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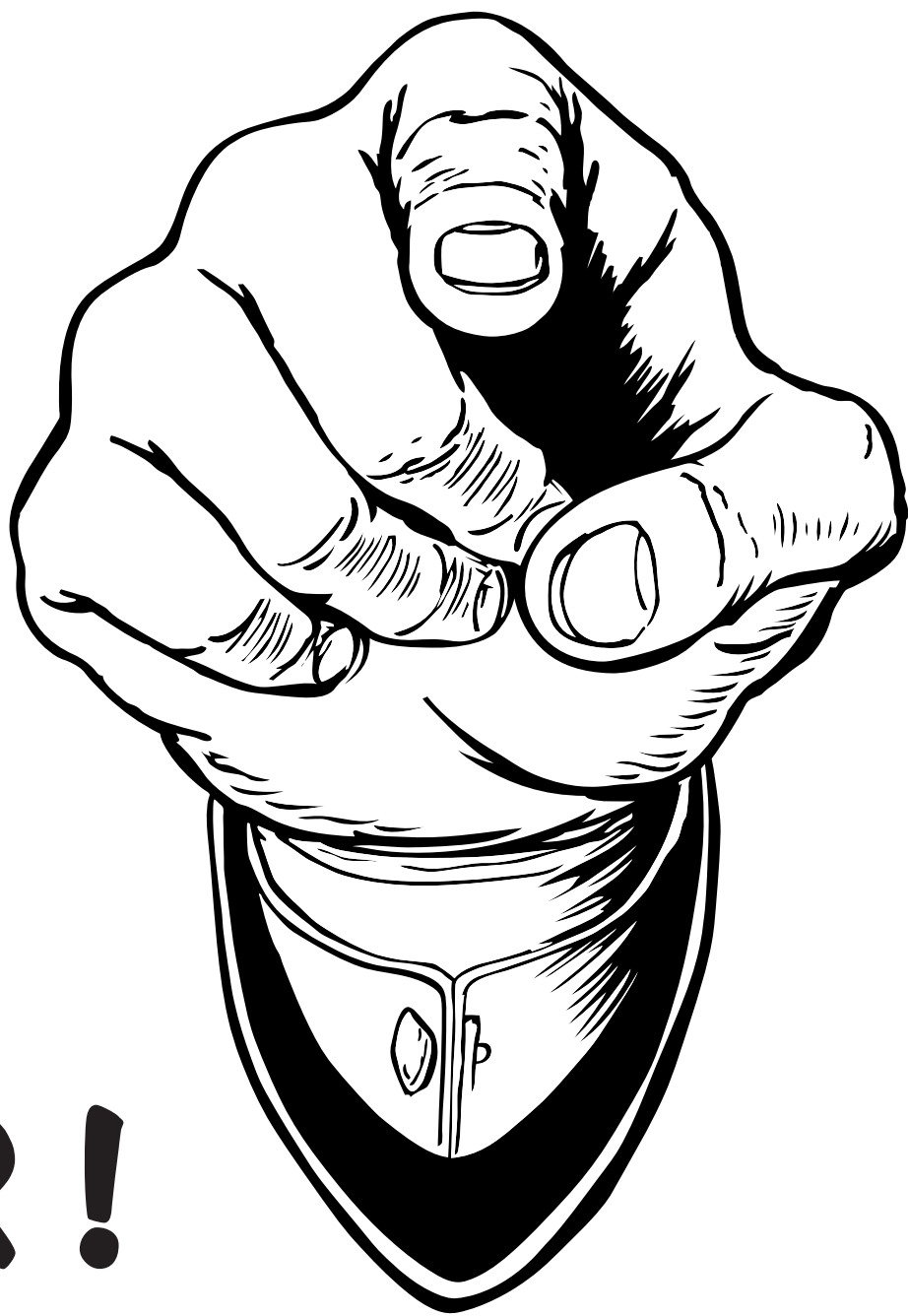


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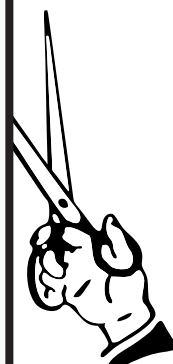
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Westfield Board of Ed. Looks to Fill Vacant Seat

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 is 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@westfieldnj12.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 full-time 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@westfieldnj12.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 hun-

dreds 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 Sheriff's Office, \$14,474; Union County Jail, \$26,488.



