law that makes crossing the street safer for everyone. This is the first full school year in which drivers in New Jersey are compelled by law to come to a complete stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. The law, sponsored by Assemblywoman Linda Stender, followed several years of exhaustive work by Mrs. Stender’s Assembly Transportation Committee and seeks to reduce the number of pedestrian injuries in New Jersey. It is supported by

Fanwood Council candidates Kathy Mitchell and Kevin Boris.

“Our police now have clear guidelines for enforcement,” said Councilwoman Mitchell, who is also Fanwood’s police commissioner. “The idea is to put safety over speed and people over cars with a clear statute that carries significant penalties for violators.”

Drivers must now wait for pedestrians to completely clear a marked crosswalk, even after a light changes, before proceeding through that crosswalk. If they don’t, they can face a \$200 fine, two points on their license and 15 days of community service.

“This brings New Jersey into line with other states that have implemented similar laws over the years,” Mr. Boris said. “It’s already had the effect of slowing things down along our busiest streets. While pedestrians still have to use common sense, the law will make crossing a busy street a whole lot safer.”

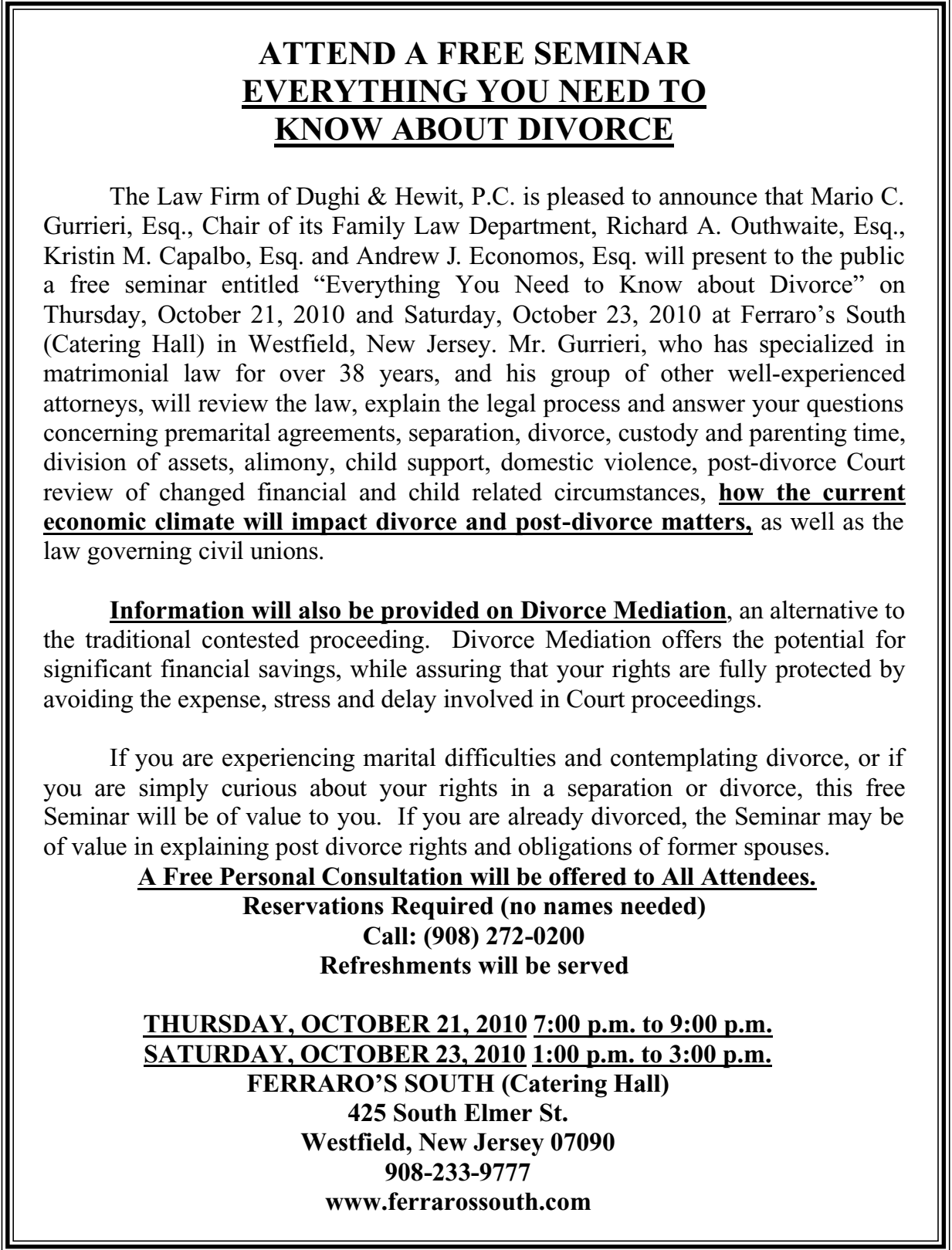
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Fanwood Candidates Forum Oct. 25

The public is invited to the televised Fanwood Candidates Forum at Borough Hall at 7:30 p.m. on October 25 sponsored by *The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Times* and aired by Fanwood TV. Please Send candidate questions to editor@goleader.com

Oct. 26 Scotch Plains Candidates Forum

The public is invited to the televised Scotch Plains Candidates Forum at the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26 sponsored by *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* and aired by Scotch Plains TV. Please send candidate questions to editor@goleader.com.



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Evergreen PTA Wants to Partner With Businesses While Fundraising in SP-F

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1. Whenever possible, we will purchase goods and services from businesses within our school district and encourage others to do the same.
2. We will not be asking for donations from you this year. We know many requests are made of you; we don’t wish to add to that economic burden.
3. That being said, we don’t want to deprive you of promotional opportunities that might make sense for your business. Evergreen School has 400 students in pre-k through 4th grade. As a neighborhood school, there is a strong sense of loyalty to local businesses. We might be able to help raise awareness about your business among our families. Here are a couple of ways we might be able to help:

1. November 13 we will be holding our annual Tricky Tray. Contributors have their goods on display and their company names appear in the printed program.
2. Our Mom’s Shopping Night is December 10. Vendors can rent table space in order to display and sell their goods.
3. Advertising in the playbill of our May variety show is affordable.

We would love to partner with your business to create an “Evergreen Special.” Here’s a hypothetical example; Tuesday afternoons are slow at the Acme Pizza Place. Management creates a special promotion: “Tuesdays from 4-7 bring in your Evergreen Special Flyer and support your PTA.” The PTA handles the publicity. Acme Pizza collects the flyers and at the end of the special gives the PTA a small, agreed upon percentage of those sales. The upside for the business is increased foot traffic, new customers and heightened awareness. Evergreen gets a boost in school spirit and some money for the PTA coffers. With a bit of creativity, we feel that the “Evergreen Special” could be tailored to fit many local businesses.

The bottom line is we want to help, not hurt local businesses with our fundraising efforts. We feel it is the responsible approach to take during economic times that are tough on everyone. We look forward to hearing your thoughts, questions and ideas.

Marci Bowman, Scotch Plains President, Evergreen PTA

UC Clerk Protects Archive Documents

After September 11, 2001, when Wall Street was closed for a week, we felt the repercussions of a business standstill. My office is an economic linchpin of the county. If people cannot conduct business, and that includes the buying and selling of property, then the economy of Union County would come to a halt. We want to do everything possible to avoid that situation.

With that in mind, I have created a duplicate computer program, partly funded by state grants, that stores property records and other types of documents on a second computer at a secure off-site location a distance from her office at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth.

This system is compliant with all New Jersey Division of Archives and Records Management requirements and recommendations for disaster recovery. It allows my office to be up and running within hours in the event of a catastrophic event at our main office.

It is my responsibility to protect the integrity and availability of homeowners’ records – in most cases, the most valuable asset our residents own. This system ensures the continuity of operations and accessibility to those records. I hope it never has to be used, but we are prepared if we do have to use it.

The Office of the County Clerk maintains copies of all land documents since 1857, when the County of Union was created. The documents stored on the back-up computer include deeds, mortgages, assignments, equity loans, liens, federal tax liens, foreclosures, mortgage cancellations, notice of settlements, construction liens, trade name certificates and UCC (Uniform Commercial Code).

Joanne Rajoppi
Union County Clerk
Candidate for Relection

AAI Program Tomorrow To Showcase Meteorites

CRANFORD—Amateur Astronomers, Inc. (AAI) will conduct its monthly membership meeting tomorrow, Friday, October 15, at 8 p.m. in the Main Lecture Hall in the Nomehegan Building at Union County College, located at 1033 Springfield Avenue in Cranford. Immediately following the business meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m., the club will present the lecture “Formation of the Solar System,” given by Derek Yoost. Mr. Yoost will look at some of the meteorites that show interesting structures under magnification and how they relate to the large-scale formation of the sun and solar system of which Earth is a part. Most of these meteorites are about 4.5 billion

years old, and come from the very earliest stages of solar system formation. The meteorite specimens that were used for the lecture will be at the meeting for inspection. Following the lecture, attendees will be invited to the William Miller Sperry Observatory, located on the campus, for refreshments and the opportunity to speak with Mr. Yoost. If weather permits, celestial viewing of Jupiter will be conducted using the club’s two large telescopes. In addition to monthly meetings, informal meetings are held on the remaining Fridays at Sperry Observatory. For more information about AAI, visit asterism.org or call (908) 276-STAR.



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WESTFIELD – Jill Friedland knows that for donors to open their wallets, they need to understand what a charitable organization does. Speeches, direct mail and photos are nice, but a riveting video makes a gut impact. Ms. Friedland, a board member of Somerset Hills Handicapped Riding Center (SHHC), turned to Westfield’s Home Video Studio to craft an educational video for the center’s upcoming fund-raising brunch. The SHHC in Oldwick uses horse therapies, including hippotherapy, to help people with physical, developmental, emotional and medical challenges. With 12 horses on 12 acres, they serve more than 100 clients. “It’s an extremely labor intensive program,” said Ms. Friedland, noting that at each session, a single child needs a horse trainer, volunteer and therapist. “You can imagine the expense involved in that.”

While families pay around \$75 per half-hour session, the real cost is more than \$150. Therapy sessions, which are often provided twice a week for years, gets expensive, and is not covered by insurance. As a registered charity, SHHC holds fundraisers to defray the costs that families pay. Ms. Friedland knows the value horse therapy provides. Her child has been a long-standing client at SHHC. “It’s been the single most beneficial therapy my child has gotten during the last five years,” she said. She contacted Home Video Studio in Westfield to produce a video showing how SHHC positively impacts kids’ lives. Ms. Friedland brought 11 minutes of video footage to studio owner Dan Weiniger, which they edited down to four minutes. “Dan had good creative input and was very patient,” said Ms. Friedland. “He really made the video much more professional. His equipment is completely up-to-date. It’s easy for a client to sit with him and participate in the vision.”

Ms. Friedland said that the video footage she brought was not cohesive, but that she knew what she wanted to achieve. “Dan helped me edit, tighten and reorganize it, and now it represents the goal of this fundraiser, which is to educate people in the community on what the SHHC does.”

Tickets are still available to the brunch at Neiman Marcus by calling (908) 439-9636, or donors can support the organization by visiting www.shhc.org and contributing online. Home Video Studio was proud to donate some of the editing time for the fund-raising video. “Dan was generous to give us a very reasonable rate so it could be done for this charitable organization,” said Ms. Friedland.

In addition to producing fund-raising videos, Home Video Studio offers services including video or film to DVD transfer, video editing, sports scholarship videos, family celebration videos and photo keepsake videos. Dan at Home Video Studio can be reached at (908) 301-9300 or by e-mail at dan.w@homevideostudio.com.

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HAVING A BALL...The Osborn Cannonball House museum, located at 1840 Front Street in Scotch Plains, will be open on Saturday, October 16, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 17, from noon to 5 p.m. as part of Union County’s Four Centuries in a Weekend tour. The museum’s theme this year will be “Ragtime to Jazz.” Musician Dave Bierman, shown second from left, will discuss and play period music on his 1910 Edison cylinder record player. Pictured with him at last year’s event are Darlene Palombo, second from right; Renate Maroney, right, and an unidentified colleague. Admission will be free.

Temple to Celebrate Rabbi’s Ordination Anniversary

WESTFIELD – Temple Emanu-El will celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the ordination of its Rabbi Emeritus, Charles A. Kroloff, with a special afternoon of study, prayer and song this Saturday, October 16.

More than a dozen spiritual leaders – including rabbis who have worked with Rabbi Kroloff, and others who grew up in his congregation – will take part in the event, which will begin at 4 p.m. and will include a light dairy meal.

Rabbi Kroloff served as senior rabbi of Temple Emanu-El for 36 years, from 1966 until his retirement in 2002 – a period in which the synagogue grew to become one of the largest and most noteworthy in the state and nation.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., he graduated from Yale University and the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio. Rabbi Kroloff came to Westfield after leading congregations in Boston, Mass. and Westbury, N.Y.

In the course of his distinguished career, Rabbi Kroloff has been a leader of major American Jewish

organizations, including terms as president of the Association of Reform Zionists of America and the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Rabbi Kroloff also has been a leader of the Westfield community. He was founder of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County, and most recently was president of the Westfield Foundation.

The clergy of Temple Emanu-El, including Senior Rabbi Douglas Sagal and Assistant Rabbi Erin Glazer, will take part in Saturday’s event.

Others attending to teach and share their reflections on Rabbi Kroloff and his career include rabbis Marcus Burstein, Marc Disick, Arnie Gluck, Deborah Joselow, Elisa Koppel, Ellen Lewis, Jill Maderer, Rex Perlmeter, Lennard Thal and Eric Yoffie, and noted songwriter Peri Smilow.

Anyone interested in attending the celebration is asked to call Beth Scher at (908) 232-6770, extension no. 117. Temple Emanu-El is located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.



Rabbi Charles Kroloff



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POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield
Friday, October 8, a Westfield resident reported the theft of a bicycle while it was parked, secured with a cable lock, on the 200 block of West North Avenue. The bicycle was described as a blue, 26-inch Beach Cruiser valued at approximately \$100.

Friday, October 8, a 17-year-old male from Westfield was arrested on the 100 block of Elm Street and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS), identified by police as less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and turned over to a responsible adult.

Saturday, October 9, Jane Heath, 45, of Westfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated pursuant to a motor vehicle stop on the 500 block of Boulevard. She was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and turned over to a responsible adult.

Saturday, October 9, Rasheem Moore, 31, of Westfield was arrested on the 300 block of East South Avenue on a Newark warrant in the amount of \$1,000. He was processed and released on his own recognizance.

Moore was arrested again later that day on the 100 block of Quimby Street and charged with robbery and shoplifting, according to police. He allegedly assaulted an employee of a clothing store as he exited the store with merchandise for which he had not paid. No injuries were reported. Moore was processed and held on \$50,000 bail.

The following day, Moore additionally was charged with obstruction of the administration of law after he allegedly became combative as authorities attempted to transport him to the Union County jail in lieu of the \$50,000 bail. He was processed and ultimately transported to the jail, according to police.

Saturday, October 9, Denny V. Abreu, 35, and Yubelkis Alcantara-Moya, 26, both of Plainfield, were arrested and charged with shoplifting and possession of burglary tools. The pair was arrested after exiting a business on the 600 block of West North Avenue, allegedly with \$2,079.90 worth of merchandise that they concealed in a baby stroller. Both were transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and issued summonses.

Saturday, October 9, a Cranford resident reported a 2009 BMW 335 that was leased to his employer was stolen from the parking lot of a Springfield Avenue establishment.

Sunday, October 10, Tyler Warren, 19, of Westfield was arrested during a traffic stop in the area of the 600 block of West South Avenue. He was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Warren was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released with a summons.

Sunday, October 10, Martin Spector, 58, of Westfield was arrested at Westfield police headquarters on warrants from Elmwood Park and Bloomfield. He was processed and released on \$255 total bail.

Fanwood
Monday, October 4, an officer on routine patrol noticed an act of criminal mischief after someone spray-painted multiple signs and a Verizon box located on a telephone pole with graffiti. The public works department was notified to remove it.

Tuesday, October 5, an employee at the public works department notified headquarters that someone vandalized a trailer by spray-painting it with graffiti.

Tuesday, October 5, John Palumbo, 44, of Holmdel was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on Pleasant Avenue on an outstanding warrant out of Monroe Township in the amount of \$125. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Wednesday, October 6, a resident of Laurel Place reported that someone put a wig in his tailpipe, which caught fire when he started his vehicle. According to police, a similar wig was placed in his tailpipe several weeks ago, but the victim did not report it.

Thursday, October 7, an officer on routine patrol observed graffiti on a street sign on Woodland Avenue. The public works department was contacted to attempt to remove it.

Friday, October 8, Nirav Doshi, 27, of New York City was arrested on an outstanding Clifton warrant in the amount of \$89 after a motor vehicle stop on the 30 block of South Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Sunday, October 10, a resident of the 70 block of Kensington Terrace reported that she placed her metal fire pit in her front yard at 10:30 a.m., and when she went to retrieve it at 11:30 a.m., it was missing. The value of the fire pit is approximately \$300.

Monday, October 11, Glenn Hill, 24, of Scotch Plains was arrested on outstanding warrants out of Bridgewater, in the amount of \$750; Cranford, in the amount of \$500, and Garwood, in the amount of \$500. He was transported to

police headquarters, processed and released after posting bail.

Monday, October 11, Rose Ikinya, 55, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding Springfield warrant in the amount of \$200. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Monday, October 11, a resident of Hunter Avenue reported that someone broke the driver’s side mirror of his motor vehicle while it was parked in the street.

Mountainside
Tuesday, October 5, a resident of Mary Allen Way reported that he witnessed a truck, described as a black dually style pick-up truck, pulling a trailer with a backhoe, back into a retaining wall on his property, causing approximately \$500 worth of damage. According to police, the victim stated that the truck had writing on the side, but he could only observe the word “One” before the truck drove away.

Tuesday, October 5, a student at Governor Livingston High School reported that her iPhone was removed from her backpack on Friday, October 1, while she was turning in a paper to a teacher. According to police, the victim stated that another student admitted to taking the phone but did not give it back. The phone was found in a locker room on Monday and turned in to the office, police said. When the victim retrieved the phone from the office, all the information had been removed and a password was now required to enter the phone, authorities reported. The suspect who admitted to taking the phone was uncooperative when the victim called him to discuss the incident, police said.

Thursday, October 7, a resident reported being the victim of fraud after she was notified by her electric company of an account that was opened in Flanders using her name and Social Security number. According to police, the suspect had been making regular payments on the account before the victim cancelled it.

Thursday, October 7, Tonja R. Hayes, 44, of Newark was arrested at the Essex County jail on an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside in the amount of \$812.

Thursday, October 7, Clifford A. Gordon, 42, of Newark was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license and hindering apprehension after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Friday, October 8, Victor H. Chipantiza, 56, of Plainfield was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license and on an outstanding warrant out of Bound Brook in the amount of \$230.

Monday, October 11, a resident of Sunrise Parkway reported that she has observed a suspicious motor vehicle parked for several hours across the street from her home on numerous occasions. According to police, when the reporting individual knocked on the window and asked the suspect why he was parked there, he responded that he was looking for a vitamin store and immediately drove away. The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 40 to 45 years old, with salt-and-pepper colored hair, police said.

Monday, October 11, a patron at a Route 22 theater reported that he lost his wallet sometime after buying his movie ticket at the theater. According to police, a search of the theater did not uncover the wallet, which contained \$121 in cash and credit cards.

Garwood
Saturday, October 9, four adults and four juveniles were arrested and charged with consuming alcohol while being underage after police responded to a report of a loud party at a private residence on the 400 block of Union Street. Twenty young adults and juveniles were found at the scene, according to police.

The adult suspects included Raymond Gigl, 19, of Bound Brook, Yusue Esendimir, 20, of Cranford, Joseph Owens, 18, of Clark and Louis Christiani, 18, of Garwood. Two of the juveniles are from Garwood and two are from Clark. Their names were withheld because of their ages. Additionally, Gigl, who was taking care of the property for a family friend, was charged with making alcoholic beverages available to underage individuals.

All those arrested were released to responsible adults. The adults will be referred to Municipal Court, while the juveniles will be referred to Family Court.

Saturday, October 9, a 19-year-old Garwood resident reported being the victim of an early-morning robbery and assault. An investigation led to the arrest of two Garwood men, identified by police as Christopher Martoucheski, 20, and Anthony Webster, 19. They were charged with stealing more than \$100 from the victim and beating him, causing facial contusions. The victim did not seek medical attention. The two were transported to Union County jail and were scheduled to appear in court yesterday. Martoucheski was being held in lieu of \$75,000 bail and Webster in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

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Ms. Margaret L. Diggory Marries Daniel Fram

Ms. Margaret Louise Diggory of Woodbridge, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Diggory of Westfield, was married on Saturday, August 21, to Daniel Fram of Franklin Lakes. He is the son of Marshall Fram of Franklin Lakes and Mrs. Irene Biancotti of Bradenton, Fla.

