

FMBA VP Asks WF Council For More Staff and Funding

By LAUREN S. BARR
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

WESTFIELD—Westfield Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association (FMBA), Branch No. 30, Vice-President James Ryan addressed the town council last Wednesday regarding the union's desire for additional staffing and funding of the fire department.

Mr. Ryan congratulated all of the candidates who won reelection to the council, and said that because the fire department had been a "hot topic" during election season, there were issues he wanted to clear up. He told the council that there were misrepresentations that the department is "top heavy," but he said that all of the department's lieutenants "are on the

end of the hose line" on every fire call. Mr. Ryan added that there were two large fires that the town's ladder truck did not respond to.

He ended his time at the microphone by thanking the council members for all the praise of the firefighters that took place during the campaign, but said that "those are words" and that the union wants to see "measurable, attainable recognition of that in the forms of proper staffing and adequate funding."

In other business, Central Avenue resident Adina Enculescu again complained to the council about the safety and location of the pedestrian crossing signal in front of her house. She said that Mayor Andy Skibitsky had

previously stated that if the town moved the signal to the corner then four people would be unhappy, which, she said, is untrue because there are two corner homes and another resident's rear fence that would be impacted if the light were placed at the intersection of Clover Street and Central Avenue.

Mayor Skibitsky said what he said was, "no matter where you put the light, someone is going to be unhappy." He also said that the signal was dark at the time of each of the four accidents that have taken place in the area over the last six months.

Third Ward Councilman Dave Haas said he is waiting for data from the police department on the number of accidents in that area. But he added that if the data that has been presented by members of the public is correct, there is a rise in accidents "above the standard deviation" since the light's installation, which he said "bears looking into."

Councilman Haas also asked the mayor how he would feel if Union County looked at the safety of the crossing at its current location versus the intersection, to which the mayor responded that the roadway is in the county's jurisdiction.

Resident Greg Kasko, who lost his bid for election to the third ward council seat last week as an independent candidate, said his appearance at council meetings was never about the election and that he will continue to attend council meetings. He said at the last public meeting Town Administrator Jim Gildea called his [Mr. Kasko's] comments regarding the non-replacement of two firefighters who died "despicable," but Mr. Kasko said he finds Mr. Gildea's use of the word "despicable."

Mr. Kasko said that Mr. Gildea spoke at the last meeting in order to hide his "own inaction and possible mismanagement." He said that in order to save money, the town should apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Safer grant in order to replace firefighters; disband the SWAT team as it is a duplication of county services and that the town had a police officer managing the parking department at a salary far exceeding what a civilian would be paid.

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Horace Corbin for The Westfield Leader

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After some discussion with the applicant's architect, Agatino Cintorino's application to construct a new single-family residence at 330 Pine Street with variances for front-yard setback, wall length and garage setback was carried over to Monday, December 12, because the applicant did not attend the meeting. The house is planned for 750 square feet. Architect Christopher Zender said the "irregular shape" of the lot being on a corner would make it difficult to plan within the front yard setback restriction.

Jeffrey Smok and Dorothy Przydial-Smok of 203 Sinclair Place, located on the corner of Sinclair Place and Elm Street, were approved to demolish their existing front porch and construct a new front porch. The new structure would remain an open-air wraparound porch and the interior

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Michael Pollack for The Westfield Leader

DEDICATION...On Veterans Day last Friday, the Westfield Rake and Hoe Garden Club and the Garden Club of Westfield dedicate a Blue Star Memorial Marker in honor of veterans at a ceremony held at the corner of Shadowlawn Drive and Rahway Avenue in Westfield.

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Mr. Robinson also said he would continue the township's participation in the newly formed Mayors' Council on Rahway River Watershed Flood Control. He also said he would continue Cranford's opposition to the

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Betsy Burgdorf for The Westfield Leader

DETOUR...Traffic was diverted in downtown Westfield this week as crews began road work consisting of various improvements, such as milling, paving and striping, on Central Avenue between North Avenue and East Broad Street. East Broad Street between Elm and Elmer Streets also was done. Work on Kenilworth Boulevard in Kenilworth will also begin this week.



Courtesy of Tom Sloan

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Fund Begun to Memorialize Fanwood Accident Victim

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Memorial Library and the Scotch Plains Public Library have jointly established the Monica Reiss Memorial Fund to support the two libraries in developing and maintaining resources for people affected by autism disorders.

Ms. Reiss, a Fanwood resident, was struck by a car while walking across Midway Avenue November 1 and died the following morning at University Hospital, Newark, University of Medicine and Dentistry New Jersey.

A lifelong proponent of public-health issues, Ms. Reiss last worked as director of corporate and foundation giving at Autism Speaks. Also a passionate reader, she was a frequent library patron and a longtime member of the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library.

In 2008, library directors Dan Weiss (Fanwood) and Meg Kolaya (Scotch Plains) established Libraries and Autism: We're Connected. This award-winning project produced a customer service training video and website (thejointlibrary.org/autism) to help library staff better serve individuals

with autism and their families. The project emphasizes communication, customer service, programming strategies and connecting with local experts. The libraries also embrace the opportunity to enlist individuals affected by autism and other disorders as staff and volunteers.

According to Autism New Jersey, autism spectrum disorders affect one in 94 children in New Jersey. This continuum of ability levels includes Asperger's disorder and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified (PDDNOS).

With the establishment of the Monica Reiss Memorial Fund, the libraries, as well as Ms. Reiss' family and friends, hope to continue her lifelong interest in empowering people and improving their quality of life through learning. The Fund also honors Ms. Reiss' commitment to serving people through public-health initiatives and local community efforts.

Contributions in support of the Fund and any questions can be directed to the Fanwood Memorial Library, 14 Tiltolton Road, Fanwood, N.J. 07023 or (908) 803-5887.

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FUN...Michael Hickey, a third grade at Tamaques Elementary School in Westfield, reads The Westfield Leader on November 4 at the Leinster Munster rugby game at the AVIVA stadium in Dublin, Ireland.

Incoming Mayors Prepare

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Birchwood Avenue development. Mr. Robinson said it was important that the township take steps to improve flood control instead of trying to "score political points" which he said some believe was the intent of Mayor Dan Aschenbach.

Mr. Robinson said he would like to see a better relationship with the county, noting that dykes along the Rahway River are county-owned and that he feels the county needs to provide more assistance on flood control.

In Springfield, Committeeman-elect Andrew Ziad Shehady, a Republican, is preparing to take over as mayor on the township committee following his victory over current Democratic Mayor Hugh Keffer for the one available township committee seat that was up for grabs on Election Day.

Mr. Shehady also said he intended to have the committee hire a new engineering consulting firm through an RFP (Request for Proposals).

noting that flood mitigation is one of the services a licensed engineer needs to work on. In terms of regional flood control efforts, he said he is concerned over the development of condominiums on the former Chanticleer property in Millburn.

Mr. Shehady said he does not believe the Mayors' Council on Rahway River Watershed Flood Control will get much accomplished. Instead, he favors creation of an authority to push for legislation and regulations.

With the swing back and forth between the two political parties battling for control of the Springfield Township Committee, Mr. Shehady said he would propose a voter referendum for next November's ballot to change to an elected mayor system.

Republican Westfield Mayor Andrew Skibitsky does not see much change in 2012 as Republicans held off challengers in three of the four wards with no challenge in the second ward. He said he signed a "bunch of letters" last week for members of boards and commissions whose terms are expiring to see if they want to be reappointed.

Mayor Skibitsky also said he will soon sit down with the chairs of town council standing committees to review goals for the new year.

Summit Mayor-elect Ellen Dickson is on vacation this week and was not available to be interviewed.

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would include space for a mudroom area. The variance sought was a street side-yard setback of 15.6 feet where 20 feet is required.

"I think the architecture is nice and in keeping with the neighborhood," board member Anthony Cerami said.

Dana Nicole Dossin and Pierre Damien Dossin of 520 Sherwood Parkway were approved to construct a single-story first-floor addition. They have lived there for about 15 years and are looking to update the home.

Architect Hildie Lazar said, "They have a big hardship because...they have to use the rear entry. They have to park in the rear and go through the back door."

The board approved two variances for the application from Martin and Trudy Silverman of 429 Edgewood Avenue to construct a first-floor addition. The coverage was over by .35 percent and decking coverage was over by 1.3 percent.

Mr. Heinbokel moved all new appeals, including the UBS application concerning signage on its North Avenue building, to the December 12 meeting.

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The council also approved resolutions allowing for the demolition of homes at 952 Wyandotte Trail and 299 Seneca Place.

At the end of the meeting the council went into closed session to discuss Westfield Policemen's Benevolent Association (PBA) and Teamsters contract negotiations with labor attorney Frederick Danser, III. The Teamsters represent public works employees.

GW BOE Terminates Clark Agreement for Bus. Admin.

By CHRISTINA M. HINKE Specially Written for The Westfield Leader

GARWOOD – The borough's board of education (BOE) approved upon commencement of executive session Tuesday night the termination of the Clark/Garwood Shared Service Agreement for business administrator services.

