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GOP Sweeps Westfield Town Council Ward Races

By LAUREN BARR

WESTFIELD-Republicans swept all four ward seats in Tuesday night's town council election.

Westfield Republican Chairman Jon Bramnick, who won his own Assembly race Tuesday night, said, "once again, Westfield has elected the best candidates to run this town.' He said that the current council has "demonstrated integrity, honesty and good government."

In the most watched race, Mark LoGrippo, who was appointed to fill Mark Ciarrocca's unexpired term this summer, won the three-way race in the Third Ward, with 763 tallies, against Democrat Matt Sontz, 673, and Independent Greg Kasko, 275.

Councilman LoGrippo said that it was "an amazing night for me." He also thanked his family and the residents who voted for him.

Mr. Kasko told The Westfield Leader that, "It's been a pleasure meeting the people of the Third Ward" and that he will "continue to attend council meetings...to bring to the council's attention wasteful spending.



Betsey Burgdorf for The Westfield Le CLEAN SWEEP...As the polls close on Election Night, Republican District 21 Legislators gather at the James Ward Mansion in Westfield to wait for results. Pictured, left to right, are: Rhonda Kean, Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz, Assemblyman Jon Bramnick and Senator Tom Kean, Jr.

> Legislative District 21 Sen 2-yr.; Asm 2-yr Sen. Kean 26,699 Swanicke 12,650 Asm. Munoz 24,558; Bramnick 24,366 Bergen 13,131; Albert 13,153; Young 1,241

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Mr. Sontz told the crowd gathered at former mayor Tom Jardim's house, "We did a good job of controlling the message in the Third Ward. We spoke about the PD, FD, crossing guards, the light. I hope in the coming months, the council addresses that in the way it should be addressed. If not, we'll hold them to it in two years," Mr. Sontz pledged. (See related story on page 3.)

First Ward Councilman Frank Arena won reelection, with 874 votes, over Democratic challenger Tim Van Epp, with 641.

feel blessed to live in town," Councilman Arena told the crowd gathered at the James Ward Mansion. Second Ward Councilwoman JoAnn Neylan, who ran unopposed, garnered 817 votes.

Fourth Ward Councilman Jim Foerst, with 806 votes, won reelection for a third term over Democrat Greg Romer, who captured 609 votes.

State Senate, Assembly and **Union County Races**

In other races, there were no surprises Tuesday at the state and county levels as Repubicans, Senator Tom Kean, Jr., Assemblyman Jon Bramnick and Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz, were reelected in District 21 and Democrats, Senator Nick Scutari and Assembly members Linda Stender and Jerry Green, were reelected in District 22.

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Betsey Burgdorf for The Westfield Leader ANTICIPATION...Republican Westfield Council members, along with family and friends, await the results on Election Night at the James Ward Mansion. The GOP swept the election, returning all four incumbents to their council seats.



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Kenilworth voters reelected Republican Mayor Kathi Fiamingo to a second term over Councilman Peter Corvelli by a tally of 885 to 822. Independent Walter Sosnosky garnered 131 tallies. Mayor Fiamingo and Mr. Corvelli also faced off in 2007.

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Ms. Wright, of Union, who is a retired Township of Union elementary-school principal, as well as an adjunct supervisor at Kean University, received 33,372 votes. "I want to thank everyone who helped. I am excited," she said.

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Michael Pollack and Dell Simeone also contributed to this story.

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Betsey Burgdorf for The Westfield Leader SIGH OF RELIEF...Republican Third Ward candidate Mark LoGrippo is congratulated by Debbie Skibitsky after winning the closest race in all four wards.

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By TED RITTER

FANWOOD - Mayor Colleen Mahr, a two-term Democratic incumbent facing her first reelection challenge, won a third term at the polls on Tuesday, handily defeating Republican challenger Joe Britt by a vote of 1,436 to 594

Democratic incumbent Councilman Russell Huegel, 1,259, and his running mate, Kevin Boris, 1,225, also won; they defeated Republicans Jason

Benedict, 723, and Nicole Cole, 758, giving the local Democrats a clean sweep on Election Day.

After excitedly watching the numbers come in at Borough Hall Tuesday night, the mayor joined fellow Democrats at a victory party held at Fabio's Bistro, a local Italian restaurant.

"I'm ecstatic," said Mayor Mahr. 'Because I love being mayor of Fanwood and I take it very seriously."

The mayor pointed to what she said was a "historic margin of victory" for

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Thomas Fortunato for *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* CELEBRATION...Democrats from Legistlative District 20 and 22 celebrate their victory on Election night at L'Affaire in Mountainside. Pictured, left to right, are: Assemblywoman Linda Stender, Assemblywoman Annette Quijano, Senator Ray Lesniak and Senator Nicholas Scutari.

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Across the street at a GOP election night gathering at Club West, a local health food restaurant, Mr. Britt said the Republicans put forth "a good effort."

We ran a very good race... the whole point was to give people a choice," said Mr. Britt, who chairs the local Republican Party and said he plans to stay active in borough affairs. "I've been active since the day I moved here," he said.

Councilman Huegel, celebrating his reelection at the Democratic gathering, said the results show that "voters pay attention; they follow what happens.' Councilman Huegel said he is "looking forward to getting the work done...and making Fanwood an affordable place to live.'

Mr. Boris also said he was "looking forward to serving and keeping up the good work they've been doing [on the Borough Council]." Mr. Boris said he plans to "keep plugging away downtown, and shared services is also a priority."

"Tonight I'll celebrate," said Mr. Boris. "But come January, it's time to get down to work." Mr. Benedict said although the Republicans "wanted to win and serve the people of Fanwood," the campaign also was intended to "raise the profile of the party and highlight critical issues.

He also said the Republicans sought to "represent a population that has not been well served over the last eight years," but, he added, "People got the government they wanted."

Mr. Benedict's running mate, Mrs. Cole, said she was "disappointed, but

proud of the campaign we ran." Mrs. Cole said, "We walked every street, talked to a thousand voters, [and] received a positive response" during the campaign. But Mrs. Cole said she believed the Democrats' "get out the vote effort was better than ours.'

Mr. Britt, Mr. Benedict and Mrs. Cole, moments after talking with The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times, walked across the street to the Democrats' vic-

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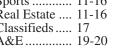
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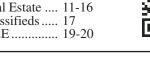


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In Garwood, Democrats captured

Foul Ball Netting System Sought by Union Catholic

By DELL SIMEONE nd The Times

SCOTCH PLAINS - The township zoning board last Thursday began hearing testimony on the application for a preliminary and final limited site plan for a foul ball netting system, and associate variances, for Union Catholic High School, located at 1600 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. The netting would be used to contain foul balls, which neighbors say are falling in their yards and creating a dangerous situation.

A conditional use variance is required because poles to support the netting would be located 100 feet from the property line and would be higher than 35 feet. In addition, a bulk variance is needed for spot and finished elevations at all property corners and corners of all structures of dwellings and existing proposed first floor elevation.

The reconfiguration of the baseball field, which began in 2009, started an ongoing dispute with neighbors on Black Birch Road and Dutch Lane, who were present at the meeting. Residents say their safety is at risk. Westfieldbased attorney William Butler is representing the school. Daren Phil, a civil engineer employed by the school, gave sworn testimony. Mr. Phil also presented rendered drawings and digital pictures to illustrate the proposed netting system, which is estimated to cost the school about \$250,000.

At times during the testimony, Vincent Loughlin, board attorney, had to caution Mr. Phil and Mr. Butler not to ad lib or refer to an ongoing lawsuit filed against the school and the township by Rajul and Sachin Shah, residents of Dutch Lane. The Shahs' attorney, Marc Rogoff of Fords, was unable to attend the meeting

At the end of this year's baseball season, Mr. Rogoff was granted a temporary injunction by state Superior Court Judge John Malone, which stated that no batting should be allowed until a netting system to stop foul balls from landing in the neighbors' yards was put in place. Black Birch Road runs adjacent to the western edge of the ball field, and Dutch Lane runs along its northern border. Usually, during the summer, the property, which is owned by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark, is used as a baseball camp, and

several local township teams play ball there

Mr. Phil presented a series of drawings and digital photos to illustrate what the netting system would look like. He also testified that a tall curved backstop would limit the occurrence of foul balls. He said that a fence with netting on its top would run along the first and third baselines. The netting would necessitate that 10 poles of various heights be used for support. He stated that the poles would be grey and two feet in diameter at the bottoms and gradually taper toward the top. The netting would be of dark synthetic material, and would be supported fur-

ther by a system of cables. Mr. Phil was questioned by members of the board about the height and appearance of the poles, the strength of the netting, and if a natural tree barrier could be effective. Mr. Phil replied that it took too many years for trees to grow tall. "We couldn't have branches hitting the netting," he said. When asked if the netting could prevent 100 percent of the balls from entering the neighbors' yards, Mr. Phil said, "no one could predict that; 99 percent maybe.'

Since 2009, the field has been reconfigured, home plate has been moved, a turf surface has been installed and a rubber running track has been installed on the perimeter of the field.

"The school was there before the neighbors. You should have known when you bought your property that balls would be coming in," Mr. Phil said to neighbors in attendance.

Zoning Board Chairman Kurt Anderson asked, "Why is it their responsibility?" Board members also asked about water runoff from the field. Mr. Phil said runoff would be negligible because a French drain surrounds the perimeter of the ball field.

Mrs. Shah was present, but because of the ongoing lawsuit did not speak at the public portion of the meeting. William Terrens, of 26 Black Birch Lane, asked Mr. Phil why he just did not landscape the area and add trees. Mr. Phil responded, "This is the only way to protect your property.'

The meeting lasted until after 11:30 p.m. The hearing will resume at the board's next meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, December 1.

By FRED ROSSI, CHRISTINA HINKE

CRANFORD - Republicans won two seats on the township committee in this week's election, flipping control of the governing body back to the GOP a year after Democrats won control. And in neighboring Garwood, Democrats swept two seats to maintain a 3-3 tie on the borough council.

In Cranford, Republicans Andis Kalnins and Lisa Adubato Nesi defeated Democratic Mayor Daniel Aschenbach and his running mate, Thomas Hannen, Jr. Mr. Kalnins, a member of the zoning board of adjustment who was making his second run for local office, was the top vote-getter, receiving 2,858 votes. Ms. Adubato Nesi, an attorney who is a member of the school advisory board at St. Michael's School, garnered 2,831 votes. Mr. Aschenbach, who has served 18 years on the township committee, including four as mayor, received 2,475 votes, while Mr. Hannen, a former member of the Winfield Township Committee, won 2,636 votes

Come January 1, the township committee will be comprised of three Republicans and two Democrats.

Mr. Aschenbach, a fixture in township politics since the early 1980s, told The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times he did not have a "good sense of the reason" why the vote went the way it did. "I served Cranford to the best of my ability," he said. Cheers erupted at the Republi-

cans' election night party at Garlic Rose when the vote counts were read out to supporters. Mr. Kalnins called the results "a victory for Cranford," and said it was a "referendum on last year's election" when Democrats were victorious and took control of the township committee. Voters, he said, wanted "integrity back in town hall" and he vowed to "bring it back to town hall." Mr. Kalnins, who ran unsuccessfully in 2010 for township committee, said there was "a lot of work to do," naming the Birchwood development, which he said "has got to be stopped," and municipal finances as two top issues to be faced by the 2012 township committee.

Ms. Adubato Nesi, saying her run-

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Westfield DEMS Discuss Campaigns, Future Goals By MICHAEL J. POLLACK IN Writers for The World I Location 171

WESTFIELD - While not victorious in Tuesday night's General Election, Westfield Democrats reflected on the quality of their campaigns and what they still hope to accomplish on behalf of the town. "It's not a good night for us. We

don't have any winners here, at least at the ballot box," said Westfield Democratic Chairman Councilman David Haas, the lone Democrat on the governing body. "We have winners in the sense that they ran great campaigns. We brought some important issues forward with the town – safety issues, the ladder truck's inability to respond to the Ferraro's fire.

"They ran great races, they brought those issues forward. The town is better for us having discussed them," he added. "It was a tough year, with very low turnout; we're battling against a top of the ticket, with Tom Kean at the top, that's tough for us to overcome. These guys did better than any Democrats in the column in every ward, every district (I think). They're betterloved than anyone above them on the ballot ... and by me.'

Matt Sontz, who lost his bid for a Third Ward seat on the council, said, "Third Ward was an absolute bruising fight this year. A lot was thrown at us over there. I could not have responded by myself. It starts with my wife. Dave Haas went above and beyond the call of duty for me. When this thing became very bruising, there were many times I called Dave just to vent, just to ask what I should do. Dave walked my ward with my literature. Thank you very much.

"The support was tremendous. I appreciate every minute of it," he continued. "I want to thank everyone in the Third Ward. We have a lot of serious issues here in the Third Ward. I did my best to make it a substantive campaign. I think I did that. We did a good job of controlling the message in the Third Ward. We spoke about the PD, FD, crossing guards, the light. I hope in the

Fanwood Woman Is Killed Crossing Midway Avenue

By BETSEY BURGDORF

FANWOOD - Monica G. Reiss, 59. of Fanwood was struck and killed by a motorist November 1 as she was crossing Midway Avenue at 6:43 p.m. on her way home from the Fanwood train station.

According to Fanwood Police Chief Richard Trigo, the victim, who sustained multiple injuries, including head trauma, was aided by the Fanwood Rescue Squad prior to being airlifted by the State Police to University Hospital in Newark. She succumbed to her injuries at 3:30

coming months, the council addresses that in the way it should be addressed. If not, we'll hold them to it in two years.

Fourth Ward challenger Greg Romer said, "It was my first time running. I was a little nervous at first. (Councilman) Dave Haas helped an awful lot. It was great going around town and knocking on doors. I was nervous about that at first. I didn't like that idea, but it's really great because you find out all the issues in all the pockets of town. It was really interesting, and I really like doing that. I had a great time doing this, and I want to do it again."

First Ward candidate Tim Van Epp remarked, "It was a very enriching experience, actually. I wasn't sure it was going to be, but looking back on it, I think I've learned a tremendous amount. It will benefit me in a lot of different ways. We had a good message; we still have a good message. I don't want to lose track of that.

"Everybody I talked to - of course, I didn't talk to a lot of Republicans - including unaffiliated, responded really well to our message about public-safety issues, public-works issues, the lack of long-term planning. I think that's a message we should keep after.

"I found that through meeting different people on the campaign trail and through the experience with the committee, I have some avenues I want to pursue and will pursue. I'm going to look through those other organizations and develop a groundswell for some things that are important to me and to the committee."

Former Westfield mayor Tom Jardim, who hosted an election night gathering at his home, said, "These guys were great candidates...We've won in this town before as Democrats, and we are going to win again. But we're going to win only if each of us really commits ourselves to working hard for the candidates. I think we all have to recommit ourselves to working even harder next vear.'

a.m., police said.

At this time, no charges have been filed against the driver, a 51-yearold female from Cranford who was driving a 2010 Volkswagen east on Midway Avenue as the victim was crossing Midway between Tillotson Road and Ridge Way.

According to witnesses, speed did not appear to be a factor. The road is a 35 mph zone. Chief Trigo told The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times the investigation into the accident is continuing and that authorities are conducting mechanical tests on the vehicle.

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Democrats lied about her time in the borough and questioned why she was not part of the Chamber of Commerce, but Ms. Kearney said a chamber is not in service currently.

Ms. Kearney had been setting up a chamber prior to her running for council, and said Ms. Todisco's mother and the former mayor's wife were to be on the chamber committee. The chamber was put on hold because, she said, she could not run a chamber and run for office at the same time.

"I'm very disappointed because I believed that the campaign they ran was very unfair and campaigned against me rather than the candidates," Mayor Patricia Quattrocchi commented. "They burned a lot of bridges, and I don't think they real-

ize that.

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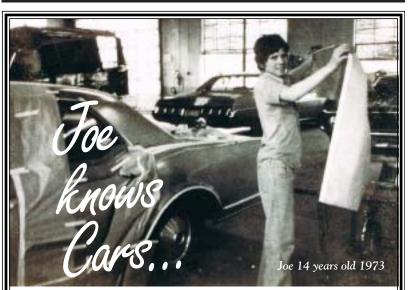
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Westfield Board of Ed. Looks to Fill Vacant Seat

WESTFIELD — As a result of Julia Walker's decision to resign from the Westfield Board of Education effective Tuesday, November 22, Interim Board Secretary/Business Ad Administrator Vincent Yaniro has outlined the procedure that will take place to fill the vacant seat on the board.

"Consistent with the bylaws of the board, the board invites interested citizens to apply for the appointment. [The board] will interview each candidate and appoint the individual deemed to be best qualified," Mr. Yaniro stated. Charged under state law with appointing a replacement when a member resigns, the board as required to vote on the appointment of a new board member at a regular public meeting within 65 days of the vacancy. Mrs. Walker's successor will serve until the April School Election in 2012, when Westfield voters will elect four citizens to the school board.

Citizens interested in being considered for serving on the board in this replacement position until April 2012 are invited to submit a letter of interest and résumé. Submittals should be submitted by Wednesday, November 30 to Vincent Yaniro, Interim Board Secretary, 302 Elm Street, Westfield or e-mailed to vyaniro@westfieldnjk12.org.

Ms. Walker was elected in 2003 and has served as president of the Westfield Board of Education since 2010. She has said she is resuming a full-time career and has indicated that her obligations to both her family and her fulltime position would preclude her continuation on the board to the level she has provided since 2003.

The person who serves the third and final year of Mrs. Walker's term (2012-2013) will be determined by voters in the April 2012 election.

Citizens interested in serving on the BOE must be United States citizens, at least 18 years of age, able to read and write, a Westfield resident for at least one year preceding the date of the appointment, and a citizen who does not have an interest in any contract with or claim against the BOE. Questions about the BOE position should be directed to Mr. Yaniro at (908) 789-4402 or vyaniro@westfieldnjk12.org.

Local Police Depts. Receive Grants for Body Armor Vests

TRENTON – Attorney General Paula Dow and Criminal Justice Director Stephen Taylor have announced that the Division of Criminal Justice is distributing nearly \$3.6 million to over 500 New Jersey law enforcement agencies to purchase or replace body armor vests for their police officers.

According to Mr. Taylor, a total of \$3,586,827 is being provided to state, county and local law enforcement and corrections agencies from the state's Body Armor Replacement Fund, which was established by legislation in 1998 and is funded through a \$1 surcharge on traffic tickets and forfeitures of bail. Notifications of awards for the 2011 round of funding were e-mailed to participating agencies. Grants were provided to all 544 agencies that applied.

The cost of body armor varies, but the minimum grant amount is \$500. The state has a multi-vendor contract with distributors that enables law enforcement agencies to purchase the make and model of vest that best meets their needs. As a condition of the state grant, agencies must purchase vests from a list of vests certified by the National Institute of Justice, the research arm of the U.S. Department of Justice. There are hundreds of approved vests on the list. The New Jersey State Police, for example, is currently purchasing a vest, together with certain accessories, at a state contract price of \$760 per vest package.

Since the inception of the Body Armor Replacement Fund Program the Division of Criminal Justice – Grants and Program Development Section has provided nearly \$50 million to the New Jersey statewide law enforcement community to purchase thousands of new vests.

The following amounts have been distributed in prior years: 1998 – \$2,055,323; 1999 – \$3,296,390; 2000 – \$3,860,170; 2001 – \$3,690,778; 2002 – \$3,770,409; 2003 – \$3,755,622; 2004 – \$3,806,901; 2005 – \$3,698,166; 2006 – \$3,947,155; 2007 – \$4,563,086; 2008 – \$4,095,934; 2009 – \$1,300,190, and 2010 – \$3,513,558.

Locally, the Westfield Police Department is to receive \$5,186; Fanwood PD, \$1,948; Garwood PD, \$1,778; Scotch Plains PD, \$4,334; Cranford PD \$4,504; Mountainside PD, \$2,374; Union County Prosecutor's Office, \$6,975; Union County PD, \$6,805; Union County Sherriff's Office, \$14,474; Union County Jail, \$26,488.



Bloomberg recently discussed a study that confirmed the value of extending the MTA's Number 7 line to Secaucus. Governor Christie has encouraged serious consideration of the project. The extension will create jobs and reduce traffic congestion in northern New Jersey. Economic development, cleaner air and improved commuter convenience make this proposal a win, win, win.

In 2014, New Jersey will host its first Super Bowl in the new Giants/Jets stadium in the Meadowlands. The creation of a direct rail connection to midtown Manhattan will enhance the probability of hosting future Super Bowls and other high-profile sporting events.

The subway line extension will also help improve the chances of a New York bid to host the Summer Olympics in 2020. The improved transportation option to the sports complex in the Meadowlands could be an important factor in the determination of the host city.

Finally, the more convenient transportation from New York City would also help improve the prospects of the long stalled American Dream Meadowlands shopping complex, formerly known as the Xanadu mall.

For these reasons, as well as the immediate benefits for commuters, job creation and the environment, I recommend New Jersey, New York, New York City and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey begin serious discussions on making the Number 7 line extension a reality.

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On another matter: Regarding a proposal by President Barack Obama that would allow students to consolidate their loans at lower interest rates, the very difficult economic environ-

WF Man Pleads Guilty To Attack on Cops

WESTFIELD — A Westfield man pled guilty on November 2 to second degree aggravated assault after he attempted to attack two police officers with a butcher knife earlier this, Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow has announced. Ryjon Burke, 38, faces three years in state prison when he is sentenced on January 27, 2012.

Police were summoned to Burke's home on a report of a disturbance. When they arrived and attempted to speak with Burke, he pulled a large knife from a butcher block and attempted to stab the officers. The police officers were able to subdue the man and placed him under arrest. Burke remains at the Union County jail in Elizabeth on \$75,000 bail. ment that has persisted during President Obama's tenure demands that extraordinary measures be taken to ease the burden of students unable to find employment.

The President's proposal to permit students to consolidate loans from the federal government at lower interest rates is worthy of consideration in these difficult economic times and could provide some relief to struggling graduates.

Of course, this measure is not a substitute for a focused and coherent economic strategy, something that the Obama Administration has been unable to articulate. The President, more than anyone else, should understand that people are not repaying their school loans because they cannot find a job. Recent graduates are among the hardest hit groups as record unemployment continues under the Obama Administration. Effective, meaningful job growth is the only way to ensure that Americans can get back on their feet and out of debt.

Additionally, I am still concerned by the proposal that would authorize private debt collectors to call the cell phones of people delinquent on student loans and other debts owed the Federal Government. Invasive phone calls are not the answer. I plan to introduce a resolution in the State Senate urging our congressional delegation to use their influence to put a stop to the Obama Administration's intrusive debt collection proposal.

I will call upon my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, to support this common-sense resolution. We must send the President a message to halt this harassment scheme and to rededicate his efforts to getting Americans back to work. COUNTY – The County of Union has distributed more than \$1 million in matching grants from the Kids' Recreation Trust Fund to municipalities across Union County to upgrade playing fields, basketball courts, swimming pools, and other recreational facilities for children and families.

The Trust Fund was established in 2004 to help local recreation departments upgrade their facilities for children. It is funded through the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund, established in 2000 by voter referendum.

The Kids' Trust Fund consists of matching dollar-for-dollar grants that are based on proposals by local recreation departments. Eligible projects can include the improvement of existing playing fields and other facilities, or the construction of new facilities.

One highlight of this year's funding round is the Elizabeth River Trail. This all-ages project consists of a new paved path that will follow alongside the Elizabeth River through downtown Elizabeth, providing a urban environment for walking, jogging, roller skating or biking.

The new path will also serve Union County's alternative transportation goals by providing local residents with a more safe and convenient way to commute across the city by foot or bicycle.

Other Kids Trust Fund are: Berkeley Heights, \$20,000 for field improvements; Clark, \$25,000 for parks improvements; Cranford, \$35,000 municipal pool improvements; Elizabeth, \$125,000 for the Elizabeth River Trail project; Fanwood, \$50,000 for various improvements to fields, trails, skate parks; Garwood, \$25,000 for continued progress at athletic field complex; Hillside, \$75,000 for renovations to municipal pool; Linden, \$125,000 for installation of artificial turf at Al Kalla Park; Mountainside, \$21,600 for various field improvements to the Deerfield School Softball Field and Borough Hall Field.