The morning ceremony and the reception took place at the Basking Ridge Country Club in Basking Ridge. The Reverend Miche Maniguet presided over the ceremony, with the bride given in marriage by her father.

The bride wore a strapless Mori Lee ivory luxe taffeta gown with lace appliques, with a veil borrowed from a friend of the bride that the bride's sister also wore on her wedding day. She carried yellow roses and wore shoes dyed clover colored to match her bridal attendants' dresses.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Kate Dening of Scotch Plains, N.J., sister of the bride, wore a tea-length, sleeveless clover colored dress. The bridesmaid, Ms. Kerry Duffy of Flemington, N.J., friend of the couple, also wore a tea-length, sleeveless clover colored dress. The bridal party and mothers carried white calla lilies.

The best man was Anthony Mungliello of Wyckoff, N.J., a childhood friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Dan Liaw of Chester, N.Y. and Jerry Chan of Pine Brook, N.J., classmates at Rutgers University. The groomsmen and fathers wore calla lily boutonnieres, while the groom wore a yellow rose boutonniere.

Jerry Chen of Fort Lee, N.J. was the reader. Mr. Chen introduced the bride and groom to one another at a church they all previously attended together.

Miss Emma Funaki of Cranbury, N.J. painted the Guest Book Tree.

The bride graduated from Westfield High School, Class of 1998. She graduated cum laude with subject honors from Drew University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 2002. The bride also was awarded a Master of Arts degree in English from Rutgers University in 2006. She is a freelance writer for *The Westfield*

Leader and The Scotch Plains-FanwoodTimes, as well as an administrative assistant with an engineering management firm in Morristown.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Indian Hills High School in Oakland, N.J., Class of 1990. He was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rutgers College of Engineering, Class of 1995, and a Master of Business Administration degree from Montclair State University, Class of 1997. He currently is employed with an engineering management firm in Morristown.

Mrs. Virginia Michelin and Ms. Kerry Duffy, friends of the bride and groom, hosted a bachelorette party on June 26 in Philadelphia. A bachelor river rafting party was hosted by the groomsmen on July 30 on the Delaware River.

Mrs. Susan McCartney, a friend of the bride's family, hosted a bridal shower on August 14 at her farm in Annandale, N.J.

The groom's parents, Marshall Fram and Irene and Peter Biancotti, hosted a rehearsal dinner on August 20 at Chimney Rock Restaurant in Gillette, N.J.

Following a honeymoon to Central California, the couple resides in Woodbridge.

Morgan Stanley Teams With Dulinski & Black

For Free Seminar

WESTFIELD – Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and the Westfield-based law firm Dulinski & Black, LLP will present a free informational seminar on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at 12:30 p.m. The seminar will be held at The Westwood, 438 North Avenue in Garwood, N.J. A fabulous lunch will be provided.

The seminar will cover topics such as planning for retirement, retirement investment and savings, insurance, and estate planning. The informational seminar is free; however, registration is required, as space is limited. For reservations, please call (877) 571-0936.

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St. Paul's Seeks Donations For Upcoming Book Sale

WESTFIELD – St. Paul's Episcopal Church is seeking book donations for its annual Friends of Music Book Sale. The sale will run from Sunday, October 31 (noon to 5 p.m.) through Tuesday, November 2 (9 a.m. to noon.)

Especially needed are hardback and paperback fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, audio books, videos, computer software, compact discs, records, DVDs, puzzles and children's books. The church is unable to accept donations of textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias or *Reader's Digest* condensed books. If possible, individuals are asked to bag and label their donations by category.

Participants may drop off their donations in the church's parish hall daily beginning on Friday, October 22 (after 3 p.m.) through noon on Saturday, October 30. They are asked to watch for signs in the driveway and parish hall area. To reach St. Paul's parish hall, use the Euclid Avenue driveway entrance. Donations will be accepted between 3 and 9 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. weekends.

St. Paul's Church is located at 414 East Broad Street in Westfield (across from the municipal building.) For further information, call (908) 232-8506, extension no. 10, or e-mail parishoffice@stpaulswestfield.org.



DOING EVERYTHING BY THE BOOK...Jeannie Lucas, left, Mary Lynne Nielsen, center, and Betty Webster of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield are three of the many volunteers who receive and carefully sort the books donated for the church's annual Friends of Music Book Sale.

Annual SP-F CROP Walk To Take Place on Sunday

SCOTCH PLAINS –The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerium will sponsor its CROP Walk 2010 this Sunday, October 17, to raise funds for the programs of Church World Service.

The goal of the annual CROP Walks is to stamp out hunger wherever it exists. CROP Walks take place all over the United States, helping people in need throughout the world. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood community will receive 25 percent of the money raised through its walk to provide assistance on the local level.


Adults and young people from many of the member organizations of the ministerium plan to walk, along with various school groups. Others will be in rocking chairs for the CROP Rock at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church. Walkers and rockers have

been obtaining sponsors to support their participation by contributing money to Church World Service.

The CROP Walk will start from the All Saints' Episcopal Church, located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains (across from Park Middle School). Each group will have a representative in the church's parish hall to check in their walkers, and the walk (about three miles) will officially start at 2 p.m. When they return to All Saints' Church, walkers should again check in with their group's representative.

Parking is available behind All Saints' Church, and is accessible via Church Avenue to School Place. Kelly Robertson is CROP Walk coordinator. For more information, call All Saints' Church at (908) 322-8047.


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Ms. Julie G. Cleaves To Wed Matthew W. Moog

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A 2001 graduate of Westfield High School, the bride-to-be received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Economics from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. in 2005. She is employed as a Global Emerging

Markets Information Risk Manager at JP Morgan Chase in Manhattan.

The future bridegroom graduated from Towson High School in 1999 and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Information Systems. He is employed as an IT Risk and Assurance Manager at Ernst and Young in Manhattan.

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Ernest C. Shawcross, 90, Navy Veteran; Was Pingry Teacher and Administrator

Ernest Charles Shawcross, 90, of Wilder, Vt. passed away Tuesday, October 5, with family by his side. He was born on October 30, 1919 in Arlington, N.J. to Ernest Shawcross and Lillian Kuncken Shawcross.

Ernie grew up in Hillside, N.J., where he graduated from Hillside High School in 1937. He went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree from Newark State Teachers College (now Kean University).

In 1941, Ernie enlisted in the United States Navy and was on active duty from 1943 to 1945, attaining the rank of lieutenant jg. He volunteered for extra hazardous duty, serving in a Beach Jumpers unit that provided diversion for allied forces in the Philippines.

Ernie married Rigmor Henriksen on April 28, 1945 and settled in Westfield, N.J., where they raised a family of two boys and two girls. He devoted his energy and abilities to the students of The Pingry School, first in Elizabeth, N.J. and later in Martinsville, N.J.

His inspired and memorable career at Pingry lasted from 1946 until his retirement in 1985, during which time he taught a variety of courses and served as an administrator in the Upper School. Ernie enriched his natural talent as an educator by earn-

ing master's degrees in chemistry from Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. and in guidance and school administration from Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J.

Ernie was preceded in death by his eldest child, Jeffrey.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years; his brother, John, of Lexington, Ky.; his son, Steven, of Alpharetta, Ga., and two daughters, Susan Crane of Hanover, N.H. and Nancy of Narberth, Pa. He also is survived by his 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ernie cared most about his family, his students and his gardening, and maintained a love-hate relationship with the game of bridge. He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in White River Junction, Vt.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, October 9, at St. Anthony's Church, with burial following in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, both in White River Junction. Condolences may be expressed in an online guestbook at www.knightfuneralhomes.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pingry School Alumni Association, Martinsville Road, P.O. Box 366, Martinsville, N.J. 08836 or to St. Anthony's Building Fund, 15 Church Street, White River Junction, Vt. 05001.

October 14, 2010



Ernest C. Shawcross

James Boyle, Jr., 82, Was Family Man; Financial Advisor, Sailor and Golfer

James F. Boyle, Jr., age 82, born September 28, 1928, died peacefully on Sunday, October 10, with his family at his side at his home on Pelican Island, N.J., where he has been a resident for 70 years. Jim was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Jim "Duke" was a longtime resident of Westfield, N.J. for over 30 years, where he and his wife, Doris H. Boyle, raised their family of six children. They later moved to Scotch Plains and eventually to Bluffton, S.C. He has been a summer resident of Pelican Island since 1940.

An avid sailor, Yankee fan and golfer, Jim was a member of Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield for over 30 years, and most recently a member at Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Lakewood, N.J. He also was an active golfer in their Sun City community in South Carolina.

Jim recently retired from his career as a Financial Advisor for Smith Barney. Previously, he was with Legg Mason, Wheat First Securities, Butcher and Singer, and Fidelity Union. Jim was raised in Teaneck, N.J. He was a 1946 graduate of Teaneck High and 1951 graduate from Yale University. Jim's father, James F. Boyle, Sr., was founder and president of Air Cruisers, Inc., which is still located in Wall Township, N.J.

Jim is survived by his wife of 59 years, Doris H. (née Holcombe) Boyle,

and their six children and their spouses, Janis and Mark Blue of Toms River, N.J., Marilyn and Lee Thornton of Lebanon, N.J., Diane and Joe Pelosi of Whitehouse Station, N.J., Nancy Wheeler and Ken Staiger of Toms River, N.J., Linda and Alan Stine of Toms River, N.J. and James and Diane Boyle of Wall, N.J. He also is survived by 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, and was predeceased by his grandson, Michael Pelosi, and his son-in-law, Ken Wheeler.

Jim was the consummate family man and will be remembered by all in his family for his sharp wit, bright smile, caring demeanor, and most of all as a great husband and father.

The family will receive friends Thursday, October 14, 2010, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at The Timothy E. Ryan Home for Funerals, 809 Central Avenue, Seaside Park, N.J. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Friday, October 15, 2010, at 10 a.m. at St. Catharine's Roman Catholic Church of Seaside Park, N.J. Burial will follow at St. Mary of the Lake Cemetery in Lakewood, N.J. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Save Barnegat Bay, 906 B Grand Central Avenue, Lavallette, N.J. 08735, or Granulosa Cell Tumor Foundation, P.O. Box 722440, San Diego, CA. 92172. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.ryanfuneralhome.com.

October 14, 2010

Fanwood 5K and Fun Run Set Oct. 24

FANWOOD – The Fanwood 5K and Family Fun Run has been set for Sunday, October 24. Fanwood's top runner, two-time USATF Grand Prix winner Michael Dixon, will represent his hometown in the race.

The Family Fun Run will begin at 9 a.m. in LaGrande Park, with the 5K Race following at 9:30 a.m. Music and refreshments will await runners at the finish line in LaGrande Park. The race is fully sanctioned by United States of America Track and Field (USATF) and is part of the New Jersey Grand Prix as a 500-point race.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Fanwood Recreation Department, and will help to purchase new playground equipment, build new recreational facilities and expand recre-

ational programs for local residents.

The Family Fun Run's main sponsor is The Goddard School. Sponsors for the 5K Run include the Balyasny Foundation, Investors Savings Bank, The Wonder Years Academy, Pinnacle Installations LLC, TD Bank, PNC Bank, Joint Motion, Family Investors, The Chelsea, the Rotary Club of Fanwood Scotch Plains, The Oatis Family, MJB Creation, Fanwood Democratic Club, K-9 Resorts and Fanwood Bagels.

The entry fee for the 5K is \$20 (\$18 for USATF members). The entry fee for the Family Fun Run is \$10 with a T-shirt and \$5 without. Individuals may download a race application or register online at Fanwood5K.org. For more information, call Joe Valente at (201) 725-2032.

— Obituaries —

Herman 'Tex' Brooks, 100, Veteran; Active Member of All Saints' Church

Herman Daniel "Tex" Brooks, 100, died on Saturday, October 2, 2010, at his home in Scotch Plains, where he had resided for the past 27 years.

Born in San Antonio, Tex., he proudly served in the United States Army during World War II. He was employed in automotive sales for many years. Earlier, he operated Brooks Suburban Cab Company in East Orange. He also was a longtime active member of the All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains.

He is survived by his very special friend and loving companion, Alice Schiller; his daughter, Jo Ann Hunnicutt; his grandchildren, C. Michael Hunnicutt and his wife, Ann, Karen Brooks Leahey and her husband, Chip, and Ronald S.

Brooks, and his great-grandchildren, Cassandra, Michael, Justin, Ture, Collin and Owen. His grandson, David Mark Hunnicutt, predeceased him.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 30, at 1 p.m. at the All Saints' Episcopal Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

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

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

October 14, 2010



Herman Brooks

Betty Jane Brandt, 89, Was Volunteer; Active In Church and Community

Betty Jane Wilcox Brandt, 89, died on Monday, October 4, 2010.

A resident of Waterman Village, Mount Dora, Fla. and formerly of Roselle Park and Scotch Plains, N.J., she was born January 23, 1921 in Niagara Falls, N.Y. to Albert H. and Alice Young Wilcox. After graduating from Battin High School in Elizabeth and attending Union Junior College and Packard Business School, Betty was a secretary for the Singer Sewing Machine Company in New York City for five years.

While attending St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Elizabeth, she met Alfred Brandt. After several years of friendship and a brief courtship, they married in 1943. Following World War II, they began a family and established themselves in their community and church, wherever they lived.

Betty volunteered for the Roselle Park and Scotch Plains-Fanwood boards of education, PTA, Girl Scouts, various church committees and choirs, and various hospitals and nursing facilities – strongly believing that giving back is the right thing to do. Betty and Al spent their lives raising their family, working hard, singing, dancing, bridge playing, golfing and traveling the world (including 33 Elderhostels.)

Betty is survived by her beloved children, son Richard A. (Mary) of Fanwood, son Donald E. (Barbara) of Bridgeville, Pa. and daughter Jane A. Bowers (Douglas) of Murrells Inlet, S.C.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 66 years, Alfred R., and her brothers, Edward O. and Albert J. Wilcox.

A memorial service will be held at the Garden of Life Fellowship Hall, Waterman Village, Mount Dora, Fla. on Saturday, October 23, 2010. Her ashes will be inurned at Florida Na-

tional Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla. on Monday, October 25, 2010.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL. 32778; www.cshospice.org.

Arrangements are by Roberts Bruce Funeral Homes of Ocala, Fla.; www.robertsfuneralhomes.com.

October 14, 2010

Priscilla Sockwell, 87

Priscilla M. Sockwell, 87, of Watchung passed away peacefully at her beloved home on Tuesday, October 5, 2010.

Born in Plainfield in 1922, she grew up in Scotch Plains, graduating from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. She worked as a bank teller and a librarian before becoming a homemaker.

Priscilla enjoyed sewing, knitting and crocheting, and created a vast collection of beautiful treasures for her family and friends. She also enjoyed singing in the choir with her husband and her friends at the Everittstown Methodist Church. When the trip to Everittstown became too far to travel, they were welcomed by the Scotch Plains Baptist Church.

She was predeceased by her husband, Wayne C. Sockwell; her sisters, Betty (Mooney) Cartwright and Marjorie (Mooney) Odell, and two grandchildren.

Surviving are her sons, W. Fred, Warren and William; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, October 9, at the Scotch Plains Baptist Church.

Arrangements were by the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Avenue in Scotch Plains. Messages of remembrance can be sent to: www.therossifuneralhome.com.

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‘Four Centuries’ Weekend To Feature 25 County Sites

COUNTY – Union County's 13th Annual "Four Centuries in a Weekend: A Journey through Union County History" will take place this Saturday and Sunday, October 16 and 17, featuring free tours of 25 historic sites. The tours will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Tour sites will be grouped into five historic themes highlighting periods of major changes from Colonial times until the early 1920s. Visitors can select a cluster of sites to tour, or mix and match from all 25 locations. The sites will include:

The Osborn Cannonball House in Scotch Plains, presenting "Ragtime to Jazz." Edwardian-era fashions, and ragtime music recorded on wax cylinders played on an antique gramophone, will be featured.

The Miller-Cory House Museum in Westfield, offering 18th-century folk music as costumed interpreters recreate the daily chores and seasonal farm work of rural life, circa 1740 to 1820.

The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House in Mountainside, which will include a book signing and pie-baking contest.

The Crane-Phillips House Museum in Cranford, featuring "A Civil War Veteran's Home: Peace at Last." Included will be guided tours, a costume display and a display of photographs, sketches and paintings of the museum over the years.

The Dr. William Robinson Plantation of Clark, celebrating the heritage of Native Americans with teepees, clothing, drumming and dancing.

In Summit, the restored 1889 Wisner House at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum and its scenic grounds, as well as the Carter House, Summit Playhouse and Twin Maples.

The Pumpkin Patch Harvest Festival at Rahway's Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum, where visitors also will be able to see the

grave site of Abraham Clark, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Other tour sites will include the Deserted Village of Feltville-Glenside Park and Littell-Lord Farmstead in Berkeley Heights; Boxwood Hall State Historic Site and the First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth in Elizabeth; Oswald J. Evergreen Cemetery and Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum in Hillside; Nitschke House in Kenilworth; Salt Box Museum in New Providence; Drake House Museum in Plainfield; Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway; Abraham Clark House in Roselle; Roselle Park Museum in Roselle Park; Cannonball House in Springfield, and Caldwell Parsonage and Liberty Hall Museum in Union.

Free copies of the Historic Sites Tour booklets, containing brief descriptions of the sites and illustrated maps, can be obtained by contacting the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, N.J. 07202; calling (908) 558-2550 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays (NJ Relay Users can call 711), or e-mailing Culturalinfo@ucnj.org. The contact information is the same for schools and other groups requesting lesson plans and activity kits.

Sisterhood to Conduct Fall Rummage Sale

CRANFORD – The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim will hold its fall rummage sale on Sunday, October 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will take place at the temple, located at 338 Walnut Avenue in Cranford.

Jessica Hoff-Gottschalk, chairperson for the event, has announced that there will be available for sale men's, women's and children's clothing, as well as household items, bric-a-brac, toys and miscellaneous items. For more information, call the temple at (908) 276-9231 during business hours.

Caroline Stephens Holt, 93, Teacher; Was Known For Her Varied Interests

Caroline Stephens Holt, 93, of Westfield passed away peacefully at her residence on Saturday, October 9, 2010. Mrs. Holt resided in Westfield her entire life.

She received her bachelor's degree from Hollins College in 1939 and her Master's in Music Education from the Teachers College at Columbia University in 1940.

Caroline worked as a teacher in Scotch Plains and at Holy Trinity High School in Westfield. She was a member of the Musical Club of Westfield for over 60 years and also was a member of the Travelers Century Club, Le Petit Coin de France and The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.

Her husband, William, and her son, Roger, predeceased her.

Surviving are her daughter, Alice Ryan of Vermont; her grandchildren, Leslie Winkler and Jessica

Kane, and her great-grandchildren, Caroline and William Deiley and Alexander, Erik and Claire Iverson.

Services will be held privately and handled by the Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

Donations in her memory to the Musical Club of Westfield Scholarship Program or the Marlborough Veterinary Clinic, 115 Main Street, Marlborough, N.H. 03455 would be appreciated. To express condolences or sign the guestbook, please visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

October 14, 2010



Michael Verchick

Michael Verchick, 73

Michael Verchick, 73, of Clark passed away on Thursday, October 7, 2010.

Born in Linden, he moved to Clark 47 years ago.

Mr. Verchick was the owner of Plaza Florist and Gifts in Linden.

He served in the United States Marine Corps during peacetime.

Mr. Verchick was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Lions Club, both of Linden.

Surviving are his wife, Lorraine E. (McLeanas) Verchick; his daughter, Michele Cambria; his son, Glenn Verchick, and his wife, Suzy, and four grandchildren, Lorraine Nicole, David Blaze, Christina Michele and Benjamin Michael.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, October 11, at St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

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

October 14, 2010

HUNG UP!!

Man's Discomfort With Kids Clouds Mother's Relationship

By Milt Faith, Executive Director
Youth and Family Counseling Service



A Hesitant Woman Writes: After an ugly divorce, I thought I would never find a decent man whom I could trust. Ryan (disguised name) came into my life. We have grown very fond of each other, and I would consider marrying him some day, except for his "discomfort" with children. He has never been married (he is 42 years old), and I notice he is impatient with my two children, ages 7 and 5. He is very neat and so noise and having toys all over (even though the children are taught to put them away) bothers him, and he "directs" the children to keep things in order. We enjoy being together after a busy day, but he wants the children to go to bed early so that we can relax. I have told Ryan that I am uncomfortable with his tendency to want to get rid of the children, and I told him anyone who gets me, gets my children. Ryan says, "I know, I know," and yet he frowns. Is this situation, as I describe it, indicative of problems to come?

