

Robert H. Taylor, 88, Plant Engineer; Was Nature Photography Enthusiast

Robert (Bob) Huntington Taylor, 88, of Fort Pierce, Fla. died Friday, February 17, under the compassionate care of VNA Hospice of Indian River County.

Bob was born on August 3, 1923 in Elizabeth, N.J. and lived for 40 years in Westfield, N.J. before retiring to Fort Pierce in 1994.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Barbara Fitzgerald Taylor; daughters, Carolyn Groves and her husband, John, of Avondale, Pa., Cynthia Segovia and her husband, Al, of San Antonio, Tex. and Constance Mero of Mooresville, N.C.; his grandchildren, Orion, Ty, Brett, Dan, Carrie, Missy, Sarah and Greg; four great-grandchildren; his sister, Jean Noll, and his brother, William Taylor.

Bob was a veteran of World War II, serving with the 8th Air Force as a B-24 bomber pilot based in England, and retired from the active reserves in 1972 as a lieutenant colonel. He

graduated from Bucknell University with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1949 and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

Bob worked for the family business, Taylor Photo Company in New York City, before joining U.S. Gypsum Company as a plant engineer for 30 years.

He enjoyed traveling across the United States pursuing his lifelong hobby of nature photography. Bob also enjoyed organic gardening, golf, duplicate bridge and shelling the beaches of Florida. A collection of his shells is on display at the Ocean Discovery Center at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute in Fort Pierce.

A memorial service and burial will be held at The Presbyterian Church's Revolutionary Cemetery of Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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One-Woman Show to Bring Sojourner Truth to Life

FANWOOD - The Fanwood Memorial Library will present, in celebration of Black History Month, a one-woman show entitled "Carmen Artis is Sojourner Truth." Sponsored by the Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library, it will be held on Wednesday, February 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Sojourner Truth was a stalwart, 19th-century slave from upstate New York who withstood years of oppression to become a foremost speaker for human rights. As Sojourner Truth, Carmen Artis will relate her journey from the plantations, where she experienced cruel and unjust treatment, to her freedom walks across the nation, to her eventual meeting with President Abraham Lincoln. After her performance, Ms. Artis will answer questions about Sojourner Truth.

Ms. Artis studied formally at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Md. and continued private studies with internationally re-

nowned mezzo-soprano Antonia Kitsopolous. Her extensive credits in opera, oratorio and musical theater include the New Jersey State Opera, Northwest Lyric, and Scranton IV Opera, as well as with the Pittsburgh Symphony conducted by Andre Previn and Michael Tilson Thomas.

She has been a repeated guest soloist with the New Jersey Pops and has performed off-Broadway both at Saint Peter's Theatre and the Westbeth Theatre Complex.

Her specialty program, "Spirituals to Ragtime to Jazz," was recorded live in early May of 1997, in a tour that included the Watchung Arts Center and Morristown's Bickford Theatre. She and her husband, John Hammel, have performed their program, "Great American Songbook," with such jazz notables as Regan Ryzuk and Rio Clemente, in their efforts to promote great American composers of popular songs.

To register for "Carmen Artis is Sojourner Truth," call the Fanwood Memorial Library at (908) 322-6400. To find out more about this or other programs at the library, visit fanwoodlibrary.org and click on the events calendar. The library is located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road.



Carmen Artis

Needle Nite Session On Tap March 2

FANWOOD - The monthly Needle Nite program at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will take place on Friday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. in Westminster Hall on Marian Avenue.

The "Disappearing Nine Patch" quilts that have been completed will be collected. These quilts will have labels attached to identify the maker, in preparation for the nationally advertised Harvest Quilters show on Saturday, March 31. This show will be held at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains.

Knitters and those who crochet will continue to make items for various charities, including local nursing homes, newborns at Newark Beth Israel Hospital, the "Christmas at Sea" Seafarers projects and prayer shawls for those needing extra care.

Anyone needing fabric, batting or yarn is asked to e-mail requests to needlenite@fanwoodpc.org. Donated materials end up in many forms usable by the charities that receive them. Needle Nite participants can then apply their newly learned skills for use at home.

For further information about these projects or for directions to the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, call the church office at (908) 889-8891, e-mail fanwoodpress@erols.com or visit fanwoodpc.org or www.facebook.com/pages/Fanwood-Presbyterian-Church/311300160969.

Obituaries

Edith M. Matino, 89, Enjoyed Family, Friends, Garage Sales and Gardening

Edith M. Matino, 89, of Westfield passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Matino was born in South Plainfield and resided for the past 68 years in Westfield, where she was a homemaker.

