

Obituaries

Stella Havas, 80, Was Former Resident; Worked as Secretary on Wall Street

Stella Havas of Berkeley Heights died on Thursday, June 14, at Overlook Medical Center in Summit after a long illness. She was 80.

Born in Jersey City July 31, 1931, she was the daughter of Thomas and Stella Eggleston Flaws, both of whom had settled in the United States from Newcastle on Tyne, England.

Following her education in the Jersey City public schools, she worked as a secretary on New York's Wall Street before marrying her high school sweetheart, John M. Havas, in 1951. Later that year she moved to Augusta, Ga., working for the U.S. Army Signal Corps, after her husband was called up for military service.

After her husband's discharge, Mrs. Havas retired from business to raise a family and moved back with him to Jersey City. The couple subsequently lived in Sayreville before moving to Westfield, where they lived for 30 years before retiring to Vero Beach, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. Havas returned to New Jersey in 2008, settling in Berkeley Heights.

Stella Havas is survived by her husband of 61 years, a retired

businessman. Her survivors also include a son, John R. Havas of Berkeley Heights; two daughters, Valerie Havas Schwab of Stone Ridge, N.Y. and Nancy Farrell of South Orange, N.J.; five grandchildren and a sister, Letitia Berkoben of Westwood, N.J.

Following cremation, a private service was held at the Gray Funeral Home of Westfield. Memorials may be sent to the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad, 378 Snyder Avenue, Berkeley Heights, N.J. 07922.

June 21, 2012

Mary-Lee Roberts, 84

Mary Letha Hoover Roberts, 84, of Hilton Head Island, S.C. died on Friday, June 8, 2012.

She was the wife of Edmund T. Roberts and mother of Polly S. Roberts McCauley and previously deceased son, E. Thomas Roberts, Jr. Services were private.

The Island Funeral Home and Crematory in Hilton Head Island was in charge of the arrangements.

June 21, 2012



YOUTH SUPPORT JACKSON FUND...The Westfield Junior Optimist Club recently made a donation to the Paul Jackson Fund, which benefits families and individuals facing a financial crisis due to a long-term illness or disability. The students raised money in a variety of ways over the past few months. The Junior Optimist Club is involved in many activities that help make a difference in the community, including delivering plants to Sunrise Assisted Living, a toy drive to support The Arc of Union County and working with local food banks. Pictured, from left to right, are: Katie Rembisz, Junior Optimist; Mary Jackson, from the Paul Jackson Fund, and Hannah Painter, Junior Optimist.

Women Who Write Seek Conference Participants

AREA - The Women Who Write (WWW) Second Annual Writers Conference will be held on Saturday, September 22, starting at 9 a.m. at the Madison Community House, located at 20 Cook Avenue in Madison. It is offered to both female and male attendees.

The conference will offer three simultaneous tracks: prose, poetry and writing for children. Critiques (a 15-minute, one-on-one session) for all three tracks will be available during the day. Pre-registration is required. Registration for members of Women Who Write started on June 1. For non-members, registration will begin on Monday, July 16. There are a limited number of openings in each track.

To access a conference registration form, visit womenwhowrite.org and click on Events or contact Pat

Weissner at pweissner@yahoo.com.

High-school students also are welcome to attend the conference. The cost is \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members. To join Women Who Write, the membership dues are \$35. Individuals who become a member now can register for the conference immediately; they need just include their membership dues with the registration fee.

Critique fees are separate. They are as follows: Children's Writers and Prose, WWW member (\$60), non-member (\$70); Poets fees, WWW member (\$20), non-member (\$30). Guidelines will be sent after checks are received.

For more information, contact Marie Ascolese at workshop@yahoo.com. Children's writers may contact Pat Weissner at pweissner@yahoo.com.



FASHIONABLE HATS...Sunrise of Westfield presented a Hat Show on May 21, organized by nurse Dana Connelly, in which staff and residents modeled the hats. One resident, a member of the Red Hat Society, stole the show in her fancy hat and purple outfit. Lord & Taylor of Westfield donated most of the hats for the day.



Lindsey Cianciotta

Cianciotta Graduates From Kent Place

SUMMIT - On June 3, the Class of 2012 graduated at the 118th Kent Place School Commencement. Among the 63 members of the Class of 2012 is Scotch Plains resident Lindsey Cianciotta.

UMass Dartmouth Announces Dean's List

NORTH DARTMOUTH, Mass. - Kirsten Woodfield of Westfield, who is majoring in Textile Design/Fiber Arts at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, has been named to the Spring 2012 Dean's List in recognition of earning a semester grade point average of 3.2 or higher of a possible 4.0.

Clark University Awards Degrees

WORCESTER, Mass. - The following area residents earned degrees from Clark University on May 20. Stephanie G. Korunow, of Westfield, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry and Art History.

Charles Z. Tripp, of Westfield, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.



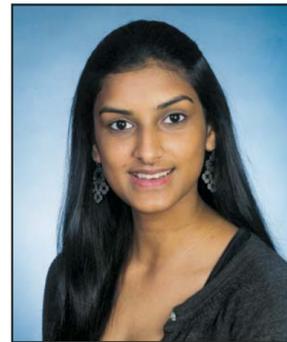
Thomas Lutz



Alexander Serratelli



Kendall Fawcett



Nikita Parekh

Newark Academy Announces Grads

LIVINGSTON - The following local students were among the 93 seniors from Newark Academy in Livingston who received a diploma at the Commencement Exercises on June 10.