Trenton News Extension of NYC Subway To Secaucus Will Help N.J.

By Senator Thomas Kean, Jr., Westfield
Senate Minority Leader, GOP, LD-21

New York City Mayor Michael 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.

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-

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.

Towns Receive Grants to Improve Fields, Pools, Parks

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 an 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, Biertumpfel 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

MOUNTAIN SIDE — 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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Mayor Mahr Remembers Resident Killed by Car

By MICHAEL J. POLLACK
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

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, last 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 "re-invented 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 in-house, 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."



Betsy 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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Anxiety Is Condition That Can Affect Entire Family

SCOTCH PLAINS - 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 background 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 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 reactive, 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

(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.

Ceremonies Set Tomorrow Honoring Veterans Day

WESTFIELD - Martin Wallberg Post No. 3 of the American Legion will host ceremonies for Veterans Day tomorrow, Friday, November 11, honoring 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'Arca will recite the opening prayer, followed by Town Bell Master Jack Panoshringing 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."

In the event of rain, the ceremonies

will be held at Post No. 3, which is located at 1003 North Avenue in Westfield, across from the Westfield Community Players Playhouse.

Everyone is invited back to Post No. 3 for refreshments and camaraderie immediately after the ceremonies.

Discussion to Address Holiday Networking

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Public Library's Career Networking 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 relax, enjoy the occasion and still make the most of any opportunities that pop up at Thanksgiving dinner or holiday parties.

Beth Randall Branigan, a career and management coach and organizational development consultant, will be the presenter. She has more than 20 years of diversified human resources experience in the private and not-for-profit sectors and academia.

This program will be free and open to all. To register, visit scotlib.org and click on Events; call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204, or e-mail library@scotlib.org.

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 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue in the center of the township.

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.

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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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 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-

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 Mountaintop; 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 above-grade 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 country.

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.



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 debt-free.

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 awards grants to about 30 students to conduct off-campus research during the summer between their junior and senior years.

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 Semifinalist 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/NMSQT® 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

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 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 participation and leadership in school and community 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.



Varshini Narayanan

Union County College to Host Open House Nov. 11

CRANFORD—In today'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-

gree programs, along with student organizations, will be available to share information and answer questions about their programs.

After the opening presentation at 10 a.m. in the Roy Smith Theater, breakout sessions will be held in which attendees will be able to learn more about the admissions process, financial aid options, 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. Elizabeth, NJIT, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and Georgian Court University. 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 applying to a four-year institution at which such an agreement does not exist.

Please contact the Office of Recruitment 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 ucc.edu.



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 Eljibar'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.

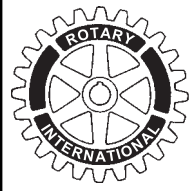
The event provides an opportunity to donate the following types of gently used textiles: clothes, shoes, handbags, bedding, curtains, cloth tablecloths and other linens. Additionally, new or gently used stuffed animals and toys will be collected. Bags or boxes of items can be dropped off on Watterson 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 Mountaintop 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 office@htisnj.com or call (908) 233-0484.

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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 comedians 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 Whitley 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.

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STRIPLING NETS GAME WINNER, DALY TURNS ON 'D'

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

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

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 neck.

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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
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

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

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

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

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

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

By DAVID B. CORBIN
Specially 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.

Despite their eighth seed, the Chiefs entered the game with a very respectable 14-3-2 record, while the 17th-ranked 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

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 more shots on goal. The first came when junior Caroline Greenspan launched a shot just over the crossbar. With 14:00 remaining, senior tri-captain 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

right side.

