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## WF Council Hears Central Ave. Complaint, Sets Free Parking

By LAUREN S. BARR

WESTFIELD — Acting Mayor Mark Ciarrocca announced at Tuesday night's public Westfield Council meeting that the town will allow for free on-street parking and free parking in the South Side commuter permit lot from December 20 to 31.

Last week, the Downtown Westfield Corporation requested that the council allow for free parking at all meters and parking lot pay-stations from December 15 to January 1. According to Acting Mayor Ciarrocca, the DWC's original request would have resulted in an estimated revenue loss of \$25,000 to \$30,000. Under the

granted free-parking plan, the town estimates that it will lose \$5,000 in

During the public-comments por-Parizeau said that a "hand scanner

Mr. Kasko said that his comments "concern you (the council) and Mr. (James) Gildea" and not the police chief regarding "mismanagement" of

Mayor Mark Smith, who was de-

feated for re-election last week, said

that "we have heard the people," ad-

mitting that it had been a "mistake"

separating out the fee from the town-

At the start of the meeting, both

newly-elected Democrats spoke and

criticized the committee for intro-

ducing the repeal ordinance, which

will be voted on at its December 14

meeting. Councilman-elect Kevin

Campbell told the committee he was

concerned that there had been no

studies or legal analysis of how a

repeal would affect next year's mu-

nicipal budget. "This is being imple-

mented in a very poor fashion, a very

Ed O'Malley, who will join Mr.

Campbell on the township commit-

tee next year, called the repeal effort

a "shoot-from-the-hip political reac-

Their comments led Commissioner

David Robinson later in the meeting

to question their commitment to dis-

chaotic fashion," he said.

ship budget.



'NO' TO CELL TOWER ...From left to right, Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (LD-21, Westfield) and Westfield Town Councilmen James Foerst and Keith Loughlin discuss T-Mobile's proposed cell-tower construction at the Westfield National Guard Armory, a project which they all oppose. Asm. Bramnick was presented with the town council's formal resolution of opposition, which he will personally deliver to Governor Chris Christie's Office in the coming weeks.

## **Cranford Seeks to Repeal** Sewer Fee, Restore Line Item

By FRED T. ROSSI

CRANFORD — Six months after creating a utility to collect sewer fees from property owners and a week after Democrats regained control of the township committee in an election in which the sewer fee was a significant campaign issue, the township committee this week introduced an ordinance repealing the sewer utility, thus restoring the status quo ante in which sewer fees will be a line item in the municipal budget

At the committee's regular meeting on Tuesday, commissioner Mark Dugan noted the sewer fee was a "very big issue" in the recent election campaign. He said there was a "good cause" for establishing the sewer utility earlier this year as the committee struggled to stay within state-mandated property-tax parameters. But "all of us heard [the voters] loud and clear" last week, when two Democrats were elected to the committee, which will have a 3-2 Democratic majority come January.

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BEAUTY OF FALL...The foliage of Tamaques Park in Westfield is in all its splendor in late October.

revenue.

tion of the meeting, retired police officer Greg Kasko handed out copies of a memo from Police Chief John Parizeau to all supervisors, dated October 25, 2007. In the memo, Chief was put in place because a small number of personnel were stealing time. They were entering full shifts in the sign-in book but not working those the town. He said that while Chief Parizeau chose not to punish any individuals, "such investigations must be reported" to the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

Chief Parizeau told The Westfield Leader that he would have to check his records in order to confirm the authenticity of the memo.

Resident Jim Baker spoke to the council about the placement of a midblock lighted crosswalk on Central Avenue. He said that when he spoke to the council four weeks ago, Councilman Ciarrocca pointed out that Mr. Baker is a member of the Democratic Committee and that "I think that it is wrong for the mayor and council to allow politics to prevent any citizen from coming forward to address any of the topics that affect all citizens or our town."

Mr. Baker said that he voted for former Republican Councilman Peter Echausse and, during the parking deck discussions, disagreed with Democratic Councilman Larry

He said that his opposition to the location of the crosswalk on Central Avenue is "not partisan" and that "everyone - from Republicans, Democrats and Independents - should be supporting [the residents whom it affects]."

When Maria Carluccio of Central Avenue approached the microphone, Acting Mayor Ciarrocca greeted her by her first name, but she told him that she would prefer to be called Mrs. Carluccio. She questioned the council as to why a crossing guard was necessary at the new crosswalk but not at an intersection like Grove and Central, where there are more points of conflict. She also questioned why trees were planted at the new cul-de-sacs, which would prevent fire trucks from gaining access.

Mrs. Carluccio also criticized Mayor Andrew Skibitsky, who was

By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL

Board, along with dozens of resi-

dents, heard a proposal last Thursday

evening by Clark Developers to build

an age-restricted housing project on

project would be housed on 268-300

and 285 Terminal Avenue and 1245-

1255 Westfield Avenue, and would

contain 329 units for residents 55

Testifying on behalf of the build-

ers, architect Larry Appel, of the

Appel Design Group in Union, noted

that the project was slated to contain

four buildings of which 20 percent

would be C.O.A.H. (Council on Af-

Mr. Appel stated that two of the

four buildings would be three stories high and that the other two would be

four stories. He noted that there would

be screenings on top of all buildings

to hide the air conditioning and heating units that are housed on the roofs.

He reported that together in the four

buildings there would be 105 one-

bedroom units, 12 one-bedroom with den units and 212 two-bedroom units.

He also noted that of the total 329

units, 66 would be designated as af-

fordable housing units and were for

Clark resident Vasiliki Diamandas

asked how high the buildings would be and if the air conditioning/heating

units and their screenings would add

more height to the building. Ms.

Diamandas was told that the maxi-

mum height of the four-story build-

ing was 45 feet and that it was the

same height allowed by the town's

zoning ordinance. However, it was

noted that the screening for the heat

people 60 or older.

fordable Housing) units.

years and older.

According to the applicant, the

Terminal and Westfield Avenues.

CLARK — The Clark Planning



THESE SCARECROWS ALREADY HAVE BRAINS...Students at McKinley Elementary School in Westfield marched proudly in costume during the school's Halloween Parade, which kicked off an afternoon of festivities for the students. Pictured, from left to right, are: fourth graders Corinne Flaherty, Kamryn Lombardi and Sydney Harding masquerading as a trio of scarecrows. Students in first through fifth grades took part in the event.

## Freeholders OK Federal Bonds For Wakefern Foods Expansion

By PAUL J. PEYTON

ELIZABETH — The Board of Chosen Freeholders, last Thursday, approved the transfer of \$15.6 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) recovery zone facility bonds from a new hotel project to the \$70-million expansion of Wakefern Foods, the wholesale arm of ShopRite supermarkets, based in Elizabeth.

The City of Elizabeth is issuing an additional \$3.9 million in ARRA recovery bonds. In addition, Wakefern is requesting a \$2.5-million low-in-

and air units is not counted in the

building height and makes the structure measure 53.25 feet in height.

Mr. Appel also testified that all

four buildings would be faced with

brick and stucco on all four sides and

that balconies would be added to the

project "to create a layering effect on

Mr. Appel also stated that the facility

would offer parking beneath three of

the four buildings. He added that park-

ing for the remaining building would

be on the ground level. He stated that

one building would include a 4,500-

a traffic expert, testified on behalf of

the developer and stated that he felt

the impact of the project on traffic in the area would be "minimal" as op-

posed to industry, for which the area is currently zoned. He noted that not

all residents will be driving on a daily

basis and that some might be using

township bussing as opposed to industry, which would add commuter

Mr. Nelson reported that his ob-

servations have determined that during peak hours of traffic, which

include 7 to 8 a.m. during the week

and 4 to 5 p.m. during the week, 130

vehicles are now generating trips in

Wolff Samson Agency also testified on behalf of the applicant and stated

that no variances were needed for the

fact that so many residents did not get

a chance to voice their opinion of the

project, board members voted to ex-

tend the application into the Decem-

ber 2 meeting, which will begin at

Because of the late hour and the

Attorney Donna Erem from the

traffic to Clark roads.

the area.

During the hearing, Duane Nelson,

square-foot community space.

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the façade.'

terest loan through the Elizabeth Urban Enterprise Zone Program.

According to a project overview, Wakefern is in the process of negotiating a new 15-year lease with Kenilworth-based Elberon Development Co. LLC, the owner of 30 of the 50 acres of land where a new, \$50million, 524,000-square-foot dry foods warehouse is to be constructed The proposed lease also includes four, five-year options. Elberon is owned by 2008 Republican United States Senate candidate Anne Estabrook.

"Obtaining those bonds is key to

### Jim Mathieu Says Garwood Won't See Hike in State Aid

By JOSEPH SCHACKMAN

GARWOOD - Borough Councilman-elect Jim Mathieu told the governing body Tuesday night that the borough should expect the same lower municipal-aid numbers next year as it received this year. The new coun-

stated that the money was gone because "Trenton had spent it all," and mentioned that towns should prepare to receive as little aid as they had last year. The borough had its aid slashed

This announcement comes in light of the controversy over the borough cutting its bulky trash pickup this pick-ups were an issue across a number of towns, not just Garwood.

In other business, the council passed an ordinance to address the issues of commuter parking on Anchor and Winslow Streets. The borough council discussed the issue in detail at its September 28 meeting, but decided to leave it up to the residents of those streets to decide a course of action.

Councilman Jonathan Linken, reporting for the laws and licenses committee, said that a meeting with residents of these streets had been well attended and that they decided to treat the area like the 300 block of Willow Avenue. Mr. Linken said residents wished to have a two-hour parking limit from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. that would hopefully alleviate the issue of commuter parking while still allowing people to park on the streets to have access to local businesses.

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#### cilman and Mayor-elect Patricia Quattrocchi attended a meeting in Trenton with Governor Chris Christie for newly-elected Republican officials across the state at which stateaid numbers were discussed. Mr. Mathieu said Governor Christie

\$160,000 last year.

year. Mr. Mathieu stated that bulky

DEFINITELY DISPLAYING A LOT OF SCHOOL SPIRIT...A host of painted Westfield High School boys cheer for their team during the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 cross-country meet at Warinanco Park in Roselle on November 6. The Blue Devil boys won. See story on page 13.

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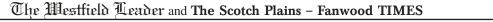
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GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER...A turkey shows up on Hyslip Avenue in Westfield a few weeks early for the big feast.

## Freeholders OK Fed Bonds For Wakefern Expansion

the project being located in Elizabeth. Wakefern has investigated sites in other locations," according to a statement from Elberon. Wakefern is also said to be working on another short-term lease to temporarily relocate its grocery operation until con-

struction is completed in 2013. The bonds, according to Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage, would help reduce the cost of the lease payments to be paid by Wakefern over the length of its lease, thus resulting in the food company being able to create additional jobs.

The new building would replace the existing 491,775-square-foot warehouse that has been utilized by Wakefern for over 50 years and will be demolished for the new warehouse as will a 140,000-square-foot building located at 536 Dowd Avenue, which sits on land currently owned by Elberon. Officials said the project would result in the retention of 345 current jobs at the warehouse and creation of another 350 new jobs over the course of the next 20 years.

"I am very, very focused and so are our other Elberon people on this (lease negotiations)," Ms. Estabrook told the board.

Mayor Bollwage said recovery zone bonds would give Wakefern the 'ability to borrow money at a very low interest rate."

"If you can borrow the money at a very low interest rate, then you get more dollars into the project and [it]

### **Cranford**

solving the sewer utility, especially in light of their campaign rhetoric in favor of repeal.

In other business, Democratic commissioner Daniel Aschenbach, who is expected to be selected as mayor for 2011, told residents, "we have a very big task ahead of us," and warned that next year "will be a challenge." He urged any residents with private sector expertise in finance or other related areas to share their knowledge and insights with the incoming municipal team.

The committee also introduced several parking ordinances that will be considered on December 14 and approved a resolution suspending parking-meter enforcement during the holiday season in the Special Improvement District and the Centennial Avenue Business District.

### WF Council

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absent from the meeting, for placing an eight-foot sign on her lawn while campaigning in 2009 and never thanking her or returning to retrieve the sign after the election.

Adina Enculescu, on whose property the traffic light was installed, told the council that "people confuse my driveway with Clover Street." She said that twice she has found cars in her driveway "in the middle of the day" and is concerned about the safety of her property. She also told the council that there are not a lot of children using the crosswalk and that the "crossing guard is sitting in her

She told the council that she "want(s) to have the mistake in front of my house corrected.'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 then goes and helps [keep] the rent at a lower rate over the next 30 or 35 or 40 years," Mayor Bollwage said. "This has nothing to do with \$19 million from the freeholder board or the City of Elizabeth going to the developer or to Wakefern. It is the ability to borrow

> The mayor said the recovery zone bonds were created by President Barack Obama and Congress. "The allotments were decided by the President and the Congress based on the unemployment rates, the foreclosure rate and on the general economic conditions of cities and counties and states throughout the country," Mayor Bollwage said.

money at an extremely cheap rate."

According to county spokesman Sebastian D'Elia, "The recovery zone facility bonds are refundable tax credits through a federal subsidy paid by the U.S. Treasury and IRS. The debt will be handled by the developer, not through the county or the city." He said interest rates on recovery zone bonds are typically 1 to 1.5 percent lower than what is found through 'conventional bonding."

Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan said the bonds would be held by Elberon. "We're not on the hook for anything," he said.

According to a Star-Ledger report, Indiana-based Sun Development & Management Corporation, the developer of a 189-room Embassy Suites Hotel, opted not to accept the recovery zone bonds previously approved by the freeholders after it learned the money could not be used to pay off a construction loan. The hotel, which is still going forward, will be constructed near the Jersey Gardens Mall.

In other business, the board considered a number of resolutions to award engineering service contracts for road-intersection-improvement projects. The projects include Broad Street and Springfield Avenue in Summit at a cost of \$73,834, and Rahway Avenue and West Broad Street and Scotch Plains Avenue in Westfield at a cost of \$92,046. A resolution for a \$63,000 contract was also considered for engineering services involving construction administration and inspection services for repairs to eight dams, which will include Echo Lake in Mountainside, Seeley's Pond in Scotch Plains, Milton Lake Park in Rahway, Briant Park in Summit and Sperry Park in Cranford.

The board also reviewed three resolutions for the county's Green Skills Equals Green Jobs program. The county is in the process of searching for a non-profit company to conduct assessments on all persons applying for the program, which will train 220 unemployed and underemployed adults for jobs in the utility industry. The vendor, to be awarded a \$300,000 contract, is expected to be on the board's Tuesday, November 23, regular meeting agenda, according to Human Services Director Frank Guzzo.

The county is also looking to enter into a \$250,000 contract with Rutgers University for training 125 individuals for careers in the green industry. Another \$100,000 contract is to be awarded to the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools to train 100

students for jobs in the solar industry. The county received a \$1-million federal grant from the United States Labor Department to fund its greenobs initiative. The county is working with the Utilities Workers Union of America (UWUA-AFL-CIO) in launching the program.



A CHILI FALL AFTERNOON...There was a great turnout for the annual Kempshall Terrace chili cook-off October 9 in Fanwood, with 14 competitors battling for the title. Don Rowbotham, last year's winner, is shown here presenting this year's winner, Bruce Krieger, with the coveted trophy.

## FW Boro Council Addresses **Downtown Redevelopment**

FANWOOD - The Borough Council's second-to-last regular meeting of the calendar year featured a full agenda that took about two-and-a-half hours to cover.

The governing body called up for first reading a proposed ordinance that would amend the borough's downtown redevelopment plan.

For example, the changes would limit the number of commercial driveways along South Avenue in the downtown zone and require the use of certain building materials and architectural features.

Downtown business and property owner Helen Ling questioned why the proposed amended plan does not allow fine arts schools, dance schools or other 'quasi-educational" uses on the first floor of new buildings in the redevelopment

Mrs. Ling said a ballet school that had been in Fanwood for many years recently had to relocate to Edison when Mrs. Ling was unable to lease the first floor of her building to the school.

"This is really putting a disadvantage into our downtown redevelopment plan," she said, asking the governing body to

revise that part of the plan. "With this economy situation, we're having a tough time getting businesses into Fanwood," Mrs. Ling continued.

During an extended discussion, Borough Attorney Dennis Estis determined that the redevelopment plan appears to allow ballet schools and similar businesses, but only on the second floor.

"Idon't think it makes sense," said Mrs.

Ling.
Mr. Estis and council members agreed, as Mr. Estis theorized how the provision

The thought was [those types of businesses] would not create a lot of foot traffic in the downtown...I'm not sure I agree with that," said Mr. Estis, calling

Mrs. Ling's request "reasonable."

Mrs. Ling also said, "In order for Fanwood's downtown to remain competitive...we need to promote the downtown; I want our downtown to be

Mrs. Ling also pointed to a "lack of coordination" regarding efforts to bring in new business downtown.

Councilman Robert Manduca suggested the need to "create an expedited process" for reviewing new business ap-

"This is a good catch by you, Mrs. ing," responded Council President Russell Huegel, before Mr. Estis reworked the provision and the governing body signaled its support. A second reading of the amended redevelopment plan is set for Tuesday, December 14.

Before moving on with the agenda, Councilman Anthony Parenti added, "We do have a downtown redevelopment meeting every month...and usually no one from the downtown shows up."
Also on a related note, the governing

body Tuesday night considered on first reading an ordinance that would prohibit new nail salons in the downtown.

Council President Huegel, presiding at the meeting in the absence of Mayor Colleen Mahr, said the measure comes "at the request of Mayor Mahr, who has seen a blossoming of nail salons in the bor-

Mr. Huegel said existing nail salons would be "grandfathered" and allowed to remain in business.

Resident Michael Lewis said, regarding the proposal, "Don't be too hasty on this one...I just see this as an un-necessary law...more for personal aesthetics."

A second reading on the measure is planned for the December 14 regular council meeting.

Other meeting highlights included approval, on second reading, of an ordinance amending the borough code governing residential driveway widths and corresponding curb cuts.

The measure dates back about two years, in response to a homeowner's driveway-widening application, and has most recently gone back and forth multiple times between the governing body and the planning board.

Essentially, the amended ordinance now

allows permitted, double-wide driveways of 18 feet to have matching curb cuts.

But the vote to approve the measure, which generated almost no discussion this time, was not unanimous; Council President Huegel and Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell voted against it, while council members Mike Szuch, Anthony Parenti, Joan Wheeler and Robert Manduca supported the ordinance.

The governing body also approved, on second reading, an ordinance amending parking regulations on Paterson Road.

Under the measure, there will be no parking permitted during the day between Martine Avenue and Russell Road and two-hour limited parking between Russell and Midway and Midway and Hunter

The restrictions are intended to prevent commuters from parking there and also to ensure that fire trucks can safely pass through in narrow spots.

Paterson Road resident Thomas Berger said, "you can barely squeeze through" on the road when cars are parked on both sides of the street.

Additional parking restrictions on other roads in the borough will be considered at the December 14 regular council meet-

Also Tuesday night, Council President Huegel announced that last night's (November 10) planned shared services public forum at the high school had been canceled and will be rescheduled.

Mr. Huegel said the council wants to allow "more time to pass" since the first forum was held several weeks ago and "also get more people to attend."

The governing body additionally directed a special events and promotions vendor working for Provident Bank to contact the borough's zoning officer and the board of health regarding plans for a 'special event" at the downtown branch today, Thursday, November 11.

A representative for the vendor, Mike Martin, said the local branch "has been redone" and the bank would like to hold a celebration including hot dogs and snacks, a moon bounce and other activities for children.

Mr. Martin explained that the bank's South Avenue entrance would be closed off to allow for the moon bounce to be set up; he said a police officer would be on hand during the event.

Mr. Estis said the bank's plans for banners or signs require zoning approval first. Borough Administrator Eleanor McGovern said the board of health has to

approve plans to serve food. "It sounds like you have a very fun event planned," said Council President Huegel.

"I think we should do whatever we can to encourage things like this," added Councilwoman Wheeler, regarding efforts to retain business and bring people into the

#### **Servicemen Should Apply** For Stop-Loss Funds

REGION – Asm. Jon Braminick (LD-21) said, "This Veterans Day, we come together to honor our armed forces for their bravery and dedicated service to our nation. As our soldiers continue to serve overseas, their families are often left behind with strained resources.

"To help our military members and their families, the federal government has made additional 'stop loss' payments available for service members who had their tours involuntarily extended between September 11, 2001 and September 30, 2009. Federal money has already been set aside for those service members to receive an additional \$500 for every month or partial month they served in stop-loss status.

"By law, our service members must apply by December 3, 2010 for this payment. Currently, less than half of those eligible have applied. I want to encourage all of our veterans and service members to take advantage of these benefits before the claim deadline runs out on December 3. For information on how to apply, please visit www.defense.gov/stoploss or contact my legislative office at (908) 232-2073."

## **Education Panel Lashes Out Against Activity Fees**

TRENTON - State Democratic members of the Assembly Education Committee on Monday discussed what they see as the negative impact publicschool participation fees for sports clubs and other activities are having on middle-class New Jerseyans. Westfield and Scotch Plains-Fanwood are among those school districts that have instituted such fees to offset significant state aid cuts. Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson

Coleman (D-Mercer), the Assembly Majority Leader, said in order to participate in athletics, enrichment programs and clubs, school districts have imposed activity fees, which, she said, places additional costs on parents. This is public education – in addition to the taxes that they're already paying," she said.
"It just seems to me that this is a

penny-wise and... it's not even pennywise. It's just an absolutely foolish, unacceptable, negative impact on working-class people," Asw. Watson

Assemblywoman Annette Quijano (LD-20, Union) commented that she understands the financial struggles of being raised by a single parent. "Individuals and families that are barely making it now...are trying there hardest to pay for the property taxes and need [these] services," she said.

"So many people have lost their jobs. So many people are having extremely difficult financial situations,

that the free public education system is really essential. And then to add fees to our already-stressed-out people is just – I think – egregious, and we shouldn't be doing it," said Assemblywoman Joan Voss (LD-38, Fort Lee).

Assembly Education Committee Chairman Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr., (LD-18, South Plainfield) called the added fees an "obvious hidden tax." He said he has heard of fees as high as \$350 for kids to participate in a sports program. "That's effectively a \$350 tax increase for that family. So, across the board, it's just an awful idea.'

Essex County Assemblyman Ralph R. Caputo (LD-28, Belleville) added that, "parents really can't afford to pay for these services."
"They're doing without a home-

stead rebate; their real estate taxes have gone up, and now they've got to pay for football or extracurricular activities. It's really a very serious problem," Asm. Caputo said.

Assemblywoman Elease Evans (LD-35, Paterson) added, "We're working on reducing property taxes, job losses, all these things, yet we ask parents to do more, we ask everybody - we ask the teachers, the superintendents, everyone - to do more, and we're giving our children less."

If we don't make educational opportunity the clear, number one priority for the State of New Jersey, we all lose," Asm. Diegnan concluded.



HOLY MOLEY...To celebrate Mole Day, dedicated to the chemistry measuring unit "mole" - two Westfield High School Project '79 chemistry classes installed sand-filled cubes to demonstrate the power of 10. Students in Christopher Tafelski's class spent two-and-a-half weeks with the help of art teacher Roy Chambers in developing a display in the science wing stairwell. The exhibit started with a single grain of sand and was incremented, resulting in trillions of grains of sand. Because the amount was so large, students built cardboard cubes and filled them with the correct amount of sand (shown in photo).

## **SP Zoning Board Rejects** Request to Keep Shed

By FRED T. ROSSI

SCOTCH PLAINS — The zoning board of adjustment last week turned down an application by a homeowner seeking permission to keep a shed in its present location even though its location violates municipal setback require-

Debbie Jorgensen's home originally fronted only on Johnson Street, with the property's rear yard abutting the wooded area that was eventually turned into the Heather Glen development several years ago. One of the Heather Glen streets is the Cold Stream Court cul-de-sac that ends at the rear of Ms. Jorgensen's property, where a fence separates that roadway from the Jorgensen property and her shed that is located two feet from the property line. Technically, the cul-de-sac means that the Jorgensen property is considered to have two front yards — on Johnson Street and on Cold Stream Court and, as a result, the shed violates the township's front-yard setback requirements by 28 feet.

Ms. Jorgensen told the board at its November 4 meeting that moving her shed back to meet the requirements would be nearly impossible because the rear of her house is close to the rear property line. Moving the shed to the Johnson Street side of the house, from which the property is accessed, would put the shed in front of her house.

About a dozen homeowners from Heather Glen were present to voice their protests about the shed, with one calling it an "eyesore" and others raising the notion that its visible presence from their neighborhood would de-

#### Garwood CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Councilman Keith Sluka made sure to tell those in attendance that "the residents [of Anchor and Winslow] are fully in support of these ordinances."

Mayor Dennis McCarthy also took the time to remind residents that the Christmas tree lighting would take place on Saturday, December 4, at 6 p.m., and the rain date would be Sunday, December 5 at 5 p.m.

crease their property values.

The zoning board wrestled with trying to find a solution to a unique situation, but was unable to find a way to mitigate it. The six board members present voted 4-2 to deny Ms. Jorgensen's request to keep the shed in its present location.

In other business, the board unanimously approved an application by Alex and Cathy Debelak to construct a master bedroom addition at their 11 Wellington Downs property. And the board gave approval to Joseph Banker to construct a 1,343-square-foot garage at his property at 5 Tempe Court.

#### WF Library Friends **Slate Membership Drive**

WESTFIELD - The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library has announced that its 39th Membership Drive will begin in December.

The Friends has helped fund projects for the library since 1972. Over the past 38 years, more than \$800,000 has been used to sponsor major library projects. The Friends have raised these funds through the group's yearly membership drive, book sale and other benefit

events Presently, the Museum Pass is one of the Friends' most popular funded programs, according to the organization. Currently 19 museums in New Jersey and New York are available to be visited by Westfield Memorial Library

cardholders at no charge. On Saturday mornings during the 2011 winter months, the Friends will host 10 children's programs for youngsters ages 3 to 5.

The Ann Hale Speaker Series, hosted by the Friends, will present various adult programs again next year.

In 2010, the Friends awarded four scholarships to future Westfield librar-

The group is contributing half the cost of the Children's Library mural. Additionally, the Friends will continue with book discussion groups; Books on Wheels to homebound library patrons; the Paperback Book Exchange at the train station; cultural bus trips and the Metropolitan Opera

## **Mother Seton to Present** Wizard of Oz Nov. 19-21

CLARK – Students at Mother Seton Regional High School will perform in the school's annual musical, The Wizard of Oz, on Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, November 21, at 2 p.m. All performances will be held in the school's auditorium.

Hannah Clark, a sophomore from Scotch Plains, is cast in the lead role of Dorothy. Following her down the yellow brick road will be Soley Estevas, a senior from Avenel, as The Friendly Lion, Sarah Derderian, a senior from East Brunswick, as The Scarecrow and Lauren Mateo, a senior from Iselin, as The Tin Man.

Takisha Pierre of Irvington will portray The Wicked Witch of the West and Katherine Newton of Middlesex is cast as Glinda, The Good Witch.

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## **Fanwood Council Addresses Downtown Redevelopment**

By TED RITTER

FANWOOD - The Borough Council's second-to-last regular meeting of the calendar year featured a full agenda that took about twoand-a-half hours to cover.

The governing body called up for first reading a proposed ordinance that would amend the borough's downtown redevelopment plan.

For example, the changes would limit the number of commercial driveways along South Avenue in the downtown zone and require the use of certain building materials and architectural features.

Downtown business and property owner Helen Ling questioned why the proposed amended plan does not allow fine arts schools, dance schools or other "quasi-educational" uses on the first floor of new buildings in the redevelopment area.

Mrs. Ling said a ballet school that had been in Fanwood for many years recently had to relocate to Edison when Mrs. Ling was unable to lease the first floor of her building to the

"This is really putting a disadvantage into our downtown redevelopment plan," she said, asking the governing body to revise that part of the



A CHILI FALL AFTERNOON...There was a great turnout for the annual Kempshall Terrace chili cook-off October 9 in Fanwood, with 14 competitors battling for the title. Don Rowbotham, last year's winner, is shown here presenting this year's winner, Bruce Krieger, with the coveted trophy.

## **Cranford Council Seeks** To Repeal Recent Sewer Fee

By FRED T. ROSSI

CRANFORD — Six months after creating a utility to collect sewer fees from property owners and a week after Democrats regained control of the township committee in an election in which the sewer fee was a significant campaign issue, the township committee this week introduced an ordinance repealing the sewer utility, thus restoring the status quo ante in which sewer fees will be a line item in the municipal budget.

At the committee's regular meeting on Tuesday, commissioner Mark Dugan noted the sewer fee was a "very big issue" in the recent election campaign. He said there was a "good cause" for establishing the sewer utility earlier this year as the committee struggled to stay within state-mandated property-tax parameters. But, "all of us heard [the voters] loud and clear" last week, when two Democrats were elected to the committee, which will have a 3-2 Democratic majority come January.

Mayor Mark Smith, who was defeated for re-election last week, said that "we have heard the people," ad-

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mitting that it had been a "mistake" separating out the fee from the town-

At the start of the meeting, both newly-elected Democrats spoke and criticized the committee for introducing the repeal ordinance, which will be voted on at the governing body's Tuesday, December 14 meeting. Committeeman-elect Kevin Campbell told the committee he was concerned that there had been no studies or legal analysis of how a repeal would affect next year's municipal budget. "This is being implemented in a very poor fashion, a very chaotic fashion," he said.

Ed O'Malley, who will join Mr. Campbell on the township committee next year, called the repeal effort a "shoot-from-the-hip political reac-

Their comments led Commissioner David Robinson later in the meeting to question their commitment to dissolving the sewer utility, especially in light of their campaign rhetoric in favor of repeal.

In other business, Democratic commissioner Daniel Aschenbach, who is **CONTINUED ON PAGE 12** 



21) and Westfield Town Councilmen James Foerst and Keith Loughlin discuss T-Mobile's proposed cell-tower construction at the Westfield National Guard Armory, a project which they all oppose. Residents in the Scotch Plains and

"With this economy situation, we're having a tough time getting businesses into Fanwood," Mrs. Ling

Borough Attorney Dennis Estis determined that the redevelopment plan appears to allow ballet schools and similar businesses, but only on the

Mrs. Ling.

Mr. Estis and council members

"The thought was [those types of businesses] would not create a lot of

Fanwood's downtown to remain competitive...we need to promote the downtown; I want our downtown to

coordination" regarding efforts to bring in new business downtown. Councilman Robert Manduca sug-

gested the need to "create an expedited process" for reviewing new business applications.

"This is a good catch by you, Mrs. Ling," responded Council President Russell Huegel, before Mr. Estis reworked the provision and the governing body signaled its support. A second reading of the amended redevelopment plan is set for Tuesday, De-

Before moving on with the agenda, Councilman Anthony Parenti added, "We do have a downtown redevelopment meeting every month...and usually no one from the downtown shows

ing body Tuesday night considered on first reading an ordinance that would prohibit new nail salons in the

Mayor Colleen Mahr, said the measure comes "at the request of Mayor Mahr, who has seen a blossoming of

continued. During an extended discussion,

second floor.

"I don't think it makes sense," said

agreed, as Mr. Estis theorized how the provision originated.

foot traffic in the downtown...I'm not sure I agree with that," said Mr. Estis, calling Mrs. Ling's request "rea-Mrs. Ling also said, "In order for

be prosperous." Mrs. Ling also pointed to a "lack of

cember 14.

up.' Also on a related note, the govern-

Council President Huegel, presiding at the meeting in the absence of

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By KIMBERLY A. BROADWELL

CLARK — The Clark Planning

Board, along with dozens of resi-

dents, heard a proposal last Thursday

evening by Clark Developers to build

an age-restricted housing project on

According to the applicant, the

project would be housed at 268-300

and 285 Terminal Avenue and 1245-

1255 Westfield Avenue and would

contain 329 units for residents 55

Testifying on behalf of the build-

ers, architect Larry Appel, of the Appel Design Group in Union, noted

that the project was slated to contain

four buildings, of which 20 percent would be C.O.A.H. (Council on Af-

Mr. Appel stated that two of the

four buildings would be three stories

high and that the other two would be

four stories. He noted that there would be screenings on top of all buildings

to hide the air conditioning and heat-

ing units that are housed on the roofs.

He reported that together in the four

buildings there would be 105 one-

bedroom units, 12 one-bedroom with

den units and 212 two-bedroom units.

Mr. Appel also noted that of the total

329 units, 66 would be designated as

affordable housing units and were for

Clark resident Vasiliki Diamandas

asked how high the buildings would

be and if the air conditioning/heating

units and their screenings would add

fordable Housing) units.

years and older.

Terminal and Westfield Avenues.

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Plains Fonwood High School side works. Plains-Fanwood High School girls varsity soccer team defeated Westfield, 2-0, for the Union County Tournament Championship at Kean University in Union on November 7. See story on page 14.

## **Scotch Plains Board Rejects** Homeowner's Shed Request

By FRED T. ROSSI

SCOTCH PLAINS — The zoning board of adjustment last week turned down an application by a homeowner seeking permission to keep a shed in its present location, even though its location violates municipal setback requirements.

Debbie Jorgensen's home originally fronted only on Johnson Street, with the property's rear yard abutting the wooded area that was eventually turned into the Heather Glen development several years ago. One of the Heather Glen streets is the Cold Stream Court cul-de-sac that ends at the rear of Ms. Jorgensen's property, where a fence separates that roadway from the Jorgensen property, and her shed that is located two feet from the property line. Technically, the culde-sac means that the Jorgensen property is considered to have two front

more height to the building. Ms.

Diamandas was told that the maxi-

mum height of the four-story build-

ing was 45 feet and that it was the

same height allowed by the town's

zoning ordinance. However, it was

noted that the screening for the heat

and air units is not counted in the

building height and makes the struc-

Additionally, Mr. Appel testified

that all four buildings would be faced

with brick and stucco on all four sides

and that balconies would be added to

the project, "to create a layering ef-

Mr. Appel also stated that the fa-

cility would offer parking beneath

three of the buildings. He added that parking for the remaining building

would be on the ground level. He

stated that one building would in-

clude a 4,500-square-foot commu-

Nelson, a traffic expert, testified

on behalf of the developer, stating

that he felt the impact of the project

on traffic in the area would be

"minimal," as opposed to industry,

for which the area currently is zoned. He noted that not all resi-

dents would be driving on a daily

basis and that some might use town-

ship bussing as opposed to indus-

try, which would add commuter

vations have determined that during

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Mr. Nelson reported that his obser-

traffic to Clark roads.

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ture measure 53.25 feet in height.

yards — on Johnson Street and on Cold Stream Court — and, as a result, the shed violates the township's frontyard setback requirements by 28 feet.

Ms. Jorgensen told the board at its November 4 meeting that moving her shed back to meet the requirements would be nearly impossible because the rear of her house is close to the rear property line. Moving the shed to the Johnson Street side of the house, from which the property is accessed, would put the shed in front of her

About a dozen homeowners from Heather Glen were present to voice their protests about the shed, with one calling it an "eyesore" and others raising the notion that its visible presence from their neighborhood would decrease their property values.

