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Disko Pleads Guilty of Defrauding Schools; Berman Charges Pending

By BETSEY BURGDORF
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WESTFIELD – Kenneth Disko, 48, of Mountainside pleaded guilty on October 12 to making false representations for a government contract, a second-degree offense, in state Superior Court in Union County. Disko oversaw construction projects for the Westfield, Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Tinton Falls school districts. He was charged with accepting kickbacks totaling $80,000, as well as orchestrating a series of fraudulent contract schemes that resulted in him pocketing thousands of dollars.

According to the Attorney's General's Office, as part of his plea agreement, Disko faces three to five years in state prison and fines of at least $50,000 to be paid to the state's Anti-Trust Revolving Fund, which supports anti-trust enforcement. Disko also will be barred from public contracts in New Jersey for 10 years. Sentencing for Mr. Disko is scheduled for January 20, 2012.

Mr. Disko, who is not a state-licensed engineer, was associated with M. Disko & Associates of Kenilworth, the architect of record for the Westfield school district at the time of the indictment.

Charges are still pending against Robert Berman, 55, of South Plainfield, who served as Westfield Board of Education (BOE) business administrator until March, when he was charged with second-degree bribery in connection with a bid-rigging scheme. Mr. Berman is charged with allegedly accepting over $13,000 worth of window glass and doors installed at his home by Metropolitan from 2004 to 2008 in exchange for making written recommendations that the Westfield BOE appoint the company as the "contractor of record" for the district. Mr. Berman remains on unpaid leave from the Westfield BOE while Interim Business Administrator Vincent Yaniro is paid $650 per day.

The Westfield BOE has ordered the hiring of a forensic accountant. Lorre Korecky, BOE spokesperson, stated that process is still underway. It is uncertain at this time how much money the district could have saved if it had not been coerced into the fraudulent contracts.

"I can tell you that since this situation is still in deliberation, we [the BOE] are unable to comment at this time," Mrs. Korecky said. "Thank goodness that he [Vincent Yaniro] was available as an interim and has done a good job."

When asked whether or not the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education (BOE) would hire a forensic accountant, Anthony DelSordi, business administrator for the BOE told *The Westfield Leader*, "We haven't taken any steps at this time. We're going to wait and see what the final determination is, and if we had any dealings with any of the companies involved, and it is found we suffered a financial impact, we will decide what steps to take at that time."

Also charged in connection to the

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Horace Corbin for *The Westfield Leader*

NOS INVITES DE FRANCE...Two dozen university students from France, just north of Paris, visit Westfield last Thursday for a tour of town by Mayor Andy Skibitsky. The students are studying the United States as part of their project.

David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader*

GREAT SUCCESS…Westfield Booster Button Day was another great success this past weekend. Due to generous contributions from the community, Westfield High School (WHS) Athletes and Westfield Booster members raised over $7,500. These contributions support scholarships, improvements to the fields and the WHS teams.

Westfield Town 'Friends' Ready Mindowaskin Park for 2018

By MICHAEL J. POLLACK
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD – Touting what he called a "great public-private partnership," Town Administrator Jim Gildea spoke this week of the beginning stages of Westfield's cooperative effort with the Friends of Mindowaskin Park.

Both entities have collaborated on plans to make the park sparkle before its 100th birthday in 2018.

"We've been setting up a plan whereby we take sections of the park at a time and refurbish them, improve them in some way," Mr. Gildea said. The work has included repaving the paths and making sure lighting works, as well as re-grading and seeding.

The biggest part of the project will include dredging the pond. Town Engineer Kris McAloon confirmed that an RFP (Request for Proposals) is out for that.

"But for the beginning of this," Mr. Gildea said, "we want the park to look the best it ever has before; the park is one of the gems of our community. But between now and 2018, we have to take control of the geese population. It has been a nagging complaint for years."

The administrator explained that the town did not have the budget for goose control this year, but the Friends of Mindowaskin approached the town and indicated that it wanted to start the process early. They have since contracted with Goose Runners (not Goose Chasers, as previously reported) on a six-month contract.

Work has been ongoing since October 1, with the Friends picking up the tab for the first three months of

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Taxes and Safety Main Concern of WF GOP

By HORACE CORBIN
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WESTFIELD — It's "Taxes, Taxes, Taxes," said Councilman Jim Foerst of the voters' number one concerns.

Westfield Republican Council candidates, incumbent Frank Arena. Ward One; incumbent JoAnn Neylan. Ward Two; Mark LoGrippo. Ward Three and, Mr. Foerst, an incumbent representing Ward Four, were unanimous in saying that their cost containment efforts, however, will never compromise the safety provided for the residents by the police and fire departments. *Westfield Leader* editor Paul Peyton conducted an interview with the candidates last Thursday evening. The 40-minute video can be viewed at www.goleader.com.

Mr. Arena said many residents in town would be happy if their property tax were only $10,000 per year; noting that Union County property taxes are one of the highest in the nation. He continued that municipal government accounts for 16 percent of the assessment, the county for 20 percent, and the school system consumes the remainder (64 percent). Further, he offered that the [property tax] problem is magnified in that Westfield receives little in state aid, with most of the state money going to urban areas like Elizabeth.

Each of the candidates noted that the voters in town are informed, as they found out while knocking on doors since July, and that residents understand the issues. Many residents, they say, question if the money sent to the county ever finds its way back to Westfield. Mr. Arena said residents question whether they getting their "bang for the buck" from their county taxes. There is a new environment down in Trenton, he added. "Hopefully things will change."

In cost control, Mrs. Neylan said that the town has been able to cut their work force over the last several years through attrition without having to layoff any people. She said town employees have been helpful in negotiations, such as the fire depart-

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Public Safety Among Issues For Independent Kasko

By LAUREN S. BARR
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD – Independent candidate for Westfield Town Council's Third Ward seat Greg Kasko told *The Westfield Leader* during a video interview last Thursday, "I'm running because I want to represent Westfielders, not a political party. I want to represent both sides of the aisle…I feel I can do that based on my past with the town as a former employee and as an advocate for Westfield residents on numerous issues."

Mr. Kasko is running against Democrat Matt Sontz and Republican Mark LoGrippo, who was appointed to the council following Mark Ciarrocca's resignation.

Mr. Kasko lives on Everson Place with his wife, Lynda, and daughters, Sarah and Hayley. He has lived in Westfield for 38 years and said he chose to return to Westfield after college because of its "great schools, (a) vibrant downtown and an overall sense of community."

"I'm running for town council because I believe the Westfield voters need somebody to represent them," Mr. Kasko said. When asked if he thought he had a chance at winning as a third party candidate, Mr. Kasko told *The Leader*, "I wouldn't be sitting here if I didn't think I did."

When asked about how he felt the town could save money and increase revenues, Mr. Kasko told *The Leader*, "we are doing more with less in some areas, but we are doing less with less in other areas."

"Specifically with the police

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Garwood BOE Summarizes NJASK

By SONIA OWCHARIW
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GARWOOD – Lincoln School Principal Mary Emmons presented Tuesday the summary of NJASK standardized test results at the Board of Education meeting. The test, which was administered in the spring of this year, covers third to eighth-grade students.

"We compare ourselves to districts that are similar to ours like Roselle Park and Union Township," Ms. Emmons said.

According to Ms. Emmons, DFG classifications are based on U.S. Census data that is revised every 10 years. The New Jersey Department of Education uses the information to analyze the relationship between student achievements and the socioeconomic status of communities. The percentage of district population with no high school diplomas, percentage with a college degree or not, poverty level, unemployment and residents' occupations and incomes are accounted for.

"It helps so that we do a better job with our district and help our students to be the best with challenging curriculum standards," Ms. Emmons said.

The new evaluation system is based on Advanced Proficient, Proficient and Partially Proficient scoring.

NJASK results for third graders in the district were as follows: LAL (Language Arts Literacy), 71 percent, and mathematics, 85 percent (50 percent Advanced Proficient), compared to State averages, LAL 63 percent, and mathematics, 79 percent.

Areas of strength were reflected in eighth-grade LAL scores, with 98 percent (34 percent Advanced Profi-

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Benjamin B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader*

ON CAMERA…Westfield council candidates (DEM) speak with *Westfield Leader* assignment editor Paul Peyton during a video interview last Monday. See www.goleader.com. Pictured, from left to right, are: Mr. Peyton and candidates Matthew Sontz (W3), Timothy Van Epp (W1) and Gregory Romer (W4).

Rob Connelly for *The Westfield Leader*

ON CAMERA…Westfield Ward Three council candidate (IND) Greg Kasko speaks with *Westfield Leader* reporter Lauren Barr during a video interview last Thursday. See www.goleader.com.

Horace Corbin for *The Westfield Leader*

ON CAMERA…Westfield council candidates (GOP) speak with assignment editor Paul Peyton during a video interview last Friday. See www.goleader.com. Pictured, from left to right, are: Mr. Peyton and candidates Frank Arena (W1), JoAnn Neylan (W2), Mark LoGrippo (W3) and Jim Foerst (W4).

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ROAD TO REELECTION…At a reelection fundraiser held Monday night at Echo Lake Country Club in honor of Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, politicians from across the region attended to show their support. Pictured, left to right, are: Rep. Leonard Lance, Asm. Dave Rible, Asm. Bramnick, former governor Don DiFrancesco, Asw. Nancy Munoz, Richard Baggar, Chief of Staff for Governor Chris Christie, and Asm. Erik Petersen.

Freeholder DEMS Comment On Trash Deal, MusicFest

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD – During an interview at *The Times* office conducted by editor Paul Peyton, Union County Freeholder incumbents Angel Estrada of Elizabeth and Chris Hudak of Linden spoke in favor of extending the lease between Covanta Energy and the Union County Utilities Authority for operation of the county garbage incinerator in Rahway, as well as continuation of the annual week-long MusicFest at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. Joining them during the interview held Monday morning was running mate Vernell Wright of Union.

Mr. Estrada, who ran the now closed Elizabeth Motor Vehicle Services agency, was first elected as a freeholder in 1999 and has served as both vice-chairman and chairman as well as chairman of the board's fiscal affairs committee. Mr. Hudak was appointed by the county Democratic Committee to fill a vacancy in December. He previously ran the Rahway Motor Vehicle Services office and had worked in the office of the late state Senator Joseph Suliga.

Ms. Wright, a retired school principal and teacher, said she wants to be "a voice for people; to be a voice for people who may not have felt they have been heard," from young people to senior citizens.

Speaking on the Covanta lease, Mr. Estrada said the county saw an opportunity to try and get a share of the sale of revenues generated from electricity at the Union County Resource Recovery Facility (garbage incinerator). The county is to get a share of those revenues in the last few years of the lease extension.

Mr. Estrada said the seven towns that did not sign long-term contracts with the UCUA in the late 1990s "have long realized that's not a good position to be in." He said in those towns, like Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Cranford, residents "negotiate privately with the local vendors (and) that has an impact."

"What we have done is introduce a $12-per-ton [reduction]" in the tipping fee at the incinerator, Mr. Estrada said.

Mr. Hudak said the Summit Common Council has opted not to proceed with the lease extension through 2031 at this time. The council's current lease agreement expires in 2023. He said if Summit does not approve the extension, "it would cost their taxpayers $92,000" over the remaining 12 years. "So almost a million dollars that Summit taxpayers would lose out on by not accepting the refinancing. And in [2023] they are going to see even higher rates because their agreement with the county will have expired and they will be forced to re-negotiate," Mr. Hudak said. "It really comes down to tax relief (for taxpayers)."

Mr. Estrada noted that non-contract towns also would receive a per-tonnage credit for amount of waste disposed at the incinerator. "This is a free country… We have given everybody the opportunity [to sign contracts with the UCUA]. If they choose not to participate, hopefully they will be able to explain to their constituents the financial impact that it will have on their operations."

The candidates also discussed the MusicFest report.

"We read that prosecutor's report. We take it very seriously," Mr. Hudak said. "I think we are going to look at the outcome of this year's event," which he said was already planned when Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow issued his report. "People like the event. Tens of thousands are coming to Union County. It's a signature event."

"We are going to carefully study how the event was conducted in terms of going forward," Mr. Hudak said.

He said many concertgoers are coming from outside the county and thus creating a positive economic impact for county businesses. Mr. Hudak said the county has commissioned the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University to conduct an economic assessment of the county including the impact of MusicFest on the economy.

Mr. Hudak said county programs need to be evaluated annually on their merits. "Where we can improve, we will."

Mr. Estrada added that the results of the prosecutor's report were "unfortunate." He said the county revisits MusicFest every year to see where improvements can be made. Mr. Estrada said one of the positives of MusicFest is that the county has been able to "engage the youth of Union County."

Discussing the county debt, which stands at $560 million, Mr. Estrada said the county is "way below" the amount of debt allowed per state stipulations. "We monitor that very closely and we make decisions based on future programs. We also have a responsibility to generate jobs," Mr. Estrada said. Mr. Hudak added that credit agencies "look upon Union County in a very favorable light," citing the county's AAA bond rating.

"We take projects based on, number one, the need assessments; number two, the funding mechanism that is going to be gained," Mr. Estrada said, noting that some projects may generate revenue, such as the proposed new hockey rink, while other projects may not. Some projects may be funded out of the county's open space funding, Mr. Estrada said.

In terms of shared services, Mr. Estrada said the county offers town-purchasing agreements for favorable pricing on products such as road salt, gasoline, etc. He said the county is trying to expand purchasing with other counties "as best as we can." Mr. Hudak added that the county holds annual shared-services conferences whereby all 21 towns in the county participate.

"One of the things the county has done very well is to step in when municipalities are in crisis, and that is also a shared service," Mr. Hudak said, citing the county efforts in Cranford during the aftermath of Hurricane Irene.

Speaking on the red-light cameras, of which the county gains a share of ticket revenues through agreements with towns, Mr. Estrada said, "you can see immediately a reduction in terms of accidents." Mr. Hudak said with the cameras in place in his city, "You think twice about making an illegal right…it has changed, in my opinion, behavior."

"Hopefully, we don't make any money on this deal," Mr. Estrada said, adding that public safety is the main reason for the cameras. "If we save one life, I think it is a job well done."

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case are John Sangiuliano, 56, of Scotch Plains, co-owner of Metropolitan Metal Window Company; Martin W. Starr, 44, of Cliffwood Beach, owner of Starr Contracting, and Stephen M. Gallagher, 50, of Cliffwood Beach, owner of East Commercial Construction and Tara Construction.

Benjamin B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader*

ON CAMERA...Candidates for Union County Freeholder discuss their views on camera with *Leader/Times* assignment editor Paul Peyton. Pictured, left to right, are: Mr. Peyton, GOP candidates Andrew Smith of Summit and Edwin Ortiz of Elizabeth.

Independent Kasko

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department…we have some departments in the police department itself where I think we can make some cuts," he said.

According to Mr. Kasko, the town is down eight police officers and eight firemen over the past six years. He specifically cited the town's parking department, which was recently headed up by a detective sergeant making $115,000 a year. "I believe his talent, his expertise was wasted," he said as the department was previously headed up by a civilian employee for less money.

Mr. Kasko also cited the daily early closure of the police records bureau, and that residents are not seeing as many police officers patrolling the neighborhoods, leaving a feeling of insecurity. According to Mr. Kasko there are 31 patrol officers and 17 supervisors. "Some might say that's a little top heavy," he said. "If we reallocate the resources we have currently we can cut some costs."

Mr. Kasko also suggested that Town Engineer Kris MacAloon obtain a certified public works manager certificate, which would allow the town to eliminate the Department of Public Works (DPW) superintendent's position, cutting out the salary and benefits for that individual.

He also suggested that the recycling capabilities at the town recycling center on Lamberts Mill Road be expanded to include metals and household appliances. He also suggested the town solicit area businesses to sponsor areas of town parks in order to keep them clean, similar to the adopt-a-highway program which would help offset DPW costs.

While Mr. Kasko feels he would be best suited to serve on the town council's Public Safety Committee if elected, he stated, "I would be more than willing to serve on any committee the mayor sees fit."

When asked about the current location of the Central Avenue pedestrian crossing signal, Mr. Kasko said, "I do believe it should be relocated to the intersection. I have studied this project extensively…I know the town had meetings, and they spoke with residents, which I think is the right thing to do; however…I believe that it's best suited for an intersection."

He said that the HAWK signal, which originated in Tucson, Ariz., is safer at the intersection to provide a safe crossing for pedestrians and school children. "You only have to look at the number of accidents that have occurred within the vicinity of that light over the last six months to know that there's a problem."

Mr. Kasko retired from the Westfield Police Department as part of a lawsuit settlement agreement, which also followed a series of disciplinary hearings. "I did retire in good standing with the Westfield Police Department," Mr. Kasko pointed out.

Mr. Kasko acknowledged that those watching TV36 or reading the newspaper see a little bit of an adversarial relationship between himself and the mayor and council. He said that is because, "I am on the side of residents" and explained that he met twice with Mayor Andy Skibitsky to discuss things he felt needed to be addressed at town hall and, "I felt like I was ignored."

To view the entire video interview, go to goleader.com/11_election/WF-W3-kasko.htm.

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ment, to contend with matters and not have layoffs. In capital funding, an "every other year" plan has been put in place. She said the town has to maintain over 100 miles of roads within its capital budget.

Mr. LoGrippo said he feels for a lot of the seniors who want to stay in town but are facing increased taxes.

Mr. Foerst spoke of the state's new 2-percent cap on spending, saying it is something that the town has been thinking about and acting on for several years - having gone from 250 employees to now 200. He said it's not something "new on our radar."

On staffing of the fire department, "We meet every safety standard that we have to," Mrs. Neylan said. "We are now down six men," she added. She said the department has two eight-man platoons and two seven-man platoons. "We had an unusual amount of fires in the last few months (Ferraro's and Hamilton House apartments). "Thank God there has not been one fatality; I commend the firemen for what they do."

"We had the ladder truck damaged during Hurricane Irene and we're looking into the repairs/replacement," she said. Mr. Foerst said the system of mutual aid in the county works where towns help each other and that since Westfield is a paid department where others are volunteers, "more often than not, we're helping them."

On public safety, Mr. Arena said of the police, fire and department of public works; "we are staffed at levels that are more than adequate despite claims from some during election time, silly season." Mr. LoGrippo praised Fire Chief Dan Kelly and the fire department.

As an anecdote, Mr. Arena recalled that at 12:45 a.m. in the night of Hurricane Irene, a tree fell, knocked down electrical wires and started a large electrical fire in the house next to his. The firemen and police were immediately there and told him, "Get back in your house and we'll take care of this."

"To me, it was very reassuring that they were taking care of a pretty scary situation," Mr. Arena added.

On claims by opponents that political or financial pressures may unduly influence decisions of the council; Mr. Foerst said, "We live in this town too. If there is a fire in my house, I want to make sure there's enough guys and enough trucks to get there and save my wife, my sons and my home. Rest assured folks, we are never going to compromise the safety of our own families."

Mr. Foerst said he heard from residents about how "superb" the response of fire, police and DPW was in responding to problems caused by Hurricane Irene.

Mr. LoGrippo said the crossing signal controversy near Central Avenue and Clover Street is an issue he is paying close attention to while listening to the comments of the experts and the residents. He said that 25,000 cars a day use Central Avenue, many coming from the Garden State Parkway and cutting through town to other locations. Parents for 30 years have been hoping for improved safety for their children crossing Central Avenue over to Jefferson School. Safety must be the most important consideration, he concluded.

Mr. Foerst said he must listen to the experts on the crossing signal matter, not that of blogs by "an anonymous former police officer."

"Thank God for the freedom of speech," Mrs. Neylan said. "We welcome that they come and voice their concerns... I wish we had some more civility."

Four-year councilman Frank Arena, a resident since 1994, lives with his wife Lori. They have two children in high school. He is a businessman in the software industry working in New York City.

Councilwoman Neylan is unopposed in her third election. She has lived 20 years in town with her family; her husband and three children (two are in college and her daughter is in high school). She is an attorney returning to practice, recently joining Mr. Foerst's law firm.

Councilman LoGrippo is running in his first election, having been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mark Ciarrocca in the Third Ward. He has been in Westfield for five years and resides with his wife, Maria, and their two small children. He is a telecommunications executive.

A councilman since 2003, Mr. Foerst is an attorney in Millburn and a resident of Westfield since 1998. He lives with his wife Cara and their two young sons, Jamie and Collin.

The mayor and councilpersons in Westfield are volunteers being paid $1 per year with no benefits and with no pension. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. The polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Westfield has two candidates for office in Wards One and Four; one in Ward Two and three for Ward Three.

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cient), according to Ms. Emmons. Mathematics scores were 88 percent (32 percent Advanced Proficient). Overall, mathematics scores continue to improve.

"We have strong teachers and strong curriculum. We have a better handle on NJASK this year than last year," Ms. Emmons said.

Teaching students early test-taking skills, like filling in and erasing the answer can assist students with strategies, according to Ms. Emmons.

In other business, Superintendent Teresa Quigley said that the district addressed six incidents of bullying.

Benjamin B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader*

ON CAMERA...Democrat candidates for County Freeholder discuss their views with *Leader/Times* assignment editor Paul Peyton, left. Pictured are Angel Estrada of Elizabeth, center, Chris Hudak of Linden and Vernell Wright of Union Township. Three seats are up for grabs. See the videos at goleader.com.

HERMOSAS SEÑORAS, HERMOSO DÍA...Westfield residents Arlene Romeo, Jill Pierce and Cynthia Wolfe enjoy *The Westfield Leader* on a beautiful day in Toledo, Spain.

Smith, Ortiz Say Freeholder Spending Is Out of Control

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD – Two Republican candidates for the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Andy Smith of Summit and Edwin Ortiz of Elizabeth, say the current Democratic-controlled board lacks accountability to county residents.

Mr. Smith, an attorney from Summit with a private practice, said accountability needs to be brought to the nine-member freeholder board, noting that Democrats have held the majority on freeholder seats for 15 years.

He said, based on the findings of Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow's report on the 2010 MusicFest, "There is a serious problem there," saying the report showed that the county was spending in excess of $1 million annually on the event, despite previous county officials saying it cost less than half that amount.

"A lot of the things that we (Republicans) have been saying for years are starting to come out to be the case. Because the Democrats have controlled the freeholder board for so long, that's why we are seeing some of these things," Mr. Smith said.

Mr. Ortiz added the freeholders need to "tighten their belts" on spending "like everybody else."

"We have to streamline everything, so if we don't have MusicFest, so be it," Mr. Ortiz said. "It doesn't make any sense to me why we are spending money there rather than focusing on where the real needs are."

Mr. Smith added that the total cost of MusicFest is not the only issue. "The bottom line is that there were tens of thousands of dollars that were misplaced. They were overpaying vendors by tens of thousands or more. It's simple corruption."

He also took a shot at Freeholder Dan Sullivan over a report that his sister-in-law "gets a $50,000-a-year, no-show job" with the Union County Alliance, its board of which includes representatives from business, education, industry and government in Union County.

"That stuff (MusicFest and nepotism) isn't partisan; that isn't Democrat, that isn't Republican. The things that are coming out now — the corruption, the nepotism, the waste – those go beyond party lines. That's why we believe we need some accountability," Mr. Smith said.

Mr. Ortiz, an Elizabeth resident who moved to New Jersey from New York eight years ago and is a branch manager for a security company, said the board needs "fresh blood that's going to be holding everything and everyone accountable."

Speaking on the extension of the Union County Utilities Authority's (UCUA) lease with Convanta Energy for the county incinerator in Rahway, Mr. Smith said towns like Summit that have contracts with the UCUA "are going to pay, under this deal, more for their garbage than people shipping their garbage in from Staten Island."

Mr. Smith said county officials have said publicly that the reason for the deal is "so that the county could borrow 200 million more dollars to pay for their addiction to spending." He called the contract extension an "insider deal." "It's just adding to the (county) debt," Mr. Smith said.

On the county budget and debt, Mr. Smith said Union County has the fifth highest tax rate as a percentage of income among 3,000 counties in the nation. He said the county budget is nearly $500 million while debt is also over a half a billion dollars. "The preliminary numbers are saying we were third in debt of all the counties in New Jersey," Mr. Smith said.

"The taxpayers of Union County just got a 5-percent tax increase. And the only reason it wasn't a 7-percent tax increase is because the state stepped in and wouldn't allow $5.7 million in additional spending that the county wanted to spend," Mr. Smith said. He said freeholders have not taken responsibility for tax increases. "They have the ability to cut the budget. They have the ability to reduce your taxes. They didn't."

Mr. Smith said the hockey rink proposal at Oak Ridge Park would likely cost "tens of millions of dollars." The county is considering a new rink rather than renovating the Warinanco Rink, which is estimated to cost over $10 million.

"You have to look at it through the prism of a tax base that is over taxed to begin with and that you have an out-of-control debt problem. We have to take a serious look at whether or not we are going to be able to do these things," Mr. Smith said.

Mr. Ortiz said the county needs instead to focus on reducing county debt.

Looking at the 9-0 Democratic majority that has been in place since 1998, Mr. Smith said, "We need someone else in there, even if it's the two of us and seven of them. We need someone there to hold them accountable for what they are doing. It goes beyond partisan politics. It goes to 'let's do something about this corruption, this nepotism, this waste that's being reported'" in the media, Mr. Smith said.

In addition, the candidates said they are opposed to spending $20 million to construct a banquet facility at the Galloping Hill Golf Course. "Those golf courses should make money, but right now we need tax relief," Mr. Smith said.

"It seems that they (Democratic freeholders) have this habit of rubber stamping everything. They don't sit down and debate," said Mr. Ortiz, who previously served on a community board in the Bronx, N.Y., one of 59 community boards in New York City.

Mr. Smith added that if he and Mr. Ortiz are elected, "the meetings are going to be longer," noting that at a recent meeting he was eight minutes late and the multi-page agenda of resolutions was already approved.

Visit http://www.goleader.com/11_election/UC_GOP_video.htm to see the entire interview.

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work, getting the town through the balance of the calendar year. Friends President Debby Burslem said plans are underway to extend the project for another year, and the Friends would commit to funding six of the 18 total months.

"This provides a humane way of goose control in the park, by using the border-collie dogs [to herd and chase]," Mr. Gildea said. He estimated the services cost around $1,000 per month.

Work has been ongoing daily, and in the early stages, Mr. Gildea explained that the geese are being "conditioned" to know that "this is not a safe place to be."

Mr. Gildea said the goose problem had spilled over into surrounding residences, and complaints were coming in from property owners in addition to park patrons.

Mrs. Burslem said the goose control "bolsters the grading project that we're halfway through. A lot of dead and dying trees are being taken down. This is grading that has been needed for 20 years. This is a $23,000 donation that the Friends are making for the benefit of town and park patrons. We've put almost $1 million of private money into the park in 20 years."

Fill and top soil will be placed to bring soil levels up and ensure proper draining. Mrs. Burslem said the goal is to stop soil from getting into the pond as well. After the bad trees are removed and the grass is planted, next spring, announcements will be made about re-planting.

According to *Westfield Leader* archives, before a citizens committee purchased the lake tract in 1907 and turned it over to the town as a park site, the park's entranceway served as "Peckham's Dump." Arthur Pierson, chairman of the citizens committee, planned the park, dredged the swamp and built the roadway that now provides entrance to the park, which began in 1918.

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Scotch Plains Urges Fanwood To Combine Police Dispatch Services

By FRED T. ROSSI
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

SCOTCH PLAINS — In an effort to accelerate the proposed merger of their police departments, Scotch Plains officials are urging their Fanwood counterparts to allow police dispatch services for the two towns to be handled by Scotch Plains instead of by Union County. Such a move would mean that Fanwood would have to end its arrangement under which the county handles dispatch services for the borough.

At Tuesday's township council meeting, Mayor Nancy Malool said that allowing the county to handle dispatch for Scotch Plains would cost the township $200,000 annually. This is more than twice the $80,000 the county charges Fanwood. The mayor noted that police dispatchers in Scotch Plains perform additional duties such as data entry, non-emergency calls and other routine public assistance, so even if the county were to handle Scotch Plains police dispatch, the township would still need to hire personnel to perform those extra tasks, at a cost of $130,000 to $170,000 per year. In total, then, dispatch services for both towns would cost well in excess of $400,000 if the county were to provide those services.

If Scotch Plains handled dispatch for both towns as part of a merged police department, the mayor said, Fanwood would only pay about $55,000 per year, according to a township estimate, with Scotch Plains' side of the expense being about $205,000, meaning the total cost to both towns would be about $260,000. "The logical step is for Fanwood to be dispatched from Scotch Plains," Mayor Malool said. She called the matter a "critical issue" and said it would be a "stumbling block" if both towns' police departments could not be dispatched from one location.

In a letter sent this week to Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr, Mayor Malool repeated much of what she said at Tuesday's meeting, telling her Fanwood counterpart that the issue of dispatch needed to be resolved before a merger of the police departments could go forward. "It does not make financial sense for Scotch Plains to move dispatch to the county, but it does make financial sense for Fanwood to move dispatch to Scotch Plains," Mayor Malool wrote in the letter, a copy of which was obtained by *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*.

"It is now time for Fanwood to make a decision," the letter concludes, asking Fanwood officials whether they want to continue to be dispatched by the county, "thereby possibly preventing the likelihood of a merger" between the police departments, or agreeing to be dispatched by Scotch Plains. Noting that the township has delayed hiring and promotions, Mayor Malool wrote, "We cannot wait much longer. Our department is at a standstill and we are at a crossroads."

At Tuesday's meeting, Councilman Kevin Glover criticized Mayor Malool for "having put a stake through" the county's dispatch proposal, and called for an independent audit to confirm the actual costs of police dispatch services to both towns. He said the county's proposal should be "given more thought," calling it "too significant a matter to just let wilt on the vine." But the mayor repeated that the county plan was "just too expensive" and called the joint dispatch alternative a "no-brainer."

In other business, the council put off a vote on an ordinance to restrict parking on several streets around Brunner Elementary School so that the governing body can meet with the

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TREATS...Fanwood Councilman Mike Szuch enjoys his ice cream with Jean Michelle and Patrick Moore. Fanwood Republicans meet with candidates Joe Britt, Nicole Cole and Jason Benedict at the Double Dipper for "Support Martine Avenue Shops" last Sunday.

Freeholder DEMS Comment On Trash Deal, MusicFest

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

WESTFIELD – During an interview at *The Times* office conducted by editor Paul Peyton, Union County Freeholder incumbents Angel Estrada of Elizabeth and Chris Hudak of Linden spoke in favor of extending the lease between Covanta Energy and the Union County Utilities Authority for operation of the county garbage incinerator in Rahway, as well as continuation of the annual week-long MusicFest at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. Joining them during the interview held Monday morning was running mate Vernell Wright of Union.

Mr. Estrada, who ran the now closed Elizabeth Motor Vehicle Services agency, was first elected as a freeholder in 1999 and has served as both vice-chairman and chairman as well as chairman of the board's fiscal affairs committee. Mr. Hudak was appointed by the county Democratic Committee to fill a vacancy in December. He previously ran the Rahway Motor Vehicle Services office and had worked in the office of the late state Senator Joseph Suliga.

Ms. Wright, a retired school principal and teacher, said she wants to be "a voice for people; to be a voice for people who may not have felt they have been heard," from young people to senior citizens.

Speaking on the Covanta lease, Mr. Estrada said the county saw an opportunity to try and get a share of the sale of revenues generated from electricity at the Union County Resource Recovery Facility (garbage incinerator). The county is to get a share of those revenues in the last few years of the lease extension.

Mr. Estrada said the seven towns that did not sign long-term contracts with the UCUA in the late 1990s "have long realized that's not a good position to be in." He said in those towns, like Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Cranford, residents "negotiate privately with the local vendors (and) that has an impact."

"What we have done is introduce a $12-per-ton [reduction]" in the tipping fee at the incinerator, Mr. Estrada

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ON CAMERA...Democratic candidates for Union County Freeholder discuss their views on camera with *Times* assignment editor Paul Peyton. Pictured, left to right, are: Mr. Peyton, Angel Estrada of Elizabeth, Chris Hudak of Linden and Vernell Wright of Union Township. Three seats are up for grabs. See the video at goleader.com.

Smith, Ortiz Say Freeholder Spending Is Out of Control

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

WESTFIELD – Two Republican candidates for the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Andy Smith of Summit and Edwin Ortiz of Elizabeth, say the current Democratic-controlled board lacks accountability to county residents.

Mr. Smith, an attorney from Summit with a private practice, said accountability needs to be brought to the nine-member freeholder board, noting that Democrats have held the majority on freeholder seats for 15 years.

He said, based on the findings of Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow's report on the 2010 MusicFest, "There is a serious problem there," saying the report showed that the county was spending in excess of $1 million annually on the event, despite previous county officials saying it cost less than half that amount.

"A lot of the things that we (Republicans) have been saying for years are starting to come out to be the case. Because the Democrats have controlled the freeholder board for so long, that's why we are seeing some of these things," Mr. Smith said.

Mr. Ortiz added the freeholders need to "tighten their belts" on spending "like everybody else."

"We have to streamline everything, so if we don't have MusicFest, so be it," Mr. Ortiz said. "It doesn't make any sense to me why we are spending money there rather than focusing on where the real needs are."

Mr. Smith added that the total cost of MusicFest is not the only issue. "The bottom line is that there were tens of thousands of dollars that were misplaced. They were overpaying vendors by tens of thousands or more. It's simple corruption."

He also took a shot at Freeholder Dan Sullivan over a report that his sister-in-law "gets a $50,000-a-year, no-show job" with the Union County Alliance, the board of which includes representatives from business, education, industry and government in Union County.

"That stuff (MusicFest and nepotism) isn't partisan; that isn't Democrat, that isn't Republican. The things that are coming out now — the corruption, the nepotism, the waste – those go beyond party lines. That's why we believe we need some accountability," Mr. Smith said.

Mr. Ortiz, an Elizabeth resident who moved to New Jersey from New

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Courtesy of Joseph Hoetzl

HAVING A BALL…Renata Maroney, Kay Buinis, Darlene Palombo and David Bierman, pictured left to right, show off their finery at the Osborn Cannonball House Museum in Scotch Plains during Union County's annual "Four Centuries in a Weekend" celebration October 15 and 16. Festivities at the museum featured the theme "the invitation to the dance."

Disko Pleads Guilty of Defrauding Schools; Berman Charges Pending

By BETSEY BURGDORF
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

ELIZABETH — Kenneth Disko, 48, of Mountainside pleaded guilty on October 12 to making false representations for a government contract, a second-degree offense, in state Superior Court in Union County. Disko oversaw construction projects for the Westfield, Scotch Plains-Fanwood and Tinton Falls school districts. He was charged with accepting kickbacks totaling $80,000, as well as orchestrating a series of fraudulent contract schemes that resulted in him pocketing thousands of dollars.

According to a report on nj.com, as part of his plea agreement, Disko, faces three to five years in state prison and fines of at least $50,000 to be paid to the state's Anti-Trust Revolving fund, which supports anti-trust enforcement. Disko will also be barred from public contracts in New Jersey for 10 years. Sentencing for Mr. Disko is scheduled for January 20, 2012.

Mr. Disko, who is not a state licensed engineer, was associated with M. Disko & Associates of Kenilworth, the architect of record for the Westfield School District at the time of the indictment.

Charges are still pending against Robert Berman, 55, of South Plainfield who served as Westfield Board of Education (BOE) business administrator until March when he was charged with second-degree bribery in connection with a bid-rigging scheme. Mr. Berman is charged with allegedly accepting over $13,000 worth of window glass and doors installed at his South Plainfield home by Metropolitan from 2004 to 2008 in exchange for making written recommendations that the Westfield BOE appoint the company as the "contractor of record" for the district. Mr. Berman remains on unpaid leave from the Westfield BOE while Interim Business Administrator Vincent Yaniro is paid $650 per day.

The hiring of a forensic account has been ordered by the Westfield BOE. Lorre Korecky, BOE spokesperson, stated that process is still underway. It is uncertain at this time how much money the district could have saved if they had not been coerced into the fraudulent contracts.

"I can tell you that since this situation is still in deliberation we [the BOE] are unable to comment at this time," Ms. Korecky said. "Thank goodness that he [Vincent Yaniro] was available as an interim and has done a good job."

When asked whether or not the Scotch Plains Board of Education (BOE) would hire a forensic accountant, Anthony DelSordi, Business Administrator for BOE told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*, "We haven't taken any steps at this time. We going to wait and see what the final determination is and if we had any dealings with any of the companies involved and it is found we suffered a financial impact, we will determine what steps to take at that time."

Also charged in connection to the case are John Sangiuliano, 56, of Scotch Plains, co-owner of Metropolitan Metal Window Company; Martin W. Starr 44, of Cliffwood Beach, owner of Starr Contracting, and Stephen M. Gallagher, 50, of Cliffwood Beach, owner of East Commercial Construction and Tara Construction.

Fanwood Candidates Forum Next Thursday

FANWOOD — Fanwood candidates for mayor and the two seats on the borough council will discuss their views during a televised forum at Borough Hall next Thursday, October 27. The public is invited. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Benjamin B. Corbin for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*

ON CAMERA...Republican candidates for Union County Freeholder discuss their views on camera with *Times* assignment editor Paul Peyton. Pictured, left to right, are: Mr. Peyton, Andrew Smith of Summit and Edwin Ortiz of Elizabeth. Three seats are up for grabs. See the videos at goleader.com.