New Providence, \$25,000 improvements at Leider Field; Plainfield, \$65,000 for enhancements at Joe Black Jr. Memorial Baseball Field; Rahway, \$44,250 for improvements to eight basketball courts; Roselle, \$75,000 for improvements to various playgrounds; Roselle Park, \$35,000 for improvements to Aldene Park; Scotch Plains, \$40,000 for improvements to Kramer Tennis courts and for Brookside Park paving; Springfield, \$75,000 in improvements to the municipal pool, roller hockey area, and athletic field; Summit, \$25,000 for improvements at Summit Field and Tatlock Park tennis courts; Union, \$100,000 for improvements at Hall Stadium, Biertuempfel Park and for general field improvements, and Westfield, \$35,000 for renovation of athletic fields at 1200 Boulevard.

MS BOE Appoints Two New Members;

CSA Starts Monday

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Mountainside Board of Education has announced that Acting Business Administrator and Board Secretary Daniel Saragnese has been designated as administrator in charge this week until newly hired Chief School Administrator Nancy Lubarsky of Cranford assumes her new duties as CSA on Monday, November 14. The BOE also has welcomed new board members Kate Motz and Jeane Parker. They joined the board in October to replace Mary Beth Schaumberg and Carolyn Williams, both of whom resigned from the board.



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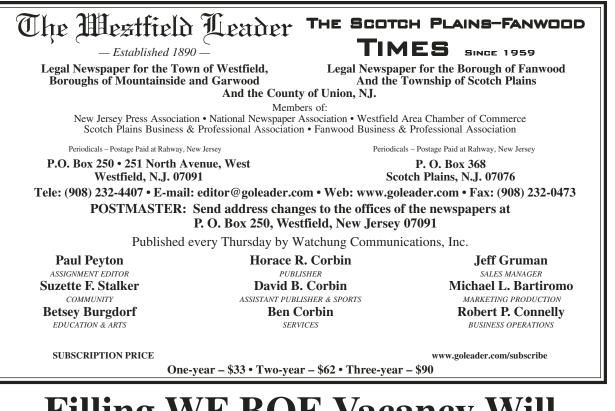
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Filling WF BOE Vacancy Will Determine Direction, MS Too

The Westfield Board of Education has begun the process of looking to fill a vacancy, as well as name a new board president following last week's surprise resignation of Board President Julia Walker, which becomes effective November 22.

The board is going through a tumultuous time following the now guilty plea of ex-board secretary and business administrator Robert Berman in connection with a bid-rigging scheme by contractors. Mrs. Walker, who has been BOE president since April of 2010, has stated she recently took a fulltime job and this, coupled with family obligations, was the reason for her exit. But is this really the only reason? The board has undertaken a forensic audit to review monies that may have been lost as part of the bid-rigging scheme. Does Mrs. Walker fear a public backlash when the forensic accounting report is made public?

Just prior to her elevation to BOE president in 2010, the BOE ratified a three-year contract with the Westfield Education Association (WEA), the local teacher union, giving teachers a 3.9 percent raise each of the three years before the Christie Administration had released its first school aid numbers; Westfield saw a 90 percent cut in aid to the district accounting for millions of dollars in aid. Ginny Leiz was BOE president with Mrs. Walker serving as vice-president when that contract was approved.

A vacancy on the BOE is filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the board after the vacancy occurs. According to interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary Vincent Yaniro, "Consistent with the bylaws of the board, the board invites interested citizens to apply for the appointment, will interview each candidate and appoint the individual deemed to be best qualified." The board has 65 days to appoint a new board member at a regular public meeting.

According to the bylaws, "The board may also require candidates to submit a resume with their written request." In the event interviews are conducted in executive session, board members "shall express their opinion in support of their vote for a candidate" in public session.

The question remains, however, on the vote for a new BOE president. Even if current BOE Vice-President Richard Mattessich, who currently chairs the BOE's finance committee, is named president, that still leaves a potential 4-4 split vote on key votes until a new board member is chosen. The past few elections have changed the makeup of the board with a number of close 5-4 votes; Mr. Mattessich, Mitch Slater, David Finn, Mark Friedman and Roseanne Kurstedt have often voted together with Mrs. Walker, Ginny Leiz, Jane Clancy, and Ann Cary as the contingency on the other side. In addition to the remaining year left on Mrs. Walker's unexpired term, the seats held by Mr. Mattessich, Mr. Finn and Mrs. Clancy are up for reelection in April 2012.

In our opinion, former board member Keith Hertell, who finished fourth behind the three winners in the 2011 school election in April, should be given strong consideration for the board seat. As a former BOE finance committee chairman during a board term in the 1990s, we believe he is the perfect choice to fill this vacancy. There are a little less than two years remaining on Mrs. Walker's term.

With the financial crunch faced by towns and school boards, it is imperative, in our judgment, to have board members that have good fiscal discipline on budgets in addition to a desire to continue Westfield's excellence in public education. In addition to budgetary concerns, the BOE faces a decision on hiring a new board secretary/business administrator to replace interim administrator Vincent Yaniro. In addition, Westfield is among those districts challenging the Christie's Administration's cap on superintendent salaries. If these towns are not successful, then Westfield Superintendent Margaret Dolan might opt to retire, thus creating another vacancy the BOE would have to fill.

The Mountainside BOE has undergone similar changes, as BOE members Mary Beth Schaumberg and Caroline Williams both resigned this summer in protest to the direction of the BOE under its new leadership. In addition, both Chief School Administrator (CSA) Jeanette Baubles and Thomas Conroy, supervisor of curriculum and instruction, also resigned. The BOE recently hired Nancy Lubarsky of Cranford as the new CSA and appointed Kate Motz and Jeane Parker to fill the vacancies on the BOE. This an important time for the Westfield BOE, so the selection of the next BOE member and business administrator needs to be an open process, in our opinion, so that residents are kept fully engaged.

Letters to the Editor

Like so many other families, my

family and I are no strangers to grief

and loss. The death of a beloved

family member changes one forever

and is especially difficult for chil-

dren. To that end, I'm pleased to be

taking the lead in a new nonprofit

initiative coming to Westfield. Imag-

ine, A Center for Coping with Loss is

a year-round grief support center for

children, teens and adults coping with

loss due to death or illness. The death

of a family member is a time of crisis,

and if handled with love and support,

can eventually become a process of

growth and transformation. We are

thrilled to be working with Mary

Robinson, founder and the former

executive director of Good Grief, Inc.,

which is now located in Morristown.

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Key to Saving Lives

Several homes on Rebecca Place in Elizabeth were severely damaged during an early morning fire on November 2 that left 12 to 15 people searching for a new place to spend the night. The blaze gutted a two-and-a-half-story wood-frame home and damaged the roofs and top stories of neighboring homes

The fire escalated to four alarms within an hour as crews initially contended with a lack of water from nearby hydrants. Crews from Elizabeth, Union, Linden, Newark, Rahway and Roselle assisted mutual aid and cover. Thankfully, all residents were able to escape unharmed. Properly installed and maintained fire

sprinklers control and typically extinguish a fire before the fire department even arrives on the scene. More importantly, the presence of fire sprinklers mitigates the risk to individuals affected by the blaze, including firefighters, who battle the fire.

Fire sprinklers are the only proactive form of fire protection, providing firefighters the time they need to do their jobs effectively and as safely as possible while helping to avoid potential tragedies

David Kurasz, Executive Director NJ Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board

Occupy Wall Street and Children Need to Learn to Cope With Matters

If you want to watch idealists being not going to take it any more. If they were mugged by reality, go to Zuccotti Park in forced to think about it, a further question would be, has anyone ever stopped them downtown Manhattan. I think the Occupy Wall Street crowd that has recently from succeeding? Since I doubt anybody has ever prevented them overtly, what is been in the news is the product of a generation of over protected, helicopter managed children that have been raised in our country over the past 25 years. Best I can tell from newspaper accounts and the interviews some of the so-called leaders have given, their complaints are a range of unhappiness with the following: 1) their economic situation, 2) the unfairness of economic inequality, 3) corporate welfare, 4) the government, 5) their unemployment, $\tilde{6}$) Wall Street, 7) the wealthy, 8) capitalism and 9) the rich keep getting richer. The goals of their demonstration are even less well thought out but seem to be: 1) justice, 2) economic equality, 3) ending financial struggle, 4) restoring democracy, 5) elimination of Wall Street, 6) their student loan forgiveness and 7) the elimination of capitalism altogether. Besides the counter culture collective and the various anarchists and Marxists who are against world order and capitalism, many of their complaints seem to fall into the category of being unhappy about having to live life in a competitive world. They are the disappointed children from affluent towns like Westfield. They are essentially not happy about having to compete for success in our society. They have been forced into the game of life in the U.S. because they have grown up. They feel they were told that if you go to college you will be promised a job. Who made the promise? Life is slapping them in the face because now not everyone gets a trophy for showing up. They are unhappy about the game because they are losing the game and would rather complain about it than do something about it. Having the time to demonstrate on workdays is a key to their problem I suspect. It is not their fault altogether because, for many of them, most of their lives their families and society gave them rewards for trying hard or just for showing up – not for actually winning or succeeding. Now they find in the real world that's not good enough. Take their demands for justice for example. It shows up often in their rhetoric. Implicit in the word justice is the concept that there are givers and there are receivers. When the givers give an equal or right amount to the receivers, there is justice. There is injustice when givers do not give fair shares to the receivers. Why are they even thinking this way? Why aren't they thinking about providing for themselves instead of complaining about the unfair share they are getting from others? Who do they think the givers are? From who are they are demanding the fair share? (I know who the receivers are.) Is it the wealthy, the government, corporations or Wall Street? What do they want from any of these groups? Is it outright money payments? Possibly. I do not know.

ABCDICTIONOPQRSTDECEPTION

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. Reredemain - A backhanded stroke 2. Tinnitus - A whistling or ringing in the ear

Loup-garou – A werewolf
Gramarye – Magic, wizardry

ZINGARO

1. Pertaining to a family of tropical plants including ginger, tumeric, etc. 2. A gipsy

3. A genus of fish closely related to the

perch, having an elongated body 4. The monetary unit of Poland, originally established to equal the gold franc

HYSTRICINE 1. In botany, putting forth leaves after

the opening of flowers 2. A species of green tea from China

3. A state where there is a falling or inversion of the uterus

4. Resembling a porcupine NOTONECTAL

1. Pertaining to the night

2. Having wits; sense; understanding 3. Having the back below in swim-

ming, as certain insects

4. Having only a particially developed spinal cord

REMEX

1. Oar-shaped

2. A large quill feather of a bird's wing 3. In fortification, the earth or materi-

als used in filling up a trench 4. A delay; a hindrance; an obstacle

Thanks for Helping

Transit Radio In

Band Competition

Transit Radio wishes to express their sincere appreciation to all those who contributed in any way to our successful first venture into the recent statewide "Battle of the Bands' competition.

First, to our parents, for their many sacrifices in allowing the band to practice for endless hours for many months so that we could perform at our very best. To our musical instructors, whose untiring efforts contributed greatly to our success; to our many relatives, friends and classmates who supported us by their attendance at the various competitions; to the Westfield School District for their great support of music and the arts, and last, but not least, The Westfield Leader, having published several articles relating to our band, thus providing publicity to the Westfield community.

We hope to make Westfield proud, so be sure to stay tuned...

Again, many thanks to all!

Colin Barry, Mike Maguire, Julian Mone and Connor Wynne

Just last month State Superior Court Judge Linda Feinberg in Mercer County, without recusing herself, decided in a lawsuit brought by Superior Court Judge Paul DePascale in Hudson County, that it was unconstitutional to require judges to

pay more into their pension plans. The annual judicial pension fund benefit is now \$107,540 to which the judges contribute only 3 percent of their salary! The law passed in June 2011 would have gradually increased to 12 percent in a seven-year period. This is the law about which Judge DePascale complained!

The vast majority of increasingly hard pressed taxpayers cannot continue to pay ever increasing real estate taxes so that some government employees may reap the rich harvest of dearly made taxpayer

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I do not think many of them thought through what this means either. All they know is that they are frustrated and are stopping them from trying to become one of the justice givers? My best answer is that many of them have not been prepared properly for the battle of adulthood life by their parents and our American society on the whole.

A warning to all well-meaning parents, coaches, school officials, organizations and all other politically correct practicing organizations in society: stop coddling your/our children! Competition is the real world. No more trophies for showing up. Trophies are for winners. Losing stinks. Dodge ball is a microcosm of the survival of the fittest. Bring it back to our gym classes. It may hurt some feelings, but that will be life as an adult. Let us keep scores in children's sports. The kids all know who won or lost anyway. Children need to learn to deal with verbal and cyber bullying - learn coping skills. Also, there are consequences for bad decisions. Do not major in Ancient Pottery in college and expect to find a decent job later. Eventually children will grow up and will have to compete. If they are not ready, they may well end up sleeping in Zuccotti Park in downtown Manhattan someday.

> **Richard Sauerwein** Westfield

Has U.S. Lost Its Will to Do Great Projects?

How diminished we seem as a country! Where are the great projects for which our country was once famous and to which we could attach enormous pride of accomplishment. The Hoover Dam, the Grand Coulee Dam, the Shasta Dam, the All-American Canal, the development of the Tennessee Valley, the Manhattan Project, the Marshall Plan, the astronaut moon landings.

We have not lost our genius for industry but we have, for whatever reason, lost the political will to do great things.

The ancient Egyptians had the pyramids, the ancient Romans, the aqueducts, and the Portuguese and Spanish had the exploration of the world. The Dutch had the dykes and the British and French had the supersonic Concorde and the Chunnel under English Channel. Panama had the expanded Panama Canal.

Great public projects are the mark of a great country, not because of the prestige, but because of what they say about the commitment of its people to their betterment and that of their country.

It may be a local project or a regional project or a state or a national project. But let there be projects.

> Stephen Schoeman Westfield

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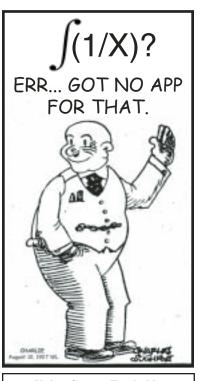
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Will Fanwood's Needs **Be Tail on Merged PD?**

No one seems to have quantified the potential savings from a possible merger of the Fanwood and Scotch Plains police departments, so no one can say whether those savings are worth the loss of a part of what makes Fanwood unique: its small-town atmosphere.

When outdoor temperatures were very high in July, The Times reported that Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell urged Fanwood senior citizen residents without air conditioning to take advantage of The Chelsea's offer of a "cooling center," noting that seniors who could not get to the Chelsea on their own could call the police department for a ride. Will that still happen with a larger police department, or will Fanwood's needs be the tail on the Scotch Plains dog?

> **David Harris** Fanwood



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Mayor Mahr Remembers Resident Killed by Car

By MICHAEL J. POLLACK

FANWOOD - Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr spoke at Monday night's borough council meeting about the tragic death of a Fanwood resident, which occurred earlier this month.

Monica Reiss, 59, died early last Wednesday morning from injuries sustained when she was hit by a car, while walking home last Tuesday night from the Fanwood Train Station.

A Cranford woman driving a Volkswagen struck Mrs. Reiss, who was crossing Midway Avenue between Tillotson Road and Ridge Way, around 6:45 last Tuesday.

The mayor called the accident, occurring just prior to the council's November 1 meeting, "very tragic" and "a terrible moment." Speed, she said, was not a factor in the accident. She urged all pedestrians to be careful while walking, especially as it gets dark earlier. "We need to be mindful that there are people everywhere," she stressed.

The mayor also attended funeral services, Íast Friday, at Congregation Beth Israel in Scotch Plains, where hundreds came to remember Mrs. Reiss.

"Her life was very meaningful," the mayor said of Mrs. Reiss, who served as director of Corporate and Foundation Giving for "Autism Speaks," a New York-based charity. The 25-year Fanwood resident, who also called Westfield home, leaves behind two young adult children.

The mayor said as she sat there with Fanwood residents, "nobody could make any sense of it at all. None." She said Mrs. Reiss was only in her 50s and was getting ready to embark on a trip to Israel with the congregation. "This hit home," the mayor said.

"This hasn't happened in a very long time...It leaves a mark on all of us...we are going to keep the family in our prayers and wishes."

In other council business, Councilwoman Kathleen Mitchell said she has been informed by Police Chief Richard Trigo that robberies are up in many surrounding towns.

"So far, nothing has hit Fanwood," she said, but she urged residents to be vigilant and take all safety precautions, including locking doors.

Fanwood has earned an honorable mention from the New Jersey League of Municipalities, in the

"Innovation in Governance" Category, for how the borough "reinvented small public-works jobs."

The League lauded the borough for how it chose to handle improvements to King Street. Instead of going out to bid, the borough served as general contractor for the job inhouse, using unemployed union members who were home "cooling their heels in the local union halls, the mayor said. All told, this saved the borough \$60,000 by performing work in-house.

The union used, Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), is based in Elizabeth but includes many Fanwood residents.

The borough, as well as seven other communities, will also be highlighted in the Department of Community Affairs' (DCA) Redevelopment Handbook for how it has handled improvements to its downtown.

"We are definitely on the right track," the mayor said. "If we were questioning ourselves, now we know not to.

In other business, Scotch Plains resident Michael Doran will become the borough's new public defender after Michelle Jaker resigned. He will start on November 17.

The board also granted the Lions Club permission to conduct its annual Christmas tree sale at LaGrande Park and place nativity figures on the north side of the train station.

Councilman Russell Huegel touted the work of the Department of Public Works, saying it "did a great job" during the last nor'easter. He said most people took the storm - and the damage left in its wake - "in stride." Due to the amount of downed limbs, leaf pickup has been suspended, as the borough turns its attention to clearing the brush.

Mayor Mahr asked for residents' patience, saying the crew is "going non-stop moving around town.'

At the beginning of the council session, the borough honored Fanwood resident Alan Ebersole, 88, for his 75 years of service to the Boy Scouts of America. Mayor Mahr said the public might know Mr. Ebersole more so as "the face" of the Fanwood Recycling Center, where he has served as its director for the last 25 years.

Mr. Ebersole was moved by the presentation and implored others to "try and leave a footprint, so people know you came past."



Betsey Burgdorf for The Westfield Leader and The Times GOOD TIMES...Families dress to the nines for Halloween had a ghoulishly good time at the Fanwood Halloween Parade and Costume Contest held October 31. The evening began with a parade and ended at LaGrande Park with complimentary cider and donuts.

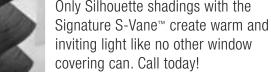


SERVICE WITH A SMILE...Westfield students, left to right, Leigh Heinbokel, Caroline Ehrhardt, Evie Miller, Grace Cash, Nicole Dispenza and Emma Conlon lent a hand as servers at the recent kick-off party for the Westfield United Fund's annual fundraising campaign. They are just a few of the more than 300 individuals who work with the fund's volunteer committees, from campaign telethon and marketing through finance and fund distribution. This year marks the launch of the fund's 75th anniversary campaign, with a goal of reaching \$625,000 for allocation among 19 social services agencies like Arc of Union County and Westfield Day Care. For information or to make a contribution, visit westfieldunitedfund.org.



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WESTFIELD – Greyhound Friends of New Jersey (GFNJ) will hold its largest fundraiser of the year, the 15th Annual Craft Show and Pet Expo, on Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20, at the Westfield Armory, located at 500 Rahway Avenue in Westfield.

Carolyn Messina, a New Jersey resident and singer/songwriter, will perform at this year's event. Ms. Messina performs regularly at restaurants, coffeehouses, clubs, house concerts and open mic events.

This fundraiser is crucial in the group's efforts to rescue, provide health care to and find safe, loving homes for retired racing greyhounds. "As a non-profit organization, we rely on donations to save these retired racers. Adoption fees don't come close to covering our expenses for each dog we rescue," said Linda Lyman, GFNJ president. "We turn no greyhound away, so we receive calls regularly from tracks all over the country looking to cull dogs from their kennels. Our goal is to surpass last year's total of 300 greyhounds placed in good homes.'

The show will feature vendors offer-

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ing a wide variety of products for people and their pets, a bake sale and a raffle. Santa, sponsored by JL Media, Inc., will pose for digital photographs with pets. Leashed pets will be welcome. Greyhounds available for adoption

to pre-approved applicants will be at the show. Interested adopters can visit the group's website. greyhoundfriendsnj.org, to find out about adoption requirements and see pictures of available greyhounds.

Funds that are raised at the show help pay for the care of hundreds of greyhounds before they find homes, including veterinary care, kennel bills and transportation. The funds also pay for orthopedic surgery for greyhounds that break their legs on the track during races. Prior to adoption, all dogs are spayed or neutered and receive dental care, heartworm testing and inoculations.

JL Media, Garden State Veterinary Specialists, Ace of Spays, and Red Bank Veterinary Hospital are event sponsors.

For craft show and adoption details, visit greyhoundfriendsnj.org or contact Ellen Ganopoulos at (973) 759-0461 or Redreeper@aol.com.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION... The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library celebrate 25 years of volunteer service and advocacy during an October 26 reception. Besides membership fees, the group raises funds for the library through its annual fall book sale. Pictured, from left to right, are: Katherine Balch, Friends President Carol Campell, Nancy Eisenbarth (book sale chairwoman), Fanwood Borough Councilman Russell Huegel and Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr.

Miller-Cory to Spotlight 'The Art of Pierced Paper'

WESTFIELD - The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, will present a program on "The Art of Pierced Paper" this Sunday, November 13, between 2 and 4 p.m.

Pierced paper, also known as pinpricking, was all the rage in 18thand 19th-century Europe and the American colonies. Evelyn Kennelly will talk about this craft and demonstrate how a piece of art is created through paper piercing. Children also will be able to try their hand at making a pattern. Youngsters who participate must be able to handle the materials safely, and parents must remain with children at all times.

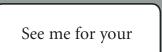
Sunday's program also will include tours of the restored, 1740 farmhouse. Members of the cooking committee will demonstrate the skills used in 18th-century open-hearth cooking, using authentic recipes and seasonal

Police Tactics to Be Focus Of NAMI Event Nov. 22

WESTFIELD-The Union County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will offer an open and free informal discussion on Tuesday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. on law enforcement training, methods, management and socialization. This event will take place at American Legion Post No. 3, located at 1003 North Avenue in Westfield.

Lt. Jonathan Parham, a member of the Linden Police Department and a veteran law enforcement officer of 20 years, will discuss attempts to bridge the gap between the police and mental health communities by explaining the reasons for certain police tactics.

Lt. Parham currently is assigned to the Professional Standards Division, where he supervises the Criminal Intelligence Unit, the Counter-Terrorism Unit and the Law Enforce-



foods. The gift shop, which carries a variety of colonial toys, crafts, books and educational materials, will be open.

Admission will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for students; children under age 4 may attend for free.

Upcoming Sunday programs at the museum include three special holiday presentations. "Thanksgiving Dinner Demonstration and Table Customs' will be held on November 20. "Gingerbread Sunday" is scheduled for December 4. Reservations are required for this program and must be made before noon on Friday, December 2. Space is limited. "Polish Christmas Customs" will follow 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.

ment Training Unit. He is the founder

and commander of Linden's Special

Weapons and Tactics team, former

commander of the Street Crimes Unit,

an FBI certified Hostage Negotiator,

as well as an adjunct instructor for the

National Tactical Officers' Associa-

tion, the New Jersey Office of Home-

land Security and Preparedness and

the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

and snacks will be provided. For in-

formation, or in the event of inclem-

ent weather, individuals may call

(908) 233-1628 or e-mail

nami.union.nj@nami.org. More in-

formation about the Union County

chapter of NAMI is available at nami-

Holy Trinity to Hold

Clothing-Toy Drive

WESTFIELD - The semi-annual

Holy Trinity Interparochial School

used clothing and toy drive will be

held on Saturday, November 19, from

nj-uc.org.

