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DOUBLE JEOPARDY...Last Wednesday's sudden windstorm knocked over many trees, pulled down wires and created power outages. A tree blocked the junction of Midway and Hunter Avenues. At the same location, a second tree damaged a house.

William A. Burke for The Times

SP-F School Bd. Reassures Public That Busing Problems Will Be Solved; Trees to Be Examined

By JENNIFER PINTO
Specially Written for The Times

On September 12, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education started their regular scheduled public meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of September 11.

A few parents gathered at the public meeting to voice their concerns about the recent busing-scheduling problem that the district faced during the first week of school.

"Day one did not go so well for us, many more parents were showing up at schools, there was more traffic," stated Business Administrator/Board Secretary Anthony Del Sordi.

"We are continuing to modify existing routes and we hope to add additional buses...by Tuesday (September 17) everything should be better," he added.

Scotch Plains resident, Andrew Baron, stated that parents on the westbound side of Route 22 were very concerned. However, Mr. Baron did thank School One Elementary Principal Jeffrey Grysko who, "sat with kids until 4 or 5 p.m. until the buses came."

Mr. Del Sordi told the parents, "Hold us accountable. Give us till Tuesday."

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carol Choye, briefed the public with an instructional update. Dr. Choye told the public how excited all the students and teachers were in reference to the new classrooms.

Dr. Choye also told Brunner Elementary School Principal, Jody Frank, who was present at the meeting that, "it was a pleasure being at Brunner."

Principal Frank made a PowerPoint presentation of a photomontage that she had put together from the construction project at Brunner School. Dr. Choye stated that, "all schools opened beautifully" and that a first grade teacher was hired for Brunner School one week prior to opening due to high enrollment.

"We hired over 71 new staff members, 59 are new teachers," stated Dr. Choye.

The school district is currently in the process of filling two positions, a learning consulting position and a hall monitor.

Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Margaret Hayes, reviewed the 2002-2003 program of studies for the elementary school, fifth grade and the middle school. Dr. Hayes thanked former Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Reagan for all of her work.

Board priorities included a construction update by Mr. Del Sordi. "There were some very tense moments as we moved down the last week," he said.

According to Mr. Del Sordi, the high school window project is just about complete and the second floor link will be complete on or about Sunday, December 1. With regard to Brunner School, the media center and the multipurpose room are due for completion around Friday, November 1.

"I have to tip my hat off to Anthony Del Sordi," stated board member Pat Hoynes-O'Connor.

A presentation and a request for a loan for a new playground at McGinn Elementary School was presented to the board by members of the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The presentation asked for a \$17,000 loan of which \$8,000 would be paid back by the end of the year. The PTA needs the extra funds to pay for the cost and installation of a rubber surface.

The PTA members said that this structure is safer and that it has been installed at other playgrounds in the area. The loan would also cover the cost of double shredded mulch that would be placed above the rubber

surface. The board made no decision regarding the loan.

The school board briefly discussed clarifying and perhaps re-writing the tutoring policy due to a recent e-mail discussing a possible conflict of interest for teachers who tutor their own students. The board did not make any formal decisions.

The board also plans to look for a professional to inspect all of the district's trees in light of the recent tragedy at Westfield High School.

The next school board meeting will be held at the administration office on Thursday, September 26, at 7:45 p.m.

and she had been moved to a regular nursing unit.

According to her grandmother, Nancy Bregman, she was expected to go home yesterday or today and is expected to fully recover, said her father, Jonathan Gross.

According to Rogers Ramsey, a spokesman for University Hospital, another female and one male student were also brought to the facility the day of the accident, but were released that night.

Janina Scheitz, the spokeswoman for Overlook Hospital in Summit, where five students were taken, told *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that all five were released the



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Township Council Drafts Ordinance To Put Curb on Landscaping Hours

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for The Times

The Scotch Plains Township Council is in the process of drafting two ordinances, one that will restrict the hours when landscaping equipment can be used and another that will set guidelines for residents placing vegetative and solid waste at their curbs for pickup.

In response to complaints received from some homeowners, the council is likely to introduce an ordinance next month that will restrict the use of landscaping equipment — such as power lawnmowers, blowers, chainsaws and the like — by both professional landscapers and homeowners to between 7:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. during the week and between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. on weekends.

