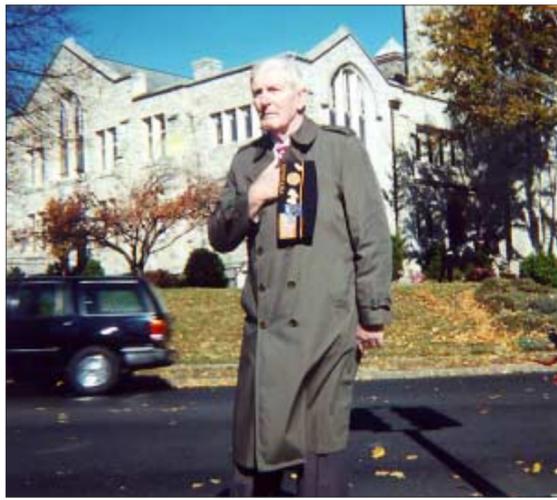


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Horace R. Corbin for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* paying his respects during the Veterans Day ceremony at the World War I Monument on the corner of North Avenue and Broad Street in Westfield.

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Family Chemical Wizardry Workshop, Sunday, December 9, 2 to 4 p.m., Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Cafeteria.
This workshop is open for children in grades 1 through 6 and parents participate in this program. Make a glob from glue, copper coat nickels with electricity, collapse a can with just air, and see an upside down glass of water.
The cost is \$15 residents and \$20 for non-residents. Those interested should register at the Recreation Office.
Radio City Tickets Are Now On Sale
The Scotch Plains Recreation Commission will be sponsoring a trip to Radio City Music Hall on Tuesday, December 11. The bus will depart from the Green Forest Parking lot at 3 p.m. for a 5 p.m. performance. The bus will return to Scotch Plains immediately following the show.
The cost is \$55 for Scotch Plains residents and \$60 for non-residents. Call the office for more details.

Letters to the Editor

Reader Chides Bad Values Exposed By Victoria's Secret in Downtown

My family selected the Town of Westfield in which to raise our family. Why? Because it was a wholesome town where people respected the rights of others.
Westfielders believed in good old-fashioned values, like respect your neighbors and people at large; embrace the inherent dignity of each and every person; teach children to strive to realize every ounce of their capabilities, and provide them with the tools to do so; value excellence; infuse our young with self-esteem; reward being a good neighbor, citizen, and person.
On the surface, at least, it sounded great. But I find after living here since 1991 that what Westfielders say they believe in and what they endorse our not always the same.
I specifically refer to the Victoria's Secrets store on Broad Street. Can you imagine, in your homes, having your children's friends visit while the woman of the house paraded around in front of them in her underwear?
It would be inappropriate, unthinkable, and probably illegal. Why? Because it is not appropriate for children, or adults, for that matter, so see women in their undergarments.
Yet, walk by Victoria's Secrets after leaving KayBee toys with your child, and they will see that in fact it is not only allowed, but also flaunted. It's ok for women to be indiscriminately exposed, viewed, and fantasized about. We don't respect women's privacy or dignity.
The message is that women are up for grabs. They are body parts that have no faces, but who passively expect close-up inspection of their groins in lacy underwear by anyone who chooses. I don't know about you, but I don't want my seven-year-old looking at women (whether they are in the flesh or body parts in store windows) as if they were slabs of meat in a butcher's window.
I believe this subtle messaging teaches people to objectify, demean, and disre-

spect women. It teaches girls to accept that their lot is to expose themselves for the viewing pleasure of the multitudes.
I believe it diminishes girls and women and retards their evolution into strong, fully realized proud people. I also believe it is much easier to do violence to a person or group who have been regarded as less than valuable people.
Stand up and say no to this kind of vulgar and dangerous store. If you want wholesome, then demand wholesome and accept no less. Our children are at stake.
I have a son, but if he were a she, I certainly wouldn't want her to think that what she saw in Victoria's Secrets window was a depiction of who or what she was.

Teri Gerson
Westfield

Walk Participants Thanked for Helping To Raise \$14,000

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Westfield Board of Education, the Westfield Policemen's Benevolent Association and countless neighbors and friends who donated money and or participated in the Walk for Celiac Disease Research, which was held on September 30.
All of your contributions were greatly appreciated. On the day of the walk, approximately 200 people participated and more than \$14,000 was raised for the Celiac Disease Center at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. I have spoken and met with Dr. Peter Green who is the chief research physician for Celiac Disease Center and he is ecstatic with the outcome of this walk, and thanks to each and everyone one of you for your contributions. I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sarah Heitner
Westfield

Is New Democratic Council Looking To Initiate Civil War In Westfield?

This letter concerns your front-page article of November 8th in *The Westfield Leader* on the Democrats gain of two seats in last week's election.
I am a Westfield resident that has had the opportunity to live on both sides of town. Mr. Walsh's comment about "second class treatment on the south side" disturbs me greatly. He then goes on to say people are sick and tired of the 100-year "good old boy network" in Westfield.
The "independent thinker," Susan Jacobson, then takes a swipe at Mayor McDermott saying that he is untrustworthy because he is not open and honest.
Oh really, Mrs. Jacobson? After I read

this comment, I said to myself that she has not yet been sworn in as councilwoman, and she's already started her run for Mayor next year. Contrary to what she says in the article, this is her agenda.
I ask is the new Democratic majority council looking to start a Westfield Civil War of north side vs. south side and Democrats vs. Republicans?
September 11th was a wake up call for our country. November 6th should be a wake up call for all residents of Westfield as this new council appears to be on a path of divisiveness that will hurt this great town.

Frank L. Arena
Westfield

Pat Walsh Thanks District 22 Voters For Support In State Assembly Run

To all of those wonderful people in this new 22nd District who worked so hard and gave me so much support, I say you, thank you, thank you.
We ran a good hard campaign and made an impact in this new district. The odds were against were us from the start - but that didn't stop us. We were not successful, but we have sent a message. We want legislators who are responsive, involved and who will work for this district.
It is time for all of to move on, unite and work together to improve things for the people in this district. It can be done. I saw a level of caring, energy and activism that will make a difference in the years to come.
For me this journey was a gift. I met so many wonderful people who

I learned from and will treasure. My life has been enriched.
To the municipal chairs, the committee people, the long-standing friends who stood by me and all the new ones met, to those who just called and came and worked, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.
For truly - you were the "wind beneath my wings."
Thank you and God bless you.
Patricia Walsh
Assembly Candidate
Green Brook

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