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Weequahic wins 'Soul Bowl' with 42-6 victory over Shabazz

By Ian Gold, for the Star-Ledger, 11/27/09



Weequahic alumnae from the early 70's and Beta Phi Zeta sorority sisters: Brenda Thomas, Nabillah Ismail, Qadriyyah Sakhu, Celeste Eckert, Joan Najeeullah, Gerrie Grant, Karen Waters and Arlene Hunt at Thanksgiving Day football game

The youthfulness of Weequahic quarterback William Robinson was evident by his orange-and-white braces and an early mistake, but an estimated crowd of 3,400 witnessed his resilience as he led his team to a 42-6 victory over rival Shabazz on Thanksgiving Day in the "Soul Bowl" played at Shabazz Stadium in Newark.

On the second play from scrimmage, Robinson rolled to his right and made a sophomore mistake, throwing the ball into traffic. The result was a 31-yard interception return for a touchdown by Kenroy Donaldson, and an early deficit against Shabazz and the hordes of South Ward fans. Weequahic got on track the very next play when Jovan McKoy returned the kickoff 86 yards, setting up Robinson and the offense on the Shabazz 5-yard line. Two plays later, Robinson called his own number and sneaked in from the one.

"I knew this was a rival game, a big game," Robinson said. "My center wasn't there to start the game and I couldn't get comfortable early. I made a bad decision, but I had to get over it. My center was ready on the second drive and, from that point on, our offense got going and our receivers, especially number 4 (Jahleel McMillian) did a great job catching the ball."

Weequahic scored touchdowns on its next three possessions before halftime; all through the air. First, Robinson threw a 56-yard pass to McKoy and then two straight to McMillian. Robinson finished the day 7-of-9 for 140 yards. He passed for three TDs and ran for one. The young quarterback was backed up by the Weequahic defense, which didn't allow an offensive score by Shabazz. The only sign of life from the Shabazz offense was provided by tailback Anthony Lee, who finished with 134 hard-fought yards on 24 carries.

Weequahic grad Sheila Oliver is first black woman elected Speaker of the NJ Assembly



Excerpts from NJ.com

Newark native Sheila Oliver (*WHS 1969*) grew up among a family of labor leaders and civil rights activists - including a grandmother who organized a union at the Jersey City cigarette factory where she had worked in the 1930s.

On her block lived Rep. Donald Payne (D-10th Dist.), then an Essex County freeholder and president of the neighborhood watch group, and he became one of her earliest mentors. So when the offer was dangled in front of Oliver to compete for the Assembly speaker's post, the three-term Democratic legislator said she jumped at it, hungry for the chance to ascend the political ladder.

"My years in the Legislature have taught me if you want to be a catalyst for change, you have to be in the driver's seat," said Oliver, 57, an East Orange resident and assistant Essex County administrator. *"I said if an opportunity existed I would be interested, no question."*

Being selected by her colleagues, Oliver's rise is historic, as the first black woman to serve as speaker, the General Assembly's top job. She was elected as part of a political arrangement between North Jersey and South Jersey Democratic leaders that centered around Senator Stephen Sweeney (D-Gloucester) being

Alumni Sponsored Student Trip To Washington, D.C

Hal Braff, co-president of the Alumni Association, has been talking about a student trip to Washington, D.C., for a number years. Now it is going to happen! We are excited to announce that this spring the Weequahic High School Alumni Association is sponsoring a three-day bus trip to Washington, D.C., for forty selected students together with chaperones, designed to provide an introduction to the wonders of our capital and our government.

Students will meet with elected officials, watch money printed at the Mint, view the Declaration of Independence at the National Archives, enjoy the splendor of the cherry blossoms and the distinct beauty of the monuments to our glorious history. They will also visit the National Holocaust Museum and will be greeted and welcomed at a reception offered by Weequahic alumni in the area.

Students from high schools all over the country make this trip. It is always awesome for them and always inspiring. Because of alumni generosity and understanding of the focus and goals of our association, we are able to offer this experience to our Weequahic students.

Weequahic students to participate in Jewish Historical Society's Intergenerational Program

The intergenerational program of the Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest pairs high school students with senior citizens to conduct oral

histories. Hal Braff, the co-president of the Alumni Association and a member of the JHSMW board, has arranged for Weequahic students to participate in this meaningful activity.

Hal feels that it is important for students to have an opportunity to interact with an older population outside of their own community. He hopes that *"students will take away the wisdom of elders who have lived through life challenges, and who can share the lessons they have learned with a younger generation."*

With the assistance and enthusiasm of Principal John Tonero and Social Studies Chair Yvette King, teacher Kirstin Knight's After School Club students will be matched with senior residents at Daughters of Israel Geriatric Center in West Orange. *"Having Weequahic High School represented as one of the groups that will participate will make it a more interesting program, since it is both intergenerational and multi-cultural,"* stated Mali Schwartz, program developer.

Students will make visits during five field trips to conduct oral histories with seniors. They will discuss topics such as age discrimination; examining stereotypes, sharing high school memories, and overcoming adversity in their lives.

The last field trip will take place in May to commemorate American Jewish History Month where students will share their findings to a broader audience comprised of their senior buddies as well as JHSMW members and Weequahic High School faculty and parents.

Construction begins on Weequahic arena

A few months ago, construction of the 2000-seat arena for Weequahic High School began. The facility, which is being built in Chancellor Avenue playground, will face Goldsmith Avenue.



It will provide the high school with a state-of-the-art gymnasium, activity rooms, offices, and a home-court arena for the basketball teams - something they haven't had since the early 1970's.

Recent Alumni Contributions

Class of 1938 made a **\$200** donation to the Swede Masin Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Class of June 1943 made a **\$500** donation to the Mural Restoration Project.

The Class of 1945 Fund, has increased to over **\$10,000** - and is used for scholarships, student activities and facility needs.

Class of 1959 made a **\$1,500** contribution to be used for the Rous and Litzky Scholarship Funds.

Steve Dinetz, 1965, and the Chancellor Foundation made a 9th-year continuation grant to support the administration of WHSAA.

Steve Bogner, 1966, has made his annual **\$2,500** contribution in support of the Edwin McLucas Scholarship Fund, which he established.

Ceil Fein made her annual contribution to the Les and Ceil Fein Endowment Fund.

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Spike TV made a **\$10,000** contribution in honor of **Zach Braff**, Hal Braff's son.

Sharon Price Cates, 1972, made a **\$500** contribution to the General Scholarship Fund.

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"It was the seniors' last day today," Robinson said. "It got a little emotional pre-game, and we just wanted to send them off right and show the city of Newark we are a good team."



Robinson's effort through the air also opened things up for tailback Troy Chavers. The offensive line made holes in a Shabazz defense protecting against the big pass, allowing Chavers to gain 164 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries.

After the game, Weequahic head coach Altarik White

was presented with the Soul Bowl Trophy and made an inspirational speech about unity and pride to both Weequahic and Shabazz at the 50-yard line.

"This game is great for the city," White said. "Especially the South Ward. It's the classic up-the-hill vs. down-the-hill and it's great to see this kind of support."

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elected Senate president, bumping Senator Richard Codey (D-Essex) from the position. The momentum grew for her candidacy after Speaker Joseph Roberts (D-Camden) said he would not seek re-election.

Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo says of Oliver, *"You will see she is professional, well-organized and very, very smart. She is very tough - no one is going to pull any wool over her."*

Sen. Joseph Vitale (D-Middlesex), chairman of the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Services Committee, described Oliver as someone who is *"very passionate on the issues and who pays attention to details."*

Assemblyman Wayne DeAngelo (D-Mercer) said Oliver will be an effective speaker. *"Her ability to put people together is one of her strong assets,"* he said. *"And she has the support of all of us."*

Assembly Republican Leader Alex DeCroce (R-Morris) offered this reaction to Oliver's election. *"I wish to congratulate Assemblywoman Oliver on her election as speaker of Assembly,"* he said. *"I look forward to working with her on meaningful ways to once again make New Jersey an affordable place to live, work and raise a family."*

Oliver has been an elected member of the General Assembly since 2004, representing a portion of Essex and Passaic counties. Presently, she is serving as the chair of the Human Services Committee and also a member of the Higher Education and Labor committees. She also sponsored the state's paid family leave law. From 2008 to the present, she has been Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore and in 2006-07 she was Assistant Majority Leader.

In the new year, she will be the first black woman to lead the Assembly. The Rev. S. Howard Woodson Jr., a Democrat, African-American and prominent pastor from Trenton, was speaker from 1974-75. Marion West Higgins of Bergen County, a white Republican woman, served in 1965. *"Speakers West Higgins and Woodson broke historic barriers, and I am honored to follow in their footsteps,"* Oliver said. *"And while I will bring a new perspective to the speaker's post, I aim to follow Speaker Roberts' tradition of fairness and example as a consensus builder."*

Currently Oliver serves as the Assistant Essex County Administrator. She is also the former director of the Essex County Department of Citizen Services and former director of the county Department of Economic Development Training and Employment. In the past, Oliver served on the East Orange Board of Education from 1994-2000, as its President from 1999-2000 and also as Vice President. She served on the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders from 1996-1999. In 1997, she became the first woman to launch a competitive campaign for Mayor in the City of East Orange, losing the election by a mere 51 votes.

A former Executive Director of the Leaguers in Newark, Oliver was one of the founders of the Newark Coalition for Low Income Housing. She graduated with a B.A. in Sociology from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania in 1974 and was awarded an M.S. from Columbia University in Planning and Administration in 1976.

From Triumph To Tragedy

Former Weequahic football star Jamaal Perry is remembered as a decent young man who 'couldn't outrun the streets'

By Matthew Stanmyre
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The blood stains were still visible in faded gray streaks on the pale concrete at St. Peter's Park in Newark, the reminders of a young life gone awry.

Jamaal Perry. Star quarterback. Pride of Weequahic High. Jamaal Perry. Shot in the head. Dead at 21.

Just three years ago, Perry led Weequahic to a state championship, the first title for any Newark high school football team since 1975. It was a feat that reverberated through the city, but especially at a school too often blighted by violence, poor academic records and low morale.

