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**Letters to the Editor**  
**Our Firefighters and Police Put Their Lives on the Line For Us**  
 During the late morning hours of Monday, September 1, Labor Day, I stood with my wife on a lawn across the street from our business on South Avenue West, Racquets Etc, watching as the eastern side of Village Plaza was being consumed by out of control flames. As we stood there watching countless hours and decades of are lives possibly turning to ashes, we witnessed the most incredible series of events that you only see on big screen.  
 With Westfield Fire Department (WFD) pouring water from the street side, we witnessed fire companies from around Union County starting to arrive and stretching their water lines from as far away as the 7-11, nearly a quarter mile away.  
 We witnessed the Control and Command Center set up in front of us as radios squawked with commands to the arriving trucks under the direction of arriving chiefs with our WFD chiefs in the lead.  
 We witnessed Union County's EMS Response Team and the Westfield Rescue Squad arrive and set up shade and support for the firefighters and be there for any emergency that might arise.  
 We witnessed two WF firefighters blown across the sidewalk in front of JK Nail as the fire raged out of control.  
 We witnessed an incredible battle waged by the bravest firefighters in Union County, without stop, for hours until the fire finally succumbed to their relentless attack.  
 We witnessed local businesses bringing water to the exhausted firefighters without being noticed, except by us.  
 We walked over and thanked the crews for saving our business and witnessed their exhaustion first hand.

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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. Ampullaceous - Shaped like a bottle or inflated bladder  
 2. Simbil - A stork native to Africa  
 3. Holosericeous - Completely covered with minute silky hairs  
 4. Wurley - An Australian aboriginal hut  
**CREPITACULUM**  
 1. A rattle-like organ as of the rattlesnake  
 2. An indentation or loophole in the top of a battlement or wall  
 3. A burial vault  
 4. A wicker basket for holding fish  
**BATTUE**  
 1. Needless repetition of words in speaking or writing  
 2. A hunt conducted by driving game from cover to a place near waiting hunters  
 3. To cry out loud; to howl  
 4. Poor; weak; without strength  
**PALAESTRIC**  
 1. Heroic, said of a knight in Charlemagne's court  
 2. Suitable for a palace; large and ornate  
 3. Pertaining to wrestling  
 4. Pertaining to a large area, including Europe, northern Asia, Arabia and Africa  
**CHTHONOPHAGIA**  
 1. Eating only green plant life  
 2. Subsisting entirely on fish  
 3. The eating of raw flesh  
 4. An abnormal impulse to eat clay or soil

# Dear Middle Class America, You're Canceled!

From AmeriHealth New Jersey, September 2014, Important notification regarding your 2014 renewal. As a valued customer with AmeriHealth New Jersey, we would like to provide you with some information regarding your health care plan renewal in 2014. The federal law called the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) has requirements that will lead to changes for small employers, their employees, and dependents covered under small employer plans.  
 The most significant change is that most small employers will not be able to keep their current health plans beyond their renewal date in 2014 because the plans do not meet the ACA requirements. These plans will be non-renewed on the anniversary date in 2014...  
 Editorial response: Thousands of small businesses in New Jersey and hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, across the country, are receiving letters like this as the travesty of ObamaCare sinks its venom into the middle class. One reader writes, "I got the same cancellation letter from the same company. They offered a replacement, compliant policy with only a 59 percent increase. Totally !#&\*!"  
 We have been chronicling this perversion on our

website since 2013-11-21 - *Speaking Out For You. It's Too Late For Us... But You Can Still Save Yourself.* Only five million people have lost their health care so far because of ObamaCare... (see www.goleader.com).  
 During this time, we've reflected on actions that citizens must take in response. Matters are worse than imagined. Little known to the public is that the ObamaCare law contains a provision to pay healthcare providers for any losses that they may encounter as a result. In speaking with Congressmen and other officials, it appears that these payments will amount to tens of billions of dollars funded by the middle class taxpayers at the end of this year.  
 There are 21 ObamaCare U.S. Senators up for reelection in 2014 with more than half of those being vulnerable. Use your voice at the ballot box and make sure they don't get reelected. The General Election is Tuesday, November 4, 2014 - just 54 days from now.  
 Obama will be gone in 2016 but his blunders are spreading and increasing at an alarming rate. They are not limited to ObamaCare. Citizens must stand up to mitigate the damage being done to this country and to the world.