Edith was the original recycler and had a great business sense, running garage sales fondly named "The Red Robin." She loved nature and enjoyed watching the birds from her kitchen window. She also enjoyed gardening and was especially proud of her beautiful yard. Edith loved nothing more than sharing stories with her grandchildren and having her morning coffee with her best friends and neighbors, Helen and Gina. She was grateful to all who

showed her kindness.

Her husband, Charles, and a grandson, William Keys, predeceased her.

Surviving are her children, Lisa Keys, Charles, James, Peter and Louis. She also will be deeply missed by her brother, Dominic Calderone; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, February 18, at the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, with interment at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

Donations in Edith's memory may be made to either the Westfield Rescue Squad or the Westfield Boosters. Arrangements were by the Dooley Colonial Home of Westfield.

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Melvin Michaels, 92, WHS Asst. Prin.; Educator, Principal, Coach and Pianist

Melvin L. Michaels, a longtime public school teacher and administrator, passed away on Friday, February 17, 2012. He was 92 years old.

Born in Newark, N.J., he initially taught history and English and coached track before becoming assistant principal at Westfield Senior High School (New Jersey). He also served as principal at Teaneck High School (New Jersey) and Highland Park High School (New Jersey) and was director of Secondary Education and assistant superintendent of schools at North Penn School District (Pennsylvania). He retired in 1986.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Montclair State Teachers College, a Master of Arts degree from New York University and an Ed.D. from Teachers' College, Columbia University. Before he was a teacher, he earned tuition money as a piano player and as a tool and die maker. He was the first member of his family to graduate from high school.

During World War II, he served in Military Intelligence with the 76th Infantry Division in Germany. He was honorably discharged as a master sergeant.

He met his wife, Winifred, who predeceased him, at Montclair State College. They were married for 62 years.

He was a lifelong music lover and a skilled pianist and a dedicated angler.

He leaves a brother, Herbert Michaels, and a sister, Claire Greenberg, both of Florida; two sons, Arthur J. Michaels, formerly of Harrisburg, Pa. and David Seth Michaels of Spencertown, N.Y., and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on Sunday, February 19, 2012, at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery in Iselin, N.J. Rabbi Akiva Males officiated.

To share online condolences, please visit www.hetrickbitner.com.

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Max Drives to Green Bay: Was it Worth the Trip?

By STEPHEN L. DeFELICE, M.D.

My 20-year-old borderline fanatic Giants fan grandson, Max Albrecht, lives with me. The night before the Giants-Green Bay game, while sitting by the fireplace reading "Catcher in the Rye," don't ask me why, the telephone rang. The first words heard were, "Grandpop, I'm driving to Green Bay to see the Giants game." The night after, I received another call from Max. His first words then were, "Grandpop, we just got in a car accident, and we almost got killed. And my Subaru is totaled."

Max, along with his friend, Marcos Panaiyotou, drove 12 hours to Chicago to pick up another Westfield friend, Yuriy Buchak, and his brother. They arrived early Sunday morning. After a few hours sleep they drove to Lambeau Field, arriving about noon, and were happily greeted and warmly welcomed to join about 50 Giant fans having a rollicking tail-gating blast. For the record, lemonade was not served. It lasted until game time - about six hours! Many of the fans were barechested, with painted blue torsos, loudly singing the praises of the Giants. As one would expect, the verbal exchanges among the Green Bay Packers and N.Y. Giants fans, both there and during the game, were, let's say, not nearly politically correct. In addition, objects such as hot dogs, buns and paper cups were tossed at each other. But Max told me that the folks at Green Bay were "good, warm people."

As he entered Lambeau Field, he witnessed a thrilling panorama of green and yellow accompanied by the uplifting roar of the fans. His adrenalin level spiked for a long time, only to return to normal levels while in his Subaru on an icy Pennsylvania highway.

On the way home, on the same Sunday, both Max and Marcos took turns driving. When Marcos tried to pass a slow-moving truck, the Subaru started to spin, went out of control and hit the side rail. As soon as the swirling stopped, they both immediately jumped out of the car for fear of going bye-bye forever. It was just in time, for within seconds an 18 wheeler monster truck slammed into the Subaru and totaled it.

Who came to the rescue, where they slept and how they emotionally handled the situation is another story. But what's most interesting is the conversation I had with my grandson about his adventure. Once more, while sitting by the lighted fireplace, talking about his adventure, "Was it worth it? Was it worth risking your life? Most of all, in the real present world, was it worth losing your beloved Subaru over the New York Giants?"

He paused for a moment and then, with unbridgeable confidence, answered, "Yes. Though I loved my Subaru, my trip was one of the greatest highs I've ever had, and I now know that the Giants will win the Super Bowl." I disagreed, and the rest is history.



