



METAMORPHOSES...The Westfield High School Theatre Department will present Metamorphoses in the Westfield High School auditorium, located at 550 Dorian Road, Westfield, on Thursday, November 14, at 4 p.m.; Friday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, November 16, at 7:30 p.m. The scenes - from the greed of King Midas to the love of Eros and Psyche - take place in and around a large pool of water built into the stage. General admission tickets are \$10 at the door.

# THE STUDENT VIEW

The weekly column written by local high school students

## Catch ya L8tr

By STEPHANIE BROWN

Unlike most teenagers, turning 16 was scary to me knowing I would have to grow up some time soon. But I quickly figured out what made it so sweet: Driving.

I had always imagined myself as that cliché teenager cruising down the coastline in my light blue convertible, top down, music blaring, with my friends in the backseat. But from the moment I first got behind the wheel, I realized that would not be the reality. I wanted no talking, no music, no laughing, and no breathing while you're at it too. So it leaves me wondering how people have the super power to text and drive.

It really grinds my gears when I drive past someone and see that they aren't even paying attention to the road, but rather their phone. According to washingtonpost.com, "Twenty-eight percent of accidents or 200,000 traffic accidents occur when people talk on cell phones or send text messages while driving." But at least your friends know you're on the way right?

Nowadays, virtually everyone has a cell phone. It is highly tempting to take a quick glance at your phone throughout the day, but why do it when you drive? I for one cannot see how it is even slightly possible. However, my purpose is not to explain how untaunted I am, but to voice my utmost disgust for those who text and drive.

First of all, in New Jersey, it is against the law to text or make phone calls while driving no matter what type of license you have.

Second, how important are these text messages? Can it wait until you get home? Or why can't you just pull over to the side of the road and even into a parking lot? Also, sorry to burst your bubble, but in case of emergency, you probably will not be the first person called; that's what the police are for. Otherwise, if you are simply texting your friends for the sake of doing it, you better be willing to risk your life, it was nice knowing you.

Does anyone remember years ago when cell phones were just becoming popular? According to livescience.com, in 2005 there were only 2,600 deaths related to texting and driving. And years ago, texting and driving was not even the concern; drunk driving was the epidemic. Fun fact: "Driving a vehicle while texting is six times more dangerous than driving while intoxicated according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)," says potsdam.edu.

According to alcoholalert.com the "NHTSA [estimated] that alcohol was involved in 40 percent of fatal crashes and in 8 percent of all crashes in 2000."

You could turn on the news and find a story about someone who was killed in a drunk driving accident because he or she had one too many drinks at a party. Then

maybe the next week it was a family of four killed because they were hit by a drunk driver. Though drunk driving is still prominent, the number of accidents has plummeted. Somehow, the point had gotten across to America that drunk driving was dangerous.

So what is it about texting and driving that people cannot grasp?

If what has been said does not resonate with you, think of it this way. Your mom and dad are coming home from work. Grandma and grandpa are coming to visit for the holidays. Your sister or brother is coming home from college or from school. Your friend is coming over to hang out. They're a block away from your house. They pull out their phone to text you and let you know they are almost there. Before they can even finish the message, they swerve into the wrong lane and are gone in an instant.

But it does not have to be this way. Instead of sounding like a broken record telling you to turn off the phone and focus on the road, let's switch it up. How does inserting a device in all cars that blocks cell signals sound? With this, there is no way to text and drive. Do not go getting on a diatribe about how it does not allow freedom of speech. Because last time I checked, living is more important than the first amendment.

Does it not coincide with people that they are practically driving a two-ton death trap? With that weight, damage can and will be done. Paying attention is not an option, but is one-hundred percent necessary. How many people will have to die before America finally gets it?

Editor's Note: Stephanie Brown is a junior at Westfield High School.

## Children's Network for Hope Is Grateful for Local Support

On September 23, 2013, The Children's Network for Hope Foundation, CNH, (www.childrensnetworkforhope.org) held our second annual golf outing at Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains, N.J. The day was a complete success with 96 players participating in the tournament. The weather was perfect and the generosity of our contributors was selfless. The event allowed us to raise funds for the children and their families who are in need of our support.

