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Alleged PTA Intimidation

A Scotch Plains-Fanwood parent filed a formal complaint with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools’ Office of Investigations regarding alleged intimidation of Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA parents and members.

The complainant, who is a member of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA, along with Susan Groning and John Sullivan, both Scotch Plains-Fanwood public school parents, allege that their family was intimidated after their daughter, a 9th-grade student, was targeted for harassment.

The complaint was filed in response to the alleged intimidation, which occurred during a PTA meeting, where the complainant was accused of advocating for the rights of Scotch Plains-Fanwood parents and members.

The complaint also alleges that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA has failed to address the alleged intimidation and has instead supported the alleged harassers.

The complaint further alleges that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA has engaged in报复atory actions against the complainant and other Scotch Plains-Fanwood parents and members who have advocated for the rights of Scotch Plains-Fanwood parents and members.

The complaint calls for an investigation into the alleged intimidation and for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA to take steps to prevent further harassment.

The complaint concludes that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA has failed to protect the rights of Scotch Plains-Fanwood parents and members and that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA should be held accountable for its actions.

The complaint is being investigated by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools’ Office of Investigations.

BOE Election

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district will hold an election to fill the remaining term of the Board of Education seat vacated by the resignation of former Board President John Sullivan.

The election will be held on Tuesday, April 20, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

The Board of Education seat that will be filled is the seat vacated by Mr. Sullivan, who served on the Board of Education for the past three years.

The seat will be filled by a majority vote of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education members.

The election will be conducted under the provisions of the New Jersey School Board Election Law, and the ballot will be prepared by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

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Fanwood Mayor Mahr Predicts Significant Property Tax Increases

By TED RITTER

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains-Fanwood School PTA (SPFEA) has asked that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Taxpayers Association release a copy of a letter, written to Horace R. Corbin, for The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times, that was in fact written by Mary Savoca, a member of the SPFEA, to Mayor Paul Mahr.

The SPFEA wrote on Tuesday to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School Board of Education that the PTA was unhappy with the decision to fire a teacher, Brian Walter, in February. They have also sent a letter to the mayor asking to delay the School Board’s decision to fire the teacher.

The SPFEA has asked that the mayor consider the situation before making a decision, and that the teacher be given a chance to present his case.

The mayor has not yet responded to the SPFEA’s letter.

The SPFEA has also asked that the mayor consider the impact of the decision on the community.

Mary Savoca, a member of the SPFEA, said, “The PTA is not a negotiating unit. We are a community group, and we should be treated as such.”

The mayor has not yet responded to the SPFEA’s letter.

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The planning board approved the subdivision plan, which calls for 35 homes on 35 lots, with an average size of 6,600 square feet. The homes will be single-family, with four bedrooms, two-and-a-half to three full baths, and 2,500 to 3,000 square feet of living space, with four bedrooms and two-and-a-half to three full baths.

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Lincroft, where she has served as executive director of community and government relations, fund development, academic affairs at UCC for 10 years, according to in-service president John R. Farrell, Jr. The administration and staff, according to in-fact president effective January 1, “are very fortunate to have such a dedicated leader help build a generation of students in our community and foreseeing those needs in the future; administrative and fiscal expertise, and a commitment to expanding diversity of both student populations and our faculty, will serve future presidents — the next generation of New Jersey leaders well,” Mr. Richel said.

State Officials Remember Former Rep. Bob Franks

On July 28, 2010, Bob Franks, the New Jersey Assemblyman for the 13th Legislative District, passed away. Mr. Franks was 71. At the time of his death, Mr. Franks was an active member of the New Jersey House of Assembly and a lifelong Union County resident. He graduated from Monmouth University in 1965 and later attended the New York University School of Law, where he graduated in 1968.

In his career, Mr. Franks served as a New Jersey businessman and politician who was a dedicated public servant. He was first elected to the New Jersey General Assembly in 1975 and served as a member of the Assembly for 31 years. He was a member of the Assembly's Appropriations Committee and served as both the Appropriations Chairman and the Appropriations Majority Leader. Mr. Franks was also a member of the Assembly's Health and Education committees.