"This kid won the Super Bowl," says Kcyied Zahir, a teacher at Weequahic. *"The world doesn't see how big that game was. They don't get it. But the city of Newark - we get it."*

Shanice Falana, a senior at Weequahic, sat alone on the concrete steps at the park Tuesday afternoon, overlooking the place where Perry was gunned down. Leland Alexander, a former teammate, was also shot, but he is recovering. The afternoon chill crept in. She sniffed back tears. *"I just can't believe this happened,"* Falana said.

After Perry left his comfort zone with the football team, his life spiraled into a place that may have led to his death in a Newark hospital.

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He never tried to fulfill his athletic potential. He was arrested last year for narcotics possession. He spent his time with a rough crowd, friends and former teammates say.

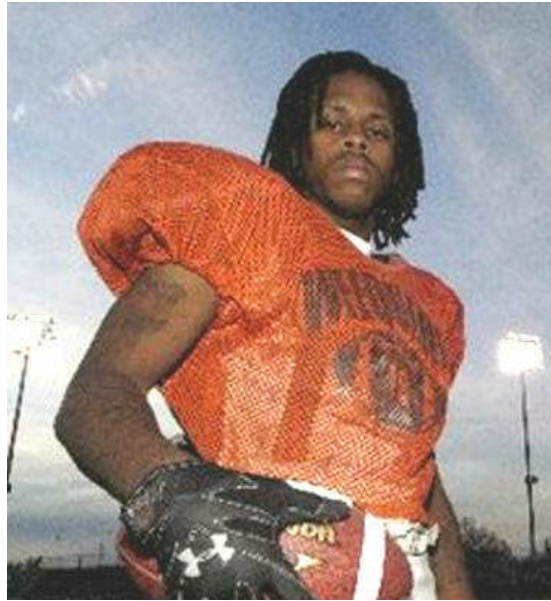
"I won't dispute his street reputation," Zahir says. "If you're going to be in the woods, you've got to be the baddest thing in the woods. If you're going to be in the jungle, then you've got to be the baddest thing in the jungle. He was going to be the toughest because that was how he was made. But it didn't change the fact that he was a good person. I won't allow his actions to define him."

Perry was raised by his grandmother in Felix Fuld Court, a Newark housing project in the Central Ward beset by the drug trade and controlled by a street gang. His father had been out of his life from an early age, and he saw his mother only sporadically. Football shined light through the despair around him. Dating back to Pop Warner, Perry always was the team captain and played quarterback, impressing teammates with the way he played through injury and rallied his teams from even the widest deficits.

Perry entered Weequahic High in 2003, but football didn't appear to be his passion. During one week in his freshman year, he skipped school and got drunk. When he came back to the team, coach Altarik White made him the starting quarterback - hoping to save Perry as much as the program.

Perry coined the nickname for White, "Coach Wizzy," a moniker players and teachers still use. Weequahic's roster was packed with brawny players - Amara Kamara (6-foot-2), Terrence Banks (250 pounds), Dominick Brown (6-3, 240) - but Perry stood out. *"That's the person Jamaal was - he was a natural born leader,"* White says. *"They all respected Jamaal. He commanded respect. That's why I started him as a freshman."*

High school football programs in Newark had struggled for decades, but three years after Perry became the quarterback, the aura at Weequahic started to turn. The football team lost its season opener, but



closed the regular season with seven straight victories. Perry was at the center of the revival. *"When we needed him to make a play, he was right there,"* says Dajuan Jenkins, a former teammate. *"He always showed us the right way. He was always a leader. On the field, off the field, on the street - he was always a leader."*

Perry made the game-changing play against Raritan of Hazlet in the Central Jersey Group II Sectional championship, taking off with the ball on fourth down and scrambling for 20 yards. Weequahic scored later in the drive, and won, 6-0. After the game, Perry and his teammates were emblazoned on posters. They were on the evening news. They went to Trenton and met the governor. They were lauded all over Newark.

But as soon as the celebrations ended, there was a void in Perry's life. Football was no longer there to fill his afternoons. *"It's different when you spend the majority of your time around the football team, because those are positive people who are trying to do good things,"* says Adonis Thomas, a former teammate and a distant cousin to Perry. *"But when all that is done, and Jamaal was on his own, he was easily persuaded to do stuff nobody could see him doing."*

White saw an immediate change in his player. A powerfully built man in his mid-30s, White had been a star running back at Shabazz High before coming to Weequahic, where he is a counselor. *"When he left me, things started to really,*

really get out of control for him," White says. *"For someone like Jamaal, he needed constant guidance. Obviously, myself or people here weren't able to be around him 24-7."*

Perry did not graduate from Weequahic. White helped him get into a program at the Berean Institute, a vocational school in Philadelphia, where Perry could go to school and play football. Perry was back in Newark two weeks later. *"The reason he gave me was: 'It's not for me,'"* White says. Several of his teammates went on to play football in college, but Perry never tried. He became deeply involved in street life and was arrested in September 2008 for narcotics possession.

Zahir, the teacher from Weequahic, says it was difficult for Perry to envision anything better than what he had accomplished on the high school football field. The thought of a new school, a new environment, new teammates, frightened Perry. *"He said, 'I can't take you all with me to college,'"* Zahir says. *"I looked at him like he was crazy. I said, 'Go to college, you can always come back.' (But coach) White gave him more than he ever had. How do you top that? How do you convince a kid that there's more than that out there? It's not easy. 'Who's better than Superman? Coach White was Superman to that boy. Who's better than that?'"*

Perry stayed close to Weequahic, even after leaving the school. Students say he often told them to stay in school and study hard. He told current football players to stay off the streets. He was funny and charming, and the girls loved his gap-toothed smile and his mane of dreadlocks.

Ironically, Zahir says Perry visited Weequahic every Wednesday to speak with faculty about violence prevention at the school. Perry helped protect Weequahic students when they left the school, Zahir says. But violence followed Perry to his end.

"He was a great kid that turned into a bad young man," White says. *"He made some bad choices. Ultimately, some of those choices may have led to the cause of his death."*

Shabazz, Weequahic football coaches have bond that transcends rivalry

By Matthew Stanmyre
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Weequahic High School football coach Altarik White says he is “*eternally grateful*” to Shabazz High School football coach Dave McCombs for being the father figure in his life for so long. White swipes a brown napkin from the top of his desk in his office at Weequahic High and buries his face in it. The 39-year-old football coach then rises from his chair and heads for the bathroom to weep in privacy. White returns moments later and takes a deep breath. It’s always difficult for him to speak about McCombs, the longtime Shabazz High football coach.

“I’m just happy I was able to meet a man like that,” White says. *“Just happy. ... Grateful. ... Eternally grateful.”*

A talented football player who often found mischief, White was a high school junior at Shabazz when his mother died from AIDS in 1987. It could have been the tipping point for the teenager - the despair could have pushed White down the wrong path - but McCombs was there to steer him in the right direction.

McCombs, the boyish head coach at Shabazz, invited White into his home, where he lived for the next eight months. More than football, McCombs taught White which fork was used for salad in restaurants and how to knot a necktie. The bond has only strengthened over the following decades.

White and McCombs will meet for the second time as head coaches Thanksgiving morning at Shabazz Stadium in the restoration of the Soul Bowl, which is a matchup of the longtime Newark rival high schools. The student beat the teacher, 6-0, last year when the teams met.

“Dave McCombs will always be a special man in my life,” White says. *“Dave McCombs will always be someone that I love.”*

In the early 1980s, Dave McCombs had an impeccably coiffed Afro, drove a 280Z convertible and was fresh from a tryout with the Giants. A young Altarik White - and many other boys growing up in Newark - wanted to be just like him. McCombs was 24 when he became head coach at Shabazz, his former high school, and the players often sang his praises at practice: *“Combing his waves ... coooool coach Dave ...”*

White’s family moved around during his teenage years, but he ended up at Shabazz as a sophomore playing for McCombs, whose pretty-boy aura did not match his demeanor in practice. If players acted up, McCombs would deliver what he called *“Old Faithful”* across their chest - a swinging forearm that once jolted White so that snot sprayed from his nose.



McCombs was imposing physically and demanding from the sidelines, but he tempered that with his tender side, including his *“Jewels of the Day,”* which were nuggets of information designed to steer his players from the streets.

“Coach McCombs trained us to be men,” says Andre Taylor, one of White’s best friends and a Shabazz teammate. *“He was so hard on us that you either had to fold or step up to the plate. And when he had his core players he could count on, he knew they weren’t going to fold for anything.”*

McCombs was the first man to scream at White, but he was also the first man to tell him, *“I love you.”* The male guidance was a needed addition to White’s life since he grew up without his father around, sharing a home with his mother and three brothers. White was in large part the family caretaker, looking after brothers Hakim and Shahib, with whom he shared clothes and sleeping quarters.

White emerged as the star offensive player at Shabazz, and the relationship with McCombs grew. After White scored five touchdowns in one game as a junior, McCombs wrapped him in a hug on the sideline and lifted him off the ground. *“Like a proud father would do to his son after a good game like that,”* White says.

The relationship took a drastic turn in October 1987. McCombs immediately drove to White’s home when he heard Sheila White, Altarik’s mother, had died. The coach held his player in his arms and together they prayed in the living room. McCombs stayed with White late into the night. He even bought him a suit for the funeral. *“He’s a son,”* McCombs said. *“I call all my kids ‘son.’ At the time I was trying to save kids and help them. I needed to save him.”*

That week, McCombs invited White to come live with his family. McCombs took White to restaurants for the first time and taught him that he could order more than just cheeseburgers. McCombs’ mother cooked White mounds of pancakes for breakfast. On weekends, they’d watch football games at McCombs’ alma mater, William Paterson, or trek to see his younger brother, Mark McCombs, play at Montclair State. It was the farthest White had traveled away from Newark.

White lived with McCombs until the spring of 1988 when he was adopted by a teacher at Shabazz, but the bond with McCombs stayed strong. White spent only three days at Dixie Junior College in Utah before he became homesick and returned home to Newark. The next season, after a call from McCombs, White was playing for William Paterson, where he became the school’s all-time leading rusher and was named an all-American. During one playoff game in upstate New York during the 1992 season, McCombs was one of a handful of people from Newark in the stands.