The zoning board wrestled with trying to find a solution to a unique situation, but was unable to find a way to mitigate it. The six board members present voted 4-2 to deny Ms. Jorgensen's request to keep the shed in its present location.

In other business, the board unanimously approved an application by Alex and Cathy Debelak to construct a master bedroom addition at their 11 Wellington Downs property. And the board gave approval to Joseph Banker to construct a 1,343-square-foot garage on his property at 5 Tempe Court.

## Freeholders OK Fed Bonds For Wakefern Expansion

By PAUL J. PEYTON

ELIZABETH — The Board of Chosen Freeholders last Thursday approved the transfer of \$15.6 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) recovery zone facility bonds from a new hotel project to the \$70-million

expansion of Wakefern Foods, the

markets, based in Elizabeth.

The City of Elizabeth is issuing an additional \$3.9 million in ARRA recovery bonds. In addition, Wakefern is requesting a \$2.5-million low interest loan through the Elizabeth Urban Enterprise Zone Program.

According to a project overview, Wakefern is in the process of negotiating a new, 15-year lease with

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HONORED FOR SERVICE...Maria La Morte-Wright, the newest member of the Rotary Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains, presents a plaque to the oldest past president of the club, Robert Scalera, at the club's November 3 meeting at the Stage House Inn in Scotch Plains. During the meeting, 17 past presidents were honored for their service to the club. Mr. Scalera was president of the club in 1967. The meeting ended with the membership lining up the past presidents and singing, "For they are jolly good fellows."

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'NO" TO CELL TOWER ... From left to right, Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (LD-Westfield neighborhoods are concerned about the installation.

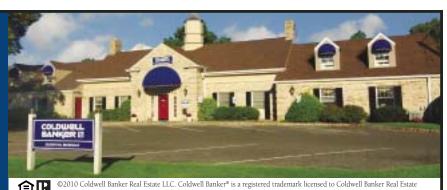
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THESE SCARECROWS ALREADY HAVE BRAINS...Students at McKinley Elementary in Westfield marched proudly in costume during the school's Halloween Parade, which kicked off an afternoon of festivities for the students. Pictured, from left to right, are: fourth graders Corinne Flaherty, Kamryn Lombardi and Sydney Harding masquerading as a trio of scarecrows. Students in first through fifth grades took part in the event.

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nail salons in the borough." Mr. Huegel said existing nail sa-

lons would be "grandfathered" and allowed to remain in business.

Resident Michael Lewis said, regarding the proposal, "Don't be too hasty on this one...I just see this as an un-necessary law...more for personal aesthetics."

A second reading on the measure is planned for the December 14 regular council meeting.

Other meeting highlights included approval, on second reading, of an ordinance amending the borough code governing residential driveway widths and corresponding curb cuts.

The measure dates back about two years, in response to a homeowner's driveway-widening application, and has most recently gone back and forth multiple times between the governing body and the planning board.

Essentially, the amended ordinance now allows permitted, double-wide driveways of 18 feet to have matching curb cuts.

But the vote to approve the measure, which generated almost no discussion this time, was not unanimous; Council President Huegel and Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell voted against it, while council members Mike Szuch, Anthony Parenti, Joan Wheeler and Robert Manduca supported the ordinance.

The governing body also approved, on second reading, an ordinance

#### **Fanwood Lions Post Christmas Tree Sale**

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Lions Club will conduct its annual Christmas tree sale starting on Wednesday, December 1, and continuing until Christmas. Sale hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends and 6:30 to 9 p.m. on weekdays. This year, the Fanwood Fire Company will assist the Lions.

A large selection of trees, wreaths and pine rope will be available. The sale will take place at LaGrande Park, located at LaGrande Avenue and Second Street in Fanwood. Revenue from the sale supports local charities and scholarships to local students.

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amending parking regulations on Paterson Road.

Under the measure, there will be no parking permitted during the day between Martine Avenue and Russell Road and two-hour limited parking between Russell and Midway and Midway and Hunter Avenues.

The restrictions are intended to prevent commuters from parking there and also to ensure that fire trucks can safely pass through in narrow

Paterson Road resident Thomas Berger said, "you can barely squeeze through" on the road when cars are parked on both sides of the street.

Additional parking restrictions on other roads in the borough will be considered at the December 14 regular council meeting.

Also Tuesday night, Council President Huegel announced that last night's (November 10) planned shared services public forum at the high school had been canceled and will be rescheduled.

Mr. Huegel said the council wants to allow "more time to pass" since the first forum was held several weeks ago and "also get more people to attend."

The governing body additionally directed a special events and promotions vendor working for Provident Bank to contact the borough's zoning officer and the board of health regarding plans for a "special event" at the downtown branch today, Thursday, November 11.

A representative for the vendor, Mike Martin, said the local branch "has been redone" and the bank would like to hold a celebration including hot dogs and snacks, a moon bounce

and other activities for children. Mr. Martin explained that the bank's South Avenue entrance would be closed off to allow for the moon bounce to be set up; he said a police officer would be on hand during the

Mr. Estis said the bank's plans for banners or signs require zoning approval first. Borough Administrator Eleanor McGovern said the board of health has to approve plans to serve

"It sounds like you have a very fun event planned," said Council President Huegel.

"I think we should do whatever we can to encourage things like this," added Councilwoman Wheeler, regarding efforts to retain business and bring people into the downtown.





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### **Freeholder Bonds**

Kenilworth-based Elberon Development Co. LLC, the owner of 30 of the 50 acres of land where a new, \$50million, 524,000-square-foot dry foods warehouse is to be constructed. The proposed lease also includes four, five-year options. Elberon is owned by 2008 Republican United States Senate candidate Anne Estabrook.

'Obtaining those bonds is key to the project being located in Elizabeth. Wakefern has investigated sites in other locations," according to a statement from Elberon. Wakefern also is said to be working on another short-term lease to temporarily relocate its grocery operation until construction is completed in 2013.

The bonds, according to Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage, would help reduce the cost of the lease payments to be paid by Wakefern over the length of its lease, thus resulting in the food company being able to create additional jobs.

The new building would replace the existing 491,775-square-foot warehouse that has been utilized by Wakefern for over 50 years and will be demolished for the new warehouse, as will a 140,000-square-foot building located at 536 Dowd Avenue, which sits on land currently owned by Elberon. Officials said the project would result in the retention of 345 current jobs at the warehouse and creation of another 350 new jobs over the course of the next 20 years.

"I am very, very focused and so are our other Elberon people on this (lease negotiations)," Ms. Estabrook told the board.

Mayor Bollwage said recovery zone bonds would give Wakefern the 'ability to borrow money at a very low interest rate."

"If you can borrow the money at a very low interest rate, then you get more dollars into the project and [it] then goes and helps [keep] the rent at a lower rate over the next 30 or 35 or 40 years," Mayor Bollwage said. "This has nothing to do with \$19 million from the freeholder board or the City of Elizabeth going to the developer or to Wakefern. It is the ability to borrow money at an extremely cheap rate."

The mayor said the recovery zone bonds were created by President Barack Obama and Congress. "The allotments were decided by the President and the Congress based on the unemployment rates, the foreclosure rate and on the general economic conditions of cities and counties and states throughout the country," Mayor Bollwage said.

According to county spokesman Sebastian D'Elia, "The recovery zone facility bonds are refundable tax credits through a federal subsidy paid by the U.S. Treasury and IRS. The debt will be handled by the developer, not through the county or the city." He said interest rates on recovery zone bonds are typically 1 to 1.5 percent lower than what is found through "conventional bonding."

Freeholder Chairman Dan Sullivan said the bonds would be held by Elberon. "We're not on the hook for anything," he said.

According to a Star-Ledger report, Indiana-based Sun Development & Management Corporation, the developer of a 189-room Embassy Suites Hotel, opted not to accept the recovery zone bonds previously approved by the freeholders after it learned the money could not be used to pay off a construction loan. The hotel, which is still going forward, will be constructed near the Jersey Gardens Mall.

In other business, the board considered a number of resolutions to award engineering service contracts for road intersection improvement projects. The projects include Broad Street and Springfield Avenue in Summit, at a cost of \$73,834, and Rahway Avenue and West Broad Street and Scotch Plains Avenue in Westfield, at a cost of \$92,046. A resolution for a \$63,000 contract also was considered for engineering services involving construction administration and inspection services for repairs to eight dams, which will include Echo Lake in Mountainside, Seeley's Pond in Scotch Plains, Milton Lake Park in Rahway, Briant Park in Summit and Sperry Park in Cranford.

The board also reviewed three resolutions for the county's Green Skills Equals Green Jobs program. The county is in the process of searching for a non-profit company to conduct assessments on all persons applying for the program, which will train 220 unemployed and underemployed adults for jobs in the utility industry. The vendor to be awarded a \$300,000 contract is expected to be on the board's Tuesday, November 23 regular meeting agenda, according to Human Services Director Frank Guzzo.

The county also is looking to enter into a \$250,000 contract with Rutgers University for training 125 individuals for careers in the green industry. Another \$100,000 contract is to be awarded to the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools to train 100 students for jobs in the solar industry.

The county received a \$1 million federal grant from the United States Labor Department to fund its green jobs initiative. The county is working with the Utilities Workers Union of America (UWUA-AFL-CIO) in launching the program. Jim Mathieu Says Garwood

### Won't See Hike in State Aid stated that the money was gone be-GARWOOD – Borough Council- cause "Trenton had spent it all," and

By JOSEPH SCHACKMAN

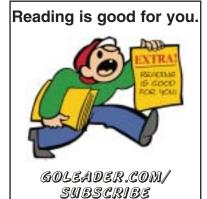
man-elect Jim Mathieu told the governing body Tuesday night that the borough should expect the same lower municipal aid numbers next year as it received this year. The new councilman and Mayor-elect Patricia Quattrocchi attended a meeting in Trenton with Governor Chris Christie for newly-elected Republican officials across the state, at which state aid numbers were discussed.

#### **Asm. Bramnick Urges Servicemen to Apply** For Stop-Loss Funds

REGION – Asm. Jon Braminick (LD-21) said, "This Veterans Day, we come together to honor our armed forces for their bravery and dedicated service to our nation. As our soldiers continue to serve overseas, their families are often left behind with strained resources. "To help our military members and

their families, the federal government has made additional 'stop loss' payments available for service members who had their tours involuntarily extended between September 11, 2001 and September 30, 2009. Federal money has already been set aside for those service members to receive an additional \$500 for every month or partial month they served in stop-loss status.

By law, our service members must apply by December 3, 2010 for this payment. Currently, less than half of those eligible have applied. I want to encourage all of our veterans and service members to take advantage of these benefits before the claim deadline runs out on December 3. For information on how to apply, please visit www.defense.gov/stoploss or contact my legislative office at (908) 232-2073."



Mr. Mathieu said Governor Christie mentioned that towns should prepare to receive as little aid as they had last year. The borough had its aid slashed \$160,000 last year.

This announcement comes in light of the controversy over the borough cutting its bulky trash pickup this year. Mr. Mathieu stated that bulky pickups were an issue across a number of towns, not just Garwood.

In other business, the council passed an ordinance to address the issues of commuter parking on Anchor and Winslow Streets. The borough council discussed the issue in detail at its September 28 meeting, but decided to leave it up to the residents of those streets to decide a course of action.

Councilman Jonathan Linken, reporting for the laws and licenses committee, said that a meeting with residents of these streets had been well attended and that they decided to treat the area like the 300 block of Willow Avenue. Mr. Linken said residents wished to have a two-hour parking limit from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. that would hopefully alleviate the issue of commuter parking while still allowing people to park on the streets to have access to local businesses.

Councilman Keith Sluka made sure to tell those in attendance that "the residents [of Anchor and Winslow] are fully in support of these ordinances.

Mayor Dennis McCarthy also took the time to remind residents that the Christmas tree lighting would take place on Saturday, December 4, at 6 p.m. and the rain date would be Sunday, December 5, at 5 p.m.

## Cranford

expected to be selected as mayor for 2011, told residents, "we have a very big task ahead of us," and warned that next year "will be a challenge." He urged any residents with private sector expertise in finance or other related areas to share their knowledge and insights with the incoming municipal team.

The committee also introduced several parking ordinances that will be considered on December 14 and approved a resolution suspending parking-meter enforcement during the holiday season in the Special Improvement District and the Centennial Avenue Business District.



BEAUTY OF FALL...The foliage of the region is in all its splendor in late October. Pictured above are the trees in Tamaques Park in Westfield.

## **WF Hears Central Avenue** Complaint, OKs Free Parking

By LAUREN S. BARR

WESTFIELD — Acting Mayor Mark Ciarrocca announced at Tuesday night's public Westfield Council meeting that the town will allow for free on-street parking and free parking in the South Side commuter permit lot from December 20 to 31.

Last week, the Downtown Westfield Corporation requested that the council allow for free parking at all meters and parking lot pay-stations from December 15 to January 1. According to Acting Mayor Ciarrocca, the DWC's original request would have resulted in an estimated revenue loss of \$25,000 to \$30,000. Under the granted free-parking plan, the town estimates that it will lose \$5,000 in revenue.

During the public-comments portion of the meeting, retired police officer Greg Kasko handed out copies of a memo from Police Chief John Parizeau to all supervisors, dated October 25, 2007. In the memo, Chief Parizeau said that a "hand scanner was put in place because a small number of personnel were stealing time. They were entering full shifts in the sign-in book but not working those

Mr. Kasko said that his comments "concern you (the council) and Mr. (James) Gildea" and not the police chief regarding "mismanagement" of the town. He said that while Chief Parizeau chose not to punish any individuals, "such investigations must be reported" to the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

Chief Parizeau told The Westfield Leader that he would have to check his records in order to confirm the authenticity of the memo.

Resident Jim Baker spoke to the council about the placement of a midblock lighted crosswalk on Central Avenue. He said that when he spoke to the council four weeks ago, Councilman Ciarrocca pointed out that "want(s) to have the mis Mr. Baker is a member of the Demo- of my house corrected."

cratic Committee and that "I think that it is wrong for the mayor and council to allow politics to prevent any citizen from coming forward to address any of the topics that affect all citizens or our town."

Mr. Baker said that he voted for former Republican Councilman Peter Echausse and, during the parking deck discussions, disagreed with Democratic Councilman Larry Goldman.

He said that his opposition to the location of the crosswalk on Central Avenue is "not partisan" and that "everyone – from Republicans, Democrats and Independents - should be supporting [the residents whom it affects].

When Maria Carluccio of Central Avenue approached the microphone, Acting Mayor Ciarrocca greeted her by her first name, but she told him that she would prefer to be called Mrs. Carluccio. She questioned the council as to why a crossing guard was necessary at the new crosswalk but not at an intersection like Grove and Central, where there are more points of conflict. She also questioned why trees were planted at the new cul-de-sacs, which would prevent fire trucks from gaining access.

Mrs. Carluccio also criticized Mayor Andrew Skibitsky, who was absent from the meeting, for placing an eight-foot sign on her lawn while campaigning in 2009 and never thanking her or returning to retrieve the sign after the election.

Adina Enculescu, on whose prop erty the traffic light was installed, told the council that "people confuse my driveway with Clover Street." She said that twice she has found cars in her driveway "in the middle of the day" and is concerned about the safety of her property. She also told the council that there are not a lot of children using the crosswalk and that the "crossing guard is sitting in her car."

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## **Mother Seton to Present** Wizard of Oz Nov. 19-21

CLARK - Students at Mother Seton Regional High School will perform in the school's annual musical, The Wizard of Oz, on Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, November 21, at 2 p.m. All performances will be held in the school's auditorium. The school is located at 1 Valley Road in

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### Clark

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peak hours of traffic, which include 7 to 8 a.m. during the week and 4 to 5 p.m. during the week, 130 vehicles are now generating trips in the area. Attorney Donna Erem from the

Wolff Samson Agency also testified on behalf of the applicant and stated that no variances were needed for the project.

Because of the late hour and the fact that so many residents did not get a chance to voice their opinions of the project, board members voted to extend the application into the Thursday, December 2 meeting, which will begin at 7:30 p.m.



BIRD'S EYE VIEW...This gobbler takes a look around the yard on Hyslip Avenue

## goleader ONLINE SUPPLEMENT



By PAUL J. PEYTON

AREA — Fresh off his re-election

victory for a second term in Con-

gress, Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th)

said the focus of a GOP majority

come January will be "jobs and the

Mr. Lance has served on the power-

ful 70-member financial services com-

mittee in his first term, a position he

anticipates he will continue to hold.

elected, and I want to thank all of

those who have placed their faith in

me," he said. "Obviously, I think it is

a stronger position to be in the major-

ity than the minority. We (GOP) cer-

tainly have our work cut out for us."

We will be in a responsible position,

but we are not the only players on the

field," Mr. Lance said, pointing to

Democrats' control of The White

House and the United States Senate.

tax cuts of 2001 and 2003, Mr. Lance

said he does "not favor raising taxes

on anybody.'

Speaking of extending the Bush

"But we need to make a decision

on that. All income brackets will have

taxes increased on January 1 unless

we do something in the lame-duck

session of Congress," Mr. Lance told

The Westfield Leader and The Scotch

Plains-Fanwood Times. Democrats

have said they favor maintaining the

2001 and 2003 tax cuts for persons

making under \$250,000, while Re-

"We will now have to help govern.

"I am honored to have been re-

American economy.'

Lance Says Jobs, Economy

## Officials Prepare to Begin **NJ Redistricting Process**

By PAUL J. PEYTON

TRENTON - The process of redrawing New Jersey's 40 legislative districts will soon begin with the appointment of 10 members (five each from the two political parties) to the state's apportionment commission by the head of the state's Democratic and Republican Parties, John Wisniewski and Jay Webber, respectively.

New Jersey has 40 legislative districts, each of which is represented by a senator and two assemblypersons. The 10 members of the commission must be appointed by this Monday, November 15, and certified by Secretary of State Kim Guadagno, the state's lieutenant governor, by December 1.

The statutory deadline for approving a new legislative map is February 1. If the commission members fail to reach a majority decision by then, and there is a 5-5 deadlock, state Supreme Court Justice Stuart Rabner would choose the tie-breaking 11th member. The commission would then have until March 1 to approve the new districts.

Democrats named to the commision are: Mr. Wisniewski, Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver (LD-27, East Orange), Assembly Majority Leader Joe Cryan (LD-20, Union), State Sen. Paul Sarlo (LD-36, Wood-Ridge) and former Assemblywoman Nilsa Cruz-Perez from Camden. As of press deadline, Republicans had not announced their appointments.

Following the 2000 redistricting, which was challenged in court by the Republicans after the Democratic members' map was selected, Legislative District 22 saw the most significant change locally, with Plainfield, Linden and Rahway moved to the district, replacing Westfield, Berkeley Heights, Cranford and Mountainside,

which were shifted to District 21. The move made District 21 a strong GOP district and shifted District 22 into the Democratic column.

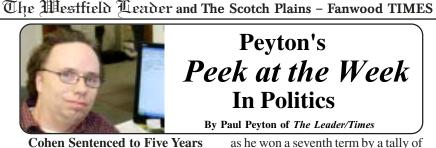
In addition to Westfield, Berkeley Heights, Cranford and Mountainside, District 21 includes Garwood, New Providence, Roselle Park, Springfield, Summit, Chatham Township, Harding, Long Hill, Warren and Watchung. District 22 includes Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Clark, Linden, Plainfield, Rahway, Winfield, Dunellen, Green Brook, Middlesex and North Plainfield.

One week after the new U.S. Congress is seated, President Barack Obama will release the list of Congressional districts per state. New Jersey is expected to lose one of its 13 Congressional districts due to population declines. By June 15, 2011, the 12 members of the Congressional apportionment panel will be appointed by leaders of the state's two political parties - Senate President Stephen Sweeney (D), Senate Minority Leader Tom Kean, Jr. (R), Assembly Speaker Oliver (D) and Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCroce (R). Mr. Wisniewski and Mr. Webber will also each appoint two members.

Mr. Webber told The Westfield Leader and The Times that he is looking to appoint members to the commission who will "get the fairest map we can" for the state while adhering to state and federal guidelines.

Once the commission is seated and certified, he said, "We will get to this (redistricting map) as soon as possible...We have been preparing for redistricting now for the better part of two years," Mr. Webber said.

When asked about redistricting as it pertains to Union County, he said any discussion on district boundaries at this point "would be purely specula-



### **Peyton's** Peek at the Week In Politics

On Child-Pornography Charges Former Union County Assemblyman Neil Cohen (D) was sentenced last week to five years in either jail or a mental hospital for viewing nude images of underage girls in his legislative office, according to the Associ-

ated Press. Cohen must also register as a sex offender under the state's Megan's Law. Cohen's lawyer told the judge his

client has been suicidal and has several mental-health issues, including chronic depression. The ex-assemblyman pleaded guilty in April. Cohen served 17 years in the State Legislature as a Democrat representing Union County, from 1994 to 2008 and 1990-1991. He resigned following his arrest in July 2008

**Democrats Win Seat** 

Of Ex-Senator Baroni Democrats picked up an unexpired seat in the State Senate in South Jersey on Election Day with Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein's victory over Republican Senator Tom Goodwin, thus increasing the Democrats' majority in the upper house to 24-16. Mr. Goodwin was appointed after GOP Sen. Bill Baroni was selected by Governor Chris Christie as executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

**GOP Wins Third Dist. Congressional Race** 

Republican Jon Runyan, the ex-Philadelphia Eagle, defeated freshman Rep. John Adler (D) in New Jersey's third Congressional district to reduce the Democrats' edge in the state's Congressional representatives to 7-6. Mr. Runyan won 106,175 to 100,069 (50 to 47 percent.) Rep. Rush Holt (D) had the next-closest victory,

By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times as he won a seventh term by a tally of 107,147 to 93,311 over Scott Sipprelle

(53 to 46 percent). GOP Wins Majority in Bergen;

**Donovan Unseats McNerney** GOP Bergen County Clerk Kathy Donovan unseated incumbent Democratic County Executive Dennis McNerney to lead a Republican sweep last week. The GOP also won the sheriff's office, where Emerson Police Chief Michael Saudino defeated incumbent Leo McGuire. The GOP won three seats on the freeholder board, to take a 5-2 majority next year for the first time in nearly a decade, according to The Record. All five Republican freeholders have been elected over the last two years.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Seek **Minority-Leader Title in House** 

House Špeaker Nancy Pelosi, coming off the loss of 60 Democratic Congressional seats, said she would seek another term as minority leader of her party. Ms. Pelosi is the nation's first female speaker and has served in the role the last four years. Her announcement sets the stage for a battle between current Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland and House Whip Jim Clyburn of South Carolina for the no. 2 leadership spot.

**Olbermann Returns to NBC** After a Two-Day Suspension

MSNBC "Countdown" host Keith Olbermann returned to the air Tuesday night after being "suspended indefinitely without pay" after NBC learned he had donated to three Democratic candidates, which is against company policy. Mr. Olbermann gave the maximum individual donation of \$2,400 to Arizona Reps. Gabrielle Giffords and Raul Grijalva, as well as Senate hopeful Jack Conway, who lost in Kentucky to Republican Rand Paul.

**Christie Receives 51 Percent** Approval Rating in Latest Poll Governor Chris Christie received a 51-percent approval rating in a Quinnipiac University poll of New Jersey voters, with 38 percent disaproving of the job he has done. Only 24 percent of respondents, however, believe Mr. Christie would make a good president.

By comparison, President Barack Obama received a 46 percent approval rating from New Jerseyans, with 50 percent disapproving of the job he has done in nearly two years in the White House.

The telephone poll of 1,362 New Jersey voters was conducted November 3 to 8, and has a sampling error margin of plus or minus 2.7 percent**Top Priorities of New House** publicans favor extending all the tax

The congressman said the administration needs to "modify the market-tomarket rules" to get banks to increase

lending "to qualified borrowers." "And obviously, I favor modification of the health-care bill," Mr. Lance said. During the campaign, the GOP said it wanted to "repeal, replace and reform" the health-care law. Among the changes he supports to the legisla-tion is adding medical-malpractice re-

"I think all these matters taken together would bring about greater certainty in the business community, and that, in turn, would lead to the

creation of new jobs," Mr. Lance said. Although formal GOP caucus decisions on who will chair House committees will not be announced until December, the GOP ranking member of the Financial Services Committee is Rep. Spencer Baucus (R-Ala.). Rep. John Adler (D-3rd), who lost his reelection bid, and Rep. Scott Garrett (R-5th) are the only other New Jerseyans on the committee.

Mr. Lance noted that there will also be a change in leadership on the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee due to the retirement of Senator Chris Dodd (D-Conn.). Senator Tim Johnson (D-S.C.) is the number-two Democrat on that committee. Senators Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) and Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) also serve on the Senate panel.

#### SP to Hold Hearing on **HUD Revenue Block Grant**

SCOTCH PLAINS — Mayor Nancy Malool has announced a public hearing will be held on the Housing and Urban Development Revenue Sharing Block Grant Year 37 funding on Tuesday, November 30. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, located at 430 Park Avenue.

"We are attempting to set our own priorities and want to know how our own citizens feel the county allocation should be spent," Mayor Malool said.

Scotch Plains has benefited from Community Development funds since 1975, amounting to nearly \$4 million. It is expected that approximately \$6 million will be available to Union County for Community Development Block Grant funding. The hearing will be chaired by the township's official delegates to the Revenue Sharing Committee. Nineteen towns in Union County are involved, and all projects must have a two-thirds majority of the total committee membership approval in order to become reality.

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Application for projects will be available at the municipal building and include complete instructions concerning project eligibility. Projects funded throughout the 19 member municipalities include: housing, rehabilitation, neighborhood preservation, code enforcement, senior-citizen facilities, child-care facilities and various social-service programs.

#### **Bill Challenges Rules** On Med. Marijuana

TRENTON - A measure sponsored by Senator Nick Scutari (LD-22, Linden) challenging the Christie Administration's proposed rules for implementing the state's medical marijuana law was approved Monday by committees in the Senate and Assembly, setting it up for a vote by the full Legislature.SCR-130/ACR-151 is the first step in a legislative process that would invalidate the regulations as proposed and, ultimately, require the administration to rewrite them.

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### **Bill to Abolish COAH Clears State Committee**

TRENTON – Legislation to abolish the state Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) and revamp antiquated affordable-housing laws was released Monday by an Assembly panel.

"This is a reasonable compromise that ensures that towns will have a diverse housing stock that takes into account the needs of not only lowand moderate-income residents, but working-class residents, too," said Assemblyman Jerry Green (LD-20, Plainfield). "This legislation represents months of lengthy discussions with interested stakeholders, the Senate and the (Christie) administration."

The legislation would abolish COAH, a move Mr. Green said is supported by the Assembly, the Senate and the governor's office. Chief among the bill's other components is a 10-percent affordable-housing requirement for all new residential developments in any municipality.

However, exempt from this requirement are any municipalities where 50 percent or more of the student population is receiving a free or reduced lunch. Municipalities where either 12 percent of the housing is considered affordable or 25 percent to 50 percent of the student population is receiving a free or reduced lunch could impose a 10-percent "set aside" at their discretion.

The legislation stands apart from the state's existing COAH laws because it removes this requirement for commercial development and links it only with residential developments.

In addition to the 10 percent set aside, municipalities that are required to comply with the new development standards would have to zone 20 percent of its vacant, developable land for higher density, workforce housing - essentially requiring the development of four stand-alone units on every acre, or eight units if they are attached.

Municipalities, including those in urban areas, would also have to submit rehabilitation plans for their existing sub-standard housing stock. The legislation would also gradually phase in the 2.5-percent developer's fee over the next five years to fund housing efforts. This standard fee was created through legislation in 2008 and later placed under a moratorium, which expired

"With legislation this massive in scope, there are obviously going to be parties that will never be satisfied with every component of it," Mr. Green said. "I think this bill is a reasonable alternative that takes into account the needs of everyone in this state, regardless of socio-economic status, and provides a means to stimulate development, both commercial and residential."

The bill was released by the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee which is chaired by

## SP Mayor's Gala Tickets On Sale until November 19

SCOTCH PLAINS - Tickets for the annual Scotch Plains Mayor's Charity Gala on Friday, December 3, are now on-sale until Friday, November 19, in the Scotch Plains Recreation Department. Tickets for the event are \$75, and groups of or more can reserve a table together.

The gala, which will take place at Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains, is a non-partisan event, which serves to gather all segments of the community for an evening full of dining, dancing and a silent auction. Proceeds from the event support the Municipal Alliance Committee and other local non-profit organiza-

The event also recognizes citizens

to learn more about The Provident Bank.

contributions to Scotch Plains. Awards are presented in the following categories to the following recipients: Female Volunteer of the Year: Lisa Mohn; Male Volunteer of the

Year: Michael Walch; Volunteer Or-

ganizations of the Year: Scotch Plains

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Plains Girl Scouts. Additionally, the

Boy Scouts are receiving this award

during their 100th anniversary as an

organization. Tickets can be purchased through the Scotch Plains Recreation Department, located in Room 113 at the

Municipal Building. For information about tickets, the Mayor's Gala, or how to donate a gift, call (908) 322-6700, extension

#### **Panel Releases Bill to Extend Housing Project Tax Credits**

The Mestfield Leader and The Scotch Plains - Fanwood TIMES

TRENTON – Legislation sponsored by Democrats in Trenton that would extend the eligibility of certain business and housing project tax credits available to New Jersey businesses was released Monday by the Assembly Commerce and Economic Development Committee, by a vote

"Anything we can do to stimulate business growth in New Jersey, to help put people back to work, we should be actively pursuing," said Louis Greenwald (LD-6, Voorhees), the chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee. "These tax credits have proved effective in the past, and extending them now will continue to induce businesses to invest in our economy."

The legislation (A-3143) would extend the eligibility of businesses to invest in certain business or housing projects for tax credits under the state's "Urban Transit Hub Tax Credit Act" (UTHTCA) and the "New Jersey Economic Stimulus Act of 2009."

"Construction trades have some of the highest unemployment rates in our state," said Asw. Annette Quijano (LD-20, Union). "These tax credits will help companies looking to invest in business and residential construction, putting people back to work in the short term and creating jobs in the long term." Under the UTHTCA, a business may receive a tax credit of up to 100 percent of its qualified capital investment in a business facility that is located in an urban transit hub and employs at least 250 people at the facility. Annually, for 10 years, the business may apply a credit equal to 10 percent of the amount of the investment against the corporation business tax, insurance premiums tax or gross income tax liability.

A tenant leasing space in a qualified facility would also be allowed credits under the bill, provided the tenant occupies space in the facility that proportionally represents at least \$17.5 million of the capital investment in the facility, while employing at least 250 individuals and that the owner of the facility has made or acquired at least \$50 million in capital investments in the facility.

Under a similar program enacted as part of the Stimulus Act of 2009, a developer may receive a tax credit of up to 20 percent of the capital investment in a qualified residential project located in an urban transit hub, provided the owner of the project has made or acquired at least \$50 million

in capital investments in the project.

Mixed-use projects that consist of a qualified business facility and a qualified residential project – neither of which alone satisfies the \$50-million investment requirement - also would be eligible, provided that the investment in each component of the development amounts to at least \$17.5 million and that the total amount invested in the project in aggregate is at least \$50 million.

The bill now heads to the Assembly Speaker, who decides if and when to post it for a floor vote.

## **Sheriff's Office To**

**Collect Unsused Meds** ELIZABETH — The Union County Sheriff's Office will be coordinating the American Medicine Chest Challenge (AMCC) in Elizabeth and Plainfield this Saturday, November 13, by enabling county residents to dispose of unused, unwanted, and expired medicines.

County residents may take unwanted prescription drugs to the Union County Administration Building, located at 10 Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth, and at the Park/Madison Building, 200 Park Avenue in Plainfield, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For information, call the sheriff's office at (908) 527-4450.





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## **Republicans Call on Dems** To Put 'Tool Kit' Up for Vote

TRENTON — Assembly committees considered nearly 40 pieces of legislation on Monday, but not one dealt with Governor Chris Christie's property tax reform tool

Assembly Republican Leader Alex DeCroce and Conference Leader Jon Bramnick said it is "disgraceful" that Democratic Pary leaders "continue to waste valuable time by failing to consider the key parts of the tool-kit package."

"New Jersey taxpayers will be disgusted to find out that the Assembly Democrats place a higher priority on creating commissions rather than tackling civil service, arbitration and pension reforms," Mr. DeCroce said. "The Democratic leaders keep telling the public they have been working on tool-kit legislation, but taxpayers have seen little evidence of that. They must be tone deaf to the election results delivered on Tuesday. Property taxpayers are tired of listening to promises made by Democrats, which is nothing more than talk."

"Last week, our caucus heard from 20 bipartisan mayors throughout the state who implored us to enact the critical reforms which will help them control spending," Mr. DeCroce said. "But Democrats believe that discussing medical marijuana is more vital to taxpayers. Assembly Republicans have waited since the summer to work on the key components in the tool kit. The stumbling block for the Democrats in developing meaningful legislation is that they have no experience at cutting taxes or reducing spend-

"Another committee hearing session [on Monday contained] not one property tax reform bill mayors and other local officials will need to keep their budgets within the new [2-percent] cap law that takes effect in 56 day," Mr. Bramnick

"For months, Assembly Republicans have expressed our willingness to have open and meaningful discussion on the tool-kit package, but Democratic leaders continue to turn a deaf ear. The clock is ticking. Without these necessary reforms, local officials will be forced to significantly cut services and person-

"Assembly Democrats have delayed and mismanaged the tool-kit reforms to the point where they will have to be crammed into our last two scheduled voting sessions this year. If that even happens, it is likely that taxpayers and local officials will only see watered-down legislation offered by Democrats that doesn't deliver the substantive reforms needed in order stay within the new [2-percent] cap law," Mr. DeCroce stated.

"At this point, I seriously doubt the Democrats want to change the system. Their goal is to maintain the status quo," Mr. DeCroce said.

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## It's Dark Now And Pedestrians **Encounter Increased Danger**

Winter and daylight savings time result in gray afternoons and dark evenings in our area. Night approaches quickly this time of the year. The end of December will be here very shortly, and this is the shortest daytime of the year. Many don't adjust well to this sudden change in loss of daylight.

When everyone leaves work during this time of year, it's dark. It's hard to see while driving and it's particularly hard to see pedestrians. Pedestrians also don't see very well, aren't as aware as they need to be, and assume drivers see them. This condition has resulted in unfortunate pedestrian deaths over the last few years.

The busy local thoroughfares, such as North Avenue and East Broad Street in Westfield, have proven to be particularly dangerous. Martine and Park Avenues in Scotch Plains are equally busy. These streets are uniquely laden with both cars and pedestrians. It's the most dangerous combination – many cars, many pedestrians and dark evenings.

We appeal to everyone to be extremely alert – drivers and pedestrians both. There's more everyone can do to help avoid tragedy. Please wear bright colored and reflective clothing while walking. Cross on streets only where it is legal and safe. Please do not "J-Walk!" Every time you cross the street, assume that drivers don't see you because they prob-

Take the time to remind your children to always cross at the cross walks, and if you're thinking about buying yourself or the kids new winter coats, try to buy bright colors.