Answer: Probably. Your young children are an integral part of your life, and anyone who accepts you must accept the children. Acceptance means enjoying being with them, being involved with them (playing, communicating) and exhibiting a warm, friendly attitude. Ryan would prefer if they wouldn't exist. You talk about his directing (controlling) them, trying to send them to bed as soon as possible (I assume) and frowning when discussing the issue. I highly recommend you both see a counselor to clarify whether this relationship is the right one for you, the one that will bring you the happiness that eluded you in your first marriage!

A 28-Year-Old Confused Adult Writes: I had a wonderful childhood. I grew up with loving parents and had close relationships with my sisters. I am a college graduate and enjoy my teaching position. I have dated a lot, but the relationships go nowhere. My friends tell me I'm very fussy and find fault with all of my dates. I think they are right. Lately, after seeing some movies with sexual abuse in the plots, I've become aware that I don't want to get close to any man. Suddenly, I'm recalling an incident with an uncle when I was in my early teens. He would have me sit on his lap and touched me all over. He once scared me by wanting to kiss me on my lips. I never told anyone, and I feel guilty about what happened. Could these issues with my uncle have affected my discomfort with men? Would therapy help? I don't want to end up alone.

Answer: Yes, these issues related to your uncle could very well have influenced your comfort and trust level. Often, when traumatized by an event

or events, we may repress them (push them out of our conscious level), so that we don't have to deal with the emotions – anxiety, fear, etc. – that they may create. Sometimes they remain there unresolved, yet very much affecting our lives. Other times, a recent incident may occur which will release some of these anxiety-ridden feelings. This seems to have happened regarding the sexual abuse movies and early memories related to your uncle. This would explain, greatly, why you have maintained a distance with men (via criticizing them, etc.), thereby avoiding further pain. Please see a therapist. I am very hopeful that, finally, you will be free from those pains, self-blame and fears that have kept you from engaging in healthy relationships with men. Good luck.

A Loyal Reader Writes: I receive the weekly newspaper (in which your column is printed) from a friend who lives in New Jersey; we're happily living in Florida now. I've read your column for over 40 years, and I've never seen you clarify how you chose "Hung Up" as its name. I love to know origins of things.

Answer: I'm a great believer that no matter what problems we face in life, let's not stay hung up on them but try to resolve them and move on. Life is too short; each day cannot be repeated. So don't be "hung up" forever – and attempt to move on.

A Reader Writes: I heard you talk about success, and you gave a one-sentence answer to: What is the definition of success? It was great; what was it?

Answer: Success is to believe in yourself!

Sisterhood Meeting On Tap October 19

CRANFORD – The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim has announced that its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, at 8 p.m. It will take place in the Temple Youth Lounge, located at 338 Walnut Avenue in Cranford.


Dr. Karen Ensle, Family and Community Health Sciences educator and department head for Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, will be featured during the program for the evening.

She will speak to the Sisterhood on the topic "Supersize America: The Obesity Epidemic," discussing the problems created by eating too much and exercising too little. Her talk will address portion sizing, burning calories and the importance of healthy food choices.

The gift shop will be open. For further information, call the temple at (908) 276-9231 during office hours.

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KEEPING TRACK...The PTO at Westfield's Washington Elementary School raised the money to build a seven-foot-wide running track for students and the community. The building of the track was the final phase of a two-year project to upgrade the school's playground. The school now has an enhanced track-and-field curriculum, and started a track club for students during recess. The funds were raised primarily through Washington's annual school production, put on by its parents, now in its 63rd year.

Rock, Mineral and Gem Show at Trailside, Oct. 16

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Community Renewal have invited the public to explore the world of rocks, minerals, fossils and gems at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside on Saturday, October 16, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Geologists young and old will delight in the variety of rocks, minerals, fossils and gemstones on display. Admission is free.

"This is an excellent opportunity to discover the exciting world of geology," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan. "Visitors will be able to watch gemstones being cut and polished, see unique specimens of rocks and minerals, explore the Watchung Reservation on a geology hike and be dazzled by the 'Dinosaurs Rock' show. There is definitely something for everyone at this event."

Sponsored jointly with the New Jersey Mineralogical Society, this show will host more than 20 vendors selling minerals, rocks, gems, jewelry, sea-shells and fossils from around the world. There will be ongoing demonstrations of gemstone cutting and polishing throughout the day and a specialist will

be available to help you identify minerals, rocks and fossils from your own collection.

Along with educational rock and mineral displays, there will be free hands-on activities for children, including a touch table, fossil rubbings and face painting.

An exciting feature presentation this year is "Dinosaurs Rock," a show that allows the audience to experience prehistoric times like never before. The Dinosaurs Rock programs are interactive and hands-on, and the audience will be treated to a prehistoric paradise with museum pieces that they are allowed to touch.

Highlights include dinosaur eggs, footprints, teeth and a life-size T-Rex skull. Show times are 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., and admission is \$5 per person. The shows are recommended for ages 4 and older and tickets go on sale at 12:30 p.m. Strollers are not permitted in the auditorium.

For an additional fee, the Dinosaurs Rock Mini-Museum will offer opportunities to break a geode, pan for gemstones and dig for fossils.

The Rock, Mineral and Gem Show will also include an Interpretive Geology Hike. At 10 a.m. and noon, adults and children, ages 9 and up, are invited to hike a rocky trail with a Trailside naturalist to see the deposits of sandstone, shale and glacial debris that illustrate the geologic history of the Watchung Reservation.

There is no fee for this hike, but space is limited so participants must register at the Visitor Center Service Desk on the day of the event.

For additional information about the Rock, Mineral and Gem Show, or upcoming programs and special events at Trailside, call (908) 789-3670 or visit the Union County website at ucnj.org/trailside.

Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road (at Coles Avenue) in Mountainside and is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

School Drama Productions To Be Held This Fall

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Department of Fine Arts within the Westfield Public School District announced the upcoming performances of three fall productions taking place at Westfield High School and both Edison Intermediate School and Roosevelt Intermediate School.

The Roosevelt Intermediate School Drama Program will be performing *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* on Friday and Saturday, October 22 and 23, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, October 24, at 2 p.m., in the school's auditorium at 301 Clark Street.

Starring Ben Howell as Ichabod Crane and Courtney Ryan as Katrina Van Tassel, the play follows a picturesque New York town and what happens when Crane becomes the center of a mystery. Directed by Annie Brzozowski, the play promises to entertain, thrill and intrigue audiences of all ages.

The Edison Intermediate School drama program is hard at work on their performance of *Bridge to Terabithia*. Based on the popular novel, the play is centered on two children who create a fantasyland to escape from reality.

Starring Bianca Beucklers, Mike Poyntz, Connor Wynne, Gabby Brennan and Greg Gao, *Bridge to Terabithia* will be presented on Thursday, October 28, at 4 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, October 29 and 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Edison Intermediate School Auditorium, located at 800 Rahway Avenue.

The Westfield High School Theatre Department will be presenting

its version of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Westfield High School Auditorium, located at 550 Dorian Road, on Thursday, November 18, at 4 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20, at 7:30 p.m.

A Midsummer Night's Dream focuses on young lovers with a twist of supernatural and enchanting events. With a cast and crew of more than 60, Westfield High School's production will be set in the 1960s rather than Shakespearean time.

WF Teen at Oratory Earns Commendation

SUMMIT — Head of School Robert Costello of Oratory Prep School in Summit has announced that three students from the Roman Catholic, all-boys school were named as Commended Students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Daniel Fitzpatrick, son of Sarah and Daniel Fitzpatrick of Westfield, Colin McReynolds, son of Christopher and Liz McReynolds of Morristown, and Kwame McCain, son of Maureen and Hugh McCain of Bridgewater, have been recognized by the NMS Corporation for their "exceptional academic promise."

Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competition by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). For more information about Oratory Prep, visit oratoryprep.org.



ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT...Holy Trinity Interparochial School Pack 73 recently held its annual Cub Scout kickoff pack meeting with a rain-gutter regatta and campfire at the Watchung Reservation in Mountainside. Pictured is Patrick Bourke sailing his boat. Pack 73 registration for Cub Scouts at Holy Trinity Interparochial School is now going on, and all boys in grades 1 through 5 are welcome to join regardless of school or religious affiliation. For more information, contact Denise Brezik at (908) 233-4990.



Courtesy of Tandra Tucker

RUNNING AND REMEMBERING...Members of the Girls' Varsity Soccer team from The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in North Edison, are pictured at The Firefighter Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Run in New York City on September 26. Pictured, left to right, are: (front row) Anna Stuckey, Lian Cancryn, Skyla Choi and Marisa Carlucci; (second row) Brianna Gutierrez, Stephanie Smyczek, Samantha Hart, Haley Needle of Scotch Plains, Danielle Coover, Kyla Houston, Catherine Iszard and Girls' Junior Varsity Soccer Coach Rachel Toporek; (third row) Nina Pangan, Valentina Margiottiello, Jessica Clarke of Scotch Plains, Janissa Delzo, Abigail Siegel, Samantha Barbeito and Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach Jackie MacLean of South Plainfield; (fourth row) Kelsey Hart, Saheela Ibraheem, Mairead Forrest, Andrea Buitrago, Abigail Rogers, Catherine Badalamenti of Scotch Plains and Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach Kelly Karp.

Wardlaw Girls Reflect On Tunnel to Towers Run

EDISON – On Sunday, September 26, members of the Girls' Varsity Soccer team at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in North Edison participated in The Firefighter Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Run in New York City.

The team donated \$1,000 to the cause through their participation. Jackie MacLean, assistant Athletic Director, coordinated the team's trip to the fundraiser.

Jessica Clarke of Scotch Plains, a junior, reflected, "Seeing all of the firefighters of the FDNY who line the streets while you run, holding pictures with the faces of firefighters who gave their lives for us on September 11, 2001, is a truly exceptional experience."

"While running through the tunnel and to Ground Zero," she added, "there is no escaping an overwhelming feeling that you, and the thousands of people running alongside you, are part of something so much greater than yourself, honoring the heroes who fought for the lives of the people in the Twin Towers."

Catherine Badalamenti of Scotch

Plains, a junior, said, "The Tunnel to Towers Run was a truly great experience. The atmosphere and energy given off by all of the participants was unbelievable. When you run in the race, it is almost as if you cannot feel your legs. You just keep running because you know that there is a purpose."

Franklin to Hold Annual Pumpkin Fair

WESTFIELD – The Franklin Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is gearing up for its annual Pumpkin Fair to be held Saturday, October 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Franklin Elementary School, located at 700 Prospect Street in Westfield.

This Franklin School tradition promises to feature a haunted house, a musical cookie walk, funky face painting, creepy crafts, games, prizes, gift basket raffles, live goldfish, food and baked goods galore, inflatable obstacle course and the Fun Bus. The Pumpkin Fair takes place rain or shine, and proceeds benefit the Franklin PTO.

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COUGAR WALCH WINS ALL-AROUND, DEVIL COOK 2ND

Blue Devils Grab 5th Straight Cougar Invt'l Championship

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

The Cougar Invitational gymnastics meet has been the closest event to compare to the Union County meet for years. The outcome in Cranford on October 8 would give competitors an even clearer insight on which individuals and which teams would rise to the top.



Upside Down World...Raider Alex Peluso performs a back somersault on the balance beam at the Cougar Invitational gymnastics meet.

On the top of the list for individual honors from the top three teams would be senior Kelly Bohlinger, junior Sarah Shields and freshman Abby Cook from Westfield High School, junior Mary Kate Walch and freshman Alex Puryear from Cranford, and sophomore Alex Peluso and freshman Kacie Bumiller from Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

Bumiller competing in the all-around. We have Melissa Gara in three events. Those are the girls who have been scoring highest during the season," Raider Head Coach Lisa Cerchio said prior to the meet. "We are still missing Sarah Robinson, who is out with a concussion. Hopefully, we are putting in our strongest four so far this season. We are hoping everybody

Cougars just three days before, said, "I'm going to do a Tsuk pike on vault instead of a Tsuk tuck. Hopefully, I will get a higher score on vault. Form is very important. I have to straighten my legs, and I have to stick it so I don't get any tenths off."

Walch took top all-around honors in that meet, so Bohlinger was quite aware of her competition.

"Mary Kate is on my club team, so I definitely have to look out for her, also Sara Shields," Christana [Psyhojos] and Abby Cook, and Alex Peluso, who is also on my club team. I think she is going to score high today," Bohlinger said.

"I am definitely going to look out for some of the Westfield girls. I will look out for Kelly Bohlinger and my own teammate Sara LoBue, Alex Peluso from Scotch Plains. There are a lot of girls on our team who I am close with, and I know their strengths. We are strong in everything. If I can put together a nice meet, I think I will be up with them," Walch said.

Walch had some higher degree of difficulty maneuvers in store for the Invitational.

"I am adding a one-and-a-half on floor. It's a back full [somersault] with a half twist, which I didn't do at the Westfield meet. Form is everything. I have been cleaning it up, so I think it's ready to go," Walch said.

By meet's end, Westfield won its fifth straight Cougar Invitational with a team total of 105.5, followed by Cranford at 104.325 and Scotch Plains-Fanwood at 99.0. Union took fourth at 95.6, Union Catholic took fifth at 94.3, A.L. Johnson (Clark) took sixth at 78.6, and Dayton took seventh at 67.8.

Walch did hit her routines on the floor exercises and the vault to win

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Drawing First Blood...Blue Devil running back AJ Murray, No. 9, barrels into the Farmers' end zone for the first touchdown as teammate Nick Matthews, No. 59, raises his arms in joy.

O'ROURKE INT, 40-YD RETURN, ONDI 4 RECEPTIONS

Blue Devil Grid Men Ground Union Farmer Gridders, 17-7

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

Junior wide receiver Peter Ondi's crafty catches and junior James O'Rourke's 40-yard punt return, along with running back AJ Murray's punishing rushes, played a key role in the Westfield High School football team's 17-7 victory over Union in Union on October 8.

Ondi, who had four receptions for 62 yards, had a pair of slick receptions – one for 11 yards and one for 18 yards – on the Blue Devils' first scoring drive, which consisted of 15 plays covering 70 yards and ended with Murray's three-yard bash into the end zone with 9:14 left in the second quarter.

"I am getting good position on

Probitas Versus Honos

them, reading in the corner, taking the outside release and turning around. He didn't even know where I was," Ondi said. "It's a comeback route. I run like 20 yards, get him to think I'm going straight down the field, then I quickly cut it back, and I am wide open every time."

Murray finished with 112 rushing yards on 23 carries. Quarterback Danny Kerr, who completed six of 10 pass attempts for 74 yards, also hit wide receiver Ryan Hess for eight yards and O'Rourke for five yards. With Murray's punishing running and Ondi's crafty moves, the Blue Devils' offense seems to have added, at least, a double threat for future games.

"They are going to start playing me a little harder, but as long as our line is giving Dan time, I am going to get open, and we are going to make plays all day," Ondi said.

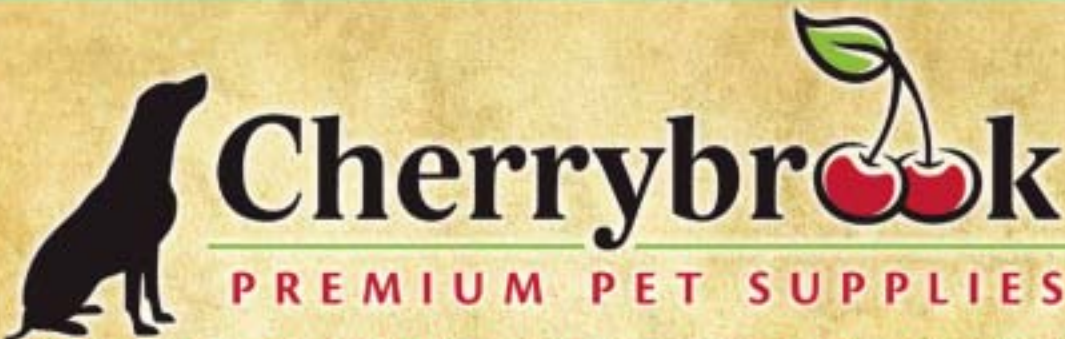
"We are breaking in new receivers. Two receivers are brand new. It does take time. This is the best [we have been] all year throwing the football," Blue Devil Head Coach Jim DeSarno said.

Westfield's defense, which limited Union's potent ground game to 43 yards in the first half, forced the Farmers to punt from deep in their own territory on their second possession. O'Rourke grabbed the punt near midfield and returned it to the Farmer 12.

"He's so athletic. Teams may want to take advantage of his size, but he does not play his size. He can hit. He is physical, and he can get off the ground. He is someone we are comfortable with, and the kids on the punt return team know that," Coach DeSarno said.

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WALCH GETS 1ST, BOHLINGER 2ND IN ALL-AROUND

Blue Devils Get Past Cougars In Gymnastics, 107.05-105.775

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

Gearing up for the Cougar Invitational, which was held on October 8, and the Union County Tournament, the Westfield High School and Cranford High School gymnastics teams recorded their highest team totals of the season in a 107.05-105.775 victory at Cranford High School on October 5.

Cougar Mary Kate Walch edged Blue Devil Kelly Bohlinger for all-around top honors with respective totals of 36.275 to 36.2. A pair of freshmen, Blue Devil Abby Cook and Cougar Alex Puryear, tied for third with an all-around score of 36.1. Blue Devil junior Sara Shields came next with a 34.55 total, and Cougar Sara LoBue followed with a 32.975.

The 6-0 Blue Devils and the Cougars were adding higher degrees of difficulty to their routines, and it was apparent from the start in the vaulting. Blue Devils Shields, Cook and Bohlinger all performed a difficult Tsukahara dismount, while Walch also hit her Tsukahara dismount. Bohlinger won the event with a score of 9.2, followed by Walch at 9.175 and Cook at 9.15. Puryear, who performed a half-on-half-off maneuver, took fourth at 8.7, followed by Blue Devil Christana Psychojos at 8.55. Shields recorded an 8.4, and LoBue notched an 8.05.

"All girls can do Tsuks, and we did well, because the star value is really high. Especially it's hard because of

these hard mats. I'm thinking for Cougar [Invitational] I am going to do a Tsuk pike [position] instead of a Tsuk tuck, so I can raise my star value higher," Bohlinger said.

The Cougars edged a little closer in the team totals by outscoring the Blue Devils 25.75-25.3 on the uneven bars. Puryear performed a handstand on the low bar then added a pair of giant swings on the high bar before dismounting with a flyaway to take top honors with a 9.0. Walch, who placed second with an 8.85, flicked a giant swing on both bars and stuck her flyaway dismount. Cook, who placed third at 8.75, performed a toe-on-catch transfer, a pair a giant swings and a flyaway dismount. Bohlinger placed fourth with an 8.5, highlighting her routine with a full-twisting flyaway. Blue Devil Lyndsay Lee finished with an 8.05, Shields had an 8.0, and Cougar Casey Sciascia had a 7.95.

The balance beam event was brutally competitive with several girls turning in very high scores. Puryear earned top honors with a 9.3. Her routine featured a pair of back walkovers, high leaps and a full twisting front tuck dismount. Despite falling off the beam, Walch's performance tied Bohlinger and Cook for second with marks of 9.2. All three hit their back somersaults on the beam, and all three stuck their difficult dismounts. Shields scored an 8.95, and Cougar Erin McAuliffe scored an 8.55.

"My back tuck, I took a couple of steps, but I brought it back with my dance, and I ended up with my cartwheel full," Bohlinger described. "It was really neck and neck. Everyone

was doing high skills, but we finished off strong with a couple of nines."

"A lot of the stuff I have been working on is just form, because I have the skills, but cleaning them up is going to be everything," Walch said.

Five scores of 9.0 or above made the floor exercise an exciting finale. As she had in the vaulting, Bohlinger mixed graceful leaps with tinsicas (type of cartwheel walkover), followed by an Arabian handspring and added high back tucks and a back somersault with a full twist take top honors on the floor with a 9.3.

"My first half, I do a round-off, back handspring, back full [somersault]. Then I do my cast double full [twist], which is a bonus. That gives me a high star value. I just go out there, do my dance and show off, and I ended up with a good score," Bohlinger explained.

Shields exhibited plenty of power in her routine to grab second with a 9.2. Walch and Puryear tied for third with a 9.1 score. Walch began her routine with a difficult front handspring to a front somersault, added several handstand pirouettes and finished with a full twisting back somersault. In addition to her power moves, Puryear included graceful dancing moves, as did teammate Emily Grable, who finished with an 8.85. Cook, who scored a 9.0, featured a full twisting back somersault.

"I have been working on my routine a lot, and it's going good, because it's a new routine for me. It's only the third time I competed with it. The score that I got, I'm really happy with," Walch said.

"She did [get a good score], because her execution is very good. It's how you do something, it's not so much what you do, but how well you do with what you have," Cougar Head Coach Michele Charney-Hulse said.

"This was a fabulous meet for us. It was our highest score of the season. The girls were powerhouses on the beam and floor today. We have been working hard on vault, and we came out strong, which pumped the girls up. This score will give them a little motivation. Today is going to be the real stepping stone into doing what we are capable of doing," Blue Devil Head Coach Michelle Bryan said.