Mr. Franks was a devoted family man, public servant and advocate. He loved his family. Not only was Bob a great husband, but he was a great father to his family as well. Bob Franks was my mentor, my friend, and the person who inspired me to become a lawyer and a politician.

We will apply all diligence to focus on the coming extraordinary challenges over the next few years. Our state is faced with a significant budget gap and we must act now to ensure that our children and grandchildren have a bright future in New Jersey. I call on all of my colleagues in the Legislature to work with me to develop a responsible and effective plan to address this challenge.

Class to Offer Look at Benefits of Berries

A new class on the health benefits of berries will be held at the Union County Freeholders Administration Building in Elizabeth on Monday, May 2, from 6 to 7 p.m. The class will be presented by Mary Alice Sideris, a registered dietitian from the Department of Public Health and Community Wellness.

The class will cover the health benefits of berries, including their antioxidant properties, which may help reduce the risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and obesity. The class will also provide tips on how to incorporate berries into your daily diet.

For more information or to register for the class, please call the Union County Freeholders Administration Building at (908) 561-4980.

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Garwood BOE Candidates Give Their Positions During Forum

By SYLVIA TOLIS

ELIZABETH — Nine candidates have filed to run in the municipal elections. The candidates are vying for two seats being vacated by Sandro Villaraut, an incumbent who chose not to seek reelection. All of the candidates running for the seats carry three-year terms.

The Boards of Education in Garwood and Unionville are voting on budget proposals. Both schools are looking to make cuts due to the state aid cut of 78 percent, as well as the overall economy. The consolidation of schools and districts cutting their sports programs, support of keeping middle-school sports, and awareness. On Sunday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Westfield Neighborhood Council (WNC), there will be a rummage sale this Saturday and the extra tickets to flourish. It takes $2,000 just to "keep us running," according to Mrs. Withers.

"We've had kids who are doctors and lawyers, kids who went on to higher education," she added. "I think that's another reason why people love to get involved. Not only do you help the kids, but you become a part of a great community."
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Dedicated to Meeting the Challenges, I Seek Your Vote for Re-Election

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This is my third campaign, and it represents my belief that the vitality of our community is inextricably linked to the future of our schools. Unlike the last two elections, where I ran unopposed, this year presents me with a direct challenge.

The challenges we face are real - an aging student population, reduced state aid, and rising costs. However, I believe in Westfield and I believe that together we can overcome these obstacles.

I am a 30-year resident of Westfield. I have a master's degree in education and have held various leadership positions in the school district. I have worked to ensure that Westfield schools are well-prepared to meet the needs of our students.

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In mid March, The Westfield Area Chamber Seeks to Engage Folks in Need, a fundraiser event, was held at the Melville Inn. The mission of this event is to provide a venue for folks to network and improved ways to help your business support community organizations.

The event was a great success and we are already looking forward to next year's event.

Cohens Pleads Guilty

To Child Pornography

On March 27, 2010, a federal grand jury in Newark returned a one-count indictment charging special agent Michael Cohen, 39, of Westfield, N.J., with possession of child pornography.

The indictment charges the defendant with possessing child pornography on March 1, 2010.

Resolution of the case is pending.

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Library Announces Arrival of Lincoln Exhibit in May

SCOTCHPLAINS — "A Notebook for the Secretary of State," a look at President Abraham Lincoln's personal legal notebook, will be on display at the Scotch Plains Public Library starting on April 18th. The notebook, containing 500 pages, was transcribed by examining the 54th President's, Mr. Lincoln's, oratorical notes. It is the only known surviving copy of the original that was dictated by the President at the Scudder Mansion in Pluckemin. It will be on display for three weeks, ending on May 12th.

Library Director Mary M. Kogler and the Friends of Mindowaskin Park will be installed in the historic bandstand. Granite paving will be added to the walkway, along with some flowers, and benches will be added to the walk. The walk will be installed in the park's central area, as a replacement for the current walkway.

Brookdale Park in New Jersey. Mr. Vessey was a partner in the firm of Sosnoski, Vessey & Vessey, practicing in Scotch Plains for over four decades. He was a member of the firm's management committee and a member of the firm's executive committee, and was a member of the firm's litigation department.

