



**GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT...** Benjamin Corbin for *The Westfield Leader and The Times* Critzamar Cancel learns to use the new pay station in the northside train station parking lot in Westfield. The old parking meters are now disabled and will be removed shortly as part of the town's modernization plan.

## Westfield Installs Pay Station At North Ave. Parking Lot

By PAUL J. PEYTON  
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WESTFIELD — The town has installed computer-based pay stations at municipal parking lot 2 on North Avenue as part of the town's downtown parking enhancement plan. The old mechanical meters are no longer functional and will be removed.

Motorists can park up to four hours at a rate of 25 cents per half-hour with a half-hour minimum. Time is not transferable to another parker. The machines will accept paper money but do not provide change. If a \$5 bill is inserted, the machine will accept it, but only four hours parking will be credited.

Motorists must note the space number painted on the ground at the back of the parking spot and enter this number in the pay station, deposit money for the time desired, push the green button to activate the transaction and receive a time-dated receipt. Once a transaction is made, a parker cannot add additional time to the space without losing his or her remaining time that may be on the computer.

Mayor Andrew Skibitsky said he hopes the old meters will be removed "relatively soon" by the Department of Public Works (DPW).

The police department last week placed the notices on meters and removed the timing mechanisms, or "guts."

Pay stations have been added to lot 3 at the south side train and will be installed at lot 7 across from the Westfield Post Office and in lot 4 behind Baron's Drugs store.

Parking Director John Morgan told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times* that the pay stations have many programming capabilities that may be implemented in the future.

The installing technician for the company providing the pay stations told the *Leader/Times* that the new system should result in a significant revenue increase for the town.



**PARKING TOKENS...** Westfield Parking tokens shown above will be part of the town's future. The token shown above is the size of the now defunct New York City subway tokens.

## Cty. Board Moving Ahead On Detention Center

By MICHAEL POLLACK  
Specially Written for *The Leader and The Times*

ELIZABETH — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders introduced an ordinance during a special meeting last Thursday night to fund construction of a new juvenile detention center.

The board held its first reading on an ordinance that would authorize the Union County Improvement Authority to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$30,100,000 for acquiring a four-acre parcel of land and constructing the new facility in Linden.

The freeholders have said that introducing the new project in early 2006 is a primary goal.

County Manager George Devaney read a letter from Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Commission Howard Beyer that was sent to Frank Guzzo, the director of Union County's Department of Human Services.

Mr. Beyer noted a "marked improvement observed at the Union County Detention Center while touring the facility on Wednesday, June 22." Mr. Beyer noticed that the staff appeared to be "far more outgoing, aware, concerned and involved," citing examples of positive interactions.

However, while he remained pleased at the upkeep and cleanliness issues being addressed, he offered a caveat concerning the existing Elizabeth facility: "Please do not misinterpret this correspondence; matters pertaining to a new facility, overcrowding and other concerns remain paramount."

During the board's agenda meeting that followed the special meeting, the board heard a presentation by Preservation Possibilities Historic Preservation Consulting Principal Kathleen Galop on the county's effort to have the Union County parks system listed as an historic landmark.

Ms. Galop provided an outline and an overview of the Historic Register process and urged the nomination of the Union County Parks to the State and National Registers.

In addition, Echo Lake Park, Rahway River Parkway, the Lightning Brook section of the Elizabeth River Park and Warinanco Park are eligible for national recognition. The criteria to be nationally recognized includes

having an association with significant events, lives of significant people, a distinct type or period of construction or representing the work of a master and yielding important information regarding prehistory or history.

The upside to taking part in the national register is "prestige and being eligible for public funding." In addition, property will be considered in the planning for federal or federally assisted projects; may be eligible for federal tax benefits, and qualify for federal assistance for historic preservation in the form of grants.

Ms. Galop explained that the "federal budget for the Department of the Interior for the last five years has included \$30 million each year for historic preservation grants. In New Jersey there is funding in the form of grants and loans through the New Jersey Historic Trust for Register properties.