Drivers, in their normal rush to get home, should remember how unsafe it is this time of year. Expect pedestrians to do unusual things because they will. Remember not to pass on the right through the leaf piles, as children may be at play. As the winter weather rolls in, ice and snow are bound to make road conditions worse; take it slow and stay alert.

Joggers and bicyclists need to be more on guard, too, because of the diminished visibility. Make sure the reflectors on your bicycles are cleaned off and in good condition. Both joggers and cyclists should consider purchasing and wearing a blinking light to make them more visible.

Please remember that many "out of town" cars pass through the area all the time. These drivers do not know the conditions of our local roads or the busyness of pedestrian travel. They won't be as alert

We'd like to hear your suggestions on this issue. Please e-mail editor@goleader.com. Let's make our wintertime as safe as possible this year by staying

## Thank You, Veterans, for Your Sacrifices in Keeping America Free

Armistice Day symbolizes the end of World War I in 1918, when guns fell silent on the Western Front at the 11th hour, 11th day, the 11th month. The "War to end all wars." Unfortunately for the world, that didn't hold true. We've had many other horrors of war, and we continue today in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Yet we remain free because: "For centuries, many men and women of the United States of America have put their careers, family and other interests on hold for months and years at a time. In uniform, they were thrust into harm's way. Military service could be unpleasant, lonely, dangerous and, sometimes, fatal. Our veterans did this for one purpose, and one only — to serve and protect this country.

"Communities across America are filled with monuments to remember our veterans of wars. In the many towns of Union County, some of these monuments are well known, while others are forgotten. In Westfield, local veterans who lost their lives during the First World War are remembered by the monument at the Plaza as well as with gold-star street names and signs. The 78 Westfielders who died in World War II are memorialized by a bronze plaque outside the Town Hall Community Room. Those lost in Korea and in Vietnam are remembered..." By Garland "Bud" Boothe, The Westfield Leader, Nov.2,

Now we call it Veterans' Day, established in 1938. Unfortunately, one year later, World War II started and the world has hardly seen peace since then.

### Freedom Isn't Free

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### Letters to the Editor

### All Americans Should Visit Arlington; **They Guaranteed Our Freedoms**

Recently, I noticed a letter to the editor (Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times) by Richard Fortunato a couple of weeks ago in which he mentioned that the media and pundits had suggested that should the government be run by the "Tea Partiers" that the military would be short changed. This very idea from my experience in attending a couple "Tea Party" events is nothing but a misrepresentation of those that have attended "Tea Party" events.

In order, to use an example, I will relate a couple of experiences that I recently had on a visit to the D.C. area. After spending a day at the well-maintained Capital building, my wife and I took a shuttle bus to our hotel. While waiting for this bus, I sat down next to a slightly older couple. At first I did not notice that the man had something in his lap, but when I did see it, it looked like a raincoat since it heavily rained that day. Upon a closer look, the raincoat proved to be a triangular water proof holder, for a United States of America burial flag.
We were only a short distance from

Arlington National Cemetery at that time. The man was honored to be presented by our grateful nation this flag for a loved one. On my part, I open the door of the van, and all I could say was that I was "sorry." I don't know if it was for a

brother, sister, daughter or son. Then the next day we visited Arlington National Cemetery and while on the tour, we saw a horse drawn caisson with a coffin going up the hill. This was one of Arlington's 20 to 25 funerals each week.

I will never get these images out of my head, especially knowing that my family and my wife's family are proud owners of two burial flags each and can attest that when taps are played for a loved one, it goes on for ever.

I simply do not care what the media, pundits or any one cares about my respect for my country and military, even if I attended a couple "Tea Party" events.

I suggest that every American visit Arlington. It is here that those that guaranteed our freedoms that we enjoy today are honored. This is especially applicable since today is Veteran's day

> **Albert Muller Scotch Plains**

#### Thanks to All Who Made Anniversary Gala for Community Ctr. A Success

The Westfield Community Center would like to thank The Westfield Leader and its readers who helped us make our 75th anniversary and gala dinner such a success. Without your assistance, we would not have made it this far.

Gala dinner attendees included Congressman Leonard Lance and Westfield Mayor Andy Skibitsky. New Jersey Assemblyman Jon Bramnick presided over the live auction that included a six-night stay in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. Along with dancing, a live band, and silent auction, members took time to honor those of years gone by who had made lasting contributions to the center.

The work of the Westfield Community

Center continues with your support. Programs for seniors provide nutritional and social care and well-being. After-school and summer programs give children a safe place to play and get help with homework. These programs continue to run each day, even as we receive walk-ins and a steady stream of phone calls from many people who need assistance.

In the midst of these challenging economic times, the Westfield Community Center is glad to have supporters like you who enable us to serve our neighbors.

**Christopher Beck** President, Westfield Community **Center Board of Directors** 

### **Resolve Community Counseling** Thanks Stage House for Support

On behalf of Resolve Community Counseling Center, Inc. in Scotch Plains and its' Board of Directors, we sincerely thank the Stage House Inn for making our recent fundraising dinner event such a success. We have been fortunate to experience a wonderful partnership with the Stage House Inn these past few years as they open their doors to Resolve's guests for a sumptuous price fixe dinner.

Thank you again, Stage House, and to

all who attended the October 19 event. Your support is very much appreciated and we look forward to another wonderful evening in February when Resolve and the Stage House Inn will once again welcome guests for a fine dining experi-

Barbara Roskin, President **Resolve Com. Counseling Center** 

#### Thank You Garwood as We Face **Our Challenges Together** rious service to the borough and recog-

The New Year is the time for new beginnings and the Borough of Garwood will be no exception as we join forces to face whatever new challenges may come our way during these difficult economic

However, first we wish to thank the residents of Garwood who this Election Day gave us their votes of confidence at the polls. We will endeavor to do our very best to live up to your expectations as we work to move Garwood forward into the

Further we want to recognize Mayor Dennis McCarthy for his years of meritonize his running mates, Ms. Villaggio and Mr. Allouf, for their dedication to the borough as well.

And finally, we are looking forward to working with all of the members of the borough council as well as all the borough employees and volunteers as we all join forces to ensure that Garwood remains the oasis for families that our founding fathers envisioned.

Thank you.

Patricia Quattrocchi, Victor DeFilippo and James Mathieu

### **Disgusted to See The Cartoon Suggesting That NJEA Is A Bully**

I just returned from a college visit with my daughter and opened to the editorial page of the November 4 paper. After hearing only wonderful comments from college admission personnel, including one dean of admissions, about the quality of Westfield High School and its teachers, I was disgusted and disappointed to see the editorial cartoon suggesting that the New Jersey Education Associaton (NJEA) is a bully.

The NJEA represents the public school teachers who give Westfield public schools their glowing reputation throughout the country. It is not the NJEA that is the bully, but Governor Christie and members of our State Legislature, who are trying to bully the public into believing that it is our public schools and our teachers in New Jersey that have caused the financial crisis and other problems we currently face in this state.

I am hopeful that your readers are smarter than you give them credit for and understand that it is our public school system and our teachers throughout the state, particularly in Westfield, that give New Jersey one of the finest public education systems in the country

**Amy Herrington** 

### **Strauss Thanks Scotch Plains Voters And Congratulates His Opponents**

I wish to sincerely thank all of those who supported my efforts to win re-election to the Council

Running as an Independent candidate is a very difficult and time consuming undertaking with long odds. I am not aware of an Independent ever winning in Scotch Plains, much less running. Remarkably, this year there were eight candidates for three seats inclusive of two incumbent Independents, Dominick Bratti and myself. Despite these long odds, the truly wonderful and dedicated support and help that came my way was not only very gratifying, but critical in mounting a serious campaign as well as keeping up my spirits during the entire process.

#### **Bratti Thanks SP Voters for Support**

I would like to thank the residents of Scotch Plains for giving me the opportunity to serve as your councilman for the last two years. I am proud of all the individuals with whom I served and of what we were able to accomplish. I congratulate Councilman Glover, and Messrs. Marcus and Vastine, and wish them the best of luck.

To those of you who voted for me and Jeff Strauss, I thank you and applaud your willingness to support Independent candidates regardless of political-party affiliation. I hope that you will join us in continuing to do so at all levels of government so that we may replace partisanship and patronage with honesty and integrity in government.

> **Dominick Bratti** Scotch Plains

The results disclose that we, as Independents, clearly affected the outcome of the election, but we simply could not truly compete with the party influence and resources to win. I believe I would be remiss as an elected official if I did not acknowledge this shortcoming in our local electoral process. The reasons for an independent run still exist, but the odds remain as long as ever.

I extend my congratulations to Mr. Marcus, Mr. Vastine and Councilman Glover on their election. The campaign and election is over. They must now work with our truly excellent professional staff and town employees on behalf of all residents of Scotch Plains and not just the parties that supported their efforts. I expect to remain involved and watchful with the hope and expectation that our township can remain a great place to live.

> **Jeffrey Strauss Scotch Plains**

#### In Flanders Fields By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD

(1872-1918), Canadian Army In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses row on row. That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.



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

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

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

#### Answers to last week's arcane words.

. Procellous – Stormy Eurycerous – Broad-horned

3. Catadioptrics - The science of the reflection of light and its observance 4. Patena – A grassy area in the hilly

#### parts of Ceylon (Sri Lanka) DASYMETER

1. An instrument used in testing the den-

2. An instrument used to determine depth

in bodies of water 3. An instrument used to test the proofage

of alcoholic beverages 4. An official or umpire of the pre-twen-

tieth century baseball era QUINDISM

1. A fifth

2. A fifteenth 3. Belief in the power of the pentagram 4. Divination of the sea scallops

#### **METOPOMANCY** 1. Dissecting cadavers to study organs,

vessels and other internals

2. A Caesarean section 3. A study of mollusks

4. Fortunetelling by human features **PLEBICOLIST** 

One who caters to vulgarity or seeks the favor of the common people

2. A member of the lower class in Roman times 3. A member of the freshman class of the United States Military Academy or the

Naval Academy 4. A person who writes about the strife of the common people

> The Westfield Leader Nov. 13, 1918

### SIGNING OF ARMISTICE **CREATES ENTHUSIASM**

All Local Business Suspends and Town is Turned Over To A Frenzy of Gayety

#### IMPROMPTU PARADE THE RULE

The news of the signing of the armistice in France was received in Westfield about 3 a.m. on Monday. From that moment the town let loose and up to an early hour yesterday gaiety held sway with pandemonium rampant.

At a very early hour Mayor Henry W. Evans was notified of the pleasant news and he in turn let the Fire Department and Police Headquarters know of it and they immediately got busy. The former by turning out the engine which went tearing through Westfield with clanging bell and honk, honk of its big horn. The latter by ringing up on the phone and notifying the various town heads and by answering the many calls of inquiry as to the shricking of whis-

tles by the nearby factories. By about 5 a. m. all the town knew f the great happening and the streets were thronged with people, many handsomely decorated autos began to ppear and sleep was over for the day.

Arthur S. Flagg, manager of the Playhouse, was again on the job, at an early hour he appeared togged out with old clothes and a high hat and gathering all those he could together he started the first parade of the day. It was headed by a big base drum from the Playhouse and followed by an army of High School girls who carried a complete and beautiful set of the Allies flags and a large Star Spangled Banner in the center. Directly behind Charles Lance might be seen with a push cart on which lying at full length was a caricature of the Kaiser with a sign reading, "The Kaiser is Dead-Long Live Democracy," a wheelbarrow followed this, with a miniature grave thereon and a faded wreath, this bore the inscription that the Kaiser had depart-

ed this world for the world's good.

A large contingent of school boys followed this, all shouting, whistling, hooting and showing their happiness in every conceivable way. Many of them carried flags and some carried banners with appropriate remarks of

he occasion. Throughout the day these im-promptu parades, which were fac similes of Thursday's doings, came out and it was well into the night before quietness resigned in the town. Practically all business was suspended as no one had a heart for work.

The false report of peace last Thursday stirred up Westfield to a degree never seen or heard of before. The honor for stirring up the enthusiasm should be given to Arthur Flagg. At the first word he closed up his theatre, impressed his coworkers into service, grabbed the big bass drum and started a parade. The three leaders of The Spirit of 1917 had not marched more than a block until half the town joined them. Grocery stores, meat shops and the employees of nearly all the merchants in town were attacked with the spirit of the day and in a few moments Westfield had the greatest procession in its history. Women, old and young joined the crowd and the whole afternoon was spent in a riot of happiness and jollification Whistles and auto horns helped keep up the noise and the arrival of Uncle Sam mpersonated by Mr. Simpson brought about the climax of enthusiasm.

In the evening a more formal pro-cession continued the celebration. Led by the Police Department and the Westfield Band, the Home Guard with full quota, the Boys Brigade, the dif-ferent social and fraternal organizations and the mothers and fathers of the boys in service, followed by a long line of autos paraded the streets of Westfield for more than an hour. Bonfires were built on the Washingon School Campus and the crowd danced and yelled as never before.

#### Letters to the Editor,

## **Gov. Christie**

**Comments on Election** A lot of people didn't think we'd be able to improve upon last year's successes and accelerate our momentum in

Well, we sure proved them wrong. Thanks to your help, we continued the work we started together in 2009 and made historic gains as a party all through-

out the state on [Election Day]. Just like last year, we were outspent by our opponents. But just like last year, we outworked our opponents and made sure voters heard our Republican message of fiscal responsibility, lower taxes and less spending - and it resonated loud and

We put the 3rd Congressional District back in the Republican column, electing Jon Runyan to Congress.

In the state's largest county, we defeated an incumbent Democrat county executive in Bergen County, regained control of the sheriff's seat and picked up not one, not two, but three freeholder seats – a clean sweep!

Further south, Republicans – two were elected to the freeholder board in Gloucester County for the first time in more than a decade, and we gained two freeholder seats in Cumberland County. We also added another freeholder seat in Monmouth County and control of the surrogate's office in Atlantic County. In fact, at the county level alone, we saw a net gain of 11 additional Republican seats across the state.

In addition to these gains at the county level, we also celebrated significant victories at the local level because of your efforts. Republicans won control of governing bodies in key towns across the state like Paramus, East Brunswick and Washington Township in Gloucester County, and saw impressive gains in places like Livingston, New Providence and South Plainfield.

We must also not ignore the places where we fought hard but fell a little short. Even in the campaigns where we didn't come out on top, we saw unprecedented energies and efforts that will serve as important building blocks for the

We did a lot together this year. But just like we didn't rest after our shared success in 2009, we cannot slow down after impressive gains this year, either. Now is the time to begin preparations to for 2011's key races in the State Senate, General Assembly and important contests at county and local levels. I look forward to continuing to work with you to build upon our successes as a party.

It is honor to serve as your Governor, and I look forward to what we are sure to accomplish together in the future. Congratulations on a job well done.

**Governor Chris Christie** 

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#### **Compilation DEM vs GOP By Towns for Union County Freeholders**

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Union County	Pop.	GOP	DEM	Loc	GOP Net	DEM Net	GOP Pop.	DEM Pop.	% Voting
Elizabeth	125,285	2356	8282	1	-	5926	-	125285	8.5
Hillside	21,747	667	3863	2	-	3196	-	21747	20.8
Linden	39,394	2003	5179	3	-	3176	-	39394	18.2
Rahway	26,500	2232	3861	4	-	1629	-	26500	23.0
Roselle, est.	21,274	300	3520	5	-	3220	-	21274	18.0
Roselle Park	13,281	1457	1428	6	29	-	13281	-	21.7
Winfield	1,514	173	169	7	4	-	1514	-	22.6
Union	54,405	4214	6345	8	-	2131	-	54405	19.4
Kenilworth	7,675	1001	669	9	332	-	7675	-	21.8
Clark	14,597	2649	1362	10	1287	-	14597	-	27.5
Cranford	22,578	4022	2973	11	1049	-	22578	-	31.0
Springfield	14,735	2135	1984	12	151	-	14735	-	28.0
Garwood	4,153	772	484	13	288	-	4153	-	30.2
Mountainside	6,602	1441	601	14	840	-	6602	-	30.9
Westfield	29,644	5357	3359	15	1998	-	29644	-	29.4
Scotch Plains	22,732	3806	3151	16	655	-	22732	-	30.6
Fanwood	7,174	1287	1079	17	208	-	7174	-	33.0
Summit	21,131	3428	1918	18	1510	-	21131	-	25.3
New Providence	11,907	2537	1196	19	1341	-	11907	-	31.4
Berkeley Heights	13,407	2782	1469	20	1313	-	13407	-	31.7
Plainfield	47,829	771	7243	21	-	6472	-	47829	16.8
totals	527,564	45390	60135		11005	25750	191130	336434	20.0
7 out of 21 Union C	ounty towr	ns voted	net DEM	l, popi	ulation base	of 336,000	Nov.	2, 2010 Gen	'l Election
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14 out of 21 Union County towns voted net GOP, population base of 191,000 (Results are unofficial) % Voting = votes/population: Party votes = sum of the three party candidates/three: Absentee ballots not included

#### **Bo Vastine Thanks Voters, All Candidates**

Dear Residents of Scotch Plains, Now that the remaining provisional ballots have been counted, I would like to thank you for your support and for the support of those who walked with us door to door, helped plant lawn signs, or were there to offer encouragement during the toughest days of the campaign.

I want to congratulate Councilman Kevin Glover and Mickey Marcus on their victory and express to them, Mayor Nancy Malool and Councilwoman Mary DePaola, my desire to move beyond the campaign and into the job of working together to solve the issues facing Scotch

I also want to extend my greatest appreciation to my running mates, Tony Patti and Sal Trifiro, for their hard work and dedication during the campaign. Although I was the one that received fenough votes," the final results were by no means a reflection of their dedication, ability or desire to help our town.

For the last several months, Tony, Sal and I worked hard to express to the entire community that our goal was to provide 'fresh faces and fresh ideas." We knocked on over 3,000 doors, attended numerous neighborhood meetings and participated in a number of community events. We were focused on issues that we believed would help Scotch Plains move forward during this difficult time, and I am convinced that our ideas are good ones.

I want to assure the residents of Scotch Plains that my focus will remain steadfast: I will work with all individuals and/ or parties to find solutions to our challenges without losing sight of our mission to maintain the quality of life and character of Scotch Plains. Thank you once again.

> **Bo Vastine Scotch Plains Councilman-elect**

## **Internet With Soccer Games**

SCOTCH PLAINS - On Sunday night and Saturday night Scotch Plains TV presented live webcasts of the boys and girls county championship games from Alumni Field at Kean University. This made it possible, for the first time ever, to watch a remote live SPTV production anywhere in the world with an Internet

SP TV Director Bill McMeekan said he was not aware of any other local channel in New Jersey that has done this. He said the webcast was neither costly nor difficult and the implications for the TV channel are remark-

### **Councilman Tony Parenti Thanks Fanwood For Re-Election Support**

I wish to thank Fanwood voters for reelecting me for the honor and privilege to represent them for the next three years. The knowledge and experience I gained in my first term will enable me to effectively represent your views.

I cannot let the opportunity pass to express my gratitude to my running mate, Jason Benedict. I admire his courage and genuine commitment to serve the people in Fanwood. I have confidence in his ability and I know he will be an excellent candidate for office in the future.

Special thanks go to everyone who worked on my behalf during the campaign. Their devoted efforts, guidance, and unwavering support helped me win this election

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## **Scotch Plains TV Goes Live on the**

able. "We can essentially go live from any-

where at any time on the web. This signal can also be fed to the channel itself. Last night more than 30 people watched the SPFHS Girls' Soccer team defeat Westfield live from the comfort of their home. The future is here," said Mr.

I would also like to thank and express my appreciation to all the candidates who participated in this election. The fact that they were willing to volunteer and serve

I am looking forward to serving the people in Fanwood once again and I pledge to my best to help make Fanwood

speaks volumes for each of them.

Anthony J. Parenti Fanwood Councilman

### Letters to the Editor

#### To Our Opponents, There Was No Grace After A Defeat

On behalf of the Union County Democratic team, I'd like to thank the voters of Union County for a resounding victory on November 2nd. What made it even more remarkable was the national tide for Republicans this year, which makes our victory even better.

I want to congratulate all the winners regardless of party and also thank anyone who put their name on a ballot to run for office. Believe me it's not an easy thing to

After the election, I read various news reports and reactions from the winners and losers, but the story as reported in *The* Westfield Leader topped them all. Without exception, the county Republican candidates' remarks were all crude, classless and insulting to anyone who happened to vote Democratic. And this is from the folks who had just had their "platform" overwhelmingly rejected by the voters!

We are the "knuckleheads" Mr. Flanagan? Strikes me as a bit of a sore loser, doesn't it? Just hit "urban" voters

#### **Glover and Marcus** Thank SP Voters

We would like to thank the voters of Scotch Plains for their support on Election Day. We look forward to working with the other members of the council on the many important issues facing our town. We must move forward on shared services and look for ways to save the taxpayers of Scotch Plains money so that we can make Scotch Plains affordable for everyone. There is a lot to do, and we are ready to get started.

Thank you again Scotch Plains.

**Kevin Glover and Mickey Marcus Scotch Plains** 

with a cattle prod and they'll go under; there's no brain power involved? Do you want to tell us what you mean by an "urban" voter? It's not too hard to figure out, is it?

To our opponents, there was no grace after a defeat only bitter invective against the voters who rejected you. So it was their fault! They're just not smart enough to see how smart you are! You're going to win a lot of elections that way. I see that Ellen Dickson has already declared herself a candidate for next year's race.

I just love her "largesse" comment. "Sucking all the rest of us?" Who's us? I'm sure you will have some explanation for that.

In case you missed it, Democrats had a pretty good night in Cranford, Scotch Plains and Springfield. I'd call that the suburbs, wouldn't you?

Again, my thanks to the voters of Union County for their support. You did a great

> Dan Sullivan, Elizabeth Chairman, UC Freeholders

#### **County Clerk Thanks All Voters for Support**

Dear friends, Thank you for your confidence and encouragement in my re-election bid for Union County clerk. It is my privilege to serve the residents of our county and to provide the best services possible.

My staff and I consider your needs our top priority. We look forward to serving you now and in the future.

Thank you for your vote of confidence.

Joanne Rajoppi **Union County Clerk** 



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## **Area Voting Results**







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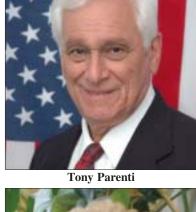








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Ed Potosnak (D)		139	131	119	203	142	144	69	130	177	96	164	147	120	85	120	177	176	154	134	151	254	265	198	154	193	3,842
Leonard Lance (R)		148	207	175	335	260	147	130	146	253	161	231	353	191	87	131	91	200	208	185	170	276	198	273	193	286	5,035
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Peter B. Lijoi (R)		155	216	181	336	257	148	121	160	269	159	248	353	194	82	138	96	212	192	184	176	281	233	271	203	261	5,126
County Clerk																											
Joanne Rajoppi (D)		133	124	123	205	140	144	75	122	183	96	154	139	113	89	105	172	159	155	134	149	257	238	201	149	207	3,766
Arthur P. Zapolski (R)		150	212	168	334	257	141	120	151	241	157	235	358	194	81	132	95	212	199	180	171	259	216	266	200	266	4,995
Freeholders																											
Daniel P. Sullivan (D)		108	114	100	175	125	128	68	114	141	90	133	123	102	86	101	158	140	144	131	135	238	221	169	126	183	3,353
Bette Jane Kowalski (D)		108	110	110	177	123	132	70	111	146	90	132	118	100	81	95	159	145	142	130	136	230	217	164	128	178	3,332
Linda Carter (D)		108	116	106	182	123	136	66	111	147	87	138	123	104	85	102	156	145	146	129	136	241	224	175	120	187	3,393
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Brian T. Flanagan (R)		174	224	182	360	273	155	125	160	274	164	252	368	205	84	149	110	227	214	189	187	290	231	304	219	289	5,409
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SCOTCH PLAINS 2010 GENERAL ELECTION Nov. 2 Freeholder Freeholder Freeholder Freeholder Freeholder Freeholder - Voting - Sheriff - Sheriff - Clerk DEM DEM DEM REP REP REP - Clerk - Reg. - House - House DIST. COUNT COUNT POTOSNAK LANCE **FROEHLICH** LIJOI **RAJOPPI** ZAPOLSKI SULLIVAN KOWALSKI CARTER DICKSON FLANAGAN MEDVED 



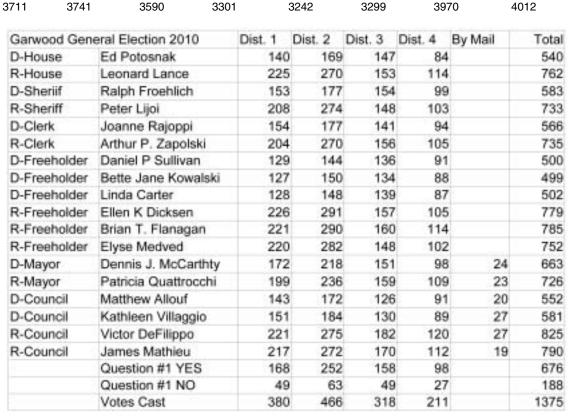
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Potosnak	141	111	256	185	159	154	163	1169	
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SHERIFF									
Froehlich	151	96	252	187	154	162	175	1177	
Lijoi	149	143	187	157	180	194	203	1213	
COUNTY CLERK									
Rajoppi	157	111	259	188	158	174	174	1221	
Zapolski	144	126	182	154	172	183	203	1164	
FREEHOLDERS									
Sullivan	143	89	235	165	152	154	142	1080	
Kowalski	144	88	233	162	144	159	143	1073	
Carter	143	90	233	171	149	154	145	1085	
Dickson	152	148	204	172	181	201	226	1284	
Flanagan	157	149	208	185	180	199	230	1308	
Medved	151	145	203	169	179	199	224	1270	
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	R	Flanagan	167	160	171	165	206	143	175	125	145	145
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COUNCILMEN												
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## **Veterans Day, November 11**

Vietnam Veteran Frank Chupko, Jr.

**Recalls Helicopter Rescue Experience** 

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Reprint Sept. 14, 2000: Nothing

encountered went according to the book for Third Class Petty Officer

Rescue Air Crewman Frank Chupko

during his first helicopter air-sea res-

cue mission in January of 1970. Before his two tours of duty in Viet

Nam, his orders said "Helicopters

West Coast" said Mr. Chupko. "I knew where I was going." He was

"We had to go through a lot of training before we went to Vietnam.

had to go through hand-to-hand

combat, physical education, para-

medic school and survival school,"

he said. "Everybody was there at survival school. There were pilots,

navy seals and air crewmen for heli-

cue experience. "We were off the

coast of Washington (state). It was a

bad night with a storm. The planes

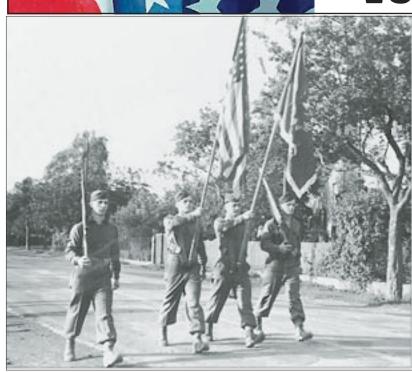
were practicing takeoffs and land-

ings. Our rescue heli-

the swimmer.

Mr. Chupko recalled his first res-

sent to Imperial Beach, Calif.



BERLIN FALLS...Horace Corbin, Sr. carries the American flag into Berlin upon its fall in 1945 during World War II.

### **Bertram Schwartz Recalls** Life with 'The Hump'

By HORACE R. CORBIN

REPRINTED from June 15, 2000 Many call it "The Hump." But for those who flew it, it was also known as "Aluminum Alley" because of the wreckage of hundreds of fuselages strewn over the mountainous air route. More than 600 lives were lost in this endeavor – a three-year airlift, which occurred during World War II.

Flying from India, across Burma

and into China carries one over some of the most inhospitable terrain in the world. The 500-mile route from Assam, India to Kunming, China takes one across disease-infested jungles, then up and up and over 470 snow-covered Himalayan peaks – each higher than 13,000 feet. The airlift was the

only way to supply desperately needed ammunition, guns, food and medical supplies to the

surrounded American and Chinese forces during the war being raged with Japanese military units. All in all, over 650,000 tons of war materiel made it over the Hump in support of the ultimate victory during those grave

This materiel kept the 341st Bomb Group of the 14th Air Force, stationed in China under the command of Lieutenant General Claire Lee Chennault, in operation.

"When you're a strapping young man from Brooklyn, you feel invincible," said Bertram Schwartz. "You don't give a lot of thought to the danger, you just do your duty.'

It's been more than 50 years since Mr. Schwartz, a Westfield resident, flew those 50 missions for the 341st Bomb Group as a radio operator/ gunner. He remembers the flack and the enemy fighters swooping in. The right engine of his aircraft was shot out during his first mission, and he survived a crash landing in his 23rd mission.

Perhaps most memorable was his 43rd mission, an attack on Hong Kong. Four bombers of his flight skimmed into the harbor on October 16, 1944, below 100 feet altitude under heavy fire. Two enemy ships were destroyed and two more were believed damaged beyond repair. The planes were badly shot up, but they made it back.

This spring (2000), 55 years later, Mr. Schwartz returned to China as a guest of the People's Republic of China through the China-Burma-India Hump Pilots Association. This rendezvous of 300 American and Chinese veterans for a week provided time for reunion and reflection on their experiences. Mr. Schwartz said, "It was strange being the youngest person in the room. There are not too many of us left now.'

But, Mr. Schwartz did run into someone from his squadron. Several of the group participated in the nostalgic Hump Flight over the Himalayas again during their visit to China this year. Mr. Schwartz declined this part of the trip in favor of exploring new areas of China. He stated that 45 hours of commercial jet flying was enough and that cruising at 35,000 feet in today's aircraft is not

the same thrilling experience as being airborne in the wartime bombers

The trip brought back many memories for Mr. Schwartz. "Much of China is just the same and just as ancient, but modernization is springing up everywhere in urban centers. They certainly are going to be an economic competitor to reckon with soon," he said. "The Chinese government treated us well during the trip and

political overtones were kept in the background. The Chinese conduct affairs with ceremony and a theme. As hard as they try, procedures and bureaucracy seem to cause unnecessary obstruction," he said.

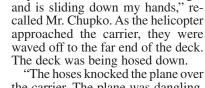
Sylvia, his wife of 51 years, and their son, Arthur, of Union City, accompanied Schwartz on the threeweek trip to China. "It was a nice family opportunity, and we saw so many interesting

**Bertram Schwartz** 

things," she said. After the war, Mr. Schwartz studied chemistry at New York University, then did graduate studies in physical chemistry and mathematics at Columbia University and the University of Southern California.

Most of his 43-year professional career was spent at Bell Labs, then a part of AT&T in Murray Hill, as a member of the technical staff, while residing in Westfield with his wife and family. He pursued research and development with transistors, integrated circuits and lasers. Mr. Schwartz has published 80 scientific papers, edited two books, has been issued 38 United States patents and has been issued 126 foreign patents. Mr. Schwartz, who retired in 1995, still publishes but now in the areas of

personal interest in air force tactics. He has had articles published in the Journal of Military History and has written for the United States Holocaust Memoriam Museum on "Holocaust and Genocide Studies." In this area, he has tackled such subjects as how the Allies could have destroyed Auschwitz and Birkenau by air. Although he's retired, Mr. Schwartz says he's still not over "The Hump."



he passes out. Now, he's dead weight

the carrier. The plane was dangling. If the cable broke, it could cut you in half," explained Mr. Chupko. "We were about to set down but had to move. In the meantime, the pilot wakes up and starts fighting me. I lost my grip, and he fell onto the deck."

Remarkably, the pilot was all right. "It turned out that the Captain of the ship put me in for a medal. The Captain said that it was the best thing he ever saw. We knew that it wasn't textbook." Mr. Chupko received the Navy Commendation Medal. Just two days later, Mr. Chupko and his crew made a textbook rescue. Everything was according to plan. "This time there was no medal.

After graduating from college with a degree in economics and business

from Belmont Abbey, North Carolina in 1967, Mr. Chupko joined the navy and got involved with aviation electronics. His buddy, Paul Konyha, also from Scotch Plains, signed up and joined the army.

"We wanted one last fling before we shipped off. So, we rented a Cadillac Hearse and drove across country to California," he said. "We slept in the car like campers, picked up hitchhikers and stopped in Vegas."

Mr. Chupko had two tours in Vietnam-May of 1970 on the carrier USS Oriskany and Oction. He received The

Air Gallantry Medal from the South Vietnamese government.

During his tour in Vietnam, Mr. Chupko related his good times. "When you are out to sea 30 to 40 days, pulling into port was like a wild west city. You have two to three days off and you go back to sea again."

Mr. Chupko lives in Scotch Plains since he moved there from Jersey City when he was four years old. Now 55, Mr. Chupko has been commander of the local VFW eight times. He is presently senior vice-commander. Two years ago, he was the district VFW commander in charge of all Union County chapters. He was selected as All-State and All-American Commander that consisted of 16 people who received awards for their outstanding service. He was commander of the American Legion, Scotch Plains in 1985. Mr. Chupko is truly a hometown boy with his local real estate business and with a 20year career in the St. Bartholomew's Oldtimers Softball League.

Publisher's note: This was part of a series on veterans of the region from all eras to archive their stories. On Veterans Day, November 11, 2000, there was a celebration dinner-dance attended by over 700 people from the area at the Westfield National Guard Armory on Rahway Avenue.



high, and their guide lights bobbed in and out HANGING AROUND... of view in the darkness. Frank Chupko hangs from the "I finally got to him and hoist which is used to rescue had to get him away pilots and any other person-from his parachute be-nelin need. Photo is circa 1970. tober of 1971 on the carrier USS Constellafore it choked him. His arm was broken, and he was scream-

After clearing him, Mr. Chupko discovered that the pilot did not have a D-line that all pilots are required to have for rescues. A screwed up series of unexpected and dangerous situations ensued. Mr. Chupko grabbed onto the pilot like an octopus. The helicopter was off with them dangling on the cable, high over the sea. The carrier was now about three miles



NOT FORGOTTEN...Korean War Memorial Clock in Scotch Plains.