Violators would be subject to fines of \$50 to \$100. Due to the public safety interest in removing accumulated snow from driveways, sidewalks and other areas, snow removal equipment would be permitted at any time.

In response to some complaints about homeowners placing vegetative and solid waste in front of their homes weeks in advance of the scheduled pickup by the township, thus creating either an eyesore or a traffic

hazard, the council will soon put forth amendments to the local solid waste and recycling code that would allow residents to place materials at their curb no earlier than 10 days prior to any scheduled pickup.

The amendments will also set out penalties for those in violation, with the first penalty being a written warning and then, if the problem is not remedied, fines of \$50 and \$200 for the first offense and \$200 and \$1,000 for subsequent offenses.

"Our goal is not to give out summons," said Township Manager Thomas Atkins, but "to get the streets in better shape."

After the council discussed the language in both ordinances at its conference meeting on Tuesday night, Township Attorney Douglas Hansen said he will fine-tune the wording of both ordinances before presenting a final draft to the council at its Tuesday, October 1 conference meeting. It's hoped that the ordinances could then be formally introduced on October 8 and adopted on October 22.

In other business, Councilwoman Geri Samuel said several downtown business owners have spoken to her about the dangers presented by individuals skateboarding on steps and

sidewalks and in parking lots in the central business district.

"Someone is going to get hit by a car or fall and get hurt," she said, adding that it might be time to consider developing a skate park similar to what exists in Fanwood. She said the skateboarding on public and private property "is really getting out of

control."

Mayor Martin Marks said the Township Recreation Commission is already looking into the possibility of constructing a skate park. In the meantime, Mr. Hansen will investigate the possibility of drafting an ordinance to restrict skateboard-

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Murder of SP Resident Kristin Laurite Linked To Slaying in California

By DEBORAH MADISON
Specially Written for The Times

New evidence linking the August 2000 murder of a Scotch Plains resident in Arkansas to the murder of a California woman four months later has been discovered according to police in both states.

Matching DNA samples through a national computerized system, Merced California Police and Police in Conway County, Ark. have linked the two murders to the same killer, Conway County Sheriff Mark Flowers told *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*.

Kristin Laurite, 25, a Scotch Plains High School graduate, was passing through Conway County on her way to a new teaching job in Eureka, Calif. Her abandoned 1971 Volkswagen bus and her two dogs were discovered by a truck driver at an Arkansas rest stop outside of the town of Morrilton.

Police found Ms. Laurite's nude body a day later by a lake near Morrilton. She had been raped and fatally stabbed numerous times. Law officials had no clues as to the motive or identity of Ms. Laurite's killer. Four months later, in December of 2000, the nude body of Jackie Travis was found in her Merced California apartment.

The two cases were not linked

until July of 2001, when DNA samples from both victims were entered into the national computer matching system, Sheriff Flowers reported. Police in both states have met numerous times to share more evidence on these two cases and other, possibly related cases, Sheriff Flowers said.

Police also stated that Ms. Laurite and Ms. Travis, who were 20 years apart in age, had no connection to each other, other than being victims of the same killer.

"Unfortunately, the DNA evidence is the only break we've had in this case," Sheriff Flowers reported. He added that there is a possibility that the same killer has committed other murders and will commit more murders until he is caught. However, the police are not yet labeling these cases the work of a serial murderer, which by definition requires at least three victims.

"You can draw your own conclusions as to whether this is a serial killer," Sheriff Flowers remarked.

Shortly after her murder, Ms. Laurite's family set up a fund in her honor asking for contributions to assist in finding her killer. There is also a Kristin Laurite website, www.kristinlaurite.org, with more information on the fund and the ongoing investigation.

Westfield High School Freshman Dies After Tree Limb Fall; Eight Other Students Injured, One Seriously

By FRED LECOMTE and SUZETTE F. STALKER
Specially Written for The Times

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UNITED EFFORT...Immediate and effective response by numerous Union County emergency units provided assistance to numerous injured students.

evening of September 11.

A 9-1-1 call was received by the Westfield Police Department at 1 p.m. Units responding to the scene found two female students lying on the ground amid the debris from the fallen tree limb.

The Westfield Rescue Squad, Fire and Police departments all responded to the scene.