There will be no charge to attend

out of Hillside on motor vehicle charges for \$750. He was released to the Linden Police Department. Thursday, November 3, a resident of the 600 block of Norman Place reported the theft of multiple pieces of jewelry from the home sometime within the past

two months. The missing items include a one-and-one-half-carat diamond engagement ring; a platinum Eternity band with diamonds and a pair of sterling silver Tiffany diamond earrings, with an approximate total value of \$7,300. There

are no suspects at this time. Thursday, November 3, an act of criminal mischief was reported at a property on the 700 block of Radley Road, including markings on the foundation, a couch left exposed to the weather, a broken storm window and a damaged towel.

Westfield

Tuesday, November 1, Joseph Materek,

55, of Westfield was arrested after re-

sponding to police headquarters to satisfy

an outstanding Westfield warrant. He

Wednesday, November 2, Naoemi

Cruz-Carrion, 37, of Plainfield was ar-

rested at Plainfield police headquarters

on a Westfield warrant for \$500. Cruz-

Lewis, 23, of Plainfield was arrested on

the 700 block of West South Avenue and

charged with possession of less than 50

grams of suspected marijuana. He also

was cited for driving without a license.

Ward, 19, of Plainfield was arrested on

the 700 block of West South Avenue on

a warrant for theft out of Plainfield for

\$1,000; a warrant for disorderly conduct

out of Linden for \$1,500, and a warrant

Wednesday, November 2, Brian J.

Wednesday, November 2, Malcolm

Carrion saw the judge and posted bail.

posted \$500 bail and was released.

Thursday, November 3, Artherdly T. Akward, 25, of Elizabeth was arrested on an outstanding Elizabeth warrant for \$500, following a motor vehicle stop at West South Avenue and Tuttle Parkway. He was released after posting bail.

Friday, November 4, Darryl Riggs, Jr., 43, of Irvington was arrested on outstanding warrants from Morristown, for \$1,000, and Hamilton, for \$500, following a motor vehicle stop on South Avenue in Garwood. He was turned over to the Morristown Police Department.

Friday, November 4, Javier A. Mantilla-Medina, 45, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) following a motor vehicle stop at South and Windsor Avenues. He was turned over to a sober adult.

Friday, November 4, Ian Stabenow, 19, of Westfield was arrested on the 100 block of Park Street on a no-bail Union County Sheriff's Office warrant. He was processed and turned over to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Monday, November 7, Michelle Antao, 19, of Warren was arrested at East Broad Street and Springfield Avenue on outstanding warrants from Berkeley Heights and Bernardsville. She posted bail and was released.

Scotch Plains

Wednesday, November 2, a resident of Burnham Village reported that sometime overnight, someone broke the windshield of his motor vehicle, which was parked in front of his house.

Thursday, November 3, a resident of the 300 block of Rolling Knolls reported being the victim of a residential burglary. The resident stated that sometime between noon on Wednesday, November 2, and 1 a.m. on Thursday, November 3, someone entered his residence through a rear window after removing the screen. Once inside, someone opened multiple drawers and closets. The investigation is still ongoing to determine what if anything was taken. Thursday, November 3, a second burglary was reported on the 300 block of Roberts Lane. At 6:30 a.m., a resident noticed that her shed door was open; she checked inside the shed and found nothing missing. At 9:13 a.m. that morning, the same resident was checking her backyard and noticed that her neighbor's rear sliding glass door was open and immediately called 9-1-1. Once officers arrived, they discovered that the rear window also was broken, which appeared to be the point of entry. Once inside the house, someone opened multiple drawers and closets. The homeowner was contacted by police and stated she left her residence at 8 p.m. on November 2. The investigation is still ongoing to determine what if anything was taken. The Scotch Plains Police Department has increased police presence in the area. There will be additional marked and unmarked units patrolling. Thursday, November 3, a resident of Birch Street reported that he asked his neighbor to move his car, after which the neighbor became enraged and punched him in the chest and yelled obscenities at him. Thursday, November 3, a customer at a Terrill Road restaurant reported that she made a purchase and that afterward she put her wallet down and when she went to leave the restaurant she noticed the wallet was missing. Thursday, November 3, Khalif Bell, 29, of Rahway was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on East Second Street on an outstanding \$113 warrant issued by the Scotch Plains Court. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released. Friday, November 4, Edmund Lawski, 52, of Freehold was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Hetfield Avenue on an outstanding no-bail warrant issued by the Monmouth County Court. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office. Friday, November 4, a student at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools reported that sometime during the day, someone removed his wallet from his gym bag during gym class. Friday, November 4, the manager of a Route 22 business reported that sometime overnight someone entered the store by smashing the front door and, once inside, removed several hundred dollars worth of merchandise. Saturday, November 5, Assabur Vines, 32, of Plainfield was arrested and charged with DWI after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22, at which time the officer smelled a strong odor of alcohol. After failing

multiple field sobriety tests at the scene, Vines was transported to police headquarters, processed and released.

Sunday, November 6, Karrien Akram, 40, of Atlantic City was arrested after a motor vehicle stop on Terrill Road on an outstanding no-bail warrant issued by the Union County Court. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and released to the Union County Sheriff's Office.

Fanwood

Wednesday, November 2, Lillian Duda, 65, of South Orange was arrested and charged with DWI after a motor vehicle accident on the 200 block of Terrill Road. According to authorities, Duda's motor vehicle struck a legally parked vehicle, and while speaking with the suspect, police could detect a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. She was processed and released to a responsible person.

Friday, November 4, Marcus Stapleton, 23, of Newark was arrested for resisting arrest, aggravated assault on a police officer, disorderly conduct and public intoxication after an officer on routine patrol observed Stapleton walking in and out of traffic lanes on Midway Avenue near Paterson Road. According to police, the officer escorted the individual to the side of the road, and while speaking with him the officer was able to detect a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the suspect's breath.

While the defendant was being processed at police headquarters, he became threatening towards multiple officers and resisted going into a cell, at which time a brief struggle ensued with the defendant and he was finally placed in the cell, police said. The defendant was transported to the Union County jail in Elizabeth in lieu of \$22,500 bail.

Saturday, November 5, Nicholas Gunning, 23, of Cranford was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine after an officer observed an individual staggering in the roadway at Hetfield and North Avenues. According to police, when the officer approached Gunning, he ran a short distance before an officer was able to detain him. While the officer was questioning him he could detect a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the suspect's breath, and while patting him down located a two-inch square glassine envelope with a white powdery substance inside, believed to be cocaine. He was processed, posted bail and was released to a responsible person.

Friday, November 4, a victim reported that while her unlocked motor vehicle was parked on the 300 block of South Avenue, her purse, containing numerous credit cards and identification, was stolen.

Mountainside

Tuesday, November 1, a resident of Timberline Road reported that a portable generator was removed from his backyard. According to police, the individual could not remember the make, model or value of the generator.

Thursday, November 3, an individual came into police headquarters to report he had lost his wallet at a Mountain Avenue convenience store. According to police, the wallet, described as being old and made of green canvas, contained \$40, a debit card and numerous credit cards, which he was advised to cancel.

Thursday, November 3, Dennis W. McAllister, 24, of Hillsborough was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Glen Road. He was processed and released.

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All proceeds will benefit Holy Trinity Interparochial School, a pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade parochial school operating campuses in Mountainside and Westfield.

First Baptist Schedules Square Dance Saturday

WESTFIELD – The First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street in Westfield, is gearing up for its Square Dance Event this Saturday, November 12, beginning at 7 p.m.

A professional square dance "caller" will direct multiple traditional dances. No experience is necessary. Refreshments and other desserts will be served.

Tickets are available now at \$5 each/ \$10 per family. For more information, call the church at (908) 233-2278 or emailfirstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

Saturday, November 5, Pasquale Fernicola, 79, of Mountainside was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing the administration of the law after an officer responded to Summit Road on the report of a dispute. According to police, two residents of Summit Road placed their yard debris on the shoulder of Summit Road for the Union County Road Department to remove, which caused Fernicola, who lives adjacent to the area where the pile of leaves and branches was placed, to become irate. Fernicola pushed the pile, described as four feet wide by 10 feet long and three feet high, into the right lane of Summit Road, creating a serious risk to motorists, police said. The officer advised Fernicola he had to remove the debris from the road, at which time he became agitated and began pointing his finger into the officer's chest and disregarding the officer's orders, police said. He was transported to police headquarters, processed and reeased

Saturday, November 5, an officer responded to a dispute on Deer Path involving a homeowner and a landscaper over a large pile of yard debris. According to police, the 80-year-old homeowner felt the pile of debris was placed over his property line and he picked up some of the debris, including leaves and tree branches, and threw it on top of the landscaper's truck. The officer advised the suspect that under the extreme circumstances of the recent storm, the placement of the debris was okay and should remain where it was placed, police said. The officer also warned the suspect that future actions regarding the matter could result in his being charged with disorderly conduct or criminal mischief.

Saturday, November 5, a resident of Sylvan Lane reported that sometime overnight, someone stuck his lamppost, located in front of his residence. According to police, due to the recent storm, cable and phone lines were attached to the post in order to keep them off the ground, and it is possible the motor vehicle struck the wires, causing the lamppost to be pulled away, as it was found 50 feet from its original location.

Sunday, November 6, a resident of Apple Tree Lane reported that while a tree company was cutting down a tree in her neighbor's yard, the tree fell into her yard and damaged her fence and her shed, which contained a ride-on lawn mower, a snow blower and a leaf blower, among other things. According to police, the worker asked for permission to enter the victim's yard and remove the tree, and provided insurance information for the

tree company. Sunday, November 6, Winston G. Johnson, 42, of Easton, Pa. was arrested for allegedly driving with a suspended license after a motor vehicle stop on Route 22. He was processed and released at the scene.

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Ceremonies Set Tomorrow

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Westfield, across from the Westfield

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Discussion to Address

Holiday Networking

Plains Public Library's Career Net-

working Group will present "Talking

Turkey: Easy Holiday Networking" on Monday, November 21, at 6:30 p.m. Participants will learn holiday

networking etiquette so they can re-

lax, enjoy the occasion and still make

the most of any opportunities that

pop up at Thanksgiving dinner or

Beth Randall Branigan, a career

and management coach and organi-

zational development consultant, will

be the presenter. She has more than

20 years of diversified human re-

sources experience in the private and

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to all. To register, visit scotlib.org

and click on Events; call (908) 322-

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Individuals may connect with the

library's Career Networking Group on Linked In, Career Networking Group at SPPL. The Scotch Plains

Public Library is located at 1927

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This program will be free and open

holiday parties.

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Anxiety Is Condition That Can Affect Entire Family

SCOTCHPLAINS-There are two types of anxiety, acute and chronic. Acute anxiety occurs on a daily basis. Examples are the reactions we get to stressors such as being late for a meeting, a child waking up with a cold/illness, minor car accidents, financial worries, etc.

Chronic anxiety is more of a back-

ground of anxiety that we carry with us. Much of this type of anxiety is programmed into us during our years in our family of origin, a level of anxiety that was/is usual for the family. We carry it around like a bad habit. It is more or less automatic. We seem to pass it along to other family members, including our children.

If the family anxiety Maria Sikoutris Di Iorio, MA, EdS, LPC tends to settle in a child, the child will develop a

symptom (physical, mental/emotional, or social). The onset of the symptom will add to the parent's anxiety. They will begin to worry, and the more they worry, the more the child becomes anxious.

When a family becomes stressed, everyone feels anxious. The anxiety moves easily from person to person in the family. Anxiety that affects one, affects all.

Anxiety affects your whole being. It is a physiological, behavioral and psychological reaction all at once. On a physiological level, anxiety may include bodily reactions such as rapid

heartbeat, ability to act, express yourself or deal with everyday situations. Psychologically, anxiety is a state

of uneasiness. In most extreme cases, it can cause you to feel detached from yourself. A complete program of recovery from an anxiety disorder must address all three levels to reduce physiological reactivity, eliminate

avoidance behavior and change your inner voice (self talk) from negative to positive.

Symptoms of anxiety include shortness of breath, rapid heartbeat or irregular heartbeat, shaking, numbness, sweating and dizziness.

When you can reduce your own anxiety, you will notice a significant difference within your family members. When you become less reac-

tive, there are less symptoms and the family is freer to be the best it can be.

At the Hellenic Therapy Center, 567 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J., we have a team of professionals who can help you work through anxiety. We provide individual, family and couples therapy. If you are in agreement, we ask that you bring in family members as well. For further information, call (908) 322-0112 or visit www.hellenictherapy.com. We are available day, evening and weekend hours.

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HAPPY 100TH...Ruth DeGillio, seated, a resident of Chelsea Senior Living in Fanwood, celebrates her 100th birthday with an October 31 celebration attended by family, friends and Mayor Colleen Mahr, which included cake and singing. Pictured with Mrs. DeGillio, from left to right, are: son-in-law Randy Schaeffer, daughter Marie Schaeffer, Mayor Mahr, granddaughter Janice Intromasso and son-in-law Dominic Intromasso. Mrs. DeGillio, who raised three children, has six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

IHM Invites Young People For Advent Lantern-Making

SCOTCH PLAINS - As part of its annual Simbang Gabi Advent Celebration, the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Parish will host workshops for teenagers, preteens and older children in the traditional Filipino art of lantern making.

The workshops will be held on two Saturdays, November 12 and 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the church basement (Father Byrne Auditorium). Completed lanterns will be on display in the church throughout the Christmas season.

In the Philippines, Simbang Gabi

Step One Seeks Bids For Food Service

PLAINFIELD - The Step One Academy Child Care Center, located at 233 East Fifth Street in Plainfield, N.J. 07060, invites the submission of sealed bids in food service for breakfast, lunch and P.M. snack as described in the New Jersey Child and Adult Care Food Program Invitation for Bid and Standard Contract.

These meals are to be served to about 110 participants, ages 2 to 5 years old, five days per week. Meals must meet the requirements mandated by the State of New Jersey Child and Adult Care Food Program and begin January 1, 2012.

Bid specifications are available at 233 East Fifth Street, Plainfield, N.J. 07060. Bids will be opened and read aloud, November 14, 2011, at 10 a.m. Written proposals received after November 11, 2011 at 5 p.m. shall not be considered.

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(or "Mass of the Dawn") is part of a broader nine-day pre-Christmas Novena offered to the Blessed Mother; the lanterns light the way to church. The workshops will be free to all.

However, to ensure adequate supplies, interested persons are asked to respond in advance to Jeanne Fox at (908) 889-2100, extension no. 22, or to IHMRELED@aol.com.

IHM is located at 1571 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains. For directions or other information, call the Parish Office at (908) 889-2100 or visit the parish website, ihmparish.net.

Honoring Veterans Day WESTFIELD – Martin Wallberg will be held at Post No. 3, which is Post No. 3 of the American Legion located at 1003 North Avenue in will host ceremonies for Veterans Day tomorrow, Friday, November 11, hon-Community Players Playhouse.

oring all veterans living and deceased. Veterans are encouraged to meet at the First United Methodist Church parking lot in front of the Westfield Area "Y" on Ferris Place at 10:45 a.m. Participants will step off at 10:55 a.m. with a Westfield Police escort and march to the Monument to Veterans of World War I. The public is welcome to attend the ceremonies, which will start at 11 a.m. at the monument, located on the island at the intersection of North Avenue and East Broad Street in Westfield.

Post No. 3 Chaplain Bob D'Areca will recite the opening prayer, fol-lowed by Town Bell Master Jack Panosh ringing the First United Methodist Church bell 11 times in remembrance of the Armistice that ended World War I at 11 a.m. on November 11, 1918

Master of Ceremonies Peter Hogaboom will speak about Post No. 3's Support Our Troops "WE Care" shipments to America's military men and women serving in Afghanistan.

Post Commander Bill Kessinger also will offer some remarks. Mayor Andy Skibitsky will follow with his comments. Kerry Stubbs will sing "God Bless America." The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and the Auxiliary of the American Legion will place memorial wreaths. Ted Schlosberg will play "Taps."

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Genealogy Program Today To Feature Italian Ancestry

WESTFIELD – The Genealogical Society of the West Fields will present guest speaker Larry Fermi in a program on Italian genealogical research today, Thursday, November 10, beginning at 1 p.m. It will take place at the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Mr. Fermi will advise researchers on the best ways to navigate the Italian document search, overcome language barriers and find those Italians in their family tree. His presentation will be the kickoff to some months of basic ethnic research programs presented to get new people started, experienced researchers re-energized and everyone information on all aspects of genealogical research both here and abroad.

Mr. Fermi spent many years as a

sales systems engineer, a career that included making presentations to audiences of all sizes and descriptions. He also has been a part-time actor in many community theater productions since 1971. In recent years he has honed his

skills in the genealogical "theater" as an officer and program director for the Monmouth County Genealogical Society and as a speaker and researcher, focusing on European immigration during the peak period of the 19th and early 20th centuries. He is a member of many genealogical-related societies and has been featured on radio and television programs.

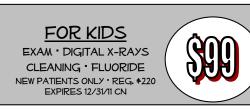
For more information, contact Genealogical Society President Nancy Humphrey at (908) 612-6029 or at nlhumphrey315@hotmail.com.



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Mountainside, N.J.

Theodore Dziedzic, 90, Army Veteran; **Employed By Rheingold Brewing Co.**

Theodore F. Dziedzic, 90, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at Overlook Medical Center in Summit.

Born on July 8, 1921 in Jersey City, Mr. Dziedzic later resided in Westfield before retiring and moving to Chadwick Beach, N.J.

He served in the U.S. Army in the Military Police. Ted was employed by Rheingold Brewing Company in Orange, N.J. as a union steward for the Teamsters.

Teddy was predeceased by his loving wife, Evelyn; his grandson, Brett Atlas, and his siblings, Matthew, Stanley and Jennie.

Surviving are his beloved daughters, Diane Connolly and her husband, Thomas P., and Dr. Gayle Atlas

and Kenneth DeMott. He also will be deeply missed by his grandchildren, Allison Connolly and her partner, Lori Hill, Thomas B. Connolly and his wife, Laura, and Craig Atlas, and his great-grandchildren, Ryan and Megan Connolly.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, November 4, 2011, at the Holv Trinity Roman Catholic Church

Joyce Tischler, 91, Was Active in Temple; **Enjoyed Painting and Teaching Ceramics**

and Ethan.

Joyce Tischler, 91, died on Satur-day, November 5, 2011, at her residence in Westfield, N.J.

Born in New York City, Joyce had resided in Westfield since 1953. She was past president of the Sisterhood, historian and craft show committee member at Temple Emanu-El in Westfield. A recipient of the Women of Valor Award (Atlantic District), she was a member of Hadassah and the New Jersey Council of Jewish Women.

Joyce was an avid painter and taught ceramics for over 50 years. She also was an avid collector of Wedgwood and Rookwood pottery. She was the beloved wife of the

late Mel Grabel and the late Louis

in Westfield. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home of Westfield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Humane Society of

the United States. To leave an online condolence for the family, please visit dooleycolonialfuneralhome.com.

Tischler; devoted mother of Keith

Grabel and his wife, Maggie, and

Gary Grabel and his wife, Rosanna,

and loving and proud grandmother

of Michael, Seth, Megan, Melody

Services were held on Tuesday,

November 8, 2011, at Temple Emanu-

El in Westfield. Interment was at Beth

Israel Cemetery in Woodbridge, N.J.

made to the Joyce Tischler Flower

and Oneeg Fund, with checks made

payable to Temple Emanu-El and

mailed to 756 East Broad Street,

Arrangements were by Menorah

Chapels at Millburn in Union.

Westfield, N.J. 07090.

Donations in Joyce's honor may be

Obituaries

A. Douglas Murch, 82, Family Man; **Longtime Executive With Prudential**

A. Douglas Murch, 82, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 26, 2011, at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, N.J.

Born in Toronto in 1928, he attended the University of Toronto as a Prince of Wales Scholar, graduated with a B.A. with Honours in Math in 1951 and earned his FSA (Fellow of Society of Actuar-ies) in 1952. Shortly after graduation, Doug moved to Montclair, N.J., where he met his wife, Mary. After a brief return to Toronto, he and his family returned

to New Jersey, where he resided in Westfield for 43 years.

Doug began his 38-year career with Prudential Financial as an actuarial student in its Toronto office, but was soon transferred to its corporate office in Newark, N.J. Prudential was a pioneer in the use of computer systems to service its enormous volume of policies, and Doug was instrumental in the design and building of the company's systems. In 1965 he was promoted to vice-president and reassigned as second in charge of the Canadian Head Office in Toronto. After returning to New Jersey in 1967 as vice-president in Corporate Financial Planning, he was later promoted in 1969 to senior vice-president in charge of Computer Systems and Services for the entire company. In 1982, he was named Prudential's chief actuary. At his retirement in 1989, he held the rank of executive vice-president and was a member of

Theater Critic to Give Talk to College Club

FANWOOD - The College Club of Fanwood-Scotch Plains will host a program called "A Personal History of the American Theater" on Monday, November 14.

Peter Filichia, a New York-based theater critic for The Star-Ledger and New Jersey's television station News 12 and a columnist for theatermania.com and

masterworksbroadway.com, will share stories and memories from his years of experience inside the world of the stage. This program will be held at The

Chelsea, located at 295 South Avenue in Fanwood, beginning at 7:45 p.m., with light refreshments at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

FCC Adult Studies to Look At Solomon and Advent

gational Church of Westfield will resume its adult studies series next week with programs on Solomon and the season of Advent. All classes will be free and open to the public. Beginning Monday, November 14, "What a Wise Guy!: The Life and Times of Solomon" will examine the life of Israel's most successful king. During this four-week class, participants will discuss the myths, realities and greater significance of the legendary Biblical figure whose name has become synonymous with wisdom. The course will continue on Mondays, November 28, December 5 and 12, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church's Chapel Lounge. On Tuesday evenings beginning November 15, "In Advent of Christmas" will focus on preparing for the arrival of the Christ Child amid all the other holiday stress. Continuing on November 29, December 6 and 13, the course will look at the meanings

the company's Executive Office. After retirement, Doug spent several years designing and building his dream house on Lake Sunapee in

New Hampshire, where he and his wife lived for nearly a decade and enjoyed being host to numerous family and friends for visits throughout the years. Most recently, he resided in Tinton Falls, N.J. He was devoted to his family and had a quick wit and a wonderful sense of humor.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary (Knapp) Murch, in 2008, as well as his sister, Helen Millson, and brother, Arthur. He is

his daughter, Susan McLoughlin; his sons, David and Steven, and his grandchildren, Brendan, Kevin, Čollin,

A memorial/remembrance will be

Born in Orange, she lived most of

her life in Fanwood. Surviving are her husband, Michael

Giambalvo; her daughters, Jennifer (Brian) Hayeck and Michelle (Angelo) Cannizzo, and her three beloved grandchildren, Emily, Michael and Matthew.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, November 11, at the All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains. Interment will follow at Graceland Memorial Park in Kenilworth. Visitation will be today, Thursday, November 10, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., at the Memorial Funeral Home. 155 South Avenue in Fanwood.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Susan Komen Foundation G. (www.komen.org). For additional information or to express condoplease lences, visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

WESTFIELD - The First Congre- behind Advent traditions and help par-

ticipants find the true spirit of the season Classes will meet from 7.30 to

Joseph W. Gladis, 68, Was Executive; **Active University of Miami Alumnus**

Joseph William Gladis passed away on Friday, October 28, 2011, in a hospice near his home in Naples, Fla. He was 68.

Joseph was born on April 21, 1943 in Bayonne, N.J., one of four children of Joseph and Mary Gladis. He lived in Westfield for over 60 years before retiring to Naples in 2009.

After graduating from Westfield High School, Joe went on to the University of Miami, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing in June of 1964. Joe was a member of the New Jersey National Guard. Until his death, he served on the Foundation Board of his fraternity, ATO. He also was a member of the University of Miami Society of Founders. Joe was a longtime member of Elks Lodge 1528.