Business Administrator John Bolil is no longer employed by the Clark school district and, effective immediately, he will no longer perform duties of the business administrator for Garwood. He will remain as the board secretary through the end of the year, at the rate of \$1,000 per year.

Beginning as of yesterday, Jeanine Murray replaced Mr. Bolil as a part-time business administrator, receiving a \$12,000 stipend for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year and an additional amount not to exceed \$2,000 for dues and related fees.

The BOE had initiated the shared-service agreement with Clark in July 2009, which was due to expire in June 2012. Christine Guerriero, the Garwood Board of Education's liaison to the Clark BOE, told The Westfield Leader, "It's [share services] not an easy thing to do."

At the start of the board meeting, 15 students who received a perfect score on the NJASK test last year were honored. The following students received perfect scores: Math: Dayna Gallucci, NJASK8; Mark Stouffer, NJASK 3; Ross Wildes, NJASK 5; Anya Nordstrom, NJASK3; Andre Schlauberg, NJASK4; James Duffey, NJASK 5; Kyra McDevitt,

NJASK 5; John Taylor, NJASK5; Alexandra Knowles, NJASK3; Science: Daniel Courtney, NJASK8; Michael Pellino, NJASK 4; Christopher Froden, NJASK4, Jason Maher, NJASK4, Tomas Cvercko, NJASK4, Brian Maher, NJASK8.

There were three valid reports of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB), and of the three, two were substantiated, Superintendent Teresa Quigley said. The BOE also approved the revised Crisis Management Regulations and School Security Plan. Superintendent Quigley said she is working toward more plans for when storms take down wires and cause other damages that would be used to close the schools.

The board approved the following goals for 2011-2012: focus on Language Arts/Literacy test scores with a specific emphasis on writing skills/technology; continued monitoring of student math scores as a means to assess the efficacy of the Everyday Math Program; implementation of procedures based on the new bullying law that will ensure students a supportive learning community built on mutual respect; and finalization of a plan for the utilization of the Washington School as a source of revenue while maintaining the ability to access the facility for the future use by the district.



GRAND OPENING...Home Video Studio held its Grand Opening event at its new video production facility located at 943 Carleton Road in Westfield. Pictured, left to right, are: Eliza Weiniger, Dan Weiniger, Jan Markind Weiniger, Robert Hanley, Neil Pinkman.

Home Video Grand Opening Draws Record Attendance

WESTFIELD – Dan Weiniger, owner of Home Video Studio in Westfield, was simply astounded on November 9, 2011. "We held our Grand Opening event at our new video production facility," said Mr. Weiniger, "and the turnout was absolutely amazing!" According to Mr. Weiniger, it appears that folks from Westfield, Clark, Garwood and Scotch Plains have all been looking for the kind of video services he offers in his state-of-the-art facility, located at 943 Carleton Road in Westfield.

pitched in to help Dan take some customers' orders."

Mr. Weiniger's studio offers the kind of video production services that most larger studios don't. A partial list of services includes: CD and DVD duplication, Video to DVD transfer, Photo Video Keepsakes, Home Movie Transfer (8mm, Super 8mm and 16mm), Sports Scholarship Videos, Legal Video Services, Format Conversions, International Conversions, Video Tape Repair, Photos and Slides to Video and DVD, as well as video shooting and editing.

"We understand how important every video project is to our customers," said Mr. Weiniger, "so we take the time to make sure each customer is thoroughly satisfied with the final result. Many of the tapes and films we work with are one-of-a-kind pieces, irreplaceable, and precious to the families. Our reward is when our customers see the finished product and we see tears in their eyes!"

Mr. Weiniger wants to publicly thank all of those who attended the Grand Opening and guarantees to hold another Open House in the near future. Contact Home Video Studio – Westfield at (908) 301-9300 or e-mail Dan at dan.w@homevideostudio.com.

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SECTIONAL BOYS SOCCER CHAMPS...A mass of fans storm Wexler Field after the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team defeated Chatham, 2-0, for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 title on November 11. The four Raiders, pictured, left to right, are: Travis Cortes, Billy Babis, Colin Stripling and Jassiem Wahtuse. See story on page 11.

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Residents spoke about the need for a second branch pickup throughout the township following the October snowstorm. Mayor Malool reminded residents that they do have to separate their leaves from the branches. Resident George Gowen suggested that residents be required to haul their own fallen branches away and that the township do away with leaf pickup, requiring residents to contract with landscapers to perform the task.

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In other business, the council introduced an ordinance that would institute parking restrictions along Cedar Brook Road during school hours. A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 20, for final adoption.

The council also received a letter from Fred Lange of "Courage to Reconnect" which proposes a timeline for a municipal consolidation study commission to be formed. Mayor Malool said she would be meeting with Mr. Lange to discuss his letter. She said it is her understanding that the issue of forming a commission would be put on the election ballot for a public referendum and that whatever their recommendation it would be put on a future ballot for a second referendum.

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FANWOOD – The Fanwood Planning Board on Monday granted a bulk variance to a Helen Street resident for a hot tub that had been installed in violation of the borough's Land Use Code.

Ann Allen told the board she recently purchased a home at 164 Helen Street and was not aware until after she installed the hot tub that it was not in accordance with the borough code, which requires a 15-foot setback from her property line. The hot tub is only 10 feet away.

Ms. Allen assured the board that

the hot tub was in a private part of the yard and not visible to her neighbors. She said she had just put up a six-foot tall vinyl fence on the perimeter of her yard.

Planning Board member Dale Flowers asked Ms. Allen to identify the position of the hot tub on a diagram of her property.

Board members said they were satisfied that the hot tub would not infringe on the neighbor's property and unanimously granted the variance.

No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned. The board's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 19.

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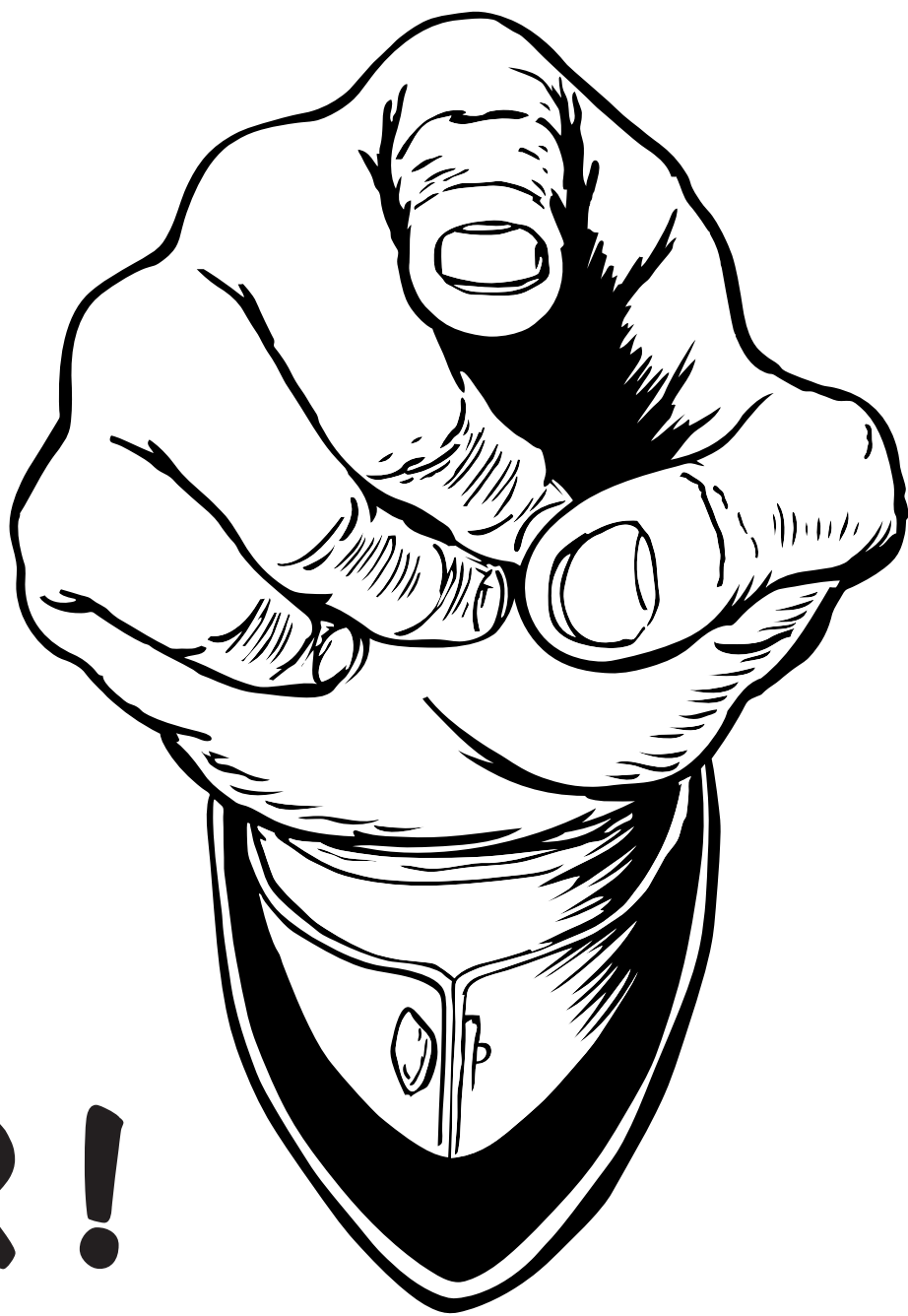
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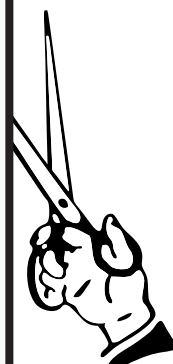
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Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of The Leader/Times

Dems Hold Majorities In State Legislature

Democrats held the majority in both houses of the State Legislature in last week's General Election. Democrats maintained their 24-16 advantage while picking up a seat in the Assembly to increase their majority to 48-32. The closest Assembly race was in District 1 in Cape May County where incumbent Democrats won by under 1,000 tallies with some 45,000 votes cast and in District 7 in Burlington County where Democrats held seats by 1,500 votes with 43,000 tallies cast. Democrats won by 950 votes to hold two seats in Bergen County's District 38. District 38 was also the closest of the Senate contests as Senator Robert Gordon (D) defeated Bergen County Freeholder John Driscoll by some 2,500 votes or 6 percent out of 40,000 votes cast.