"It was good competition. We have been waiting for some good scores and a good team," Walch said.

"We definitely made some improvements from our last meet. We upped our difficulty and our tumbling on the floor. We had girls do some combinations to increase their value on beam. We are still in the process of finding our bar routine. The girls are doing what they are supposed to do," Coach Charney-Hulse said.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

BATTLING FOR BALL CONTROL...Blue Devil defensive back Kelly Gray, left, and Cougar midfielder Nicole Ravetier, right, battle for ball control. Gray prevented some possible scores, and Ravetier got an assist on the winning goal.

PURDY MAKES 4 KEY SAVES, GRAY REJECTS SHOTS

Field Hockey Cougars Edge Blue Devil Girls in OT, 1-0

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

Pressuring offense finally overcame a very strong defensive effort when center midfielder Maria Guarisco took a pass from left midfielder Nicole Ravetier, who received a corner pass, and found the net three minutes into the overtime period to give the Cranford High School field hockey team a 1-0 victory over Westfield at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on October 7.

Ravetier received the pass but was immediately covered by a Blue Devil defender. Seeing an open teammate, Ravetier quickly skid the ball to her right where Guarisco dribbled a few steps forward and fired her shot out of the reach of Blue Devil goalie Hannah Purdy.

"When it comes down to seven beat seven, it's just about using the space and adjusting. That wasn't necessarily the call, but she [Ravetier] was able to recognize about passing over," Cougar Head Coach Jesse Berkowitz explained. "That was great adjustment on her part, and then again a great finish by Maria, who was doing a phenomenal job today dribbling around everybody."

In addition to Guarisco and Ravetier, Cougar forwards Erica Farone, Emily Snyder, Julie Schott and Mary Ushay applied pressure throughout the game, especially in

the second half where they out shot the Blue Devils 7-1.

"We have been working a lot about our forwards stepping up, putting more pressure and passing well together and with speed. Erica Farone had a lot of speed today. You could see the hunger in her eyes. When she gets that ball, you know she's going for it," Coach Berkowitz said.

The 3-6-2 Blue Devils' defense, however, was up to the challenge. Purdy, who finished with seven stops, made two spectacular smotherers in the first half, diving to her right twice to prevent shots on goal. In the second half, Purdy successfully charged a pair of breakaway attacks, one by Guarisco and the other by Farone.

"If they are on a breakaway, she knows that if she is the only one back there, do not let them play you. You go get the girl with the ball. She knows when she can be aggressive and when she can't. Her game plan is to go get it. She is not going to wait for you to dribble in. She is going to go get it from you. Those dives, she didn't even give them a chance to play offense on her," Blue Devil Head Coach Caitlyn MacDonald said of Purdy.

"We all were hoping that we would be able to get in the key a few more times, but we knew that she was a good goalie," said Coach Berkowitz, who added, "We still have a lot to work on in the next couple of days. We really want to produce a good showing on Saturday [Union County Tournament game against Kent Place]."

Before the Cougars could really penetrate the box, Blue Devil junior backs, Kelly Gray, Emily Fahey and Olivia Pecora, kept rejecting their

drives toward the goal. Gray made a crucial save with one minute remaining in the first half.

"Our defense played a really nice game today. The three of them back there! We just changed our system from a sweeper system to a three-back system. Today was our first test of that, and it worked out," Coach MacDonald said. "They were cutting to the ball, clearing it out of the circle, and Kelly Gray did make one goal line save with her stick."

Coach MacDonald, however, was a bit disappointed with her team's offense.

"For some reason, we kept passing it to the other team. Our dodges weren't there from the beginning of the game. That makes a difference in a very close game," she said.

The most prolonged attack took place near the 12-minute remaining mark when the 7-2-1 Cougars were swarming the box and taking shots that were being rejected by the Blue Devil backs, but one rejection got to the stick of Cougar Emily Pipaia, whose lift shot just missed penetrating the goal.

Throughout the game, Coach Berkowitz stressed the importance of sticking to the fundamentals.

"They know that I expect a lot out of them. I want them to be doing the simple things right. You don't stop working on the fundamentals when you are a college player. When the national team is practicing, they don't stop practicing the fundamentals. You have to have perfect fundamentals to be able to execute more complex plays," she said.

Cranford	0	0	1	1
Westfield	0	0	0	0

Summit Tops Westfield In UCT Field Hockey

The third-seeded Summit High School field hockey team defeated sixth-seeded Westfield, 3-0, in the first round of the Union County Tournament at Kent Place in Summit on October 9. Katie Stuke, Caroline Cordrey and Maggie Arms each scored for the Hilltoppers. Hannah Purdy made 14 stops for Westfield.

See Cranford Online Exclusive for more field hockey.

Glen Ridge Gets Past Lady Blue Devils, 1-0

The Glen Ridge High School field hockey team defeated Westfield, 1-0, in Glen Ridge on October 11. Jenny Goldberg, on an assist from Francesca Cali, netted the lone goal.

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ZAGORSKY MAKES 3 SAVES, JONES AWARDED GOAL

Blue Devil Soccer Boys Sting Raiders, 1-0, on Big ‘D’ Error

By JOSEPH SCHACKMAN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

In a game where offense was at a premium, the strong play of Blue Devil goalkeeper Zach Zagorsky was critical to helping the 18th-ranked Westfield High School boys soccer team defeat their conference rivals, Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 1-0, in Scotch Plains on October 8.

“We’re happy. It wasn’t our best game, but we played well and toughed

just get a quick reaction save,” Zagorsky said of the key block.

The lone goal of the game was not the type of goal you expect from a Westfield/Scotch Plains grudge match. The goal came off an error by the Raiders’ defense that wound up in the back of the net. It was credited to Blue Devil defender Mike Jones, who played the cross into the middle that led to the goal.

The Raiders really did an excellent



RIPPING A SHOT ACROSS THE FIELD...Raiders junior Zach Lenoff, No. 17, rips a shot across the field as Blue Devil Mike Jones, No. 9, closes in. Westfield won, 1-0.

it out and were happy to come out of here with a win,” Zagorsky, who finished the day with three saves to record the shutout, said after the game.

His biggest stop came early in the second half. Raider Rory Szeto muscled a Blue Devil defender off the ball and ripped a shot at goal from the top of the box. Zagorsky was up to the challenge, however, diving to his left and in full stretch, just got enough on the ball to deflect it wide of the net.

“I was trying to stay calm and not be too aggressive, stay in my goal and

job of limiting Westfield’s ever-dangerous midfielders, Shane Kronick and Ryan Heine. The Raiders played physical and tough in the middle, and they did it without their best midfielder, Travis Cortes. As a result, the 8-1-1 Blue Devils never looked very comfortable on offense.

“I thought the kids played very well,” Scotch Plains-Fanwood Head Coach Tom Breznitsky said after the game. “I was pleased with the kids, I thought they gave a great effort, and that the match was pretty even. They are a senior dominated team. We are

Kapner said after the game, “I thought we played two amazing games this week, we put together 160 minutes of the best soccer we played all year.”

However there were moments when Westfield did not look great, a number of times coach Kapner had to shout and plead from the sidelines for his team to “wake up!”

But as he put it after the game, “Great teams find ways to win when they are not playing great, and that is what this team did.”

Westfield	0	1	1
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	0	0	0



ATTEMPTING TO MAKE AN INTERCEPTION...Raider linebacker Andrew Miller, No. 21, attempts to make an interception against Somerville on October 9. Somerville won, 22-7.

BLACKWELL RUSHES 147 YDS, DABOUB 11-YD TD GRAB

Football Raiders ‘Turnover’ Game to Somerville, 22-7

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

Six turnovers and 65 yards in penalties transformed a fine start for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team into a disaster in a 22-7 loss to 2-3 Somerville in Scotch Plains on October 9.

Two interceptions and a fumble prevented what could have been a three-touchdown Raider lead at half-time. Instead, the Raiders would walk into the locker room with a meager 7-6 lead despite amassing 139 yards on

the ground and 68 yards in the air, while limiting the Pioneers to 24 rushing yards and four yards passing.

Raiders senior running back Quentin Blackwell accounted for 121 of those first half rushing yards on 13 carries and added 26 rushing yards and a 28-yard reception in the second half. Junior quarter back Steve Alleman completed five of 10 passes in the first half, but was intercepted twice. He completed two more passes in the second half for 18 yards before he was replaced by Connor Thompson,

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Soccer Raiders Edge Lady Blue Devils, 2-1

The 7-1-1 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls soccer team recorded it second win over 5-4-1 Westfield with a 2-1 victory in Westfield on October 8. Senior forward Avika notch both goals for the Raiders. Freshman Karti Sottung scored for the Blue Devils.

Devil Net Girls Zap BridgeH2O-Raritan, 5-0

The Westfield High School girls tennis team shutout Bridgewater-Raritan, 5-0, on October 8.

First singles: Lexi Borr d Monica Castle, 6-0, 6-0
Second singles: Sam Borr d Caroline Davis, 6-3, 6-1
Third singles: Debbie Wu d Julianne Davis, 6-0, 6-0
First doubles: Morgan Murphy and Sarah Murphy d Avanti Kavi and Kaylyn Kavi, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-2
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COUGAR INVITATIONAL GYMNASTICS CHAMPS...The Westfield High School girls won its fifth straight Cougar Invitational gymnastics meet on October 8. Members of the team are: Kelly Bohlinger, Sara Shields, Abbie Goldring, Kaitlyn Johnson, Lindsay Ripperger, Kelly Vasel, Christana Psychojos, Abby Cook, Lyndsey Lee, Anna Centrella and Morgan McAlister.

Blue Devil Gridders Ground Union Farmers, 17-7

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“He kicked it short and to the left. I was just going to get what I could. I cut it back to the right where our return was set up, and there was no one there,” O’Rourke explained.

“Those kids can play big,” Coach DeSarno said of O’Rourke and Ondi. “They play bigger than their size. That’s for sure!”

Two plays later, Kerr pulled an off-tackle curl for a six-yard touchdown.

“That was a waggle [play], so Jesse [DeMartino] and Ryan Elliott made great blocks on the play side. It was open, so I figured I would run and see what I could get,” said Kerr, who has committed to play baseball at Brown University next year.

The Farmers drove from their own 27 to the Westfield 28 late in the second quarter, but O’Rourke read the quarterback’s eyes and made an interception at the 17-yard line.

“They were running a wheel and a post. The first time, I sat on the wheel, and he threw the post, and the post was wide open. So the second time, I just said I was going to read the quarterback’s eyes. He turned to the post, so I just jumped it,” O’Rourke explained.

The 4-1 Blue Devils received the kickoff to open the third quarter. Kerr completed passes of 14 yards and 18 yards to Ondi and one of eight yards to Hess. With a fourth down at the Farmer five, Blue Devil Jon Gribbin booted a 22-yard field goal to make the score 17-0.

Toward the end of the quarter, Farmer running back Everett Johnson burst forth with a 30-yard gain to the Westfield nine. Two plays later, tight end Taylor Graves grabbed quarterback Chris Foreman’s pass in the end zone as the quarter ended.

From that point, the Blue Devils stuck to an all-running strategy to burn the clock.

“We were starting to run the clock down as fast as we could to take as

much time off the clock and not give them a chance to come back,” Kerr said.

Kerr sealed the 2-3 Farmers’ fate late in the fourth quarter when he saw an opening and sprinted 24 yards for a first down.

“We just needed to get a first down and then it was over. They didn’t have enough timeouts. I was looking to pass, but there was a wide open hole, so I just ran to the first down,” Kerr said.

Defensively, outside linebacker John Lanzano read a pass play in the flats and nailed the receiver for a three-yard loss in the third quarter. Patrick Johnson cut a receiver in half behind the line of scrimmage and sacked the quarterback for a huge

loss. He also read a screenplay and threw the receiver for a loss.

“Pat played great the whole game. He’s a great outside linebacker. He read everything,” O’Rourke said.

“He really did step up. He was a corner. We moved him to outside linebacker, and week-by-week, he’s picking that up. He’s getting better and better. He made a couple of big plays, and he did a lot of little things. He was forcing the running back to cut inside. He was a presence,” Coach DeSarno said.

After a bye week, the Blue Devils will host Rahway on Saturday, October 23, at 1 p.m.

Westfield	0	14	3	0	17
Union	0	0	7	0	7



FINDING A LUCRATIVE OPENING...Blue Devil quarterback Danny Kerr eyes an opening and sprints in for the touchdown against the Farmers.

Blue Devils Grab Fifth Straight Cougar Invt’l

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both events with respective scores of 9.25 and 9.4. Along with tying for second on the balance beam with Bohlinger at 9.025 and placing third on the uneven bars at 8.55, she placed first with an all-around total of 36.225.

Cook finished second all-around with a total of 35.55, took top honors on beam with a 9.175 and tied for third on vault with Bohlinger at 9.175. Cook also placed second on unevens with a score of 8.65. Bohlinger took

fourth all-around with a 34.925 and took third on the floor at 8.9.

Union Catholic’s Viking Nicole Pietrapertosa placed third all-around with a total of 35.0. She was second on vault at 9.35 and floor at 8.925, and fifth on beam at 8.725. Puryear took fifth all-around at 34.25 and won the unevens with an 8.775. Shields placed sixth with an all-around total of 33.950, placed fourth on floor at 8.775 and took fifth on

unevens at 8.125.

Blue Devil Lyndsey Lee placed fourth on unevens with a mark of 8.4, and Peluso took sixth at 8.025. Psychojos took fourth on beam with an 8.750, and Briana Briscese (A.L. Johnson) took sixth at 8.575. Cougar Emily Grable took fifth on floor at 8.750 followed by LoBue at 8.725. Kim Scott (Union) placed fifth on vault at 9.15, and Bumiller was sixth at 8.95.

Lady Blue Devils Top Elizabeth V’ballers

The Westfield High School girls volleyball team defeated the Elizabeth Lady Minutemen, 25-14, 25-17, in Westfield on October 11.

Co-Captain Jenelle Abbattista had nine assists, two digs and one block for the 7-4 Blue Devils. Morgan Bowen notched five kills and two blocks. Grace Antonelli scooped 14 digs and had two service aces. Co-Captain Emma Partridge had a pair of kills. Christina Martinez had five digs, Christine Pyo had two kills and Courtney Weisse had three kills.

Jennifer Espinal had six kills and two blocks for the 8-8 Lady Minutemen. Sarah Regina had three blocks and three kills. Daijiah Johnson had two assists, two aces and two blocks. Nicole Soriano had two aces and two kills.

Blue Devil V’ballers Fall To Vikings, Stop JP Stevens

The Westfield High School girls volleyball team suffered a 25-20, 25-12, defeat at the hands of the Union Catholic Vikings but rebounded to stop JP Stevens, 25-18, 25-18, this past week.

Against the 4-2 Vikings, Blue Devil Co-Captain Jenelle Abbattista had 12 assists and five digs. Co-Captain Emma Partridge notched three kills, two service aces and four digs. Elena Scarano had seven digs, Amanda Earl had three kills, and Courtney Weiss had five kills.

Viking Lisa Birritteri had 17 assists, three service points, two digs and a kill. Annyssa Herlihy had seven service points, six digs, five kills and a pair of blocks. Julie Monroy notched

eight kills, three digs, six service points and an ace. Kim Esguerra had three kills, a block and a dig.

Against JP Stevens, Abbattista had 17 assists and a service ace for the 4-3 Blue Devils. Partridge had five kills, six digs and an ace. Scarano had nine digs and two aces. Christina Martinez had four digs, Morgan Bowen had three kills and an ace, and Earl had two kills and an ace. Abby Flaherty notched three kills and had two digs, while Weisse had three kills.

Ally Xing had 12 assists and six digs for 4-3 JP Stevens. Kripa Rajan had six service points with two aces, and added two digs. Lorraine Mackiewicz had six kills and a block.

Raiders ‘Turnover’ Game to Somerville, 22-7

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receiver Moussa Channaoui and an 11-yard touchdown strike to tight end Alex Daboub with 10:10 left in the first quarter.

Good fortune continued on the ensuing kickoff when Raider Joe Kostecki recovered a Pioneer fumble near midfield after a hard hit delivered by Ahmed Channaoui. Unfortunately, the Raiders’ next offensive series was squashed by an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

The momentum shifted drastically on the Raiders’ third possession when Pioneer defensive back Mark

Mercado intercepted Alleman’s pass on the Raiders’ eight-yard line. Three plays later, running back Nick Ulassin banged in from the one at the end of the first quarter, but the point after failed.

With the help of a breakaway, 60-yard run by Blackwell, the Raiders were sensing another score with a second and goal at the Pioneer five.

“My lead blocker, Neville Hall, got a good block, and my wide receiver

was concluded with a three-yard plunge by Ulassin.

Trailing, 22-7, the Raiders took to the air and had one shining moment when Blackwell grabbed a screen pass and cut sharply to his left for a 28-yard gain.

We worked on the screens all week, and the key was the linemen blocking downfield and making some room for me to run,” Blackwell said. “Matt Manns, Mike Tufaro, Ian Krieger, the



PROTECTING THE BALL...Raider quarterback Mike Alleman, No. 8, covers the ball when he sees a Somerville linebacker closing in.

had a good block, too. I just took the corner and went,” Blackwell described.

Alleman, on a keeper, curled left but fumbled on the two, allowing the Pioneers to dodge the bullet. Just before the half, another Raider drive was interrupted with an interception.

“We should have been up by three touchdowns, but all the penalties and turnovers killed us. We just need to stop [and] cut the penalties out,” Blackwell said.

The Pioneers received the kickoff and began their first series at their own 34 to start the second half. Seven plays later, running back Ben Camacho added a five-yard touchdown run to take a 12-7 lead. The Raiders fumbled the kickoff at their own 22, and the Pioneers capitalized when Brian Cabrera nailed a 33-yard field goal.

The Raiders added another fumble on their next possession, then the Pioneers rumbled 63 yards on five plays for another touchdown, which

whole line did a good job.”

On the Raiders’ final series, Thompson’s pass was intercepted by defensive back Steve Szilagi.

“We are shooting ourselves in the foot. We have done it all year. We moved the ball. We had 200 yards of offense in the half, and had seven points. You can’t do that,” said Raider Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli. “We should have had 21 [points]. I have been around football long enough to know that that’s what happens if you don’t take advantage of it. I’ve watched the Steelers get dominated in a game and win it, because they [opposition] turned the ball over. It’s on every level. That’s a coach’s nightmare. Ball protection is the most important thing. I thought we played well, especially in the first half. It’s frustrating to everybody involved. We have to find a way to get it done.”

Somerville	6	0	16	0	22
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	7	0	0	0	7



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MAKING A NICE RETURN...Connor Scanlon scampers for nice punt return in Westfield C-White's victory over Parsippany on October 10.

Westfield C-White Blasts Parsippany PAL, 33-6

The Westfield C-White, 12-year-old PAL football team used an explosive offense, stingy defense and excellent special teams to blast Parsippany, 33-6, at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on October 10.

Nick Gibson started the barrage on a nice 34-yard sweep around right end for a quick 7-0 lead. The defense followed with a nifty interception by Jack Neiswenter, who then scored on the next offensive series, heading 12 yards for the touchdown to expand the lead to 13-0.

After the defense forced a turnover on downs and a punt, with terrific tackling by linebackers Michael Ukrainskiy, Dan Audino, Michael Gagliardi and Jack Miller, the offense added two more scores. First, Neiswenter scampered around right end for a 61-yard touchdown, then Cam McLaughlin hauled in a beautiful pass by quarterback Chad Dembiec for a 19-yard score, making it 27-0 at the half.

Westfield reached the end zone first in the second half, turning a Redhawk fumble at the nine-yard line into a short three-yard touchdown dive by Neiswenter. Offensive linemen Max Schwetje, Jacob Kaplan, Brett Spass, J.P. Tyahla and Conor Root opened a huge hole on the play. The defense, led by Cam Scalera, held Parsippany to 61 net yards in the second half.

Neiswenter added another inter-

ception, while Ben Kelly, Angus Applegarth and Kyle Shirk provided some fine tackling, but Parsippany finally broke through, and prevented the shutout, on a slashing 42-yard touchdown run just before the game ended. Connor Scanlon contributed a nice punt return, and Nick Calcagno and Ryan Moore provided good blocking on the outside.



GETTING SOME FINE BLOCKING...Westfield PAL "A" team's Nick Buontempo scores touchdown with blocking from J. Felter (75), Sean Elliott (86), Andrew Malacrea (45) and Jake Maher (29).

WF White PAL 'B' Falls To Millburn Millers, 14-7

The Westfield White PAL "B" football team lost to the Millburn Chiefs, 14-7, at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on October 10. Based on their performance in last week's game, Brendan Collum, Justin Dudzinski, Parker Hess and Owen Colwell were chosen to represent Westfield at the pre-game coin toss.

