



AN INTERESTING SIGN OF HOPE...Despite all the devastation at "Ground Zero", a ray of hope in the shape of a cross remains. The United States flag waves in the background.

First Baptist Supports Humanitarian Efforts

WESTFIELD — On October 7, the First Baptist Church of Westfield, located at 170 Elm Street, began collecting donations for the 2001 World Mission Offering.

Collections received that first day reached 70 percent of First Baptist's 2001 goal of \$5,000. The Reverend Dr. Darla Turlington, Senior Minister, recently reported that \$4,610.95, or 95 percent of that goal, had been reached. Among the contributions was \$30 in coins collected by the church's Sunday School children.

As a cooperative effort with other Baptist churches that are affiliated with the American Baptist Churches of the USA (ABC/USA), the First Baptist Church of Westfield collects such donations on an annual basis.

These gifts fund the worldwide outreach efforts of the ABC/USA, supporting more than 150 missionaries in 28 countries. The International Ministries of ABC/USA also equip indigenous church leaders to manage and lead local congregations

throughout the world and finance numerous ongoing humanitarian programs.

Such programs include relocation of displaced persons currently confined to refugee camps; feeding starving children in North Korea; providing AIDS education and care in South Africa, and empowering disadvantaged communities suffering from economic and political instability.

Anyone interested in contributing to the 2001 World Mission campaign may call the First Baptist Church at (908) 233-2278. Information on these ministries can be found on the denomination's International Ministries Web site, www.internationalministries.org.

Blood Drive Slated At Church Nov. 19

SUMMIT — St. John's Lutheran Church, located at 587 Springfield Avenue in Summit, will host a blood drive in Hinman Hall on Monday, November 19, from 2 to 7 p.m.

All blood types are needed, but there is a special need for O-cmv and O+cmv. The entire process, from registration to light refreshments, takes no more than an hour.

Donors should bring some form of identification with a picture or signature and have something to eat within three hours before donating.

For more information, please call the church office at (908) 918-2500. The church is accessible to the handicapped.

LEARN Program to Focus On Auto-Immune Diseases

SCOTCH PLAINS — The League for Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses (LEARN) will present an educational program entitled "Why Is My Body Killing Me? An Overview of Auto-Immune Diseases" on Monday, November 26, at 7:45 p.m. at the Parish House of All Saints' Church, 559 Park Avenue in Scotch Plains.

Marie Kassai, a registered nurse associated with Atlantic Health Systems at General Hospital Center in Passaic, will be the guest speaker.

LEARN, a not-for-profit professional organization for registered nurses, provides eight programs per

academic year on current nursing topics with Continuing Education/Contact Hours through the New Jersey State Nurses Association.

This program has been approved for 2.4 contact hours. In addition, the New Jersey Department of Education, Professional Standards Board, has granted Professional Development Hours for School Nurses.

The annual LEARN membership is \$40, or a guest fee of \$10 per program. For information, please write to: LEARN, P.O. Box 6, Scotch Plains 07076, or call (908) 754-9499 or (908) 272-7239.

People for Animals Seeks Loving Homes for Cats

GARWOOD — People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a pet adoption event on Saturday, November 10, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the PETVALU store at 300 South Avenue, Garwood, in the Garwood Mall.

Among the cats and kittens available for adoption will be "Olivia," a gray kitten and one of several siblings seeking a loving home. Olivia and her siblings are five months old

and are spayed or neutered, current with vaccinations and have tested negative for FIV and feline leukemia.

To adopt, or for information, please call (908) 688-1073 and press 8 for cat adoption or visit www.pfa.petfinder.org.

Foster homes are needed for many cats and dogs. Interested individuals are asked to call (908) 688-1073 and press 1 for dog fostering or 8 for cat fostering.



Olivia

PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY, CHANCERY DIVISION, UNION COUNTY, DOCKET NO. F-1062-99
NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO., PLAINTIFF vs. OMAR TANGARIFE, ET AL, DEFENDANT.
CIVIL ACTION, WRIT OF EXECUTION, DATED OCTOBER 26, 2000 FOR SALE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES.
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Union County Administration Building, 1st Floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, New Jersey on WEDNESDAY THE 28TH DAY OF NOVEMBER A.D., 2001 at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The judgment amount is ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY ONE & 09/100 (\$118,351.09).
The property to be sold is located in city of ELIZABETH, in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 641-643 GARDEN STREET, FORMERLY KNOWN AS 641 GARDEN STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07202
Tax Lot No. ACCT#: 407, in Block No. WARD; 6 FKA LOT NO. 6, BLOCK NO. 407
Dimensions of Lot (Approximately) 40 feet wide by 110 feet long.
Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the northerly side of Garden Street, distant 285 feet from the easterly side of Maple Avenue.
There is due approximately the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE & 31/100 (\$134,539.31) together with lawful interest and costs.
There is a full legal description on file in the Union County Sheriff's Office.
The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale.