Newark City Councilman Considers Run Against Payne

Newark City Councilman Ronald Rice, the son of State Senator Ron Rice (D-Newark), has said he will form an exploratory committee to examine a run for the 10th congressional district seat held for 22 years by Rep. Donald Payne (D-10th), nj.com has reported.

Corzine Resigns; FBI Probes MF Global

Former governor Jon Corzine has resigned as chairman and CEO of brokerage firm MF Global, which filed for bankruptcy after the company lost two-thirds of its market share, according to media reports. The FBI and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) are among those investigating how \$600 million in customers' money has gone missing. Mr. Corzine will not seek his \$12 million severance from MF Global.

Mr. Corzine, the former head of Goldman Sachs, joined MF Global in March 2010 after he was defeated by Chris Christie in his re-election bid for New Jersey governor.

Senator Joe Pennacchio (R-26, Pine Brook) has asked New Jersey State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff to determine if any state funds were affected by the collapse of MF Global.

Whitman Picked for '14 N.J. Super Bowl Panel

Former NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and former New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman are among nine people chosen to serve on the board of trustees for the 2014 New York/New Jersey Super Bowl Host Committee. Also included are former Jets star running back Curtis Martin and former Giants center Bart Oates. The Host Committee is chaired by Woody Johnson, chairman and CEO of the Jets, and Jonathan Tisch, co-chairman of the board of Loews Corporation and co-owner of the Giants.

Democrats Announce New Leadership in Legislature

New Jersey Democrats on Tuesday announced their new leadership in the State Legislature. In the Senate, Sen. President Stephen Sweeney (D-3, Gloucester) was reelected while Sen. Loretta Weinberg (D-Bergen) replaces Barbara Buono (D-19, Edison) as majority leader. Sen. Paul Sarlo (D-Bergen) retained his post as chairman of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

In the Assembly, Sheila Oliver (D-34, East Orange) remains as Assembly speaker. Assemblyman Louis Greenwald (D-6, Camden) is the new Assembly majority leader, replacing Asm. Joseph Cryan (D-20, Union) with Asm. Gordon Johnson (D-38, Fair Lawn) as the Assembly Majority Conference chairman, replacing Asw. Joan Quigley (D-32, Jersey City). Asm. John Wisniewski (D-19, Sayreville), the state Democratic chairman, will continue as Assembly Deputy Speaker with expanded responsibilities. Asm. Vincent Prieto (D-32, Secaucus) was named Assembly Budget Committee chairman.

The 215th Legislative Session begins at noon on Tuesday, January 10.

GOP Elect Leadership; Kean Stays as Leader

Senate Republican have reelected Senator Tom Kean, Jr. (R-21, Westfield) as Republican Leader with Sen. Diane Allen (R-7, Burlington) serving as Deputy Republican Leader. Rounding out the caucus's leadership team is Sen. Kevin O'Toole (R-40, Cedar Grove), Republican Whip; Sen. Robert Singer (R-30, Jackson), Conference chair; Sen. Chris "Kip" Bateman (R-16, Somerville), deputy conference chairman, and Sen. Anthony Bucco (R-25, Denville), as budget officer.

Garwood General Election Results

	D-1	D-2	D-3	D-4	Mail	Total
LD21 SEN						
Paul Swanicke	79	118	86	54		337
Thomas Kean, Jr.	126	197	125	74		522
LD21 ASM						
Bruce H. Bergen	76	118	83	60		337
Norman W. Albert	78	125	82	58		343
Jon Bramnick	115	186	114	63		478
Nancy F. Munoz	111	180	112	62		465
Darren Young	8	6	8	4		26
FREEHOLDERS						
Angel Estrada	75	120	85	56		336
Christopher Hudak	84	126	90	65		365
Vernell Wright	77	111	79	60		327
Andrew B. Smith	118	194	120	67		499
Edwin O. Ortiz	114	196	119	67		496
State Question #1 YES	93	155	108	58		414
State Question #1 NO	46	77	62	29		214
Votes Cast	215	324	226	135		900

	D-1	D-2	D-3	D-4	Mail	Total
COUNCIL						
Louis Petruzzelli	113	189	122	81	15	520
Sara Todisco	109	176	123	78	13	499
Carol A. Kearney	99	134	99	52	9	393
Steven C. Blaufeder	98	127	87	50	9	371

Lance: Time to Break Gridlock

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Rep. Leonard Lance (R-7th) wrote last week on Department of Labor's October jobs report: "Today's latest report is a sober reminder that our economy is still struggling. The unemployment rate has been 8 percent or higher for 33 straight months. And just last week, nearly 400,000 Americans filed new jobless claims. "We need to put aside the partisanship and the politics and work together on passing real proposals that will remove economic uncertainty, restore confidence in the marketplace and put more Americans back to work. "There have been some signs of progress. Recently, the U.S. House and Senate have sent to the President important pieces of his jobs bill that include lowering taxes on small businesses and opening up new trading markets in Panama, Colombia and South Korea. The House has passed more than 20 bills specifically aimed at improving the economic conditions for small businesses to grow and hire. Each of these bills awaits action in the Senate. "It's past time that Washington break its gridlock and work together in a bipartisan capacity to pass measures that will spur job creation and lead to a stronger economy."

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41⁹⁹ 1.75 L

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Westfield Councilman Frank Arena Thanks You and His Campaign Team

I wanted to take this time and thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your First Ward councilman for another four years. As I've said to many of you before, it is an honor and privilege to be on the town council. I will continue to serve the people of Westfield with trust, openness and honesty second to none. And I will continue to work closely with the mayor and council to maintain our fiscal responsibility while also keeping Westfield one of the most desirable places to live in New Jersey.

Campaigning takes a lot of time and effort and with that I would like to commend my opponent, Tim Van Epp, for running for office. But not just Tim, I take my hat off to all those that ran for our town council as it demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism that Mayor Andy Skibitsky so often mentions that sets our town apart from so many others. In fact, many people across the state recognize Andy's leadership of our town so his time and unrelenting support of my campaign on so many fronts is something I can't appreciate enough and is something I will al-

ways remember.

I would also like to give special thanks to my campaign treasurer, Tom Ripperger and the rest of my campaign team; Sal Caruana, Pete Echausse, Councilman Sam Della Fera and Councilman Keith Loughlin. And to my friends that volunteered their time to my campaign including Shawn and Tracy Hanna, Mike Schuman, Andy Wasserman and Marc Luino. Thanks!

And to the young volunteers that may have not been old enough to vote, but helped me to victory, thank you too. These young men and women include Courtney Day, Sarah Wasserman, Bradley DeMartino, Patrick Decker, Matt Storcks and Marc Luino, Jr.

And last but not least, to my wonderful wife and kids Lori, Carli and Christopher. We do it all for you.

Again, thank you for putting your trust in me and I wish you and your families all the best.

Frank Arena
Westfield First Ward Councilman
farena@westfieldnj.gov

WHS Marching Band Is One Of Great Things About Westfield

The Westfield High School Marching Band has once again represented the town with distinction during the past several weeks. Beginning with a first place finish at the Hillsborough band competition on Wednesday, November 2, followed by a rousing performance during the Immaculata football game on Saturday, November 5, leading to a highly respectable top-10 finish at the New Jersey State Band Championships later on the same evening. The band then took their show on the road to the Magic Kingdom in Disney World, Fla., where they honorably represented Westfield in the parade on Saturday, November 12.

Anyone that has not seen the band perform will have one last chance at the annual Thanksgiving football game against Plainfield. I recommend that you do not miss it. The hard work, practice, dedication and brilliant direction of the band staff produce an exceptional and entertaining performance.