The graduates, awards received, and college choices are as follows: Thomas John Lutz of Westfield, Louis Armstrong Jazz Award - Lafayette College; Alexander Serratelli of Westfield, International Baccalaureate Diploma, Todd Belnick Award for Excellence in Humanities in U.S. History - University of Chicago; Kendall Fawcett of Scotch Plains - Bentley University; Nikita Parekh of Scotch Plains, International Baccalaureate Diploma, Cum Laude Society, Newark Academy Dance Award - Georgetown University.

Univ. of the Sciences Awards Degrees

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - The following local resident received a degree from University of the Sciences during a bachelor's degree conferment ceremony on May 18.

Roshni Shah of Westfield received a Bachelor of Science degree and will now continue on a path towards a doctor of pharmacy degree.

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Area Residents Graduate from JMU

HARRISONBURG, Va. - The following students graduated from James Madison University during the May 5 commencement exercises.

Lauren Couture of Westfield graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies.

Erin Miller of Westfield graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management.

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IN SESSION

Values Kids Should Cherish More Deeply Than Things

By Carol Pedro, Exec. Dir. Youth & Family Counseling Service



Most of us have conventional values. Values taught to us to live in "reasonable harmony with other people." Somewhere, somehow parents, teachers and peers have helped us to develop these values. We are not born with values. Children up to about the age of 7 absorb everything and accept it as true, especially from our parents. Later, up to about age 13, we "copy" people's behavior but not just our parents. But it is no longer "blind acceptance;" we begin to try what fits us...like a suit of clothes. After 13, and up to about age 21, we are largely influenced by our peers, naturally turning to people more like us. Other influences like the media become very important.

So what? Maybe you knew all this already. Well...look at the latest trends of sexting, bullying, gangs and significantly amoral behaviors. The media is loaded with these stories.

So what? Here's what. No value system. Kids learn to love and value themselves all throughout their lives. By high school, their self-value, self-esteem, principles and morals are well established. "Your values are your current estimations of truth. They represent your answer to the question of how to live." - Steve Paulina.

Many parents frustrated with the current challenges of raising safe and healthy kids today ask, "How do I know my kids will be safe and make the right decision?" Here are 15 things your kids should value more than possessions:

1. Honesty - Children who learn the value and importance of honesty at a young age have a far greater opportunity to become honest adults.
2. Family members - Work hard to teach your children about the importance of family. Look out for one another, care for one another, and cheer for one another. Home is a safe place.
3. Learning - Children need to value education. Teach them to love reading, exploring, curiosity and how to ask good questions.
4. Their Soul - Instill into our kids that they are more than just flesh and blood taking up space.
5. The Opposite Sex - Boys need to learn to value and respect girls. Girls need to learn to value and respect boys.
6. Nature - Children who learn to appreciate the world around them learn to take care of the world around them.
7. Friendship - Good friends can be tough to come by, yet they can make all the difference in the kind of life that we live.
8. Determination - Life is full of challenges. Helping children learn that not all problems will be solved quickly and easily is important.
9. Quietness - In a world full of noise, enjoying and valuing quietness is rare. But solitude and meditation provides us the opportunity to self-evaluate our life, our decisions and our direction.
10. Hard Work - Most people see hard work as just a means to an end. But hard work should be a reward in

itself, because not all hard work of lasting value is compensated handsomely.

11. Justice - Life isn't fair. It never will be - there are just too many variables.

12. Art - Art represents the ability to create and communicate. The importance of art in a society, culture or individual can never be overstated and should always be valued and appreciated.

13. Animals - Recognizing the intrinsic value of animals helps children treat them with care and respect. Treating animals with care and respect is an important step to treating other people with care and respect.

14. Affection - Love should not just be felt; it also needs to be expressed to be fully enjoyed and realized.

15. Themselves - People who learn to value themselves are more likely to have self-confidence, self-esteem and self-worth.

(From "Becoming Minimalist" by Joshua Becker).

Children look to us to guide them, show them...I have heard children directly ask questions about what to do. We all need to listen and answer, not just with words, but by how we live. Let your kids "catch you" doing the right thing!

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THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

U of Rhode Island Announces Dean's List

KINGSTON, R.I. - The University of Rhode Island (URI) announce that 4,042 undergraduates have qualified for the Spring 2012 Dean's List.

The following local students have been named to URI's Spring 2012 Dean's List: Kristen Marie Labbate of Cranford; Anne E. Galligan of Westfield; Madison Rose Mone of Westfield; Daniel P. Ramalho of Westfield.

To be included on the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 credits with a 3.30 quality point average.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

U of Maryland Announces Dean's List

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - The University of Maryland has announced that Shannon Mooney of Westfield was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester.

She is the daughter of Kathleen and Kevin Mooney and a graduate of Westfield High School, Class of 2011.



WRITE ON...Students at Westfield's McKinley Elementary School have spent the year "Living Writely Lives." To celebrate their writing accomplishments, writing portfolios from all of the school's 353 students were on display for parents and students to enjoy at a day-long Young Authors Celebration. Pictured, first graders Eric Bautista, left, and Richard Navarro take a minute to provide feedback on a writing sample in another child's portfolio.



DECADES OF SERVICE...Capping nearly 40 years of a career in education, Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Principal Patrick Mauro was honored on the occasion of his retirement with a dinner attended by friends, family and colleagues at Giovanna's in Plainfield. Pictured, Union County Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella presents Mr. Mauro, center, with a resolution in his honor. They are joined by Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Superintendent Thomas Bistocchi, left.