After a wonderful day of golf the players and volunteers continued the fun with a beautiful celebration at the Stage House Tavern in Scotch Plains. All enjoyed the food and spirits as well as the wonderful camaraderie on the outside patio. The raffles and prizes were a great success, with each golfer receiving commemorative gifts. The team of Douglas Rager, Brad Waudy, Russ Rabadeau and R.J. Raszka won the tournament with an im-

## More Letters to the Editor

### Westfield Needs Complete Streets To Protect Pedestrians, Cyclists

Why did we all move to Westfield? Along with the great downtown, the excellent schools and access to transit, we believed that Westfield offered a safe environment for our families. However, Westfield is not safe. Since moving to Westfield five years ago, I have been dumbfounded by the number of pedestrian and cyclist accidents involving automobiles. Three such accidents occurred within the past year within a quarter mile of my house: Cyclist Dennis McGorty was struck by a landscaping truck and sustained severe injuries which left him paralyzed below the waist; cyclist Gregory Janaczek was struck by an SUV and severely injured, and two pedestrians were struck by cars, a man who was severely injured and a woman who lost her life. In recent editorials, our fellow residents have shared their own harrowing experiences using our streets for walking and cycling.

I have seen Westfield residents spurred to action to support many worthwhile causes; why have we turned a blind eye to pedestrian and cyclist safety? Maybe the lack of action stems from an ignorance of the types of transportation solutions that can improve safety. When traveling in some parts of Europe, throughout the USA, or even right here in New Jersey, you may have witnessed infrastructures that can be built to allow pedestrians and cyclists to safely share streets with automobiles. One term used to describe this type of infrastructure is Complete Streets. A Complete Street is a way to provide safe access for all users by designing and constructing a comprehensive and integrated multi-modal network of transportation options.

You may not be aware, but the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is recognized as a national leader for advancing Complete Streets policies in New Jersey. Approximately

70 municipalities and five counties in New Jersey have adopted Complete Streets policies. Once adopted, these policies require that future roadway improvement projects include safe accommodations for all users, ages and abilities, for example: pedestrians, transit riders, cyclists, mobility-impaired, parents pushing baby strollers, residents without cars, children and elder citizens. Complete streets can be implemented incrementally and cost-effectively in established towns like ours by "right-sizing" existing streets, erecting "share the road" signage, and providing educational outreach.

New Jersey municipalities such as Chatham, Montclair, Morristown, New Providence, Lambertville, Hoboken, Cranford, and approximately 60 others have recognized the need for and adopted Complete Streets policies, isn't it time for Westfield? As a Westfield resident, engineer, volunteer for several local organizations, and mom of a 3- and 6-year-old, I appeal to all Westfield residents and like-minded organizations to partner with the Westfield Complete Streets Coalition. By working together and planning together we can improve the safety of our town! To join the coalition, please email westfieldcompletestreets@gmail.com. For more information on Complete Streets, please visit: www.state.nj.us/transportation/eng/completestreets/ and www.njbikeped.org/ To donate to the McGorty Family Fund, please visit www.mcgortyfamilyfund.org/.

Lisa Braddock Westfield

Editor's Note: A letter was published last week that the author advises that she intended to have this published instead. We regret the confusion.

### UCPAC Names New Director

RAHWAY - The Board of Trustees of the Union County Performing Arts Center announced the appointment of Lawrence E. McCullough, Ph.D. as its new Executive Director.

Dr. McCullough succeeds Acting Executive Director James J. Kennedy, who stepped in as the organization's chief when Executive Director Samson D. Steinman was appointed Mayor of the City of Rahway in September 2013.

Previously, Dr. McCullough worked nine years at Woodbridge Township municipal government under three mayoral administrations as public information officer, grants officer and special event coordinator.

Dr. McCullough holds a Ph.D. in Ethnomusicology from University of Pittsburgh and spent several years as a freelance writer/editor for newspapers and magazines throughout the U.S. His administration background includes serving as Assistant Director of the Indiana University School of Music Program at Indianapolis; Administrative Director, Humanities Theatre Group; Executive Director, Music Umbrella of Austin; Press Director, Hall Institute of Public Policy; Senior Entertainment Publicist, Englander and Kesssee; Specialist in Arts and Media Development, Skye Consulting.

"Union County Performing Arts Center is a tremendous organization with a sterling history and a superb team of dedicated staff, volunteers and board members," said Dr. McCullough. "I feel deeply honored to be entrusted with guiding UCPAC forward in its mission of utilizing the arts as a catalyst for community development."