The new band director, Chris Vitale, and his hard working staff, including assistant director James Doyle, have created a remarkable combination of movement and sound. The students, led by drum majors Tara Bange and Michael Aronson, consistently pro-

Garwood Pancake Breakfast on Sunday

The Garwood Lions Club will be holding their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 20, from 8 a.m. to noon at The Westwood on North Avenue. The menu includes juices, pancakes, bacon, sausage, tea and coffee for \$7 per person (free for children under 6).

duce high quality music while displaying an eye-grabbing intricate marching style so precise that they seem to be a single lock-step entity.

Special recognition should also be given to the color guard led by Zoe Korunow and Barrie Knapp. Their animated, colorful and synchronized routines are in perfect harmony to the band's music and movements. They are group that practices hard - and it shows in the quality and enthusiasm of their performances.

Behind the scenes, a small army of parents, friends and volunteers help keep the band operations humming. Kudos to you all - this year's fine performances of the band are reflections of all of your hard work and dedication. From fund raising to uniform and equipment maintenance as well as providing food and water on performance days - it all works like one well-oiled machine. Even the pit-crew was recognized for an award at one of the band's earlier competitions in South Plainfield.

The Westfield High School Marching Band is truly one of the great things about this town. Every week the band exhibits the high quality of our youth and the positive results of a well-run program. Each and every band member is an extraordinarily talented individual dedicated to teamwork and the sacrifices necessary to make the whole greater than the sum of its parts. The entire town should truly be proud of this group and thankful for their contribution to the great image of Westfield.

The Marching Blue Devils - Westfield pride on display!

Frank Dougert,
Westfield

Letters to the Editor

Redevelopment of Fanwood Started Under Previous Borough Mayors

In all due respect to Fanwood's Mayor, Colleen Mahr, we are pleased that the borough's South Avenue corridor redevelopment projects are being recognized by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) in their new edition of *The Redevelopment Handbook, A Guide to Rebuilding New Jersey Communities*. However, there are certain inaccuracies in the article published in the Suburban News. The redevelopment of our downtown was first begun by Mayor Ted Trumpp and Council in the 1970's and followed by Mayors Pat Kuran, Linda Stender, Maryann Connelly and Lou Jung.

With regard to "healthy and steady redevelopment success," the Dean Oil property is contaminated and may never be remediated. The Livingston-Wilbur site also had evidence of carcinogenic contamination. Under Mayor Jung's administration, one of the leading developers had employees with connections with DEP and ECRA and would have had the con-

tamination issues addressed. The window of opportunity closed in the mid-2000s and the redevelopment opportunities have been slow in coming due to the politicizing of downtown redevelopment. There were over 20 community input meetings, many of which were televised, before Mayor Mahr took office. There was no need to spend two more years with more meetings and completely redoing the downtown plan.

With regard to "eminent domain," Mayor Jung and the Council approved a redevelopment plan with no mention of "eminent domain." The designated developer was to buy property and/or form partnerships with the property owners in the downtown.

Congratulations to Mayor Mahr for her efforts on building upon what each previous mayor, to some degree, had done toward Fanwood's downtown redevelopment.

Clayton S. Pierce
Fanwood

Holiday Helping

The Westfield Firemen's Mutual Benevolent association (F.M.B.A.) Local No. 30 will begin its 15th Annual Holiday Food Drive this month for needy area residents. Non-perishable food items will be accepted at Fire Headquarters, 405 North Avenue, West, until 11 p.m. on Friday December 3.

The food baskets will be distributed through local churches and civic organizations in time for the holidays. In its first food drive in 1996, 75 families received help. In 2010, 140 received food baskets.



Lt. Col. Joe Boscia
Joe Boscia of Westfield Promoted to Army Lieutenant Colonel

Joe "JB" Boscia was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers on October 1. He is currently on a two-year tour in Southeast England as a senior instructor, engineer intelligence, in the British Royal School of Military Engineering. As a U. S. exchange officer on the school's faculty, JB teaches newly commissioned Royal engineer lieutenants. At a promotion ceremony, Brigadier (General) Steve Hodder, the Commandant of the Royal School of Military Engineering, pinned on Lt. Col. Boscia's new rank insignia, silver Oak Leaves. His wife Nancy, and children Alexis and Joseph will also assist in the ceremony.

JB attended Holy Trinity School in Westfield, and was commissioned as an Army officer when he graduated from the University of Dayton with a BS in Electrical Engineering. He has been on active duty for 16 years, and has served tours in Afghanistan and Iraq. His parents, Joe and Sue Boscia of Westfield, and brother Tony, spent three weeks with the family in England in August/September.

Residents Invited to Comment on Westfield's Sanitary Code Revisions

The Westfield Board of Health met on November 7 and approved a revised sanitary code for first reading. The code addresses the powers of the Board of Health, which is an autonomous body in town with primary responsibility for policy decisions and ordinances regarding public health. The code includes sections concerning the following: animals and rabies control, including mandatory dog and cat licensing; commercial food and beverage safety, including food vendor inspections; solid waste and sewage disposal, including mandatory garbage pick-up; communicable disease prevention and control; exterior lead paint removal; building sanitation and heating; and noise control. Town residents can review the proposed sanitary code on the Westfield Regional Health Department website www.westfieldnj.gov/health.

The health department currently offers free routine medical examinations to any child without health insurance or who is underinsured. These children are also eligible to receive age-appropriate vaccinations for free. These vaccinations include diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (Tdap), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, haemophilus influenza B, human papilloma virus (HPV), measles-mumps-rubella, meningococcal meningitis, polio, pneumococcal, rotavirus and varicella (chickenpox). The Tdap and HPV vaccines are also available at no cost for all children in town regardless of insurance status. In addition, the department offers flu vaccinations to all residents, including the high dose flu vaccine for persons over 65 years old and the preservative free flu vaccine for children under the age of three, for a \$10 fee. Please call Laura Scanlon, the public

health nursing supervisor, at (908) 789-4070, extension 4074 to make an appointment to receive any of these services.

The health department is sponsoring free lung function spirometry screening for lung disease (including emphysema and chronic obstructive lung disease) with Overlook Medical Center on Thursday, December 8, from 10 a.m. to noon in the municipal building. The department is also sponsoring cholesterol screening with Overlook on Thursday, January 12 from 10 a.m. to noon in the municipal building (there is a \$10 fee). In addition, residents can attend free weekly blood pressure screenings. For more information about these programs and to register, please call Ms. Scanlon at (908) 789-4070, extension 4074.

Information about all of the department's activities is available on its website www.westfieldnj.gov/health.

The complete minutes of the November 7 meeting will be posted after review and approval at our December 5 meeting, which starts at 5:30 p.m. in the municipal building. As always, residents are invited to the meeting to comment on the proposed sanitary code or other issues.

Lawrence Budnick, M.D.
President, Westfield Bd. of Health



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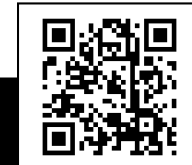
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(She is the former Miss Kerri Marie Anness)

Miss Kerri M. Anness Weds Joshua M. Ponzio

Miss Kerri Marie Anness, daughter of Kenneth and Janet Anness of Westfield, N.J., was married on July 8, 2011 to Joshua Michael Ponzio. He is the son of Dr. Nicholas and Patricia Ponzio, also of Westfield.

The couple was wed in a Friday evening ceremony at the Atrium Country Club in West Orange, N.J., with the bride given in marriage by her father. Officiating the ceremony was the groom's godfather, Edward Olsen. A reception immediately followed.

Mrs. Erika Becht (formerly Van Anglen) of Linden, N.J., the bride's longtime friend, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids included the bride's sister, Miss Kaitlyn Anness; the groom's sister, Ms. Sarah Ponzio; Mrs. Elizabeth Reilly, Miss Jennifer Hayes and Miss Stephanie "Stevie" Moore, all friends of the couple. Miss Christine Martin, cousin of the bride, served as a junior bridesmaid and Miss Jennifer Martin, also a cousin of the bride, served as the flower girl.

David Gialanella of Millburn, N.J., childhood friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Joseph Saunders, Brian Williams, Seth Augenstein, James Daly and Ryan Cahill, all childhood friends of the groom. Christian Cuellar acted as the couple's ring bearer.

A 2001 Westfield High School

graduate, the bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from Monmouth University. She currently is a resource room teacher at Washington Elementary School in Westfield and the assistant coach of the Westfield High School girls' varsity soccer team.

A 2000 graduate of Westfield High School, the groom earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Monmouth University. He currently is employed by Direct Brands as a graphic designer in New York City.

Following a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple resides in Linden, N.J.

Bumble Bee Bazaar To Be Held Dec. 3

AREA - The Bumble Bee Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Lower Chiego Hall of the Church of the Assumption, located at 113 Chiego Place in Roselle Park.

A variety of handmade crafts and other items will be featured. Hosted by the Women of Assumption Ministry, the Bumble Bee Bazaar is a biannual event (spring and fall). For more information, contact Diane Burgos at (201) 522-8022 or via e-mail at nany122@msn.com.

Ministerium Plans Service For Thanksgiving Monday

SCOTCH PLAINS - The annual Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerium will be held on Monday, November 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Union Catholic High School auditorium.

The Ministerium is comprised of clergy and leaders of Christian and Jewish faith communities in Scotch Plains and Fanwood, as well as leaders of organizations, such as the Jewish Community Center and YMCA, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district and elected officials and staff of the Fanwood and Scotch Plains municipal governments.