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NOS INVITES DE FRANCE...Two dozen university students from France, just north of Paris, visit Westfield last Thursday for a tour of town by Mayor Andy Skibitsky. The students are studying the United States as part of their project.

CAMPAIGNING...Fanwood Democratic candidates (clockwise), Mayor Colleen Mahr, Planning Board Chairman Kevin Boris and Councilman Russell Huegel stop at the home of Vikki Cook to answer questions about taxes, shared services and the progress being made in the downtown.

HERMOSAS SEÑORAS, HERMOSO DÍA...Westfield residents Arlene Romeo, Jill Pierce and Cynthia Wolfe enjoy *The Westfield Leader* on a beautiful day in Toledo, Spain.

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York eight years ago and is a branch manager for a security company, said the board needs "fresh blood that's going to be holding everything and everyone accountable."

Speaking on the extension of the Union County Utilities Authority's (UCUA) lease with Convanta Energy for the county incinerator in Rahway, Mr. Smith said towns like Summit that have contracts with the UCUA "are going to pay, under this deal, more for their garbage than people shipping their garbage in from Staten Island."

Mr. Smith said county officials have said publicly that the reason for the deal is "so that the county could borrow 200 million more dollars to pay for their addiction to spending."

He called the contract extension an "insider deal."

"It's just adding to the (county) debt," Mr. Smith said.

On the county budget and debt, Mr. Smith said Union County has the fifth highest tax rate as a percentage of income among 3,000 counties in the nation. He said the county budget is nearly $500 million while debt is also over a half a billion dollars. "The preliminary numbers are saying we were third in debt of all the counties in New Jersey," Mr. Smith said.

"The taxpayers of Union County just got a 5-percent tax increase. And the only reason it wasn't a 7-percent tax increase is because the state stepped in and wouldn't allow $5.7 million in additional spending that the county wanted to spend," Mr. Smith said. He said freeholders have not taken responsibility for tax increases. "They have the ability to cut the budget. They have the ability to reduce your taxes. They didn't."

Mr. Smith said the hockey rink proposal at Oak Ridge Park would likely cost "tens of millions of dollars." The county is considering a new rink rather than renovating the Warinanco Rink, which is estimated to cost over $10 million.

"You have to look at it through the prism of a tax base that is over taxed to begin with and that you have an out-of-control debt problem. We have to take a serious look at whether or not we are going to be able to do these things," Mr. Smith said.

Mr. Ortiz said the county needs instead to focus on reducing county debt.

Looking at the 9-0 Democratic majority that has been in place since 1998, Mr. Smith said, "We need someone else in there, even if it's the two of us and seven of them. We need someone there to hold them accountable for what they are doing. It's goes beyond partisan politics. It goes to 'let's do something about this corruption, this nepotism, this waste that's being reported'" in the media, Mr. Smith said.

In addition, the candidates said they are opposed to spending $20 million to construct a banquet facility at the Galloping Hill Golf Course. "Those golf courses should make money, but right now we need tax relief," Mr. Smith said.

"It seems that they (Democratic freeholders) have this habit of rubber stamping everything. They don't sit down and debate," said Mr. Ortiz, who previously served on a community board in the Bronx, N.Y., one of 59 community boards in New York City.

Mr. Smith added that if he and Mr. Ortiz are elected, "the meetings are going to be longer," noting that at a recent meeting he was 8 minutes late and the multi-page agenda of resolutions was already approved.

Police and Fire Pipes and Drums to Host Pub Night

CRANFORD –Union County Police and Fire Pipes and Drums will host its 11th annual Pub Night on Friday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m. in The Commons at Union County College in Cranford. They will honor NJFMBA President William Lavin and N.J. State P.B.A. President Anthony Wieners.

Tickets cost $20 and include food, beer and soda. For tickets and more information, call Ed Donnelly at (908) 296-6797 or Dennis Connor at (908) 230-7084. To learn more, see unioncountypipeband.com.

MEMORIAL DUE...The Garwood DPW, led by director Fred Corbitt, prepares the cement footing for a Purple Heart Memorial which is being given to the borough. The memorial stone is scheduled to be installed this week, weather permitting, at the Georgianna Guerriero gazebo on Fourth Avenue. A tentative date for the unveiling ceremony is Saturday, November 12.

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police department and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education in an effort to "see if there are alternatives" to the proposed restrictions, the mayor said. A brief public hearing on the ordinance was held on Tuesday, with 10 parents of Brunner students speaking against the proposal, citing the effects on student dropoffs and pickups and on congestion on surrounding streets.

At the end of the 150-minute meeting, during public comments section, Mayor Malool strongly defended the actions of the council, the township legal department and township planners against accusations by resident Ilse Heinemyer that laws had been broken when the council recently approved an ordinance to allow the purchaser of the Shackamaxon Country Club to build condominiums on the golf course's property.

After the mayor and Mrs. Heinemyer had spoken, Councilman Glover attempted to add comments of his own, but the mayor had already ended the public comments section of the meeting and moved on to the phone-in segment. When Mr. Glover asked again to speak, the mayor denied his request, so Mr. Glover left the dais and stood at the public microphone while the mayor fielded a telephone call from a resident. When that call ended, and with Mr. Glover standing at the microphone, the mayor said to him, "You are ridiculous."

When Mr. Glover attempted to speak, Councilman William Vastine made a motion to adjourn the meeting so the council could enter executive session. The motion was seconded while Mr. Glover attempted again to speak, but the mayor silenced him, saying the township attorney, acting as parliamentarian, had determined that Mr. Glover could not speak because the council had a motion to consider and vote on. Mayor Malool told Mr. Glover if he wanted to vote on the motion to adjourn, he would need to return to his seat on the dais. When he failed to do so, the council voted to adjourn and go into executive session.

Garwood BOE Summarizes NJASK

By SONIA OWCHARIW
Specially Written for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times

GARWOOD – Lincoln School Principal Mary Emmons presented Tuesday a summary of NJASK standardized test results at the board of education meeting. The test, which was administered in the spring of this year, covers third- to eighth-grade students.

"We compare ourselves to districts that are similar to ours, like Roselle Park and Union Township," Ms. Emmons said.

According to Ms. Emmons, DFG (District Factor Group) classifications are based on U.S. Census data that is revised every 10 years. The New Jersey Department of Education uses the information to analyze the relationship between student achievements and the socioeconomic status of communities.

The percentage of district population with no high school diplomas, percentage with a college degree or not, poverty level, unemployment and residents' occupations and incomes are accounted for.

"It helps so that we do a better job with our district and help our students to be the best with challenging curriculum standards," Ms. Emmons said.

The new evaluation system is based on Advanced Proficient, Proficient and Partially Proficient scoring.

NJASK results for third graders in the district were as follows: LAL (Language Arts Literacy), 71 percent, and mathematics, 85 percent (50 percent Advanced Proficient), compared to State, LAL, 63 percent, and mathematics, 79 percent.

For fourth graders, results were LAL, 66 percent; mathematics, 71 percent, and science, 93 percent (56 percent Advanced Proficient). State was LAL, 63 percent; mathematics, 79 percent, and science, 90 percent.

"Math scores for fourth graders, we need to pay attention to," Ms. Emmons said.

For fifth graders, results were LAL, 54 percent, and mathematics, 84 percent (49 percent Advanced Proficient), compared to State, LAL, 61 percent, and mathematics, 81 percent.

For sixth graders, results were LAL, 65 percent, and mathematics, 80 percent (27 percent Advanced Proficient), compared to State, LAL, 67 percent, and mathematics, 77 percent.

For seventh graders, results were LAL, 70 percent, and mathematics, 70 percent, compared to State, LAL, 63 percent, and mathematics, 66 percent.

Areas of strength were reflected in eighth-grade LAL scores, with 98 percent (34 percent Advanced Proficient), according to Ms. Emmons. Mathematics scores were 88 percent (32 percent Advanced Proficient). Overall, mathematics scores continue to improve.

The concerns are fourth-grade mathematics scores, fifth-grade LAL scores, and increasing LAL scores in grades 3 to 7 by ways of using professional learning communities for NJASK test analysis and "The 6 Traits of Writing."

"We have strong teachers and strong curriculum. We have a better handle on NJASK this year than last year," Ms. Emmons said.

Teaching students early test-taking skills, like filling in and erasing the answer circles, can assist students, according to Ms. Emmons.

Garwood resident Amy Shorter said, "There should be games that second graders can learn how to fill in these circles, and why is academic success based only on scores?"

In other business, Superintendent Teresa Quigley said the district addressed six incidents of bullying.

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said.

Mr. Hudak said the Summit Common Council has opted not to proceed with the lease extension through 2031 at this time. The council's current lease agreement expires in 2023. He said if Summit does not approve the extension, "it would cost their taxpayers $92,000" over the remaining 12 years. "So almost a million dollars that Summit taxpayers would lose out on by not accepting the refinancing. And in [2023] they are going to see even higher rates because their agreement with the county will have expired and they will be forced to re-negotiate," Mr. Hudak said. "It really comes down to tax relief (for taxpayers)."

Mr. Estrada noted that non-contract towns also would receive a per-tonnage credit for amount of waste disposed at the incinerator. "This is a free country… We have given everybody the opportunity [to sign contracts with the UCUA]. If they choose not to participate, hopefully they will be able to explain to their constituents the financial impact that it will have on their operations."

The candidates also discussed the MusicFest report.

"We read that prosecutor's report. We take it very seriously," Mr. Hudak said. "I think we are going to look at the outcome of this year's event," which he said was already planned when Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow issued his report. "People like the event. Tens of thousands are coming to Union County. It's a signature event."

"We are going to carefully study how the event was conducted in terms of going forward," Mr. Hudak said.

He said many concertgoers are coming from outside the county and thus creating a positive economic impact for county businesses. Mr. Hudak said the county has commissioned the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University to conduct an economic assessment of the county including the impact of MusicFest on the economy.

Mr. Hudak said county programs need to be evaluated annually on their merits. "Where we can improve, we will."

Mr. Estrada added that the results of the prosecutor's report were "unfortunate." He said the county revisits its MusicFest every year to see where improvements can be made. Mr. Estrada said one of the positives of MusicFest is that the county has been able to "engage the youth of Union County."

Discussing the county debt, which stands at $560 million, Mr. Estrada said the county is "way below" the amount of debt allowed per state stipulations. "We monitor that very closely and we make decisions based on future programs. We also have a responsibility to generate jobs," Mr. Estrada said. Mr. Hudak added that credit agencies "look upon Union County in a very favorable light," citing the county's AAA bond rating.

"We take projects based on, number one, the need assessments; number two, the funding mechanism that is going to be gained," Mr. Estrada said, noting that some projects may generate revenue, such as the proposed new hockey rink, while other projects may not. Some projects may be funded out of the county's open space funding, Mr. Estrada said.

In terms of shared services, Mr. Estrada said the county offers town-purchasing agreements for favorable pricing on products such as road salt, gasoline, etc. He said the county is trying to expand purchasing with other counties "as best as we can." Mr. Hudak added that the county holds annual shared-services conferences whereby all 21 towns in the county participate.

"One of the things the county has done very well is to step in when municipalities are in crisis, and that is also a shared service," Mr. Hudak said, citing the county efforts in Cranford during the aftermath of Hurricane Irene.

Speaking on the red-light cameras, of which the county gains a share of ticket revenues through agreements with towns, Mr. Estrada said, "you can see immediately a reduction in terms of accidents." Mr. Hudak said with the cameras in place in his city, "You think twice about making an illegal right…it has changed, in my opinion, behavior."

"Hopefully, we don't make any money on this deal," Mr. Estrada said, adding that public safety is the main reason for the cameras. "If we save one life, I think it is a job well done."

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FORMER SP RESIDENT…Former Governor Donald DiFrancesco speaks in Westfield along with Richard Bagger at Echo Lake Country Club in support of Asm. Jon Bramnick and other area GOP candidates.

Horace Corbin for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*

ON CAMERA…Westfield council candidates (GOP) speak with assignment editor Paul Peyton during a video interview last Friday. See goleader.com. Pictured, from left to right, are: Mr. Peyton and candidates Frank Arena (W1), JoAnn Neylan (W2), Mark LoGrippo (W3) and Jim Foerst (W4).

Rob Connelly for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*

ON CAMERA…Westfield Ward Three council candidate (IND) Greg Kasko speaks with *Westfield Leader* reporter Lauren Barr during a video interview last Thursday. See goleader.com.

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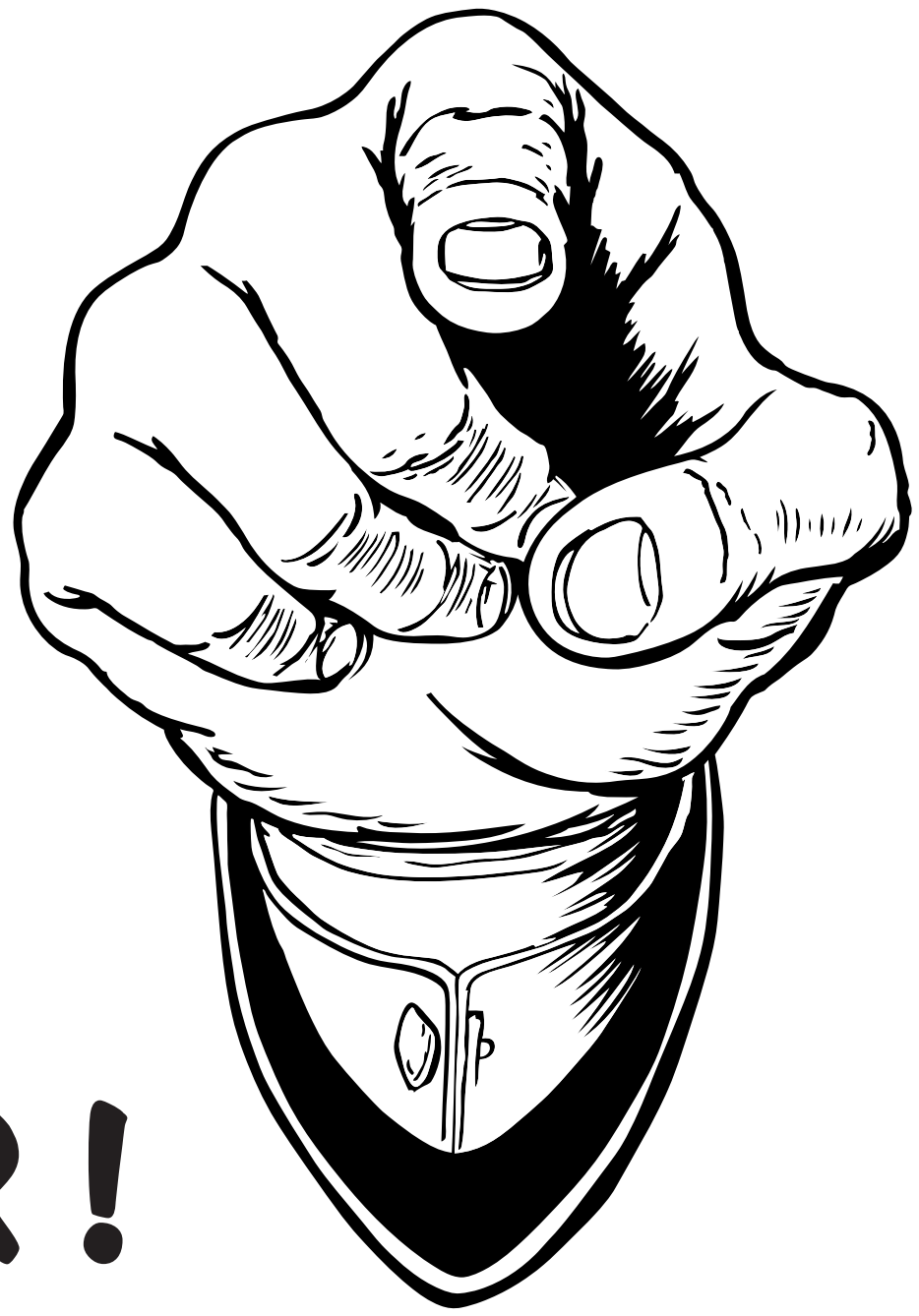

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Residents Ask County to To Look Into Pedes. Light

By PAUL J. PEYTON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

COUNTY — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders last Thursday heard the pleas of several Westfield residents seeking to relocate a pedestrian crosswalk back to the intersection of Central Avenue and Clover Street.

Since the pedestrian light was placed in front of the home of Adina Enculescu on Central Avenue a year ago, "People are blowing through the site every time it's activated," said Maria Carluccio, Ms. Enculescu's neighbor. "How could we all collectively as the human race be wrong and Mayor (Andrew) Skibitsky be right telling us that this is the safest location when now there's been three accidents in less than five months."

Greg Kasko, a retired Westfield police officer now employed as a certified municipal engineering inspector, said he has "great concern for safety not only for the pedestrians but school children" crossing at the Central Avenue crosswalk.

He said once the project is completed, the county will turn its control back over to Westfield. "Adina's avenue of relief will be closed at that point once it's turned over to the town."

"Don't let it be released to Westfield just yet until all the questions are answered," Mr. Kasko told the board.

Mr. Kasko said the light was initially planned by the town to be 80 feet down from the intersection and later 100. He said the county then said it needed to be moved another 12 to 18 feet in front of Ms. Enculescu's driveway.

"Her driveway is now an intersection," Mr. Kasko said. "She's had people coming up Central Avenue and making turns into her driveway at all hours of the night."

"I believe this light belongs at the corner," Mr. Kasko said.

After listening to the residents, Freeholder Dan Sullivan said, "Something doesn't sound right in terms of that light. I would say that this is something that we should definitely look at," Mr. Sullivan said.

Freeholder Chairwoman Deborah Scanlon added that she thinks, "There is an issue with it."

"We can't afford to lose any children or anyone for that matter," she said, asking the residents to speak with County Engineer Thomas Mineo after Thursday's meeting. "Perhaps we can figure out what needs to be done and what can be done."

During the public portion of the meeting, Tina Renna, president of the Union County Watchdog Association, referred to an article regarding the bankruptcy filing by Harrisburg, Pa. The article states that the city's problems can be traced to the city's trash-to-energy incinerator which, like Union County, is operated by Covanta Energy. The Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA) is in negotiations with Covanta to extend the lease on the Union County's incinerator in Rahway, which expires in 2023, through 2031.

Mr. Sullivan, who is serving as acting executive director of the utilities authority, responded that, "to imply what total mismanagement is going on in Harrisburg with the situation in Union County is totally irresponsible because there is no connection at all." He said 10 of the 14 towns with existing long-term contracts with the county have passed resolutions for extensions of their contracts with the UCUA. The freeholder noted that those towns that sign extensions would receive a $12 reduction in their tipping fee to dump at the incinerator.

In other business, several residents questioned why the board was opposed to state legislation, A-3285, which would "require contracting units requesting bids for construction projects to advertise their projected estimates or estimate ranges of the contracts' costs," according to a copy of the legislation.

"This bill will help ensure greater openness in the bidding process and further ensure careful deliberation before a decision is reached to reject all bids," according to a statement on the legislation. Kenilworth resident John Bury said he feels the legislation "seems pretty reasonable." He said he thought the bill would help the county avoid receiving "low ball" bids and thus avoid future change orders on contracts.

"This (bill) looks like good government," Mr. Bury said. "I think it is irresponsible to vote against it."

County Director of Purchasing Michael Yuska said seven of New Jersey's 21 counties have passed resolutions opposing the legislation. He reasoned that by making construction costs known up front contractors would likely come in at that amount or higher.

Lance Votes to Approve Free Trade Agreements

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Saying free trade helps New Jersey companies create jobs and expand exports, Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) has voted to approve three separate Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with Colombia, Panama and South Korea. All of the agreements were passed by the House.

"The American People want their elected officials to cast aside partisanship and work together to enact pro-growth policies that have broad, bipartisan support," Mr. Lance said. "Today we are witnessing a cooperative effort of the White House and Congress to produce a series of trade agreements that will create jobs by making it easier for American farmers, companies and manufacturers to sell their products in Panama and Colombia and South Korea. These trade agreements are particularly important to New Jersey where our large concentration of agriculture, financial services, life sciences and telecommunications sectors will thrive in these new, open markets."

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the state trade exports support 76,629 jobs in the state including 20,682 jobs in the Seventh Congressional District alone. Local business leaders praised the congressional action saying the three trade agreements will allow local companies to grow and hire more workers.

"Free trade agreements have always stimulated economic activity and have been beneficial to New Jersey. And I would expect free trade agreements with Columbia, Panama and South Korea will produce similar results," said James Coyle, the president of the Gateway Chamber of Commerce in Union County. "Free trade agreements are especially important during a recession, where free trade can help boost economic activity and ultimately lead toward job creation."

Mr. Lance said several New Jersey companies, like AT&T, Chubb, Merck, J&J, Verizon, Prudential and others, have all voiced support for Congress to approve the three FTAs.

Kean: DEMS Should Stop Stalling on Aid Legislation

TRENTON — Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21, Westfield) said that by stalling on a transitional aid bill that would provide a financial lifeline to several struggling New Jersey cities, legislative Democrats have increased the likelihood that credit agency ratings will issue downgrades for those cities making future borrowing more expensive.

"The failure of Democrats to move forward on approving a transitional aid bill that is waiting to be voted on will hurt the residents of New Jersey's cities both now and in the future," Sen. Kean said. "This aid would help our cities to fund critical services including police and fire departments in their current budgets, and would prevent likely credit downgrades that would make future budgets even more expensive for taxpayers."

Senator Kean's comments followed a report that Moody's Investor Services is reviewing Camden, Trenton, East Orange, Passaic, Paterson and Union for a potential credit rating downgrade due to the state's inability to approve transitional aid for those cities.

Senator Kean noted that legislation sponsored by Senator Kevin O'Toole (R-40, Cedar Grove), S-3024, would provide $139 million in transitional aid, and that Governor Chris Christie has committed to signing the legislation once it is approved by the state Legislature. Senator O'Toole's bill includes "strong and unambiguous oversight provisions to ensure that the aid is used appropriately," Mr. Kean said.

Additionally, the state's Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has already announced how much transitional aid will be distributed to eligible cities once S-3024 is approved, including allocations of $61.4 million for Camden, $22 million for Trenton and $21 million for Paterson.

"Just yesterday (October 13), the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee met to consider more than a dozen bills, yet this bill was not deemed to be important enough by Democrats to post for a vote," Mr. Kean added. "The Democrats' continued inaction will only hurt those who need this help the most."

Mayors Want Exemption Pulled for Internet Businesses

TRENTON — The New Jersey Conference of Mayors has called for a level playing field between New Jersey brick-and-mortar businesses and out-of-state, internet-only retailers. Under current law, New Jersey businesses are required to collect and remit the 7 percent sales tax on products they sell, while Internet companies are exempt. As a result, products from New Jersey store front businesses cost 7 percent more than the same product that can be purchased from an out-of-state online-only business – threatening local jobs, downtowns and higher property taxes.

"The Conference of Mayors endorses e-Fairness and we look to our state leaders in Trenton to stand up in a bipartisan fashion for New Jersey businesses, New Jersey jobs, and New Jersey's downtowns by leveling the playing field," said Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr, legislative chairwoman at the Conference of Mayors. "All municipalities, regardless of how Republican or Democrat their voters may be, are at risk of losing downtown business unless we level the sales tax playing field as soon as possible."

Recently, the New Jersey Retail Merchants Association announced the results of a study conducted by Rutgers University that found New Jersey is losing $171 million annually by failing to collect sales tax from these Internet companies, despite the fact that the tax is still owed.

When the retailer doesn't collect the sales tax, the obligation falls to the consumer to pay it. Most consumers are unaware of that liability, as less than 1 percent of the $140 million believed to be owed in 2008 was actually collected, according to a press release from the Conference of Mayors.

"Certainly the hundreds of millions of dollars the state would collect by enforcing current law would allow Trenton to pay down years of runaway debt, or aid in direct property tax relief for towns hit hard by the recession," said Gary Passanante, mayor of Somerdale. "There are many things we can be doing to help New Jersey businesses in this economy, but this is doing nothing more than giving them a black eye. It's only fair to New Jersey businesses that if there is going to be a sales tax, it should be applied the same, whether a sale occurs online or in a store."

State law requires any business with a physical presence in New Jersey, like buildings, property, employees or sales agents, to collect and remit sales tax, including on their website sales. A change to New Jersey's sales tax law would apply only to out-of-state retailers that sell products online to the state's consumers. Similar legislation has passed in California, Texas, Illinois and New York, requiring only those retailers who have online sales above a reasonable threshold to collect and remit the tax, thus protecting small businesses from undue regulatory burdens nationwide.

Eliz. Among Districts Testing Teacher Evaluation System

TRENTON — A new teacher evaluation system will be implemented statewide next year before administrators and educators have sufficient time to evaluate the success of its pilot program and make necessary adjustments, according to the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA).

The teacher evaluation system is a result of an executive order of the governor, which created a task force to develop a more authentic teacher assessment. The assessment will focus equally on classroom performance and student achievement. Currently, 11 districts are piloting the program that began in September 2011 and will conclude in March 2012.

Eleven pilot districts are testing the new statewide teacher evaluation system during the 2011-2012 school year with guidance and funding from the state. The districts include Alexandria Township, Hunterdon County; Bergenfield, Bergen County; Elizabeth, Union County; Monroe Township, Middlesex County; Ocean City, Cape May County; Pemberton Township, Burlington County; Red Bank, Monmouth County; Secaucus, Hudson County; West Deptford Township, Gloucester County; and Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional, Salem County. The Newark school district also will participate through a separate grant.

On the federal level, similar frustrations are being felt by the Race to the Top grant winners, according to the NJASA. Educators and administrators also are struggling with practical questions about how to judge job performance fairly.

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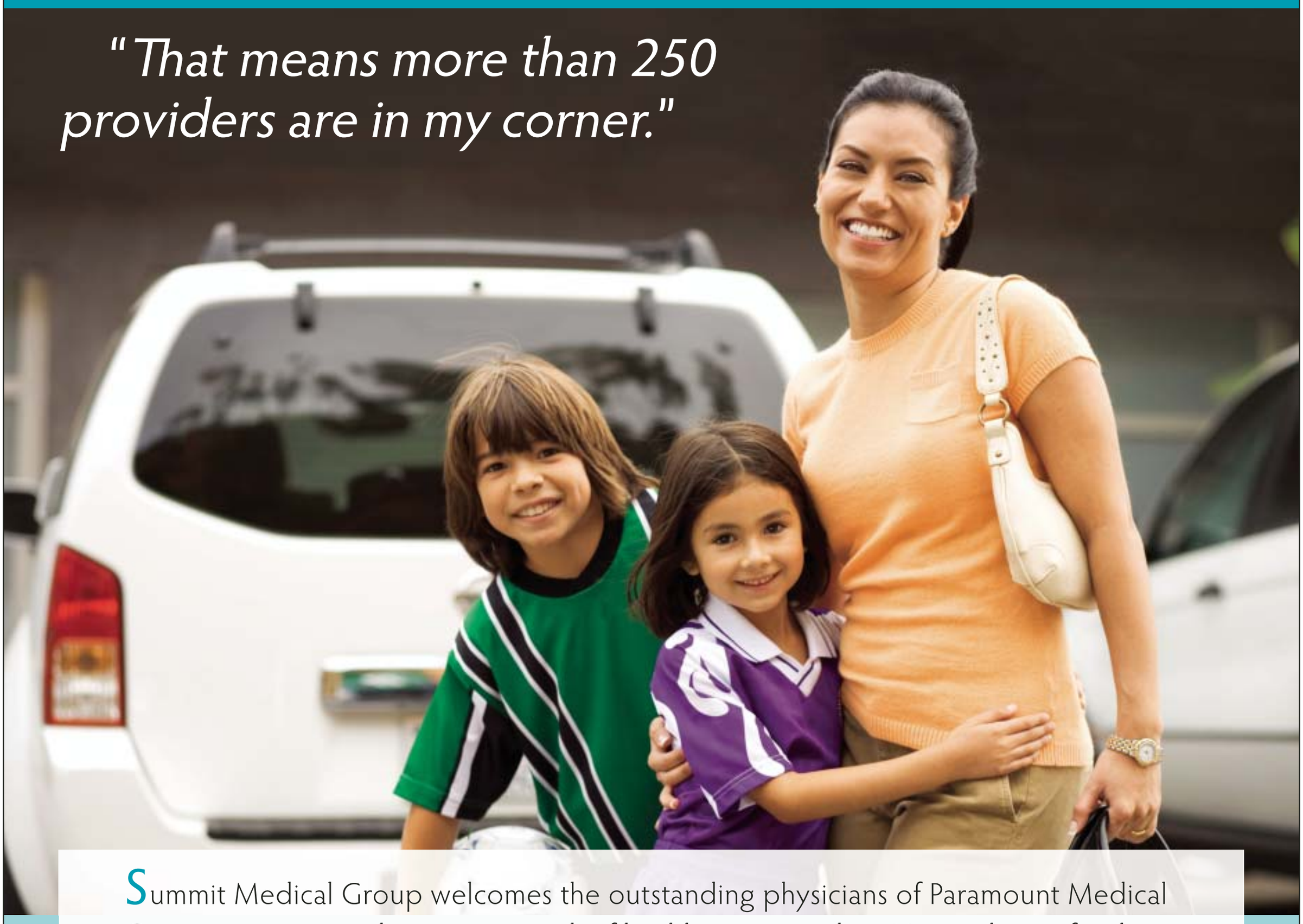

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Being Forced Into New Contract With Covanta Is A Trash Deal

The City of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania's state capital, recently filed for Chapter 9 Bankruptcy protection. In an article published in the *Wall Street Journal*, it was reported that millions of dollars in outstanding debt on the city's incinerator was the main culprit for the city's financial woes. Harrisburg defaulted on a $65 million payment owed for the burner. The burner is operated by Covanta Energy, which also runs the Union County incinerator in Rahway.

At last week's Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders' meeting, Freeholder Dan Sullivan said that any comparison to the Harrisburg situation and the Rahway incinerator is "totally irresponsible because there is no connection at all." Recently the authority director resigned and Freeholder Sullivan was named acting executive director of the Union County Utilities Authority that runs the burner — and which has been in negotiations with Covanta for over a year on amending the lease on the county burner. Although Mr. Sullivan has waived his $30,000 freeholder salary (required by law) to accept the six-figure salary at the authority, he remains a member of the freeholder board and exposes the public to conflict of interests.

During an interview with the Democratic Freeholder candidates on the ballot this year, Freeholder Chris Hudak spoke of the so-called "tax savings" 14 towns that have contracts with the utilities authority will see by extending their agreements through 2031 via reduced tipping fees at the incinerator. Freeholder Angel Estrada said that towns had the choice on whether or not to sign the 25-year agreements in the 1990s, but that those towns (like Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Cranford) who did not, "have long realized that's not a good position to be in." Mr. Estrada said those towns are free to choose.

But do these towns really have a choice? No. As required by regulation, Union County municipalities and their haulers must send their trash to the county incinerator whether they have a contract or not. The freeholder candidates spoke of the need for economic development and jobs in the county. Is having government take over garbage collections from small business owners a part of the county's economic development plan?

The issue is not a near term reduction of $12 a ton for only some towns; it's millions a year of increased cost for all for more than a decade. In our opinion, signing this agreement is trash deal. This ignominy rivals or exceeds that of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority.

Some People Seem to Have Lost Sight of The Fact That This Is A New Administration in Garwood

After reading the article in *The Westfield Leader/SP Fanwood Times* regarding the most recent Garwood Borough council meeting, I felt compelled to share a major detail or two that should be made known to the public. However, first I find it necessary to state that I am a Republican, and not a Democrat. I should not be expected to operate my administration in the same manner as the prior mayor, a Democrat by the way. Regardless of my party affiliation, according to our codes and the type of municipal government we have, I am entitled to select and appoint those individuals of my choosing to committees, commissions and boards; ergo the term "mayoral appointment." Further, it certainly is not outside the realm of possibility that as a Republican mayor, I may appoint a Republican or two or even three to openings as they occur, which works for me.

As *The Leader* reported at the council meeting of October 11, Democratic Councilwoman Sara Todisco, the council liaison to the Recreation Committee, read a letter directed to the mayor during what is intended to be the committee reports portion of the meeting. The chairman of the committee, Mr. Richard Bree, was not at the council meeting. His letter contained charges that my appointment to the Rec. Committee that evening was a "political" move because he is the son of a Republican candidate for borough council. It was also reported that after the meeting, Ms. Todisco told *The Leader* that four people on the commission have threatened to resign because of what they say is my lack of consideration of the four people whose names were supposedly submitted in mid-September. Ms. Todisco further charged that I did not follow a practice that the prior mayor used to make his mayoral appointments to the recreation committee. She also said that since July, the recreation commission had people in mind for the open seats and submitted the names last month.

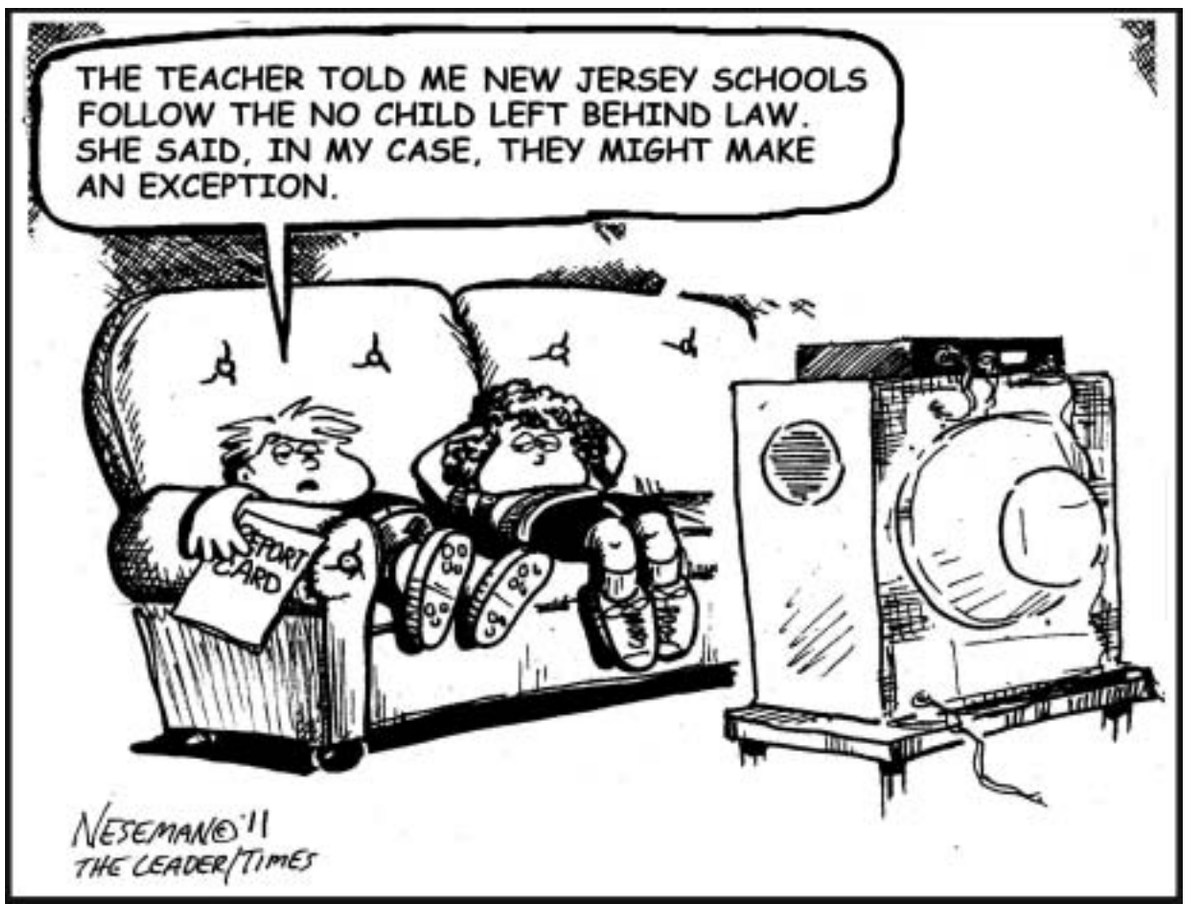
I do have to express my disappointment with the Councilwoman as it would appear that she allowed herself to use her position on the dais, where the people's work should be done, to advance her personal political agenda. This may or may not have been done intentionally, but one can only assume this to be the case since a person in the audience who spoke in support of the letter, Mr. Scott Kessler, is the treasurer of the Rec. Commission and is also the treasurer of her election campaign. Is it a coincidence that he also called some of my appointments political? Is it because I appointed a Republican to the recreation committee? I think now is a good time to remind Mr. Kessler, who is an independentm and Ms. Todisco, who is a Democrat, that I personally appointed both of them to the committee in January — were their appointments political? And it is also worth noting that all of the present committee members are either independent voters or registered Democrats and that the same holds true for the others that they seek to bring on board. Odd that there is not a single registered Republican, Libertarian or a Green Party member in the bunch.