He was president of International Tanker Chartering Services, Inc. in

WESTFIELD-The Westfield Vol-

unteer Rescue Squad's 2011 fund

drive will soon wind down as the

year comes to an end next month.

The all-volunteer squad, which pro-

vides EMS coverage to the commu-

nity of Westfield at no cost, reports

that the fund drive has not yet met its

goal. According to Jonathan Delano,

squad deputy captain, it is essential

to the squad's daily operations that

Mr. Delano explained that the an-

nual fund drive that started in March

is the one time the squad looks to

every person in Westfield to make a

donation. The squad, which has pro-

vided emergency medical services

to the town for more than 60 years,

receives no funds from the Town of

Westfield or the State of New Jersey.

Lions List Winners

Of Costume Contest

ough children were winners of the an-

nual Halloween Costume Contest spon-

sored by the Garwood Lions Club.

Judging took place in the Lincoln

School gymnasium October 31 imme-

Infants to age 3: First place, Sean

Hyland; second place, Emily Hyland;

third place, Matteo Piarulli; fourth

Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten:

Grades 1 and 2: First place, Peyton

Collings; second place, Ryan Trip;

third place, Sarah Scetkowski; fourth

Grades 3 and 4: First place, Syra

Grades 5 and 6: First place, Carly

Merlino; second place, Brandon

Clark; third place, Émily Zeigerson.

Collings; second place, Samantha

Prednia; third place, Eric Hamilton;

place, Alyssa Dominguez.

First place, Nicholas Piarulli; second

place, Izabella Moore; third place,

place, Tyler Miller.

Emmalee Miller.

diately following the annual parade.

GARWOOD - The following bor-

Reid Edles, squad president,

the fund drive meets its goal.

Joe was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his beloved wife, April; his daughters, Jill Burd of Princeton and Susan Stoneback of Colonia; a brother, Frederick Gladis of Westfield, and his sisters, Jane Gladis of Westfield and Elizabeth Lorenz of Greenwood Village, Colo. Joseph also leaves behind four grandchildren, Annabelle and Charlotte Burd and David and Joseph Stoneback, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service celebrating Joe's life is planned for the near future.

Memorial contributions can be made to Folds of Honor Foundation, 5800 N. Patriot Drive, Owasso, Okla. 74055.

November 10, 2011

Rescue Squad Fund Drive For 2011 Comes Up Short

added, "we have had great support from the community so far, but as the fund drive hasn't met its goal. the squad urges every Westfield resident to consider making a donation to the squad."

The rescue squad, which during the recent surprise October snowstorm answered 18 emergency medical calls during the 24 hours of the storm, does not charge for its services. Tax-deductible contributions can be made to: The Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090. For further information, call the squad at (908) 233-2500.

Nugent Association

Posts Annual Dance

AREA - The Joseph Nugent Sr. Association of Union County will hold its 78th annual dance on Saturday, November 19, from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, located at 33 South 21st Street in Kenilworth.

The Irish-American organization will honor Phil Smith as Irishman of the Year and Eileen McGuire as Irish Woman of the Year.

This year's recipient of the Greta Sheridan Memorial Community Service Award is Tom Zuczek.

Paddy Yorke will receive the Jack O'Connor Nugent's Finest Award.

The Nugent's Bravest Award will be presented to Brian McGovern. The Willie Lynch Show Band will

provide entertainment. Admission will be \$25 and includes beer, wine, coffee, cake and tea. There also will be a cash bar.

For reservations or more information, call Carol Martin at (732) 851-5109 or Kevin Dowling at (732) 594-1763. Tickets also will be available at the door

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



PEO CHAPTER TURNS 30...Westfield's Chapter AS of the P.E.O. Sisterhood gathers for a 30th-anniversary celebration at the Stage House Restaurant in Scotch Plains, where members reminisced about their group's varied accomplishments throughout the past three decades. A philanthropic and educational organization, P.E.O. champions increased higher-education opportunities for women.

P.E.O. Chapter AS Gathers **For 30th-Year Celebration**

WESTFIELD – Members of Westfield's Chapter AS of the P.E.O. Sisterhood celebrated the 30th anniversary of their chapter's organization during an October 29 gathering at the Stage House Restaurant in Scotch Plains.

P.E.O. Sisterhood and its six educational philanthropies, which include the P.E.O. Educational Loan Fund, the P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education, the P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship, the P.E.O.

A. Douglas Murch

survived by his sister, Jean Morrison; Griffin and Avery.

held on Saturday, November 26, at 1:30 p.m. at Glen Ridge Country Club in Glen Ridge, N.J. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the American Heart Association. Condolences also may be made online at www.elyfuneralhome.com.

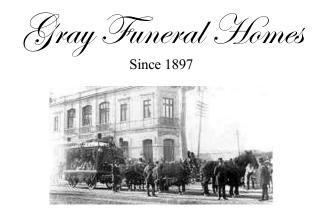
Barbara Giambalvo, 62

Barbara E. Giambalvo, 62, of Fanwood passed away on Monday, November 7, 2011, at Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center in New Brunswick.

Nineteen members, including all five charter members, were present for the occasion. Attendees viewed a PowerPoint presentation covering the chapter's history from its inception through the present, and reminisced about their activities, which have included conventions, informational programs, social events, craft projects, book discussions and fundraising to support P.E.O.'s six educational philanthropies.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood, founded January 21, 1869 at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, is a philanthropic and educational organization interested in bringing to women increased opportunities for higher education. There are approximately 6,000 local chapters in the United States and Canada, with nearly 250,000 active members. Chapter AS was organized in Westfield on October 31, 1981.

For more information about the



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Church Invites Singles To Wine and Cheese

SCOTCHPLAINS-TheAllSaints' Episcopal Church will host a Wine and Cheese Party for single adults of all ages this Sunday, November 13, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Lea Hall.

Besides wine and cheese, partygoers will be able to enjoy soda and snacks, games, a sing-along and fellowship. There will be a charge of \$10 per person. To make reservations, call the church at (908) 322-8047.

All Saints' Church is located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains, across from Park Middle School. The parking lot is behind Lea Hall, accessed via Church Avenue to School Place.

Gaming Day on Tap

At Township Library

SCOTCH PLAINS - All area residents are invited to celebrate the American Library Association's National Gaming Day at the Scotch Plains Public Library this Saturday, November 12. There will be fun and games for all ages, throughout the library, including board games, card games and Frogger Returns on the Wii.

Board and card games will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Children's and Adult Rooms, with Frogger Returns on the Wii from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration is not required for the board and card games, but gamers are asked to register in advance for 30-minute Frogger slots - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for family groups and adult gamers, and 2 to 4 p.m. for teens, grades 6 through 12.

From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. a responsible adult must accompany anyone under 18 years old. During teen time, from 2 to 4 p.m., library staff will supervise gaming. No younger children will be admitted during teen time. This is a single or two-person game, but groups can take turns, as well. To preregister for Frogger Returns, call the library at (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, e-mail library@scotlib.org or register online at scotlib.org.

This program is free and open to all. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue, in the center of the township.

8:30 p.m. in the church's Chapel Lounge.

First Congregational Church, a member of the United Church of Christ, is located at 125 Elmer Street in Westfield. For additional information, call the church office at (908) 233-2494 or visit the church website, fccofwestfield.org.

Qi Gong Meditation To Be Held Nov. 19

SCOTCH PLAINS - A free Medical Qi Gong Meditation Class will be offered on Saturday, November 19, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church.

Free and open to everyone, Medical Qi Gong is a course of meditation exercises. Participants are asked to be on time, as once the session begins, it cannot be interrupted.

The Willow Grove Presbyterian Church is located at 1961 Řaritan Road in Scotch Plains, across the street from the Southside Firehouse and near the corner of South Martine Avenue. The building is handicapaccessible.

For more information about Willow Grove, call the church office, Monday through Friday, at (908) 232e-mail 5678. info@willowgrovechurch.org or access willowgrovechurch.org.

Author to Discuss

'The Convent Cook' CRANFORD-The Cranford Historical Society will present Maria Tisdall, author of "The Convent Cook: Divine Meals for Families Large and Small" this Sunday, November 13, at 2:30 p.m. It will take place at the Crane-Phillips House Museum, located at 124 North Union Avenue in Cranford. Doors will open at 2 p.m. There will be a discussion and book signing. A graduate of the Culinary Insti-

tute of America, Ms. Tisdall subsequently spent six years in restaurants before starting work at Saint Walburga monastery. She is the owner of Cheese...Please! in Cranford, a specialty shop that carries close to 100 different kinds of cheeses, all handcut to order, among other Irish and British treats.

Admission will be free with responses. To reserve a seat, interested persons may call (908) 276-0082 or e-mail cranfordhistoricalsociety@verizon.net. fourth place, Victoria Morano. Middle school winner – Giorgio Maris



PARTNERS FOR HOPE...Rotary District No. 7510 Governor Megan Jones-Holt presents a certificate to Past District Governor Dr. D. Michael Hart, representing the Rotary Club of Westfield, acknowledging Westfield Rotary as a partner in the Homes of Hope program benefiting a village in Ecuador. The flag of Ecuador is in the background. The certificate was presented October 12 at a Homes of Hope fundraiser in Franklin Township.

Westfield Rotary Is Partner In Helping Ecuadorian Kids

WESTFIELD – The Rotary Club of Westfield sponsors a child every year in the little Rio Guayus fishing village in Ecuador, on the outskirts of Guyaquil, as part of Rotary District No. 7510's Ĥomes of Hope program. This sponsorship includes breakfast every day, medical and dental care, books and uniforms. Children cannot attend school in Ecuador unless they buy a uniform, and the school typically ends in sixth grade.

This Rotary program supports chil-dren through the completion of high school. Some of the children have gone on to college, and they should have the first-ever college graduate from this village at the end of this school year. Many of the Rotary clubs in District No. 7510 support one or more children, so that all of the village youngsters are sponsored.

The children in the program are required to practice personal hygiene, brush their teeth and maintain a 3.0 (B) grade point average. Students with an "A" average win a prize – a trip to the capital city, movies and dinner. The good news is that 100 percent of the children in the village are in school. A big problem in the desperately poor fishing village is that families would prefer to have the children work on the boats and help sustain the family. They will not see the benefits of advanced education until some of the children

graduate college and obtain jobs with significant salaries.

Two Rotary clubs in New Jersey -Branchburg and Clinton Sunrise – started the Homes of Hope program in 2002, and eventually were joined by other Rotary clubs. They adopted a village that was desperately poor, and sent a team of volunteers there every summer to help the village. First, small wooden houses were built for each of the approximately 50 families in the village. The following years saw the building of a community center, then a septic system, then a medical clinic, and then repairs to the school, which had been damaged by an earthquake. Every summer a physician, a dentist and a professional educator were sent to monitor the children, along with two teams of volunteers to build more infrastructure. Future plans include pipes for a steady water supply. For more information, visit the website

rotaryhomesofhope.org. The Rotary Club of Westfield meets every Tuesday for lunch from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Westfield Area "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield. Guests are always welcome. The club president is Sherry Cronin, and the Grants chairwoman is Darielle Walsh. For additional information, contact Dr. D. Michael Hart at drmhart@yahoo.com.

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SHINING STARS...Seven students from Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield, pictured above, have been honored as among the brightest students in the nation at a statewide awards ceremony for gifted children sponsored by The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY).

Seven HTIS Students Earn Statewide Honors

WESTFIELD — Seven students from Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield have been honored as among the brightest students in the nation at a statewide awards ceremony for gifted children sponsored by The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY).

The center honored the students as participants in the 2011 CTY Talent Search, for their exceptional performance on a rigorous, above-



Lam Wins Scholarship at Washington and Lee

LEXINGTON, Va. - Cynthia (Ho Yee) Lam of Westfield, has received a Johnson Scholarship to attend Washington and Lee University (W&L).

Cynthia, a graduate of Westfield High School, began classes at W&L in September. She was among 53 winners of the prestigious scholarships for 2011.

The Johnson Scholarship program was established in 2007 as a result of an historic \$100 million gift to the university. The competitive scholarships awarded on the basis of candidates' exceptional academic and personal promise. The scholarships provide at least tuition, room and board, and allow students to graduate debtfree.

Cynthia won the scholarship in competition against about 200 finalists who were selected from an initial applicant pool of about 2,200 high school seniors from throughout the country and around the world.

The Johnson Scholarship is part of a program that includes a lecture and symposia series on topics in leadership, supports two professorships, and

grade-level test, given to academically talented second through eighth graders. The students are: Veronica Cunningham, seventh grader of Scotch Plains; Sarah Fannick, seventh grader of North Plainfield; Michelle Ferrer, seventh grader of Mountainside; Lauren McNeil and Jacqueline McNulla, both seventh graders of Plainfield; Daniel Scalia, sixth grader, and Hannah Toner, a seventh grader, both of Westfield.

During the Talent Search, advanced young learners take abovegrade level tests designed for older students as a means of gaining insight into their abilities. Seventh and eighth graders take the SAT or ACT-the same tests used for college admissions, while second through sixth graders take the SCAT, an above-level test scaled for younger students.

The seven Holy Trinity Interparochial students joined more than 50,000 students worldwide who participated in this year's CTY Talent Search. Because of the difficulty of the tests, only 25 to 30 percent of students who participated earned an invitation to a CTY's Awards Ceremony to be individually honored for their academic performance and potential.

"They are a group of extremely bright students, well-deserving of the honor," said Sister Maureen Fichner S.S.J., principal of Holy Trinity School. "More importantly, they are fine examples of solid Christian citizens who contribute to our school community in a positive manner."

This fall, some 9,500 CTY Talent Search honorees were invited to participate in Award Ceremonies at 34 sites across the county.

Holy Trinity Interparochial School is a religious educational resource serving local communities since 1916. It recently earned the prestigious National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award from the United States Department of Education in 2011. It is a Middle States Accredited School operating under the auspices of the Newark Archdiocesan School System and educates children from preschool through eighth grade.

must have an outstanding academic

record throughout high school, be

endorsed and recommended by the

high school principal, and earn an

SAT score that confirms the student's

Union County College to Host Open House Nov. 11

gree programs, along with student or-

ganizations, will be available to share

information and answer questions about

a.m. in the Roy Smith Theater, breakout

sessions will be held in which attend-

ees will be able to learn more about the admissions process, financial aid op-

tions, choosing a major and one's

courses, and student life. The College

Fair will be in session through 12:30

p.m., so in between sessions, potential students can visit the tables at the fair.

In addition to the many articulation

agreements, Union County College also

offers dual admissions agreements with

Rutgers University, New Jersey City

University, Kean University, Montclair

State University, College of St. Eliza-

beth, NJIT, Fairleigh Dickinson Uni-

versity, and Georgian Court Univer-

sity. Through these arrangements, once

all criteria are met, admission into a

selected program is guaranteed upon

graduation from the College with a full

transfer of credits making a seamless

transition. This eliminates anxiety and

the application rush involved in apply-

ing to a four-year institution at which

Please contact the Office of Re-

cruitment at (908) 709-7518 or go to

www.ucc.edu/openhouse to RSVP.

Directions to the campus can also be

found on the college's website at

such an agreement does not exist.

After the opening presentation at 10

their programs.

CRANFORD-Intoday's economic climate, saving money is on the forefront of everyone's mind, and with the elevated cost of higher education, many have delayed pursuing a college degree. However, community colleges provide a top quality education at a significantly lower cost and Union County College can be the first step to achieving one's college degree.

For those wishing to earn a bachelors degree, the economics of spending the first two years at Union County College reduces the financial burden of achieving a college education. This coupled with the many transfer/articulation and dual admissions agreements that the College has in place, allows a student to transfer to four-year colleges and universities through the United States. Also, a student can take advantage of the college's flexible, day, evening, and weekend class schedule, which allows them to pursue their degree while keeping up with their busy lives. By so doing the college saves time and money - and puts a student ever closer to achieving their career goals.

Union County College is hosting an Open House on Friday, November 11, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the College's Cranford campus at 1033 Springfield Avenue. The day will begin with a College Fair in the Victor M. Richel Student Commons where representatives from the College's Associate de-



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TEAM WORK...Fifth grade students from Washington Elementary School in Westfield attended Camp Eljibar in the Poconos. Team building, leadership, trust and communications are just a few of the skills that were worked on throughout the three-day period, along with good old fashioned camp fun including hiking, s'mores, and spooky stories around the campfire. Accompanying the fifth graders were their teachers and principal, who worked alongside ljibar's camp counselors.

HTIS to Hold Clothing and Toy Drive

WESTFIELD - The semi-annual Holy Trinity Interparochial School used clothing and toy drive will be held Saturday, November 19, from 8 a.m. to noon, on Watterson Street, Westfield.

The event provides an opportunity to donate the following types of gently used textiles: clothes, shoes, handbags, bedding, curtains, cloth tablecloths and other linens. Additionally, new or gently used stuffed animals and toys will be collected. Bags or boxes of items can be dropped off on Watterson Street, directly behind Holy Trinity Interparochial School, rain or shine. No books will be accepted. All proceeds benefit Holy Trinity Interparochial School. For further information, please email hsa@htisnj.com. Holy Trinity Interparochial School, a pre-K through 8th grade parochial school, operating from two campuses in Mountainside and Westfield, is a 2011 U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. As a Middle States Accredited school, it is run under the auspices of the Newark Archdiocesan School System. For more information on enrolling a child, email officewc@htisnj.com or call (908) 233-0484.

ITHACA

Erman Inducted into Honor Society at Ithaca

ITHACA, N.Y. - Carly Erman, of Westfield, was inducted into Ithaca College's Oracle Honor Society in November. First-year students who maintain a GPA that puts them in the top 10 percent of all students in their school throughout their first full academic year are invited into the society. Erman is a occupational therapy major in the college's School of Health Sciences and Human performance.



SPECIAL VISIT...Congressman Leonard Lance meets with students from the Academy for Information Technology. Pictured, left to right, are: Principal Gloria Griffith, Justin Sears, Ian Constantin, Andrew DeRosa, Alyson Perez and Rep. Lance.

Lance Honors Two SP Award-Winning Schools

WESTFIELD - Congressman Leonard Lance (NJ-07) recently held special ceremonies honoring the students and faculty at two Union County Vocational-Technical Schools recently among those named the "Best High Schools for Math and Science" by U.S. News and World Report magazine.

Specifically, Lance visited the Union County Magnet High School and the Academy for Information Technology, both located in Scotch Plains. During the event, Lance presented each school with a Congressional Record citation and an American flag flown over the United States Capitol Building in honor of each school's accomplishment.

During the presentation, Lance also praised the schools and the community of students, families, and faculties. "These schools are proud examples of academic excellence where students have high levels of performance, stellar student achievement, and where educators facilitate a strong learning environment," the Congressman said.

Union Catholic to Present Night of Comedy

SCOTCH PLAINS - Union Catholic Regional High School's Parent Guild presents a Night of Comedy featuring three professional comics on Friday, November 11, at 7 p.m. in the Union Catholic cafeteria. These national comedians bring comedy's sharpest wits to the stage and they will tickle your funny bone and leave your sides aching from laughter.

The comedians include Ted Daniels (www.teddanielscomedy.com) who has performed his standup comedy act throughout the country including New York and Las Vegas and with such headliners as Tracy Morgan. "The Coach" Tom Whitely has appeared at many of the nation's best comedy venues such as New York City's famous Dangerfield's and Atlantic City's prestigious Borgata Hotel. "The Coach" has been featured on television's ESPN and Good Morning America (ABC).

Admission is \$25 per person. It includes the show as well as beer, wine, coffee, and dessert. Feel free to bring your own "tailgate style food and snacks." Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling Union Catholic at (908) 889-1600 Ext. 304.

You must be 21 or older to attend. All tables will be reserved. Table reservations are for tables of eight or 14 people. If your ticket order is for fewer than eight people you will be assigned a table with other individual guests.

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SPFHS Announces Narayanan as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

SCOTCH PLAINS - David Heisey, Principal of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, and Timothy Donahue, Assistant Principal (Counseling Services), announced recently that Scotch

Plains-Fanwood High School senior, Varshini Narayanan was named a Semifinalists in the 57th annual National Merit® Scholarship Competition.

This designation identifies this outstanding young woman as an academically talented high school senior among the 16,000 highest scoring students nationwide on the PSAT/NMSOT® exam of

critical reading, math, and writing skills. Varshini now has an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,400 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$34 million, that will be offered next spring.

To become a finalist, a semifinalist

participation and leadership in school and com-

earlier performance on the qualifying test. In addition, semifinalists and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's self-descriptive essay and information about the semifinalist's

Varshini Narayanan munity activities.

Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The community congratulates Varshini on this fine accomplishment and wishes her well in the future years ahead.

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Raiders Defeat Farmers, 1-0, For UCT Boys Soccer Crown

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Beating a tough team three times in a season has always proved to be a difficult task, and it did prove to be true, but the top-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team got a goal from junior captain Colin Stripling late in the second half to defeat third-seeded Union, 1-0, for the Union County Tournament (UCT) championship at Kean University in Union on November 6.

Probitas Verus Honos

The victory was the 15th UCT title for the Raider boys and 13th under Head Coach Tom Breznitsky. The Raiders last won the UCT title in 2007 with a 4-0 shutout over Elizabeth.

The 19-2 Raiders' attack force, especially Andrew Leischner, co-captain Colin Stripling, Travis Cortes and Jassiem Wahtuse, pressured the 7-8-2 Farmers' defense and goalie Patrick Costa throughout the game, taking three major shots on goal in the first half and another seven in the second half. The Raiders also totaled five corner kicks to the Farmers' two. But the lack of a score became frustrating. "We had a great amount of pressure, but you got to give credit to them [Union]. They defended well. We had three tough games with them, but the cream rises to the top. When you are in a battle like this and to get the one you need to put it away is a sign of a championship team," Coach Breznitsky said.

The Farmers had one breakaway in the first half that caused some tension, but added three more in the second half that put the Raider backfield to the test. Goalkeeper Vinnie Bianco came up with the nec-CONTINUED ON PAGE 14



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times

MITCH'S GO-TO RECEIVER...Blue Devil flanker Peter Ondi, No. 27, had nine receptions for 63 yards against Immaculata. Quarterback Nate Mitchell knows Ondi is a go-to guy when a first down is at stake.

SALITURO SCORES GAME-WINNER ON PIERCE FEED Raiders Nip Blue Devils, 1-0, For UCT Girls Soccer Crown

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Junior Lea Salituro has come on strong this season as a dangerous offensive weapon, especially inside the 18-yard box. Her reputation as a vicious weapon was enhanced when she took a feed from senior right midfielder Erin Pierce and buried it into the net with 33:30 remaining to earn the second-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School girls their sixth Union County Tournament championship in seven years with a 1-0 victory over top-seeded Westfield at Kean University in Union on November 5.

After experiencing a 1-0 loss to the 14-4-1 Blue Devils at the beginning of the season, the Raiders answered with a 3-0 win to set up this third showdown. But the Blue Devils, coming off a shocking double overtime loss to Piscataway in their sectional quarterfinals, was not about to lay down and showed it with a very strong offensive in the later part of the game. The Blue Devils had a 3-2 edge over the 16th-ranked Raiders on shots on goal in the first half and added a 4-2 edge in the second half. Both teams had one corner kick in the first half, but the Lady Blue Devils had three in the second half to the Raiders' none. Blue Devil junior forward Catherine Kerr and sophomore midfielder Karli Sottung provided pressure, especially from the right side, throughout the game. Later in *CONTINUED ON PAGE 12*

O'ROURKE 3 TDs; DUGAN, GLASCO TD; GRIBBIN F.G. Blue Devils Ambush Spartans In Football Showdown, 37-6

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Rarely does a ninth-ranked high school team become the victim of the "Mercy Rule" – 35-point lead by the opposing team – but although it was late in the game it happened at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on November 5.