The library, located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, currently is taking registration for all events. Early registration is recommended. All events are free and open to the public. The library can be reached at (908) 232-1776 or e-mail memorial.library@scotlib.org.

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Additionally, the museum will be hosting a "Sheep Gathering" on Saturday, April 25th, at 4 p.m. "The Sheep Gathering" will feature a "Sheep Shearing" demonstration, and a "Sheep and Wool" craft activity for children. Admission to the "Sheep Gathering" is $5 per family, and $1 per person. The "Sheep Gathering" is open to the public, and will be held in the school's large gymnasium.

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Doris A. Smith, 98, of Scotch Plains, lived a life filled with travel and adventure. She was a member of the Westfield Moose Chapter 98, and she was the recipient of the Lifetime Membership Award for over 40 years of service. She is survived by her husband, John; her children, Barbara, James, Peter, and Jane; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Geneva Weddle, 97, Leader in Alatena, Enjoyed Baking, Gardening, Crocheting

Geneva Norfleet Weddle, 97, who lived in Westfield, enjoyed baking, gardening, and crocheting. She was a leader in Alatena, a club for senior women. She was married to Bob Weddle and they had three children. She is survived by her husband, Bob; her children, Susan, Karen, and Jeff; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gina T. Powell, 54, Pennsauken Home Owner, Died of Cancer

Gina T. Powell, 54, of Pennsauken, New Jersey, passed away due to cancer. She was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and she was alick of New Jersey. She is survived by her husband, John; her children, Samantha, and Jack; and her grandchildren.

Janice K. Lemmer, 82, Scotch Plains, Died of Heart Failure

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Journey Into the Past:
A Look at WHS, 1935

Devil's Den

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Tic-Tac-Toe Tournament was held last week, and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Tic-Tac-Toe Team was victorious against the nearby Westfield High School team.

The Jr. Muttlers Bounce Back with a League Win

The Union County Boys Football Club (UCBF) defeated the boys’ team of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Tic-Tac-Toe Tournament, 10-0, in a match played at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Tic-Tac-Toe Tournament ground.

WW Wins Pole Vault at Coats Neck Relays

The Westfield High School boys’ track and field team made a strong showing at the Coats Neck Relays, which took place on April 5th. First place went to the boys at Westfield, who scored 10 points.

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FCB Golfers Get Fifth At Blue Devil Inv’t
The Westfield High School golf team placed fifth at the Blue Devil Invitational at Eagle Rock Golf Club on April 8. The Blue Devils finished with a score of 350, behind top four finishers: 316 for Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 320 for South River, 330 for Ridge and 334 for Westfield.

Softball Blue Devils, 4-3
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John Bohlinger netted four goals for the Blue Devils.

Westfield Crew Competes In Double-Header Weekend
Westfield rowers competed in the North Jersey Championships at Lyndhurst on April 10. The men’s team won 5-0 against Morristown, while the women’s team fell 5-1 to Morristown.

Baseball Raiders Nip Dayton Bulldogs, 5-1
The 5-2 Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School baseball team took five runs in the top of the ninth to defeat the Dayton Bulldogs, 5-1, at the Black Hawk in Bridgewater on April 10. Kyle McGraw had four hits and scored two runs, and Tim Younger had two hits, scored a run and drove in two runs for the Blue Devils.

Boy’s Tennis Blue Devils, 5-0
The Westfield Blue Devils defeated the Westfield High School boys tennis team 3-1. The Blue Devils won all of the matches except for the doubles at No. 2.

No. 1 Summit Boys Nip Blue Devils, 9-7
The Westfield High School boys tennis team got its first Summit Super Sectional win by beating the Blue Devils, 9-7.

No clean sheets: 4-3 Summit Boys Beat Blue Devils

Sayreville Girls Edge Blue Devils, 4-3
On April 10, the Sayreville Girls Golf Team defeated the Westfield High School girls golf team 4-3 in Sayreville. Sayreville’s first two matches were won 3-0 by the Blue Devils, while the third match was won 1-0 by Sayreville.

Blue Devil Nine Quietly Wins At Long Branch
On April 11, the Blue Devil nine-boat crew won at Long Branch.