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 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
Westfield	0	0	0	0	0



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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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.

COUGAR WALCH WINS ALL-AROUND, WF's COOK 3RD

Cougars, Westfield Place 2-3 In Section Gymnastics Meet

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

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 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 [Puryear] 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 Vasek - 8.35, Christana Psychojos - 8.3

BEAMS: Cook - 9.05, Mae Devin - 8.7, Hannah Goldring - 8.45, Lindsay Ripberger - 8.325, Lyndsey Lee - 8.1, Johnson - 7.85, Rizkalla - 7.725, Abbie Goldring - 7.425

FLOOR: Cook and Shields - 8.9, Ripberger - 8.85, Hannah Goldring - 8.65, Psychojos - 8.175, Lee - 8.075, Vasek - 7.9, Rizkalla - 7.5

UNEVEN BAR: Cook - 9.375, Hannah Goldring - 9.125, Vasek - 8.95, Shields - 8.65, Rizkalla - 8.5, Johnson - 8.35

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.

"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.

In 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.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Goals, Assists, Points. Sc. Pl.-Fanwood: 0, 1, 1. Westfield: 0, 0, 0.

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.

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 Feeny 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.



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

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

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 20-yard 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.



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 yards 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.

"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

"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-yard reception. Lanzano had a 15-yard reception, and David Kane had a nine-yard

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 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.

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Apolgies to Captains:

Blue Devil team captains Peter Ondi, Ryan Elliott and John Lanzano were also interviewed, along with James O'Rourke, and made fine statements; however, due to a tape malfunction, their comments were not recorded.

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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

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

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 effectively passed when necessary and completed five of seven attempts for 93 yards. Rob Mrozek had an 11-yard 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-

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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, Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

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 run-heavy offense, abandoned the ground game for three consecutive passing

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 33-yard 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 offensive 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 touchdowns. 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 66-yard 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 one-yard 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 Rodriguez 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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essary stops, and defender Mike Daly successfully warded off any further attacks. "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 re-

ally worked us hard all preseason. When we were in Costa Rica, we really formed as a family. We had no doubt 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

a touch. Joe [Coach Mortarulo] was telling me the whole game that we got to start coming down when we are in 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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Cougars Pounce on Terriers On Grid Senior Night, 41-7

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

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, 62-yard 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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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
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

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 left-to-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 Mo-town 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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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.

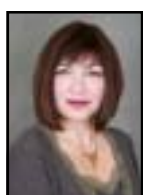
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Cougars Rout Del Val, 41-7

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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 10-play, 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 end.

Diaz and Klimek continued their

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 eight-play, 70-yard scoring drive. Murphy had a 43-yard run to the Terrier seven. Joe DaSilva (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.

Cranford/Del Val Football on www.goleader.com Ballyhoo Sports



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.

Real estate advertisement for Coldwell Banker Home Loans featuring 'Fall in Love with the American Dream OPEN HOUSE EVENT' and a grid of property listings with photos, addresses, and prices.



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 Mangiamiele (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 Schneider (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.

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

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 regular 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) finished 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 Rathan 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 Anthony 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 Osliiso, 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 provide 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 season 4-3-1. Sam Reeson, Mark Briehl, Camden Mari, Eric Berkens, Jake Hahn, Camden Ricci, Jayson Williams, Mike DiFrancesco, Justin 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. Martini then connected with Chad Dembiec for the PAT to put Westfield up, 7-0.

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

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 65-yard 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.

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 MONDAY, 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 Preliminary and Final Site Plan for a contractor's storage yard.

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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 Owl's 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 Basie 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., 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

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 Owl's 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](http://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 Owl's.

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 Owl's 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 Owl's 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 Owl's, including photo and video requests or interview opportunities, please contact Peter Kelly of Framework Media Strategies at (908) 217 4060 or pete@frameworkmediastategies.com. To hear several tracks off their debut album, log on to www.facebook.com/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.

