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Letters to the Editor

Leash Your Dog Signs Needed At Brightwood Path Entrance

As a dog owner and animal lover, I am developing a growing concern regarding the amount of dog owners who walk their dogs in the public parks without a leash. I walk my dog in Brightwood Park on Prospect Street every day. On almost a weekly basis I run into a dog that is not leashed and I have to ask the owner to please come get their dog. I have a large dog and I have always been able to control her, however if a dog runs up to us from behind I may have a problem if I can't react quickly enough. I realize that it is impossible for the town to police this situation, but I would like to suggest that signs be put at the entrances of the path so people are made aware that they are to keep their pets leashed at all times. It is mentioned on the large sign at the park entrance, but it is such fine print it gets lost in all the rules and regulations. There is also a very weathered sign in the driveway saying to curb your dog, however it is no longer very legible and it is not in a place where anyone really notices it.

Amy Kern Westfield

Campaigning Face to Face Wins Local Elections

In your May 29th editorial, it was stated that "...345 voters turned out..." for the Garwood GOP Council Primary in 2013. Actually the number of GOP voters was 207. Three hundred forty-six votes were cast over a field of three candidates for two slots in the General Election. Councilman Mathieu won with 124 votes with the team of Mr. Martin receiving 119 and then Councilman Blaufeder with 102 each (and one Personal Choice). That suggests, at least, 83 voters exercised their franchise to the fullest and crossed the columns to vote for the maximum of two out of three choices, thus resulting in a 22-vote spread, which is significant. It is interesting in a race highly defined by the campaign that preceded.

With a 40 percent Garwood GOP turnout over the 24 percent of total Primary county-wide voting, it is more than ideology that drives municipal politics. I would suspect that face-to-face campaigning wins every time.

Roger Stryeski Roselle GOP Committee Chairman

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 Diction Deception

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. Erinaceus - Resembling a hedgehog
2. Acicular - Slender and pointed, like a needle
3. Icerya - A scale insect that infests the orange plant
4. Ozostomia - Bad breath

MELLIFEROUS

1. Producing honey
2. Flowing sweetly and smoothly, as in song
3. Producing a yellow, strongly-staining substance
4. Entrancing; mesmerizing

CROTALIDAE

1. A hard, brittle biscuit
2. An electric eel
3. The pit vipers
4. Relating to or like a sea slug or shell-less snail

TANIWAHA

1. A guardian spirit
2. A dragonlike beast in Maori legend
3. A nocturnal Australian marsupial.
4. A penguin

THREAP

1. To make or look smart; to dress up
2. A burrowing rodent that looks like a mole rat
3. To confuse or stun with noise
4. To insist or quarrel

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On 70th Anniversary of D-Day Invasion, We Honor Those Who Served and Died

Seventy years ago tomorrow, on June 6, 1944, United States, British and Canadian forces surged across the beaches of Normandy, France, in an epic air, land and sea campaign the world had not witnessed before. More than 150,000 troops, over 5,000 ships and 11,000 aircraft took part in the battle. Facing German military might and intense battlefield trauma, the United States and its allies nevertheless by day's end had set in motion events that would lead to eventual victory in Europe.

The cost of success on "D-Day" was high, with more than 4,000 Allied troops killed and thousands more wounded or missing in action. Yet within a week, these combined forces had fully secured the beaches at Normandy. The months that followed saw the Allies make headway across the French countryside, liberate Paris and launch an invasion of Germany. Less than a year after D-Day, on May 8, 1945, the Allies formally accepted Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender.

The 70th anniversary of D-Day lent a special poignancy to Memorial Day observances this year. Seven decades later, the magnitude of that day remains achingly vivid through powerful wartime images, along with the personal recollections of those who were there, and who have continued to keep alive the memory of their fallen comrades. The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in France is a testament to the ultimate sacrifice so

many made. Interred there are more than 9,300 Americans, most of whom were killed in the D-Day invasion and subsequent missions.

People of every nation owe an extraordinary debt of gratitude to those thousands of Americans - among our "Greatest Generation" - and our allies who served and who gave their lives that day. Their actions, their courage and their sacrifices led to the dismantling of a regime that threatened world domination; released millions from oppression and the horrors of the Holocaust, and preserved freedom for every generation that came after them. It is their legacy to all of humanity.

Each year more members of that unparalleled generation are lost to us. While we can never repay them for their heroism and the freedom they won for their country and the world, we are called to honor them and to remember D-Day and the victories that followed. The veterans of that day, both living and deceased, continue to inspire us. With this milestone anniversary, we are reminded anew that we are here today because they were there on D-Day.