After graduation, White spent one season on the Miami Dolphins practice squad before he was released. He returned to Newark. Again, McCombs was there to guide him: White began coaching football under McCombs and teaching at Shabazz. Five years later, he was elevated to offensive coordinator.

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When White left Shabazz in 2002 to become head coach at bitter rival Weequahic, it seemed a strain would be put on the relationship. *"I thought, 'He's a Benedict Arnold,'"* McCombs says with a laugh. *"No, I was happy for him. Like he says, 'He loves black and gold, but orange and brown pays his bills.'"*

White won the Group 2, Central Division state championship four years after joining Weequahic, but the moment was bittersweet. Despite two trips to the state championship game, McCombs has never won a title. It's the only void in a storied career.

White was overcome with guilt after the victory. *"I felt undeserving because men like Dave McCombs have put in so much time and so much energy into thousands of young men,"* White says.

"And for me to win it so early in my career, I felt undeserving. He called me right after and he told me that he loved me. It really meant so much to me. Dave is a great man."

McCombs has remained a father figure to White, who struggles to call him anything other than 'Coach.' McCombs counseled White through the slaying of his brother Hakim, and McCombs was also there for White after his beloved half-brother, Shahib White, committed suicide in June 2007. It was a death that sent tremors through Weequahic, where Shahib White was an assistant football coach, and Shabazz, where he had starred on the football team.

The death left White raw with emotion. McCombs offered to hold out the No. 1 jersey Shahib White had worn at Shabazz, but Altarik White declined. McCombs still kept the jersey out of the season opener.

Everything White has brought to Weequahic he says he learned from McCombs. The daily words of wisdom, the credit card bills for players in need of food or clothing, the unwavering enthusiasm - it's all rooted in McCombs' philosophy. Perhaps most important, White is another person helping to guide Newark teens and providing another

option other than the street corners; almost the second coming of McCombs. Says Taylor, *"You can go to a Weequahic game and people that know both of them say, 'Wow, they're just alike.'"*

To White, that's the highest praise. *"I'm eternally grateful to him,"* White begins, his voice cracking, trailing to a whisper. *"It even breaks me down now to think about it. Twenty-three years later it still touches me. That's probably one of the reasons I am what I am today, because of coach McCombs."*

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Perry played football at Untermann Field or Shabazz Stadium every Sunday morning with about 50 people from all over the area. Thomas, who is now a wide receiver at the University of Toledo, remembers how feverishly Perry would play.

"He was there religiously," Thomas says. *"He wouldn't miss that for anything. You would have thought he was playing for the Super Bowl with 100,000 people watching the way he would get after it. You could tell he loved it."*

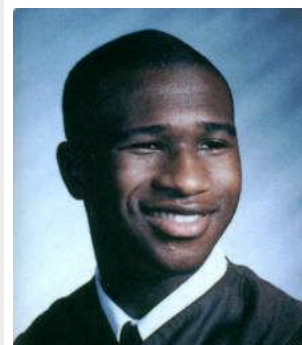
Dusk faded over St. Peter's Park on Tuesday and people slowly trickled into the facility bundled in puffy jackets. Tears spilled from their eyes. Candles were lit in a vigil to honor Perry at the site of the shooting. It's unclear how Perry ended up in the park the night of the shooting, a place described as a local hangout. The police investigation continues and no arrests have been made.

Zahir, who remained close with Perry after he left Weequahic, gave a rousing speech about improving the conditions in Newark. Zahir says he had never seen a tougher football player than Perry.

"I told (him) this numerous times," Zahir says. *"I said, 'Life and the decisions you make - it's like football. You play football, you get tackled. You just hope that after you get tackled you can get up. (Perry) couldn't out-run the streets. He got tackled. And this is the first time I've ever seen him tackled and not get up.'"*

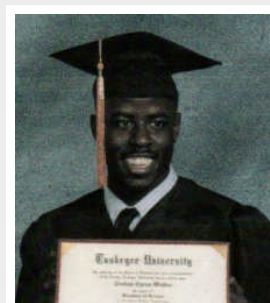
An Alumni Scholarship Recipient Graduates From Virginia State University

From Taimer Singleton, 2004



I just wanted to say thank you for all the help and support (Class of 1945 Fund and the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund) you have provided me these past five and a half years. On Dec. 12, 2009, I graduated from Virginia State University with a degree in Mass Communications with a concentration in Public Relations. My success could not have been possible without the support of my Weequahic Family. From the bottom of my heart, thank you again and have a Happy New Year.

Cyrus Walker, 1998



Cyrus Walker who graduated from Tuskegee University in 2002 is a 2nd Lieutenant and C-5 Engineer in the United States Air Force.

Correction:

In the last issue of the Alumni Calumet, the wrong picture appeared in the obituary of **Ralph Sherman, June 1947.** The correct photo is on the right.



A surprise visit by Philip Roth to Weequahic

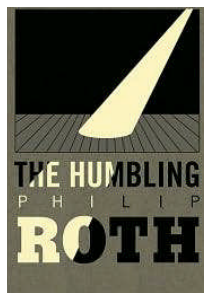
By Mark Dilonno,
Star-Ledger, 10/18/09

Philip Roth came home again Saturday, which is not so unusual because he's been a frequent visitor in recent years. "As you get older, you get closer to home." Roth said this as he entered the Newark Museum yesterday as the surprise guest on a bus tour of Newark. Now 76, the man once called one of America's greatest authors is now called America's greatest living author as contemporaries like Saul Bellow, Norman Mailer and John Updike have passed on in recent years.

Saturday, he was among another group of contemporaries, though a decade younger: graduates of Weequahic High, 1959, who, as part of their 50th reunion, signed up for "Philip Roth's Newark." Still, the "kids" knew him. As Roth stepped on to the bus, the murmurs turned into buzz, the cell phones and digital cameras flashed. America's greatest living author is also Weequahic High's most famous graduate.

"Omigod, are we excited!" said Marsha Weinstein. "If I had known, I would have brought my books for him to sign. I have all his books." "I have an empty seat!" said Jill Goff, as Roth moved through the bus shaking hands with men and holding the hands of the women. Many were wearing brown-and-orange Weequahic Indian sweatshirts. A distant cousin approached. The younger siblings of Roth classmates. The daughter of a teacher. Old neighbors, or people who knew old neighbors. Roth knew most all. "Say hello for me," he said over and over.

Liz Del Tufo, the venerable Newark historian and cheerleader, decided to launch the Newark "Philip Roth Tour" a few years ago and yesterday's was the fourth. "I felt the city needed to do something to honor him." The author, who today lives in Connecticut, had never done the whole route. But on the first tour, he was honored at his childhood home at 81 Summit Avenue, where the block was ceremoniously named Philip



Roth's Latest Book

This is how much Newark is a part of Roth: Rob Steinbaum, publisher of the New Jersey Law Journal, remembers Roth once saying, "My sentences are like a Hobbie's sandwich. First you slap on the pastrami, then you slap on the coleslaw, then you put on the Russian dressing, and pretty soon the whole thing gets soggy." Roth said he spent many days in Newark over the past decade plus, walking with Charles Cummings, the late city historian who did research for the author. But the plaque unveiling, and a memorial ceremony for Cummings, brought Roth out more in public. "I think I've always been close, but these public things are very gratifying. It's great."

The tour is one of the staples of the Newark Preservation & Landmarks Committee menu of bus trips, which explore the city's architecture and history. The Roth tour is based on Newark buildings and neighborhoods described in his books. Each stop has an accompanying passage. The mark of a good columnist is to know when to get out of the way of a great writer, and so Philip Roth's written words speak for themselves:

The Newark Museum (from Goodbye, Columbus): "I could see it without even looking; two oriental vases in front like spittoons for a rajah and next to it the little annex to which we had traveled on special buses as schoolchildren."

Clinton Avenue (from The Plot Against America): "We were on Clinton Avenue just passing the Riviera Hotel, where, as I never failed to remember, my mother and father spent their wedding night ... directly ahead was Temple B'nai Abraham, the

Roth Plaza and a plaque unveiled on the house. "He was very touched," Del Tufo said. "He said, 'Newark is my Stockholm and that plaque is my prize' referring to the Nobel Prize that has eluded him.

great oval fortress built to serve the city's Jewish rich and no less foreign to me than if it had been the Vatican."

Weequahic Park (from the Plot Against America): "...a landscaped three hundred acres whose boating lake, golf course and harness-racing track separated the Weequahic section from the industrial plants and shipping terminals lining Route 27 and the Pennsylvania Railroad viaduct east of that and the burgeoning airport east of that and the very edge of America east of that - the depots and docks of Newark Bay where they unloaded cargo from around the world."

Weequahic High (from Portnoy's Complaint): "At football our Jewish High School was notoriously hopeless (though their band, I may say, was always winning prizes and commendations)." Also from Portnoy was a chant the boys from



Weequahic used to serenade their losing teams: "Ikey, Mikey, Jake and Sam We are the boys who eat no ham. We play football, we play soccer - We keep matzohs in our locker, Aye aye aye, Weequahic High!"

As the bus of Roth and other alumni pulled up to the school, all joined in. After the laughter died down, the group began singing the Weequahic High alma mater, and Philip Roth, one of the nation's greatest writers, sang right along.

Editor's Note: When Roth and two busloads of members of the class of June 1959 entered the high school, they gathered in the auditorium where Alumni Director, Phil Yourish, greeted them. Since Roth was unable to attend his induction last year into the first Alumni Hall of Fame, he was presented with a proclamation from the City of Newark that the alumni association had been holding for him. He then took questions from the very eager and excited audience.

At Jewish Delis, Times Are as Lean as Good Corned Beef

By Joan Nathan, NY Times, 10/06/09



Marc, Sam and Michael Brummer

Hobby's Delicatessen & Restaurant in downtown Newark may have lost much of its more traditional clientele over the years, but it has held on to tradition. The corned beef and the tongue are cured for 14 days in stainless steel bins in the basement. The salamis hanging on the wall look as if they've been drying there, their flavor intensifying, since the Brummer family bought the place in 1962. Samuel Brummer (*his wife, Rona, is a 1951 WHS grad*) and their sons, Michael and Marc, even make their own matzo ball soup and potato pancakes.