The interfaith Thanksgiving service, which is open to the community, has been a longstanding tradition for more than 30 years. The various houses of worship take turns hosting the service, which features special music, readings, liturgy and prayer. An offering will be taken for the DiNizio Fund, which provides emergency funds for utility bills and food for local residents.

"Each year, the Community Thanksgiving Service is a meaningful way to celebrate Thanksgiving and express our gratitude for our community that works together and worships together," said the Reverend Cynthia Cochran-Carney, pastor of the Willow Grove Presby-

terian Church in Scotch Plains and current president of the Ministerium.

The choirs from congregations in the community, including Congregation Beth Israel's choir, will provide the music. Rabbi George Nudell of Congregation Beth Israel will give the sermon.

This service is free of charge. Complimentary light refreshments will be available at its conclusion. Union Catholic High School is located at 1600 Martine Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Blood Drive to Be Held December 10

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Presbyterian Church will conduct its annual blood drive on Saturday, December 10, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the New Jersey Blood Services Donor Center.

The Donor Center is located at 2279 South Avenue in Scotch Plains, about one mile east of the Fanwood Train Station. There is a great need for all blood types and plasma donations.

Refreshments will be available for all presenting donors. Walk-ins will be welcome. For an appointment, contact Debbie Glover at (908) 822-2242 or aglov1120@aol.com.

Hadassah Young Women To Host Scotch Tasting

WESTFIELD - As the final social event of its 2011 program, Westfield Hadassah's Young Women's Group will host a Scotch Tasting event on Saturday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. at a private residence in Westfield.

Glenmorangie Scotch will sponsor the event, with desserts donated by Robin's Cookies and Gigi's Cupcakes. The cost is \$36 per person and seating is limited. Funds raised from the event will support the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, Israel.

"We encourage non-Hadassah members to join us and look forward to meeting new people at this festive event," said Judy Hoffman, Hadassah co-president. "This casual gathering will be a great way to celebrate Hadassah's 100th anniversary while learning about and sampling different scotch."

Life membership in Hadassah is

available at the special price of \$100 until Saturday, December 31, and membership forms will be available at the event. To attend, interested persons are asked to mail a check made payable to Westfield Hadassah to 727 Tuxford Turn, Westfield, N.J. 07090.

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is committed to strengthening the unity of the Jewish people. The Westfield chapter of Hadassah has more than 700 members and hosts a variety of events throughout the year. For further information about this event and future Hadassah programs, contact Westfield.hadassah@gmail.com.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY... Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Evangelista celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September at a gathering with their wonderful family, friends and neighbors. They have three daughters, two sons-in-law and two grandsons.

Ma'ayan Family Program Sunday to Focus on Torah

WESTFIELD - Temple Emanu-El and the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Central New Jersey invite all families with children ages 3 through 7 with special needs to participate in a fun and interactive Ma'ayan Family Program: Torah Talk! The event will take place this Sunday, November 20, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield. The cost is \$18 per family and siblings are welcome to attend.

Children will be able to learn about and look at an actual Torah, which constitutes the whole body of traditional Jewish teaching. Youngsters also will have the opportunity to learn about Torah through multi-sensory activities such as arts and crafts, music, healthy snacks and a story. Participants additionally will tour the temple building. Families will have an opportunity to meet one another and find out more about the Ma'ayan Program. To register, download a copy of the program

flyer, available on the temple website, tewnj.org, and click on November 20 on the calendar.

Ma'ayan, Temple Emanu-El's Religious School program for children with special needs, is designed to ensure that a Jewish education is accessible to every child. The goal of the program is to provide special-needs children the opportunity to be called to the Torah as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Ma'ayan offers a variety of programs for children ages 3 through 13.

This program will be made possible in part by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey and by the Holly E. Wetscher Ma'ayan Education Fund. To learn more about this event and the Ma'ayan program, contact Program Director Amy Ash at (908) 232-6770, extension no. 137, or e-mail aash@tewnj.org.

For more information about Temple Emanu-El, call Carolyn Shane, executive director, at (908) 232-6770, extension no. 114, or e-mail cshane@tewnj.org.

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O'ROURKE 142 YDs, TD; STRAVACH 48-YD RECEPTION

Bees Sting Blue Devils Twice With 13-7 Grid Playoff Win

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

One week after cutting Spartans off at the pass to earn the second seed for the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 playoffs, the Westfield High School football team got stung twice by the seventh-seeded Bayonne Bees, resulting in a 13-7 setback in the first round at Gary Kehler Stadium in Westfield on November 12.

The fatal scoring sting came when Bayonne defensive back Tyhearn Williams became the recipient of a forward fumble that bounced into his hands at the Bee 35-yard line. From there, he immediately sprinted 65 yards down the left sideline to

give the Bees a 12-7 lead with 5:23 remaining in the game. The point after was successful.

The 7-2 Blue Devils' running game was making modest gains in the first half, but it was affected by the passing game being out of sync. Running back James O'Rourke carried 16 times for 65 yards in the half, but quarterback Nate Mitchell completed only one of nine attempts, an 11-yard strike to flanker Peter Ondi.

O'Rourke added another 77 yards, including a two-yard touchdown, in the second half on 19 carries to finish with 142 yards. Mitchell was on the mark, completing eight of 13 passes for 107 yards, but a few of his accurate passes were dropped in key situations.

"Maybe we were overconfident.

Maybe we just couldn't get our plays down. We got to learn from this. James was having trouble rushing in the beginning. They were playing man coverage, something we haven't played in a couple of weeks. My routes weren't as good. I wasn't getting off of my corner very well. I think we were just flat," said Ondi, who finished with six receptions for 50 yards.

"We didn't play well today. We didn't throw the ball well in the first half. He was off-target in the first half. We didn't catch the ball in the second half. We got this far with Nate doing a lot of great things and our receivers doing a lot of great things. We just didn't have it today. We ran the ball OK. We haven't run the ball

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Probitas Verus Honos



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GANG TACKLING A KEY BEE...Blue Devils James O'Rourke, Pat Johnson and Co. gang tackle Bee running back Malcolm Robinson, No. 3, in the first round playoff game against Bayonne at Kehler Stadium in Westfield on November 12. Bayonne stung the Blue Devils, 13-7, to advance to the semifinal round.

DIEN RICE RUSHES 131 YARDS, 7-YARD TD, 5 YARD TD

S. Plainfield Gridders Scorch Raiders in Final 0:29, 21-14

By GREG HENRY
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Senior halfback Anthony Byers entered last Saturday's NJSIAA consolation football game between Scotch Plains-Fanwood and South Plainfield with a chance at attaining 2,000 rushing yards for the season.

The Raiders' mercurial runner had 1,814 yards on the ground in his first nine games, but he achieved that total

his knee, Byers managed just nine yards on six carries in the first half before sitting out the second half. Ironically, given Byers' profound overall contribution to the Raiders' offense this year, Scotch Plains' offense - held without a single first down in the first half - came alive in the second half.

"Anthony practiced (during the week) and looked okay, and he

100 percent, and we always worry about a kid's health first and foremost."

But the Raiders, despite rallying from a 13-point halftime deficit to take a one-point lead early in the fourth quarter, fell to South Plainfield, 21-14, when the Tigers capped a 13-play, 86-yard drive with a four-yard touchdown (TD) run by Colin Wilson with 29 seconds left in the game.



Brooks Crandall for The Westfield Leader and The Times

HOLDING DOWN A TIGER...Raiders Anthony Lettieri, center, Mike Villegas, No. 10, Ahmed Channaoui, No. 23, and Zach Brencons, No. 24, gang tackle a Tiger in the consolation game.

on two good legs - an advantage he did not enjoy in Saturday's season finale in Scotch Plains.

Hindered by a sprained ligament in

thought he could give it a shot," Raider Head Coach Steve Ciccotelli said of Byers and his ailing knee. "But he was not 100 percent, not even close to

the first half.

Churning out yards in methodically steady chunks with its multi-

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DEFINITELY GETTING A LEG UP...Legs were flying everywhere after a corner kick into the box during the Raider/West Morris game on November 10. Raider Christy Monroy, just behind the Wolfpack's Alanda Ketzler, No. 25, kicks one of her legs towards the ball.

PIERCE, VANBUSKIRK BURY GOALS IN REGULATION

Wolfpack Nips Lady Raiders In PKs, 7-6, for Section Title

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

One hundred minutes of soccer and the outcome of the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 girls championship came down to penalty kicks [PK] at Shimme Wexler Field in Scotch Plains on November 10. Ana Doyle launched a left-to-right shot into the net, and the representative for the host team missed to the right to give the West Morris Central High School girls a 7-6 victory over No. 16 Scotch Plains-Fanwood in the fourth round of the sudden death phase.

Although the 16-2-4 Raiders did have to battle back from one-point deficits twice, they did have numerous scoring opportunities, especially in the second half. By the end of

regulation, the score was knotted, 2-2, but the Raiders had out-shot the Lady Wolfpack, 8-3.

West Morris scored 13 minutes into the game when Emily Thomas, with support from teammate Kristy Cotter, who cleared out the box just behind her, scored on a header from a corner kick.

