

Westfield's Summer Playgrounds Offer Kids A Chance to Get Out

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Drive by any one of Westfield's six elementary schools on a weekday and you'll be surprised at how many kids are flocking to schoolgrounds during their summer vacation.

Thanks to the Westfield Recreation Department's Summer Playground Program, local kids have plenty of reasons to head back to their schools (without stepping inside their classrooms, of course). Tetherball, Connect Four tournaments, water games, Uno and Indian Pin are just a few of the

activities that the program coordinates. The Summer Playground Program runs from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3.45 p.m. at every Westfield elementary school, providing kids with the opportunity to participate in organized games, sports and art activities with other neighborhood kids. The seven-week summer program has been in existence for at least 40 years, according to Bruce Kaufmann, director of the Westfield Recreation Department.

This year, more than 1,500 Westfield elementary-school children are participating in their neighbor-

hood playgrounds, up from more than 1,100 last year. And anyone who hasn't signed up isn't out of luck: "we're still getting registrations in on a daily basis," said Dee MacKay, Assistant Director of the Westfield Recreation Department.

Inspired by playground-like programs for middle-school children in other towns in which she had worked, Ms. MacKay, a past president of the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association, proposed a separate summer program for Westfield sixth- to eighth-graders, and in this pilot year of Teen Scene's existence, about 80 middle-schoolers meet at Tamaques Park for their own version of the elementary-school playground.

"Children in that age group are kind of a lost entity," Ms. MacKay said. "They're too young to work but too old for elementary-school playgrounds, and they need a more structured option for their summer."

On Monday mornings, Teen Scene participants head to Memorial Pool along with all of the elementary-school kids for an all-playground



A DAY TO PLAY...Participants in the Wilson School Summer Playground program and their families enjoyed a fair last Tuesday night. Children above are pictured playing a ball-toss game.

'Deserted Village' Will Be Featured in Documentary

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A new documentary investigating the Deserted Village of the Watchung Reservation will air on Comcast of Union this month.

Hometown Tales, a self-described "documentary film series featuring Jersey's near-forgotten legends," examines urban legends in various locales in hopes of separating fact from fiction. Co-creators and producers Bryan Minogue and Gene Fitzpatrick began working on the segment last month.

According to Mr. Fitzpatrick, the project was prompted when fans of the *Hometown Tales* series emailed the creators, expressing interest in the story of the Deserted Village. The filmmakers sought to learn the

1882 and 1916, many of the buildings were remodeled from the Greek Revival style of Feltville into a more rustic appearance. In 1920, Union County incorporated the land into Watchung Reservation Park. In 1980, the State and National Registers of Historic Places listed Feltville-Glenside Park as an important historical site.

Today, the old cottages still stand as a testament to the successful 19th century community. Some legends, such as the haunted cemetery, intrigue local visitors. Mr. Tomaso is currently involved in an excavation of what is believed to have been the Feltville summer residence of David Felt.

As with most historic areas, ghost legends surrounding the Deserted



SEARCHING FOR HISTORY...Above, archeologists from Montclair State University dig for historic artifacts at the Deserted Village in the Watchung Reservation. Below, several historic buildings still remain in tact at the site.



accurate history of the village, interviewing Park Director Dan Bernier and Matt Tomaso, director of the Feltville Archaeological Project of Montclair State University.

In 1720, settler Peter Willcox purchased a piece of land in the Watchung Mountains, once home to Leni Lenape Native Americans. Mr. Willcox built a grist and lumber mill, which remained in his family until David Felt purchased it in 1845. Felt, a paper manufacturer from New York, further developed the settlement into a small village known as Feltville. The village included a general store, church, post office and several homes for the workers and their families. According to the New Jersey Historic Trust website, Feltville workers specialized in the production of special marbled paper.

After the industrial decline of Feltville, the town was purchased and renamed Glenside, which flourished as a summer resort. Between

Village abound. Visitors have reported unexplained noises and ghostly sightings in the old cottages and community barn.

Mr. Fitzpatrick told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that *Hometown Tales* strove to portray the history of the village accurately, without citing unproven rumors. While folktales exist involving satanic cults and supernatural mysteries in Watchung Reservation, Mr. Fitzpatrick said, "The village itself has an interesting history."

The episode of *Hometown Tales* featuring the Deserted Village, as well as Ghosts of Drew University and Tales of West Virginia, will air at 8 p.m. tomorrow on channel 26. For more information, visit www.hometowntales.com.

The Union County Feltville-Glenside museum welcomes visitors year-round from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and seasonal tours are available.

Freeholders Approve \$39 Million Expenditure for Detention Facility

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The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders moved two ordinances for final adoption at the Thursday July 22 regular public meeting. First, the freeholders adopted an ordinance authorizing their consent to the issuance by the Union County Improvement Authority of its tax-exempt bonds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000. The bonds will finance the 2004 capital lease and infrastructure program to be undertaken by the Authority and the projects associated therewith.

Second, the freeholders passed an ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled "Union County Administrative Code." The ordinance adjusts the fees for records and documents in the Engineering and Construction department. The board reiterated, following public questioning, that the proposed changes do not affect photocopying documents of public record; rather, they create a new fee schedule that doesn't exist presently in the Division of Engineering. All 11x17 documents will be \$1 per sheet, 24x36 documents \$5, and color aerial photography \$2.50 per sheet. Survey maps and flood insurance rate maps will cost \$2.50.

The board conducted first reading on a bond ordinance authorizing the making of various public improvements, and the acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, new additional furnishings and new communication and signal systems. The freeholders will

appropriate \$49,032,044 to pay the cost. The board will seek state and federal grants and funds from Linden to make the down payment.

Union County Finance Director Larry Caroselli told *The Westfield*

Leader that the \$49,000,000 pertains to all projects comprising the 2004 capital budget, which includes roadwork, bridge projects, acquiring equipment, work on Union County College

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GW Council Approves 2004 Municipal Budget

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The Garwood Borough Council met on Tuesday for its scheduled monthly meeting and voted on the 2004 municipal budget.

The council discussed the issue of billing residents for sewer service in a workshop session. Union County receives sewer service from the Rahway Valley Sewage Authority's treatment facility. The Authority has recently considered changing the way it bills for its services in Union County, requesting the input of the communities it serves. Garwood and other surrounding communities are currently billed municipally, and residents pay for their sewer service as part of their property taxes.

Another possibility discussed by the council is to have the Rahway Valley Sewage Authority send bills directly to property owners. This method of billing carries the advantage of charging individual owners based upon their usage of the sewer service, rather than on the basis of property values. Municipal Engineer Donald Guarriello noted that outside

of central Union County, it is very common that residents receive sewage bills as a utility expense.

The council discussed the matter and came to a consensus that it would be fairer to residents if the Rahway Valley Sewage Authority billed property owners directly. Councilman William Schadeewald III saw an added benefit to sending direct, usage-based sewage bills. Mr. Schadeewald said individual billing "could encourage people to conserve on water and waste." The council will submit this decision as feedback to the Rahway Valley Sewage Authority before Au-

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Glenn Mortimer Will Campaign Door to Door

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Glenn Mortimer, in his sixth year as a Mountainside Borough Councilman, will go door-to-door with fellow councilman Werner Schon campaigning for reelection. A realtor at Century 21-Taylor and Love, Mr. Mortimer will speak on his knowledge of Mountainside after 40 years as a resident.

"We'll go door-to-door," Mr. Mortimer said. "Because we're running unopposed, we may not cover as much of the town. We usually do between a quarter and a third of the houses. We also have the Fall Fair and go to children's soccer games to introduce ourselves to some of the newer people, people who have concerns and may be shy about coming to an elected official. It will give them an oppor-



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SP Downtown Seeks Improvement Methods

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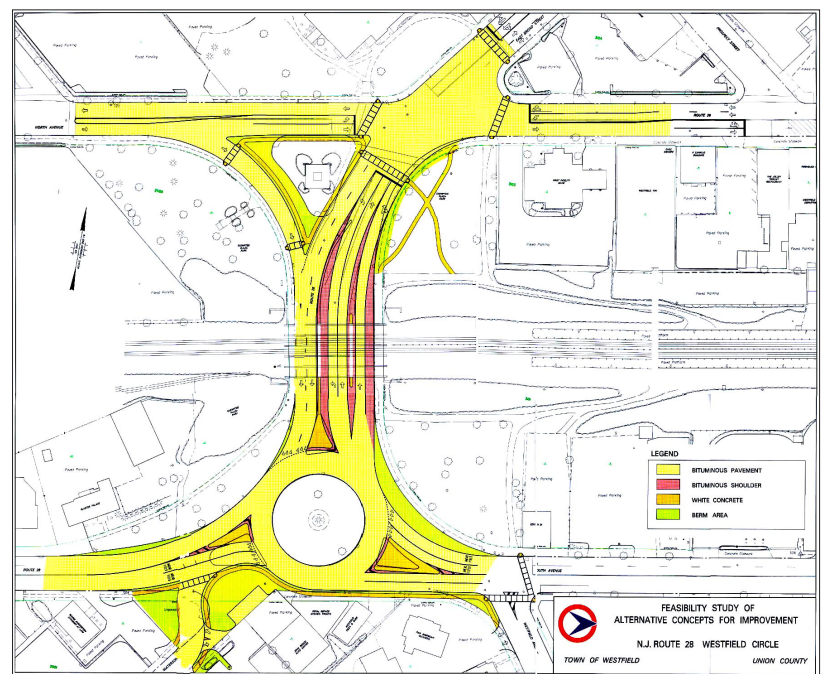
Editor's Note: This is part five of a six-part feature on the business centers in our area that will include Downtown Westfield, Westfield's South Avenue corridor, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside and Garwood.

On a recent Thursday evening, downtown Scotch Plains could have been described as bustling. A large crowd was gathered at Alan Augustine Park next to the municipal building for the free weekly summer concert. The parking lots were filled. Teens rode bikes and skateboards. Kids ran around the park. A police officer kept an eye on traffic and assisted pedestrians crossing busy Park Avenue.

Someone visiting a day earlier or later, though, would have seen a vastly different downtown - just a scattering of people out and about, most of the businesses closed by 5 p.m. and the bulk of the auto traffic consisting of commuters using Scotch Plains as their route home.

It is this contrast that backers of a Special Improvement District (SID) wanted to eliminate, so a bustling business district would not be a Thursday aberration, but rather the norm. The Township Council ruled last month to reject the proposed SID ordinance after downtown property owners opposing the idea showed up at two public hearings. The ruling exposed a business community that Mayor Martin Marks termed "a bit disjointed" and left downtown Scotch Plains where it has been for some time - lacking in vacancies, but also lacking a unified business community and a cohesive theme.

"Those Thursday-night concerts are a glimpse of what the town could be," said Barry Gaunt, owner of Vitamin Express on Park Avenue. He also pointed to Saturdays, when a farmers' market is held in the municipal building parking lot and live music is played on the sidewalk across the street. "That also makes us look like a town," he told *The Westfield Leader*. Mr. Gaunt was a member of the steering commit-



CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES...In the top photograph, construction on the Route 28/South Avenue Circle project continues. The lower photo is a drawing of what the completed project will look like. Devices that resemble cameras have been installed at the intersection of North Avenue and East Broad Street, which the state says are sensors for emergency vehicles.

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tee that spent several months last year and early this year coming up with proposals for a downtown SID. With the failure of the SID ordinance, he feels that while "the town is not going to die, it's also not going to grow."

It appears that any efforts at making changes will eventually have to originate with the business community.

"The ball is in their court," Mayor Marks told *The Westfield Leader*. "It's apparent to me that there's not much of a consensus among business and property owners about where the downtown is headed and, without that, it's hard to do something."

Councilwoman Nancy Malool, a prime booster of the SID on the Township Council, noted that the township government had initiated the SID idea last year and had taken it to the business community. In the wake of the rejection of the ordinance, "the burden is switched," she said, telling local businesses: "Now it's your turn."

The geographical layout of the downtown makes binding all businesses together in a common effort a challenge. While the focal point may be Park Avenue, the central business district is generally recognized to include the length of East Second Street, Front Street, Terrill Road between East Second and Front Streets and even a portion of Westfield Avenue. Then there is the stretch of Route 22, with its strip malls and stand-alone businesses, as well as those stores on a segment of South Avenue near its intersection with Hetfield Avenue.

Downtown Scotch Plains offers more than a dozen eat-in establishments and a handful of others offering take-out food. There are also a number of hobby, antique and other specialty shops that some feel should be the focus of future downtown revitalization efforts. Rather than trying to attract a national chain store, many feel that downtown Scotch Plains should concentrate on more small "mom-and-pop" businesses.

Steve Goldberg, President of the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association (SPBPA), isn't entirely sure what the answer might be.

He believes that the bulk of downtown shoppers come from the north side of Scotch Plains, with south side residents just as easily heading to Westfield, Edison or Clark to shop.

"We need to attract people from outside this one little area," Mr. Goldberg told *The Westfield Leader*. And to do this, he said, "it would be nice to have something in the center of town that's going to attract people. If we added more antiques or collectible shops, that would be wonderful."

Scotch Plains' central business district has no anchor or national chain store to attract shoppers. Mr. Goldberg does not see attracting a larger anchor store as a possibility because "there's no space, unless we develop the hedge property," the parcel of township-owned land on Park Avenue next to the municipal building. That land was subdivided several years back, but according to Mayor Marks, there is no consensus today among Township Council members about whether to rezone the property so that it could be sold to a private entity and then developed.

A walk through downtown Scotch Plains reveals a real lack of vacant storefronts, and Mr. Goldberg feels that some property owners who opposed the SID ordinance are probably "happy with the way things are," since they have stable tenants who are able to pay the rent every month.

Sal Lamastra, an East Second Street property owner who was among the more vocal opponents of the SID, said he was "very happy" that it was rejected. According to Mr. Lamastra, the proposed property assessments to finance the SID's operations were expensive. "I think property owners are satisfied with the way things are in town," he told *The Westfield Leader*. "No one neglects their properties. Stores aren't run down."

He maintained that tenants, too, "are happy with the way things are."

During the discussions about the SID last winter and again during the public hearings on the ordinance, a number of comments were aired by business and property owners on East

Second Street feeling separated from the rest of the downtown. Property owners there have complained that the aesthetic streetscape improvements made in recent years never extended to East Second Street, annual downtown street fairs never included their thoroughfare in any meaningful way and that the focus of all efforts has always been on Park Avenue.

"We haven't done as well with East Second Street," said Mr. Goldberg, adding that the zone needs to be promoted more effectively.

But that street is not strictly a business zone; a number of private residences mix in among retail and other businesses. West of Senger Place, buildings vary in size and setback, creating a somewhat disjointed-looking area.

Vincent Losavio of John's Meat Market on Park Avenue, the longest-running business in the town, believes changes need to be made to attract more business to the downtown area.

Mr. Losavio, a member of SPBPA's board of directors, said he has posed a challenge to the other members: "If I can get them coming in, why can't we keep them?" It's clear, he told *The Westfield Leader*, that things in the downtown area "can't stay like this."

While he said his store, which sells high-grade meats, is busy, many of his neighbors aren't as fortunate because "no one walks through town."

A SID would have helped, Mr. Losavio said. He pointed out that downtown Scotch Plains is "an easy drive" from a number of towns like Summit, Short Hills, Berkeley Heights, Plainfield and Edison. "It's easy to get here," he said, adding that if the downtown businesses were organized in the right way, attracting more potential customers would not be difficult. "A SID would have done that."

Now, businesses in general and the SPBPA in particular "have to regroup. Others have to get involved. We have to revamp our efforts."

Mr. Goldberg agrees. He is planning a meeting in early autumn for members and non-members "to see what they want from us."

He said there was a perception, which was aired at times during the year-long SID process, that SPBPA is dominated by a small handful of members. What Mr. Goldberg wants for the upcoming meeting is to have as many business owners as possible in attendance and then say to them: "This is our organization, come on board. What do you want us to do? What do you want us to be? Get involved." He hopes not only downtown businesspeople attend but also those from elsewhere, such as on Route 22.

Mayor Marks said he is willing to act as a "facilitator" in continuing downtown revitalization efforts. He noted, however, "if people have a 'no change' attitude, that is defeatist. If they have a 'my way or no way' attitude, that, too, is defeatist."

He said downtown owners "need to realize that it's going to take some money to make money."

Councilwoman Malool said that despite the SID ordinance's failure, "the whole process woke up the downtown and made them look around and objectively evaluate the downtown area."

She thinks that at some point in the future, business and property owners may take a fresh look at the SID idea "if they don't see anything else working."

In speaking of future downtown efforts, one point Mayor Marks emphasized was that "any future improvements will not come on the backs of residential property taxpayers, at least while I am in office."

Several people had called for the costs of the proposed SID to be borne by all town property taxpayers instead of only downtown property owners.

There were even alternatives to the SID idea put forth by the Democratic candidates in this fall's mayoral and council elections. Andrew Baron, who is opposing Mayor Marks this November, favors more of a voluntary effort to boost the downtown, including utilizing retired or semi-retired persons who were successful in business and "who can bring forth their talents" and "find more creative ways" to improve the business district. He also favors bringing in advanced students from area colleges and universities who can "add their expertise, and at less cost."

"It's not a Democratic issue or a Republican issue," Mr. Baron told *The Westfield Leader*. "It's a Scotch Plains issue. It's not about brick pavers and aesthetics. It's helping small businesses market themselves better."



Members of the Westfield Memorial Pool Swim Team play a game of Uno during a break at a recent swim meet against Willow Grove in Scotch Plains.

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(UCC) and Union County Vocational-Technical School (VoTech).

Mr. Caroselli said that Linden would pay \$203,000 of that money to fund the widening of Route 1 at the Wheeler Park entrance on Stiles Street and Route 1. "What this does is allow for easier access to the airport complex. We booked this as a capital project. This ordinance is merely for bookkeeping purposes."

The board also conducted a first reading on an ordinance authorizing the execution or acknowledgment and delivery by Union County of certain agreements in relation to the Union County Improvement Authority "County of Union General Obligation Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2004 (Juvenile Detention Center Facility Project)." Also, the ordinance authorized the issuance by The Union County Improvement Authority of such bonds in an amount not to exceed \$39,000,000.

Mr. Caroselli said the agreement allows the county to enter into a lease agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority to pay debt services. The agreement allows the county, in its process to fund a brand new juvenile detention facility, to acquire land and begin building the complete structure. The center will be located in Linden off Route 1.

Final adoption of both ordinances will occur on Thursday, August 19.

Prior to board action, the freeholders heard a presentation by Dr. Thomas J. Bistocchi, the superintendent of the Union County VoTech. Dr. Bistocchi and two associates presented an idea for expanding the vocational schooling in Union County to include a medical and science specialized high school. The suggestions included a proposal to create an association with Vo Tech, UCC, Rutgers, and The University of Dentistry and Medicine that would provide Union County children the chance to have a continuum program from 9th grade to medical school.

"We ask you to support the conceptual program at VoTech for enhancing the programs to create a path for students who seek medical careers," Dr. Bistocchi said. "The success we have achieved speaks for itself."

"I'm impressed with the cutting-edge education you're providing," Freeholder Alexander Mirabella said. "This is just another example of why you are a leader in the field of education. The concept is terrific."

During public comment, Freeholder challengers Bruce Patterson and Pat Quattrocchi addressed the board. Mr. Patterson specifically challenged Freeholder Daniel Sullivan's credibility and questioned his job as Director of Agency Operations for the NJ Motor Vehicle Commission, citing a violation of the Hatch Act. Chairman Angel Estrada told the candidate that he was out of order under Robert's Rules of Order and must address the board chair, not single out any specific member. Mr. Sullivan did respond to Mr. Patterson during the council's comments.

"Let me clear something up once and for all about this Hatch Act," Mr. Sullivan said. "I have a letter at home that came from Washington. That complaint was filed by Mr. Morin, who is the county GOP Chairman, in an attempt to try to knock me off in 2001. The letter states that I was not subject to any penalty, I was not in

violation of the Hatch Act. So, this baloney statement that I left my job because of the Hatch Act is blatantly false and he (Mr. Patterson) just continues to lie about it because he knows nothing about it."

"I'll bring the letter if you like," Mr. Sullivan said. "I wish I was getting \$125,000. I know what my salary is, and I'd be happy to tell anybody, but Mr. Patterson, you are going to have to file a Freedom of Information Act request to find out what my salary is. In fact, I just got a 2.9 percent raise. As far as no experience, I would leave it to the voters and the residents of the state of NJ. If you've been in a motor vehicle office in the past year and you're happy with how things are going there you'll think I'm doing a pretty good job. I'm responsible for 45 agencies in the state and my boss thinks I'm doing a good job. I just want to reiterate—you're dead wrong. Your boss is dead wrong and you have no clue what you're talking about."

The meeting began with a presentation to Westfield sisters Dylan and Keegan Wallace. The sisters collected shoes for disadvantaged children in the Dominican Republic. The sisters amassed 500 pairs of shoes and gave them to Robert Wood University Hospital who helped in the dispersal.

"We are very proud to have you in the county and appreciate all your volunteerism," Freeholder Deborah Scanlon said.

"I would like to thank everyone who helped, especially the kids at Edison (Intermediate School) who contributed to the drive," Dylan Keegan, 14, said.

In addition, Freeholder Chester Holmes presented Rahway's Justin Wise with a resolution from the Freeholder Board congratulating him on being the Union County winner in the New Jersey Association of Counties Foundation's Annual Vocational-Technical Partners Scholarship Awards. Justine received a \$500 check from the NJAC Foundation and will study the culinary arts at Atlantic Cape Community College in the fall.

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The council unanimously adopted amendments to Chapter 106 of the Code of the Borough of Garwood that deal with land use. The amendments, introduced through Ordinance No. 04-11, change bulk requirements and add floor area restrictions to structures in certain residential zoning areas. Four definitions were also added to the code: "Floor Area, Habitable," "Floor Area Ratio," "Impervious Surface," and "Single Ownership."

The council unanimously accepted the municipal budget for 2004 after a presentation by Councilman Thomas Englese, chairman of the Finance Committee. Recreation-related items approved by the council include the Kids' Recreation Trust Fund program that grants recreation scholarships to Garwood children, a \$25,000 grant for lighting and fencing of Garwood's little league park and a \$300 grant for the purchase of recreation equipment.

The Borough received state aid in the amount of \$210,000, as well as \$25,000 in homeland security aid. According to Mr. Englese, these funds will lower tax levels for the Borough. "The Finance Committee worked diligently on the budget," he said. "However, several factors out of our control contributed to an increase" over last year.

Mayor Dennis McCarthy thanked the Finance Committee for its diligence in drafting the budget. "I know it wasn't easy," he said, "but now we

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swim, and scattered throughout the summer schedule, the middle-schoolers go on a variety of field trips that have so far included a bowling excursion, a minor league baseball game and a Sandy Hook history tour and beach day.

Next Wednesday, Teen Scene participants will travel to Count Basic Park in Red Bank to compete in the Playground Olympics against members of other playgrounds across the state. Among the Olympic events will be long jump, softball, soccer, sprints, relays and foul-shooting.

Westfield's playgrounds are unique, said Ms. MacKay, in that "they create a true neighborhood atmosphere — many other towns that run playgrounds run them from a centralized location, which can make things a little unruly."

The playground program boasts a staff of more than 40 high-schoolers, college students and adults, including site supervisors and counselors. Many of the counselors are education majors or are hoping to work with children in the future, said Ms. MacKay.

"The counselors and site supervisors are extraordinary," said Thom Hornish, four-year program director and Westfield High School teacher and coach. "It's amazing to me that young people not yet in the education field are able to adapt to the playground atmosphere and be so creative with the kids. They're really good, and I'm proud to have taught or coached many of them."

Each year, program staff organize a variety of special events that involve participants from each neighborhood playground. Next Friday is "Everybody's Birthday" at Tamaques Park, where everyone can gather for birthday cake and ice cream. Later in the summer, playground-wide Olympics will involve all the playgrounds in town-wide competition.

Annual fundraiser fairs organized and run by members of each playground give participants a chance to plan a large project and display their creativity by developing the booths for the event. In the past, all six playgrounds would combine to put on one large fair, but program organizers have decided that running individual fairs at each playground would limit overcrowding and give kids a chance to visit other schools' fairs. This summer's fairs are being held over a three-night span that began on Tuesday and, weather-permitting, will end tonight with Jefferson and Franklin's fairs, which will run from 5:30 until 8 p.m.

This summer, Mr. Hornish contacted the Westfield Armory about the possibility of running a "Support the Troops" letter-writing initiative. An armory liaison will provide him with the first names of 200 soldiers on active duty, and after playground participants write letters to the soldiers, the Armory will coordinate their delivery to Iraq.

"These names will be of soldiers who are single and who maybe aren't receiving a ton of mail," Mr. Hornish

said. "Receiving letters from back home will be a pretty powerful thing."

In a separate initiative, Wilson School site supervisor Kerri Anness, a 2001 graduate of Westfield High School (WHS), is running an "adopt a soldier" project. Wilson's playground participants will write letters to Patrick Touhey, soldier and WHS Class of 2000. They will also donate supplies to the Red Cross to be sent to help the troops.

Jefferson School is the site of an inclusion program in its second year. Special needs children who participate in summer academic programs offered at the school now have the opportunity to join the kids of the Jefferson playground for games and other activities. A staff of special personnel, including special education majors and a paraprosocialist, help to integrate the two groups of children.

"To see them intermingling, being included in these games with other kids and just 'letting children be children' is really great," said Ms. MacKay.

The playground organizers expressed their satisfaction with positive improvements to the program and with the enthusiastic participation of both playground attendees and program staff.

"Keeping children involved in something active and wholesome in their neighborhood is really important," said Ms. MacKay.

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tunity to talk."

"We want to expand recreation opportunities in the town," Mr. Mortimer added. "We're looking into a recreation center. Especially in the wintertime, children need something to do on the weekends. Summer, we really do need field space, but there's no space to put them. We do have lights at the Deerfield and Town Hall fields. So, not only for youngsters, but also for adults, it adds a whole round of games that can be added on a given day."

Mr. Mortimer, a Mountainside resident since 1964, is the Solid Waste/Recycling Chair, part of the Public Works Committee, Administrative & Executive Committee, Library Liaison, and Children's Specialized Hospital Liaison.

"I want people to understand I have an eye on their tax dollars," he said. "I'm working with the Union County League of Municipalities to provide shared services. In the case of the recycling problem, all the towns are getting hit with a high fee. I will work with Springfield or Westfield to try and alleviate the cost. A little town like Mountainside, \$50,000 doesn't sound like a lot. But we have a small population, so it ends up being \$40 a house, and could climb to \$200."

"In western Union County, we have the highest population of senior citizens, which would imply a lot of fixed incomes," he added. "To some of these folks, \$200 can be a significant chunk of change. By networking with the league and working with Tom (Kean Jr.), Jon (Bramnick), and Dr. (Eric) Munoz maybe Trenton can start looking favorably on these things."

Mr. Mortimer said if the state can pass the tax off in a hidden manner and not take the hit for it, they don't look unfavorably upon that. He said bureaucracies need to justify their position and "if they're running out of programs, this can let them keep their job for a few more years."

Mr. Mortimer said the synergy of the borough council is important. He said the group operates more like a board of directors than a council. "We'll argue back and forth, but always kidding around saying stuff like 'Werner, I don't like your hairdo, or non-hairdo as the case may be.'"

Mr. Mortimer said he and Mr. Schon have the same philosophy of wanting to go door-to-door to meet people. "He's [Mr. Schon's] 100 percent behind the town. It's not for a personal gain. If you look at it economically, it's a losing proposition. There's no doubt about that. We make about a dollar an hour doing this."

"When I was getting married to my wife, I said we couldn't move out of the town. That's the only thing she had to buy into. Anything else she wanted was fine. It's a nice place to live. Some day, if we're fortunate enough to have a family, it's a great place to raise kids and know the neighbors. I've been here forever and I don't want to leave."

Julie Burgio Receives MBA at St. Bonaventure

WESTFIELD — St. Bonaventure University in St. Bonaventure, N.Y. has announced that Westfield resident Julie Burgio received a Master of Business Administration in General Business.

Brandeis University To Welcome Weinberg

WESTFIELD — Eric Weinberg, the son of Dr. Jay Weinberg of Westfield, will attend Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. beginning in the fall.

Danielle Baukh Earns Bachelor of Science

WESTFIELD — Danielle Fay Baukh of Westfield received a Bachelor of Science degree from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va.

WF Graduates Reported By Montclair State Univ.

WESTFIELD — Montclair State University in Montclair announced that Westfield residents received bachelor's and master's degrees in May.

Cynthia Linsen earned a Master of Arts degree in Reading, while Kerri Mulreed received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

Heather Siobhan Ryan garnered a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, while Joan Schultheis received a Bach-

elor of Arts degree in Psychology.

Jodie Lee Sovak earned a Master of Science degree in Mathematics with a concentration in Mathematics Education, while John Urricola received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics.

Elizabeth Mary Walsh was awarded a Master of Arts degree in Music with a concentration in Theory Composition.

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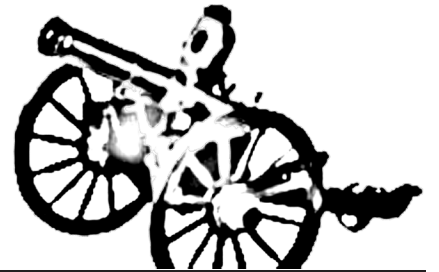
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S. Plains Downtown Searches For Improvement Methods

By FRED ROSSI
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Editor's Note: This is part five of a six-part feature on the business centers in our area that will include Downtown Westfield, Westfield's South Avenue corridor, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside and Garwood.

On a recent Thursday evening, downtown Scotch Plains could have been described as almost bustling. A large crowd was gathered at Alan Augustine

Park next to the municipal building for the free weekly summer concert. The parking lots were filled. Teenagers rode bikes and skateboards. Kids ran around the park. A police officer kept an eye on traffic and assisted pedestrians crossing busy Park Avenue.

Someone visiting a day earlier or later, though, would have seen a vastly different downtown: just a scattering of people out and about, most of the businesses closed by 5 p.m. and the bulk of the auto traffic consisting of commuters using Scotch Plains as

their route home.

