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**THE TERROR...** Ed Zazzali of Scotch Plains took a trio of photographs from Newark of the collapse of the Twin Towers; Arts and Entertainment Editor Michelle H. LePoidevin captured pictures of the plumes of smoke raging against the New York City skyline while traffic was at a standstill outside of a vacant Newark International Airport. A Port Authority police officer directed cars away from New Jersey Turnpike, North, as cars and trucks, mostly from New York and New Jersey, seemingly traveled in circles, trying to navigate in safety.

## Twin Towers Destroyed

By DEBORAH MADISON  
Specially Written for The Times

In what is being equated with the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor in its devastating magnitude of death and destruction, Tuesday, September 11, 2001 will be a date infamously linked with the worst act of terrorism to ever touch American soil.

Countless numbers of lives and the New York City skyline have been horrifically altered by a terrorist attack that totally destroyed the World Trade Center Twin Towers after two hijacked airline jets crashed into the 110-story buildings. A third hijacked jet was intentionally plunged into the Pentagon 15 minutes before the first of the Twin Towers caved in and collapsed.

Two hijacked commercial airline jets were flown directly into The World Trade Center Twin Towers, located in Battery Park City in Lower Manhattan, on Tuesday morning in what is being described as a terrorist suicide mission. The North Tower was hit at approximately 8:45 a.m. near the 80th floor, and the South Tower was hit near the 70th floor at approximately 9:03 a.m.

As of yesterday morning, much of New York City was paralyzed by the attacks and many schools and businesses were shut down.

Both Trade Center towers had huge, gaping holes from which flames, smoke and debris poured out for hours after the crashes. A third hijacked jet subsequently crashed into the Pentagon at approximately 9:45 a.m. A fourth jet crashed approximately 80 miles outside of Pittsburgh at 10:10 a.m.

Then, one hour after the first crash, the North Tower collapsed on itself at 10 a.m. and the South Tower collapsed approximately one half-hour later at 10:30 a.m. Both towers crumbled into piles of rubble, sending shattered glass and a thick cloud

of smoke, debris and soot billowing into the streets of Lower Manhattan for hours, covering cars and people trapped in its blinding wake with silt and dust.

Although numerous of employees were evacuated after the initial plane crashes, eyewitness accounts from the streets below reported, on the major news stations, seeing people plunge out of upper-story windows, to their death, from the fiery floors above.

Thousands of terrified people ran frantically from the impenetrable cloud of smoke that enveloped the entire tip of Lower Manhattan after the buildings collapsed.

Hundreds of passengers aboard the four airplanes were immediately presumed dead, and thousands of New York City and Pentagon employees were injured. More than 50,000 people work in the World Trade Center and over 200,000 people travel through the towers on a daily basis. It is estimated that approximately 24,000 people work at the Pentagon.

As of Tuesday night, there were no official figures on the number of fatalities, although city officials estimated the number of casualties would be high due to the hundreds of emergency personnel in and around the buildings at the time of the collapses. As of 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, more than 600 firefighters and New York City police were still missing. New York City hospitals were filled with the injured, including victims with third-degree burns, smoke inhalation and many eye injuries from shattered, falling glass and debris.

New York Governor George Pataki and Acting Governor of New Jersey Donald T. DiFrancesco declared states of emergency, respectively, in order to have the power to summon the National Guard and other emergency personnel.

Thousands of emergency workers, including all police, fire and rescue squad workers were summoned to

## Commuters Riveted By Tragedy

By FRED LECOMTE  
Specially Written for The Times

Leaving behind the billowing plumes of smoke and terror striking Lower Manhattan, commuters arrived safely into Westfield's train station via NJ Transit from the city and Port Authority in Elizabeth.

Visibly anxious, commuters Mike Webb and Donald Glassford were willing to relate their experiences from a devas-

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Donald Glassford,  
Westfield

tating day that they could never anticipate.

Mr. Webb said, "Although at this time the Port Authority is closed, trains are running one way — out. It's a load and go situation."

"NJ Transit is very organized," Mr. Webb stressed. "They're getting everybody out."

An employee at CBS Sports, he was advised by his superiors not to come into the city yesterday, the day after the tragedy. Instead, he would conduct business by conference calls until further notice.

Mr. Glassford, who is employed as a distributor in auto services in Port Elizabeth, was one among many with a clearer view of the city.