Other participating agencies included rescue squads from Mountainside, Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Roselle and Roselle Park. Medic units from Overlook Hospital in Summit and Rahway responded as well.

Other students who sustained injuries were Julie Ann Zenasara, 14; Rachel Fallig, 14; Laura Yee, 16; Kathrynne Read, 14; Alex Zierler, 14; Jaawell Faggins, 15, and Jenni

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Democrats Estrada, Proctor and Scutari Map Out Objectives for Freeholder Board Terms

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for The Times

Union County Democrats will be trying to maintain their 9-0 majority on the Board of Chosen Freeholders in this fall's elections.

Incumbents Nicholas Scutari and Angel Estrada will be running for reelection, while Freeholder Rick Proctor will be seeking a full three-year term after having been appointed earlier this year to fill the seat vacated by Linda Stender, who was elected to the State Assembly last year.

The candidates are being challenged by Republicans Joel Whitaker of Fanwood, Anira Clericuzio of

Cranford and Elyse Bochicchio Medved of Rahway.

Mr. Scutari is seeking his third term after having served as Vice Chairman of the Board in 1999 and Chairman two years ago. He told *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that he wants to continue identifying and protecting open space.

"There are more than 500,000 people living in just over 100 square miles in Union County, which means that green space is rare and must be preserved," said Mr. Scutari.

He added that continued improvements to the county's infrastructure, such as the renovations to the Lawrence and Milton Street bridges

in Rahway, as well as the opening of the global freight center on the New Jersey Turnpike, are also on his list of priorities.

Mr. Scutari, a Linden resident, is also calling for continuing the county's hazardous materials waste removal program as well as the child safety seat program.

Mr. Estrada is seeking a second term on the Freeholder Board. A former member of the Elizabeth Board of Education, he is stressing education in his campaign by calling for continued county support of Union County College and following through on the expansion of the Union County Vocational-Technical

School in Scotch Plains, a project the Freeholders approved earlier this year.

Mr. Estrada said that he wants to strengthen both the Freeholder Scholars Program, which is aimed at providing college educations for middle-income students, and the Y.E.S. program (Youth Employment Strategies).

The freeholder also told *The Times* that he wants to improve services aimed at senior citizens, including the Senior Focus and Seniors in Motion initiatives.

Mr. Proctor, the health officer for several county municipalities includ-

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE...New Jersey State Police Northstar Helicopter departs the Westfield High School accident scene transporting Greta Schoenemann, to University Hospital Trauma Center in Newark.

Westfield Police Department Plans to Launch New Emergency Call System, 'Reverse 911'

By **HORACE CORBIN**
Specially Written for The Times

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Police Department is installing an automated telephone calling system that will enable the department to provide recorded messages to residents and businesses, such as may be needed during times of an emergency.

The system, from the company known as "Reverse 911," will enable them to call any or all of the published telephone numbers in Westfield.

Westfield Police Chief Bernard Tracy told *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood* that he expects the system to be fully functional in about four weeks and that the total cost for the hardware and software is about \$24,000.

Chief Tracy said, "Software is being installed that will enable the department to select various calling zones or matrix of numbers within the town, depending on the need of the emergency. It's an added tool for the police department to serve the public."

There are eight telephone lines connected to the calling system to

keep the time for the messaging to a minimum. Even so, Chief Tracy estimated that it would take about 12 hours to call the entire town in the unlikely event that this became necessary. There are approximately 10,000 residences in Westfield.

The Chief said it is more likely that the calling system would be used in a matrix, rather than dialing the entire town.

"Recent headlines involving the abduction of children have heightened residents' fears and that is why we are anxious to provide Westfield law enforcement with another level of emergency communications," said Mayor Gregory McDermott.

"We have been working on this program for a while, but felt it was essential for it to be fully operational at the beginning of this school year," the Mayor noted.

The new calling system will enable the police department to send communications out to Westfield residents in a variety of ways. It can sort, send or search any published telephone number by name, by alphabetical order or by geography, including a single block or

any square radius.

Once a population is targeted, all residents with published numbers will receive a taped recording with an appropriate message related to the emergency.

"The Westfield Police Department believes that Reverse 911 will truly improve our ability to work not only within the community in the case of an emergency, but also better coordinate responses when there is an emergency on the county or state level," said Chief Tracy.