RALPH FROELICH SHERIFF

FRANK J. MARTONE, P.C. — COUNSELLORS-AT-LAW
4 BRIGHTON ROAD
Clifton, New Jersey 07012
CH-755668 (WL)
4 T - 11/01, 11/05, 11/11 & 11/21/01
Fee: \$187.68

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD
Notice is hereby given that on November 28, 2001 at 8:00 p.m. in the Borough Hall of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey the Fanwood Planning Board will hold a public hearing to consider the appeal of Mr. Walter Hack for the construction of a deck on the property at 10 Montrose Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey also known as Block No. 14 Lot No. 4 on the Fanwood Tax Map. The following bulk variance is requested from the Land Use Ordinance of the Borough of Fanwood.
12.04E.6 Nature of Deficiency: rear yard setback; Permitted 25 feet; Present: 33 feet; Proposed 20 feet and such other relief that the board may deem appropriate.
All interested persons may be present and heard.
The file pertaining to this application is available for public inspection during normal business hours from the Secretary of the Board at the Administration Offices of the Borough of Fanwood at 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.
Walter Hack
10 Montrose Avenue
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
1 T - 11/08/01, The Times Fee: \$26.52



From the Archives of The Westfield Leader



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John List 30 Years Later: Looking Back At the Case That Terrorized a Town

KATHY HALVERSON
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times
Editor's Note: Ms. Halverson has compiled extensive research material on the John List murder case, which is available at www.goleader.com/list.

As Americans of all walks of life are caught up in a new form of global terrorism today, law enforcement agencies and the news media are looking back this month to 1971 — and a bizarre crime that shocked a nation and terrorized an entire community.

On November 9, 1971, John List, a tall, bespectacled resident of Westfield, brutally used a German-made 9-millimeter Steyr automatic pistol to murder his entire family — his wife, Helen; his mother, Alma, and his three teenage children, Patricia, John, Jr. and Frederick.

But then, leaving behind a written confession for his minister, List disappeared — as though he had dropped off the face of the earth. Police agencies from New Jersey to New York and elsewhere searched frantically for any evidence of the former Sunday School teacher. His car was located at JFK Airport in New York, but nowhere was John List to be found.

From the outset, there were unanswered questions, from the little to the large. Such as, whatever happened to the Lists' Pekinese dog, Tinkerbell? It supposedly ran away one week before the murders. Why did List not get counseling for his mental difficulties in the period before the murders? Why did authorities not notice that the family seemed to be living on the edge, financially and emotionally?

Outwardly, the family seemed normal. Helen loved to cook and had over 300 cookbooks. The boys loved baseball, especially the New York Mets. Patricia wanted to be an actress, and did well in local theater groups.

With the murders, List left behind a community not only caught up in horror and anger at the crime, but fear. Longtime residents remember the climate of apprehension that gripped Westfield — worries that List might still be in the area, eager to commit other crimes. Worries lingered that somehow, in some way, the List case might be the action of criminal groups or political radicals. But the deepest concerns of all involved the children of Westfield, confronted with news of the murders.

In fact, in his sentencing of List, Union County Superior Court Judge William L.E. Wertheimer spoke for many when he said that, "an entire generation of children grew up throughout the area, but primarily in Westfield, fearing that some day, somehow, some way, their father, their protector and provider, might mindlessly murder them."

The List case was covered from the outset by local news media. Papers ran pictures of List and his family, as well as his massive estate at 431 Hillside Avenue.

Clothing Drive Slated To Benefit Class of '02 At Governor Livingston

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — A used clothing drive will be held on Saturday, November 24, to benefit Project Graduation for Governor Livingston High School's Class of 2002.

The public is invited to bring wearable, used clothing to the Community Center at 29 Park Avenue in Berkeley Heights between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. that day.

All types of clothing are requested, including shoes, belts, handbags, hats, gloves and scarves, in addition to table linens, curtains, bedspreads, towels and stuffed animals. Pillows and blankets will not be accepted. Donations should not be torn or stained and must be delivered in tied plastic bags.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF FANWOOD PLANNING BOARD
Notice is hereby given that the PLANNING BOARD OF THE BOROUGH OF FANWOOD after public hearing granted approval to Mr. & Mrs. Todd Della Rocco to construct a patio on the property at 181 Herbert Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey being Block No. 84 Lot No. 18.
Documents pertaining to this application are available for public inspection at Borough Hall during normal business hours.
Todd & Elisa Della Rocco
181 Herbert Avenue
Fanwood, New Jersey 07023
1 T - 11/08/01, The Times Fee: \$14.79

Gradually, the public learned about the darker dimensions to the tragedy. Well educated, a military veteran, List had struggled to keep his family together. He was deep in debt, and had frequently renegotiated mortgage loans on his home. Out of work for many months in the period leading up to the murders, List had pretended to have a job — walking to the Westfield Train Station in the morning, hiding out around the town until the evening hours — and then arriving back home at night as though all was well.

His personal life was in disarray. Deeply religious, he worried that his daughter, Patricia, was becoming part of the hippie generation of the era. His wife was ill — later it would be revealed that she had syphilis, acquired through her first husband.