But in Newark, as in so many cities, holding on has been tough for delis. *"In 1945, there were 12 delis in Newark,"* said Samuel Brummer, 86. *"Now we are only two."* Old customers moved on, but new ones keep them going. *"Our clientele used to be 10 percent black and 75 percent Jewish,"* he said. *"Now it is 50/50."*

David Sax, a 30-year-old freelance writer, listened and nodded. Many delis are seeing more African-American customers. *"In many ways, deli owners in places like Detroit or Chicago have told me, they are better deli clients than Jews,"* Sax said referring to African-Americans.

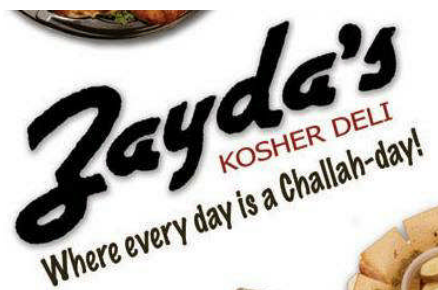
"They accept it as it is. Take a corned beef sandwich. A Jewish customer will say, 'I want the corned beef lean, from the middle of the brisket,' because their grandfathers did. It's like Jews going to a Chinese restaurant. They love it for what it is and they are better clients because of it."

Sax loves delis for what they are and mourns the loss of so many of them around the country. For the last two years he has been writing the blog *Save the Deli* celebrating great delis and chronicling their demise. And this month Houghton Mifflin Harcourt is publishing his book *"Save the Deli,"* an account of his journey of discovery through the world of delis, from New York to Toronto, Detroit, Miami and Los Angeles; London, Paris and Poland.

After digging into a sandwich of fresh roast turkey, with juicy white and dark meat carved off the bone, at Hobby's, we headed to some Jewish delis clinging to old ways that stretch back a century. When Eastern European Jews began immigrating to New York by the thousands in the late 19th century, they found delicatessens started by gentile German immigrants who had brought their pickled and smoked pork and beef to the United States.

"Jews made the deli their own and carved out a niche for themselves," Sax said. Jewish delis began to predominate. By the 1930s, New York City alone had at least 1,500 kosher and kosher style, Sax said. Today there about two dozen kosher ones left. Sax feels emotionally drawn to delis. *"I grew up with salami sandwiches, baby beef and matzo ball soup,"* said Sax (a Toronto native). As an undergraduate at McGill University he took a course called *"the Sociology of Jews in North America."*

While researching a term paper on Jewish delicatessens in North America with a friend, he realized that little had been written about the business of delis. His blog and book will help remedy that. What he found was not very encouraging. In the old days, everybody cured their own corned beef and pastrami, made their own pickles, and used bread from a neighboring bakery. Now, few even make their own matzo balls.



Zayda's Kosher Deli in South Orange, N.J., is actually a supermarket that makes a line of kosher classics like kugels, chicken soup and kasha varnishkes sold at stores in the area like Shop-Rite, Fairway and Whole Foods. But when we stopped in at Zayda's, there was no place to schmooze and no owner in sight. *"This is what the original deli was like,"* Sax said. *"It was a convenience store, a neighborhood grocer, a place to go for sandwich meats and kosher foods."*

Irving's Delicatessen on Route 10 in Livingston, N.J., had room to schmooze, more than their owners would like. It's in a plaza with several casualties of the recession, an Office Depot, a furniture store and a carpet store, all closed. Most of Irving's 140 seats were empty in the middle of the day.



"I'm losing money every day," said Marc Singer, the manager who runs the deli with his cousin Michael Holst, the owner. *"In the depth of the summer we had*

no one coming through the door." But delis are up against more than a bad economy. *"Jews are largely assimilated and don't want to eat only Jewish food,"* Sax said.

When they do, they have to face concerns that might have been overlooked a few years ago. Foods like pastrami and kishke (beef intestine casings stuffed with brisket fat or chicken fat, matzo meal, onions and carrots) are delicious, but they're not health food. Doing things right costs money, even when foods aren't prepared in house.

"Quality New York deli meats come at a high price," Singer said. *"I count myself fortunate to get \$12.95 in New Jersey for a corned beef sandwich that would sell for \$16.95 in the city."* To compete with chain restaurants that offer mass-produced deli products, mom-and-pop restaurants ultimately make little on their meat. *"Every other corner deli sells Boar's Head brand,"* Sax said.

An award-winning documentary from the diary of Moshe Maltz - the story of three families in Poland - Kindler, Letzter and Maltz - hiding in the hayloft of a Catholic woman during the Holocaust

By Michael S. Goldberger, syndicated film critic, 5/4/09

Note: *Moshe Maltz was the father of Nathan Maltz, a 1964 WHS graduate, and the uncle of Fay (Fran) Letzter Malkin, a 1957 WHS graduate. The writer of this review is also a 1964 WHS alumnus.*

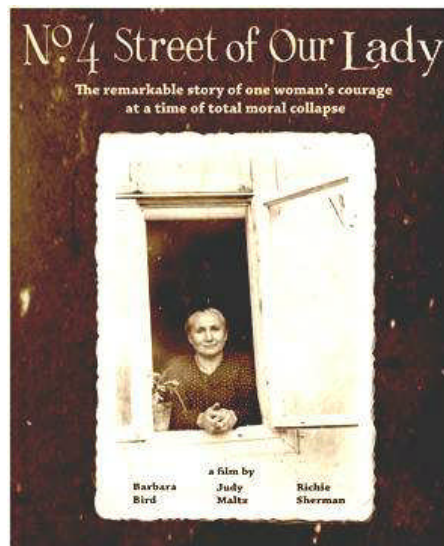
Among the most confounding facts of our existence. Humankind is capable of terrible things and wonderful things. Documenting in *"No. 4 Street of Our Lady"* how Francisca Halamajowa saved the lives of fifteen Jews during the Holocaust, filmmakers Barbara Bird, Judy Maltz and Richie Sherman lyrically and hauntingly make that point.

The divulgements in this tale of heroism, largely based on the diary kept by survivor Moshe Maltz and later published as *"Years of Horror, Glimpse of Hope,"* won't soon leave you. Not because it is unique or amazing, though it is on both counts. But because it reaffirms how mind-bogglingly pervasive was this madness that gripped the world.

While through astutely culled primary and secondary sources we soon learn how, in the modest town of Sokal, East Galicia, the families Kindler, Letzter and Maltz came to hide in the hayloft of Mrs. Halamajowa's pigsty at No. 4 Street of Our Lady, one can't help but venture a sad extrapolation. Just how many such stories remain untold?



Fay (Fran) Letzter Malkin, Nathan Maltz and Chaim (Herbie) Maltz



For although the documentarians never lose sight of their particular focus, their objective yet passionate recounting achieves universal worth. And while we become as intimate with the personae as such narration allows, it's apparent their stories must now assume a vital part in precluding a reoccurrence of the tragedy that befell them.

The scholarliness is nicely tempered. Judy Maltz, the producer and diarist's granddaughter, adds a personal, haimish touch to the family story she has turned into a feature length testament. The same goes for actual survivors, Fay Malkin, Chaim Maltz and Eli Kindler, who return to their childhood hiding place in Sokal.

Flashing forward and back, mixing interviews with narration from Moshe's writings and combining it all with a skillful use of still photos and archival footage, matters are ultimately and cathartically tied together at the fateful pilgrimage. But for background, we are first brought up to speed as regards the socio-demographics of Sokal.

A part of Poland between the wars, it was ceded to the Soviet Union just before the Nazi invasion of 1939. When the Germans marched into Sokal in 1941, there were ostensibly three groups: The Poles and the Ukrainians, each of whom felt the region belonged to them, and the Jews. The first two agreed on only one thing.

Hence, as in all too many cases - unlike the sweet but apocryphal tale of the Danish king who defied the Nazi order to make all Jews wear Stars of David by wearing one himself - the population of Sokal welcomed what they saw as an opportunity. Mass executions, random killings and routine

shipping of Jews to concentration camps ensued.

Seeing the proverbial handwriting on the wall, Moshe snuck out of the ghetto one night and beseeched Francisca Halamajowa, a Polish Catholic, to hide his brood. She answered with a casual *"Why not?"* There were 6,000 Jews living in Sokal before the ghettoization and atrocities began. Of the thirty who survived, fifteen owe their lives to her.

Keeping his diary from the time Germany invaded Poland through V.E. Day, May 8, 1945, Moshe's writings prove invaluable to chronicling the miracle in the hayloft that commenced in late 1942, and lasted for nearly two years. At once harrowing, uplifting and incredible, the close calls indeed prove that truth trumps fiction every time.

Of near Biblical proportions is the episode concerning little Fay Letzter (Malkin), who wouldn't stop weeping. When the hidden and their benefactor could no longer count on the squealing pigs to drown out the cries that might expose them, David Kindler, their resident M.D., was given the OK to end the tragic dilemma. Ah, but there's a twist.

Trapdoors, secret attics and regular visits by German soldiers, whom Mrs. Halamajowa often threw parties for so as to appear a Nazi sympathizer, play a role in other hair-raising chapters. Yet it is the day-to-day feeding and related chores necessary to hiding fifteen people in cramped quarters without arousing neighbors' suspicions that truly astonishes.

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Fay (Fran) Letzter Malkin embraces her daughter Debbi up in the hayloft where she spent almost two years as a child

2009 Newark Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts Weequahic Alumni

1978 - Hassan Arbubakrr



Hassan Arbubakrr was born in Newark on December 9, 1960, to Wahab and Garleah Arbubakrr. He is the second youngest of nine siblings and is also a twin.

He attended Weequahic High School and went on to Pasadena College and Texas Tech. From there, he was drafted by the NFL Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Hassan spent three years in the NFL with the Buccaneers and the Minnesota Vikings. He left the NFL due to an injury and signed with the Canadian Football League (CFL). Over the course of five years, he played with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and the Ottawa Roughriders.

After he finished in the CFL, Hassan returned home to Newark and started working in the Newark Public School system. He has coached football for his former high school, Weequahic High, as well as taught elementary and high school students. He is currently a truant officer with Newark Public Schools and also does private armed security.

He resides in East Orange, is married and has six children. Hassan's athletic career prepared him to return back home to be an asset to his community.