Submitting four names for appointment to two positions the afternoon of the September 27 council meeting can hardly be considered mid-September. And apparently I am to be criticized for not being a mind reader since I did not know the names that the commission had "in mind" since July. Upon receiving the list on 9/27, I instructed the committee liaison, Councilwoman Todisco, that I would not be making any appointments at the meeting that evening. I expressed that I did not know any of these individuals "yet," and that I also had someone who was interested — and that the Rec. Committee should select one from their list and I would see to it that their selection would get appointed to the last available spot.

Those instructions were given to the councilwoman a full week before the last council meeting, and though I did not receive a response, they still stand. The committee will at that point have the full contingent allowable by NJ statute, seven regular commissioners and two alternates. My appointees are more than qualified to be part of the commission. One is a lifelong borough resident; both have athletics in their backgrounds and certainly will not have any problems with criminal background checks, which was publicly alluded to by Mr. Kessler — since one is a teacher and the other in law enforcement. These are not salaried positions, so for these appointments to be considered political is really quite a stretch. When I took office in January, I invited most of those persons whose appointments were set to expire to stay on board, to include Mr. Kessler. Understandably, there were a few exceptions. The exceptions were not dictated by political party affiliation, but rather were self-resignations or not reappointed for performance issues.

Some individuals seem to have lost sight of the fact that this is a new administration and that if the residents of Garwood had wanted things to stay exactly the same, then Mayor McCarthy would have been reelected.

Patricia Quattrocchi
Garwood Mayor



Letters to the Editor

Expert Should Be Picked to Resolve Pedestrian Light Issue in Westfield

Your editorial of Oct. 13th is absolutely correct. Sanity and respect should return to Council meetings. The actions and conduct of both sides should be put into the past.

Again, may I suggest that the Council assert its desire to appear fair. It need not don sackcloth and ashes. It only needs to assert a desire to solve the problem by turning to an independent expert to answer the overriding question, "Where is the safest place for the light to be?" The other questions in the editorial should also be answered.

The Council should act because its critics can do nothing as a first step and because it can "lead the way to the high road" of reason by making the suggestion. Upon receipt of such a public offer, the critics should nominate someone to act on their behalf and publicly agree to abide by the expert's opinion.

An expert acceptable to both sides should be chosen. If agreement is not possible, resort should be made to the Dept. of Transportation or a N.J. engineering school to name an expert. His instructions should be public and his report should be printed in this paper rather than privately delivered to the parties.

Each side will ignore their complaints about the other and will abide by the report. The light will thus be in the "safest" location and peace and dignity will return to Council meetings.

A. John Blake
Westfield

Re-printing of Same Story on Light Is below High Standards of *Leader*

The traditional understanding of the word "news" in the newspaper world is to report things or events which are, in fact, new. Therefore, I can't understand why this publication continues to print, on the front page no less, the weekly rants of a disgruntled former town employee and a few property owners regarding their complaint with the location chosen for the placement of a traffic signal on Central Avenue.

Week after week, the readers of the *Leader* have to look past a front-page story, which contains the same sequence of speakers at Town Council meetings with the same unsubstantiated claims and obnoxious behavior. Where is the news? These individuals have lost their argument, the Town Council has spoken, the signal is in place and yet this newspaper continues to print the same speeches over and over again.

These residents certainly have the right to appear and speak at a Town Council meeting and our patient Town Council members are compelled to sit through their repetitive presentations. This newspaper, however, has no obligation to report the same scene to the rest of us. One could assume that the reason they appear at each meeting is in part because they know that this newspaper will do them the favor each week of putting them back on the front-page.

The re-printing of the same story each week without anything new to report is below the usual high journalist standards of this respected newspaper.

Bill Palatucci
Westfield

Why Has It Taken An Election For Things to Be Done in Ward Three?

First I would like to take this opportunity to thank *The Westfield Leader* for the chance to be interviewed by reporter Lauren Barr. I look forward to Election Day, November 8, and encourage all Westfield residents to exercise their right to vote.

After reading last week's *Westfield Leader*, I cannot help but comment on the letter of Mr. and Mrs. Garbarini. They have designated 3rd Ward Town Council Candidate Mark LoGrippo as their "Lone Ranger riding in to save the day."

Allow a skeptic to wonder what was done by the councilman whom Mr. LoGrippo replaced and by the Mayor who appointed Mr. LoGrippo. The conditions have existed since December 2005 and the alleged reconstruction for the past three years.

The gun that fires the silver bullet of compliance with town regulations has been in the hands of Mr. LoGrippo's predecessor and his mentor, Mayor Skibitsky, for years. Why has it taken an election to bring about the appearance of action?

He is part of a governing body because in the short time he has lived in Westfield he has proved valuable to that political party. The Mayor, as head of that Party and as one of the Garbarini's neighbors in the third ward, appears to have done nothing about the construction issues of a home on Cherokee Court for years. Do the Garbarinis' expect the "Lone Ranger" to ride into town and reverse the inaction with which the complaints from Cherokee Court have been treated? If enforcement has previously been ordered, why wasn't compliance required?

The Garbarinis' should remember that if the "Lone Ranger" cleans up the problem to quickly, the people might start to ask what the sheriff's been doing all this time.

I can certainly understand the Garbarinis' frustration and guarantee, as an Independent councilman, that I will follow up the problems of that street without being hampered by the burden of Party and the debt of gratitude.

As an Independent candidate for Westfield Town Council, if elected, I will be beholden to the citizens of Westfield and follow up on every issue brought to my attention.

Gregory Kasko
Westfield Candidate
Ward Three Council

I Hope All People Who Use Tamaques Cooperate By Following The Rules

In reference to Mr. Cohen's letter printed in the 10/6/11 edition in which he implores the Westfield Police not to enforce town parking regulations in Tamaques Park, I believe that the opinions of the "community" Mr. Cohen so lovingly describes is more diverse than he realizes. I have grown up with Tamaques as the fantastic park just up the road. As an adult, I now enjoy using Tamaques as a quiet and natural space in which to run for exercise.

I am not the only person who uses Tamaques in this way. The park is often filled with people of all ages walking, running, biking, walking dogs, and pushing strollers. What concerns me is the "community" of parents who believe they are above the law simply because they have children, elementary through high school age, who participate in sports at Tamaques. These parents regularly park on the grass right in front of "No Parking" signs.

In addition to the safety concerns that parking on the grass and blocking driver and pedestrian visibility brings, cars damage the grass by abrasion that turns grass into mud and harm trees through root compaction. These are easily observable consequences that degrade the condition of Tamaques, which is passively enjoyed by many people for its beauty and nature, not just for watching and playing sports.

I participated in organized sports at the park as a child, now enjoy the park as an adult and care about the well-being of Tamaques Park for years to come. If complying with parking regulations is any indication, this generation of parents of school-age children appears to have little concern for the condition of the park beyond the current sports season. Some people even park on the pedestrian sidewalk, and when I once asked a man to move his Cadillac SUV off of the pedestrian sidewalk, he replied that I was not the police and he could park anywhere he wanted.

There are spaces available to those who want to use them, but you may have to park farther away sometimes – and walk. I do not see this same sense of "community" that Mr. Cohen sees, since this lack of concern for the posted regulations, for the well-being of the park itself, and for the fellow patrons of Tamaques happens regularly. I have observed police giving out tickets only once before, while several times a week there is an influx of cars brazenly parked wherever the parents please.

I implore the Westfield Police to enforce the Tamaques parking regulations more often. And I hope that all the people who use the park in a variety of different ways can cooperate by following the few simple rules posted there. Finally, to address concerns for the safety of Lamberts Mill Road, I reply that it is unsafe because people do not follow the posted speed limit signs. Does not following posted signs sound familiar?

Amy Ryan
Westfield

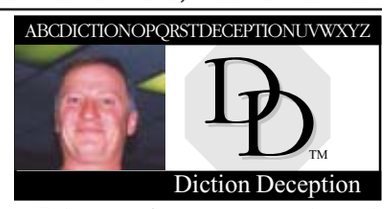
November 8 Election

Public candidate forums will be held at the municipal buildings for the Fanwood and Westfield elections. They will be televised on the local TV stations.

Westfield will be held on October 24 at 7 p.m. and Fanwood will be held on October 27 at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to e-mail topics for discussion in advance to editor@goleader.com.

See candidate information at www.goleader.com. The pre-election edition, Nov. 3, of this newspaper will be mailed to all residents in Fanwood, Westfield and Garwood as well as to regular subscribers.



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

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

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

Answers to last week's arcane words.
1. Trichogenous – Producing hair
2. Loke – Private road or lane
3. Paludism – Malaria
4. Polder – Lowland reclaimed from a lake or sea by means of high embankments

RUBIGINOSE
1. Rust-colored
2. Resembling German measles
3. Having a large, but flat nose
4. Resembling a honeycomb

THRENODY
1. A poem or stanza having eight lines and two rhymes
2. A song of lamentation; a dirge
3. Government by three men or coalition of three parties. A triumvirate
4. Characterized by three knots or nodes

COZEN
1. The hip or hip joint
2. A person who steers a boat
3. Mentally ill; insane
4. To cheat or defraud

POLLAN
1. A white fish found in some lakes in Ireland
2. A hornless animal, as a goat, deer, ox, etc.
3. Any body of persons having an organized system of government
4. Hay fever

See more letters on pages 5, 10

Letters to the Editor

Outrage: Politically Appointed, Highly Paid, Self-Serving

Regarding Tuesday's decision by Superior Court Judge Linda Feinberg: This outrageous, self-serving decision, where a judge is protecting her own pocketbook and those of her colleagues, is why the public has grown to have such little faith in the objectivity of the Judiciary.

These political appointees, who are the most lavishly paid public workers, with the richest lifetime benefits, have now had one of their own rule that they are above the law and should be treated preferentially. We trust that the Supreme Court will reverse this ridiculous decision and find that judges should have to pay their fair share, just like every other public employee.

Chris Christie
NJ Governor

Editor's Note:

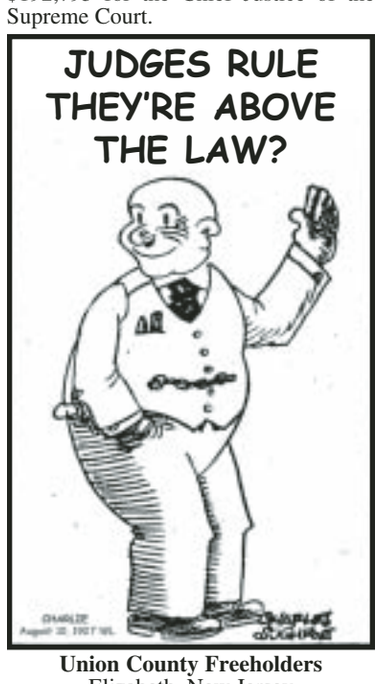
According to the Christie Administration, they intend to appeal Judge Feinberg's ruling. If, however, higher courts, including the New Jersey Supreme Court, hold to Judge Feinberg's position, Governor Christie will seek an amendment to the state Constitution.

Judges of the Superior Court, the Appellate Division and the Supreme Court are among the highest paid employees of the state, receive the richest pension benefits and contribute the least amount in return for those lifetime benefits. The average annual pension benefit for new judicial retirees is $107,540. Yet, before reforms were enacted, judges paid the lowest contribution rate – 3 percent of salary – and made an average lifetime contribution of just $59,300 – paying for less than 10 percent of their retirement benefit. And the average amount of time it takes for a judge to recover his contributions in retirement is just six months.

The average new judicial retiree, before the Governor's bipartisan reforms, could expect to collect $2.3 million over the remainder of their lifetime.

In contrast, prior to reforms, other public employees funded between 27 percent and 57 percent of their retirement benefit. All other public employees were contributing from 5.5 percent to 8.5 percent of salary prior to reforms, and are now contributing between 6.5 percent and 10 percent.

Salaries for judges are set by statute. They range from $165,000 for Superior Court judges to higher increments for assignment judges and Appellate Division judges and sssociate justices of the Supreme Court. The ranges tops off at $192,795 for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.



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Traffic Studies; Do It The Old-Fashioned Way

In the good old days (say 20 years ago), in order to determine if a left-turn lane was desired to enhance traffic flow at a given intersection, a study was made by traffic engineers. They would lay cables in the streets affected attached to a recording device to count the cars going in each direction by time of day. After a considerable time, they would pick up these cables and instruments and analyze the data.

Based on this analysis, a decision would be made. In many cases the data would not support a left-turn lane as it would actually impede traffic flow. It seems nowadays, if an intersection has a traffic light, it is automatically deemed worthy of left-turn lanes in every direction. After all, why should we waste taxpayers money on traffic studies?

Are their others who have noticed more traffic delays since the advent of left-turn lanes in many areas in and around Westfield? Have you been on Central Avenue lately? I can name several other locations.

It's time for those in charge to re-study the left-turn lane issue and do it the old-fashioned way.

Bruce Long
Westfield

WF Badly Needs Leaders Who Can Build Teams, Think Outside The Box

I am Greg Romer, the Fourth Ward Democratic candidate for Westfield Town Council. I would like to introduce myself and my candidacy. I have been a proud resident of Westfield for over 15 years. I live on Downer Street with my two daughters, Meredith, who attends NYIT, and Deirdre, a sophomore at Westfield High School. I'm grateful for the wonderful opportunities this community has provided for my family, and I'd be honored to give back by serving on the Westfield Town Council.

Westfield is a great town in which to live and raise a family. I believe we can make it even better. My candidacy is about changing the way the Town Council does business. I am committed to being responsive to the real concerns of our citizens, restoring fiscal responsibility, and making the Town Council more transparent and responsive. My primary goal is to empower my neighbors in the fourth ward by serving as their voice on the town council.

In my many hours of dialogue with Westfield's citizens, I've heard the same concerns come up time and again. We can resolve each one of the following six critical issues — but only if we work as a team:

We need to make Westfield's safety a priority, including restoring the use of our ladder truck**.** When Ferraro's was in flames, the Westfield ladder truck sat idle in the firehouse right across the street. The same scenario happened in several other major fires, because the council has cut the manpower budget to use this life saving truck. Yes, we need to keep the budget down, but not when lives are at stake. There are better ways to balance the budget!

We need to solve the high school parking and traffic issues. Parking and traffic conditions around the high school have become unbearable. Residents can't even park on their own streets on school days. A number of good solutions have been proposed over the course of seven years and yet nothing has been done. We need a fair and equitable solution for all involved. We must make city government transparent and accountable. Many decisions about our town are being made behind closed doors, such as the budget process, and we don't know the ramifications of these decisions until it's too late. This has to stop. I want to make sure as many of our committee and budget meetings as possible are held in open forums so the public can hear the options and provide input. When the council says something will get done, you have the right to know how we are progressing toward that goal.

It is critical that we restore our bond rating through sound fiscal discipline. When Moody's lowered the town's bond rating in 2010, it cited concerns over the town government's practice of utilizing surplus funds in balancing the budget. The town government has spent roughly $4 million in surplus between 2008 and 2010 and now there is nothing left. I believe we must say "No!" to no bid contracts. We need professional services contracts to be put out to bid to ensure we are getting the best service for the best price. In the past, we have given no-bid contracts to town attorneys and the traffic consultant. How do we know they are the best person for the job at the best price? Our street should be plowed and paved in a timely manner. Our roads are not properly repaired and maintained. We need to pave approximately five miles of road per year to keep up, yet we are already behind and are getting further behind.

As I've walked through the ward, I've seen the problems and heard many complaints about the roads and drainage issues (particularly at Rahway Avenue and Lamberts Mill Road). Anticipating flooding, some residents have even had to personally clean out sewer drains before large storms. We have crumbling curbs or no curbs at all in some areas. Some neighborhoods were promised new curbs many years ago and are still waiting. We need a long-term plan and commitment to repair and maintain our roads.

I am running for town council because I truly believe I can help Westfield. My professional expertise, developed through decades of corporate experience, is in helping decision-makers work as a team to create economical, successful, innovative solutions to their problems. Westfield badly needs leaders who can build teams, think outside the box, and put stable taxes, a safe community and quality services first. If elected, I promise to work tirelessly to represent your interests and the best interests of our town.

Greg Romer
Westfield Third Ward Candidate

Photo Contest Speaks for New Jersey

I am sure that I speak on behalf of many who also had the privilege of attending your (Asm. Jon Bramnick) 4th Annual Photography Contest award presentation this past Sunday. Thank you for your personal generosity, support and interest in supporting New Jersey and promoting its respectability, as it should be! Your staff's attention to detail should be commended as well!

It just goes to show, "beauty abounds" all around us – but only if we take the time to look for it! (2nd place winner – Wildlife Category, photo entitled "Beauty Abounds.")

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Letters to the Editor

Candidate Happy to See Construction Moving Forward in FW's Downtown

The other day, as I drove past the corner of Martine and South Avenues, I could have not been more pleased to see construction moving forward in our downtown. Like the rest of the country, Fanwood was not immune to the recent economic downturn, so to see a local developer investing in our community was encouraging. As the chairman of the Fanwood Planning Board and candidate for the Fanwood Council, I know all too well how important good, strong leadership plays a role in this type of achievement. Fanwood is in a great position to continue moving forward and I am proud of the progress being made.

I believe that Fanwood can and will have a vibrant downtown, and I am running for Borough Council to see that vision completed. I am committed to bringing my significant experience as a member of the Fanwood Planning Board and as a land use attorney in New Jersey to the table. As we approach Election Day on November 8, it is important who you vote for on the local level. I am excited about the future of Fanwood, both in the downtown development and business district, as well as maintaining the types of programs and services that are important to all families.

There is still much to do, and I ask for your vote this Election Day. To learn more about my team, Mayor Colleen Mahr, Councilman Russell Huegel and myself, please take a moment and visit our website and view our video's at www.fanwooddems.com.

Kevin Boris
Fanwood Council Candidate

Start Now With Smart Practices in Cranford

I read with interest Gregory Sgroi's letter to the editor in last week's paper on flood control, or the lack of it. It was very interesting. Taking it a step further, there was three or four feet of water on South Avenue at the bridge between High Street and Centennial Avenue, not once, but twice in the last 30 days.

Now there is a new development going in on South Avenue next to the river. I would think that if the township committee is doing their job, they would prevent this from being developed. Now the surrounding towns are wrestling with the burden of buyouts. Wouldn't it be prudent to not allow the development to take place and plant trees instead? In the past, good judgment was not used, and areas were developed that should not have been. Let's turn over a new leaf and start now with smart practices.

Carl Swenson
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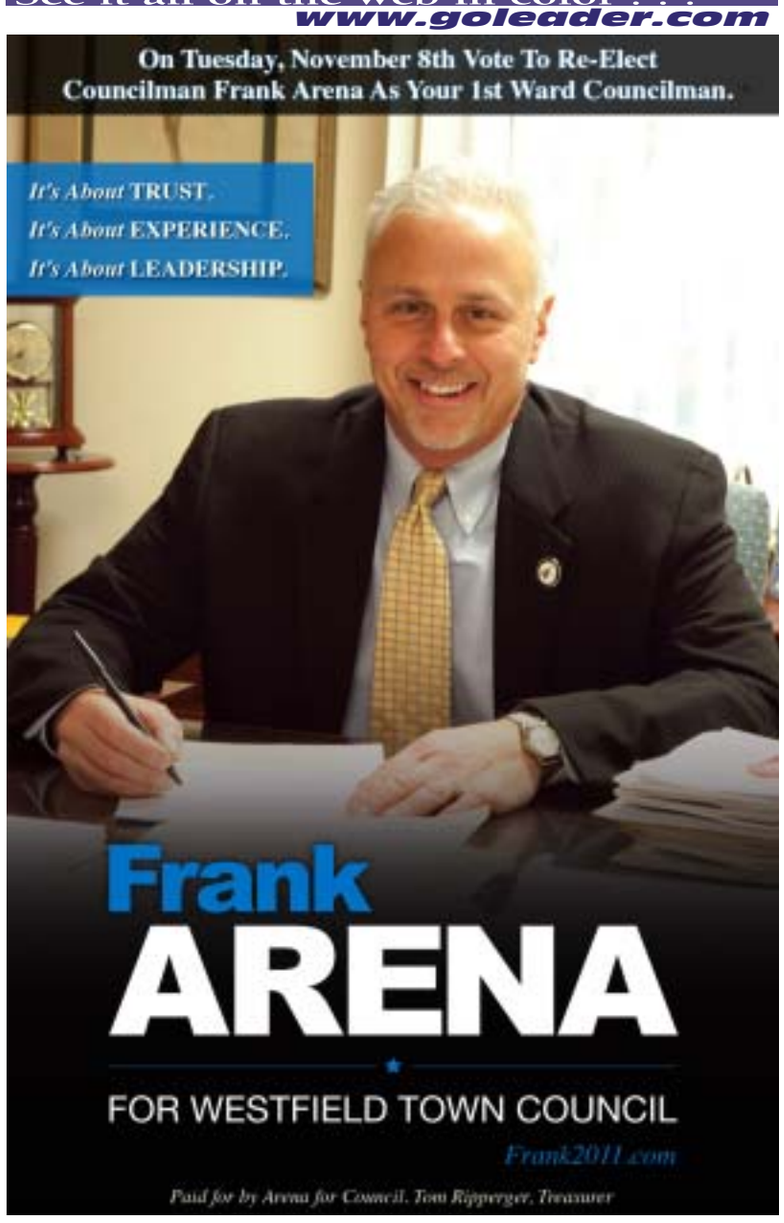

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Chamber Forms Committee To Work With Non-Profits

By CO-CHAIRS PEGGY ROTHBAUM, Ph.D. and PAULA EHOFF, M.Ed.

The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) recently established a Nonprofit Committee to work hand-in-hand with its nonprofit members to promote, support, advance and raise awareness of their impact on their communities.

March 30, 2011 was our inaugural Lunch-n-Learn event, held at the Westfield Area "Y." Darielle Walsh, consultant specializing in not-for-profit organizations, gave an enlightening presentation on "Building Stronger Boards." Darielle covered such topics as characteristics of high-performing boards, benchmarks for high-performing boards, and roles, responsibilities and expectations of board members. She also distributed an informative summary handout and took questions.

The event was attended by about 40 people affiliated with nonprofits or who do business with nonprofits. Those in attendance listened to "hands-on" suggestions for strengthening their boards and had the opportunity to interact with other nonprofit professionals. Robert Treat provided a delicious lunch and plenty of time was provided for networking. Feedback from the participants was overwhelmingly positive. Attendees suggested that the next educational Lunch-n-Learn topic should focus on fundraising.

With that feedback in mind, we are pleased to announce that our next GWACC educational event, on November 30, will feature Amy Eisenstein, the principle of Tri Point Fundraising, a full-service consulting firm. Amy works with nonprofit leaders to supercharge and reinvigorate their organizations with her no-nonsense approach to fundraising and board development.

The presentation will cover fundraising basics for nonprofits, as well as strategies to raise more money in any economy. Amy will start off with board member essentials and move into how to turn volunteers and board members into savvy fundraisers. She will discuss how to begin an individual giving program and cover the basics of identifying, cultivating, soliciting and stewarding individuals for your annual campaign. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Her new book, "50 A$ks in 50 Weeks," helps readers identify new prospects and systemize asking so that they raise exponentially more money.

The November 30, 2011 event will be held at the Westfield Area "Y," 220 Clark Street in Westfield. It will be held in the Kellogg Room on the second floor. This event will begin at noon and last until 1:30 p.m. Robert Treat Delicatessen will provide another delicious and beautifully presented lunch. For more information or to register for this event, visit the Chamber website, westfieldareachamber.com, or e-mail the Chamber at info@westfieldareachamber.com. You also may reach the Chamber by phone at (908) 233-3021.

The Nonprofit Committee is a leadership resource that is just one more benefit of Chamber membership. We are actively seeking Chamber members for the Committee. If you are interested in joining the Chamber and the Nonprofit Committee, please contact the Chamber regarding your interest. Please plan to attend this educational Chamber event – it will be well worth the investment!

Golden Agers to Hear Big Band-Doo Wop

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Golden Agers Club will take its monthly trip to Lakeside Manor in Hazlet on Wednesday, November 9, to listen to Jimmy Merchants Big Band present "Big Band and Doo Wop Favorites."

The $60 cost includes a luncheon featuring an entrée choice of Top Sirloin of Beef, Chicken Francaise or Broiled Tilapia, plus tossed salad, dessert and accompaniments. All are welcome to participate.

The bus will leave at 10 a.m. from the Scotch Hills Country Club parking lot, located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

The Scotch Plains Golden Agers Club offers senior citizens an opportunity to meet with their peers, share ideas, interact and gather useful information to enhance daily living. Membership, theater, musical revues and other fun activity trips are available to everyone. For club information, call Jean DeTore at (908) 889-4121. Trip details are available by calling Mary De Jesso at (908) 654-4512.

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Miller-Cory Invites Families For 'Hocus Pocus' Sunday

WESTFIELD – The Miller-Cory House Museum will present "Halloween Hocus Pocus" this Sunday, October 23, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. This program is described as ideal for young children. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield.

Costumed docents will greet visitors at the door of the colonial farmhouse. Activities for the afternoon will include "decorate your own Halloween cupcake," Halloween storytelling, tattoos, face painting and two additional crafts for children to make at the museum and then take home. Festive refreshments will be served. Visitors are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

The fee is $4 for children; accompanying adults may attend for free. No reservations are necessary for any activity.

Upcoming Sunday programs at the museum include "Superstitions, Magic and Witchcraft in Colonial America" on November 6; "The Art of Pierced Paper" on November 13; "Thanksgiving Dinner Demonstration and Table Customs" on November 20; "Gingerbread Sunday" on December 4 (reservations required), and "Polish Christmas Customs" on December 11.

For more information on programs and activities, follow the Miller-Cory House Museum on Facebook, e-mail millercorymuseum@gmail.com or call (908) 232-1776. The museum's website is millercoryhouse.org.

When Couples Argue

SCOTCH PLAINS — Marriage therapy focuses on the conflicts and disagreements between two people. The difference between a happily married couple or unhappy couple frequently involves the ability to discuss and resolve those differences in a positive manner that respects the interests and needs of each individual. Happily married couples understand their own and their partner's emotional triggers that contribute to unnecessary anxiety, frustration and resentment in relationships. Happily married couples are characterized by respect, affection and empathy. They pay close attention to what's happening in each other's life and they feel emotionally connected.

Maria Sikoutris Di Iorio, MA, EdS, LPC

Common unhealthy, damaging relationship communications usually include interactions such as:

- Defense responses
- Emotional triggers (when you find yourself in a place of overreaction, be on the lookout for your own emotional triggers)
- Dragging old information or experiences into a current argument
- Put-downs, name calling (criticisms)
- Hostility, or verbal or physical attacks on the other person
- Lack of communication
- Lack of intimacy (sexual problems)
- Withdrawal
- Infidelity
- Control Issues
- Anger and Temper Issues

Stress can add to marriage conflict. For example, the stress of caring for a new baby, loss of interest in sex and romance, health problems, exhaustion from working too hard, the loss of a job, death, or caring for elderly parents. Conflict/stress is inevitable in any marriage and some problems never get solved. But some couples do not get stuck in their separate positions. They keep talking with each other about the conflicts. They listen respectfully to their partner's perspectives and they find compromises that work for both.

At Hellenic Therapy Center we specialize in marriage therapy. At the first session we will see you together, though oftentimes we will also ask to see each person individually. The goals of marriage counseling are generally to help the couple:

- Improve communication patterns
- Stop Blaming Each Other/Pointing Fingers
- Take Responsibility of Self
- Develop empathetic, active listening skills
- Improve problem-solving skills
- Resolve conflicts in ways that meet the needs of both partners
- Resolve differences
- Behave like good friends

The Hellenic Therapy Center is located at 567 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J. Call Maria Sikoutris Di Iorio, director, licensed professional counselor and marriage and family therapist for further information at (908) 322-0112. We have a team of professionals experienced in this area who can help strengthen your relationship. We have day, evening and weekend hours. Or you may visit us at www.hellenictherapy.com.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Westfield

Tuesday, October 11, one or more unknown suspects shattered the rear window of a motor vehicle that was parked in a driveway on the 1000 block of Coolidge Street.

Tuesday, October 11, a pocketbook containing $300 in cash, along with credit cards and other items, was reported stolen from a business on the 200 block of East North Avenue.

Tuesday, October 11, the theft of a mountain bicycle was reported on the 100 block of East Broad Street.

Tuesday, October 11, Wayne Hartley, 37, of Plainfield was arrested on an outstanding Westfield warrant after turning himself in at police headquarters. He was processed and released after posting $190 bail.

Thursday, October 13, Ruel Northover, 36, of Green Brook responded to police headquarters to satisfy an active criminal warrant from Westfield. He was processed and released after posting $150 bail.

Thursday, October 13, Alejandro Cortes, Jr., 21, of Rahway was arrested during a traffic stop in the area of Rahway Avenue and Codding Road on two Jersey City warrants totaling $650. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released on his own recognizance by the Jersey City Police Department.

Thursday, October 13, Alejandro Cortes, 45, of Elizabeth was arrested after responding to police headquarters to satisfy an active Union City warrant. He was processed and released after posting $200 cash bail.

Friday, October 14, Latoya E. Fields-Thomas, 28, of Elizabeth was arrested at the Essex County jail in Newark pursuant to a Westfield warrant for $1,000. She was transported to police headquarters, where she was processed and held in lieu of bail.

Friday, October 14, Larry L. McCray, Jr., 29, of North Brunswick was arrested during a traffic stop at North and Central Avenues on an outstanding Lyndhurst traffic warrant. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released after posting $165 bail.

Saturday, October 15, a Newark resident turned in a small brown/black purse containing a New Jersey driver's license, a debit card and cash after it was found on the sidewalk on the 100 block of Elm Street. The found property was stored at police headquarters.

Sunday, October 16, Vashon White, 25, of Roselle was arrested on an active Fanwood traffic warrant for $203 pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at West North Avenue and Clark Street. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released on his own recognizance per the Fanwood Police Department.

Sunday, October 16, Annalia Gonzalez-Rivera, 36, of Belleville was arrested on three outstanding traffic warrants pursuant to a motor vehicle stop at East Broad Street and West North Avenue. Two of the warrants were from Paterson, totaling $1,037, while the third, from East Orange, was for $36. Gonzalez-Rivera was transported to police headquarters, processed and released on posted bail.

Fanwood

Thursday, October 13, between 6 and 6:45 p.m., a bicycle described as a Haro Forum, white in color with an Army green color seat, valued at $400, was reported stolen from a house on the 100 block of Second Street. According to police, the bicycle was left unlocked on the side of the house.

Friday, October 14, an unlocked bicycle, described as an older mountain bike-style bicycle, valued at $100, was stolen on the 500 block of North Avenue.

Scotch Plains

Tuesday, October 11, a resident of Tempe Court reported that, sometime during the day, someone damaged the stone wall in front of his house.

Tuesday, October 11, a resident of Raritan Road reported that sometime overnight, someone removed a ring, valued at approximately $2,300, from her bedroom. According to police, the victim stated that she had numerous people in the house for a party and when all the guests had left, she realized the ring was gone.

Tuesday, October 11, the owner of a store on Park Avenue reported that some display signs, valued at approximately $1,000, were taken from the front of his store.

Wednesday, October 12, Jose Sergio, 46, of Newark was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 on an outstanding $1,500 warrant issued by the Scotch Plains Court. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Thursday, October 13, a resident of Chiplou Lane reported that someone had made approximately $700 in purchases on her credit card without her authorization.

Friday, October 14, a resident of East Second Street reported that a former business client calls her multiple times a day and yells.

Friday, October 14, a resident of Westfield Avenue reported that sometime in the past week someone entered his house. According to police, entry was gained by kicking in the front door. Nothing was reported missing at the time of the report.

Saturday, October 15, a resident of Front Street reported that sometime during the day, someone entered her apartment, and once inside removed a small jewelry box. According to police, entry was gained through an open window.

Saturday, October 15, Nolan Searles, 28, of Cherry Hill was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Park Avenue on an outstanding $500 warrant issued by the Scotch Plains Court. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, October 16, Marion Blackette, 36, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with possession of suspected marijuana after a motor vehicle stop on Bartle Avenue. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Mountainside

Wednesday, October 12, an individual who had permission to park his motor vehicle in a Route 22 restaurant parking lot reported that when he returned for the vehicle, both rear wheels, valued at approximately $1,000, were missing and that the vehicle was propped up on concrete blocks.

Wednesday, October 12, Paul M. Williams, 23, and Jeremy I. Ettinger, 25, both of Westfield, were arrested and charged with aggravated assault upon a police officer after an incident that occurred outside a Mountain Avenue restaurant. According to police, the officer, who was not in uniform, witnessed Williams and Ettinger removing a wooden bench from the front of the restaurant, at which time he identified himself as a police officer and asked the suspects to put the bench down. The suspects then became aggressive with the victim, authorities said, putting him in a chokehold and punching him repeatedly in the face, until witnesses broke up the fight and called 9-1-1.

The suspects fled on foot. Effinger was taken into custody after the Westfield Police Department initiated a motor vehicle stop of a possible suspect vehicle, and Williams turned himself in at police headquarters, authorities reported.

Historical Society to Salute 2012 Hall of Fame Honorees

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Historical Society is making plans for a Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on September 19, 2012. The Hall of Fame honors Westfielders who have made a significant contribution in their chosen field, have had major impact on the town, state or nation, and have brought pride and recognition to Westfield.

So many people with ties to Westfield have touched the town and the state that this year the Westfield Hall of Fame has widened its pool of nominees.

The Hall has announced its list of nominees, revealing that there is a total of 77, up from 50 last year. The nominees are from five categories – Historical, Enterprise, Art and Entertainment, Sports and General. "We had many more names submitted from the Westfield Historical Society and from the general public," said Lee M. Hale, chairman of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Since there is a bigger list of candidates, plans are to select 10 people this induction, versus five last year. It is expected that the inductees will come from each of the five categories. For 2012, the Historical category includes, among others, Bob Buck, pioneer aviator, and James Plinton, Jr., airman, air trainer and trainer of Tuskegee Airmen. The Sports category includes the McGinley Family football All Americans. The Enterprise category includes Grover Connell, chairman of The Connell Company, the world's largest rice exporter and major financial company, and Bob Rooke, original member of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane, and credited with exiting the stock market in 1929 before the Great Depression. The Art and Entertainment category includes Kevin Feige (pronounced Fi Gee), president of Marvel Studios (famed for translation of comic book movies including "Iron Man," "The Avengers," "Spiderman" and "X-Men") and David Wroe, music director of the Westfield Symphony and conductor of symphonies around the world. The General category includes Senator Frank McDermott, Majority Leader, New Jersey Senate and former Acting Governor; Fred Christian, Westfield Presbyterian Church pastor, and Charlotte Montgomery, journalist and pioneer consumer advocate.

The Hall of Fame starts compiling potential nominations in June from the Westfield Historical Society and from public suggestions. The Hall of Fame Selection Committee reviews the 77 profiles and winnows it down to 20 finalists, and then in a final vote names the 10 inductees. The inductees will be announced in April 2012 and honored on September 19, 2012 at the Echo Lake Country Club. Members of the Hall of Fame are permanently honored at the Reeve House History and Cultural Resources Center.

The Hall of Fame selection committee encourages the public to submit candidates for consideration by December 1, 2011 by mailing a profile to Lee M. Hale, chairman of the Selection Committee, Westfield Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 613, Westfield, N.J. 07091. The Hall of Fame selection committee includes Wallace Brown, Sherry Cronin, Richard Elbert, Jane Francz, Dr. William Foley, Lee Hale, Michael LaPlace, Roger Love, Donald Mokrauer, Virginia Rorden, Lowell Schantz, Lois Wight and Ed Wittke.

Nominations Are Sought For Marc Hardy Award

WESTFIELD – The First Congregational Church of Westfield invites nominations for the 2012 Marc Wesley Hardy Human Rights Award. Candidates must be young people 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.

This award is named in honor of Marc Hardy, a member of the First Congregational Church who was 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 with which the candidate has been involved, 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 non-family member, and the names and contact information for two references.

Nominations should be mailed to the First Congregational Church of Westfield, 125 Elmer Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090 or e-mailed to uccfcc@verizon.net, by Tuesday, November 15.

Presentation of the award, which will consist of a certificate and a monetary award, will be made in January 2012. For further information, call the church office at (908) 233-2494 or Sharilyn Brown at (973) 376-4097.

Church to Combine Services October 23

FANWOOD – The two Sunday morning worship services planned for October 23 at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will be combined into one service at 11:15 a.m. to avoid a conflict with the borough's "Family Fun Run." This service will include music by the "Praise Ensemble" and the Sanctuary Choir with an orchestra.

The streets surrounding the church are part of the course for the 5K run, and church officials made the change to avoid potential problems between runners and those attending church.

Service scheduling will return to 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. on the following Sundays. The church is located at the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues in Fanwood.

All are welcome at the church. For further information about the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, call the church office at (908) 889-8891 or e-mail fanwoodpress@erols.com. Information also is available online at fanwoodpc.org.

Terrill Road Baptist Slates 'Fall Fest'

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Terrill Road Baptist Church will host "Fall Fest" on Saturday, October 29, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. All are invited to attend this free event.