It is this contrast that backers of a Special Improvement District (SID) wanted to eliminate, so a bustling business district would not be a Thursday aberration, but rather the norm. The Township Council ruled last month to reject the proposed SID ordinance after downtown property owners opposing the idea showed up at two public hearings. The opponents expressed concerns about the costs and benefits of the SID. The ruling exposed a business community that Mayor Martin Marks termed "a bit disjointed" and left downtown Scotch Plains where it has been for some time: lacking in vacancies, but also lacking a unified business community and a cohesive theme.

"Those Thursday-night concerts are a glimpse of what the town could be," said Barry Gaunt, owner of Vitamin Express on Park Avenue. He also pointed to Saturdays, when a farmers market is held in the municipal building parking lot and live music is played on the sidewalk across the street. "That also makes us look like a town," he said. Mr. Gaunt was a member of the steering committee that spent several months last year and early this year coming up with proposals for a downtown SID. With the failure of the SID ordinance, he feels that while "the town is not going to die, it's also not going to grow."

Echoing what Councilwoman Nancy Malool, a prime booster of the SID on the Township Council, said during the SID vote last month, Mr. Gaunt feels the downtown will "wallow in mediocrity. It will continue to be exactly what it is today."

It appears that any efforts at making changes will eventually have to originate with the business community.

"The ball is in their court," Mayor Marks said. "It's apparent to me that there's not much of a consensus among business and property owners about where the downtown is headed and, without that, it's hard to do something."

Councilwoman Malool agrees, telling *The Times* that "the initiative has to come from the business community."

She noted that the township government had initiated the SID idea last year and had taken it to the business community. In the wake of the rejection of the ordinance, "the burden is switched," she said, telling local businesses: "Now it's your turn."

The geographical layout of the downtown makes binding all businesses together in a common effort a challenge. While the focal point may be Park Avenue, the central business

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Photo Courtesy of Debi Scholter for The Times

THE DELUGE...Cars on South Hetfield Avenue in Scotch Plains navigate through a waterway following the heavy rain Tuesday evening. Neighbors on Shady Lane help by pushing a stranded automobile out of the flood waters.

Freeholders Approve \$39 Million Expenditure for Detention Facility

By MICHAEL POLLACK
Specially Written for The Times

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders moved two ordinances for final adoption at the Thursday July 22 regular public meeting. First, the freeholders adopted an ordinance authorizing their consent to the issuance by the Union County Improvement Authority of its tax-exempt bonds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000. The bonds will finance the 2004 capital lease and infrastructure program to be undertaken by the Authority and the projects associated therewith.

Second, the freeholders passed an ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled "Union County Administrative Code." The ordinance adjusts the fees for records and documents in the Engineering and Construction department. The board reiterated, following public questioning, that the proposed changes do not affect photocopying documents of public record; rather, they create a new fee schedule that doesn't exist presently in the Division of Engineering. All 11x17 documents will be \$1 per sheet, 24x36 documents \$5, and color aerial photography \$2.50 per sheet. Survey maps and flood insurance rate maps will cost \$2.50.

The board conducted first reading on a bond ordinance authorizing the making of various public improvements, and the acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery, new automotive vehicles, including original apparatus and equipment, new additional furnishings and new communication and signal systems. The freeholders will

appropriate \$49,032,044 to pay the cost. The board will seek state and federal grants and funds from Linden to make the down payment.

Union County Finance Director Larry Caroselli told *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that the \$49,000,000 pertains to all projects comprising the 2004 capital budget, which includes roadwork, bridge projects, acquiring equipment, work on Union County College (UCC) and Union County Vocational-Technical School (VoTech).

Mr. Caroselli said that Linden would pay \$203,000 of that money to fund the widening of Route 1 at the Wheeler Park entrance on Stiles Street and Route 1. "What this does is allow for easier access to the airport complex. We booked this as a capital project. This ordinance is merely for bookkeeping purposes."

The board also conducted a first reading on an ordinance authorizing the execution or acknowledgment and delivery by Union County of certain agreements in relation to the Union County Improvement Authority "County of Union General Obligation Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2004 (Juvenile Detention Center Facility Project)." Also, the ordinance authorized the issuance by the Union County Improvement Authority of such bonds in an amount not to exceed \$39,000,000.

Mr. Caroselli said the agreement allows the county to enter into a lease agreement with the Union County Improvement Authority to pay debt services. The agreement allows the county, in its process to fund a brand new juvenile detention facility, to

acquire land and begin building the complete structure. The center will be located in Linden off Route 1.

Final adoption of both ordinances will occur on Thursday, August 19.

Prior to board action, the freeholders heard a presentation by Thomas J. Bistocchi, the superintendent of the Union County VoTech. Dr. Bistocchi and two associates presented an idea for expanding the vocational schooling in Union County to include a medical and science specialized high school. The suggestions included a proposal to create an association with Vo Tech, UCC, Rutgers, and The University of Dentistry and Medicine that would provide Union County children the chance to have a continuum program from 9th grade to medical school.

"We ask you to support the conceptual program at Votech for enhancing the programs to create a path for students who seek medical careers," Dr. Bistocchi said. "The success we have achieved speaks for itself."

"I'm impressed with the cutting edge education you're providing," Freeholder Alexander Mirabella said. "This is just another example of why you are a leader in the field of education. The concept is terrific."

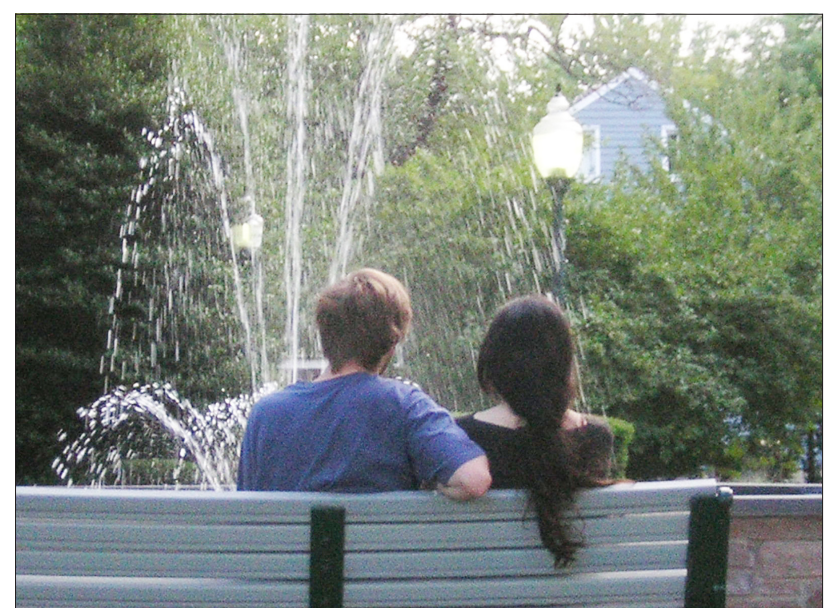
During public comment, Freeholder challengers Bruce Patterson and Pat Quattrocchi addressed the board. Mr. Patterson specifically challenged Freeholder Daniel Sullivan's credibility and questioned his job as Director of Agency Operations and Pat Quattrocchi addressed the board. Mr. Patterson specifically challenged Freeholder Daniel Sullivan's credibility and questioned his job as Director of Agency Operations, citing a violation of the Hatch Act. Chairman Angel Estrada told the candidate that he was out of order under Robert's Rules of Order and must address the board chair, not single out any specific member. Mr. Sullivan did respond to Mr. Patterson during the council's comments.

"Let me clear something up once and for all about this Hatch Act," Mr. Sullivan said. "I have a letter at home that came from Washington. That complaint was filed by Mr. Morin, who is the county GOP Chairman, in an attempt to try to knock me off in 2001. The letter states that I was not subject to any penalty. I was not in violation of the Hatch Act. So, this baloney statement that I left my job because of the Hatch Act is blatantly false and he (Mr. Patterson) just continues to lie about it because he knows nothing about it."

"I'll bring the letter if you like," Mr. Sullivan said. "I wish I was getting \$125,000. I know what my salary

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Fred Rossi for The Times

SUMMERTIME...A relaxed couple enjoy the quiet summer evening on Monday by the fountain at the Alan Augustine Park in downtown Scotch Plains.

'Deserted Village' Will Be Featured in Documentary

By MIRIAM BAMBERGER
Specially Written for The Times

A new documentary investigating the Deserted Village of the Watchung Reservation will air on Comcast on Union this month.

Hometown Tales, a self-described "documentary film series featuring Jersey's near-forgotten legends," examines urban legends in various locales in hopes of separating fact from fiction. Co-creators and producers Bryan Minogue and Gene Fitzpatrick began working on the segment last month.

According to Mr. Fitzpatrick, the project was prompted when fans of the *Hometown Tales* series e-mailed the creators, expressing interest in the story of the Deserted Village. The filmmakers sought to learn the

1882 and 1916, many of the buildings were remodeled from the Greek-Revival style of Feltville into a more rustic appearance. In 1920, Union County incorporated the land into Watchung Reservation Park. In 1980, the State and National Registers of Historic Places listed Feltville-Glenside Park as an important historical site.

Today, the old cottages still stand as a testament to the successful 19th century community. Some legends, such as the haunted cemetery, intrigue local visitors. Mr. Tomaso is currently involved in an excavation of what is believed to have been the Feltville summer residence of David Felt.

As with most historic areas, ghost legends surrounding the Deserted



Benjamin B. Corbin for The Times

SEARCHING FOR HISTORY...Above, archeologists from Montclair State University dig for historic artifacts at the Deserted Village in the Watchung Reservation. Below, several historic buildings still remain in tact at the site.



accurate history of the village, interviewing Park Director Dan Bernier and Matt Tomaso, director of the Feltville Archaeological Project of Montclair State University.

In 1720, settler Peter Willcox purchased a piece of land in the Watchung Mountains, once home to Leni Lenape Native Americans. Mr. Willcox built a grist and lumber mill, which remained in his family until David Felt purchased it in 1845. Felt, a paper manufacturer from New York, further developed the settlement into a small village known as Feltville. The village included a general store, church, post office and several homes for the workers and their families. According to the New Jersey Historic Trust website, Feltville workers specialized in the production of special marbled paper.

After the industrial decline of Feltville, the town was purchased and renamed Glenside, which flourished as a summer resort. Between

Village abound. Visitors have reported unexplained noises and ghostly sightings in the old cottages and community barn.

Mr. Fitzpatrick told *The Westfield Leader and The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that *Hometown Tales* strove to portray the history of the village accurately, without citing unproven rumors. While folktales exist involving satanic cults and supernatural mysteries in Watchung Reservation, Mr. Fitzpatrick said, "The village itself has an interesting history."

The episode of *Hometown Tales* featuring the Deserted Village, as well as Ghosts of Drew University and Tales of West Virginia, will air at 8 p.m. tomorrow on Channel 26. For more information, visit www.hometowntales.com.

The Union County Feltville-Glenside museum welcomes visitors year-round from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and seasonal tours are available.

Westfield's Summer Playgrounds Offer Kids A Chance to Get Out

By VICTORIA MCCABE
Specially Written for The Times

Drive by any one of Westfield's six elementary schools on a weekday and you'll be surprised at how many kids are flocking to schoolgrounds during their summer vacation.

Thanks to the Westfield Recreation Department's Summer Playground Program, local kids have plenty of reasons to head back to their schools (without stepping inside their classrooms, of course). Tetherball, Connect Four tournaments, water games, Uno and Indian Pin are just a few of the activities that the program coordinates.

The Summer Playground Program runs from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at every Westfield elementary school, providing kids with the opportunity to participate in organized games, sports and art activities with other neighborhood kids. The seven-week summer program has been in existence for at least 40 years, according to Bruce Kaufmann, director of the Westfield Recreation Department.

This year, more than 1,500 Westfield elementary-school children are participating in their neighborhood playgrounds, up from more than 1,100 last year. And anyone who hasn't signed up isn't out of luck: "we're still getting registrations in on a daily basis," said Dee MacKay, Assistant Director of the Westfield Recreation Department.

Inspired by playground-like programs for middle-school children in other towns in which she had worked, Ms. MacKay, a past president of the

New Jersey Recreation and Park Association, proposed a separate summer program for Westfield sixth- to eighth-graders, and in this pilot year of Teen Scene's existence, about 80 middle-schoolers meet at Tamaques Park for their own version of the elementary-school playground.

"Children in that age group are kind of a lost entity," Ms. MacKay said. "They're too young to work but too old for elementary-school playgrounds, and they need a more structured option for their summer."

On Monday mornings, Teen Scene participants head to Memorial Pool along with all of the elementary-school kids for an all-playground swim, and scattered throughout the summer schedule, the middle-schoolers go on a variety of field trips that have so far included a bowling excursion, a minor league baseball game and a Sandy Hook history tour and beach day.

Next Wednesday, Teen Scene participants will travel to Count Basie Park in Red Bank to compete in the Playground Olympics against members of other playgrounds across the state. Among the Olympic events will be long jump, softball, soccer, sprints, relays and foul-shooting.

Westfield's playgrounds are unique, said Ms. MacKay, in that "they create a true neighborhood atmosphere — many other towns that run playgrounds run them from a centralized location, which can make things a little unruly."

The playground program boasts a staff of more than 40 high-schoolers, college students and adults, includ-

ing site supervisors and counselors. Many of the counselors are education majors or are hoping to work with children in the future, said Ms. MacKay.

"[The counselors and site supervisors] are extraordinary," said Thom Hornish, four-year program director and Westfield High School teacher and coach. "It's amazing to me that young people not yet in the education field are able to adapt to the playground atmosphere and be so creative with the kids. They're really good, and I'm proud to have taught or coached many of them."

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SPLISH-SPLASH...Swimmers take time out to play a game of UNO at Willow Grove pool in Scotch Plains during a recent meet with the Westfield Memorial Pool Swim Team. *Cory Mamer for The Times*

SP Downtown Seeks Improvement Methods; Officials and Merchants Offer Suggestions

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district is generally recognized to include the length of East Second Street, Front Street, Terrill Road between East Second and Front Streets and even a portion of Westfield Avenue. Then there is the stretch of Route 22, with its strip malls and stand-alone businesses, as well as those stores on a segment of South Avenue near its intersection with Hetfield Avenue.

Scotch Plains' central business district has no anchor or national chain store to attract shoppers. Besides the Scotch Plains Baptist Church on Park Avenue, with its large colonial-era cemetery, the most significant landmarks are Snuffy's Pantagis at the north end of Park Avenue, the pre-Revolutionary War-era Stage House Inn and the CVS drug store at Park Avenue and East Second Street.

Perhaps surprisingly, downtown Scotch Plains offers more than a dozen eat-in establishments and a handful of others offering take-out food. There are also a number of hobby, antique and other specialty shops that some feel should be the focus of future downtown revitalization efforts. Rather than trying to attract a national chain store, many feel that downtown Scotch Plains should concentrate on more small "mom-and-pop" businesses geared towards shoppers looking for antiques or specialty jewelry and gifts, hobbyists looking for a rare stamp or coin, comic book collectors, model train enthusiasts and history buffs attracted by the Osborn Cannonball House and the Baptist Parsonage.

Steve Goldberg, President of the Scotch Plains Business and Professional Association (SPBPA), isn't entirely sure what the answer might be. "It's hard to say," he told *The Times*. "You want to put something in the downtown to make people come."

He believes that the bulk of downtown shoppers come from the north side of Scotch Plains, with south side residents just as easily heading to Westfield, Edison or Clark to shop.

"We need to attract people from outside this one little area." And to do this, he said, "it would be nice to have something in the center of town that's going to attract people. If we added more antiques or collectibles shops, that would be wonderful."

He said attracting any type of larger anchor store is not possible at present because "there's no space, unless we develop the hedge property," the parcel of township-owned land on Park Avenue next to the municipal building. That land was subdivided several years back, but according to Mayor Marks, there is no consensus today among Township Council members

about whether to rezone the property so that it could be sold to a private entity and then developed.

A walk through downtown Scotch Plains reveals a real lack of vacant storefronts, and Mr. Goldberg feels that some property owners who opposed the SID ordinance are probably "happy with the way things are," since they have stable tenants who are able to pay the rent every month.

Mayor Marks saw a similar sentiment. "It's understandable that landlords take on any type of tenant as long as they can pay the rent each month," he said. "We don't have a lot of vacancies, but there's also not a lot of diversity either."

Sal Lamastra, an East Second Street property owner who was among the more vocal opponents of the SID this spring, said he was "very happy" that it was rejected. According to Mr. Lamastra, the proposed property assessments to finance the SID's operations were expensive. "I think property owners are satisfied with the way things are in town," he told *The Times*. "No one neglects their properties. Stores aren't run down."

He maintained that tenants, too, "are happy with the way things are."

During the discussions about the SID last winter and again during the public hearings on the ordinance, a number of comments were aired by business and property owners on East Second Street feeling separated from the rest of downtown. Property owners there have complained that the aesthetic streetscape improvements made in recent years never extended to East Second Street, annual downtown street fairs never included their thoroughfare in any meaningful way and that the focus of all efforts has always been on Park Avenue.

"We haven't done as well with East Second Street," said Mr. Goldberg, adding that the zone needs to be promoted more effectively.

But that street is not strictly a business zone, with a number of private residences mixed in among retail and other businesses. West of Senger Place, the buildings vary in size and setback, creating a somewhat disjointed-looking area.

Despite the problems, new businesses are still opening in town. Scotch Plains resident Crystal Smith left a Wall Street career to open Divine Essence Café on East Second Street in February. Ms. Smith told *The Times* she liked the New York City cafes and "wanted to bring a touch of Manhattan here."

Ms. Smith said she chose her East Second Street locale because it offers "a lot of potential" and "doesn't have the traffic jams like you see on Park

Avenue." She said her position between CVS and the Complete Care walk-in medical facility is "a great location" because she gets walk-in traffic from the rear parking lot that serves CVS, the medical facility and several other smaller businesses.

She sees a need for "some type of organized effort where people can sit down and figure out how to market the downtown."

As one example, she pointed to Westfield, which, she said, assembles a printed directory of all businesses and then mails it to every resident. "We need to attract people to the downtown," Ms. Smith said.

Around the corner on Park Avenue, John Rock recently opened Vac Pro, a vacuum repair and sales store. "I was looking for a good location with reasonable rent," he told *The Times*. Mr. Rock said he hopes being situated on Park Avenue, along with access to the municipal parking lot to his rear, will prove beneficial to his three-month-old business.

Down the block, a long-time business owner also sees the need for a renewed effort in the downtown. Vincent Losavio of John's Meat Market on Park Avenue, the longest-running business in Scotch Plains, said he has been fortunate. "People come to our store from all over the area," said Mr. Losavio.

Mr. Losavio, a member of SPBPA's board of directors, said he has posed a challenge to the other members: "If I can get them coming in, why can't we keep them?" It's clear, he told *The Times*, that things in the downtown area "can't stay like this."

While he said his store, which sells high-grade meats, is busy, many of his neighbors aren't as fortunate because "no one walks through town."

A SID would have helped, Mr. Losavio said. He pointed out that downtown Scotch Plains is "an easy drive" from a number of towns like Summit, Short Hills, Berkeley Heights, Plainfield and Edison. "It's easy to get here," he said, adding that if the downtown businesses were organized in the right way, attracting more potential customers would not be difficult. "A SID would have done that."

In the post-SID era, businesses in general and the SPBPA in particular "have to regroup. Others have to get involved. We have to revamp our efforts."

SPBPA's Steve Goldberg agrees. He is planning a meeting in early autumn for members and non-members "to see what they want from us."

He said there was a perception, which was aired at times during the year-long SID process, that SPBPA is dominated by a small handful of members. What Mr. Goldberg wants for the upcoming meeting is to have as many business owners as possible in attendance and then say to them: "This is our organization, come on board. What do you want us to do? What do you want us to be? Get involved." He hopes not only downtown businesspeople attend but also those from elsewhere, such as on Route 22.

Mayor Marks said he is willing to act as a "facilitator" in continuing downtown revitalization efforts. He noted, however, "if people have a 'no change' attitude, that is defeatist. If they have a 'my way or no way' attitude, that, too, is defeatist." Regardless, he said, "to leave things where they are is absolutely unacceptable. Right now, we have mediocrity. Doing nothing would doom the downtown to worse than mediocrity."

He said downtown owners "need to realize that it's going to take some money to make money."

Councilwoman Malool said that despite the SID's failure, "the whole process woke up the downtown and made them look around and objectively evaluate the downtown area."

She said that in the future, business and property owners may take a fresh look at the SID option "if they don't see anything else working."

In speaking of future downtown efforts, one point Mayor Marks emphasized was that "any future improvements will not come on the backs of residential property taxpayers, at least while I am in office."

Several people this spring called for the costs of the proposed SID to be borne by all township property taxpayers instead of only downtown property owners.

Democratic candidates in this fall's mayoral and council elections put forth alternative ideas. Andrew Baron, who is opposing Mayor Marks this November, favors more of a voluntary effort to boost the downtown, including utilizing retired or semi-retired persons who were successful in business and "who can bring forth their talents" and "find more creative ways" to improve the business district. He also favors bringing in advanced students from area colleges and universities who can "add their expertise, and at less cost."

Mr. Baron said that "the downtown remains important. Just because the SID didn't work doesn't mean you don't go back with other ideas." He believes the township government should continue to work with the business community, and he broached the idea of a business and economic summit with local government officials, business and property owners and even state and county officials.

"It's not a Democratic issue or a Republican issue," he told *The Times*. "It's a Scotch Plains issue. It's not about brick pavers and aesthetics. It's helping small businesses market themselves better."

Union County Freeholder Board Approves \$39 Mil. Expenditure for Detention Facility

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is, and I'd be happy to tell anybody, but Mr. Patterson, you are going to have to file a Freedom of Information Act request to find out what my salary is. In fact, I just got a 2.9 percent raise. As far as no experience, I would leave it to the voters and the residents of the state of NJ. If you've been in a motor vehicle office in the past year and you're happy with how things are going there you'll think I'm doing a pretty good job. I'm responsible for 45 agencies in

the state and my boss thinks I'm doing a good job. I just want to reiterate—you're dead wrong. Your boss is dead wrong and you have no clue what you're talking about."

The meeting began with a presentation to Westfield sisters Dylan and Keegan Wallace. The sisters collected shoes for disadvantaged children in the Dominican Republic. The sisters amassed 500 pairs of shoes and gave them to Robert Wood University Hospital who helped in the dispersal.

"We are very proud to have you in the county and appreciate all your volunteerism," Freeholder Deborah Scanlon said.

"I would like to thank everyone who helped, especially the kids at Edison (Intermediate School) who contributed to the drive," Dylan Keegan, 14, said.

In addition, Freeholder Chester Holmes presented Rayway's Justin Wise with a resolution from the Freeholder Board congratulating him on being the Union County winner in the New Jersey Association of Counties Foundation's Annual Vocational-Technical Partners Scholarship Awards. Justine received a \$500 check from the NJAC Foundation and will study the culinary arts at Atlantic Cape Community College in the fall.

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Woman's Club of FW Honors Grant Winner

FANWOOD - The Woman's Club of Fanwood, a member of the Federation of Woman's Clubs, met for its last meeting of the season at the home of President Margery Palmer or an outdoor picnic lunch.

Guests included scholarship recipient Allison Williams and her mother, Barbara Nyars of Fanwood.

Allison, who received a \$500 scholarship, will attend Rowan University in the fall, where she plans to major in elementary education. She was selected for her outstanding academic record and for her many awards and activities.

The scholarship committee was chaired by Joan Kirner and assisted by Helen Lindsay. The club's main goal each year is to award a scholarship to a Fanwood resident and to make contributions to the community.

The club will meet on Wednesday, September 8, at 12:30 p.m. at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Brian Haines Receives Rider Univ. Degree

AREA - Rider University in Lawrenceville has announced that Brian Christopher Haines of Scotch Plains was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in History during commencement ceremonies on May 14.

FDU's Campus Reveals Dean's and Honors List

SCOTCH PLAINS - Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan campus in Teaneck has announced the 2004 spring semester Dean's and Honors List. Scotch Plains resident Marvin Awaiteywas named to the Dean's List.



IMPORTANT RECOGNITION...A teacher in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood public school district for 25 years, Joan Costello is congratulated by her daughter, Donna, after receiving the Service to Education Award from the Education Enrichment Foundation of Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

Education Enrichment Fdn. Honors Joan Costello of SP

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Education Enrichment Foundation of Scotch Plains-Fanwood has presented Joan Costello, a teacher in Scotch Plains for 25 years, with its Service to Education Award.

Foundation President Sally Hogan made the presentation during Mrs. Costello's retirement celebration in June.

The Service to Education Award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the development of youth, fostered educational excellence and supported educational opportunities for local students.

During her teaching career in Scotch Plains, Mrs. Costello taught Pre-Kindergarten to fourth grade. She garnered many grants from the school district, the network for Educational Renewal, as well as the Education Enrichment Foundation. The grants provided Mrs.

Costello with opportunities to enhance curriculum with projects that highlighted her love of literacy and the arts.

She is the founder and director of the McGinn Players, an after-school theater group for third- and fourth- grade students that performs an annual theater production.

Mrs. Costello's community involvement includes employment at the YMCA, the Modern Academie of Fine Arts and the Fanwood Memorial Library. The Music Boosters of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, St. Bartholomew's Children Liturgy and the College Club were also organizations in which Mrs. Costello has participated and supported.

Upon her retirement from teaching, Mrs. Costello and her husband, Vincent, relocated to Williamsburg, Va.



A DAY TO PLAY...Participants in the Wilson School Summer Playground program enjoyed a fair last Tuesday night. Children above are pictured playing a ball-toss game. *Victoria McCabe for The Times*

Summer Playgrounds Offer Kids Chance to Get Out

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Each year, program staff organize a variety of special events that involve participants from each neighborhood playground. Next Friday is "Everybody's Birthday" at Tamaques Park, where everyone can gather for birthday cake and ice cream. Later in the summer, playground-wide Olympics will involve all the playgrounds in town-wide competition.

Annual fundraiser fairs organized and run by members of each playground give participants a chance to plan a large project and display their creativity by developing the booths for the event. In the past, all six playgrounds would combine to put on one large fair, but program organizers have decided that running individual fairs at each playground would limit overcrowding and give kids a chance to visit other schools' fairs. This summer's fairs are being held over a three-night span that began on Tuesday and, weather-permitting, will end tonight with Jefferson and Franklin's fairs, which will run from 5:30 until 8 p.m.

This summer, Mr. Hornish contacted the Westfield Armory about the possibility of running a "Support the Troops" letter-writing initiative. An armory liaison will provide him with the first names of 200 soldiers on active duty, and after playground participants write letters to the soldiers, the Armory will coordinate their delivery to Iraq.

"These names will be of soldiers who are single and who maybe aren't

receiving a ton of mail," Mr. Hornish said. "Receiving letters from back home will be a pretty powerful thing."

In a separate initiative, Wilson School site supervisor Kerri Anness, a 2001 graduate of Westfield High School (WHS), is running an "adopt a soldier" project. Wilson's playground participants will write letters to Patrick Touhey, soldier and WHS Class of 2000. They will also donate supplies to the Red Cross to be sent to help the troops.

Jefferson School is the site of an inclusion program in its second year. Special needs children who participate in summer academic programs offered at the school now have the opportunity to join the kids of the Jefferson playground for games and other activities. A staff of special personnel, including special education majors and a paraprofessional, help to integrate the two groups of children.

"To see them intermingling, being included in these games with other kids and just 'letting children be children' is really great," said Ms. MacKay.

The playground organizers expressed their satisfaction with positive improvements to the program and with the enthusiastic participation of both playground attendees and program staff.

"Keeping children involved in something active and wholesome in their neighborhood is really important," said Ms. MacKay.

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Governor's Budget Evokes State Credit Downgrade

By DON WILLIAMS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Two Wall Street firms, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings, have downgraded New Jersey's credit rating in response to Governor James McGreevey's plan to borrow \$2.7 billion to balance this year's budget.

The firms have lowered the state's credit rating from Double-A to Double-A minus, a change that represents the increase of interest rates for the state's debts by one tenth to one quarter of a percentage point. This could mean additional tens of thousands of dollars in interest payments for the state, considering it has borrowed billions of dollars each year for the past three budgets. Both Standard & Poor's and Fitch said the administration has failed to bring "fiscal balance" to the budget despite improving economic conditions.

This is the second time that Wall Street has downgraded New Jersey's credit rating since Governor McGreevey entered office in 2002, and it comes on the heels of Monday's State Supreme Court ruling against the budget in a lawsuit against the

budget from Republican members of the state assembly and senate.

The State Supreme Court ruled on Monday that the governor's plan to borrow \$2.7 billion to balance the budget violates the state's constitution, but the court allowed the governor to borrow for this year's budget so as not to interfere in government operations. The ruling includes a ban against future borrowing to balance the budget and is the first time the Supreme Court has limited a governor's power to make a budget since the current state constitution was adopted in 1947.

Assemblyman Louis Greenwald (D-Camden), chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee, said that borrowing money relieves local tax burdens and should aid the economy. "My philosophy has always been one must spend money to make money," Assemblyman Greenwald said. "We will continue to close the deficits."

Standard & Poor's estimates this year's budget gap at \$2.8 billion and predicts it could grow to over \$3 billion for next year's budget, forcing the governor to cut programs or raise taxes and creating a problem for the his reelection bid.



ITALIAN MAYOR...Republican Freeholder Candidate Frank Arena, left, recently met Mayor Athos Meiatini, of Trequanda in Tuscany, Italy, on a recent trip to Italy.

Mexican Fast-Food Chain To Occupy Elm Street Space

By VICTORIA MCCABE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Not Just Bagels (NJB), of 70 Elm Street, shut its doors on Monday after owner Sharif Joseph sold his lease to Qdoba Mexican Grill, according to Tony Shilling of Relocation Realty of Westfield.

Mr. Shilling, who represents the burrito and Mexican fast-food restaurant's future Westfield branch, said that the franchise bought the 2200-square-foot property and will receive ownership on August 1. The company hopes to remodel the building and make it operational within 60 to 90 days of moving in to the space.

Qdoba has expanded to more than 145 locations since the company was founded in Denver in 1995, and it is now owned by the Jack-in-the-Box restaurant company. It already boasts three New Jersey locations, with stores in Short Hills, Hoboken and Denville.

In addition to its signature burritos, Qdoba offers tacos, taco salads, homemade nachos and tortilla chips.

"The deal [to move to the Westfield space] was in the works for some time," said Mr. Shilling.