Robert J. Coloney, CNH Executive Director Scotch Plains

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-027083-13 FILE NO. 17349-13

### NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: WILSON'S AUTOMOTIVE INC.; IRIS CRUZ; DONNA MORENO; SARA E HIDALGO; DIANA MUNOZ;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon PELLEGRINO AND FELDSTEIN, LLC, plaintiff's attorneys, with by MARIA GLAVAN, Defendant, whose address is 290 Route 46 West, Denville, New Jersey, an Answer to the Amended Complaint filed in a Civil Action, in which US BANK CUST FOR CCTS CAPITAL, LLC is the plaintiff and BRENDA Z. LOPEZ, ET ALS; are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F02708313 within thirty-five (35) days after November 14, 2013 exclusive of such date. If you fail to answer or appear in accordance with Rule 4:4-6, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

You are further advised that if you are unable to obtain an attorney you may communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of Venue and that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of Venue. The telephone number of such agencies are as follows: Lawyer Referral Service 908-353-4715 - Legal Services Office 908-354-4340.

THE ACTION has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the following tax sale certificate:

1. A certain tax certificate 11-169, sold on 6/8/2011, dated 6/9/2011, and was recorded on 8/12/2011 in Book 13159 at Page 171, made by MARIA GLAVAN, Collector of Taxes of PLAINFIELD, and State of New Jersey to US BANK CUST FOR CCTS CAPITAL, LLC and subsequently assigned to plaintiff, US BANK CUST FOR CCTS CAPITAL, LLC. This covers real estate located in PLAINFIELD, County of UNION, and State of New Jersey, known as LOT 2 BLOCK 231 as shown on the Tax Assessment Map and

Tax Map duplicate of PLAINFIELD and concerns premises commonly known as 679 - 81 WEST FRONT STREET, PLAINFIELD, New Jersey.

YOU, WILSON'S AUTOMOTIVE INC., are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on May 5, 1998, a judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Camden County, by Wilson's Automotive Inc. against Jose Moreno and Catalina Moreno disclosing a debt in the amount of \$11,244.14, plus fees and costs. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-102037-1998. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, IRIS CRUZ, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on November 5, 2003, a child support judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hudson County, by Iris Cruz against Jose A. Moreno. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-259947-2003, CS13132329A. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, DONNA MORENO, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on January 5, 2006, a child support judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Ocean County, by Donna Moreno against Jose E. Moreno. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-004186-2006, CS62941341A. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, SARA E HIDALGO, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on July 3, 2007, a child support judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Morris County, by Sara E Hidalgo against Jose J. Moreno. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-176024-2007, CS27272877A. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

YOU, DIANA MUNOZ, are made party defendant to the above foreclosure action because on February 4, 2008, a child support judgment was entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, by Diana Munoz against Jose L. Moreno. Said judgment was entered as Judgment No. J-027522-2008, CS82882856B. Said judgment is subordinate to the Plaintiff's lien.

DATED: November 8, 2013 Michelle M. Smith, Clerk Superior Court of New Jersey PELLEGRINO & FELDSTEIN, L.L.C. Denville Law Center 290 Route 46 West Denville, New Jersey 07834 (973) 586-2300

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### TOWN OF WESTFIELD NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

Public notice is hereby given that I, The Collector of Taxes of the Town of Westfield, Union County, New Jersey, will sell at public auction on the 6th day of December, 2013 in the Tax Collector's office in the Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey, at nine o'clock in the morning, the following described lands:

The said lands will be sold to make the amount of Municipal liens chargeable against that same on the 6th day of December, 2013, together with interest and cost of sale, exclusive however, of the lien for taxes for the year 2013.

The said lands will be sold in fee to such persons as will purchase the same, subject to redemption at the lowest rate of interest, but in no case in excess of eighteen percent (18%) per annum. Payments for the sale shall be made by cash or certified check before conclusion of the sale or the property will be resold.

Any parcel of real property for which there shall be no other purchaser will be struck off and sold to the Municipality in fee for redemption at eighteen percent (18%) per annum and the Municipality shall have the right to bar or foreclose the right of redemption.

The sale will be made and conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 54, Revised Statutes of New Jersey, 1937, and amendments thereto.

At any time before the sale the undersigned will receive payment of the amount due on the property, with interest and costs incurred up to the time of payments, by certified check or cash.

Industrial properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.) and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq.) In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

The said lands so subject to sale, described in accordance with the tax duplicate, including the name of the owner as shown on the last duplicate and the total amount due thereon respectively on the 6th day of December, 2013, exclusive of the lien for the year 2013 are as listed below:

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In the event that the owner of the property is on Active Duty in the Military Service, the Tax Collector should be notified immediately. 4 T - 11/7, 11/14, 11/21 & 11/28/13, The Leader