John's mother, who disliked her daughter-in-law (the feelings were mutual), had advanced the money to her son to buy the Westfield mansion.

List could be terribly demanding, and also coldly calculating. Shortly before killing his family, for example, he let the children have a Halloween party. But he was so crabby at the party that he kicked one of the young visitors. When List did kill his family, he burned all pictures of himself. But he forgot that his church had a picture of the family, including himself.

Law enforcement agencies, including the Westfield Police Department, were stymied by the crime. They had a confession, the gun, the bodies — all left behind by List, who had sought to tie up the case, even going so far as spelling out how the house could be sold to pay for the funeral. But there was no John List.

Police Chief James Moran used every investigative tool he could to find List; the case continued on over the years, also under current Chief Bernard A. Tracy, who started investigating it in the mid-1970s. Mr. Tracy later became Chief himself.

Westfield police, according to Chief Tracy, never gave up. They worked to dig up whatever leads they could find on List's whereabouts. Yet, as hard as they worked, he remained at large.

It was not until 1989 that List was found, following a segment on the killings that ran on the popular television show "America's Most Wanted." But the show did not come about by accident.

Chief Tracy, and members of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, had reportedly made contact with the show's producers about airing a segment on List, hoping that it might finally pinpoint his location.

The show, as is now well known, featured a sculptor's bust of what List might look like in the late 1980s, years after the crime. List, who by this time was known as Robert Clark, had remarried and was living in Virginia. But a former neighbor of the "Clarks" in Colorado recognized List.

List was arrested, returned to New Jersey and convicted. He is now in state prison in Trenton, from which authorities say he will never be released.

The List family is buried at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield. Alma is buried in Bay City, Michigan, where John was raised.

Looking back, it is clear that law enforcement agencies — especially the Westfield police — deserve kudos for finally cracking the case. "America's Most Wanted" also warrants praise.

However, one cannot help but regret that some social agency along the way — a church, or hospital, or school official — did not intervene and get the counseling for List that was obviously needed.

Today, fortunately, such groups are more active than in the 1970s.

The List case is now history. But for longtime residents of Westfield, it will never be forgotten. Nor will its lessons ever again be ignored.

Elisa F. Koppel Is Ordained As Rabbi at Recent Service

WESTFIELD — During a recent ordination and investiture service of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in New York, Elisa F. Koppel of Westfield was ordained as a rabbi in a ceremony that marked the ordination of 31 rabbis and the investiture of 11 cantors.

Rabbi Koppel grew up in Westfield, attended local public schools and received her religious education and training at Temple Emanu-El of Westfield, where her family has been members for many years.

In July, Rabbi Koppel became the assistant rabbi at the Community Synagogue of Port Washington, N.Y. She earned her bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass., with a major in English and a minor in elementary education, and her master's degree in Hebrew literature at HUC-JIR.

While a student at HUC-JIR, Rabbi Koppel was a rabbinical intern in Joplin, Mo. and Franklin Lakes. Most recently, she was the rabbinical intern at Temple Emanuel

in Worcester, Mass., where she served in various capacities, including working with youth programs, adult education and general rabbinical duties.

During her internship years, she also created junior congregational programs for fourth through seventh grades; led weekly Torah study groups, and taught introductory Hebrew and religious school classes, as well as many adult education classes in Jewish liturgy, holidays, Reform Judaism and Hebrew.

Rabbi Koppel has also taught Introduction to Judaism courses through the New Jersey-West Hudson Valley Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) for adults interested in learning about Judaism.

During her summers, she has served as a faculty member at the UAHC's Kutz Camp in Warwick, N.Y. For two years following college and before her admission to HUC-JIR, she worked for the UAHC's Youth Division, mainly in the college education department.

Westfield UNICO Seeks Literary Award Entries

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Chapter of UNICO National is seeking applicants for the Ella T. Grasso Literary Award, which recognizes the writing of essays and short stories on the Italian-American experience.

The award is named in honor of a former Governor of Connecticut, the daughter of Italian immigrants, who was educated at Mount Holyoke College, where she was a Phi Beta Kappa, and elected to two terms in the United States Congress.

Any United States citizen over age 18 is eligible to submit entries, which may include personal recollections, thoughts on being an Italian-American or appreciation of one's own Italian heritage.

Three prizes will be awarded, which are as follows: First prize, \$1,500; second prize, \$750, and third prize, \$500. Winners will be notified by June 15, 2002.

All entries must be original, unpublished essays or short stories of not less than 1,500 nor more than 2,000 words.

Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, originality, literary merit and suitability for publication. The topic must relate to the Italian-American experience.

All entries must be submitted in double-spaced, typewritten form in duplicate, on 8 1/2 by 11-inch paper.

Written entries become the property of UNICO National for purposes of publication in the UNICO Magazine or any supplement. Authors retain the right for publication elsewhere.

All entries must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2002 and mailed to: Westfield UNICO, P.O. Box 11, Westfield 07090.

For further information, please call Charles Grillo at (908) 654-3717 or send an email to mrbrprinting@home.com.