"The system can also be used for more informational purposes, including communicating with all the businesses in town on non-emergency situations," he added.

The Mayor and Police Chief expect the system to be particularly useful in the case of missing children, when quick communications is essential. "The ability to target communications to a specific geographic location will enable us to alert residents as to a missing child, thereby allowing designated Block Captains and their fellow neighbors to assist us in our search efforts," said Chief Tracy.

The Chief also noted that the

State of New Jersey has been participating in the AMBER Alert Program since August and that the new broadcast emergency response plan is activated by the State Police. In the case of the most serious child-abduction cases, Westfield police would immediately contact the State Police so that the AMBER plan could be used as needed.

"When time is of the essence, communications becomes a powerful tool," concluded Mayor McDermott. "We are hopeful that all Westfield residents will come to understand the program and recognize that every individual member of this community can help be a part of keeping our neighborhoods safe."

Mayor McDermott told *The Times* that Westfield has many communication tools that can be employed, including TV-36, e-mail notification lists, the town Internet site and loud speaker broadcasting in neighborhoods, along with systems used by the public schools and the newspapers.

The Chief also said that, once the ball is rolling, there is a strong "word of mouth" communication in Westfield.

The Times asked if the department is planning to organize and coordinate all these tools in the future. Lieutenant John Parizeau indicated that this appears feasible and that this is something that is being looked into.

Chief Tracy said that, ultimately, it is the police chief's responsibility to determine what message is to be sent to the public during emergencies. Obviously, however, he confers with the mayor and the town attorney.

"One example where the new calling system could be useful is such as occurred during the water crisis in September of 1999," said Chief Tracy. There are many other applications possible as well, such as checking on senior citizens in need of care and monitoring."

The newspaper asked about the difficulty observed during the water crisis of 1999 and during the World Trade Center tragedy for example, who determines what message to broadcast and how do all the government bodies coordinate with an emergency?"

Chief Tracy said, "Since the events of last year, the citizens can be assured that significant improvements have been made in this regard."

The Reverse 911 company states on its website that the system "is used effectively in over 100 U.S. communities, counties, commercial businesses and non-profit organizations to dramatically improve the lines of communication to the general population and targeted groups."

Chief Tracy said he does not think it is in use in the county, but that Union Township is working with a similar system and that the communities intend to compare notes.

For more information on the new system, email Chief Tracy at police@wpdnj.org or call (908) 789-4000.

Freeholders

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 ings Scotch Plains, has been a Freeholder since February and is finishing the remaining months of Mrs. Stender's term.

Mr. Proctor's focus during the campaign will include the aftermath of September 11, specifically continuing his role as coordinator of the county's emergency services in conjunction with federal, state and local officials to "ensure that the county is thoroughly prepared for any possibility."

He also wants to ensure, mainly via the county's federally-funded STAR Opportunity Center, that county families who lost jobs as a result of the terrorist attacks have continued access to job assistance and training.

Mr. Proctor, a Rahway resident, told *The Leader* that Union County's busy and vital transportation network "meets the growing needs of not only the regional economy but also an international economy."

Westfield Street Fair
To be Held Sunday
WESTFIELD -- The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a street fair, "FallFest" on Sunday, September 22, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The raindate is Sunday, September 29. Admission is free.

MS Council Pays Homage To Baseballers

By **JENNIFER PINTO**
Specially Written for The Times
MOUNTAINSIDE -- The Mountainside Borough Council awarded resolutions of commendation to three Mountainside teams during the regular public meeting on Tuesday, September 17. The three teams honored included the Mountainside Age 10 All-Star Baseball Team, Mountainside PAL Sponsored U-12 Girls All-Star Softball Team and Mountainside Age 13-14 All-Star Baseball Team.

Councilman Keith Turner read the resolutions for all three teams allowing each player and coach to be individually announced and handed a resolution.

After the brief ceremony the council, with the exception of Mayor Robert Vigilanti who was not present, approved minutes from the June 18, July 9, July 16, August 13 and August 20 meetings.

The council also accepted and agreed for a 100 percent disabled veteran to be exempted from property tax on block 5.A, lot 21.C. Children's Specialized Hospitals' exempt status for property tax was also given the green light.