1952 - Harold Braff

Harold (Hal) I. Braff was not an athlete, but was honored for his contributions to the Weequahic High School community. He graduated from Maple Avenue School in 1948, Weequahic in 1952, the University of Wisconsin in 1956, and Rutgers University Law School in 1959.

Hal began the practice of law in Newark at 1180 Raymond Boulevard in the firm of Braff, Litvak and Ertag, which moved to East Orange in 1961 and to Livingston in 1981. He is currently in practice with

the firm of Margulies Wind in Jersey City. From the onset of his practice, Hal has been a litigator, certified as a Civil Trial Attorney since 1982.

Today, he serves as a mediator and arbitrator in NJ and NY.



One of the originators of the Americans Inns of Court in the State of New Jersey, Hal was elected to the Board of Trustees of the American Inns of Court Foundation in 1991 and in 1994 and was honored in the United States Supreme Court with the A. Sherman Christensen Award for excellence and service to the legal community. For his work in furthering the standards of excellence in the practice of law, Hal has been recognized with a Special Merit Award by the Essex County Bar Association and the New Jersey Trial Lawyers Association.

He served as chairman of the IOLTA Board and is an adjunct professor of Law at Rutgers University Law School in Newark. He is a life member of the NAACP, a past president of Temple Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield, a recipient of the David Ben-Gurion Award from the State of Israel, and co-founder and co-president of the Weequahic High School Alumni Association, which provides scholarships and opportunity to students at his alma mater. Hal lives in South Orange with his wife Elaine. They have six children and nine grandchildren.

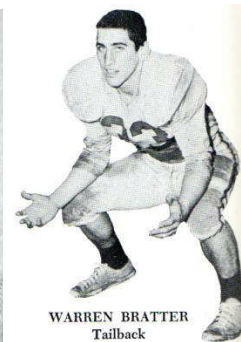
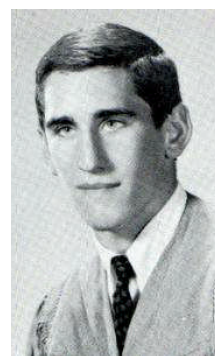
1960 - Warren Bratter

Warren was born and raised in the Clinton Hill and Weequahic sections. He attended Avon Avenue and Chancellor Avenue Schools and completed four years of high school at Weequahic.

Afterwards, he attended Hamilton College and then completed graduate studies at New York University's Graduate School of Ibero-American Studies, the Universidad Complutense in Madrid, Spain; Université Paris-Sorbonne; and the Sapienza Università di Roma in Italy.

Following his graduate work, he served on the faculties of Elmira College, Manhattan College, Adelphi and Hofstra Universities. At Adelphi, he was one of the founders and the long time Director of its Latin American Studies Program. While at Adelphi, he was selected Head Track and Field and Cross Country Coach for men and women at CW Post College and then at New York Institute of Technology.

During his almost fifteen-year tenure as Head Coach, more than 65 of his athletes (female and male) achieved All-American status, several of his athletes and relay teams were Division II National Champions as well as Olympians for their respective countries of origin.



WARREN BRATTER
Tailback

At Weequahic and then at Hamilton College, Warren was a four-year starter in football. In high school, he was for several seasons the leading rusher, passer, and scorer. In his senior year, he was named to the *All City First Team*. As a collegiate football player, he was his team's leading rusher during two seasons.

Warren was also a member of the Weequahic and Hamilton College's track and field teams. He was a regular point scorer in dual and City meets in high school. Running with Ed Barker, Tom Krueger, and Bob Mack, he was a member of the Distance Medley Relay team that set a Long Branch Relays record that stood for almost four decades.

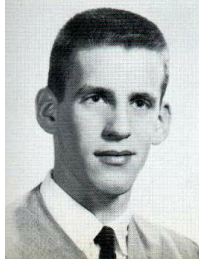
At Hamilton College, he was a four-year letterman and a regular point scorer in dual, quadrangular, and State Championship meets. He was chosen Captain of the track team in his Senior Year.

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Following graduation from undergraduate school, Warren continued to compete for 43 years in track and road racing on the local, regional, and national levels, principally as a member of New York City's Central Park Track Club. He was a member of several winning Penn Relays Master Teams as well as Master's National Track Championship Relay teams.

1959 - Robert J. Mack

Bob was born in Newark in 1942 and lived there until the early 60's. He attended Maple Avenue School and graduated from Weequahic High School in 1959.



During his high school athletic career he repeated twice as State Track Champion in the one mile run and State Champion in cross country. Bob set the track/course record for both events during that period. He also won the National HS Mile Championship at Madison Square Garden his senior year.



Bob graduated from a custom five-year program at Yale University in 1963 with a B.E. Degree (Electrical Engineering) and in 1964 with a B.S. Degree (Economics-Psychology). In college he won several Heptagonal and IC4A championships, and ran best times of 4:08 and 8:48 in the mile and 2 mile events respectively.

He also competed internationally, and in 1960 Bob won a bronze medal in the 1500 meter event and silver medal in the 5000 meter event at the Maccabiah Games in Israel. During the 1980s, Bob intermittently trained and competed in Road Races from 5 miles up to a half marathon (13.1 miles) distance with best times of 27:30 and 89:40 respectively.

Bob first worked as a Systems Analyst, and then transferred to AT&T as a Senior Engineer responsible for development of

new simulation models. During that time he was sponsored on a work/study program integrated with Lehigh University for courses in Operations Research. In the early 1970's, he joined a Real Estate Development firm with responsibilities for construction and operations management, subsequently becoming their financial officer.

In the early 1990's, while engaging in Real Estate Development activities, opportunity emerged to offer management and financial consulting services for companies in early stages of development. In 2000, he formed a Management Company to put his full-time focus on consulting for other business opportunities.

Services performed included leading due diligence process, business plan development, expansion of market opportunities, economic modeling, operational reviews, contract management, and strategic planning. Bob lives in Marlboro, NJ with his wife Toby. They have two married daughters and one grandchild.

1973 - Wilbur Ross III

Born in Newark on May 6, 1954, Wilbur, III is the son of Wilbur Jr. and Sylvia Ross (both deceased). He was educated in the Newark school system and graduated from Weequahic High School.



Sports was a big part of his life in his early childhood because of his father Wilbur Ross, Jr.'s reputation and outstanding achievements as a world renowned track coach. He introduced his son to playing sports at an early age in baseball, football and basketball and Wilbur developed a good sense of team spirit and sportsmanship which has carried him all throughout his life.

Wilbur had many mentors that helped him in life. James Freeman was one who encouraged him to play hard and serious basketball. He played varsity basketball for four years of high school at three different schools, Seton Hall Prep, Lenox Prep, and his last two years were at Weequahic. This is where his team won

the City and County Championships in his junior year and he received recognition as an outstanding player. In his senior year the team won a State Group IV Championship.

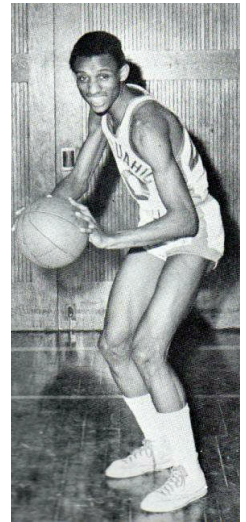
Wilbur was offered 250 scholarships to attend and play basketball in college and was recruited by Dick Vitale. He received a 4-year basketball scholarship to attend Detroit University. While there, he was injured playing basketball and his hope for an opportunity to become a professional basketball player in the NBA ended. He graduated with a degree in Education from Detroit Mercy University.

Presently, he is employed as an International Longshoreman. He is a member of the ILA Local 1233 and serves on the ILA Board. He takes pride in representing others and giving of himself to assist in quality control efforts at his workplace.

Another love of his life is being a father. He has true love and compassion for his children. Their welfare means the world to him. Because of the large number of family issues relating to domestic violence, Wilbur wanted to do something meaningful. So in 2006, he founded a non-profit organization called *Men Against Domestic Violence (MADV)*.

In 2009, *MADV* established partnerships for a national mentorship program for teens made up of educators; college students/interns; clergy; athletes; law enforcement, judicial and legislative officials; retirees; medical professionals; celebrities; non-profit organizations; and citizens. It uses sports and play as the carrot to capture the undivided attention of youth about domestic violence.

Educating the children of Newark and other communities is a first priority for Wilbur. He assists in enriching the lives of young people, teaching family values, and helping them to create a better future.





Bragman's (not included in article, but still on Hawthorne Ave.) is owned by the son of Janice Reisner, WHS 1947.

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Irving's uses the same pastrami supplier in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, as Katz's on the Lower East Side and has a former Katz employee, Pedro Hernandez, hand cutting his meat. Sax, who spent a night behind the counter learning to slice meat at Katz's, said the best delis have a master cutter, not a slicing machine. When you steam a piece of meat for a long time, as with a good piece of pastrami once it has been cured and smoked, it will tear apart if it isn't cut by hand.

Singer added, *"Hebrew National pastramis are a round cut intended for machine slicing at the local deli."* And Hebrew National, once owned by a Jewish family, the Pineses, is now under ConAgra Foods. Sax appreciates the little guys who make as much of their own food as possible, like Hobby's house-cured corned beef and **Brent's Deli's** homemade kishke in Los Angeles, a deli town for which he has high regard. And in his book he considers the pairing of *"slowly steamed pastrami and hot crusty double-baked rye bread infused with caraway seeds"* at **Langers's Delicatessen and Restaurant** in Los Angeles a perfect sandwich.

Jay & Lloyd's Kosher Deli in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, has an awfully good pastrami sandwich and nice, crisp zucchini potato latkes. Caricatures of pickles and sandwiches share the walls of the deli with photographs from the 1940s of deli workers union dinners. Lloyd Lederman, a third

generation deli owner who opened Jay & Lloyd's in 1993, wore a hat shaped like a giant hot dog. *"You have to have a deli shtick,"* said Lederman, 52. *"We go into the dining room and sit down with the customers and schmooze. We used to have rude waiters to add to the shtick. We put a joke of the day on the cash register. My dad did it and I do it. You have to have a passion."* Sax said: *"For me, the great thing about that place is the joy he has for his life. For the deli man, all of life is about the deli."*

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Thanks to adroit editing, there are two or three surprises that aren't divulged until their full, flabbergasting effect can be realized. Suffice it to note, Francisca Halamajowa's humanitarianism extended beyond saving Jews in her pigsty. The irony of the address where this saintly woman performed her mitzvah is not lost on us.

