

## Architect, Real Estate Expert Testify About 750 Walnut Ave.

Englebaugh of Minno and Wasko.

When asked about the specifics of the ladder truck's angles of the ladder, he said he was unsure, and then said it depends if the township has this particular fire truck. His drawings depicted a ladder truck from another town for which he was involved in providing renderings, he said. He has not yet coordinated with the Cranford Fire Department, he said.

Mayor Tom Hannen, Jr. said, "It is important we know what that angle is." He said the firefighters would not place the ladder straight up for safety reasons, and would have to place the ladder "at a particular angle to go up safely. Without the dimensions, I don't find it helpful."

The plan calls for removal of part of the current berm that runs along the length of Walnut Avenue in front of the site to make way for new entrances into the project site.

The drawings had shown a berm remaining on the southerly portion of the property at Walnut Avenue near the corner of Raritan Road, as a means to help hide the five-story building.

When asked the height and spacing of the trees depicted in a rendering to depict how they would disguise some of the buildings, Mr. Englebaugh said he did not know and guessed possibly 25 or 30 feet in height.

Angela Leary, a resident of Behnert Place, where she said the main entrance into the property would intersect, asked why a rendering of the viewpoint from the property into Behnert Place was not represented. The architect said he was not asked to provide one.

Resident Don Smith asked what date and time Mr. Englebaugh

had started the design of the residential units for this property. "I don't know what date that was. Maybe 2015, 2016; I don't know. I would have to look it up," Mr. Englebaugh responded.

The board was scheduled to next meet to continue the Hartz Mountain application on Wednesday, December 5, when the applicant's engineer was expected to testify and maybe the planner. On Wednesday, December 19, two applications are to be heard, but Hartz Mountain is not slated for this meeting. The board anticipates a special meeting the week before December 19 to consider an amendment to the master plan for the housing element, Board Attorney Mark Rothman said. The board then went back to a workshop executive session.

## Garden Historian to Speak On Empress Josephine

CRANFORD — The Hanson Park Conservancy invites the public to the Cranford Community Center on Tuesday, January 22, at 7 p.m., as the conservancy welcomes garden historian Lesley Parness for a special presentation entitled "Josephine — The Empress Gardened."

Ms. Parness will discuss how French Empress Josephine's fine taste informed 18th- and 19th-century style, from couture fashion to interior design. Likewise, she was influenced by her Caribbean heritage, her narrow escape from the guillotine, and her legendary love for flowers. When divorced from her husband, Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte, this powerful style-maker and lifelong fashionista focused her energies on her estate, Malmaison. There, her passion for plants grew and bloomed. Her legendary love of roses stopped a war, cost a

fortune, set explorers to sail, and started a floral industry that endures today.

Ms. Parness is the retired superintendent of horticultural education at New Jersey's Morris County Park Commission, where she oversaw programming at The Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Willowood Arboretum and Bamboo Brook Outdoor Education Center. She is a member of the Herb Society of America, The Council on Horticultural and Botanical Literature, and Garden State Gardens, a consortium of New Jersey's public gardens of which she is a founding member.

The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue. The program is free and open to the public. No registration is required, but seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. This presentation is sponsored by the Hanson Park Conservancy. To learn more, visit the organization's website, hansonparkconservancy.com, or like the conservancy on Facebook.

## Niamh O'Donovan Performed in *Machinal*

CRANFORD -- Niamh O'Donovan, Class of 2021, from Cranford was one of 15 students who performed in *Machinal*, Sophie Treadwell's rarely produced masterpiece, which opened Muhlenberg College's Theatre & Dance mainstage season September 27 to 30.

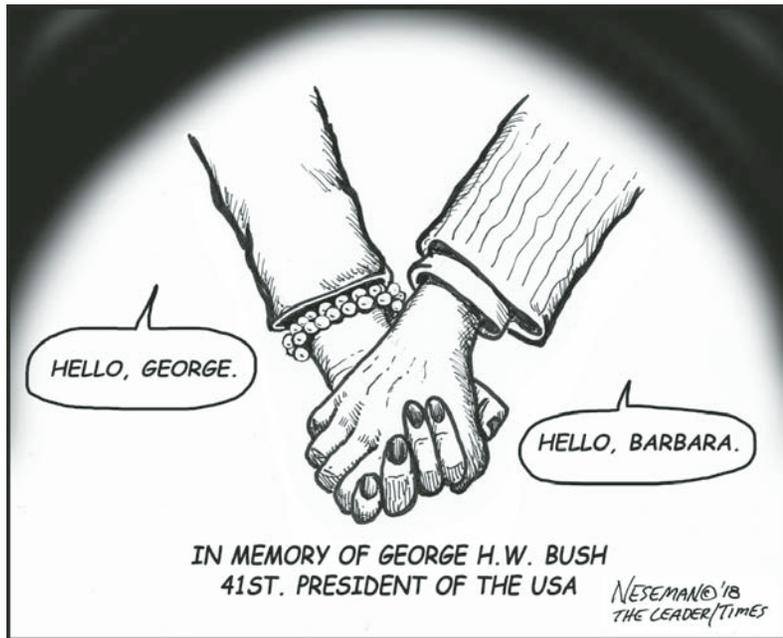
"*Machinal* is the story of a young woman struggling, in increasingly desperate ways, for freedom in a male dominated society which demands her constant submission," said Lou Jacob, director of the production and this year's Muhlenberg Baker Artist-in-Residence.

Based on the true story of the 1928 murder trial of Ruth Snyder, *Machinal* was written almost immediately after the trial concluded. Treadwell covered the trial as a journalist, and was among the first playwrights to meld journalism with dramatic writing.

"Muhlenberg students are incredible to work with--highly motivated, talented, curious, and very brave," Mr. Jacob said.

"The play inspired generations of playwrights and theatre makers with its style and hybrid of journalistic realism and a hyper-theatrical structure," he added.

Mr. Jacob comes to Muhlenberg from the New School College of the Performing Arts, where he created the Bachelor of Fine Arts theatre program. He is the award-winning director of dozens of professional theatre productions, including the world premiere of Sam Shepard's *The God of Hell*, starring Tim Roth and Randy Quaid. He is also a member of the Tony Awards Nominating Committee.



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## Santa Due Saturday At Garwood Library

GARWOOD — Santa Claus will visit the Garwood Public Library this Saturday, December 8, at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be on hand. The library is located at 411 Third Avenue.

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their cameras for a Christmas season photo opportunity. The first 50 children will receive a small gift from Santa. Space is limited and registration is required.

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