"You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months," General Dwight D. Eisenhower told troops on the eve of the invasion. "The eyes of the world are upon you."

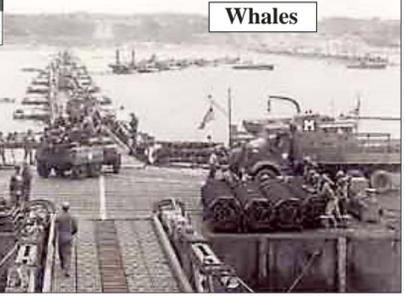
The eyes of the world can still look on that day, and those who participated, with awe.

D-Day Mulberrys and Commander Ellsberg

WESTFIELD - Extract of September 9, 2004 by Bud Boothe - Edward Ellsberg, a Westfielder, was involved in both the most important day in the 20th Century, D-Day, and the biggest issue in the Town of Westfield in the century, whether and

where to locate a replacement for the Elm Street High School. Well known as Commander Ellsberg, the career navy salvage engineering expert gave key advice that contributed to the D-Day invasion being successful, not withstanding

sticky issues between Britain and the U.S. and the respective military leaders. He was heavily involved in getting two prefabricated "Mulberry harbors" up and moved from England to the invasion coast. Lack of same could have been a disaster from lack of supplies and reinforcements.



ENGINEERING THE WAR...Mulberry Harbors at D-Day consisted of four parts. Furthest out were Bombardons (floating breakwaters). Inner breakwater was provided by concrete caissons (called Phoenix) that were watertight for crossing the Channel, then flooded and sunk. Inshore, there was Gooseberry, a line of old vessels sunk in shallow water. Finally, floating piers called Whales were connected by floating roadway that lead to the shore. See 2004/Sep/09 WF Leader.

Mr. Boothe discussed Commander Ellsberg's naval career, including inter-war submarine salvages and harbor clearings in the Red Sea and North Africa. An explanation was presented of the Mulberry Harbors and how the project almost failed. Mr. Boothe said of Cdr. Ellsberg, "I knew he had lived in Westfield before and during World War II, and had been on our board of education. "He died in 1983 at 91," Mr. Boothe said. Mr. Boothe discussed Mr. Ellsberg's importance to the town while serving on the board of education from 1935 to 1939.

It was during the Great Depression and the board was struggling over whether to replace or expand the high school in the Elm Street building. Commander Ellsberg fought with the board on a site that finally went to the voters who sided with him 4-1. The "official Edward Ellsberg" website is www.edwardellsberg.com. Peruse the 100 letters he wrote to his wife in Westfield from D-Day England, "Normandy Letters." They cover FDR's quest for a fourth term, about German generals, family affairs, balancing the checkbook and fixing the family furnace! Veterans of D-Day and World War II buffs may be particularly interested.

Westfielder Supports Updating 'Antiquated Liquor Laws'

I don't always want to eat a meal when I am out with my wife or my friends and, as a responsible adult I have never understood why I had to do so in order to enjoy an alcoholic beverage in Westfield. It is time for Westfield to update its antiquated liquor laws, that favor just a couple restaurants, to allow more of its restaurants to compete with those in Mountainside, Cranford, Summit and Scotch Plains! By allowing more options for our residents to choose, we can help to keep our downtown vibrant and prosperous.

Anything that can be done to make our downtown more prosperous can only help to increase our property values and keep Westfield as a destination of choice in New Jersey.

Shawn Hanna Westfield

Freeholders Refuse to Be Held Accountable for Sale of Runnells

Freeholder Bruce Bergen, quoted in the May 22nd issue of *The Westfield Leader*, when asked about the sale of Runnells Hospital, called it: "an unfortunate situation which was not caused by us (Union County Freeholders)." He went on to pass the blame for the closing of Runnells onto the state citing declining Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements. His comment is as laughable and believable as when a mother catches her child doing wrong and the child tells the mother he/she didn't do it, someone else did it. Can't you just hear the words roll of the child's mouth: 'I'm sorry mom you just have to believe me that it's just an unfortunate situation not caused by me?'