The last of this year's "Family Fun" events at the church, "Fall Fest" will include laser tag by Games2U Entertainment, a photo booth, autumn-themed games and crafts, hot dogs and chips and a cake walk.

Terrill Road Baptist Church is located at 1340 Terrill Road in Scotch Plains. For more information and to register for "Fall Fest," call the church office at (908) 322-7151.

Decorating Contest To Get Underway

GARWOOD – The Garwood Celebrations Committee has announced the Annual Halloween House Decorating Contest. Judging will take place Monday through Saturday, October 24 to 29. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place. There is no entry fee and all homes in the Borough of Garwood are welcome to participate.

Mr. Terry to Recall Township Long Ago

SCOTCH PLAINS – Longtime Scotch Plains resident Elmer "Pete" Terry will describe life a century ago in South Scotch Plains during the monthly meeting of the Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood. It will take place on Tuesday, October 25, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

Mr. Terry will offer pictures, memories and maps of this area of Scotch Plains. In his talk, he will share his recollections and those of his father, whose memories were recorded in 1975, when the elder Mr. Terry was 87 years old.

Arriving in 1757, the Terry family was among the first families to settle in Scotch Plains. "The Old Homestead" that the original Terry family built still stands, has never been sold and has always housed a Terry. Mr. Terry and his wife, Judy, live there now.

This meeting will be free and open to everyone. For more information, call Historical Society President Richard Bousquet at (908) 232-1199.

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DARE TO DREAM…Henry Foster, Brett Harris, Myrna Dyson and Gordon Golum, pictured left to right, will be honored during celebration of the pending high-school graduation of students enrolled in the "I Have a Dream" Foundation® – Plainfield Project, championed by Temple Emanu-El of Westfield and other supporters. Newark Mayor Cory Booker will be the guest speaker. The event will take place on Tuesday, October 25, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Scotch Plains. The four honorees are longtime members of the IHAD-Plainfield board.

'I Have a Dream' Program To Feature Mayor Booker

WESTFIELD/SCOTCH PLAINS – On Tuesday, October 25, the "I Have a Dream" Foundation® – Plainfield Project will celebrate the upcoming high-school graduation for most of its 57 "Dreamers."

After 11 years of educational and emotional support from the Project, many of these students will be college bound. The program will feature Newark Mayor Cory Booker as guest speaker and will honor Myrna Dyson, Henry Foster, Gordon Golum and Brett Harris, long-serving members of the IHAD – Plainfield board.

The program will begin at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey, located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. Admission will be $25.

National statistics show only 50 percent of students in economically impacted communities are expected to finish high school. In 2000, Temple Emanu-El of Westfield's then Senior Rabbi, Charles Kroloff, and congregant Warren Eisenberg, co-founder and co-chairman of Bed, Bath and Beyond, set out to help students in neighboring Plainfield find a pathway to college.

Supported by Plainfield's then Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Larry Leverett, and Clinton School's principal, Dr. Kenneth Hamilton, students in Clinton's three first-grade classes were adopted as "Dreamers," with a guarantee of tuition assistance and the support to reach the goal of high-school graduation. More than 100 volunteers have been involved.

Lead sponsor of the event is the Woodbridge law firm of Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer. Major sponsors are St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Plainfield, The Connell Company and The Harris Gilbert Fund for Social Justice of Temple Emanu-El. For reservations, contact IHADPlainfieldEvent@gmail.com or call (908) 855-4505.

USMC Ball to Be Held November 4

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Central Jersey Leathernecks Detachment Marine Corps League 2011 Marine Corps Ball will take place Friday, November 4, at Pantagis Renaissance (Snuffy's) in Scotch Plains.

This formal ball will celebrate the 236th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. Tickets are $60. The cocktail hour will start at 6:30 p.m. and there will be a five-hour open bar. An 18-piece live band with a vocalist, Westfield's own "Full Count Orchestra," will provide music for dancing. The five-course dinner will include an entrée choice of prime rib or baked salmon (special-need meals will be available if requested in advance).

A Marine Birthday Celebration Cake, with the traditional sword cake-cutting ceremony of passing the Corps down from the oldest to youngest Marine present, also will be featured. Additionally, there will be a special 15-minute PowerPoint presentation honoring present-day and former Marines for their service.

The Central Jersey Leathernecks supports area veterans, Wounded Warriors, veterans' hospitals, final resting ceremonies, Toys for Tots and food and clothing for the needy.

For more information, call Ken Einhorn at (908) 753-1391 or Walter Wells at (908) 322-7088.

Library Program to Feature Rewriting Historic Recipes

FANWOOD – "Rewriting Recipes with Historic Gastronomist Sarah Lohman" will take place on Tuesday, October 25, at 7 p.m. at the Fanwood Memorial Library, located at 14 Tillotson Road in Fanwood. Admission will be free.

Sarah Lohman

Participants are invited to bring their own vintage cookbooks and handwritten recipe cards from the past and to learn how to interpret historic recipes. Ms. Lohman will unveil tricks to modernize these recipes for today's kitchen, including how to interpret amounts, flesh out directions, find comparable ingredients and draw inspiration from these recipes to create unique, contemporary dishes.

Ms. Lohman graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Cleveland Institute of Art in 2005 and for her undergraduate thesis she opened a temporary restaurant/installation that reinterpreted food of the Colonial era for a modern audience.

She moved to New York in 2006 to work as video producer for *New York Magazine*'s food blog, Grub Street. Currently, she is an educator at the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, and also works as a freelance curator, consulting with historical institutions to create public programs focused on food.

Dubbed an "historic gastronomist," Ms. Lohman recreates historic recipes as a way to make a personal connection with the past. She chronicles her explorations in culinary history on her blog, FourPoundsFlour.com. Presently, she is featured in NYC-TV's mini-series "Appetite City," cooking culinary treats from New York's past.

The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library will sponsor this program. For more information and to register, call the library at (908) 322-6400.

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If you are experiencing marital difficulties and contemplating divorce, or if you are simply curious about your rights in a separation or divorce, this free Seminar will be of value to you. If you are already divorced, the Seminar may be of value in explaining post divorce rights and obligations of former spouses.

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— Obituaries —

Ralph C. Enes, 87, Was Exxon Retiree; Involved In Church and Civic Activities

Ralph C. Enes, 87, passed away on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at his home in Westfield.

Born and raised in Clifton, N.J., Ralph was a resident of Westfield for 52 years. After receiving a degree in mechanical engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1944, he served in the U.S. Navy as Executive Officer on a minesweeper in the South Pacific. He returned to earn a Master of Science degree in Management from Stevens.

Ralph retired from Exxon Co. USA after 34 years, where he worked in engineering, supervisory and administrative positions, primarily at the Bayway Refinery in Linden, N.J. His career included an assignment to the construction team for building a new refinery near Bordeaux, France.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Jean, and his three children, David, Robert and Linda. David resides in Rhode Island with his two children, Rose and Sean. Robert lives in Clark, N.J. and Linda has her home in Westfield.

Active in the community, Ralph was a member of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield for over 50 years, a literacy tutor, a United Way volunteer, Assistant Boy Scout Leader in Clifton and worked with Westfield Troop No. 72, served as treasurer of the Linden Rotary, on the Scholarship Committee for the Westfield Rotary and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He taught Sunday school in Fanwood, France and Westfield.

Other activities included belonging to the Watchung Garden Club, Old Guard and Exxon Annuitants' Club.

Ralph enjoyed birding, working on home repairs and renovations, gardening and reading.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 22, at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield Parish House Chapel, located at 140 Mountain Avenue. Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home of Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad, American Heart Association or the National Parkinson's Foundation.

October 20, 2011

Grant M. Buttermore, Sr., 87, Was Estate Planning Attorney In Westfield

Grant Myers Buttermore, Sr., 87, longtime attorney and resident of Westfield, died on Thursday, October 13, 2011, in the Center For Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains.

Born on January 9, 1924 in Connellsville, Pa. to Lyell Loomis and Rebecca Myers Buttermore, Grant was the youngest of three children, including Elizabeth Spray and Lyell L. Buttermore, Jr. Grant was named for his grandfather, the late U.S. Grant Myers. He was a graduate of Oberlin College, Ohio, and the Rutgers University College of Law, Newark, where he received a Doctor of Jurisprudence. He took three years of correspondence courses in psychology, which interested him, during his military service in Europe. He met the love of his life, Esther Gwendolyn Freeman, as fellow freshmen at Oberlin College. They were both 17-year-olds, and had their first date on October 4, 1941.

Grant Buttermore, Sr.

Grant was drafted into the U.S. Army in the summer of 1943 and sent to London, England on Christmas Day, following basic training. He served in various cities in England and Wales as a staff sergeant, and head of a Transportation Corps unit. His unit was sent to France the day after the D-day Invasion, but his records were lost in the crossing of the English Channel, and Grant was left behind, while his unit was sent to the Pacific. He returned to the United States from Marburg, Germany in late April 1946. He and Gwen became engaged and were married on June 28, 1946. Gwen had graduated from Oberlin in 1945 and she taught music in the public school system in Garfield, N.J., and later was Music Supervisor in the Verona, N.J. schools. After completing his studies and passing the New Jersey Bar Exam, Grant worked in the Freeman and Freeman Law Offices of Gwen's father, Forster W. Freeman, Jr., and grandfather, Forster W. Freeman, Sr., later a judge in Paterson, N.J. While serving briefly in a law firm in Westwood, N.J., he was urged by his good friend and colleague, Cuddie Davidson, Jr., to join him and Cuddie's father, Cuddie Davidson, Sr., in their law practice in Westfield. The firm is known today as Buttermore, Newman, Delanney & Foltz, LLP. Grant retired from the firm in January of 2011.

A member of the Union County, New Jersey State and the American Bar Associations, he was a Fellow in The American College of Trusts and Estates Council. In 1981 he was elected a Fellow in the American College of Probate Council, and served as a past president and chairman of the Westfield Joint Civics Committee. He was the Campaign Chairman of the Westfield College Men's Club, where he served as a past president and a member of the board of directors. He also was a past president of the United Fund and chaired the drive in 1965. As a Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow, he was past secretary of the Paterson club, past president of the Westwood club and past president of the Westfield Rotary Club. Grant taught Wills and Estate Planning at Union County College and the Westfield Adult School. He was active in the former Grant School Talent Show from 1959 through the late 1960s. Active in Scouting in Westfield with his sons, he taught scouts the requirements for the Civics Merit badge.

Grant was active in several capacities in the First United Methodist Church in Westfield, including the board of trustees and the legal council. He also served in the Methodist Church in Summit, where he was a delegate to the Raritan District Church Union, and served on the parish relations committee.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Gwendolyn, and four children, son, Grant Buttermore, Jr., and his wife, Donna, and their daughters, Dr. Nicole and Kristen; daughter, Gwyneth McNabola, and her husband, Daniel, and their daughter, Adrienne; son, Gregg Freeman Buttermore, and his wife, Sheila, and their children, Chelsea and Lyell, and son, Glenn Hopper Buttermore, and his wife, Christina, and their daughters, Linnea and Kara.

A Service of Remembrance will begin at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, October 20, 2011, in the First United Methodist Church, One East Broad Street, Westfield. A reception will follow in the fellowship room of the church. Interment will be private.

Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home of Westfield, (www.grayfuneralhomes.com to offer condolences).

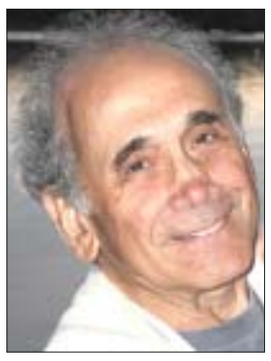
Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to: Center For Hope Hospice, 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

October 20, 2011

Yale S. Arkel, M.D., Was Hematologist; Family Man and Honored Physician

Yale S. Arkel, M.D. died on Saturday, October 15, 2011, from acute myelogenous leukemia.

Over the last year of his life, Dr. Arkel, a hematologist who specialized in hemostasis and thrombosis, saw his son marry, celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary, saw his grandsons enter grammar school, enjoyed vacations in Colorado and Maine, and presided over numerous family gatherings. In May he was recognized as the honoree alumnus of Dr. Ted Spaet, who trained him during his Hematology Fellowship at Montefiore Medical Center.



Dr. Yale S. Arkel

Dr. Arkel was honored for his contributions to the discipline of blood coagulation disorders, to the care of patients with bleeding and thrombotic disorders, and to the postgraduate education of physicians and laboratorians. He also remained actively engaged in his work as Medical Director of the Hemostasis and Thrombosis Laboratory at Bio-Reference Laboratories in Elmwood Park, N.J.

Born in 1935 in Brooklyn, Dr. Arkel graduated from Chicago Medical School in 1961. After his Hematology Fellowship, he went on to found the first major state-funded hemophilia center in New Jersey, lead hematology departments and hemostasis centers in New Jersey, and served as the Founding President of the North American Specialized Coagulation Laboratories Association. He was the co-inventor of a test for Factor V Leiden, a trait that can lead to abnormal blood clots, and held academic and faculty positions at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Columbia University College of Medicine, New York University Medical Center, Yale University School of Medicine and Albert Einstein Medical School in New York City.

Outside of work, Dr. Arkel's interests were family, friends, fitness and reading history; his idea of heaven was enjoying them all in his beloved Maine. He was a devoted, cherished husband to Anne, father to Adam, Louise, Jane and Jessica, father-in-law to Jack Hannon, Jack Mason and Simin Ho, and grandfather to Owen and Eamon Arkel Mason.

Dr. Arkel was, and his family remains, profoundly grateful to New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center for the care he received throughout his illness. It vindicated his conviction that the best medical care is advanced by science, not by profit, practiced with compassion, and should be accessible to all. In gratitude, his family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations in his name to Leukemia Fighters/New York-Presbyterian, c/o Gail J. Roboz, 520 East 70th Street, Starr 340A, New York, N.Y. 10021.

Services will be private. Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Directors of Westfield.

October 20, 2011

Joan Manning, Was Longtime Resident; Devoted to Family and Strong In Faith

After a courageous battle with cancer, Joan "Lorraine" Manning passed away peacefully on Friday, October 14, 2011, in the compassionate care of Center For Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains, N.J. Joan was born in Brooklyn, raised in Queens and resided in Westfield, N.J. for the past 33 years.

Joan Manning

She was one of two children born to the late Maria LaBue LaDuca and Thomas LaBue and was the beloved wife of Douglas Manning for over 46 years. Joan will forever be remembered by her devoted brother, Anthony; beloved sons, Todd and Scott; loving daughters-in-law, Caroline and Lynny, and treasured grandchildren, Douglas, Kimberly, Michael and Tyler, as well as her "adoptive" grandchildren, Lev, Shai and Eitan Joselow-Gerstle, along with countless other friends and family whom were blessed to know her and so generous in their prayers for her. Joan loved being with her family, having fun with friends and reaching out to others in need.

Joan touched the lives of so many people with her smile and genuine warmth, and maintained her trademark sense of humor, perseverance and hope for a religious miracle all the way to the end. She is an inspiration for all to be strong in the face of adversity and to keep the faith no matter what obstacles you may face.

A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, October 18, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, 1571 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Funeral Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, you may send donations to the Center For Hope Hospice, a non-profit organization, located at 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, N.J. 07076.

October 20, 2011

Theodore A. Dear, Sr., 71, Prod. Supvr.; Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather

Theodore A. Dear, Sr., 71, of Palmerton, Pa., formerly of Garwood, N.J., passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 29, at his home.

Theodore was the loving and devoted husband of Diane (Meyer) Dear. They had been married 48 years.

He was born in Elizabeth, N.J. on December 20, 1939 and was the son of the late Tom and Helene (Weigand) Dear.

Theodore served our country in the National Guard from 1963 until 1965.

He had worked as a production supervisor for Chiragene, a Cambrex Company in Warren, N.J., for 12 years until retiring. Prior to working for Chiragene he had worked for GAF in Linden, N.J. for 30 years.

We have been blessed with the presence of Theodore in our lives and he will be deeply missed by his loving wife, Diane; his children, Theodore A. Dear, Jr. and his wife, Tanya, of Eagle River, Alaska, Kimberly Ann Baker and her husband, John, of Westfield, N.J. and Scott Christian Dear and his wife, Bernadette, of South Plainfield, N.J., and a brother, Lawrence Dear of Clearwater, Fla. He also was a loving and gentle grandfather to Hayley Alexandra Baker of Westfield, N.J.

A Prayer Service will be held at noon on Saturday, October 29, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Gilbert, Pa.

Theodore's body was donated to Humanity Gifts Registry with the hopes of helping others.

Family and friends are invited to attend a luncheon in the McCawley Hall at the church following the service.

The Donald N. Gower Funeral Home, Inc., Route 209, Gilbert, Pa. is in charge of the arrangements; www.gowerfuneralhome.com.

October 20, 2011

Holiday Bazaar Set Saturday at FUMC

WESTFIELD – The First United Methodist Church will hold a Holiday Bazaar this Saturday, October 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured for sale will be handcrafted items, homemade baked goods and soups and various "White Elephant Treasures."

Shopping opportunities and crafts for children will be offered. Additionally, a variety of outside vendors will participate. Lunch and dessert will be available in the Café. The church is located at One East Broad Street in Westfield. The parking lot is accessed from Ferris Place. For additional information, call (908) 233-4211.

Physician to Address Temple Sisterhood

CRANFORD – The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, October 25, at 8 p.m. It will take place at the temple, located at 338 Walnut Avenue in Cranford.

Dr. David Stuhlmiller will be the featured speaker. He is associate medical director of the Emergency Department, and Medical Director, Mobile Intensive Care Unit of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway. Dr. Stuhlmiller will speak on identifying the need to go to the Emergency Room and when to call an ambulance, among other emergency medical issues. Questions will be welcome.

Program Vice-Presidents Naomi Kreutzer and Jill Schulz will be in charge of the evening's program. Sisterhood President Myra Stein will conduct a short business meeting. Hospitality Chairpersons Joan Finkelstein, Jill Schulz and Sandra Sussman will serve light refreshments. The gift shop will be open. For further information, call the temple at (908) 276-9231 during office hours.

Optimist Club to Sponsor Costume Contest, Parade

WESTFIELD – The Optimist Club of Westfield will present a Halloween Costume Contest and Parade on Sunday, October 30, at the Elm Street Field in downtown Westfield.

The new Halloween event will feature a children's costume contest, entertainment, roaming costumed characters, free balloons and a special exhibit of Westfield's own The Addams Family. Participants will have an opportunity to take pictures.

Children who want to participate in the costume contest should arrive at the Elm Street Field at noon. The 1 p.m. parade will start at the field and proceed to Quimby Street in the downtown area. The costume contest is for children from pre-school through intermediate school. An adult should accompany young children.

The annual Trick or Treat Downtown will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the Costume Contest will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Quimby Street, sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation and downtown businesses. All activities and the parade will occur rain or shine. For information about the Optimist Club Halloween Costume Contest and Parade, contact Jeffrey Feldman at feldmanjeffreym@gmail.com.

The Optimist Club of Westfield is a not-for-profit service club composed of men and women who live and/or work in the Westfield area. Club members participate in projects and activities dedicated to benefit youth and community. For information about the Optimist Club of Westfield, contact optimist@westfieldnj.com.

AARP to See 'Irish Wake,' Reveals Luncheon Plans

WESTFIELD – Westfield Area Chapter No. 4137 has scheduled a day trip on Wednesday, November 16, to LiGreci's Staaten on Staten Island to see the musical comedy "The Irish Wake Show."

Mike Byrne and his Green Derby Show Band, plus bagpiper Fran Raftery, will provide entertainment. The price of $72 will cover the bus, gratuity and luncheon. The luncheon menu will consist of one-hour open bar, garden salad, caterer's choice of pasta, soup or fruit cup, an entrée choice of salmon, roast chicken or corned beef and cabbage, plus dessert, beverage and wine and soda during dinner.

The bus will leave at 10 a.m. from the Scotch Hills Country Club parking lot, located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains. For more details and for reservations and payment, call (908) 232-1362.

Additionally, the chapter luncheon scheduled for Monday, December 5, will take place at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield. The menu is similar to last year's and the cost will again be $30. To make reservations, call (908) 232-1362. Payment may be made at the November meeting. More details will be given at the meeting as well.

Singers Invited to Join Metro Rhythm Chorus

CRANFORD – The Metro Rhythm Chorus is preparing for its holiday show on Saturday, December 3, and is inviting women of the community who enjoy singing to join the chorus in performing four-part harmony, a cappella, barbershop style on favorite seasonal songs.

The chorus' next rehearsal will be on Wednesday, October 26, and will be the last chance to participate. Rehearsals are held at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 11 Springfield Avenue in Cranford. The chorus will provide the music.

The holiday show will take place at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. For more details, contact the group on its website, metrorhythm.com, or on Facebook. Metro Rhythm Chorus belongs to the Sweet Adelines International Organization.

Mountainside Retirees To Gather Tuesday

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Mountainside Active Retirees will meet on Tuesday, October 25, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Mountainside Municipal Building, located at 1385 Route 22, East. Lois Shanker from the Caring, Sharing Network, an organization that provides in-home care and assistance to senior and disabled adults, will be the guest speaker. All retirees are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Red Ribbon Day Activities On Tap This Saturday

AREA – A day of healthy outdoor family activities will mark the start of Red Ribbon Week 2011 this Saturday, October 22, at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. Supported by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Prevention Links and the Union County D.A.R.E. Officers Association, the Red Ribbon Campaign works to prevent substance abuse by bringing families together.

Red Ribbon Day will feature various free children's activities, including such favorites as a petting zoo, reptile show, games and a helicopter landing. The activities will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Red Ribbon 5K will kick off the day's festivities. The race will take place on a USATF Certified scenic course with mile splits and water stops. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Registration, including race day, is $23. To register online, visit raceforum.com/redribbonor compuscorereg.com.

Also this year will be the Red Ribbon Family Fun Walk, designed to encourage parents and families to join with children, from infants to young adults, in healthy outdoor activities. The walk will begin at noon on a flat, two-mile course around Oak Ridge Park. Registration will begin at 11 a.m.

Walkers may start a fund-raising page at firstgiving.com/preventionlinks. Walkers can visit the Prevention Links donations page, preventionlinks.org/donations, to set up a fund-raising team. Fund-raising awards will be presented to the winners of various fund-raising groups.

For more information on the Red Ribbon Campaign and all Red Ribbon activities, contact Prevention Links at info@preventionlinks.org or call (732) 381-4100.

Historian to Spotlight Central Jersey Ghosts

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Memorial Library will present "Ghosts of Central Jersey: Historic Haunts of the Somerset Hills" on Wednesday, October 26, at 7 p.m. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street.

Historian and author Gordon Thomas Ward will be the featured speaker. Mr. Ward is the author of "A Bit of Earth" and "Ghosts of Central Jersey." He is a member of Haunted New Jersey, a group of paranormal investigators who make use of many years' worth of experience and the collection of forensic-based evidence to both dismiss and support claims of hauntings, especially in historic locations.

This program is free and open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. MURAL cardholders belong to libraries that are part of the Middlesex Union Reciprocal Agreement Libraries. To see if a library participates, visit wmlnj.org. To register for the program, visit wmlnj.org and click on the Online Calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, extension no. 7951.

Clothing Drive Set For This Saturday

FANWOOD – The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains will hold a clothing drive this Saturday, October 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Donations will be given to people in need throughout the world.

Requested are clothing, belts, handbags, backpacks, hats, briefcases, linens, blankets, pillows, quilts, towels, drapes, stuffed animals, bicycles and small hard toys. Shoes must be in a separate bag. Items may be dropped off at 59 Russell Road in Fanwood. For more information, call Cathy at (908) 322-1362.

Dr. Guzman to Speak To AAI Tomorrow

CRANFORD – The monthly meeting of Amateur Astronomers, Inc. (AAI) will be held tomorrow, Friday, October 21, at 8 p.m. in the Main Lecture Hall on the Cranford campus of Union County College, located at 1033 Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

Dr. Alberto Guzman will present "On the Geometry of Orbits." A Professor of Mathematics Emeritus at City College in New York, he is an AAI member and writes the monthly "Ask the Skywatcher" column for AAI's newsletter, "The Asterism."

Afterward, attendees are invited to join AAI members at the William Miller Sperry Observatory for refreshments and the chance to look through the two largest amateur telescopes in the northeast (weather permitting). For more information, visit asterism.org or call (908) 276-STAR. Admission and parking are free.

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WESTFIELD - New direct web site and e-mail addresses have been added to facilitate information gathering and communication in the Westfield Public School District.

To view updates in news and events, parents and public may subscribe to www.westfieldnjk12.org. The "subscribe" option is at the bottom of that homepage.

To view the most current Board of Education agenda, go to www.westfieldnjk12.org/agenda. If you would like to receive an alert each time the agenda is updated, you may hit the "subscribe" option at the bottom of that page. BOE agenda generally are posted on the Friday prior to each public meeting.

For information on the new Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying policy and resources, go to www.westfieldnjk12.org/antibullying.

To contact Board of Education members and Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan, e-mail wboe@westfieldnjk12.org. Emails directed to only Dr. Dolan can be sent to mdolan@westfieldnjk12.org. Board members also can be contacted individually. Their individual e-mail addresses are listed on the Board of Education web site at www.westfieldnjk12.org/boe.

Individual emails contain the board member's first initial and last name @westfieldnjk12.org. For example, in order to reach Rosanne Kurstedt, the e-mail would be sent to rkurstedt@westfieldnjk12.org.

Photo courtesy of Mr. Barnes

CONGRATULATIONS…The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains announced their scholarship recipients. Pictured, left to right, are: Shannon Mc Govern, Katy Cockrell, Laura Bruce, Allison Staniec, Erin O'Brien, Bailey Cardinal, Stephanie Baliko, Lauren Hirschhorn, Nathalia Montoya and Hyunjin Park. Missing from photo is recipient Bria Barnes.

F-SP College Club Announces Scholarship Recipients

FANWOOD-SCOTCH PLAINS - The College Club of Fanwood–Scotch Plains has awarded a total of $31,500 in scholarships to 12 students, six of whom are high school seniors who graduated in June and six who are currently attending college.

Among the college recipients for the academic year 2011-2012 are Stephanie Baliko, daughter of Beth and John Baliko, who received $2,000 and will be a sophomore at Loyola University; Lauren Hirschhorn, daughter of Joel and Cathy Hirschhorn, who received $1,000 and will be a sophomore at Marist College; Bailey Cardinale, daughter of Kris Cardinale, who was awarded $3,500 and will be a senior at Fairfield University ; Kathryn Cockrell, daughter of Gregg and Suzanne Cockrell who was awarded $3,000 will be a junior NYU Tisch School of the Arts; Erin O'Brien, daughter of Christine O'Brien was awarded $3,000 and will be a sophomore at East Stroudsburg University; Linda Timko, daughter of Charles and Linda Timko, who was awarded $1,000 and will be a sophomore at Carnegie Mellon University.

Laura Bruce, daughter of Allan and Patricia Bruce, Valedictorian of the class of 2011 at SPF-HS received an award of $1,000 in recognition of her academic excellence. Ms Bruce will be attending Penn State.

Among the high school recipients for academic year 2011-2012 are Bria Barnes, daughter of Tyorne and Charlene Barnes, who received $3,000 and will be attending William Patterson University; Shannon Mc Govern, daughter of Timothy and Mary Mc Govern, who received $3,000 and will be attending the College of New Jersey; Nathalia Montoya, daughter of Susana Casenova and Hugo Caballero, who received $4,000 and will be attending George Washington University; Hyunjin Park, daughter of Sungioo and Young Mee Park, who received $4,000 and will also be attending George Washington University; and Allison Staniec, daughter of George and Lorraine Staniec, was awarded $3,000 and will be attending Drew University.

This is the 75th year that female students, seeking financial assistance to pursue a four year college degree, have been helped by the club's fundraising efforts. Two of the club's largest efforts are the annual fashion show and the sale of the community calendar.

A special dinner reception was held for the recipients and their families at the Scotch Hills Country Club on May 23. Linda Squires, Past President and Tish Isack Scholarship Committee Chair made the scholarship presentations at the dinner. Tish Isack and Marie Leppert presented the awards at the SPF-HS awards assembly.

Anyone interested in more information about the College Club of Fanwood Scotch Plains or would like to become a member please contact the membership committee at (908) 889-9194 or visit the club's website at collegeclubfsp.org.

WF School District to Hold Anti-Bullying Presentation

WESTFIELD - The Westfield PTC-Special Education Committee has announced that Audrey Zavetz, the Anti- Bullying Coordinator for the Westfield School District will provide an informative presentation entitled "What You Need To Know

About the New Anti-Bullying Law and How It Affects Westfield Students" on Wednesday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Avenue, Westfield in the Auditorium.

Following the high-profile suicide of a former Rutgers University freshman last year, and other well-publicized student incidents, the issue of bullying in schools has become a national concern. The State of NJ has implemented a new law, called the "Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights," that requires school officials to combat incidents of harassment, intimidation and bullying, on and off school grounds, including online.

Come learn how the Westfield School district is implementing these new mandates and how the new policy affects your child. Learn about the specific schools' rules, regulations and procedures, and who the contact people are at the district and school levels.

Mrs. Zavetz will also discuss the difference between bullying and "conflict". Members of the Bullying Task Force, a grass-roots parent group, also will be present and welcome input from all. This meeting will be a great opportunity to ask questions and provide input to how Westfield is implementing these important policies.

Mrs. Zavetz is the Principal of Lincoln School Early Childhood Center in Westfield and has been unanimously appointed by the Board of Education to the new role of Anti-Bullying Coordinator for the district. Mrs. Zavetz has a rich and varied history with the Westfield Public School System, having taught at the elementary and middle school levels and raised a daughter who is the product of the Westfield Public School System, before she became the principal of the Lincoln School Early Education Center.

This presentation open to the public and free of charge; pre-registration is not required. For Additional Information email specialedparents@westfieldnjk12.org or Visit www.westfieldnjk12.org/specialedparents.

Workshop to be Held at SP Elementary School

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD – The Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District will be presenting a workshop entitled "Developing Strategic Readers" for parents of all first grade students on Tuesday, October 25, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Evergreen Elementary School in Scotch Plains. This program will help parents encourage children to become enthusiastic readers.

The District Reading Recovery and Literacy Instructors will present this program. For further information, contact Hope Swarts, Supervisor of Elementary, State and Federal Programs at (908) 889-8600 x303.

GETTING FIT…Roosevelt eighth grader Michael O'Connor is instructed in the proper use of the Weider machine to perform a chest press exercise by Physical Education teacher Mirjana Banic. Pictured, left to right, students Chris Varano and Jared Glassman watch as they await their turn.

Roosevelt Students Fit Fitness into School Day

WESTFIELD - The atmosphere in the gymnasium at Roosevelt Intermediate School is filled with energy as students participate in a four-week physical education (PE) program augmented through the use of fitness equipment.

Four PE teachers guide students through various exercises at multiple stations set up in the school's gym. "We use different types of machines and weights," explains PE teacher, Joseph Marino. "We are focusing on fitness and prevention of childhood obesity," he added. Other instructors include Demont Heard, Tina DeStefano, and Mirjana Banic, all of whom credited the school's administration for its support of the fitness program.

The students alternate between resistance and stamina-generating exercises such as push-ups, back presses, sit-ups, bar squats and mountain climbers. The sixth, seventh and eighth graders take a pre-test as a starting point and then a post-test after the four weeks to gauge their progress.

PE teacher Tina DeStefano noted, "We keep everyone in motion. They like it. They are having fun while they are getting fit. They work in small groups and we emphasize safety."

Each marking period, another fitness exercise will be added. At the end of the school year, students are encouraged to register for Roosevelt's 5-K run. "It's a natural progression," stated Mr. Marino. "We want to prepare them for a lifetime of healthy fitness habits."

Westfield HS Announces Commended Students

WESTFIELD - Twenty-four Westfield High School seniors have been named Commended Students in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended students placed among the top 2.3 percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in critical reading, mathematics and writing skills.

The Commended Students from Westfield High School include: Alana K. Basil, Sarah E. Chandler, Melissa De Candia, Dominick F. De Paula, Michael S. DePaolo, Isabel J. Docampo, Amanda T. Earl, Rory S. Fitzpatrick, Alex N. Goldschmidt, Zoe R. Greenburg, Jason J. Isbit, Rafaella J. Jakubovic, Allegra T. Larche, Danielle A. Lipschutz, Finbar M. Martinson, Kevin Oster, Brian S. Pollock, Zhe Qin, Matthew Ragoza, Rebecca Sarkos, Andrew H. Schwarz, Stephanie J. Tepper, Caroline E. Weber, and Alexander R. Zimmerman.

According to a letter of congratulations from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation to Westfield High School Principal Peter Renwick, "Commended Students are being recognized for the exceptional promise demonstrated by their outstanding performance on the qualifying test used for program entry." The Director of Educational Services for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, Michelle S. Robbins, concluded with, "We have great respect for the important part that you and your professional staff play in the development of academically talented young people, and it is a genuine pleasure for NMSC to join you in honoring these able students."

UC Volleyball Team Raises Funds and Autism Awareness

SCOTCH PLAINS -– Union Catholic Volleyball recently participated in "Spike Out Autism," a full-day event consisting of a clinic designed for special needs children to learn skill-building exercises and play volleyball centered games, as well as varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen matches against Paramus High School.

Partnering with Autism Family Times, Coach Nancy Saggio and the UC Volleyball team were able to raise $2,897.50, including admission at the door and a concession stand with donated food.

Proceeds from the event were given to Autism Family Times and Crossroads School in Westfield, a school established to provide an innovative education to children between the ages of 3 and 12 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. Crossroads School will use the donations to underwrite Community Based Instruction, a program that provides monthly opportunities for its students to apply academic and communication skills in real-world settings.

College Club of F-SP Hosts College Night

FANWOOD -SCOTCH PLAINS - The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains, in collaboration with the Counseling Department at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, is hosting its 60th Annual College Night on Wednesday, October 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All 11th and 12th grade students, whether attending Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School or any of the local, private or parochial high schools, are invited to attend this informative program.

Representatives from over 100 colleges, including Rutgers University, Princeton University, West Point Military Academy, University of Michigan, American University, Columbia University, Elon University, are expected to attend. Students and their parents are requested to use the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School main entrance on Westfield Road. For more information, go to www.spfk12.org.

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WHS Leaders Teach Respect During Week Long Event

WESTFIELD - Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic and Respect in Westfield Schools – New Jersey's Week of Respect, October 3 – 7, was recognized in all 10 Westfield Public Schools by a multitude of activities in grades K – 12.

"One of our district goals deals with respect," stated Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan. "Although this is a focus in our schools all year, we organized specific activities in our schools for the Week of Respect – designated by the New Jersey legislature to recognize the importance of character education. We observed the week by providing age-appropriate instruction focusing on preventing harassment, intimidation or bullying," she explained.

There were assemblies, book readings, songs, class discussions, and even respectful phrases taught in foreign language courses. Wrapping up the week, Edison Intermediate School held an assembly at which student leaders from Westfield High School (WHS) addressed the sixth, seventh and eighth graders about the importance of being sensitive and respectful. WHS marching band and crew member, Henry Hershey (at podium) advised, "If you wouldn't do something in front of your grandmother, don't do it." Junior Rob Cassie (standing at right), who is a member of the WHS stage crew and marching band, stated that leaders can be those who are "behind the scenes." His experiences, he said, "helped me learn how to work with different types of people." Other student speakers included seated (l-r, front row) Krysta Huber, Tori Mone, Kristen Charlery, and (back row) Bernadette Hopen and Isabel Docampo. Additional WHS students who brought important messages to the EIS assembly, which was organized by Assistant Principal David Duelks, included: Isabelle Smelkinson, Katherine Fischer, Sophia Barry, John Kirna, Jake Webreit, Mike Reilly, John lanzano, Mike Mondon, Anthony Valles, Max Marchiano, Jake Vergara, Amanda Marcotullio and Janet Morrison. Westfield Police Officer Jeff Johnson, an alumnus of Edison Intermediate School, also was a guest at the assembly.

THE FOUR Ws…Henry Hershey, at podium, and WHS junior Rob Cassie, standing at right, addressed junior high students on the importance of being respectful during New Jersey's Week of Respect. Pictured sitting, front row, left to right, are: Krysta Huber, Tori Mone, Kristen Charlery, and back row Bernadette Hopen and Isabel Docampo.

Essential Grants Skills Workshop at UCC

ELIZABETH – Union County College will host an Essential Grants Skills Workshop presented by the Grantsmanship Center on November 1-2, at the Elizabeth Kellogg Building on the Elizabeth Campus.

The Essential Grant Skills Workshop will give you an overview of the entire grants process, with in-depth emphasis on the key areas where even experienced grant professionals often stumble. Knowing how to identify and overcome these hurdles is crucial to your success.

Newcomers to the field will receive a solid, credible orientation to grants work, get grounded in the most important planning and proposal writing concepts, tools, and procedure, and avoid months of trial and error by starting out on the right track and steering clear of the most common pitfalls. Working grants professionals will refresh and update their most critical skill sets and strengthen their ability to address a wide range of grant opportunities. Participating organizations will get a head start on future grants.