The Raiders controlled the entire second half and got off six dangerous shots on goal, beginning with senior Erin Pierce, who ripped a shot just over the crossbar from a corner kick. The next chance came when Pierce sprinted down the center on a breakaway, forcing the Wolfpack goalkeeper to charge the ball, leaving an open goal. The ball deflected to the left and Raider Lisa Matrale took a shot, but it slid just to the

left of the post.

Finally, three Raiders converged on the box, one being Pierce, who usually flows down the right sideline and inward. This time she pinched down the middle and ripped a left-footed shot to tie the score, 1-1, with 31:44 remaining in regulation.

"I knew we were down, so we had to get better offensive attacks. Mr. [Raider Head Coach Kevin] Ewing says sometimes, 'get hungry in the box'. It was kind of a bouncing ball at the defenders. They really didn't know what to do with it. I ran in, ran around them, kept on going and hit it with my left foot to the right of the goalie, and it went in," Pierce explained.

With 20:41 left, Doyle put West

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SURROUNDED BY COUGARS...Raider Travis Cortes boots the ball away as three Chatham Cougars converge on him. Christian Zazzali, right, stands ready. The Raiders won their 14th sectional title with a 2-0 victory.

CORTES SCORES 1ST GOAL, McKENNA NETS 2ND GOAL

Raiders Silence Cougars, 2-0 For Sectional Soccer Crown

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

Exactly six years to the day since winning its last North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3 championship, the No. 7 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School boys soccer team shutout the 10th-ranked Chatham Cougars, 2-0, at Shimme Wexler Field in Scotch Plains on November 11 to capture its 14th sectional crown.

The 21-2 Raiders exhibited an across-the-board excellence in ball control throughout the game against the Cougars, but it was seniors Travis Cortes and Ryan McKenna, who brought home the bacon. Cortes netted his goal in the first half and McKenna added the exclamation

point in the second half.

In the November 11, 2005 championship game, the Raiders vaporized Voorhees, 3-0, with goals from Matt Fleissner, Taylor Molinero and Michael Devisio. Standout goalkeeper Brian Meredith turned away two shots for the shutout.

This time, the Raiders controlled the midfield throughout with timely slide tackles and slick back kicks to teammates. Both teams had two corner kicks in the first half. Only the Raiders had a legitimate shot on goal, but the Cougars did take a free kick that skid off the crossbar. The second half leaned even more in the Raiders' favor, although the 20-2-1 Cougars managed to get off three shots at

goal, but Raider goalkeeper Vinnie Bianco was there to make the saves, including a great leaping deflection late in the game.

"We have a strong center midfield. We like playing the ball to the feet, and we click very well together," Cortes said.

"The second half, we were winning a lot more of the ball. They were playing into the wind, so they were hanging it out, and we were getting into our challenges, making sure we won everything, because we weren't going to let this game slip away," McKenna said.

"It is just a matter of challenging, being aggressive and looking to win

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Colonia, Jones to Be Real Test For Cougars' Veteran Defense

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

Two days from today, this Saturday, November 19, at high noon, the third-seeded, 8-1 Cranford High School football team will square off in Colonia with the second-seeded, 7-1 Colonia Patriots.

The intense Patriots' running game, featuring senior Greg Jones and junior quarterback Trent Barneys, along with wide receiver Brian Brown will prove to be a real test for the Cougars' veteran defense.

"He [Barneys] is very athletic. He can get out on the edge and hurt you. They have play action. People are stuffing the box. They have people, who can make plays down the field. Offensively, the primary focus is Jones, but they have some other guys, who can hurt you," Cougar Head Coach Erik Rosenmeier said.

Jones is coming off a sensational performance in a 33-21 victory over

via shutout.

"I look at it as a challenge to our defense. We have been physical all year. They are well coached. Here is a kid, who has had a tremendous amount of success, and I know that our defense will get it done and try to stop him. Other than one week, we have played excellent defense. We are going to look at that week as an aberration until somebody else proves us wrong," Coach Rosenmeier said. "He is an outstanding player on a good football team. You don't get through their schedule in that conference without playing well."

The Cougars' very strong defensive down linemen have helped standout linebackers Mike Klimek, Nick Diaz, JP Christiano and Anthony DeSilva get a solid grasp of the opposing teams' running backs all season.

"Everyone has to do their job. When Klimek makes all his tackles or I make a tackle, or [Ryan] Farrell or

able to shutdown Jones," Cougar defensive lineman TJ Nichols said.

But the Cougars have also been very solid in the defensive backfield.

"We have absolute trust in Garg [Eric Garguilo], Reggie [Green] and [Sean] McGovern, [Chris] Witwick and [Walter] James," Nichols added.

With three shutouts and a 7-1 record, the Patriots also have a very solid defense.

"There have been times when people have stacked the box and stopped Jones early, but the other team can't score and get ahead. They have two or three shutouts on the year. They have held people to less than 20 points. Everyone else had scored less than 21 other than their first week against Carteret. The linebackers [CJ Cimilluca and Christian Thomas] are two of the better linebackers that I have seen all year, and Jones and Barneys are also in the secondary on defense," Coach Rosenmeier pointed out.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
WORKING ON PUNT COVERAGE...The Cougars work on punt coverage on November 10 in preparation for their playoff game with Colonia on November 19 at high noon.

previously unbeaten Wall Township. The 5-10, 185-lb Jones rushed for 450 yards to elevate his season total to 1,768 yards, which includes 31 touchdowns. The Patriots' only loss came on opening day against Carteret. Three of their other six victories came

[Chris] Folinusz, it is because everyone else did their job. [For example] Klimek makes great plays, but when he makes a tackle, it is because Folinusz or I did our job on the defensive line opening the holes for him. Everyone needs to be in their gap, needs to line up properly and be where they have to be. If we line up where we are supposed to be then we will be

against Summit. We had an opportunity to go out and play against another undefeated football team. I think our kids have a lot of confidence going into the next game. The fact that it is two weeks away doesn't really matter. It's an opportunity to compete in the playoffs and play for a state championship," Coach

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ELUDING THE BEES...Blue Devil running back James O'Rourke, No. 2, runs to the right to elude some Bayonne Bees as teammate Peter Ondi, No. 27, runs down the sideline.

Bees Sting Blue Devils in Grid Playoff, 13-7

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as well as in the past. Defensively, we let up big plays. We never got anything going on either side," Blue Devil Head Coach Jim DeSarno said.

The Blue Devils did have a bit of a drive on their second series, marching from their own four-yard line to the Bayonne 39, but a series of incomplete passes forced a punt. On their fourth series, Jon Gribbin set up to punt, but instead he fired a strike to Dylan Elliott, which was good for 21 yards.

The 7-3 Bees had little luck moving the ball also until their final drive late in the second quarter. Beginning from the seven, the Bees struggled to get to their 40 on six plays, but they had a trick play also. Quarterback Chris Wright pitched out to running back Malcolm Robinson, who fired a 34-yard bomb to wide receiver Biaggio Cancro for a first down at the Westfield 26. Five plays later, Robinson plunged in from the one with 11 seconds remaining. The point after failed. Robinson finished the game with 117 yards rushing not counting a 32-yard run that had 15 yards deducted for a personal foul penalty.

The Blue Devils took a 7-6 lead on a 17-play, 77-yard drive that ended when O'Rourke slanted to the right for his two-yard touchdown with 1:10

left in the third quarter. Gribbin nailed the point after.

Midway through the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils were on the move again, but it came to a sudden halt when Bayonne linebacker Matt Mullin stripped the ball from O'Rourke and it bounced into the hands of Williams, who dashed 65 yards for the touchdown.

The Blue Devils had another drive halted due to a series of dropped passes. Bayonne took over and moved to the Westfield 31 where the drive stopped with 44 seconds remaining. After a two-yard reception by Ondi, Mitchell hit split end Mike Stravach over the middle. Stravach hooked down the right sideline before he was brought down at the Bee 18 with 14 seconds left. Mitchell's next pass was tipped, and Robinson, from his defensive back position, intercepted in the end zone with 0:06 remaining.

"I think we just didn't stick to our game plan. Everybody didn't step up. When you get in a game against a good team like Bayonne and playmakers like their running back, everybody needs to come and do their part. We didn't come out ready to play today," said a disappointed Ondi. "They [Bayonne] came with the enthusiasm, and we didn't have it today," Coach DeSarno said.

Westfield's final game of the season will be on Thanksgiving Day against Plainfield at Kehler Stadium at 10 a.m. A division title is at stake.

"It gives us something to play for. It makes the game important for us. They want to go out with a win," Coach DeSarno said.

"We need to get it fixed. We've got to clean it up and win the division championship against Plainfield. We have a long couple of weeks ahead of us. We've got to get over this loss. Shape up! We are going to come out ready. Mark my words! We are going to play a lot better than we did today," Ondi said.

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WSO Reschedules *Iron Mask* Concert For November 20

WESTFIELD - Westfield Symphony's multi-media concert *The Iron Mask* with live symphonic soundtrack *Monsters from The Ring*, which was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions, has been rescheduled. The concert will now take place on Sunday, November 20, at 7 p.m. in the facilities of Dolan Hall, at the College of St. Elizabeth, 2 Convent Way, Morristown.