And it happened to No. 9 Immaculata as the Westfield Blue Devils amassed a 37-0 lead by the time there was 1:10 remaining in the game and finished with a 37-6 victory when the Spartans scored on a 61-yard "Hail Mary" pass to Rich Ferguson, Jr. with no time on the clock.

But it was the Blue Devils' small but very strong defense, led by team captains Ryan Elliott, Peter Ondi, James O'Rourke and John Lanzano, who recently got back into the lineup CONTINUED ON PAGE 13

Chiefs Sting Blue Devils, 1-0, In Final 0:02 of Double O.T.

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

Ninety-nine minutes and 58 seconds with no scoring! A penalty call yields a free kick from 35-yards out. Senior Kristen Vito boots a one-hopper into the net, and that's all she wrote!

The eighth-seeded Piscataway Chiefs stunned the top-seeded Westfield High School girls soccer team, 1-0, in double overtime in the quarterfinals of the North Jersey, Group 4, Section 2 tournament at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on November 3. Westfield box. Blue Devil senior goalkeeper Sophia Devita made the save.

For the remainder of the half, the Blue Devils' offensive surge held the upper foot and finished with three real shots on goal to the Chiefs' one shot. The Blue Devils' most dangerous attacks came from forward Katherine Kerr, who would bring the ball down the right sideline, then cross to a teammate, who would take a shot from inside the Piscataway box.

The Chiefs seized the initiative in the first two minutes of the second half, but the Blue Devils took over for the rest of the half and added four

al- right side.

Westfield

Westfield pressed the attack in the second overtime and added three more shots at goal. Sophomore Mary Randazzo sent a ball into Smith, whose header was deflected. Greenspan ripped a left-footer that Shea stopped. But just when time was about to run out, the ref made his call, and that was all.

"It was a really bad call. What are you going to do? But the first part of the game there was an open net. The first 10 minutes, it could have been 3-0. We had our chances in a state tournament. There you go! The girls





Despite their eighth seed, the Chiefs entered the game with a very respectable 14-3-2 record, while the 17thranked Lady Blue Devils were sporting a 14-2-1 record, so there was no time for either team to relax. Both teams needed to be on their toes, and both teams were from the start.

Very early in the first half, Blue Devil tri-captain Jordan Yarusi woke up Chief goalkeeper Kristyn Shea with a strong left-to-right shot, but the Chiefs' offense returned the favor moments later on a corner kick that caused a mad scramble inside the more shots on goal. The first came when junior Caroline Greenspan launched a shot just over the crossbar. With 14:00 remaining, senior tricaptain Mercedes Smith drilled a direct kick straight at goalkeeper Shea, who absorbed the blow. Towards the end of regulation, senior Ellie Callinan bonked a wicked header that Shea stopped.

Both teams took a shot on goal in the first overtime. Smith's direct kick from 19-yards out was stopped, and Devita made her best save of the game, smothering a shot from the need to be ready to play Saturday night [Union County championship game with Scotch Plains-Fanwood]. It is the last game of the season. County finals! We got to look to that," said Blue Devil Head Coach Alex Schmidt, who added, "It's obviously not the way we want to end it, but Piscataway is a good team. They are in their county finals. We played hard. It's not like we played badly. We just didn't catch the chances that we had. It's disappointing." **Piscataway 0 0 0 1 1**

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David B. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* KICKING AT CLOSE RANGE...Blue Devil sophomore Karli Sottung, left No. 20, gets her foot on the ball as a Piscataway defender attempts to block it. The Chiefs won, 1-0, in double overtime.

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times GETTING TO THE BALL FIRST...Blue Devil Catherine Kerr, No. 13, tries to get to the ball as Raider midfielder Julie Glover, No. 23, closes in during the UCT championship game at Kean University on November 5.

Raiders Nip Blue Devils for UCT Crown

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the game, Blue Devils Mercedes Smith and Ellie Callinan pushed forward to provide even more tension.

"Yes! Oh Wow! After our goal, I knew they were going to come out a lot harder, and they did. They put some stronger players up top. I got a little scared at the end. They kept on coming at us and coming at us, but we kept composed," Pierce said

Raider goalkeepers Taylor Sebolao, who played the first half and had a save, and Meghan Allen, who played the second half and had three saves, withstood the pressure.

The setup for the sole goal came through a slight adjustment with Pierce's run down the right sideline.

"That's normally what I do. Also with the track running coming into play, coming down the sideline, running and running. The play before, I just ran down, and Mr. Ewing said, 'take it down a little farther across the end line'. I cut in and cut back out, which really worked out in practice. Then I just put it down and Lea got it right in the net," explained Pierce, who competed in the 800 meters at the Meet of Champions last June 9.

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"Erin Pierce went out wide. She cut in really close to the goalie, and I just pressed. It [ball] went up on my foot, and I chipped it in a little," Salituro explained.

În his nine years at the helm, Raider Head Coach Kevin Ewing has had his teams produce six UCT titles in the last seven years.

"He's the greatest coach! He always knows the plays and positions that we are supposed to be in. He puts us in the right spots where we are supposed to play. We just all click and work together that way," Salituro said.

But throughout the season, it was not just the pressure from Westfield that kept the Raiders on their toes.

"The pressure in the beginning is always the hardest, because you are not always sure how you are going to do. Towards the end of the season, we knew we could do it. It's like we always win the counties. It's a lot of pressure, but we can always pull it out," Salituro said

"We have always known at the beginning of the year that we are the team to beat, since we mostly dominated the county for the last six or seven years. Mr. Ewing says we have a target on our back. We decided that people will be coming after us, and

we have to stay sharp and composed, and we will be able to beat them like we did today," Pierce said.

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LEAHY FINISHES 2ND, KIRNA GETS 8TH **Blue Devil Boys Capture Second Straight X-C Title**

The Westfield High School boys cross-country team successfully defended its North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 title by outpacing the field at Warinanco Park in Roselle on November 5. The Blue Devil boys had a total of 48 to easily outdo North Hunterdon at 105 and Ridge at 107.

Blue Devil Jack Leahy crossed second behind Piscataway's Tim Ball 15:50) with a time of 16:06, and John Kirna finished eighth with a time of 16:35. Kevin Smith finished 11th with a time of 16:45, followed by Matt Luppino at 16:48 and Kevin Ingram at 16:59. Evan Tarlow finished 19th at 17:11, and David Carville crossed 31st at 17:26.

The Cranford Cougar boys placed fourth in their Group 3 sectional with a total of 92. Mendham took top honors with a 49 total. Tom Feeney finished eighth with a time of 17:18. The Cougar girls finished fifth with a total of 141, and Megan Byrnes finished 10th with a time of 20:39.

The Blue Devil girls placed eighth in their meet with a 217 total. Johanna Mermer finished 28th at 20:58. Alana Basil crossed 43rd at 21:39, Elisabeth Neylan crossed 50th at 21:57, Danielle Grimes finished 53rd at 22:05, Gabrielle Stravach finished 64th at 22:42, Hannah McRoberts was 65th at 22:54 and Erica Fischer finished 73rd at 23:21.

COUGAR WALCH WINS ALL-AROUND, WF's COOK 3RD **Cougars, Westfield Place 2-3 In Section Gymnastics Meet**

By DAVID B. CORBIN

Host Bishop Ahr won its fifth straight North Jersey, Section 2 gymnastics championship in north Edison on November 5 with a team score of 110.45, while Cranford and Westfield placed 2-3 with respective scores of 107.55 and 107.225. Scotch Plains-Fanwood placed fourth with a 103.8 total.

Last year, the Blue Devils also finished third with a total of 105.875, behind Bishop Ahr at 111.625 and Old Bridge at 107.55. Cranford placed fourth with a total of 105.5 and the Raiders took sixth with a 100.2 total. Cranford Cougar Mary Kate Walch tied for third all-around with a total of 36.625. Blue Devil Abby Cook placed fifth with a 36.25 total. Walch placed second in the vault with a 9.325 and also took second on the floor exercise with a 9.4.

"I came in the top-six and I made states. I think I tied for third. I was really happy to make it to top-six," Walch said in an interview on November 4.

Walch was keenly aware of the stiff competition with last year's state All-Around champion Kyla Vacchio of Bishop Ahr and her neighbors from Westfield.

"I like to look at the standings. I like to look at the meets to watch and the girls to watch, because it is really entertaining to see how everybody else is doing. I heard Kyla will be back, and I am really happy from her shoulder injury that she's back. Of course, I look at my teammates. Alex [Purvear] is doing really well. I look at the Westfield girls, because I have been working next to them in clubs," Walch said.

When asked if she had any new tricks up her sleeve, Walch said, "I do not have any tricks up my sleeve. I am playing it the way I have been playing it all year. Don't knock what's working for me."

Then after some thought, she said, "Actually I do have a trick up my sleeve. I am going to layout instead of doing a pike [on her vaulting routine]."

On November 5, Walch's new trick earned her the top score on the vault with a 9.425 and also helped her win the all-around with a 37.575. Cook placed fourth with an all-around total of 36.65, while Puryear placed fifth at 35.575.

Walch also took top honors on the balance beam with a 9.35, placed second on floor exercises with a 9.575 and fourth on uneven bar with a 9.125. Cook placed fourth on the vault with a 9.325, and Raider Kacie Bumiller tied for fifth with a 9.125. Cook took fifth on bars with a 9.05 and fourth on the floor at 9.375, followed by Puryear at 9.35. Raider Alex Peluso took fourth on beam with a 9.15.

All five sectional winners, along with the top five teams with the highest non-winning scores throughout the state advanced to the NJSIAA Team Championships on November 10. Westfield, Cranford and Scotch Plains-Fanwood did not qualify, as the lowest qualifying wild card score was 107.7. The top five individual scorers on each event did qualify for the Individual Championships this Saturday. WESTFIELD SCORES BY EVENT:

ALL-AROUND: Cook - 36.65, Hannah Goldring - 34.725, Jenna Rizkalla -32.525

VAULT: Cook - 9.325, Rizkalla and Sara Shields - 8.8, Hannah Goldring -8.5, Kaitlyn Johnson - 8.45, Kelly Vasel

8.5, Kaitlyn Johnson - 8.45, Kelly Vasel - 8.35, Christana Psyhojos - 8.3 BARS: Cook - 9.05, Mae Devin - 8.7, Hannah Goldring - 8.45, Lindsay Ripperger - 8.325, Lyndsey Lee - 8.1, Johnson - 7.85, Rizkalla - 7.725, Abbie Goldring - 7.425 BEAM: Cook and Shileds - 8.9, Ripperger - 8.85, Hannah Goldring -8.65, Psyhojos - 8.175, Lee - 8.075, Vasel - 7.9, Rizkalla - 7.5 FLOOR: Cook - 9.375, Hannah Goldring - 9.125, Vasel - 8.95, Shields -8.65, Rizkalla - 8.5, Johnson - 8.35



AMONG THE FRONT RUNNERS...Blue Devils John Kirna, No. 680, and Jack Leahy, No. 681, were among the frontrunners at the sectional cross-country meet. Leahy finished second and Kirna finished eighth. Westfield won the title again.



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Gritty Blue Devils Ambush Spartans, 37-6

after an injury at the beginning of the season, that kept cutting the powerful Spartan offense with dangerous running back Kellen Sperduto off at the pass.

"It starts up front with our defense. Our defensive line did a great job of controlling the line of scrimmage. The linebackers did a great job of filling the holes when they were there," O'Rourke said.

In the first half, Sperduto was limited to 28 yards on 10 carries. Interestingly due to a seven-yard sack by Lanzano, the 8-1 Spartans totaled only 24 yards on the ground in the half. The second half was even worse for the Spartans, who had minus three yards rushing.

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did a great job of disrupting the pass. The other was a tipped ball, and it came my way," he said.

Linebacker Joe Rinaldi jarred a ball loose that linebacker Nick LaFace recovered. Defensive end Mike LaFace recorded a crunching stuff, and Joe Scaglione added a sack. On special teams, Brendan Dugan delivered a cracking tackle. Kurt Kowalski and Pat Johnson delivered a vicious hit on a punt return.

O'Rourke totaled 117 yards on 28 carries and finished with respective touchdown (TD) runs of five yards, 20 yards and three yards. On his 20-yard TD, O'Rourke was nearly knocked over just after the line of scrimmage but recovered to finish the job.

reception.

Running back Dugan finished with 10 carries for 65 yards, including a two-yard TD. Kyle Star carried seven times for 20 yards, and Shakiyl Glasco had six carries for 47 yards, including a two-yard TD.

Westfield scored on its second series on a nine-play, 50-yard drive when O'Rourke scooted in from the five with 1:51 left in the first quarter. Westfield's next scoring drive took 14 plays to cover 77 yards when O'Rourke finished it off with his 20yard TD with 6:00 left in the half. The point after failed. O'Rourke scored his third TD with 3:09 remaining to give Westfield a 20-0 lead at the half.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times FINISHING THE JOB...Blue Devil running back James O'Rourke, No. 2, was nearly knocked over at the line of scrimmage but recovered to complete a 20-yard touchdown run. O'Rourke also had a five-yard TD and a three-yard TD.

"We knew he was going to be getting the ball a lot. We knew they wanted to establish the run. We knew we had to get on him and tackle him low, because he is a big kid. We had to take them out of that part of the game," O'Rourke said.

Since yielding nearly 300 rushing vards to Union Farmer star running back Jaumari Bogan on October 7, the Blue Devils' defense seemed to have learned a lesson, following up with a 24-0 victory over Rahway on October 22, a 12-0 victory over Linden in the "Snow Bowl" on October 29 and by shutting out the Spartans until the final play of the game.

"We definitely turned it up in practice. We wanted to make sure that would never happen again," O'Rourke said.

O'Rourke contributed heavily with three interceptions, as well as participating in several throws for losses.

"He hit me, and I put my hand down to keep my balance. I may have surprised a lot of people that I was able to keep going. Even a lot of the defensive players, it looked like they stopped for a second. I made a couple of cuts. Cut it back, and it was just daylight from there," explained O'Rourke, who also had three receptions for 54 yards.

Quarterback Nate Mitchell picked apart the Spartans' secondary to record 16 completions in 23 attempts for 175 yards. Once again, his favorite receiver was the sure-handed Ondi, who had nine receptions for 63 yards. Mike Stravach had a 25-yard reception. Kowalski had a nine-vard reception. Lanzano had a 15-yard reception, and David Kane had a nine-yard

Apolgies to Captains:

Ondi, Ryan Elliott and John

Blue Devil team captains Peter

With 1:52 left in the third quarter, Jon Gribbin kicked a 21-yard field goal. O'Rourke's second interception set up Westfield's next TD that covered 30 yards on three plays. Dugan had a 28-yard run to the Spartan two then he took it in for the TD with 0:32 left in the third quarter.

Mike Elliott's younger brother Dylan set up the Blue Devils' final TD with an interception at the Spartan 37. Six plays later, Glasco scored from the two with 1:10 remaining to make the score 37-0.

The huge victory set Westfield up with the second seed for the playoff. This Saturday, November 12, the Blue Devils will host Bayonne. With a victory, Westfield is expected to host the winner between Elizabeth and Union the following weekend.

"The guys on this team have been playing together as long as I can



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times REACHING FOR THE END ZONE...Raider running back Anthony Byers reaches for the end zone early in the fourth quarter for his fifth touchdown against the Warren Hills Blue Streaks on November 1. Byers also had 301 rushing yards and two receptions for 38 yards.

BYERS SCORES 5 TDs, RUSHES 301 YDs, 2 RECEPTIONS **Raiders Erase 'Blue Streaks'** In Football Showdown, 34-7

Three days of delay because of a surprising snowstorm that blanketed the northeast did not stop the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School football team's winning streak that stretched to three.

The Raiders' offensive line and fullback Anthony Lettieri provided the blocking that opened the holes for senior running back Anthony Byers to gallop 301 yards, which included five touchdowns (TD), en route to a 34-7 jolting of the Warren

Hills Blue Streaks in Scotch Plains on November 1.

In addition to Lettieri's throwing lead blocks, Byers, who also had two receptions for 38 yards, added, "Chris Devito, Andrew Miller, Matt Jegede and the 'O' line. Jegede had downfield blocks for me and helped me get my touchdowns.

Quarterback Steve Alleman effec-tively passed when necessary and completed five of seven attempts for 93 yards. Rob Mrozek had an 11yard reception, Jegede had a 27-yard reception and Miller had a 17-yard

reception.

"We have been very positive in our practices and coming into the games. We are very excited. Three games in a row! Hopefully, we can bring that momentum into this Saturday [November 5-Elizabeth]," said Alleman, who added, "You got to play the games one by one and play a great second half of the season."

"To their credit they didn't quit. We were worried about them packing it in. We have a young offensive line, and they have really come to-CONTINUED ON PAGE 14





By DAVID B. CORBIN

We are a cover three team. My linebackers did a great job of getting underneath the routes. I think both picks came on short posts, and they

Lanzano were also interviewed, along with James O'Rourke, and made fine statements; however, due to a tape malfunction, their comments were not recorded.

remember. We just don't want to stop playing. Now we got ourselves in a great position with a couple of home games. So we are looking good right now," O'Rourke said. 0 0 0 6 6 7 13 10 7 37 Immaculata

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Brooks Crandall for The Westfield Leader and The Times GETTING SOME FINE BLOCKING...Raider running back Anthony Byers, No. 1, got some fine blocking from Matt Jegede, No. 12, in the game against the Elizabeth Minutemen on November 5.

BYERS RUSHES 206 YARDS, SCORES TD: RICE GETS TD Minutemen Jump Out Early, **Stop Raider Gridders**, 31-17

By CHRISTOPHER FINAN

Anthony Byers was seeking to extend his astounding run of 300-yard games to four straight, while the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High football team was also going after its fourth consecutive victory.

Both streaks came to an end against a gifted Elizabeth football team by the score of 31-17 on November 5 in Scotch Plains.

Byers did come through with a strong performance as he ran for 206 yards and scored a touchdown (TD) against an Elizabeth unit that earned the No. 3 seed in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 state playoffs that begin this weekend.

Scotch Plains, which dropped to 3-6 on the season, fell behind 25-0 before the half and it was obvious that Elizabeth (7-2) had an athletic advantage with stars such as quarterback Phillip Walker and Jihad Thomas. The defining drive of the game came late in the first quarter with the Raiders trailing 12-0 as quarterback Steve Alleman was intercepted.

On the drive, Raider coach Steve Ciccotelli, who is known for a runheavy offense, abandoned the ground game for three consecutive passing

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plays. On first down, Alleman had a pass knocked down by an Elizabeth lineman and his second attempt fell incomplete. And on his third straight attempt, Thomas, a two-way back for the Minutemen, made the pickoff. On the next series, Thomas scored on a nine-yard run.

The Raiders, down 31-0 after Elizabeth's first offensive series of the second half, were much more productive in the second half as they scored on three separate drives.

Byers and fellow back, Dein Rice, each had a touchdown run, while as time was to be expired, kicker John Murphy was able to drill home a 33yard field goal.

Ciccotelli was proud of his troops. "We were in every game that we played this year and I have said it a hundred times, our kids did not quit," Ciccotelli stated.

When we were 0-5, we still worked hard and played well. Today is just a case where they were better than us,' the coach admitted. "They had great team speed. Speed kills and that's just the way it is.'

Following the woeful 0-5 start, the Raiders were able to reel off three consecutive victories before falling to Elizabeth. It is no coincidence that the Raiders' wins started to come as their senior running back, Byers, began racking up big yards on the ground.

"I think the turning point of our season was just being able to get that first victory," Byers commented. "That first win gave us confidence." Scotch Plains picked up their first victory of the season back on October 15 when the Raiders rallied to beat Voorhees, 26-14, at home.

"I knew it was going to be tough against Elizabeth," Byers replied when asked about his performance. "They have a great defense, and for me it's not about how many yards I have."

In this past weekend's game, Byers had just 55 yards on 10 carries the first half but exploded for 151 yards in the second half. He broke free for a 75-yard burst that set up his lone touchdown, a six-yard run in the third quarter.

Byers stated that he has plans to continue playing football as he goes onto college. After the season, he wants to sit down with Coach Ciccotelli and discuss his future.

"He (Byers) had a big year for us. If you were to ask him, he would credit his offense line and they have been terrific. He really is a good tailback, he's special," Ciccotelli gushed about his star running back. We have had some great tailbacks here and he is definitely one of them." Byers had 313 yards rushing just four days earlier against Warren Hills

and had games of 373 yards against North Plainfield and 343 yards versus Voorhees, all in triumphs for the Raiders Heading into this week's state consolation game, Byers has totaled 1,802 yards to go along with 13 touch-downs. With a strong performance against South Plainfield, he could capture a 2,000-yard rushing season. This Saturday at 1 p.m., the Raiders will close their season by hosting the South Plainfield Tigers in a state consolation game. "We want to come out and get a victory," Byers stated.

Raiders Erase 'Blue Streaks' in Football

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gether the last three games. I said this 1,000 times. Some games we got down by 14, we came back and took the lead and didn't hold onto it, but they never gave up," Raider Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli said.

The Raiders' defensive line did not give up either as they held the Blue Streaks to just 32 yards rushing in the first half and minus six yards in the second half. The Raiders delivered numerous cracking hits, but the noisiest "crack" came from the shoulder pads of linebacker Anthony Lettieri when he crushed Blue Streak running back Travis Hepworth for a loss.

"When you get a big hit, it gets everybody excited and pumped up. Three games in a row is pretty nice for us. We are hoping to continue it against Elizabeth," Lettieri said.

Linebackers Andrew Miller, Brad Alleman and Lettieri, lineman Anthony Tufaro and defensive back Mike Colineri were all involved in numerous quarterback sacks or throws for losses.

The Blue Streaks' only score came late in the first quarter when quarterback Zack Martin hit wide receiver Tyrell Thompson for a one-yard TD.

Martin did have success passing in the first half to complete nine of 14 attempts for 112 yards, and his favorite receiver was Thompson, who had four receptions for 42 yards. But the door slammed tight in the second half when the Raiders' defense adjusted and limited Martin to just two completions on nine attempts for 22 yards.

"We just settled down and handled our responsibilities. We didn't let anything beat us in the secondary," Lettieri explained.

'We played more two deep then mixed it up a little more, because three deep you really try to put everybody in the box to stop the run, but then they were taking advantage of it. Halftime, we decided to play more two deep. That shut down their passing game. I told our kids we did a better job second half, playing defense," Coach Ciccotelli said.

The Raiders' first score came on one play. Byers took the handoff, shook off a couple of would be tacklers at the line of scrimmage and bolted 79 yards for a TD with 7:58 left in the first quarter. After the Blue Streaks tied the score, Byers answered with a 49-yard TD sprint with no time on the clock to end the quarter with a 14-7 Raider lead.

The Raiders got a scare when Byers sustained a shoulder injury late in the second quarter, but the scare ended when the Raiders put together a 66yard scoring march that ended with Byers scooting in from the one with 6:21 left in the third quarter to make the score, 20-7.

Alleman and the Raiders added a seven-play, 84-yard scoring drive when Byers sped 52 yards for his fourth TD with 1:13 left in the third quarter. With the exception of a onevard run by Lettieri, Byers added the remainder of the yardage on the Raiders' final scoring drive (58 yards) when he scooted seven yards for the TD with 9:05 remaining. From that point, Byers rested, and Dein Rice took over and added 40 yards rushing on six carries.

"Our kids are playing hard. It makes me so proud of them, because they have a lot of character. We won three in a row. We lost some close games, and we didn't quit," Coach Ciccotelli said.

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THE WINNING COMBINATION...The Blue Devil girls volleyball team defeated Randolph in three games on November 3 to advance to the semifinals of the North Jersey, Group 4 tournament to face the Livingston Lady Lancers on November 7. The Lady Lancers defeated the Blue Devils, 25-13, 25-16. Blue Devil Morgan Bowen had five blocks in the game.

LadyBlue Devils Rip Randolph Rams in Volleyball Sectionals

The Westfield High School girls volleyball team defeated the 19-9 Randolph Lady Rams, 22-25, 25-19, 25-18, in the quarterfinal round of the North Jersey, Group 4 tournament on November 3.