He commented, "I saw the second plane heading across the river over Bayonne. What I saw

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### Emergency Information

**To donate blood:** Please call the American Red Cross — Westfield/Mountainside Chapter, (908) 232-7090; or the Tri-County Red Cross Chapter (operating out of Muhlenberg Regional Hospital), 322 West Front Street, Plainfield, covering Scotch Plains and Fanwood, (908) 756-6414; or North Jersey Blood Center, (800) 933-2566.

**Blood Drives:** Community Blood Drive, sponsored by American Red Cross of Westfield/Mountainside, Thursday, September 20, noon to 9 p.m., The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield.

For Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents: Thursday, September 13, Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Street, Cranford, 4 to 9 p.m.

**To report family members missing in the World Trade Center tragedy or related emergency information,** please call Westfield Police at (908) 789-4006, Scotch Plains Police at (908) 322-7100, Fanwood Police at (908) 322-5000 or Mountainside Police at (908) 232-8100.

For updated Westfield response efforts, please stay tuned to WCTV-36, which will post emergency information.

**Counseling Services:** Billington Center at Trinitas Hospital, 925 East Jersey Street, Elizabeth; Family Counseling Center, 300 North Avenue, East, Cranford; NBC-10 Counseling Center Hotline: (877) 996-2210.

**Emergency information for family members only:** Department of Justice survivor/victim family hotline, (800) 331-0075.

American Red Cross family inquiry alternate number, (215) 299-0134.

St. Vincent's Hospital, (212) 604-7285.

**Family information on passengers on hijacked airline flights that crashed:**

American Airlines, (800) 245-0999.

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## Towns and Residents Are Horrified By Terrorist Attacks In NYC, D.C.

By DEBORAH MADISON  
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Special procedures were put into place in the wake of Tuesday's disaster, and local officials responded with sensitivity, aware of the numerous area residents who would be affected by the tragic events that unfolded in New York City and Washington, D.C.

The Westfield Municipal Building was closed down, except for emergency personnel. Town employees were told to go home, to allow everyone an opportunity to cope with the magnitude of the day's events or to locate missing family and friends.

The Scotch Plains Municipal Building and offices remained opened, but those who needed to be permitted to leave work early. Municipal government meetings for both towns and a Westfield Board of Education meeting, which had been scheduled for Tuesday night, were cancelled.

In addition, the regular meeting of the Fanwood Borough Council, which had been set for tonight, has been postponed. It will be held next Thursday, September 20, at 8 p.m. in the Borough Council Chambers.

School officials in local districts held meetings as soon as the news broke, to discuss support services that could be implemented to help students and teachers.

In most districts, guidance counselors and psychologists from local service agencies were on hand to counsel students who were shaken up by the day's events. Some schools asked for a list of names of students whose parents worked in the city, so that emergency contacts could be located, in the event that parents were unable to arrive home when expected.

The Westfield Y, along with Westfield schools, made themselves available to house students whose parents or emergency contacts could not be located after school.

However, Assistant Executive Director of the Y, Fred Wasiak, reported that no school children were brought to the Y and all of the emergency contacts were located for those

youngsters whose parents could not leave New York City and arrive home when expected.

"Like the schools, we expect that we'll be helping many children to cope with their feelings about this tragedy over the coming weeks and months," Mr. Wasiak said.

Westfield High School Principal Dr. Robert G. Petix told *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that many special support efforts were implemented to help students cope with the events. After news broke of the attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, students were permitted to call home to verify their families' safety and students were allowed to go home with parents if they chose.

"We're cognizant that we have many families that may be drastically affected by this tragedy," Dr. Petix said. "Our main concern is that we provide the best support to students and teachers to help them to get through this. We are also trying to proceed with as normal a school environment as is possible, which is also helpful for other students."

Kathy Meyer, Public Information Coordinator for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district, told *The Times* that the district was helping students to cope, stay calm and focused, while maintaining as normal a school routine as was possible.

Children with parents who worked in New York were told to gather and wait until a parent or emergency guardian was contacted to bring them home.

People interested in donating greatly needed blood are asked to call 1-87-RED-CROSS (1-877-332-7677) or 1-800-933-2566, or to simply go to their nearest hospital. Hours at all sites have been extended until further notice.

Local reaction to Tuesday morning's terrorist attacks was marked by an array of emotions, including fear, anger and concern for the future of the United States and its national security.

"It's absolutely like nothing we have ever seen in our lifetime," stated

Brian Donahue, Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Michael A. Ferguson (R-7th).

Congressman Ferguson was reported to be safe at his home in Virginia after the attacks.