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 remem-



Thomas Berdos Brian Ernestes Hanne Ladefoged-Dollase Richard Zuch

Handel's Messiah to be Presented At Fanwood Presbyterian Church

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.

Hanne Ladefoged-Dollase, a mezzo soprano, trained in opera in Europe. She has performed exten-

sively 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 Ernestes, a tenor, has won many vocal competitions and has sung roles in *Messiah*, Verdi'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

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

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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in and around the object until the picture plane is filled. It is then that each line is given its own variation of thickness. The colored pencil allows for great detail in the drawings and the acrylic paint allows for a more natural flow with a brushstroke as well as utilizing different textures.

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 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.

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

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.

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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.

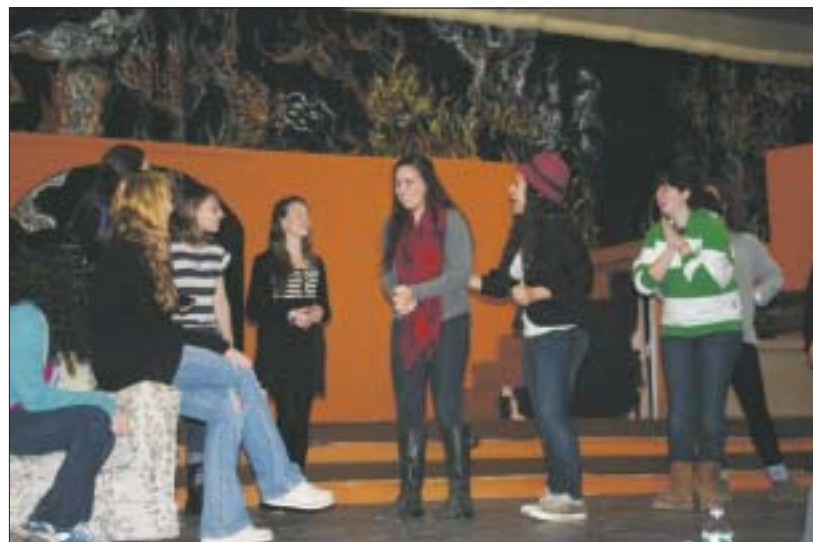


FANWOOD'S FINEST...Best Photo of Fanwood People was "Fanwood's Finest On Patrol," submitted by Brian Cook to the Fotos of Fanwood Photo Contest held at Fanny Wood Day October 2. Photos are on display at the Unity Bank branch at South and Hetfield Avenues in Scotch Plains.

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, over-the-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 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

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 DoCampo, 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.



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.



Governor Livingston Highlander Band

Highlander Band Wins Atlantic Coast Championship

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 from Rimsky-Korsakov's 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 be found at www.highlanderband.org.

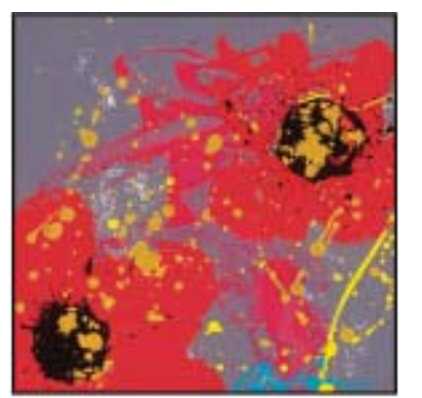
Meet and Greet With Tom Davis

'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.

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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". 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, award-winning 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 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 do-



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 providing 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 150-157 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

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GREEN SCORES 2 TDs; JP CHRISTIANO GETS 2 TDs; McGUIRE GETS TD GRAB, DWYER TD

Cougars Pounce on Terriers on Grid Senior Night, 41-7

By DAVID B. COBBIN
 (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 37 yards, the final one a 70-yard TD strike to Adam McGuire early in the third quarter.