Westfield grabbed the momentum when Hess intercepted a Millburn pass. In a later offensive sequence, Blue Devil quarterback Chris Boutsikaris handed off to Jack Curry, Vin DiFilippo and Hopper Murray, who all took turns moving the ball downfield. Two long completions to Chris Varano, including a 22-yard pass, brought Westfield to the 13-yard line. Tight end Murray caught the ball in the end zone for the touchdown, and a completed pass to Varano

made the score, 7-0.

In the second quarter, Nick Mueller, Mitchell Bryk, Hess, DiFilippo, Murray and Colwell played tough defense, forcing Millburn to turn the ball over on downs. However in the second half, the Chiefs quickly moved the ball downfield for a touchdown. Turnovers by both teams dominated the third quarter with Jack Cash, Colwell, Bryk and Mueller on defense making key plays.

With four minutes remaining, Millburn got good field position. Defensive tackles Liam Heinbokel and Hess delivered several big hits, but a first down conversion near the goal helped propel Millburn into the end zone for seven more points. Westfield's pursuit of a tie ended when Millburn intercepted a pass with 30 seconds on the clock.

WF PAL 'A' Blanks Milburn PAL, 30-0

The Westfield PAL "A" football team defeated Milburn, 30-0, on October 10.

Westfield's first score followed runs by Sean Elliott and Jack Simcox. The touchdown came on quarterback Danny Mitchell's 17-yard pass to Eli Wirtshafter. Elliott converted the point-after. Following a 36-yard Mitchell-to-Simcox pass, and an eight-yard Mitchell-to-Thomas Dazzo pass, Nick Buontempo scored a touchdown behind the solid blocking of Jake Maher, Jeffrey Felter and Harry Williamson. Elliott converted the point-after. Later, Luke Prybylski intercepted a pass and returned it 37 yards to the Milburn three-yard line. Matt Catanzaro banged it in for the touchdown. Elliott converted the extra point.

Colin Dursee completed passes to Maher and Simcox in the second half. Charley Lloyd, Andrew Malacrea and Catanzaro saw lots of ground action to finish out the day. Jim Hunter, John Fuller, Nick Costa and Jack Colleran added several big tackles. The defense scored the final touchdown when Sean Elliott intercepted a Milburn pass and raced 24 yards for the score.



SLIPPING PAST THE TACKLER...Cougar running back Sean Trotter, No. 24, slips past a Highlander as he heads downfield. Trotter had touchdown receptions of 70 yards and 52 yards, as well as 94 rushing yards.

PAPANDREA SCORES 2 TDs, HITS TROTTER FOR 2 TDs

Cougars Shift Momentum, Rip Highlander Footballers, 42-24

By JOSEPH SCHACKMAN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Momentum can swing on a single play as the Cranford High School football team found out against Governor Livingston in a 42-26 victory in Berkeley Heights on October 9.

Down 14-0 in the middle of the second quarter, the 4-1 Cougars were struggling to find any type of rhythm on offense, as their first two drives stalled due to penalties. Their defense was not doing much better, giving up two touchdowns on the Highlanders' first three dives, getting gashed up the middle by the run and

allowing Governor Livingston to pass the ball at will.

But on their second offensive play of the second quarter, Cranford changed the game. Quarterback Joe Papandrea, who does most of his damage on the ground as the triggerman for the Cougar option attack, dropped back to pass and found running back Sean Trotter, who had beat his man. Papandrea delivered a beautiful ball that Trotter caught in stride and sprinted to the end zone for a 70-yard touchdown, igniting the Cranford football team in the process.

"I thought that was a huge momen-

tum changer in the game in that it allowed us to then get back into it," Cougar Head Coach Erik Rosenmeier said after the game.

Fired up, the defense came out and made a huge play as defensive back Eric Garguilo made a key interception, going up and snagging the ball away from the Governor Livingston receiver.

The offense went right back to work, giving the Highlanders a heavy dose of the ground game. Trotter had a huge 19-yard rush to set up a short touchdown run by Papandrea. Trotter

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also caught the pass on the two-point conversion to help the Cougars tie the game 14-14 heading into halftime.

While the score was tied, Cranford was in the driver's seat, momentum on their side and getting the ball to start the second half.

The Cougars went right back to the ground game, getting Kasim Lewis in on the action. Lewis, on his second carry of the afternoon, broke through the Highlander defense for a 30-yard touchdown run, making a number of nice moves to get into the end zone.

On the arm and legs of Papandrea, the Cougars never let the Highlanders back in the game. He hooked up with Trotter again for a 52-yard touchdown pass and also had another short touchdown run finishing the day with 118 yards rushing, 122 passing and four total touchdowns. Trotter was also huge for the offense, catching those two touchdowns, as well as rushing for 94 yards.

While he did not put up the big

numbers the others did, fullback Tyrone Avent was just as important to Cranford's success. He picked up the tough yardage between the tackles to help keep the offense in manageable second and third down situations.

The defense also had some big plays. Garguilo had two picks, including one late in the game that he returned for a touchdown. Bobby Anstatt was great on the defensive line. He reeked havoc in the backfield, sniffing out two reverses and getting a big sack early in the second half.

"The thing that we told our guys all week is that we needed to get off to a good start and we surely did not do that," Coach Rosenmeier said. "Down 14-0 it was the opposite of how we wanted to start that game... I thought after that point that we really buckled down defensively and we really got after it offensively, and we overcame that adversity."

Cranford	0	14	14	14	42
Gov. Livingston	0	14	0	0	28

See Cranford Online Exclusive for more football photos.



John Mancini – WTA Masters Champion

Mancini Tops McGlynn for WTA Masters Title

The Westfield Tennis Association (WTA) Masters Singles group completed their playoffs for 2010 with John Mancini seizing the championship with a convincing set of wins. It was the fifth championship for Mancini, tying Mike McGlynn, and one less than the all-time record holder, Irwin Bernstein, with six.

There were six players in the tournament. In the first round Mancini,

seeded fifth, beat fourth-seeded Joe Donnolo, 8-3. Sixth-seeded Janice Honymar stopped third-seeded Don Dohm, 8-5, while top-seeded Peter Lee and second-seeded Mike McGlynn had byes. In the semifinals, Mancini outplayed Lee, 8-1, and McGlynn won, 8-3, over Honymar. In the championship round, Mancini defeated McGlynn in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3.



PICTURE DESCRIPTION...Scotch Plains-Fanwood PAL "A" team cornerback Kendell Murkey, No. 29, blocks an Irvington pass. Also pictured are: linebacker Kevin Maxwell, No. 50, and safety Jordan Jones, No. 10.

SPF Raider PAL 'A' Defeats Irvington Grid Kids, 24-13

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) PAL "A" eighth-grade football team upped its record to 3-2 with a 24-13 victory over Irvington on October 10.

Raider defensemen Jordan Jones and Alex Mirabella recorded key tackles in the first quarter, but the Irvington Little Raiders later managed to score first. Jones blocked the extra point attempt.

The SPF Raiders answered in the second quarter with a touchdown by Kobe White. Ryan McSherry booted the extra point to make the score 7-6. Kevin Maxwell, Eric Manfra, Brendon Kelly, Chris Geissler, Elyjah Edmond and Emendo Thomas delivered key tackles during the quarter.

Jim Killeen made a key tackle in the third quarter. SPF Raider Brendon Kelley recovered an Irvington fumble. Quarterback McSherry slipped over the goal line on a quarterback sneak. He then kicked the point after.

In the fourth quarter, Kevin Maxwell delivered a key tackle and Kendell Murkey blocked an Irvington pass. Brian Robinson added another key tackle. Emendo Thomas had a 40-yard run then scored a touchdown. McSherry booted the point after. Later, Murkey threw an Irvington running back for a loss, and SPF Raider Andrew Ciccarino, who ran the ball hard all day, made significant gains.

WF PAL Wrestling Gets New Website

The Westfield PAL wrestling program has a new website for interested individuals. The programs focus on learning the fundamentals of wrestling, instilling solid values and having fun.

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WF PAL 'C' Blue Subdues Millburn Grid Kids, 21-0

The Westfield PAL "C" Blue football team provided another strong defensive showing by blanking Millburn, 21-0, at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on October 10.

Millburn received possession first, but Owen Kessler, Jeff Hoens, Jake Cullen and Nick Maher delivered hard-hitting stops to force a punt. Kevin Brennan returned the punt for a 65-yard touchdown. Brendan Glenn punched in the extra point giving Westfield a 7-0.

Offensively, Westfield relied on a mix of passing and running to move the ball downfield. Sean Mikovits, Riley Kopser and Matt Varano made nice ground gains, and quarterback Phillip Martini added accurate passing, including a strike to wide receiver Kyle Dombroski for a beautiful 50-yard gain to the three-yard line. On the

next play Martini bootlegged right for the score. Timmy Day added the point after with a diving catch in the end zone, making the score 14-0. Westfield finished off the scoring on a Martini pass to wide out Michael Moriarty, who galloped 60 yards to pay dirt. Matt LaCorte added the point after kick.

Safety Ian Humphrey broke up two passes. Defensive backs Jack Hall, Mark Daalman and Thomas Fuccillo, along with linebackers Ben Kwok and Chandler Merz, all had bone-crushing hits. Linemen Aaron Coleman, Philip Zanfagna, Jack Newhard, Jack Meiselman, Josh Ebel and Matt Harris dominated the trenches. Other highlights included a spectacular one-handed catch by Jake Cullen to keep a Westfield drive alive, as well as long runs by Glenn, Varano and Kevin Brennan



TURNING THE CORNER...Westfield PAL "C" Blue running back Matt Varano turns the corner for a nice gain against Millburn in a 21-0 victory.

SPF PAL 'C' Rocks Irvington PAL, 26-12

Three breakaway scoring runs by Jumar Williams-Etkins helped guide the undefeated Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) PAL "C" football team to its fifth victory of the season in the New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League with a 26-12 triumph over Irvington at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on October 10.

On SPF's first possession, Williams-Etkins opened the scoring with a 30-yard sprint into the end zone. Williams-Etkins took off on a 70-

yard touchdown run in the second quarter to give SPF 12-0 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Williams-Etkins ripped off another 70-yard scoring sprint to make the score 18-0. After Irvington responded with a touchdown – just the third allowed this season by the "C" team – Jason Calabria broke free for a 50-yard touchdown run to cap the scoring. Roderic Carson and Daron Jeter spearheaded the defense.

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PAPANDREA SCORES 2 TDs, HITS TROTTER FOR 2 TDs Cougars Shift Momentum, Rip Highlander Footballers, 42-24

By JOE SCHACKMAN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Momentum can swing on a single play as the Cranford High School football team found out against Governor Livingston in a 42-26 victory in Berkeley Heights on October 9.

Down 14-0 in the middle of the second quarter, the 4-1 Cougars were struggling to find any type of rhythm on offense, as their first two drives stalled due to penalties. Their defense was not doing much better, giving up two touchdowns on the Highlanders' first three drives, getting gashed up the middle by the run and allowing Governor Livingston to pass the ball at will.

But on their second offensive play of the second quarter, Cranford changed the game. Quarterback Joe Papandrea, who does most of his damage on the ground as the triggerman for the Cougar option attack, dropped back to pass and found running back Sean Trotter, who had beat his man. Papandrea delivered a beautiful ball that Trotter caught in stride and sprinted to the end zone for a 70-yard touchdown, igniting the Cranford football team in the process.

"I thought that was a huge momentum changer in the game in that it

allowed us to then get back into it," Cougar Head Coach Erik Rosenmeier said after the game.

Fired up, the defense came out and made a huge play as defensive back Eric Garguilo made a key interception, going up and snagging the ball away from the Governor Livingston receiver.

The offense went right back to work, giving the Highlanders a heavy dose of the ground game. Trotter had a huge 19-yard rush to set up a short touchdown run by Papandrea. Trotter also caught the pass on the two-point conversion to help the Cougars tie the game 14-14 heading into halftime.

While the score was tied, Cranford was in the driver's seat, momentum on their side and getting the ball to start the second half.

The Cougars went right back to the ground game, getting Kasim Lewis in on the action. Lewis, on his second carry of the afternoon, broke through the Highlander defense for a 30-yard touchdown run, making a number of nice moves to get into the end zone.

On the arm and legs of Papandrea, the Cougars never let the Highlanders back in the game. He hooked up with Trotter again for a 52-yard touchdown pass and also had another short

touchdown run finishing the day with 118 yards rushing, 122 passing and four total touchdowns. Trotter was also huge for the offense, catching those two touchdowns, as well as rushing for 94 yards.

While he did not put up the big numbers the others did, fullback Tyrone Avent was just as important to Cranford's success. He picked up the tough yardage between the tackles to help keep the offense in manageable second and third down situations.

The defense also had some big plays. Garguilo had two picks, including one late in the game that he returned for a touchdown. Bobby Anstatt was great on the defensive line. He reeked havoc in the backfield, sniffing out two reverses and getting a big sack early in the second half.

"The thing that we told our guys all week is that we needed to get off to a good start and we surely did not do that," Coach Rosenmeier said. "Down 14-0 it was the opposite of how we wanted to start that game... I thought after that point that we really buckled down defensively and we really got after it offensively, and we overcame that adversity."

Cranford	0	14	14	14	42
Gov. Livingston	0	14	0	0	28



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STRIKING IN THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND...Cougar quarterback Joey Papandrea, No. 16, passed for 122 yards, which included touchdown strikes of 70 yards and 52 yards to Sean Trotter. Papandrea also amassed 118 rushing yards, including two three-yard touchdowns.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
RECEIVING "GIANT" SCORES...Cougar junior Mary Kate Walch, performing giant swings on the uneven bars, took top honors at the Cougar Invitational with an all-around score of 36.225. She also won the floor exercise with a 9.25 and the vault with a 9.4.

COUGAR WALCH WINS ALL-AROUND, DEVIL COOK 2ND Blue Devils Grab 5th Straight Cougar Invt'l Championship

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

The Cougar Invitational gymnastics meet has been the closest event to compare to the Union County meet for years. The outcome in Cranford on October 8 would give competitors an even clearer insight on which individuals and which teams would rise to the top.

On the top of the list for individual honors from the top-three teams would be senior Kelly Bohlinger, junior Sarah Shields and freshman Abby Cook from Westfield High School, junior Mary Kate Walch and freshman Alex Puryear from Cranford, and sophomore Alex Peluso and fresh-

man Kacie Bumiller from Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

"We have Alex Peluso and Kacie Bumiller competing all-around. We have Melissa Gara in three events. Those are the girls who have been scoring highest during the season," Raider Head Coach Lisa Cerchio said prior to the meet. "We are still missing Sarah Robinson, who is out with a concussion. Hopefully, we are putting in our strongest four so far this season. We are hoping everybody sticks their routines, and nobody gets hurt."

Coach Cerchio added, "Alex will be competing her giants [swings] on [uneven] bars, which is the second

time she will be doing it this season. She is also Tsuking [Tsukahara dismount] on vault too. We are hoping to get some good scores."

Bohlinger, who took second in the all-around in the meet against the Cougars just three days before, said, "I'm going to do a Tsuk pike on vault instead of a Tsuk tuck. Hopefully, I will get a higher score on vault. Form is very important. I have to straighten my legs, and I have to stick it, so I don't get any tenths off."

Walch took top all-around honors in that meet, so Bohlinger was quite aware of her competition.

"Mary Kate is on my club team, so

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
COUGAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK...Mary Kate Walch, a junior on the gymnastics team, captured the all-around, balance beam and floor exercise titles at the 9th Annual Cougar Invitational on October 8. Walch has taken top all-around honors in all five competitions this season.

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WALCH GETS 1ST, BOHLINGER 2ND IN ALL-AROUND

Blue Devils Get Past Cougars In Gymnastics, 107.05-105.775

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

Gearing up for the Cougar Invitational, which was held on October 8, and the Union County Tournament, the Westfield High School and Cranford High School gymnastics teams recorded their highest team totals of the season in a 107.05-105.775 victory at Cranford High School on October 5.

Cougar Mary Kate Walch edged Blue Devil Kelly Bohlinger for all-around top honors with respective totals of 36.275 to 36.2. A pair of freshmen, Blue Devil Abby Cook and Cougar Alex Puryear tied for third with an all-around score of 36.1. Blue Devil junior Sara Shields came next with a 34.55 total, and Cougar Sara LoBue followed with a 32.975.

The 6-0 Blue Devils and the Cougars were adding higher degrees of difficulty to their routines, and it was apparent from the start in the vaulting. Blue Devils Shields, Cook and Bohlinger all performed a difficult Tsukahara dismount, while Walch

also hit her Tsukahara dismount. Bohlinger won the event with a score of 9.2, followed by Walch at 9.175 and Cook at 9.15. Puryear, who performed a half-on-half-off maneuver, took fourth at 8.7, followed by Blue Devil Christana Psyhojos at 8.55. Shields recorded an 8.4, and LoBue notched an 8.05.

“All girls can do Tsuks, and we did well, because the star value is really high. Especially it’s hard because of these hard mats. I’m thinking for Cougar [Invitational] I am going to do a Tsuk pike [position] instead of a Tsuk tuck, so I can raise my star value higher,” Bohlinger said.

The Cougars edged a little closer in the team totals by outscoring the Blue Devils 25.75-25.3 on the uneven bars. Puryear performed a handstand on the low bar then added a pair of giant swings on the high bar before dismounting with a flyaway to take top honors with a 9.0. Walch, who placed second with an 8.85, flicked a giant swing on both bars and stuck her flyaway dismount. Cook, who placed

third at 8.75, performed a toe-on-catch transfer, a pair a giant swings and a flyaway dismount. Bohlinger placed fourth with an 8.5, highlighting her routine with a full-twisting flyaway. Blue Devil Lyndsay Lee finished with an 8.05, Shields had an 8.0, and Cougar Casey Sciascia had a 7.95.

The balance beam event was brutally competitive with several girls turning in very high scores. Puryear earned top honors with a 9.3. Her routine featured a pair of back walk-overs, high leaps and a full twisting front tuck dismount. Despite falling off the beam, Walch’s performance tied Bohlinger and Cook for second with marks of 9.2. All three hit their back somersaults on the beam, and all three stuck their difficult dismounts. Shields scored an 8.95, and Cougar Erin McAuliffe scored an 8.55.

“My back tuck, I took a couple of steps, but I brought it back with my dance, and I ended up with my cart-wheel full,” Bohlinger described. “It

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LEAPING HIGH ON THE BEAM...Westfield Blue Devil Christana Psyhojos performs high leaps on the balance beam at the Westfield/Cranford gymnastics meet on October 5.



BATTLING FOR POSSESSION...Blue Devil Jillian Ceasrine, left, and Cougar forward Julie Schott battle for possession of the ball at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on October 7. The Cougars won in overtime, 1-0.

GUARISCO NETS WINNER IN OT ON RAVETIER’S ASST

Field Hockey Cougars Edge Blue Devil Girls in OT, 1-0

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

Pressuring offense finally overcame a very strong defensive effort when center midfielder Maria Guarisco took a pass from left midfielder Nicole Ravetier, who received a corner pass, and found the net three minutes into the overtime period to give the Cranford High School field hockey team a 1-0 victory over Westfield at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on October 7.

Ravetier received the pass but was immediately covered by a Blue Devil defender. Seeing an open teammate, Ravetier quickly skid the ball to her right where Guarisco dribbled a few steps forward and fired her shot out of the reach of Blue Devil goalie Hannah Purdy.

“When it comes down to seven beat seven, it’s just about using the space and adjusting. That wasn’t necessarily the call, but she [Ravetier] was able to recognize about passing over,” Cougar Head Coach Jesse

Berkowitz explained. “That was great adjustment on her part, and then again a great finish by Maria, who was doing a phenomenal job today dribbling around everybody.”

In addition to Guarisco and Ravetier, Cougar forwards Erica Farone, Emily Snyder, Julie Schott and Mary Ushay were definitely applying pressure throughout the game, especially in the second half where they out-shot the Blue Devils 7-1.

“We have been working a lot about our forwards stepping up, putting more pressure and passing well together and with speed. Erica Farone had a lot of speed today. You could see the hunger in her eyes. When she gets that ball, you know she’s going for it,” Coach Berkowitz said.

The 3-6-2 Blue Devils’ defense, however, was up to the challenge. Purdy, who finished with seven stops, made two spectacular smotherers in the first half, diving to her right twice to prevent shots on goal. In the second half, Purdy successfully charged

a pair of breakaway attacks, one by Guarisco and the other by Farone.

“If they are on a breakaway, she knows that if she is the only one back there, do not let them play you. You go get the girl with the ball. She knows when she can be aggressive and when she can’t. Her game plan is to go get it. She is not going to wait for you to dribble in. She is going to go get it from you. Those dives, she didn’t even give them a chance to play offense on her,” Blue Devil Head Coach Caitlyn MacDonald said of Purdy.