At both the special and agenda meetings, the board honored four Union County Sheriff's officers for their response to a situation involving an armed man. During the special meeting, Freeholder Daniel Sullivan presented a laudatory resolution saluting Officers Gianni Cacioppo, Anthony Gialanella, George Gyure and Mr. Sullivan's own son, Brendan, for "their brave and heroic actions taken on March 29."

Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich said the officers had responded to a call about an individual who had failed to pay child support. As the officers entered the man's home, the suspect fled to his car.

Sheriff Froehlich said the officers approached the vehicle, with Officer Gialanella positioning himself at the driver side door. The sheriff said that as the officers tried to remove the man from the vehicle, the suspect fired a .22 automatic at Officer Gialanella, shooting him in the face. Sheriff Froehlich remarked how the officers continued to stay focused and were never unerved.

Officer Sullivan, who approached from the passenger side, realized he was in the same line of fire as his injured partner and took to the rear of the vehicle. Shots were fired at Mr. Sullivan and missed, "but Brendan didn't," Sheriff Froehlich said.

The suspect was shot from a close range of no more than three feet, but was taken down, Sheriff Froehlich said. The sheriff emphasized that no wild or errant shots were fired and no officer panicked.

"Many of you are aware of the situation this past March where my son was involved. It was extremely scary for my family members," Freeholder Sullivan said.

"In the end, your professionalism won out," Freeholder Sullivan told his son.



**SHREDDED REMNANTS...** Publisher of the *Leader/Times*, Horace Corbin displays the shredded remains of the abandoned bookbag that was detonated Monday morning by the Union County Bomb Squad as a safety precaution.

## Passport Fees, Processing And Reentry Rules Change

AREA — With many Union County residents traveling abroad this summer, Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has issued reminders of several recent changes in federal laws regulating U.S. passports.

The U.S. State Department mandated "Security Surcharge" recently increased passport processing fees by \$12. Now, a passport application for adults will be \$97; for those under 16 it will be \$82. Passport renewals will cost \$67 and for emergency service, \$60 will be added.

The State Department is not accepting Hudson County Birth Certificates as valid proof of citizenship. However, birth certificates issued by the New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics and municipal registrars in Hudson County are acceptable. The U.S. State made this decision after the Justice Departments found evidence of fraud.

As of Dec. 31, 2005, a passport will be required for all air and sea travel to or from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America. As of Dec. 31, 2006, a passport will be required for all air and sea travel to or from Canada and Mexico. As of Dec. 31, 2007, a passport will be required for all air, sea and land border crossings.

More information on travel rules and regulations is available online at <http://travel.state.gov> or by calling, toll-free, 1-877-487-2778.

Passport application forms may be obtained at the County Clerk's main office in Elizabeth and the annex at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield. Applications and related information can also be found online at <http://www.ucnj.org/ctyclerk/passport>.

The Westfield annex is the only county clerk's office in the state that is open during evening hours. The

annex is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; the phone number is (908) 654-9859.

The Elizabeth office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; the phone number is (908) 527-4966.

Passport applications are available online at [www.travel.state.gov/passport](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport). Secure forms can be filled out and printed for mailing. No personal data is saved by the government with the use of this website.

## County Responds To London Attacks

AREA — Union County is maintaining heightened security awareness in the aftermath of last week's terrorist attacks in London.

The Sheriff's Office K-9 Search and Rescue unit and bomb technicians from the county police department are conducting precautionary inspections of commuter train stations and platforms at the request of NJ Transit.

The K-9 Unit includes bomb-sniffing and patrol dogs. County police are joining municipal police forces in increasing patrols of train stations throughout the county.

Security at all Union County facilities is at a heightened awareness, Sheriff Ralph Froehlich said.

Public safety agencies throughout the county may take additional steps while the nation remains under high alert for mass transit.

"The Board of Chosen Freeholders and all of Union County express our condolences to the people of London. We join all Americans in standing by them in the wake of these horrific attacks," Freeholder Rick Proctor said.

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### Wine Of The Week

**Burgess Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon 2001**

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