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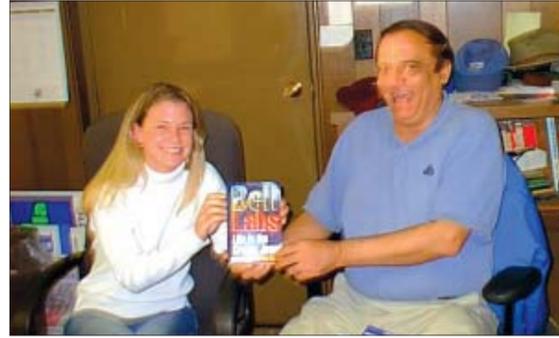
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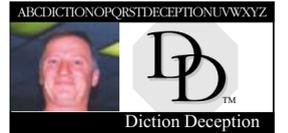
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BELL LABS EXPLAINED... Author Narain Gehani of Summit recalls a humorous story of people and life from his career at Bell Labs in Murray Hill. He discusses this and other material contained in his new book with Lauren Gruman in *The Westfield Leader/Times* office on October 18. The book, titled "Bell Labs, Life in the Crown Jewel," will be released in December.



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. Perfricate — To rub thoroughly
2. Milter — A male fish during breeding time
3. Periople — The outside, smooth, horny part of the hoof of a horse
4. Perron — An outside staircase

SPARTH

1. Scatter; disperse
2. A battle ax or mace
3. Agitation; violence
4. Toss; hurl

PLEACH

1. To interweave, as branches of trees
2. To flatten
3. To saturate; soak
4. To rub thoroughly

LEISTER

1. A tanner of pelts or animal skins
2. A landlord or land holder; especially in rural areas
3. A three-pronged, barbed spear for taking fish
4. A breed of long-wooled sheep

LIBANT

1. Capable of being poured; in a liquid state
2. Lighthearted; cheerful
3. Balanced; stable
4. Tasting or touching delicately

Sex Education Courses Should Be Taught To Younger Grades

The issue of whether or not sex education should be taught in schools has been a very controversial and long lasting one. By allowing sex education to be taught in schools, it provides teens with a source to gain knowledge about sex and the possible consequences that come with it. In 1996, Congress funded a \$250,000,000 program for sex education programs to leave out medical information about STDs and birth control. This program prevented teens from obtaining necessary knowledge about sex and its consequences. After the program was funded, teen pregnancy rates in the United States are still the highest of the industrialized countries.

Sexual education programs in public schools allows young adults to learn how to protect themselves while learning what some possible outcomes for their actions might be. By providing information about birth control, STDs, and how to protect yourself, schools allow teens to make decisions based on knowledge. The U.S. has the highest teen pregnancy rate. Is this due to when the sex ed programs begin? In the U.S., sex education classes usually begin after students have already begun to "experiment." If programs were started at younger ages, they might have better outcomes and a more positive effect on students.

Kasey Cass Westfield

Campaign Season Has Been Mostly Positive; Negative Tactics Will Not Intimidate Us

Year round, it is a great privilege for us to work with the leaders and officials of our towns, the county, the state and Congress. During campaign time, or "silly season," as we call it, it's particularly invigorating and exciting — a time of the year that we always look forward to.

The candidates for office are excellent, impassioned and dedicated. Our society is fortunate that there are such fine individuals willing to seek public office, to put it all on the line and to serve if they win. Half of them must all deal with the reality of losing.

Each candidate is supported by a host of campaign workers, volunteers and many others. As we near election eve, everyone is drained — they've given their all. Now it's your turn, my turn, and everyone's turn, to do their job on Tuesday, November 5 — VOTE.

As is our tradition, from September to the present, we published articles by the candidates each week so that they could express their views to you in writing on important issues. We made the space available for every candidate. Many have participated. Those candidates who wrote to you have spent considerable time and thought in composing their messages. We've found their writings to be important — we hope you've been reading. We hope that you've also noticed those that have not written to you.

This week's edition summarizes the candidates' in-

formation for your deliberation. You can retrieve all that has been said previously at www.goleader.com.

Each year, the campaigns have been well run and "mostly clean" on the local level. Such a fine tradition should not be blemished. Unfortunately, someone in our society, and we know not who, has crossed the line. One of our journalists has been harassed over some of her political news reporting. There have been intimidating phone calls made to her home, and a few thousand dollars of damage has occurred to her vehicle.

Sure, it made us mad. Then, we felt a little disappointed. Intimidate us? — Don't bet on it! We are a newspaper. It is our job and responsibility to report what happens in the towns, including what politicians say and do. We refuse to let one bad apple spoil the barrel.

There are many encouraging things going on. Please read page 6, where Jefferson Elementary School in Westfield held an assembly on October 25 — about "Character Counts, the importance of one's actions, and how they can make a difference." We're pleased to know that our children are being taught this way, and we should learn from them.

To anyone that wishes to discuss, debate or critique matters printed in this newspaper, call me — Horace Corbin, Publisher at (908) 232-4407.