Qdoba plans to move to Westfield on the heels of the announcement that Tinga Taqueria, a Tex-Mex and Bar-B-Q restaurant, would open its third location at 110 Central Avenue, the recently vacated longtime home of Kotobuki of Japan sushi.

Tinga Taqueria, which has existing locations in Montclair and Millburn,

F-SP Rotary Club Inducts New Member

SCOTCH PLAINS - Tonya Williams was recently inducted into the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club by Rotary Club Past District Governor Adrienne Bzura. The induction service took place at the club's special dinner meeting on June 30.

Currently, Ms. Williams is working for Key Personnel, a full service office-staffing agency in Cranford where she is a recruiter. For the last six years she has been a realtor at the ERA Queen City in Scotch Plains. She is an active member of the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield.

Ms. Williams is a resident of Scotch Plains living with her daughter Toni and her two-year old son Jason.

The Rotary Club meets each Wednesday at noon at Snuffy's Pantagis in Scotch Plains. Interested business people are welcome to visit the club and be the club's guest for their first meeting. For more information contact membership chair, Dick Dobyns at (908) 322-5986.

Westfield Rotary Club Elects New Officers and Directors

WESTFIELD - The Rotary Club of Westfield announced the election and induction of new officers and directors for club year through June 2005.

Rotary is the world's oldest international service club organization comprised of business and professional leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve their local communities and the larger world community. The new Westfield leadership team is headed by President Douglas Fasciale, certified civil trial attorney by the NJ Supreme Court. He is joined by Nancy Jackson, marketing communications consultant, vice president; Cynthia L. Cuzzo, a travel agent, secretary, and by Alison Brafman, an attorney and title insurance executive, treasurer.

Under the motto, "Service Above Self," Rotarians collaborate along four avenues of service. Directors are elected to head each avenue. For the upcoming year directors are: Dr. Edred Shen, an internist, Club Ser-

vice; Mark Elsasser, Executive Director of the Westfield YMCA, International Service; Nicole DeNigro, Executive Director of Westfield Symphony Orchestra, Community Service, and Danielle Walsh, consultant to non-profit organizations, Vocational Services.

In remarks following the induction ceremony held July 6, Mr. Fasciale recognized past President Dr. Ken Ciarocca, observing that, "His leadership and the outstanding work of the members yielded the club unprecedented distinction as Rotary Club of the Year in its district."

Mr. Fasciale reviewed his personal inspiration in Rotary, citing the pace of service and commitment set by various members of the Westfield Club. Mr. Fasciale encouraged the membership to introduce their friends and colleagues to the Rotary experience by bringing them to a meeting observing, "There's always a warm welcome waiting at Rotary Tuesdays at the Y."



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TREE TIPS: How Trees Live

By: Martin Schmiede, President
Schmiede Tree Expert Company

We emphasize the fact that trees are living and complex organisms. Many property owners, however, take trees for granted. Because trees cannot communicate verbally, some people fail to realize that these large plants are truly alive even though they watched them grow from seedlings to giants.

Trees have no mouths, so how do they eat? They have no lungs, so how do they breathe? They have no blood... wait: that's where you are wrong. Three words are essential to understanding how trees live: osmosis, assimilation and photosynthesis.

Osmosis is the interchange of two fluids through a permeable partition by virtue of their concentration.

Assimilation is the absorption of nutritive elements and their transformation into body elements.

Photosynthesis is the process that makes assimilation occur with the assistance of sunlight. The action of osmosis happens because cells are composed of fluid: protoplasm. The differences in concentration between the water-containing nutrients and the protoplasm permit the cells to take in water by osmosis. This nutrient-laden water is transported up the trees in the phloem and other fluids come down the trees in the xylem. These are the trees' blood vessels. This movement takes place in the cambium layers, living tissue just behind the bark. Each year the layers are replaced by duplications, adding growth rings to the trees.

Leaves act as solar collectors, using sunlight acting on chlorophyll to activate the assimilation process. This converts nitrogen, lime, phosphorous and potash into starch, sugar, protein, fat and fiber. That is why trees grow toward the sun and its light: for optimum photosynthesis.

In forests, trees are planted closely adjacent so they will grow upward seeking sunlight, leaving little room for any branch extension. Thus the trees grow tall and straight, ideal for lumber.

Another term used by botanists is respiration. The trees use the carbon dioxide we exhale and give back oxygen we need to breathe. It is somewhat more complex than this summary, but people benefit by an abundance of oxygen where trees are plentiful.

Fresh oxygen is delightful. Joseph Pilsudski, a former president of Poland, once built an air duct from a fine forest to his country villa and, via fans, transported the pine scent to his rooms.

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GOVERNING THE CONVENTION... Former Governor Brendan Byrne, left, Governor James McGreevey, center and former Governor James Florio were together at the Democrat National Convention in Boston.

Governor Authorizes \$800M Clean Water Loan Program

TRENTON – Governor James McGreevey has signed legislation authorizing up to \$800 million in appropriations to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust (NJEIT) to provide low interest loans to communities for projects that restore and protect clean water and drinking water resources, including several communities in Union County.

The bill authorizes the DEP and the NJEIT to provide 20-year low inter-

est loans for projects that will protect water resources and drinking water supplies. Included among this year's projects are upgrades to wastewater treatment facilities in Berkeley Heights and upgrades for the Rahway Valley Sewer Authority, new storm-water control facilities for Cranford and Linden, and a new pumping station for the Rahway Valley Sewer Authority. The loans will provide over \$156 million for Union County's water supply.

UBS Hosts Summertime Party to Benefit USO

WESTFIELD – UBS Financial Services, Westfield Branch, at 109 North Avenue, Westfield, will host its second-annual Summertime Party, today, July 29, from 4:30 to 9 p.m., to benefit military who are currently serving or who have served in Iraq. Proceeds raised from the event will go to the USO of Metropolitan New York, which provides human services to the military and their families.

The parking lot of UBS Financial Services will become the venue for this community party and will feature food from about a dozen local restaurants. An auction and raffle to benefit the USO will be

held, with prizes donated by local Westfield businesses. The USO Troupe of Metropolitan New York, an ensemble of four women and one man, will entertain the crowd with a range of pop standards and patriotic tunes. Guests of honor will include soldiers who have served in Iraq and families of deceased soldiers.

"This event is UBS Financial Services' way of showing our appreciation to the community and honoring the bravery of the troops serving in Iraq," said John Dugan, Vice President of Investments, UBS Financial Services, Westfield Branch, and event chair.

For information on the second annual Summertime Party, please call UBS Financial Services, Westfield Branch at (800) 352-7930 or (908) 789-3171. To find out more about the USO please call (212) 695-5590 or visit www.usonyc.org

Wild Noodles Brings Untamed Flavors to WF

By LAUREN S. PASS
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Last week Scott Biel and his wife Anita opened Wild Noodles on East Broad Street at the former site of the Samba Grill.

The restaurant offers dishes from Asian Thai rice noodles to Italian lasagna in a bowl and old-fashioned American macaroni and cheese with "untamed flavors."

"You can visit a different country every time you come to eat here," Mr. Biel said referring to the wide selection of dishes.

While diners order at the counter, their orders are then brought to the table by servers. Mr. Biel refers to the atmosphere as "fast casual dining." All the preparation and cooking is done out in the open.

The restaurant will be adding café dining within the next week and also offers curbside takeout so that customers never have to leave their cars.

Mr. Biel says that the restaurant has been "very well received" and that they have been busy every night since their opening.

After trying the macaroni and cheese in Arizona, Mr. Biel knew he had to buy into the franchise. He now has the exclusive rights to New Jersey and New York. He has already opened a location in Ridgewood and plans additional restaurants in Wayne, Hoboken, Jersey City and Princeton.

Mr. Biel said that he came to Westfield because of the demographics for a great daytime lunch crowd. He added that towns with commuter trains often have a healthy downtown.



21st District News

Another First for New Jersey: Taxing Cosmetic Surgery

Assemblyman Eric Munoz, Summit

The 57 new tax proposals of the McGreevey Administration are always a hot topic of debate, but it has been a while since a law was passed that has evoked such unanimous concern from members of so many different communities.

Assembly Bill A-3125 imposes a 6-percent sales tax on certain cosmetic medical procedures such as hair transplants, breast augmentation, cosmetic injections such as Botox, liposuction, laser hair removal, laser skin resurfacing, laser treatment of leg veins, cosmetic dentistry and rhinoplasty, among others. While at first glance this tax may only seem amusing, it is actually downright ludicrous.

The new law is intended to raise \$26 million dollars in revenue; however, it seems unlikely that such an amount would be feasible when examining the language of the bill itself. Because the bill does not adequately dictate exactly which medical procedures are to be deemed by the new plan as "cosmetic," (this decision would be left to the discretion of the Department of Banking and Insurance) the implementation of this tax will succeed in creating a tremendous gray area, leaving the doctors to deal with the complications. The tax will result in patients putting pressure on many doctors to describe cosmetic procedures as being medically necessary to avoid paying this tax.

The new plan would certainly delegate a new kind of responsibility to

doctors, as it would hold them responsible for collecting the tax revenue and ensuring that it makes its way into the hands of the state government. This new responsibility would serve to further bureaucratize the medical profession. Confusion and mountains of red tape will be created as physicians struggle to become accustomed to their new rolls as tax collectors.

The new plan requires each party that is billing the patient for a procedure to collect a separate tax return on that party's gross receipt. This means that if an anesthesiologist, radiologist, testing service and admissions service all bill separately from the physician performing the procedure, each must bill the patient separately for the expenses incurred, resulting in a veritable paperwork nightmare for the patient.

When taken into account all of the complications that are sure to arise with the institution of such a tax, it is no wonder that such laws are not commonplace. New Jersey is the only state in the nation that currently imposes such a tax.

Such an unorthodox approach to generating revenue appears almost to be a desperate attempt on the part of Governor McGreevey, among others, to balance New Jersey's budget. The goal of this administration should be to attain a sound and efficient fiscal policy, not its current policy of tax and spend, which will turn out to be a very poorly conceived revenue plan.



SHOES FOR THE NEEDY... Union County Freeholder Deborah Scanlon, center, presents Dylan, left, and Keegan Wallace of Westfield with a resolution honoring the teens for their efforts in collecting shoes for the underprivileged. Over a two-and-a-half-month period, Dylan, 14, and Keegan, 13, collected more than 500 pairs of sneakers, flip-flops and boots from teachers and students at the Thomas Edison Intermediate School that were then shipped to the needy in the Dominican Republic.

Mr. Hogaboom to Relate Anecdotes About Lincoln

WESTFIELD – Peter Hogaboom will relate more of his rare and interesting stories about President Abraham Lincoln at the First Wednesday Luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society, to be held at noon on August 4 at B.G. Fields Restaurant, located at 560 Springfield Avenue in Westfield.

A self-described Civil War/Lincoln enthusiast, Mr. Hogaboom said he enjoys telling seldom-heard stories about President Lincoln that he has read and heard over the years.

After his return from the Vietnam War, where he served aboard the USS *Constellation*, Mr. Hogaboom became active in veterans organizations. He is presently Commander of Ameri-

can Legion Martin Wallberg Post No. 3 in Westfield, a position he has held during four other one-year terms.

He is also Chaplain of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 688 of Union County, where he was the founding president, is Assistant Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop No. 73 of Westfield and is a member of the choir of the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

Regular attendees of the luncheon will be contacted by a telephone committee of the Society to verify their reservations. Space permitting, others may also attend.

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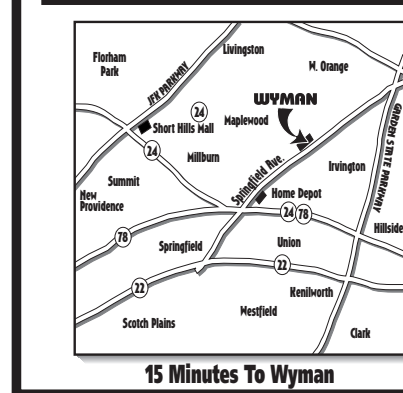
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Lord & Taylor Crosswalk; Good Idea, Bad Design

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Diction Deception

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

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

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

- Answers to last week's arcane words.**
1. Pelitic - Formed or made up of mud
 2. Chiminage - A toll for passage through a forest
 3. Xenodochy - Hospitality
 4. Serpigo - Any spreading skin disease, as ringworm

DANAIDE

1. A water wheel, consisting of two tapering shells, one within the other
2. One of the 28 amino acids necessary for building muscle tissue
3. A bath with medicated water
4. A deep gash or cut

CLERONOMY

1. Inheritance; heritage
2. A sudden flood or outpouring
3. Foresight; discernment
4. Harmony; as one

BLEB

1. Valueless; barren
2. A horsefly
3. Fat; blubber
4. A small blister or swelling on the skin or plants

SUBTILIATION

1. The killing of anything offered as a sacrifice
2. The act of making thin
3. Tickling or stimulating pleasantly
4. Blowing or breathing into or on

The Westfield Town Council is considering a traffic control device on North Avenue, a county-jurisdiction road, where pedestrians have been killed by traffic. Good idea. Doing the same device as at Temple Emanuel. Bad idea.

The equipment was installed in front of the Temple after another nighttime car-pedestrian collision. The County, which has jurisdiction over East Broad Street also, decided to embrace a new system apparently then in use in only one other place in New Jersey. This consists of a series of yellow lights embedded in the pavement, activated by push buttons on each side of the street. Signs, stating a crossing, are posted a few hundred feet in each direction.

I watched this being installed, yet I was absolutely startled the first time the yellow lights went on as I made one of my hundreds of weekly trips across that crosswalk. I am still startled when they go on, and can only imagine the reaction of the first time or out of town driver when they activate, whether a few feet or a few

hundred feet away.

I assume I am supposed to stop - but yellow does not mean stop in the traffic business, only caution, and the signs say nothing helpful. And on that street, especially at night, one is always worried about being rear-ended.

The fact that the Westfield police regularly have an officer and a car with lights blazing and blinking every time some event is going on at the Temple tells me something about how efficient this system is regarded.

I am not aware of any more fatalities at this crosswalk and have no idea whether there have been any rear-enders such as I fear.

I do suggest that a much better installation, albeit one more expensive, would be a full three-color overhead signal for cars and walk/do not walk signals for pedestrians. Same types exist many places around the state, and even on 5th Avenue by Rockefeller Center. I urge the council not to accept a repeat of the East Broad installation, and maybe get that replaced.

Letters to the Editor

Scotch Plains Baseball Sportsmanship Extolled by Westfield Parents

Last week our son's Westfield baseball team faced Scotch Plains in the finals of the Cal Ripken District Tournament. The winner would represent the District in the State finals. This was the second meeting between the two teams in this tournament and each game was not decided until the last out of the last inning.

Needless to say the game was tense, hard fought and filled with exciting defensive and offensive plays. Although our side came out ahead by the close score of 3-2, it was clear that a bounce of a ball either way could have easily made Scotch Plains the winner.

While winning the game was a great moment for our boys, what was even more impressive was the outstanding sportsmanship exhibited by both teams. A huge thank you goes out to Coach Dempsey of the Scotch Plains team, his coaching staff and players for their fine play and kind words. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Steve Reiss, Leo White and Jack Reilly, the coaches of the Westfield White baseball team.

These coaches dedicate an enormous amount of personal time and energy to lead these teams. During the long hours they spend together it is obvious that in addition to the basics of hitting and catching, these coaches have taught their teams to behave well and be proud no matter what the outcome. Our boys have learned that although it is fun to win, it is just as important to play the game with style, grace and admiration with respect for your opponent. They are a fine example of the truly important things we want our son to take away from playing organized sports.

Driving home, we told our son how

proud we were of him and his team and also how proud we were of the boys on the other team. The citizens of our towns should be equally proud of the representatives from both communities and the fine leadership exhibited by the coaches.

In the years to come we are sure the boys will meet again on many fields and we look forward to playing them again.

Sam & Liz Younger
Westfield

Ratner Says Liberate Michelle LePoidevin

I read Gertrude Wood's letter calling for the return of Michelle LePoidevin's column with gratitude. It was certainly a relief to learn that I am not the only Westfielder who has been dismayed and alarmed at the puzzling absence of *Pen & Ink*.

Although I have disagreed with Ms. LePoidevin's opinions whenever her commentary strayed from the arts into the political realm, she has admirably provoked discourse and debate. Whether extolling Mel Gibson's pornographically violent opus, endorsing the California Gropinator, attacking Hooters or praising the Cheney-Ashcroft-Rumsfeld Administration and its half-witted spokesperson, she has never been boring and has often been a fertile stimulus for my own writing.

Therefore, let me add my voice to Ms. Wood's in supporting Ms. LePoidevin's return to these pages. Liberate Michelle now!

Robert Ratner
Westfield

Resident Feels Deck Need Is Obvious And Hopes Voters Are Informed

I have been reading the *Leader's* articles and editorials on the proposed parking deck(s) as well as the "Letters to the Editor" for many, many months. There has been so much misinformation and prejudice it is difficult to know where to begin.

It is understandable that people will have differences of opinion, particularly when they think their self-interests will be adversely affected. Some can be influenced by facts (reasoned with) but others feel so strongly that the facts are not believed.

Personally, I believe that a well-designed parking deck is more desirable (and attractive) than open parking lots. I also believe that congestion will be reduced by strategically placed (and available) parking spaces. Driving around town looking for a space increases congestion, not to mention frustration.

Some will agree with these opinions and others will not, and that is understandable. But one point is indisputable: there are insufficient parking places in our shopping area. Several town councils - all with the same result, have conducted study after study. And yes, there has been at least one citizen committee.

The committee, appointed by Mayor McDermott, consisted of some who were predisposed toward a parking deck and some who were not. But after our study was completed, the vote was unanimous. As stated before, the facts clearly show that there is a need for more parking

spaces. And then there are the more controversial issues of how many decks, how large should they be, where they should be located, and whether residential/commercial space should be included. Of course, underlying all this is cost and the concern that taxes will increase.

Unfortunately, there are no guarantees but our study showed that the project could be done with no increase in taxes if residential/commercial space was added and because of extraordinary low bond rates that exist.

We on the committee also favored three decks for two reasons: it took three to get enough spaces without making the decks too large and also to disperse traffic.

When all is said and done, I suspect the two primary reasons some oppose the parking decks are fear of increased taxes (they just don't believe the studies) and the fear of traffic in their neighborhoods. The studies have amply addressed both concerns.

Finally, whether you want parking decks or not, please recognize that town councils have and are doing their best to do what is right for Westfield. Now we will have a referendum. Unfortunately, that will not represent "the will of the people" because only a percentage will vote and many of those will be uninformed or, worse yet, misinformed.

Jacques P. Andre
Westfield

Westfield Resident Raises Questions About Parking Decks Financials

Westfield has proposed a 500 space parking deck with an additional 19 residential units and approximately 3,000 square feet of retail space and if necessary a tax on all the taxable property within the Town of Westfield.

Lucy McGowan of the Summit Parking Administration said that their parking deck had approximately 500 spaces. The cost is \$625 per year or \$3.00 per day. The cost to support the bond to construct the parking deck is paid entirely by the income from the Summit Parking fees.

At the Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 3 I would like answers to the following questions:

1. How was Summit able to construct a similar capacity parking deck without the associated mixed use development and with no provisions for additional taxes to the residents during a time when interest rates were probably higher than present?
2. What percentage of the \$10,000,000 bond is for the parking deck only and could the income from the parking fees in Westfield pay for the Bond as in the case of Summit?

3. What percentage of the bond cost is for the residential and commercial areas? Would the property tax revenues from these areas support the cost of their portion of the bond?
4. What is the estimate for how many parking spaces will be taken by the mixed use development areas for residents, customers and employees?
5. The current cost of parking in Westfield lots #3,8 & 9 is \$702 per year without a parking deck. What will be the annual fee for parking in the deck?
6. Please explain how Westfield will separate the cost of commercial development from the cost of municipal public parking. Our taxes should only support municipal development.
7. Does an additional mixed use development area make sense in Westfield when similar areas have been completed on Central Avenue and are planned on North Avenue Garwood/Westfield border and South Avenue?

Louis Capuano
Westfield

Are Incumbents Using Taxpayer Money for Campaign Mailings?

Recently, Union County Republican candidates have leveled charges against the county's current Democrat freeholder board, maintaining that its members have been using countywide mailings as a thinly veiled reelection tactic. Mass mailings, challengers assert, give incumbent freeholders the chance to make their names and faces more recognizable to the public, and the fact that the stated purpose of the mailings is to inform county residents of new initiatives and government services allows them to achieve this greater visibility with taxpayer dollars.

According to the complaint by the GOP to the media, sending schoolchildren congratulatory letters for achieving honor roll status or letters on youth sports safety, that feature the incumbents up for reelection, are "frivolous." They're said to be taxpayer-funded letters engineered to promote the incumbents' reelection campaigns.

The county GOP candidates say that these mailings, along with TV commercials to inform the public of freeholder and county progress, have cost approximately \$625,000 in the past year, according to an estimate by Tina Renna, Cranford resident and wife of freeholder candidate Joe Renna, in a July 25 article in the *Star-Ledger*.

The freeholders, a 9-0 Democrat body by election, counter the allegations, insisting that their mailings keep the public aware of government undertakings and new or updated programs affecting county residents. They view the letters, not as campaign strategy, but as a necessary way to inform the public.

Therein lies a problem with no simple answer. Who is to be the judge; where is the enforcement; are there laws covering the subject?

The focus of holding an elected office should be on serving the constituency. A key component of that aim is communication with the public. How can taxpayers know that their elected officials are addressing their needs and wishes if they never hear or see what those officials are doing and what goals they are achieving?

County officials have a responsibility to communicate their actions to the public. They also have the responsibility to do so without abusing tax dollars or tailoring their notices to read like campaign fodder. No one would contest the merits of a letter on youth sports safety. But if the intent of that letter is truly as noble as its content would suggest, why would the freeholders

deem it necessary to include themselves on it?

The *Star-Ledger* article questioned: "Did residents actually read the 8x11-inch color postcard mailed last spring announcing the revival of the Union County Arts Center in Rahway?" More than likely, many did not. But a lack of all-encompassing public enthusiasm for current events and government undertakings does not diminish the importance of informing those who do care. Certainly, a large constituency of Union County residents care that the county devotes some of its attention to issues involving the arts.

Missing from the Republican complaint is a recommendation of standards for acceptable communication. With their current negative opinions about the freeholders' mass mailings, one wonders how Republican freeholder candidates will propose to communicate with the public, if elected. Will they send less-frequent, low-budget mailings that summarize freeholder achievements without plastering color pictures and/or extensive bios of those freeholders? Or will they forgo mass mailings entirely, leaving it up to residents to investigate county progress for themselves?

One certainly hopes that they would opt for the former. Perhaps Union County residents are not all equally excited about county progress, but the public deserves to know (and any informed voter should want to know) how the freeholder board is using its office for the good of the community. The public also deserves a freeholder board that does not frivolously misuse tax dollars by pumping them into self-serving mailings.

Of course, this issue extends across party lines and applies to all elected officials - not just the county. Incumbents have the advantage of taxpayer resources. They also are entrusted not to abuse those resources.

The county GOP raises an important point for members of both parties to bear in mind - mass mailings should be used as an important part of communication with the public, not as a reelection tool.

We, the voters, entrust our officials. Let us hope that they realize that that trust extends to the manner in which they communicate with us. Let us hope that they recognize their responsibility to inform the public without turning their notices into an underhanded form of self-promotion.

Cranford Reader Says Governor McGreevey Is No Robin Hood

Your Robin Hood cartoon showed Governor McGreevey pointing a bow and arrow at a man with a label 'Rich Tax.'

Calling McGreevey Robin Hood is a bit off mark. McGreevey has imposed a tax on wealthy citizens making upwards of \$500,000 a year. Most of these citizens are people who aren't involved in government.

My recollection of the Robin Hood story is that Hood was rebelling against excess taxation. He robbed from the monarchy and its court to give to the poor, who were forced to support the monarchy, much like our senior citizens who are being forced out of their homes because they can't afford their property tax bill.

If McGreevey were truly a Robin Hood he would point his bow and arrow at someone like Senator Raymond Lesniak (D-Union). Sen. Lesniak has total control over the County of Union. Sen. Lesniak's nephew George Devanney is our ap-

pointed county manager. Mr. Devanney and our all nine Democratic Freeholder Board have given themselves retroactive pay raises for the past three years in a row now while raising the county portion of our property taxes over 40 percent. George Devanney is now the third-highest-paid county executive in the state of New Jersey. Mrs. Angela Devanney, George's wife, is the administrator of The Open Space Trust Fund, which we pay an extra assessed tax for. Mrs. Devanney has an annual county salary of about \$90,000. Kind of like a monarchy, don't you think?

Robin Hood is one story. McGreevey and his band of brothers/sisters are a legend all of their own.

Tina Renna
Cranford

Editor's Note: Mrs. Renna is the wife of Joe Renna, GOP candidate for Union County Freeholder.

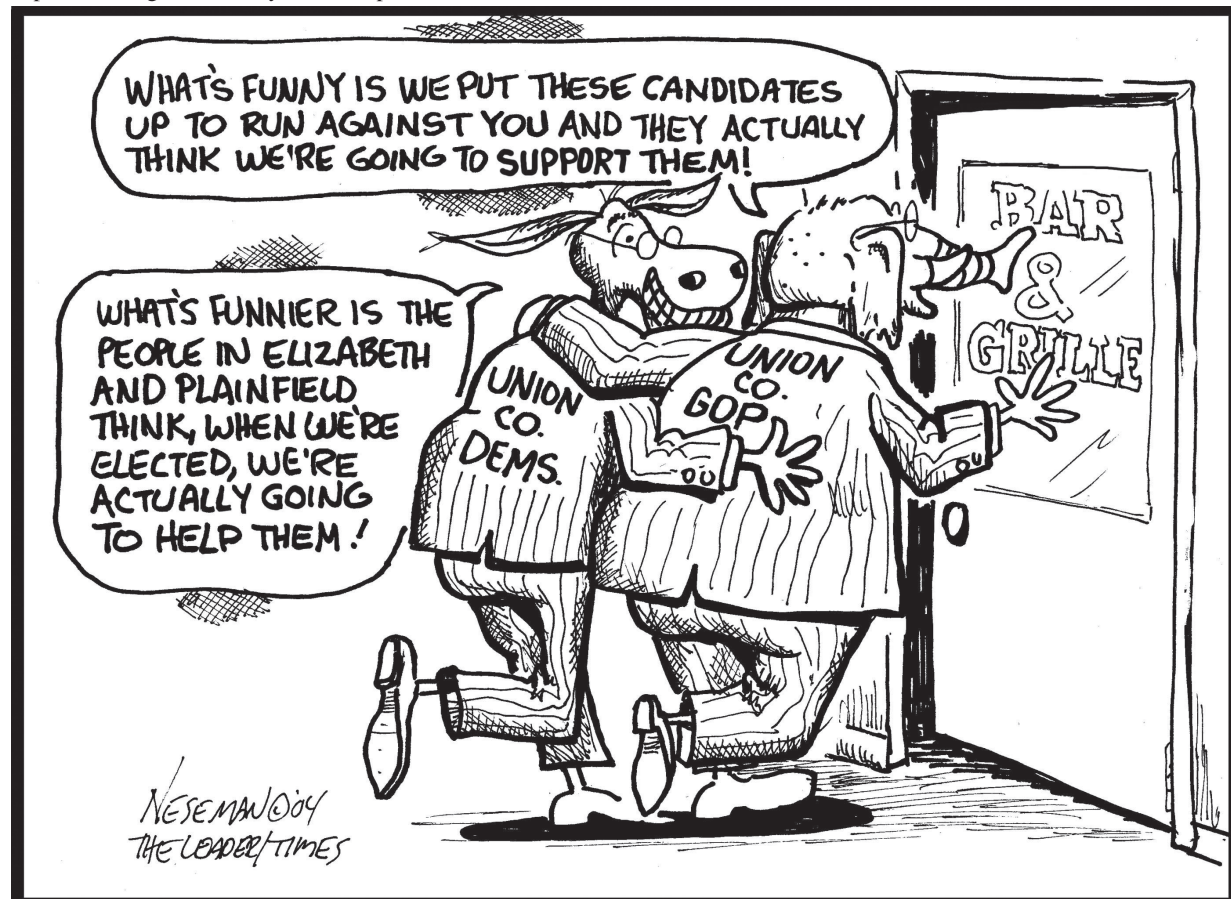
From The Town of Westfield Parking Services

We are excited to announce the beginning of a new parking program. As a resident who is on the waiting list for commuter parking, this program may directly benefit you.

Effective Monday, August 9th the Parking Services Division will begin selling daily parking permits in the South Avenue commuter lot at a cost of \$5 per day. Permits will be available beginning at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday and can be purchased from uniformed personnel at the South Avenue lot on the day you wish to park.

Spaces will be available on a first come first serve basis and availability will vary from day to day.

Please feel free to contact our office for more information on this program at (908) 789-4044.



E-mail your letters to
editor@goleader.com



Editor's Note: Mary Alyce of Cranford is known in the area from her days as a bartender at the Jolly Trolley in Westfield. She is reporting on her current solo adventures in South America.

Hello from Venezuela, this country is incredible! I love it! Sorry, no photos this time. My digital camera was stolen a few days ago. I kind of figured that would happen, no matter how careful I was. The security guards took it from my room! Funny thing is I tried to buy a new one here and the cheapest one on the market is \$500 and it is a piece of junk. I paid \$200 in the States! Some things are cheap here, but anything to do with technology is not!

I hope to have a new camera by the time I hit the Amazon in Brazil or the Lost City in Colombia.

I left Bolivia about two weeks ago and decided to head north to the warmer rainforest climate. While the indigenous population and landscape of southern Peru and Bolivia were captivating, the altitude and weather were starting to take a toll on me! So in keeping with my spontaneous approach to traveling, I flipped a coin and bought a ticket to Venezuela — first stop, Canaima National Park.

Canaima National Park is located in the southeast portion of Venezuela. It is the world's sixth largest national park and holds unparalleled natural wonders, one being Salto Angel (Angel Falls), the world's highest waterfall. It is actually sixteen times higher than Niagara Falls and three times the height of the Empire State Building. The terrain's most famous feature is the mysterious, exotic flat-topped mountains called the Tepuis. A number of scenes from Jurassic Park were filmed here.