# Do We Need To Trash Our Town With Curbside Recycling?

I want to comment on remarks made by Fanwood Councilman Dan Levine in his letter of August 28 concerning recycling options for the borough. Councilman Levine states that proponents for curbside collection tend to cite convenience and space, further stating that "many homes do not have the space to store recyclables in between trips to the Center." Really? Fanwood residents have had to store recyclables for the last 20 to 25 years that the Recycling Center has been open and they would have to do the same for weekly curbside pick up so this argument really has no merit.  
 The Fanwood Recycling Center, staffed by dedicated volunteers, is a unique and valuable asset that provides the following benefits to the community and our residents.  
 The Center generates revenue that stays in the community providing much needed funds for various civic groups, whereas revenue from curbside recycling leaves the community for some corporation's profits.  
 The Center accepts and recycles many other materials keeping them from being dumped in landfills, whereas curbside recycling only ac-

cepts paper, cans, and bottles.  
 The Center is a self-contained facility whereas curbside recycling would require each household to place recycling containers at the curb. I have friends who live in a community with curbside pick up and collection days are a mess. Most containers remain outside all day and empty containers get blown around on windy days not to mention the problems with snow removal. Considering that each of Fanwood's 2,600 homes could be placing one to three recycling containers curbside on collection day, one can only imagine what thousands of these containers (do the math) will look like littering our streets. It's not a pretty picture and in my opinion would be a visual detriment to the community.  
 Fanwood is a wonderful small town community with a great quality of life and has been featured in recent publications as a great place to live and raise a family. Do we need to ruin that image that so many have worked hard to achieve, and trash our neighborhoods with curbside recycling? I hope not.  
**Jim and Lynne Augis**  
**Owners Racquets Etc.**  
**Westfield**

# Years May Pass, Lives Move On, But We Will Never Forget

In honor of you, and the 3,000 people who died in the World Trade Center, the hijackings and subsequent crashes of American Airlines Flight 11, United Airlines Flight 175, American Airlines Flight 77 and United Airlines Flight 93, we remember you. We will never forget you.  
 We will never quite be able to celebrate an anniversary, attend a wedding, witness a birth, or even look in the sky the same way again without thinking of you and everything that was lost that day 13 years ago.  
 Today, as on every anniversary of 9/11, your name will be read at a yearly ritual at the site of the attack by the someone who misses you, who still loves you. Our leaders asked us, as Americans, to observe a moment of silence. For many, that silence was filled with personal remembrances, prayers and thoughts of you.  
 Terrorism is not new, but the horrific brutality and loss of human life and physical property that occurred that day made a lasting impression on us.  
 We have tried to move on, but will continue to look back. The pain was deep and the healing is slow, but we want to make sure you know our future includes

you.  
 In April two years ago, One World Trade Center (Freedom Tower) became the tallest building in New York City, more than a decade after the destruction that occurred that beautiful September morning.  
 The spire, which stands a symbolic 1,776 feet above the ground, conveys our resilience. The tower reclaims the skyline, left vacant and empty after the Twin Towers were gone.  
 Your name is etched in the bronze panels of the 9/11 Memorial at Ground Zero. I think you would be happy to know it is visited daily by thousands of people from all over the world. You see, you may be gone but you will never be forgotten.  
 It is with feeling of loss and sadness that we look back on September 11, 2001. We revisit often the days that followed, the sense of community that emerged, the coming together as a nation. You will forever be included in an important part of our country's history.  
 As we commemorate the 13th anniversary of the day that changed our lives forever, we still struggle for answers. One answer I think we can all agree on. We will never forget.