“We all were hoping that we would be able to get in the key a few more times, but we knew that she was a good goalie,” said Coach Berkowitz, who added, “We still have a lot to work on in the next couple of days. We really want to produce a good showing on Saturday [Union County Tournament game against Kent Place].”

Before the Cougars could really

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PLACING SECOND AT THE COUGAR CLASSIC...The Cranford High School gymnasts placed second at the Cougar Classic. The Cougars include Samantha Dooley, Mary Kate Walch, Emily Grable, Sara LoBue, Erin McAuliffe, Bryanna Grant, Ashley Savato, Alex Puryear, Casey Sciascia, Gabby Siano and Marissa Frank.

Blue Devils Win Cougar Invitational Crown

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I definitely have to look out for her, also Sara Shields, Christana [Psyhojos] and Abby Cook, and Alex Peluso, who is also on my club team. I think she is going to score high today," Bohlinger said.

"I am definitely going to look out for some of the Westfield girls. I will look out for Kelly Bohlinger and my own teammate Sara LoBue, Alex Peluso from Scotch Plains. There are a lot of girls on our team who I am close with, and I know their strengths. We are strong in everything. If I can put together a nice meet, I think I will be up with them," Walch said.

Walch definitely had some higher degree of difficulty maneuvers in store for the Invitational.

"I am adding a one-and-a-half on floor. It's a back full [somersault] with a half twist, which I didn't do at the Westfield meet. Form is everything. I have been cleaning it up, so I

think it's ready to go," Walch said.

By meet's end, Westfield won its fifth straight Cougar Invitational with a team total of 105.5, followed by Cranford at 104.325 and Scotch Plains-Fanwood at 99.0. Union took fourth at 95.6, Union Catholic took fifth at 94.3, A.L. Johnson took sixth at 78.6, and Dayton took seventh at 67.8.

Walch did hit her routines on the floor exercises and the vault to win both events with respective scores of 9.25 and 9.4. Along with tying for second on the balance beam with Bohlinger at 9.025 and placing third on the uneven bars at 8.55, she placed first with an all-around total of 36.225.

Cook finished second all-around with a total of 35.55, took top honors on beam with a 9.175 and tied for third on vault with Bohlinger at 9.175. Cook also placed second on unevens with a score of 8.65. Bohlinger took

fourth all-around with a 34.925 and took third on the floor at 8.9.

Union Catholic Viking Nicole Pietrapertosa placed third all-around with a total of 35.0. She was second on vault at 9.35 and floor at 8.925, and fifth on beam at 8.725. Puryear took fifth all-around at 34.25 and won the unevens with an 8.775. Shields placed sixth with an all-around total of 33.950, placed fourth on floor at 8.775 and took fifth on unevens at 8.125.

Blue Devil Lyndsey Lee placed fourth on unevens with a mark of 8.4, and Peluso took sixth at 8.025. Psyhojos took fourth on beam with an 8.750, and Briana Briscese (A.L. Johnson) took sixth at 8.575. Cougar Emily Grable took fifth on floor at 8.750 followed by LoBue at 8.725. Kim Scott (Union) placed fifth on vault at 9.15, and Bumiller was sixth at 8.95.



PLACING THIRD AT THE COUGAR CLASSIC...Scotch Plains-Fanwood placed third at the Cougar Classic. The listed Raider competitors were: Melissa Gara, Alex Peluso, Megan Phelan, Zoe Stein, Ashley Martinez, Kacie Bumiller, Marissa DiBella, Dariana Devore, Heather Mullen, Samantha Rego, Sarah Robinson and Meghan Yessman.

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Field Hockey Cougars Edge Blue Devils, 1-0

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penetrate the box, Blue Devil junior backs, Kelly Gray, Emily Fahey and Olivia Pecora kept rejecting their drives toward the goal. Gray made a crucial save with one minute remaining in the first half.

"Our defense played a really nice game today. The three of them back there! We just changed our system from a sweeper system to a three-back system. Today was our first test of that, and it worked out," Coach MacDonald said. "They were cutting to the ball, clearing it out of the circle, and Kelly Gray did make one goal line save with her stick."

Coach MacDonald, however, was a bit disappointed with her team's offense.

"For some reason, we kept passing it to the other team. Our dodges weren't there from the beginning of the game. That makes a difference in a very close game," she said.

The most prolonged attack took place near the 12-minute remaining mark when the 7-2-1 Cougars were swarming the box and taking shots that were being rejected by the Blue Devil backs, but one rejection got to the stick of Cougar Emily Pipaia, whose lift shot just missed penetrat-

ing the goal.

Throughout the game, Coach Berkowitz stressed the importance of sticking to the fundamentals.

"They know that I expect a lot out of them. I want them to be doing the simple things right. You don't stop working on the fundamentals when you are a college player. When the national team is practicing, they don't stop practicing the fundamentals. You have to have perfect fundamentals to be able to execute more complex plays," she said.

Cranford	0	0	1	1
Westfield	0	0	0	0



SLIPPING PAST A BLUE DEVIL...Cougar forward Maria Guarisco, No. 4, slips past a Blue Devil defender as teammate Nicole Ravetier, No. 14, awaits to get into the action.

Blue Devils Get Past Cougars in Gymnastics

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was really neck-and-neck. Everyone was doing high skills, but we finished off strong with a couple of nines."

"A lot of the stuff I have been working on is just form, because I have the skills, but cleaning them up is going to be everything," Walch said.

Five scores of 9.0 or above made the floor exercise an exciting finale. As she had in the vaulting, Bohlinger mixed graceful leaps with tinsicas (type of cartwheel walkover), followed by an Arabian handspring and added high back tucks and a back

somersault with a full twist take top honors on the floor with a 9.3.

"My first half, I do a round-off, back handspring, back full [somersault]. Then I do my cast double full [twist], which is a bonus. That gives me a high star value. I just go out there, do my dance and show off, and I ended up with a good score," Bohlinger explained.

Shields exhibited plenty of power in her routine to grab second with a 9.2. Walch and Puryear tied for third with a 9.1 score. Walch began her routine with a difficult front hand-spring to a front somersault, added several handstand pirouettes and finished with a full twisting back somersault. In addition to her power moves, Puryear included graceful dancing moves, as did teammate Emily Grable, who finished with an 8.85. Cook, who scored a 9.0, featured a full twisting back somersault.

"I have been working on my routine a lot, and it's going good, because it's a new routine for me. It's only the third time I competed with it. The score that I got, I'm really happy with," Walch said.

"She did [get a good score], because her execution is very good. It's how you do something, it's not so much what you do, but how well you do with what you have," Cougar Head Coach Michele Charney-Hulse said.

"This was a fabulous meet for us. It was our highest score of the season. The girls were powerhouses on the beam and floor today. We have been working hard on vault, and we came out strong, which pumped the girls up. This score will give them a little motivation. Today is going to be the real stepping stone into doing what we are capable of doing," Blue Devil Head Coach Michelle Bryan said.

"It was good competition. We have been waiting for some good scores and a good team," Walch said.

"We definitely made some improvements from our last meet. We upped our difficulty and our tumbling on the floor. We had girls do some combinations to increase their value on beam. We are still in the process of finding our bar routine. The girls are doing what they are supposed to do," Coach Charney-Hulse said.

Cougars Rip Cardinals In Girls Tennis, 5-0

The Cranford High School tennis team grounded the Plainfield Cardinals, 5-0, on October 6.

First singles: Marianna Dzunova d Victoria Henry, 6-3, 6-2 (default)
Second singles: Maggie Brown d Kelli Cheung, 6-2, 6-2
Third singles: Liz Berry d Aline Nkengfack, 6-1, 6-0
First doubles: Kristy Daubert and Rachel Halek d Nelly Nkengfack and Devlyn Elleston, 6-1, 6-3
Second doubles: Lori Joseph and Colleen Jones d Shannon Lewis and Adeena Culven-Williams, 6-1, 6-2

Cougars V'ballers Sink BrH2O-Raritan Girls

The Cranford High School girls volleyball team defeated Bridgewater-Raritan in three games, 25-11, 22-25 and 25-13, on October 7 in Cranford.

Sarah Barry had 24 assists and 10 service points with two aces. Alex Bizub notched 12 kills, a block, three digs and nine service points with two aces. Alexis Inselberg amassed 11 kills, four service points with four aces, two digs and a block. Katie Knorr had 11 kills, a service point, a dig and a block. Izzy Acton had 10 service points with three aces, two kills and a dig. Kathryn Ahern had 10 service points, an ace, five kills and two digs. Paulina Przydzial had three assists.

F. Hockey Cougars Top Kent Place in UCT, 3-1

The fifth-seeded Cranford High School field Hockey team stunned fourth-seeded Kent Place, 3-1, in the first round of the Union County Tournament at Kent Place in Summit on October 9.

Dylan Blanchard scored a first-half goal for 5-5 Kent Place, but Maria Guarisco, Erica Faraone and Julie Schott fired in second-half goals for the 7-2-1 Cougars.

Cougar Tennis Girls Top Nwk East Side

The Cranford High School girls tennis team shut out Newark East Side, 5-0, in the first round of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 tournament in Cranford on October 7.

First singles: Marianna Dzunova d Maggie Tchorzewska, 6-0, 6-0
Second singles: Maggie Brown d Carmen Cabrera, 6-0, 6-0
Third singles: Liz Berry d Christina Seda, 6-0, 6-0
First doubles: Kristy Daubert and Rachel Halek d Kiara Ochoa and Maria Nunez, 6-1, 6-0
Lori Joseph and Colleen Jones d Lucy Oreiro and Kim Gonzalez, 6-0, 6-2

Summit Girls Defeat Soccer Cougars, 3-0

Kelly Osmulski notched all three goals to lift the 4-2-1 Summit Hilltopper girls soccer team to a 3-0 shutout of the Cranford Cougars in Cranford on October 6.

Soccer Cougars Stop Minutemen Boys, 2-0

The Cranford High School boys soccer team took another step upwards with a 2-0 shutout of 5-5 Elizabeth in Cranford on October 6. After a scoreless first half, Connor DeMars crossed to Brian Petrucci, who ripped the net with 26:00 on the clock. Next, Ray El-Khoury converted a penalty kick. Mark Osofsky made five saves for the 3-6 Cougars.

Soccer Cougars Beat Mt. Olive Boys, 1-0

The Cranford High School boys soccer team put its gears in motion to win its third straight with a 1-0 victory over host Mt. Olive on October 8. Sophomore Matt Aquiles, on an assist from James Sands, ripped in the goal for the 4-6 Cougars. Goalkeeper Mark Osofsky mad three saves.

Lady Cougars Blank Vikings in Tennis, 5-0

The Cranford High School girls tennis team shutout the Union Catholic Lady Vikings, 5-0, on October 8.

First singles: Marianna Dzunova d Amina Dickson, 6-3, 6-1
Second singles: Maggie Brown d Colleen Cassidy, 6-0, 6-0
Third singles: Liz Berry d Kate Bagger, 6-0, 6-0
First doubles: Kristy Daubert and Rachel Halek d Amanda Pietroniro and Dominique Haywood, 6-0, 6-0
Second doubles: Lori Joseph and Colleen Jones d Kara Reaney-Perrotti and Ghana Wijedasa, 6-0, 6-1

Chatham Tops Cougars In Sectional Tennis

The Chatham High School girls tennis team defeated the Cranford Cougars, 4-1, in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 Tournament on October 12. Cranford Cougar sophomore Marianna Dzunova defeated Nicki Ross, 6-4, 6-0, at first singles.

First singles: Marianna Dzunova d Nicki Ross, 6-4, 6-0
Second singles: Kelsey Perselay (CH) d Liz Berry, 6-4, 6-1
Third singles: Emily Barbey (CH) won by forfeit
First doubles: Kelsey Hart and Kendall Contri (CH) d Kristy Daubert and Rachel Halek, 6-4, 6-3
Second doubles: Greta Leberfinger and Caroline McCann (CH) d Lori Joseph and Colleen Jones, 6-0, 6-1



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GARWOOD – The Union County chapter of Holistic Moms Network (HMN) will feature guest speaker Amara Willey at its Tuesday, October 19 meeting. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, located at 213 Center Street in Garwood.

Ms. Willey will show that the way individuals learn also dictates the way they best organize. She also will share tips, tricks, techniques and tools to help participants get started along the path to a more organized life.

Ms. Willey is a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers and has achieved its Golden Circle status. For more in-

formation, visit organizenj.com.

HMN is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization connecting parents who are interested in holistic health and green living. Currently, there are more than 130 chapters across North America. Local chapters host monthly meetings where parents can meet, share their parenting experiences and offer one another support.

If interested in attending the upcoming meeting or learning more about the Union County chapter of HMN, e-mail Amy at unionctynj.holisticmoms@gmail.com. This meeting is free and open to the public. Individuals also may visit the HMN national website: holisticmoms.org.

Join BootCampWF At Westfield Running Company

WESTFIELD – Now is your chance to get into tiptop shape before the holidays!

BootCampWF, Westfield's premiere, healthy-living outdoor fitness training program, will hold its next session October 27 through December 10. Please visit www.BootCampWF.com for all the details. Held in Tamaques Park by the basketball courts, BootCampWF workouts are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 and 9:15 a.m. and BCCF Lite is offered Tuesday and Thursday at 9:15 a.m.

To kickoff the new session, please join us for wine and cheese at the Westfield Running Company, corner

of Quimby and Elm Streets, on Monday, October 18, at 7 p.m. You will meet the instructors and talk to some veterans, get some nutrition tips from Registered Dietitians, and The Running Company will do a gait analysis and shoe fitting, show you some cold-weather exercise gear and demonstrate how to effectively use a heart-rate monitor. Enter for a chance to win a free six-week session! All attendees will receive \$10 off any three-day/week package from BootCampWF, and 15 percent off from The Running Company on any purchases that night! All are welcome – bring your friends!

So enlist now! For more information, please visit www.BootCampWF.com.

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Alternative Gift Sale Set October 16 and 17

WESTFIELD – An Alternative Gift Sale will take place on Saturday, October 16, from noon to 7 p.m. and Sunday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the cafeteria of Holy Trinity Interparochial School. The school is located at 336 First Street in Westfield.

Holy Trinity and St. Helen's parishes, both of Westfield, will jointly sponsor this event. Featured will be handcrafted items made by artisans and farmers in low-income regions of the world.

The sale of these items helps the people who made them to afford necessities such as food, medicine and education for their children. The sale also will include Fair Trade Coffee and chocolate candy. For more information, call Deacon Tom Pluta at (908) 232-8137.

DAR Chapter Posts 2010-2011 Officers

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has announced the following officers for 2010-2011: Regent, Mrs. Michael S. Kane; First Vice-Regent, Mrs. Thomas Knierim; Second Vice-Regent, Mrs. Kathryn McElroy Oldakowski; Registrar, Mrs. George P. Gross; Treasurer, Mrs. Donald Husch; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Donald Horan; Chaplain, Mrs. John Kazazis, and Librarian and Historian, Mrs. Frank Cutler, Jr.

Additionally, plans for the coming year were made at a recent meeting at the home of the regent.



BON APPETIT...The Cranford chapter of Les Marmitons meets to cook, sample and plan the menu of hand-crafted, passed hors d'oeuvres that will be served at this year's Wine and Cheese Tasting event hosted by The Arc of Union County. The event will take place on Saturday, October 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey in Summit. Pictured, from left to right, are: Rob Rosenbaum, John Stillman, John Darling, Richard Dreher and Bob Rial.

All Saints' Church to Hold Fun Fest This Saturday

SCOTCH PLAINS – The All Saints' Episcopal Church will present its Family Fun Fest this Saturday, October 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event, featuring attractions for both children and adults, will take place rain or shine.

Visitors will have an opportunity to build a scarecrow, with all supplies provided, including clothes, straw, frame and face. Construction will take place on the grass in front of the church. Artistic advisors will be on hand to help participants get started, and some completed scarecrows will be available.

There also will be games for children, including Wii, plus face painting


and pumpkin painting, or attendees may buy a pumpkin already decorated.

In the parish hall, visitors will be able to shop for brand-new children's books and other brand-new gifts for all ages. Hot dogs with trimmings also will be available, along with treats from the bakeshop. Additionally, there will be a 50/50 raffle and a candy corn-counting contest for the chance to win a gift card for a popular store.

All Saints' Church is located at 559 Park Avenue, across from Park Middle School, in Scotch Plains. Parking is available behind the church, accessed via School Place. For more information, call (908) 322-8047.

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BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Please take notice that on October 27, 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: 16 Laurel Place, Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 91 Lot 2, as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map, owned by Paula Cohen-Martin.

The applicant requests Porch Addition which is in violation of:

Section 184-115R of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Front Yard Setback; Permitted: 30 Feet; Present: 30 Feet; Proposed: 24 feet.

Section 184-134A of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Side Yard Setback; Permitted: 3 feet; Present: 1.6 feet; Proposed: 1.6 feet.

Section 184-114 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Side Yard Setback; Permitted: 10 feet; Present: 7.5 feet; Proposed: 7.5 feet.

The applicant will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the 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: Paula Cohen-Martin 16 Laurel Place Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023 1 T - 10/14/10, The Times Fee: \$39.27

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO.: F-34343-10 FILE NO.: 41.0470

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: MARINA L. FLORES AND MR. FLORES, HUSBAND OF MARINA L. FLORES

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon FRANK J. MARTONE, P.C., Plaintiff's Attorneys, whose address is 1455 Broad Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey, 07003, an answer to the complaint in a civil action in which THE PROVIDENT BANK is plaintiff and FREDDIE KLEE AND MRS. FREDDIE KLEE, HIS WIFE; MARINA L. FLORES AND MR. FLORES, HUSBAND OF MARINA L. FLORES; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS ONE THROUGH TEN; OLD REPUBLIC INSURED FINANCIAL ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, et als. are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey within thirty-five (35) days after October 14, 2010 exclusive of said date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules governing the courts.

You are further advised that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services office in the county where you live. If you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling the Lawyer Referral Services. The names and telephone numbers of such agencies in the county of venue are as follows: Lawyer Referral Services: 908-353-4715; Legal Services: 908-354-4340 This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage and recovering possession of the lands and premises described in a mortgage dated May 17, 1990, recorded on May 24, 1990, in Book 4069, Page 0403, made by FREDDIE KLEE AND MARINA L. FLORES, BOTH SINGLE, to the plaintiff and covers real estate located at 312-16 EMERSON AVE, PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07062, Tax Lot 4 F/K/A LOTS 7, 8 & 9, Block 412 F/K/A BLOCK N.

Pursuant to R. 4:4-4 and 4:64-1(d), mediation is available through the New Jersey Courts. Forms and instructions may be obtained on the Court's web site at www.njcourtsonline.com.

You, MARINA L. FLORES are made a defendant because you are the record owner of the mortgaged premises, because you executed the Bond/Note and Mortgage being foreclosed herein and may be liable for any deficiency thereon, and for any right, title, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the said mortgaged premises and your lien or encumbrance on the mortgaged premises is subject to plaintiff's mortgage.

You, MR. FLORES, HUSBAND OF MARINA L. FLORES are the spouse of MARINA L. FLORES, the mortgagor and owner of the mortgaged premises and as such may have a dower/curtesy or other interest in said premises and your lien or encumbrance on the mortgaged premises is subject to plaintiff's mortgage. Dated: OCTOBER 11, 2010

Jennifer M. Perez, Temporary Acting Superior Court Clerk

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Letters to the Editor

My Vote Is For Boris, Mitchell in Fanwood

As a homeowner in Fanwood for over 40 years, I am pleased to endorse the two Democratic candidates for council, Kathy Mitchell and Kevin Boris. Kathy is a 12-year council veteran, bringing valuable long-term insight to borough issues. Kevin is the newcomer, full of enthusiasm and new ideas. Together, they will continue the initiatives of the Mahr administration i.e., fiscal conservatism, continued downtown redevelopment, shared services, recreational programs, especially for our seniors and children, and town hall meetings where all residents can share their opinions and concerns.

I look forward to voting for Kathy and Kevin on Tuesday, November 2. Fanwood could not do better.

Joan Feller Fanwood

Why Can't My Kids Attend SP-F Schools?

I have been an avid citizen of Scotch Plains Township for three years. I currently own a preschool there, and I also am a property owner there. I currently pay \$27,000 annually to the Township of Scotch Plains. After a year of my two kids enrolling in the public schools there, they have told me to remove my kids from the school system, stating residency laws.

I have no issue with removing my kids from the school system that I pay for, but if so, I would like to know who will credit me for the money I pay for the teachers and staff. If I can't use it, but I still have to pay for it, is this fair? The school district is very biased and racist. I'm sure if my kids were the right color, this wouldn't be an issue.

Elise Konadu Scotch Plains



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CALIFORNIA GIRLS...From left to right, Katie Buchbinder, John Bailey, Oria Alexander and Becky Zhang are photographed at the National Flute Association Convention in Anaheim, Calif. The three flute students were named to the 2010 High School Flute Choir. See press release at right.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
Public Notice is hereby given that the ordinance as follows was passed and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Westfield at a meeting thereof held on October 12, 2010.