Mr. Donahue said prior to a cutoff of communications with the Washington office, the staff was "upset and nervous."

Westfield First Ward Councilman Peter Echausse, who was working in Midtown Manhattan at the time of the incidents, told *The Times*, "There won't be a community or a family in this area that is unaffected by this terrible tragedy."

Mr. Echausse rides the Raritan

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Horace R. Corbin for The Times

**RECALLING THE HORROR...** Advertising Director Fred Lecomte for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* captured commuters' reactions as they walked from the Westfield train station down Elm Street. Pictured, left to right, are: Mr. Lecomte, Port of Elizabeth employee Donald Glassford and Mike Webb of CBS Sports.



Ingrid McKinley for The Times

**DAYS BEFORE DESTRUCTION...** Richard McKinley, a Westfield resident, poses on top of the Ritz Carlton Hotel with the World Trade Towers in the background. This picture was taken just nine days before the massive destruction of the structures, which claimed many lives. Mr. McKinley witnessed the devastation from his job site.

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duty. Emergency workers from New Jersey were allowed to enter New York City to assist in containing the disaster.

Thousands of New Jersey commuters were trapped in New York City when bridges and tunnels were closed and most forms of public transportation were suspended for the remainder of the day. Many of those evacuated were advised by emergency personnel to wait inside nearby buildings until the smoke and falling debris settled. Rescue workers escorted the evacuated workers to Battery City Park, where tugboats, ferries and local cruise boats transported the shaken commuters across the Hudson River to Hoboken and Jersey City to other forms of transportation to various parts of New Jersey.

For most of the day, telephone service in and out of New York City was inoperable as the system was overburdened with calls from concerned family and friends, who anxiously awaited word on the whereabouts of their loved ones. Cell phone service in and out of the city worked intermittently or not at all at varying times.

The major network news stations, which transmit from the towers, including ABC, NBC and CBS, went off the air for several minutes immediately following the plane crashes and had interruptions in service for several hours. Emergency telephone numbers were announced on the networks for information about family and friends who worked in the Trade Center or who were passengers aboard the affected flights.

As of 11:15 p.m. on Tuesday, there were network reports of cell phone calls coming from inside the towers from survivors trapped under the debris. Many bodies were also pulled from the debris throughout the day, but exact numbers were not given.

The identity of the terrorists responsible for the attacks has not yet been confirmed by Tuesday night, but government sources reported that the Afghanistan Taliban, linked to Muslim terrorist leader Osama bin Laden claimed responsibility for the disasters.

He has also reportedly met with the Palestinian Islamic Jihad regarding their common hatred of the United States.

Several months ago, bin Laden was quoted as saying that he would exact "extreme vengeance" and retribution on the United States for political actions in the past.

Congressman James Moran of Virginia was quoted on an news Website as saying that he had learned at a Washington briefing that the fourth jet appeared to be headed for the Presidential retreat Camp David in Maryland, when it crashed 85 miles short of its intended target. Rumors that the government ordered the hijacked plane to be shot down were denied by the State Department.

Although Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld stopped short of declaring this an "act of war," when questioned on television by ABC reporters, President George W. Bush said that these horrible acts would not go unpunished once it was determined who was responsible.

Aircraft carriers were deployed off the East and West Coasts of the United States as a security measure, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Henry H. Shelton said, "the Armed Forces are ready to go." Most State Department buildings, including the White House, the Capitol, the Pentagon, the Supreme Court and many other government buildings in Washington, D.C. and in New York City were evacuated.

The collapse of the Twin Towers, which housed many administrative offices for international world banks and other financial institutions, forced the New York City Stock Exchange to close. Other stock exchanges worldwide followed suit as a precautionary measure.

Portions of the Pentagon, one of the largest buildings in the world and the seat of the Defense Department, collapsed after flames burned out of control for several hours. World Trade Tower no. 7 also collapsed, presumed to have been caused by associated fire.

The construction of the Trade Center began in 1966 and was completed in 1972. The towers were 1,368 feet tall — the tallest buildings in city and the third largest in the world. They housed many administrative offices of the world's largest, international banks and investment firms, including the offices of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. The towers were also the home of a 427,000-square-foot retail space known as The Mall, which was occupied by retailers such as The Gap, J. Crew, Banana Republic and The Limited. The towers also housed numerous museums, restaurants, hotels and a rooftop observatory. The world-renowned Windows on the World restaurant occupied the North Tower's 107th floor.