Well if that be the case, then how does he explain why five companies, with years of experience in running nursing homes, knowing the above and that when the hospital's financials were finally revealed it was disclosed to be losing upward of \$13.5 million per year, answered the county's RFP for the sale of the hospital? Why would any astute businessman wish to take on these hurdles and the terms of sale that would also require the

new owner to: 1) keep the same level of patient care, 2) same level of food service, 3) same number of beds, 4) now have to pay city, county, and state taxes on the property, and 5) and if by chance it should show profitability the profits must be shared with the county? His reasoning defies commonsense. The only thing to presumably have changed would be the management. The reality that the facility now has to be sold is exclusively due to the county's mismanagement of the facility attributable to too many patronage jobs with salaries/benefits not in-line with the private sector; which in my book equates to mismanagement on the part of the county.

But if by chance mismanagement is not the reason then I put forth that maybe it needs to be sold in order to pay for the new Galloping Hill Golf Course banquet hall/learning center/driving range and 2016 NJ Open quality golf course or the bond payments for the bankrupt Tioga Energy Solar fiasco that the entire county is on the hook for.

Jim Buettner Cranford

New Jersey Festival Orchestra Performance Was Best Ever

Beginning with full disclosure, I am an Honorary Trustee of the New Jersey Festival Orchestra, and consider Maestro David Wroe a close personal friend. My wife Kathleen and I had the distinct pleasure of attending Saturday night's performance of Mahler's Symphony # 2 *Resurrection*, held at the First Presbyterian Church in Westfield Saturday night. To suggest that this was by far the best performance ever by the Symphony would not be strong enough. The sheer explosive, powerful emotion of the composition, reflected by the very talented musicians, two outstanding soloists and professional chorus, Harmonium Choral Society, 75 mem-

bers strong, and the Ridge High School chorus, 45 members strong, made for an electric evening of entertainment for all. Maestro Wroe, conducting the orchestra without a note in front of him, put every ounce of energy he had while conducting to bring to the audience, and in many cases, the members of the orchestra, a once in a life time piece. My heartiest congratulations to the Symphony, Maestro Wroe, the soloists, choral members and, of course, the Board of Trustees for bringing this presentation to our area.

Keith Hertell Westfield

Resignation of VA Secretary Shinseki

I thank Secretary Shinseki for his dedicated public service, but leadership starts at the top and the backlog issues that preceded the appalling "waiting list" scandal have tarnished the Veterans Administration and failed our nation's heroes. I will soon partner with colleagues in the House to offer our servicemen and women greater options and ac-

cess to the care they need and deserve. These solutions will work to restore their faith in the VA. It is my hope today's (May 30) announcement turns the page on this disappointing chapter in our ongoing commitment to the people who fought to keep our nation free.

Rep. Leonard Lance R-7th District

Defunding the Internet Giveaway

We applaud Rep. Lance who stood up to pressure from international interests to defund all efforts from the Obama administration to give away control of the Internet. This example of the House of Representatives uti-

lizing the power of the purse to rein in the out-of-control Obama administration sets an important precedent for the next three years. We call on Rep. Lance to urge Speaker Boehner to hold firm on the House's commitment to defund the Obama Internet giveaway to unknown, unaccountable international stakeholders when he negotiates the final funding package for the Commerce Department with the United States Senate.

Nathan Mehrens, President Americans for Limited Government

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Thank You For Caring

I'd like to thank all of the great volunteers, members of our Post 3 Legion Family (A.L. S.A.L AUXL), our friends at the Knights of Columbus, VFW, Westfield Troop 73 and Mountainside Boy Scout troops for a job well done in working together to place 4,272 flags on our veterans' graves at Fairview Cemetery. You took the time to pay tribute to friends, family members and people you never knew, who have fought in American wars so we could live in freedom. I look forward to you all volunteering your time and talent next year. Thanks again for a job well done. And if you would like to form a team and join us next year, please call me in March, we can always use the help.

Katherine Wening American Legion Post 3 Westfield

A Matter of Governance

On Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at the Garwood Planning Board meeting, I was disturbed to see that the meeting was run by the board attorney and not by the board chair. The attorney sat on the dais and directed all actions including re-framing testimony of speakers, cross examining witnesses, dominating discussion, collaborating directly with applicant's attorney and drawing conclusions to his own choosing. He steered the outcome. He even suspended the rules of the board that calls for adjournment at 11 p.m. - whereby matters then are ordinarily continued at future meetings. I appreciate that planning and zoning boards require detailed legal review of applications thus considerable attorney involvement may be required. However, for the attorney to actually run the meeting is inappropriate in my view. As with council meetings and as to how business is conducted in other towns, attorneys are hired as advisers to provide advice when requested by the officials. They do not run the meetings.

Horace Corbin Garwood

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