The agenda for the two-day Essential Grant Skills Workshop includes an orientation to the art of grants work, an in-depth examination of the four elements most likely to make or break a grant application—the same areas where even experienced grant professionals can falter. Attendees will learn to identify and articulate client-based or community-based needs and problems, define measurable program outcomes, identify and articulate methods to logically achieve those outcomes, and establish their organizational credibility.

Tuition for this workshop is $445. After completing Essential Grant Skills, you will have access to The Grantsmanship Center's Alumni Membership Web Site for six months, as part of the course tuition.

For more information, contact the Grantsmanship Center at (800) 421-9512 or visit their website at www.tgci.com. Information can also be found on the Union County College homepage, www.ucc.edu.

Pingry Announces Hispanic Scholars

MARTINSVILLE—Three Pingry seniors have been designated as scholars in the 2011-12 National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP), initiated in 1983 to identify outstanding Hispanic/Latino high school students.

The scholars are Ricardo Vollbrechthausen of Westfield, Alexander Mango of Gladstone and Katarina Underwood of Gladstone.

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BUFFALOING A BILL IN A GIANT WAY…Giant running back Ahmad Bradshaw, No. 44, hops over a Buffalo Bill for a gain. The Giants defeated the Bills, 27-24, on October 16. Scotch Plains resident Jim O'Connor provided the photo. See more on www.goleader.com – Ballyhoo Sports.

Courtesy of Jim O'Connor (njsportpics.com) for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

PROVIDING THE WINNING TOUCH…Rutgers' Brandon Jones, No. 25, blocks Navy's 34-yard field goal attempt in the final quarter to preserve a 21-20 victory at Rutgers on October 15. Jim O'Connor, who provided the photo, is a Scotch Plains resident. For more Rutgers photos go to www.goleader.com – Ballyhoo Sports.

Join BootCampWF on October 26 At the Westfield Running Company

WESTFIELD — Next Session Starts 10/31; Enlist Now! Now is your chance to get into tip-top shape before the holidays! BootCampWF, Westfield's premiere, healthy-living outdoor fitness training program, next session runs Oct 31st - Dec 14th (optional fitness assessments done 10/28). Please visit www.BootCampWF.com for all the details.

Held in Tamaques Park, BootCampWF workouts are offered MW&F @ 5:45 & 9:15 am, T&Th @ 5:30 am and Saturdays @ 8:00 am, and BCWF Lite, a gentler version, is held T&Th @ 9:15 a.m.

To kickoff the new session, join us for wine and cheese at Westfield Running Co. on Wednesday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. Meet the BCWF instructors and talk to some veterans, The Running Co. will do a gait analysis and shoe fitting, Sugoi will teach you how to properly layer for cold weather exercise, Garmin will demonstrate how to use a heart-rate monitor.

Enter for a chance to win a free 6-week session! All attendees will receive $20 off any 3- or 4-day/week package from BootCampWF, and 15% off from The Running Co. on any purchases! All are welcome - bring your friends!

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MINI LANDSCAPES… Edison Intermediate School art teacher Helen Frees, left, and McKinley and Lincoln Schools art teacher Alison Hooper-Korkuch display student art samples used for the "Miniature Landscape Pins" class the teachers team-taught at the Art Educators of New Jersey annual conference in New Brunswick. The two art educators also demonstrated a second hands-on workshop on "Wire Basketry" which transformed plastic coated telephone wire into unique sculptural vessels.

Bonus $1,000 Rebate Available Until End of This Year

MOUNTAINSIDE — Homeowners interested in saving energy and increasing the comfort of their homes this winter can now take advantage of additional rebates through the New Jersey Clean Energy Program. The Summer Promotion's additional $1,000 energy rebate was so successful that it is being extended until the end of the year.

Also continuing through the end of the year is a 0% interest payment plan. Green Energy Improvements, a BPI Certified Contractor located in Mountainside, conducts home energy assessments and energy upgrades while guiding homeowners through the rebate and financing process.

Evan Siegel explains. "The biggest question that we get at Green Energy Improvements is, how can I qualify for these rebates?"

Energy rebates are calculated on projected energy savings. Once information about the house and its energy use is entered by a BPI Certified Contractor into the software program, and energy improvements are suggested, the software forecasts the percentage of energy savings. "Our goal is to save 25% of a home's energy use - or more," Siegel adds. "Then the homeowner is eligible for the maximum rebates, as much as $5,000."

A rebate of $5,000 doesn't necessarily mean an expensive upgrade, according to Siegel. But it might mean that the rebate is as much as 50% of the cost of the project. The 0% interest payment plans are up to $10,000 for ten years. "Usually, that means there are no out-of-pocket up-front costs," continues Siegel. "Every home, and therefore every project, is unique. We create a work scope that makes the most sense in terms of investment and savings and comfort."

Another question, according to Siegel, is whether the improvements are actually affordable, especially with the added payment. "When you consider that 25% energy savings is more than the 0% interest monthly payment, the homeowner actually ends up net positive.

For more information or to schedule an audit, contact Evan Siegel at Green Energy Improvements, (908) 228-2493 or visit their website www.greenenergy-nj.com.

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Society Spotlight

Among the scores attending the fundraiser for Assemblyman Jon Bramnick at Echo Lake Country Club Monday night are: top, former Westfield Councilman Peter Echausse and his wife Colleen with Tom Sloan; second photo, Westfield Mayor Andy Skibitsky with his wife Debbie, Councilman Sam Della Fera, John and his wife Garwood Mayor Pat Quattrocchi; next photo, Amanda Wolshen of Kenilworth; bottom, Jeff O'Connor, Ann Bergin, Jane Bernstein and Ralph Rapuana.

Letters to the Editor

Reporting News: 'What Is, What Is Not

My wife and I recently returned from visiting Greece, Israel, and Egypt. Our bus tour guides pleaded with us to tell the people back home that their countries are safe to visit. I promised them that I would do so. The guides were deeply upset by all the news reporting showing the difficulties in their countries without also showing how peaceful their countries truly are. They emphasized that all the "bad" reporting had significantly reduced tourism to their countries, which are so heavily dependent on tourism and the tens of thousands of jobs it creates.

Based upon the news I had been receiving before we left on our vacation, I thought that Athens would be in flames with violent protestors at each corner and that the cruise line would cancel our visits to both Israel and Egypt.

All was peaceful. We felt perfectly safe wherever we went.

What goes for news today is not what the delegates to the Constitutional Convention of 1787 in Philadelphia had in mind when they drafted the First Amendment's freedom of the press. James Madison wrote to Rev. Frederick Beasly on November 20,1820, "A popular Government without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy, or perhaps both." But it must be factual information. Information must not be driven by a headline seeking opinion oriented press which sees in the sensational the opportunity to increase its readership and thus advance its profits.

James Madison could not have foreseen modern communications with their ability at lightning speed to spread whatever it wishes all over the world and in such quantity of unverifiable opinion as to test severely the ability of the public to distinguish what is from what is not.

We must be vigilant against the suppression of the press but we must also be vigilant against reporting without balance and without perspective.

Stephen Schoeman
Westfield

St. Paul's Seeks Donations For Annual Book Sale

WESTFIELD – St. Paul's Episcopal Church is seeking donations for its annual Friends of Music Book Sale. The sale will start on Sunday, November 6 (noon to 5 p.m.), continue on Monday, November 7 (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and close on Tuesday, November 8 (Bag Day, 9 a.m. to noon).

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

Donations may be dropped off in the church's Parish Hall daily from Monday, October 24, through Saturday, November 5. To access the Parish Hall, use the Euclid Avenue driveway entrance (watch for signs in the driveway and Parish Hall area). Donations will be accepted between 3 and 9 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on weekends.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located at 414 East Broad Street (near Euclid Avenue and across from the Westfield Municipal Building). For further information, call (908) 232-8506, extension no. 10, or e-mail parishoffice@stpaulswestfield.org.

Local Church to Host Blood Drive Sunday

WESTFIELD – The Presbyterian Church in Westfield will host a blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross this Sunday, October 23, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church's Assembly Hall. The church is located at 140 Mountain Avenue. Ample free parking is available. Appointments are preferred, which can be made online via the church website: westfieldpc.org.

Participants are asked to bring a photo identification, to eat a light meal and to drink plenty of fluids before donating. For more information about the American Red Cross, including blood donor eligibility guidelines, visit redcross.org.

For more information on this or any other events held at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, call the church office at (908) 233-0301 or visit westfieldpc.org.

JCC Highlights Programs For Active Adults, Seniors

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey, located at 1391 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains, has a new lineup of trips and programming for Active Adults and Seniors. All programs are open to the community.

Trip highlights include a visit to the Pearl S. Buck House and Moravian Pottery and Tile Works in Bucks County, Pa. on Thursday, October 27. Participants will visit the Green Hills Farm, the 19th-century farmhouse of Pearl S. Buck, author of "The Good Earth" and recipient of the Nobel and Pulitzer prizes in literature.

The next trip, on Thursday, November 17, will be to the Neue Gallery, located at Fifth Avenue and 86th Street in New York City. Participants also will have the opportunity to take the one-mile High Line walk built on a former elevated railroad spur.

Finally, the Active Adults will see *Over the River and Through the Woods* at the Bickford Theatre on Thursday, December 1. This comedy is by Joe DiPietro, author of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. Reservations for this trip are needed by Monday, October 31.

Programming highlights include a free program on Chronic Disease Self-Management, sponsored by a grant from the Union County Division on Aging. This program began October 12 and will run through Wednesday, November 16, at Brighton Gardens, located at 1350 Route 22 in Mountainside. Sessions run from 2 to 4 p.m. Participants learn how to live a healthy life with chronic conditions.

On Tuesday, November 15, at 11 a.m., the JCC will participate in the Alzheimer's Foundation National Commemorative Candle Lighting. Participants will learn more about Alzheimer's and remember and honor individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and related illnesses by lighting Candles of Care.

Also for both Active Adults and Seniors, a program entitled "From Bach to Sinatra" will be offered on Tuesdays, October 25, November 22, December 13 and January 24. Thomas Elefant, conductor/musician, will explore different aspects of music through a wide variety of repertoire.

The JCC also has a state-of-the-art Fitness and Wellness Center that caters to Active Adult needs with programming, specialty equipment and staff expertise.

For full details on all programs, including times and costs, visit jccnj.org and click on Adult Enrichment/Active Adults, or contact Barbara Weisbart, Adult Enrichment director, at (908) 889-8800, extension no. 207, or bweisbart@jccnj.org. Brochures with full program details and registration forms also are available.

Courtesy Jean Kreiling

SURE SHOT…A rifle demonstration takes place at the Crane-Phillips House Museum in Cranford during Union County's annual "Four Centuries in a Weekend" event October 15 and 16. Free events were held at 24 historic locations throughout Union County.

NAMI Meeting to Focus On Mental Health Updates

WESTFIELD – The Union County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (http://nami-nj-uc.org) will host an open and informal evening of discussion about the latest resources, updates and changes within the mental health community in Union County.

The program will take place on Tuesday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m. at American Legion Post No. 3, located at 1003 North Avenue, West, in Westfield.

Joyce Benz, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and director of Intensive Family Support Services for the Union County Mental Health Association, will lead the discussion. She has more than 25 years experience providing direct care to mental health consumers in inpatient settings, in partial care and homeless outreach.

There will be no charge, and snacks will be provided. For more information or in the event of inclement weather, individuals are asked to call (908) 233-1628 or to e-mail nami.union.nj@nami.org.

Pumpkin Painting On Tap at Chelsea

FANWOOD – Area residents are invited for pumpkin painting and free refreshments on Thursday, October 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Chelsea Assisted Living, located at 295 South Avenue in Fanwood.

Participants of all ages are invited to come in costume to the annual Pumpkin Painting event at the Chelsea. All pumpkins, paints and other supplies will be provided, along with refreshments. To respond, call (908) 654-5200.

Lions Club to Hold Pancake Breakfast

SCOTCH PLAINS – The Scotch Plains Lions Club will once again hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 30, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Scotch Hills Country Club, located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains.

This "all-you-can-eat" breakfast will feature pancakes, eggs, ham and sausage. Beverages will include juice, coffee, tea and milk. The cost for the breakfast is $7 per person; children under 6 will be admitted for free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance from a Lions Club member.

This event is one of multiple fundraisers for this Lions Club, the proceeds of which are distributed to local charities and community activities, with a primary focus on organizations throughout the area that serve the blind and visually impaired. For more information on the Scotch Plains Lions Pancake Breakfast or to reserve a place, call Pancake Breakfast Chairman Ron Kelly at (908) 753-8218.

Holistic Moms Network To Meet on October 26

AREA – The Union County Chapter of Holistic Moms Network (HMN) will hold its monthly daytime meeting on Wednesday, October 26, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. It will take place at Elila Center for Natural Healing, located at 430 Springfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights.

This open house event will allow attendees to connect with a growing community of families in Union County who are passionate about holistic lifestyle choices and green living. Everyone will have the option to enter in a national drawing to win a grand prize of organic and gluten-free milk and cookies for a year from Organic Valley and Pamela's Products.

The group also will discuss the benefits and cost savings of making homemade natural products and create a variety of green products to try at home.

The Holistic Moms Network is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization connecting parents who are interested in holistic health and green living. HMN currently includes more than 130 local chapters across North America. Local chapters host monthly meetings where parents can meet, share their parenting experiences and offer one another support.

Anyone interested in attending this meeting or learning more about the Union County chapter of HMN may e-mail co-leader Amy at unioncountyholisticmoms@gmail.com. Information also is available at the HMN national website, holisticmoms.org.

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Single Jewish Friends To Meet on Sunday

AREA – The Circle of Single Jewish Friends 49+ will hold a Meet and Eat gathering this Sunday, October 23, at noon at Red Lobster Restaurant, located at 635 U.S. Highway Route 1 South in Iselin. The cost is $3 plus the price of a meal off the menu and gratuity. To respond, call Roberta at (908) 668-8450 or e-mail roger678@optonline.net.

SAR Tour to Visit Revolutionary Sites

WESTFIELD – The West Fields Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will host its second annual narrated bus tour of Revolutionary War sites.

This all-day event will be held on Saturday, November 5. The tour will depart from Westfield at 8:15 a.m. and return at approximately 5:15 p.m.

Sites on the tour will include Fort Lee, the beginning of the retreat through New Jersey; New Bridge Landing; Belcher-Ogden Mansion, located in Elizabeth, and the Abraham Clark House in Roselle.

The cost is $30 per person, which includes a light lunch. Reservations are required by Saturday, October 29, as space is limited. For further information, e-mail westfieldsar@comcast.net or call (908) 322-2143.

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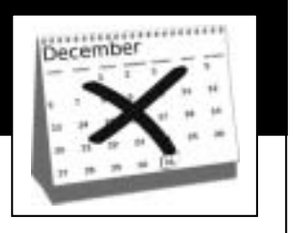

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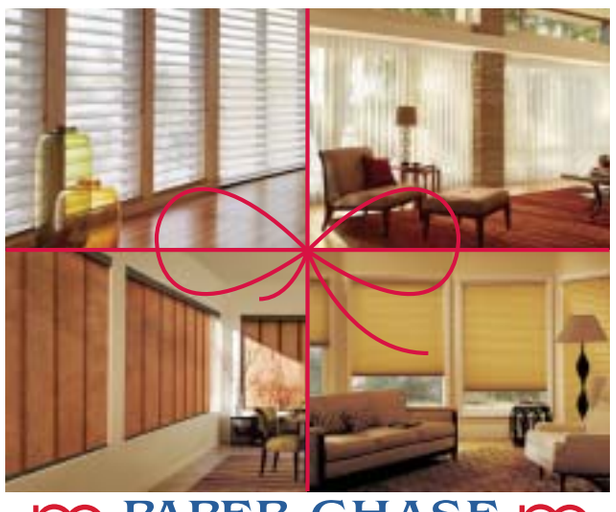

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MATRALE SCORES; SALITURO NETS 2 IN 2ND HALF

Lady Soccer Raiders Silence No. 14 Blue Devil Girls, 3-0

By FRED LECOMTE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

The 8-2-2 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Raider girls' soccer team staggered the powerful (9-2) Westfield Blue Devils, 3-0, in a second regular-season showdown on October 13 in Scotch Plains.

In September, the Blue Devils shut down a pumped-up Raider squad, 1-0. This time the Raider offensive game plan once again was simple. Controlled play, maintain composure, come-out tough and scrappy, as the opposition for 80 minutes and the chance to win would be favorable.

That's exactly how the game unfolded. The Blue Devils realized, regardless of their status, 14th in *The Star-Ledger* Top 20 rankings, that if they played their game, bringing in their best effort, they could beat the rival opposition again. However, it turned out to be a long afternoon for Westfield.

"The girls did what we told them to do in order to win. They possessed the ball, spread the field out, looked to attack, played smart defensively and had good communication on the field. Westfield is an excellent team, it was a great game between two good teams, and we came out on top," said Raider Head Coach Kevin Ewing.

The first Raider goal presented itself when Lisa Matrale, a senior forward, stroked the ball past the Blue Devil keeper Sophia Devita (13 saves) in the 33rd minute of the first half.

"There was a cross-in from Erin Pierce; Olivia Mendes came in, headed it and ricocheted off of her head. I saw the ball coming back towards me, then volleyed it into the back of the net," explained Matrale.

Down 1-0 at halftime, the Blue Devils managed a better flow, played their style and made several dangerous penetrations. The Raiders, however, maintained focus, control of their defensive game and followed their game plan; pushing the offense up field through the outside, crossing the ball in where junior forward Lea Salituro triggered a 25-yard laser that rattled off the upper right post, then settled into the back of the net.

"The Westfield defender misskicked the ball and it did not go as far as she planned probably, and I was right there, wide open and took the

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Fred Lecomte for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

CELEBRATING THE GOAL…Erin Pierce, No. 7, Avia Shadmi, No. 24, and the rest of their Raider teammates celebrate after Lisa Matrale, No. 12, scored a goal in the 3-0 victory over the Blue Devils.

KERKHOF, HEROUX NET 2 EACH; SMITH, LEVAN ONE

Blue Devils Shell Lions, 6-0, In UCT Soccer First Round

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

Continuous shelling from the outside turned into a up close and personal assault that netted five goals in the final 12 minutes of the first half to set the stage for the fifth-seeded Westfield High School boys soccer team to cruise a 6-0 victory over Roselle Catholic in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Westfield on October 13.

For 28 minutes, The Blue Devils spread the field and launched a barrage of shots from long range that sailed over or to the left or right of the goal before changing their tactics. Lion goalkeeper Aryel Olivera was put to the test and did manage to make three fine saves in the half.

"Obviously in the beginning of the game, we wanted to score quickly, so we were a little anxious. A lot of people were shooting from distance. We knew once we could string a couple of passes together, the goals would come. That's what happened," junior forward Henry Smith said.

"We were trying to just put the ball in, get some early goals as quickly as we could by any means necessary," senior Spencer Kerkhof said. "By the end of the first half, we started to slow down, put the ball on the ground and really attack the goal from close range."

"We have been working on a couple of different ways of attacking. I don't know if it was goal hungry. The guys were shooting, but they went back to old habits. We were bombing the ball but mostly on the top of the goal," Blue Devil Head Coach George Kapner said. "We got the word out to them. Talked to them about what we wanted to do. They put the ball in front of the goal. Once we got one or

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

A HARD MAN TO HOLD DOWN…Blue Devil Spencer Kerkhof, No. 13, scored a pair of goals in the 6-0 victory over Roselle Catholic in the first round of the Union County Tournament in Westfield on October 13.

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

MAKING A GREAT COMBINATION…Raider running back Anthony Byers, No. 1, got great blocking all afternoon from teammate Anthony Lettieri, No. 44, against Rahway on October 15. Byers ran for 315 yards and three touchdowns.

BYERS ROLLS 315 YDS, 3 TDs; JEGEDE 60-YD TD GRAB

Raiders Roll in 2nd Half, Jar Voorhees Footballers, 26-14

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

Persistence finally overcame resistance. After five disappointing weeks of being on the shorter side of outcomes and being stung in the final minutes twice, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team dug in and came up with a 26-14 victory over Voorhees in Scotch Plains on October 15.

"It has been a tough year. We played well in a lot of games and had nothing to show for it. We came back from two touchdowns in other games, and we came back from two touchdowns today and kept our lead, and we ended up winning," Raider Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli said.

Raider senior running back Anthony Byers left his footprints all over the field to amass 315 yards rushing on 31 carries, including touchdown runs of 58 yards, eight yards and 79 yards, respectively. Quarterback Steve Alleman, who

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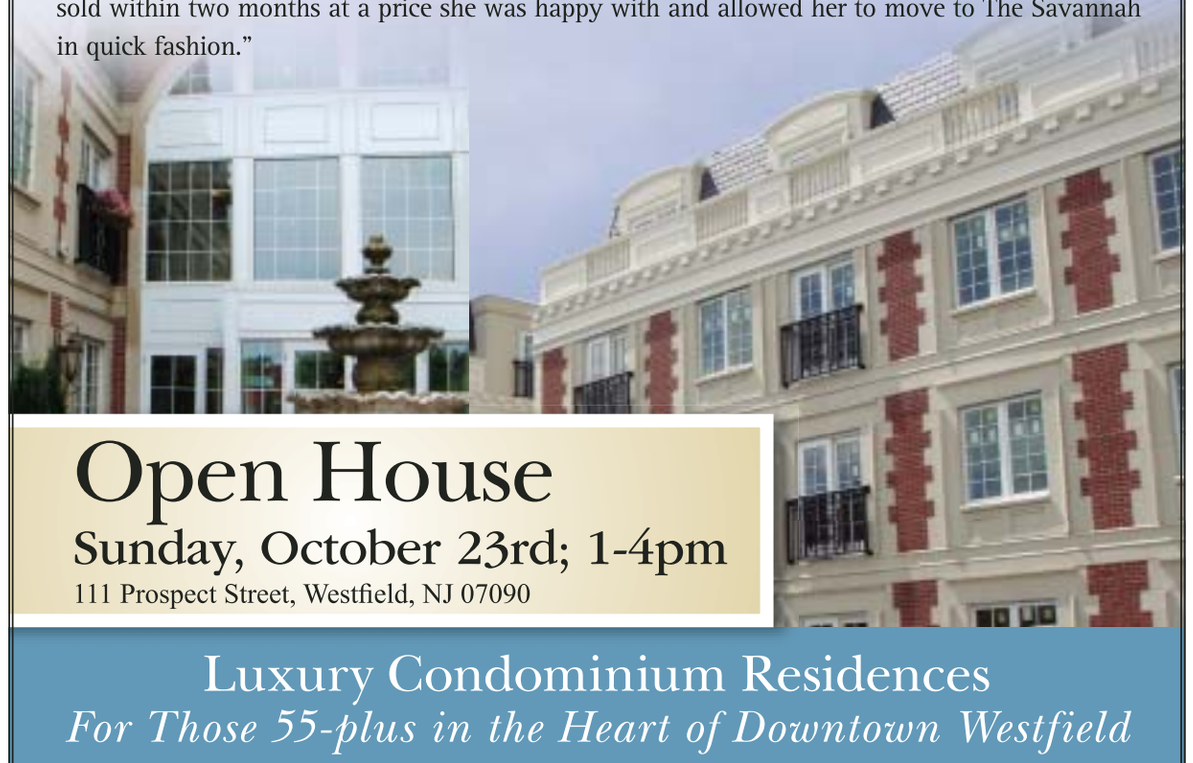

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BREAKING AWAY TOWARD THE GOAL…Raider Matt Fleissner, No. 22, breaks towards the Cougar goal and later gets off a shot. The Raiders defeated Cranford at Walnut Street Field on October 20, 2004 to give Head Coach Tom Breznitsky hit 500th career victory.

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Blue Devils **Raiders**

Walk Down Memory Lane

From the archives of The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times – www.goleader.com

October 20, 2009: Waves of blue crossed the finish line to claim the top-10 individual spots at the Union County Conference Watchung Division boys cross-country Championships at Warinanco Park in Roselle, but it was the blue of the Blue Devil boys who ran away with the team title with a total of 19 compared to the blue of the Raider boys that finished second with 44 points.

Blue Devil senior Ryan Scrudato had some clear sailing as he crossed the line first with a personal-record – for the course – time of 16:36. Blue Devil sophomore Jack Leahy finished second at 16:41 and teammate Andrew Kirna finished third at 16:50 before Raider team captains Alex Parker and Brandon Wheeler finished 4-5 with respective times of 16:54 and 16:58.

October 22, 2008: Junior forward Brendon McEvoy drilled two authoritative shots into the upper netting in the second half and junior Justin Brownstein followed with the icing to lead the 10-7-2 Raider boys soccer team to a 3-1 victory over visiting 8-8-1 Union.

October 20, 2007: The top-seeded, 18th-ranked Blue Devil boys' soccer team grabbed a 2-0 victory over A.L. Johnson in the quarterfinals of the Union County Tournament at Gary Kehler Stadium. The Blue Devils hit the mark in the second half on two sweet plays that involved junior Andy Flood and Matt Isabella.

October 19, 2006: Six Blue Devil shirts crossed the line ahead of the Raider boys cross-country team's No. 4 runner to earn Westfield its second straight Watchung Conference championship at Warinanco Park in Roselle. The Blue Devils had a total of 43 to the Raiders' 56. Blue Devil Evan Friedman finished fourth with a time of 17:23 ahead of the Raiders' No. 2 runner Pat Doliber who finished fifth at 17:28 but Blue Devils Alex Tarlow at 17:38 and Kevin O'Rourke at 17:39 finished 7-8 ahead of Raider Martin Sweeney, who was ninth with a time of 17:42.

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Devil's Den

Among Fantastic Finishes, This May Be the Best Ever

Devil of the Month Returns November 3.

By BRUCE JOHNSON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

As comebacks go, it would be very difficult to find anything in the storied history of WHS athletics to compare with the football team's unbelievable, amazing, mind-boggling (pick your adjective) 37-35 win over Onion back on Friday, Oct. 7.

To set the stage, after WHS had dominated the first half, the Farmers rallied behind sophomore Jamauri Bogan to take a 35-31 lead with just 38 seconds left in the game on Bogan's fifth touchdown of the game. Talk about disheartening, but . . .

Taking over at their 45 after a squib kick, Nate Mitchell (11-for-18, 144) hit Pete Ondi (who tied Chris Sheehan's single-game school record with eight receptions) for 24 yards to the Onion 31. After three more completions, a couple of timeouts and a spiked ball negated by a false start penalty, there were two seconds left and the ball was at the 23.

James O'Rourke, who had run for 151 yards on 30 carries, then took a pitchout from Mitchell and threw a pass to Mike Stravach, who made the grab and crossed the goal line as the clock wound down to 0 .

Here is an incomplete list of other hard-to-believe finishes in WHS history from off the top of my head.

December 15, 1972: WHS 52, SP-F 50

Christmas came a little early for the Devils. Playing before a packed house in Scotch Plains, and facing former coach Joe Coleman, the Devils pulled out the victory when Scott Novacek grabbed a rebound and tossed the ball the length of the court . . . and into the basket! With SP-F's Ray Schnitzer driving for a possible game-winning bucket, the ball went off his knee and the Devils' Buddy Robinson recovered. He flipped the ball to Novacek whose high-arching toss went swisheroo. Bobby Jester led WHS with 14 points.

October 25, 1969: WHS 20, Rahway 20

WHS trailed by eight points when a Rahway punt rolled dead at the Devils' 3-yard line. There were four minutes left. But that's when coach Gary Kehler discovered some passes in the back of his playbook. Joe Monninger hit Skeeter MacCloskey for 19 yards, then converted a third and 20 with a 44-yarder to MacCloskey (plus a 15-yard facemask penalty). Two plays later the duo got together for a 21-yard touchdown. With 1:45 showing on the clock, Frank Jackson ran for the tying two-point conversion. (Ironically, this was the first year of two-point PAT runs/passes.)

October 13, 1973: WHS 14, SP-F 7

With a crowd of 9,000 at Recreation Field, the Raiders appeared to have scored a potentially game-tying touchdown on a Bob Hering-to-Bob Calhoun pass with 0:02 showing on the clock. But Calhoun was flagged for a penalty – making Mel and Tim's 1969 song "Backfield in Motion" a big hit in Westfield – and the final play was an incomplete pass in the end zone.

June 1, 1978: WHS 4, CBA 1 (tennis)

The two best teams in the state met for the All-Groups championship, and all five matches went three sets. CBA won at second doubles 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 over Andy Loft and Sri Nivargikar, but WHS swept singles behind Doug Yearley (2-6, 6-3, 6-2), Jeff Factor (7-5, 5-7, 7-6) and Joel Katz (4-6, 6-4, 7-6), and also won at first dubs with Andy Biederman and Dan Perach (6-4, 4-6, 6-3). The state tournament director called it "the closest and most exciting team match ever." That may still be the case today.

February 21, 1981: WHS 28, SP-F 18 (wrestling)

Two weeks after absorbing a 26-21 regular-season loss to SP-F, the Devils rallied for a sectional semifinal win over the Raiders. Lowell Higgins (pin at 188) and Mike Giacone (decision) produced the final score, but the key wins were by Matt (122) and Rich (158) Shields, who avenged earlier losses to Vic Daidone and Mike Gordon, respectively.

January 9, 1985: WHS 26, SP-F 25 (wrestling)

Consecutive wins by Mark Giacone (pin at 148), Toly Volkov (decision), Mike Stagaard (major decision) and Jay Factor (decision) produced a stunning win over the Raiders.

October 19, 1991: WHS 6, SP-F 0 (football)

With starting quarterback Mike Catenacci out with a separated shoulder suffered in the second quarter, Chris Infantino completed 7 of 15 passes for 151 yards, including a 58-yard touchdown to Steve Kocaj for the game's lone score. There were 12 seconds remaining.

February 12, 1991: WHS 96, St. Joseph 90 (swimming)

The Falcons had won 11 straight state title and hadn't lost a dual meet to a New Jersey public school since a 1978 loss to WHS. But sophomore Darren Hertell pulled out the final relay by .04 of a second to climax one of the most intense meets ever at Wallace Pool.

February 27, 2000: WHS 89½, Cherry Hill East 80½ (swimming)

With the state Public A championship meet coming down to the final event, things did not look for the Devils. CH East, trailing 81½-76½, had the state's fastest 400 freestyle relay, and likely needed only to take third place to get the two points that would clinch the title. But Zach Coppa, Turner Yevich, Kyle McCloskey and Scott Kautzmann finished first (!), while Sean Baran, Devin Power, Paul Kolterjahn and Matt Cahill finished third, nearly taking second.

September 22, 2001: WHS 21, SP-F 19 (football)

In the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center 11 days earlier, the two archrivals had another of their not-for-the-faint-of-heart battles. The Raiders went ahead on a 95-yard run but Louis Mercer rallied the Devils to the win on a 9-yard pass to Brian Butts with 1:07 showing on the clock.

November 4, 2006: WHS 28, SP-F 21 (football)

After a gut-wrenching (literally, after a fat official's horrible pass interference call) overtime loss the previous year, WHS rallied for 14 fourth-quarter points to beat SP-F. Quarterback Tommy Bonard accounted for all 28 points, throwing a touchdown to C.J. Patella, running for three touchdowns and kicking all four PATs. Bonard's winning score came on a 21-yard run with 41 seconds left.

May 24, 2007: WHS 3, West Windsor-Plainsboro South 2 (tennis)

This was the state Group 4 final, but it was also the equivalent of the Tournament of Champions final, since this was the two best teams in the state. It was 1-1 after the Pirates won at third singles over James Chu (6-3, 7-5) and WHS evened it behind Graeme Stahl and Jason Snyder at second dubs (6-0, 7-6). It was tied at 2 after WW-P won at first singles over Kevin Shallcross (3-6, 6-3, 7-5) while Akis Evangelidis and Dean Thompson took first dubs 6-3, 6-7, 7-5. That left Ravi Netravali against WW-P's Stewart Fernandez, a notoriously poor judge of calling balls in, or out, as the case may be. Netravali kept his cool and outlasted his foe 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.

October 30, 2010: WHS 30, Linden 24 2 OTs (football)

Both teams needed a win to qualify for the playoffs. WHS battled back to tie on Jon Gribbon's 33-yard field goal, then went into overtime after James O'Rourke blocked a last-second Linden field goal. Westfield scored in the first OT on A.J. Murray's run, but Linden tied, forcing a second OT. Pete Ondi picked off a pass, and Danny Kerr hit John Lanzano with a game-winning touchdown pass.

May 27, 2011: WHS 5, Phillipsburg 4 (baseball)

Facing elimination from the state tournament and down to their final strike, the Brew Crew got back-to-back home runs by No. 9 hitter James Barry and leadoff man Tim Younger to pull off a shocking, stunning victory. The Devils had been baffled by the Stateliners' Anthony Ciavarella for most of the game but kept things close thanks to great defensive plays by outfielders Matt Varakian, James O'Rourke and Steve Forgash. And this came just four days after WHS had scored twice in the bottom of the seventh to eliminate Franklin 5-4 in the first round of states.

FOOTBALL UPDATE

After enjoying a bye week to get healthy and prepare for a tough stretch, the WHS football team will host Rahway Saturday at Kehler Stadium. The Indians are an ancient rival, with this being the 60th meeting. The Blue Devils lead the series 28-24-7, including last year's 44-13 victory. The only team WHS has played more is Plainfield (106 meetings).

Then it'll be at Linden (Oct. 29) and home against Immaculata (Nov. 5).

WELCOME ABOARD

Daryl Palmieri is the new varsity basketball coach at WHS.

The 32-year-old Palmieri, a basketball/baseball guy at Roselle Catholic who played college hoops at Manhattan College, comes to the Old Towne after serving six years as Phil Colicchio's assistant at Linden, three years as an assistant at Millburn, and last year as the head coach at Parsippany.

"I want to get the entire community involved in what's going on," he said. "And I want to hopefully get more Westfield kids to stay in Westfield to play ball. I'm excited about this opportunity. I've moved my way up the ranks, and now I've found a spot where I can call home."

The Devil's Den appears in *The Westfield Leader* on the first and third Thursday of every month during the school year. Contact us with comments, complaints and suggestions at bj1019@aol.com. And remember, win or not, Whs4evr!

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Soccer Raiders Silence Lady Blue Devils

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shot," said Salituro.

It was then that the Blue Devils realized they had a formidable task ahead, and never recovered from the 2-0 set back. In all, it ended up 3-0 in the 63rd minute when the Raiders launched an assault highlighted first on a great stop by the Blue Devil keeper then on Salituro's goal, her second of the game.

"The goalie saved it; she was on the ground. I kind of kicked it a few times, missed it, then finally connected," Salituro said.

Raider goalkeeper Meghan Allen made two eye-opening saves.

"First half, we were in their end a lot; it was just a matter of possessing the ball, win the fifty-fifty balls, spreading the field out and getting good opportunities. We did not cash in on some, but finally put one in on a miscue. Westfield came back, taking it to us, typically Westfield/Scotch Plains, back-and-forth. We had some more opportunities and goals in. When these girls play total minutes of good soccer, they can compete with anybody, and I think they proved it today," said Coach Ewing.

"When you come out a little flat, without emotion against your rival, yes, we got our, you-know-what handed to us during the first half. We thought we were going to battle the second half; our own fault. First goal, should have punched it, second one; cleared it right to her (Salituro), and she had the shot of her life. By that time, 2-0, we push," Blue Devil Head Coach Alex Schmidt said. "Then look at the third goal. Goal brilliance or? Ball slips through and we don't clear. It could have easily been, 1-1, and that's the way we have to look at it. I'm not happy with the effort. Not happy with the emotion. This would have been a good one; obviously we got a good measuring stick for counties."

Fred Lecomte for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

A STEP AHEAD…Blue Devil Alexandra Tinfow, No. 8, keeps a step ahead of a Raider in the showdown in Scotch Plains. Raider Sarah Vanbuskirk is No. 3.

Westfield	0	0	0
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	1	2	3

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

PLAYING AT VERY CLOSE RANGE…Cranford Cougar Madison Savulich, No. 20, mixes it up with Summit team captain Kate Martino, No. 16, in Cranford. The Hilltoppers edged the Cougars, 1-0. See Ballyhoo Sports on web for more.

PACE'S HARD SHOT BLOCKED, QUINN 3 KEY STOPS

Hilltoppers' Breakaway Goal Nips Soccer Lady Cougars, 1-0

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

One breakaway run that resulted in a goal 10 minutes into the second half was all that was needed for the visiting Summit Hilltoppers to earn a 1-0 victory over the Cranford High School girls soccer team at Memorial Field in Cranford on October 11.

Sophomore Holly Confalone got a jump on a Cougar defender, brought the ball down the left-center of the field and drilled a left-to-right shot into the net with 29:55 on the clock.

"It took one play where we had a defensive error, and Summit took advantage of that and put the ball in the back of the net. I think we had difficulty recovering after that and coming out as intense as we did in the first half," Cougar Head Coach Jen Michewicz said.

The Cougars did rule the majority of the first half and had several opportunities with five corner kicks into the box, but Hilltopper goalkeeper Jackie Zalis was there to disrupt any point-blank shots.