Certification by council of the review of the annual audit for 2001, with no recommendations, was also approved. A resolution for a refund in the amount of \$5,584.41 was approved by the council for the tax appeal settlement on Block 7D Lot 40 on 1081 Bristol Road.

The council also approved the appointment of Debra Stroin as Police Administrative Assistant at the annual salary of \$30,000, effective on September 9 with a probationary period of 90 days.

The council officially appointed Jon Freer to the planning board to fill the unexpired term of Nancy Lauricella whose term would initially expire on Tuesday, December 31. The council also introduced ordinance 1053-2002 to amend the code of the Borough of Mountainside by adding a definition for residential dwelling.

In other business, bills and claims were approved in the amount of \$1,299,420.70. The appointment of Jeffrey Faulks and William McMeekan, Jr. to the Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department was briefly discussed by Councilman Werner Schon who stated, "two appointments to the fire department sets a high standard as far as participation."

The next meeting of the Mountainside Council is Tuesday, October 8.

Student Dies, Others Injured

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 fer Ann Lane, 15.

Classes resumed on Thursday morning and counseling was offered to the students.

According to an email sent from Westfield High School Principal Dr. Robert Petix, the high school will provide counseling and continued support to its staff and students this week and for as long as necessary.

"I was right in the front hallway when it was happening," recalled senior soccer star Susan Williams. "Our teacher had the door closed, because she did not want anyone to see what was going on. But then when I saw the faculty and people running, I thought it was 9/11 happening all over again."

"It was just terrible," she continued. "It was complete shock. It could have happened any period, when no one is outside, but no, it had to be at lunch period, when everyone is out there. Just horrible; I don't even know what to say."

On Monday night, more than 1,000 people gathered on the front lawn of the high school for a student-organized, candlelight vigil to honor Greta.

On September 11, Westfield police received approximately 20 calls about fallen branches around town, according to Lieutenant John Parizeau. In one incident, a large limb struck a woman at East Broad Street and Euclid Avenue at 12:45 p.m., knocking her down.

The 44-year-old Short Hills resident was treated at the scene by Westfield Rescue Squad personnel for scratches and minor cuts on both arms and was released.

A branch also crashed through the window of an unoccupied 1999 Honda that was parked on Nelson Place. The incident was reported at 4 p.m. but it was unknown exactly when the branch struck the car, Lieutenant Parizeau acknowledged.

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Westfield BOE Responds to Student Fatality; Ends Candidate Interviews

By **CHARLOTTE LEDERMAN**
Specially Written for The Times

WESTFIELD -- With great sadness, the Westfield Board of Education met this past Tuesday to hold what Board President Arlene Gardner called, "a special short meeting." Initially scheduled in order to interview final candidate William Sweeney for the vacant board position, much of the board's time was dedicated to mourning the loss of Westfield High School (WHS) student Greta Schoenemann.

Ms. Gardner emotionally relayed the grief of the board, stating that Westfield, "was once again struck by tragedy on 9/11." She further extended the board's sympathy to Greta's family and all who knew and loved her. Ms. Gardner later led all those present at the meeting in a commemorative moment of silence.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. William Foley, spoke of the Westfield school system's response to the tragic events. Tuesday, was the first day students attended WHS since Greta's death became known.

WHS Student Assistance Counselor, Maureen Mazzaresse, supported the regular classroom schedules in effect that day.

Dr. Foley said Ms. Mazzaresse stressed the importance of creating a sense of normalcy, "recognizing that 'different students need different ways to deal with grief.'"

Dr. Foley outlined the school's support system for its young adults during an early morning pre-class meeting.

"Teachers were given guidance on how to identify students in need of counseling and where to direct them," said Dr. Foley. Moreover, "seven counseling rooms were set up within the

school with more than a dozen specially trained professionals on hand to help."

Social workers, guidance counselors, and clergy contributed to the 25 trained adults positioned in the halls, courtyards, and offices throughout the school ready to speak to students who needed someone to talk to.

Dr. Foley told the board that the front of the high school has almost become a memorial setting for Greta. Here, students have placed "cards, notes, and signs," in addition to flowers. He added that, on Monday night, "close to 1,000 students, faculty, and parents attended a candlelight vigil" on the premises.

