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Letters to the Editor

Children's Access to Guns, Violence Plagues Our Society and Spirit

I understand that MSNBC visited the Westfield High School recently, though I did not see the discussion. However, I did come upon the Westfield High School TV program featuring some students commenting on that visit and their feelings about Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado.

May I recommend to the students at the high school, their parents and all residents of the town that they visit the library and read the new book by Tom Diaz, "Making a Killing: The Business of Guns in America."

The gun industry in America remains one of our most unregulated industries. Yet guns are a lethal and dangerous consumer product. Most of the guns are imported, from countries like Japan, Brazil, and Canada — and each of these countries have strict gun control laws in effect.

Australia, after just one school shooting incident, and Great Britain after just one such shooting event, both banned guns. We can do the same.

Columbine also shows us that we are unable to trace guns. It took investigators a week to find out where the guns came from. We have to empower the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) to regulate and control guns and investigate the illegal underground which exist where criminals trade and

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Additionally, like Coca Cola, Pepsi, Frito-Lay, and automobile manufacturers, the gun industry makes deals with Hollywood to get their merchandise displayed on the movie and TV screens. "Miami Vice" was a particular favorite. Sales of rifles and shotguns continue to fall. Most of the market is handguns which are continually made more lethal. And like the tobacco industry, the gun industry is trying to appeal to youth.

The gun industry has gotten grants in excess of \$300,000 from government (Wildlife/Interior Dept.) to put educational materials about guns in our schools from fourth grade onward. Taxpayers are funding the next generation of gun users.

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Whatever the violence of our culture — and we should certainly speak out about that issue — our culture is one thing, but our culture — plus guns — is another!

Statistics also show that our children are a peaceful community despite the media hype — except when they have free access to guns.

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Coalition for Hunger Awareness Thanks Police, Recreation Dept.

The Coalition for Hunger Awareness wishes to publicly thank the Westfield Police Department and Recreation Department for their kind support of our recent Rally Walk to End Local Hunger on May 2.

The Walk began and ended in Mindowaskin Park. The Police Department kindly provided an officer to accompany the largest group of walkers in crossing the many intersections along their five mile route.

The Recreation Department generously allowed the Coalition to reserve and use the park as a rallying point for the walkers and a venue for a fine program of entertainment and speakers.

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Youth and Family Counseling Service Thankful For Coverage of Concert

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Youth and Family Counseling Service, I would like to thank you for assisting us during the weeks preceding our ninth annual concert by the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea on May 1.

Your cooperation in publishing our news releases helped to make this the most successful in our nine years of presenting these concerts.

Not only did we have the largest attendance, but we also set a record financially, the latter being most important as it allows our staff to continue programs relating to parenting skills, parent/teen communication, relationships and other family issues.

Please extend our gratitude to those of your staff who helped us along the way.

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nutrition and weight loss. She has been included for the past two years in *Who's Who In Executives and Businesses*.

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For more information, please call (908) 789-3399. The first visit to the center is free.

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Mental Health Assoc. Of Union County Offers Two Support Groups

CRANFORD — The Mental health Association of Union County, a non-profit organization based in Cranford, is offering two support groups for victims and perpetrators of domestic violence.

"Choices" offers assistance for women who feel intimidated, manipulated or controlled by their partner. Support is offered for women who are physically and/or emotionally abused, who fear for their personal safety. This confidential support group meets weekly in Cranford.

A Certified Domestic Violence Specialist facilitates the group. An intake interview is required. For information, please call (908) 272-0304 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"Alternatives" is a support group for men who feel short-fused, aggressive, and verbally abusive. The group helps men take control of their behavior. Day and evening sessions are available in both English and Spanish. The group meets in Cranford, Westfield and Elizabeth. Sessions are facilitated by Licensed Professional Counselors who are Domestic Violence Specialists. Intake interview required.

For schedule and fee information, please call (908) 272-0304, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.