"I thought that we came out very strong in the first half, and we created many offensive opportunities. Unfortunately, we didn't take advantage of capitalizing on any of those," Coach Michewicz said.

The 6-3-1 Hilltoppers did, however, get a little offensive edge for the first five minutes, but Cougar defenders Annie Vollenbroek, Rachel Romano, Hannah DeMars and company pinched Summit's attack and directed the ball out of harm's way, which eventually allowed Cranford's offense to control the remainder of the half.

"The four defenders I had starting the game played very strong. One of Summit's star players got the ball to her feet, and I think our defense did a good job of forcing her back and denying her any turn and any space to

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Soccer Raiders Blank Cougar Boys, 7-0

The No. 9 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team shutout the visiting Cranford Cougars, 7-0, on October 17. Sophomore forward Christian Zazzali netted a pair of goals and added an assist. Andrew Leischner scored one goals and added an assist for the 12-2 Raiders.

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D. Blair Corbin's A Trip Down Memory Lane

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October 20, 2005: Jeff Perrella was flying solo after the first mile and crossed first in a near course record time of 15:43 to lead the Blue Devil boys cross-country team to the Watchung Conference National Division title on the 3.2-mile course at Warinanco Park in Roselle. The course record of 15:42 was set in 1998 by Cranford's Tim Styler.

October 20, 2004: Thirty years in the making; however, the time finally came when the Raider boys soccer team delivered Head Coach Tom Breznitsky his 500th career win by defeating the hosting Cranford Cougars, 2-0, at Walnut Avenue Elementary School Field. It was only fitting that one of his team captains, Greg Leischner, made that fete possible by netting the game's first goal and assisting senior Chris Huether on the second goal.

October 16, 2003: The North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 girls tennis title was claimed by second-seeded Bridgewater-Raritan after upsetting top-seeded Westfield, 3-2, in Westfield. Sophomore Jessica Bender won at third singles. Katherine Kielar and Michelle Morawski won at first doubles.

October 19, 2002: The Raider football team featuring its "Wild Dog" defense took on a much larger Irvington team, that included four linemen weighing 300+ pounds, in Irvington and brought home an 8-0 victory. The only scoring came on a safety with 1:54 remaining in the second quarter and a four-yard TD plunge by Travis Boff with 6:50 left in the final quarter.

October 19, 2001: Senior Ray Williams, the New Jersey state champion in the 400 meters, put that speed to work in a huge way to turn the tide of a potential upset into a 41-13 Raider football team victory over the hosting Kearny Kardinals. Williams, who amassed 271 total yards, scored on a 76-yard pass reception, an 85-yard kickoff return and a 37-yard end-around reverse play.

October 20, 2000: Bob Wallden led a band of charged up Raider boys and Alexis Anzelone led the Westfield Lady "Pac" to their respective Watchung Conference National Division cross-country titles at Warinanco Park in Roselle. Wallden took top honors with a time of 16:33 and Anzelone crossed first in her race with a time of 19:55. The Blue Devil girls, ranked seventh in New Jersey, made it six-in-a-row in conference championships, with a 17-point total, and had six of the nine top times.

October 18, 1999: After snapping Somerville's 28-meet winning streak last year, the third-ranked Westfield gymnastics team sparkled with a 109.025-108.475, victory over the Pioneers in Somerville. Blue Devil sophomore Lauren Caravello seized first in the all-around with an amazing total of 37.35.

October 16, 1998: Damon Harrison burst through the Blue Devil line and blocked a game-tying field goal attempt to allow Malcolm X. Shabazz defeat Westfield, 12-9, at Untermann Field in Newark. Quarterback Brandon Doerr hit Jason Merritt with a seven-yard TD pass. Devin Griffiths and Tom Lee sacked the Shabazz quarterback for a safety.

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TAKING A SHOT AT GOAL…Blue Devil Henry Smith, No. 3, took numerous shots on goal and connected with 5:20 remaining in the first half against the Lions.

Blue Devils Shell Lions in UCT Soccer, 6-0

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two, we clicked."

Smith launched three perfect corner kicks into junior Jake Heroux, who got off three great headers in the box. A Lion defender blocked his first header, but the second one found the mark with 11:50 remaining in the first half. Heroux's second header found the mark with 7:00 on the clock to give the 7-4-1 Blue Devils a 3-0 lead.

"We knew that we could beat them in the air, so that's what we tried to do. I was just trying to put it into the area, and Jake was there to head them in twice," Smith said.

"He played some good balls in. I happened to be on the end of them," Heroux said. "Shane [Kronick] is the one who is usually taking them, but we didn't have him today. It's good that we had Henry as a backup to put the ball in."

"We have, at least, three kids who can drive that ball almost perfectly from corners … Shane, Henry and Leo Ohaus," Coach Kapner noted.

Kerkhof, on an assist from junior Sam Eliades, notched his first goal one minute after Heroux's first goal. Kerkhof penetrated the box from the right side and drilled a right-to-left shot into the upper netting.

Smith scored the fourth goal when he brought the ball from the left corner and launched a left-to-right bullet that lodged into the upper right netting.

Exactly one minute after Smith's goal, at 4:20 remaining, Kerkhof, also on an assist from Eliades, added a carbon copy of Smith's shot, but from the right side.

"Henry was coming down the sideline, and I was on the opposite side of the field just waiting for the ball to come. They pushed it out to me, and I tucked it into the corner away from the goalie," Kerkhof said.

"It's somewhat of a slippery field, so I think two of the goals may have come off mistakes from the back. One of Spencer's goals, the defender missed it. It skipped right by him, and he scored on a breakaway, but basically, we just needed to relax," Smith said

That massive, 12-minute scoring blitz in the first half allowed Coach Kapner the opportunity to present an entirely fresh team from the bench in the second half, and they performed very well. The fresh group of Blue Devils demonstrated fine foot skills and did manage to get off six shots on goal. In addition to making three more saves, Olivera also made several wise decisions to prevent close-range shots.

After a nice feed from sophomore Sean Tracey, senior Eddie Lu lined a vicious left-to-right shot that just missed the mark. Junior Brett Ripperger, senior Declan Fitzmaurice and freshman Michael Prosuk also ripped a strong shot on goal. Midway through the second half, senior Brandon Levan rippled the net for the sixth goal of the game.

"That was the best part about today. Every single guy in this program got a chance to play. That doesn't happen all the time, so the kids who are putting the hard work in and helping us in practice got a chance. I am very proud of them. They played exactly the way we want them to," Coach Kapner said. "The ball was on the turf. They moved it around. They scored a goal. It was good stuff."

Roselle Catholic	0	0	0
Westfield	5	1	6

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Raiders Jar Voorhees Footballers, 26-14

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rushed four times for 14 yards, completed three of nine pass attempts for 75 yards, which included a strike to wide receiver Matt Jegede that was good for a 60-yard touchdown. Jegede also had a three-yard reception, and wide receiver Rob Mrozek had one for 12 yards.

The Raiders' defense shutdown the Vikings on their first series. After a three-yard gain, Byers cut off-tackle and sprinted 65 yards to the Viking one before being knocked out of bounds – that running play would be repeated several times later in the game with success. But disaster struck with three straight zero-yard gains, followed by a five-yard delay of game penalty – the first of several for the Raiders.

"We didn't block. That was the same play we ran at the end," said Coach Ciccotelli, who added, "The official marks the ball. He is not waiting for the quarterback. We knew that. We didn't do a good job of it. That's something that we've got to get better at."

As John Murphy's field goal attempt was wide left, the Raiders were nailed for another penalty and the ball was handed to the Vikings at the 20.

"We were mad about it, because we wanted to push the ball in, but we realized that we could get it back, because there was a lot more football to play," Byers said.

Later in the first quarter, the Raiders were forced to punt from their end zone. The punt was shanked and went out at the 20. Viking quarterback Dan Barone quickly hit Jadaen Bernstein for a 20-yard touchdown with 1:37 left in the quarter. The point after attempt failed.

The Vikings engineered a five-play 76-yard scoring drive that was capped by Barone's 57-yard touchdown sprint with 8:47 left in the half. Barone passed to Bernstein in the left end zone for the two-point conversion.

Late in the half, the Raiders took over at their 34-yard line. Three plays later, Byers got the second of what would be several fine blocks from fullback Anthony Lettieri and sprinted 58 yards to pay dirt to make the score, 14-7, at the half.

Early in the second half, linebacker John Cunningham recovered a Viking fumble at the Voorhees 11. After a three-yard gain, Byers ran eight yards for his second touchdown.

The Raiders' defense got increasingly more intense. Byers and Cunningham stepped up the pressure on Barone. Linebacker Andrew Miller (12 tackles) added the second of his three sacks.

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BRINGING DOWN THE QUARTERBACK…Raiders Andrew Miller, left, and Michael Colineri, No. 31, bring down Viking quarterback Dan Barone, No. 2, as Raider Zach Brencsons, No. 24, keeps position.

With the ball on the Raider 36, and after two running plays inched the ball to the 40, Alleman laid a perfect pass into the hands of Jegede, who was in full stride down the left sideline and outran the defender for the 60-yard touchdown with 3:51 left in the third quarter. The point after attempt was blocked.

"We got the coverage we wanted and exactly what we looked for," Coach Ciccotelli said.

"It was a great pass by our quarterback and a great catch," Byers added.

Trailing 20-14, the Vikings began a march and were camping around the Raider two with a first down. Miller and defensive back Zach Brencsons stopped Barone for no gain then Byers and Cunningham forced Barone's hand when he was looking for Bernstein in the end zone. The Raiders took over at the two.

"We made some mistakes and gave them two scores. We weren't in the positions where we belong. We talked about it at halftime. It was fourth and goal. We thought we had to put pressure on the quarterback. They were throwing a play action drag away, which they ran for the two-point conversion. He didn't have a chance to throw it. Our kids stepped up. We had a great effort from our kids. We didn't give up, and we hung in there," Coach Ciccotelli said.

Byers ran three straight off-tackle plays. The first was for seven yards, the next was for 12 and the third was for 79-yards and a touchdown with 4:44 remaining.

"Our fullback, Anthony Lettieri threw a good block on the outside, and it gave me the seam to run down the sideline for a touchdown," Byers explained.

The Vikings attempted to move the ball down field with a series of passes, and on a few occasions, Byers from his linebacker position, nearly made some interceptions.

"They were running a bubble screen, and they try to get you offguard. They ran it straight in the middle. I saw the quarterback, so I backed out and almost had the interception," Byers said. "Hard work pays off. We are happy to get this win."

The Raiders will travel to North Plainfield tomorrow, Friday, October 21, at 7 p.m.

Voorhees	6	8	0	0	14
Sc. Pl.-Fanwood	0	7	13	6	26

Hilltoppers Nip Lady Cougars, 1-0

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play with," Coach Michewicz said.

Cougar goalkeeper Leah Quinn stopped one Summit attempt in the half and made a smart decision later by charging and smothering a loose ball near the right corner of the box before a Hilltopper could get a foot on it.

The Lady Cougars' best chance at scoring came midway through the first half when Taylor Pace charged down the middle and launched a wicked shot that Zalis got just enough hand on to deflect the ball over the crossbar.

"I do think an early goal would have helped us. We had so many opportunities that first half. When you score early, I think that completely switches the momentum of the game and possibly the outcome. Unfortunately, we didn't have luck finishing today. I am hoping we will get a little bit more luck when we enter the county tournament on Saturday," Coach Michewicz said.

Coach Michewicz made changes in her defense and rotated several girls on offense throughout the second half. Quinn made another strong stop early in the half, and defender Kristina Sosa added a fine slide check later in the half to prevent a Hilltopper breakaway.

"This defensive adjustment was just to get some players in the game. I think that is important to give everyone an opportunity out there. Of course, mistakes happen, but we are looking for 11 girls, who are going to step up and get the job done. We are still searching for that," Coach Michewicz said.

Summit	0	1	1
Cranford	0	0	0

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Viking V'ballers Top WF Lady Blue Devils

The 17-2 Union Catholic High School girls volleyball team defeated Westfield, 25-10, 25-19, on October 17 in Scotch Plains. Blue Devil Grace Antonelli had eight digs, and Morgan Bowen had four kills, three digs and a block. Amanda Earl had three kills and a dig, Courtney Weisse had three blocks and two kills, Catherine Sabatino had two kills, and Emily ince had seven assists.

Viking star Julie Monroy notched 10 kills, seven service points, five digs and an ace. Krystyna Maciejak had seven service points, seven assists, three kills, a dig and a block.

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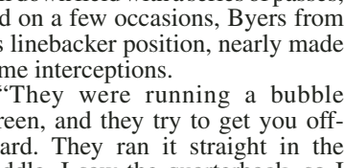

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Cougars' Grid Gang Silences Rahway Footballers, 20-6

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

Dogged defensive and an ever-improving and versatile offensive punch kept the Cranford High School football team's unbeaten slate in tact on October 15 in Rahway.

Quarterback Reggie Green rushed for 187 yards on 22 carries, including a 92-yard touchdown (TD) gallop, and completed three of five pass attempts, which included a 13-yard TD strike to Eric Garguilo, who also had a 35-yard reception, as the 6-0 Cougars defeated Rahway, 20-6.

"He is expanding with what he can do with the offense in terms of being able to throw the ball effectively, run the option and also be able to run the ball himself," Cougar Head Coach Erik Rosenmeier said. "When you have a kid, who can run like a tailback, and he gets the ball every time, it's keeps other team on their toes."

In the meantime, the Cougars' veteran defense limited the Indians' ground attack to 147 yards, which included a 92-yard TD run and a 25-yard sprint by tailback Jerrel Wilson. The Cougars forced five turnovers, and the first was a fumble recovered by linebacker Mike Klimek. Green had an interception before halftime, and defensive back Garguilo added a pair of interceptions in the second half.

"Klimek gets a lot of notoriety, but we have a lot of guys, who have been playing on that defense since they were sophomores and Garguilo since he was a junior. He [Garguilo] had five picks last year, and now he's got four this year. He's very comfortable, and he is able to make those types of plays," Coach Rosenmeier said.

With the exception of two big runs, the Cougars' defense stuffed the Indians' running attack, engineered by quarterback Hakeem Kornegay.

"We have guys who wouldn't get on the field for us defensively, who would have gone on the field on other teams. That's one of the reasons we have had success. These guys know if they are not playing up to par, someone will be able to take their position. We are fortunate to have Klimek, Anthony DaSilva, Nick Diaz, [JP] Christiano, Walter James with two big hits and Sean McGovern in there at corner. Reggie had an interception, and the guys up front; TJ Nichols, Ryan Farrell, [Chris] Folinusz. They are doing an excellent job," Coach Rosenmeier said.

On Rahway's first possession, running back Jerrel Wilson had the Indian's second-longest run of the day, a 25-yard scoot to the Cougar 35. But on the next play, Klimek recovered a fumble.

From there, the Cougars moved the ball downfield. Green hit Garguilo for a 35-yard reception to the Rahway 15. A few plays later, fullback Christiano punched the ball in from to two-yard line. Troy Ketler kicked the point after to give the Cougars a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, the Cougars recovered another Rahway fumble and had great field position at the Indian 18. Unfortunately, the Cougars attempted four times to get a first down, but sputtered at the eight. The Indians made them pay when Wilson broke free and sprinted 92 yards for a TD. Cougar defensive back McGovern blocked the point after attempt, making the score, 7-6.

The Cougars drove the ball downfield early in the third quarter and actually had a touchdown by running back Chris Witwick nullified due to improper lineup. The Cougars faced a third-and-goal from the 13 then Green hit Garguilo in the left flat, and he ran it in for the TD to up the lead to 14-6.

The next two Rahway drives ended in interceptions, both by Garguilo.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Indians punted to the Cougar eight-yard line. On second down, Green found an opening up the middle and was off to the races for a 92-yard TD. The point after attempt failed.

"Right up the gut! Reggie went right up the field. My kids did a nice job blocking. Kornegay was in pursuit, but Reggie was able to get into the end zone," Coach Rosenmeier explained.

The Indians attempted a final drive, but Cougar defensive back James made two nice hits to break up Rahway's pass attempts. Time ran out.

"We are not very big. We have guys, who are under 200-lbs on the offensive line and on the defensive line. We have some, who are just over 200. I think we are very strong. We've worked very hard in the weight room. That's been one of our things, the intensity of our weight room workouts in the off-season and the summer. Those kids understand that they are expected to lift like that. Because we work like that, I think we play hard. They move well. They do what they are supposed to do, and they play hard," Coach Rosenmeier said.

Last year, the Indians stung the Cougars, 21-20 on a fourth quarter TD by Nafee Ariss.

"Rahway surely has been a thorn in our side. They have dominated the game for quite some time until we closed the gap last year. We had an opportunity to win the game, but they were able to win, and that, along with the Summit game, kept us out of the playoffs," Coach Rosenmeier said. "It was nice to finally get over the hump to beat them. It was the first time since [19]97 Cranford has beaten them and the first time since [19]94 in Rahway."

Cranford	7	0	7	6	20
Rahway	0	6	0	0	6

Blue Devil Boys, Girls Win UC Conference X-Country

The Westfield High School boys swept all seven of the top places to capture the Union County Conference Watchung Division championship with a total of 15 at Warinanco Park in Roselle on October 18. The Blue Devil girls took top honors in their division with a total of 28.

John Kirna crossed first for the boys with a time of 16.27, followed by Jack Leahy at 16:31, Kevin Ingram at 16:42, Kevin Smith at 16:50, Evan Tarlow at 16:51, David Carville at 16:55 and Dan Luzzi at 17:38. Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raider Jon Kirby finished ninth with a time of 18:07.

Blue Devil Gabriele Stravach crossed first for the girls with a time of 20:51, followed by Raider Grace Kelly at 20:55 and Blue Devil Johanna Mermer at 20:59. Blue Devils Anna Tanji at 21:21 and Alana Basil at 21:27 finished 6-7. Raider Isabel Crystal placed 10th at 21:42.

The Cranford boys won the Mountain Division with a total of 28. Eli Howard crossed third with a time of 17:12, followed by Tom Feeney at 17:26, Paul Cassaro at 17:29 and Connor McMahon at 17:29. Mike Zanfardino finished 10th at 17:33. The Lady Cougars placed third with a total of 80. Megan Byrnes crossed eighth with a time of 20:47.

Blue Devil Gymnasts Edge SPF Raiders, 106.25-103.9

The Westfield High School gymnastics team finished their regular season on a high note by defeating Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 106.25-103.9, at Scotch Plains on October 11. The Blue Devils finished the regular season at 6-2 while the Raiders fell to 6-3.

This was another overall team effort from the Blue Devil gymnasts with their freshmen and sophomores leading the way. Two Raider gymnasts achieved all-around scores, while Westfield had one gymnast compete in all four events.

Blue Devil sophomore Abby Cook had the top all-around score of 35.95, followed by Raiders Alexandra Peluso at 34.85 and Maddie McNichol at 33.75. Cook also took top honors in the vault with a score of 9.1. Blue Devil freshman Jenna Rizkalla was second at 9.05, followed by Raiders Kacie Bumiller at 8.95, Zoe Stein at 8.9 and Peluso at 8.8. Blue Devil freshman Hannah Goldring had an 8.5.

Cook had the top uneven bars score of 8.7, and teammate, freshman Mae Devin, was second at 9.6. Stein took third at 8.45, followed by Peluso at 8.2. Raiders Melissa Gara and McNichol tied for fifth at 8.15. Rizkalla had an 8.1.

Blue Devil junior Lindsay Ripperger tied Peluso for first on the balance beam with a 9.1. Hannah Goldring was third at 9.05, and Cook was fourth at 8.85. Raiders Jamie Bush at 8.55 and Gara at 8.5 placed 5-6.

Cook won the floor exercise with a 9.30, followed by Hannah Goldring at 9.0 and Bumiller at 8.9 and Peluso at 8.75. Rizkalla and McNichol had scores of 8.65.

Westfield looks to defend its title at the Union County Tournament, which will be at Westfield High School tomorrow, Friday, October 21.

Cougars Ice Blue Devils In UCT Field Hockey

The Cranford High School field hockey team iced Westfield, 1-0, in the first round of the Union County Tournament when Maria Guarisco scored off a penalty corner late in the second half at Kent Place in Summit on October 15. Goalkeeper Jess McCoy made eight stops for the 6-5 Cougars.

F.H. Blue Devils Top Newark Academy

The Westfield High School field hockey team got a goal from Meghan Murphy to claim a 1-0 victory over Newark Academy in Livingston on October 17. Goalkeeper Deanna Cohen made eight stops for the 7-5-1 Blue Devils.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a public hearing on November 3, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Council Chambers to hear the Preliminary and Final Limited Site Plan Application regarding a foul ball netting system and associated variances for Union Catholic Regional High School, 1600 Martine Avenue, Block 12401, Lot 1, R-1 Zone which proposes to contain foul balls from visiting its neighbors' properties.

The variances requested are as follows: a conditional use variance is required because the netting poles and associated netting will be located within 100 feet of the property line (23-5.2c(3)) and the netting poles and associated netting will be higher than 35 feet (23-3.4A). A waiver from checklist item #22 will also be requested by the applicant. Paragraph 22 of the checklist states "spot and finished elevations at all property corners, corners of all structures of dwellings, and existing proposed first floor elevation."

The Applicant is requesting any other variances, waivers, exceptions and other relief necessary to allow the Applicant's proposed use of the property, at the time of the hearing.

All interested persons may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Board of Adjustment and available for public inspection during regular office hours.

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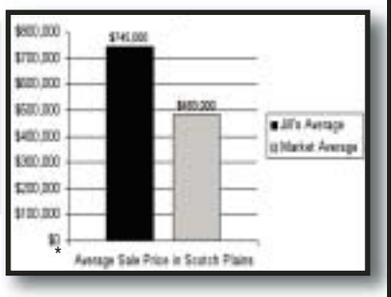

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JUDO CHAMPION…Nick Delpopolo, center, won the Great Britain World Cup.

Delpopolo Wins Gold In Great Britain Judo

LIVERPOOL, U.K. – Nick Delpopolo, age 22, of Westfield went 5-0 to win gold at the Great Britain World Cup in Judo.

Delpopolo defeated David Gonzales of Spain by yuko then defeated Jan Gosiewski (GBR) by yuko in overtime. Next, he topped Marcelo Contini (Brazil) by unanimous decision. In the semifinal, Delpopolo foot-swept Miguel Romero (Spain) for a huge ippon. In the gold medal match, defeated Emmanuel Nartey (Ghana) to become the first American man to win this World Cup.

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TAKING IT TO THE TWO…Westfield PAL C football team's Eric Knauss, No. 10, calls his own number and takes the ball down to the two yard line. The Blue Devils failed to convert and lost to Bloomfield, 12-0, on October 16.

WF PAL Wrestling Registration Open

Registration for the Westfield PAL wrestling program has begun. The programs focus on learning the fundamentals of wrestling, instilling solid values and having fun! PAL sponsors the following programs:

RED TEAM K-GRADE 3:
This program is for the beginner or non-experienced wrestler. Practices are once or twice a week with a few matches and tournaments throughout the season. Wrestlers are taught the basics of the sport with an emphasis on skill development and safety rather than competition.

WHITE TEAM GRADES 3-5:
This program focuses on the fundamentals of wrestling and will prepare wrestlers for competitive matches. Practices are twice a week with weekly matches and optional tournaments throughout the season.

CENTRAL JERSEY BLUE GRADES 2-6:
This program is for the experienced wrestler. Practices are 2-3 times per week and the league is very competitive. There are 16 matches as well as several tournaments throughout the season.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PAL GRADES 7-8:
This program is supplemental for wrestlers in the Middle School program.

Avoid a Late Fee and Register by November 1. Practices begin the week of November 14. Go to – www.westfieldpalwrestling.com/registration.html and register online!

Any questions, please email: coaches@westfieldpalwrestling.com

Go to www.goleader.com Ballyhoo Sports for photos Of Giants/Buffalo game Rutgers/Navy football By Scotch Plains resident Jim O'Connor

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SPF PAL Grid Kids Defeat Millburn in 3 of 4 Games

Defense was the theme this past Sunday when the four competitive Scotch Plains-Fanwood PAL football teams walked away with three victories in four games at Millburn.

The B (7th grade) and D (5th grade) teams each pitched a shutout, while the C team (6th grade) allowed seven points in positing triumphs. The lone squad to taste defeat, the A team (8th grade), allowed just six points in losing its first game of the season.

The 3-1 showing in Millburn results in a total overall record of 21-3 for these four competitive SPF PAL teams in the New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League.

In the A team's tough 6-2 loss, Jordan Belford ran quite well, Ibn Foster and Joe Griffith paced the defense. The A team slipped to 5-1 for the season.

The B team smoked Millburn, 30-0. Spencer Vaughn ran seven yards to a touchdown (TD) and caught a 19-yard scoring pass from JJ Vinci. Jumar Etkins ripped off scoring runs of 50 and 40 yards. Jason Calabria also scored on a 10-yard run and he and Etkins both rushed for over 100 yards. The B team's shutout was its fourth straight as the squad improved to 5-1.

The C team called on its defense to halt Millburn on the SPF 10-yard line with just 20 seconds left in the game. That stop preserved a 14-7 victory. Declan Cassidy and Jack Cannon anchored the defense, while Cooper Heisey scored two TDs as the C team moved to 5-1.

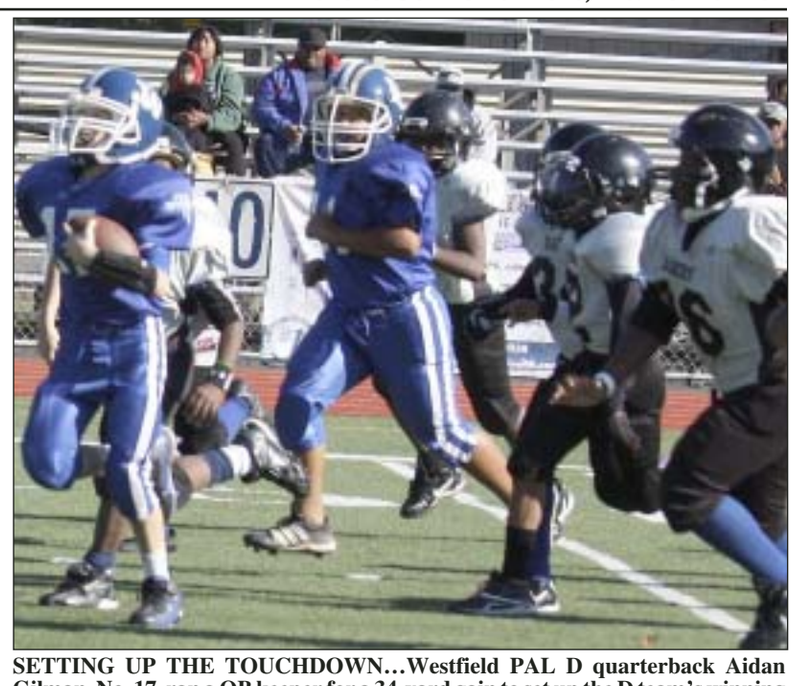
The only undefeated SPF PAL squad, the D team, blanked Millburn, 21-0, to up its record to 6-0. Charlie Fugett celebrated his birthday with a TD sneak from the one while Jonathan Ramos sprinted 60 yards to a TD and Dakota Verrico dashed 30 yards to the end zone.

Alex Oslislo, Bobby McGuiness, Billy Root, Justin Giamo, Matthew Fazzino, Noah Costanzo and Gianni Caro Esposito led the D team's rugged defense that allowed just one first down en route to its second straight shutout.

The E team (4th grade), which plays in the non-competitive NJSYFL, fell 4-2 in touchdowns to Millburn. Aidan Guma scored both TDs, bolting 60 and 50 yards to the end zone. Nick Belford, Gus Barco, Nolan O'Connor, Chris Fugett, Mike DiFrancesco and Justin Clark led the defense.

The SPF PAL A, B, C and D teams will all hit the Garden State Parkway and play at Belleville this Sunday. Meanwhile, the E team is going to Sayre Woods on Sunday.

BREAKING THROUGH FOR A TOUCHDOWN…Westfield PAL D football running back Emmett Smith breaks through the Summit Little Hilltoppers' defense for a 45-yard touchdown run. The Westfield PAL D team lost to Summit on the last play of the game 12-7 on October 9.



SETTING UP THE TOUCHDOWN…Westfield PAL D quarterback Aidan Gilman, No. 17, ran a QB keeper for a 34-yard gain to set up the D team's winning TD against Irvington on October 16.

Westfield PAL D Gets Past Irvington Grid Kids, 7-6

The Westfield PAL D football team edged Irvington, 7-6, at Kehler Stadium on October 16.

After solid defense for most of the first half, the D team gave up a 48-yard touchdown run to fall behind 6-0. Nicky Murray and Sean Root then stuffed the Irvington extra point attempt, which would later prove to be the key to victory.

The Westfield defense got even more stubborn in the second half and prevented Irvington from gaining significant yardage. Luke Bigosinski, Grant Paylago, Matt Loftus, Emmett Smith and George Burke all made critical tackles to get the ball back for the offense.

Westfield's offense successfully moved the ball behind strong blocking from linemen Koury Kania, Griffin Aslanian, Drew Glassman and Charlie Riley, along with good downfield blocking from receiver Matt Pindilli, but they were unable to score.

With five minutes remaining, Irvington had the ball on its own 35-yard line. Noah Levy, John Ossman, Anthony Iacoponi and Jake Saltzer delivered key tackles, and combined with two false start penalties, Irvington was forced to punt. With 2:45 remaining and the ball on the Westfield 44, the Blue Devils stormed down the field to score the tying touchdown. Quarterback Aidan Gilman had a 34-yard run, assisted by key downfield blocks from Tucker Siegel and Tommy McGuire. Next, Matt McIntyre took it to the end zone on a 21-yard sprint, getting a key block from fullback Tommy Norris. Gilman scored the extra point.

With 1:30 remaining, the defense managed to hold Irvington on its last possession and forced Irvington to turn the ball over on downs with five seconds left to play.

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SPF Youth Baseball Registration Begins

Registration has begun for the 2012 season in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association. Individuals can register by going to the league's site: wwww.spfyba.org. Registration forms can also be picked up at Booth Field on Saturdays, while the Fall Ball League is being played.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains held a meeting on October 6, 2011 to adopt the following Resolutions:

Apollo 22, LLC- approved for a Use Variance to expand the existing free-standing sign at the Grillstone Bar & Grille, 2377 Route 22, West, Block 3904, Lot 1.

Frank Besson – approved for a variance to construct a carport at 31 Allenby Lane, Block 14901, Lot 23.

Barbara Horev, Secretary
Zoning Board of Adjustment
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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, OCTOBER 25 , 2011** in the Municipal Court, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey at 9:00 o'clock in the morning 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 25th day of October 2011.

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 order.

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.