Jammers, X-Men Win SFSP 300+ Hoops Challenge
The X-Men won the SFSP 300+ Hoops Challenge. The X-Men, who won the challenge in a tiebreaker over the Jammers, are the first team to win the challenge.

Correction and Update from April 1 Issue: The picture below had an incorrect caption
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COUGAR GIRLS WIN FIVE EVENTS, BOYS WIN 4X800

COUGAR BOYS, GIRLS FARE WELL

The first annual Mountain Valley Memorial Relays held at Roselle High School in Roselle Heights turned out to be a successful experience for the Cranford High School boys and girls track and field teams. Among their many second- and third place finishes, the Cougars' 4x400-meter relay qualified for Nationals. Cranford's boys won the 4x400-meter event.

Cranford leadoff runner Jeff Sun showed the rest of the pack how it's done for the Cougars. He had a great showing today, and they all can get better. "They had a good going today, and they all can get better," coach McCaffrey said. "Mark is a very competitive kid. He's got himself right back, and he got two big hits. He didn't hit the ball well, but he hit the ball well. He's a very coachable young man."
eight stolen bases. The baseball team is currently 5–1.

COUGAR ATHLETES OF THE WEEK…Nicole Kleiman and Eric Walano have been selected Cougar Athletes of the Week.

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tional events.
The Importance of Primary Elections; Best Chance to Get Rid of Incumbents

"Every vote means something," an ad for the League of Women Voters proclaims, and I agree with that. However, there is a trend growing in New Jersey and other states of using the "normal" election to vote out "incumbents," even if that "incumbent" is the incumbent for many years and not only in the local 

Thank you for listening to my ideas.

Bruce Baker, GOP
Westfield

The Role of School Board in the Promotion of Education

School Board members, like any other public official, have a responsibility to ensure that the educational experience of our children is of the highest quality possible. This includes making informed decisions based on thorough research and consultation with experts in the field of education.

In the past, the School Board has made decisions that have had a negative impact on the quality of education in Westfield. This has led to increased dissatisfaction among parents and students, as well as a decrease in the overall effectiveness of the school system.

It is essential that the School Board be held accountable for their actions and that they are transparent in their decision-making process. This includes providing regular updates on the status of important projects and initiatives, as well as how they plan to address any challenges that may arise.

The School Board should also be committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. This includes investing in the necessary resources, such as technology and specialized facilities, to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed.

In conclusion, the School Board has a critical role to play in the promotion of education in Westfield. They must be held accountable for their actions, transparent in their decision-making process, and committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all students.
Rummage Sale this Saturday, April 17, at the Willow Road Church. The sale will be held from 9am-3pm, Saturday, April 17. Household items and more! All in Excellent Condition! Bikes, Toys, Albums, Furniture, Books, Cupboards, costume jewelry, yard sale and garage sale items, basement items. More! Photos on photosales2010@scotlib.org. Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue. To register, follow the registration link on the Events tab of scotlib.org or call 732-581-4253.

Libraries

CLASSIFIEDS

FRIDAY, April 16, 9am - 4pm

WESTFIELD

WESTFIELD Memorial Library Presents its Annual Spring Book Sale. May 14th and 15th. Hours: Fri. & Sat. 9am-4pm.

Books: Paperbacks, hardcovers, children’s books, cookbooks, etc. CDs, DVDs, and more.

Located at 120 Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090. Call 908-232-2396 for directions.

EXTENDED HOURS

EDISON

The New Jersey Reformed Church, 1801 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison. The Church will be open on Sunday, April 18 from 4-6:30 PM for the annual Yard Sale. Items for sale will include housewares, books and DVDs, jewelry and knick knacks. There will also be a bake sale, raffle and a small canteen. Proceeds from the sale will go to the local Mountain duplication church in Haiti.

WESTFIELD

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Memorial Library is offering a free gift wrapping service for the upcoming Mother’s Day holiday. The library will be offering this service the Monday evening before Mother’s Day. The library will be open from 5PM to 9PM. The service will be provided by the Friends of the Library. To register call the library at 908-232-2396. There is no registration fee.