"We have pulled out all the stops to reschedule this concert and are thrilled that we can now offer ticket holders exchanges for a new date," remarked Maestro David Wroe. "The massive multi-media combination of epic movie with live orchestral soundtrack is just too exciting to lose."

Patrons holding tickets for the original October 29 concert in Westfield will automatically be rescheduled for the November 20 concert in Dolan Hall, the College of St. Elizabeth and their new tickets will be held at will call. Ticket holders who are unable to attend on November 20, should call the Westfield Symphony Office at (908) 232-9400.

Music lovers of all ages are once again invited to savor the silver screen's final silent masterpiece - swashbuckling musketeers and more - as Westfield Symphony Orchestra brings to life, in glorious symphonic technicolor, the original 1929 movie *The Iron Mask* starring Douglas Fairbanks.

With split-second timing and precision, more than 60 fully professional musicians, under the direction of Maestro Wroe, will perform a magnificent soundtrack by renowned composer Carl Davis as the original classic movie - a stirring story of, swordsmanship, deception, romance, drama, violence, humor, and grandiose glory that more than stands the test of time - is projected above the orchestra and in full view of the audience.

Musical giants, goblins and flying warrior women will round off the family-friendly festivities as the

orchestra presents "Monsters from 'The Ring'" a selection of orchestral excerpts from Wagner's *Ring Cycle*.

"Combining different media is part of WSO's mission to make classical music appeal to the broadest possible audience. This enthralling multi-media presentation is bound to entice all generations and students K-12 will again be offered special discounted tickets at only \$12," noted Marketing Director Elizabeth Ryan.

A free pre-concert lecture, an informative, entertaining and an engaging way to learn about the movie, music and music makers before the concert will be conducted at 6 p.m. The concert has been made possible in part by funding from The Westfield Foundation, by a HEART grant from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, The NJ State Council on the Arts and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and by the generous support of WSO Trustee Byron Arison.

To exchange or purchase tickets (\$25-\$50, students K-12 \$12) call (973) 408 3978. For further information go to www.westfieldsymphony.org or visit WSO on Facebook.



CHARMING...On November 3, Lucille Bills addressed the residents of the Savannah at the James Ward Mansion in Westfield about the Westfield Community Players and the theater's first children's show, *The Three Prince Charmings*, scheduled for December 10 and sponsored through the generosity of Josie Ward and Eileen Ward-Conway. Pictured, left to right, are: Eileen Ward-Conway, Gail Smith WCP Board member; Lucille Bills, WCP Board member; Josie Ward; Don Mokrauer, WCP Board member.

Art Exhibit, Reception and Concert at LightSoundSpace

RAHWAY - A solo exhibition of paintings by Polish-born artist Anna Feld is now on display at LightSoundSpace, a new culture and music space located at 1591 Irving Street, Rahway, in the heart of the downtown Rahway Arts District. The public is invited to attend a free

reception on Thursday, December 1, from 6-8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Immediately following the reception at 8 p.m., renowned jazz pianist Jean-Michel Pilc will perform on the celebrated Fazioli piano. The concert is free, but reservations are recommended, as seating is limited. Call (917) 371-7807 to make a reservation.

Anna Feld shows a variety of painting styles, including representational landscapes, still-life oil paintings, and abstract compositions. The art exhibit will be on view through December 23. Artworks are available for purchase.

Anna Feld is an award-winning artist who has exhibited regionally at the Katonah Museum of Art in Katonah, N.Y., The Cork Gallery at Lincoln Center and The National Academy Museum in New York City, as well as numerous other galleries and institutions.

Ms. Feld creates painting and drawings in all media, focusing mainly on oil, and paints and draws a wide variety of subjects, including portraits, still-life, animals and landscapes. She trained in New York City at the Art Student League and the National Academy of Design under, among others, Serge Hollerbach and Thomas Fogarty. Her work is included in many private collections. More information is available at www.annafeld.com.

Jean-Michel Pilc is a master of improvisational jazz. He has performed with greats in the music field such as Roy Haynes, Michael Brecker, Dave Liebman, Jean Toussaint, Rick Margitza, Martial Solal, Michel Portal, Daniel Humair, Marcus Miller, Kenny Garrett, and many others. He has also worked with Harry Belafonte as his musical director and pianist.

Pilc has performed as a trio with Francois Moutin (bass) and Ari Hoinig (drums). As a group, Pilc, Moutin, and Hoinig have played live and released a number of recordings over the years. Pilc has additionally released many solo albums. Pilc is a faculty member in the music department at NYU's Steinhardt School and at the New School in New York City.

Antique Toy Convention Set for December 4

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - On Sunday, December 4, the first ever Philadelphia Antique Toy Convention will take place at its new location, The Pennsy Flea Market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5; 9 a.m. early buyers \$10. Children under the age of 12 free, accompanied by an adult. This is an indoor all weather event located at 1600 S. Warfield Street Philadelphia, Pa. 19145.. For information on attending or participating, visit www.toysshows.org or call: (856) 302-3606.

Thanksgiving Turkey: Everything Old is New Again

By JAYNE BOOK SALOMON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Everything old is new again and when it comes to turkey brining this certainly is true. Brining, an age-old technique is the hottest and hippest "new" way to prepare the Thanksgiving Day turkey. Brining is simply the process of soaking the bird in water and salt and some additional seasoning which usually includes something citrus. When done properly, the method results in a turkey that is remarkably moist and tender.

Because meat already contains salt water, when the turkey is immersed into a high concentration of salt and water, the brine absorbs creating moisture that will remain throughout the cooking process. The meat becomes more porous allowing any additional seasoning to seep in making the procedure different from marinating.

Now used to enhance the flavor,

brining was originally developed to help preserve meats, particularly poultry, when refrigeration was not readily available. Although brining in the refrigerator is recommended now that we have them, finding room in the frig to store the oversized pot for 48 hours can be tricky.

Although the media has been touting the virtues of brining, it was not until recently that it occurred to me to try it. Fortunately, my foodie friend Wendy from Scotch Plains understood the importance and presented me with an opportunity. Now I am hooked.

Sure, you can pick up a pre-made brining package available at Williams Sonoma and sure, the result will be very good. My recommendation, however, is to use Wendy's home-made recipe below for the ultimate brined turkey.

Enjoy your turkey and Happy Thanksgiving!



Perfect Turkey Brine

Ingredients

- 1 (12 ounce) can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
- 1 orange, sliced
- 1 lemon, sliced
- 1 lime, sliced
- 4 cloves garlic
- 3 bay leaves
- 1 cup kosher salt
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- 1 1/2 gallons water
- 4-5 tablespoons butter

Procedure

In a large stockpot, combine the orange juice, orange, lemon, lime, garlic, bay leaves, salt and water. Bring to a boil. Remove from the

stove and allow to cool to room temperature. Remove the innards and wash the turkey inside and out. Pat dry. Place the turkey breast-side down making sure it is submerged. Marinate for 2 days. Remove the turkey from the brine when ready to roast, discard the brine and pat dry again. Place in a large roasting pan. Carefully lift the skin in various places and place small pats of butter under the skin. Cover and roast at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes per pound keeping in mind that a brined turkey will cook somewhat faster than if it was not brined. Remove cover to brown during the last half-hour.

*For a 16-20 pound turkey

Coffee With Conscience to Host Legendary Performers

WESTFIELD - The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series continues its 12th season by presenting the legendary entertainer, Cliff Eberhardt and infamous James Lee Stanley on a double bill.

The concert will take place on Saturday, November 19, at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 East Broad Street (corner of North Avenue) in Westfield.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$19 on line and \$23 at the door. This Concert will benefit the Community Foodbank of New Jersey. Tickets can be purchased online in advance by going to: allwoodanddoors.eventbrite.com/

Cliff Eberhardt and James Lee Stanley are both veteran touring singer/songwriters. Cliff from New England and James from Southern California found themselves "jamming" on familiar songs by the Doors at a music conference (to an ever-increasing crowd). They enjoyed their spontaneous collaboration so much that, with the participation of John Densmore of the Doors, James and Cliff - with acoustic guitars and harmonies - have taken a dozen classic Doors songs (songs practically hardwired into our consciousness) and turned them into music that is both familiar and fresh.

The newly released album is called "All Wood and Doors." This album has received fabulous critical acclaim. For more info about this concert and the featured artists, please

allwoodanddoors.eventbrite.com/.

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series is a seven-show series running from October through May at the First United Methodist Church of Westfield. The Series supports the following charities: Contact We Care (Westfield), Homefirst (Plainfield), Habitat for Humanity (Plainfield), the Community Food Bank of NJ (Hillside) and the Keith Knost Special Needs Trust (Mountainside). Each beneficiary has at least one concert dedicated to it during the season.

The Coffee With Conscience Concert Series is made possible in part by a generous grant from the Westfield Service League, and other private donations - which are enthusiastically encouraged. For more information about the Coffee With Conscience Concert Series, the upcoming performance, or ways in which to get involved with the series, please visit www.coffeewithconscience.org. You can also call the Concert Hotline at (908) 412-9105 or send an e-mail to ahrr@ahrr.com. Volunteers are always appreciated!