Medved Freeholders Sullivan Kowalski Carter Dickson Flanagan 1,480 2,830 2,876 2,641 Berkeley Heights 1,487 1,441 2,762 2,556 Clark 1,361 1,374 1,352 2,629 3,868 2,928 4,099 4,098 Cranford 2,955 3,037 2,347 2,374 8,337 8,194 8,315 Elizabeth 1,284 1,308 1,270 1,080 1,073 1,085 Fanwood 500 449 502 779 785 752 Garwood 644 678 678 3,825 3,881 Hillside 3,833 973 666 665 1,015 1,014 Kenilworth 676 1,853 5,211 5,163 2,068 2,088 Linden 5,162 140 1,457 1,415 591 605 Mountainside 608 2,546 2,668 2,397 1,204 1,163 1,220 New Providence 7,198 7,167 7,364 793 780 739 Plainfield 2,270 2,294 2,133 Rahway 3,843 3,883 3,858 Roselle 1,421 1,413 1,470 1,487 1,415 Roselle Park 1,450 3,854 3,864 3,701 3,114 3,170 Scotch Plains 3,170 2,002 1,968 1,983 2,176 2,163 2,067 Springfield Summit 1,867 1,900 1,988 3,562 3,425 3,296 6,361 6,311 6,364 4,285 4,269 4,089 Union 5,409 5,252 3,353 3,393 5,411 Westfield 3,332 174 168 Winfield 170 163 173 177 37 2.349 2,136 Absentees 2,594 2,558 2.535 2,351 37 46,763 48,323 43,365 59,251 58,822 59,416 Totals



SERVING IN SCOTCH PLAINS...A youthful Ed Walsh, right, poses with some United States Navy personnel in this 1943 photo. Mr. Walsh served on the *U.S.S. LST-207* in the Pacific during World War II.

#### **Local Veterans Share Tales of Combat Duty**

By JEANNE WHITNEY

REPRINTED from November 5, 1998 - War is hell. Veterans will admit that. Yet there are often other tales of war worth telling. Ed Walsh, a Scotch Plains resident and World War II veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard said he was in nine war campaigns and four invasions over the course of the war in the Pacific. He spent much of his time in a 327-foot Landing Ship Tank that "rolled right up" on island beaches and unloaded tanks and other ground equipment for the Allies. "I was never wounded," Mr. Walsh

said, "until I was put on lighthouse duty in Maine after the war. I broke my knee.' Mr. Walsh explained that he joined the Coast Guard after the Japanese attack on the United States at Pearl Harbor. "I tried to join the Marines but a doctor said I had a bad heart," Mr. Walsh related.

He was 18 years old. Shortly after that, he proved healthy, told the Coast Guard he had not been refused enlistment by any other branch and joined. "As an Irish Catholic," Mr. Walsh added, "I went to confession over that." He said he later wound up fighting beside the U.S. Marines with the U.S. Naval Amphibious Force in the Philippine Islands anyway. "I really would like to see the Coast Guard get more credit for their part in the war," Mr. Walsh noted.

A Vietnam War veteran, Mary Jo Rice of Westfield, served as a hospital staff nurse in 1969 for one year. "I'm a very patriotic individual," she said, "I'd encourage anybody to go into the military. "You get a lot of life clinical experiences under those conditions," she said, "and it helped me develop in many ways."

She later went on to become chief nurse in a Dover hospital. Although she recently retired after 30 years in the military, Ms. Rice said a former patient from her Vietnam tour of duty recently looked her up. The soldier told her he remembered the moment she had put a Vietnamese orphaned toddler on his lap while he sat in a wheelchair at the hospital, and how that inspired him to recover.

Another World War II veteran living in Westfield, who asked not to be identified, said he landed in Normandy 10 days after the D-Day invasion and was handed 50 soldiers and a manual on how to detect and defuse German land mines. He was barely 30 years old.

"I told them, this is a job, you can't make a mistake, or you've forfeited your life," he said. With K-rations, coffee and cigarettes, he and his "Thunderbolt" platoon made it through France into the Rhineland, losing five of the 50. He was wounded in the leg by shrapnel on his birthday in December 1944.

When he went to medic for first aid, he said he saw other soldiers in much worse shape, and turned around and left. Regardless, he was later awarded the Purple Heart, and a Bronze Star for bravery and

heroism Scotch Plains resident and Vietnam veteran Joe McCourt said even through the trauma of war, he found a positive aspect in leading soldiers as an officer in 1969 and 1970. "I saw boys turn into young men," he said. "I was 24 years old,

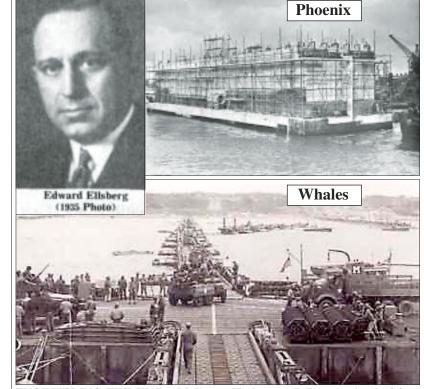
#### Commander Ellsberg

WESTFIELD - Extract of September 9, 2004 by Bud Boothe - Edward Êllsberg, a Westfielder, was involved in both the most important day in the 20th Century, D-Day, and the biggest issue in the Town of Westfield in the century, whether and where to locate a replacement for the Elm Street High School.

Well known as Commander Ellsberg, the career navy salvage engineering expert gave key advice that contributed to the D-Day invasion being successful, not withstanding sticky issues between Britain and the U.S. and the respective military leaders. He was heavily involved in getting two prefabricated "Mulberry harbors" up and moved from England to the invasion coast. Lack of same could have been a disaster from lack of supplies and reinforcements.

Mr. Boothe discussed Commander Ellsberg's naval career, including interwar submarine salvages and harbor clearings in the Red Sea and North Africa. An explanation was presented of the Mulberry Harbors and how the project almost failed. Mr. Boothe said of Commander Ellsberg, "Iknew he had lived in Westfield before and during World War II, and had been on our board of education.

"He died in 1983 at 91," Mr. Boothe said. Mr. Boothe discussed Mr. Ellsberg's importance to the town while serving on the board of education from 1935 to 1939. It was during the Great Depression and the board was struggling over whether to replace or expand the high school in the Elm Street building. Commander Ellsberg fought with the board on a site that finally went to the voters who sided with him 4-1. The "official Edward Ellsberg" website is www.edwardellsberg.com. Peruse the l 00 letters he wrote to his wife in Westfield from D-Day England, "Normandy Letters." They cover FDR's quest for a fourth term, about German generals, family affairs, balancing the checkbook and fixing the family furnace! Veterans of D-Day and World War II buffs may be particularly interested.



ENGINEERING THE WAR...Mulberry Harbors at D-Day consisted of four parts. Furthest out were Bombardons (floating breakwaters). Inner breakwater was provided by concrete caissons (called Phoenix) that were watertight for crossing the Channel, then flooded and sunk. Inshore, there was Gooseberry, a line of old vessels sunk in shallow water. Finally, floating piers called Whales were connected by floating roadway that lead to the shore. See 2004/Sep/09 WF Leader.

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## **PMW Founder to Discuss Peace Prospects on Nov. 18**

AREA – Itamar Marcus, founder and director of Palestinian Media Watch (PMW), will discuss the prospects for peace between Israel and the Palestinians on Thursday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah. The temple is located at 111 Valley Road in Clark.

Mr. Marcus also will review the messages that Palestinian leaders send to their populations through the broad range of institutions and infrastructures they control. The Is-

#### **Sew and Sews Plan Quilt Sale Saturday**

WESTFIELD - The Sew and Sews will have their Annual Quilt Sale this Saturday, November 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Main Lobby of Westfield Senior Citizens Housing, located at 1133 Boynton Avenue in Westfield.

The group has made baby quilts, pillows, lap robes, placemats, runners and wall hangings, suitable for gift giving, which will be available for purchase.

Comprised of 20 residents of Westfield Senior Citizens Housing, the Sew and Sews have been together for nine years. The women have donated many of their items to charitable organizations.

All proceeds will go towards purchase of more fabrics and goods for future projects. For more information, call Randi Kass, recreation director, at (908) 233-5898, extension no. 9.

rael Support Committee of Congregation Beth Israel (Scotch Plains), Temple Beth O'r/Beth Torah, Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim (Cranford) and Temple Emanu-El (Westfield) will sponsor the event, which is open to the community.

One of the foremost authorities on Palestinian ideology and policy, Mr. Marcus has been appointed by the Israeli government to represent Israel in negotiations with the Palestinian Authority on incitement.

He has presented analyses of Palestinian ideologies in academic, cultural and government frame-works, including briefings to members of the United States Congress and the Canadian, British, French, Norwegian, Swiss, European and Australian Parliaments. Mr. Marcus gives analysis on CNN, FOX News, BBC and the full range of world television news. He lives in Efrat, Israel.

Founded in 1996, PMW is an Israeli non-governmental organization that studies Palestinian society from a broad range of perspectives, by monitoring and analyzing the Palestinian Authority through its media and schoolbooks.

This will be one of multiple events sponsored by the Israel Support Committee this year. A donation of \$5 is suggested for the lecture. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Conrad Nadell, committee chairman, at (908) 654-3169 or conradwho@comcast.net.

#### Anne M. Hale Speaker Series

Made possible by a grant from The Thomas Glasser Foundation and The Anne and Lee Hale Fund Hosted by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library 550 East Broad Street, Westfield



**Arthur Lefkowitz,** Researcher and Author, discusses his book: George Washington's Indispensable Men: The 32 Aides-de-Camp Who Helped Win American **Independence** 

#### Wednesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm

In George Washington's Indispensable Men, author Arthur Lefkowitz discusses a group of fascinating men who worked behind the scenes to help win American independence. Largely unknown and forgotten, these unselfish, hard-working patriots served at Washington's headquarters as volunteer aides-decamp (personal assistants) and military secretaries. Their ranks included lawyers, doctors, artists, college students, businessmen and plantation owners. This promises to be an evening of insight and intrigue.

Open to the public. Visit the Library's website at www.wmlnj.org to register and click Online Calendar, or call 908.789.4090 x 4140.

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SALUTE TO A VETERAN...New York Specialty Cleaners of Cranford has honored Sergeant Salvatore Alice, pictured above, with a permanent display of the decorated Vietnam veteran's dress uniform and portrait. A 30-year resident of Westfield, Sergeant Alice was drafted into the Army in 1968. He earned the Vietnam Service Medal, three Purple Hearts, two Unit Presidential Citations and a Bronze Star, along with the Distinguished Service Medal from

## **Arthur Lefkowitz to Speak** At Final 2010 Hale Program

WESTFIELD – The Anne Hale Speaker Series will host author and researcher Arthur Lefkowitz on Wednesday, November 17, at 7 p.m. at the Westfield Memorial Library. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

Mr. Lefkowitz, who previously spoke at the library, will focus this time on George Washington's aidesde-camp. These 32 "Indispensable Men" volunteered to assist the general at his headquarters and operated much like modern staff members to a top military figure. The patriots among them lawyers, doctors, collegians and businessmen – also assisted Washington in his post-war career and his bid for the presidency.

Mr. Lefkowitz's talk will be based on his book, "George Washington's Indispensable Men: The 32 Aidesde-Camp Who Helped Win American Independence." His speech will be the final one of the current Hale Speaker Series.

The series is named after the late Anne M. Hale, a library patron and active member of the community, who died in 2007. The Thomas Glasser Foundation and the Anne and Lee Hale Fund provide grant money for this series. The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library serve as the host group for the lecture series.

Those wishing to attend Mr. Lefkowitz's talk, which is open to the public, are asked to register by accessing wmlnj.org and clicking on the Online Calendar, or by calling (908) 789-4090, extension no. 4140.

#### WF Nursery School **To Host Story Time**

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Cooperative Nursery School, located at 125 Elmer Street, will welcome children between the ages of 1 and 5, along with their parents or caregivers, for free story-time events from Tuesday, November 16, to December 14. The events will be held from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Story time will feature stories, music, crafts and more. To learn more, call (908) 233-4501 or email Westfieldcoop@aol.com.

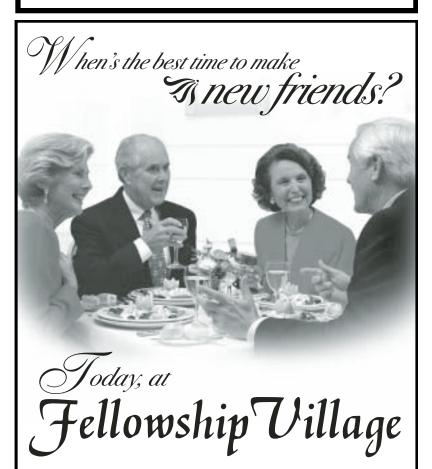
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Monday, November 1, Carey E. Krause, 39, of Cranford was arrested after responding to Westfield police headquarters to satisfy two Westfield traffic warrants. He was processed and

released after posting \$147 bail.

Thursday, November 4, Hassien A. Cody, 49, of Jersey City was arrested at the Monmouth County jail on an outstanding Westfield criminal warrant in the amount of \$500. He also was processed on criminal warrants from Lawrence Township and Old Bridge, with bail amounts of \$358 and \$330, respectively. Cody was unable to post bail and was committed to the Union County jail.

Thursday, November 4, Isis R. Stabenow, 20, of Westfield was arrested in the area of Norwood Drive and Tamaques Way on an outstanding Kearny criminal warrant in the amount of \$100. She was transported to Westfield police headquarters, processed and released after posting the

Thursday, November 4, Solomon Johnson, Jr., 40, of Roselle was arrested during a traffic stop in the area of East North Avenue and St. Paul Street. He was wanted on an outstanding Westfield traffic warrant in the amount of \$114. Johnson was processed and released after posting the full cash bail.

Thursday, November 4, a resident of Scotch Plains reported the theft of her Clinique makeup kit, containing \$2,200 in cash and miscellaneous items, from a business on the 100 block of East Broad Street. The victim said she forgot the kit when she left the store, and upon returning a short time later, discovered

it was missing.
Friday, November 5, Elizabeth
Bustamante, 26, of Elizabeth was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on the 600 block of South Avenue, West, and charged with possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS), identified by police as less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. She was released with a summons.

Friday, November 5, Jessica Orleanski, 27, of Westfield was arrested on Michael Drive on charges of possession of heroin and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was processed and released on her own recognizance with summonses.

Saturday, November 6, Jon Kim, 39, of Westfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) pursuant to a motor vehicle stop in the area of Rahway Avenue and Lamberts Mill Road. He was processed and turned over to a responsible adult.

Saturday, November 6, Nolan Searles, 26, of Plainfield was arrested at South Plainfield police headquarters on an outstanding Westfield warrant in the amount of \$500. He was processed and, unable to post bail, was turned over to the Union County jail.

Saturday, November 6, Michal Terpilowski, 23, of Linden was arrested during a motor vehicle stop at Central Avenue and Clifton Street and charged with possession of CDS, identified by police as less than 50 grams of suspected marijuana. He was released on his own recognizance.

Saturday, November 6, Turney Singh Baba, 25, of Westfield was arrested at Chestnut Street and North Avenue on a Mountainside warrant in the amount of \$89. He was released after posting bail. Saturday, November 6, a business on

the 200 block of East Broad Street reported that one or more unknown individuals took items from the store on multiple occasions. The total value of the stolen merchandise was \$904.

Sunday, November 7, Caitlin Dunne, 29, of Roselle Park was arrested on North Avenue near Chestnut Street and charged with DWI. She was released to a responsible adult.

Sunday, November 7, Joseph Lockhart, 34, of Linden was arrested at the Union County jail on a Westfield warrant in the amount of \$2,000. He also had additional warrants for his arrest from Plainfield and Roselle, in amounts of \$1,000 and \$500, respectively. Unable to post bail, he was processed and turned over to the Union County jail.

Sunday, November 7, a resident of Columbia, Md. reported that one or more unknown persons gained entry to her motor vehicle while it was parked on the 500 block of Springfield Avenue and removed miscellaneous items valued at approximately \$4,000.

**Scotch Plains** Monday, November 1, a resident of Elizabeth Avenue reported that someone made approximately \$800 worth of

fraudulent charges on his credit card. Tuesday, November 2, a patron of a Lamberts Mill Road business reported that he left his jacket, valued at approximately \$50, in a locker and when he returned, it was missing.

Tuesday, November 2, a resident of Rose Street reported that someone entered her unlocked motor vehicle and removed her purse, which contained cash and other valuables.

Tuesday, November 2, Michael Olear, 24, of Scotch Plains was arrested on an outstanding Watchung warrant in the amount of \$250 after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Thursday, November 4, a resident of Woodside Drive reported that someone fraudulently obtained a cell phone using his personal information and made approximately \$1,331 in calls. Friday, November 5, Jason Cirrito,

41, of Fanwood was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) after an officer responded to an accident and smelled the strong odor of alcohol. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and re-

Saturday, November 6, a resident of Grand Street reported that someone gained entrance to his home through an open window and removed several thou-

sand dollars worth of jewelry. Sunday, November 7, Michael Hayes, 30, of North Plainfield was arrested on a no-bail warrant issued by the Scotch Plains court after a motor vehicle stop on Park Avenue. He was transported to

police headquarters, processed and released

Monday, November 8, Autumn Terry, 21, of Fanwood was arrested on an outstanding Fanwood warrant after a motor vehicle stop on East Second Street. She was transported to police

headquarters, processed and released. Monday, November 8, Kelly Washington, 25, of Newark was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Elizabeth in the amount of \$333 following a motor vehicle stop on Park Avenue. She was transported to headquarters, processed and released.

Mountainside

Wednesday, November 3, Edwin R. Meza-Valdez, 19, of Plainfield was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. He was processed and released at the scene.

Friday, November 5, a resident of Wood Valley Road reported an incident of criminal mischief after someone smashed the back window of his motor vehicle.

Friday, November 5, a resident came into police headquarters to report that his wife had been the victim of fraud after she applied over the Internet to be a survey taker for a commission. According to police, after taking the surveys, she was sent an e-mail stating that she would be issued two money orders totaling \$1,867 and was to keep a portion of the money and send the remainder to an address in the Philippines. Copies were made of both the e-mail and the money orders and the incident is under investigation.

Friday, November 5, an officer responded to a business on Route 22 on a report of possible alcohol poisoning of a 16-year-old female attending a "Sweet 16" birthday party at the location. According to police, the party appeared to be well chaperoned and no alcohol was present at the location. According to authorities, witnesses told police the juvenile and four friends had consumed vodka at home before attending the party. The incident was turned over to detectives.

Saturday, November 6, a patron of a Route 22 theater reported that he lost his wallet while at the theater. It was described as a black bi-fold wallet containing his driver's license, credit card and high-school identification card.

Sunday, November 7, an officer on routine patrol observed that someone had spray painted graffiti on two trucks parked at a Route 22 business.

Sunday, November 7, Bolivar J. Rodriguez-Mopos, 22, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with DWI after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released to a responsible

Sunday, November 7, New Jersey State Police arrested Michael R. Hayes, 30, of North Plainfield after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 on an outstanding warrant out of Mountainside in the amount of \$500. He was transported to police headquarters, processed

and released after posting bail.

Monday, November 8, Aaron Ness, 37, of Wayne was arrested and charged with DWI after a motor vehicle stop on Mountain Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and

Monday, November 8, David 24. of Union was arrested Neeauave. for allegedly driving while suspended after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Monday, November 8, Jason A. Novello, 31, of Clark was arrested for allegedly driving while suspended after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. Monday, November 8, Alberto Bello,

34, of Kearny was arrested for allegedly driving without a license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22.

Fanwood

Tuesday, November 2, Ljubisa Clanak, 33, of Linden was arrested following a motor vehicle stop on LaGrande Avenue on an outstanding Livingston warrant in the amount of \$1,000. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and turned over to the Livingston Police Department. Tuesday, November 2, William

Eaves, 20, of Ringwood was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Wanaque after a motor vehicle stop on Morse Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and re-

Wednesday, November 3, Gary Lazur, 57, of Roselle was arrested following a field investigation on an outstanding Livingston warrant in the amount of \$580. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and reeased after posting bail.

Wednesday, November 3, Kristin Cavalli, 29, of Woodbridge was ar-rested following a field investigation on an outstanding Linden warrant in the amount of \$500. She was transported to police headquarters, processed and turned over to the Linden Police Department.

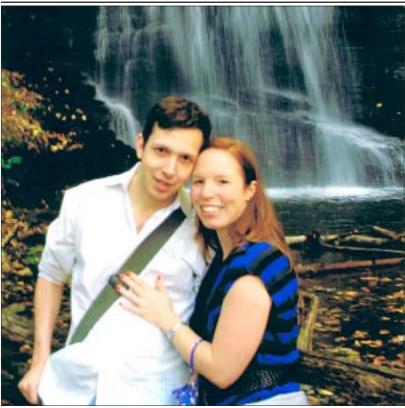
Friday, November 5, David Joseph, 42, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding Woodbridge warrant after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Saturday, November 6, Olivier Delaurentiis, 52, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with DWI after a motor vehicle stop on the 100 block of South Avenue. According to police, the officer smelled the strong odor of alcohol, and after Delaurentiis failed multiple field sobriety tests he was placed under arrest. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and turned over to a responsible adult.

Saturday, November 6, a resident of Watson Road reported that someone entered her unlocked motor vehicle while it was parked in the driveway and removed her purse. According to police, the purse was discovered in a garbage can on the 100 block of North Avenue and \$32 in cash had been removed.

Sunday, November 7, a resident of the 100 block of Hunter Avenue reported that someone entered the victim's unlocked motor vehicle and removed a GPS unit, a Palm Pilot and loose change.

Rake and Hoe Announces



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and-wine pairings from around the

world will be served, along with

accompaniments and appetizers.

There also will be raffles and give-

Tickets are \$30 per person or \$50

per couple. They can be purchased

after 4 p.m. weekdays and after 2 p.m. weekends at the Knights Coun-

cil Hall, located at 37 South Avenue

in Garwood (opposite PathMark.)

Parking is available behind the hall

off Willow Avenue. For more infor-

mation, call the Knights at (908)

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GARWOOD - The Garwood

A 2012 wedding is planned.

Dr. Kenneth May and Mrs. Sarah May of Westfield are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ms. Jillianne May, to Mark Strus, son of Mr. Andrew Strus and Mrs. Diane Strus of Old Bridge.

Ms. May is a graduate of the CDM Institute of Woodbridge, N.J. and is employed in the health care field. Mr. Strus is a graduate of the

#### **Hadassah Meeting Set November 15**

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will meet on Monday, November 15, at Temple Emanu-El, located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

The book club, under the direction of Elaine Kolker, will meet at 10:45 a.m. to discuss "Not Me" by Michael Lavigne. The author's debut novel, it tells the dramatic story of a father and son living through 60 years of uncertain memory, distorted history and assumed identity.

The chapter board of directors will meet at noon, prior to the general meeting at 12:30 p.m. Abir Maliyanker, the Shaliach (emissary) for Israel at the Jewish Federation of New Jersey, will be the guest speaker at the general meeting. Mr. Maliyanker has served in the Israeli Army as a commander and instructor of Battle Medics. He will discuss his life in Israel and the journey that

brought him to the United States. Members are encouraged to bring their lunch. Coffee and dessert will be served. For additional information, call Carole Thau at (908) 771-

#### Mr. Morse to Speak About 'The Shadow'

MOUNTAINSIDE -Lecturer and historian Henry Morse, who is known as the "Old Time Radio Man," will make a return visit to the Mountainside Public Library on Tuesday, November 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Friends of the Mountainside Library will sponsor this program.

Mr. Morse will give a presentation on "The Shadow," covering the character's adventures in pulp fiction through his radio broadcasts. His discussion will include the origins, characters and various plots, as well as audio clips.

At the conclusion of the lecture, an entire program will be played. There also will be time for audience questions and answers. Admission will be free.

The Mountainside Public Library is located on Constitution Plaza. Seating is limited. To reserve a seat,

#### Rake and Hoe Garden Club Inc. of Westfield will hold their "Deck the Halls" Holiday House Tour on

WESTFIELD - Members of the

Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This house tour, occurring once every

four years, is the club's main fund-

raising event. Rake and Hoe members will decorate four homes Westfield for the holidays. Each home will feature a different theme and will include a variety

of fresh floral arrangements. Homes selected for this year's event will comprise a condominium on Cowperthwaite Place, a traditional central hall colonial on Tremont Avenue, a Tudor home on Kimball Avenue and a contemporary home on Knollwood Avenue.

Tickets can be purchased for \$30 per person before the event from a club member, Christoffer's Flowers, Baron's Drug Store, Coldwell Banker or Williams Nursery, and at the door for \$35 per person.

The entrance ticket is for all four houses, as well as a boutique at the

#### **Open House to Feature United Way Services**

WESTFIELD - The United Way of Greater Union County (UWGUC) and Susan Levy, United Way board member and long-time community advocate, will host an open house event with coffee and conversation for Westfield residents on Tuesday, November 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. at 14 Settlers Lane in Westfield.

Guests will have an opportunity to meet with United Way board members, volunteers and staff of the agencies UWGUC serves, as well as learn more about UWGUC's programs that address community needs. For more information or to respond, contact Margaret Brautigam at margaret.brautigam@uwguc.org or (908) 353-7171, extension no. 115.

#### **Holiday House Tour Date** historic Reeve House of the Westfield Historical Society, where

refreshments will be served and participants may pur-

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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS...The Rake and Hoe Garden Club of Westfield will decorate this historic **Tudor home on Kimball Avenue for its** Holiday House Tour on Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It new cookbook, features a wooden shake roof, which entitled "Wellhas been authentically restored and has won recognition from the Westfield Historic Preservation Commission.

collection recipes for five seasons: spring, summer, fall, winter and holiday. The books will be displayed at the holiday house tour and will be on sale at the boutique, the Town Book Store and from members of the

Proceeds from the holiday house tour will fund the club's many community projects and the Claire Brownell Memorial Garden at the Reeve House. For more information, call Maryann Pietruszki, club president, at (908) 789-9254.

#### Olsens Welcome Natalie Marie

Andrew and Sarah Olsen of Villanova, Pa. have announced the birth of their daughter, Natalie Marie Olsen, on Tuesday, October 5, 2010, at 6:51 p.m. at Bryn Mawr Hospital in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Natalie weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces and measured 21 inches in length at birth.

The baby's maternal grandmother is Donna Discher of Haddon Township, N.J.

Mary Olsen and the late Robert Olsen of Westfield, N.J. are her paternal grandparents.

Natalie's maternal great-grandparents are Tom and Eileen Buroojy of Cherry Hill, N.J.

Her father is a graduate of Westfield High School, Class of 2001.



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL VINEGRA (She is the former Miss Robin Valentine)

## Miss Robin Valentine Weds Michael Vinegra

Miss Robin Valentine, the daughter of Mrs. Joy Valentine and the late Mr. Bradley Valentine of Livingston, was married on Saturday, August 28, 2010, to Michael Vinegra. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vinegra of Westfield.

The afternoon nuptials took place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Morris Plains, with the Reverend Paul Olsson as the celebrant. A reception with dinner and dancing followed at the Fairwinds at the Basking Ridge Country Club.

Meredith Valentine of Livingston was the maid of honor for her sister. The bridesmaids included Suzanne Vinegra of Hoboken, sister of the groom, and Leigh Smith of Morris Plains, cousin of the bride. The flower girls were Noelle Smith of Morris Plains, goddaughter of the bride, and Sydney Valentine of Clifton, niece of the bride.

Philip Vinegra of Garwood was the best man for his brother. Serving as groomsmen were Reed Valentine of Clifton, brother of the bride, and Ryan Maloney of New York City, cousin of the groom. The ring bearer was Billy Smith of Morris Plains, godson of the bride.

The bridal party hosted a bridal shower in June at the home of Leigh Smith. The parents of the groom hosted a rehearsal dinner at La Campagna in Morristown.

The bride is a graduate of Livingston High School and Elon University, and holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is employed with Pfizer Inc. in Human Resources.

The groom is a graduate of St. Joseph's High School and Villanova University, and earned his Master of Business Administration degree from Rutgers University. He works in the Corporate Client Group for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple resides in Hoboken.



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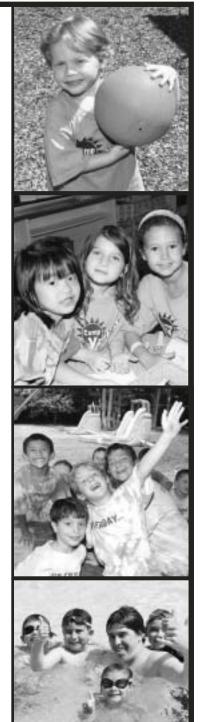
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A sixth-grade student

ate School, and the daughter of

Michael and Lisa Jackman, Alex has

worked on karate programs, bicycle

lessons, nature lessons at the

Watchung Reservation, bingo and

even a fun Halloween party as a Peer

Alex started raising money for

Autism Family Tours in June and

continued through her birthday on

September 9. In lieu of birthday

## **Nominees Being Requested** For Women of Excellence

COUNTY-Nominations currently are being accepted for the 19th Annual Women of Excellence awards program, sponsored by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The Women of Excellence Award honors the many different contributions of women from all walks of life," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan. "When you hear these personal stories of achievement, you gain

#### **Nugent Association Slates Annual Dance**

AREA - The Joseph Nugent Sr. Association of Union County will hold its 77th annual dance on Saturday, November 20, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, located at 33 South 21st Street in Kenilworth.

The Irish-American organization will honor Paul Bulger as Irishman of the Year and Madelyn McCarron as Irish Woman of the Year. This year's recipients of the Greta Sheridan Memorial Community Service Award are Frank and Sharon Loftus. Roselle Police Detective Matt Jakubowski will receive the Jack O'Connor Award. The Nugent's Bravest Award will be presented to retired Elizabeth Fire Chief Ed Sisk

The Willie Lynch Show Band will provide entertainment. Admission is \$25 and will include beer, wine, coffee, cake and tea. There also will be a cash bar. For reservations or more information, call Carol Martin at (732) 851-5109 or Kevin Dowling at (732) 594-1763. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Founded by Joseph Nugent, Sr. in 1933, the Nugent Association is the oldest independent Irish-American organization in the State of New Jersey.

#### Thrift Shop Reveals **Holiday Sale Dates**

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Presbyterian Church Thrift Shop will hold its annual Holiday Sale on two Wednesdays, November 17 and December 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. A large variety of slightly used and new clothing, toys, jewelry, kitchen supplies, dishes, glassware and decorative items, including pictures and frames, candles and trees, will be available.

The shop entrance is located on McDermott Place on the side of the church, which is at the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues. Ample parking is available. All the shop workers are volunteers and the proceeds will be given to local charities. For more information, call (908) 889-8891

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The Women of Excellence who are selected from the pool of nominees will be honored at a celebratory dinner to be held at The Westwood in Garwood on Friday, March 25, 2011.

To obtain a nomination form, call Madeline Brigantino at (908) 527-4144 or visit WomenofExcellenceForm.pdf to download the form. The completed form should be mailed to: Jane O'Hara, 708 Newark Avenue, Westfield, N.J. 07090. Nominations must be postmarked by Wednesday, December 1,



Joseph Qutub

#### Mr. Qutub to Speak **At Library Next Week**

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Memorial Library will present Joseph Qutub of Fanwood, who will speak on "America, the Land of Opportunity" on Thursday, November 18, at 7 p.m. This program will be part of the ALA and NEH Grant, "Picturing America: Land of Opportunity."

He will discuss how he and his brothers came to America from the Middle East, educated themselves with scholarships and worked many jobs to support themselves. Each brother pursued a different career and each ful-

filled his life goals and ambitions. Mr. Qutub is a member of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club, where he has served as president and has worked on many of the club's special projects. This program is open to all. To register, call (908) 322-6400 or visit the library, which is located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road.

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BENEFIT BREAKFAST...The 10th Annual Faith, Home and Charity fundraising breakfast, benefiting Homefirst, Interfaith Housing and Family Services, will be held on Thursday, November 18, from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. at L'Affaire Fine Catering in Mountainside. An hour-long program will begin promptly at 8 a.m. here is no cost to attend; however, an opportunity to donate will be provided. Reservations are required. For reservations, or more information, contact Rick Porter at (908) 753-4001, extension no. 24, or at rick@homefirstinc.org. Pictured, Caroline Leahy, left, and Amanda Schroeder make a new friend at the Homefirst hildren's Halloween Party that was organized and run jointly by members from Temple Sholom and the Fanwood Presbyterian Church.

### **Turkey Drives to Take Place** At Area Sites November 20

COUNTY – Volunteers will be in the parking lots at four locations in Union County to collect frozen turkeys, non-perishable food and donations on Saturday, November 20,

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Locations will include the Community FoodBank of New Jersey Main Warehouse, 31 Evans Terminal in Hillside; Franklin Elementary School, 700 Prospect Street in Westfield; St. James Roman Catholic Church, 45 South Springfield Avenue in Springfield, and Orange Avenue School, 901 Orange Avenue in

The turkeys and other donations will help the FoodBank to provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner and other holiday meals to those in need, and to be there for those in need after the holidays.

"Our partner agencies have reported a rise in need of 30 to 40 percent in the past year. When you combine that recent rise in our poverty statistics, the situation is dire," said Kathleen DiChiara, president and CEO of the Community FoodBank

#### **Temple Sholom Plans** Free Pajama Party

FANWOOD - Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains invites families with children up to first grade to a free Chanukah pajama party on Saturday, November 20, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

The festivities will include a kosherstyle pot-luck dinner, games, art projects and music, among other activities, as participants gather together to end Shabbat and get ready for the Festival of Lights. Older siblings are welcome.

Temple Sholom is located in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church at the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues in Fanwood. Its chapel is around the corner off Marian Avenue, Visitors are asked to enter through the door on Marian marked Temple Sholom.

For more information or to respond, call (908) 889-4900, e-mail sholom@sholomnj.org or visit sholomnj.org.

of New Jersey. "We rely on these turkey drives to help combat the problem and provide a Thanksgiving meal for those in need."

In total, there are close to 40 sites taking part in the 2010 Turkey Drives across Northern and Central New Jersey. A complete list of sites is available online.

The FoodBank also is encouraging financial donations, which will be used to purchase turkeys at wholesale prices and assist in distributing food and groceries throughout the winter months, when the number of families needing help increases greatly. Donations can be made online at njfoodbank.org/ turkeydrive.

#### **Library Event to Focus On Marketing Tactics**

WESTFIELD-The Westfield Memorial Library will present a program by the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) entitled "How to Really Market Your Products and Services" on Tuesday, November 16, at 7 p.m.

Presenter Bob Serry, who recently retired from a successful sales career, will review sales procedures geared toward anyone who has something to sell. He will discuss the usual channels for selling, such as word-ofmouth, personal contact, trade shows, magazines and newspapers, the Internet, seminars, phone campaigns and networking. However, he also will explain that the successful technique is often not the obvious one; it is necessary to try everything.

SCORE is a non-profit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and a resource partner with the Small

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

#### with Brianna, Inc. (autismfamilytours.org). Among other activities, the group offers a peer mentor program that promotes inclusion and acceptance of children with special needs in the main-

**Local Youngster's Efforts** 

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Alexandra Jackman

presents, she asked everyone invited to her party to donate to the organization. Through this initia-

tive, as well as Alex's efforts to raise money through babysitting, lemonade stands and pet sitting, she has raised more than \$600 for the organization.

In celebration of Alex's giving, Autism Family Tours will host two family swim events -funded with Alex's donations - that will in-

clude a light dinner. These events, which are now sold out, will take place on Saturdays, November 20 and December 11, at the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA. Families will have an opportunity to swim from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. and have a light meal from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information about Autism Family Tours with Brianna, Inc., visit autismfamilytours.org.