This area, often referred to as the Lost World, can only be reached by boat or plane and the incredible three-day, all-inclusive, guided journey costs approximately \$250. I since learned that this trip is not limited to frugal backpackers like myself. Madonna visited the area a few years ago and Bill Gates celebrated the millennium in this same location. I do imagine that they were both on a slightly different budget and did not sleep outdoors in the same musty smelling, mosquito-net covered hammock as I did.

On the three-day excursion, we traveled by boat (motorized dugout canoe), walked behind roaring water-

falls, swam in the lagoon, ate by the fire and slept under a star filled sky. It was an adventure of a lifetime.

Did I mention that we hiked in bathing suits? Yes, I think that might have been a little bit of a cultural clash. All of a sudden, I felt like the very conservative American. There are only so many things that a woman does in a bathing suit and hiking is not one of them. (This was also the perspective of the British and Swedish hikers as well.) Maybe it was a local tourist prank, who knows. We were just grateful that the men were wearing shorts, not Speedos.

Anyway, I hope that some of you will venture in this direction for your next vacation. It is truly amazing. Just one little tip - I would steer clear of the really cheap flights. I am not sure of the details, but I do know that they do not have to follow the regulations of the FAA. I realized during the course of my flight that the vast majority of the gauges were not working and the passenger door opened upon landing! If it can get off the ground, they will fly it here!

I do have a few more places to visit on my dream sheet before I settle down and work full time — The Lost City of Colombia, the Amazon Jungle in Brazil and of course, Manchu Picchu, Peru. I would have sent better photos, but my short-term relationship with my new digital camera ended last week on an island off the coast of Venezuela. It was bound to happen. I was a marked woman traveling alone with that jewel! So it's back to the disposable cameras for me. Ciao.



Angel Falls, Venezuela courtesy of etravelphotos.com

Campaign Release, Candidate for UC Freeholder Independent Voters Need to Read 'Between the Lines'

By Pat Quattrocchi

As we enter this election season and with the numerous political news stories coming out recently, someone needs to give some explanations of the words that we see in the media and the activities we hear about. The following is intended to be information that a voter can use to evaluate candidates and their qualifications to hold office as well as determine what kind of an ethical atmosphere exists or doesn't exist. So without further adieu, it is time to get on with it.

Bipartisan - A term used to describe an effort that is supported by both political parties or a group composed of members of both political parties. It can be imagined that by throwing in a third or fourth party the group would then be multi-partisan. A great concept when one considers that multiple desires and views on an issue could then be evaluated and a solution to a problem could be found that would benefit everyone. Nonpartisan is also looking pretty good.

Nepotism - A form of favoritism, shown usually to relatives by those in power, as in giving them a job. The Department of Defense (DOD) actually has 27 titles that in their opinion constitute a "relative", to include the title mother-in-law. They have a policy that disallows relatives from working in the same chain of command and disallows any management-official, supervisor with personnel authority or public official from appointing, promoting, advocating or recommending a relative for a position in the DOD. Major corporations often have the same policy, not a bad idea.

Cronyism - Similar to nepotism, but the difference is that this form of favoritism applies to friends and associates and the act of appointing them to positions without regard to

their qualifications. Often those friends or associates possess no qualifications at all.

Constituent - A citizen residing within the district of an elected representative. However, I am told that in New Jersey, school board members do not have constituents like town council members do, go figure.

Independent/Unaffiliated Voters - the largest block of voters out there, everyone wants them and no one is ever sure which way they will vote.

Graft/Bribery/Extortion - All about the same, the act of gaining money or advantage through the dishonest use of power (political or not) and influence, don't need to say much here.

Patronage - Refers to the practice of elected officials appointing their loyal followers or fellow party members to various government-funded jobs or by rewarding them with government contracts. Loyalty is the criteria for the reward. However political bosses have been able to practice "pin-stripe patronage" by steering excessively lucrative consulting contracts to favored law and accounting firms, suppliers and consultants who contribute heavily at election time. Patronage has been around for centuries since Hector was a pup, in fact there are some references to patronage back in the times of the Roman Empire.

In order to cast a vote responsibly, and to feel that they have made a difference, citizens should not only be informed on the issues but also be able to read between the lines and determine that what is going on can be more than meets the eye.

The team of Joe Renna, Patricia Quattrocchi, Frank Arena and Bruce Paterson, Republican candidates for Union County Freeholder, are committed to bringing information to the public. We invite your comments and inquiries and of course welcome your assistance in our campaign. Call (908) 789-0200 or e-mail us at chairman@unioncountygop.org.



Pat Quattrocchi



Bruce Regenstreich for The Westfield Leader and The Times
OLD IRONSIDES...Delegates to the Democrat National Convention this week take time off from the speeches to view the historic sites of Boston, such as the sailing ship USS Constitution - the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world.

Westfield Tax Notice

The office of the Westfield Tax Collector will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, August 2, 2004. Due to the delay in the mailing of the tax bills, the last day to pay taxes without interest is Friday, August 20, 2004. Interest will be charged beginning on Monday,

August 23, 2004 and said interest will revert back to the original due date of August 1, 2004 in accordance with New Jersey State Law. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (908) 789-4051 - Susan Noon, Westfield Tax Collector.

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Ms. Doreen Phaik Yeen Tho and David Cornell Demarest

Ms. Doreen Phaik Yeen Tho To Wed David C. Demarest

Mr. Yow Chiew Tho of Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia has announced the engagement of his daughter, Ms. Doreen Phaik Yeen Tho, to David Cornell Demarest. He is the son of Mrs. Marian Edith Demarest of Wilton, Conn. and the late Dr. Gerald Birch Demarest. Ms. Tho is the daughter of Yow Chiew Tho and the late Kin Ee Tan.

The bride-elect graduated from the prestigious Penang Free School in 1979. She received a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Marketing with distinction from Roosevelt University in Chicago, Ill. in 1987 and a Master of Business Administration degree with high honors, also from Roosevelt University, in 1989.

Ms. Tho is currently the Associate Director of Global Marketing with the firm of LittelFuse, Inc. in Des Plaines, Ill.

The future bridegroom graduated from Westfield High School in 1967. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in French/International Relations from Colgate University in 1971, a Bachelor of Laws degree from the McGill University Faculty of Law in

1975 and a Master of Laws degree from Harvard Law School in 1977.

Mr. Demarest worked for many years in overseas postings with Baxter International, Inc. and is presently practicing as an international legal consultant in Chicago.

The couple is planning an October wedding in Wilton, Conn., to be followed by an Asian wedding celebration in Malaysia early in 2005.

Marinellos Welcome Daughter, Adelina Rae

Joe and Lisajoy Marinello of Colonia have announced the birth of their daughter, Adelina Rae Marinello, on Thursday, June 24, at 6:36 a.m. at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick.

The baby weighed 5 pounds and 15 ounces and measured 19 inches in length at birth.

Adelina's maternal grandparents are Sergio and Raphaela Germinario of Colonia.

Her paternal grandparents are Joe and Joyce Marinello of Union.

Mothers & More to Discuss Birthday Party Planning

WESTFIELD - During its Wednesday, August 4 meeting, the Union County Chapter of Mothers & More will host a round table discussion about planning children's birthday parties.

Experienced mothers will share tips learned the hard way about theme parties, entertainment and cakes.

The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield Area "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield. Refreshments will be provided.

Area mothers will also have an opportunity that evening to find out more about the chapter's activities, which include mom-and-tot outings, mom's night out, playgroups and a book club, among others.

A non-profit organization, Mothers & More encourages mothers to connect with one another in ways that assist them in developing their unique identities as women and help them move more confidently through the transitions that affect their family, work and life. New members are always welcome.

The Union County chapter meets on the first and the third Wednesdays

of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Westfield Area "Y." For more information, please call K.C. at (908) 789-8626 or Linda at (908) 497-0283.

Library to Present 'The Little Red Hen'

SCOTCH PLAINS - As a celebration and closure to the 2004 Summer Reading program at the Scotch Plains Public Library, children are invited to attend "The Little Red Hen," a puppet presentation by the Lionheart Puppet Company.

The free program, for ages three to eight, will be held on Wednesday, August 4, at 10 a.m. in the library's Community Room. It is based on the classic story of the Little Red Hen and how her friends learned the value of always helping others.

Pre-registration is optional. This program is being sponsored through a gift from the Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library. The library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue. For more information or directions, please call the library at (908) 322-5007.

Library Patrons Are Invited To Access eBook Collection

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street, is offering patrons a new way of accessing books through its collection of more than 6,000 eBooks from neLibrary.

eBooks are full-text electronic versions of published books that library patrons can search, borrow, read and return over the Internet. Titles range from Shakespeare to computer and technical books.

Library patrons can search across the entire eBook collection for authors, titles or keywords, and can search within books for keywords and phrases.

eBooks are available for checkout and are automatically checked back into the library collection when the checkout period expires, thus making them available to other patrons and eliminating late fees.

eBook titles are available to patrons at terminals in the library and from home through the library's website, www.wmlnj.org.

To access eBooks from home, patrons must first register in the library

at any computer terminal. Librarians at the Children's or Reference Desks can assist with the process and explain how to use the eBook system.

For more information, please call the library at (908) 789-4090, visit the library's website or drop by in person at the library.

Overlook Slates Events About Osteoporosis

WESTFIELD - Overlook Hospital in Summit will sponsor osteoporosis screenings on Tuesday, August 17, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Westfield Area "Y," located at 220 Clark Street in Westfield. The fee will be \$10, and \$8 for senior citizens.

A non-invasive ultrasound of the heel, conducted by an Overlook Hospital clinician, will provide immediate results. Counseling and educational materials will be available. To register, please call (800) 247-9580. Additionally, Overlook Hospital will present "Bone Up on Osteoporosis" on Tuesday, September 14, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the hospital. There is no fee.

Dr. Susan Kaye, Chairwoman of Overlook's Family Practice Medicine Department, will discuss maintenance of bone health, including exercise, nutrition and medication.

The program will take place in the Wallace Auditorium, located off of the hospital's main lobby. Overlook Hospital is located at 99 Beauvoir Avenue.

To pre-register, please call (800) 247-9580. Anyone seeking more information may call Community Health at (908) 522-2842.



WINNING PHOTO...This photograph by Julia Spiridigliozzi, highlighting Westfield travel team soccer, recently won first place in the Middle School category of the Junior Optimist Club of Westfield's annual photography contest. This year's contest featured the theme "Westfield in Action."

Junior Optimist Club Reveals Photography Contest Winners

WESTFIELD - The Junior Optimist Club of Westfield has announced the winners of its annual Photography Contest for youth in kindergarten through grade 12. The theme for this year's contest was "Westfield in Action."

The winners in each age category were as follows: Elementary School - Olivia Spiridigliozzi, age 8, First Place, and David Verchick, age 10, Second Place; Middle School - Julia Spiridigliozzi, age 12, First Place, and Caitly Comforti, age 13, Second Place, and High School - Evan Falk,

First Place, and Diana Spiridigliozzi, Second Place.

The Junior Optimist Club was formed eight years ago by the Optimist Club of Westfield and is comprised of Westfield High School students.

The Junior Optimist Club is involved in community service projects such as the Westfield Recreation Commission's Haunted House and Tamaques Fun Run; PANDA Drug Awareness Week and the Junior Optimists' holiday toy drive.

Library Teens to Present Creative Writing Project

FANWOOD - The Teen group of the Fanwood Memorial Library will hold a Creative Writing Project on Tuesday and Thursday, August 3 and 5, at 2 p.m. at the library.

Members of the group will lead the project in the library's Young Adult section, which is in the rear area of the first floor. Many new fiction and non-fiction books have been added to

this section. Like all the Teen group's programs, this activity is open to all teenagers. The library is located at North Avenue and Tiltolston Road.

Anyone interested in joining the group or in obtaining more information on any of its programs may call Annie or Nancy at (908) 322-4377.

SAGE Receives Grotta Grant For Alzheimer's Program

SUMMIT - SAGE, which provides a variety of services for the elderly and their families, recently received a grant of \$9,464 from the Grotta Fund For Senior Care of the Jewish Community Foundation of Metro West New Jersey in support of The Gathering.

The Gathering is a free support group for individuals with a recent diagnosis of the early stages of Alzheimer's disease or dementia. Described as being the first of its kind in the Union County area, its participants are referred by regional doctors, hospitals, social workers and geriatric case managers.

The next eight-week session of The Gathering will begin on Tuesday, September 7. Meetings will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the SAGE Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center, located at 550 Springfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights. Lunch will be included. Pre-registration is required and may be done by calling (908) 464-8217.

Working in cooperation with the Greater New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, The Gathering offers a broad range of speakers, resource materials and information on the latest research being done on the disease.

It also provides emotional support to those with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers. For more information, please call SAGE at

(908) 273-5550. Founded in 1993, the Grotta Foundation for Senior Care funds programs that enhance the quality of life for elderly people and their families in New Jersey.

Previously, the Grotta Fund supported SAGE's Shopping Service, which provides assistance with shopping and errands to those over age 60 in Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Millburn, Short Hills and Springfield.

Author to Discuss 'Peaceful Parenting'

PLAINFIELD - Author and speaker Naomi Drew will offer her views on "Peaceful Parenting" during a 10 a.m. presentation this Sunday, August 1, at the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, located at 724 Park Avenue.

A book sale and signing of her latest work, entitled "Hope and Healing: Peaceful Parenting in an Uncertain World," will follow.

The author of five books, Ms. Drew believes it is possible to have more peace in schools, homes and communities through teaching and modeling conflict resolution, anger management, anti-bullying and character building.

All are welcome. The intergenerational service is appropriate for children ages nine and up. For more information, please call (908) 756-0750.

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A SWEET WAY TO HELP...Six-year-old Jonathan Kriney of Scotch Plains, with plenty of help from his brother Andrew and friends, recently held a charity bake sale to benefit Children's Specialized Hospital (CSH) in Mountainside during Scotch Plains' town-wide garage sale. With baked goods donated by his family and neighbors, as well as lemonade and bottled water, Jonathan and his team raised \$205 for the young patients. They also received a mini-tour of the CSH facility after traveling there to personally deliver the donations. Pictured, from left to right, are: Andrew, age four, Jonathan, Gabriella Spadaro, age five, Salvatore Spadaro, age 11, and Jonathan's 16-month-old sister, Hannah, in the background. Nine-year-old Antonio Spadaro also helped with the sale.

Study Group to Recall Jesus' Encounter With Samaritan

SCOTCH PLAINS — The next session of "Life-Transforming Encounters With Jesus" will take place on Wednesday, August 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, August 5, from 10 to 11:55 a.m. at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains. Participants will focus on Jesus' encounter at the well with a Samaritan woman — someone despised and rejected by most Israelites — and what His friends learned from the experience. "Faith and Ministry that Goes Beyond the Boundaries" (John 4: 1-42) is the fifth study in the summer series "Work in the Word," being taught by the Reverend George Betz, Interim Pastor. The sessions are held in Alexander Hall. Each week's study is self-contained, so individuals may attend as

often as they wish. Those in the Wednesday and Thursday sessions will study identical content, although discussions will vary based on questions and group participation. The summer "Work in the Word" program will continue weekly through August 25 and 26. Materials will be available for everyone. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served and babysitting will be available if requested by the morning of August 4. The Willow Grove Church is located at 1961 Raritan Road. Anyone interested in attending or in further information is asked to call the church office during morning hours, Monday through Friday, at (908) 232-5678, or email wilgry@netzero.com. Information also is available at www.scotchplains.com/wgpc.

Saint Barnabas Reveals Various Free Programs

AREA — The Saint Barnabas Ambulatory Care Center, located at 200 South Orange Avenue in Livingston, has posted the dates for several free support groups and Community Education programs. An Osteoporosis Support Group will be offered on two Thursdays, August 12 and September 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A/B. To register, please call (973) 322-7406. Additionally on September 9, a Coping with Chronic Conditions Support Group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Siegler Center, located on the first floor of the Saint Barnabas Ambulatory Care Center. Individuals

may register for this program by calling (973) 322-7007. Under Community Education, a program entitled "The Benefits of Strength Training" will be held on Tuesday, August 10, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C/D on the second floor. George Dunn, P.T., Director of the Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Center at the Ambulatory Care Center, will be the featured speaker. "Twentieth Century American Sculpture," with Lori Verderame, Ph.D., will be held on Wednesday, August 18, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A/B. It will be presented through the Horizon Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. "Spotlight on Vascular Health" is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25, at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room A/B. Dr. Bruce Brenner, Director of the Vascular Center of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, will discuss the latest techniques for dealing with abdominal aortic aneurysm, which is a stretching or ballooning of the aorta. For more information or to register for any of the Community Education programs, please call (973) 322-7979. 668-8450.

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First Baptist to Welcome Organist and Praise Band

WESTFIELD — The First Baptist Church of Westfield's Sunday 10 a.m. worship service will feature special music by a guest organist and praise band on August 1 and 8. George Lachenauer of Roselle will offer organ music, while the nine musicians of the Omega Band will provide praise music with piano, drums, trombone, flute, viola, two French horns and two guitars. Male and female vocalists will join the band for some numbers. The result will be a worship service that blends traditional hymns with more contemporary songs, such as

"Shout to the Lord" and "He Is King." The August 1 service will include observance of the Lord's Supper and will conclude a series on prayer, with a sermon by lay minister Shirley Miller of Scotch Plains. On August 8, Minister of Adult Education Lou Ruprecht will kick off a sermon series on "Go for the Gold," in conjunction with the summer Olympics in Greece. Visitors are always welcome. The First Baptist Church is located at 170 Elm Street. For more information, please call (908) 233-2278 or email firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

Washington Rock Girl Scouts Receive ExxonMobil Grant

WESTFIELD — The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council (GSWRC), based in Westfield, recently received \$1,000 from the ExxonMobil Foundation to help maintain Girl Scouting in the local area. The grant is part of the Foundation's Volunteer Involvement Program, established to encourage ExxonMobil employees to actively contribute their time and talent to non-profit organizations in their communities. The ExxonMobil Foundation will grant \$500 for each eligible employee and spouse following completion of 20 hours of volunteer work within a three-month period. This grant was given through the efforts of Edward and Dolores Kresge of Watchung, who are longtime supporters of the GSWRC. Mr. Kresge is a retired ExxonMobil employee, while his wife serves on the Girl Scout Council's Board of Directors and several committees, and is a Past President of the Council.

Among the 24 communities served by the GSWRC are Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside and Berkeley Heights. Anyone interested in volunteering for the Girl Scouts and sharing their talents and interests with the girls while promoting leadership and self-esteem, is asked to call the GSWRC at (908) 232-3236, extension no. 1209. **Caregivers to Gather Monday at St. Helen's** WESTFIELD — A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones will meet on Monday, August 2, at 8 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield. Meetings take place on the first non-holiday Monday of each month. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1867.

Vendors Are Being Sought For Jewish Fair and Expo

COUNTY — B'nai Brith and the YM-YWHA of Union County have announced that plans are well underway for the next community-wide Jewish Fair and Expo. The event, now in its third year, is scheduled for Sunday, November 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the "Y," located at 501 Green Lane in Union. There will be on-going activities for children throughout the day, including clowns, pony rides, magicians and art workshops. The popular Klezmer band "Hester Street Troupe" will once again provide entertainment during the event, and local schools will participate with choir groups. A Kosher food court will be available, featuring a variety of foods including pickles, falafel, bagels, baked goods and deli fare. Last year, more than 50 vendors participated in selling specialty items, many from Israel, and even more are expected this year. The event is free and open to the public.

Registration is now being taken for vendors. For more information on becoming a participant, please call Jani Kovacs-Jonas, Program Director at the "Y," at (908) 289-8112. **Free Milk Is Available For Camp Hoover Kids** COUNTY — The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council (GSWRC) has announced that free milk will be available to all children enrolled at Camp Lou Henry Hoover, which it operates in Sussex County. In the operation of Child Nutrition Programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability. Anyone who believes they have been discriminated against is urged to write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. For more information on the program, please call Deborah Hooker at (908) 232-3236, extension no. 1226.

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ATTIC TREASURES...Laura Steenberg of Westfield, pictured on the left with Captain Wendy Galloway of the New Jersey State Police, received her Girl Scout Gold Award at the Gold and Silver Awards Banquet of the Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex and Hudson Counties May 23. Captain Galloway was the featured speaker at the dinner. Laura's project, entitled "Attic Treasures Revisited," involved sorting, hanging and cataloging more than 700 costumes and assembling over 40 clear storage boxes of categorized props and accessories for the Drama Department at the Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, where Laura will be a senior in September.

Chad Pennington Is Named Honorary Chair For Walks

WESTFIELD — The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Northern New Jersey chapter, based in Westfield, has announced that New York Jets quarterback Chad Pennington has joined its cause as Honorary Chairperson of its sixth annual Light the Night Walks. "Because of my family's experience with leukemia, I have decided to team with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to make a difference in battling these blood cancers," said Mr. Pennington. Additionally, the Society has revealed that one of its own board members, Nancy Swanson, a Director of Berlex Laboratories, will serve as Corporate Walk Chairwoman for all seven walks in northern and central New Jersey this fall. Light the Night is the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's nationwide evening walk to commemorate those touched by blood cancers, including the more than 670,000 people diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma each year. Participants walk two to three miles carrying illuminated balloons — white

for patients and survivors and red for supporters. For more information, including dates and times for all seven walks in northern New Jersey, please call Kisha Achoe at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Northern New Jersey Chapter at (908) 654-9445 or visit www.lightthenight.org/nnj. **First Baptist Singles List August Meetings** WESTFIELD — Individuals over age 45 who are widowed, divorced or have never been married are invited to come to the First Baptist Church of Westfield on Sundays at 9 a.m. for cake, coffee and lively discussions on single living. Participants will meet on August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. A \$2 donation is requested and all are welcome. Meetings are held in the lower level meeting room of the First Baptist Church, located at 170 Elm Street. The group also takes part in winter movie nights, summer picnics and holiday get-togethers, among other activities. For more information, please call (908) 889-5265 or (908) 889-4751.

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Jade Isle Maroons Top Dog Checchio Chiropractic, 6-4

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

With the playoffs looming within a week (July 26), the situation in the Scotch Plains Men's Softball League A Division heated up when third place Jade Isle wobbled top dog, 14-4 Checchio Chiropractic, 6-4, at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on July 21. The 9-8 Islanders received another crafty pitching performance from Keith Gibbons backed by a su-

perb defensive effort, especially in the ninth inning.

Gibbons scattered 12 hits but more importantly, limited the powerful Checchio lineup, which boasts at least six sluggers who can knock the ball out of the ballpark, to one home run and two doubles.

"I'm pitching a good curve ball and, to be honest, I don't think they were too selective. When I got a strike, I would pitch it inside and they would

go after it. If they would let it go, it would have been a ball," explained Gibbons late in the game.

The home run came off the bat of Nick Piscopo (2-for-3, 2 RBI, 1 run scored) who drilled his two-run shot over the rightfield fence in the seventh inning to narrow the score to 5-4. Mark Nies went 2-for-2, including a double, with an RBI and a run scored. Joe DeFabio doubled and singled while Ed Guttierrez and Neil Kauffman each rapped two singles.

Islander third baseman Mark Zyla made several startling plays and, after stopping a burning liner in the second inning, commented, "My hands are hurting too much."

Second baseman Jerry Isolda made a fine grab in the eighth, but three key defensive plays in a row were made in the ninth - one by Roth at the centerfield fence flanked by two expert grabs of grounders by shortstop John Ratchko that led to putouts with the help of first baseman Dan Nigro who made two fine stretches to snare the throws.

Checchio third baseman Nies made a nice play in the second inning. Shortstop Pete Poillon made a stellar leaping grab and leftfielder Bryan Dayton followed with a great snag in foul territory in the seventh inning.

The Islanders made good use of their

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DAVID B. CORBIN FOR THE WESTFIELD LEADER AND THE TIMES
AERIAL TRIP HOME...Jade Islander Jim Lynch launches himself toward home in the eighth inning as Checchio catcher John Palazzolo snags the throw. Lynch was safe.



DAVID B. CORBIN FOR THE WESTFIELD LEADER AND THE TIMES
NOT TO BE DENIED A HOME RUN...St. James slugger Lee DiDonato slides home in a cloud of dust to complete a home run as St. Edward pitcher Jeff Goodman covers. DiDonato homered, doubled, singled and hit a sacrifice fly.

DIDONATO HRS, MANN TRIPLES, BLAES GOES 3-FOR-4

St. 'James Gang' Massacres Shorthanded St. Eds, 20-5

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

Little mercy was offered by the hosting St. James "Gang" in a 20-5 massacre of the St. Edward "Purple Gang" at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on July 21. Taking full advantage of the "Purple Gang's" shorthanded situation, which included no pitching staff and the absence of superstar Tony Williams (until the sixth inning), the "James Gang" avenged an earlier season loss by shooting out 22 hits, including five doubles, three triples and a home run.

In addition to their hit parade, the

"James Gangsters" stole 10 walks and began the game with a merry-go-round of seven runs in the first and second innings. Six of those walks came in the first inning and three more came in the second.

Feeling somewhat guilty about the thrashing after the second inning, "James Gang" leader Jim Hoelzel said, "They have a lot of people playing in the 50+ league tonight, like Tony Williams, and their pitcher's not here."

"James Gangster" Lee DiDonato went 3-for-4, with three RBI and three runs scored. DiDonato smashed a solo

blast in the third inning and an RBI double in the second. Rich Mann went a lucrative 3-for-4, with an RBI triple and an RBI double, and scored three times. Kenny Blaes, who went 3-for-4, drilled a two-run double and scored twice. Karl Grossmann, Greg Swidersky and Hoelzel each had two hits and two RBI. Pat Nigro and Karl Mende each rapped two hits.

St. Ed scraped together 13 hits against the alternating pitching duo of Howie Jones and Dennis Vuono plus an appearance by Mende and was led by Keith Middleton who went 2-for-4 with a double and a run scored and Pete Chemidlin who had two RBI, a run scored and a single. Stan

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COLICCHIO STEALS SHOW, DITRILIO CLOUTS 2-RUN HR

Midway Softball Men Baffle Shady Lane Machine, 12-6

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

In a critical and must win duel, Midway Avenue soundly won the battle, defeating Shady Lane, 12-6, at Forest Road Park in Fanwood on July 22 to advance into the Fanwood Old Men's Softball Association playoffs. Prior to the game, Shady Lane team captain John Cholankerl reflected his team's attitude. "We win here, we clinch second place and home field in the playoffs. We win July 23, we move into first place. If Midway loses, they're eliminated."

Midway mound ace Tony Colicchio became "the master of the mound" as he baffled the Shady Lane machine, limiting it to one hit and two walks in all but two innings.

Savoring the win, Midway Captain Jerry Lipshitz said, "This was a very

good win for us because we knew this was the deciding game for the playoffs and our team knew that if we didn't win, we were going home for the season and no one wanted to go home. I was very confident with the team that we put out there today. Previously we batted 11 or 12 guys. Tonight, my assistant coach and myself decided to play 10 guys and it made a difference. Everyone was coming through the lineup and playing excellent defense up to that last inning. We had a few errors, but that's going to happen, but we played very well all around. I told our guys you have to win innings. If you win the innings, you are going to win the game and I think we almost won every inning. I was very proud of our guys."

Midway second baseman Jerry

Bianco had five RBI with a homer and a triple and performed defensive wizardry with a sliding catch in the seventh. Lipshitz banged three singles and accounted for three RBI in his four appearances.

Midway scored twice in the bottom of the first. Jeff Battiloro jabbed a single to center and scored when Steve Ditrilio hammered a two-run shot. In the third, Midway punched in another four runs. Paul Meade whacked a double to left and scored on Bianco's ground ball home run. Battiloro ripped a triple to right and scored on Dave Lissy's sacrifice, then Scott Rodgers answered with a triple and scored when Lipshitz poked a single to left.

Midway launched a six-run attack in the fifth. Ditrilio slapped a perfect

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SLIDING STYLISHLY INTO THIRD... "James Gang" member Karl Mende slides safely into third as St. Edward third baseman Gary Cardinale covers.

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INTO THIRD WITH A TRIPLE...Midway Scott Rodgers slides safely into third as Shady Lane Kevin Plinski, No. 10 awaits the throw. Rodgers later scored on an RBI single by Jerry Lipshitz. Midway prevailed, 12-6.

Midway Softball Men Baffle Shady Lane Machine, 12-6

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bunt single, Dave Lissy smoked a single and Lipshitz hammered a two-run shot to right. Down by eight, the Laners brought Hal Breuninger to the mound. Midway shot off four more rounds when Lipshitz scampers across the plate after three successive walks. Meade lofted an RBI sacrifice and Bianco banged a bases-loaded triple.

Rattled but not completely broken, Shady Lane snapped back with four runs in the top of the sixth. Matt Betau, Rob Denner and Breuninger singled to load the bases. Betau gal-

loped home on a free pass and Anthony Perozzi curled a three-run triple to right.

Revived, and urging his team to "Let's go down fighting," Cholankerli singled in the seventh and came home on a single by Lee Marks. Betau answered with a single and Denner the fired the final shot, an RBI single to left.

After the game, Colicchio said, "It was just a matter of keeping them off balance with some changeups and some fastballs, if you want to call it a fastball, while trying not to give up those walks. I kept the pitch count down low, which made me last and have a little more juice at the end. That was really the key. Of course, I had a good defense out there backing me up, especially in the first few innings when you have runs behind you and that gives you a lot of confidence. It feels good. Manny Perez, our regular pitcher had them the last time, but we didn't hit for him, so we wanted to take a little different approach here and mix it up."

Shady Lane 000 004 2 6
Midway Avenue 200 060 x 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-5626-04 FILE NO. 8061-04

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: TAIWO OLOYEDE; BRIDGETT M. OLOYEDE, HIS WIFE; ANNA R. JONES; GLORIA OLIVER;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon CASALE & PELLEGRINO, LLC, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is GATEHALL 1, PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY 07054, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which FT PROPERTIES, L.L.C., is the plaintiff and TAIWO OLOYEDE, ET ALS, are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-5626-04 within thirty-five (35) days after July 29, 2004 exclusive of such date. If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4:4-6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

You are further advised that if you are unable to obtain an attorney you may communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of Venue and that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue. The telephone number of such agencies are as follows: Lawyer Referral Service 908-353-4715 - Legal Services Office 908-354-4340.