Crossroads

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thrived under Manny Pena and Ron Wagenhoffer's steady bass and drums, while John Check added steady rhythm guitar, and sturdy vocals.

The Owls made sure to take time to thank the crowd for coming and supporting their efforts, as well as dedicating "Can't Stop Thinking About How You Are," to John Check's wife. Matt Check added some humor, thanking people "who just wandered in tonight," as well as debuting the new song "So Strange," a long, slow winding jam to end the set.

More on the The Knight Owls and Sinsanity can be found at www.reverbnation.com/theknightowls and www.myspace.com/sinsanityrock. More information on pancreatic cancer, including ways to raise funds, can be found at www.pancan.org.

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Eric Nierstedt for The Westfield Leader and The Times
MUSIC FOR A CAUSE...The Knight Owls celebrated the one year anniversary of their debut album by playing a charity event at Crossroads in Gawood last Thursday. The event was held to raise awareness and funds for pancreatic cancer research.

Bands Meet At Crossroads to Benefit Pancreatic Cancer

By ERIC NIERSTEDT
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

GARWOOD — Thursday night saw a gathering at the Crossroads, as the blues/rock outfit The Knight Owls celebrated the one-year anniversary of their debut album. But the evening was not solely about them, as The Owls and the rest of the night's performers were gathered to raise money and awareness for pancreatic cancer.

A disease with a six percent survival rate, pancreatic cancer still remains one of the least funded and least known forms of cancer. "Because there are so few survivors, there aren't a lot of people to campaign for it in that capacity," says Todd Cohen, a representative of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network who passed out pamphlets and introduced the bands. "We really rely on events like this to raise awareness and get funds going."

The bands on the bill all had ties to the disease. The Knight Owls frontman John Check lost his father to it. Sinsanity front-woman Meg Williams dedicated her performance to a friend who passed away from the cancer. All the money from the house was donated, as well as half the band merchandise.

Despite the personal ties, the night began with laughs, as a series of comedians took the stage to warm up the crowd. The acts were varied, and included jokes about why the teens in "Nightmare on Elm Street" never used drugs to stay awake, to one comedian's experience ignoring coupons as a "recovering Jew."

The bands took the stage around 9 p.m., with Sinsanity taking the first slot. The band played a half-hour set, mixing the hard rock guitars of the 90s with Williams' Ann Wilson (of Heart) style vocals. Their songs were reminiscent at times of Pearl Jam and Soundgarden, blending impressive guitar work with a heavy sound, especially on standouts like "Electric Chair." Williams was also impressive, as she contoured her body around the small stage with ease.

After a short break, The Knight Owls took the stage. Led by the father-son duo of Check and his son Matt, they began with the lengthy instrumental "Gemini," which showed off Matt Check's psychedelic Allman Bros. guitar style. They then launched into a series of blues-rock songs like the riff heavy "The Rain" and "Hit the Bricks." The band

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Choral Art Society Announces Messiah Sing

GARWOOD - The Choral Art Society of New Jersey, Inc. in conjunction with St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, announces its annual *Messiah* Sing, which will take place on Friday, December 2, at 8 p.m. at St. Anne's Church, 325 Second Avenue, Garwood.

James S. Little, Musical Director of The Choral Art Society of New Jersey, will conduct the beloved Handel oratorio. The *Messiah* will be accompanied on the newly renovated pipe organ by John Thomas, organist at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Newark. The *Messiah* Sing has become a Westfield area tradition and is a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season. Audience members are invited to bring scores (or use those provided at the door) to join the singing of both choruses and solo sections, or simply listen.

Mr. Little is no stranger to the *Messiah* Community event, having previously both accompanied and directed the performance. In addition to his duties as the Director of the Choral Art Society, he has been the organist and choirmaster of Calvary Episcopal Church, Summit, since 1993, having previously held similar positions at Mountainside's Community Presbyterian Church. At Calvary Church, Mr. Little directs an adult choir, two youth choirs and the Calvary Concert Series.

Admission to the *Messiah* Sing is \$10 at the door where scores may be borrowed for the evening. For information about the Choral Art Society, visit the website www.casofnj.org or call (908) 654-5737.



MAIN STREET USA...The Westfield High School Marching Band took Disney World by storm last weekend leading the Celebrate a Dream Come True Parade on Saturday. For full story see page 9.

Book Launch and Reception For Poet Adele Kenny

FANWOOD — Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr and Welcome Rain Publishers invite you to attend a book launch and reception for Fanwood poet Adele Kenny's new book, "What Matters," on Sunday, November 20, from 3-5 p.m. in the Kuran Arts Center on Watson Road, off North Martine Avenue, adjacent to Fanwood Borough Hall. (GPS use 75 N. Martine Avenue.)

"What Matters" contains 47 poems that begin in childhood and move through a life-threatening illness toward healing. Intensely lyrical and sometimes edgy, these poems are about the human spirit. According to Welcome Rain Publishers, "Intimate rather than private, the poems in 'What Matters' are characterized by startling imagery, rich metaphor, and a compelling sense of immediacy. This book is a collection that offers a unique kind of meaning and hope."

"We're all survivors of one thing or another (fear, grief, illness, the loss of loved ones)," says Ms. Kenny. "The individual experiences may be different, but we're all survivors, and these poems tell us that we're not alone." A former creative writing professor

in the College of New Rochelle's Graduate School, Ms. Kenny also taught English in the Rahway Public Schools and report writing at Union County's John H. Stampler Police Academy in Scotch Plains. The author of 23 books (poetry and nonfiction), her poems, reviews, and articles have been published in journals throughout the U.S. and abroad, as well as in books and anthologies published by Crown, Tuttle, Shambhala, and McGraw-Hill.

Adele Kenny is the recipient of various awards, including two poetry fellowships from the New Jersey State Arts Council and a Thomas Merton Poetry of the Sacred Award. In March, she was honored with a Women of Excellence Award in the Arts and Humanities from the Union County Commission on the Status of Women. She is currently poetry editor of *Tiferet: A Journal of Spiritual Literature*, and she directs the Carriage House Poetry Series (which she founded in 1998 at the Kuran Arts Center in Fanwood).

At the book launch and reception on November 20, Ms. Kenny will read selections from her book at 4 p.m. and books will be available for purchase.

Rockefeller Tree Lighting Ceremony

NEW YORK, N.Y. - The 2011 Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree will be lit for the first time on Wednesday, November 30, with live and taped performances from 7-9 p.m., at Rockefeller Plaza, between West 48th and West 51st Streets and 5th and 6th Avenues, Manhattan.

The Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree is a world-wide symbol of the holidays in New York City. The tree, traditionally a Norway Spruce, is illuminated by 30,000 environmentally friendly LED lights on five miles of wire, and crowned by a Swarovski crystal star. Tens of thousands crowd the sidewalks for the event and hundreds of millions watch the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony broadcast live across the globe.

The Christmas Tree will be illuminated each day from 5:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.; all day (24 hours) on Christmas; and from 5:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve. The last day to view the tree is January 7, 2012.

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Colonia, Jones to Be Real Test for Cougars' Veteran Defense

By DAVID B. CORBIN... Special Writer for The Westfield Leader and The Times... Two days from today, this Saturday, November 19, at high noon, the third-seeded, 8-1 Cranford High School football team will square off in Colonia with the second-seeded, 7-1 Colonia Patriots' running game, featuring senior Greg Jones and junior quarterback Trent Barneys...



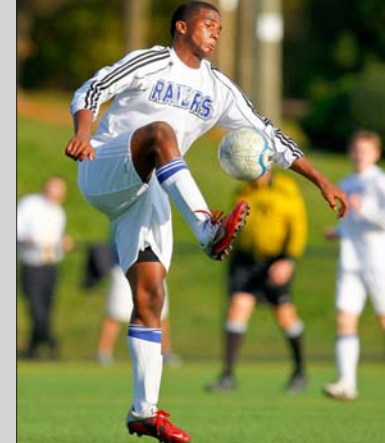
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WARMIN' UP FOR THE PLAY-OFFS... The Cougars go through warm-up exercises during a practice on November 18. The Cougars will face the Colonia Patriots in the North 2, Group 3 semifinals on November 19 at noon.

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GW BOE Terminates Clark Agreement for Bus. Admin.

By CHRISTINA M. HENKE... Special Writer for The Westfield Leader... GARWOOD - The borough board of education (BOE) approved upon commencement of executive session Tuesday night the termination of the Clark Garwood Shared Service Agreement for business administrator services.

County Hires Attorneys for Lawsuit Defense

By PAUL J. PEYTON... Special Writer for The Westfield Leader... COUNTY - The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders last Thursday hired outside attorneys to represent former county manager George Devenney, as well as the county itself, in a lawsuit filed by county employee Richmond Lapolla, the brother of former county manager Michael Lapolla.

Garwood General Election Results table with columns for Council, D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, Mail, Total and rows for Louise Petruzzelli, Sara Todisco, Carol A. Kearney, Steven C. Blaufeder.