Letters to the Editor

WF Resident Questions Parking Situation by Temple Emanu-El

At the conclusion of another High Holiday service, I find myself once again completely appalled at the parking situation by Temple Emanu-El. I am shocked that, after all that has gone on in the world lately, the residents of the neighborhood surrounding the Temple could not find it in their hearts to be more compassionate and considerate of people trying to peacefully follow their religious beliefs. For the town to stamp their seal of approval on this by posting "no parking" signs and, effectively, cutting in half the number of available parking spots, is outrageous. I understand, and agree, that those streets are small and narrow. That said, we are talking here about two days a year, four hours each day. One service commences after 6 p.m. and the other ends by 1 p.m. Can't these fine residents find it in their hearts to sacrifice a bit for the sake of their neighbors, their fellow members of the community? You all know us; we're the same people who stand beside you on the ball fields, the same people that you sit next to during Open School nights and all of the school plays.

There are real hardships created by this situation — congregants missing a portion of their services, people focused

on anger rather than atonement, families — some with little children, some with elderly relatives, some carrying full grocery bags for the Food Pantry, some with all different combinations of the above — unnecessarily inconvenienced.

My goal in this letter is to show the "other side" the full effects of "no parking" at the Temple. Now that everyone has a more complete understanding of this issue, it's time for the town to weigh all of the factors and decide the best course of action for the entire community. At least now nobody can honestly say, "I didn't know."

Jay Schuster Westfield

BRAKES Thanks Residents for Honoring Town Leaf Ordinance

The BRAKES Group would like to thank all Westfield residents who honored the town ordinance that forbids piling leaves into the streets prior to November 1. This ordinance was instituted by the town council last year to reduce the amount of time that leaf piles can cause hazardous conditions on our streets for pedestrians, bikers and drivers. It also provides for safer Trick or Treat routes!

Deirdre Gelinne Sara Strohecker Westfield

Parking Ticket at Tamaques Park Riles Westfield Sports Parent

Saturday morning, October 19, during my son's soccer game at upper field Tamaques Park, I received a parking ticket from Westfield's finest. The time on the ticket was approximately 8:30 a.m., and the violation was listed as prohibited area, parked on grass. My car was parked on the grass, as were five or six other cars, along the right hand side of the first lot after the park entrance.

My car was in the back right corner of this lot. It was not a safety concern. It was not blocking other cars. When I parked there, the lot was full, except for two empty handicapped spaces. Several other cars parked on the grass (posing no safety concerns) were ticketed.

Come on, give us a break! Ticketing Westfield parents attending their children's town sponsored soccer and football games at 8:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning? What are parents supposed to do? The park has inadequate parking! It is especially a problem at this particular lot, when everyone is attending morning games and practices. It is a problem all year long.

Richard T. Sauerwein Westfield

'Life In The Crown Jewel' Recalls Story of Bell Labs

By HORACE CORBIN
Specially Written for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

Coming in December, "Bell Labs, Life in the Crown Jewel," a book by author Narain Gehani of Summit, will offer a first-hand account of events that sparked the corporation's downward spiral and the lives impacted by these circumstances.

A top scientist, Mr. Gehani rubbed shoulders with many others such as himself — colleagues at the head of their class, including Nobel Prize winners — from the time he joined Bell Labs in 1978.

Mr. Gehani is a pleasant man, filled with optimism, although his career at "the greatest research lab of the 20th century" is now ended. He joins the ranks of hundreds of thousands of others touched by the downfall of Bell Labs at Murray Hill — or if not the downfall, the evisceration of the legendary institution as it was known. Scores in this area have been similarly affected, including past President of Bell Labs, Arun Netravali, and Ron Brachman, now a Director of Artificial Intelligence at DARPA — both of Westfield.

Much of the book is a history of people, who they were, their personalities, the culture and how they lived at the Lab. The author obviously writes from firsthand experience about a subject that required him to do little research. In poking fun at researchers that many believe to be arrogant or a bit strange, he tells of one scientist who walked backwards through the halls of Bell Labs. Amazed at what he saw of this brilliant researcher, he finally needed to ask about this unusual behavior. He found out that this man had injured knees and balance problems from an automobile accident; walking backwards turned out to be much easier for his colleague.

Mr. Gehani uses an easy style to describe business events since the Orwellian year of 1984, where the government breakup of AT&T was the genesis for trouble, resulting in the conditions facing Bell Labs today. He relates that executive management didn't realize the impact of such a change until many years later. Many back and forth actions were ineffective in preventing the spiral.

Then, there was the culture of the scientists — their thinking was that Bell Labs will always be, and no changes by the researchers are called for. The suggestion itself was perhaps sacrilege.

The book has nine chapters, the titles of which portray the content; *I Have A Job For Life, The Crown Jewel, Life At Murray Hill, Looking For Dung But Finding Gold, Do We Work For The Same Company?, What Are You Doing For Us?, Bell Labs Goes West, Maps On Us and Most Fantastic Place*.