## **Nominations Are Sought** For Marc Hardy Award

WESTFIELD - The First Congregational Church invites nominations for the 2011 Marc Wesley Hardy Human Rights Award. Candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 22 who live in Westfield or surrounding communities and who have distinguished themselves in the area of human rights.

This award will be presented to a person who has demonstrated the following qualities which were personified by Marc Hardy: Openness and friendliness to persons of all races, creeds and nationalities; involvement and leadership in organizations and activities committed to improving human relations; personal dignity; a willingness to take risks for what he or she believes is right; unqualified acceptance of others; respect for diversity; personal integrity; caring and willingness to listen and the ability to lead by example.

The award is named in honor of Marc Hardy, a member of the First Congregational Church who was

#### Knights, Theta Phi Set **Seeing Eye Program**

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Knights of Columbus and the Theta Phi Alpha Alumnae Association will sponsor a seeing-eye dog demonstration for scouting groups and other interested individuals and groups on Tuesday, November 16, at 3:30 p.m.

A dog and handler from The Seeing Eye of Morristown, a leading provider for over 80 years of seeingeye dogs for the blind and those with severe visual impairment, will present

the program. The program will take place at the Cnights of Columbus Council Hall located at 2400 North Avenue in Scotch Plains. For more information, contact Christine O'Brien, president of the Theta Phi Alpha Alumnae Association, at (908) 612-3119 or tpachristine@gmail.com.

killed in a car accident in 1990, shortly before he was to graduate from Westfield High School. He was a national merit scholar and a gifted singer and actor with an abiding interest in human rights.

Nominations must include detailed descriptions of the organizations and activities the candidate has been involved in, as well as concrete examples and stories that illustrate the criteria listed above; the nominee's résumé; one letter of support documenting the nominee's contributions from a nonfamily member, and the name and contact information for two references.

Nominations should be mailed or e-mailed by Friday, December 3, to the First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090 or uccfcc@verizon.net.

Presentation of the award, which will consist of a certificate and a monetary award, will be made in January 2011. For further information, call the church office at (908) 233-2494 or Sharilyn Brown at (973) 376-4097.

#### **AARP Chapter Posts Holiday Luncheon**

WESTFIELD - Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will hold its holiday luncheon on Monday, December 6, at noon at Giovanna's Restaurant on South Avenue in Plainfield.

The menu will feature appetizer, Bowties Bolognese; Giovanna's mixed green salad; a choice of entrées including Chicken Francaise, Baked Salmon and Veal Parmigiana; dessert, Giovanna's Signature Cake, as well as coffee, tea and soft drinks

The cost is \$25 per person. Those interested are asked to send checks, made payable to Westfield Area AARP, Chapter 4137, to Dom Lisanti, 53 Maddaket Court, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076, as soon as possible.

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## **Dental Update**

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

#### GONE IN A PUFF OF SMOKE! If you think that smoking's damage

to health is limited to the lungs and heart, think again. Smoking also increases the risk of tooth loss. In fact, recent research on the subject indicates that smokers have twice the risk of losing their teeth than non-smokers. According to researchers, after accounting for variables such as age, gender, and coffee/alcohol consumption, smokers were found to lose significantly more teeth than their nonsmoking counterparts. Researchers speculate that the reason for this is that smoking damages the bone that holds teeth in place. As a result, smokers not only develop wrinkles and creases around their mouths, they may also suffer a vertical collapse of their lower faces due to lost teeth.

Breaking (or better yet, never starting) the cigarette smoking habit now can greatly reduce your risk of losing your teeth as well as increase your chances of enjoying good health in the future. We believe one of the most important things we can provide you with is education. Teaching you good oral hygiene, however, is only the first part. The rest is up to you. We'll help you keep an eye on your dental health beginning with a thorough oral exam. Call us at 908-654-6262 for an appointment. We're centrally located in Westfield at 131 South Euclid Avenue, where new patients are always welcome.

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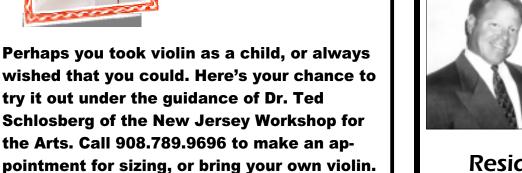


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BANKING ON IT...The Economics students at Hillcrest Academies North and South will experience what it is like to work in the 21st-Century business environment, thanks to a grant from Columbia Bank for \$15,393 to purchase netbooks. Pictured receiving the check from Columbia Bank are, from left to right, Jason Balsamello, principal, Hillcrest South; Victoria Cortes, student; John Marquet, principal, Hillcrest North; Yolanda Williams, student; Mark Rellinger, VP/Business Banking Officer, Columbia Bank; Bill Presutti, Union County Educational Services Commission (UCESC) superintendent; Rich Skorupski, president, UCESC Foundation; Mark Sheridan, teacher, Hillcrest North, and Martin Nazario, student.

## **Columbia Bank Empowers Hillcrest Academy Students**

AREA – The Economics students at Hillcrest Academies North and South, in Scotch Plains and Westfield, respectively, will experience what it is like to work in the 21st-century business environment, thanks to a grant from Columbia Bank for \$15,393 to purchase netbooks.

A netbook is a small notebook computer, the main function of which is

#### Oratory Art Students Demonstrate 'Care'

SUMMIT – Oratory Prep School art teacher Susan Preston not only knows art, she shows concern for others. She has passed on her passion to art students at the Roman Catholic, all-boys school in Summit by taking members of the art club who wanted to share their knowledge, time and their talents with senior citizens to the CareOne facility at Livingston.

The student volunteer activity included a demonstration of Chinese brush painting at each table of residents and then assistance with a watercolor wash followed by the blow-drying of the paintings. "Let's write 'happiness' on yours," Mrs. Preston suggested to one resident as she helped her brush on the appropriate Chinese symbol.

Just before the watercolor and sharpie works of art were completed, sophomore Tim Esteves of Cranford said to one resident, "See this little red mark? It's the artist's symbol." Then he gave people at the table their choice of six stamps to make their own finishing touch.

"I had a relative in this facility last year and thought how nice it might be for the boys to go to visit and share their love of art with some of the residents," Mrs. Preston said. Because it was such a positive experience for the boys and the residents, a December return date has been scheduled.

to give the user access to online applications like word processing, spreadsheets and PowerPoint-style presentations.

Hillcrest Academy Economics students will use Columbia's netbooks to complete a curriculum of relevant projects inspired by the recommendations of the Presidential Council on Financial Literacy. Each student will create a "paper" stock portfolio and make daily journal entries about how their stocks performed and why.

They will use spreadsheets to construct a projected personal budget for when they are independent young adults, and to model compound interest and the benefits of long-term savings. A highlight of the semester is the Entrepreneurship Module, in which teams of students work collaboratively to create a simulated business enterprise, complete with a balance sheet and profit-and-loss statement on spreadsheets.

Each team will create an online presentation about their business and use that to "pitch" their idea to Union County Educational Services Commission Superintendent William Presutti and Columbia Bank executives, who will serve as "venture capitalists," deciding whether to invest in the team's business.

Victoria Cortes, one of the Hillcrest North students using the new netbooks, said that she liked them because "when everyone has their own computer, and all the computers talk to each other online, we can get our work done in half the time."

The partnership between Hillcrest Economics students and the bank is ongoing. Professionals from a nearby Columbia Bank branch will serve as guest lecturers, explaining key topics like the responsible use of credit and the full range of financial services available to individuals and small businesses.

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## More Than 150 Earn AP Scholar Awards at WHS

WESTFIELD – A total of 157 students at Westfield High School (WHS) have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition on their exceptional achievement on the 2009-2010 AP Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) Program allows high-school students to take college-level courses while still in high school, earning them college credit for a successful performance on the AP Test.

About 18 percent of the 1.8 million students who took any AP exam last year performed at a high enough level to receive an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performances on the AP Exams.

Five students at WHS qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average score of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. These students are: Abigail Burton, Tyler Cusick, Samuel Mumford, Graeme Stahl and Yixiao Wang. Forty-seven WHS students quali-

Forty-seven WHS students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

These students are: Caraugh Ball, Kate Brennan, Emily Budnick, Abigail Burton, Victoria Cheung, Kevin Clancy, Andrew Cordeiro, Tyler Cusick, Wenqi Duan, Michael Eilbacher, Benjamin Fine, Trent Gabriel, Emily Greene, Emily Harris, Zachary Helfand, Miles Hsu, Anne Knisely, Ho Yee Lam, Suzanne Lemberg, Kamil Lupicki, Dalton Mack, Jessica Margolies, Andrew Marino, Gregory Mitchell, Jessica Mondon, Samuel Mumford, Michael Oster, Joshua Perlman, Gaffney Peterson, Anna Powell, Adam Reich, Megan Reilly, Melissa Riegel, Jenna Rodrigues, Amy Rosenfeld, Michal Sagal, Maxwell Schuster, Vishal Shah, Dylan Simon, Robert Sinisi, Darla Stabler, Graeme Stahl, Kelly Sullivan, Kamal Tamboli, Yixiao

Wang, Siyu Xiao and Bowei Zhang. Forty students at WHS qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

These students are: Elise Annis, Katherine Bange, Leslie Bartsch, Scott Bernstein, Amanda Centrella, Marc Cervantes, Robert Ciarrocca, Monica D'Amico, Sharon Faktor, Danielle Fields, David Fishman, Alexandra Frankel, Kevin Furlong, Shelley Fussman, Andrew Gates, Michael Gismondi, Sarah Glickstein, William Gretsky, Kyle Higgins, Margaret Jacobi, Halli James, Michael Kaufhold, Daniel Krack, Stephanie Kuntz, Justin Lee, Olivia Magnanini, Marisa Mormile, Kristi Peyton, Katie Ramire, Kevin Ramos, Alison Ricardo, Alicia Rogers, Amy Roggenburg, Rebecca Romano, Evan Rosenburgh, Julian Seltzer, Nikolay Shargorodsky, Justin Snyder, Sarah Szollar and Austin Wenta.

Sixty-five students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with scores of 3 or higher.

The AP Scholars are: Astrid

Adriaens, Meredith Ambinder, Nicole Aronson, Zachary Bakhtin, Richard Barber, Patrick Bergin, Michael Blutfield, Juliana Capuano, Samantha Cavanagh, Gabrielle Cerami, Ashtyn Chen, Nicholas Chopey, Caitlin Coleman, Sarah Crawford, Katherine Davidson, Rebecca DeLaFuente, Brett DeNicola, Olivia Dunham, Jennifer Eisenberg, Daniel Eliades, Jonathan Erman, Sarah Frantz, Alex Furlong, Haozhe Gao, Alyssa Hatch, Kate Heffernan, Leslie Holt, Madeline Horowitz, Ravi Jha, Melanie Johnson, Elizabeth Kamel, Kevin Kessler, Elizabeth Kiefer, Richard Knapp, Sara Koznecki, Ian Kuhn, Corey Lipschutz, Melissa Littman, Grace Mackenzie, Mikhail Maslyuk, Colin McKevitt, Charlotte Murtishaw, Maria Niemiera, Drew Pecker, Megan Pulliam, Eric Rackear, Megan Ramage, Jaraad Rogers, Benjamin Rubin, Christopher Salemme, Matthew Sanders, Andrew Sauerwein, Drew Schapow, Jenna Sharkey, Joshua Simmons, Wyatt Smith, Eric Solomon, Joshua Solomon, Sarah Spitz, Janya Tagat, Scott Thien, Christine Tsui, Peter Waddell, Isabelle Weisman and Rosina

A committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers develop each AP-level course, ensuring that AP exams are aligned with the same standards as a college course. Most four-year colleges and universities accept AP scores of 3 or higher out of a possible score of 5.



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SHOWING "CARE" FOR OTHERS...Alex McDonald of Mountainside and Tim Esteves of Cranford, left to right, sophomores at Oratory Prep School in Summit, help a resident with Chinese brush painting at CareOne at Livingston, a senior facility. The teens traveled with their art club adviser/art teacher, Susan Preston of Springfield, to share their love of art with the residents. Although community service is not a requirement at Oratory Prep, students are encouraged to volunteer in an area they enjoy.

## **TV-36 Begins Airing Two Health-Related Programs**

WESTFIELD – Beginning earlier this month, Westfield High School (WHS) TV-36 began televising two health-related presentations. "Nutrition and Stress" can be seen every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. This half-hour show features local nutritionist Susan Greeley describing the link between nutrition and stress, as well as tips to eat healthy to excel in school, sports and in college.

"Drinking, Driving and the Law" can be seen on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. Attorney Peter Lederman addressed senior health classes on the effect of alcohol, underage-drinking

laws, court proceedings and legal consequences.

Following their presentations, WHS Health Educator Susan Kolesar said, "We are fortunate to have had two accomplished professionals in their respective fields come in to share their experience and knowledge with our Health 12 students. The topics that our speakers addressed are relevant for our entire community."

The Westfield Public School district has posted new online parenting resources on the Parents link at westfieldnjk12.org. It will be updated throughout the year.

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## THE WEEK IN SPORTS

**Sports Section Pages 13-18** 

BLUE DEVIL GIRLS; RAIDER GIRLS, BOYS GET FIFTH

# Blue Devil X-C Boys Capture N.J. Group 4, Section 2 Crown

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

Intense pack mentality and the friendly rivalry of Blue Devil frontrunners Jack Leahy and Andrew Kirna brought home the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 championship for the No. 2-ranked Westfield High School boys cross-country team at Warinanco Park in Roselle on November 6.

The rivalry was also with the No. 7 Ridge Red Devils, who nipped the Blue Devils for the title last year. But this year, the Blue Devils took care of business with Leahy, who placed third with a time of 16:21, and Kirna (fourth at 16:26) finishing ahead of Ridge's No. 1 runner, while Sam Tooley (12th at 16:51), Kevin Smith (16th at 17:13) and Zach Lizmi (21st at 17:25) finished ahead of the Red Devils' No. 2 runner. John Kirna finished 24th with a time of 17:29 and Evan Tarlow finished 45th with a time of 18:10 to

give Westfield a 56 total to Ridge's 85. North Hunterdon placed third at 117.

A tight pack of Blue Devil runners were occupying most of the third through 12th positions at the onemile mark. Andrew Kirna was running third at the time, and Leahy was running tightly with three other competitors just behind Kirna.

"I tried to stick with Andrew, and that's what I did. Andrew and I, it's like a friendly rivalry. [It's] Whoever can perform on that day. When I was coming in, I was thinking like being behind him, I've got to push up front. It worked today, and I am really happy," said Leahy, who added, "We have always known that Ridge has always been our competitor. We were pumped, because they are a real big, rival."

The Blue Devil girls were especially yearning to break the top-five to qualify for the Group 4 meet, since

KEEPING CLOSE TO THE FRONTRUNNERS...Blue Devil Jack Leahy (650) and the rest of his teammates ran in the tight

pack close to the frontrunners at Warinanco Park in Roselle on November 6.

they placed sixth last year. At the beginning of year, Blue Devil Head Coach Thom Hornish had a goal for his girls to all break the 20-minute mark to ensure a qualification to the Group 4 meet at Holmdel.

"We are a little shy of that. We are improving, but we are not there yet. There have been some breakthroughs. Hopefully today, we will try to be in the top five to qualify for Group 4. We came up short last year. We were sixth. There are five teams shooting for two spots," Coach Hornish said.

The Lady Blue Devil kept tight enough to beat out Bridgewater-Raritan for fifth place with a total of 144. Alyssa Hatch finished 21st with a time of 20:59. Shannon Mooney and Anna Tanji, both at 21:11, finished 27-28, respectively. Ellie Tanji at 21:28 and Allegra Larche at 21:33 finished 36-37, while Danielle Grimes at 21:36 and Hannah McRoberts at

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David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* 

HEMMED IN BY TOUGH SPARTANS...The Immaculata Spartans' defense keyed on running back AJ Murray, No. 9, and stopped the Blue Davils offense at gracial times in Somewille on Navamber 5

### MURRAY SCORES TD AFTER LANDZANO INTERCEPTS

## Football Spartans Hold Back Blue Devil Grid Boys, 21-7

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Two unfortunate events, a shanked punt, a lost fumble and a series of ball mishandlings placed the Westfield High School football team on the short side of a 21-7 decision in a showdown with No. 16 Immaculata in Somerville on November 5.

But before the tide of good fortune turned in the 8-1 Spartans' direction, the 6-2 Blue Devils had smooth sailing when outside linebacker John Landzano intercepted a pass on the Spartan 36-yard line. From there, it took only six plays to get to the end zone when AJ Murray slanted in from eight yards out with 7:34 remaining in the first quarter. Jon Gribbin kicked the point-after.

The mishandled hikes and blocking difficulties plagued the Blue Devils throughout the game, resulting in quarterback Dan Kerr being sacked four times, and Murray being limited to 54 yards on 22 carries. Kerr completed nine of 17 pass attempts for 67 yards. Ryan Hess had two receptions for 20 yards, Landzano had three for 29 yards and Peter Ondi had one for 18 yards, while James O'Rourke had a one-yard reception and Garrett Pryor had one for minus a yard.

Pryor had one for minus a yard.
"We didn't play well up front. We picked a bad day to not have a good game. We had been blocking well, but we didn't block well today," Blue Devil Head Coach Jim DeSarno said.
"You can't do that against a good team like this."

The shanked punt that gave the Spartans great field position at the Westfield 37 was the first sign of

Probitas Verus Honos

doom. Five running plays later, running back Ish Mack, who surpassed 1,000 yards on the season, plunged two yards for the touchdown and Matt Kassebaum nailed the extra point to knot the score just 29 seconds into the second quarter.

Next, the wind was wisped from the Blue Devils' sails. Gribbins' punt was caught by Spartan Shayne Jones at the 15-yard line, and the Blue Devils seemingly had him firmly in their grasp, but he slipped free and sprinted 85 yards for the touchdown with 8:39 left in the half.

"We had him! We didn't finish. I think too many of the guys kind of relaxed when they saw him tackled, and they didn't finish," Coach DeSarno said.

The Blue Devils responded with their best drive of the game, chewing CONTINUED ON PAGE 16

# The Natural Choice for Healthy and Happy Pets





David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*BATTLING HARD FOR THE BALL...Blue Devil Sam Costello, center, and a Hunterdon Central defender leap for the loose soccer ball at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on November 5. Westfield won, 4-0

#### DEVIL COSTELLO, RAIDER NAGOURNEY HITS 2 EACH

## Blue Devils, Raiders Advance In Girls Soccer Group Sections

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Tritten for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Three sudden strikes put the fifthseeded Westfield High School girls soccer team in the driver's seat en route to a 4-0 victory over Hunterdon Central in the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 tournament at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on November 5. In the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 quarterfinals a few hours later, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood girls struck gold in the second half to de-

feat Rahway, 3-0.
The Lady Blue Devils have adjusted well to the pre-season and early-season loss of two key players, Katie Ponce and Emma Franks, by winning their last eight games. Seniors Tina Landeka, Hanna Kronick and Samantha Costello found the right chemistry to score all four goals against the Red Devils.

a forward, was awarded a penalty kick and converted to give the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead. Less than five minutes later, Kronick, a midfielder, approached a volley near the penaltykick area and ricocheted a shot off the keeper's back and into the net. Two minutes after Kronick's strike, Costello, a forward, drilled a 25-yard skipper into the net to make the score

The score held up until 10 minutes into the second half, Kronick dribbled down the right side, drew the keeper out, then skid a right-to-left cross to Costello, who buried the ball into the net from seven yards out for her seventh goal of the season. From that point on, the Blue Devils enjoyed the luxury of fielding their entire reserve squad that held the Red Devils to only one shot on goal.

The Rahway Indians played a coy

We had difficulties trying to get the ball around them, but we started shooting more, and they opened up," Raider senior Emily Nagourney said.

Eight minutes into the second half, Nagourney took a wide-open shot from just outside the center of the box, about 19 yards out, and drilled it into the net for the first score of the

"Christine Monroy got the ball back to me. I was wide open, and I took a shot," Nagourney said

Moments later, the Raiders nearly scored again when senior Avika Shah, on the right corner, directed a low riser to Monroy, who put a head on the ball and just sailed outside the

But, with 19:21 on the clock, Shah sent a left-to-right cross from near the far post to the near post where senior Erin Pierce tapped it in the



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times KEEPING CONTROL OF THE BALL...Raider Erin Pierce, No. 7, controls the ball despite being held by a Rahway defender during the sectional game at Scotch Plains on November 5. The Raiders won, 3-0.

The Blue Devils took seven shots on goal in the first half and another six in the second half in what could have been called a half-court game. The Red Devils got the opportunity to take just one shot in the first half

and another late in the second half. With 34:30 on the clock, Landeka, defensive game in the first half against the Raiders, who shelled the goal 14 times, which included five direct kicks and two corner kicks. The Indians managed only one shot on goal in the half.

"They had every single player in the box. That was our problem in the first half. It was hard to get by them.

## **Raider Footballers Fall** To Warren Hills, Elizabeth

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team came up on the short end of a 21-7 decision at the hands of Warren Hills at Warren Hills High School on October 29. On November 5, the Raiders finished their regular season with a 34-16 setback to Elizabeth at Williams Field in Elizabeth. Raider senior running back Quentin

Blackwell carried 15 times for 58 yards against Warren Hills. Fullback Neville Hall rushed for nine yards on two carries. Quarterback Brett Kovacs had 11 completions for 137 yards and no interceptions. Wide receiver Moussa Channaoui had five receptions for 30 yards, and Sean Coloney had two for 95 yards.

Linebacker Kyle Berwick recorded three tackles and one sack, Matthew Jegede made 12 tackles, Hall made seven tackles, Jack Cunningham had five tackles and Anthony Byers had

The Raiders' game against the 4-5 Minutemen began like a seesaw. Elizabeth quarterback P.J. Walker connected with Jahad Thomas for a 10-yard touchdown in the first quarter, but the Raiders chewed up the clock in the second quarter with a 14play, 76-yard drive that ended with Blackwell bashing over from the three-yard line. Unfortunately for the Raiders, Kason Campbell grabbed the ensuing kickoff and galloped 85 yards for the touchdown to give the Minutemen a 14-7 lead.

The Raiders immediately answered when quarterback Conner Thompson hooked up with Jegede for a 78-yard pass play, then Byers scampered in for a four-yard touchdown run. The point after attempt was blocked, but the Raiders got the ball back before the half, and John Murphy booted a 40-yard field goal to make the score, 16-14.

The Minutemen took a 21-14 lead in the third quarter when Elijah Huges bolted 40 yards for a touchdown. Later in the quarter, Kevin Zakl picked up a Raider fumble and scored from 20yards out to up Elizabeth's lead to 27-14. The Minutemen iced the game when Devante Boles was on the receiving end of a 54-yard pass play for a touchdown.

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With less than two minutes remaining, Nagourney launched an accurate shot from 30 yards away to make the score, 3-0.

"Lea Salituro passed me the ball. I just took a touch from the outside and shot, and it went into the upper leftcenter of the corner," Nagourney de-

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#### **Blue Devils Finish 3rd In Section Gymnastics**

The Westfield High School gymnastics team finished third in the North Jersey, Section 2 gymnastics tournament held at Bishop Ahr High School in Edison on November 6. The Blue Devils totaled 105.875, behind winner Bishop Ahr at 111.625 and Old Bridge at 107.55. Cranford placed fourth with a total of 105.5, Scotch Plains-Fanwood took sixth with a 100.2 total and Union Catholic placed ninth with a 69.75.

Cranford Cougar Mary Kate Walch tied Corrie Greis (Bishop Ahr) for third All-Around with a total of 36.625. Blue Devil Abby Cook placed fifth with a 36.25 total. Walch placed second in the vault with a 9.325, while Union Catholic Viking Pietrapertosa took fourth at 9.275. Walch also took second on the floor exercise with a 9.4. Blue Devil Lyndsey Lee placed third on the balance beam with a 9.3 and Cook tied for fifth with a 9.2.

#### MIKLAS, GLOVER SCORE; KLEIN, SHAH GET ASSISTS

## Raiders Top Blue Devils, 2-0, For UCT Girls Soccer Crown

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

Five Union County championships in six years became a reality when the final second ticked off the scoreboard that revealed a 2-0 victory by the topseeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls soccer team over second-seeded Westfield at Kean University in Union on November 7.

Interestingly, the 14-1-3, No. 15-ranked Raiders' first goal came off the foot of a defender, sophomore outside back Christine Miklas, who slipped into the box and tapped Jesse Klein's one-hop corner kick from the right side into the net with 31:33 on the clock in the first half.

"She comes up on the corner kick, and she put it in," Raider Head Coach Kevin Ewing explained. "It was great for her. She's a great kid, and I am glad she did that."

Gold made six.

The powerful Blue Devils' 1-2-3 punch of forwards Sam Costello and Tina Landeka and midfielder Hannah Kronick put the Raiders' defense to the test in a big way in the second half. All three ripped a pair of wicked shots that were either saved by Della Badia or sailed just wide of the posts.

"They were able to shut down our three where no one else has. The three of them did not have their best game tonight, but for some of that, you have to give credit to Scotch Plains," Blue Devil Head Coach Alex Schmidt said. "In the first half, our girls came out really nervous. First county finals in a while! The girls talked at halftime. We settled down. I think we did better in the second

"They have probably the three best offensive players in the county. They

player by Paige," Coach Ewing said. "We had a few chances, but Scotch Plains had them too. They finished their chances, and we just missed ours. That's the game," Coach Schmidt said.

The win marked the third time this season that the Raiders have defeated the Blue Devils. It was the first time ever that the Raiders have beaten Westfield twice, let alone three times.

"It is hard to beat a good team three times, and they are a very good team," Coach Ewing said.

'We have never beaten Westfield even twice in one season," Shah said. "We came out in this game saying, 'so what! We beat them twice this season. We need to prove to them that we deserved to be the winner in both of those games.' It was a whole new game, and we had a brand new team tonight with the loss of two of our



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE TOUGH KIND...Raider Christy Monroy, No. 13, and a Blue Devil collide while approaching the ball in the Union County Tournament championship game. The Raiders won, 2-0

Julie Glover netted the second goal 17 minutes into the second half when she was the first to reach teammate Avika Shah's pass into a swarm in the middle and ripped a shot past Blue Devil goalkeeper Gaby Gold.

Statistically, it appeared to be a relatively even game, but the Raiders ruled the turf in the first half, and the 13-5-1 Blue Devils came back with a vengeance in the second half. The Raiders held a narrow, 11-10 edge in shots on goal. Both teams had four corner kicks. Raider goalkeeper Paige Della Badia made five saves, while

play hard. We were worried about them. Our defense, Avia Shadmi, Claudia Falconieri and Christine Miklas did a great job all year. They showed how good a defense they were today," said Coach Ewing, who also mentioned that sophomore Christine Monroy contributed strong defensive assistance.

Moments after Glover scored, Landeka send a right-to-left cross to Kronick, but Della Badia made a wise decision to charge and make a

"That was a great save on a great

starters, Sarah Vanbuskirk and Erin Pierce.

"Obviously, Westfield is our rival. It feels so good to beat them, especially in a county tournament," senior Emily Nagourney said. "Avika and I have been talking about this since we were freshmen. We wanted to beat them in the county finals. We beat them our freshman year, 1-0, in

the finals, so it's like a full circle. It

feels so good to beat our rivals three

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times in one season."

## **Blue Devil X-C Boys Capture Sectional Crown**

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21:43 finished 40-45. 'We committed ourselves to going back to Holmdel this year, along with defending our conference title. Did it! Earning second place in the county meet. Did it! And now qualifying for Group 4," Coach Hornish said. "We had to overcome Bridgewater-Raritan, Phillipsburg and JP Stevens. The 'PAC' plus a lot of heart gave us the chance to advance. Five of seven runners ran their best efforts for this

course and you can't ask any more." The Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys and girls both qualified for the Group 3 meet by placing fifth with respective totals of 139 and 154. Raider Kathleen Leeper crossed third in her race with a time of 20:03, and Alex Parker finished sixth in his race with a time of 17:15.

Cougars Tom Feeney and Elias Howard finished 4-7 with respective times of 17:25 and 17:34, and senior Mike Cassidy finished a strong 13th with a time of 17:51 to earn the Cranford boys their second straight North Jersey, Group 2, Section 2

championship with a total of 61, to beat out Chatham at 96, Voorhees at 101 and Summit at 102. Mike Zanfardino crossed 17th at 18:02, Zach Fitzgerald was 20th at 18:08, Paul Cassaro finished 24th at 18:15 and Connor McMahon finished 47th with a time of 19:09. The team finished with a 17:48 average time.

"The boys did an amazing job. We graduated our top four runners last year. To come back this year even stronger, it is beyond words. I am so proud of these boys, the way they worked, how hard they worked. They earned every bit of this title," Cougar Head Coach John Schiano said.

Feeney and Howard significantly cut their times from last year when the Cougars also won the title.

"Big improvement over last year. It's funny, because The Star-Ledger said that Chatham was going to pull a tight one over us, so we wrecked them," Howard said.

"Those top two guys really got us off to a strong start, and then our pack really finished strong, and that is what

made the difference in today's race," Coach Schiano said.

The Cougar girls also qualified for the Group 2 meet by finishing fifth with a total of 130 points with a 21:59 average time. Megan Byrnes finished 10th with a time of 20:16, Katia Oltmann crossed 21st at 21:33, Veronica Miller was 30th at 22:34, Megan Byrne took 33rd at 22:40, Natalie Englese was 36th at 22:53, Bridget Miller finished 44th at 23:17) and Rebecca Roman was 46th at

"The girls did a great job. This is, hands down, the toughest section. You have some of the top teams in the state, Voorhees, Summit, so for us to qualify as a team and for Megan to qualify as an individual, was an amazing accomplishment," Coach Schiano

FIRST PLACE TEAMS: GROUP 4 BOYS: Westfield 56 GROUP 3 BOYS: Mendham 37 GROUP 2 BOYS: Cranford 61 GROUP 4 GIRLS: Ridge 44 GROUP 3 GIRLS: Mendham 37 GROUP 2 GIRLS: Voorhees 26



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times HEADING DOWN THE HOME STRETCH...Blue Devils Anna Tanji, right, and Shannon Mooney, center, head down the home stretch during the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 meet at Warinanco Park in Roselle on November 6.



UNION COUNTY BOYS SOCCER CHAMPIONS...The Blue Devil boys celebrate and raise the trophy above their heads after defeating Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 2-1, for the Union County Tournament title at Kean University in Union on

#### HEINE CONNECTS WITH WINNING GOAL IN OVERTIME

## Blue Devils Nip Raiders, 2-1, Claim UCT Boys Soccer Title

By JOSEPH SCHACKMAN

For the first time in 14 years (1996), the top-seeded Westfield High School soccer boys can call themselves Union County Tournament Champions.

It took the full 80 minutes and five minutes of overtime to decide a winner but finally, senior captain Ryan Heine broke the stalemate with a leftfooted blast that screamed past Raider goalkeeper Vincenzo Bianco.

"It felt like [the ball] was sitting there for years," Heine said after the game. "I just knew I had to get to it and get a shot off. Soccer wise, by far, this is the best night of my life.

The game, under the lights of Kean University Stadium, started with an uneventful first half. It was physical and chippy, but that was to be expected whenever these two teams

It was Scotch Plains-Fanwood that looked stronger early in the first half, but the Raiders' two best scoring chances were stifled by Westfield

keeper Zach Zagorsky.
But Westfield's skill was hard to keep down, and with 10 minutes left in the half, the tide began to turn. Bianco made a big save for the Raiders off a Henry Smith header. Three minutes later, Heine played a beautiful cross into the box, looking for striker Joe Greenspan, but he just missed getting a head on it.

In the second half, however, Westfield kept the pressure on the Raiders. In the 45th minute, Smith played a nice ball into the box to Greenspan. He fought off his defender and blasted a shot that just sailed over

Finally in the 56th minute, the Blue Devils got on the board on a scoring

connection they have made all year. Shane Kronick, the savvy sophomore midfielder, played a perfect ball into the box off a free kick. Greenspan used his height advantage and outjumped the Raider defense, blasting it into the back of the net.

The Raiders, however, did not give up, applying the pressure to the Westfield defense. They got the equalizer with just 11 minutes left from the head of senior Brian Fischer, off a long throw in by Alex Markovits, and forced the game into overtime 1-1.

This is when Heine, who missed last year's county championship game due to injury, shined. Five minutes into extra-time, Jake Heroux played a long ball into the box that jumbled around at the top of the box before squirting out to the left foot of Heine, who put it into the goal for the game

"Ryan Heine was the best player on the field tonight," Head Coach George Kapner said after the game. "He is a first team all-state player in my estimation and is the best player in the county. Without Ryan Heine on the field we are a completely differ-

Coach Kapner applauded Raiders coach Tom Breznitsky and his assistant Joe Mortarulo. "The Scotch Plains coaching staff has done, in my opinion, one of the best jobs I have

"[This feels] incredible." Heine said. "I mean we were the top seed but known to choke. But this year we were able to pull out," and with that he ran off to celebrate with his teammates; county champions for the first time in 14 years.

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A BATTLE IN THE TRENCHES...The Westfield Blue Devils' and the Immaculata Spartans' defense played very stubbornly in a crucial game in Somerville on November 5. The Spartans stopped a Blue Devil touchdown attempt at the one-foot line just before halftime.

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## ABBATTISTA 20 ASSISTS, 10 DIGS; PARTRIDGE 5 KILLS

## Lady V'ball Blue Devils Singe Minutemen in Group Sections

By JOSEPH SCHACKMAN

N. Written for The Westfield Leader and The Time

One may not know it from the way she plays, but Jenelle Abbattista, the senior captain for the Westfield High School girls volleyball team, does not even look at the score.

"I don't really pay attention to the score during the game," Abbattista said. "I just try and stay focused on

what I am trying to do, not the score."
But it was her clutch play against
Elizabeth that helped the Blue Devils advance past the Minutemen in the first round of the North Jersey, Group 4 state tournament on November 3 in Westfield.

The Blue Devils jumped out to an early lead in Game 1, opening with the serve and winning the first four points. Westfield cruised early on the strong play of junior Morgan Bowen,

work," Coach DeSarno said.

DeSarno said.

5 Red Devils.

Westfield Immaculata

The Blue Devils will travel to

Raritan Township tomorrow, Novem-

ber 12, to face top-seeded Hunterdon Central in the first round of the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 playoff. "It's going to be another tough one!

I told the kids today this is what it's going to be about the rest of the way.

We got to fix it quickly," Coach

Soccer Red Devils Burn

**Blue Devils in Sections** 

School boys soccer team defeated

17-3-2 Westfield, 2-1, in the semifi-

nal round of the North Jersey, Group

4, Section 2 Tournament when Ryan

Hall scored off a rebound in the sec-

ond overtime in Westfield on Novem-

ber 8. Blue Devil Phil Mendel scored

a goal off an assist from Shane

Kronick in the first half. Shane Kohler

scored a second-half goal for the 16-

The Hunterdon Central High

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Abbattista and Emma Partridge, who

helped to open up a 12-4 lead. However Elizabeth, taking a crucial timeout, clawed its way back into the game. The Minutemen engineered a 7-3 run and came within three points of Westfield.

