



Peyton's Peek at the Week In Politics

By Paul Peyton of *The Leader/Times*

Stender Files for Another Run Against Ferguson

The Hill, a Capitol Hill newspaper, reported on May 24 that State Assemblywoman Linda Stender of Fanwood officially filed papers in May for a rematch against Rep. Mike Ferguson (R-7) of New Providence. Mrs. Stender, a Democrat, nearly defeated Mr. Ferguson in 2006 in part to declining approval rating in the state by President George W. Bush. *The Hill* reported that Mr. Ferguson has raised \$418,000 in anticipation of facing Mrs. Stender again.

Stender's Chief of Staff, Ed Oatman, told *The Hill* that Mrs. Stender needed to file, as funds to the campaign were already coming in. He said Mrs. Stender had not made an official decision to jump into the race.

Ocean Mayor Weldon Gets 58-Month Sentence for Bribe
Ocean Township Mayor Terrance Weldon was sentenced to 58 months in jail after pleading guilty to corruption charges. *The Star Ledger* reported last week. His attorney called the

sentence "abusive" and was considering an appeal. U.S. District Judge William Walls rejected prosecutors' pleas for a lesser sentence, saying such crimes deserve "severe punishment" and not a "pat on the wrist."

Monmouth County developer Moshé Gohar pleaded guilty to making a \$50,000 corrupt payment to Weldon to gain zoning approvals for a development project he was involved in with the township. U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie said last December.

Senator Craig Resigns Over His Arrest in Minnesota

U.S. Senator Larry Craig of Idaho, a Republican, resigned on Monday following his guilty plea to disorderly conduct in a Minneapolis airport restroom.

While being stationed in the Minneapolis airport, an officer investigation allegations of sexual contact in airport restrooms reported that Craig signaled that he would like to engage in sexual conduct by moving his foot into the policeman's stall and tapping it three times.

Craig served on the Veterans Affairs Committee, the appropriations subcommittee in charge of the Interior Department and the Energy Committee's panel on public lands before resigning pending an ethics panel's review of his June arrest.

Aronsohn Will Not Seek 2nd Run Against Scott Garrett

Paul Aronsohn announced August 27 that he would not seek another run for Congress against Rep. Scott Garrett, a second-term Republican from Sussex County. Politicsnj.com reported. Mr. Aronsohn cited a lack of money. Mr. Garrett won the 2006 race by 11 points, 55 to 44 percent.

MS KOC to Sponsor October Bike for Life

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Knights of Columbus will sponsor the seventh annual Bike for Life on October 7 on the Our Lady of Lourdes Church grounds.

Rides will begin at 1 p.m. and there will be festivities after they start. All are welcome to participate.

More details are available at bikeforlife.us or at (908) 305-3966.

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YOURS IN SCOUTING... Andrew Perry, Principal of Washington Elementary School, receives the Community Award from the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council for his support of the Westfield Girl Scout community. Mr. Perry receives his award from Senior Girl Scout Samantha Luscombe of Westfield, who nominated him for support of the Girl Scouts of his school, as well as their activities throughout her 13 years in scouts.

Lautenberg, Menendez Announce FTA Grants

AREA - Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) have announced that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has allocated \$525,960 in U.S. Department of Transportation funding to Rutgers University for transportation research.

"Widespread congestion and deteriorating roads and infrastructure are serious concerns," Mr. Lautenberg said. "We need to do all we can to research and develop strategies to improve efficiency and modernize our roads, traffic patterns and transit systems. These funds will help fuel the plans we need to increase transit ridership, reduce maintenance costs and improve emergency preparedness."

"These monies will continue Rutgers' drive down the road to a better, safer and more efficient transportation system in our state and across the nation. Transportation is not just about moving goods and people; it is about improving quality of life, protecting our environment and ensuring New Jerseyans spend less time on the roads and more time with their families," said Mr. Menendez.

The funding will allow Rutgers to

expand its transportation research abilities and address transportation problems at the Rutgers Center for Advanced Transportation Initiatives under its newly formed Transportation Coordinating Council.

Polish Harvest Festival To Be Held In Clark

CLARK - The Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will present its annual Polish Harvest Festival, highlighting 1,000 years of Polish tradition, on Sunday, September 16, at 3 p.m.

Polish ethnic food will be available, as well as a cash bar. Disk jockey Jaroslaw Kaczynski will provide music all evening for dancing. John Niemczyk will emcee the event.

The "Hejnal" Polish American folk dancers of Long Island will lead the festival program. Dressed in colorful, regional costumes, they will perform harvest, folk and traditional dances.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway off Exit 135 of the Garden State Parkway in Clark. General admission tickets for the festival are \$8; children under age 12 may attend for free.

Walkathon To Honor Valerie O'Rourke Foley

WESTFIELD - Valerie O'Rourke Foley was a 1981 graduate of Westfield High School. She worked at the Jolly Trolley for several years, and then as a sales rep for Adams Magnetic in Eatontown. Valerie had lived in Neptune with her husband, Bob, and son, Luke.

Ms. O'Rourke Foley was diagnosed with stage three ovarian cancer in the spring of 2003. She fought a brave and often humorous battle with her cancer for three years, but lost her fight in March 2006. Ms. O'Rourke Foley worked to increase awareness and education about ovarian cancer, and the Kaleidoscope of Hope organization was dear to her heart. She was able to take part in their walk in Morristown one year, and had dreamed of expanding the walkathons to the shore area where she lived.