GRANDMA GINNY'S SALE... "Grandma Ginny's Antiques and Collectibles" will be available for sale this Saturday, February 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Reeve House and Cultural Resource Center, located at 314 Mountain Avenue in Westfield. Chaired by Ginny Rorden of the Westfield Historical Society, the sale, open to the public, will feature antiques and bric-a-brac as showcased at the Reeve House October Apple Fest. The "snow date" will be Saturday, March 3. All monies raised will support the activities of the historical society and restoration of the Reeve House. For more information, contact info@westfieldhistoricalsociety.org or (908) 654-1974.

Golden Agers Club Plans Broadway With Love Trip

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Golden Agers Club will continue its yearly trip schedule with a trip to the Landmark in East Rutherford on Thursday, April 12, to see the smash comedy hit *From Broadway with Love!* featuring international singer Vincent Talarico.

Tickets, at \$58, include the play, an elegant lunch and bus transportation from the Scotch Plains Country Club, located at Plainfield Avenue and Jerusalem Road in Scotch Plains. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. that day.

The menu for the occasion will feature a complimentary drink, an entrée choice of chicken marsala, roast beef, catch of the day or vegetarian entrée, plus accompaniments. A dessert table will follow. All are welcome to participate.

The Golden Agers Club allows senior citizens a chance to meet with their peers, share ideas, interact and gather useful information to enhance daily living. The club year runs from September to June. Club meetings take place weekly on Thursdays at 10 a.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club.

Senior Committee Posts Mt. Haven Trip

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains Senior Citizen Advisory Committee has finalized plans for its trip on Wednesday, April 11, to Mount Haven Country Resort in New Milford, Pa. Originally scheduled for last August, the trip had to be cancelled after the facility experienced a disastrous fire. The entire facility has since been refurbished and is ready for guests.

Visitors will have an opportunity to enjoy a large country breakfast buffet on arrival. A buffet lunch will be served as well. Additionally, there will be games, a movie, bingo or just time to browse around the scenic grounds. A variety show also will be featured.

Registration will begin on Tuesday, March 13, for residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, at a cost of \$35. Residents of other communities can register starting the following Tuesday, March 20, at a cost of \$40. These discounted prices are due to the Township of Scotch Plains providing bus costs for the committee's trips.

All registrations must be made in the Recreation Department at the Scotch Plains Municipal Building, located at 430 Park Avenue. For more information, call (908) 322-6700, extension no. 221, or (908) 889-2084.

Novena to St. Clare

Ask St. Clare for 3 favors: 1 Business, 2 Impossible, Say 9 Hail Marys for 9 days with lighted candles. Pray, whether you believe it or not. Publish on the 9th day. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored and glorified today and every day. Request will be granted no matter how impossible it seems. Publication must be promised. M.L.



Max's sad farewell to his beloved Subaru

Local Museum Marks 40th; Reveals Spring Programs

WESTFIELD - The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Avenue in Westfield, is celebrating 40 years of operation as a nationally recognized "living museum" in 2012.

Listed on both the State and National Registers of Historic Places and as a site on the New Jersey Women's Heritage Trail, the fully furnished farmhouse maintains an extensive schedule of programming.

In 1740, Samuel Miller built the farmhouse for his wife, Sabra, in the West Fields of Elizabethtown, on a property of 100 acres. In 1972, that farmhouse became a museum, assuming the name Miller-Cory after its first two owners.

Thousands of children and adults have learned about colonial farm life through Sunday presentations and tours for students, scouts and other groups. The museum also offers other programs, such as demonstrations of authentic open-hearth cooking in the Frazee Building on the grounds and the Showcase of 18th Century Skills, which visits local schools with an outreach crafts and lecture program.

The museum's upcoming spring programs, from April through June, feature a range of topics that are both educational and family-friendly. They will include presentations on ancient rubbings, early American hygiene and New Jersey Tall Tales, a Mott's Artillery En-

campment, and the annual Sheep-to-Shawl Festival.

Details on each program can be found on the museum's Facebook page. Tours, Showcases or other special requests may be arranged by calling (908) 232-1776 or via e-mail at millercorymuseum@gmail.com. The museum's website is millercoryhouse.org.

Kean Professor to Be Hadassah Speaker

WESTFIELD - The next general meeting of the Westfield Chapter of Hadassah will take place on Monday, March 5, at noon at Temple Emanuel. The temple is located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield.

Roberta Feehan, an associate professor of physical education, recreation and health at Kean University, will be the guest speaker. She will speak on "Redefining You in an Holistic Approach."

Professor Feehan is the president of "Go to Health, Inc.," which provides clinical services to help individuals maximize their physical, emotional and psychological well-being. In her private practice, she correlates her theoretical background with clinical experiences.

Hadassah members are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided.

Prior to the general meeting, the book club will meet at 10:30 a.m. Participants will discuss "Skeletons at the Feast," written by Chris Bojhanian. For additional information, call Fran Burns at (908) 353-5766.

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