# Lance's Office Thanked for Quickly Resolving Visa Issue

My daughter is attending university this semester in London and she needed to obtain a tier 4 student visa for this program. We started the process in late June and due to a mix up we had to redo everything at the last minute. It is nearly impossible to get in touch with anyone at the consulate to answer questions. We were desperate for help and were repeatedly told by everyone that there was nothing they could do.  
 We finally called Congressman Leonard Lance's office and explained our situation. We were never asked what party we voted for. We were never asked if we had made any donations. All we were asked is "how can we help you?" Within minutes, Congressman Lance's staff contacted the consulate in London and New York. They were persistent for two straight days to make sure our issue was resolved. Within 36 hours the visa was issued and my daughter was able to make it to her orientation and start her program. Without the Congressman's intervention it may have taken upwards of 10 days to resolve.  
 With all the negative press out there today I am elated to share this story as a grateful and appreciative constituent.  
**Michael Gordon**  
**Warren**

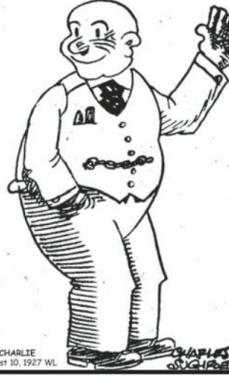
# SPF BOE Pres. Objects To Politics in Election

Since at least the mid 1980s, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District has been able to act in a non-partisan manner, with candidates for the board of education typically demonstrating a desire to "give back" to our communities. Most do not bring with them an agenda beyond the betterment of our schools, ensuring that we provide our students a strong education in a cost effective manner. Through the years, candidates have campaigned through lawn signs, post cards, knocking on doors, and/or letters to the local newspapers. Their support has come from friends and family and those who were elected were beholden to no one. Sadly, we are seeing a change to the lone non-affiliated candidate whose reason for running is driven by the desire to improve our schools.  
 It has been brought to my attention that the chairman of one of our political parties from Scotch Plains has circulated an e-mail endorsing two candidates for the board of education. Politics has NO business in a school board election, regardless of party affiliation. I believe it is imperative for all voters to learn the backgrounds of the candidates. Please carefully read the reasons for them wanting to run and what their expectations are as board members. Monday, October 20 is the scheduled evening for candidates' night, where board of education candidates will provide biographical information on themselves, as well as answer questions from a moderator and audience members. This is a good opportunity to hear first-hand their positions on a variety of topics and will afford the voters the chance to decide if the candidates' positions are in alignment with what your expectations are for a board of education member.  
 I strongly urge you to learn as much as you can about all the candidates running for the board of education.  
**Trip Whitehouse**  
**SPF BOE President**

# Love, Appreciate and Support The Leader As Our Local Paper

It has been quite some time that every Thursday when I read the letters to the editor in *The Westfield Leader*, I tell myself to send over a note...so today I finally did.  
 In my position as executive director for The Continuo Arts Foundation, a local non-profit organization, I have on-going interactions with many local, regional and statewide newspapers. In the not-so-distant-past a number of local papers transitioned to a much larger 'regional paper' umbrella.  
 The result of this cannot truly be understood until it happens; gone are many of the school updates, local event features, organizational announcements, sports columns and, for lack of a better description, 'home-based coverage.'  
 The impact is more than one would imagine and the resulting trickle down in lack of coverage to schools, churches, and organizations is significant.  
 Although so much of our news and interaction is now technology-based with information quite easy to find with the touch of a button, it is my opinion that the importance, presence and impact of a local paper in our community is paramount to the on-going sense of community, closeness, and the 'it-takes-a-village' mentality that we are so fortunate to live with in Westfield.  
 So, here's to a heightened awareness of what we have in the gem that is *The Westfield Leader* and encouragement to our many community partners, businesses and organizations to support OUR paper for generations to come.  
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# Meet the Mayor

Garwood Mayor Patricia Quattrocchi will resume meeting with residents in her office at the Borough Hall, on Saturday, September 20th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. No appointment is necessary and the meetings are private. Residents are urged to stop in and the mayor will answer questions and assist with resolving issues that they may have. Mayors Saturdays are on the third Saturday of each month.  
  
**NY GIANTS? GO BIG BLEW!**  
  
**Deadlines**  
 General News - Friday 4pm  
 Weekend Sports - Monday 12pm  
 Ad Reservation - Friday 4pm  
 Ad Submittal - Monday 12pm

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