THE ACTION has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the following tax sale certificate: 1. A certain tax certificate 01-087, recorded on 7/24/2001, made by JOSEPH P. SKELLY, Collector of Taxes of TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, and State of New Jersey to FIDELITY TAX CORP, and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, FT PROPERTIES, L.L.C. This covers real estate located in TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, County of UNION, and State of New Jersey, known as LOT 6 BLOCK 1408 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, and concerns premises commonly known as 70 MERTZ AVENUE, TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, New Jersey.

YOU, TAIWO OLOYEDE and BRIDGETT M. OLOYEDE, HIS WIFE, are made party defendants to the above foreclosure action because you are the owners of a property which is the subject of the above entitled action.

YOU, ANNA R. JONES, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on September 1, 1992, a child support judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, by Anna R. Jones against Lester Oliver disclosing a debt. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-195171-1991, CS31225841A. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, GLORIA OLIVER, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on February 14, 2003, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, by Gloria Oliver against Taiwo Oloyede and Bridgett M. Oloyede disclosing a debt in the amount of \$5,530.00, plus costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. DJ-043192-2003. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, DONNA K. DUKES, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on September 1, 1992, a child support judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Middlesex County, by Middlesex Co Bd Social Servs and Donna K. Dukes against Taiwo Oloyede disclosing a debt. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-228630-1991, CS51346362A. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

DATED: July 22, 2004
Donald F. Phelan, Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey

CASALE & PELLEGRINO, L.L.C.
1 Gatehall Drive
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
1 T - 7/29/04, The Leader Fee: \$91.80

Union County Senior 50+ Softball League Results:

50+ DIVISION 1 (July 24):			
TEAM	W	L	T
Comcast Cablevision	17	3	
Antone's Pub & Grill	16	4	
D&K Associates	15	7	
Irish Pub	12	8	

50+ DIVISION 2:			
TEAM	W	L	T
Marion & Jacobson Roofing	9	8	
Awnings Galore	10	10	
The Office	9	12	
Northwestern Mutual	8	12	
Union Center National Bank	4	17	
Crest Refrigeration	1	20	

SUPER SENIORS DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	T
IL Giardino's Ristorante	11	3	
Creative Industries	10	3	
Legg Mason	5	11	
LA Law	3	12	

Comcast 18, Union Center Nat'l Bank 0

Pitcher Tom Lombardi held the Bankers to five hits. Tony Williams (double and grand slam), Bill Mirto (3 hits, 5 RBI), Steve Ferro (3 hits), Bill Reichle (3 hits), Tom Straniero (3 hits) and Frank Bender (homerun, single) led Comcast.

SPF B'ball 10s Stop Roselle Park in Union

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association (SPF) 10-year-old tournament team defeated Roselle Park, 14-1, in the Union Invitational Tournament. Pitchers Luke Mineo and Steven Vadas shut down the Roselle Park offense.

Vadas pitched three innings of shutout baseball and recorded seven strikeouts. Mineo finished the game with four strikeouts. Defensively, Mike Daly, Dan Lynch, Ryan Coughlan, Dan Pesin, Steve Alleman and Matt Harnett backed up the pitching effort.

Mineo rapped two singles, a double and scored four runs. Anthony Krajcsik (double, single, 2 runs scored), Ian Johnston (2 singles, 2 runs scored), Brett Kovacs (single, 3 runs scored), Mark Prowe (2 singles, 1 run scored) and Ryan Henkels (triple, 2 runs scored) also contributed offensively.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS ORDINANCE NO. 599-2004 FINAL ADOPTION: 7/22/04

was introduced and passed on first reading by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on June 17, 2004, and said Ordinance has been published with Notice of Introduction thereof and of the time and place fixed for its further consideration and the Board has duly held a hearing thereof and has given all persons interested an opportunity to be heard. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that said Ordinance be and the same hereby is finally passed and adopted, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted on July 22, 2004, and the 20 day period of limitations within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such Ordinance can be commenced has begun to run from the date of first publication of this statement.

Sharda Badri, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
ORDINANCE 599-2004
INTRO: 6/17/2004
FINAL ADOPTION: 7/22/04

ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE CONSENT OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION TO THE ISSUANCE BY THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY OF ITS TAX-EXEMPT BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000 TO FINANCE THE YEAR 2004 CAPITAL LEASE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE AUTHORITY AND THE PROJECTS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "Board of Freeholders") of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), as public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State") pursuant to and in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, various governmental entities in the County have expressed an interest in participating in the Authority's 2004 Capital Lease and Property and Infrastructure Programs (the "Program"); and

WHEREAS to provide for the financing of the Program each governmental entity (hereinafter the "Participants"), as lessee, will enter into a "Capital Equipment and Infrastructure Lease Agreement" (the "Lease Agreement"), pursuant to the terms of which the Authority will lease each Participant the Authority's right, title and interest in and to the certain capital equipment to be acquired in exchange for payment by each Participant of certain general obligation lease payments, which lease payments will secure the payment of the principal and redemption premium, if any, of and interest on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to finance the Project through the issuance of one or more series of "General Obligation Capital Equipment and Infrastructure Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2004" (the "Bonds") in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$15,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds shall have such other terms as set forth in those certain resolutions authorizing the issuance of the "Union County Improvement Authority General Obligation Capital Equipment and Infrastructure Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2004" of the Union County Improvement Authority to be adopted by the Authority prior to the issuance of the Bonds (the "Bond Resolution"); the Bond Resolution, and any amendments or supplements thereto in accordance with the terms thereof may be collectively referred to as the "Bond Resolution"; and

WHEREAS, the payment of the principal and redemption premium, if any, of and interest on the Bonds will be secured by certain general obligation lease payments of the Participants under the Lease Agreement, to be dated as of the first day of the month of issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the principal of (including sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds when due may be, if the Authority determines it to be in its best interest, insured by a municipal bond insurance company (the "Bond Insurer") in accordance with the terms of a new issue municipal bond insurance policy (the "Bond Insurance Policy"); and

WHEREAS, in order to market and sell the Bonds, (i) the Authority shall issue a Preliminary Official Statement (the "POS") and a final Official Statement (the "OS"), (ii) the Authority shall enter into a negotiated sale of the Bonds with one or more underwriters (collectively, the "Underwriter") pursuant to the terms of a bond purchase agreement (the "BPA"), (iii) the Authority, the Participants and the Trustee for the Bonds, or any successor thereto in accordance with the terms of the Bond Resolution (the "Trustee"), shall enter into a Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement") upon the issuance of the Bonds if necessary, convenient, useful or desirable in connection with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission Act of 1934, as amended, or any successor rule or regulation thereto ("Rule 15c2-12"), (iv) the Participants shall make certain representations, warranties and covenants regarding, among other things, the equipment to be acquired and the Bonds in Letter of Representations (the "Participant Letter") and a Tax Letter of Representations (the "Participant Tax Letter"), and together with the Participant Letter, the "Participant Letters"), and (v) the Participants and the Authority shall take such actions and shall authorize, execute or acknowledge, as the case may be, and deliver such other documents, instruments or certificates as Bond Counsel to the Authority and to the Participants deems necessary, convenient, useful or desirable in order to issue the Bond (collectively, the "Certificate"), and together with the Bond Resolution, the Bonds, the Bond Insurance Policy, the POS, the OS, the BPA, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement the Participants Letters, and the Lease Agreement are hereinafter referred to as the "Financing Documents"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has made application to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of the State (the "Local Finance Board") for the Local Finance Board's review of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the County and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Authority or the Participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, as follows:
Section 1. In accordance with Section 13 and all other applicable law, the Board of Freeholders hereby consents to (i) the Project and the financing of same, (ii) the execution and delivery by the Authority of the Lease Agreements, Continuing Disclosure Agreements, and such other documents as necessary and reasonable for the transaction (the "Financing Documents"), which documents shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board prior to the issuance of any Bonds, (iii) the adoption by the Authority of the Bond Resolution, and (iv) the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds to effect such purpose. The consent hereto given to the Financing Documents contemplates the insertion of the final financing terms.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board of Freeholders shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the County Manager, County Counsel, Executive Director of the Authority, and John G. Hudak, Esq., Frohing & Hudak, L.L.C., Bond Counsel to the Authority.

1 T - 7/29/04, The Leader Fee: \$180.54

Antone's Pub 16, Northwestern Mutual 3

Ten Pub Men had two hits or more. Pete Osborne (3 hits) and Ed Malko, Wayne Morse and Jim Price with two hits each led Mutual.

Marion & Jacobson 12, Irish Pub 10

Bill Bowbliss, Carmen Coppola, Ed Kushner, Mike O'Brien, Ray Pelesko and John Szymczak each had three hits for the Pub.

The Office 7, Awnings Galore 6

The Office scored six runs in the sixth and Awnings tied it in the seventh; however, Ken Steinberg and Jerry Halpenny both singled and Jim Donnelly produced the game-winning hit.

Comcast 15, Northwestern Mutual 5

Comcast totaled 25 hits and were led by Al Betau, Tom Lombardi, John McLaughlin, Frank Pepe and Tom Straniero with three hits apiece. Rich Polonitza (3 hits) and Ed Malko (2 hits) led Northwestern.

Antone's Pub 14, Union Center Nat'l Bank 11

Antone's Randy Tenhengel was 5-for-5. Bankers Dan D'Arcy and Joe Mitronda each produced two hits.

Irish Pub 23, Crest 3

Pub men Mike O'Brien, Tony Orlando and Harry Streep each collected four hits and Steve Brownstein, Steve Cauley, Carmen Coppola, Ed Kushner, Ray Pelesko and John Szymczak each contributed three hits.

Marion & Jacobson 12, The Office 11

The Roofers received a walk-off, grand slam from Oscar Harrison. Ken Dunbar, Jerry Halpenny, Dennis Kosowicz, Ken Steinberg and Charles Wischusen each had two hits for the Office.

IL Giardino's 11, Creative Industries 0

IL Giardino pitcher Tom Price allowed only seven hits and Fred DeMartino and Bruce Symon each had three hits.

LA Law 2, Legg Mason 1 Legg Mason 8, LA Law 1 D&K Associates 16, Crest 0

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS ORDINANCE NO. 600-2004 FINAL ADOPTION: 7/22/04

was introduced and passed on first reading by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on June 17, 2004, and said Ordinance has been published with Notice of Introduction thereof and of the time and place fixed for its further consideration and the Board has duly held a hearing thereof and has given all persons interested an opportunity to be heard. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders that said Ordinance be and the same hereby is finally passed and adopted, and be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted on July 22, 2004, and the 20 day period of limitations within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such Ordinance can be commenced has begun to run from the date of first publication of this statement.

Sharda Badri, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
ORDINANCE 600-2004
INTRO: 6/17/2004
FINAL ADOPTION: 7/22/04

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WHEREAS, the Bonds shall have such other terms as set forth in those certain resolutions authorizing the issuance of the "Union County Improvement Authority General Obligation Capital Equipment and Infrastructure Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2004" of the Union County Improvement Authority to be adopted by the Authority prior to the issuance of the Bonds (the "Bond Resolution"); the Bond Resolution, and any amendments or supplements thereto in accordance with the terms thereof may be collectively referred to as the "Bond Resolution"; and

WHEREAS, the payment of the principal and redemption premium, if any, of and interest on the Bonds will be secured by certain general obligation lease payments of the Participants under the Lease Agreement, to be dated as of the first day of the month of issuance of the Bonds; and

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WHEREAS, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the County and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Authority or the Participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, as follows:
Section 1. In accordance with Section 13 and all other applicable law, the Board of Freeholders hereby consents to (i) the Project and the financing of same, (ii) the execution and delivery by the Authority of the Lease Agreements, Continuing Disclosure Agreements, and such other documents as necessary and reasonable for the transaction (the "Financing Documents"), which documents shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board prior to the issuance of any Bonds, (iii) the adoption by the Authority of the Bond Resolution, and (iv) the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds to effect such purpose. The consent hereto given to the Financing Documents contemplates the insertion of the final financing terms.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. Upon the adoption hereof, the Clerk of the Board of Freeholders shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the County Manager, County Counsel, Executive Director of the Authority, and John G. Hudak, Esq., Frohing & Hudak, L.L.C., Bond Counsel to the Authority.

1 T - 7/29/04, The Leader Fee: \$180.54



MAKING THE PITCH...Westfield Sophomore Legion pitcher Jimmy Thayer begins his delivery against Union Catholic in the league playoffs. Westfield punished Union Catholic, 21-2, to advance to the semifinals.

Westfield So. Legion Nine Top U. Catholic, Florham Park

The Westfield Sophomore Legion baseball team, coached by Ken Miller, destroyed Union Catholic, 21-2, then followed up with a 12-1 victory over Florham Park to advance to the league finals against Elmora. Starting pitcher Jimmy Thayer got Westfield cruising against Union Catholic and sluggers Santo Nardi, with two doubles, and A.J. Rimondi (4-for-4) helped Westfield keep one step ahead of Florham Park.

Thayer cruised through the first two innings against Union Catholic, retiring the sides in order. Westfield rallied with three runs in the second inning. Joe Tressitt thrashed a leadoff double then stole third. Rimondi walked and Kevin Hennessey ripped a two-run double into the gap in right-center. Next, Rick Passananti stroked a single to score Hennessey.

Union Catholic plated a run in the third but Westfield answered with two runs. Rimondi laid down a beautiful suicide squeeze bunt to score Tressitt and the second run trotted home on a balk.

In the fourth, Westfield blew the game open with 16 runs. Brian Davidson, Nardi, Jack Meagher and Thayer all had multiple hits. Jon Helfand was hit by a pitch. Danny Dickson and Nick Barba began a procession of walks. Passananti doubled.

Dickson came in to pitch the fifth to close the door on Union Catholic. Against Florham Park, Westfield pitcher, Danny Nuber got off to a slow start and was down 3-0, when the game was postponed in the second inning. When the game resumed on July 20, Westfield's offense started early and scored three runs to tie it up. Rimondi and Hennessey singled. Nardi smacked a monster, two-run hit to the leftfield fence. Tressitt ripped an RBI single.

In the fifth, Florham Park scored four runs, but Westfield battled back to go up by a run. Nardi crushed another double and Davidson, Dickson, Tressitt, Rimondi and Hennessey added key hits. Barba and Passananti received walks.

In the sixth, Dickson relieved Nuber after Florham Park capitalized on a few errors and scored three more runs. Florham Park silenced Westfield in the bottom of the sixth.

In the seventh, Thayer relieved Dickson and Florham Park scored another run to go up by three runs. Coach Miller gathered his team and said, "Let's make contact and let's get hits".

Westfield began a one-out rally. Meagher beat out an infield hit. Rimondi, Hennessey and Passananti each singled. Davidson delivered the game winning hit, scoring Hennessey and Passananti.

Westfield Blue 12s Win Three To Prepare for the Playoffs

The Westfield 12-year-old Blue baseball team won its last three regular-season games to finish with a 9-3 record. In that run, the Blue defeated Westfield White, 6-3, Chatham, 6-5, and Union, 5-0.

Against Westfield White, Nick Polak and Brian Maehl were strong on the mound. Mike Gismondi, Hugo Nolasco, Maehl and Zach LaPorta led the offense with two hits apiece.

Mike Greco, Nolasco, Dan Nash and Justin Schwartz were the pitching stars in the extra-inning win over Chatham. Westfield scored three runs in the first on back-to-back singles by LaPorta and Nolasco, a two-run double by Mike Buontempo and an RBI single by Rob McCrea. In the third Steve Marina blasted a solo home run to give Westfield a 4-1 lead.

Defensively, Schwartz threw out a potential base theft, Ian Mackenzie had three sparkling plays; centerfielder Nolasco had two assists, leftfielder Gismondi had two running catches and Ben Mooney, Buontempo

and Connor Loughlin made inning ending plays to squash rallies.

Chatham tied the score in the sixth before Nash came in to get the last two outs to strand the winning run on second. In the eighth inning, with two outs, Mooney singled and quickly stole second. McKenzie singled in Mooney and then scored on Greco's RBI single. Chatham, however, scored a run in bottom of the inning and had runners on second and third when Schwarz came in to strikeout the final batter to preserve the win.

Loughlin tossed a two-hitter and fanned eight against Union. Westfield scored two in the first. Buontempo doubled, Nolasco capped an RBI single and Justin Schwartz added an RBI.

Westfield added two in the second as Gismondi doubled and Maehl and McCrea had RBI singles. Nash singled and stole three bases for the final run.

Polak, Marina and Mooney led the defense to help preserve the shutout for Loughlin.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS ORDINANCE NO. 600-2004 FINAL ADOPTION: 7/22/04

was introduced and passed on first reading by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on June 17, 2004, and said Ordinance has been published with Notice of Introduction thereof and of the time and place fixed for its further consideration and the



NORTH JERSEY ALL STARS...Six Westfield players participated in this year's 11-year-old North Jersey All-Star baseball game held on July 4. Pictured, left to right, are: front; CJ Meyer and Dan Kerr; back, Ryan Murray, Willie Riggs, Justin White and Evan Heroux.

St. Bart's Oldtimers Men's Softball League Standings:

ANGELS DIVISION: (As of July 23):			
TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Joseph	8	5	.615
St. Kilian	8	7	.533
St. James	6	10	.375
St. Anthony	4	7	.364
St. Blaise	3	9	.250

SAINTS DIVISION:			
TEAM	W	L	Pct
St. Aloysius	9	3	.750
St. Jude	8	4	.667
St. Anne	8	6	.571
St. Mark	8	7	.533
St. Edward	5	9	.357

St. Jude 11, St. Anne 1
Jude pitcher Nick Barattucci was on track. Kevin Lonergan, Pat Enright, Joe Tilocca, Nick Barattucci and Billy Lawrence led Jude with two hits apiece. Joe Matuska had three hits for St. Anne.

St. James 9, St. Mark 4
"James Gang" pitchers Jones and Vuono dominated. Sluggers Lee DiDonato, Dennis Vuono and Jimmy Hoelzel had multi-hits. For St. Mark, Brian Mahoney, Mr. Nalz and Marty Marks each had two hits.

St. Joseph 21, St. Anne 11
St. Joseph's Jerry Spitzer had four hits and Tom McGall, Bobby Guy, Marty Bernstein, Steve Abrunzo and "Milk" Monroy each had three hits.

St. Anthony 12, St. Blaise 11
St. Anthony scored five runs in the first. Matt Hoelzel and Tom Kucin had three hits each for Blaise and Kevin St. Onge had a home run. For St. Anthony, acting Captain Tony Blasi and John "Heckler Apprentice" Chupko each had four hits and Bob Gittleman, Tim Deegan and Tom Maher had three hits apiece.

St. James 20, St. Edward 6
See exclusive story!

St. 'James Gang' Massacres Shorthanded St. Eds, 20-5

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Grasso and Ed Marchelitis each contributed two hits.

As to the "James Gang's" recent pitching strategy, Jones commented, "We have been doing well with it. One pitches the first, third and fifth inning and the other pitches the second, fourth and sixth. The one who is doing the best pitches the seventh."

St. Ed spent a lot of time in the field but did get to polish up with some fine fielding performances. Grasso made a fine grab in rightfield and second baseman Tom Ulichny made a super, leaping snag. Third baseman Paul Morello initiated a smooth third-to-second-to-first double play. Utility infielder Marchelitis made two great plays at third and another at first base. "Jamesters" Nigro made a fine play at short and Mann got really dirty making a play at third.

St. James' seven-run first inning was highlighted by Blaes' two-run double and, of course, the six walks. The seven-run second was highlighted by DiDonato's and Hoelzel's RBI doubles, Nigro's triple and, of course,

the three walks. "One base at a time. Let's get back into this game," begged St. Ed pitcher Jeff Goodman.

In the top of the third St. Ed's Morello singled and scored on Chemidlin's RBI sacrifice fly. DiDonato answered with his solo homer to center in the bottom of the inning.

Ed man Middleton singled and scored on Chemidlin's groundout in the fifth but the "James Gang" belted with four in their half to take a 19-2 lead. Grossmann thumped a two-run triple, Mann mangled an RBI triple and Hoelzel hacked an RBI single.

Williams arrived in the sixth and added some stability to Ed's defense. He also added a single in the sixth, which eventually helped Gary Cardinale score. Swidersky singled and scored in the bottom of the inning. Chemidlin and Grasso both singled and scored for Ed in the seventh.

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St. James	771 041 x	20

Westfield Blue 9's Win Roselle Park Tournament

The Westfield Blue 9 year-olds won the Roselle Park Tournament on Sunday with a 9-7 win over Holmdel. Westfield had advanced to the finals with wins over Roselle Park, Westfield White, Clark and Manalapan.

Against Holmdel Westfield was paced by Sam Meyer, who had three hits, including two doubles, and three runs scored. Westfield broke the game open with eight runs in the third with a squeeze bunt from Kevin Smith and run producing at bats from Kell Dolan, Jack Colwell, Pat McCusker and Jake Greenberg.

Liam Devin starred behind the plate for Blue by making several stops to keep Holmdel from scoring. The game ball in the win went to Keegan Hess who dominated on the mound for Westfield closing the game out in dominating style. Christian Burgdorf and Sam Eliades were solid in the middle infield turning several sharp plays. Mark Hartzell, who drove home the winner in a Saturday league game, and Justin Cafiero, who was winning pitcher in that game, were each benched by injuries in the Championship game.

To advance to the finals, Westfield won an extra inning slugfest over Manalapan 15-14 in a game that went

on for more than three hours. Westfield won the seesaw game in the bottom of the seventh after Eliades worked a two out walk and stole second. Burgdorf, who had four hits, smacked a long double down the left field line to drive home the winning run. Devin and Smith both gave Westfield strong pitching. Clean up hitter Greenberg had two hits and drove home three for Westfield. Dolan and Colwell batted in huge runs for Westfield in the fourth inning. Hess picked up the win with two gutsy innings, pitching out of bases loaded jams in the sixth and seventh. Hartzell played a stellar second base and Cafiero made a running grab in the outfield to get Westfield out of a jam. Meyer, Eliades and Burgdorf each scored three times for Westfield. McCusker was clutch in the field recording five put outs in centerfield and adding three base hits.

While Westfield had several worthy candidates, including the red hot Meyer, pitching star Hess and the run producing Greenberg, Burgdorf was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Burgdorf was solid on the mound throughout the tournament - saving several of the early games, and was consistently clutch at the plate.



David B. Corbin for The Westfield Leader and The Times
RIPPING A SHOT TO SHORT...Jade Islander Mark Zyla rips a shot toward short in the fourth inning against Checchio's.

Jade Isle Maroons Top Dog Checchio Chiropractic, 6-4

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10 hits, especially when Damon Roth (3-for-4, HR, double, 4 RBI, 1 run scored) launched a three-run shot over the rightfield fence in the third inning. Tom Straniero slapped two singles and Kevin Woodring had a double with an RBI and a run scored while Ratchko and Isolda each scored two runs.

Jade Isle scored a run in the top of the first when Ratchko, who singled, darted home on Woodring's sacrifice fly to left. Checchio's knotted the score in the second when Nies, who walloped a ground-rule double, strutted home when Gutierrez singled.

The breakout inning was the third when the Islanders notched four runs to

take a 5-1 lead. Isolda singled, Ratchko reached on an error and Roth whacked his round tripper. Woodring doubled and Gibbons chopped an RBI single.

After grabbing his second line drive to thwart a run-scoring third inning, Zyla joked, "I put stickum on the glove."

In the fourth, Checchio's Emidio Monaco walked and later scored on Nies' sac fly to center. In the seventh, Piscopo homered with Kauffman aboard, making the score 5-4.

As the Islanders came to bat in the eighth, a concerned Ratchko suggested, "We've got to hit now! Jerry (Isolda)!" Isolda grilled a sizzler of the shortstop's glove and scored on Roth's double to right.

After each team blanked in their next at bats, Gutierrez, also quite concerned, commented as the Chiropractors came to bat in the bottom of the ninth, "We are a little flat. If you go into the play-offs flat, you'll be sitting home early."

The three spectacular fielding plays secured the victory for the Islanders.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on Monday August 9, 2004 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider the following appeals for variance from the requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance.

Alfonso Pena & Paula Golbin, 163 Euclid Avenue, North, seeking permission to upgrade existing garage contrary to the requirements of Section 13.01G6 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a 5-foot setback from property line for an accessory structure less than 500 square feet. 1.7 feet is present and proposed.

Plans and application are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue, West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lori A. Boyd, Secretary Board of Adjustment
1 T - 7/29/04, The Leader Fee: \$27.03

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LEAGUE STANDINGS: A DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Checchio Chiropractic	14	4
Dunellen Hotel	14	5
Jade Isle	9	8
NY Ortho	7	12
Boo Ray	7	11
Theresa's	5	14

B DIVISION:

TEAM	W	L
Trinity Electric	17	1
Garwood Rest	14	5
Delasal	13	5
Sun Tavern	12	6
Sofa Kings	7	11
Family Investors	6	13
Misfits	3	16
Mortarulo Masonry	2	16

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When Nicklaus wanted to hit a draw, he would align his body to the right of the intended target and aim the clubface at the target. He would then swing in the direction that his body was aiming. This meant that the club would be swung out to the right with a slightly closed clubface. This would produce a type of spin that would make the ball start to the right of the target and curve back to the left.

When Nicklaus wanted to hit a fade, he would align his body to the left of the intended target and aim the clubface at the target. He would then swing in the direction that his body was aiming. This meant that the club would be swung across the ball to the left with a slightly open clubface. This would produce a type of spin that would make the ball start to the left of the target and curve back to the right.

If this technique worked for Nicklaus then it could work for us mere mortals. To curve a golf ball with this type of consistently on command takes practice. Start at the driving range and then pick easy and open situations on the course. You will gain some confidence and then you can use your new ability when it counts.

Michael Kierner is the Head Teaching Professional at Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club. For information about lessons please call, (908) 233-3989.

Scotch Hills Women Tell Golf Results:

A spokeswoman for the Scotch Hills Women's Golf Association of Scotch Plains announced the results of the Handicap Stroke Tournament held July 6 and the Grandmothers Tournament held July 20.

FLIGHT A:
Low Gross: Elsie Blanchette 46
Low Net: Blanchette 29
Second: Carole Nichols 33
Third: Rosemary DeWitt 34

FLIGHT B:
Low Gross: Jeanette Walker 50
Low Net: Walker and June McCarthy 30
Second: Gert Simons and Mary Kay Danskin 31

FLIGHT C:
Low Gross: Barbara Laguna 54
Low Net: Laguna 28
Second: Dolores Veghte 33
Third: Mary Pearsall 34
Low Putts: Blanchette 12
Chip-in: Laguna and Lucille Allen #4

GRANDMOTHERS:
FLIGHT A:
Low Gross: Carole Nichols and Drina Erhard 43
Low Net: Erhard 27
Second: Nichols 28
Third: Margaret Hickey 30

FLIGHT B:
Low Gross: Nancy Phares 50
Low Net: Phares 25
Second: Kathy Sjonell 28
Third: Kathy Blatt 31

FLIGHT C:
Low Gross: Jo Miller 56
Low Net: Miller 27
Second: Claire Knaus 28
Third: Rose McKenna 31
Low Putts: Maureen Wetzel 13
Chip-in: June McCarthy #2, Camille Hayden #1, Lucille Allen #5

Westfield White 11's Capture Cal Ripken District Crown

The Westfield White 11-year-old travel and tournament baseball team won the Cal Ripken District 12 tournament by holding off Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) 3-2 in the finals on July 19 in South Orange. Westfield went 4-0, defeating North Elizabeth, 13-4, Westfield Blue, 7-6, and SPF in two consecutive, 3-2 games.

Westfield scored nine runs in the top of the seventh inning to sink North Elizabeth. Ryan Murray, Justin White, Zach Archambault, Mac Dolan, Matt Hartzell and Bryan Reilly had two hits apiece. Justin White pitched six strong innings, scattering six hits and allowing only two walks. Ryan Murray pitched a perfect seventh inning.

Westfield White defeated Westfield Blue, 7-6. White broke a 4-4 tie by putting up three runs in the top of the sixth. Tim Younger doubled and scored on Justin White's smash. Reiss doubled and Willie Riggs' hit brought them both home.

Blue answered with two runs and put the tying and winning runs on base

before Westfield White's defense closed the door. Ryan Hess, Reilly, Dolan, Hartzell and Murray each made terrific plays to hold back Blue.

In the first 3-2 win over SPF, Justin White pitched four innings, giving up two hits, and Younger closed out in the sixth although SPF had loaded the bases. Reiss had two hits and an RBI, with Archambault delivering the game-breaking RBI single in the sixth. James Barry, Hartzell and Younger each had a hit while catcher Pete Granstrand threw out two runners attempting to steal in critical situations.

In the title game, SPF loaded the bases in the sixth again. Ryan Murray, Justin White and Younger shared the pitching duties. White, Younger Archambault, Riggs and Hess made spectacular plays. Granstrand executed two perfect bunt singles and Hartzell delivered the game-winning RBI.

Westfield White, coached by Steve Reiss, Leo White and Jack Reilly, advanced to compete in State Tournament to be held in Iselin.



ROSELLE PARK CHAMPS...The Westfield Blue 11-year-old baseball team recently won the Roselle Park Tournament. Pictured, left to right, are: kneeling; Ryan Heine, Aris Psychojos, Nick Dachowicz, Ben Kraus, T. Brand and Daniel Eliades; middle row, Daniel Kerr, Matthew Rivera, C.J. Meyer, Steven Forgash, Zack Cornwell and Evan Heroux; back row, Tournament Director, Ricky Badillo, Coach Brand, Coach Kerr. Missing from picture is Coach Meyer and Coach Eliades.

Westfield Blue 11s Capture Roselle Park Tourney Title

Westfield Blue 11s baseball team went 5-1 to win the Roselle Park Tournament. Daniel Kerr was named Tournament MVP for his 18 innings on the mound, allowing no earned runs, five walks and nine hits while fanning 13. He also had seven hits, including the solo blast in the championship game.

Pitchers Kerr and Nicky Dachowicz held Mountaineer in check for a 7-1 victory. Ryan Heine, Evan Heroux, Steven Forgash and Zack Cornwell had two hits apiece. Taylor Brand and Daniel Eliades each got singles.

Blue put together 15 hits to blank Kenilworth, 18-0. Kerr pitched three innings and had two doubles and three runs scored. Heroux and C.J. Meyer each had three hits. Dachowicz pitched the fourth.

Westfield squeaked by North Elizabeth, 3-2. Heine, Heroux and Matthew Rivera each scored once. Kerr pitched three no-hit innings and T. Brand finished up, spreading two runs over three innings.