But the Blue Devils squashed any

"We made a couple of adjustments with being aware of their hitter and that they would go to their big outside and making sure we covered that play more efficiently," Coach Torak said.

Elizabeth did not let up though and built on their lead, moving ahead, 15-11. Westfield, looking for a spark,



GETTING REVVED UP FOR THE GAME...The Blue Devil volleyball huddle together before their game with Elizabeth in Westfield.

comeback effort, highlighted by a great block by sophomore Courtney Weiss. Westfield took the game, 25-16.

Game 2, however, was much more contested. The Blue Devils could not open up an early lead. In fact, the Lady Minutemen came out firing and really limited their mistakes, making the Blue Devils work for every point. The game was tied at four, six and nine before Elizabeth pulled momentum on their side and opened up a three point lead, the biggest so far of the game, 13-10.

Head Coach Bev Torak, sensing the game was slipping away, called time out to try and regroup.

#### **Blue Devils Top Lions** In Section Soccer, 1-0

The fifth-seeded Westfield High School girls soccer team won its seventh straight game with a 1-0 victory over 12th-seeded North Hunterdon in the opening round of the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 tourna-ment in Westfield on November 2. Hannah Kronick assisted Tina Landeka on a goal in the 17th minute.

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turned to their captain, Abbattista, serving and attempting to keep her team in the game.

Abbattista rose to the occasion, and her strong serving put Elizabeth on its heals and gave the Blue Devils their first lead of the game, 17-16. The Blue Devils never looked back and won the final game, 25-17.

Partridge and Amanda Earl led the way with five kills, Jesse Fang and Bowen had four. Grace Antonelli had

Coach Torak said after the game, 'It feels good to do it in two games, because this was the third time we were playing Elizabeth, and we beat them twice. You know what they say about the third game, its always more difficult that final time. Every game we have played them, it has been challenging. Šo I was happy we came out hot and controlled the first game. Second game I was really happy with our ability to chip back and take the game.

Abbattista, who finished with 20 assists and 10 digs, commented, "I think we really came together as a team, we definitely had it in the first game, but in the second game we struggled, but in the end we were able to pull it out and get the win."



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up the clock and reaching the Spartan one-yard line in 16 plays to set up a fourth-and-goal with three seconds on the clock. But, the ancient Spartans, who valiantly defended the Thermopylae pass against the Persians in 480 B.C., would have been proud, as the Immaculata Spartans stuffed Murray's attempt at the onefoot line as time ran out.

"They were tough. They sure were! They are a good football team. That hurt, but we couldn't move the ball in the second half," added Coach

After a 10-yard sack of Kerr killed a Blue Devil drive on their first possession of the second half, the Westfield defense held tight and forced the Spartans to punt. O'Rourke grabbed the ball at the 20 and returned it 41 yards to the Spartan 39. Unfortunately, the Blue Devils fumbled at the 24 where Spartan Shawn Dwyer scooped it up and charged to midfield. Seven plays later, Spartan Ralph D'Agostino scored on a three-yard run with 5:02 remaining in the game.

"I thought our defensive line played pretty good, but offensively, we didn't get it done. We've got to get back to



**Soccer Raiders Crack** Nutley in Section, 2-0

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team defeated Nutley, 2-0, in the semifinals of the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 Tournament in Nutley on November 8. Rory Szető and Alex Markovits netted goals for the ninthseeded, 9-7-7 Raiders. Nutley dropped to 11-5-5.

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#### **H.S. Sectional Soccer**

#### **Raiders Down Tigers In Section Shootout**

One-hundred minutes yielded a 1tie that had to be decided in a shootout to determine the winner of the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 quarterfinal game between the ninthseeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team and topseeded host South Plainfield on November 4.

Senior Rory Szeto sealed the victory with his penalty kick that gave the 10-6-6 Raiders, who have been 8-0-3 in their last 11 games, a 4-1 shootout advantage. Andrew Leischner, Morgan Ellman and Dan McMillan also converted their penalty kicks. Leischner scored for the Raiders, and Edwin Molina scored for the 14-5-2 Tigers in the first half.

#### **Blue Devils Nip Union** In Section Soccer, 1-0

After soggy field conditions on the turf field at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield prompted a change of locale to Union, the 16-2-2 Westfield High School boys soccer team defeated the Farmers, 1-0, in the quarterfinals of the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 tournament on November 4. Andrew Garfinkel scored off a rebound of Ryan Heine's shot three minutes before the end of



The Westfield "Y" Devilfish boys "A" swim team beat West Monmouth County, 109-99, on October 23.

100 IM: (9-10) Ryan Bebel (first). and John Stiles (third); (11-12) Ryan Daniel (first), and Nicholas Youssef (second); 200 IM: (13-14) Stephen Husch (first) and Aram Barmakian (third); (15-18) Michael Rizzo (first) and Max Shin (third); 25 free: (8U) Andrew Kapadia (second); 50 free: (9-10) Eric Bebel (first), Matthew Barmakian (second) and Kyle Picut (third); (11-12) Ryan Daniel (first) and Griff Morgan (third). 100-free: (13-14) Luke McGrory (second); (15-18) Matthew Daniel (second).

50-breast: (9-10) Kyle Picut (first) and Eric Bebel (third). 100-breast: (13-14) Stephen Husch (first); 200breast: (15-18) Michael Rizzo (first); 25-back: (8U) Andrew Kapadia (third); 50-back: (9-10) Matthew Barmakian (first) and Rory McGovern (third); (11-12) Griff Morgan (second); 100-back: (13-14) Luke McGrory (third); 200-back: (15-18) Max Shin (first) and Brennan Haley (third).

25-fly: (8U) Michael Riordan (third); 50-fly: (9-10) Ryan Bebel (first) and Timothy McGann (third); (11-12) Nicholas Youssef (first) and

Colin Daniel (second); 100-fly: (13-14) Noah Stiles (second); (15-18) Matthew Daniel (first); 100-free relay: (8U) A relay: M. Riordan, P. Youssef, R. Pettit, A. Kapadia (second); 200-free relay: (9-10) A relay: E. Bebel, R. Bebel, K. Picut, M. Barmakian (first), B Relay: L. Mizus, Z. Youssef, J. Stiles, R. McGovern

The Westfield PAL A football team

defeated Scotch Plains-Fanwood

(SPF), 18-8, in the first round of the

Ďanny Mitchell led the offense on

the ground and through the air.

Westfield opened the scoring follow-

ing runs from Sean Elliott, Jack

Simcox and Mitchell. Elliott pow-

ered in from the three-yard line be-

hind the strong blocking from An-

playoffs on November 7.

and Nick Costa. Before halftime, Mitchell hit Elliott on a 30-yard pass, followed by a 15-yard run by Mitchell. With 10 seconds left, Mitchell threw a 12-yard scoring pass to Simcox, who ran behind a key block from

Harry Williamson, Andrew Githens

Jake Maher to go up 12-0.

Defensively, Luke Prybylski terrorized the SPF backfield with two sacks and four tackles for a loss. Costa, Spurlock and Liam Boland shut down the SPF rushing machine. Malacrae and Elliott shared a sack, and Nick Buontempo, Jack Colleran and Matt Catanzaro made terrific tackles on the edge.

When SPF scored on a long run to make the score 12-8, the Westfield offense went back to work. Elliott's 10-yard run was followed by a 52yard run by Mitchell, who received two excellent downfield blocks from Colin Dursee and Maher. Simcox's run set up the two-yard touchdown plunge by Elliott to make it 18-8.

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## WF Devilfish 'A' Boys Fall To Somerset Hills, 111-97

GETTING FINE BLOCKING... Westfield PAL "A" running back Danny Mitchell,

Westfield PAL A Defeats

SPF Gridders in Playoffs, 18-8

No. 13, runs behind Nick Costa, No. 65, and Cotter Spurlock, No. 66.

The Westfield "Y" Devilfish boys "A" swim team lost to Somerset Hills "Y," 111-97, on October 30.

100 IM: (9-10) Ryan Bebel (second); (11-12) Lucas Fan (second), Griff Morgan (third); 200 IM: (13-14) Stephen Husch (first); (15-18) Larry Zhang (second).

25-free: (8U) Michael Riordan (first), Ryan Pettit (second), Peter Youssef (third); 50-free: (9-10) Eric Bebel (first), Matthew Barmakian (second); (11-12) Ryan Daniel (first); 100-free: (13-14) Luke McGrory (second); 25-breast: (8U) Michael Riordan (first), Andrew Kapadia (second), Peter Youssef

(third); 50-breast: (9-10) Kyle Picut (second), Eric Bebel (third); (11-12) Lucas Fan (first), Stefan Crigler (second), Colin Daniel (third); 100breast: (13-14) Stephen Husch (first), Aidan Donadio (third); 200-breast:

(15-18) Larry Zhang (second). 25-back: (8U) Andrew Kapadia (first), Ryan Pettit (second), Aidan Dailey (third); 50-back: (9-10) Matthew Barmakian (first); (11-12) Jesse Liu (third); 100-back: (13-14) Luke McGrory (first), Thomas Pyle (third); 25-fly: (8U) Andrew Kapadia (first), Michael Riordan (second), Colm Slevin (third); 50-fly: (9-10) Ryan Bebel (second); (11-12) Ryan Daniel (first); 100-fly: (13-14) Noah Stiles (third); (15-18) Michael Rizzo

200-free relay: (9-10) A Relay: E. Bebel, R. Bebel, K. Picut, M. Barmakian (first); B Relay: J. Stiles, T. McGann, Z. Youssef, R. McGovern (third); (11-12) A Relay: G. Morgan, J. Liu, N. Youssef, R. Daniel (second), B Relay: E. Moore, L. Fan, C. Daniel, J. Naughton (third); (13-14) A Relay: L. McGrory, S. Beattie, A. Barmakian, S. Husch (first); (15-18) A Relay: W. Beckett, N. Donadio, L. Zhang, M. Daniel (first).

## **Charity Basketball Game** Nov. 20 to Benefit WNC

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Welcome Club will host a Charity Basketball Game to benefit the Westfield Neighborhood Council (westfieldneighborhoodcouncil.com.) The Harlem Rockets will be playing against the Westfield Dream Team (local community leaders.)

The event will take place on Saturday, November 20, in the Westfield High School gym. One-hundred percent of the proceeds will go to the Westfield Neighborhood Council. See

additional details below. Saturday, November 20, 7 p.m., Westfield High School Gym, Harlem Rockets versus The Westfield Dream Team. Advanced Ticket Sales: Kids -\$8, Adults – \$10; at door: Kids – \$10, Adults – \$12. Children under 3 are free! For tickets, please contact WestfieldDreamTeam@yahoo.com or call (908) 789-1005.

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The Westfield High School's Alumni Ice Hockey team will play Cranford's Alumni team for the third annual Alumni Ice Hockey Game for ALS at the Warinanco Ice Rink in Warinanco Park on Wednesday, November 24, at 8:30 p.m. Proceeds from the game will be donated to the ALS Association's Greater NY Chap-

This is the third annual Alumni Game between WHS and CHS. So far, each team has won a game. Please attend the game to see which team comes out ahead and to support the ALS Association, which works tirelessly to help those afflicted with the fatal disease known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. All players and attendees will be asked for a suggested donation of \$5.

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MAKING THE HANDOFF...Westfield PAL "C" Blue quarterback Philip Martini hands off to Kevin Brennan during a 13-0 win over Scotch Plains

## Westfield PAL 'C' Blue Tips Scotch Plains Grid Kids, 13-0

The Westfield PAL "C" Blue football team improved to 9-0 with a 13-0 win over Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) at Kehler Stadium on Novem-

Westfield scored on its opening drive, marching 65 yards, capped with a four-yard touch down run by Brendan Glenn. Holder Timmy Day and kicker Matt LaCorte teamed up for the successful point after.

Key plays included a 30-yard run by Kevin Brennan, as well as 20-yard pass completion from quarterback Philip Martini to Kyle Dombroski on third down. Outstanding up front blocking by Jack Meiselman, Riley Kopser, LaCorte, Aaron Coleman and Josh Ebel, along with bruising lead-blocking by fullback Sean Mikovits, helped Westfield move the ball down

Westfield stopped a SPF drive deep in its own territory when linebacker Dombroski intercepted a pass on the 10-yard line. For the second week in a row, safety Ian Humphrey had a touchdown-saving tackle by running down an SPF running back. Defensive lineman Matt Harris, Jeff Hoens, Nick Maher and Mike Moriarty delivered key hits.

Westfield opened up the second half with a long time-consuming drive, ending with Brennan's fouryard plunge. Brendan Glenn and Matt Varano had back-to-back 10-yard runs. The PAT hit off the upright as the third quarter ended. Westfield's defense had a great stand late in the fourth quarter. SPF drove all the way to the 10-yard line, only to be stopped on fourth down by a crushing tackle from defensive back Varano.



GETTING INTO THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT... The Breakers from Westfield's 3rd Grade Girls Soccer League dressed up as Hippies for the holiday.

## WF 'B' Devilfish Girls Sink Morris Center 'Y', 107-91

The Westfield Area "Y" girls "B" Devilfish swim team beat Morris Center "Y", 107-91, on October 23. **8U:** – Maggie Maguire (freestyle second, breaststroke first); Natalie Lee, Julia Anderson and Lindsay Wang took 1-2-3 in backstroke; Xe-

nia Kobori and Emma Ryan took 2-3 in the 25-butterfly. 9/10: Jillian DeBenedetto (50-back

second, 50-fly second); Caroline Benou (100 IM third); Alexa Habib (50 free third); and Olivia Milford (50-breast second).

11/12: Emma Reilly, Lizzie Diamantopolous and Jamie Thomas swept 1-2-3 in the 100 IM; Mackenzie Smith (50-free second, 50-breast second); Grace Cash (50 free first); Emily Beattie (50-breast third); Marina DeCotiis (50-back first, 50-fly first); Emma Reilly (50-back second) and L. Diamantopolous (50-fly thirrd). **13/14:** Emma Phillips (200 IM first, 100-backstroke first); Carly Kalis (200 IM third, 100-fly third); Caitlin Collins (100-free first, 100-fly first); Julia Diamantopolous (100-free second); Rachel Mattera (100-breast second); Emily London (100-back second); Olivia Whitmer (100-back third).

15-18: Katie Yamano (200 IM first, 200-back 2nd); Brenna Berenholz (100-free second); Michaela Cavanagh (100-free third) and 200back third); Mady Cannone (200breast second); Courtney Han (200fly second); winning relays: (8U) Hogge, Gerlitz, Habib and Benou; (11/12) L. Diamantopolous, Reilly, M. Smith and DeCotiis; (13/14) Collins, S. Cavanagh, Whitmer, Mattera; (15-18) Greeley, Han, M. Cavanagh and Berenholz.

## WF Devilfish 'A' Girls Fall To Summit Area, 111-97

The Westfield "Y" Devilfish girls A Team lost to the Summit Area "Y", 111-97, on October 23.

100 IM: (9-10) Muriel Maloney (first), Sophia Weldon (third); (11-12) Caroline Basil (first), Audrey Picut (third); 200 IM: (13-14) Erika Daniel (first), Allie McBrearty (third); (15-18) Abby Pires (second). 50-free: (9-10) Sydney Paoletti (second); 100free: (13-14) Katherine Duffy (third); (15-18) Jackie Joffe (second).

50-breast: (9-10) Aidan Donahue (second), Kayla Rinn (third); (11-12) Audrey Picut (first); 100-breast: (13-14) Amy West (third); 200-breast: (15-18) Abby Pires (first), Becky Zhang (third); 50-back: (9-10) Sophia Weldon (second), Danielle Rubiano (third); (11-12) Caroline Basil (first), Emily McGann (third); 100-back: (13-14) Allie McBrearty (second), Courtney Day (third); 200-back: (15-

18) Kylie Bangs (second). 50-fly: (9-10) Muriel Maloney (first), Sydney Paoletti (third); (11-12) Gwyneth Devin (second), Jessica Trinkle (third); 100-fly: (13-14) Erika Daniel (first); (15-18) Carly Whitmer (first), Summer Thomas (third); 200-free relay: (9-10) A Relay: M. Maloney, D. Rubiano, S. Paoletti, S. Weldon (second); (11-12) A Relay: A. Picut, E. McGann, G. Devin, C. Basil (second), B. Relay: A. Liang, E. Oster, D. Tibbals, J. Trinkle (third); (13-14) A Relay: K. Duffy, A. McBrearty, C. Day, A. West (first), B Relay: M. Bagger, S. Sokolow, R. Fan, E. Daniel (second); (15-18) A Relay: M. Kaveney, E. Reinhardt, A. Pires, C. Whitmer(first), B Relay: J. Joffe, M. Maloney, L. Ball, S. Thomas (second), and C Relay: A. Bangs, C. Carroll, K. Bangs, B. Zhang (third)

## Westfield 'Y' Aquaducks Set **Synchronized-Swimming Show**

The Westfield Area "Y" Aquaducks will perform at the Annual Synchronized Swimming Show, which will be held on Saturday, November 20, at 1 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 21, at 1 p.m. at the Westfield Area 'Y" in Westfield.

The Aquaducks, comprised of 28

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girls from fourth grade through high school, will combine athletic swimming and dance skills synchronized to music. The show includes multiswimmer team routines, as well as smaller solos, duets and trios. This year, they will perform to a variety of popular songs from different decades - including old favorites from Elvis and new hits from the TV show "GLEE." Then, in a surprise treat for the girls, the coaches and alumnae

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children ages 3-12 and free for ages 2 and under. All proceeds go to support the team. Snacks, gifts and raffles will also be available. Tickets will be available at the door. The shows often sell out early. Tickets can be purchased in advance by e-mailing aquaducks@westfieldynj.org.

Aquaducks swimmers regularly qualify to compete in U.S. Junior Championships and Age Group National Championships. As the only competitive team in New Jersey, the Aquaducks must travel for meets. Last year, the girls swam in Conn., Pa. and Niagara Falls, NY. This year, the national competition is in Seattle. Wash. The annual show raises funds to help defray the cost of the team's travel all over the U.S.

will swim a routine for all to enjoy.



**SPF PAL B Team Stings** Westfield with Safety, 2-0

The Scotch Plains Fanwood (SPF) PAL B football team (Grade 7) used a safety late in the game to knock out Westfield Blue, 2-0, in the opening round of the New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League playoffs at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High on November 7.

The SPF B team pulled out the victory when Rashan Gary tackled the Westfield quarterback in the end zone in the final minutes of the fourth quarter.

The Raiders had driven to the Westfield 11 when Jack Valian took a short pass from Jordan Belford and bolted 40 yards. However, two plays later, SPF fumbled on the six-yard line and Westfield recovered. Three plays later came the decisive safety.

Defense was the name of the game. Gary, Jason Wendel and Zach Miller dominated the middle while ends Van Kleemeyer and David Harris helped seal the interior. Joe Grffith, Matt Heath and Joe Annicchiatico stood firm at linebacker. Adam Marable, George Ramos, Jack Defouw and Belford contributed to the defense.

On offense, backs Valian, Ben Powell and George Liechtling ripped off runs on blocks provided up front by Gary, Miller, Heath, Wendel, Kyle Coupe, Matt Schwitzer, A.J. Bonadies and Ramos. Also pitching in on the offense were ends and fullback Owen Martin, Defouw and Giancarlo Lorusso.

Next up is Richmond Boro, which will serve as the host to SPF this Sunday, November 14, at Poly Prep High School in Brooklyn at 2 p.m. in the semifinals. The winner heads to the B Level Super Bowl on November 21.

#### WF 'B' Devilfish Fall **To Somerset Hills**

The Westfield Area "Y" boys "B" Devilfish swim team lost to the Somerset Hills "Y", 105-77, on October 23.

**8U:** Michael Bittner and Sean Marner wee strong in the 25-freestyle, Jerome Emery and Bittner in 25breaststroke, Marner and Jonathan Izzo in 25-backstroke, and Emery and Izzo in 25-butterfly.

**9-10:** Sebastian Tretter (third 50breast); Teddy Diamantopolous (third 50-back); Tucker Siegel (50-fly third). 11-12: Alex Prystupa (third 100 IM, second 50-fly); Aedan Collins

(first 50-free, third 50-butterfly); Steven Warren (second 50-breast). 13-14: Gavin Conlon (second 200 IM) and Andre Benz (third); Alec Penn (first 100-free); Mark Trinkle

(first 100-breast); Austin Kreusser (third 100-back); In 100-fly Penn (second and Benz third). 15-18: Tim York (third 200 IM); Kevin Oster (200-breast third and

100-free second); David Adsit (100-

## WF 'Y' 'B' Devilfish Fall **To W. Monmouth, 107-101**

The Westfield Area "Y" boys "B" Devilfish swim team lost to the Western Monmouth County "Y", 107-101,

on October 30. **8U:** Aidan Fitzpatrick (second – 25-freestyle); Jerome Emery (first – 25-breaststroke, second – 25-butterfly); Sean Marner (third – 25-backstroke); 100-freestyle relay, Emery,

Baker, Marner and Bittner took first. **9-10**: Michael Vaden (third – 100 IM and 50-breast); Teddy Diamantopolous (first - 50-free); Steven Warren (third in 50-backstroke) Austin Chen (third in 50-fly and Ashlen Suen (first); Connor Smith, Vaden, Sebastian Tretter and

Diamantopolous won the relay. 11-12: Alex Prystupa (third 100 IM, third 50-fly); Aedan Collins (first 50-free, second 50-fly); Steven Warren (third 50-frees, second 50-back); Wang (second 50-breast); Noah Bram (third 50-back); Warren, Habib, Bram and Collins won the realy.

13-14: Mark Trinkle (second 200 IM, first 100-breast); Austin Kreusser (third 200 IM, first 100-fly); Alec Penn (second 100-free); Blake Taylor (third 100-back); Kreusser, Gavin Conlon, Penn and Trinkle won the relay.

15-18: Matt Trinkle (first 200 IM. first 100-fly); Alex Bond (second 200 IM. 1st 200-breast): Kevin Oster (tied for second 100-free); David Adsit (third 100-fly); Bond, Ryan Thomas, Sean Clark and Oster (first in relay).



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PAPANDREA RUNS FOR 4 TDs, 2-POINT CONVERSION

## **Delaware Valley Terriers Nip** Cougar Gridders in OT, 36-35

Defense was not at a premium in the final regular-season showdown between the Cranford High School Cougars' football team and Delaware Valley at Frenchtown on November 5. When the dust finally settled from the seesaw battle, the 6-2 Terriers nipped the 5-4 Cougars, 36-35, in

Very little passing took place as the Terriers, even with a gun spread offense, ran the ball exclusively, and the Cougars, with their option offense, passed nine times with five completions. Sophomore wide receiver Ryan Williamson became Cougar quarterback Joey Papandrea's receiver of choice. Williamson turned three receptions into 78 yards, while Kasim Lewis had a reception for 25 yards.

"We tried to mix it up a little bit, as far as an option team goes. We did try to stretch the field a little bit, and I thought that backed them off us," Cougar Head Coach Erik Rosenmeier

The Cougars carried the ball 61 times for 284 yards, and Papandrea led the charge with 152 yards on 30 carries, which included four touchdowns and a two-point conversion. Junior running back JP Christiano had eight carries for 33 yards, including a touchdown. Tyrone Avent carried 11 times for 46 yards, Reggie Green had 21 yards on six carries, and Lewis added 32 yards on six

"There was a lot of offense in the game. Both defenses struggled a little bit, or both offenses executed well. It depends on your perspective," Coach Rosenmeier said. "We had some penalties that hurt us. Not taking anything away from Del Val, they did a great job offensively."

Linebackers JT Vicci recorded 10 tackles and Mike Klimek had eight. Lewis had six tackles and forced a

fumble, which he recovered. Linebacker Anthony DaSilva had four tackles, and defensive back Walter James had five tackles and a forced fumble. Eric Garguilo made five tackles, TJ Nichols had four tackles and Jon Mendoza had three, while Green, Christiano and Bryan Fitzsimmons each added two tackles. Rob Gaeta, Nick Diaz and Adam Smith each had

The Terriers seized a 10-0 lead in the first quarter, but the Cougars fought back with a touchdown early in the second quarter. The Cougars nearly scored again before halftime, when they drove to the Terrier 18yard line but fumbled.

At the beginning of the second half, the Cougars got tricky and pulled off a successful onside kick. It paid off as the Cougars scored to take the lead, 14-10.

"I really thought it got them (Cranford) some momentum," Coach Rosenmeier said.

More good fortune for the Cougars came when Lewis swiped the ball from a Terrier running back's hand. The Cougars capitalized with another touchdown to make the score, 21-10. Delaware Valley immediately answered with a touchdown to make the score 21-16, but the two-point conversion attempt failed.

Next, some controversy over an inadvertent whistle nullified a 10-yard gain by Papandrea. The down was done over, but the Cougars failed to get a first down. The Terriers took advantage of the Cougars' misfortune and churned the turf for another score to grab a 22-21 lead. Another twopoint conversion attempt was stuffed.

The Cougars got on the better end of the seesaw with another scoring drive to take a 27-22 lead. Papandrea scored the two-point conversion to up their lead to 29-22. The Terriers barked back and knotted the score, but the Cougars still had some time on the clock. Unfortunately, an illegal procedure penalty, followed by a holding penalty spoiled the drive, and the Terriers gained possession with one minute remaining. Situations got tense when the Terriers scampered to the Cranford 10-yard line, but the Cougars forced a fumble to send the game to overtime.

"We got the ball first. We didn't want the ball first, but that's how the coin toss came out," Coach Rosenmeier said.

The Cougars scored on their possession, but a low snap on the extrapoint attempt proved costly.

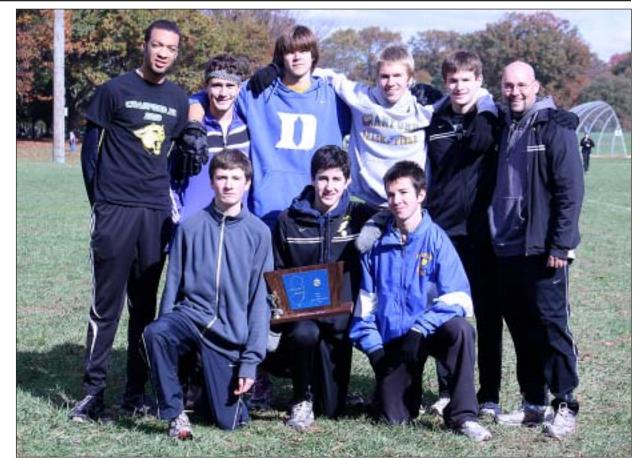
"That's something that we dealt with a couple of times this year, unfortunately," commented Coach Rosenmeier.

The Terriers also scored, and their extra-point attempt was partially blocked, but it went through anyway

"We got three losses [Rahway – 21-20, Summit – 17-13, Delaware Valley] by a total of six points. We played a couple of close games too where we won, Hillside and Scotch Plains. It has been a season of very close games," Coach Rosenmeier said. "We keep losing guys with injury. Bobby Anstatt [defensive lineman] didn't play. [Sean] Trotter [starting running back] didn't play. The Summit game knocked us out of the playoffs, but Del Val needed the win to be eligible for the playoffs. They were thinking that if they were winning, they were in the playoffs. We were faced with the prospect playing the game to get another win. It was something that was very important for us, so we played as hard as we

The Cougars will host Red Bank Regional at Memorial Field in a consolation game tomorrow, Friday, November 12, at 7 p.m.

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NORTH JERSEY, GROUP 2, SECTION 2 CHAMPIONS...The Cougar boys cross-country team pose near the start line after winning its second consecutive North II, Group II State Sectional Title at Warinanco Park in Roselle on November 6. The Cougar runners include Elias Howard, Paul Cassaro, Connor McMahon, Mike Cassidy, Mike Zanfardino, Tom Feeney and Zach Fitzgerald.

### LADY COUGARS FINISH 5TH, QUALIFY FOR GROUP 2

## **Cranford X-C Boys Capture** N.J. Group 2, Section Crown

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Cougars Tom Feeney and Elias Howard finished 4-7 with respective times of 17:25 and 17:34, and senior Mike Cassidy finished a strong 13th with a time of 17:51 to earn the Cranford High School boys their second straight North Jersey, Group 2, Section 2 championship with a total of 61, to beat out Chatham at 96, Voorhees at 101 and Summit at 102 at Warinanco Park in Roselle on November 6. Mike Zanfardino crossed 17th at 18:02, Zach Fitzgerald was 20th at 18:08, Paul Cassaro finished 24th at 18:15 and Connor McMahon finished 47th with a time of 19:09. The team finished with a 17:48 average time.

"The boys did an amazing job. We graduated our top-four runners last year. To come back this year even stronger, it is beyond words. I am so proud of these boys, the way they worked, how hard they worked. They earned every bit of this title," Cougar Head Coach John Schiano said.

Feeney and Howard significantly cut their times from last year when the Cougars also won the title.

"Big improvement over last year. It's funny, because The Star-Ledger said that Chatham was going to pull a tight one over us, so we wrecked them," Howard said.

"Those top-two guys really got us

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off to a strong start, and then our pack really finished strong, and that is what made the difference in today's race,' Coach Schiano said.

The Cougar girls also qualified for the Group 2 meet by finishing fifth with a total of 130 points with a 21:59 average time. Megan Byrnes finished 10th with a time of 20:16, Katia Oltmann crossed 21st at 21:33, Veronica Miller was 30th at 22:34, Megan Byrne took 33rd at 22:40, Natalie Englese was 36th at 22:53, Bridget Miller finished 44th at 23:17) and Rebecca Roman was 46th at

"The girls did a great job. This is, hands down, the toughest section. You have some of the top teams in



David B. Corbin (Cougar Classic files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times PLACING THIRD ALL-AROUND...Cranford Cougar junior Mary Kate Walch tied for third in the All-Around at the North Jersey, Section 2 gymnastics tournament at Bishop Ahr High School with a total of 36.625.

## **Cranford Cougars Finish Fourth in Section Gymnastics**

held at Bishop Ahr High School in Edison on November 6. The Westfield Blue Devils placed third and totaled 105.875, behind winner Bishop Ahr at 111.625 and Old Bridge at 107.55. The Cougars finished with a total of 105.5. Scotch Plains-Fanwood took sixth with a 100.2 total and Union Catholic placed ninth with a 69.75.

Cranford Cougar Mary Kate Walch tied Corrie Greis (Bishop Ahr) for third All-Around with a total of 36.625. Blue Devil Abby Cook placed fifth with a 36.25 total. Walch placed second in the vault with a 9.325, while Union Catholic Viking Nicole Pietrapertosa took fourth at 9.275. Walch also took second on the floor exercise with a 9.4. Blue Devil Lyndsey Lee placed third on the balance beam with a 9.3 and Cook tied for fifth with a 9.2.



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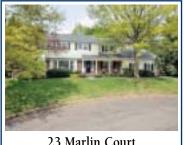
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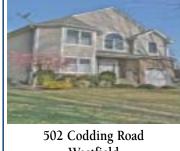
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David B, Corbin (Union County meet files) for The Westfield Leader and The Times NOT NERVOUS AT ALL...Cougar Mike Zanfardino, second from left, is as loose as a goose at the start of the Union County boys cross-country meet at Warinanco Park in Roselle on October 28. The Cranford boys placed third with a 109 total. On November 6 at the same locale, the Cougars won their second straight North Jersey, Group 2, Section 2 championship.



Paul Cassaro and Connor McMahon; back row, Mike Cassidy, Mike Zanfardino, Tom Feeney and Zach Fitzgerald.

ning third at the time, and Leahy was

behind him, I've got to push up front.

It worked today, and I am really happy,"

said Leahy, who added. "We have

always known that Ridge has always

COUGAR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK...The Cougar boys cross-country team captured its second consecutive North II, Group II State Sectional Title at Warinanco Park in Roselle on November 6. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Elias Howard,

## Cranford Cougar Cross-Country Boys Capture North Jersey, Group 2, Section 2 Crown

the state, Voorhees, Summit, so for us to qualify as a team and for Megan

amazing accomplishment," Coach Schiano said.

Intense pack mentality and the

## **Great Pumpkin Carve Out Draws Crowds in Cranford**

CRANFORD – The Great Pumpkin Carve Out that took place on Saturday, October 30, at Hanson Park in Cranford drew crowds numbering in the hundreds.

Children's performances and evening strolls through the park viewing the carved pumpkins and the movie Frankenstein – provided everyone with something to see and do throughout the day.

Most people went around the park more than once taking pictures of their favorites or posing with the one that they carved. Visitors to the event included Cranford residents and residents from the surrounding areas.

The first "Great Pumpkin Carve Out" was a wonderful sight to see and a complete success. The most-oftenasked question was "Are you going to do this again next year?" said Geri Livelli of Hanson Park Conservancy

There were many pumpkins put up on display, and judges Lisa and Bob Hunt thought hard as they made their selections from so many creative en-

The award winners in each cat-

egory were as follows. There were four age groups, three categories and 12 award winners.

For ages 4-8: Devin Haughey won for funniest; Dempsey Bobbit won for scariest, and Megan Cardona won for most original.

For ages 9-12: Natalie Schindler won for funniest; Bobby Puhak won for scariest, and Rose Denommee won for most original.

For ages13-17: Beth Armstrong won for funniest; Victoria Herlocker won for scariest, and Natalie Salinardo won for most original.

For ages 18-Adult: June Brown won for funniest; Nicole Bobbit won for scariest, and Charles Robertson and Fran Labbate tied for most origi-

HPC Vice President Julie Murphy said, "The Hanson Park Conservancy is thrilled that Hanson Park proved to be the perfect venue for this Halloween event.'

Adding to that, Deb Leber of Jersey Central Art Studios said, "I hope that this becomes a Halloween tradition in Cranford because it is truly an event that all ages can take part in.'

friendly rivalry of Blue Devil frontrunners Jack Leahy and Andrew Kirna brought home the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 championship for the No. 2-ranked Westfield High School boys cross-country team.

The rivalry was also with the No. 7 Ridge Red Devils, who nipped the Blue Devils for the title last year. But this year, the Blue Devils took care of business with Leahy, who placed third with a time of 16:21, and Kirna (fourth at 16:26) finishing ahead of Ridge's No. 1 runner, while Sam Tooley (12th at 16:51), Kevin Smith (16th at 17:13) and Zach Lizmi (21st at 17:25) finished ahead of the Red Devils' No. 2 runner. John Kirna finished 24th with a time of 17:29 and Evan Tarlow finished 45th with a time of 18:10 to give Westfield a 56 total to Ridge's 85. North Hunterdon placed third at 117.