This year, Kaleidoscope of Hope is holding its newest walk - the Avon/Monmouth County walk - on September 29 along the Avon-by-the-Sea boardwalk in honor of O'Rourke Foley.

Registration forms for the walk can be picked up at The Jolly Trolley on North Avenue or State Farm Insurance on Elm Street. Those unable to attend that would like to make a donation to the Kaleidoscope of Hope walk in Valerie's memory can contact Christine Cosenza at 2 Elm Street or (908) 233-9100.

Ovarian cancer is the fourth lead-

ing cause of cancer deaths among women. Additional information on the walk can be found on the Kaleidoscope of Hope walkathon's website at kohnj.org.

The Kaleidoscope of Hope, founded in 2000 as a nonprofit 501 (c) 3 corporation by three ovarian cancer survivors, is dedicated to raising funds for ovarian cancer research and awareness. It raises most of its funds through its annual walkathon events.

Trailside Offers Nature Hike on Horseback

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Trailside Nature and Science Center will offer a nature trail ride on horseback for adults ages 18 and older on Sunday, September 9, at Watchung Stable in Mountainside.

Sessions of 45 minutes will depart at 9, 10 and 11 a.m. Rides are suitable for beginners. Rides will go through the woods and fields on the way to Lake Surprise. A park naturalist will interpret sights and sounds and identify plants and wildlife.

Participants should wear sturdy shoes with a heel and a helmet if they have one. Pre-registration is required. The fee is \$35 per person for Union County residents and \$45 for out-of-county riders.

Those interested should call Watchung Stable at (908) 789-3665.

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POCAS COROA D'OURO RESERVE \$11.99
This is a classic example of judicious use of oak to add a small bit of weight to a delicate lovely wine. From the district in Portugal that is mostly famous for Port, this is made from Malvasia, Fina, Codega, Rabigato, Viosinho and Moscatel. It is aged in just a little Slovenian Oak. Lovely floral and citrus tones. This deserves a good fish dish.

CASTELLO DELLE REGINE ROSSO \$14.99
It is made of 50% Merlot and 50% Sangiovese and shows what thoughtful winemakers do. The merlot is aged in French Allier Oak and the sangiovese is aged in Slovenian casks. The Italians have used, for geographic and economic reasons, Slovenian oak for a very long time. Lots of bright berry fruit here, with fairly good depth, and just enough wood to add structure. Try with pasta or grilled sausage.

OAK LANE PINOT NOIR ROSE \$8.99
This Estate in South Africa dates to 1695. The Joubert family has owned it since 1800. This is a rare example of a rose made from pinot noir. The color almost suggests a red. Dry and complex, with lots of currant and black cherry flavors, this is extremely food friendly. Don't fear pink. This is one of the best values in the store.

Your Favorite Cordials

- Baileys \$17.99 750ml
- Romana Sambuca \$18.99 750ml
- Kahlua \$16.99 750ml
- Southern Comfort \$14.99 750ml
- Amaretto Di Saronno \$18.99 750ml

Your Favorite Vodka

- Absolut 80 \$29.99 1.75L
- Ketel One \$35.99 1.75L
- Grey Goose \$27.99 750ml
- Smirnoff \$19.99 1.75L
- Stolichnaya \$31.99 1.75L
- Sky \$25.99 1.75L
- Wolfschmidt \$13.99 1.75L
- Gordons \$15.99 1.75L

Your Favorite Scotch

- Dewars White Label \$29.99 1.75L
- Chivas Regal \$57.99 1.75L
- Johnnie Walker Black \$57.99 1.75L
- Johnnie Walker Red \$29.99 1.75L
- Clan MacGregor \$16.99 1.75L

Your Favorite Whiskey

- Jack Daniels \$37.99 1.75L
- Jim Beam \$25.99 1.75L
- Seagrams 7 \$15.99 1.75L

Your Favorite Gin

- Bombay Sapphire \$36.99 1.75L
- Tanqueray \$32.99 1.75L
- Hendricks \$28.99 750ml
- Beefeater \$29.99 1.75L
- Gordons \$15.99 1.75L
- Seagrams \$16.99 1.75L

Your Favorite Rum

- Captain Morgan \$25.99 1.75L
- Bacardi Silver \$19.99 1.75L
- Bacardi Gold \$19.99 1.75L
- Malibu \$25.99 1.75L

Your Favorite Wines

- Blackstone Merlot \$8.99 750ml
- J Lohr Chardonnay \$10.99 750ml
- Simi Chardonnay \$13.99 750ml
- BV Coastal Cabernet/Merlot \$7.99 750ml
- Hess Select Chardonnay \$9.99 750ml
- Toasted Head Chardonnay \$10.99 750ml

Your Favorite Value Wines

- Mondavi Coastal Cab/Merlot/Chardonnay \$16.99 1.5L
- Beringer Founders Cab/Merlot/Chardonnay \$15.99 1.5L
- Woodbridge Cab/Merlot/Chardonnay \$10.99 1.5L
- Vendange Cab/Merlot/Chardonnay \$6.99 1.5L
- Fetzer Cabernet/Chardonnay \$12.99 1.5L
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