Great American Bake Sale, a national event sponsored by the American Diabetes Association, is coming to Scotch Plains and Westfield. The event will take place on Sunday, April 18, 10am - 3pm. This is the third year of Bake Sale on Sunday. Proceeds will go to support the activities of the American Diabetes Association.

For more information, call President John S. May at (908) 232-2396 or email jmay@westfield-nj.com.

Save Our Schools

Guv wants to cut more

Our children’s schools are at risk. What can we do to save them?

Join the Save Our Schools New Jersey Coalition and thousands of others who understand the importance of a quality education. Visit at www.saveourschoolsnj.com

Don’t Compromise Our Children’s Education by Not Passing WF budget

For America’s sake, for America’s children, for America’s future, we demand: Passage of the WF budget!

In case you haven’t noticed, the New Jersey Teachers Union has been a leader in the Save Our Schools New Jersey Coalition. We are proud of the work our members and leaders have done and we encourage them to keep working hard.

In the midst of a economic crisis, New Jersey schools have been hit especially hard. School districts have been forced to make difficult decisions about how to save money, including decreases in staff and programs and reductions in class sizes. In most districts, schools are currently down several hundred jobs. These cuts affect teachers and classes and lead to less support for our schools. Without proper funding, the quality of education is at risk.

According to Scott shows the coalition’s executive director, “the Children of New Jersey are being deprived of a quality education." The coalition is calling on the state to pass the WF budget.

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**Earth Day Birthday Fair To Take Place at Trailside**

MOUNTAINSIDE – Trailside Nature and Science Center will host an Earth Day Birthday Fair on Thursday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, and admission will be free.

For more information about the event, contact Susan Morton at (908) 232-1223 or visit coffeewithconscience.org.

**Funeral Services To Meet Next Week**

FANWOOD – Dr. John Radi of Fanwood, who passed away on March 24, will have his funeral service Monday afternoon at noon at the Hennessy Funeral Home in Westfield. A graveside service will take place at noon Tuesday at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Marion, Ohio.

Dr. Radi is survived by his wife, Jane, of Fanwood; his son, John, of Westfield; his daughter, Tricia, of Flemington; and four grandchildren.

Dr. Radi is a former superintendent of schools in Garwood and Fanwood. He also was a teacher at Garwood and Mountain Lakes high schools.

**5K Run/Walk Sunday to Aid Leukemia-Lymphoma Society**

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will present the second annual 5K Run/Walk to be held at the Rosary Altar Society’s试听 the Rosary, located at North and For- deson Boulevard, in Roselle Park. The 5K Run/Walk will take place on Sunday, April 11, beginning at 10 a.m. Registration forms can be downloaded at blondesociety.org and mailed in to the above address. Contact information is also available at blondesociety.org.

**Libraries Post Programs on College Funding**

FANWOOD – The Fanwood Memorial Library will host a personal finance program on how to navigate college funding on Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. The program will be presented by a local tax advisor.

**Black Achievers Ceremony Features Student Awards**

MOUNTAINSIDE – The Black Achievers Ceremony will be held Wednesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. at Rosary Memorial Church, located at North and For- deson Boulevard, in Roselle Park. The Black Achievers community is dedicated to helping community residents achieve their goals. Students who are identified are nominated by their school staff and students. For more information, please call Paul Lepore, president, at (908) 579-1030.

**Capstone Poem Series Will feature past Poet Roland**

Poetry Reading to Feature Roland on April 21

WESTFIELD – The Capstone Arts Foundation will present a poetry reading by a featured speaker April 21 at 3 p.m. in the Scotch Plains Fanwood Memorial Library. The featured speaker, David Roland, is the author of 12 full-length poetry collections and has been named Poet Laureate of New Jersey. Roland’s work has been widely published in magazines and anthologies, as well as in North American Review, Creative Nonfiction Review, Poetry Review, The New Yorker, and The New York Times Magazine. Roland was a founder of The Wizard of Oz, an annual arts festival in the Capital Region for new and emerging artists.