Claire J. Gray
Town Clerk

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1964
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, CHAPTER 10 MOBILE STORAGE STRUCTURES

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1965
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD
(Mobile Storage Structures)

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 1966
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAND USE ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE INSTALLATION OF HANDICAPPED RAMPS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

1 T - 10/14/10, The Leader Fee: \$29.07

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD

Please take notice that on October 27, 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: 86 Beech Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey, also known as Block 114 Lot 10, as shown on the Fanwood Tax Map, owned by Daniel & Donna Zucker.

The applicant requests driveway width which is in violation of:

Section 184-163 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Driveway Width; Permitted: 10 feet; Present: 10 feet; Proposed: 18 feet.

Section 184-163 of the Fanwood Land Use Code. Variance Requested: Sideyard set back; Permitted: 3 feet; Present: 6 feet; Proposed: 1.5 feet.

The applicant will also seek such other relief as may be determined necessary at the public hearing based upon review of the application or amendment(s) to the 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:
Daniel & Donna Zucker
86 Beech Avenue
Fanwood, New Jersey, 07023
1 T - 10/14/10, The Times Fee: \$36.21

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10005786
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-679-09
Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BAFPC 2007-1 VS.
Defendant: JAMES C. FONTE; MRS. JAMES C. FONTE, HIS WIFE; MELINDA A. FONTE; MR. FONTE, HUSBAND OF MELINDA A. FONTE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN BROKERS CONDUIT ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

Sale Date: 10/20/2010
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If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.
Total Upset: ***Four Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Five Hundred Ten and 06/100*** \$496,510.06 together with lawful interest and costs.

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

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Ralph Froehlich
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4 T - 09/23, 09/30, 10/07
& 10/14/10
Fee: \$206.04

Crescent Concerts
Showcase Young Talent

AREA – Crescent Concerts will present its 12th annual Showcase for Exceptionally Talented Young Artists on Sunday afternoon, October 24, at 3 p.m. in the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, located on Watchung Avenue at East Seventh Street in Plainfield.

Five area musicians chosen by audition will perform. They include Kevin Jang, who will play works by Beethoven and Chopin; Sophia Bacelar, playing the first movements of Dvorak's *Cello Concerto in B minor* and Franck's *Sonata in A major*, and Connie Wang, who will present works by Bach and York Bowen.

Audrey Luo, who will play compositions by Beethoven and Chopin, and Anna Dugan of Cranford, singing art songs by Puccini, Mozart and Debussy, will join them.

Tickets, priced at \$25 (\$20 for seniors and \$5 for students), may be purchased at the door. Handicap access and bathrooms, as well as large-print programs, will be available. For inquiries, call (908) 756-2468.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD

Notice is hereby given that **ORDINANCE NO. 10-14-R**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD TO EXECUTE A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH 250 SOUTH AVENUE FANWOOD URBAN RENEWAL, LLC

was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on October 5, 2010.

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

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
1 T - 10/14/10, The Times Fee: \$17.85

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 10-09-01 AND PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 10-09-01 was introduced by the Board of Health of the Borough of Fanwood on September 2, 2010 and subsequently amended on October 7, 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: **"ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR FLU INOCULATIONS PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC"**

Public hearing and adoption of this ordinance will be held on November 4, 2010. Colleen M. Huehn, Secretary
Fanwood Board of Health

1 T - 10/14/10, The Times Fee: \$22.44

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10005831
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-32070-07
Plaintiff: LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., CSFB TRST 2003-CF14, CSFB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-CF14 VS.

Defendant: RICHARD H. KRESS; CHERYL M. KRESS; HIS WIFE; ANN G. MCCORMICK; RONALD MACCIA; LORAC FINANCIAL SERVICES OF NJ, INC.; ERIN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.; STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Sale Date: 10/27/2010
Write of Execution: 07/23/2010

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: ***Three Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty One and 10/100*** \$358,751.10.

The property to be sold is located in: The Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey

Commonly known as: 1169 Ridge Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092

Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

Tax and prior lien info: Taxes/sewer/water may be delinquent - You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.

Mortgages and Judgments (if any):

The plaintiff has obtained a letter of identification which will insure the successful bidder at sale in respect to: Federal Tax Lien, number 229527003, recorded 02/04/2004, in the amount of \$3006.01.
Total Upset: ***Four Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Eight and 54/100*** \$402,998.54 together with lawful interest and costs.

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

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Ralph Froehlich
Sheriff

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FILE NO.: FCZ-94490
4 T - 09/30, 10/07, 10/14
& 10/21/10
Fee: \$206.04

Flute Students Perform With Natl. HS Flute Choir

WESTFIELD—Oria Alexander and Becky Zhang, of Westfield, and Katie Buchbinder, of Scotch Plains, performed with the High School Flute Choir at the National Flute Association's (NFA) 38th Annual Convention in Anaheim, Calif. on August 15

Selected from high-school flutists from around the country, the three high-school sophomores, all private flute students of Jenny Cline at the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Music Studio, submitted audition recordings in February 2010 and then waited to find out if they had been selected.

The repertoire required for the audition represented some of the most demanding pieces in the flute repertoire, and the students prepared for months before making their recordings.

News of their acceptance arrived in mid-April, and the music for the concert arrived shortly thereafter. They practiced their parts individually, in their lessons, and in "sectional rehearsals" with their teacher so that they would be able to arrive in Anaheim prepared for the first rehearsals.

The 24 members of the 2010 High School Flute Choir came from as close as California, and from as far away as New Jersey, and from many states in between. They converged on Anaheim for their first rehearsal on a Wednesday, the day before the convention began, having never played together or even met.

By Sunday, under the guidance of conductor and former NFA President John Bailey, they performed in concert as a cohesive ensemble, presenting a concert of challenging repertoire. As one member of the ensemble

said, "I love that we can come from all over the country and in five rehearsals seem like we've been playing together for eons."

For the local three students, the 2010 NFA Convention is now a memory, and they are already working on the audition pieces for next year's High School Flute Choir competition.

The Music Studio, a division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, is located at 150-152 East Broad Street in Westfield. For more information on the NJWA, call (908) 789-9696 or log on to njworkshopforthearts.com.

Edith Sobel to Address Hadassah Luncheon

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will hold its annual paid-up membership luncheon on Monday, October 25, at noon at Temple Emanuel-El, located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

The guest speaker will be Edith Sobel, a frequent critic, lecturer and discussant for National Hadassah, as well as many other Jewish organizations. After many years as a full-time editor and free-lance critic, she has used her education and experience to explore controversial issues and to enlighten and entertain her audiences.

Ms. Sobel earned a Master of Arts degree in English. Her thesis was entitled "Holocaust Literature and the American Imagination." She has served as chairwoman of Adult Jewish Education for the Northern New Jersey Region of Hadassah. Ms. Sobel has made more than 40 trips to Israel.

This event is free to all members who are current with their dues. Those who plan to attend are asked to respond to Fran Burns at (908) 353-5766. For additional information about this and other Hadassah functions, call Carole Thau at (908) 771-9251.

Rutgers Professor to Speak On 'Ethnicity in America'

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Memorial Library will present Michael Rockland, a professor of American Studies at Rutgers University, on Thursday, October 21, at 7 p.m.

Professor Rockland will speak on "Ethnicity in America; the Bright Side and the Dark Side." His talk will be part of the library's American Library Association (ALA) Grant "Picturing America: Land of Opportunity" series.

The professor's early career was in the U.S. diplomatic service, during which he was a cultural attaché in both Argentina and Spain. He is the author of 12 books, three of which have received special recognition.

Professor Rockland has won five major teaching/lecturing awards, in-

cluding the National Teaching Award in American Studies. He has lectured in some 21 countries. A regular contributor to *New Jersey Monthly* magazine, he also has worked in television and film production, mostly for PBS. He is regularly interviewed on National Public Radio.

He will appear at the library through the auspices of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities and the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library. The library is located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road.

A discussion of the topic with the audience will follow Professor Rockland's talk. To register for this and other events at the library, call (908) 322-6400.

Rainbows to Help Kids In Difficult Transitions

WESTFIELD – Fall 2010 sessions of Rainbows, a program designed to help children cope with difficult transitions, will be held on Monday nights beginning October 25 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Sessions will take place at the Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield.

Rainbows is an international non-profit organization that fosters emotional healing as a support group program for children and their parents grieving a loss from a life-altering crisis due to death, divorce, separation, illness or other painful family transitions.

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10005944
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-49684-08

Plaintiff: CITIBANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST 2004-3 MORTGAGE BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2004-3 VS.

Defendant: ANDREW T. KIEGEL, AN UNMARRIED PERSON; PATRICIA M. KEESHAN, AN UNMARRIED PERSON; GMAC MORTGAGE LLC

Sale Date: 11/10/2010
Write of Execution: 05/04/2010

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: ***Three Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen and 48/100*** \$383,914.48.

The property to be sold is located in the Town of Westfield, County of Union and State of New Jersey

Commonly known as: 415 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Tax Lot No. 13 in Block No. 1111

Dimensions of Lot Approximately: 60 x 123

Nearest Cross Street: Highland Avenue

Beginning at a point in the Northwesterly side-line of Mountain Avenue which point is distant therefrom to the Grandview Avenue (now vacated portion) a distance of 53-12 feet from its intersection with the Northeastly side line of Highland Avenue, said beginning point also marking the most Easterly corner of lands now or formerly of Moffett, running.

Prior Liens/Encumbrances
Total Upset: September 9, 2010: \$0.00
Total Upset: ***Four Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Three and 73/100*** \$435,253.73 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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& 11/04/10
Fee: \$189.72



IN-SESSION...During the In-Service Day in the Westfield Public Schools, the elementary Fine Arts teachers discussed the current curriculum in the face of drastic cuts to state aid. The teachers brainstormed about ideas to implement creative lessons while sustaining cuts to staff, supplies and programs. Meeting together were Vocal Music teachers, left to right in front, Theodore Hendricks, Amanda Samaha, Stephen Markowski, Suzanne Moore and Wendy Woodfield, and in back, Fine Arts Supervisor Linda King, Brent Geyer and Debbie McCullam.

Westfield School District's In-Service Day a Success

WESTFIELD – With a little more than a month of the school year underway, students and faculty are falling into regular routines and adapting to their specific schedules. Things are running smoothly in the Westfield school district, and one of the reasons behind this is the In-Service Day Training.

This year's In-Service Day took place on August 31. All teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, counselors, nurses and librarians met throughout the various schools in Westfield for a number of organized workshops. Examples of these include:

Training on the new attendance and organizational database program, Genesis.

Meetings for all general academic departments – Mathematics, Social Studies, Science and Language Arts – of Lincoln Early Childhood Center and all elementary schools in Westfield were led by department Chairpersons Regina Kiczek, Andrea Brennan and David Stoneback in the Westfield High School cafeteria. These curriculum discussions were divided into grades K to 2 and grades 3 to 5.

Achieve teachers in grades 1 to 5 attended David Heller's presentation of "Analyzing NJASK Score and Clusters" and "Developing PLC Goals for 2010-2011."

The elementary-level Physical Education Department reviewed new core standards and discussed the implementation of developmental skills in the program.

The staff at Edison Intermediate School participated in team-building exercises.

The faculty members of both intermediate schools took part in discussions regarding conversation, communication and listening between teachers and students and colleagues.

The Westfield High School staff attended seminars specific to their departments, as well as Special Services training meetings.

With ample programs offered for every faculty and support member in the district, the result of the In-Service Day was proven a success, according to Anita O'Neal, assistant superintendent of Curriculum and Program in the Westfield Public Schools.

WHS Earns ShopRite Cup For Most State Wins

WESTFIELD – Westfield High School (WHS) was awarded the ShopRite/NJSIAA (New Jersey Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association) Cup on September 25 at Kehler Stadium in Westfield.

Westfield was one of six schools, out of 425 in New Jersey, to claim the trophy for most state titles and for good sportsmanship. It marked the first time in the seven-year history of the award.

The Blue Devils came in first in the post-season in Group 4 schools and earned six extra points for having no disqualifications in the winter and spring seasons.

WHS teams that contributed toward the award include: (state champs) Girls Tennis, Boys Tennis, Girls Swimming, Boys Cross Country, (second place), Girls Soccer and (third place) Football.

Following the presentation of the cup, Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan praised the athletes.

"It is a tribute to all our student athletes who faced challenging courses during the day and tough opponents after school. I am proud of the state titles that they have won, and I am especially pleased that their good sportsmanship has been recognized as part of the criteria in winning this award," she added.

"I wish all our teams great success

SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10005896
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-6925-09
Plaintiff: HSBC BANK USA AS TRUSTEE FOR OMAC 2005-5 VS.

Defendant: JOHN GILLESPIE, ALLISON GILLESPIE, ET ALS

Sale Date: 11/10/2010
Write of Execution: 08/18/2010

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The judgment amount is: ***Four Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Fifty and 11/100*** \$459,050.11.

The property to be sold is located in the Town of Westfield (Block 5706, Lot 3.01) and Township of Clark (Block 138, Lot 7), County of Union and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 2011 Grandview Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Tax Lot No. 3.01 & 7 in Block No. 5706 & 138

Dimensions of Lot Approximately: Lot 3.01 Block 5706 40' x 133'; Lot 7 Block 138: 9' x 100' vacant land

Nearest Cross Street: Virginia Street

Beginning at a point in the former Northeastly side-line of Grandview Avenue (now vacated portion) distant 100 feet South easterly from the intersection of the said former Northeastly side-line of Grandview and Southeastly side-line of Virginia Street running thence.

Prior Liens/Encumbrances
Taxes open + penalty: \$21.44
Total Upset: September 9, 2010: \$21.44
Total Upset: ***Five Hundred Six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Five and 53/100*** \$506,845.53 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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Fee: \$171.36



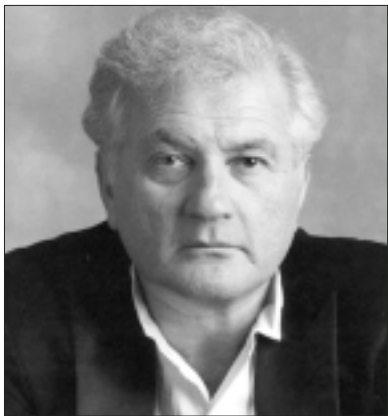
A MOUSE TRAP...Westfield residents play major roles in Cranford Dramatic Club's upcoming late fall production of *Stuart Little*. Pictured, from left to right, are: Emmanuelle Nadeau, Duncan Cook, Jack Mustard and Madge Witter. Seated are Jessica Zimmermann, left, and Nicole Sollazzo. See release at the bottom of this page.

Publishing House Announces Book Signing Appearance

WESTFIELD – Norman Shabel, well-known legal thriller author, will appear at the Town Book Store in Westfield on Saturday, October 23, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. He will be selling and signing copies of his two latest novels, “The Burning Gavel” and “Four Women.” Norman Shabel is a foremost expert on injustice in the American legal and political systems.

“The Burning Gavel” tells the saga of a middle-aged lawyer, Mel Levine, fighting his way through the gauntlet of the Halls of Injustice in our American court system. Fighting against a prejudicial judge and a quartet of home-favored defense lawyers, Levine battles for his client’s rights and justice in the civil trial of the century. Sex and money carve the path to the virtual destruction of life, limb, and incarceration of Levine and his battle for the rights of his client.

“Four Women” is a novel focused around four brave and very different women battling a greedy real estate developer in Miami’s South Beach during the late 1960’s. Their only defender is a young alcoholic lawyer caught in the midst of a controversial trial ruled over by an unfeeling and prejudicial judge. “Four Women” takes readers on a journey through Holocaust Germany and post-war New York City to reveal the troubled pasts of these remarkable four women and how they came to be close friends



Norman Shabel

and independent, inspiring residents of Miami.

Norman Shabel is a remarkable trial attorney, well-respected author and true insider of law and politics. Much like his novels, Norman provides his broad-reading audience with a credible insight into courtroom proceedings and other inner-workings of American legal and political systems. He also enjoys speaking to a variety of audiences about the joy of writing in order to offer aspiring authors tips and tricks on breaking into the legal thriller and mystery genres.

For more information about this event, visit The Town Book Store at townbookstore.com. Also, visit chateaupub.com for more information about Norman Shabel and his entire catalog of titles.

Founded in 2000 and located in Philadelphia, Chateau Publishing House believes in new voices, quality writing, and strategic marketing. The publishing house provides nationwide distribution to brick-and-mortar stores as well as many online retailers. Visit chateaupub.com for more information on how Chateau is revolutionizing the publishing industry by allowing young writers to reclaim their dreams of becoming a published author.

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Junior Musical Club Announces New Season

WESTFIELD – The Junior Musical Club of Westfield announced its new slate officers: president, Brenda

They come from Westfield and nearby communities, united by their love of music.



Officers of the Junior Musical Club (from left to right) David Mandala, Alex Goldschmidt, Brenda Li, Rachel Baron, Amanda Chen and Jahzeel Paguntalan

Li; vice-president of programs, Rachel Baron; vice-president of auditions, David Mandala; treasurer, Rebecca Diaz; secretary, Amanda Chen; hospitality, Deborah Wu; publicity, Alex Goldschmidt; website manager, Jahzeel Paguntalan.

The Junior Musical Club, a division of The Musical Club of Westfield, is a performing group of teenaged instrumentalists and vocalists from the eighth grade through high school.

CDC Casts Westfield Actors in *Stuart Little*

WESTFIELD – Emmanuelle Nadeau of Westfield has been cast as the title character in the Cranford Dramatic Club’s upcoming children’s musical production of E.B. White’s *Stuart Little* – the story of a mouse born to a New York City family who learns about friendship and independence.

Featured in the production are Westfield residents Madge Witter as the narrator and Duncan Cook as Stuart’s brother, George. Also in the large cast, spanning generations, are Jack Mustard, Jessica Zimmermann and Nicole Sollazzo, playing various characters whom Stuart encounters along his journey.

Stuart Little is a musical for the whole family and will be performed at the Cranford Dramatic Club, located at 78 Winans Avenue in Cranford, on December 10 through 12.

Headless Horseman Visits RIS in Time for Halloween

WESTFIELD – Roosevelt Intermediate School (RIS) in Westfield will present *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. One of Halloween’s most terrifying and iconic figures – the Headless Horseman – rides onto the stage of RIS on Friday, October 22.

The show runs through the weekend, with performances Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 23, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, October 24, at 2 p.m. The school is located at 301 Clark Street in Westfield.

This play, directed by Annie Brzozowski, is a timeless classic from

Book Store Welcomes ‘Sometimes Y’ Author

WESTFIELD – The Town Book Store (270 East Broad Street) in Westfield will host a meet and greet with Jason Elias, author of the children’s book “And Sometimes Y,” on Saturday, October 16, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The question of whether Y is a consonant or a vowel has always baffled young minds. In “And Sometimes Y,” the vowels and consonants battle over the rights to this prestigious letter.

Mr. Elias is an English teacher by trade. “And Sometimes Y” is his first children’s book.

To learn more, call (908) 233-3535.



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The Social Network: Oh, ya Gotta Have Friends

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By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
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Call it a character flaw. But aside from a cherished gaggle of relatives and friends, I don’t much care what folks are up to if it doesn’t affect me. Thus my conspicuous absence from Facebook. However, after seeing director David Fincher’s *The Social Network*, about its wunderkind founder, Mark Zuckerberg, I am rethinking my stance.

Enriching via its socio-historical characterization of a generation and the technological gizmos that have helped shape their mores and folkways, the biopic transcends entertainment.

So let us venture back to those primitive days of yesteryear at Harvard, circa 2004, when not every mortal could boast potential access to 500 million friends. Mark Zuckerberg, sophomore computer-science major and nerd extraordinaire, bathes his inferiority complex born of social ineptness in the only solution he knows: acumen and arrogance.

Out of this apparent mother of invention springs Facebook, a social network for college kids to meet and greet, at first only at Harvard, then at the other ivies, and eventually anywhere there’s a computer.

The rest, as they say, is history, and thus inevitably fraught with pretty much the same claims and lawsuits that accompany any new creation.

It’s been the case ever since the first wheel rolled. For every Henry Ford, there is a George Selden (“road engine” patent holder) asserting proprietorship. Told in flashback, director Fincher’s chronicle adapted by Aaron Sorkin from Ben Mezrich’s book focuses on Zuckerberg’s quippish, haughty protection of his game-changing bonanza.

But the legal battle, though not without its provocative points of conjecture and conclusion, is more importantly an entrée to the complicated workings of a human being. We are transfixed by the very mixed emotions Mr. Zuckerberg elicits in us. Sure, he’s amassed billions. But we suspect the emotional fortune he sought remains elusive.