Dr. Foley said that coupled with Westfield's great loss was the comfort offered by the community's response. He remarked in closing that the outpouring of love exhibited here shows what a "caring and wonderful town this is."

After the moment of silence and flag salute, the board commenced with its interview.

Unable to attend the previous meeting, Mr. Sweeney was the final candidate to interview for the interim board position. Despite the week separating the two board meetings, all candidates were asked the same pre-selected questions and allowed a three-minute response time.

Mr. Sweeney previously sat on the Westfield school board from 1993 to 1996. His enjoyment of this experience prompted him to apply once again. Having worked on finance committees for the board in the past, he believes, if selected, his "experience and interest" in this area will be one of his greatest strengths.

He sees one of the most important issues facing the district today as dealing with the "difficult situations" created by "spending to accommodate the price of enrollment."

Mr. Sweeney also said that a board must, "have (the) courage to hold their ground" and "learn to say 'no,' because you can't do everything" with a limited budget.

Now an "empty nester," he feels he has the time necessary for a demanding position such as this. His experience with the Westfield school system includes seeing three children graduate from WHS. Mr. Sweeney has served on several boards, including the Westfield Architectural Review Board.

When asked if he would be willing to run in April, he replied that he hasn't "made a decision yet."

Following the conclusion of the interview, the board adjourned and moved into a closed, private session. The results will be made known as soon as possible. The board hopes the new board member will begin at the regularly scheduled meeting next week.

St. Peter's Prep Open House Scheduled for September 29

JERSEY CITY — St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City will hold its Fall Open House on Sunday, September 29, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the school's campus, which is located at 144 Grand Street. Prospective students and their parents are invited to attend.

Members of the St. Peter's Prep faculty and staff, as well as coaches, moderators, students and parents, will be

present to answer questions about the school and the admissions.

Tours of the campus and school facilities will be given throughout the afternoon. Applications for next year's freshman class will be available as well.

For more information or directions, please call (201) 547-6389 or visit www.stpetersprep.org.

WESTFIELD POLICE BLOTTER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- Anneliese Graczyk, 62, of Cranford was arrested and charged with shoplifting a necklace valued at \$18 from a store within the 600 block of North Avenue, West. She was released on her own recognizance with a summons.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- Diamond Clark, 20, and Arielle Warren, 20, both of Plainfield, were arrested and charged as disorderly persons after an altercation that occurred in a municipal parking lot located off of Central Avenue.

Warren was also wanted on warrants out of Westfield and South Plainfield and was turned over to South Plainfield authorities.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- Ringaudas Songaila, 28, of Garwood was arrested on South Avenue and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was subsequently turned over to a responsible party.

- Stanley F. Budd, 70, of Westfield was arrested at South Avenue, West and charged with being a disorderly person and with driving with a suspended license. He was released on his own recognizance with a summons.

Budd was also taken into custody on a contempt of court warrant from the

Municipal Court of Clark, for which he posted \$250 bail.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- Claudia Wiggins, 26, of Plainfield was arrested at a North Avenue store and charged with shoplifting and possession of burglary tools. She is alleged to have shoplifted \$100 worth of clothing from the store. Wiggins was released on her own recognizance with a summons.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- Nonna Kopylov, 52, of Scotch Plains was arrested and charged with shoplifting an article of clothing valued at \$67.99 from a North Avenue store. She was released on her own recognizance with a summons.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- A Marcellus Drive resident reported that a checkbook and some jewelry were removed from a safe in her home. She said she discovered the items were missing after a repairman had left the house.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- A burglary to a business in the 200 block of East Broad Street was reported, in which a safe containing \$9,100 in currency was missing.

- A set of golf clubs valued at \$700 was reported stolen from a business in the 700 block of Central Avenue.

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Landscaping

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 ing. Last Saturday, the township held a special auction to sell several items that were seized after the arrest last year of former Township Treasurer William Polidore for embezzlement of township funds.

With Councilwoman Paulette Coronato serving as auctioneer, bidders paid \$5,625 for a hotdog wagon, a man's gold ring, a gold watch and a set of golf clubs. In addition, a 1987 dump truck, which was not owned by Mr. Polidore, was also sold for \$2,000.

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