**Auditions for Wizard of Oz**

WESTFIELD – The Capstone Arts Foundation will hold auditions for the role of a young, age 9, on Thrus- day, April 15, at 7 p.m. in the Scotch Plains Fanwood Memorial Library. The role is to be The Wizard of Oz. Interested individuals are asked to prepare a 3-minute monologue, one minute of which must be the Wizard of Oz. Interested individuals are asked to prepare a 3-minute monologue, one minute of which must be a monologue from a Shakespeare play. An audition will be held at the library on April 15 at 7 p.m. Contact Susan Morton at (908) 232-1223 or visit capstonearts.org.

**Lucy Kaplansky Performs in Westfield, Supports Knost**

WESTFIELD – The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Regional Chamber of Commerce will present singer-songwriter Lucy Kaplansky on Thursday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Scotch Plains-Fanwood Regional Chamber of Commerce Community Room at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, located at 425 Finley Street, Scotch Plains.

For further information, contact Paul Lepore at (908) 579-1030 and check out their website, www.scotchplainsfanwoodchamber.com.

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**Outdoor Ads of different times on a moment to raise not only the spirits of individuals who have been diagnosed with cancer, but also the spirits of their families and friends,” said Richard Cohn, capacitor’s gravyman-wearing, “Steady On,” on May 19, 1912. But for more information about the show, please visit coffeewithconscience.org.
For Garwood’s Nierstedt, One More Hill to Climb

By MICHAEL J. POLLOCK

GARWOOD – When Jenna Nierstedt was informed that the Race Against Cancer would be held in her honor this fall, she wasn’t surprised. She knew the 18-year-old Princeton University freshman and her family would help select recipients.

Jenna Nierstedt of Garwood (pictured here as a candy scholar based on friendship) has recently been named the 2010 Princess Pinky Award winner.

“Boy, is this ever an honor,” said Jenna Nierstedt of Garwood, president of the Garwood Track Club, in response to her selection for the 2010 Princess Pinky Award. “To be remembered as both a high school and a college student is a great honor.”

Nierstedt, a leader on the Garwood boys’ cross country and track teams, has been a vocal advocate for a drug-free environment.

“I don’t care who I’ve befriended,” she said. “It’s nice to have a support network, and it’s nice to have someone who’s been there for you.”

She has also been active in fundraising efforts for the National Kidney Foundation.

“I think it’s important to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation,” said Nierstedt. “I want people to understand that organ donation is not only for the sick, but also for the healthy.”

The Princess Pinky Award is given to a female student athlete who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, academic excellence, and community service.

“I’m so grateful to have been chosen for this award,” said Nierstedt. “I’m honored to represent Garwood High School in this way.”

Family and friends have assisted the Nierstedt family in raising money for the cause.

“My family and I are working hard to raise funds for the Princess Pinky Award,” said Nierstedt’s mother, Mary. “We’re grateful for the support of our community.”

To learn more about the Princess Pinky Award, visit jennaruns.wordpress.com.

Westfield Film Festival

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Film Festival, which raises funds for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, will be held in Westfield this weekend.

“The festival is a great athletic feat...but the tremendous altruism,” said Jenna Nierstedt of Garwood, “is the most impressive.”

Colin, a Cranford High School student, is the recipient of the 2010 Princess Pinky Award.

“Colin is the type of student who is always trying to help others,” said Jenna Nierstedt. “He is an inspiration to those around him.”

The festival will feature screenings of a variety of films, including shorts and feature-length productions.

“Jenna Nierstedt is an incredible role model,” said Don T. McPhee, Festival Director. “She has been a vocal advocate for a drug-free environment and has volunteered countless hours to help others.”

Tickets are available at the door or online at westfieldfilmfest.org.

UCPAC in Rahway Presents

The Cartel

September with the Regina Taylor Manuscript

The Cartel is a twisty dark comedy about a drug lord’s family. It is set in the 1980s and follows the rise of a young man, Vicente, as he navigates the treacherous world of the drug trade.

The play features an all-star cast, including Golden Globe winner Ariana Grande. It is directed by Ruben Santiago-Hudson and written by John M. Jackson.

The Cartel will be performed at UCPAC in Rahway from September 7 to September 12. For tickets and more information, visit ucpac.org.

For more information, visit thelibrary.org.