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01902	17	PONZIO, CARMEN – PONZIO, NICHO	211 UNION AV	S	$ 1,220.16
01903	09	O CONNELL, MICHAEL J and MARILYN	2014 VALLEY AV	S	$ 291.50
01903	10	CIUFIA, MICHAEL A	218 SCOTLAND ST	S	$ 109.97
01904	05	TUCKER, JEANETTE	1996 PROSPECT AV	TandS	$ 10,519.89
02101	03.01	NAKONECHNY, THOMAS and TINA	2034 GRAND ST	S	$ 15.93
02201	05	OLSSON, KATHY W and RICHARD E	964 WESTFIELD AV	S	$ 272.78
02201	39	DI GUISEPPE, MAURO	1957 BIRCH ST	T	$ 6,988.41
02303	13	DOUGLAS, LIAM and MC HUGH, CATH	2000 CHURCH AV	S	$ 155.59
02303	23	PAGAN,LUIS and JULISSA R	1987 PORTLAND AV	S	$ 189.79
02601	10	HOCHMAN,MARY E.	400 RIDGEVIEW AV	S	$ 15.36
02602	04	HARTZ, PHYLLIS G and DAVID M	371 COOK AV	S	$ 313.76
02701	02	IAIONE,RALPH	2050 MOUNTAIN AV	S	$ 337.50
02701	29	KRAMER, CHRISTOPHER and NICOLE	313 COOK AV	S	$ 16.58
02703	09	BRAVO, ROSE ANN	2082 GRAND ST	S	$ 155.53
02703	18	DENMAN, JAMES R and LISA A	2097 LYDE PL	S	$ 309.38
02803	31	IAIONE, RALPH	2031 MOUNTAIN AV	TandS	$ 7,481.70
03003	21	SOLAS, THOMAS	2217 GREENSIDE PL	S	$ 21.16
03005	26	VISCARDI, PASQUALE and ARLENE	383 WESTFIELD RD	S	$ 152.35
03101	11	BATES,CHRISTOPHER	2212 COLES AV	S	$ 153.49
03101	24	SHARKEY, GERARD and DEBORAH	418 EVERGREEN BL	S	$ 291.50
03201	32	LONDON, R and S-LONDON, J	2285 EVERGREEN AV	S	$ 165.76
03301	15	WHITE, TERENCE J and LAURIE E	582 WEST CT	S	$ 305.22
03401	09	GRABERT, DAVID V	2327 MONICA PL	S	$ 17.30
03501	06	RICHTER, PETER and MEGAN	2334 BELVEDERE DR	S	$ 319.81
03602	13	CLEAVES,JR,JAMES/ELWELL,DEBORA	2338 LYDE PL	S	$ 162.92
03802	16	CANDELA,C/CANDELA,G/TELLO,L	227 BYRD AV	S	$ 299.95
03804	02	FLANAGAN, SHELTON M – GLOVER,D	206 KATHERINE ST	S	$ 304.01
03902	11	CATANI, LAURA	198 HARDING RD	TandS	$ 13,680.73
03903	03	OLIVEIRA, RUI and DEOLINDA	2377 LAKE PARK TR	S	$ 333.78
03905	07	GARAY,MARTIN/GARAY, ROSARIO	201 HARDING RD	TandS	$ 7,148.93
03905	21.02	223 KATHERINE ST, LLC	207 ELM CT	T	$ 5,716.77
03906	13.01	1 ELM ST,LLC	230 HARDING RD	T	$ 206.60
03906	13.04	1 ELM ST,LLC	2341 MOUNTAIN AV	T	$ 1,717.56
03906	13.05	1 ELM ST,LLC	229 WATCHUNG TR	T	$ 2,682.06
03907	07	CATO, RAMONA	213 MOUNTAINVIEW AV	S	$ 289.88
04001	11	WITKOWSKI, DONNA	2364 MOUNTAIN AV	S	$ 55.33
04002	08	DIDARIO,MARGARET-NEWLON,TERRY	313 WILLIAM ST	S	$ 207.27
04004	01	SWEENEY, JOANNE	2431 COLES AV	S	$ 175.81
04302	08	CAMPANARO, LUIS and ELIA L	528 JERUSALEM RD	T	$ 2,975.52
04302	11	MC QUOID, MICHAEL W and CYNTHIA	540 JERUSALEM RD	S	$ 268.19
04303	03	AGUILER, AL and ANN E	2412 MALCOLM PL	S	$ 330.52
04303.02	14 CR14	HICKEY, DANIEL M and MARYANNE M	14 RIGA CT	S	$ 154.85
04303.07	29 CR29	FRIEND,GARY and SUSAN/FRIEND,STE	29 RIGA CT	S	$ 207.27
04401	10	HEDDEN,JAMES and ERIKA LYNN	406 ACACIA RD	S	$ 161
04401	14	3 JOHNSON AVE	4 JOHNSON ST	T	$ 1,505.61
04802	01	GRIG CORPORATION	2435 ROUTE 22	T	$ 5,039.63
04802	08	THE FRANK GROUP,LLC	2507 ROUTE 22	T	$ 469.97
04901.01	03 CO102	LAI, RONALD	102 DONATO CR	S	$ 165.67
04901.01	03 CO112	ABRAMS, SETH and NANCY	112 DONATO CR	S	$ 27.84
04901.03	03 CO310	GARLAND, SAKINAH	310 DONATO CR	S	$ 15.08
04901.07	03 CO707	KOTHARI, PARIKSHIT	707 DONATO CR	S	$ 297.94
04901.08	03 CO801	CANCELLARE,ANTHONY	801 DONATO CR	T	$ 3,030.31
05601	23	SCHULMAN,EUGENE Land ILENE	46 CANTERBURY DR	S	$ 15.70
05602	05	RIVERA, ALEXANDER and SHERRY	49 CANTERBURY DR	S	$ 207.27
05802	08	BIRD, RONALD and FRANCINE	363 ROBERTS LN	S	$ 300.17
06001	30	VELEZ, GALO and CLAUDIA P	2583 MADISON AV	S	$ 207.27
06301	03	TURPIN, PAULINE LARK	2509 SMITH ST	T	$ 2,301.79
06303	05.02	WIGGINS, ANDRE and SHEILA	812 CLEVELAND AV	TandS	$ 10,852.91
06503	02	WATERTROL INC	2480 PLAINFIELD AV	S	$ 1,051.72
06503	05	MCCOY,ALTON	2496 PLAINFIELD AV	T	$ 3,577.19
06701	13	HARMER, ROBERT and KIMBERLY	2267 OLD FARM RD	S	$ 15.13
07201	05.14	LOCKHART, ALFRED and GERALDINE	815 O'DONNELL AV	S	$ 160.15
07302	20	WILLIAMS,ADINA and SHON	863 TERNAY AV	S	$ 164.95
07302	26	COLE, CATHERINE AMEGEE	835 TERNAY AV	S	$ 294.30
07303	15	LAYLOR, DWIGHT A	2682 PLAINFIELD AV	S	$ 170.97
07304	01	PERRY,MICHELLE	2404 RICHMOND ST	S	$ 372.08
07401	08	RUSSO, MARLA	2293 STOCKER LN	S	$ 16.04
07401	46	BERMINGHAM, SCOTT	879 O'DONNELL AV	S	$ 296.72
07704	05	BUCKRIDEE, WINSTON and PATRICIA	2286 HILL RD S	$	204.82
07902	04	MESSERCOLA,BERNARDO	2420 SENECA RD S	$	172.76
08201	16	SCHMIEDE, MARTIN and LIESELOTTE	2295 SOUTH AV	S	$ 3,200.18
08404	06	GORBUNOFF, DAVID and ILYSE	2224 ALGONQUIN DR	S	$ 351.66
08502	18	HICKEY, ROBERT A and CHRISTINA E	2134 PRINCETON AV	S	$ 301.57
08504	33	SENATORE, ALBERT and ROSICLER S	2083 MAPLEVIEW CT	S	$ 310.11
08701	08	SIMS, NATHANIEL	1128 WASHINGTON AV	S	$ 302.88
08702	01.02	GUY, WILLIAM and JANICE BLANDSH	1933 EVELYN ST	S	$ 304
08704	03.01	BROWN, OTIS and NORMA	1125 LINCOLN AV	T	$ 8,595.50
08801	05	CHOQUE, VICTOR WALTEN	1169 MARTINE AV	S	$ 295.20
09003	01	GIBSON, D'JUAN and TONI	2245 ELIZABETH AV	S	$ 160.16
09201	22	ALCHUS, MICHAEL and LISA	2119 MEADOW VIEW RD	S	$ 165.78
09401	07	SAVOCA, JOHN C JR and MICHELE A	1909 MARY ELLEN LN	S	$ 306.44
09402	10	WUEST, DAVID	1933 W BROAD ST	S	$ 296.73
09601	21	BUBAN,MICHAEL/FINGER,SUSANNA B	2051 W BROAD ST	S	$ 109.97
09701	38	RIGINOS, MARIA	1314 HETFIELD AV T	T	5,442.27
10201	02	SIMONE,MARIA	1972 W BROAD ST	S	$ 27.63
10301	28	CARO ESPOSITO, ANTONIO and CLAUD	1301 MARTINE AV	S	$ 158.27
10501	06	MITCHELL, DOROTHY	2042 PARKWOOD DR	T	$ 8,722.63
10701	02	TOBEY,DONALD and ROSANNE	2080 OAK HILL RD	S	$ 303.12
10802	01	PORT, ANDREW L and JOYCE E	1957 DUNCAN DR	S	$ 15.41
10803	02	HUNNELL, WILLIAM P	1976 INVERNESS DR	S	$ 282.26
11001	02	ZAZZALI, EDWARD and IDA M	1971 DOGWOOD DR	S	$ 15.35
11501	03	CAMPANILE,JENNIFER L	1564 KING ST	S	$ 302.79
11701	02	SCHILLER, THEODORE E	1557 RAMAPO WY	T	$ 13,739.87
11901	09	WILLIAMS, ROY and EMMA	1220 MEADOW LARK LN	T	$ 10,526.09
11905	38	SMITH, MICHAEL and CHAUNTE H/W	1671 COOPER RD	S	$ 151.58
12001	17	MARGIOTTA, JOSEPH	1541 COOPER RD	S	$ 208.17
12001	22	LEON, LAWRENCE and MARITZA	18 ESSEX RD	S	$ 357.53
12101	04	SEIFERT, GEORGE and MONICA	5 FRANCES LN	SandT	$ 21,196.01
12101	17	PORCHETTA, MARIO and SUSAN	7 STONELEIGH DR	T	$ 20,456.62
12201	25.08	JAKUBIK, CAS and JOANNE	4 PASTIME PL	S	$ 15.44
12205	09	MC DONALD, JOYCE R	2 RAMBLING DR	S	$ 332.15
12401	42.02	VASLAS, BILL and KAREN	1861 NORTH GATE DR	S	$ 198.83
12502	20	BENSULOCK, JOHN	1961 GRENVILLE RD	S	$ 299.63
12502	24	DI FRANCESCO, DANNY and DONNA L	1945 GRENVILLE RD	S	$ 204.96
12605	02	HOUSEL, DAVID B	1932 FARMINGDALE RD	T	$ 11,131.27
12701	05	RAPPA, LEONARD F	1908 LAKE AV	SandT	$ 12,436.16
13701.04	03 CW026	DWYER,ROYAL J	26 WAREHAM VI	S	$ 16.19
13701.05	03 CW034	YOUNG,DOROTHY HOOD	34 WAREHAM VI	S	$ 15.40
13701.10	03 CM027	WHALEN, MARION C	27 MADDAKET VI	T	$ 8,090.55
13701.42	04 CRE05	FLOWERS, CINDY LYNETTE	1005 CELLAR AV	S	$ 291.85
14301	02	SANTANGELO,CHRISTOPHER and MARIA	4 OVERLOOK WY	S	$ 165.23
14301	10	AGOSTINHO, LIZABETH	10 DONSEN LN	S	$ 301.63
14301	26	FEDORCZYK,SUZANNE	1410 RARITAN RD	T	$ 21,277.42
14602	10	BUONTEMPO,RICHARD and JOSEPH and A	1501 RAHWAY RD	T	$ 15,417.07
14701	42	CRIMMINS, JAMES P	1221 RARITAN RD	S	$ 162.99
14801	15	JEMMOTT,SYDNEY and THOM, VIRGINI	1470 COOPER RD	S	$ 24.10
14801	41	SALAMEH,MARK and ABBY	1 TEMPE CT	S	$ 187
15202	20	KAUFMAN, NEIL S and LESLIE	64 CLYDESDALE RD	S	$ 300.34
15303	10	ARGILA, CHARLES	11 LAURIE CT	S	$ 322.52
15304	02.01	IAIONE, RALPH	1250 TERRILL RD	S	$ 412.11
15601	09	MONOPOLI, CARL AND LESLIE	1612 PROSPECT AV REAR	T	$ 135.31
15702	08	ZANSBERG, KENNETH and BETH A	941 FOX HILL LN	T	$ 13,437.15
15702	13	LAKHANI,NOORJAHAN	6 SWANS MILL LN	S	$ 165.23
15901	26	DOUGHER, KEVIN and DONNA	10 ROUND HILL RD	S	$ 181.33

Legend: T=Taxes; I=S.I.D.; W=Water; S=Sewer; O=Other Municipal

Lori Majeski,
Collector of Taxes
4 T - 9/29, 10/6, 10/13 & 10/20/11, The Times Fee: $1970.64

Recent Home Sales

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Westfield: 9/12/11

Madeline Henry to Elizabeth Lugones-Wysokowski and Jason Wysokowski, 910 Everts Avenue, $369,700.

Sydne Marshall to Matthew M. and Christa M. Shinners, 217 Edgewood Avenue, $602,600.

Lucy Disibio et als to Dana Bopp, 645 Kimball Avenue, $400,000.

Amy Woods to John A. and Katherine P. Murphy, 216 Golf Edge, $750,000.

In Town Condominium Construction Co. LLC to Aimee Brown, 111 Prospect Street, $864,000.

Cynthia M. Imperial to Antonio I. Cuccaro, 610 4th Avenue, $299,300.

Ronald D. and Louise M. Loffredo to Mark C. Davis, 873 Fairacres Avenue, $815,000.

David H. and Cynthia W. Weinberg to Benjamin G. and Jessica A. Taub, 131 Wells Street, $620,000.

William E. and Jill M. Farrer to Larry S. and Nicole Becker, 933 Saint Mark Avenue, $755,000.

Nora Merola to Michael Ferencich and Wendy Webster, 19 Woodbrook Circle, $768,900.

Clayton M. and Julie B. Wilcox to Xianfeng Ding and Uahong Liu, 935 Lamberts Mill Road, $880,000.

Gary R. Shendell and Mark Shendell and Eric Shendell to Frances Mola and Lisa Flora Mola, 108 Surrey Lane, $440,000.

Westfield: 09/19/11

Raymond N. and Maryann E. Lau to Timothy Ward, 25 Barchester Way, $820,000.

Allan Chrone and Frank Altieri and Ralph Rapuano to Alan and Nicole Damashek, 336 Orenda Circle, $1,600,000.

Astrid Krikliwy to Michael C. and Cara L. Hlushak, 195 Lincoln Road, $800,000.

George H. and Nadine Lusch to Michael F. and Karim L. McDaid, 224 Sinclair Place, $894,000.

Jade Westfield Realty, LLC to ENB Westfield, LLC, 240-244 North Avenue, West, $4,300,000.

Michael Mahoney, LLC to Brian A. and Vivian S. Turetsky, 720 Stevens Avenue, $899,900.

Gregory Romer to Jordan V. and Katerina V. Houbanov, 744 Harding Street, $575,000.

Lauren N. and Daniel L. Golding to John G. and Catherine Miller, 684 Rahway Avenue, $733,700.

Kenneth B. Metz to Jason and Dianne Caldarelli, 867 Nancy Way, $1,120,000.

Aimee Brown to Rodney and Julie Ibrahim, 146 Tudor Oval, $587,500.

Westfield: 09/26/11

Chad E. and Karrie L. Hoeft to Nicolas and Kathleen Russo, 721 Standish Avenue, $750,000.

Anthony M. Gaydos and Laura Diego to Xinghua Hu and Yan Yan, 521 Topping Hill Road, $1,108,000.

Andrew and Catherine S. Herz to David and Rachel Latessa, 720 Oak Avenue, $547,500.

Robert Martino and Jean Binda-Martino to Peter Isola and Valerie Prato, 425 Baker Avenue, $650,000.

In Town Condominium Construction Co. LLC to Astrid Krikliwy, 111 Prospect Street, $699,000.

Marie Poperowitz to Dorleau G. Roth, 515 Trinity Place, $260,000.

David and Nina Villane to Jagadish and Vijaya Turimella, 1 Drummond Road, $1,225,000.

Ralph Notarmaso and Daniel T. and Susan Callaghan, 709 Carleton Road, $400,000.

Henry W. and Kathleen B. Williams to Vittorio F. and Jennifer L. Nisita, 603 Boulevard, $985,000.

Peter Hickman and Lisa Lon Hickman to Donald E. Furrer and Katherine A. Spikes, 18 Stoneleigh Park, $830,000.

Louis J. and Lorraine M. Macaluso to Hong Xu and Xiaofei Zhu, 757 Norman Place, 1,500,000.

Shackamaxon Drive Associates, LLC to James R. and Pamela L. Pardes, 729 Shackamaxon Drive, $1,137,500.

Marc D. and Christine A. Taglieri to Bryan and Kathryn R. Engel, 1922 Grandview Avenue, $610,000.

Westfield: 10/10/11

Eddy Anglade and Wendy M. Rivers to Shingshan and Sue Liu, 5 Sunnywood Drive, $460,000.

David and Joanne Womelsdorf to Vincent E. Grogan and Anne E. Kelly, 207 Sinclair Place, $870,000.

Kenneth R. and Jennifer Davidson to Jaime and Eileen Pitliuk, 806 Prospect Street, $465,000.

Elias and Michelle B. Habayeb to Robert Martino and Jean Binda-Martino, 210 Canterbury Road, $1,090,000.

Christian and Kimberly M. Tosi to Jeffrey Christian and Elizabeth Rioux Christian, 224 North Chestnut Street, $925,000.

Union Holding Group, LLC to Stephane and Carole Ronget, 620 Downer Street, $315,000.

Eloise Printz to Elizabeth Blake, 585 Trinity Place, $415,000.

Galaxy Building Contractors, LLC to Jason K. Cheung, 215 Livingston Street, $385,000.

Charles C. and Patricia C. Mollard to Christopher L. and Angela R. Lavigne, 835 Boulevard, $810,000.

Brett and Christine Zweiback and Irwin Zweiback to Jeremy and Dede Roberts, 1402 Central Avenue, $420,000.

Philip P. and Jo Ann Graye, Jr. to Union County Torah Center, Inc., 1137 Summit Avenue, $792,500.

Edward J. and Denise Silver, Jr. to Robert and Rebecca Burke, 1735 Florida Street, 535,000.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that Westfield Board of Adjustment adopted Resolutions at its October 13, 2011 meeting for the following applications decided at its September 12, 2011 meeting.

Gregory & Jennifer Flor, 130 Virginia Street. Applicant sought a one year extension of variance approval granted August 9, 2010, memorialized September 13, 2010. Extension granted.

Gilbert & Debra Engelke, 751 Prospect Street. Applicant sought approval to construct a one story addition and a covered porch on the rear of the house contrary to Section 11.08E6 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet. Proposed was 7.16 feet. Application approved with conditions.

Terrance & Karen Rooney, 89 Barchester Way. Applicant sought approval to expand the existing front porch contrary to Section 12.03 D&E of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a front yard setback of 41.85 feet. Proposed was ±38.62 feet. Application approved with conditions.

Margaret & Stephen Toth, 1903 Grandview Avenue. Applicant sought approval to construct 3 first floor additions contrary to Sections 12.03D&E and 11.09E13 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a front yard setback of 28.4 feet. Proposed was 19.25 feet to the porch/25.25 feet to the foyer. Ordinance allows a maximum continuous wall length in a side yard of 25 feet. Proposed was 28 feet. Application approved with conditions.

Mark Grinis, 769 Lenape Trail. Applicant sought approval to install landscape and hardscape improvements to the property including gravel pathways, pergola, raised deck and patio, fireplace, retaining walls, decorative fountain, vegetable garden, zen garden, paver driveway and play area contrary to Section 12.04G of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance allows a maximum all improvement coverage of 20%. Proposed was 36% (14,402 square feet). Application approved with conditions.

Richard & Gail Kender, 401 Woodland Avenue. Applicant sought approval to construct a two story addition contrary to Sections 12.03C, D & E of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinances require a minimum front yard setback of 46.3 feet. Proposed was 40 feet 1 inch. Application approved with conditions.

Charles & Jeanine Williamson, 425 Kimball Turn. Applicant sought approval to remove an existing covered front entry stoop and construct a 157 square feet covered front porch contrary to Section 12.03D of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a 34.4 feet (EFYD). Proposed was 28.75 feet. Application approved with conditions.

Plans and application are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kathleen Nemeth
Secretary, Board of Adjustment
1 T - 10/20/11, The Leader Fee: $66.30

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT, BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
1035 PARKWAY AVENUE, PO BOX 605
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received via the Internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on **11/10/11**, downloaded, and publicly opened and read, from Bidders classified under N.J.S.A. 27:7-35.1 et seq.; in the CONFERENCE ROOM-A, 1st Floor F & A Building, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; for:

Route I-78 Union/Essex Rehabilitation Contract B, Reconstruction, Resurfacing & Bridge Deck Rehabilitation Contract No. 054003732, City of Newark & Townships of Irvington & Hillside, County of Essex & Union
Federal Project No: IM-078-5 (108) UPC NO: 003732; DP No: 11126

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 N.J.A.C 17:27.

For Federal projects, Bidders must register with both the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue pursuant to N.J.S.A 52:32-44 AND the "Public Works Contractor Registration Act", N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq. (P.L.2003, c. 91) prior to contract execution. Appropriate proof of these registrations should be provided to NJDOT as soon as possible.

The Department, in accordance with Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252 U.S.C., 49 C.F.R., Parts 21 and 23 issued pursuant to such Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 will afford minority business enterprises full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any bidder on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or handicap in the project award.

Plans, specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website www.bidx.com. You must subscribe to use this service. To subscribe follow the instructions on the website. Fees apply to downloading documents and plans and bidding access. The fee schedule is available on the web site. All fees are directly payable to Bid Express. Plans, specifications, and bidding information may be inspected (BUT NOT OBTAINED) by contracting organizations at our Design Field Offices at the following locations:

200 Stierli Court
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New Jersey's Role in the Civil War to be Examined

UNION – New Jersey's role in the American Civil War will be examined on Saturday morning, October 29, in a free lecture entitled "New Jersey Goes to War" by noted historian Joseph G. Bilby at Liberty Hall Museum.

Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Parks and Community Renewal, the lecture will begin at 9:30 a.m. in The Carriage House at Liberty Hall, 1003 Morris Avenue, Union (across the street from Kean University).

Joseph G. Bilby is a prolific writer, researcher and lecturer. He edited the book "New Jersey Goes to War: Biographies of 150 New Jerseyans Caught Up in the Struggle of the Civil War," an official publication of the New Jersey Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee. A Vietnam War veteran, Bilby earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in history from Seton Hall University. Among his Civil War-related books are "Forgotten Warriors: New Jersey's African American Soldiers in the Civil War," "Remember You Are Jerseymen: A Military History of Jersey's Troops in the Civil War," and "Remember Fontenoy: The 69th New York and the Irish Brigade in the Civil War."

This free event is funded in part by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State. For a program brochure and/or information contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550; NJ Relay users 711; visit the website www.ucnj.org/cultural or email: culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD
NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 11-15-R
AND PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood on October 11, 2011. Copies of this ordinance can be obtained without cost in the Clerk's Office, at the Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

This ordinance amends Ordinance 09-17-R to permit the lease of a portion of Borough Property for parking.

This ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and adoption on November 7, 2011 at 7:30 P.M., Fanwood Borough Hall, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

Eleanor McGovern
Borough Clerk
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The Lezginka Dance Company

A Dazzling Display of Russian Dance On Kean Stage

UNION - Kean Stage presents in a performance of traditional folk songs and dances, awesome acrobatics, sumptuous costumes and riveting drum and saber work. Hailing from Daghestan, Russia, the troupe takes the stage on Sunday, October 30, at 3 pm in Kean University's Wilkins Theatre.

This exotic, exciting dance company was founded in 1958 in the mountainous, southernmost region of Russia. For more than 20 years its organizer and leader was People's Artist of Russia, Tankho Izrailov. The ensemble of 30 dancers and acrobats performs a variety of traditional dances to recorded accompaniment. More than rhythmic movement, their choreography conveys the noble endeavors of the Daghestan people, their heroic past, their abundant present and their promising future. Expressing boundless attachment to their native land, the dances reflect the power of human love, the people's heroic struggle for happiness and enormous pride in their country.

The Lezginka Ensemble offers an extensive program of fiery, temperamental dances of the numerous peoples inhabiting this region. Its entire choreographic and musical works convey the strength and noble endeavors of the Daghestan people, who are in the forefront of national development of the multinational Russian people.

Each concert is a festival of dance, elegance and beauty. The Lezginka Dance Company, with its artistic director and choreographer, Zulumkhan Khanghereiev, (People's Artist and winner of State Prize of the Republic of Daghestan), has created a program that brings forth the people's culture, traditions and high performance mastery in all its brilliance.

"For me, dance is life," said Khanghereiev. "Let your life be like a bright, interesting and unforgettable dance."

Lezginka has performed with consistent success throughout Russia and in many other European and Asian countries. They return to the United States with a presentation of artistic taste and cultural elegance, performed with savage vigor. The company's stage interpretation of traditional folklore leaves an indelible impression on audiences while the wild, athletic energy of their dances leaves audiences astonished.

Tickets to Lezginka Dance Company are $30 standard, $20 seniors and students, and can be purchased by calling Kean Stage Box Office at (908) 737.SHOW (7469), online at www.keanstage.com, or in person at Kean University's Wilkins Theater Box Office, located at 1000 Morris Avenue, Union, N.J.

FROM THE PAST…Kailey Bondarowicz, 9, poses with Flo Clark at the Osborn Cannonball House Museum in Scotch Plains during the Four Centuries Weekend held last Sunday. Kailey came dressed in a costume that her mother, Marianne Bondarowicz, originally wore when she was young.

Saturday Family Activities Are Plentiful at Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE – Families will have many opportunities to enjoy the autumn beauty and serenity of the Watchung Reservation by participating in any of the numerous family programs and activities offered at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Community Renewal, the exciting fall line-up of programs is designed for families with children of all ages.

The Saturday Outdoor Adventures programs give families a chance to take part in theme hikes and nature related talks. These programs begin at 10 a.m., last approximately 45 minutes and meet at the Trailside Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. There is no admission fee but donations are appreciated.

On October 22, families can participate in a Deserted Village Walking Tour. Families can discover the history of this local treasure in the Watchung Reservation and learn who originally inhabited the village and how it became deserted. Participants should meet at the Deserted Village parking lot on Cataract Hollow Road, off Glenside Ave. in Berkeley Heights.

A Fall Field Walk on October 29 will allow families to explore the rainbow of colors on a hike through the Watchung Reservation. While searching the forest for shades of red, orange, yellow, gold, rust and purple, you will learn to identify trees by leaf shapes and colors.

Trailside Nature and Science Center celebrates Native American History Month on November 12 with "Lenape Lifestyles." Families will discover who the Lenape Native Americans were and how they lived. Participants will visit Trailside's Lenape exhibit to learn about their lifestyles and take a walk to look for plants and trees the Lenape used to help cure colds, construct wigwams and build canoes.

Trailside offers a Lake Surprise Hike on November 19, when families can explore the shores of Lake Surprise, the Watchung Reservation's largest body of water. Hikers will be on the lookout for late migrating birds, animal tracks and interesting insects.

On November 26, families will be treated to an "Enchanted Forest Hike." While exploring the northwest area of the Watchung Reservation, families will discover the history of this enchanting forest and learn which animals inhabit the Pine Tree Grove and what is happening to these old trees. Participants should meet at the Sky Top Picnic area.

Saturday Outdoor Adventures continue on December 3 with "Nature's Choice." Families will want to dress warmly to brave the brisk weather and take a hike to discover the winter adaptations of the plants and animals in the Watchung Reservation.

The autumn series ends on December 10 with "Tree I.D." Families will work together to use buds, bark and branches to identify tulip, beech, dogwood and walnut trees and learn which tree smells fruity, looks like an elephant's foot or has bark like an alligator's skin.

For additional information about the Saturday Outdoor Adventures or other upcoming programs and special events at Trailside, call (908) 789-3670 or visit www.ucnj.org/trailside. Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road (at Coles Ave.) in Mountainside and is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Alan Ebersole to Spotlight Fanwood Recycling Center

FANWOOD – On Sunday, November 6, the Fanwood Historic Preservation Commission will host a presentation by Alan Ebersole on the operation of the Fanwood Recycling Center, of which Mr. Ebersole has been the manager since its inception in 1986. The presentation will be made at 2 p.m. at the Fanwood Museum, located on the lower level of Fanwood's historic railroad station near the corner of North and Martine Avenues.

Mr. Ebersole, a 60-year resident of Fanwood and a veteran of service in World War II, is the personification of those whom Tom Brokaw immortalized by calling them "the greatest generation." Recently, Mr. Ebersole was honored for having devoted 75 of his 88 years to the Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 172 in Westfield's Franklin Elementary School, from which 105 young men have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He is a founding member of the Flintlocks, an organization of local elder male citizens who devote their Thursdays year-round to constructing buildings and other infrastructure at Camp Winnebago, a Boy Scout facility in Rockaway, N.J.

In 1986 the State of New Jersey mandated recycling for all its municipalities, and then Mayor Patricia Kuran tapped Mr. Ebersole to head up the effort in Fanwood. Twenty-five years later, he is still proudly and enthusiastically expanding and extolling the virtues of recycling in the only centralized community recycling operation in the county. All the other communities in the county use curbside recycling.

The Fanwood Recycling Center shares a two-and-one-half-acre site on North Avenue with the Fanwood Public Works Department that processes branches into mulch for use by Fanwood residents. Every Wednesday and Saturday, Mr. Ebersole orchestrates a flow of cars in and out of the center that discharge a variety of recyclables, including glass bottles, metal cans, plastic bottles, plastic containers, newspapers, cardboard, clothing, used oil, electronics, light metal and home appliances, and even fluorescent light bulbs.

Mr. Ebersole's leadership skills have brought together a consortium of 25 civic groups embracing five local municipalities, Union County Youth and Family Services and even the local school system in his unrelenting effort to generate the necessary labor and its accompanying rewards in moving the Fanwood Recycling Center to ever higher levels of success.

The Fanwood Recycling Center has a direct connection to every household in Fanwood. Mr. Ebersole has a very interesting story of success to tell of how his innovative operational practices yield income greater than expenses, the result of which is returned to the community. All are invited to attend.

Anthology to Host Stylebook on Girls Night Out

WESTFIELD –On Thursday, October 20, the Westfield boutique Anthology, located on Central Avenue near Starbuck's, will be teaming up with the co-founders of Stylebook, the internationally acclaimed closet management iPhone app, for Westfield Girls' Night Out.

Guests can come chat with Stylebook co-founders Jessica Moore and Bill Atkins about fall styling advice, how to organize their closet, and how to use their iPhone to make a virtual closet using their real-life wardrobe. There will be refreshments and, of course, the amazing new fall fashions from Anthology.

Sugarloaf Festival Returns to Garden State Exhibit Center

SOMERSET COUNTY - The largest fall craft show in Somerset County returns to the Garden State Exhibit Center on Friday, October 28 through Sunday, October 30. The Sugarloaf Crafts Festival features three days of family fun and more than 275 of the nation's most talented artisans.

Celebrating its 17th year, the Sugarloaf Crafts Festival invites accomplished, nationally known craftspeople to personally show and sell their work, including functional and decorative pottery, sculpture, glass, jewelry, fashion, wood, metal, furniture, home accessories, photography and fine art. All the artists at the Sugarloaf Crafts Festival have been jury-selected to offer their one-of-a-kind creations.

The lively atmosphere of the Sugarloaf Crafts Festival in Somerset features nonstop family entertainment and activities. The show's special theme, "New this Season," will highlight the latest styles and techniques in American craft. Master craftspeople will provide continual live demonstrations of copper spinning, nuno felting, stone sculpture, and other media. Gourmet foods and seasonal favorites—including candies and chocolates, hearty soups, artisan breads, jams and dips, syrups, and olive oils—will be available to sample and purchase from dozens of specialty food purveyors. Family entertainment will include an interactive puppet show and live music.

Hours for the Sugarloaf Crafts Festival in Somerset are Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, October 30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission (good for all three days) is $7 when purchased online and $9 at the door. Children under 12 are admitted free. Free parking is available on site.

The Sugarloaf Crafts Festival in Somerset will be held at the Garden State Exhibit Center, 50 Atrium Drive, Somerset, New Jersey, 08873. For more information, including driving directions and admission discounts, visit www.sugarloafcrafts.com or call (800) 210-9900.

Mothers' Center Sale To Be Held Saturday

AREA – The Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey will hold its semi-annual kids' stuff consignment sale this Saturday, October 22, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. For the first time this year there will be a Public Preview Sale tomorrow, Friday, October 21, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The Public Preview sale will allow buyers to preview and purchase merchandise before the general public sale on Saturday. The sale will take place at the Casano Community Center, located at 314 Chestnut Avenue in Roselle Park.

The sale will feature gently used children's spring and summer clothing in sizes from newborn to children's 12. Other merchandise will include children's toys, videos and books, sports equipment and bicycles, plus strollers and other baby equipment.

The sale is cash only; no strollers will be admitted. Proceeds of the sale will benefit the Mothers' Center of Central New Jersey, a non-profit, nonsectarian organization providing friendship, education, outreach and support for all parents across Central New Jersey.

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Library to Offer Program Celebrating Hitchcock

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street, will present "Hitchcock: Man of Mystery" on Saturday, October 29.

Chris Messineo, director of the New Jersey Film Institute, will narrate an audiovisual presentation at 2 p.m. of some of the director's best movies. He will discuss Sir Alfred Hitchcock's unique style and the memorable quality of all of his films. He directed more than 60 of them, spanning more than half a century.

Chris Messineo

With a distinctive style, both in front of and behind the camera, Hitchcock's movies influenced generations of filmmakers. Watching classic scenes from *Rear Window*, *North by Northwest*, *Psycho* and *The Birds*, audience members will learn what made Hitchcock "the master of suspense."

Mr. Messineo also will share anecdotes about the making of these films, while dissecting the work of the director with wit and insight into the craft of filmmaking. The presenter is an award-winning filmmaker, a student of cinema and an accomplished lecturer.

This program will be free and open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. MURAL cardholders belong to libraries that are part of the Middlesex Union Reciprocal Agreement Libraries. To check if a library participates, visit wmlnj.org. To register for the program, access wmlnj.org and click on the Online Calendar, or call (908) 789-4090, extension no. 4116.

Library hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

INFINITY AND BEYOND…Pictured, left to right, at the recent Continuo Arts "Above & Beyond" celebration are: Maureen Hubbard-Jacobs of Short Hills, Candace Wicke of Westfield, Sherrie Natko, Founder & President of Continuo Arts, "Home for the Holidays" Home Tour Chairperson and Millie Cooper of Summit.

'Home For The Holidays' Westfield Home Tour

WESTFIELD - The Continuo Arts Foundation presents the first "Home for the Holidays" home tour in Westfield on Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offices in Westfield and Maplewood, this festive new event will feature beautiful homes dressed in holiday style, musical entertainment and much more!

Serving as tour chairperson is Coldwell Banker's Sherrie Natko; Monica Bergen is the tour historian and Coldwell Banker agents will serve as docents; sharing each home's historic and unique qualities with tour goers. Ticket sales begin in November and will be available at Coldwell Banker offices in addition to other local merchants; look for the red "Home for the Holidays" poster. Advanced tickets are $30-$35 if purchased at the door.

Benefiting the Continuo Arts Foundation, proceeds will go to support the Foundation's scholarship fund, young artist debut series, community service projects, and performances. Home tour ticket holders will also enjoy reserved seating at the annual "Christmas Time in the City" concert on December 11 at the Presbyterian Church of Westfield. In keeping with tradition, alumni performers of the past will be invited once again to participate in this year's concert which will also feature five choral ensembles, soloists, instrumentalists, narrators, special guest artists, and of course, the ever popular audience sing-a-longs.

Call (908) 264-5324 for more information and visit the new Continuo Arts Foundation website launching soon at: www.continuoarts.com.

Community Invited to Rachel's Challenge Presentation

WESTFIELD - Roosevelt Intermediate School and the RIS PTSO invite all parents in the Westfield Public Schools and the general public to attend Rachel's Challenge – a community event – on Tuesday, November 1, from 7 – 8 p.m.

Students 6th grade and older are invited to attend with their parents. Rachel's Challenge is inspired by the first victim of the Columbine tragedy – Rachel Joy Scott – and her writings and drawings that illustrate the need for a kinder, more compassionate nation. This multi-media presentation brought to schools and communities across the country, will be led by a national speaker and provide lessons for adults and students.

There is no attendance fee. Roosevelt Intermediate School is located at 301 Clark Street, Westfield. For more information, contact Terese Guerriero at (908) 233-0370.

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To inquire about any of the above services, contact Dr. Schlosberg at the NJWA studios at 150-152 East Broad Street, Westfield or phone (908) 789-9696.

Information about the various programs of the NJWA is available at www.njworkshopforthearts.com.

Lorna Luft Featured In Paper Mill's *White Christmas*

MILLBURN - Paper Mill Playhouse is proud to announce that Lorna Luft will be featured in Paper Mill Playhouse's production of *White Christmas* opening Wednesday, November 16.

White Christmas will run at the Millburn theater from November 16 through December 24. Full casting will be announced in the near future.

Ms. Luft will play the role of Martha Watson. Lorna Luft's acclaimed career has encompassed virtually every arena of entertainment. A celebrated live performer, stage, film and television actress, best selling author, recording artist and Emmy nominated producer – she continues to triumph in every medium with critics labeling her one of the most vibrant, versatile and exciting artists on stage today.

Born to legendary entertainer Judy Garland and producer Sid Luft, music and entertainment was an integral part of her childhood. At age 11 she made her television debut singing on her mother's series, The Judy Garland Show. At 16, already a seasoned performer, she shared the bill with her mom on Broadway in a fabled month long concert engagement at New York's famed Palace Theater.

Lorna is a gifted live performer frequently featured as a concert artist at the world's most prestigious venues including The Hollywood Bowl, Madison Square Garden, Carnegie Hall, The London Palladium, and L'Olympia in Paris. She's had the honor of performing for the Royal Family at London's Royal Albert Hall in concerts celebrating Sammy Davis, Jr. and Ira Gershwin. In 2006 and 2007 she garnered acclaim for her surprise duet appearances with singer/songwriter Rufus Wainwright at his celebrated tribute concerts to Judy Garland.

White Christmas will be performed eight times a week, Wednesday through Sunday. Three, four and five show subscription packages are available now, starting at $84. Single tickets are now on sale from $25. Tickets may be purchased by calling (973) 376-4343, or at the Paper Mill Playhouse Box Office at 22 Brookside Drive in Millburn, or online at www.papermill.org www.papermill.org/. Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express accepted. Groups of ten or more can receive up to a 35 percent discount on tickets and should call (973) 315-1680. Investors Savings Bank is the proud sponsor of Paper Mill Playhouse's 2011-2012 season.

Paper Mill Playhouse, a not-for-profit arts organization, is one of the country's leading regional theaters. Paper Mill Playhouse programs are made possible, in part, by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, A Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and by funds from the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional major support is provided by generous contributions from numerous corporations, foundations, and individuals. Paper Mill Playhouse is a member of Theatre Communications Group, the National Alliance for Musical Theatre, the Council of Stock Theatres, and the New Jersey Theatre Alliance.

Hallelujah Chorus Christmas Concert

PLAINFIELD - Tickets are now on sale for Hallelujah Christmas Concert, a very special collaboration between the Plainfield Symphony and the esteemed Shiloh Baptist Church choir.

The concert, scheduled to start at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, at Shiloh Baptist Church in Plainfield, celebrates the Christmas season by featuring the famed Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. Other highlights include music from Bizet, Vaughan-Williams, Leroy Anderson and a contemporary version of the Hallelujah Chorus composed by Quincy Jones. The concert, a mix of classical, choral and gospel music, will be conducted by Michael Avagliano along with choral director Wendell Woods.

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Premiere Stages Seeks Submissions for Play Festival

UNION – Premiere Stages, the professional theatre company in residence at Kean University seeks submissions to the 8th Annual Premiere Stages Play Festival. The yearly competition for un-produced scripts offers developmental opportunities to four playwrights born or currently residing in the greater metropolitan area (New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut).

The winner of the festival will be awarded $2,000 and a full Equity production in Premiere's 2012 season. The runner-up will receive $750 and an Equity workshop in June; two other writers will receive Staged Readings in March and a cash prize of $500.

Through the uniquely accelerated Play Festival process, Premiere Stages provides an encouraging and focused environment in which playwrights can see their work move quickly from page to stage. Premiere Stages also actively advocates for Festival writers, helps playwrights reach out to other theatres to secure subsequent productions, and partners with other organizations and theatres to extend the profile and life of the works developed.

In its seven seasons, Play Festival has developed over twenty-five plays. Most recent works include the 2011 hit Follow Me to Nellie's by Dominique Morisseau, starring Lynda Gravatt (stage and screen veteran, television's Law and Order), James Christy's Egyptian Song (2011 Runner-Up and a current National New Play Network nominee), and 2010 winner The Good Counselor by Kathryn Grant, which was named as the runner up for the prestigious 2011 American Theatre Critics Harold and Mimi Steinberg/ATCA New Play Award.

All entries are evaluated by a panel of theatre professionals in consultation with the Artistic Director and Resident Dramaturg. Agents may submit full scripts; playwrights may submit a synopsis and script sample directly. Postmark deadline is January 15, 2012. No entry fee. Complete submission guidelines available at www.kean.edu/premierestages.

Premiere Stages is a member, Actors' Equity Association, and is made possible in part through funding from The New Jersey State Council on the Arts, The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, The Northfield Bank Foundation, The New Jersey Theatre Alliance, and through the generous support of individual patrons.

Premiere Stages offers affordable prices, air-conditioned facilities, free parking close to the theatre and discounted tickets to patrons with disabilities. All Premiere Stages facilities are fully accessible spaces. Please call for a list of sign-interpreted, audio-described or open-captioned performances. Assistive listening devices and large print programs are available at all times. Publications are available with advanced notice in alternate formats.

RMC Studios to Host Two Upcoming Events

GARWOOD - RMC Studios will be hosting two events for students and the community. The first "Rocktober" event will be held on Friday, October 21, at 7 p.m. at The Coffee Beanery on North Avenue in Garwood. The event is an open mic night where RMC Studios teachers and students will perform as well as invite community members to hop up and perform with them. The house band is made up of well-known and talented local musicians.

The second event will be held on Friday, October 28, also at 7 p.m. at RMC Studios located at 207 Center Street in Garwood. The event will be an open house for anyone interested in learning about what RMC Studios does, but it will also be a Halloween party for anyone in the surrounding communities who wishes to attend and have some fun at the start of the holiday weekend. At the event, a small award ceremony will take place in which Westfield resident Liam Hughes will be honored with the first RMC Studios student of the month award.

The events are free and open to the public.