In an unprecedented move by the Federal Aviation Administration, airports throughout the nation were shut down and all commercial airline flights were ordered to land at the nearest airport.

Many municipal buildings in New York and New Jersey also closed to allow employees an opportunity to locate family members who were still trapped in New York. Most local schools remained open with counselors on hand to support students that were traumatized by the day's events. Many local students who have parents that work in New York were summoned to their school's guidance offices to be counseled and to ensure that they were released home to either a parent or emergency contact person at the close of the school day. Several local churches held or will hold special prayer services for those who were affected by the tragedies.

There is no word yet on the number of local families that will be seriously affected by the tragic events.

## SP Planning Board Okays AT&T Antennas Atop PSE&G Tower

By DEBORAH MADISON  
Specially Written for The Times

SCOTCH PLAINS -- The Scotch Plains Board of Adjustment approved another set of wireless communications antennas to be affixed to the top of the Public Service Electric and Gas (PSE&G) company tower on Raritan Road at their September 6 meeting.

AT&T will erect nine antennas on the 141-foot PSE&G tower. Each antenna is four feet in height and approximately nine inches wide.

The AT&T antennas will co-exist alongside the previously approved antennas of wireless companies. Nextell and Voicestream. AT&T had initially submitted an application last November to construct a 110-foot monopole on the grounds of the John H. Stamler Police Academy on Raritan Road, a fifth of a mile away from the PSE&G tower, in order to transmit service to the south side of Scotch Plains.

At last year's November 9 meeting, AT&T's radio frequency engineer Robert Navarro told the board that placement of AT&T's antennas on the PSE&G tower would interfere with coverage by Comcast Wireless of Middlesex County, which operates on a similar band with AT&T, necessitating the construction of a new monopole.

The board had, however, recommended to AT&T that it would be preferable for the antennas to be co-located on an existing tower, rather than constructing a new tower.

At the September 2001 meeting, AT&T's Engineer, Mark Brodsky told the Board that the PSE&G site was not available two years ago, but that Sprint's withdrawal of their ap-

plication opened up a spot for AT&T. When asked if there was a band with conflict with other frequencies, Mr. Brodsky assured the board that due to strict Federal Communication Commission (FCC) requirements, each wireless communications company was restricted to operating on a specific frequency band with, which would in no way interfere with the band widths of other carriers.

Mountain Avenue resident Thelma Gerber expressed her concerns that the placement of these antennas in town was causing interference with the radio and TV reception in her home.

The technology requires that each company place an equipment shelter at the base of the tower, with wires running up the tower connected to the antennas. Professional Planner for AT&T Peter Tolischus told the board that the 28-foot by 12-foot equipment shelter for AT&T would be camouflaged by landscaping and would be "barely visible to surrounding neighbors or passing motorists." The 11-foot tall shelter would be enclosed by an eight-foot high fence for safety reasons.

AT&T representatives presented testimony to the board that a gap in coverage for the Scotch Plains area necessitated the placement of the new antennas.

AT&T has several other wireless antenna locations in the area, including antennas on top of the Jerusalem Road water tower, along with antennas from several other wireless carriers at that location. The nature of the technology requires that antennas be placed approximately every mile and a half, in order to keep the signals sufficiently strong, with no gaps in coverage for each company.

Mr. Brodsky testified that the emissions emanated by these antennas were a tiny fraction of the safe, allowable limit set by the FCC and represented no health danger to the nursing home residents or to the residents of the surrounding neighborhood.

Several residents expressed their concern that the tower was located on the grounds of the Ashbrook Nursing Home and questioned the safety of the electro-magnetic frequency emissions (EMF's) generated by the cumulative effect of additional antennas at this location.

Board member Chris Abeel remarked that the existing shelters were visible from his property across the street and asked why the AT&T shelter needed to be so large. Mr. Brodsky explained that AT&T was allowing for the next generation of upgrades,

called third generation or 3-G, to be incorporated into the shelter, so that AT&T would not have to come back before the board to request an expansion in the future.

"The carriers will eventually need to expand if they want to incorporate the next generation of video-stream and email services, which are coming in the near future," Mr. Brodsky told the board. He explained that AT&T's antennas and shelter would have that capability without needing to apply for an expansion.

The board unanimously approved the application with conditions that motion-sensor lights will be used and that landscaping be planted to obscure the visual impact.

In another application, Sky Top Drive resident and amateur radio hobbyist, Gary Kath applied to the board for a variance to construct a 64-foot tall antenna tower in his backyard in order to enhance the signals he can send and receive from a ham radio from his home. The proposed steel tower, with a nine square-foot wide base, would extend to 35 feet in height when not in use or could be collapsed to a height of 21 feet in the event of inclement weather.