Blue blasted undefeated Montville, 10-0. Forgash (home run) and Eliades had two hits each. Ben Kraus and Rivera each doubled. Kerr threw three innings and Brand pitched the fourth.

On July 10, Blue lost to Scotch Plains, 4-3. Heine hammered a lead-off home run and added three more hits, but Westfield left many base runners stranded in scoring position.

Scafero of Scotch Plains went deep with a three-run blast in the fourth.

On July 11, Westfield came back to defeat Scotch Plains, 9-3, for the title. Westfield scored six in the first on five hits, including a home run by Heroux. Aris Psychojos nailed a two-run double to cap the first inning. In the second, Kerr went deep with a solo shot. Blue erupted in the fifth, with Heroux hitting his second homer and Eliades recording his third hit.

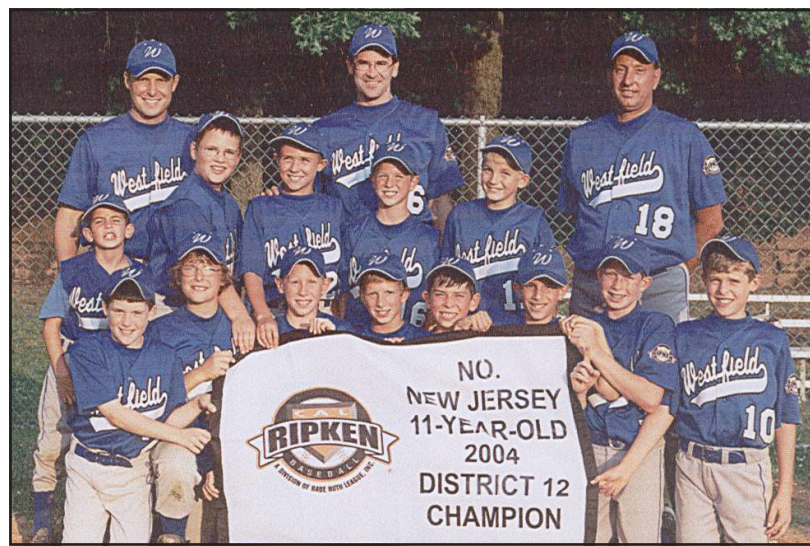
Kerr faced only 10 batters in three innings and allowed only one hit. Forgash pitched the fourth and fifth, spreading out two runs, and Dachowicz finished the sixth.

SPF Youth 10s Outlast Greenbrook 2, 11-9

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood (SPF) Youth Baseball Association (SPF) 10-year-old tournament team held on to defeat the Greenbrook No. 2 team in the Dunellen Tournament, 11-9. SPF finished in fourth place and advanced to the playoff round of the tournament.

SPF cranked out 11 hits to take a 7-0 lead after two innings. Anthony Krajcsik had three hits, Luke Mineo and Ryan Henkels each had two hits and Brett Kovacs, Mike Daly, Mark Prowe and Ryan Coughlan each had one hit. Ian Johnston scored three runs.

Mineo, Daly and Kovacs shared the pitching duties and combined to hold off a late inning rally, getting defensive support from Steve Vadas, Steve Allemen, Dan Pesin, Dan Lynch and Matt Harnett.



DISTRICT 12 CHAMPS...The Westfield White 11-year-old baseball team recently won the Cal Ripken District 12 title. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Mac Dolan, Steve Reiss, Tim Younger, James Barry, Matt Hartzell, Justin White, Ryan Hess and Ryan Murray; middle row, Josh White, Willie Riggs, Bryan Reilly, Pete Granstrand and Zach Archambault; back row, Coaches; Steve Reiss, Jack Reilly and Leo White.

Wolfpack Baseball 13/14s Nip New Providence White, 2-1

The Baseball School's 13/14 Travel Team, the Wolfpack, outlasted New Providence White, 2-1, in the first round of the New Providence league playoffs on July 21. The two teams were locked in a classic pitchers' duel. Billy Kurzenberger went the distance for the Wolfpack and was spectacular throughout.

The 'Pack' got on the board first when John Bouck crushed a double to left-centerfield in the bottom of the second. Evan Silverman drove Bouck in with a single. With two outs, Jon Kosenick rapped an RBI double.

New Providence tacked on a run in the sixth and in the seventh loaded the bases with just one out. Kurzenberger

struck out the next two batters, securing the victory.

Jackson Udelsman and Silverman both collected two hits. Jack Glasker, Bouck and Kosenick were the only other Wolfpack players to get hits against the tough New Providence squad.

Defensively, the Wolfpack played flawlessly. Joseph DelPrete, Ethan Barnett, Connor Vigilanti, and Udelsman combined to make several outstanding plays in the outfield. Tom Bouck and Blake Van Buskirk were solid at first base. Silverman was steady at second base while Will Hubbard brought the crowd to their feet with some spectacular glove work at shortstop.

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Westfield Soccer Assoc. Re-opens Registration for Fall League

The Westfield Soccer Association has re-opened online registration at www.westfieldjsoccer.com for fall, U17 Intercounty soccer for a short time period on a first-come, first-serve basis for Westfield boys and girls born after August 1, 1987. Each team in the Intercounty Youth Soccer League (IYSL) plays approximately 10 games starting the weekend of September 11, ending in mid-November.

The IYSL is a cooperative recreational soccer program based in central New Jersey whose primary goal is to foster competitive soccer, while encouraging participation by as many children as possible. The overall objective is maximum participation with even competition at all age levels.

The towns/clubs represented in the past have included Berkeley Heights, Clark, Colonia, Cranford, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountainside, New Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Scotch Plains, South Mountain (Maplewood/South Orange), Springfield, Summit, Union and Westfield. During the weekend of October 30-31, the league holds its annual Soccerfest Tournament, which had over 130 teams last year at St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen.

For more information, please see the WSA website at www.westfieldjsoccer.com.

WTA Mixed Doubles Tennis Ladder Told:

As of July 18

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2. Monica/Michael Morin
3. Alejandro/Lucila Vollbrechthausen
4. Paul Darmanin/Lyn Myers
5. Nancy/Rich Freundlich
6. Chris/Maria Elena Whelan
7. James/Sherril Bender
8. Amanda/Warren Friss
9. Michael McCrea/
10. JoAnn/Steven Purdy
11. Julia/Jon Walker
12. Steve Lee/Julie Tarr

All match scores should be called in to the coordinator, Nancy Freundlich at (908) 232-6545 or e-mailed to freundlich@comcast.net. The next reporting period ends August 1.

SPF B'ball 10s Defeat N. Edison in Colonia

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Youth Baseball Association (SPF) 10-year-old tournament team defeated North Edison, 9-3, as Brett Kovacs and Steven Vadas shared pitching duties, with Ryan Henkels behind the plate, to keep North Edison's batters baffled.

Kovacs pitched four innings and gave up three runs and Vadas came in to shutout North Edison over the last two innings. Ryan Coughlan, Dan Pesin, Matt Harnett and Steven Alleman provided the fielding backup.

SPF scored four runs in the fourth inning and three runs in the fifth. Luke Mineo led the offensive effort with three doubles and a single. Ian Johnston and Dan Lynch each had a double and a single. Brett Kovacs had two singles and Mike Daly tripled. Mark Prowe, Anthony Krajcsik and Steven Vadas each had one hit.



Julianne DiLeo

WF's DiLeo Named To Hoops All-Stars

Westfield resident Julianne DiLeo, who attends Pingry School in Martinsville, was recently named to the National All-Star Basketball Team of Youth Basketball of America. She was selected from more than 200 of the most elite female basketball players in her age division in the nation. Julianne's team, the New Jersey Shining Stars, were undefeated throughout the America National Championships, held in Washington, D.C., and took first place. The Stars have also won the AAU New Jersey state title for the past two years.



SECOND PLACE IN TOURNAMENT...The Westfield Summer Traveling Baseball 10-year old boys team played in the Roselle Park Tournament and came in second place after losing to East Brunswick, 2-0, in extra innings.



NATIONAL TOURNEY CHAMPS...The Baseball School 12U baseball team recently won the National Invitational Tournament held at Sports at the Beach in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Pictured, left to right, are: front row; Michael Henkels, Dylan Papa, Steve Bello, Michael Ridge, Anthony Zukofsky and Louis Mazzella; back row, Gary Binkiewicz, John Maxwell, Matt Greany, Ryan McCarthy, Coach DiNizo and Brendan Jacob.

Baseball School 12Us Win National Invt'l Tournament

The Baseball School (TBS) 12U team consisting of 10 Scotch Plains-Fanwood boys and three boys from the surrounding area, recently won the National Invitational Tournament held at Sports at the Beach in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Playing eight games in three days, TBS finished the first round with a 5-3 record playing teams from Maryland, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

TBS proved that all of their off-season strength training and practices paid off. Eight players hit at least one homerun and 10 players pitched at least one inning. The TBS team's offense, defense and pitching all came together in the playoffs.

In the semifinals, TBS defeated the Indiana Pythons, 13-3 and 9-1. In the finals, TBS faced the Norwin Knights from Pittsburgh, Pa. and won the championship with a crushing 11-3 victory.

The Delaware tournament capped a very successful season for these young boys who played a 45-game season from March to July on a 50/70 field. The team finished third in the NJUSSA spring league and second in the Cerbo Parsippany Tournament.

The Baseball School team was

Sean Elliott Takes 1st In U.S. Kids NJ Golf

Sean Elliott of Westfield successfully defended his nine-year-old title by taking first place in the U.S. Kids NJ State Golf Championship at Spooky Brook Golf Course in Franklin Township on July 8. Sean captured the 10-year-old boys division with a score of 38 on 9 holes.

With this win, Sean qualified to participate in the U.S. Kids World Championship at Williamsburg National Golf Course in Williamsburg, VA on July 28-31 where junior golfers from State Championships held across the United States and Europe will compete in a three-day, 18-hole stroke play tournament.

Sean also recently took first place at both the NJPGA Pee Wee held on June 21 at Hyatt Hills in Clark and the MidAtlantic Regional Championship (9-10 year old division) of the Golf Channel/Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip and Putt Junior Challenge, held earlier in June. He will appear on the Golf Channel on Saturday, August 7.

Willow Grove Barracudas Top Manor Park Dolphin Swimmers

JULY 7 (AGE) (PLACE):

Top 3 Places Only:
Individual medley: (Age 9-10) Yuen (Willow Grove record), E. Leistikow (second), R. McKenna and B. Ross (1-2). (11-12) Baliko, Ross and Hoerner (1-2-3 women's); Smith and Favreau (1-2). (13-14) Murphy, Sebolao and Denman (1-2-3), and Smith (1). (15-18) Marino (1) and Swenson (1).

Freestyle: (6U) Banasiak and Braun (1-3), Denman and Leistikow (1-2). (7U) Fletcher (1), McKenna and Marino (1-2). (8U) Ross and Hoerner (1-3), Boyle, Zazzali and Favreau (1-2-3). (9-10) Whittaker and Leistikow (2-3); Dunn, McKenna and Smith (1-2-3). (11-12) Dunn, Ross and Hoerner (1-2-3), Smith and Channoui (1-2). (13-14) Johnson and Denman (1-2). S. Marino (WG record). (15-17) Yuen and Albanese-Demair (1-3); Swenson and Whittaker (1-3).

Breaststroke: (8U) Ross and Coughlan (1-3), Boyle, Marino and Bebout (1-2-3).

(9-10) sisters E. and A. Leistikow (1-2) and Baliko, Murphy and Smith (1-2-3). (11-12) Baliko, Ross and McGovern and Smith (1-2-3), Coughlan and Sebolao (1-2). (13-14) Fitzpatrick and Denman (1-2). (15-18) Yuen and Marino (1-2) and brothers E. and B. Swenson (1-2).

Backstroke: (8U) Sebolao and McGovern (2-3); McKenna, Marino and Jensen (1-2-3). (9-10) Yuen and Whittaker (1-3).

(11-12) Baliko and Mulligan (1-2), Favreau (1). (13-14) Murphy, Johnson and Dunn (1-2-3); and Smith (1). (15-18) Marino and Albanese-Demair (1-2), Swenson and Miller (1-2).

Butterfly: (8U) DeBonis, Hoerner and Ross, and McKenna, Bebout and Favreau swept. (9-10) Yuen and Cavaliere (2-3), Dunn and McKenna (1-2).

(11-12) Dunn (1) and Favreau (1). (13-14) Murphy and Johnson (1-2), Marino and Smith (1-2). (15-18) Yuen (1), Miller and Zazzali (1-2).

Winning freestyle relay teams: (8U) Ross, Sebolao, Fletcher and Hoerner and McKenna, Favreau, Marino and Boyle. (9-10) Bernardo, Bernardo, Leistikow and Fletcher and Dunn, Smith, McKenna and Baliko. (11-12) Baliko, Hoerner, Ross and Dunn and Favreau, Channoui, Coughlan and Smith. (13-14) Johnson, Gonch, Denman and Murphy.

Weintraub Crosses 2nd In Mini Marathon Race

Alex Weintraub, 12, of Westfield, placed second in a field of more than 500 in this year's Jeff Lake Camp mini marathon race held on July 16. Alex won this race the previous two years.

coached by Ralph Dinizo, John Maxwell, Mark Henkels, Michael Ridge and John Papa.



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Boston games, where they will compete in swimming, soccer and in-line hockey. Besides athletic achievement, the Games promote community involvement, teamwork and pride in being Jewish. Participants visiting host communities stay with local Jewish families, and take part in Days of Caring and Sharing, when the athletes join with local community organizations to work on social action projects. The purpose is to teach tikun olam (repairing the world) by example, so that these young people will incorporate these values into their daily lives once they return home. For more information about the JCC of Central New Jersey, please call (908) 889-8800 or visit www.jccnj.org. For information about the 2004 JCC Maccabi Games, or to track competition results, please visit www.jccmaccabi.org.

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NATURE TRAIL...Union County Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada, right, and Freeholder Al Mirabella, third from right, joined New Associate Class of 2004's Oleg Grishin, second from right, Wes Moore, left, Bryan Bullett, second from left, and Kathryn Zhao in cutting the ribbon celebrating the opening of the new Nature Trail and Picnic Pavilions at Rannels Specialized Hospital in Berkley Heights. Deutsche Bank and their partner Teamworks Training and Development worked with 95 volunteers of the bank's New Associate Class of 2004 who came together and built the pavilions and the picnic tables in a team-building volunteer project.

Green Party Guarantees Spot on NJ Ballot in Nov.

TRENTON — The Green Party of New Jersey submitted 1,209 signatures on petitions to the N.J. Division of Elections in Trenton to get David Cobb and Patricia LaMarche, Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, on the ballot this November. This is 409 more than the necessary 800.

The Division of Elections accepted the petitions.

Following this, several Green Party leaders, including Vice-Chair Jane Hunter, former U.S. Senate candidate Ted Glick and 12th Congressional District candidate Daryl Brooks, spoke at a press conference on the Trenton state-house steps. They were followed by the main presentation by Vice Presidential candidate Pat LaMarche, who had journeyed from Maine to participate.

Questions from the press were raised about the objectives of the Green Party's efforts this year. Ms. LaMarche answered that two primary objectives were to increase Green Party registration and membership and to support local candidates for office like Daryl Brooks.

Another question concerned Maine's Clean Money public financing system. Ms. LaMarche reported that half of the state legislature is made up of "clean money" candidates. Mr. Glick pointed out that legislation passed in New Jersey limits "clean money" efforts here to no more than two assembly district, and that the amount of money required to be raised by candidates to become eligible for public financing was tremendously larger than comparable districts in Maine.



TEAM DEVITA...During the Death Valley Ride in California, from left to right, Mike, Bob, Joe and Tom DeVita raised \$17,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

DeVita Family Participates In JDRF Ride for the Cure

WESTFIELD — On October 27, 2003, Team DeVita rode in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) sponsored Ride for the Cure in Death Valley, CA in honor of Michael DeVita, a type 1 diabetic who needs daily insulin injections to survive. Each team member rode 100 miles in six hours and 15 minutes.

The DeVitas raised \$17,000 for JDRF through the generous support of friends, neighbors and colleagues, and contributed to the \$1.5 million total raised for the weekend (\$115,000 for the NYC chapter). George Hincapie, a teammate of Lance

Armstrong, also participated last year. This year, the rest of the DeVita siblings - Maria, Stephen and John - will join the team for the Death Valley Ride in October 2004, with the hope of raising \$30,000 for the cause.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 11, 2004 at 10:00AM sealed bids will be received, opened and read in public by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education at the office of the Business Administrator, Evergreen Avenue & Cedar Street, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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Anthony Del Sordi
Board Secretary

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Recent Home Sales

Jeffrey and Jessica Epstein-Toney to Walter and Renata Hanchuk, 541 Coleman Place, \$910,000.

Michael and Lauren Hammer to Brian and Rarita Quinn, 415 Birch Place, \$579,900.

Elizabeth Nichols to Dennis Rodriguez, 808 Grant Avenue, \$394,000.

Samuel Boublis to James and Margaret Manning, 260 Hazel Avenue, \$435,000.

Milton and Florence Levy to Needlepoint Homes, LLC, 27 Woodbrook Circle, \$500,000.

Stephen and Christine Cooper to Thomas and Reiko Yanagi, 446 Grove Street, West, \$740,000.

Max Hill Estates, Inc. to Corey Wujung and Timothy Jung, 3 Max Place, \$999,900.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
ORDINANCE NO. : 602-2004
Intro Date: 7/22/04

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed Ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, New Jersey held on the 22nd day of July, 2004, and that said Ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at a meeting of said Board to be held at its meeting room in the Administration Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on the 19th of August, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

A copy of this Ordinance has been posted on the Bulletin Board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Union County Administration Building of the County of Union and a copy is available up to and including the time of such meeting to the members of the general public of the County who shall request such copies, at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders in said Administration Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Sharda Badri, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders

ORDINANCE 602-2004
Intro: 7/22/2004

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (I) THE EXECUTION OR ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND DELIVERY BY THE COUNTY OF UNION OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS IN RELATION TO THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY "COUNTY OF UNION GENERAL OBLIGATION LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2004 (JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER FACILITY PROJECT)", (II) THE ISSUANCE BY THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,000,000 AND (III) CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56(1).

WHEREAS, the UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY (together with any successor thereto, the "Authority"), has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (together with any successor legislative body, the "Board of Freeholders") of the County of Union, State of New Jersey (together with any successor thereto, the "County") duly adopted as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State") pursuant to and in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized by law, specifically Section 11 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-54(a)), to provide public facilities for the use of the County, including, without limitation, the provision for the acquisition of land (the "Property") for and the construction of a juvenile detention center facility (as more particularly described in Exhibit A to the hereinafter defined Lease Agreement, the "Juvenile Detention Center Facility") located in the City of Linden, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, specifically Section 35 thereof (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-78), the Authority is authorized to enter into and perform any lease or other agreement with the County for the lease to or use by the County of all or any part of any public facility or facilities as determined in Section 11 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-54);

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to finance the acquisition of the Property and the construction of the Juvenile Detention Center Facility (collectively, the "Initial Project") through the issuance of its County of Union General Obligation Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2004 (Juvenile Detention Center Facility Project) (the "Series 2004 Bonds");

WHEREAS, the Authority has and/or will acquire the Property from the owners thereof; **WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:37A-78, the Authority will lease the Initial Project to the County pursuant to the terms of that certain "Lease Purchase Agreement (Juvenile Detention Center Facility Project)" dated as of the first day of the month of issuance of the Series 2004 Bonds between the Authority, as lessor, and the County, as lessee (the "Lease Agreement");

WHEREAS, the County and the Authority have entered into that certain Interlocal Services Agreement dated December 22, 2003, which sets forth certain duties of the County and the Authority with respect to, among other things, the development, financing and implementation of the Initial Project;

WHEREAS, during the term of the Lease Agreement, title to the Initial Project will reside with the Authority;

WHEREAS, immediately prior to the expiration of the term of the Lease Agreement, the County will purchase all of the Authority's right, title and interest in and to the Initial Project for a nominal fee;

WHEREAS, the Series 2004 Bonds will be issued pursuant to the terms of the Act, other applicable law and the Authority's "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of County of Union General Obligation Lease Revenue Bonds (Juvenile Detention Center Facility Project) and Additional Bonds of the Union County Improvement Authority" to be adopted by the Authority prior to the issuance of the Series 2004 Bonds (the "Initial Bond Resolution"); the Initial Bond Resolution, and any amendments or supplements thereto in accordance with the terms thereof may be collectively referred to as the "Bond Resolution";

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Series 2004 Bonds will be applied to, inter alia, the payment of the (a) costs of the acquisition of the Property, including reimbursing the County for any amount previously loaned to the Authority in connection therewith, (b) costs of the demolition of existing structures on the Property, (c) costs of the construction of the Juvenile Detention Center Facility, (d) costs of issuing the Series 2004 Bonds, (e) capitalized interest on the Series 2004 Bonds and (f) any other costs set forth in the Bond Resolution;

WHEREAS, the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and the interest on the Series 2004 Bonds will be secured by general obligation lease payments of the County under the Lease Agreement in scheduled lease payment amounts sufficient to pay in a timely manner the principal and redemption premium, if any, of and the interest on the Series 2004 Bonds, pursuant to the terms of which Lease Agreement the County shall be obligated, if necessary, to make such lease payments from the levy of *ad valorem* taxes upon all of the taxable property within the County, without limitation as to rate or amount;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the Lease Agreement, the County will enter into that certain "Continuing Disclosure Agreement" with the Authority and the bond trustee to be appointed by the Authority (the "Bond Trustee") dated as of the first day of the month of issuance of the Series 2004 Bonds (the "Continuing Disclosure Agreement") in order to satisfy the secondary market disclosure requirements of Rule 15c2-12 ("Rule 15c2-12") promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented;

WHEREAS, in order to market and sell the Series 2004 Bonds, (i) the Authority, shall issue a Preliminary Official Statement (the "POS") and a final Official Statement (the "OS"); (ii) the Authority shall enter, into a negotiated sale of the Series 2004 Bonds with one or more underwriters (collectively, the "Underwriter") pursuant to the terms of a bond purchase agreement (the "BPA"); (iii) the Authority, the County and the Bond Trustee, shall enter into the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, (iv) the County shall make certain representations, warranties and covenants regarding, among other things, the Initial Project and the Series 2004 Bonds in a Tax Letter of Representations (the "Letter of Representation"); and (v) the County and the Authority shall take such actions and shall advertise, execute, or acknowledge, as the case may be, and deliver such other documents, instruments or certificates as Bond Counsel to the Authority and to the County deem necessary, convenient, useful or desirable in order to issue the Series 2004 Bonds (collectively, the "Certificate"); and together with the Bond Resolution, the Series 2004 Bonds, the bond insurance policy (if any), the Lease Agreement, the POS, the OS, the BPA, the Continuing Disclosure Agreement and the Letter of Representation, are hereinafter referred to as the "Financing Documents";

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 13 ("Section 13") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56), the Authority, after investigation and study, has made a detailed report with respect to the Initial Project and the financing thereof to the Board of Freeholders at prior meetings of the Board of Freeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Freeholders believe: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, welfare, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the County and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Authority or the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS OF

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 78 of the County Improvement Authorities Law, N.J.S.A. Section 40:37A-44 *et seq.*, the County is hereby authorized and directed to enter into and perform the Lease Agreement, which Lease Agreement provides for the leasing of the Initial Project acquired and constructed with the proceeds of the Series 2004 Bonds to be issued by the Authority under the Bond Resolution. The Lease Agreement, in substantially the form submitted herewith as Exhibit A (a copy of which is on file in the office of the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Freeholders of the County), is hereby approved with such changes amendments or modifications as may be approved by counsel or bond counsel to the Authority and counsel or bond counsel to the County.

Section 2. The County Manager and the Director of Finance of the County (collectively "Authorized Officer") are hereby each severally authorized and directed, upon the satisfaction of all the legal conditions precedent to the execution or acknowledgment and delivery by the County of the Financing Documents to be so executed or acknowledged by the County, to execute or acknowledge and deliver such Financing Documents, with such changes thereto as the Authorized Officer, after consultation with Counsel to the County, bond counsel to the County and other professional advisors to the Authority and County (the "Consultants") deemed in its sole discretion to be necessary, desirable, and convenient for the execution thereof and to consummate the transactions contemplated thereby which executions shall conclusively evidence the Authorized Officer's approval of any changes to the forms thereof.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Board of Freeholders of the County is hereby authorized and directed upon execution or acknowledgment of the documents set forth in Section 2 hereof, in accordance with the terms of Section 2 hereof, to attest the Authorized Officer's execution or acknowledgment of such documents and is hereby further authorized and directed thereupon to affix the seal of the County on such documents.

Section 4. The full faith and credit of the County are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the obligations set forth in the Lease Agreement authorized by this ordinance, including without limitations (i) all Basic Lease Payment and Additional Lease Payment obligations of the County under the Lease Agreement including, Authority Administrative Expenses, (ii) all amounts due and owing to the Authority as a result of payments made by the Authority related to the enforcement of the Lease Agreement and (iii) all direct and indirect costs of the Authority related to the enforcement of the Lease Agreement (i), (ii), and (iii) above are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Lease Payment Obligation").

The Lease Payment Obligation under the Lease Agreement shall be a direct, unlimited and general obligation of the County, not subject to annual appropriation by the County, pursuant to the Act, and unless paid from other sources, the County shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County for the payment of the Lease Payment Obligation thereunder without limitation as to rate or amount.

All representatives, officials and employees of the County are hereby authorized and directed to enforce and to implement provisions of the Lease Agreement.

Section 5. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The maximum principal amount for which the County shall be obligated hereunder for the payment of principal of and interest on the Series 2004 Bonds of the Authority shall not exceed the sum necessary to lease the Initial Project for the Lease Agreement term and to pay the costs of issuance, Authority Administrative Expenses, and all other amounts required to be paid by the County under the Lease Agreement.

(b) The Series 2004 Bonds shall mature within thirty (30) years of the date of issue.

(c) The Lease Payment Obligation authorized herein shall remain effective until all the Authority's Bonds (as defined in the Lease Agreement) shall have been paid in full in accordance with their terms and/or when all obligations of the County under the Lease Agreement have been satisfied, notwithstanding the occurrence of any other event, including but not limited to the termination of the Lease Agreement with respect to all or a portion of the Initial Project leased thereunder.

(d) The Initial Project is hereby approved to be leased from the Authority in accordance with the terms of the Lease Agreement, with such changes, amendments or modifications as may be approved by counsel or bond counsel to the Authority.

Section 6. The Board of Freeholders of the County hereby authorizes the performance of any act, the execution or acknowledgment and delivery of any other document, instrument or closing certificates, which the Authorized Officer, after consultation with the Consultants, deems necessary, desirable or convenient in connection with this contemplated transaction, and the Board of Freeholders hereby directs the Authorized Officer to execute or acknowledge, and cause the Clerk of the Board of Freeholders of the County to attest and affix the seal to any such documents, instruments or closing certificates, the authorization of which actions shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution or acknowledgment, attestation, affixation and delivery, as the case may be, thereof by such person. Such closing certificates shall include, without limitation: (a) a determination that any information provided by the County in connection with the preparation and distribution of (i) the POS or any supplement thereto in connection with the Series 2004 Bonds is "deemed final" for the purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 and (ii) the OS or any supplement thereto in connection with the Series 2004 Bonds constitutes a final official statement for the purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12, (b) a determination that the Continuing Disclosure Agreement complies with Rules 15c2-12, (c) a determination that any information provided by or on behalf of the County or relating to the County, the Initial Project or the Financing Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby in connection with the preparation and distribution of the POS or the OS complies with Section 10 and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act, and (d) any representations, warranties, covenants, certificates or instruments required by any issuer of a municipal bond insurance policy or any other form of credit enhancement securing all or a portion of the Series 2004 Bonds or the issuer of a rating on all or a portion thereof.

Section 7. Upon the payment of all amounts referred in Section 5(c) hereof, the full faith and credit pledge of the County as to its Lease Payment Obligations authorized herein shall cease to exist.

Section 8. In accordance with Section 13, the Board of Freeholders acknowledges the presentation by the Authority of a detailed report with respect to the Initial Project and the financing thereof at prior meetings of the Board of Freeholders.

Section 9. In accordance with Section 13 and all other applicable law, the Board of Freeholders hereby consents to (a) the acquisition, construction and installation of the Initial Project and the financing of same through the Financing Documents and any other agreements to which the Authority shall be a party and as may be necessary for the issuance by the Authority of the Series 2004 Bonds and/or the financing of the Initial Project, (b) the execution and delivery by the Authority of the Financing Documents and any other agreements to which the Authority shall be a party and as may be necessary for the issuance by the Authority of the Series 2004 Bonds and/or the financing of the Initial Project, (c) the adoption by the Authority of the Bond Resolution in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and (d) the issuance, sale and delivery of the Series 2004 Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$39,000,000 to effect such purpose. The County's consent hereto to the Financing Documents contemplates the insertion of the final financing terms therein that will result from the sale of the Series 2004 Bonds, which financing terms shall be limited only by those financing term parameters set forth in the application of the Authority filed with the State Local Finance Board relating to the Series 2004 Bonds and the parameters set forth hereon.

Section 10. The provisions of this ordinance are severable. To the extent any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 11. A public hearing shall be held on this ordinance on August 19, 2004 at the meeting of the Board of Freeholders, County Administration Building, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Section 12. The Clerk of the Board of Freeholders of the County is hereby directed to publish and post notice of this ordinance as required by law.

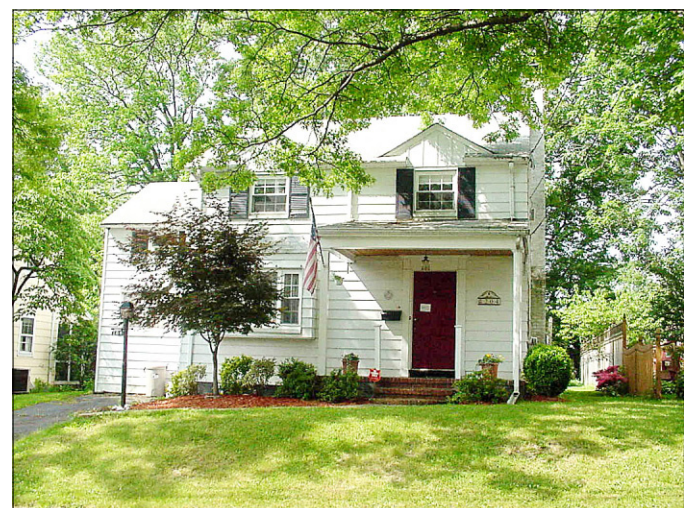
Section 13. Upon the adoption hereof the Clerk of the Board of Freeholders of the County shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the County Manager, the Director of Finance, the County Counsel, the Authority, Rogut McCarthy Troy LLC, Bond Counsel to the County, and McCarter & English, LLP, Bond Counsel to the Authority.

