



CIVILITY...High-school student and Civil War re-enactor Joe Ellis offered an interactive lecture on Civil War soldiers' daily lives to Park Middle School seventh-grade students in Ralph Gerace and Julianne Arnolds' social studies classes. Above, Ms. Arnold thanks Mr. Ellis for his educational presentation.

SP's Frank Briamonte To Bike for Jimmy Fund

SCOTCH PLAINS - On August 4 and 5, Frank Briamonte, 38, of Scotch Plains will be one of 5,000 cyclists from 36 states and six countries who will ride across the Massachusetts Commonwealth in the 28th annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC), the nation's original bike-a-thon for charity that today raises more money than any other athletic fundraising event in the country.

This year, the goal is to raise \$27 million for adult and pediatric cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund. More than 200 PMC cyclists and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients and thousands have lost loved ones to cancer.

Since its inception in 1980, PMC's contribution has risen from \$10,200 to \$26 million in 2006. The number of riders registered for the 2007 PMC is about 140 times higher than the number in 1980.

PMC has contributed more than \$171 million to the Jimmy Fund since 1980. The PMC is the largest contributor to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Last year, the PMC gave 99 cents of every rider-raised dollar directly to the Jimmy fund, a rate of fundraising

efficiency that is nearly unequaled within the \$1 billion athletic fundraising industry.

WF Student Volunteers At Connecticut College

WESTFIELD - Dana Zichlin, a sophomore at Connecticut College, is a volunteer for the After School Art Program. Dana volunteers through the Office of Volunteers for Community Service (OVCS) at Connecticut College.

OVCS plays a role in teaching students about community engagement and the best practices of participation.

Dana, a 2005 graduate of Westfield High School, is the daughter of Rick Zichlin of Westfield, and Bonnie Rusinek.

Connecticut College students design, develop and implement the After School Art Program at four different after school sites each week. The students teach elementary school children various forms of art - from painting to dance, gingerbread house making to arts and crafts.

They engage the children as to facilitate expression of emotions and feeling in a non-violent and socially acceptable way through creative art.

National Honor Society Inducts 140 WHS Students

WESTFIELD - In recognition of academic excellence, leadership, service and character, 132 juniors and eight seniors from Westfield High School (WHS) were inducted into the National Honor Society on April 26.

Westfield High School Acting Principal Dennis Fyffe commended the students on their contributions to their school and society.

WHS's 2006-2007 National Honor Society President Jessica Cain moderated the large portion of the program. Those elected as National Honor Society officers for the 2007-2008 school year include President Pratik Mehta, Vice President Will Eisenberg, Secretary Ian Devaney and Treasurer Jon Holt.

Ian Schwartz performed a musical presentation, as well as a trio comprised of Ian, Ted Vincett and Matthew Leonard. WHS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) President Cindy Morgan, who presented the PTO award to Ojus Patil for his 120 hours of service to the school, congratulated all the students:

Junior Members

Timothy Adamcik, Jessica Anderson, Alexandra Annis, Stephen Aswad, Marlee Austin, Erin M Bange, Jeremy Bender, Claire Bennett, Danielle Bercovicz, Andres Betancourt, Matthew S. Blutfind, Lauren Brachman, Jennifer Brotman, Kelsi Browning, Nina Brownstone, Caitlin Burke, Emma Byer, Andrew Calvaruso, Jessica Campo, Alex Chaves, Samantha Chu, Catherine Cagnetti, Christina Cagnetti, Elise Colasanti, Jordana Confino, Kyle Cortley, Emily Cozzi, Julie Daurio, Joshua David, Ian Devaney, Melvin Diep, Alison Donohue, Kerriann Dooley, Benjamin Dornfield, Katherine Douglas, Connor Doyle, Rose Driscoll, Evan Einstein, William Eisenberg, John Falzon, Matthew Feniger, Renee Ferio, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Cornelius Fitzpatrick, Vincent Fitzpatrick, Lauren Frankfort, Christopher Franks, Evan Friedman, Rachel Ganz, Matthew Gelmetti, William Geltzeiler, Matthew Gralla, Aidan Granstrand, Rachel Gray, Britta Greene, Peter Griesmer, Elizabeth

Harbaugh, Jessica Harmer, Brandon Heroux, Caitlin Hewett, Jonathan Holt, Alexandria Hurtt, Melanie Jackson, Christine Kandigan, Michael Kane, Angela Kerins, Ji Seul Kim, Jaclyn Kirna, Alexander Kopp, Stephanie Korunow, Alison Lambert, Max H. Lazar, Toni L. Ma, Benjamin Maimon, Daniel Markowski, Catherine Marvin, Rebecca McNulty, Pratik Mehta, Michael Melillo, Katherine Meylor, Christopher Miller, Ariel Mone, Kimberly Morawski, Marissa H. Mumford, Ravi Netravali, Christina Obiajulu, Ellen O'Brien, Aditi Parekh, Alexandra Pecora, Marissa Perch, Maya Pincus, Stephanie Pinheiro, Evan T. Porch, Carolyn Raphael, Michael Rediker, Josephine Reinhardt, Bena Reiter, Crista Ricci, Katherine Roberts, Stephanie Rowe, Erin Scialabba, Roshni Shah, Kevin Shallcross, Jessica Sheftason, Megan R. Sherman, Anna Smith, Melissa Souto, Vincent Spinelli, Patrick Stanley, Alannah Suhomel, Jacqueline Sull, Kelli Sullivan, Liane Sullivan, Danielle Tepper, Lindsay Tishberg, Christine Tolias, Julia Valentini, Melissa Virzi, Lindsay Walsh, Cindy Wang, Daniela Weiner, Hannah P. Weisman, Kristian Wendel, Hannah Wharam, Caitlin Whitlock, John Wilt, Domenick Wissel, Tianyou Xu, Suzanne Yavuz, Katharine Young, Eric Zagorski, Xinyi Zhang.

Senior Members

Kaitlyn Anness, Sara Anthony, Robert Cariste, Christine Isabella, Emily Kieczkowski, Kate Kovalenko, Caitlin Murphy, Sarah Weber.



THE WORM TURNS...On Wednesday, April 25, cartoonist and illustrator, Harry Bliss, visited Washington Elementary School in Westfield. One student from each class was selected to have lunch with Mr. Bliss and win an autographed copy of his book, "Diary Of A Worm."

GL Program Focuses On Alcohol, Drug Dangers

BERKELEY HEIGHTS - The Student-led TREND (Turning Recreational Events in New Directions) at Governor Livingston (GL) High School in Berkeley Heights and the GL Student Council will present a program about drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and drunk driving on Monday, June 4, from noon to 1 p.m. and Tuesday, June 5, from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m.

TREND has coordinated support with Mountainside and Berkeley Heights Police Departments and community-based Municipal Drug Alliances.

"The Days of Realization" program will acquaint Governor Livingston students with life and death situations, according to a TREND press release. The program will focus on the dangers of alcohol abuse, drug usage, tobacco consumption and drunk driving.

As part of the program, on Monday,

"Death" will collect 28 random high school juniors and seniors during the school day while providing narrative obituaries about how they died as the result of drug, tobacco and alcohol abuse. Students marked as "fatalities" will be sequestered overnight.

On Tuesday, students, faculty and parents will gather in the high school auditorium to eulogize the fatalities during a "funeral tribute" complete with flower arrangements and caskets representing young lives lost.

"The Berkeley Heights and Mountainside communities have suffered several tragic incidents in recent years and TREND hopes that this program will prevent history from repeating itself; opening the eyes of the student body in an effort to save lives," according to a description of the program.



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