The two types of antennas that could be affixed to the top of the tower would expand to either 16 feet in diameter or 27 feet in diameter, depending on the type of antenna used.

Mr. Kath currently has an 18-foot tall antenna tower in his yard, which does not require a height variance. Mr. Kath explained to the board that with his current equipment, some signals are weakened by the height of the surrounding mountains. He can currently communicate with hundreds of countries all over the world, he stated, but loses transmissions and has interference due to the limitations of his current set up.

"The proposed antenna tower would greatly enhance the enjoyment of my hobby," Mr. Kath told the board.

Mr. Kath's property occupies an 82-foot by 190-foot lot and his near neighbor's home is more than 65 feet from the tower, he explained, making the tower safe, in the event that it fell.

"I work close by and in the event of inclement weather, could quickly come home to secure the tower," he explained. He also told the board that he is licensed by the FCC to operate on certain bandwidths that do not interfere with other bandwidths in the area.

Several neighbors expressed their opposition to Mr. Kath's proposal, on the grounds that it imposed a negative visual impact on their neighborhood and posed some safety concerns.

Board members agreed with the neighbors' objections and denied Mr. Kath's request for a variance.

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Valley NJ Transit train from the Westfield train station into New York City every day, along with many local commuters. He said the scene inside the city was "surreal," as deserted streets filled with huge plumes of smoke.

Mr. Echausse, along with thousands of New Jersey commuters, was stranded in New York for hours after the attacks.

"It was many hours before I could verify that my brothers, who work near the World Trade Center, were safe," he said.

Westfield resident Richard McKinley works in Battery Park City at the Ritz Carlton Hotel and Residences, less than a quarter of a mile away from the Twin Towers. He was at his company's construction site when the first plane crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Along with approximately 300 co-workers on his job site, Mr. McKinley watched the flames and debris billow out of the gaping hole in the North Tower, then watched in disbelief and horror as the second plane slammed into the South Tower.

Mr. McKinley and his co-workers watched the Twin Towers burning for several minutes, until his job site was evacuated.

"We were told to go to an area in Battery Park City about 100 yards away from our job site," Mr. McKinley related. The park was filled with thousands of shocked and frightened employees who had been evacuated, he said.

Many of those waiting in the park made attempts to call home on their cellular telephones, which were not working, he related. Some family members could call in, however. Among them was Mr. McKinley's wife, Ingrid, a photographer with *The Times*, who reached her husband to confirm that he was safe.

While he was on the phone with his wife, the first Tower suddenly

collapsed. At that moment, Mrs. McKinley saw the tower collapse on television and also lost cell phone contact with her husband.

"I was frightened," Mrs. McKinley said. "I could only imagine all of the horrible things that might be happening to him."

"I saw the top 20 floors fall on the floors below," Mr. McKinley recalled. "The columns tumbled out like toothpicks. Plumes of thick, dark smoke billowed out, engulfing the park and plunging thousands of people in the park into total blindness. Ashes, concrete dust and debris were flying everywhere. Everyone was covered in dust and soot."

Mr. McKinley said that up until the collapse, the crowds of people had remained pretty calm and orderly. However, when the thick billows of smoke and debris filled the air, that calm exploded into panic, as terrified citizens began to run and scream.

"I couldn't see anything and lost my sense of direction. It was total chaos," Mr. McKinley remembered. "I could hear jets flying overhead. I didn't know if the attacks were over or if I'd get out alive."

Mr. McKinley said that along with thousands of other people, he spent the next two hours waiting in the lobby of a nearby building. They were advised by emergency personnel to wait inside until the smoke and debris cleared.

### Rider University Reveals Dean's List Recipients

AREA — The Deans of Rider University's College of Business Administration; Continuing Studies; and Liberal Arts, Education and Sciences have announced the names of local undergraduate students who have been placed on the Dean's List for academic excellence during the spring 2001 semester.

These students include Jodi Baker of Westfield, who is focusing her studies on elementary education and psychology. Scotch Plains resident Melanie Mele, an elementary education and communications major, was also named to the list.

"I was thankful to be inside because it was difficult to breathe outside," he stated.

While waiting in the lobby, Mr. McKinley's thoughts returned to his family. He said he felt a tremendous need to make his way uptown, but wasn't sure if it was safe to leave the building. Meanwhile, in New Jersey, his wife grew increasingly anxious, as cell phone service was not working.