Grace Antonelli amassed 25 digs and added eight service points for the

14-6 Blue Devils. Nicole Boretz had seven service points and five digs. Morgan Bowen had 14 digs and notched nine kills, seven service points, three blocks and a pair of aces. Amanda Earl notched nine kills and had five service points with an ace, two digs and two blocks. Erin

Fitzpatrick had six kills and a dig. Kayla Rodrigues had 28 assists, 12 digs, seven service points with an ace and a block. Catherine Sabatino had four blocks. Elena Scarano had eight digs and five service points. Courtney Weisse had five blocks, four digs and four kills. Ashley Dietz added a block.

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"Our back line locked things down for us. It was a big help. They got by us one time, but Vinnie [Bianco] did a good job getting the ball out to the corner," Stripling said.

"I think the most valuable player is right here. Michael Daly played the greatest game he's ever played in his career. He won the ball," Coach Breznitsky said.

'It feels great to bring it back home. We worked so hard all season. Coach Joe [Mortarulo] and Coach Brez redoubt that we were going to win. It got scary, but we got Vinnie Bianco in the net. I always have my faith in him. I make mistakes, and he makes up for

them," Daly said. Stripling, wearing uniform No. 11, did bring it home when he penetrated the box to take a feed from the right side and buried a right-to-left shot into the net with 11:11 remaining.

"I saw it come across the box. I forget who [fed the ball], but I shouldered it across the box, and I just took the attacking third. So I just calmed myself, hit the ball and it went in,' Stripling described.

"Number 11 is a #@!! of a player. That's for sure," Coach Breznitsky said.

"We are ecstatic. This is a dream come true. This journey we are taking. It is going to be crazy going into the sectional and hopefully to the states," Stripling said.

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GREEN 2 TDs, JP 2 TDs; McGUIRE TD GRAB, DWYER TD **Cougars Pounce on Terriers On Grid Senior Night, 41-7**

By DAVID B. CORBIN Speciall

It's not whether you get knocked

down, it's whether you get back up! The Cranford High School football team was knocked down severely by Summit in a battle of undefeated teams before a near capacity crowd at Memorial Field in Cranford on October 28.

The question at the time was would the Cougars get back up?

That question was answered in Cranford on Senior Night, November 4, when the Cougars jumped up and pummeled the formerly undefeated Delaware Valley Terriers, 41-7.

'That's exactly what [Head] Coach [Erik Rosenmeier] has been telling us all week. We have to bounce back. We still have a lot of season left. We have two more games to play, and we plan on winning them both. So we had to show that we are a good team. That Summit game wasn't going to ruin our season. It's a good way to get a win on our last game here," senior running back JP Christiano said.

"This really showed our capability to come back from a tough loss. The whole defense worked hard all week long. It shows our maturity and ability to come back and beat a good team. This was a 7-0 team," junior linebacker Nick Diaz said. "It was a great game to come back before the playoffs to get our morale up." Junior quarterback Reggie Green

carried nine times for 154 yards, including respective touchdown (TD) runs of 76 yards and three yards, all in the first half. Christiano (5 carries, 23 yards) had respective TD runs of three yards and one yard, also in the first half. Green also completed five passes for 97 yards, the final one a 70-yard TD strike to Adham McGuire early in the third quarter.

The Cougars' defense held the potent Terriers' running game to just 22 yards in the first half, and as long as their starting defense remained on the field, Delaware Valley was unable to move the ball effectively in the second half.

"Coach [Joe] Huber really coached

us well. The defense was very organized, very put together. All the thanks to our coaching staff! It was a team effort. It all came together great," Diaz said.

The 8-1 Cougars wasted no time as Green engineered a nine-play, 62yard scoring drive that was concluded when Christiano had an opening and slipped in from the three-yard line with 7:50 left in the first quarter. Troy Kettler kicked the first of his five points after to make the score 7-0

"We like to play physically. The offensive line gets a good push then Diaz and Jimmy [Dwyer] gave me a real good punch. I just walked right in," Christiano explained.

On the 7-1 Terriers' first possession, Christiano batted down a pass, Diaz and Mike Klimek combined on the first of their several sacks, and defensive back Eric Garguilo blocked a field goal attempt to give the Cougars possession at their own 20. Two plays later, Green scooted through an opening in the middle then slanted

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David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times AN IN-YOUR-FACE APPROACH...Cougar running back JP Christiano, No. 36, gives a Delaware Valley defender an effective stiff arm en route to a large gain. Christiano had two touchdowns in the Cranford victory.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times IN THE THICK OF THE ACTION...Raider Lea Salituro, No. 18, mixes it up with a Mo-town defender. Salituro scored the first goal in a 3-0, Raider victory.

SALITURO, CUNNINGHAM & HARPER FIRE IN GOALS No. 1 Seed Lady Raiders Rap Mo-town in State Playoff, 3-0

By DAVID B. CORBIN

The Time Top-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood used its first round game of the North Jersey, Group 3, Section 2 tournament on November 2 in Scotch Plains with the 16th-seeded Morristown High School girls soccer team as a warm-up for the more intense state games to come.

The 16th-ranked Lady Raiders played what could be considered a half-court game to rock the Mo-town Colonials and to easily roll to a 3-0 victory.

In both halves, the Raiders' offensive push kept them in Colonial territory nearly the entire game, resulting in a blitz of shelling at, in and around the goal area. In the first half, the Lady Raiders got off, at least, 11 shots but four would be considered within the posts where Mo-town goalkeeper Erin Dempsey managed to make three saves. The Raiders had three corner kicks in the half.

In the first half, junior Christy Monroy got off three shots, one that a defender deflected with her chest. Seniors Lisa Matrale and Sarah Vanbuskirk also took a few wicked shots that sailed over or just wide of the goal. Kelsey Meisch ripped a leftto-right shot to the right of the post that sent the Mo-town keeper scampering after it.

The Raiders, however, got their first goal when junior Lea Salituro, on an assist from Vanbuskirk, got the best position in a scramble within the 18-yard box and ripped a shot from 10-yards out with 7:32 left in the half.

In the meantime, junior goalkeeper Taylor Sebalao was left alone during the half and could very well have had plenty of time to do a crossword puzzle. Meghan Allen guarded the goal during the second half and also had plenty of spare time on their hands. Neither had to make a save.

The Raiders added another shelling of shots at, in and around the Motown goal in the second half, but this time goalie Dempsey was forced to make five more saves. Salituro drilled a shot that had Dempsey diving to her left to deflect. Minutes later, Monroy lifted a shot that Dempsey had to tip over the crossbar to prevent a score. Senior midfielder Erin Pierce penetrated the box and ripped a shot that

Dempsey also stopped. Then with 13:19 remaining, midfielder Katherine Cunningham lined a shot that hit high on the left post and ricocheted over the goal. One minute later, Pierce crossed to the box where sophomore Katie Harper buried the ball into the net for the final score.

"The kids didn't give up even though it was frustrating at time, because they had a couple of near misses. They [Mo-town] just played a defensive game to try to keep us at bay. They have some athletic kids, who were able to deal with it for a while, but we put a couple in, and they had to open it up," Raider Head Coach Kevin Ewing said. "It's a good start to the states.

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Cougars Rout Del Val, 41-7

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down the left sideline for a 76-yard TD with 1:08 left in the first quarter, upping the lead to 14-0.

Diaz and Klimek alternated quarterback sacks on the Terriers' next possession then when Delaware Valley recovered a Cougar fumble at the Cranford 33, Klimek extinguished the Terriers' thought of scoring with a 10-yard sack.

"Klimek and I have a little competition going on right now," chuckled Diaz.

The Cougars followed with a 10play, 82-yard scoring drive when Green pushed in from the three with 3:49 left in the half, making the score, 20-0.

Late in the quarter, the Cougars used some trickery. After Garguilo returned a punt 21 yards to the Terriers' 45, Green pitched out to Witwick, who tossed a long bomb to wide receiver Ryan Williamson, good for 37 yards. Three plays later with 44.5 remaining, Christiano bashed in from the one.

Diaz and Klimek continued their

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contest in the third quarter, and linemen Chris Fulinosz and TJ Nichols also got into the action of sacking quarterbacks or throwing runners for losses. Diaz forced a fumble that he recovered at midfield.

On the Cougars' first possession prior to Diaz's forced fumble, Green saw McGuire all alone in the middle of the field and launched a rocket that landed in his hands for a 70-yard TD

with 10:44 left in the third quarter. With the score, 34-0, Cranford's reserves took over. In the fourth quarter, the Terriers got their only TD on Sean Hogan's three-yard run with 8:05 remaining.

In a span over slightly more than four minutes, Cougar quarterback Dan Murphy engineered an eightplay, 70-yard scoring drive. Murphy had a 43-yard run to the Terrier seven. Joe DaSliva (6 carries, 16 yards) carried to the four. Murphy carried to the one but fumbled where Dywer grabbed the ball and dove into the end zone for the TD.

Sophomore quarterback John Oblachinski (2 carries, 10 yards) ran the Cougars' next drive until time ran out

Delaware Valley Cranford



ULTIMATE CHAMPS...AGAIN...Four Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys recently contributed to the AAU Ultimate Baseball Team's capturing of the 14U Old Bridge Fall League Championship going undefeated. Pictured, left to right, are: Brendan Kelly, A.J. Bonadies, Julian Iarussi, and Tyler O'Brien, along with Manager Chris Growney.



FALL BASEBALL CHAMPS...The Westfield 11U baseball team concluded its fall season and won the CJBL championship by beating Full Count, 9-6, in the finals. The team beat NJ Storm, 9-6, in eight innings to reach the finals. The 11U boys went 12-2 in its first season playing 50/70 baseball. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Jeffrey Bennett, Aidan Gilman, Cam Gilman, Sean Boley, Matt Crowley and John Andrew Humiston; second row, Matt McIntyre, Jack Cushing, Nathan Hefner, Ian Rosen, Jack Sandstedt, Andrew Caminiti, Michael Carlone and Sean Root; third row, Coaches Boley, Crowley and Humiston

WF Devilfish Girls 'B' Top Metuchen-Edison 'Y', 111-94

The Westfield Area "Y" Devilfish girls "B" swim team defeated the Metuchen-Edison "Y" girls, 111-94, on October 29.

8U: Erin McKinney (25 Free), Riley Gasson (25 Back) and Gianna Mangiamele (25 Breast) all took first. Gasson (25 Free) and Paige Eckard (25 Breast) finished second. Kelly Sullivan (25 Free) and Gillian Strout (25 Back) touched third in their events.

9-10: Emma Ryan, Mary Weber and Caitlin Haviland swept 1, 2 and 3 in the 50 Free. Haviland also took 2nd in the 50 Breast. Connie Liu touched first in the 50 Breast and 50 Back. Bridget Warren (50 Breast), Megan Cassiba (50 Back), and Maya Grantz (50 Fly) placed third.

11-12: Caitlin Hogge and Bridget Scaglione touched first and third in the 50 Free. Emily Beattie and Courtney Thomas took first and third in the 50 Breast. Betsy Penn placed first in the 50 Back. Danielle Rubiano and Catie Gerlitz took first and third in the 50 Fly.

13-14: Bridget Reynolds (100 Free), Jamie Thomas (100 Breast), Maddie Reynolds (100 Back) and Caitlin Collins (200 IM, 100 Fly) all touched first. Thomas also placed third in the 100 Free. Lizzie Diamantopoulos took second in the 100 Free and 100 Back. Marina DeCotiis finished second and third in the 100 Fly and 100 Breast. Caroline Felix placed second and third in the 100 Breast and 100 Fly.

15-18: Lauren Schmeider (200 IM, 100 Free), Emily Smith (200 Breast, 200 Back) and Rachel Fan (100 Fly) all took first. Julia Diamantopoulos (200 IM, 100 Free), Fan (200 Breast), Courtney Han (100 Fly) touched second. Han (200 IM), Kelly Kalis (100 Free, 200 Back), Charlotte Milford (200 Breast), Alexandra Kapadia (100 Fly) placed third.



PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD Notice is hereby given that **ORDINANCE** NO. 11-14-R

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10 OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE FANWOOD BOR-OUGH CODE RELATING TO THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION FEES DUE TO DAMAGE CAUSED BY

Raider PAL Teams Go 3-1 Against Westfield Grid Kids

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) PAL football teams won three of four games against its rival Westfield this past Sunday at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High field to close the regu-lar season. The Raider A, C and D teams qualified to compete in the New Jersey Suburban Youth Football League playoffs, which will begin this Sunday. There will be no playoff games on Thanksgiving weekend.

The SPF A team (8th grade) fin-ished 7-1 after coach Paul Belford's squad threw a 12-0 shutout at Westfield. Both touchdowns came on long passes from Jack Defouw to Matt Heath. Jack Valian applied a key block on Heath's 45-yard TD grab. Defouw and Heath also connected on a 50-yard scoring pass.

Lineman Rashan Gary anchored the defense, while Jordan Belford recorded two interceptions and Jimmy DiFrancesco and Mike Bwumford delivered hard hits.

The C team (6th grade) moved to 7-1 with its 27-14, triumph over Westfield. Jack Cannon and Ashton Miller each scored two TDs to spark coach Chris Aversa's unit. Dwight Lawlor and Declan Cassidy each registered a sack, while Miller picked off a pass.

The D team (5th grade), under coach Luke Fugett, improved to a league-leading 8-0 with its 20-0 victory over Westfield. Jonathan Ramos

sprinted 50 yards to the end zone and caught a deflected pass from An-thony Porter for a 25-yard TD. Porter kept for a 30-yard TD.

The D team defense posted its third shutout in the last four games. Alex Oslislo, Dakota Verrico, Billy Root, Ted Giandana, Noah Costanzo, Danny Wright, Tommy Harcourt, Tyler Erath, Kyle Tannenbaum James Stroz and Tommy Ryan sparked the defense. Zack Zimmerman, Robby Camisa and Jahsyn Silver helped pro-

vide the blocking up front. The B team (7th grade) fell to Westfield, 27-14. Riley Guma, Spencer Vaughn, Brian Taylor, Bobby Nugent and JJ Vinci and were among the standouts for the B team that ended 5-3. Jumar Etkins scored both touchdowns and also playing well were Vinnie Ruzek, Daron Jeter, Jason Calabria and Jimmy Harcourt.

The non-competitive E team (4th grade) ended the season with a 19-13 victory over Richmond Borough of New York. In week two of the season back in September, the E team tied Richmond in Brooklyn.

Aidan Guma scored two TDs and Gus Barco scored one TD to lead coach Vic DiFrancesco's team that ended the season4-3-1. SamReeson, Mark Briehl, Camden Mari, Eric Berkins, Jake Hahn, Camden Ricci, Jayson Williams, Mike DiFrancesco, Juston Clark and Robert Denker all shined for the E team in its season finale.



GAINING GOOD YARDAGE...Westfield PAL B team running back Chad Dembiec gains good yardage in 27-14 win over Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

Westfield PAL B Defeats Raider Grid Kids, 27-14

The Westfield PAL B football team recorded a 27-14 victory over Scotch Plains-Fanwood on November 6 in Scotch Plains. Relying on the legs of Ishmael Glasco and the arm of Philip Martini Westfield totaled 316 yards on offense.

After a Brett Spass sack to stop the Raiders on their first possession, the offense took over. Martini capped a seven-play, 51-yard drive with a 12-yard touchdown (TD) pass to Glasco.

another TD. Glasco added the PAT. After a quick strike and PAT drew

the Raiders within 14-7, the Blue Devils responded with a ground attack. Glasco took the first play and swept around the left end for a 65yard TD. Kevin Brennan added the PAT with a short burst and the Blue Devils were up, 21-7.

After the half, the second pass interception by Dembiec set up the Blue Devils. Six plays and 31 yards later, Glasco had another TD, and Westfield had a 27-7 lead. Another quick hitting drive resulted in a Raiders' TD and PAT and brought the score to 27-14. Tough running by Brennan and Kyle Dombroski allowed Westfield to grind out four first downs and walk away with the victory. Glasco finished with 154 total yards and 25 points.



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SCOTCH PLAINS \$650,000 931 Winding Brook Wy-4BR, 2 1/2BA, beaut lot foyer, LRw/fp, FDR, Ist flr FR, EIK, Den, MBR /BA Dir: Raritan-Winding Brook. MLS 2890029



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MIDDLESEX \$419,000 10 Farragut Av-Fab 4/5BR, 3BA, cust blt in '09 /hi-qual, upscale feats & an nities Dir: 28-1ountain-Voorhees-Farragut. MLS 2886635



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MOUNTAINSIDE \$480,000 171 Chipmunk Hill-4BR, 2 1/2Bth, potential, grt flrpln, sunny rms, hwf, cath ceils. Dir Barchester-Brookside-Chpmnk. MLS 2891014



WESTFIELD \$339,000 1140 Central Av-3BR Cape, brand new kit, updtd bth, DR, LR, lg yard, move-in ready. Dir: Central btw Sycamore & Pearl. MLS 2890340 NORTH PLAINFIELD \$315,000 Greenock Av-Meadowbrook Col, updtd 3BR, 2.5BA, hwf, c/a, new wndws, beaut yard. Dir: Mountain-Farragut-Greenock. **MLS 2864148**

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PLAINFIELD \$529,900 1083 Woodland Ave-11rm CHC, designer kit, granite, fpl in brkfst rm. In heart of Sleepy MLS 2888210 Hollow. Dir: Woodland Ave.



SCOTCH PLAINS \$469,900 2317 Coles Av-Updtd 3BR Col, LR w/ fp, FDR, hwf. nwr kit w/brkfst area. den. skylite. updtd bth. Dir: Westfield Rd-Coles. MLS 2897446

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was passed and adopted on the second and final reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fanwood held on November 1, 2011.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication as required by law.

Eleanor McGovern Borough Clerk 1 T - 11/10/11, The Times Fee: \$19.89

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

Public notice is hereby given that the undersigned, The Collector of Taxes of the Town of Westfield, Union County, New Jersey, will sell at public auction on the 2nd day of December, 2011 in the Tax Collector's office in the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at nine o'clock in the morning, the following described lands

that same on the 2nd day of December, 2011, together with interest and cost of sale,

The said lands will be sold in fee to such persons as will purchase the same, subject conclusion of the sale or the property will be resold.

Any parcel of real property for which there shall be no other purchaser will be struck off and sold to the Municipality in fee for redemption at eighteen percent (18%) per annum and the Municipality shall have the right to bar or foreclose the right of redemption.

The sale will be made and conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of

At any time before the sale the undersigned will receive payment of the amount due on the property, with interest and costs incurred up to the time of payments, by certified check or cash

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 or operator of the site

including the name of the owner as shown on the last duplicate and the total amount due thereon respectively on the 2nd day of December, 2011, exclusive of the lien for the year 2011 are as listed below:

				ector of Taxes d, New Jersey
	Location of Property Address	Owner	Block & Lot	Amount Due Dec. 2, 2011
11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17.	412 Elmer St S 330 Benson Pl 52 Michael Dr 118 Cacciola Pl 114 Livingston Str 727 Central Ave	Lawrence Avenue, LLC Lenape Trail Assoc, LLC Rapuano, Samuel & Jo Ann Pringle, Edward Khedr, Christine-Gadzera, Irene Wilkins, Elise D. O'Brien, Michael & Christine Liebrich, Bernadine Clavijo, Victor & Maria Morse, Norman & Nancy Smith, FM-Smith, MA-Smith, C Mormile, Antonio & MaryAnn Potamousis, Ioannis & Sally Narkis Materek, Ruth Colonel, Lottie c/o N. Pringle Furnari, Nancy J. Patel, Hasmukh S-Patel, Mahendra C		\$19,787.21 \$12,068.79 \$10,716.99 \$4,854.47 \$13,674.35 \$5,447.48 \$6,146.05 \$16,868.97 \$13,522.29 \$869.10 \$3,518.26 \$8,502.23
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Owen Kessler's sack stopped the Raiders on their next possession. The Westfield line, anchored by center Max Schwetje, provided key blocking to allow Glasco to scamper 30 yards for

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The said lands will be sold to make the amount of Municipal liens chargeable against

exclusive however, of the lien for taxes for the year 2011.

to redemption at the lowest rate of interest, but in no case in excess of eighteen percent (18%) per annum. Payments for the sale shall be made by cash or certified check before

Chapter 5 of Title 54, Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937, and amendments thereto.

The said lands so subject to sale, described in accordance with the tax duplicate,

Susan Noon

Fee: \$440.64

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Board of the Township of Scotch Plains will hold a Public Hearing on **MON-**DAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011, at 7:30 pm, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains to hear the application of Close Reach, LLC for 2470 Plainfield Avenue, Block 6502, Lot 6, M-1 Zone for a Change of Use and Prelimi nary and Final Site Plan for a contractor's storage vard.

The following variances are being requested: Section 23-2.3(i)-Front yard require-

ments on through lots. Required: Ten (10) feet. Proposed: Storage bins are three (3) feet from Kate Street

Section 23-3.14(d1)-Off-street parking. Required: One space for each visitor and employee. Proposed: The plans show that 15 spaces are being provided. Testimony from the Applicant should be given for proof of sufficient parking. Section 23-3.14(d2)-Parking areas.

Required: Any area other than the front yard. Proposed: Six (6) spaces located in front yard.

Section 23-3.14(d3)-Truck Loading and Unloading. Required: On existing lot in other than the front yard. Proposed: The four (4) storage bins are located on the property adjacent to Kate Street which is considered a second front yard.

Section 23-3.14(d4)-Seeding and Landscaping. Required: Ten (10) percent of the track to be set aside for seeding & landscaping. Proposed: The Applicant must clarify the exact square footage and delineate the seeding and landscaping areas. Section 23-3.14(d5)-Buffer. Required:

10 foot. Proposed: None

Section 23-3.14(d6)-Storage of materials and equipment outdoors. Required: Materials & equipment stored outdoors shall be shielded from public streets or residential properties and not stored in front yard areas. Proposed: Several proposed storage areas are located in the front yard.

The Applicant is also requesting any and all variances deemed to be necessary at the time of the hearing including waivers, exceptions, interpretations and other relief necessary.

All interested persons may be present and be heard. The file pertaining to this application is in the Office of the Planning Board and is available for public inspec tion during normal office hours.

Barbara Horev, Secretary Planning Board 1 T - 11/10/11, The Times Fee: \$53.04 The task force will submit its recom-

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tion requirements," he added.

high school assessments and gradua-

The Department of Education is

currently evaluating the state's high

school assessments. The task force

will discuss the degree to which the

HSPA and AHSA exams are appro-

priately gauging college and career

readiness, and make recommenda-

tions on how New Jersey should

measure college and career readiness

The task force is charged with an-

swering the following questions:

in the future.

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tem to the new system?

Library Friends Seek

Book Sale Donations

WESTFIELD - The Friends of

the Westfield Memorial Library are

asking area residents to donate their

gently used children's and teenag-

ers' hardcover and paperback books

for the organization's sale. The sale

will take place at the library on Tues-day and Wednesday, November 15

Donations will be accepted at the

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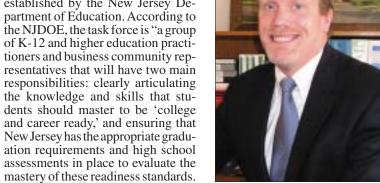
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Readiness Task Force WESTFIELD - Peter Renwick. Principal of Westfield High School, has been chosen to serve on the College and Career Readiness Task Force established by the New Jersey Department of Education. According to the NJDOE, the task force is "a group of K-12 and higher education practitioners and business community representatives that will have two main



Peter Renwick

mendations to the Department of input from a variety of stakeholders, including testing experts, academics, "Our number one priority is to enand the general public. The other 19 sure that students across the state of New Jersey are not only graduating task force members represent univerfrom high school, but that when they sities, community colleges, vocational/technical schools, NJ Chamdo, they are truly ready for college and a career," said Acting Commisber of Commerce, Workforce Development, Commission on Higher Education, and the NJ Department of "This task force is the next step as we think about our next generation Education.