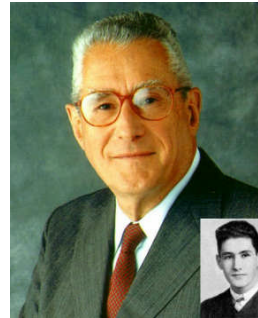
The house still stands, as does the tree where, Chaim remembers, aunt Chaye Dvora was buried under cloak of night. Mrs. Halamajowa has since been inscribed by Yad Vashem as Righteous Among Nations. And we, deeply moved by the legacy of *"No. 4 Street of Our Lady,"* seek solace in the hope for a world that never again needs hiding places.

Film earns accolades, awards

Since its release, *No. 4 Street of Our Lady* has been on the film festival circuit, earning praise, rave reviews and awards along the way, such as a Grand Prize for a feature documentary at the Rhode Island International Film Festival; the Accolade Award of Excellence in Film; the CINE Golden Eagle Award; and a Silver Palm Award at the Mexico International Film Festival.

The film will be shown locally at the Jewish Community Center of MetroWest in Whippany, on April 11, 2010.

ALUMNI PROFILE



Marvin Moser

WHS June 1941

Expert on hypertension praises his Weequahic education

Many of us were never aware of the kind of all-inclusive education we had gotten in high school until we found ourselves competing in college with students from around the country and from some of the better prep schools in the Northeast. We were lucky to have been exposed to some of the activities that are no longer offered in public schools - debating, chess, math, music, art programs, etc. I even had a chance to play on a tennis team. Neither I nor the team was very good but it was fun.

I finished almost four years of college in 20 months at Cornell because of the war. After 4-6 months in basic training, I was fortunate enough to enter medical school and finished at the age of 22. Following several residencies, I finished my cardiology training with a National Heart Association Fellowship at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City and once again found myself in the Army in 1951-53.

Luckily, I was transferred to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center where I served as Chief of Vascular Disease and Hypertension Research and an Associate Chief of Cardiovascular Disease. I had begun research on the treatment of hypertension during my residency at Montefiore Hospital in New York City in 1949 and continued this at Mt. Sinai. This was extended at Walter Reed.

In 1953, I moved to Scarsdale, New York where I was active as a member of the school board, the Narcotics Guidance Council and other community activities. I retired from active practice in White Plains, NY in 1995 after 42 years. From the first day of practice I spent a great deal of time in academic pursuits doing research on almost all of the different treatments for hypertension.

In addition, with a grant from the National Institutes of Health we studied racial differences in hypertension and treatment in the Bahamas, West Indies and in the U.S. I have been teaching at Yale University School of Medicine for more than 25 years and continue to be excited about working to control various risk factors and prevent heart disease and strokes.

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Class of June 1959 50th Reunion

By Marsha Weinstein Morris

At our 50th Reunion, the Class of June 1959 contributed \$1,500 to the Weequahic High School Alumni Association to be used for the *Sadie Rous* and *Hannah Litzky* scholarship funds. This is an appropriate honor since the daughters of both teachers, Barbara Rous Harris and Ruth Litzky Willetts, are members of our class.

The reunion, held this past October on the 17th and 18th, was the best reunion we ever had - beginning with a tour of Newark and our high school on Saturday that thrilled us all when we were surprised by our "mystery" guest, Philip Roth.

He quietly joined our group at the Newark Museum and rode along with us to see the sights from our childhood including the house where he lived. Roth graciously answered all of our questions on the bus trip and then in the high school auditorium where we all sat in the very same seats we had sat in 50 years earlier. For the 77 graduates who opted to go on the bus tour and tour of Weequahic, it was one of the best days of our lives.

Although it has been said "*you can never go home again*", we did.... and loved every minute of it. From entering the main doors of the high school and seeing the murals on the walls to sitting in the auditorium and taking in the space and remembering



each of our experiences in this room, it was like a mesmerizing dream come true. Then we walked down the hallways that look exactly the same as they

did when we last walked through them and many of us searched for our homerooms to take one more look at the place we rushed to every morning of our high school years.

Our tour took us next to the gym where we all had an opportunity to remember the smell of the wood floor and the special moments we spent there from gym classes to basketball games to Hops. After the high school tour, we boarded the buses and drove by all of the elementary schools we attended to once again remember the sites that were so much a part of our lives and fond memories. Then on to a great lunch at Hobby's. It was indeed for all of us a very special day.

We are very grateful to our Alumni Association for providing such a very special school tour for our 50th Reunion.

On Sunday, 177 graduates got together for the best reunion ever at the Hamilton Park Hotel in Florham Park. After 50 years we all were so happy to be there, reminisce and share our lives with old friends, and rekindle friendships with those we had not seen in many years.



Newark-born Governor Chris Christie and Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno flank Myrna Jelling Weissman, WHS 1953, at her home in Hillside

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From 1974 to 2006, I served as the Senior Medical Consultant to the National High Blood Pressure Education Program of the National Heart Lung & Blood Institute. During that time, I was involved in many studies with national organizations and had the good fortune to lecture extensively abroad, as well as in most major medical colleges in the U.S. I have received awards for work in hypertension from the American Society of Hypertension, the International Society of Hypertension, the National Heart Lung & Blood Institute, and several medical universities.

I served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Clinical Hypertension, the official journal of the American Society of Hypertension from 1999 until this year and have published more than 500 scientific papers and 11 books, five of which were for the general public. I am still active in teaching as a Clinical Professor of Medicine at Yale, and am editing a new medical journal.

My wife of more than 55 years is an artist and on the staff of Columbia University Teachers College. We have three children - an architect, an artist and a television producer. I have continued to play tennis and have, in my old age, taken up golf. Joy and I travel quite a bit and spend summers in the Northern Adirondacks. I have also enjoyed doing research and lecturing on the health of the Presidents and "*Cover Ups in the White House*." I have discussed these issues in many venues during the past 5-7 years.

In other words, I am very lucky to have had a wonderful rewarding career, a lovely family and lots of interests that continue to make life enjoyable. I can now look back on my experience at Weequahic as having prepared me for some of the good things that have happened.



Mel Braverman, Linda Cohen Aber, Lillian Friedman Weinstein, Marsha Masoff Steinberg, Charlie Eisenberger, Judy Cohen Sloane, Marsha Weinstein Morris, Matt Naula, Sandy Russell Carney, Jill Goff Cohen, Lillie Ellis, Judy Tiber Morris, Fran Elson Pinkowitz, and Steve Goodman

"Heart of Stone" Update

This award-winning film about Weequahic High School and its alumni recently won more awards at the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival and the Santa Fe Film Festival 2009!

DVDs are now on sale at www.heartofstonethemovie.com Starting in February the film will be on cable TV's *Video on Demand*. Check the *Heart of Stone* web site for a complete listing of past and future screenings.

Campaign Kinship

Campaign Kinship, launching on Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, brings *Heart of Stone* to universities, high schools, synagogues, JCC's, and other religious institutions nationwide. The film will be presented with round table panel discussions and Q & A sessions. The mission of Campaign Kinship is twofold:

- to inspire other communities to use the alumni model to raise funds for scholarships and other activities that broaden the horizons of inner city students
- to inspire inner city schools to create conflict resolution programs and non-violence zones so that students can coexist with gang members in a peaceful educational environment.

Lenson's Art at Jewish Museum in Newark

The exhibit, "*Hard Times, Good Times - The Art of Michael Lenson*" continues through January 2010 at The Jewish Museum of NJ in Newark at historic Cong. Ahavas Sholom. Lenson is the artist who painted the murals in the lobby of Weequahic High School, Newark City Hall, 14th Avenue School, the Verona Sanitarium, and the New

Jersey Pavilion at the 1939 World's Fair in New York.



Plaque in memory of Principal Ron Stone

The **Class of 2008** raised funds to have a plaque made in memory of their Principal, Ron Stone. At a small ceremony that took place at the front of the school and was attended by staff, students, alumni, and Meg Stone, the plaque was placed next to the school sign on the front lawn.



More Alumni Passings

Carol Ann Jacobowitz Alex, 1960
Merna Scaratowsky Evenson
Jack Friedman, June 1941 (2007)
Melvin Gietter, Jan. 1948
Roberta Koerner Glassner, 1955
George Kadish
Philip Kestenbaum, 1937
Ernest Lieberman, 1949
Irving Lieberman, June 1939 (2008)
Milton Litt, 1960
Seymour Lubetkin, 1940
Shirley Lowenstein Lubetkin, 1941
Rory Bellomo Matula, June 1953
Gladys Misowitz Penn, June 1945
Edith Kravet Schapiro, 1947
Robert Schenkel
Phyllis Schwartz, 1945
Charles Schwartzman, 1963
Jerry Shumsky, Jan. 1954
Norman Siderman
Marvin Siegel, Jan. 1953
Glenn Steven Wallace, 1969
Florence Yourish Gerard, 1935
Marvin Zeller, Jan. 1948

In Loving Memory

Paul Lyons, June 1960 Educator and Author



Paul Lyons, 66, died on Jan. 19, 2009. He was a teacher who loved music, writing and family. As a professor of social work and

history at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Paul was much beloved by colleagues, students, and staff.

He rejoiced in nurturing his students' curiosity and engagement with academics and society, and he was especially committed to helping those who came from troubled backgrounds. Paul was active and dedicated to his union, committed to mentoring junior faculty, loved playing saxophone and singing with the Stockton Faculty Band and relished his lunch hour runs with college staff around Lake Fred. As a scholar, Paul grappled with recent political and social events and their meaning.

He leaves us with five books on 20th Century American history. His latest is *American Conservatism: Thinking It, Teaching It*. Paul had a lifelong commitment to social justice. He fought for peace, human rights and justice by protesting, organizing and political campaigning.

His unwavering belief in equality, the dignity of all peoples, and the need for participation in the democratic process will be missed by his friends, family and colleagues. In addition to academic and social justice pursuits, Paul was active in the local community serving several terms as an elected member of Northfield's school board and on the board of The ARC of Atlantic County. Paul's life contained enough experience, service and love for many lifetimes.