Eventually, Mr. McKinley managed to call his secretary, who then called his wife to tell her the good news: Mr. McKinley was still alive and safe.

She was relieved, but like so many other people, still in shock. So was her husband. They both had friends and co-workers who worked in the Trade Center area.

Scotch Plains resident Michael Bush witnessed the second plane crash from a train window, while en route to his job in the city.

"Our illusion of security has been shattered," Mr. Bush commented. His wife, Lois Bush, remarked that, "our lives and the safety we had are forever changed and will never be the same again, especially for our children."

Fellow Scotch Plains resident Ruth Hancile, who also works in

Midtown Manhattan, was on a bus on the New Jersey Turnpike when the first Tower was hit. The bus was forced to turn around and return to points in New Jersey.

"It was only by the grace of God that I was an hour late for work that morning," Mrs. Hancile said.

"These terrorists seem to know so much about our security systems and airport routines. Why don't we have the same intelligence about their activities as they have about us?" she asked.

"How were they allowed to slip through airport security with weapons? We obviously only had the illusion of security at our airports," she added.

By Tuesday night, it was still unknown how many New Jersey residents were trapped inside New York City or how many local families had lost a loved one in the day's horrific events. More than 50,000 people worked in the World Trade Center and over 200,000 people traveled through the Towers on a daily basis.

What is known is that this area, particularly Westfield, has a very high commuter ridership into New York City. It is expected to be days before exact numbers of injuries and fatalities are reported.



BRAND NEW BOOKS... Students in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools will have access to new books on science, nature and the environment during the current and future academic years thanks to members of Fanwood's Clean Communities Group. Members presented the books to the district's media centers. Group members Bob McCarthy and Linda Talcot, left, are shown reviewing some of the new sections with School One Elementary Media Specialist Terene Labrecque and K-6 Language Arts Supervisor Diane Kelly.

## Nursing Pupils Earn Grants From SP Woman's Club

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains Woman's Club, a member of The General Federation of Women's Clubs, awarded three scholarships to three young women who will pursue a career in nursing.

Shakeha Wyatt, the daughter of Shirley Wyatt, will attend Rutgers University.

Elizabeth Ann Tumolo, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Tumolo, will attend Boston College.

Christin Kurz, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Soloway, will

attend Villanova University.

The organization's main purpose is to raise funds for scholarships to be given annually to a qualified individual from

Fanwood Elizabeth Ann Tumolo or Scotch Plains, who is interested in pursuing a career in nursing.

The club meets at The Scotch Hills Country Club at noon on the second Wednesday of the month from September to May. New members are wel-

## SP-F Graduate Boykin Is 'Leader of Tomorrow'

SCOTCH PLAINS — Marvin Boykin, a 2001 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, will begin his studies in business this fall at Bentley College in Waltham, Mass., aided by a full-tuition scholarship from the school and a \$1,000 award from the National Black MBA Association (NBMBAA) as a "Leader of Tomorrow."

Marvin participated in four years during his high school career in a specially-designed Association program at Rutgers University, in which a network of mentors helped participants develop career goals, build motivation and self-esteem, and prepare for college attendance.

The 10-year-old NBMBAA, the world's largest association for Black business professionals, is a leader in the creation of economic and intellectual wealth for the African-American community. The Leaders of Tomorrow program was developed because of a need for mentoring and nurturing among minority high school students, who demonstrate leadership talents, but require additional motivational factors in their lives for that talent to emerge and be fully realized.

Karen McDermott, District Supervisor of Guidance, shared the pride of Marvin's family and community supporters in his accomplishment.

"Marvin was always an extremely hard worker who I'm sure will use his personality, talents and college experience to become a real superstar in the business world one day," she stated.

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next was just incomprehensible to me...this huge orange fireball."

"Later, I saw yet another unbelievable sight, the collapse of the tower. It just dropped down," he said. "A still emotional Mr. Glassford added, "It's an absolute horror, thinking something like this can happen here. Such an organized attack taking place over so many different places is just totally, unbelievable, totally unexpected. There just are no words."

## Emergency

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United Airlines, (800) 932-8555. Information on Pentagon victims for families only: (877) 663-6772.

Medical Personnel and Volunteers: Registered nurses and emergency medical services, (800) 628-0193; Doctors, (518) 431-7600; all other volunteers, (800) 801-8092.

United Fund of Westfield, (908) 233-2113.

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