The Cougars' defense held the potent Terriers' running game to just 20 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 then Diaz and Jimmy [Dwyer] gave me a real good punch. I just waked right in," Christiano joked.

On the "1-1 Terriers' first possession, Christiano batted down a pass, Diaz and Mike Klimck combined on the first of their several sacks, and defensive back Eric Gargulio 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 to start a 76-yard TD with 1:08 left in the first quarter, upping the lead to 14-0.

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

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

The Cougars followed with a 10-play, 42-yard scoring drive when Green pushed in from the three with 2:49 left in the half, making the score, 20-0.

Cherry used some trickery. After Cougars 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.

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DELAWARE VALLEY QUARTERBACK BOGGIE GREEN (7) RUNS FOR THE TD. COUGAR QUARTERBACK REGGIE GREEN, NO. 7, HEADS FOR THE LEFT SIDE LINE ON ROUTE TO A 76-YARD TOUCHDOWN RUN AGAINST THE DELAWARE VALLEY TERRIERS AT MEMORIAL FIELD IN CRANFORD ON NOVEMBER 4.

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was very organized, very put together. All the thanks to our coaching staff! It was a team effort. We like to play physically. The offensive line gets a good push

Troy Kettler kicked the first of his five points after to make the score 30-0
 "We like to play physically. The offensive line gets a good push

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RUPTURED SOUTH FLORIDA QUARTERBACK JACOB BRANTLEY (15) IS SACKED BY RUTGERS LINEBACKER JONATHAN WILSON (55) DURING A PLAY IN THE SECOND HALF OF A FOOTBALL GAME AT THE FAU STADIUM IN GAINESVILLE, FLA. ON OCTOBER 22, 2011.

Cranford GOP Takes Control; Democrats Sweep in Garwood

By FRED BOSSI, 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 township council.

Cranford Township Committee 3-yr.
 KALININS 2857 Lisa Aduabato 2831
 ASCHENBACH 2475 Hannen 2636

Garwood Borough Council 3-yr. (pick two)
 PETRUZZELLI 520 Todisco 499 Kearney 393 Baulfeider 371
 DEM Sara Todisco (1) GOP Steve Baulfeider

Aschenbach, 21, Sen 2-yr., Asm 2-yr
 Sen. John 26,699 November 12, 450
 Asm. Munoz 24,558; Brammick 24,366
 Bergen 13,131; Albert 13,153; Young 1,241

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. Kalinins, 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. Aduabato Nees, saying her running mate had said much of what she was planning to say, instead pronounced herself as feeling "pretty overwhelmed" by the results of the balloting.

In Garwood, Democrats captured the two open seats on the borough council. Republicans will remain in control of the governing body, with a 4-3 majority including the mayor's office.

Incumbent Democratic candidate Louis Petruzzelli, with 520 tallies, and his running mate, Sara Todisco, with 499, beat out Republicans Carol Kearney, 393, and Steven Baulfeider, 371, for the two council vacancies. The council terms are for three years.

"I am very excited to continue my stay on council," said Ms. Todisco. She said she was looking forward to "bringing up new ideas" to the council. "The first order of business is development," she said.

Mr. Petruzzelli echoed the same 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 loss, Republican Committee Chairman John Quattrochi stated, "We ran an issue-marked campaign. We ran an honest campaign. They, on the other hand, threw a lot of mud."

"We ran a really clean campaign," Ms. Kearney said. "They gave misinformation." She said the Democrats lied about her time in the borough and questioned why she was not part of the Chamber of Commerce, but 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 Quattrochi commented. "They burned a lot of bridges, and I don't think they realize that."



DESETY BURGDORF FOR THE WESTFIELD LEADER
 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. Petrucci, left to right, are: Brandon Khan, Assemblywoman Nancy Mataro, Assemblyman Jon Brammick and Senator Tom Kean, Jr.

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WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER...Action shot of a player in a blue jersey (number 17) kicking the ball during a game.