Paul is survived by his wife Mary Hardwick; his sister Joan Lyons (WHS 1956); his children Max Lyons, Jenn Zelnick

(Max O'Donnell) and Nate Zelnick (Zoe Beckerman); and grandchildren Lula, Maeve and Liam O'Donnell and Leo Zelnick.

Marion Lawrence Dent, 1969



Marion "Muma" Dent made her transition on Oct. 13, 2009. It was a bright day on August 9, 1951 when

Marion was born to Edna Mitchell. It became a brighter day when Marion was adopted by Clifford and Blanche Lawrence. They were true and loving parents.

Marion was educated in Newark and graduated from Weequahic High School in 1969. Following graduation, she attended Seton Hall University to study Business and Literature and was inspired to write. Marion worked for five years with the Newark Board of Education before working with Prudential and then the Post Office.

Marion started at Montclair State University at the campus book store as a temporary worker. They were so impressed with her character, they hired her permanently and she became the secretary in the athletics department.

She was an adamant spokesperson for workers' rights. As president of the Montclair State University CWA-Branch -103, she was great at solving employee problems. She sang in the choir at Macedonia Baptist Church and also with an R&B Group. She later followed her passion in writing.

Surviving are her children, Clifford (Schrone) Lawrence, Monice (Steve) Reed, Quaseem (Latiffane) Dent; sister, Frances Winbush; her former husband, Arthur Dent; sister-in-law, Diane Dent Mustafa; six grandchildren, Shafiq, Sade, Nasir, Khalid, Zafma, Kylif and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. She was loved by everyone that came in contact with her, and will be truly missed.



WALDO WINCHESTER

This popular column from the Calumet first appeared in 1950. Please let us know about how our alumni have distinguished themselves in their lives after Weequahic.

A Happy 80th Birthday to **David Steiner, Jan. 1947** who celebrated with family and friends with a party at the Steiner Studios in Brooklyn on November 14th.

Charles Bernhaut, Jan. 1954: If you have interest in Jewish music, you will enjoy logging on to my web site at: www.charliebernhaut.com. I've been sharing my collection of over 15,000 albums of Jewish music via the radio since 1977. Now, the wonderful world of the Internet allows me to reach beyond the local Metro area and share this hobby with you. The first hour is every kind of Jewish music with the exception of Cantorial. The second hour is strictly Cantorial. There are no commercials. You are able to access the "Archive" at your convenience, at any time - or, listen to it live every Monday night from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. EST.

Edwin C. Marshall, 1964, vice president for diversity, equity, and multicultural affairs and professor of optometry at Indiana University, was elected into the National Optometry Hall of Fame. He is the 48th optometrist who has been so honored.

Richard Kuperman, 1966, the President of the African American Jewish Coalition, organized a Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration at Cong. Ahavas Sholom in Newark. Robert Curvin, one of Newark's leading civil rights activists, was the keynote speaker. Co-sponsors were the synagogue, First Tabernacle of Newark, and The Jewish Museum of NJ.

Jay Levinson, 1966, has written a new book entitled: *"Jewish Journeys in Jerusalem: A Tourist's Guide."* The book is a travel guide designed to give tourists a Jewish experience when visiting the city. It covers interesting background about popular sites and fascinating details about lesser known places and will greatly enhance a visitor's understanding and appreciation of the city.

Irvin "Poochie" Hill, 1979, selected as the "Assistant Football Coach of the Year" by The Star-Ledger, which describes him as follows: "Poochie Hill doesn't coach a particular position at Weequahic. He just oversees the hearts and souls of the young men who play those positions. 'Poochie is really a special advisor to the guys; he's a motivational inspiration to the guys on the team and the other coaches, too.' head coach Altarik White said. Hill an officer at Northern State Prison in Newark and a former football star at Weequahic, reaches out to the youngsters with more than kind words. He has dipped into his pocket numerous times for food, bus money, even winter coats."

Gary Westbury, WHS Athletic Director, was selected as the New Jersey Athletic Director of the Year.

Class of 1949 - 60th Reunion Committee



Oct. 4, 2009 at Cedar Hill Country Club in Livingston.
Al Marcus, Allen Pearl, Harriet Krichman Pearlmuter, Mort Weinstein, Phyllis Miller Green, Judy Blumenfeld Schatzberg, Nancy Leon Herman, Don Marshall. Not pictured: Jack Kirsten, Irv Sherman, Audrey Leiwant Isler.

Reunion of "The Cameos" - Class of Jan. 1952



May 3 & 4, 2009 at Nassau Inn in Princeton. Lois Levine Fink, Natey Fink, Avis Dresdner Weeks, Marcia Kahan Rosenthal, Joanne Rosen Friedman, Paula Katz Clupper, Bobby Gold, Ellie Gold, Leatrice Freidman Minzter, Paula Tischler Goldfein.

Multi-Class Reunion 60's-70's-80's

October 3, 2009 - Robert Treat Hotel in Newark



200+ alumni attended. Carrie Jackson, Bradford Hayes, and DJ Ross provided the entertainment. The event was organized by Adilah Quddus, 1971.



In Loving Memory

Herb 'Butch' Zuckerberg, 1945

Band Leader and Sculptor



Herb Zuckerberg, known professionally as Herb Zane, passed away on October 1, 2009. He was known as the 'Bar Mitzvah King' of New Jersey.

The Herb Zane Orchestra specialized in musical entertainment

for both private and public parties and various gala events. In particular Bar/Bas Mitzvahs or Jewish coming of age parties for young Jewish men and women were his niche. Although he and his band performed at many weddings, Herb was able to transform the traditional Bar Mitzvah from a circumspect solemn occasion into one of festivity and some would say extravagance.

Originally a native of Newark, Herb graduated from Weequahic High School and attended Rider College. Afterwards, Herb played drums in the US Army Band. Following the Army, he joined his brother Alan Zane. It was with the Alan Zane Orchestra that Herb got his start. He began the Herb Zane Orchestra in 1952.

For many years in the late 1950's and 60's, Herb was the house band at the Steak Pit Restaurant in Paramus. This venue really showcased his musical talent and in addition, provided access for Herb to work with some of the top nightclub acts of the period such as Connie Francis, Killer Joe Piro and the dance duo, the Fisher Brothers.

After a 47-year career and 11,000 parties, he retired to Monroe, NJ where Herb found a new expression in sculpture. He established a serious reputation as an artist, working primarily in alabaster and has his sculpted pieces in museums and private collections throughout the country. Most recently immediately prior to his death, Herb was in the process of what he described as a 'Comeback.' He collected his former musician colleagues together (now in their 70's and 80's) and released two CDs that are a collection of standards with some Gospel music thrown into the mix.

Herb always stressed the importance of family and was adored by all. He was supremely devoted to his beloved wife of 59 years, Renea. He was considered by his two sons to be both a trusted advisor and a reliable

confidant and, most importantly, a friend. Herb's particular joy was his four grandchildren, as well as his nieces, nephews and many cherished friends. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Ron Zuckerberg and wife Wendy and Paul Zuckerberg and wife Dr. Ilana Zuckerberg; grandchildren, Rachel, Josh, Jesse and Eli, niece, Marcia Kahan Rosenthal, WHS 1952; and many nephews nieces, and cousins.

Florence Misurell, WHS Faculty

Foreign Language Teacher



Florence P Misurell, 97, of Seabrook Village, Tinton Falls, passed away on Sept. 19, 2009. Born in Kearny, she lived most of her life in Newark before moving to Florham Park for 20 years and has been a resident of Seabrook

Village in Tinton Falls, for the past five years.

She received her BA and MA degrees from New York University in 1936. Florence was a language teacher for the Newark Board of Education, primarily working at Weequahic High School for 26 years, retiring in 1975. Florence was a member of the NJ Retired Teachers Association and at Seabrook Village was a member of the French Club, the Sociable Singers and Meditation Club. Florence was an avid student of Shakespeare, opera and foreign languages. She was full of life and energy and will be remembered as a kind, supporting, and intelligent, grateful, enthusiastic, devoted and extraordinary woman.

Florence will be missed dearly by all her family, friends and Seabrook Community. She was predeceased by her husband, Rocco A. Misurell, in 1984. Surviving are her daughter, Janice Misurell Mitchell (WHS 1963) and husband, Tom; a son, Robert Misurell and wife, Sherri; five grandchildren, Carmen and Gabriel Mitchell, Justin, Michael and Travis Misurell; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Alfred N. Steiner, June 1938

Lieutenant Colonel, Library Advocate

Alfred Nathan Steiner of Sedona, Ariz., formerly of Millburn and Basking Ridge, died peacefully at home. He was born in Newark, graduated from Weequahic High School and Rutgers University College of Engineering, where he was captain of the lacrosse team. Al was an avid ham radio operator and served our country proudly and with distinction as a



communications officer in the Army Air Force during World War II. In 1946, he married Jean Gordon of Elizabeth, moved to Millburn and continued to serve in the NJ Air National Guard, where he was a lieutenant

colonel and commander of the 105th AC&W Squadron in Newfoundland.

After his war service, Al was associated in the building products industry. An early computer enthusiast, he was a developer of new products and a collector of classical jazz and concert music. A most voracious reader and promoter of education, he initiated the Great Book Club Series at the local public libraries. He was a strong advocate for fairness and justice. He was a generous supporter of the Millburn and Basking Ridge public libraries, The Raptor Trust of Millington, and the Astronomy Club of NJ.

In 2005, after the passing of his first wife, Jean, Al enjoyed three happy years of remarriage to Elizabeth. He is survived by his beloved wife, daughters, Joan Cocks, Deborah Steiner-van Rooyen, and Barbara Steiner: his son-in-law, Peter Cocks; grandchild, Kerie van Rooyen; brother, David S. Steiner and his sister-in-law, Sylvia; sisters, Elsie Seilkoff and Gertrude Nudel. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and his extended families in Israel, Brazil, South Africa and France.