Section 14. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final adoption and publication in accordance with applicable law.

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Obituaries

Patrick D. Minogue, 67, Was Realtor; Former Westfield Town Councilman

Patrick D. "Pat" Minogue, 67, of Naples, Fla. died on Wednesday, July 7, at Naples Hospital in Naples.

Born in Jefferson City, Mo., he moved to Westfield as a boy. In recent years, he resided in Acton, Me. and in Naples.

Mr. Minogue had his own real estate office, Minogue Realty in Westfield, and had also been a builder of many homes in Westfield.

He was a member of the Union County Board of Realtors.

He served two terms on the Westfield Town Council during the 1960s and 1970s. A graduate of Holy Trinity High School in Westfield, he received a degree in philosophy from Seton Hall University in 1959.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years,

Barbara Minogue; three sons, Matthew Minogue, Sean Minogue and Robert Minogue; a daughter, Elizabeth Krauss; his brother, Dr. William Minogue; his sister, Mary Ann Kennedy, and seven grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass is set for 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 7, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 51 Locust Avenue, Suite 201, New Canaan, Conn. 06840 or the Lance Armstrong Foundation, P.O. Box 161150, Austin, Tex. 78716.

July 29, 2004



Patrick D. Minogue

Helen Price Wollny, 97, Parishioner; Was Member of Several Local Clubs

Helen Price Wollny, 97, of Mountainside died on Monday, July 19, at her home.

Born in Bayonne, she was a longtime resident of Mountainside.

Mrs. Wollny was a communicant of the Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church in Mountainside.

She also was a member of the Mountainside Women's Club, the Foothills Club in Union County, the Mountainside Senior Citizens and the Mountainside Bridge Club, and was a past member of the Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Henry Wollny, in 1963.

Surviving are three daughters, Beverly W. Elliott of Huntington, N.Y., Helen E. Wollny and Victoria E. Wollny, both of Mountainside; a sister, Camille A. Palmer of Greenwich, Conn.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was offered on Thursday, July 22, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Interment fol-

lowed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Gray Funeral Home, 318 East Broad Street in Westfield.

July 29, 2004

Josephine Greco, 80

Josephine Petricelli Greco, 80, a lifelong resident of Westfield, died on Tuesday, July 20, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Greco had been a sales clerk for the Levy Brothers department store in Elizabeth for over 20 years before retiring in 1972.

She was predeceased by a brother, John A. Petricelli.

Surviving is her husband of 53 years, Thomas Greco.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, July 24, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield. Burial took place at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia.

The Dooley Colonial Home, 556 Westfield Avenue in Westfield, was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to The Woodlands, 1400 Woodland Avenue, Plainfield 07060.

July 29, 2004

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-16431-03 FILE NO. 48864-11

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: KADIMA FINANCIAL CORP., A NEW JERSEY CORPORATION

YOU ARE HEREBY summoned and required to serve upon the Law Offices of Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi & Gill, A Professional Corporation, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 660 New Road, Suite 1-A, Northfield, New Jersey 08225, an answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action in which Crusader Servicing Corporation is plaintiff and Kadima Financial Corp., A New Jersey Corporation, et. al. are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey within 35 days after July 29, 2004 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint and an Amendment to Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of Civil Practice and Procedure. You are further advised that if you are unable to obtain an attorney you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association of Lawyer Referral Service of the county of venue and that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the county of venue. The names and telephone numbers of such agencies are as follows:

New Jersey State Bar Association: (732) 249-5000.

Lawyer Referral Service: (908) 353-4715.

Legal Service: (908) 354-4340.

THE ACTION has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing Tax Sale Certificate #006679 dated June 18, 2001 made by Robert A. Mack, Collector of Taxes of the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, and State of New Jersey, to Royal Bank of Pennsylvania and covers real estate located at 417-429 Hetfield Avenue in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey, known as Lot 530, Block 6, as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and Tax Map duplicate of City of Elizabeth. By assignment dated September 1, 2001, Royal Bank of Pennsylvania assigned said tax sale certificate to Crusader Servicing Corporation, which assignment was recorded in the Register's Office of Union County on September 13, 2001, in Book 1261 of Assignments, page 23.

YOU, KADIMA FINANCIAL CORP., A NEW JERSEY CORPORATION, are made a defendant in the above entitled action because you are the record owner of the property being foreclosed. The nature of which and the reason that you and each of you are joined as defendants is set forth with particularity in the Complaint, a copy of which will be furnished you on request addressed to the attorneys of the plaintiff at the above mentioned address.

DATED: July 29, 2004

DONALD F. PHELAN, Clerk Superior Court of New Jersey GOLDENBERG, MACKLER, SAYEGH, MINTZ, PFEFFER, BONCHI & GILL A Professional Corporation Attorneys At Law

660 New Road, Suite 1-A Northfield, New Jersey 08225 1 T - 7/29/04, The Leader Fee: \$71.91

Park Middle School in Scotch Plains Honors Eighth Graders at Annual Awards Assembly

SCOTCH PLAINS - Park Middle School in Scotch Plains honored its eighth grade students at its annual Awards Assembly on June 18. The following awards were presented:

Susan Bencivenga Choral Award: Elizabeth Minski

Chorus:

Denise Abrantes, Vanessa Abrantes, Deborah Albert, Andrea Apuzzo, Izabella Blach, Avery Boettcher, Ryan Bridge, Rebecca Bush, Katelyn Cavanagh, Kristen Conlan, Lauren Cutrone, Dauna Demarsico, Courtney Dill, Steven Douches, Dylan Farrall, Debbie Fung, Nicole Fusco, Dieder Glover, Richelle Gonzalez, Jade Griffiths, Lindsay Hauptman, Angelique Ibarra, Jessica Impellizzeri, Alec Jacobs, Alyssa Karis, Samantha Knierim, Allison Kodan, Marc L'Heureux, Kristin Lambertsen, Jacob Lavenhar, Jaclyn Lazarus, Christine Leide, Ming Lu, Brian Many, Kathryn McManigal, Elizabeth Minski, Karen Murad, Christopher Murphy, Nicholas Murray, Emily Nering, Kelisa Otumuya, Victoria Painter, Margaret Reilly, Alice Ren, Rebecca Rerek, Tanaya Rivers, Hilary Roberts, Molly Rodino, Rebecca Salman, Andrea Santos, Jessica Santos, Michael Scannell, Grace Sigona, Gabriella Sosnowski, Lindsay Traiman, Samantha Traiman, Alexis Turner, Janelle Vanderwie, Andy Wang, Vivian Wong, Sharoni Dana Wong, Matthew Young and Christine Yutz.

Continuous "A" Average:

Katelyn Cavanaugh and Jacob Lavenhar.

English:

Denise Abrantes, Courtney Adamczyk, Courtney Baines, Galina Bayok, Casandra Berwick, Izabella Blach, Julianne Brennan, Ryan Bridge, Eric Browne, Daniel Buckley, Lisa Campbell, Bailey Cardinal, Katelyn Cavanaugh, Bridget Cornwell, Robert Cunningham, Dauna DeMarsico, Patrick Doliber, Rebecca Fox, Helene Gebler, Andrea Guzman, Christina Halma, Lindsay Hauptman, Thomas Hercl, Thomas Holt, Angelique Ibarra, Alec Jacobs, Alyssa Karis, Samantha Knierim, Allison Kodan, Marc L'Heureux, Alexandra Lambros, Robert Leeper, Christine Leide, Caitlin Leist, Elizabeth Minski, Taylor Paraboschi, Margaret Reilly, Maria Pia Rivero, Hilary Roberts, Marc Rosenberg, Christine Roser, Joseph Sette, Grace Sigona, Adam Silverman, Alex Soloway, Melissa Swanton, Kristen Thompson, Lindsay Traiman, Samantha Traiman, Alexis Turner, Janelle Vanderwie and Anthony Vecchione.

French:

Deborah Albert, Kristen Conlan, Patrick Doliber, Lindsay Hauptman, Alec Jacobs, Samantha Knierim, Jaclyn Lazarus, Caitlin Leist, Alexa Lindenber, Ming Lu, Elizabeth Minski, Emily Nering, Molly Rodino, Marc Rosenberg, Gabriella Sosnowski, Lindsay Traiman, Andy Wang and Vivian Wong.

German:

Ryan Bridge, Bridget Cornwell, Robert Cunningham, Nicholas Fung, Alyssa Karis, Marc L'Heureux, Jared Meyer, Neil Pratt, Adam Silverman, Kristen Thompson, Samantha Traiman, Christopher Uehlinger and Janelle Vanderwie.

Information Technologies:

Deborah Albert, Galina Bayok, Julianne Brennan, Ryan Bridge, Daniel Buckley, Bailey Cardinal, Katelyn Cavanaugh, Bridget Cornwell, Lauren Cutrone, John DeMaio, Patrick Doliber, Debbie Fung, Stephanie Goines, Christina Halma, Wendy Harris, Lindsay Hauptman, Thomas Hercl, Thomas Holt, Angelique Ibarra, Alyssa Karis, Samantha Knierim, Marc L'Heureux, Jacob Lavenhar, Alexa Lindenber, Ming Lu, Brianna Mahoney, Kyle Mihansky, Kevin Modawar, Karen Murad, Emily Nering, Blasia O'Connell, Gregory Rappaport, Rebecca Rerek, Caitlin Ridge, Molly Rodino, Marc Rosenberg, Adam Silverman, Matthew Tenzer, Alexis Turner, Anthony Vecchione, Andy Wang, Brandon Wergland and Danielle Wood.

Instrumental Music:

Denise Abrantes, Vanessa Abrantes, Courtney Baines, James Barker, Casandra Berwick, Kelly Blom, Daniel Buckley, Rebecca Bush, Julia Capodicasa, Bailey Cardinal, Katelyn Cavanaugh, Kristen Conlan, Robert Cunningham, Melanie Davis, John DeMaio, Patrick Doliber, Joseph Dunn, Rebecca Fox, Nicole Fusco, Stephanie Goines, Andrea Guzman, Wendy Harris, Kenneth Hessemmer, Thomas Holt, William Hubbard, Jessica Impellizzeri, Alyssa Karis, Adam Kastradi, Allison Kodan, Marc L'Heureux, Alexandra Lambros, Jaclyn Lazarus, Robert Leeper, Caitlin Leist, Michael Lieblch, Ming Lu, Brian Many, Jared Meyer, Karen Murad, Christopher Murphy, Nicholas Murray, Emily Nering, Kevin O'Connell, Robert O'Connor, Babatunde Ogunfemi, Lordly Okarter, Dennis Ruiz, Daniel Schwall, Adam Silverman, Kaitlyn Soriano, James Strobel and Christopher Young, Jr.

Italian:

Julianne Brennan, Lisa Campbell, John DeMaio, Joseph Dunn, Taylor Paraboschi, Stacia Piesch, Jessica Santos, Michael Scannell, Grace

Sigona, Alex Soloway, Kaitlyn Soriano, Alexis Turner, Anthony Vecchione and Erica Zuleta.

George Jackson Award:

Lindsay Traiman

Mathematics:

Andrea Apuzzo, Casandra Berwick, Izabella Blach, Jason Boff, Julianne Brennan, Ryan Bridge, Rebecca Bush, Lisa Campbell, Julia Capodicasa, Katelyn Cavanaugh, Julian Cespedes, Nicole Colineri, Bridget Cornwell, John Dagostaro, 3rd, Patrick Doliber, Debbie Fung, Nicole Fusco, Christina Halma, Melissa Helock, Thomas Hercl, Jessica Impellizzeri, Alyssa Karis, Allison Kodan, Jacob Lavenhar, Jaclyn Lazarus, Robert Leeper, Caitlin Leist, Alexa Lindenber, Ming Lu, Brianna Mahoney, Kathryn McManigal, Kyle Mihansky, Karen Murad, Babatunde Ogunfemi, Neil Pratt, Brandon Reddington, Margaret Reilly, Alice Ren, Maria Pia Rivero, Marc Rosenberg, Christine Roser, Jessica Santos, Michael Scannell, Adam Silverman, Shadonte Solomon, Alex Soloway, Gabriella Sosnowski, James Strobel, Kristen Thompson, Lindsay Traiman, Samantha Traiman, Amanda Vitello, Andy Wang, Vivian Wong and Christina Yutz.

Virginia Mennutti Award:

Joseph Ellis

Mingle Award:

Grace Sigona

Dan O'Hara Award:

Michael Chervenyak

PALS Leadership:

Izabella Blach, Joseph Blaes, Kelly Blom, Amy Braun, Eric Browne, Daniel Buckley, Lisa Campbell, Bridge Corwell, Robert Cunningham, Lauren Cutrone, Melanie Davis, Joseph Dunn, Joseph Ellis, Helene Gebler, Christina Halma, Melissa Helock, Thomas Holt, Jessica Impellizzeri, Alyssa Karis, Samantha Knierim, Allison Kodan, Caitlin Leist, Alexa Lindenber, Elizabeth Minski, Nicholas Murray, Emily Nering, Babatunde Ogunfemi, Brandon Reddington, Margaret Reilly, Caitlin Ridge, Tanaya Rivers, Jessica Santos, Brian Sensor, Grace Sigona, Adam Silverman, Alex Soloway, Katelyn Soriano, Gabriella Sosnowski, Melissa Swanton, Kristen Thompson, Lindsay Traiman and Samantha Traiman.

PTA Handbook Contest:

Isabela Pelino

Perfect Attendance:

Avery Boettcher, Ryan Bridge, Daniel Buckley, Patrick Doliber, Joseph Dunn, Jordan Keates, Elizabeth Minski, Emily Nering, Babatunde Ogunfemi, Lordly Okarter, Dennis Ruiz, Daniel Schwall, Adam Silverman, Kaitlyn Soriano, James Strobel and Christopher Young, Jr.

Presidential - Gold:

Deborah Albert, Izabella Blach, Ryan Bridge, Daniel Buckley, Lisa Campbell, Katelyn Cavanaugh, Bridget Cornwell, John DeMaio, Patrick Doliber, Joseph Dunn, Rebecca Fox, Christine Halma, Lindsay Hauptman, Melissa Helock, Thoms Holt, Jessica Impellizzeri, Alyssa Karis, Samantha Knierim Kodan, Marc L'Heureux, Jacob Lavenhar, Caitlin Leist, Alexa Lindenber, Ming Lu, Brianna Mahoney, Elizabeth Minski, Emily Nering, Neil Pratt, Brandon Reddington, Margaret Reilly, Alice Ren, Molly Rodino, Marc Rosenberg, Christine Roser, Michael Scannell, Adam Silverman, Alex Soloway, Kaitlyn Soriano,

Kristen Thompson, Lindsay Traiman, Samantha Traiman, Janelle Vanderwie, Anthony Vecchione, Andy Wang and Vivian Wong.

Presidential - Silver:

Mary MacDonald

School Newspaper:

Deborah Albert, Izabella Blach, Alec Jacobs, Marc L'Heureux and Ming Lu.

Science:

Keith Baker, Daniel Buckley, Julia Capodicasa, Mameel Cardozo, Katelyn Cavanaugh, Michael Chervenyak, Matthew Chiarillo, Kristen Conlan, Bridget Cornwell, Robert Cunningham, Andrew Davidson, Patrick Doliber, Katherine Doremus, Steven Douches, Nicholas Fung, Christina Halma, Lindsay Hauptman, Derek Jones, Alyssa Karis, Ming Lu, Elizabeth Minski, Adam Morgan, Robert O'Connor, Neil Pratt, Margaret Reilly, Travis Rosado, Marc Rosenberg, Joseph Sette, Adam Silverman, Kristen Thompson, Lindsay Traiman, Christopher Uehlinger, Janelle Vanderwie, Anthony Vecchione, Andy Wang and Vivian Wong.

Social Studies:

Izabella Blach, Julianne Brennan, Ryan Bridge, Daniel Buckley, Lisa Campbell, Katelyn Cavanaugh, Nicole Colineri, Bridget Cornwell, Patrick Doliber, Rebecca Fox, Andrea Guzman, Christina Halma, Lindsay Hauptman, Thomas Holt, Alyssa Karis, Samantha Knierim, Ming Lu, Brianna Mahoney, Elizabeth Minski, Nicholas Murray, Emily Nering, Robert O'Connor, Brandon Reddington, Margaret Reilly, Marc Rosenberg, Christine Roser, Michael Scannell, Brian Sensor, Adam Silverman, Gabriella Sosnowski, Kristen Thompson, Lindsay Traiman, Samantha Traiman, Alexis Turner, Andy Wang, Vivian Wong and Danielle Wood.

Spanish:

Courtney Adamczyk, Andrea Apuzzo, Courtney Baines, James Barker, Izabella Blach, Daniel Buckley, Rebecca Bush, Katelyn Cavanaugh, Nicole Colineri, Lauren Cutrone, Marcus Guzman, Rebecca Fox, Stephanie Goines, Andrea Guzman, Christina Halma, Wendy Harris, Thomas Hercl, Jessica Impellizzeri, Allison Kodan, Amy Lee, Kathryn McManigal, Brandon Reddington, Margaret Reilly, Dennis Ruiz, Rebecca Salman, Shadonte Solomon, Kendra Spady, Melissa Swanton and Amanda Vitello.

Student Council:

Kalce Aguilar, Casandra Berwick, Izabella Blach, Amy Braun, Lisa Campbell, Julia Capodicasa, Dylan Farrall, Alexandra Fragna, Christina Halma, Allison Kodan, Marc L'Heureux, Jacob Lavenhar, Karen Murad, Nicholas Murray, Kevin O'Connell, Melissa Swanton and Samantha Traiman.

Study Club:

Deborah Albert, Nahiyah Dabbney, Eric Davis, Samantha Knierim, Brian Many, Rebecca Salman and Gabriella Sosnowski.

VFW Writing Contest:

Jacob Lavenhar

Yearbook:

Courtney Baines, Kelly Blom, Avery Boettcher, Lisa Campbell, Katelyn Cavanaugh, Melanie Davis, Christina Halma, Kenneth Hessemmer, Kristen Lambertsen, Robert Leeper, Christine Roser, Grace Sigona, Shadonte Solomon, Alexis Turner and Vivian Wong.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment of the Town of Westfield, New Jersey will meet on Monday August 9, 2004 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. to hear and consider the following appeals for variance from the requirements of the Westfield Land Use Ordinance:

William and Helen Kirk, 617 Shackamaxon Drive, seeking permission to erect a covered front porch contrary to the requirements of Section 12.03D of the Land Use Ordinance. Applicants propose a front yard setback of 36.7 feet. Ordinance requires the estimated front yard setback, which is 39.56 feet. **This application was memorialized at the August 8, 2003 meeting. Applicant is requesting a 1-year extension of variance approval from August 9, 2004 to August 9, 2005.**

Joe Difrancesco, 513 Edgar Road, seeking permission to erect an addition to the existing within the existing floor plan contrary to the requirements of Section: 11.09E6 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a side yard set back of 10 feet. 7.76 feet is present and proposed.

John Lee, 928 Willow Grove Road, seeking permission to erect rear addition contrary to the requirements of Section: 11.06E6 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a side yard set back of 15 feet. 14 feet is present and proposed.

Michael & Irene Kalinowski, 205 Park Street, seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section: 11.08E6 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum side yard set back of 10 feet. 8.89 feet is proposed.

Michael Jacobs, 148 Ayliffe Avenue, seeking permission to erect an addition over a pre-existing single level structure contrary to the requirements of Sections: 13.01B of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires that the distance of the garage and the house should be at least 10 feet or the height of the garage whichever is greater. ± 3 feet is proposed.

Alfonso Pena & Paula Golbin, 163 Euclid Avenue, North, seeking permission to upgrade existing garage contrary to the requirements of Section: 13.01G6 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a 5-foot setback from property line for an accessory structure less than 500 square feet. 1.7 feet is present and proposed.

Gregory & Andrea Flood, 220 Baker Avenue, seeking permission to erect an addition over an existing garage contrary to the requirements of Sections: 11.06E6 & 12.04F1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a left-side side yard setback of 15 feet. 10.2 feet/11.2 feet is present and proposed. Ordinance requires a right-side side yard setback of 15 feet. 8.5 feet is present and proposed.

Glenn & Kelly Johnson, 132 Wells Street, seeking permission to rehabilitate an existing office space, and construct an addition contrary to the requirements of Sections: 12.04F1 & 11.06E6 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires building lot coverage of 20%. 21.9% is proposed. Ordinance requires a side yard setback of 10 feet. 9.5 feet plus 7 feet is proposed.

Mr. & Mrs. Swanson, 470 Channing Avenue, seeking permission to construct an addition contrary to the requirements of Sections: 12.04F1 & 11.09E6 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires building lot coverage of 20%. 21.4% is proposed. Ordinance requires a rear yard setback of 35 feet. 32.29 feet is proposed.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Goldschmidt, 26 Hawthorne Drive, seeking permission to widen and extend an existing front porch contrary to the requirements of Sections: 12.03D, & 12.04F1 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a front yard setback of 45 feet. 41.33 feet is proposed. Ordinance requires a maximum building coverage of 20%. 23.5% (including a 4.15% porch) is proposed.

Mr. & Mrs. Rembisz, 908 Carleton Road, seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Sections: 12.04F1, & 12.04F2 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a maximum allowable coverage by structures of 20%. 23% (without a deck) is proposed. Ordinance requires a maximum allowable coverage with deck of 22%. 28% is proposed.

Gary Nikorak, 651 Maye Street, seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Sections: 11.09E6, 12.04F1, & 12.04F3 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a side yard set back of 10 feet. 7.24 feet is present and proposed. Ordinance requires maximum allowable building lot coverage of 20%. 23.7% is proposed. Ordinance requires a maximum allowable coverage of buildings including porches of 24%. 26.4% is proposed.

William & Maureen Higgins, 526 Hanford Place, seeking permission to erect a 2-story addition on the rear and side of the house contrary to the requirements of Sections: 11.09E6, 12.04F1, 12.11A & 10.15A5 of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet. 7 feet 4 inches is existing and proposed. Ordinance requires a maximum allowable coverage of 20%. 20.5% is proposed. Ordinance requires buildings to be harmonious with the character of the neighborhood. A handicap ramp in the front yard is proposed.

Jennifer & Ido Zairi, 548 Washington Street, seeking permission to erect an addition contrary to the requirements of Section: 12.04F1, 12.04F2, 12.04F3, 11.09E6, 13.01G1b, 13.01H1, 13.01B, & 12.03D of the Land Use Ordinance. Ordinance requires maximum allowable building lot coverage of 20%. 20.9% is proposed. Ordinance requires a maximum allowable coverage with deck of 22%. 23.6% is proposed. Ordinance requires a maximum allowable coverage of buildings including decks and porches of 24%. 25.7% is proposed. Ordinance requires a side yard setback of 10 feet. ±1.8 feet are proposed. Ordinance requires a 5-foot setback for accessory structures < 500 square feet. 1 foot 9 inches is proposed. Ordinance requires the height of accessory structures to be 15 feet. 17 feet 2 inches is proposed. Ordinance requires the distance of an accessory structure from the principal building to be 17 feet 2 inches (height of accessory structure). 10 feet is proposed. Ordinance requires a front yard set back of 28.2 feet (E.F.Y.D.). 24.5 feet is proposed.

Variances, waivers or exceptions from certain site plan details or relief from requirements may be sought as appropriate.

Plans and application are on file in the office of the Town Engineer, 959 North Avenue West, Westfield, New Jersey and may be seen Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lori A. Boyd, Secretary Board of Adjustment

Fee: \$159.12

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Prayer to The Blessed Virgin

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN: (Never known to fail) Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me show me herein, you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for the things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person may say this prayer three consecutive days. After three days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted. V.M.

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Fanwood Recreation Events

Summer Program: The Fanwood Recreation commission will end on Friday, August 6.

The programs are under the direction of Kevin Ewing, Executive Director and Tom Baylock, Assistant Director. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. weather permitting. The parks will close due to rain or extreme heat.

Summer Activities: The Activities include Crafts, Tournaments, Games, Sports, and Special events. There are two age groups: 5-7 year olds and 8 years and up. Kids may come and play different board games or sporting events.

July 26 to 30, miscellaneous games; August 2 to 6, summer luau week.

TV 35, the Fanwood Website, and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* will carry more information for us regarding the theme weeks.

To register, go to the park and fill out a registration form. Registration is open to all Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents. There is a \$5 registration fee.

Fanwood Soccer Camp: The Fanwood Soccer Camp is run by

David Moser, Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach at New Providence High School. The camp concentrates on the basics. Campers must be between 5 and 10 years old. The remaining week is August 9 to 13 from 9 a.m. until noon. For brochures, please email fanwoodsoccercamp@yahoo.com or call (908) 451-5123.

Fanwood Tennis Camp: The camp is run by Brian Maloney, a tennis pro who lives in Fanwood. The weeks and times vary. For more information, please call (908) 322-5877.

Fanwood goes to Hollywood: Summer Movies at LaGrande Park will be held on Tuesdays at dusk. The rain date will be the following night. The remaining movies are: August 3 - *Brother Bear*; August 10 - *Kangaroo Jack*; August 17 - *Kim Possible*.

Refreshments will be available courtesy of the Fanwood Junior Womens Club.

Please bring small beach chairs or blankets to sit on for the movies. PLEASE REMEMBER: NO DOGS IN THE PARK

For any questions or comments, please call the Fanwood Recreation Department at (908) 889-2080.



A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS...LINCS (Local Information Network Communication System), has asked the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Union County to recruit senior volunteers for LINCS, the office responsible for Bioterrorism Preparedness in Union County that was organized following the September 11, 2001 attacks. Volunteers are asked to attend a one-time training session and be part of a database that would be tapped in the event of a national emergency that affected Union County. In such an event, volunteers would be called upon to direct, comfort and assist people. Volunteers must be age 55 or older and will need to be registered with the RSVP Program. Interested persons are asked to call RSVP Director Steve Kendall at (908) 354-3040, extension no. 369. Pictured, left to right, are: Mr. Kendall, of Scotch Plains; Ella Shaykevich of Westfield, LINCS Senior Public Nurse Coordinator, and John J. Ferraioli, Health Officer of Union Township and Coordinator of LINCS.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum Lists Adult Education Programs

SUMMIT - The Reeves-Reed Arboretum, located at 165 Hobart Avenue in Summit, has announced several upcoming Adult Education classes.

Beginning September 22, an eight-session series of watercolor classes will be held on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The program will continue through November 10.

There also will be a weekend-long illustration class focusing on butterflies on September 11 and 12; a bus trip to estate gardens in Southampton, N.Y. on Tuesday, September 14; and a garden outing to Duke Farms in Hillsborough on September 22.

Adult Education Director Nancy Wright has advised interested individuals to register early for these trips. On Saturday, September 18, from 2 to 4 p.m., a Fall Interest container gardening class will be taught by Michael Ruggiero, retired Senior Horticultural Curator of the New York

Botanical Garden.

For more information about Adult Education programs at the Reeves-Reed Arboretum, please call (908) 273-8787, extension no. 16.

Elizabeth Ottoson Makes Wheaton's Dean's List

Elizabeth Ruth Ottoson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ottoson of Westfield, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Wheaton College. She is majoring in Liberal Arts Nursing.

Dean's List honors are earned by undergraduate students who carry 12 or more hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Located in suburban Wheaton, 25 miles west of Chicago, Wheaton College is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics and integration of faith and learning. It is consistently ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* among the top national liberal arts colleges in the country.