The author addresses several technical topics that necessarily add to the relevance of the book, but does so without scaring away the reader. In everyday language, he references some of the Labs' accomplishments on subjects such as UNIX and programming, wave nature of matter, transistors, magnetic and disordered systems structure, Big Bang, trapping atoms with lasers and new particles with fractional charges.

Bell Labs still stands in Murray Hill, which is better known at this moment as the headquarters of Lucent — the stock from 80 dollars to 80 cents. Mr. Gehani notes that a bust of Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone and founder of AT&T, is located in the imposing atrium. On the statue are the words: "Leave the beaten track occasionally and dive into the woods. You will be certain to find something you have never seen before."

The book fully avoids social and political commentary. Nor is it overly critical of the events of Bell Labs. But, from what is not said, questions about the future of basic research and corporate life are readily brought to mind.

Millions of computer users each day use the creation of author Narain Gehani — Maps On Us. In a twist of fate, he is transitioning his career from engineer to publisher, with his wife, in Summit. Their company is named Silicon Press and is on the Internet at www.silicon-press.com; call (908) 273-8919, fax (908) 273-6149 or email info@silicon-press.com.

Mr. Gehani will hold a book signing at the Town Book Store in Westfield in December.

Assemblymen Bagger and Kean Propose Bills For Study of County Government

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times*

TRENTON — Identical bills currently working their way through the State Legislature would appropriate money for creation of a commission to study the effectiveness of county government in New Jersey.

Sponsored in the State Senate by Senator Richard Bagger (R-21) and in the State Assembly by Assemblyman Thomas Kean (R-21), the legislation's purpose, according to Mr. Kean, is to study "what county governments do well and what they don't do well and what can be better handled at other levels of government."

The Effectiveness of County Government Study Commission would be composed of nine members, including four from the Legislature and four gubernatorial appointees from among the general public, with the ninth member being the Commissioner of Community Affairs.

It would review "each function and service performed by county government," according to a statement from Senator Bagger's office, and "determine whether such functions and services are being performed most effectively and economically."

The panel would also make recommendations for reassigning any county functions and services to the state or municipal level.

Assemblyman Kean told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Times* that some areas where a county government's role could possibly be pared or eliminated included street plowing during snowstorms and maintenance of county parks.

"If we're serious about reducing the cost of government and enhancing efficiencies and reducing the tax burden, then let's examine these areas," he said.

He noted that the county government portion of local property tax bills is as high as 26 percent in Summit and 20 percent in West-

field, while in the Essex County town of Millburn, it's near 40 percent.

"Can some of these things be better done and done more effectively," Mr. Kean asked, "at other levels of government?"

Mr. Kean cautioned that any study commission would not reach identical conclusions about the governments in all 21 counties in the state.

"Union County's results may be different than in Salem County," he said.

He noted that strong county gov-

ernment structures are fairly unique to the northeast region of the country.

But, he added, "I'm not convinced we need to be governed by four separate levels of government — federal, state, county and municipal."

He said both he and Senator Bagger have written to the chairmen of the committees handling the legislation, asking for a full discussion and debate on their bills, which have been introduced in similar form over the past few legislative sessions.



Letters to the Editor

Resident Urges Parents to Contact School Boards to Delay Start Times

Today, over half of our nation's middle and high school students suffer from a form of insomnia. A teenage

mind typically needs sleep from 11 p.m. to 8 a.m.; however, work overloads and early start times make meeting this criterion nearly impossible.

Westfielder Offers Traffic Solutions

As I come to Westfield Avenue from the Broad Street circle, it is often difficult to see an outer line of traffic buzzing down South Avenue. The closer traffic lane turning into the circle can conceal that far line of traffic. But then I realize what it must be like to be a stranger to the territory, facing all those signs and lines which appear to give the right-of-way, except for those triangular yield spots. I just had to take a picture. There are lots of doctors' offices on the street that require patients to cross the South Avenue traffic, hopefully in a safe manner.

I realize that the circle will be changed, but in the mean time, couldn't the situation be clarified a bit and a curved line be put on the road, extending the circle, as paving is scheduled for this year? I think that small change could make a large difference. A computer-generated image of the revision is available to illustrate my point.

Rich Jurgens Westfield

With schools starting as early as 7:15 a.m., students who may not be as fortunate to procure a ride will wake about 5:30 p.m. School ends at 2:45 p.m. on average around the country, from here you have after school clubs, sports, extracurricular activities and homework, along with any other activity such as after school jobs or chores, which can take a person's activities well into the night, causing them to fall asleep far after the needed time of 11 p.m. As a result, most students are receiving between one and four too few hours of sleep, which can lead to lack in concentration, lower coordination, inhibited social skills and even depression.

During these, the most scrutinized and stressful years in a student career, sleep is an extremely important factor, for it is during these years that the rest of a person's life is determined, and something so simple as sleep should not be a limiting factor. Please urge your local school boards to move these early start times back.

Brian Doyle Westfield