A tight pack of Blue Devil runners were occupying most of the third through 12th positions at the onemile mark. Andrew Kirna was run-

running tightly with three other competitors just behind Kirna. "I tried to stick with Andrew, and that's what I did. Andrew and I, it's like a friendly rivalry. [It's] Whoever can perform on that day. When I was coming in, I was thinking like being

> been our competitor. We were pumped, because they are a real big, rival." The Blue Devil girls were especially yearning to break the top-five to qualify for the Group 4 meet, since they placed sixth last year. At the beginning of year, Blue Devil Head Coach Thom Hornish had a goal for his girls to all break the 20-minute mark to ensure a qualification to the

Group 4 meet at Holmdel. "We are a little shy of that. We are improving, but we are not there yet. There have been some breakthroughs. Hopefully today, we will try to be in the top-five to qualify for Group 4. We came up short last year. We were sixth. There are five teams shooting for two spots," Coach Hornish said.

The Lady Blue Devil kept tight enough to beat out Bridgewater-Raritan for fifth place with a total of

144. Alyssa Hatch finished 21st with a time of 20:59. Shannon Mooney and Anna Tanji, both at 21:11, finished 27-28, respectively. Ellie Tanji at 21:28 and Allegra Larche at 21:33 finished 36-37, while Danielle Grimes at 21:36 and Hannah McRoberts at 21:43 finished 40-45.

"We committed ourselves to going back to Holmdel this year, along with defending our conference title. Did it! Earning second place in the county meet. Did it! And now qualifying for Group 4," Coach Hornish said. "We had to overcome Bridgewater-Raritan, Phillipsburg and JP Stevens. The 'PAC' plus a lot of heart gave us the chance to advance. Five of seven runners ran their best efforts for this course and you can't ask any more."

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys and girls both qualified for the Group 3 meet by placing fifth with respective totals of 139 and 154. Raider Kathleen Leeper crossed third in her race with a time of 20:03, and Alex Parker finished sixth in his race with a time of 17:15.

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## A Communitarian's Look at the Aftermath of the 2010 General Election And the e-Politan Agenda in the Years Straight Ahead

My Dear Neighbors,

Election day came, and tens of millions of voters, whose existence is a kin to the Myth of Sisyphus, threw up their hands and Atlas Shrugged, but you do not have to be a hardened Existentialist to see how absurd the response of Washington Officialdom has been to the results of this past week. While nothing has changed yet, I suspect over the next two years the state-of-the-union will get worse, leaving more perniciously affected. Such an appraisal ought surprise no

If Isaac Newton were to take his measure of us, he'd deduce we live in a corpuscular culture. At the sociopolitical level, corpuscularism has everything to do with the stagnation of our national polity, the nation's pressing technosocio-economic problems and the abnegation by the Congress of its aggravation of the country's woes. Our political system, including the apparatus of both political parties, is wholly vested in the evermore dysfunctional powers of an antiquated regime.

Whose fault is that? The fault lies with every American, who knows that our pseudo-representative government cannot keep pace with a future that is passing us by, and with every citizen with suffrage, who won't exercise the backbone we must display jointly. It is time we demand not some wooly form of change, but true efficacy through direct participatory engagement.1

As a technologist, who spent his life's career at empowering the electronic cottage with instantaneous eglobal connectivity, I find it fatefully ironic that the more interconnected people are interfacing with others electronically, as nodes on an interactive digital high-speed network, the more insular a single person's perspective and avoidance of critical thinking seems to become. This phenomenon that has been noted and lamented upon by the media's celebrated punditry. It is so bad now, for the first time in sixty years, I cannot recognize the America I grew up in. Simply put, our sense of living in a shared community is breaking down. As reflected in today's social milieu, so too have the workings of our central government become less attached to the body politic, which has become less and less virtuous and more and more vicious. The privations brought about by the former in tandem with the latter have made systemic failure systemic along a geometric progression. The public mind and the Congress, as assembled, are walking together in a nightmare, where the nation's collective capacity to generate wealth is being plundered by an embedded libertarian cabal that is fully filled with itself and obsessed with its own paro-

It is as though everyone in America today knew all there was to know about the tulip bulb, but only a very few e-politans cared to understand the workings of the earth's endangered ecology. It was mused in centuries past, how: "The tulip next appeared all over gay/But, wanton, full of pride and full of play." In the present era, it seems as if a myopic psychic pathology has fixated on the tulip bulb, reaching vast endemic proportions. There is, however, an imperceptibly small e-politan faction of singular people, who have dedicated their lives to their belief in the communal viability of the American spirit. Presently, they are a tiny minority, but these Communitarians are our last best hope for bringing together a stable political middle-so that our faith in a government conceived of, by and for the people shall not now perish into something less. As the word of their cogent "cognitariat" vision spreads and takes hold,2 Americans of every stripe, all capable of using their natural common sense, will wake up to their need to engage each other in open collaborative discourse, together building a watershed of revolutionary innovations, which can be appended to the fundamental law of our land, grounded on ideals of faith, hope and charity, inward and towards each other, and sustained by the practice of temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, as was designed into the foundations of this nation by its founders.3

The first objective of this e-politan Communitarian Movement should be to take to task those that are most stricken with acute mental myopia, the so-called governing elite of the nation. They are: 1) the major broadcasters, who compete to tease us with fleeting headlines; 2) the written media to the extent those adhering to the finest point-of-view are those mendaciously blotted-out of the marketplace of open ideas; 3) political party operatives, who at best see two years ahead; 4) the stereotypical technocrat, who tends to his or her fiefdom, more than the people's busi-

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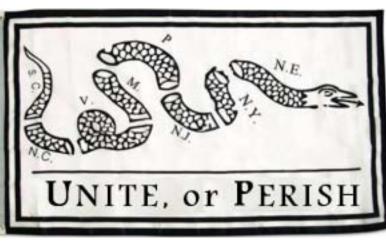
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ness, and 5) those elected officeholders, who wish most to stay in office only to find themselves snared by 'the institutional forces of [Second Wave 4 money, media, interest groups and the [thoroughly unsatisfactory nature of the incumbent] legislative

From one dismal dawn to the next, our alleged elite look like they have not the slightest clue about what has happened to this nation over the past they never really get a firm grip on it. This game is played out just so they can command the 24/7 spotlight for three minutes in one half-hour slot, at most. No longer than that can a pontificating celebrity of the tube keep the attention of an unimpassioned audience, already numbed by the rehearsal of their inanely empty platitudes. Tens of millions of American viewers no doubt grab for their remote and change the channel, before



three decades. Incorrigibly, they act like an untrained rugby scrum, interlocked in a circle of perpetuating circuitous motion. With their heads down, pushing at each other, so they might get a chance to pick-up and run with a balloon shaped ball that wobbles around on the ground, as well as in their hands, so much so

the superfluous effects of such hyperbolic antics have a chance of deleteriously affecting their evening disposition in ad nauseam.

In an interview, the late Bill Buckley once noted that "the only thing that is wrong with capitalism is capitalists." I wish the only thing wrong with our polity was our poli-

ticians, but the solutions to our problems are more complex than simply dividing our government between two political parties, for both will hold on to a withering past with the last dying breath of our lives. "The gap between objective changes in the world at large and the stagnation of politics and government is undermining the very fabric of our political system." Such was said, lightyears ago. Socioeconomic upheaval is everywhere, now, if we only would open our mind's eye. Like our virtuous founders, it is time we, their hallowed posterity, concede the need for ourselves to "experiment" with what was then radical technological institutional innovations. Hence, in our time, let it be mandated that our central and state governments change the way they are structured and op-erate, which will require dynamic changes in every charter, each having been rendered obsolete, to include, if necessary, amending The Constitution of the United States, for now, it is the time we begin the process of re-engineering our relationship with our government and each other.

Very Respectfully, I.M. Sisyphus

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1. In The Ennobling of Democracy, by Thomas Pangle, 1992, hardcover, at page 83 is a quotation by Winston Churchill, "[T]he word

'Civilization.' What does it mean? It means a society based on the opinions of civilians." Under proper and fitting conditions, no better justification for rule by e-plebiscite could ever be made.

2. See Creating a New Civilization: The Politics of the Third Wave, by Alvin and Heidi Toffler, paperback, 1995, at page 55.

3. The genealogy of civic virtue extends from the ethical teachings of the Greek (Socrates, Plato, Aristotle), the Roman (Cicero, Seneca), the Jewish (Philo), the Muslim (Ibn Khaldun) and Christian traditions (Clement of Alexandria, Augustine, Aquinas, et al.) And, if not by explicate tracts, then by demonstrative inferences George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Winston Churchill, Russell Kirk and Alastair MacIntyre, etc. The e-politan Communitarian Movement follows MacIntyre, directly.

4. In Toffler, read about the attributes of Second Wave Civilizations at pages 17, 21, 28-30, 33, 73, 77, 93 and 105.

5. See The Audacity of Hope, by Barack Obama, hardcover, 2004, at pages 10 and 128.

6. In Toffler, Forward by Newt Gingrich, A Citizen's Guide to the Twenty-First Century, at page 16.

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## **Obituaries**

## Diane Wetzel, 50, Devoted to Animals;

Tuesday, November 2, 2010, at her

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she grew up in Westfield before moving to Elizabeth. At Roosevelt Junior High School and Westfield High School, Diane was an active member of the drama department and received several awards for her abilities.

Diane served in the United States Air Force from 1980 to 1986,

where she was a sergeant in the intelligence department. She devoted much of her time and energy to animal rescue efforts and was tireless in her quest to help abandoned and injured animals.

Surviving are her parents, Charles and Marion Wetzel; her sisters, Dorothy Wetzel and Florence Wetzel; her nephew, Alexander Sugarman; her niece, Flora Jane Sugarman; her

numerous friends.

Diane received a private burial at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield on Friday, November 5, under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 26, 2010, in the chapel of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Summit Animal Rescue Association, P.O. Box 124, Berke-

ley Heights, N.J. 07922, (908) 464-1203 or saracats.julia@gmail.com, as well as Best Friend Dog and Animal Adoption, P.O. Box 335, Cranford, N.J. 07016, (908) 486-0230 or bfdaaa@gmail.com.

Arrangements are by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield. To sign the guestbook, visit www.grayfuneralhomes.com.

#### Agnes Trembicki, 82, BOE Secretary; **Loved Family, Friends and Animals**

Diane Wetzel

Agnes Trembicki, 82, died on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, at her home in Scotch Plains.

Born in New Philadelphia, Pa., she was a longtime resident of Scotch

Agnes was employed as an executive secretary with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education before

She loved the theater, classical music and going to casinos and horse race tracks with her brother. A wonderful "horse show mom," Agnes doted on all animals, and took great pleasure in celebrating the holidays with family and in attending regular luncheons with her friends. She was an avid fan of the Cincinnati Reds.

She is survived by her husband, John, who considers her the "best person in the whole world," and her three daughters, Kathryn Graves (Charles), Joanne Tobey (Steven Zerby) and Christine Trembicki-Guy (Ed); her brother, Andrew Carroll; her sisters, Theresa Chizauskas (John) and Helen Wendel, and her beloved little dog, Midgey.

Her brother, Joe, and her sisters, Anna Dubosky, Marie Buber and

#### Sophia Glimis, 75

Sophia Glimis, 75, of East Windsor, N.J. died on Saturday, November 6,

Born to the late Kostas and Malamo Mouhtis on April 20, 1935 in Menidi, Greece, she emigrated to the United States in 1956 and married Angelos Glimis on September 27, 1959.

Sophia was a long-time employee of the Irvington Board of Education, where she worked as a school bus aide for special needs children.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are three children, Al Glimis and his wife, Emily Cook, of Princeton, N.J., Gus Glimis and his wife, Lisa Frankfort, of San Francisco, Calif., and Joanne Thiel and her husband, Robert, of East Windsor, N.J. Three grandchildren, Olivia Thiel, Sergei Glimis and Robert Angelo Thiel, also survive her.

The funeral service took place yesterday, Wednesday, November 10, at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were by the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the Alzheimer's Association. November 11, 2010

> Gray Funeral Home 318 East Broad St.

Westfield, NJ 07090

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Jeanie Laughlin, predeceased her. Visitation will be on Saturday, November 13, from 10 to 11 a.m., with services at 11 a.m., at Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue in

visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

## On Tap December 2

COUNTY - On Thursday, December 2, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) State Service Office, in conjunction with VFW Post No. 2433, will host an outreach program from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for all Union County veterans. It will take place at the post home, located at 2012 High Street in Union.

Assistance will be available to all veterans in enrolling in the Veterans Administration (VA) system, filing a claim for medical services and other entitlements due them from the VA, and resolving any problems they may

attend. Participants need only bring valid identification and a copy of their DD-214 or other separation papers given them by the military. For further information, call Bernard McElwee, VFW state service officer, at (973) 297-3226 or Den-

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street, will present "Violin Magic for Adults" on Saturday, No-

New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA) Executive Director Ted Schlosberg will lead the class. Participants should bring their own violin if they have one, or call (908) 789-9696 to make an appointment for sizing, so that they can borrow one from the

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

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#### The Mestfield Leader and The Scotch Plains - Fanwood TIMES **HUNG UP!!**

### Friend Caught in the Middle **Following Couple's Divorce**

By Milt Faith, Executive Director Youth and Family Counseling Service

A Troubled Friend Writes: Robin and Rex (disguised names) and I have been the best of friends for over 10 years. In recent months, they have separated and divorced. I want to remain friends with both; I do not want to choose one over the other. In order to accomplish this, I'll have dinner with Rex once a month, and I visit Robin and we go to a movie or a museum on a Sunday afternoon. I thought this would work well, but it is

becoming a problem. Every time I see them, one starts bad mouthing the other and/or tries to win me over as being their "best friend." I don't want to lose these friendships, and so I'll say nothing or quietly agree with whatever I'm told. Any advice on how to continue the relationships without feeling I have to be quiet and not express my discomfort?

Answer: Your sense of comfort is the most important part of this situation. The healthier way to resolve this is to be open and honest. I would tell each that, whether he/she is aware of it or not, you are uncomfortable when negative things are said about the other, that you want to retain a loving and caring relationship with each, and you would appreciate it if each could honor your feelings. I believe, and hope, that they will listen to you and abide by the healthy (and appropriate) boundaries that you are setting up. They must respect the fact that you must remain neutral or you will have to distance yourself. One of the most endearing priorities in life is to maintain special friendships throughout one's lifetime.

You are not alone in this difficulty. Often, a friend has to choose sides and/or has to go with the one who listens and agrees to the feelings that you have expressed. Good luck, and follow through with my suggestions.

The following are responses to questions I was unable to answer in earlier columns:

#### **Rotary to Spotlight** Village In Kenya

WESTFIELD – The Rotary Club of Westfield will feature "Kenyan Village Takes A First Step" as its program on Tuesday, November 16. Westfield Rotarians meet 50 weeks per year, from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., for lunch and a program in the second-floor Kellogg Room at the Westfield Area "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield. Guests are welcome to attend any weekly meetings.

The upcoming program will focus on the people of Burangi, a small village in the Malindi district, who took their first steps in the process to become a "Total Health Village" in August, when a nine-person American medical team came to provide care and assess needs

Team member Lorrie Apel, a Registered Nurse and volunteer with Genesis World Mission, will shed light on the successes and challenges of conducting the six-day medical camp, during which 2,500 patients were seen, and working with incountry partners to help the villagers assess their needs and resources to develop long-term solutions for health care. For more information, visit genesisworldmission.org.

Anyone interested in attending a program or learning more about Rotary in Westfield may contact Ray Kostyack, president, at (908) 789-

raymond.kostyack@wachoviasec.com.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10006607 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION

CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-32982-08
Plaintiff: THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS
TRUSTEE FOR THE BENIFIT OF CERTIFICATE HOLDERS, CWMBS, INC., CHL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH TRUST 2007-J2
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VS.
Defendant: ERNEST DI FRANCESCO:
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK FSB
Sale Date: 12/08/2010
Writ of Execution: 09/02/2010
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution
to me directed I shall expose for sale by public
vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN 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
Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Seven
and 99/100\*\*\* \$495,947.99.
Property to be sold is located in: Township of
Scotch Plains, County of Union, in the State of
New Jersey.

Scotch Plains, County of Union, in the State of New Jersey.
Premises commonly known as: 1923 Mountain Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076
Tax Lot # 18.0201, Block # 1803
Approximate Dimensions: .31 Acres
Nearest cross street: Union Avenue
Taxes: Current through 3rd Quarter of 2010\*
Other: Sewer = \$425.96 (estimated)\*
\*Plus interest on these figures through date of payoff and any and all subsequent taxes, water and sewer amouts.
Total Upset: \*\*\*Five Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Eight and 81/100\*\*\*
\$556,928.81 together with lawful interest and costs.

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.

any.

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

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Ralph Froehlich

Ralph Froehlich Attorney:
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(856) 596-8900 11/11, 11/18, 11/25 Fee: \$183.60

To the parent who wonders which interviewing TV personalities are good role models for TV viewers (and if you care to comment, which are bad):

My pleasure: I enjoy Larry King and Ellen DeGeneres, who are accepting of and respectful to their guests, even though they may disagree with them politically; I cannot stand Judge Judy and Dr. Laura, for the condescending and sarcastic ways in which they speak their rhetoric, demanding that you agree with them.

To the young parent who is annoved when her best friend's son (age seven) eats the cream in between the Oreo cookies and then replaces them in the box of cookies, which confuses your son. You also indicate she does not like criticism.

If your friend doesn't mind and doesn't set limits, I would tell your child that this is inappropriate behavior because of health factors and encourage your child to eat cookies or other snacks from another box. You have indicated that your friend doesn't want to be "criticized," so I would avoid any discussion about this area.

To the parent who never put in writing that her husband would pay towards the children's college expenses (when they went to college), but has continued to work at two jobs to cover these costs, only to find out that the children agree with their father that she is responsible for the educational expenses:

I would do two things: First, see a lawyer and find out about your legal rights regarding this difficult situation, and secondly, stand up straight, look your children in their eyes and tell them it is about time they played a role in financing their education by working part-time, seeking student loans and applying for scholarship assistance. Your ex may be surprised to learn that he is not legally off the hook regarding the children's education. If all else fails, your children should consider a two-year college and get an associate degree during this period of resolution.

And finally, to the mother-in-law who wants to tell her daughter-in-law to stop naming newborn grandchildren with the letter J because she finds

Your daughter-in-law has every right to name her children whatever she wants (hopefully, the names are not bizarre). I assume she and your son concur with the names. I encourage family members to build on the strengths of each person, something that strengthens family unity.

#### **Lions Club Launches** White Cane Drive

GARWOOD - The Garwood Lions Club is conducting its annual White Cane Drive. A major fundraising event, this campaign involves Lions clubs worldwide reaching out to their communities to secure the financial resources necessary to carry out various vision-related and youthoriented projects.

The Garwood Lions Club maintains a drop-off box by the Garwood Post Office for the collection of used eyeglasses that are refurbished and distributed to the needy.

The club also supports Garwood scouting programs and a baseball team, awards scholarships to highschool seniors and recognizes academic excellence of eighth-grade graduates, as well as hosting free events for both children and senior citizens. To obtain information regarding membership, call Lion Peggy Briggs at (908) 654-4977.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10006380 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION DOCKET NO. F-11809 Plaintiff: MIDFIRST BANK

VS.
Defendant: KEVIN T. HURTT; KAREN B. HURTT; HOFFER & LEFF, DDS
Sale Date: 12/01/2010
Writ of Execution: 08/25/2010
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN 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: \*\*\*Two Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Ten and 38/100\*\*\* \$248,010.38.
The property to be sold is located in: The Town

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ersey. Commonly known as: 517 Cumberland Street,

Commonly known as: 517 Cumberland Street,
Westfield, New Jersey 07090
Tax Lot No: 15 in Block: 2707
Dimensions of Lot (Approximately): 142 x 91
Nearest Cross Street: Osborn Avenue
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.
Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available. You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.
Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): None.
Total Upset: \*\*Two Hundred Eighty Two
Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Two and 73/10\*\*\*
\$282,662.73 together with lawful interest and costs.

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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Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC 200 SHEFFIELD STREET SUITE 301 MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY 07092

Fee: \$173.40



CARDS AMi...Westfield Leader freelance writer and photographer Linda Beaudry Condrillo displays her wares at the PTA Fall Festival held on October 16. The amateur shutterbug and self-proclaimed "desperate scrapbooker" hand-crafts notecards, incorporating her love of travel and "tons of extra photos" she prints after a trip abroad, or around the block. Mrs. Condrillo resides in Mountainside and will appear at a local trunk show in November. For more information, e-mail

## Miller-Cory to Celebrate **Cranberries on Sunday**

WESTFIELD - The Miller-Cory House Museum will go "Crazy for Cranberries" this Sunday, November 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in

The program will include a slide show presentation about cranberries, one of the few fruits native to North America. Also featured will be a storytelling tribute to the late Harry and Wende Devlin, creators of the beloved "Cranberry Series" of children's books.

In Miller-Cory's Frazee Building, cooks will prepare various seasonal foods over the authentic, 18th-century open hearth, incorporating this favored fruit of Native Americans and Pilgrims alike.

Tours of the 1740 farmhouse will be included in the program, and the gift shop will be open. Admission to the museum and its grounds is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students; children under 4 are admitted for free.

On Sunday, November 21, the museum will present "Thanksgiving Dinner and Table Customs and Manners," when visitors may watch the

preparation of Colonial Thanksgiving foods.

'Gingerbread Sunday" will take place December 5 from 1:30 to 4 p.m., during which children will make a gingerbread house to take home and hear stories about this spicy treat. Advance reservations must be made no later than noon on Friday, December 3, for this event. Admission will be \$4 per child; accompanying adults may attend for free.

On Saturday, December 11, 'Christmas at Mount Vernon with Martha Washington" is scheduled between 4 and 7 p.m. "Mrs. Washington" will host an evening of candlelit tours, period music, toasting, storytelling of life with President Washington, open-hearth cooking demonstrations and other festivities. Advance reservations and tickets are required, and children must be 12 or older to attend. Admission is \$12.

For more information, call the museum weekday mornings at (908) 232-1776. The museum's website is millercoryhouse.org and address e-mail millercorymuseum@gmail.com.

## **Emily Tebbetts to Shave Head After Raising \$5K For Komen**

WESTFIELD - In honor of her mother, who has been battling breast cancer for the past decade, Emily Tebbetts plans to shave her head publicly on November 27, after pledging to do so if she could raise \$5,000 by Thanksgiving Day for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Emily's mother, Laura Tebbetts, was diagnosed with breast cancer 10 years ago in January. It has since come back multiple times in her breast, spread to her liver, then to her brain several times. It was determined long ago that she would need chemotherapy treatments once a week for the rest of her life.

This past summer, the chemo medication Emily's mother was taking was severely and irreversibly damaging her heart, making it hard for her to go anywhere without getting winded. Since she was clean and because the medicine was so damaging, her doctor decided to take her off chemotherapy while she visited her parents for four weeks.

However, by the time she got back, she was having trouble walking. It turns out that in four weeks, several tumors had formed in her brain alongside one in her spine, which was large enough that it was pressing on a nerve, making it difficult to walk.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10000699 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION

DOCKET NO. F-40581-08
Plaintiff: CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC VS. Defendant: VICTOR PADILLA

VS.
Defendant: VICTOR PADILLA
Sale Date: 11/17/2010
Writ of Execution: 12/01/2009
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRA-TION 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 Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Three and 07/100\*\*\* \$325,463.07.
The property to be sold is located in the Borough of Garwood, County of Union and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 269 4th Avenue, Garwood, New Jersey 07027.
Tax Lot No. 3 in Block No. 203
Dimension of Lot Approximately: 50 x 100
Nearest Cross Street: Cedar Street
Beginning at a point in the Southerly line of Fourth Avenue distant 100.00 feet Easterly along said side line of Fourth Avenue from the intersection with the Easterly side line of Cedar Street;

said side line of Fourth Avenue from the intersec-tion with the Easterly side line of Cedar Street Prior Liens/Encumbrances Total as of September 23, 2010: \$0.00
Total Upset: \*\*Three Hundred Seventy Three
Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Three and 78/
100\*\*\*\$373,363.78 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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There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.

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

Ralph Froehlich

Ralph Froehlich Sheriff

Attorney: FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC 7 CENTURY DRIVE SUITE 201 PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY 07054 (973) 538-4700 10/21, 10/28, 11/04 Fee: \$169.32

A 2009 graduate of Westfield High School, Emily has said she has several reasons for deciding to shave her head in exchange for the donations, and two incentives in particular. One is to show solidarity with her mother, whose chronic hair loss as a result of chemotherapy and radiation has sometimes drawn strange looks and stares from people. The second is in tribute to her mother's continued ability to beat the odds, which her daughter attributes to her mother's positive attitude and the production of new medicines.

Emily's ultimate goal is to raise \$10,000, marking her mother's 10 years with breast cancer. As of last Sunday, she had raised \$7,475. To donate online and receive more

information, emilytebbetts.chipin.com/breastcancer-research-susan-g-komen. Those wishing to donate also can mail checks to Emily's dorm: Emily Tebbetts, No. 245 780 Columbus Avenue, Boston, MA 02120, or drop them off at her house in Westfield. the address, e-mail emilytebbetts@comcast.net.

Checks can be made payable either to Emily or the Susan G. Komen Foundation, but should be made out to SGK with "Emily Tebbetts Fundraiser" in the subject line if wishing to get a tax credit. Checks will all be sent in together on November 27.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE

SHERIFF'S FILE NO.: CH-10006615 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. L-2915-09B Plaintiff: VELOCITY INVESTMENTS LLC VS.

Defendant: MILDRED ECKER

VS.
Defendant: MILDRED ECKER
Sale Date: 12/08/2010
Writ of Execution: 05/26/2010
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRA-TION 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: \*\*\*Twenty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Seven and 92/100\*\*\* \$24,847.92.
Street and street number: 625 West Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey 07090
Tax Lot and Block Number: Block 2819, Lot 1.01 on the Tax Map of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey 07090
Nearest cross street: Corner Lot, West Broad Street and Hazel Avenue
Dimensions: 86.16 x 100 x 83.61 x 100.02
Full Description: Deed Book 3190, page 480
Prior Liens: None known
Total Upset: \*\*\*Twenty Seven Thousand Seven and 10/100\*\*\* \$27,007.10 together with lawful interest and costs.
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RIBBONS FOR ROBIN...WHS student Sydney Metzger, right, her aunt Kristine Ammerlaan, center, and her grandmother, Janice Metzger, walked in memory of Robin Metzger, Sydney's mother, who lost her battle with breast cancer July 6, 2006.

## **Teen Raises Money In Memory Of Her Mother**

WESTFIELD - Sydney Metzger, a junior at Westfield High School, and her team, "Ribbons for Robin," raised more than \$10,000 to help fund research to find a cure for breast cancer through their participation in the two-day Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, held October 16-17. Sydney, her aunt, Kristine Ammerlaan, and her grandmother, Janice Metzger, walked in memory of Robin Metzger, Sydney's mother, who lost her battle with breast cancer on July 6, 2006.

In Robin's memory, they walked a 39.3 miles. They walked 26.2 miles on the first day and 13.1 the second day. The evening between was spent on Randall's Island in a vast tent encampment.

In 2008, Sydney was unable to walk in the Avon walk because she did not meet the age requirement. Instead, she organized a walk in Tamaques Park in Westfield also called "Ribbons for Robin."

Sydney's walk raised more than \$15,000. She was recognized for her effort and involvement from the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Tired but with a great sense of accomplishment, Sydney met her father and walked the last two miles together to the finish line.

Donations can still be made to Team Ribbons for Robin at the Avon walk for Breast Cancer site.

## **Murder Mystery Play to Be** Staged at Wardlaw School

EDISON-The Wardlaw-Hartridge School, located at 1295 Inman Avenue in North Edison, will stage its fall play, Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap, on Friday, November 12, at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, November 13, at 3 and 7:30 p.m. in the school's All-Purpose Room.

The Mousetrap is a murder-mystery play that opened in the West End of London in 1952 and has been running continuously since then. It has the longest initial run of any play in history, with more than 24,000 performances so far. It is also the longest running show (of any type) of the modern era.

The Mousetrap is known for its twist ending, which, at the end of every performance, the audience is asked not to reveal.

The cast includes: Samantha Lamparello as Mollie Ralson, Jessie Flood as Giles Ralson, Samantha Barbeito as Christina Wren, Jian Bland as Mrs. Boyle, Kush Mody of Edison as Major Metcalf, Aneesa Sonawalla as Miss Casewell, Sam Brukhman of Cranford as Mr. Paravicini and Billy Buchbinder of Scotch Plains as Detective Sergeant Trotter.

Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$5 per student and senior citizen, and \$30 per family. Additionally, there will be a ticket extension in which tickets can be reserved, paid for and picked up at a "Will Call" table on the evenings of the performances. To reserve tickets, call (908) 754-1882, extension 609.



Photo by Linda Kouri UNRAVEL THE MYSTERY...The full cast of the fall play, *The Mousetrap*, which will be staged at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in North Edison on November 12 and 13 is pictured before rehearsal: Aneesa Sonawalla, Kush Mody, Samantha Lamparello, Jessie Flood, Billy Buchbinder of Scotch Plains, Jian Bland, Sam Brukhman of Cranford and Samantha Barbeito.

### Legawiec to Perform at Pro Arte

MOUNTAINSIDE - Walter Fitelberg, Poland's great conductor. Legawiec, violinist and composer, of Mountainside, will perform at the Pro Arte League of the Kosciuszko Foundation fundraiser "Reflections," which will commemorate Chopin's 200th anniversary of his birth and Ignace Paderewski's 150th anniversary of his birth.

The event will take place at the Royal Manor in Garfield on Sunday, November 14. Mr. Legawiec will be performing the works of Chopin and Paderewski.

AWorldWarII veteran, Mr. Legawiec graduated from the Julliard School of Music. He studied with the late Gregor

Mr. Legawiec has been the recipient of many awards, including the Abraham Axelrod and Koussevitsky Foundation Scholarships to the Berkshire Music Center at Tanglewood. He has played in Broadway orchestras, at Tanglewood, the Copacabana Club in New York and for Time Records.

Most recently, he performed in a program celebrating the bicentennial of Chopin and Robert Schumann at the Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside. Featured in the program was the first performance of Mr. Legawiec's "Serenade for Piano."

To learn more, call (973) 773-9721.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

Public notice is hereby given that I, Lori Majeski, Collector of Taxes of the Township of Scotch Plains, County of Union will sell at public auction on **TUESDAY**, **DECEMBER 7,2010** in the Municipal Court, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon or at such later time and place to which said sale may then be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner thereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A.

54:5-1, et seq. as computed to the 7th day of December 2010. Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel together with interest and costs to the date of the sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, but in no case in excess of 18%. Payments for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check or money order or other method previously approved by the Tax Collector or the property will be resold. Properties for which there are no other purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the

Township of Scotch Plains at an interest rate of 18%. At any time before the sale I will accept payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs. Payment must be in the form of cash, certified check or money

Industrial properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58-10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58-:10A-1 et seq.) and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq.), In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner of the site

In the event that the owner of the property is on Active Duty in the Military Service, the Tax Collector should be notified immediately. The lands to be sold are described in accordance with the last tax duplicate as follows:

**OWNER BLK** 

**LOCATION** 2343 Belvidere Drive

**TOTAL DUE** \$5,938.32

Lori Majeski Collector of Taxes Fee: \$124.44 rts ntertainment

## **Kean Stage Presents Music** Of Composer-In-Residence

HILLSIDE - The Concert Artist Program of Kean University celebrates its 11th season with The Music of Samuel Zyman on November 18 at 8 p.m. in Enlow Recital Hall.

The music of the 2010-2011 composer-in-residence will include Music for Five. Search for Piano Trio. Variations on an Original Theme for Solo Piano and the world premiere of his first String Quintet, written especially for the concert artists.

Musicians performing include: Brennan Sweet, Victoria Stewart and Elissa Cassini, violins; Maurycy Banaszek, viola; Susannah Chapman and Caroline Stinson, cellos; Anthony Scelba, double bass; Lisa Hansen, flute; Romie de Guise-Langois, clarinet; Allison Brewster Franzetti and Gabriela Martinez, piano.

The Concert Artist Program brings

world-renowned performing musicians onto Kean's Conservatory of Music faculty. While maintaining careers as professional performers, concert artists present solo, chamber music and jazz recitals at Kean; teach private, weekly studio lessons to Kean students and conduct master classes and other community outreach services in the public schools and junior colleges. Some concert artists also coach ensembles and teach classroom courses related to their specialties.

Enlow Hall is a new concert hall with precision acoustics. The 312seat concert space is located on the Nathan Weiss Graduate School campus of Kean University at 215 North Avenue in Hillside.

Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling (908) 737-SHOW (7469), and online at keanstage.com.

## **Sundance Students** To Perform Aladdin Kids

NORTH PLAINFIELD - On Saturday, November 13, The Sundance School's (North Plainfield) Galaxy Class of third and fourth graders will perform Disney's Aladdin Kids. The performance will take place at 11:30 a.m. during the school's open house. The show features local residents Ryan Brace and Kiana McQuade of Scotch Plains and Eino Korpela of Westfield.

The Arabian-set show was selected to represent this year's school theme – "It's a Small World."

 $Students\, ranging\, from\, preschoolers$ through fourth grade will perform in other musical productions of international origin throughout the year at Sundance, including versions of Mary Poppins, Madeline and The Mitten.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted Resolutions at its November 8, 2010 meeting for the following applications heard at its October 13, 2010 meeting.

Stuart and Jane Baker, 1001 Wychwood Road (700 Woodland Avenue), Applicant sought permission to construct first and second story additions contrary to Section 11.06E5 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum front yard setback of 35.8 feet. (EFYD). Proposed was ± 20.5 feet. Application approved with conditions

Jennifer S. Scutti, 102 Roger Avenue, Applicant sought permission to replace an old deck with an outside kitchen and a pergola and to relocate an existing shed and hot tub. Applicant sought relief from the following Sections of the Land Use Ordinance: §13.02B, §13.02C, §13.02E1to allow a deck, a shed and a hot tub to be located in the side yard and a portion of the front yard where a rear yard location is required. §13.01G1a -to allow a 5 feet side yard setback where a side yard setback of 10 feet is required for an accessory structure (shed) abutting a front or side yard of an adjacent property. §12.0-4G - to allow an all improvement coverage of 45%/8.024 square feet where a maximum of 40%/ 7,200 square feet is allowed. Application approved with conditions.

St. Helen's Church, 1600 Rahway Avenue, Applicant sought permission to retain three existing signs contrary to Sections 16.04K and 16.07B of the Land Use Ordinance. Amended application approved with conditions.

David Zornitsky & Michelle Rosen, 842 Standish Avenue, Applicants sought permission to construct a second floor addition contrary to Section 11.06E6 of the Land Use Ordinance to allow a side yard setback of 10.7 feet where 12.5 feet is required. Application approved with con-

NRT. LLC. 600 North Avenue. Applicant sought preliminary and final major site plan approval with c and d variances to use a portion of the basement as a training room/computer room contrary to Sections 12.04C and 17.02C. Ordinance restricts the use of the basement to storage or a similar support function. Proposed is a training/computer room. Based on the use, the ordinance requires 26 parking spaces. Proposed were 11 parking spaces. Appli-

Kathleen Nemeth Secretary, Board of Adjustment 1 T - 11/11/10, The Leader Fee: \$55.08

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at the meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjust-ment of the Township of Scotch Plains held on November 4, 2010, the Board norialized the following Resolutions:

Terens, Dr. William & Mrs. Heidi, denied as time barred, the requested relief for determination for an appeal of the Zoning Officer's decision on permits granted and interpretation of certain existing structures located within the 100 feet setback of Union Catholic High School.