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<p>UNION COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS ORDINANCE 601-2004 Intro 7/22/04</p> <p>NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY AND NOTICE OF "TERRA HEARING" PURSUANT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 147(f)</p> <p>The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Union, State of New Jersey (the "County"), on July 22, 2004. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Board of Chosen Freeholders to be held at the County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on August 19, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders' office for the members of the general public who shall request the same.</p> <p>A portion of the proceeds of the bonds issued pursuant to the bond ordinance will be used to finance a portion of the County's costs of (i) acquiring real property located at 1597-1605 Irving Street, Rahway, New Jersey, (designated as Block 159, Lot 5 on the Tax Assessment Map of Rahway) and the structure located thereon, such structure being known as the Union County Arts Center (the "Arts Center"), (ii) renovating, rehabilitating and expanding the Arts Center and (iii) acquiring and improving the real property and the structure located thereon adjacent to the Arts Center located at 1591 Irving Street (designated as Block 159, Lot 4 on the Tax Assessment Map of Rahway) (collectively, the "Project"). The meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders noticed herein, to the extent that it relates to the Project, is intended to and shall qualify as a hearing described in Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Arts Center is a 76-year old brick building with three levels, originally constructed as a vaudeville and silent movie theater in the classic revival style. The adjacent property is a 44-year old one-story steel and masonry building, originally built as a bank. The adjacent property may be used as offices for the Arts Center. The facilities included in the Project shall be owned by the County, and operated by Union County Arts Center, Inc., an organization that has been determined to be tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. The Arts Center shall be used for (i) the public performance of dramatic/musical works and dance, (ii) conducting various educational programs and activities and (iii) the display of artistic, cultural and other educational exhibits. The County intends to issue obligations pursuant to a plan of financing for the Project in an amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed \$5,871,000. Interested members of the public shall have a reasonable opportunity to express their views, both orally and in writing, with respect to the Project and the issuance of bonds to finance Project costs at the herein noticed meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders.</p> <p>The summary of the terms of the bond ordinance are set forth below. The Project is described in Item A of this summary.</p> <p>TITLE: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL FURNISHINGS AND NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$49,032,044 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS AND FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF LINDEN, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.</p> <p>The purposes, appropriations, bonds/notes authorized and grants appropriated in this multipurpose bond ordinance are as follows:</p> <p>SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS, PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS</p> <p>A. Board of Chosen Freeholders - Acquisition, renovation, rehabilitation and expansion of the Union County Arts Center located at 1597-1605 Irving Street in the City of Rahway (designated as Block 159, Lot 5 on the Tax Assessment Map of Rahway) and acquisition and improvement of the adjoining property located at 1591 Irving Street (designated as Block 159, Lot 4 on the Tax Assessment Map of Rahway). It is hereby determined and stated that said buildings be improved as of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law (Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated, as amended; the "Local Bond Law").</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</td><td>\$ 6,180,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Down Payment Appropriated</td><td>\$ 309,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Bonds and Notes Authorized</td><td>\$ 5,871,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Period of Usefulness</td><td>15 years</td></tr> </table>	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 6,180,000	Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 309,000	Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 5,871,000	Period of Usefulness	15 years	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</td><td>\$ 339,900</td></tr> <tr><td>Federal Grant Appropriated</td><td>\$ 330,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Down Payment Appropriated</td><td>\$ 495</td></tr> <tr><td>Bonds and Notes Authorized</td><td>\$ 9,405</td></tr> <tr><td>Period of Usefulness</td><td>15 years</td></tr> </table> <p>J. Department of Engineering and Public Works, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of the County Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program at various locations, as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto.</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</td><td>\$ 3,244,500</td></tr> <tr><td>State Grant Appropriated</td><td>\$ 1,500,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Down Payment Appropriated</td><td>\$ 87,225</td></tr> <tr><td>Bonds and Notes Authorized</td><td>\$ 1,657,275</td></tr> <tr><td>Period of Usefulness</td><td>10 years</td></tr> </table> <p>K. Department of Engineering and Public Works, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of various traffic signal improvements in Rahway.</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</td><td>\$ 927,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Federal Grant Appropriated</td><td>\$ 485,014</td></tr> <tr><td>Down Payment Appropriated</td><td>\$ 22,099</td></tr> <tr><td>Bonds and Notes Authorized</td><td>\$ 419,887</td></tr> <tr><td>Period of Usefulness</td><td>10 years</td></tr> </table> <p>L. Department of Engineering and Public Works, Division of Engineering - The resurfacing of various County roads as the "2005 Road Resurfacing Program", as set forth on a list on file with the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and hereby approved and incorporated herein by this reference thereto. It is hereby determined and stated that said roads being improved are of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</td><td>\$ 3,090,000</td></tr> <tr><td>State Grant Appropriated</td><td>\$ 3,000,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Down Payment Appropriated</td><td>\$ 4,500</td></tr> <tr><td>Bonds and Notes Authorized</td><td>\$ 85,500</td></tr> <tr><td>Period of Usefulness</td><td>10 years</td></tr> </table> <p>M. Department of Engineering and Public Works, Division of Engineering - Supplemental funding for the construction of a new building in Scotch Plains for the use of the Engineering and Public Works Department, including the acquisition of original furnishings and equipment. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) the County has heretofore appropriated the aggregate sum of \$3,560,814 for said project pursuant to Ord. Nos. 518-00 and 578-2003 adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on December 14, 2000 and August 21, 2003, respectively, and (B) the public building being constructed will be of "Class B" or equivalent construction as defined in Section 22 of the Local Bond Law.</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</td><td>\$ 1,236,000</td></tr> <tr><td>Down Payment Appropriated</td><td>\$ 61,800</td></tr> <tr><td>Bonds and Notes Authorized</td><td>\$ 1,174,200</td></tr> <tr><td>Period of Usefulness</td><td>30 years</td></tr> </table> <p>N. Department of Engineering and Public Works, Division of Engineering - Undertaking of environmental monitoring and rehabilitation (including permit applications) at various underground storage tank sites, former landfill sites and other County facilities.</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</td><td>\$ 540,750</td></tr> <tr><td>Down Payment Appropriated</td><td>\$ 27,038</td></tr> <tr><td>Bonds and Notes Authorized</td><td>\$ 513,712</td></tr> <tr><td>Period of Usefulness</td><td>15 years</td></tr> </table>	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 339,900	Federal Grant Appropriated	\$ 330,000	Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 495	Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 9,405	Period of Usefulness	15 years	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 3,244,500	State Grant Appropriated	\$ 1,500,000	Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 87,225	Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,657,275	Period of Usefulness	10 years	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 927,000	Federal Grant Appropriated	\$ 485,014	Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 22,099	Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 419,887	Period of Usefulness	10 years	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 3,090,000	State Grant Appropriated	\$ 3,000,000	Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 4,500	Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 85,500	Period of Usefulness	10 years	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 1,236,000	Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 61,800	Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 1,174,200	Period of Usefulness	30 years	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	\$ 540,750	Down Payment Appropriated	\$ 27,038	Bonds and Notes Authorized	\$ 513,712	Period of Usefulness	15 years	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Down Payment Appropriated</td><td>\$ 13,133</td></tr> <tr><td>Bonds and Notes Authorized</td><td>\$ 249,517</td></tr> <tr><td>Period of Usefulness</td><td>10 years</td></tr> </table> <p>X. Department of Public Safety, Division of Police - Undertaking Phase V of the automated security and facility infrastructure additions to various public buildings and the acquisition of new communication and signal systems equipment and new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of (i) emergency response mobile data computers, (ii) in-vehicle video cameras, (iii) upgraded polygraph equipment, (iv) upgraded police vehicle oxygen/medical units, (v) upgraded digital field camera equipment and (vi) emergency response services equipment.</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</td><td>\$ 746,010</td></tr> <tr><td>Down Payment Appropriated</td><td>\$ 37,301</td></tr> <tr><td>Bonds and Notes Authorized</td><td>\$ 708,709</td></tr> <tr><td>Period of Usefulness</td><td>10 years</td></tr> </table> <p>Y. Department of Public Safety, Division of Police - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of specialized weapons.</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</td><td>\$ 15,450</td></tr> <tr><td>Down Payment Appropriated</td><td>\$ 773</td></tr> <tr><td>Bonds and Notes Authorized</td><td>\$ 14,677</td></tr> <tr><td>Period of Usefulness</td><td>5 years</td></tr> </table> <p>Z. Department of Public Safety, Division of Environmental Health and Emergency Management - Acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery consisting of (i) a flashover trailer (Fire Services Training Academy), (ii) a burn education trailer and (iii) a portable generator/light.</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</td><td>\$ 123,600</td></tr> <tr><td>Down Payment Appropriated</td><td>\$ 6,180</td></tr> <tr><td>Bonds and Notes Authorized</td><td>\$ 117,420</td></tr> <tr><td>Period of Usefulness</td><td>15 years</td></tr> </table> <p>AA. 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Sheriff's Office - Reconstruction of the Springfield Firearms Range, undertaking Phase IV of upgrading the Courthouse Complex infrastructure security and acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery and new communication and signal systems equipment consisting of (i) a transport processor identification unit, (ii) a digital lab identification unit, (iii) an explosives bunker with powder storage and (iv) radio equipment.</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</td><td>\$ 683,194</td></tr> <tr><td>Down Payment Appropriated</td><td>\$ 34,160</td></tr> <tr><td>Bonds and Notes Authorized</td><td>\$ 649,034</td></tr> <tr><td>Period of Usefulness</td><td>10 years</td></tr> </table> <p>DD. 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It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Trustees of Union County College and the Board of School Estimate of Union County College in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed; (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-19(2)(b); (C) Union County College may apply for debt service aid from the State of New Jersey pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Laws of 1971 of New Jersey (N.J.S. 18A:64A-22.1 et seq.) for any or all of the projects described in the preceding sentence; and (D) if such Chapter 12 State Aid is received, it shall be applied to the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the County for such projects.</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</td><td>\$ 2,033,563</td></tr> <tr><td>Bonds and Notes Authorized</td><td>\$ 2,033,563</td></tr> <tr><td>Period of Usefulness</td><td>10 years</td></tr> </table> <p>HH. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - Acquisition of computers and other instructional equipment and machinery for various educational programs and the undertaking of the following improvements (i) replacement of expansion joint caulking, (ii) replacement of sidewalks at West Hall, (iii) resurfacing the East Parking Lot and (iv) curbing and repaving improvements. It is hereby determined and stated that (A) all resolutions to be filed by the Board of Education of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools and the Board of School Estimate of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in order to request the Board of Chosen Freeholders to raise funds for the aforesaid purposes have been filed and (B) no down payment is required for such purposes pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:54-31.</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Appropriation and Estimated Cost</td><td>\$ 849,750</td></tr> <tr><td>Bonds and Notes Authorized</td><td>\$ 849,750</td></tr> <tr><td>Period of Usefulness</td><td>10 years</td></tr> </table> <p>II. Union County Vocational-Technical Schools - Undertaking the following improvements (i) replacement of overhead shop doors, (ii) upgrading underground storage tanks and (iii) replacement of hot water tanks at various buildings. 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PERCHING PRETTILY...Edison resident Rachel Feliz's painting, "Cardinals" will be included in Children's Specialized Hospital's (CSH) art exhibition during August and September. The hospital will display the work of Feliz, M. Althea Scheller of Watchung and Ann Taylor of Verona. The Auxiliary at CSH sponsors monthly exhibits. All artwork is available for purchase, with a portion of sales benefiting the Auxiliary. Admission is free and exhibits can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. by entering through the hospital's East Wing entrance, 150 New Providence Road in Mountainside. For more information, please call (908) 233-3720, extension no. 5379.

Local Stars

BEGGAR'S OPERA SCHEDULED IN CRANFORD

Henry 5 Comes to Town Library;

WF's Melissa Miller Takes Role

WESTFIELD - New Jersey Shakespeare Theatre will present Next Stage Ensemble's performance of *Henry 5*, starring Westfield resident Melissa Miller as "Katherine" at the Westfield Memorial Library on Thursday, August 5, at 7 p.m.

According to the library's description of the play, "the young and inexperienced 'King Henry' casts aside the revels and indiscretions of his youth and emerges as one of the most compelling and inspiring leaders in English history."

"Threatened by traitorous nobles and the massive armies of France, King Henry V leads a ragtag band of soldiers in a desperate attempt to save his throne and restore England's power in Europe," continued the de-

scription.

Free tickets are currently available at the Circulation Desk. Only Westfield Library cardholders may register. However, one guest per cardholder is wel-



HOMETOWN STAR... Melissa Miller of Westfield will take the role of "Katherine" in *Henry V* and "Polly Peachum" in the upcoming *Beggar's Opera*.

come.

In order to accommodate as many as possible, please register for one performance only. The production is recommended for ages 12 and up.

A 1998 graduate of Westfield High School, Miller will also portray "Ely" and participates in the Chorus during *Henry V*. Her first season with the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, she made her Broadway debut with the Roundabout Theatre Company's production of *Tartuffe*.

In the first Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theater/New Jersey Performing Arts Center production of *Carousel*, Miller portrayed "Julie Jordan." Miller's television credits include a recent guest star appearance on NBC's "ED." She spent one year acting with the Flea Theatre's resident company and three seasons with the Williamstown Theatre Festival.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Vassar College, Melissa currently resides in New York City.

Miller will also take the role of "Polly Peachum" in Next Stage Ensemble's production of *Beggar's Opera*. The play will be presented at the Cranford Public Library on Thursday, August 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Halkias-Doutis

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Doutis replied, "Travel! Travel and experiment. There is so much to see. Art is very different abroad. Open your eyes, travel and see."

For more information about Halkias-Doutis, please visit the WAA at www.westfieldnj.com/waa.



University News

Brian Scott Chiger Achieves Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Brian Scott Chiger, a senior majoring in psychology at the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y., has been named to the Dean's List for academic achievement for the spring 2004 semester. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Chiger, Brian is a Westfield resident and Westfield High School graduate.

Hirschhorn Named To Dean's Roster

FANWOOD - Danielle Hirschhorn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hirschhorn of Fanwood, has been named to Dean's List at the University of Delaware for the spring 2004 semester. A 2003 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Danielle is majoring in elementary education.

International Night, Panel Will Be Aired On WHS Television

WESTFIELD - Westfield High School (WHS) Television will broadcast for the first time the 2004 International Night, which was held at WHS on April 30.

Sponsored by the Foreign Languages Department and hosted by Aaron Eisenberg, International Night was filled with song and dance from around the world performed by WHS students.

International Night will be shown on Channel 36 from August 3 to 15, on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Thursdays at 2 and 10 p.m.; Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m.

The panel discussion on "A Parent's Guide to the Prevention of Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use" will also be broadcasted. Led by Maureen Mazzaresse, WHS Student Assistance Counselor, the panel addressed the topic at a Parent Teacher Student Organization meeting held at Westfield High School last fall.

Included in the discussion are statistics, viewpoints and recommendations on dealing with the serious subject of substance abuse among adolescents.

This program can be seen on Channel 36 from August 3 to 15 on Tuesdays at 1 and 9 p.m.; Thursdays at noon and 4 p.m.; Saturdays at noon and 9 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Arts & Entertainment



ON LOCATION... SpeakEasy M.E.D.I.A. campers took a field trip into New York City to tour the new CNN Studios at the Time Warner Center at Columbus Circle, where they learned from veteran news anchor and host of "Moneyline" Lou Dobbs. Pictured, right, Kyle Rollins works with Amber Sizemore and Jessica Baggett during a shot on location.

SpeakEasy M.E.D.I.A. Graduates HS Pupils; New Camp Session Scheduled During August

SCOTCH PLAINS - Following two weeks of intensive hands-on training, 10 New Jersey high school students graduated from the SpeakEasy M.E.D.I.A., Summer Media Camp for youth in Scotch Plains.

Many of the graduates, who had never held a video camera before, now have stronger career goals and have formed ideas as to what they want to be when they grow up.

A broadcasting couple, Clayton Sizemore and Andria Hall currently reside in Scotch Plains. Sizemore is Manager of Operations at CNN in New York. A former news anchor at the network, Hall recently opened SpeakEasy M.E.D.I.A. across from the Scotch Plains post office.

When discussing the business's sign which reads "Workshops, Public Speaking...Peace of Mind," Hall said, "That's exactly what we wanted to give parents who decided to invest with us in the future of their teens. We wanted to have the opportunity to sow into the lives of these young adults, and prepare them for the wonderful world of broad-

casting. For us, passing along the mantle is a privilege with purpose."

The students profited two Scotch Plains businesses, Divine Essence Café and the Moderne Academie of Fine Arts.

Divine Essence Café owner Crystal Smith said, "It was hard for me to tell that these kids were not professionals. They were top-notch. SpeakEasy M.E.D.I.A. is definitely a hidden treasure here in town. These kids are getting the type of training that most people have to go to school for."

The two-week training schedule included shooting, writing, producing, learning audio and being on camera.

Kyle Rollins, 14, of Plainfield said, "This camp has taught me so much about the broadcasting industry. Now, I know that I'm interested in majoring in communications when I go to college."

One of the highlights for the campers was a field trip into New York City to tour the new CNN Studios at the Time Warner Center at Columbus Circle. They even got advice from veteran news anchor Lou Dobbs, host of

"MoneyLine."

SpeakEasy M.E.D.I.A. Inc. will run its second Media Camp session from Monday, August 9, to Friday, August 20.

For more information, please call (908) 322-8885 or visit www.SpeakEasyMedia.com.



Get Outta The House

By CAROL F. DAVIS

Specialty Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Calling all aspiring actors and actresses. Mystic Vision Players will hold open auditions for the New Jersey premiere of the musical comedy *After Midnight...Late Night TV From the Other Side of the Camera* on Monday and Tuesday, August 2 and 3, from 7 to 10 p.m. Bring a headshot and résumé to St. Georges Parish, 417 McCandless Street, Linden. And, of course, be prepared to read a scene from the script. Check the website for available roles: <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/aftermidnightlive>. Be ready to take the stage in October.

Who could possibly resist a free screening of the film classic *Casablanca* shown under the stars? Take the entire family to Echo Lake Park in Mountainside on August 3, for the 9 p.m. show. It's free, as long as the weather holds out.

Also on August 3, at 7:30 p.m., the Hudson Shakespeare Company will present *Cymbeline*. This spoof has all the elements of the classic fairytale — a princess and her lord, an entire wicked stepfamily, an army, a conman, the Roman Empire — brought to you by Shakespeare. Presented at Kenilworth Borough Hall, 567 Kenilworth Boulevard, admission is free. There are a variety of good restaurants right on the Boulevard.

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The *Rutgers Gardens 40th Annual Open House* will be held on Saturday, July 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tours and gardening talks, including "10 Most Frequent Gardening Mistakes" will be offered throughout the day, along with plant sales, children's activities, and food sales. Bring your troubles (limit it to a gardening question, though) to the "Ask the Expert" Clinic. Admission is free and a voluntary parking donation will be collected at the entrance. All proceeds directly benefit the Rutgers Gardens, 112 Ryders Lane in New Brunswick. Follow this link for directions to the Cook Campus: <http://maps.rutgers.edu/maps/default.aspx?campus=6512,473> or call (732) 932-8451.

Downtown Summit's *27th Annual Summer Fair and Sidewalk Sale* will be held on Saturday, July 31, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be more than 100 vendors of crafts, art, and food, sidewalk sales, entertainment, and activities for the kids. The raindate is Saturday, August 7. Parking for the fair is free in the Park & Shop lots and the downtown parking garages.

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BEST OF FRIENDS...Lindsay-Rose Sinclair (Reno), Dave Murgittroyd (Billy) and Ariel Frenkel (Moonface) perform the musical number "Friendship" in WYACT's production of *Anything Goes*.



ALL SHIPS AT SEA...The dance ensemble performs the musical number "Bon Voyage" in WYACT's production of *Anything Goes*.

Anything Goes Audience Relished Trip From Start To Thunderous Finish

By VICTORIA MCCABE
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD—The title for Cole Porter's 1930s musical *Anything Goes* is much more than a phrase lifted from Act I's big dance number. The story practically screams the idea at every turn. From stolen identities to love at first sight to opportunistic uses for strip poker, the show's writers ask their audience to suspend its need for realism and enter a musical world that is as sincere in emotion as it is silly in plot.

What made the Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theatre's (WYACT) recent incarnation of *Anything Goes* such an artistic success was the actors' easy grasp of the ridiculous nature of its material. And what made the production so entertaining was their ability to both inhabit their characters and gently poke fun at them.

The book, written by Guy Bolton, P.G. Wodehouse, Russel Crouse and Howard Lindsay, takes its characters on an ocean voyage from America to England in a journey that turns from an ordinary trip into a playfully unbelievable ride.

In WYACT's rendition, which ran from July 16 to July 25 at the Victoria Theater at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) in Newark and was directed by WYACT Artistic Director Cynthia Meryl, the cast appeared to thoroughly enjoy taking its audience on that ride.

Dave Murgittroyd played Billy Crocker, who decides to hide out on the ship after discovering that the love of his life is sailing to England to marry a clueless Brit, with the mix of class-drama and desperate-Romeo intensity that the part demanded.

Ariel Frenkel, who drew some of the biggest and most deserved laughs of the night, gave his character of Moonface Martin that endearingly irritating New York quavery accent reserved for only the most lovably clueless. Moonface, the goodhearted criminal who appears to get truly enraged only when the fact that he can never make himself more notorious than "Public Enemy No. 13,"

provides our hero Billy with much-needed assistance as he tries to hide from the ship's captain while secretly meeting Hope whenever he can.

It was only during his solo, "Be Like the Bluebird," when strains of his full voice came through the dim accent he assumed, that one wished he could have sang his part straight. The quick glimpse at how solid his normal vocal quality was suggested that he had to work hard to conceal that part of his talent.

Lindsay-Rose Sinclair of Westfield, who starred as Reno Sweeney, deserved every bit of the thunderous applause she received. Obviously at ease with her character, she captured her character's blend of club-singer self-assured attitude and genuine compassion, and she illuminated the stage whenever she appeared. Her incredible vocal quality and expansive range made for many of the show's best moments; she was as natural belting out the show's title number as she was wistfully singing the ballad "I Get a Kick Out of You."

Several other cast members delivered notable performances, especially Jaelyn Ingoglia as Bonnie, Moonface's sidekick, and Tara Haight as Hope, Billy's love interest. A trio between the two and Sinclair at the beginning of "Take Me Back to Manhattan" was arguably the show's most sincere moment.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of the WYACT production was the exciting and demanding choreography. The actors appeared to move through the dance numbers effortlessly, and it could almost take a complete act of the show to realize what seemed so incredible—these boys could dance!

Choreographer Sherry Alban threw her cast some complicated sequences, most notably Act I's closing tap number, and they responded to every challenge. One rarely finds a community production that can pull so many apt dancers, especially male dancers, but Alban and Meryl had no such problems.

The set design also enhanced the production; the cast maneuvered easily through the ship set, and clever usage of the many swinging doors kept the show's momentum going. The best part of the set (which subsequently provided one of the best moments of the show) was the top-level onstage hiding place for the orchestra, which remained out of sight until the evening dance scene, when the panels concealing the orchestra lifted back as Sinclair serenaded dancing couples with "I Get a Kick Out of You."

The orchestra's visibility was much deserved, as the ensemble, conducted by Ilene Greenbaum, delivered a solid performance from start to finish.

The cast exuded the kind of enthusiasm that made it easy for the audience to temporarily forget about being realistic, and by the time Billy and Moonface won their crucial disguises from a pair of unsuspecting Chinese card players, everyone watching the show was completely okay with the fact that in this musical, anything could go.



AWARD-WINNER...Westfield Art Association (WAA) member Maria Halkias-Doutis poses with her watercolor, "Marketplace," which won the WAA's Norman Webb Award. Pictured, below right, is an untitled watercolor by Halkias-Doutis.

Halkias-Doutis Says Traveling Is Key To Finding Artist Within

By KERRIANNE SPELLMAN CORT
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD—Westfield resident Maria Halkias-Doutis has only lived in the area for a few years. Born in Greece, she arrived in Union County by way of Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf, among other territories.

A member of the Westfield Art Association (WAA), where she was the recipient of the Norman Webb Award, Halkias-Doutis is passionate about watercolors.

"As hard as it is, I find it is the most beautiful medium," she told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*. "The colors—they interact, and very often they surprise you."

A mother of two teenagers, Halkias-Doutis works fulltime at the Town Bank of Westfield, but still somehow manages to pursue her passion for painting. She works in a studio in her home and often takes part in shows through the WAA.

Having lived abroad for many years, she is very fond of painting Arabic scenes. In today's delicate environment where relations with the Arab people are strained, she was concerned what the reaction to her work would be. However, the response has been extremely positive. Not limiting herself to one subject, she also paints Greek

scenes and seascapes. "Art has always been a nagging pleasure in my life," said Halkias-Doutis, who donates quite a bit of her work and word of mouth often leads to commis-

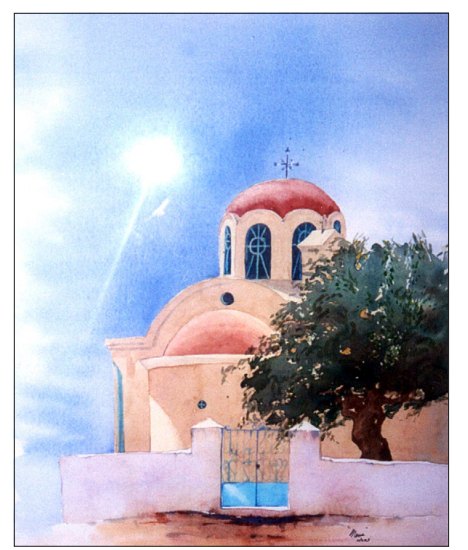


Photo Courtesy of Maria Halkias-Doutis

sioned sales. She will have a featured show at the Spanish Tavern in Mountainside in December and will continue to show her work with the WAA.

When asked what sort of advice she would give to aspiring artists, Halkias-Doutis said:

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Go Ahead, Make Michael's Day: Sherry Chases Broadway Dreams

By MICHELLE HELEN Le POIDEVIN
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD—John Wayne and ballroom dancing aren't normally two images that mesh very well. However, they are a large part of what makes Westfield actor Michael Sherry tick.

Michael's love affair with the theater began as an infant when his parents, Dolores and Thomas, brought him to see *George M!* at Plays-in-the-Park in Edison's Roosevelt Park in 1986.

Dolores enrolled Michael and his sister, Bree, in Kids-in-the-Park, the children's summer theater workshop and an offshoot of Plays-in-the-Park. The experience schooled Michael in music, dance, acting, arts and crafts and concluded with a final production.

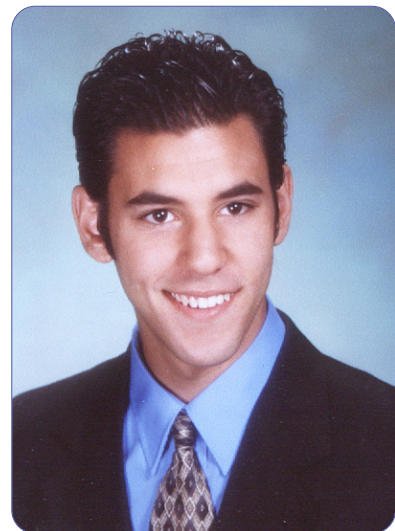
When the third-grade auditions for *James and the Giant Peach* rolled around, he saw an opportunity, and then another when he was a fifth grader and his school was staging *A Tree Grows in Hollywood*.

As the young star began his ascent, he developed a deep admiration for John Wayne and Gene Kelly and took one more role in the sixth-grade production of *Li'l Abner*, playing the pint-sized Pappy Yokum.

Heavily motivated by the principles taught by Westfield High School (WHS) Drama Teacher Joseph Nierle and Music Director Bill Matthews, Michael told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that when he would become enveloped by

an emotion contrary to a character he was portraying on stage, Nierle would fervently advise, "Use it."

"It was clever because it helped bring out all kinds of emotions I would use



Michael Sherry

during my monologues," recalled Michael, who graduated WHS in June.

For example, after counseling teenagers on the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse as a peer minister at his church, he funneled those emotions into some of his best roles and monologues.

During his senior year as an English student, he penned a musical review of

Jason Robert Brown's music and other compilations in *infusions*, which he described as an eclectic cabaret.

At WHS, Michael was the vice president of the Choir, section leader in the Marching Band, a *Who's Who Among High School Students* recipient and Christian Awareness Club and Latin Club member. While he has served in many other school organizations, Michael used sign language with a deaf puppet in the Kids On the Block program to teach elementary school students about diversity.

As an actor, Michael has portrayed everyone from "Snoopy" in *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, to "Young Scrooge" in *A Christmas Carol*, "Pirate Sherry" in *Pirates of Penzance* and triple roles in *Evita*. He has performed with Roosevelt, Thomas Edison and Cranford Repertory theatres, WHS productions, Villagers Theatre, the Little Opera Company of New Jersey (LOC) and Bucks County Playhouse in Pennsylvania with Nierle.

For three years, he has perfected his ballroom dancing skills—which he admitted needed serious work after his performance in WHS's production of *42nd Street*—at the Barkley Dance Academy. Vocally, Juan Pineda of the LOC has trained him.

An equestrian, Michael is also qualified to ride a horse on-stage, if need be, perform basic stage combat, operate light and sound, direct and fully manage a production.

A longtime member of the Westfield Fife & Drum Corps and a Boy Scout Eagle Award recipient, Michael is well on his way to earning a Tony Award, as he has already garnered Paper Mill Playhouse's Rising Star Award for *Children of Eden*, among other nominations. He was also presented with the Thomas Elmo Junior Award for vocal ability.

A baritone, Michael was accepted for a two-year term into the professional performing arts program for 2004-2005 at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) in New York City. Thousands of applications were submitted to the academy and Michael was one of 800 to be accepted.

At the AMDA, he will participate in the Integrated Program, which includes musical theater, acting and dance instruction. Upon completion of his studies, which will take place for five days, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, Michael will have earned the equivalent of an associate's degree.

Next, he would like to study at Elon University in Elon, N.C. or Ithaca

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Vehslage, who currently divides her time between Sicklerville and LBI, will teach workshops at LBI Foundation with Gillman during August. For more information about those workshops, please call LBI Foundation of the Arts and Sciences at (609) 494-1241.

Other participating artists include Virginia Abrams, Deborah Barr, Nancy Board, Tristan Robin Blakeman, Judy Cuddihee, Karen Eckmeier, C. Susan Ferraro, Cindy Friedman, Jutta Halpin, Celeste Kelly, Barbara Barrick McKie, Jo Niemann, Elizabeth Poole, Barbara Pucci, Jeri Riggs, Elizabeth Rosenberg, Deborah Tiryung Sidwell, Martha Sielman, Melanie Testa and Elin Waterston.

To view other examples of the artists' works, please visit www.FiberRevolution.com.



"Koi Among Water Lilies" by Carolyn Lee Vehslage



"Waterscape I" by Joan Dreyer



The Sensational Soul Cruisers

The Sensational Soul Cruisers Slate Echo Lake Park Concert

MOUNTAINSIDE—Union County's free Summer Arts Festival concert series will continue on Wednesday, August 4, at 7:30 p.m. with a performance by The Sensational Soul Cruisers at Echo Lake Park, on the border of Mountainside and Westfield.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites the public to attend this outdoor concert, which is sponsored by the Union County Education Association.

"The Sensational Soul Cruisers show is one of the most exciting acts of its

kind," said Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada. "Their mix of Motown

and rhythm & blues with four-part harmonies, a powerful rhythm section and plenty of horns makes them a classic rock and soul ensemble."

All Summer Arts Festival concerts are held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Avenue-end of Echo Lake Park. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged.

A refreshment stand will be available at approximately 6:30 p.m. In case of rain, concerts in the series will move to Cranford High School on West End Place off Springfield Avenue in Cranford.

For up-to-date concert and rain information, please call the Department of Parks and Recreation's 24-hour hotline at (908) 352-8410 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

The following free concerts remain in this summer's schedule:

- August 11—The Ed Palermo Band with Rob Paparozzi, in a tribute to Blues legend Paul Butterfield and Mike Bloomfield;
- August 18—Joe Bonanno & The Godsons of Soul plus Captain Hawker & The All Stars; and
- August 25—The Party Dolls.

Kids Kingdom Will Return to Reservation On Sunday, August 8

MOUNTAINSIDE—The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation has announced that the Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee will be held at The Loop, off Tracy Drive in the Watching Reservation on Sunday, August 8, from noon until 6 p.m. Admission is free.

Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee is held rain or shine. It provides lively entertainment, including "The Land of Make Believe" costume tent, sing-a-longs, and potato sack races. There are clowns, jugglers, knights and court jesters, pony rides, a petting zoo, games, face painting, safety demonstrations, amusement rides, refreshments and more.

For more information about Kids Kingdom, please call (908) 436-2900.