"I am honored to be working with such a talented group of educators on such a meaningful charge," stated Renwick. "This work aligns very closely with my desire to improve how we assess our students and better prepare them for life after high school," he added.

NJ Dept. of Ed Reorganizes; New Reg. **Offices to Focus on Achievement**

Last August, we released the results of a survey of over 480 Superin-1. What does college and career tendents across the state. In those 2. What is the appropriate way to results, we heard loud and clear that assess this level of student achievethere were a number of areas that the Department was not operating at the 3. What graduation requirements level we would expect. Most troubling to me, we heard from you that should be required including comthe Department was not successfully prehensive examinations and end of serving its primary role - to support 4. What process, benchmarks and student achievement and to prepare all students for college and career. timelines should be established to You shared that the Department's efguide transition from the current sysforts to provide instructional support Mr. Renwick is the only high school were often inadequate, and that the principal who is serving on the state Department's work with you was oftask force, which also will solicit ten not coordinated and at times even

> from a bureaucratic, compliance based organization to one that is singularly focused on supporting your work with students. The first step of that was to completely reorganize the Department around the four key building blocks of success: academics, performance and accountability, talent, and innovation. This shift was much more than a change on an org chart. It was a fundamental shift of our staff and resources around what we think matters the most.

Today, I wanted to share the next In order to ensure that we are effec-



The Borough of Fanwood is accepting applications for a full time equipment operator position in the Borough's Public Works Department. Applicants must have a valid NJ Driver's license with a Class B, CDL designation. Knowledge of public works functions and infrastructure maintenance including the operation of equipment is required. Send resume and salary Eleanor requirements to McGovern, Borough Administrator, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, NJ 07023. The Borough of Fanwood is an EOE. Responses must be received by November 21, 2011.

contradictory. We committed then to moving away

step of our reorganization with you. tively and efficiently supporting stu-

We will provide regional offices with data specific to each district, each school, and even student subgroups so that they can clearly identify key areas of improvement and provide the support and resources needed. We will be able to do this without sacrificing the compliance and regulatory support that we already offer. To ensure that this new structure is effective, we will hold the Regional Achievement Directors and their teams accountable for school improvement and driving student achievement results. These regional offices will partner with the 21 existing county offices. While the county offices have done a great job of working with districts in a range of areas over the last several years, their statutory obligations and compliance responsibilities, along with the complexity of our organizational structure, have not allowed them to provide the kind of on-the-ground support that many of you have sought from us. So, the new structure will preserve the best of the county offices - namely, their important compliance and regulatory functions while enhancing them through the curricular, professional development and other achievement-based supports of the regional offices. Though this change will not fully take place until the 2012-13 school year, we are

taking steps today to begin to move

the Department of Education in this

direction. In the coming days, we

will be posting job descriptions to

hire new Regional Achievement Di-

rectors. We will also be working

with existing staff to ensure that our

resources are aligned to the types of

support that we think will help to

support student growth across the

one more step to make sure that we

are laser focused on giving the right

type of support to you as you work

daily with your students. As you are

doing at the local level, we at the

Department must stay constantly

vigilant to make sure that we are

deploying our staff and resources in a

way that most directly supports stu-

dent growth throughout the state. As

always, I welcome your feedback

and any thoughts on additional ways

the Department can support your vi-

Christopher Cerf, Commissioner NJ Dept. of Ed.

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The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 15. On November 16, which will be half-price day, the sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The library is located at 550 East Broad Street in Westfield.

On November 15, at 4 p.m., the Friends will present storyteller Kathy Tatlow. Ms. Tatlow taught at Oak Knoll School in Summit, where she initiated a program that integrated music, storytelling and drama into the curriculum.

SAGE to Conduct Memory Screenings

SUMMIT - SAGE Eldercare, located at 290 Broad Street in Summit, will conduct free and confidential memory screenings on Tuesday, November 15, from 2 to 4 p.m.

This program is geared to those concerned about memory loss; who may be at risk due to a family history of Alzheimer's disease or related illness, and those who may not have a concern right now but who would like a baseline measurement for future comparison.

In addition to the screenings, Deanna Butters, director of SAGE's Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, will lead a discussion on strategies to improve memory.

This program will be free and open to the public, but registration is required. To register or for more information, interested persons are asked to call (908) 598-5548.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Planning Board, at its meeting on November 7, 2011, adopted the following resolu tion for the application decided at the October 3, 2011 meeting:

PB 11-08(V) St. Paul Real Estate, LLC, 220 Elmer Street, Block 3114, Lot 9, 8/ 25/11, Applicant sought preliminary and final major site plan approval with variances to convert approximately 1817 square feet of the first floor of an existing building for use as a physician's office. Applicant sought variance relief from the following sections of the Land Use Ordinance

§11.282G11 - To allow an all improvement coverage of 78.12% where 70 % is allowed. §17.02B4 & 17.02C5a - to allow 15 parking spaces where 20 are required §16.04E1 - to allow three signs where

Kris McAloon Planning Board Secretary 1 T - 11/10/11, The Leader Fee: \$46.51

one wall sign is allowed.

dent growth, we will be developing seven regional achievement offices throughout the state whose primary goal will be to support our schools, particularly our lowest performing schools, in increasing student achievement. Led by Regional Achievement Directors, these seven offices will consolidate a number of Department teams to provide more coordinated and direct regional support.

By developing these offices outside of Trenton, we are investing in staff that will be on the ground, working with each of you to deliver the resources needed to enhance student performance, including instructional support, professional development, and technical assistance. Ultimately, we believe this work can only be done if staff is out at the district and school level, working closely with you. Each regional office will have specific performance target goals, and in addition to targeted assistance, will work with districts to build capacity at both the district and school level.

These new offices will allow us to do many things at a more intensive level than we have ever done before.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Editor's Note: This letter was sent to school superintendents and emailed to this newspaper.

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH

Public notice is hereby given that an Ordinance amending BOH Ordinance #100 entitled "An Ordinance Relating to Personnel Positions and Salary Ranges of Officers and Employees of the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey" of which the following is a copy was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Westfield Board of Health at a regular meeting held on November 7, 2011. The Board of Health will further consider the same for final passage on December 5, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Council Conference Room of the Westfield Municipal Building located at 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at which time and place members of the public will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance

Megan Avallone **Board Secretary**

BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCE #101 AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PERSONNEL POSITIONS AND SALARY RANGES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY".

Be it ordained by the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Board of Health Ordinance #100 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1

The following personnel positions and salary ranges are hereby established for Officers and employees of the Board of Health and shall be effective retroactively from July 1, 2011.

Job Title	Salary Range
Regional Health Officer	\$90,000 — \$133,000
Public Health Nursing Supervisor	\$69,000 — \$80,000
Principal REHS	\$69,000 — \$80,000
•	Section 2
This Ordinance shall take effect imr according to law.	nediately after Final Passage and publication
Approved: Unanimously	
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NEW JERSEY HISTORY ... Award-winning photographer and author, Walter Choroszewski, recently visited Franklin School in Westfield for a presentation celebrating New Jersey. He covered a wide-range of the state's history from the time of the dinosaurs to modern day Wildwood for fourth grade classes, enhancing their current study of NJ. The event was sponsored by the Franklin PTO Cultural Arts Committee.

Joseph Dillon Named to Manhattan **College Board of Trustees**

RIVERDALE – Manhattan College named Joseph Dillon, Class of 1962, an 11-year veteran of the College's advancement staff and a retired 23-year employee of the Panasonic Corporation

of North America, to the College's board of trustees on October 27.

Mr. Dillon, a resident of Scotch Plains, graduated from Manhattan College with a bachelor's of science in elementary education, and went on to receive his master's in business administration from Case Western Reserve



WALKING FOR **CAUSE...Wardlaw-Hartridge School** students Jack Schildge and Carlin Schildge and younger sibling Kallie Schildge of Westfield participated in the 31st annual Red Bank CROP Hunger Walk on October 16. Jack, who walked for the 13th straight year, combined with his younger sisters to raise \$850 for CROP. The organization raises money and collects food for the poverty stricken.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD **BOARD OF HEALTH**

Public notice is hereby given that an Ordinance amending BOH2-2008 entitled "General Provisions, Board of Health" was introduced, read and passed on first reading by the Westfield Board of Health at a regular meeting held on November 7, 2011 The Board of Health will further consider the same for final passage on December 5, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Council Conference Room of the Westfield Municipal Building located at 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at which time and place members of the public will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance.

soon started his career at Panasonic Corporation of North America, and during his career with Panasonic held many executive positions, including: general manager of elec-

> president of audio/ video systems, presi-dent of Panasonic service and vice president of information systems.

After retiring from Panasonic in 1996 as corporate vice president, Mr. Dillon went back to his alma mater roots and accepted a position as vice president of college advance-

ment. He remained in this position for five years, and also served as director of alumni relations until he retired in 2007.

Throughout his professional career, Mr. Dillon has remained involved in many organizations, such as being a member of the finance council at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Parish and the parade commission in Scotch Plains. Mr. Dillon is also the new president of the Manhattan College Alumni Society, and is committed to expanding the number of programs for young alumni and broadening the connection between the current students and the network of alumni.

Probitas Verus Honos

Rosary Altar Society Meeting Set Tonight

GARWOOD - The next regular monthly meeting of St. Anne's Rosary Altar Society of Garwood will be held this evening, Thurs-day, November 10, at 7:30 p.m., after recitation of the Rosary. It will take place in the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 37 South Avenue in Garwood. Ample parking is available behind the building on Willow Avenue. President Christine Guerrierro will welcome all members and call for committee reports. Members are asked to bring a nonperishable food item as a food drive donation. Program Chairperson Eleanor Senus has a program planned and refreshments will be served. Additionally, plans for the Rosary Altar Society's annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 2, will be presented. All the women of the parish are invited to join with the Rosary Altar Society at all meetings. The next Rosary Sunday will be on December 4 at 8 a.m. Mass with recitation of the Rosary will take place at 7:40 a.m. All are invited to attend.

UC Seniors Named New Jersey Rising Scholars

SCOTCHPLAINS-Union Catholic High School is proud to announce that Seniors Jasmine Serano of North Plainfield, Kayla McCloud of East Orange, Shanice London of Union and Adrianna DeGazon of South Orange have been selected as recipients of the 2011 New Jersey Rising Scholars Student Recognition Award.

The New Jersey Rising Scholars Student Recognition Program was established by the NJ Department of Education, in collaboration with the NJ Amistad Commission and the Malcolm Bernard Historically Black Colleges and Universities committee, to honor the academic achievement of high school seniors from



CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN At Roosevelt's Welcome Back Dance in September, the Student Council asked their classmates to bring in a school supply for students at Cranford's Brookside Elementary School, in lieu of an admission fee. More than 300 items were donated. Alexandra Jackman, Grace Pettit and Pamela Burke, pictured, left to right, seventh and eighth graders at Roosevelt, are shown here sorting through the supplies.

Veterans Day to Include Cdr. Jeans Park Dedication

KENILWORTH-The Kenilworth Veterans Center and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 2230 will host a Veterans Day service tomorrow, Friday, November 11, at 11 a.m. at the Kenilworth Veterans Center, located at 33 South 21st Street in Kenilworth.

In addition to remembering those who have served in the armed forces and recognizing those who continue to serve, the Kenilworth VFW also will be celebrating its 80th anniversary.

During the service, the memorial park next to the Veterans Center will be officially dedicated as the "Robert E. Jeans Sr. Veterans Memorial Park," in honor of Post Commander Robert E. Jeans, Sr.

While serving as a sergeant with the U.S. Army's 23rd Infantry Division, 196th Light Infantry, 31st Regiment in Vietnam during 1969-1970, Commander Jeans was awarded the Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars. He also earned a Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation. Valorous Unit Award and the diverse backgrounds who are interested in attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).

The criteria for Rising Scholar students is attendance at a New Jersey public, private or charter school, a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and a SAT score of 1350 or above.

They are among 58 total New Jersey Rising Scholars selected this year. Each Rising Scholar had the opportunity to meet recruiters participating in the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair from which they may be able to receive application fee waivers. They may also be eligible for one of several \$1,000 HBCU Rising Scholar Fund Scholarships to be announced in the spring of 2012.

Students Help Students

In Aftermath of Irene

WESTFIELD - Roosevelt Intermediate School students in Westfield continue to open their hearts and imaginations to their neighbors in Cranford who experienced considerable losses due to Hurricane Irene.

Robert Dowdy.

Last week, Brookside students and their families were invited to a special complimentary performance of Roosevelt Intermediate School's fall production of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. More than 100 children and their families attended the show. Roosevelt's cast and crew also collected cash donations from students and faculty at lunchtime and at all three regularly scheduled performances of their play. These donations, along with a portion of the funds raised by ad and booster sales, will be donated to Brookside. Roosevelt's "White Rabbit" and eighth grader, Frank Guerriero, summed it up this way: "It feels good to do something to help them forget about what they've been through for a while."

Vietnamese Cross of gallantry with

Palm, the New Jersey Vietnam Ser-

vice Medal and the New Jersey Dis-

the David Brearley High School gradu-

ate and recent veteran joined the

Kenilworth Police Department. He

retired in 2000 as a lieutenant from the

has been active with the Kenilworth

Veterans Center, Kenilworth VFW

Post No. 2230, Kenilworth American

Legion Post No. 470 and Knights of

Columbus Council No. 4168. He also

is an active member of the Union

County Emerald Society and a sup-

porter of the Union County St.

Commander Jeans lives with his

wife, Lenore, in Kenilworth and is a

Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

Since retiring, Commander Jeans

Upon returning to the United States,

tinguished Service Medal.

department's Patrol Division.





GRAND OPENING...Heirlooms Fine Finds for the Home recently opened at 111 Central Avenue, Westfield. Attending the ribbon cutting ceremony, pictured, left to right, are: Councilman Frank Arena, Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (WACC) Chairperson Mitchell Beinhaker, WACC Board Member Robert Dowdy, Valerie DeVito, Heirlooms owner Jeff Christakos, Downtown Westfield Corporation Economic Development Committee Member, Mayor Andy Skibitsky, Councilman Sam Della Fera, Councilman Mark LoGrippo, and WACC Board Member Paula Ehoff.

Temple Sisterhood to Offer 'Sacred Table' Discussion

WESTFIELD – The Sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El invites the community to a discussion of "The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish

Food Ethic," published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, with Rabbi Mary Zamore, editor and contributor to the book. This program will take place on Thursday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El. Rabbi Zamore, who worked on the book for more than 10 years, is a

focus of the anthology, written from the perspective of 40 Jewish authors, which, as Rabbi Zamore states, "is



about the diversity of views on Jewish dietary practices and how keeping kosher is not just a ritual practice, but also is the relationship with food and its production which integrates values such as ethics, community and spirituality into



Joseph Dillon

Megan Avallone Board Secretary

BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCE #2-2011

An Ordinance by the Board of Health, of the Town of Westfield, County of Union amending BOH2-2008 entitled "GENERAL PROVISIONS, BOARD OF HEALTH OF WESTFIELD"

Copies of the proposed Ordinance, #BOH2-2011 are available for review between the hours of 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, or by appointment, at the offices of the Westfield Board of Health located on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 425 E. Broad Street, Westfield, New Jer-

Approved: Unanimously Dated: November 7, 2011 1 T - 11/10/11, The Leader Fee: \$32.64

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF SCOTCH PLAINS ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that MetroPCS New York, LLC ("MetroPCS") has filed an application with the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Scotch Plains for preliminary and final site plan approval a use (d-1) variance, a height (d-6) variance, a d-2 variance; a (c) variance for the height of the proposed fence; and related relief to install six (6) wireless telecommunications antennas onto the existing Public Service Electric and Gas Company transmission tower, and related equipment at ground level, on premises identified on the Tax Maps of the Township of Scotch Plains as Block 12101, Lot 6, commonly known as 1550 Cooper Road (transmission tower located near the end of James Court, with proximity to Stoneleigh Drive), Scotch Plains.

Please take further notice that the applicant seeks any and all variances, waivers approvals and/or other relief from the Township's zoning and site plan ordinances that may be required for this application to be approved and that may be identified during the hearing process, including but not limited to the following variances:

D-1 (use) variance from the permitted uses in the R-1 zone (telecommunications facilities are not permitted in the R-1 zone nor anywhere in the Township);

D-2 variance whereby the existing transmission tower is permitted as a conditional use and the proposed antennas and equipment constitute an expansion to an existing nonconforming conditional use;

D-6 (height) variance from the maximum permitted height in the R-1 zone (35 feet permitted; existing height of transmission tower at 115 feet; maximum height of proposed antennas at 113 feet); the proposed height of the antennas is more than 10 feet or 10% greater than the permitted height in the R-1 zone;

Height variance whereby the maximum permitted height for fencing is 6 feet and the applicant is requesting a 7 foot chain PUBLIC NOTICE

link fence Minimum (secondary) front yard setback within the R-1 zone as measured from the expanded frontage on James Court (50 feet required, antennas at 11 feet); please note that the minimum front yard setback for transmission towers as a conditional use is 25 feet;

Minimum rear yard setback within the R-1 zone (50 feet required; 38 feet proosed); please note that the minimum rear vard setback for transmission towers as a conditional use is 25 feet); and

Minimum front yard setback for proposed equipment (60 feet required; 5 feet proposed); and

Signage (signage not permitted; two emergency contact signs proposed, 1.5 square feet and less than 1 square foot).

Please take further notice that the following existing non conformities also exist: minimum lot width [existing lot width on Cooper Road of 53 feet (approx.), where 160 feet is required]; minimum street frontage width [existing street width on Cooper Road of 53 feet (approx.) where 145 feet is required]; minimum front yard setback for transmission tower from James Court (25 feet required; 2 feet existing).

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled by the Zoning Board of Adjustment for November 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, Council Chambers (First Floor), 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains. When this matter is called, you may appear either in person or by agent or attorney and present any objections or comments you may have with regard to this application.

Maps, plans and other related documents submitted with the application are on file and available for inspection at the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Scotch Plains Municipal Building, 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). BROWN MOSKOWITZ & KALLEN, P.C

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Attorneys for Applicant		
MetroPCS New York, LLC		
By:_Richard S. Schkolnick		
11/10/11, The Times Fee: \$83.13		

Hadassah to Present **CONTACT** Visitors

WESTFIELD-The Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will hold a general meeting on Monday, November 14, at noon at Temple Emanu-El, located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

The program will feature an overview of the functions of CONTACT We Care, presented by Susan Fasano, training director, and Laurie Feinberg, CONTACT listener. CONTACT We Care is a 24-hour caring and crisis hotline in New Jersey.

ceded at 10:30 a.m. by a book review of "The Tenth Song" by Naomi Ragen. Members are encouraged to bring lunch. Coffee and dessert will be served. For additional information, call

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHS College **Night Scheduled** WESTFIELD - On Thursday,

proud father and grandfather.

November 17, at 7 p.m., Westfield High School will host more than 190 colleges and universities at its annual College Night. This event gives students and their parents an opportunity to gather information about colleges and universities nationwide. The college representatives will be in the High School's Varsity Gym, Gym 5 and Cafeteria B.

Hosted for many years by the High School's Counseling Services Department, Westfield's College Night offers a forum for students and parents to talk oneon-one with representatives from colleges and universities. The Guidance Department works diligently to provide students access to an array of post-secondary options.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT, BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES 1035 PARKWAY AVENUE, PO BOX 600 **TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625**

Notice is hereby given that bid proposals will be received via the Internet until 10:00:59 A.M. on 11/22/11, 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, ew Jersey 08625; for

Maintenance Drainage Cleaning, Video and Repair Contract, North-2012; Various locations in North Region, Counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union, and Warren- Including and North of Route 57; 100% State; DP No: 11411

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 N.J.A.C 17:27. The awarded bidder must provide a completed Contractor Certification and Disclosure of Political Contribution Form(s) according to both P.L 2205, C.51 and Executive Order No. 117 within fourteen (14) days from the award date. Executive Order No: 117 is effective on November 15, 2008. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-44, all bidders must be registered with ne New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Revenue, Business Registration, as of the date of bids. The awarded bidder must provide proof of valid business registration within fourteen (14) days from the award date. Pursuant to the "Public Works Contractor Registration Act", N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq. (P.L. 2003, c. 91), all bidders must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor, Division of Wage and Hour Compliance, at the time of bid. The awarded bidder must provide proof of PWCR within fourteen (14) days from the award date.

The Department, in accordance with Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252 U.S.C., 49 C.F.R., Parts 21 and 23 issued pursuant to such Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 will afford minority business enterprises full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any bidder on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or handicap in the project award.

Plans, specifications, and bidding information for the proposed work are available at Bid Express website <u>www.bidx.com</u>. 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

onowing locations.	
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Rabbi Mary Zamore

Westfield resident and presently the associate rabbi at Temple B'nai Or in Morristown. She was an intern and then assistant/associate rabbi at Temple Emanu-El until 2007. Rabbi Zamore will talk about the

Medicare Recipients Invited to Program

SCOTCHPLAINS-Fall is the time for an individual to make changes to his or her Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D) and Medicare managed care plan (Advantage Plans). Medicare recipients are invited to come to the Scotch Plains Public Library on Thursday, November 17, at 10:30 a.m. to find out what changes have been made to current plans or which plans might be better suited to their needs.

SHIP counselors will be available to help participants find the plans that are right for them. SHIP is the New Jersey State Health Insurance Assistance Program. It provides free help to Medicare beneficiaries who need assistance with their health insurance.

This program will be free and open to all. Pre-registration is not required to attend. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue, in the center of the township.

Local Knights Launch Holiday Food Drives

GARWOOD - The Garwood Knights of Columbus are collecting canned and dry food goods, plus turkeys and hams, for their holiday food drives. Food baskets will be distributed to needy families in Garwood and the surrounding areas during November and December.

Donations can be dropped off after 4 p.m. weekdays at the Knights' Council Hall, located at 37 South Avenue in Garwood (opposite Pathmark). On weekends, individuals are asked to call first at (908) 789-9809. Parking is available behind the hall off Willow Avenue. Those bringing donations are asked to use the side door entrance.

Monetary donations, made payable to the Garwood K of C Food Drive, also would be appreciated. For more information, call the Knights at (908) 789-9809 after 4 p.m.

Contributors to the anthology include Temple Emanu-El's Rabbi Doug Sagal, whose essay is "Of Pharisees and Allergies," and Westfield residents Rabbi Joseph Aaron Skloot, who wrote "Real Life/ Real Food: Let Your Table Be to You a Temple" and Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, who contributed the for-

ward to the book. "The Sacred Table" is available in the temple's Judaica Shop and will be at the discussion for purchase and signing by Rabbi Zamore.

For further information, contact Carolyn Shane, executive director of TempleEmanu-El, at (908) 232-6770, extension no. 114, or cshane@tewnj.org, or visit tewnj.org. Temple Emanu-El is located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Mr. Zacharia to Show

Mind-reading Skills

GARWOOD - Mark Zacharia will perform his mind-reading feats on Monday, November 14, at 7 p.m. at the Garwood Public Library. Following the performance, Mr. Zacharia will conduct a workshop to demonstrate to the audience how it is done.

Recommended for adults and youngsters in sixth grade and up, this workshop is not a magic show, but an entertaining and educational workshop to demonstrate the power of the mind.

A university-trained educator, Mr. Zacharia presents his magic, memory and mind-reading workshops at corporations, in classrooms and in libraries throughout the country.

The Garwood Public Library is located at 411 Third Avenue, at the corner of Walnut Street and Third Avenue, behind the Lincoln School complex. Registration for this event is required and may be done in person at the library, by calling (908) 789-1670 or at the library's interactive calendar page found on its website, youseemore.com/garwood. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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The general meeting will be pre-

Carol Thau at (908) 771-9251.