Maloney, Richard & Felix, Magali, approved, for 2091 Raritan Road, Block 12901, Lot 2, for a variance to construct a pool house.

Evangel Church, denied, a Use Variance for an LED sign at 1251 Terrill Road, Stone Art Design, approved, for a

Temporary Operating Permit for outdoor storage at property located at 2371 Beryllium Road, Block 6901, Lot 25 Poeschl, Andre and Kelly-Lynn, approved, for a variance to retain a 6 feet high fence in the front yard at property located at 2030 Wood Road, Block 10504,

The files pertaining to these applications are in the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 430 Park Avenue, and available for public inspection during regular office hours.

Barbara Horev, Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment 1 T - 11/11/10, The Times Fee: \$35.19

"Theater, dance and music are an integral part of our curriculum at Sundance," said Sundance founder Ginny Tobey. "These activities are a great way for the children to gain confidence in expressing themselves, an important skill they will use throughout their lives. Given the international aspect of the shows, we can also teach the children about life

in different countries.' Beyond the stage productions, the school will weave lessons about world geography, language, art, governments and more into the curriculum. The theme will be capped off by a virtual recreation of countries around the world for the school's big annual Happening entitled "The Sundance World's Fair." The Happening will take place the end of February through early March.

More information about the school's creative approach to education for children ages 2 years though fifth grade will be available at the open house. Tours of the school will be given before and after the show from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Sundance School is located at 401 Greenbrook Road in North Plainfield. For more information, call 561-5055 or thesundanceschool.com.

#### SCOTCH PLAINS HOUSE SALE

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SONGS OF SHIRU NAH...The Shiru Nah choral group, pictured above, will perform at the Women's Fall Dinner at Congregation Beth Israel of Scotch Plains on Tuesday, November 16, at 7 p.m. The congregation's Sisterhood will sponsor this dinner, which is open to the community. For more information or to register, call Sisterhood Co-Chairwomen Arlene Feller at (908) 889-9553 or Linda Ross at

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Scotch Plains Municipal Manager has scheduled a public input/public comment session regarding the 2011 Municipal Budget on Wednesday, November 24, 2010 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon at Township Hall, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch

The public is invited to provide any com ments and/or input concerning the 2011 budget at that time. Christopher R. Marion, Municipal Manage

1 T - 11/11/10, The Times Fee: \$13.26

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS **CITIZEN INPUT FOR** REVENUE BLOCK GRANT

Mayor Nancy Malool has announced a public hearing will be held on the HUD Revenue Sharing Block Grant, XXXVII Year funding on Tuesday, November 30, 2010 in Room #202, Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey at 7:30 PM.

"We are attempting to set our own priorities and want to know how our own citizens feel the county allocation should be spent", said Mayor Malool. Scotch Plains has benefited from Com-

munity Development funds since 1975 amounting to nearly \$4,000,000. It is expected that approximately \$6,000,000 will be available to Union County for Community Development Block Grant XXXVII Year

The hearing will be chaired by the Township's official delegates to the Revenue Sharing Committee. Nineteen towns in Union County are involved, and all projects must have a 2/3 majority of the total committee membership approval in order to become reality. Application for projects will be available

at Township Hall and include complete instructions concerning project eligibility. Projects funded throughout the 19 member municipalities include: housing, reha $bilitation, neighborhood \, preservation, code$ enforcement, senior citizen facilities, child care facilities, and various social service

programs.
TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS Christopher R. Marion Municipal Manage 1 T - 11/11/10, The Times Fee: \$35.19

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** TOWN OF WESTFIELD INVITATION TO BID

#### SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RE-

CEIVED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M. PREVAILING TIME AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 425 EAST BROAD STREET, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY FOR THE:

> "2011 COLLECTION AND MARKETING OF RECY-CLABLE MATERIAL IN THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY"

Proposals shall be in writing on the forms furnished and must be delivered at the place and before the hour above mentioned, and must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond payable to the Town of Westfield in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the base amount of the bid, but not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$20,000.00. (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-21) Each bid must also be accompanied by a Surety Company Certificate stating that said Surety company will provide the bidder with the required Performance bond in the full amount of the Contract (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-22), by a Non-Collusion Affidavit and a Contractor's Qualification Statement, Statement of Ownership, on the forms included in and explained in the contract documents.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 and must pay workmen the prevailing wage rates promulgated by the New Jersey State Department of Labor and Industry for this project, copies of which are on file in the Office of the Town engineer.

All bidders must submit with their bid a copy of their New Jersey Business Registration Certificate. Failure to submit proof of registration will disqualify

SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE SEEN OR OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS CENTER, 959 NORTH AVENUE, WEST, WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL RE-SERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITY, IF IN THE INTEREST OF THE TOWN, IT IS DEEMED ADVISABLE TO DO SO KRIS McALOON

TOWN ENGINEER 1 T - 11/11/10, The Leader Fee: \$51.51

### **AVON OPEN HOUSE**

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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY **CHANCERY DIVISION** UNION COUNTY

#### FILE NO. 10840-09

NOTICE TO REDEEM PARK FINANCE, LLC PLAIN-TIFF VS. MARY C. MORAN, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTA-TIVES AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCES-SORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; FRANCIS M. CONNELLY, HIS HEIRS, DE-VISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTER-EST; EILEEN MORAN; BAYSHORE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL; BELL ATLANTIC NJ INC. N/K/A VERIZON NEW JERSEY; LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY; SUMMIT MEDICAL GROUP PA; ANESTHESIA ASSOCI-ATES OF MORRISTOWN; STATE OF NEW JERSEY;

DEFENDANT(S) TO: MARY C. MORAN, HER HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRE-SENTATIVES AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; FRANCIS M. CONNELLY, HIS HEIRS, DEVISES AND PERSONAL REPRE-SENTATIVES AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN

RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an order made on November 3, 2010, the Superior Court Fixed December 20, 2010 between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, prevailing time, at the office of the Tax Collector of CLARK, located at 430 WESTFIELD AVE, CLARK, NEW JERSEY 07066, as the time and place when and where you may pay to the plaintiff the amount so found due for principal and interest on its

certificate of tax sale as follows: LOT 41 BLOCK 176 on the tax duplicate of CLARK. Total amount required to redeem tax sale certificate no. 0702 is \$38,435.16, together with interest from December 31, 2009 and costs of

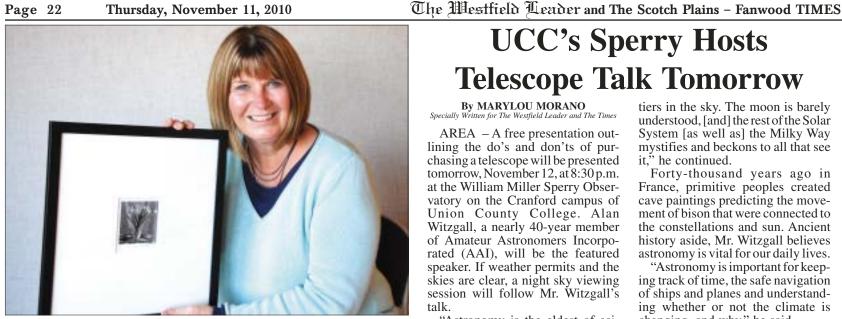
\$1,410.91 And that unless, at the same time and place, you or one of you redeem by paying the aforesaid sum so found due to plaintiff, then you, and each of you shall be debarred and foreclosed of and from all right and equity of redemption of, in and to the lands and premises above set out and described in the complaint and every part thereof, and that the plaintiff be vested with an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple in said lands

and premises. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, redemption shall be permitted up until the entry of final judgment including the whole of the last date upon which judgment is entered.

Michael G. Pellegrino, Esq. Attorney for Plaintif PELLEGRINO & FELDSTEIN, L.L.C. 290 Route 46 West

Denville, New Jersey 07834 (973) 586-2300 1 T - 6/11/09, The Leader Fee: \$68.85

4 T - 11/11, 11/18, 11/25 & 12/2/10, The Times



FEMME PHOTALE...Jody Pfeiffer, a Westfield resident, will exhibit her photographs at Art on the Hill, Saturday evening, November 13, at the Shrine of St. Joseph in Stirling. An accomplished photographer and former art teacher, Ms. Pfeiffer is a member of Femmes Photales, a group of professional women photographers.

## **Kean University Crosses** Over to The Other Shore

UNION - Kean University Department of Theatre presents The Other Shore by Pultizer Prize-winning playwright and author Gao Xingjian. This thought-provoking avant-garde production will be performed in the Zella Fry Theatre on the university campus in Union, from November 12 through the 20.

Written in 1986, The Other Shore was originally scheduled to be produced by the Beijing People's Art Theater, where the playwright was an artist in residence. For political reasons, however, it was banned and never staged in mainland China.

Thematically, the play addresses issues of collectivism and individualism — themes that Xingjian has addressed throughout his career and ones that are considered to be highly volatile in the Communist Chinese con-

"Xingjian was pushing a lot of political buttons at the time," said Anna DeMers, assistant professor of Theatre at Kean University, where she concentrates on movement for the actor training.

Ms. DeMers directs the production, adding, "I wanted to explore with the students a piece that asked to be developed through the body. My training as an artist and my specialty is in physical theatre and movement.'

Stylistically, Xingjian's works seldom follow conventional narrative modes, so The Other Shore lends itself to Ms. DeMers' choreographic ap-

The cast of The Other Shore features Becca Bowe, Brandon Elia, David Farrington (who was seen this past fall with Kean University's professional theatre in residence, Premiere Stages, in Lost Boy Found in Whole Foods starring Emmy-winner Kim Zimmer), Shabazz Green (who frequently understudies roles with Premiere Stages, and performed in their production of HUM-BUG), Steve Sharkey, Samuel Spare, Natalie Bailey, Megan Bandelt, Becca Dagnall, Cara Ganski, Cathy Garcia and Katelyn Morgan.

The Other Shore performs November 12, 13, 17, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m., November 13, 14 and 20 at 2 p.m. and November 18 at 5 p.m. A discussion with the cast follows the November 18 performance. Tickets are \$15 (standard ticket), \$12 for seniors and Kean faculty, staff and alumni and \$10 for students, and can be ordered by calling the box office at (908) 737-SHOW (7469). To learn more, visit keanstage.com.

### **Plainfield Club Concert** To Benefit 'Good News'

PLAINFIELD - The Plainfield Musical Club will present a benefit concert for the Good News Community Choir of Plainfield on Sunday, November 14, at 3 p.m. at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.

The concert will feature performances of classical music by members of the Plainfield Musical Club, including pianists Paul DiDario, Beverly Weber, Paul Kueter and Carole-Ann Mochernuk; flutist Susan Graham: clarinetist Robert Romano; trumpeter Lorne Graham; organist Trent Johnson and the NFL vocal Jazz Trio, featuring Fred Fischer, Liz Fischer and Nancy

#### **Brunner Hosts** 'Toys That Teach'

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD -The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Preschool Program invites parents and guardians of preschool-age children to attend an informative presentation on Toys That Teach.

This non-commerical presentation will feature toys that enhance grossmotor and fine-motor skills in a fun way for children. The presenters will be Scotch Plains-Fanwood district Occupational Therapist Claude Lundgren and Physical Therapist Brenda Reilly.

The event takes place on Friday, November 12, at 9 a.m. at Brunner Elementary School's Multipurpose Room; the school is located at 721 Westfield Road.

The Good News Community Choir, under the direction of Mark Miller, will also perform. This choir is a dynamic ensemble that formed in October 2007, in Plainfield. The choir has performed twice to a full house at Carnegie Hall and has performed to rave reviews in churches in Plainfield.

The choir's repertoire reflects its central theme of social justice and that "God's love is meant for all people." Their director composes many of the songs they sing.

Choir director Mark Miller structor of sacred music and Director of Music for the Theological School at Drew University and is lecturer in the Practice of Sacred Music at the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University.

Mr. Miller is also a composer and has published more than 30 of his anthems for choirs. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Yale University and Masters of Music degree in Organ Performance from the Juilliard School. He was also a Plainfield Musical Club Scholarship winner in 1985.

The Plainfield Musical Club was founded in 1892, making it the oldest musical club in New Jersey. The club meets monthly at sites in the Plainfield area, its membership consisting of professional and amateur musicians, and those that support the arts and enjoy gathering for informal music concerts.

Tickets to the concert are \$10 and will be sold at the door. Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church is located at 716 Watchung Avenue in Plainfield. For more information, please call (908) 322-7490.

## **UCC's Sperry Hosts Telescope Talk Tomorrow**

By MARYLOU MORANO

AREA – A free presentation outlining the do's and don'ts of purchasing a telescope will be presented tomorrow, November 12, at 8:30 p.m. at the William Miller Sperry Observatory on the Cranford campus of Union County College. Alan Witzgall, a nearly 40-year member of Amateur Astronomers Incorporated (AAI), will be the featured speaker. If weather permits and the skies are clear, a night sky viewing session will follow Mr. Witzgall's

"Astronomy is the eldest of sciences, and yet, [it is] still the youngest. We have always looked at the sky with a sense of wonder and hope," explained Mr. Witzgall, who holds a Bachelor's degree in Earth Science from Kean University.

The presentation is a timely one; with the holiday season approaching, many people will be shopping for telescopes and binoculars. Tomorrow night's talk will help them differentiate quality from junk. Those who already own a telescope and are not sure how to use it will also benefit from Mr. Witzgall's

"Astronomy provides an outlet for the restlessness in all of us," said Mr. Witzgall. "It seems all of Earth is known, but we still find new frontiers in the sky. The moon is barely understood, [and] the rest of the Solar System [as well as] the Milky Way mystifies and beckons to all that see it," he continued.

Forty-thousand years ago in France, primitive peoples created cave paintings predicting the movement of bison that were connected to the constellations and sun. Ancient history aside, Mr. Witzgall believes astronomy is vital for our daily lives.

"Astronomy is important for keeping track of time, the safe navigation of ships and planes and understanding whether or not the climate is changing, and why," he said.

In essence, according to Mr. Witzgall, astronomy serves humanity in many ways, including guarding the planet against the near-Earth objects that could collide with it and threaten life.

Those who cannot make tomorrow evening's presentation, and who want to know more about astronomy, can visit the Sperry Observatory any Friday evening from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m .(except for the third Fridays, September to May).

Clear skies permitting, members of AAI will show all present wonders of the sky that they might not have seen otherwise. UCC is located at 1033 Springfield Avenue in Cranford. More information about AAI is available at asterism.org.

## **Schrager Fictionalizes Tale** Of Growing up in ADKs

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U.S. Premieres at Enlow

WESTFIELD - The Town Book Store in Westfield will host a meet and greet with Gloria Schrager, author of the children's book, "Rebecca and her Brothers," on November 13 from 2 to 4 p.m.

"Rebecca and her Brothers" is about a family in pre-war America that is part of the immigrant experience: a Jewish family adapting to American society, facing economic hardship and prejudice with courage, innovation, humor and love.

After the father's business in Brooklyn fails in the 1929 crash, Rebecca, her parents and her two older brothers move to a small town in the Adirondack Mountains where they have many adventures with the diverse inhabitants of their new home, including Native-Americans and American Nazis, as well as wild horses and hungry bears

Dr. Schrager was inspired to write this fictionalized account of her unusual childhood so that her grandchildren would learn more about her family's decision to escape poverty and unemployment during the Great

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sity (Enlow Hall) announced that Arco

Ensemble will perform in concert;

the evening will feature the U.S. pre-

mieres of two English works, on Fri-

State Symphony Capella of Russia

will perform the following evening,

Saturday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m.

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poser Richard Rodney Bennett.

gus will conduct the performance.

day, November 12, at 8 p.m.

in Enlow Hall.

Dr. Schrager decided to become a

She met her future husband, Alvin Schrager, during their internship, and they started a practice in Westfield in 1953. Their two sons went to Westfield public schools and became physicians, as did a niece and grandniece, establishing three generations

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doctor at a time when few women were admitted to medical school and faced many obstacles in her struggle to be accepted, first as a student and then as a doctor.

of doctors in their family.

In 1972, she left private practice to become Director of Pediatrics at Overlook Hospital. This led to a faculty position as Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Columbia University. She retired in 1989 and started a new career as an author. Her first book is a memoir, titled 'The Complex Life of a Woman Doc-

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### **POPCORN**™ Conviction: Not Beyond

A Shadow of a Doubt

One Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER

Director Tony Goldwyn's Conviction, about a woman who becomes a lawyer solely to overturn her brother's guilty sentence for murder, instantly recalled the old saying concerning films that are based on actual stories "If it is a true story, then the art must first be absolutely dedicated to the authenticity. There can be no real surprise. But if a previously untold twist is woven into the subtext, then there can be a novel freshness.'

By that standard, the slow-moving film is partially successful. Because Betty Anne Waters, expertly portrayed by Hilary Swank, seemingly devoted her entire being to the crusade, it came at an expense to her marriage and parenting. This poses a philosophical question that could keep the brows of a university ethics class furrowed for a semester.

While Betty Anne's quest makes for a reliable enough, feature-length version of what you might see in any of TV's cold-case detective serials, it's this sibling devotion that's most bound to give the viewer pause. The subsequent fallout slyly asks where one's ultimate responsibility should lie. To his credit, the filmmaker only hints his opinion.

It's the sheer single-mindedness of it all that sets the imagination in motion. While Magnificent Obsession (1954) melodramatically chronicles Robert Merrick's (Rock Hudson) return to medical school just so he can cure Helen Phillips's (Jane Wyman) blindness, it is a work of fiction, so it lessens the outlandishness.

Fine evocations of the two protagonists in Conviction, the only folks who, curiously enough, seem to matter, help improve many of the clichés that have been worked into a screenplay lacking engaging dialogue. Much of what is said is purposedriven. We surmise that a lot of the little business between the lines is pure poetic license.

But a close-up, three-quarter profile of Miss Swank's Betty Anne, framed in slight shadow at a crucial juncture, portrays a lonely anguish worthy of Picasso. The actress repeatedly does with her face what the script cannot. Likewise, Sam Rockwell as Kenny Waters, the prodigal brother in question, manages an augmenting intrigue of his own.

While Kenny may not be guilty of murder, he is undeniably a loose cannon, a quality evidenced early on when he starts a bar fight. Fair or not, it's no wonder the local police regularly round him up as one of the usual suspects. Flashbacks convincingly detail the poverty-stricken, dysfunctional background from which he and sis emanated.

The pop psychology in these expository scenes dramatically explains the strong, sibling bond of survival in which they find refuge from a mostly absent, ineffective father and a shameless, slovenly mother. Trespassing in empty houses when they can, they build a fantasy home they one day hope to occupy. It'll be located on a lake named for them.

Other shortcomings aside, Pamela Gray's script subtly probes the power of blood relationship, of lives so tied together that they must open the door to speculation. Betty Anne's great devotion encompasses complete certainty of her brother's innocence. We wonder if it's to a fault. Could she possibly ever believe that he is guilty?

It gets a bit more complicated, which is exhaustively related in twists and turns that make the movie 15 minutes longer than necessary. This includes, but is not limited to, a problematic policewoman and a new attorney general looking to make a reputation. These plot wrinkles might have been effective if we didn't know the true tale's outcome.

This fact continually arises to haunt the film's entertainment value. And while indeed Hollywood must embellish, the uncertainties it causes here instill a cautious uneasiness in us. All the same, if Goldwyn had fully capitalized on the psychologically intriguing aspect of Betty Anne's Antigonelike loyalty, it would make a better case for seeing Conviction.

Conviction, rated R, is a Fox Searchlight Pictures release directed by Tony Goldwyn and stars Hilary Swank, Sam Rockwell and Melissa Leo. Running time: 107 minutes.

#### **Concert to Benefit SP-F Music Boosters**

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Council for the Arts will sponsor a concert to benefit the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Boosters on Saturday, November 13, at 7 p.m., at Fanwood's Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Center (The historic Carriage House).

The concert will feature three local musicians - jazz pianist Nathan Graham, guitar and vocal duo Zero Gravity and indie-rock band Pilot Blue (unplugged).

The suggested donations for the Fanwood Performing Arts Series are \$7 (\$5 for seniors and students). Parking is free. Refreshments will be sold on the patio before the performance and during the intermission. For further information, call (908) 418-1301 or visit fanwoodperformanceseries.org.

## Maria Gillan to Read **At Carriage House Series**

FANWOOD – The Carriage House Poetry Series invites the public to attend a poetry reading by American Book Award winner Maria Mazziotti Gillan on Tuesday, November 16. The free performance begins promptly at 8 p.m. in the Patricia Kuran Arts Center on Watson Road, off North Martine Avenue, adjacent to Fanwood Borough Hall.

Ms. Gillan won the American Book Award for her book "All That Lies Between Us." She is the founder and the executive director of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College in Paterson.

Ms. Gillan also is the director of the Creative Writing Program and a Professor of Poetry at Binghamton University (State University of New York), and she is editor of the award-

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Ms. Gillan has published 11 books of poetry, including "The Weather of Old Seasons" (Cross-Cultural Communications), "Where I Come From," "Things My Mother Told Me" and "Italian Women in Black Dresses" (Guernica Editions). She is co-editor with her daughter,

winning Paterson Literary Review.

Jennifer, of four anthologies, including "Unsettling America," "Identity Lessons" and "Growing Up Ethnic in America." Ms. Gillan's latest book is "What We Pass On: Collected Poems, 1980-2009." An open mic will follow the fea-

tured performance. For more information, call (908) 889-7223 or (908) 889-5298. For online directions and information, carriagehousepoetryseries.blogspot.com.

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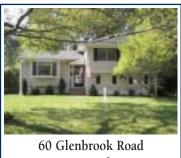
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Foreword by Bill Cosby

Meet the Real

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THE WOMAN GONE ASTRAY...From left to right, Jessica Renfro, as Flora, and Michelle Trovato, as Violetta, appear in act one of La Traviata, presented by Pineda Lyric Opera Company in Cranford this past weekend. La Traviata is one of Giuseppe Verdi's most beloved Italian operas of the 19th century.

## **Pineda Continues to Bring Quality** Opera to the Area, with La Traviata

By SUSAN M. DOUGHERTY

CRANFORD - La Traviata, one of Giuseppe Verdi's most beloved Italian operas of the 19th century, was in the capable hands of producer Valeria Pineda, choral directors Juan and Valerie Pineda and director Fausto Pineda for the weekend of November 6.

Presented at Cranford Dramatic Club's Community Theater playhouse, Pineda Lyric Opera Company's version offered a marvelously professional treatment of the work that is filled with merriment and gaiety with an undercurrent of despair and anguish.

Violetta (Michelle Trovato), a Parisian courtesan around 1850, greets her party guests and is introduced to an admirer, Alfredo Germont (Juan Carolos Franco). This young man, having adored Violetta from afar for over a year, joins her in a rousing song, Brindisi: Libiamo.'

From the moment Ms. Trovato opens her mouth, the audience is in for a treat of epic proportions because her sparkling coloratura voice handles the skips

#### **Soroptimists to Host One-Woman Show**

SCOTCH PLAINS - Soroptimist International of the Greater Westfield Area (SIGWA) will host a special evening of entertainment for members and guests on Tuesday, November 16, at 7 p.m. It will take place at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at 820 Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains, immediately following the club's 6 p.m. business meeting.

Actress-playwright-director Heather Jopling will perform scenes from her own one-woman shows, entitled Date Him, Date His Angst and Five Years Behind in My Five Year Plan, that were favorably reviewed by the Toronto Star, Eye Magazine and Brighton-Pittsford

Soroptimist International (soroptimist.org) is a women's service organization that works to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world.

Admission will be complimentary, but donations for SIGWA's scholarships and local service projects are appreciated. Light refreshments, coffee, tea and a dessert table will be provided. For more information, call Maria at (732) 381-2600 or Krystyna at (732) 396-0890.

and leaps in the music like an Olympic gymnast effortlessly completing a rou-

Guests at the party dance to the music, while Violetta suffers a fainting spell, which foreshadows her poor health. Alfredo remains behind and confesses his love for her as Violetta wonders aloud, in a gorgeously rendered aria, "Ah, fors'è lui," if Alfredo could be the man she could love. She agrees to meet him the next day, and the relationship progresses from there.

Months elapse to find Alfredo and Violetta living together in her country house near Paris, where Mr. Franco sings magnificently of their bliss in "De'miei bollenti spiriti." Maid Annina, Rebecca Futrow, with her rich, velvet voice, reveals that Violetta has pawned her jewels in order to afford to keep the

Trouble surfaces with the appearance of Alfredo's father Giorgio Germont (Gustavo Ahualli), a stately man who demands she renounce his son. The scandal of Alfredo's affair with Violetta has threatened his daughter's engagement to a man of high class.

Violetta says she cannot give up Alfredo, but the senior Germont eventually convinces her to do so in his wonderfully soulful rendition of "Dite alla giovine.'

She leaves Alfredo for the good of his family. When Alfredo sees an invitation from Violetta's beautiful friend Flora (Jessica Renfro, a physical beauty with a voice to match) to a party that night, he thinks Violetta has left him for another lover and prepares to go to the party to confront her.

Alfredo strides into the party, gambles recklessly at cards and insults Violetta, who has arrived on the arm of Baron Douphol (John-Andrew Fernandez). Tenor Franco's best musical moment comes when he expresses regret privately to Violetta for embarrassing and shaming her. But they part because of Violetta's agreement with Alfredo's father.

They meet again months later, but the estranged pair finds it's too late for happiness. Professional backdrops and colorful costumes of this production set the mood, but it's the ensemble's intensity that provides the energy and excitement of the party scenes.

The professional voices and outstanding orchestra make magic. The perfect marriage between these stellar voices and orchestra is due to conductor Guerguan Tsenov's attention to detail. With a small, but magnificent, orchestra of nine members, he was able to make Verdi's music soar and take wing.

The lush stings, led by Georgy Valtchez, were complemented by a standout oboe (Jason Smoller) and mellow clarinet (Goergy Borisov). To Mr. Tsenov's credit, the orchestra never tipped the delicate balance between instruments and vocals.

The night, however, belonged to the exceptional soloists. Through this production, the Pineda Lyric Opera Company has brought high-quality opera to Union County while providing an opportunity for local teens and adults to be onstage in an unforgettable musical experience.

The company's friends, relatives and strangers leapt to their feet at Friday night's memorable performance to show their appreciation of the ama-

# 'The Real Joe Black,' A Pioneer

Plainfield High School baseball field to "Joe Black Field" coincided nicely with the release a biography entitled "Meet the Real Joe Black," written by one of Mr. Black's former students, Steven Michael Selzer.

Bramnick Westfield) and Gerald Green joined Plainfield officials at the dedication ceremony, which was held earlier in au-

Governor Chris Christie signed a proclamation declaring the day of the dedication "Joe Black Day" in tribute to the Plainfield native, who went on to become a pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers, at age 28, and be named the National League Rookie of the Year in 1952.

president of Greyhound Bus.

lems all blacks share." Several "By the Way" columns are included in "Meet the Real Joe Black." The book also in-

cludes an introduction by Bill Cosby, whose relationship to Mr. Black was so close, he considered himself Mr. Black's younger brother. Mr. Selzer main-

tained a 45-year friendship with his mentor until Mr. Black's death from prostate cancer in 2002. "As the coach of our

junior high school baseball team, he would play individuals based not on their

ability but on their effort, team attitude, sportsmanship and enthusiasm for the game...he did not worry about winning," Mr. Selzer said.

During the process of writing the book, the author had the opportunity to interview Mr. Black's family, friends, and others who came in contact with him.

"It was very satisfying for me to write about this man [who] had been the best schoolteacher I had ever had and then was kind enough to be my mentor for 40 years," continued Mr. Selzer, adding, "I enjoyed hearing the stories of how he helped so many. [It] reinforced my belief about his unselfishness.

"Meet the Real Joe Black "can be purchased at MeettheRealJoeBlack.com or through many online booksellers.

## **SPFAA Welcomes** Children's Book Designer

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains and Fanwood Arts Association meeting will be held on Thursday, No-

vember 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Patricia M. Kuran Cultural Arts Center, located on Watson Road in Fanwood.

A program on children's-book illustration and design by author/illustrator David Neuhaus will follow a brief business meeting. Mr. Neuhaus

studied graphic design at the Philadelphia College of Art and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Illus-

tration from Parsons School of Design, where he learned the "craft" of children's-book illustration from Caldecott Honor award recipients Robert Andrew Parker and the late James Marshall.

Since then, he has illustrated 20 books for children and has created many illustrations

for various children's publications. He has worked as a senior designer or art director for several children's publishing companies, including Simon and Schuster, Reader's Digest, Morrow Jr. Books, Lee and Low Books, Scholastic and HarperCollins Children's Books. Mr. Neuhaus and

> his wife, Susan, run NeuStudio, Inc. a graphic-design studio located in Fanwood, where they concentrate on children's-book illustration, art direction and design. Mr. Neuhaus will

give a presentation on children's-book illustration and design, and will display samples of his

work, as well as the work of others to show the range of art in children's publishing. He will have copies of books

that he and his wife have designed at their home studio and will do a demonstration of how he applies dye washes to line art in his work. His design portfolio can be seen on his website, neustudio.com

All meetings. demonstrations and workshops are free and open to the public. There is ample

parking at the Carriage House Pocket Park directly across the street on Watson Road. For more information, contact Paula Pearl at (908) 322-2590.





Gail Winbury's "Wellfleet in Autumn," watercolor and pen and ink

## WF's Winsbury Examines **Intersection of Art and Mind**

WESTFIELD – Art lovers were treated to an exploration of the intersection between the study of art and the workings of the mind on Saturday night, October 23, at an exhibition by Westfield psychologist and artist Gail

Displayed in a local Westfield home were more than 40 works in oil, acrylic, watercolor and ink, including landscapes, abstract works and portraits, including portraits of the

Fifty guests from Westfield, Scotch Plains, New York City and Philadelphia came to enjoy this show of 13 years of art. The guests ranged in age from a young boy of 7- to a 92-year-old art lover and grandmother who once performed in vaudeville.

Psychologists, teachers, lawyers, physicians, artist, interior designers, financial planners, public speakers grandparents and some youth all gathered to celebrate and view this exhibition.

The host, a local psychologist, author and friend of the artist, opened her Westfield home as a gallery. Rooms served as separate galleries,

one showing many abstract landscapes based on the southwest.

Another room was filled with delicate watercolors of mother and child, and portraits of families and models. The first floor held larger oils and acrylics. Ms. Winbury's art is known for its emotional tone and its visual strength. Viewers enjoyed the brushwork and colors of the oils and acryl-

The artist's work is influenced by her work as a psychologist. In her artist's statement, she discussed her interest in what is on the surface of the painting and allowing the underpainting to show through much like in her professional work as a psychologist, where she "helps others to see what is on the surface as well as what is below."

This was also accomplished by allowing the canvas or ripped edges in her work to be seen, thus implying that "wholeness in art and life must encompass an acceptance of mistakes and imperfections.'

Her next solo show will be held next year between April 4 and June 3 at the Pearl Street Gallery in Eliza-



## **ntertainment Plainfield Honors and Remembers**

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AREA – The recent renaming of the

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That was the same year that Mr. Black became the first African-American to win a World Series game.

In "Meet the Real Joe Black," Mr. Selzer chronicles the ball player's humble beginnings as a Plainfield youth who pitched rocks against the front stoop of his house on East Fourth Street because he couldn't afford a baseball. After his career as a professional player ended in 1958, Mr. Black returned to Plainfield and worked at Hubbard Junior High School as a teacher and baseball coach. Later in life, he went on to become a vice-

From 1969 to 1980, Mr. Black wrote a column for Jet and Ebony Magazines called "By the Way." Also syndicated in 40 newspapers, "By the Way" provided inspirational commentary that examined "the prob-

## WHS to Use Comedic Touch with 'Midsummer'

WESTFIELD - The Westfield High School (WHS) Theater Department has decided to take on "The Bard" as it endeavors to bring to life William Shakespeare's lighthearted comedy, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The play takes on themes such as love, dreams and the creative imagination itself. The main plot is a complex weaving of three smaller interlocking plots connected by a celebration of the wedding of Duke Theseus of Athens and the Amazonian queen, Hippolyta.

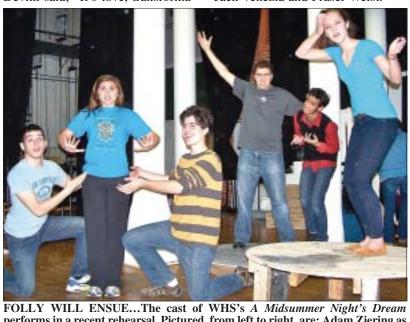
This grand love story and the fairytale woods where the story takes place serve as the backdrop for a lively group of young lovers, the woodland fairies with mischievous Puck leading the merriment and the "rude mechanicals," a merry band of simple folk who gather in the wood to rehearse a play as a wedding gift to the Duke.

Romance, complications, confusion, trickery and folly under the midsummer moon ensue, as the lovers, the fairies and the amateur actors roam about this magical forest. In the end, all are left wondering if the night's adventure was a reality or only a dream.

The production will feature more than 70 WHS student actors, technicians and crew. Director Daniel Devlin said, "It's love, transformation and imagination magic. That's the show. And really that's what theatre is supposed to be. We love theatre; I love working with them, and their imaginations are magical and kind of transform them from regular high-school students into being artists...and there really is a lot of great stuff going on here.

The production will be presented at the high-school auditorium on Thursday, November 18 at 4 p.m., and Friday, November 19, and Saturday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for general seating for \$8 at the door.

The cast includes: Travis Przybylski, Meghan Sullivan, Michaela Tropeano, Geoffrey Ko, Annie Oldakowski, Christopher Morrissey, Garrett Verdone, Catalina Gaglioti, Adam Ziering, Amelia Morabito, Chris Mench, Nicole Zimmerman, Hannah Margolin, Matt Lynn, Peter Carmo, Taylor Jackson, Colleen McCabe,, Peter Surace, Rachel Choder, Isabel DoCampo, Allie Hecht, Kate Capodanno, with Elena Arida, Tori Bonsall, Claire Dorwart, Megan Mulrooney, Veronica Murphy, Megan Pinna, Jessica Sipe, Rebecca Skowron, William Cary, Dan Connolly, Nick Gabuzda, Asher Horowitz, Chris Ick, Kevin Morris, Robert Romano, Malcolm Spurlock, Jack Venezia and Fraser Weist.



performs in a recent rehearsal. Pictured, from left to right, are: Adam Ziering as Bottom, Catalina Gagliotti as Helena, Christopher Morrissey as Lysander, Peter Surace as Oberon, Peter Carmo as Puck and Annie Oldakowski as Hermia.