PRESENTATION…Author Elizabeth Bettina presents her book "It Happened in Italy," to Union County Vo-Tech Magnet School Principal Gwen Seneschal. Pictured, left to right, are: UNICO District X Governor Robert Bengivenga, Plainfield's UNICO President John DeAndrea, Elizabeth Bettina, Union County Vo Tech Magnet School Principal Gwen Seneschal, Marie Arnold, English teacher, Union County Vo-Tech Magnet School, Jason Sanservino, History teacher, Union County Vo-Tech Magnet School, Renato Biribin, UNICO Past National President.

Civil War Women Historical Lecture Set for Tonight at Trailside

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Community Renewal invite adults, ages 18 and older to participate in a historical lecture about Civil War women on Thursday, October 20, at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. The program runs from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. and pre-registration is recommended. The fee is $8 for Union County residents and $10 for out-of-county participants.

Trish Chambers, an author and Civil War re-enactor, brings the life experiences of women during this critical period in American history to life for her audience in "Civil War Women: Their Roles and Legacies." She discusses how women were left behind to fend for themselves, managing homes, businesses and plantations, roles that had been traditionally held by men prior to the Civil War.

Trish Chambers has performed at numerous historical events and period re-enactments. She participated in the Civil War movie, "Gods and Generals" and consulted with the History Channel and appeared in their production of "Full Metal Corset: Secret Soldiers of the Civil War." She also is the author of "Civil War Women: Their Roles and Legacies," a work of non-fiction that illustrates the achievements and struggles of women of the Civil War era.

For additional information about the Civil War Women lecture or other adult programs and upcoming events at Trailside call (908) 789-3670 or visit www.ucnj.org/trailside. Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside and is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Meet Young Adult Author at The Town Book Store

WESTFIELD - The Town Book Store in Westfield will host a Meet and Greet with Sean Waller author of the young adult novel "Sick Boy" on Saturday, October 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tim Levine is on top of the world. The small but popular eighth-grader has just been invited to try out for the high school baseball team and two girls have asked him to the school dance. A devastating diagnosis, however, changes his life forever: He has cancer. Instead of following his baseball dreams, he's entered a nightmare of tubes and chemotherapy. Tess, a leukemia patient with a "contagiously positive attitude" works wonders for Tim as he faces high school not as someone belonging to the "in" crowd but as a sick kid.

Sick Boy, a heart-wrenching story, is a "fictionally autobiographical account" of this extraordinary young man's year-and-half journey from diagnosis through treatment and on to recovery. It begins when he casually mentions to his mom that he can't hear out of his right ear. Doctors quickly discover that he has a fast-growing malignant tumor in his upper palate.

Author Sean Waller, a childhood cancer survivor, was diagnosed at age 12 with rhabdomyosarcoma. He credits Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital in New York City for saving his life. He lives in Westfield and teaches fifth grade in Berkeley Heights.

Meet Sean Waller at The Town Book Store located at 270 East Broad Street in Westfield (corner of East Broad and Elmer Streets). If you are unable to attend this event, feel free to call The Town Book Store at (908) 233-3535 to reserve an autographed copy.

GW's Lincoln School to Present *Guys and Dolls*

GARWOOD – The 8th grade class at Lincoln School 8th Grade Class of 2012 proudly presents Guys and Dolls. Play performances are Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are $8 for adults and $6 for students and senior citizens. Tickets at the door prior to performances are $9. Contact Garwood Board of Education to purchase tickets or for additional information call (908) 789-0331.

Course Teaches Basics of Digital Photography

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Community Renewal encourage adults, ages 18 and older who are interested in learning the basics of digital photography to attend a three-hour workshop on Saturday, October 22, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. The fee for the workshop is $45 for Union County residents and $55 for out-of-county participants. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required.

This photography workshop is ideal for any student who wants to become familiar with their single-lens reflex digital camera or sophisticated "point and shoot" camera with fully manual settings. Professional photographer Joan Pamboukes will bring clarity to such topics as focal length, aperture, shutter speeds and white balance. Composition and basic lighting strategies will also be addressed.

Participants are asked to bring their camera system, with a fully charged battery, the manual and tripod, if possible. Weather permitting, the class will go outside to capture the splendor of autumn in the Watchung Reservation and create some beautiful images. Otherwise, students will practice their newly learned photography skills in the Trailside Visitor Center. By the end of this workshop, basic camera functions will no longer be a mystery.

Joan Pamboukes has been an art and photography instructor in Boston, New York and New Jersey. She currently teaches Photography and Digital Media at The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey in Summit. Ms. Pamboukes brings a wealth of experience to her students and this workshop will afford participants the opportunity to learn the basics of digital photography and gain the confidence to truly enjoy their camera and the art of digital photography.

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"The Ides of March" Et tu, George Clooney?

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By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
Film Critic

Along the way to reaffirming your worst fears about our current state of affairs in the U.S., George Clooney's "The Ides of March" smartly reminds that things really haven't changed since the days of Caesar. Heck...it goes back further than the Sumerians, maybe even before Alley Oop first wrote bad things about Barney Rubble on the cave wall.

But irony of ironies, as it is astutely outlined in Grant Heslov and Beau Willimon's screenplay, our governmental road to perdition is very often paved with the best of intentions. In this intelligent allegory, Ryan Gosling's Stephen Meyers, though a political wunderkind everyone wants working on his campaign, is essentially an unsullied idealist.

Surely he couldn't employ his full intellect and cunning if he didn't truly believe George Clooney's Governor Mike Morris was the Democratic Party's best choice to win the White House and set the country right. He's got that great moral imperative mojo going for him. Remember it? Well, suffice it to note Stephen is about to enter the crucible.

Though his film is in color, Clooney the director captures a stark realism that reminds of a style when only black and white was used for films with something of gravity to say. After all, this is serious stuff. Gosh knows what'll happen to us if Morris doesn't win. Oh, sure, it'll be a challenge. But remember, Stephen is the best media mind in the country.

All of which makes it hard to believe that he accedes to a secret meeting with Tom Duffy (Paul Giamatti), the opposition's chief campaign guru. Skip the details. Just be informed that for Stephen it's the official beginning of his innocence lost, and for this tautly entertaining movie it's the kickoff of an intriguing ride through the political funhouse.

We join the campaign in the swing state of Ohio, where all the colorful characters are in place. Seeking the truth for The New York Times is Marisa Tomei as savvy Ida Horowicz; Philip Seymour Hoffman is Stephen's boss, Paul Zara, the battle-scarred veteran; and Evan Rachel Wood is Molly Stearns, the pretty, impressionable intern. Yep, you're right.

This bodes trouble and makes for the soap opera thread that runs through the story. But let's face it, that's the way it is, from Delilah to Monica, which suggests that, conversely, maybe everything is really a big soap opera, but with a little real life running through it. Still, while we've seen this scenario before, here it is nicely updated to reflect the times.

In our present condition, when not only has the concept of a loyal opposition virtually disappeared, but is routinely scoffed by ideologues and mini megalomaniacs, Clooney's conscientious look into the ship of state is welcome. Pardon the optimism, but surely the folks who pulled together to defeat the Axis powers can emerge from this ugly miasma.

So it is no wonder we have high hopes for Governor Morris. He certainly looks good on paper. And, we sure like his gutsy candor. Addressing his random birth to Catholic parents, the candidate notes that he is not Catholic, Jewish or Muslim. Rather, his religion is the Constitution of the United States. Hmm…I've been saying that all along. I like him.

Then again, considering the recent landscape in the U.S. of A., the cynic in us fears there is something wrong with this picture. Stephen's indiscretion is just the tip of the iceberg. Get ready to get your hands dirty. Right again, Signor Machiavelli. For even allegedly squeaky-clean Mike Morris's campaign operation has its share of backroom dealings.

Shaken to its roots, this is essentially a tale of survival, how our basic instincts have adapted language, psychology and other human abilities acquired during the last 30,000 years or so to ensure our perceived well-being in the group. Scratch the surface of any political campaign just a tad and the full-fanged primitiveness will stare right back at you.

All the same, many of us—especially the folks on my side of the aisle—like to think that the answer to the question, "After all, what are we, barbarians?" is an unequivocating "Well, not really. We're working on it. It's those other guys holding us back." But while similarly subjective, "The Ides of March" does wag a decrying finger at both camps.

This is in essence a feature length iteration of that great bit of punditry Walt Kelly coined in his Pogo comic strip when he opined, "We have met the enemy and he is us." Hence, while done better in "The Best Man" (1964) and "The Candidate" (1972), rarely has the time been more right for this earnest reminder to beware "The Ides of March."

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"The Ides of March," rated R, is a Columbia Pictures release directed by George Clooney and stars Ryan Gosling, George Clooney and Philip Seymour Hoffman. Running time: 101 minutes

Arts & Entertainment

In Westfield Community Players' *Squabbles*, Generations Collide Living Under One Roof

By SUSAN MYRILL DOUGHERTY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD - Family spats and arguments have been a gold mine for playwrights of comedy for years. Aptly named, Marshall Karp's comedy *Squabbles*, now playing at the Westfield Community Players' playhouse on North Avenue, is a two-act comedy that's relatable for all ages.

The story revolves around a young married couple who are paired with aging parents who can not stand each other. Throw in the fact that all four of them — the couple, his mother and her father—are forced to live under the same roof and there is tension galore. Abe Dryfus (Lou Savarese) has moved in with his jingle-writer son-in-law Jerry Sloan (Timothy McGovern) and his lawyer daughter Alice (Ana Soulios) because he has developed a heart condition.

Ask him about it, though, and he'll swear it is gas, not a heart ailment. He likes being cantankerous: the feisty 72-year-old widower's motto is, "An argument a day keeps the doctor away." Alice tries to be patient with her bigoted, outspoken retired taxi driver father. But she is irked by his constantly writing complaint postcards to companies and his answering the family telephone with a country western radio show slogan in hopes of winning money.

The situation is complicated when Jerry's prim mother Mildred (Debbie Badal) moves into her son's three-bedroom house after she inadvertently burned down her own house. Mildred Sloan and Abe Dryfus have a rancorous history. At the wedding of their children, inexplicably, Mildred went after Abe with a butcher knife, (it really was just a cake cutter, she says), and so Abe now refers to her as "Mildred the Ripper."

Since Abe loves to squabble, Mildred can only get the better of him when she won't take the bait to argue. When there's no one to bicker with, he's a flounder who has lost his ocean. In Abe's words, "To live is to argue; to argue is to live."

His daughter Alice is about to become a new mother and is afraid her father's sarcasm and fighting will be a detrimental part of the atmosphere in which the baby will be raised. Alice and Jerry get fed up with Abe's quarreling and want him, or Mildred to move into a one-bedroom apartment that they have rented for one of them. It seems to be the perfect solution with one of the bickering in-laws out of the way.

That proverbial fly in the ointment requires deciding who will leave when the baby arrives. Lou Savarese's character Abe confesses, "I was born to squabble."

Mr. Savarese shows he was born to be on stage. His performance in *A View from the Bridge* last season and what he does with comedy in this play proves he's comfortable playing both aspects of theater. An array of small characters fleshes out the scenes. Odd jobs handyman Hector Lopez (Ken Webb) with over-the-top effeminate mannerisms (like flouncing in wearing a leopard scarf and sashaying into the room wearing a side slung pocket book) weaves himself in and out of the storyline.

Mr. Webb's sympathy labor pains episode bought down the house on opening night. Card-playing partner Sol Wasserman (Russ Ortiz) and Mrs. Fisher (Linda Correll) don't spend much time on stage, but make their presence known. Ms. Correll, especially, is quite a hoot as a domineering German nanny who could have whipped an errant Nazi into place in a heartbeat.

Director Steve Lemenille has selected iconic music by the Mamas and the Papas, the Beatles and other easily identifiable toe-tapping, hugely appropriate tunes as filler between scenes. An impressive set, constructed and decorated by teams of crew members, is more beautifully detailed than normally found on Community Theater stages and nicely lit by Jessica Foerst. The entertaining show is produced by theater veteran Kay Macrae. The storyline of *Squabbles* is pretty predictable and the road to its finale is bumpy, but heartwarming.

For more informaiton, or tickets call (908) 232-1221 or visit westfieldcommunity players.org.

Susan M. Dougherty for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*

SAY CHEESE…The full cast of *Squabbles* gathers in the last scene where a timer has been set on the camera and they are to take what Hector, the handyman, calls, "Just one big happy family picture." The comedy runs weekends at Westfield Community Players.

Susan M. Dougherty for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*

INCOMING…Mildred Sloan flings a plush monkey at Abe a feuding in-laws, while Alice, Abe's daughter, and Jerry, Millie's son, try to stop the fray. The madcap comedy, *Squabbles* by Marshall Karp, deals with grown children and their childish parents living under one roof.

WF Mother and Daughter Team Work Film Festival

By SONIA OWCHARIW
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

JERSEY CITY – Westfield mother, Robin Winter-Bailey, and her daughter, Emily Bailey, worked four-days at the inaugural Golden Door International Film festival in Jersey City.

The festival, a dream conceived by actor/director of the film festival, Bill Sorvino (nephew of Paul Sorvino) coordinated the event in Jersey City. Mr. Sorvino grew up in Jersey City and wanted to bring the festival to his hometown where his heart is.

Ms. Winter-Bailey, who was the volunteer coordinator of the film festival, has worked as the Au Pair liaison for the Sorvino family's children for the past 16 years. "Bill asked me about working at the festival as coordinator and I was so thrilled to be involved with the festival; I was very interested," Ms. Winter-Bailey said.

Hitting the pavement after Labor Day, Ms. Winter-Bailey stated she received over 150 emails from volunteers from the Golden Door International Film Festival website. "In a short time, it's been exhilarating like being thrown into the fire – sink or swim," Ms. Winter-Bailey said.

Emily joined her mother's efforts and the mother-duo team worked together in different capacities. Emily, a senior at Westfield High School, with an impressive resume ranging from local TV 36 in Westfield, directing, producing, hosting to acting, was picked as Bill Sorvino's personal assistant.

"Bill told me to just be at his side during the whole four-days. I am excited to be working behind the scenes, because I'm interested in film-making. This is giving me valuable experience for college. The advice from Bill is to keep shooting everything," Emily said.

The Westfield team headed into meetings prior to the grand gala in Jersey City revising schedules and preparing press and VIP passes for lists of guests which included actors, Paul Sorvino, Leon Gast, HBO Sopranos actor Federico Castelluccio, Jersey City Mayor Jerramiah Healey and a long list of Indie film directors, screen writers, producers, actors, and supporters.

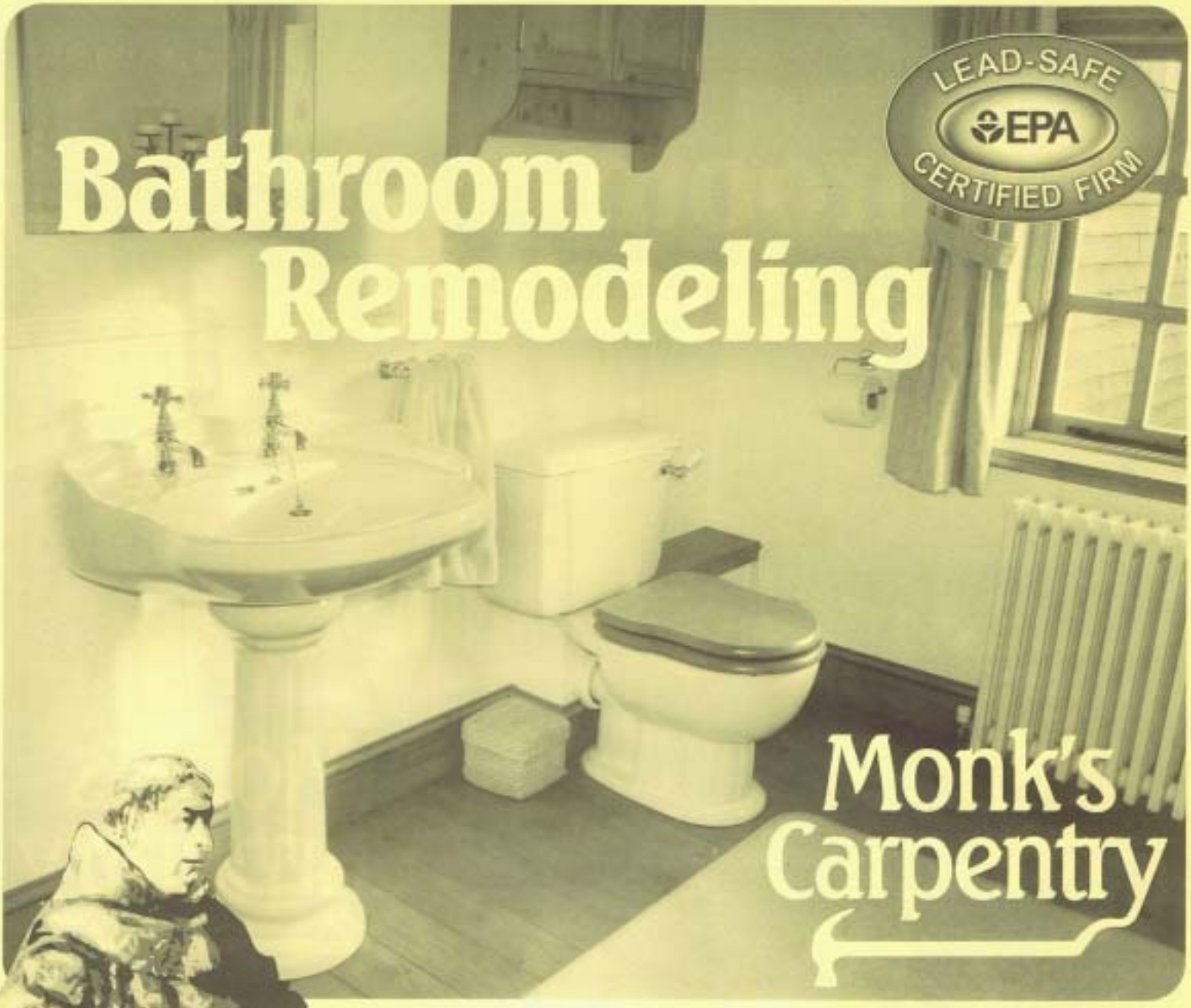
"Robin and Emily are great helping out with other board members to create an elite festival, not an elitist. I have been very fortunate and blessed with the people who came to me pulling the festival together," Mr. Sorvino said.

In addition, there were over 40 entries in this film festival from Best Feature, Best Director of a Feature, Best Screenplay, Best Male Lead, Best Female Lead, Best Supporting Actor, Best Documentary, Best Short, Best Director of a Short, Best Male Actor in a Short, Best Female Actor in a Short, Best Short Short, Best Director of a Short Short, Best Concept for a Short, Best Jersey City/Local Film, Best Cinematography, Best Costume Design and Best Editing.

Anticipating next year's festival, Ms. Winter-Bailey said, "It has been a whirlwind of happenings over the last six months, I'm looking forward to next year's 2012 festival being bigger and better."

Sonia Owchariw for *The Westfield Leader and The Times*

RED CARPET MOMENT…Bill Sorvino, Actor/Director of the Golden Door International Film Festival held this past weekend in Jersey City, is interviewed by press on the red carpet on opening night.



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Cranford Cougar High School Sports

TAYLOR PACE'S HARD SHOT BLOCKED, GOALKEEPER LEAH QUINN MAKES 3 KEY STOPS

Hilltoppers' Breakaway Goal Nips Soccer Lady Cougars, 1-0

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

One breakaway run that resulted in a goal 10 minutes into the second half was all that was needed for the visiting Summit Hilltoppers to earn a 1-0 victory over the Cranford High School girls soccer team at Memorial Field in Cranford on October 11.

Sophomore Holly Confalone got a jump on a Cougar defender, brought the ball down the left-center of the field and drilled a left-to-right shot into the net with 29:55 on the clock.

"It took one play where we had a defensive error, and Summit took advantage of that and put the ball in the back of the net. I think we had difficulty recovering after that and coming out as intense as we did in the first half," Cougar Head Coach Jen Michewicz said.

The Cougars did rule the majority of the first half and had several opportunities with five corner kicks into the box, but Hilltopper goalkeeper Jackie Zalis was there to disrupt any point-blank shots.

"I thought that we came out very strong in the first half, and we created many offensive opportunities. Unfortunately, we didn't take advantage of capitalizing on any of those," Coach Michewicz said.

The 6-3-1 Hilltoppers did, however, get a little offensive edge for the first five minutes, but Cougar defenders Annie Vollenbroek, Rachel Romano, Hannah DeMars and company pinched Summit's attack and directed the ball out of harm's way, which eventually allowed Cranford's offense to control the remainder of the half.

"The four defenders I had starting the game played very strong. One of Summit's star players got the ball to her feet, and I think our defense did a good job of forcing her back and denying her any turn and any space to play with," Coach Michewicz said.

Cougar goalkeeper Leah Quinn stopped one Summit attempt in the half and made a smart decision later by charging and smothering a loose ball near the right corner of the box before a Hilltopper could get a foot on it.

The Lady Cougars' best chance at scoring came midway through the first half when Taylor Pace charged down the middle and launched a wicked shot that Zalis got just enough hand on to deflect the ball over the crossbar.

"I do think an early goal would have helped us. We had so many opportunities that first half. When you score early, I think that completely switches the momentum of the game and possibly the outcome. Unfortunately, we didn't have luck finishing today. I am hoping we will get a little bit more luck when we enter the county tournament on Saturday," Coach Michewicz said.

Coach Michewicz made changes in her defense and rotated several girls on offense throughout the second half. Quinn made another strong stop early in the half, and defender Kristina Sosa added a fine slide check later in the half to prevent a Hilltopper breakaway.

"This defensive adjustment was just to get some players in the game. I think that is important to give everyone an opportunity out there. Of course, mistakes happen, but we are looking for 11 girls, who are going to step up and get the job done. We are still searching for that," Coach Michewicz said.

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COLLIDING FOR THE BALL…Cougar Ana DiGiovanni, on ground, and a Summit Hilltopper collide while attempting to gain control of the ball.

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CLOSE TO HER WORK…Cougar Taylor Pace, No. 13, is close to her work during the game with the Hilltoppers.

Summit	0	1	1
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GREEN RUSHES 187 YARDS, GETS 92-YD TD RUN, TOSSES 35-YD TD PASS TO GARGUILO

Cougars' Grid Gang Silences Rahway Footballers, 20-6

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

Dogged defensive and an ever-improving and versatile offensive punch kept the Cranford High School football team's unbeaten slate in tact on October 15 in Rahway.

Quarterback Reggie Green rushed for 187 yards on 22 carries, including a 92-yard touchdown (TD) gallop, and completed three of five pass attempts, which included a 13-yard TD strike to Eric Garguilo, who also had a 35-yard reception, as the 6-0 Cougars defeated Rahway, 20-6.

"He is expanding with what he can do with the offense in terms of being able to throw the ball effectively, run the option and also be able to run the ball himself," Cougar Head Coach Erik Rosenmeier said. "When you have a kid, who can run like a tailback, and he gets the ball every time, it's keeps other team on their toes."

In the meantime, the Cougars' veteran defense limited the Indians' ground attack to 147 yards, which included a 92-yard TD run and a 25-yard sprint by tailback Jerrel Wilson. The Cougars forced five turnovers, and the first was a fumble recovered by linebacker Mike Klimek. Green had an interception before halftime, and defensive back Garguilo added a pair of interceptions in the second half.

"Klimek gets a lot of notoriety, but we have a lot of guys, who have been playing on that defense since they were sophomores and Garguilo since he was a junior. He [Garguilo] had five picks last year, and now he's got four this year. He's very comfortable, and he is able to make those types of plays," Coach Rosenmeier said.

With the exception of two big runs, the Cougars' defense stuffed the Indians' running attack, engineered by quarterback Hakeem Kornegay.

"We have guys who wouldn't get on the field for us defensively, who would have gone on the field on other teams. That's one of the reasons we have had success. These guys know if they are not playing up to par, someone will be able to take their position. We are fortunate to have Klimek, Anthony DaSilva, Nick Diaz, [JP] Christiano, Walter James with two big hits and Sean McGovern in there at corner. Reggie had an interception, and the guys up front; TJ Nichols, Ryan Farrell, [Chris] Folinusz. They are doing an excellent job," Coach Rosenmeier said.

On Rahway's first possession, running back Jerrel Wilson had the Indian's second-longest run of the day, a 25-yard scoot to the Cougar 35. But on the next play, Klimek recovered a fumble.

From there, the Cougars moved the ball downfield. Green hit Garguilo for a 35-yard reception to the Rahway 15. A few plays later, fullback Christiano punched the ball in from to two-yard line. Troy Ketler kicked the point after to give the Cougars a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, the Cougars recovered another Rahway fumble and had great field position at the Indian 18. Unfortunately, the Cougars attempted four times to get a first down, but sputtered at the eight. The Indians made them pay when Wilson broke free and sprinted 92 yards for a TD. Cougar defensive back McGovern blocked the point after attempt, making the score, 7-6.

The Cougars drove the ball downfield early in the third quarter and actually had a touchdown by running back Chris Witwick nullified due to improper lineup. The Cougars faced a third-and-goal from the 13 then Green hit Garguilo in the left flat, and he ran it in for the TD to up the lead to 14-6.

The next two Rahway drives ended in interceptions, both by Garguilo.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Indians punted to the Cougar eight-yard line. On second down, Green found an opening up the middle and was off to the races for a 92-yard TD. The point after attempt failed.

"Right up the gut! Reggie went right up the field. My kids did a nice job blocking. Kornegay was in pursuit, but Reggie was able to get into the end zone," Coach Rosenmeier explained.

The Indians attempted a final drive, but Cougar defensive back James made two nice hits to break up Rahway's pass attempts. Time ran out.

"We are not very big. We have guys, who are under 200-lbs on the offensive line and on the defensive line. We have some, who are just over 200. I think we are very strong. We've worked very hard in the weight room. That's been one of our things, the intensity of our weight room workouts in the off-season and the summer. Those kids understand that they are expected to lift like that. Because we work like that, I think we play hard. They move well. They do what they are supposed to do, and they play hard," Coach Rosenmeier said.

Last year, the Indians stung the Cougars, 21-20 on a fourth quarter TD by Nafee Ariss.

"Rahway surely has been a thorn in our side. They have dominated the game for quite some time until we closed the gap last year. We had an opportunity to win the game, but they were able to win, and that, along with the Summit game, kept us out of the playoffs," Coach Rosenmeier said. "It was nice to finally get over the hump to beat them. It was the first time since [19]97 Cranford has beaten them and the first time since [19]94 in Rahway."

Cranford	7	0	7	6	20
Rahway	0	6	0	0	6

David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*
COUGAR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK…Senior field hockey player Erica Faraone is leading the team with seven goals and two assists this season and is a leader on the forward line. Senior football player Eric Gargiulo had two interceptions and scored one touchdown this past weekend against Rahway, leading the Cougars to a 20-6 victory over the Indians. The Cougars are 6-0.

See Cranford Football story In The Westfield Leader

Cougar Snacks

Cranford Cougar Boys Win UC Conference X-Country

The Cranford High School boys won the Union County Conference Mountain Division title with a total of 28 at Warinanco Park in Roselle on October 18. Eli Howard crossed third with a time of 17:12, followed by Tom Feeney at 17:26, Paul Cassaro at 17:29 and Connor McMahon at 17:29. Mike Zanfardino finished 10th at 17:33. The Lady Cougars placed third with a total of 80. Megan Byrnes crossed eighth with a time of 20:47.

The Westfield High School boys swept all seven of the top places to capture the Union County Conference Watchung Division championship with a total of 15. The Blue Devil girls took top honors in their division with a total of 28.

John Kirna crossed first for the boys with a time of 16.27, followed by Jack Leahy at 16:31, Kevin Ingram at 16:42, Kevin Smith at 16:50, Evan Tarlow at 16:51, David Carville at 16:55 and Dan Luzzi at 17:38. Scotch Plains-Fanwood Raider Jon Kirby finished ninth with a time of 18:07.

Blue Devil Gabriele Stravach crossed first for the girls with a time of 20:51, followed by Raider Grace Kelly at 20:55 and Blue Devil Johanna Mermer at 20:59. Blue Devils Anna Tanji at 21:21 and Alana Basil at 21:27 finished 6-7. Raider Isabel Crystal placed 10th at 21:42.

Cougars Ice Blue Devils In UCT Field Hockey

The Cranford High School field hockey team iced Westfield, 1-0, in the first round of the Union County Tournament when Maria Guarisco scored off a penalty corner late in the second half at Kent Place in Summit on October 15. Goalkeeper Jess McCoy made eight stops for the 6-5 Cougars.

Soccer Cougars Clip Comet Boys, 1-0

The 10th-seeded, 4-6-3 Cranford High School boys soccer team clipped the Hillside Comets when Tom Paparatto buried a goal in overtime in the preliminary round of the Union County Tournament in Cranford on October 13.

Field Hockey Cougars Rip Mt. St. Dominic

The Cranford High School field hockey team ripped Mount St. Dominic, 8-0, in North Caldwell on October 17. Emily Snyder flicked in three goals. Lucy Allen and Julie Schott netted two goals each, and keeper Jess McCoy made four stops for the 7-5 Cougars.

Soccer Raiders Blank Cougar Boys, 7-0

The No. 9 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team shutout the visiting Cranford Cougars, 7-0, on October 17. Sophomore forward Christian Zazzali netted a pair of goals and added an assist. Andrew Leischner scored one goals and added an assist for the 12-2 Raiders.

Giants/Buffalo Game – October 16 – By Jim O'Connor NJ Sport Pics *wwwnjsportpics.com*

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Summit Nips Cougars In Girls Volleyball

The 13-1 Summit High School girls volleyball team, after dropping the first game, 26-21, came back to defeat the Cranford Cougar girls, 25-13, 25-12, on October 17. Kathryn Ahern had five digs and two kills, and Stephanie Bagniewski had six kills, four aces and three blocks for the Cougars. Vickie Zourzoukis had six assists, two digs and an ace. Danielle Manginelli had seven digs, and Tessa Gonzales had 10 digs.

Cougars Top Elizabeth In Girls Tennis, 5-0

The Cranford High School girls tennis team shutout Elizabeth, 5-0, on October 13.

First singles: Marianna Dzunova d Jessica Demianicz, 6-1, 6-0
Second singles: Laura Van Horn d Gina Rodrigues, 6-3, 6-3
Third singles: Gabrielle DaSilva d Rashell Teca, 6-2, 6-3
First doubles: Emily Roman and Anna Lee Gallo d Elizabeth Edouard and Madi Lugones, 6-1, 6-1
Second doubles: Rebecca Deczynski and Aleksandra Czyrsznic d Lilian Delcid and Priscella Marquise, 6-0, 6-0

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Letter to the Editor from Garwood Mayor

Some People Seem to Have Lost Sight of The Fact That This Is A New Administration in Garwood

After reading the article in **The Westfield Leader**/*SP F***anwood** *I*government we have, I am entitled to select and appoint those individuals of my choosing to committees, commissions and boards; ergo the term "mayoral appointment." Further, it certainly is not outside the realm of possibility that as a Republican mayor, I may appoint a Republican or two or even three to openings as they occur, which works for me.

As **The Leader** reported at the council meeting of October 11, Democratic Councilwoman Sara Todisco, the council liaison to the Recreation Committee, read a letter directed to the mayor during what is intended to be the committee reports portion of the meeting. The chairman of the committee, Mr. Richard Bree, was not at the council meeting. His letter contained charges that my appointment to the Rec. Committee that evening was a "political" move because he is the son of a Republican candidate for borough council. It was also reported that after the meeting, Ms. Todisco told **The Leader** that four people on the commission have threatened to resign because of what they say is my lack of consideration of the four people whose names were supposedly submitted in mid-September. Ms. Todisco further charged that I did not follow a practice that the prior mayor used to make his mayoral appointments to the recreation committee. She also said that since July, the recreation commission had people in mind for the open seats and submitted the names last month.

I do have to express my disappointment with the Councilwoman as it would appear that she allowed herself to use her position on the dais, where the people's work should be done, to advance her personal political agenda. This may or may not have been done intentionally, but one can only assume this to be the case since a person in the audience who spoke in support of the letter, Mr. Scott Kessler, is the treasurer of the Rec. Commission and is also the treasurer of her election campaign. Is it a coincidence that he also called some of my appointments political? Is it because I appointed a Republican to the recreation committee? I think now is a good time to remind Mr. Kessler, who is an independentm and Ms. Todisco, who is a Democrat, that I personally appointed both of them to the committee in January — were their appointments political? And it is also worth noting that all of the present committee members are either independent voters or registered Democrats and that the same holds true for the others that they seek to bring on board. Odd that there is not a single registered Republican, Libertarian or a Green Party member in the bunch.

Submitting four names for appointment to two positions the afternoon of the September 27 council meeting can hardly be considered mid-September. And apparently I am to be criticized for not being a mind reader since I did not know the names that the commission had "in mind" since July. Upon receiving the list on 9/27, I instructed the committee liaison, Councilwoman Todisco, that I would not be making any appointments at the meeting that evening. I expressed that I did not know any of these individuals "yet," and that I also had someone who was interested — and that the Rec. Committee should select one from their list and I would see to it that their selection would get appointed to the last available spot.

Those instructions were given to the councilwoman a full week before the last council meeting, and though I did not receive a response, they still stand. The committee will at that point have the full contingent allowable by NJ statute, seven regular commissioners and two alternates. My appointees are more than qualified to be part of the commission. One is a lifelong borough resident; both have athletics in their backgrounds and certainly will not have any problems with criminal background checks, which was publicly alluded to by Mr. Kessler — since one is a teacher and the other in law enforcement. These are not salaried positions, so for these appointments to be considered political is really quite a stretch. When I took office in January, I invited most of those persons whose appointments were set to expire to stay on board, to include Mr. Kessler. Understandably, there were a few exceptions. The exceptions were not dictated by political party affiliation, but rather were self-resignations or not reappointed for performance issues.

Some individuals seem to have lost sight of the fact that this is a new administration and that if the residents of Garwood had wanted things to stay exactly the same, then Mayor McCarthy would have been reelected.

Patricia Quattrocchi
Garwood Mayor

Physician to Address Temple Sisterhood

CRANFORD – The Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, October 25, at 8 p.m. It will take place at the temple, located at 338 Walnut Avenue in Cranford.

Dr. David Stuhlmiller will be the featured speaker. He is associate medical director of the Emergency Department, and Medical Director, Mobile Intensive Care Unit of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway. Dr. Stuhlmiller will speak on identifying the need to go to the Emergency Room and when to call an ambulance, among other emergency medical issues. Questions will be welcome.

Program Vice-Presidents Naomi Kreutzer and Jill Schulz will be in charge of the evening's program. Sisterhood President Myra Stein will conduct a short business meeting. Hospitality Chairpersons Joan Finkelstein, Jill Schulz and Sandra Sussman will serve light refreshments. The gift shop will be open. For further information, call the temple at (908) 276-9231 during office hours.

RMC Studios to Host Two Upcoming Events

GARWOOD - RMC Studios will be hosting two events for students and the community. The first "Rocktober" event will be held on Friday, October 21, at 7 p.m. at The Coffee Beanery on North Avenue in Garwood. The event is an open mic night where RMC Studios teachers and students will perform as well as invite community members to hop up and perform with them. The house band is made up of well-known and talented local musicians.

The second event will be held on Friday, October 28, also at 7 p.m. at RMC Studios located at 207 Center Street in Garwood. The event will be an open house for anyone interested in learning about what RMC Studios does, but it will also be a Halloween party for anyone in the surrounding communities who wishes to attend and have some fun at the start of the holiday weekend. At the event, a small award ceremony will take place in which Westfield resident Liam Hughes will be honored with the first RMC Studios student of the month award.

The events are free and open to the public.

Dr. Guzman to Speak To AAI Tomorrow

CRANFORD – The monthly meeting of Amateur Astronomers, Inc. (AAI) will be held tomorrow, Friday, October 21, at 8 p.m. in the Main Lecture Hall on the Cranford campus of Union County College, located at 1033 Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

Dr. Alberto Guzman will present "On the Geometry of Orbits." A Professor of Mathematics Emeritus at City College in New York, he is an AAI member and writes the monthly "Ask the Skywatcher" column for AAI's newsletter, "The Asterism."

Afterward, attendees are invited to join AAI members at the William Miller Sperry Observatory for refreshments and the chance to look through the two largest amateur telescopes in the northeast (weather permitting). For more information, visit asterism.org or call (908) 276-STAR. Admission and parking are free.

Singers Invited to Join Metro Rhythm Chorus

CRANFORD – The Metro Rhythm Chorus is preparing for its holiday show on Saturday, December 3, and is inviting women of the community who enjoy singing to join the chorus in performing four-part harmony, a cappella, barbershop style on favorite seasonal songs.

The chorus' next rehearsal will be on Wednesday, October 26, and will be the last chance to participate. Rehearsals are held at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 11 Springfield Avenue in Cranford. The chorus will provide the music.

The holiday show will take place at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. For more details, contact the group on its website, metrorhythm.com, or on Facebook. Metro Rhythm Chorus belongs to the Sweet Adelines International Organization.