Man on the Street: State Government Shutdown

Corynne Ninomiya

"I don’t think [state agencies] should have been shut down. The governor should have seen this coming and mobilized in advance. Everyone was talking about a one-cent increase [in the state sales tax]."

Mirejam Janesvera

"It’s a shock. The shutdown didn’t affect me, but the whole situation sucks. They’ve got to do something to stop makin’ taxes."

Kim Traeschenborn

"It’s ridiculous. Things like this shouldn’t happen. The people affected are almost like the state’s break in every way. They’re in line, in the dark, in a hurry, and they have nowhere to go."

Aden Toblo

Westfield Freeholder

"The shutdown was a waste. Running the sales tax doesn’t bother me. If it’s necessary, raise it a full cent more on every dollar because you’re not using the property tax."

Carl Bureau

Westfield Freeholder

"This is an evil thing. Governor Corzine made the wrong decision in both right, but I think the economic picture we’re under going—we need to raise taxes to get the state out of debt."

Dawn Puglisi

"I support the shutdown. I think the buildings are getting too expensive, and the legislature needs to look at the money we’re spending and the salary that we’re paying our representatives."

Bob Falpine

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Fanwood Democrats to Host Mini Golf Party, July 13

FANWOOD — The Committee to Elect Dolce and Valian will host a mini-golf party in the evening of mini-golf on Thursday, July 13 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Bay Hill Golf Complex, 100 Raritan Road in Clark. The committee promotes the election of Donna Dolce and David Valian to the Westfield Borough Council. For information, please call Bill Populus at (908) 232-0456.

Fanwood Notice

Any notices of the Fanwood Freeholder will be posted at the Freehold Office, 139 W. Main Street. For the benefit of the visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, we announce that there will be a New Jersey Code of Rules (NJCR) distributed upon request.

Corinne Names Dolce NJ Commission of Education

By KATE NINOMIYA

Westfield Borough Councilman Jon Corzine named retired Westfield city manager Diane D. Corinne as the new Department of Children and Families (DCF) commissioner on July 1. Mr. Corzine was named as acting commissioner on June 11 after former DCF Commissioner Robert White stepped down to accept the position of Westfield Borough Schools head of the School District. Mr. Corzine agreed to interview for the position.

After Mr. Corzine was named for the position, the Borough Manager informal met with the Westfield Freeholders. Mr. Corzine was described as a professional and thorough and has had more than 20 years of experience in public service. Mr. Corzine was the interim commissioner of DCF from July 1 to September 26, 2002.

Mr. Corzine served as an assemblyman from 1988 to 1997 and was appointed by Gov. James McGreevey as the acting commissioner for DCF in November 2003. Mr. Corzine was the only candidate to be interviewed for the office.

The appointment of Mr. Corzine as the new DCF commissioner is viewed as a strong move to strengthen the department’s ability to manage the state’s child welfare system. Mr. Corzine has a strong background in public service and has experience in managing large organizations.

In his previous role as the interim commissioner, Mr. Corzine has implemented several initiatives to improve the department’s performance. He has worked to improve the department’s response to child abuse and neglect cases and has implemented new policies to enhance the department’s ability to provide services to children and families.

Mr. Corzine has also been praised for his leadership and management skills. He has a strong track record of successful project management and has led several large-scale initiatives.

Mr. Corzine’s appointment is expected to be well received by the public and will likely be viewed as a positive move for the department. Mr. Corzine is a respected and experienced public servant who has a strong record of achievement in public service.

Gov. Creates $1.4 Billion Dept. of Children & Families

Senate President Steve Sweeney announced on Thursday that the state created a new billion-dollar department of children and families on July 7.

The new department is expected to be funded by a one-cent increase in the state sales tax. The department will have a budget of more than $1.4 billion and is expected to employ more than 2,000 people.

The department is expected to be responsible for providing services to children and families, including child welfare, adoption, and foster care. The department will also be responsible for implementing the new state sales tax and ensuring that the tax revenue is used to fund the department.

The department is expected to be led by a new commissioner who will be appointed by the Governor. The commissioner will be responsible for ensuring that the department is effectively managed and that the services it provides are of high quality.

The department is expected to be a major component of the state’s efforts to improve the well-being of children and families. The department will have a wide range of responsibilities, including providing services to children who are at risk of abuse or neglect, overseeing the adoption process, and providing services to families in need.

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Fanwood Brings In Jets... FANWOOD — The Fanwood Business Association will bring the New York Jets to town for the first time in their history on July 14.

The event will feature a tailgate party at 5:30 p.m. followed by the game at 7:30 p.m. at the LaGrande Park Pavilion. The event is open to the public, and tickets are available for $10 per person or $40 per family.

"The event will be a great way to bring the community together and show our support for the New York Jets," said Fanwood Business Association President John Dolce. "We are excited to bring this event to Fanwood and look forward to seeing everyone there."