Accompanying that judgment and serving as intriguing subtext for those of us not keeping up with our algorithmic studies, there is the humbling awesomeness engendered by the Harvard milieu. While sadly true that the great unwashed can tell you what Miley Cyrus – but not Hillary Clinton – is doing, our really smart people are smarter than ever.

Although Harvard needs no such advertisement, the peek into the unofficial think tank that has spawned its lion’s share of discoveries ostensibly

author Washington Irving. *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* turns a picturesque colonial New York village into a scene of macabre and mystery surrounding the meek and superstitious schoolmaster Ichabod Crane, played by Ben Howel.

The heart-pounding story, set at the end of the 18th century, begins with Crane’s affections for a young lady, Katrina Van Tassel, played by Courtney Ryan. It moves quickly to terror when Crane is chased through the fog-shrouded forest by the Headless Horseman.

Viewers are left wondering if the Headless Horseman is really “Brom Bones” Van Brunt, played by Blake Fallon, Katrina’s other suitor, or a ghost. The audience must separate legend from truth in this timeless Halloween tale.

The Roosevelt performance promises to entertain, thrill and intrigue all ages and crowds.

“The talented students here at RIS bring this wonderful Halloween tradition to life,” said Ms. Brzozowski, who is also a teacher at Jefferson School.

Ticket prices are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. To purchase tickets, e-mail nanettoletus@comcast.net or call (908) 789-4560.

celebrates the joy of inclusion. Which, ironically, is what Mr. Zuckerberg could never feel. It hurts even worse after his only true buddy, Eduardo Saverin (Andrew Garfield), is wooed by an elite social club.

Some critics delight in broad strokes, like suggesting *The Social Network* is to our current crop of 20-somethings what *The Graduate* (1968) was to the Baby Boomers in their salad days. While perhaps a tad pretentious, such estimation does at least establish a reasonable perspective. Very good movies tend to attract classical comparison.

The long shot I’ll venture concerns the content of Mr. Zuckerberg’s character. While Jesse Eisenberg’s excellent portrayal has no compunction in pointing out the protective cad he can be, his conceit, individualism and genius suggest Ayn Rand’s Howard Roark in “The Fountainhead” (1949). Though certainly no Gary Cooper, the visions are similar.

Both exude a rational selfishness that comes of believing the greatness is in the work itself...not how much money it makes or how it may benefit society. If he is a hero in the process, so be it. Take it a step further and we’re in truth-is-beauty territory. Yet unlike the hypothetical, test tube Roark, Zuckerberg’s philosophy is challenged by real life.

And, to be candid, his ethos is a complicated work still very much in progress. How to be a Bill Gates, if not an Edison? He knows their stories, what promoted and confounded them, and what relegated the incautious brainiacs like Tesla to die poor and in relative obscurity. Yet, even if one is vigilant, the inexperience of youth can lead to imprudence.

Enters stage left, Justin Timberlake’s charismatically realized Sean Parker, fallen idol of Napster fame, who captures Mark’s ear and imagination. He claims to have the roadmap, the pitfalls to avoid in the Silicon Valley gold rush. This doesn’t please the emerging entrepreneur’s original coterie of supporters. Alas, it is now also a tale of innocence lost.

Filmmaker Fincher gets it right by wisely forsaking the old template that cast way too many films about breakthrough and invention in the same, formulaic light. Set in the properly enigmatic, brave new time and place and worded in its cutting edge terms, *The Social Network*’s telling of the Facebook saga is sure to win many moviegoing friends.

The Social Network, rated PG-13, is a Columbia Pictures release directed by David Fincher and stars Jesse Eisenberg, Andrew Garfield, Rooney Mara and Justin Timberlake. Running time: 120 minutes.

Fanwood Hosts Carriage House Poetry Reading

FANWOOD – The Carriage House Poetry Series has invited the public to attend a free poetry reading on Tuesday, October 19, at 8 p.m. in the Patricia Kuran Arts Center on Watson Road, off North Martine Avenue, adjacent to Fanwood Borough Hall. (GPS use 75 North Martine Avenue.)

The featured readers will be distinguished poets Anthony Buccino and Jessica de Koninck.

Mr. Buccino is a financial-news editor by day but also finds time to write poetry, essays and amusing blogs. His books of essays, including “American Boy: Pushing Sixty,” focus on life in North Jersey and his boyhood in Nutley and Belleville.

Mr. Anthony published two collections of poetry in 2008: “Voices on the Bus” and “One Morning in Jersey City.” His writing has appeared in the *Journal of New Jersey Poets*, *The*

Wall Street Journal, *New Jersey Monthly* and elsewhere.

Ms. de Koninck’s first collection of poems, “Repairs,” was published by Finishing Line Press in 2006. Her poetry has appeared in numerous journals and anthologies, including *Poetry Magazine*, *The Ledge*, the *Paterson Literary Review*, *US 1 Worksheets*, *The Edison Literary Review*, *Bridges*, *Literary Mama*, *Exit 13 Magazine* and *Earth’s Daughters*. An attorney and former councilwoman in Montclair, she is working to complete her Master of Fine Arts degree at Stonecoast.

An open mic will follow the featured poets, and audience members are invited to read one of their own poems. For more information, call (908) 889-7223 or (908) 889-5298. Visit carriagehousepoetryseries.blogspot.com for online directions and information.



DANCING WITH THE STAR...Scotch Plains resident Madhumita Parmar, a student at the Union County Academy for Allied Health Science (UCAAHC), performs in a fundraising concert for an agency that provides meals for underprivileged children in India.

SP Resident Spends Her Birthday Dancing to Help the Underprivileged

By MARYLOU MORANO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SCOTCH PLAINS – Township resident Madhumita Parmar, a student at the Union County Academy for Allied Health Science (UCAAHC), produced and performed in a Grand Bharatanatyam Fundraising Concert for the benefit of Akshaya Patra, an agency that provides meals for underprivileged children in India.

The event, performed at Terrill Middle School in late September, coincided with Madhumita’s upcoming 16th birthday.

An accomplished dancer, singer and saxophonist, Madhumita has often used her talents to raise funds for nonprofit organizations like Autism Speaks and Habitat for Humanity, among other causes. The Akshaya Patra concert has so far raised more than \$10,000 for the organization. The benefit was inspired by a family trip to Jaipoor, India.

“We toured the Akshaya Patra Foundation, and it was just so amazing to actually see the beyond-commandable efforts they were taking to feed and educate 1.2 million children every day,” said Madhumita.

“I felt so inspired after this visit that I was determined to do something [to] help this organization flourish more than it already has,” she said. “Through my dance, I am essentially helping impoverished children get food and an education.”

Madhumita credits her parents’ sense of social responsibility for her commitment to charitable causes.

“I have grown up in a very community-service-oriented, giving family,

and [we] thought it would be a wonderful idea to dedicate a program to this cause,” said Madhumita.

She stated that celebrating her birthday by performing for Akshaya Patra gives new meaning to the art that is so dear to her.

“It’s like celebrating my birthday not only with my friends and family, but with [the] 1.2 million children who will remember us for giving them a good meal and a good education. What a great birthday gift,” she said.

Accompanied by musicians from India, at the Akshaya Patra concert, Ms. Parmar first sang a devotional song in praise of Lord Ganesha, the remover of all obstacles. The song is titled “Vande Ganapati.”

She then danced for nearly two hours in the bharatanatyam style. Bharatanatyam is one of India’s oldest forms of classical dance. It incorporates intricate footwork and complex gestures to tell stories, and various facial expressions to portray emotion.

Ms. Parmar is the recipient of the Tamil Nadu Foundation USA Youth Service Excellence award and also the Raoul Wallenberg Foundation’s award for Excellence in Community Service.

After graduating from UCAAHC in 2012, Ms. Parmar hopes to attend Brown University, where she would like to study to be a neurologist.

As such, she would like to promote a holistic approach to health by integrating arts and medicine.

Anyone wishing to donate to Akshaya Patra can do so by logging on to foodforeducation.org and mentioning the September 26 event. More is available on madhumitaparmar.com.



Tom Fortunato for The Westfield Leader and The Times

MOVE TO THE MUSIC...Students show off their dance moves last week at the new Academy of Performing Arts High School at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools campus in Scotch Plains. The new facility features classrooms, a theatre and studios for dance, acting and recording. County and Kean University officials marked the opening of the facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday.

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Arts & Entertainment

WCP Sets Stage for its Own ‘War of the Roses’

By SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD – Critics aren’t always right. Case in point is *Abie’s Irish Rose* by Anne Nichols, Westfield Community Players’ season opener. Despite being panned unanimously by theater reviewers in 1922 when it first opened, it survived on Broadway for five years and, for years, held the world’s record for the longest running touring play in Broadway history.

This fast-moving three-act comedy presents a story of stereotyped prejudices and how they might be overcome. The storyline revolves around a New York Orthodox Jewish man, Solomon Levy (Maury Herman), a widower who owns his own business, running it with his only son Abraham (Brian Remo). In the past, son “Abie” has brought home young women who have never met with Solomon’s approval because they are not Jewish.

When Act I begins, Abie has just secretly married a young Irish-Catholic girl, Rose Mary Murphy (Ali

let on that he and Rose Mary are anything more than daters. Rose Mary reluctantly goes along with the impromptu plan; the father takes the bait, becomes infatuated with the person he thinks is “Rosie Murpheski” and pushes for their hasty marriage. He calls in a rabbi (Gregg Mele) and, in just one week, prepares for a “proper” Jewish wedding to take place in his apartment.

Solomon’s neighbors, Mrs. Isaac Cohen (Joanne Lemenille) and her henpecked husband Isaac Cohen (Steven Lemenille), meet Rosie and, right from the beginning, think she’s a real catch.

Rosie’s father Patrick Murphy (Rick Roberts), also a widower, lives in California, but comes to New York for what he thinks is the marriage of his only child to a supposed Irish-Catholic man. Accompanied by family friend Catholic priest Father Whalen (James Broderick), Murphy arrives at the house when the marriage is being celebrated, but too late to prevent it. The two fathers, each more aggravated than the other by the proposed union of his child

monial match is a good one. The Catholic priest hurriedly marries the couple in a side room, hopefully making the third time a charm.

The last act takes place about a year later on Christmas Eve, where the disowned young couple is content with a new addition to their family. In a rather forced ending, reconciliations and reunions occur to make everyone happy.

What makes the audience happy is Naomi Yablonsky’s vision and fine direction. “Intermarriage has been an issue for people since biblical times,” she said in the program notes. And because of great comic timing of the actors, the lines, although vaudevillian at times with slurs and verbal slaps, remain funny. There’s nothing subtle about the prejudices of the Jewish-American father and the Irish-Catholic American father, or the pasted-on happy ending.

The fun of the show is in the outlandish stereotypic characters. Joanne Lemenille as Mrs. Isaac Cohen presents a humorous bully who talks incessantly about her operation and constantly makes deprecating remarks about her husband Isaac. Her real-life husband, Steve Lemenille, plays onstage husband Isaac as an old lecher who practically salivates when in the company of young Rosie. Talented actors Mr. Broderick and Mr. Roberts present authentic Irish brogues and marvelous comic timing.

Mr. Remo and Ms. Giacona have an undeniable chemistry that makes the audience root for their characters despite their families’ objections. Mr. Herman is especially natural in his delivery of the character whose blatant bigotry is so over the top that one has to chuckle.

This is a period piece that, according to director Yablonsky, echoes a universal theme: “There is always hope that true love can run smoothly.”

to a religious heretic, take to a shoving-and-shouting match. Meanwhile, the priest and the rabbi become friendly, exchange longwinded philosophies about religion and agree that the matri-



Fathers Maury Herman, left, and Rick Roberts go nose-to-nose

—Susan M. Dougherty for The Leader/Times

Giacona), before a Protestant minister. Abie is convinced that his father will love his bride once he gets to know her, so he leads his father into thinking the young beauty is a Jewess. Abie doesn’t

Celebrate Halloween With WSO and Monster Music

WESTFIELD – On Saturday, October 30, at 8 p.m., the Westfield Symphony Orchestra (WSO) presents Monster Music, a “spooktacular” Halloween celebration for the whole family, featuring scares, scores, special discounts for students and two separate Halloween costume contests for kids and adults with large cash prizes for both.

The public is invited to join WSO at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield as it brings to life the original 1925 movie *The Phantom of the Opera*, starring Lon Chaney. WSO will present Hollywood’s first great horror epic complete with live symphonic soundtrack by Gabriel Thibaudau.

There will not be a single moment of silence as more than 40 members of the fully professional orchestra, under the baton of Maestro David Wroe, perform Thibaudau’s orchestral soundtrack as the original classic silent movie is projected above the orchestra and in full view of the audience.

“This is a fabulously romantic, broad-stroked and beautiful score of symphonic proportion,” remarked WSO Music Director Wroe. “It closely mirrors the traumatic, yet passionate, events unfolding in the movie and will give a whole new dimension to surround sound.”

All patrons, regardless of age, are encouraged to come to the concert

dressed in their Halloween costumes. Two separate contests—one for adults and one for kids 13 and under—will be judged at intermission. Top prizes are \$200 for adults and \$100 for kids.

The evening will also feature a performance of Mozart’s famed *Symphony No. 40 in G minor* which is sure to appeal to young and old alike.

Mr. Wroe added, “Combining different media is part of our mission to make classical music appeal to the broadest possible audience. This evening will fascinate the whole family. Both youth and adults will love the music as well as the costume contest—and we have reduced

ticket prices to \$10 for all students K-12.”

Movie and music begin at 8 p.m. A free lecture and pre-concert Halloween chat, designed to enhance the Monster Music experience, will be conducted by Dr. Shuang Goe Wroe prior to the concert in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Costume contestants should plan to register by 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are priced between \$25 and \$70. Student tickets are \$10.

Tickets may be purchased directly from the WSO office (224 East Broad Street) or by calling the box office at (908) 232-9400. Tickets are also available at The Town Book Store in Westfield and Martin Jewelers in Cranford.



Above, Lon Chaney as Frankenstein. The WSO is bringing to life *The Phantom of the Opera*, also starring Chaney, (1925), in all its symphonic splendor.

Westfield Art Association Welcomes Paul Casale

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Art Association had its first meeting on September 26 and featured a demonstration by Danielle Mick. The second

meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Room at 425 East Broad Street in Westfield.

This second meeting will feature artist Paul Casale doing a portrait of a model. A graduate of the High School of Art and Design in Manhattan, he ran an early-morning painting class in oils, watercolor and pencil. Following that, he went to Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, where he obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Fine Art and Illustration; he won awards and grants from the Ford Foundation and The Art Students Association.

He is a member of the Society of Illustrators and has produced work for Harper Collins, Houghton Mifflin Penguin USA, Random House Publications and others.

By SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

CRANFORD — *Grease* is the musical show that high school students across America pray their drama department will produce. It’s the 1978 mega hit movie starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John that every teenager has seen repeatedly. It’s also a path to jog down memory lane for the youngest of Baby Boomers who might just remember the tail end of the ‘50s and the flavor of that era.

Cranford Dramatic Club Community Theatre’s version of *Grease*, with book and music by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, met an enthusiastic audience on opening night. They had reason to do so. It’s a professionally produced and directed show. This version—unlike milder, toned-down high school versions of the musical—is, however, a show for adults.

In director Becky Randazzo’s notes in the program, she explains that in the original Broadway version, *Grease* was known for being a “raunchy, raw, vulgar show that in later versions, including the film, was tamed down significantly.” She defends putting back the original Broadway lines “in an effort to infuse some of the true spirit and essence from that original Broadway version.” CDC’s version has achieved true “raunchy, raw and vulgar” status.

Who would want a 6- or 7-year-old child to see simulated sexual content, a “mooning” of the audience—complete with bare bottom—and the metamorphosis of an innocent teen gal Sandy Dombroski (Lauren Dodono), who decides that being true to herself is not as important as getting the guy? The teens on stage smoke incessantly, drink with abandon, drop out of school, have sex indiscriminately and are pressured to act in ways that they might not want. In all fairness, there is a warning message in the program and in the lobby that “language and content may not be suitable for children.” The damage is

As a realist artist, he combines a 19th Century approach to painting with contemporary subjects. While he has worked in many media, he is interested in the whole, surface quality and image.

The Westfield Art Association welcomes any adult to join. The organization started in 1921 and is an incorporated 501(c)(3) non-profit group. The community room has a ramp for the disabled residents. This year, there will be one more meeting with a demonstration. On Sunday, December 5, Anne Kullaf, an art teacher in the Somerset Art Association and Visual Arts Center, will demonstrate her oil-painting technique.

The WAA board has decided to have a holiday party to allow members to meet and socialize with each other; this will be held on Tuesday, January 11, at Ferraro’s Restaurant on Elm Street at 6:15 p.m. More 2011 event news will follow shortly.



Paul Casale’s “In With The Tide” (Oil)



THEY ARE SUPREME... Brian Hall as Danny, Michael Miguel as Doody, Brian Merrill as Kenickie, Chris Grimm as Roger, and Christopher Abbott as Sonny, left to right, star in the CDC production of *Grease*.

done; kids and parents come to the production expecting the softer version.

The “raw” content aside, this is a well-executed show. Music by conductor/keyboardsist John Brzozowski is spot-on, with especially mellow saxophone and rich bass accompaniment. The best part of the night, though, is the choreography, by Megan Ferentinos, which is fresh and inventive. The CDC stage is an intimate one—not very deep, but wide with two side thrusts that act as the radio studio of Station Wxxx and the brick face building of Rydell High. So when the teens bop their way circuitously from center stage to an alcove and back, it works.

Highlight numbers include Sandy’s “Hopelessly Devoted to You,” the Newton-John hit. To Ms. Dodono’s credit, she doesn’t try to mimic the sound or the famous arrangement. Her naturally sweet voice floats effortlessly as the character’s anguish resonates.

Brian Hall’s Danny is a good representation of the head of the T-Birds; the black leather-jacket-wearing greaser needs to be “macho” in front of his friends but has a tender side when he’s alone with Sandy. Mr. Hall’s voice, strong and enjoyable, leads many of the songs.

Rizzo, the Stockard Channing role from the movie version and head of the Pink Ladies, is played by talented

Allison Acquafredda. Her rendition of “There are Worse Things I Could Do” delivers pathos, anger and frustration in her strong belt. Doody, played by Michael Miguel, gets loads of laughs but when decked out in a gold lamé jacket, earns respect in “Those Magic Changes.” Teen angel, Juan Pascual, is superior, utilizing his effortless tenor voice with pure falsetto notes at the end of “Beauty School Dropout.” The fog machine that was used on opening night in the “Dropout” number wasn’t very effective in setting the mood of the dreamlike song and might well have been dropped.

The red-robed gospel chorus was a unique twist for that number that very often features beauty salon accouterments instead. One of the character actors—Paul Rivers as radio announcer Vince Fontaine—shows his snake oil charm throughout.

His pre-show patter, complete with an impromptu dance contest with audience members, is a hit. Brian Merrill as Kenickie, Jennifer Kujawski as Marty, Raven Alexandra Dunbar as Jan, Christopher Harrison Parkhurst Abbott as Sonny, Lisa Poggi as Patty and Gira Marie Derise as Frenchy all get their well-deserved moment in the spotlight.

If “We Go Together” and “You’re the One that I Want” stir a longing for the ‘50s, then “Grease is the Word” is for you. Catch a weekend performance through October 23.

Westfield Wins Top Awards In America in Bloom Contest

WESTFIELD – Westfield received the top prize for towns their size in the 2010 America in Bloom (AIB) competition (locally known as “Westfield in Bloom”) and won the Landscaped Areas Award for all entrants across the country. Westfield competed in 2009 and 2010 and is the only town in the State of New Jersey to compete both years.

Of the 28 participating towns in the United States, each town was judged on eight criteria: community involvement, floral displays, environmental awareness, heritage, urban forestry, landscape, tidiness and turf and ground covers across three sectors: municipal,

residential and commercial.

Judges Bruce Riggs and Marlborough Packard toured Westfield from July 11 to 13 and met town officials, residents, volunteers and members of the Westfield In Bloom committee.

The eight criteria awards only go to one community among all the AIB entrants across all population categories. Westfield won the Landscaped Areas Award sponsored by OFA – The Association of Horticultural Professionals.


For more information, visit americainbloom.org or westfieldinbloom.com.



Courtesy of David Williams

IN FULL BLOOM... Westfield won two awards and a four-bloom rating at the recent America in Bloom Symposium and Awards Program. Pictured, left to right, are: Barbara Vincentsen, Westfield resident and 2011 America in Bloom judge; Sherry Cronin, co-leader of Westfield in Bloom and executive director of Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC); Joe Lamp’l, executive producer and host of “Growing a Greener World” PBS series; Beth Brenner, assistant executive director of DWC; David Williams, co-leader of Westfield in Bloom, owner of Williams Nursery and president of Garden Centers of America, and Katy Moss Warner, Volunteer Board of Directors of America in Bloom and president emeritus, American Horticultural Society.


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