Crossroads Collaborates With N.J. Rockers For Pancreatic Cancer Benefit Concert

GARWOOD - On Thursday, November 10, nearly a year after The Knight Owl's debut album Who Gives a Hoot was released, John Check and the rest of the band are set to celebrate their milestone with a charitable performance at The Crossroads in Garwood. All proceeds from tickets sales for the show will be donated to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network to help further their mission and pancreatic cancer research in memory of Check's late father.

"The main reason we chose to raise money for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network was because my father passed away from this terrible disease," Check says. "Many people, whether you are a celebrity or not, unfortunately get this cancer and don't stand a chance. It has been 16 years since my dad died and seems as if little progress has been made. We want to help change that any way we can."

Slated to start at 7 p.m., in addition to The Knight Owls' set, the event will include a comedy act, as well as performances from New Jersey rockers Sinsanity and Sophomore Peacock. Playing the role of host for the evening will be The Crossroads, a local live-music venue and eatery owned by Westfield native Lee Frankel.

Tickets for the benefit are on sale now through the venue, located at 78 North Avenue in Garwood, as well as through the participating bands and acts. Tickets will also be available at the door.

November is Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. With the untimely passing of Apple Inc.'s Steve Jobs recently, as well as those of actor Patrick Swayze and Jazz pianist Count Bassie over the last several years, there has been an increase in general awareness of just how serious a disease pancreatic cancer can be; however much work still remains to be done.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN) was founded by three visionaries in 1999 as a small, non-profit, patient-based advocacy organization. Now with headquarters in El Segundo, CA, and a Government Affairs and Advocacy office in Washington, D.C., pancreatic cancer from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) has risen nearly fivefold, from \$17.3 million to \$89.4 million in 2009. Although government spending on pancreatic cancer research has grown, it still lags far behind other major cancers. Currently, only 2 percent of the NCI's annual cancer budget is spent on pancreatic cancer, making fundraiser events such as The Knight Owls' benefit concert integral to their cause.

"Across the country a wide range of third party fundraisers take place each year, raising anywhere from 60 dollars to large sum checks, all of which add up", says Katie Kachurak, Programs Manager of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. "This last fiscal year we raised nearly a million dollars just from third party fundraiser events. All of the money we collect directly benefits our patients, as well as supports research funding and our advocacy groups."

Contributions made to PanCAN support important needs of the organization which include, but are not limited to: funding for research programs; funding for advocacy programs and community outreach; patient services and care; supporting future fundraiser events; as well as financial relief to families effected by the crippling disease. PanCAN also as a New Jersey affiliate (www.facebook.com/ !/ PanCAN.NewJersey)

A band eager to put their music to good use, this upcoming benefit show is not the first charitable performance for The Knight Owls.

On May 22, the band performed during the 2011 Arthritis Walk at Middlesex County College, and donated half of the proceeds made from merchandise sales to the foundation. The Woodbridge-based rockers also recently performed at two benefit shows for Woodbridge resident Nikolai Ruck, whose medical bills, after a serious accident, had become more than his family could handle.

"If we are able to make a positive difference in the life of another with our music, then it makes all the practices and work we put in worth it," Check says.

Since releasing their first album Who Gives a Hoot in November of last year, The Knight Owls have continued to share their original music with the New Jersey local music scene, performing at such venues as Architekt Music in Butler, The Court Tavern in New Brunswick, The Crossroads in Garwood, Mexicali LIVE in Teaneck and The Stone Pony in Asbury Park. A recent performance at the Upper East Side's Bar East was the first show for the band across the Hudson.

With their undeniable talent and sense of duty to assist charitable organizations, The Knight Owls continue to use their music to help those in need.

"I am very big on doing what I can to help people with music," says Check's son Matt, the band's lead guitarist and back-up vocalist. "To actually be able to help a cause, to be able to help people with music, is nothing short of amazing."

For more information about The Knight Owls, including photo and video requests or interview opportunities, please contact Peter Kelly of Framework Media Strategies at (908) 217 4060 or pete@frameworkmediastrategies.com. To hear several tracks off their debut album, log on to w w w . f a c e b o o k . c o m / theknightowlsmusic.

Flying Dogs of Jupiter to Perform at SP Benefit

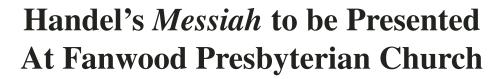
SCOTCH PLAINS - The Flying Dogs of Jupiter will be playing a benefit concert at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Scotch Plains on Friday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m. All Saints' Episcopal Church is located at 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains (across from the Park Middle School's parking lot).

Tickets are \$10 for adults, children 12 and under are \$5 at the door. Refreshments will be available, as well as dancing, a sing along, and a chance to see and hear a local music phenomenon. The Flying Dogs of Jupiter are a band from Union County organized in 1974. They are a pioneer indie band–qualifying for this because they put out a 33 RPM album entitled "American Dream" in 1975 with their own record company – Jovian Records.

The band still owns Jovian Records. They released the CD "Return From Jupiter" in 2010. The new Flying Dogs CD "In Cecilia's Garden" and is being manufactured and should be available at the All Saints' benefit.

The band plays all over the tri state area every week – close to 100 shows per year. The schedule is on the band's w e b s i t e , TheFlyingDogsofJupiter.com.

TheFlyingDogsofJupiter.com. The Flying Dogs' show, called GreatSongs...GreatSongwriters, will



Hanne Ladefoged-Dollase

Brian Ernstes

FANWOOD - Handel's Messiah will be presented at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 4, at 4 p.m. under the direction of Thomas Berdos, director of music at the church. Singers from multiple local choirs and the Sanctuary Choir of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will be joined by an orchestra and four talented and widely known vocalists. They include: Jamie Baer, a soprano, with wide experience as a soloist with several major symphonies across the country and with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. She also is a voice teacher and lives in New Providence with her husband and three children.

Thomas Berdos

Hanne Ladefoged-Dollase, a mezzo soprano, trained in opera in Europe. She has performed extensively throughout North America in song recitals and lectures. In the New York area, she has performed with several groups, including the St. Cecilia Chorus at Carnegie Hall. She lives in Rockaway, N.J. with her husband and two children.

Brian Ernstes, a tenor, has won many vocal competitions and has sung roles in *Messiah*, Verde's *Requiem*, *Aida* and *La Boheme*, among many others. He is a winner of the New Jersey State Opera Vocal Competition and has become a regular soloist in its Opera Logues and N.J. State Opera Guild Concerts.

Richard Zuch, a bass, is a frequent soloist performer with many groups, including the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Pennsylvania Symphony and the Buffalo Philharmonic. As a member of the Philadelphia Singers, he has appeared as a soloist in Bach's *St. Matthew*, Handel's *Messiah* and Mozart's *Requiem*. He is a regular soloist at Ocean Grove.

Tickets for this performance of *Messiah* are on sale for \$20. To order tickets, send a check payable to Fanwood Presbyterian Church, Memo

Enlow Recital Hall Presents The Branford

Marsalis Quartet

HILLSIDE - Gene and Shelley Enlow Recital Hall at Kean University presents Branford Marsalis and Joey Calderazzo with the Branford Marsalis Quartet on Friday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. Performing selections from his recently released album, Songs of Mirth and Melancholy, this unique presentation of duo and quartet features Marsalis' spectacular collaboration with longtime Quartet pianist, Joey Calderazzo as well as pieces by the entire quartet. Tickets to Branford Marsalis and Joey Calderazzo with the Branford Marsalis Quartet at Enlow Hall are \$55 and can be purchased by calling Kean Stage Box Office at (908) 737.SHOW (7469), online at enlowhall.kean.edu, or in person at Kean University's Wilkins Theater Box Office. Enlow Recital Hall is located at 215 North Avenue, Hill-side, N.J. 07205.

Messiah, with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: P.O. Box 69, Fanwood, N.J. 07023.

Richard Zuch

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Designations as a Patron of this *Messiah* performance are available. The Patrons will receive two tickets and their names will be printed in the program. To become a Patron, send a \$75 check with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the above address.

For further information about *Messiah*, call (908) 889-8891, extension no. 17. Donations also may be made in memory or in honor of anyone. These also would be listed in the program. Anonymous donations also are welcome.

The church is on the corner of Martine and LaGrande Avenues, with parking off LaGrande Avenue. For information about the church, call the office at (908) 889-8891, e-mail Fanwoodpress@erols.com or visit facebook.com/pages/Fanwood-PresbyterianChurch/311300160969.

SP Library

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Her nature inspired works come

the organization fulfills its mission through a nationwide network of people dedicated to working together to advance research, support patients and create hope for those affected by pancreatic cancer.

Since the formation of PanCAN, the federal research allocation for

This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave. ~Elmer Davis

Film Festival Presents an Evening With Stephen Colbert, With Special Guest Jonathan Alter

MONTCLAIR - On Friday, December 2, the Montclair International Film Festival (MIFF) will present a one-night-only live performance by the Emmy and Peabody award-winning Stephen Colbert host, writer and executive producer of The Colbert Report on Comedy Central, and special guest Jonathan Alter Bloomberg View columnist and MSNBC analyst at the historic, 1,700-seat Wellmont Theatre, at 5 Seymour Street, off Bloomfield Avenue, in downtown Montclair, New Jersey.

Tickets (priced at \$125, \$95, \$45 and \$35) are available via The Wellmont's website, www.wellmonttheatre.com/event/ 72709. In addition, a limited number of \$500 VIP tickets, which include premium seating and a private cocktail reception before the show with Stephen Colbert and Jonathan Alter, may be purchased through MIFF at www.brownpapertickets.com/ event/206753. Proceeds from the

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event will support the non-profit Montclair International Film Festival, which is set to launch in May 2012.

Were thrilled to have Stephen Colbert and Jonathan Alter donate their time and talent to support the Montclair International Film Festival with a performance right here in Montclair, said MIFF Chairman Bob Feinberg. Their commitment to this community-based, non-profit film festival is a great example for all of us who want to see the arts thrive in Montclair and the surrounding communities. includes a selection of terrific country, rock, pop, soul, and blues hits and a generous sprinkling of inimitable originals.

Young and old are invited to this benefit to support the work of the All Saints' in the community.

For more information contact Ed Tristram at (212) 979-8720 or by email at edtristram@hotmail.com.

Westfield Community Players Hold Auditions for *Glass Menagerie*

WESTFIELD - Westfield Community Players will hold auditions for *The Glass Menagerie* at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 27, and Tuesday, November 29, with callbacks on December 4. Auditions will be held at the theater located at 1000 North Ave. W, Westfield, NJ. The show runs March 3-24, 2012.

Character breakdown as follows: Amanda Wingfield (Female- age late 40s to 60) – A woman abandoned by her husband raising her children under harsh financial conditions. Her devotion to her children has made her, as she admits at one point, to appear to be "hateful" toward them. She longs for the kind of Old South gentility and comforts she remembers from her youth for her children. Once a Southern belle, she clings to whatever powers of vivacity and charm she can muster.

Laura Wingfield ((Female – mid 20s to early 30s) Amanda's daughter. Slightly crippled and has an extrasensitive mental condition.

Tom Wingfield (Male – mid to late 20s) Amanda's son. He works in a warehouse but aspires to be a writer. He feel both obligated toward, yet burdened by his family.

Jim O'Connor (Male – mid 20s to early 30s) A workmate of Tom's (a shipping clerk) and acquaintance of Laura's from high school.

For more information check www.westfieldcommunityplayers.org

Her nature inspired works come from having grown up spending most of her time outdoors climbing trees, hiking, running, exploring, and forever searching for that perfect view. She chooses to paint in an abstract style because it enables her to focus on the simple essence of emotions felt while experiencing nature.

The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue, in the center of the township. Library hours are Monday and

Library hours are Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 noon to 4 p.m.



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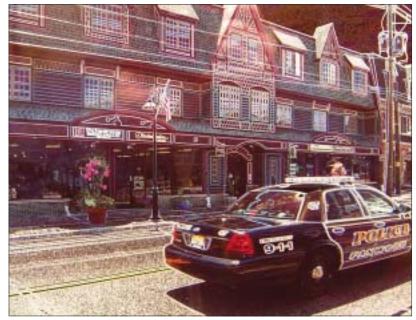
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BEAUTY...Best Photo of a Fanwood Thing went to "Monarch Gold," by Lynn Hyde in the Fotos of Fanwood Photo Contest held at Fanny Wood Day on October 2. Photos are on display at the Unity Bank branch at South and Hetfield Avenues in Scotch Plains.



ICONIC LANDMARK... The Best Photo of a Fanwood Place in the Fotos of Fanwood Photo Contest held at Fanny Wood Day October 2 was "Fanwood Icon," by Greg Cummings. Photos are on display at the Unity Bank branch at South and Hetfield Avenues in Scotch Plains.



FANWOOD's FINEST...Best Photo of Fanwood People was "Fanwood's Finest On Patrol," submitted by Brian Cook to the Fotos of Fanwood Photo Contest held at Fanny Wood Day October 2. Photos are on display at the Unity Bank branch at South and Hetfield Avenues in Scotch Plains.

WHS Theatre Department To Present *Stage Door*

WESTFIELD - The Westfield High School Theatre Department proudly presents Stage Door, a lighthearted drama by George S. Kaufman and Edna Ferber on November 17 -19.

Stage Door, set in 1930s New York City, chronicles the hopes, ambitions, romances and misfortunes of aspiring stage actresses living in Mrs. Orcutt's Footlights boarding house. Ever hopeful, the girls pound the pavement looking for their big break and return home downhearted, overthe-moon, and everything in between. One actress surrenders to the pressure, one runs away to get married, and one shifts her focus to movies.

Stage Door was a huge Broadway success in 1936 at the Music Box Theater (staged by Kaufman) and was made into a star-studded Hollywood movie featuring a young and the other from the theater, who ultimately influence her judgment.

Hollywood is known for making dreams come true, as well as shutting them down, and the question of "going Hollywood" plays a recurring point of controversy throughout the show. Through losses and triumphs, the company of aspiring actresses showcases the tender journey of following the heart.

The show is directed by Daniel Devlin, set design by Roy Chambers and Emma Tabachnick; Bernadette Hopen is the stage manager. The cast includes Hannah Margolin, Maggie Tanji, Izzy Smelkinson, Isabel DoČampo, Veronica Murphy, Jessica Sipe, Annie Oldakowski, Tori Bonsall, Megan Mulrooney, Nicole Zimmermann, Kim Roth, Rachel Chodor, Taylor Jackson, Rebecca Skowron, Elena Arida, Allie Hecht Lisa Simon, Michaela Tropeano, Liz Griesmer, Abbie Paone, Lauren Echausse, Geoff Ko, Asher Horowitz, Jack Mustard, Mike Kirkland, Nick Gabuzda, Fraser Weist, Matt Lynn, Jack Venezia, Will Cary, Michael Poyntz, and Daniel Connolly. The production of Stage Door will be presented in the Westfield High School Auditorium, located at 550 Dorian Road, on Thursday, November 17, at 4 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, November 18 and November 19, at 7:30 p.m. General seating tickets are available for \$10 at the door.



Governor Livingston Highlander Band Highlander Band Wins Atlantic Coast Championship

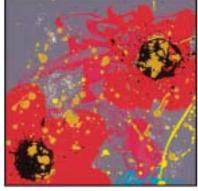
Artist Dominic Pangborn to Visit SP-F Middle Schools

SCOTCH PLAINS - On Monday, November 14, Michigan based Artist Dominic Pangborn will visit both Park and Terrill Middle Schools in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District. Mr. Pangborn is an internationally acclaimed contemporary artist best defined as an "Evolutionist."

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His works grow and change in style, medium and subject matter based on his life experiences. His paintings have been collected by President George H. W. Bush and Japanese Ambassador Naoto Amaki, as well as various corporations.

He is also a recognized, awardwinning graphic designer. His advertising and corporate designs have been so popular that he incorporated them into a line of fashion accessories that are sold in stores around the world. In addition, he is also the

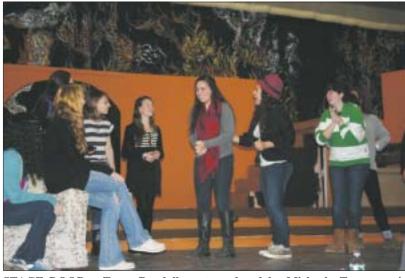


A floral design by Dominic Pangborn.

nated artwork will be used for fundraising by the Education Enrichment Foundation of Scotch Plains-Fanwood (EEF) to benefit the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District. The EEF has been instrumental in provid-

Katharine Hepburn.

The story centers on a group of would-be young actresses, but mostly concerns an idealistic young actress, Terry Randall, whose late mother regretted giving up the stage for a husband and children. Terry is determined to live the life her mother never had, becoming a stage actress with a long and successful career. In the midst of obstacles and revelations, Terry struggles to find her true values as she debates the merit of a regular income from Hollywood and the freedom of expression onstage. She also encounters two different lovers, one from the world of cinema



STAGE DOOR... Terry Randall, center, played by Michaela Tropeano, is congratulated by the girls at the Footlight Boarding House for landing a job offer in the Westfield High School production of Stage Door. Performances will take place in the WHS Auditorium on Thursday, November 17, at 4 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, November 18, and November 19, at 7:30 p.m.

BERKELEY HEIGHTS - Governor Livingston High School's Highlander Marching Band won the Group 1 open class Tournament of Bands (TOB) Atlantic Coast Championships held October 30 in

Hershey, Pa. Despite the snow and local power outages, the band made it to the championship. The TOB is one of the largest competitive band organizations in the United States, with over 430 member bands, divided into 13 Chapters across nine states.

Dressed in their traditional Scottish kilts, this military style marching band performed with determination and focus, and temperatures hovering around 37° . They outscored 29 of the top Group 1 high school bands with a 95.75, their highest score of the season. In addition, with their featured music Rimsky-Korsakov's from Scheherazade, the Highlanders won the High Music category.

Celebrating its 40th year hosting pageants, the bands recent victories were winning both the Group 1 open class TOB Chapter 10 Championship and the New Jersey State Championship. Director Nick O'Sullivan commented, "We work really hard on developing a cohesive program both inter-personally and artistically. Emphasis on teamwork and our collective artistic goals drive the program's direction. When we strive for these elements, things fall into place." This is the Highlanders 12th title since

1980.

The band will perform locally at Governor Livingston High School during their home football game's half time show on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, with a game time of 10:30 a.m.

Additional band information can found be www.highlanderband.org.

Meet and Greet With Tom Davis

'A Legacy of Madness: Recovering My Family from Mental Illness

WESTFIELD - Meet Tom Davis, author of "A Legacy of Madness: Recovering My Family from Mental Illness" on Saturday, November 12, from 2-4 p.m. at The Town Book Store. The story of a loving family

coming to grips with its own fragilities, "A Legacy of Madness" relays Tom Davis's journey to uncover, and ultimately understand, the history of mental illness that led generations of his suburban American family to their demise.

Tom Davis is the Jersey Shore regional editor at Patch.com, which is owned by AOL. He was an award-winning editor and reporter who covered transportation in New Jersey for The Bergen Record and The Star-Ledger. "A Legacy of Madness" is his first book. He was one of six people in the nation to win the Rosalynn Carter_Mental Health Journalism Fellowship in 2004. Tom Davis was named "Citizen of the Year" by the New Jersey Psychiatric Association in 2007. He has also received an ambassador award from the New Jersey Governor's Council on Stigma in 2008

Meet Tom Davis 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.

author of the recently published book, "Follow Me"

Mr. Pangborn's November 14 presentations at Park and Terrill Middle Schools will include stories of his childhood and his development as an artist and graphic designer, as well as explaining the inspiration for his various works of art.

Mr. Pangborn will be visiting courtesy of Park West CARES. Park West CARES is Park West Gallery's philanthropic initiative that brings world renowned artists to deserving communities and organizations. Park West Gallery is the largest art dealer in the world. In addition to making one of their premier artists available to speak to SPF Middle School Students, they are also making a generous donation of 20 works of art to the Education Enrichment Foundation of SPF. Those works of art will ultimately benefit SPF Students district-wide.

This visit by Mr. Pangborn and the art donation was facilitated by Phyllis and Al Mirabella who have a friendship with Dominic Pangborn and a relationship with Park West Gallery. Park West is donating 20 pieces of art, including a piece by Dominic Pangborn. It is expected that the doing leadership programming to students, working with the district to raise funds to support district initiatives, providing teacher grants for innovative projects and programs and developing programs that work with minority youth.

Phyllis Mirabella, President of the EEF, stated, "We feel very fortunate to have such a talented artist like Dominic Pangborn visit our community and speak to our students. During his visit, Dominic's story and talent are sure to inspire our youth. I also think it is wonderful that Park West would make such a generous donation to the Education Enrichment Foundation. This donation of art will ultimately generate dollars that will help our students in Scotch Plains-Fanwood."

Her husband, Al Mirabella, a Union County Freeholder, added, "I appreciate the time Dominic is making to visit our schools. Phyllis and I value our friendship with Dominic. His life story is compelling and interesting. I think the students will remember their time with Dominic for a long time. Park West has a long history of giving back to the community and I'm glad they chose Scotch Plains - Fanwood for this event and donation."

NJWA and the WF Diner Partner to 'Dine for the Arts'

WESTFIELD - On Monday November 14, Tuesday, November 15 and Wednesday, November 16, patrons who dine for breakfast, lunch or dinner at the Westfield Diner, located at 309 North Avenue East, Westfield, can have 15 percent of their bill donated to the arts organization. Proceeds from this fundraiser will help to raise funds for scholarships and programming for the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, a 501 c 3 nonprofit arts organization, located at 150-152 East Broad Street in Westfield.

"Access to the arts is so vital to a community and we are delighted that the Westfield Diner shares this vision with us," said Dr. Ted Schlosberg, Founder and Executive Director of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, when discussing the NJWA fundraiser.

The NJWA provides year-round programming for various age levels in many areas of the fine and per-

forming arts. The Music Studio offers both vocal and instrumental lessons for both children and adults and has many opportunities for area musicians to play in bands, orchestras and ensembles. The organization is also home to Kids 'n' Arts, a preschool program in art, music and drama; The Westfield Fencing Club, for both children and adults; the Westfield Summer Workshop, a five week camp for students which includes arts, crafts, music, dance, drama, and communications; and The Music Connection, an instrumental program for special needs families.

For more information about this fundraiser, phone the NJWA at (908) 789-9696. Donation flyers are available at the NJWA studios, the Westfield Diner or on the web at www.njworkshopforthearts.com or www.westfielddiner.net.

Present this article when you pay your bill and 15 percent will be donated to the organization.

Nature-Inspired Abstract Art to be Featured at Scotch Plains Library

SCOTCH PLAINS - Artwork by Jules Rogers will be on exhibit at the Scotch Plains Public Library Gallery from Sunday, November 20, until Monday, January 2.

A lifetime resident of New Jersey, Jules is an abstract artist who began her career as an arts educator. Jules is an elementary teacher at the advanced academic institution Mendham Country Day School, located in Basking Ridge.

For the past nine years, she has been teaching General Music, Chorus, Band, Art, and Dramatic Arts. She holds a Bachelor of Music in

Education degree from Mercyhurst College's D'Angelo School of Music. After graduating in 1999, she continued her education at the School of Visual Arts in NYC where she studied drawing, painting, collage, and illustration. She is a classically trained flutist who currently plays with the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra and teaches privately. In addition, she is currently studying silversmithing with Master Jeweler, Larry Cove at the DuCret School of Art in Plainfield. She creates unique silver pieces as well as intricate

macramé and beaded jewelry. Both her teaching and musical background have had great influence on her art and jewelry.

Jules' works are contemporary, abstract acrylic paintings and colored pencil drawings that combine the lines, shapes, and colors seen in nature with the history and meaning of manmade symbols. Each piece begins with choosing a simple natural element, and then a recognizable form (hieroglyph, adinkra symbol, human form, etc.) is drawn onto the paper. Then, lines are drawn CONTINUED ON PAGE 19

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> sentiments. "I'm just really happy with how everything turned out," Mr. Petruzzelli said. "I'm looking forward to giving the people of Garwood three more years." _Commenting on the GOP loos,



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