David Grossman, June 1953

Local Physician

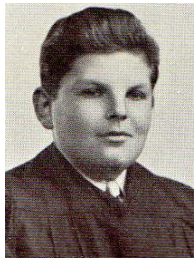
Dr. David L. Grossman, M.D., 73, died on Dec. 26, 2009. Born in Newark, he resided in Maplewood since 1970. He was a graduate of Temple University with a B.S. Degree and received his medical degree from SUNY Downstate Medical School. Dr. Grossman served his residency in internal medicine at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark. There he served as president of the medical staff and was a member of the AMA. He maintained a private practice in Maplewood for the past 39 years. During the Vietnam War, he served in the Army Medical Corps

Surviving are his wife, Jane (Harris) Grossman; sons, Robert and Bruce; his daughters Jenine Alvarado and Stacey Moscone; a sister, Audrey Schornstein (WHS 1955); and his grandchildren, Dani, Erica, Michael, Justin, Matthew, Jenna, Joshua, Sara, Alex and Angelina. He is predeceased by his wife, Marilyn (Rozansky) Grossman, several years ago.

In Loving Memory

Martin Brody, Jan. 1939

Built Restaurant Associates into industry leader



Martin Brody died at age 88 in West Orange on October 29, 2009. A longtime resident of Short Hills, he lived in Boca Raton, Florida.

He was the Chairman and CEO of Restaurant Associates (RA) from

1963-1992. Under Martin's leadership RA became one of the premier restaurant companies in the country known for their concept restaurant and high quality food service for major institutional clients.

Born in 1921 in a cold water flat in Newark, Martin started working in his father's business, *Rain or Shine*, at nine years old. *Rain or Shine* was a box lunch company that thrived during the Depression selling prepackaged lunches to factory workers throughout Essex County. He graduated from Weequahic High School and Michigan State University.

He enlisted in the army during World War II. In 1946, he returned home a Captain and joined the family business. He met Florence Brody (formerly Gropper) on a blind date and they were married 6 months later. After the family business had grown from 1 to 60 trucks, Martin engineered its sale in 1961.

Two years later, he became Chairman, President, and CEO of Restaurant Associates (RA) by merging Waldorf Systems with RA. The company created and owned such renowned NYC restaurants as *The Four Seasons*, *The Forum*, *Mama Leones*, *Tavern on the Green*, *Brasserie*, *La Fonda del Sol*, and *Sea Grill*.

The food service division included such institutions as *Lincoln Center*, *Kennedy Center*, *United Nations*, *Metropolitan Museum*, *Harvard Club*, *Ford Foundation* and the *U.S. Open*. Nationwide operations included *Charlie Brown's* and *Acapulco* restaurant chains, and *Eastern News Stands*.

Born of immigrant parents, his mother was pregnant with Martin when they came to this country from Budapest. Martin literally went from Ellis Island to the boardroom. He was known among his peers and colleagues for his inspirational leadership and altruism. At an early age he was invited to join the Young

Presidents Organization (YPO) and later World Presidents Organization.

He served 10 years as the Chairman of the Executive Committee for Caldor, which was later purchased by Associated Dry Goods, a merger initiated by Martin. Other board positions included: Boston Celtics, Dollar Savings Bank, Leisure Technology, Jaclyn, Washington National Life Insurance Company and countless Smith Barney Mutual Funds. He also served on the American Stock Exchange Advisory Committee for eight years.

Martin was a true humanitarian whose generosity and leadership in community affairs touched countless lives. His nonprofit and civic work included 14 years on the board of St. Barnabas Healthcare System, the largest healthcare system in the state of NJ. He served eight years as Chairman of St. Barnabas and in 1977 was awarded an honorary lifetime trusteeship. For 13 years he was Chairman of the Finance Committee for the NJ Transit Authority Board. A plaque at Penn Station in Newark commemorates his 20 years of outstanding service.

In addition, he served on the NJ State Board of Institutions and Agencies and was a Commissioner on the Governor's Management Review Commission. He served on the board of Temple B'nai Abraham and the South Palm Beach Jewish Federation. He was Chairman of the Young Men's Division of the UJA and was actively involved in the Jewish Federation of Metro West NJ as both a volunteer and board member.

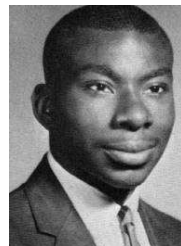
Mr. Brody is survived by his beloved wife, Florence; brother Arthur; sister Marion; daughter and son-in-law Renee and Alan Levow; daughter-in-law Marc and Carleen Brody; and three grandchildren Jake Levow, Cary Levow and Justine Brody.

Martin Brody did so much for so many. A man of honor, he had an extraordinary work ethic, integrity and personal warmth. In a world of change, no one who worked for him ever quit. He was fond of saying "*life is not a dress rehearsal*" and he lived his life with that quote in mind. Martin Brody devoted most of his life to serving his community, his country and his family. We are all better for having known him and he will be deeply missed.

Ernest Thompson, 1966

Newark Public Defender

Ernest H. 'Ernie' Thompson, Jr., a Newark municipal public defender, died November 3, 2009. Ernest was educated in the Newark public school system and graduated from Weequahic High School in 1966. He graduated from Kent State University with



honors in 1970 with a BA degree in political science. While at Kent State, he co-founded the Black Student Union and the ZI Gamma Chapter at Omega Psi Phi fraternity. In 1973, he graduated from Ohio State University Law School and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar that same year.

In June 1979, Ernest was appointed the Newark municipal public defender during the Gibson administration. He continued his employment with the City of Newark for several decades thereafter. He was loved and admired by all friends and colleagues alike and will be truly missed.

Ernest leaves to mourn, Tammy Thompson, his wife; Ernest Thompson, Sr. and Joyce R. Thompson, his father and mother; Gary Thompson, his brother; Sahir Thompson, his son; Sahir Thompson, Jr., his grandson; Vinant Miller, his nephew; and a host of other loving and devoted family and friends.

Eugene Picker, Jan. 1945

Reporter and Editor

Eugene 'Gene' Picker of Whippany, a newspaper editor and reporter for more than 60 years, died at 81 years of age. Born in Newark, Gene lived in Elizabeth for many years before moving to Whippany. He was a graduate of Weequahic High School, and NYU with a degree in journalism. He worked 25 years at the Dorf Feature Service News Bureau and was associated with the sports departments of The Star-Ledger and the Daily Journal in Elizabeth.

He was deeply involved in the coverage of the New Jersey scholastic and collegiate sports scene. His writings and numerous sports assignments included the Ali-Frazier boxing fights, professional baseball, football, tennis and golf. Early in his newspaper career in the mid-40's, he covered the Newark Eagles of the Negro Baseball League.

Gene received numerous sports awards, including election to the Elizabeth Sports Hall of Fame. He was a 50-year plus member of the NJ Sportswriters Association, its longest serving committee member and vice president. He received the organization's Atlantic City Sports Award in 1971 for journalism excellence. He was also deeply involved in social activism.

Gene was a devoted father to his sons, Doug and his wife Cheryl, and Bill and his wife, Barbara, and grandfather to Alyssa, Brett and Dylan. He is survived by his brother, Al, and his former wife, Annette.

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In Loving Memory

Daniel Gaby, June 1951

Owned prestigious advertising agency



Dan Gaby of West Orange, father, leader, mentor, and friend, passed away on Dec. 10, 2009. Dan was loved deeply and intensely by all he knew and met. Most importantly, he will forever be missed by his wife, Corky; his children,

Lisa, Suzanne, Keith, Vanessa, Corrine and Donny; his grandchildren, Devin, Jackson, Noah, Jordan, Jared and Nora; and his siblings, Doris, Molly, Murray and Beattie.

Dan spent his life defending those who could not defend themselves. He tirelessly worked to bring freedom and equality to the down-trodden, the lost, the disenfranchised. His accomplishments bordered on innumerable. Dan lived a full life in both the public and private spheres.

A graduate of Rutgers University in Newark, Dan began his career in advertising as a copywriter. He ultimately became the owner of Keyes Martin, then one of the state's largest advertising agencies, representing such high profile clients as AT&T, ShopRite, and the Port Authority. Dan created such famous campaigns as *"New Jersey and You: Perfect Together,"* in addition to writing the ShopRite *"Can Can"* song.

In many ways, however, Dan's professional life was his hobby. His passion was politics, and the art and science of social change. A committed, lifelong Democrat, he served in many roles in the party, including chairing the 1964 Johnson-Humphrey campaign in Somerset County and Co-Chairing the McCarthy delegation to the 1968 Democratic convention. He was also the Chair of NJ Citizens for Byrne in 1976, and Citizens for Florio in 1989. In 1976 and 1980, he was the State Chairman for Jimmy Carter for President. Most notably, Dan ran a vigorous primary race for the Democratic Senate nomination in 1972. He worked on campaigns but never became a creature of the status quo. He worked in politics on his own principled terms, and always fought for the underserved in the process.

But Dan cared about education, its reform, and school choice, with an intensity that surprised even those who knew him well. He often talked of how his U.S. Senate campaign showed him that, through many of our

government services, housing, health care, and education, we had delivered our poorest and most vulnerable citizens into monopolies from which they could not escape.

Having also served on the State Board of Education as its Vice President, the Rutgers Board of Trustees and Board of Overseers, and as the Vice President of Essex County College, Dan knew too well the value of education, and the burden of not having one, on our neediest citizens. He felt that educational choice was an imperative, a precondition, if equality for low-income, largely minority populations was to become a reality.

Always ahead of the political thought of the time, it was almost 30 years after his epiphany before Dan took up the stewardship of Excellent Education for Everyone (E3), after first serving on its board. He believed that the battle for equal educational opportunity was the logical extension of the civil rights movement, in which he also worked tirelessly.

Dan built, here in New Jersey, the country's most diverse coalition of school choice supporters, including Democrats and Republicans, tax and business groups, religious leaders, parents, and elected officials. He led with a *"by any means necessary"* bent where the organization's one goal was to *"get a child from a terrible educational place to a better one, now."*

He supported all sectors of the educational spectrum (traditional public schools, charter schools, and private schools among them) which is itself unique. But most importantly he believed in a parent's ability to make the best educational decision for a child, and that a ZIP code, or someone's income, should not relegate a child to a terrible school. For Dan, it was always that simple.

Richard Naftalis, 1967, Educator



Richard Naftalis, 60, of Coconut Creek, Fla., formerly of Union, died on November 21, 2009. Richie "Naf" attended Peshine, Chancellor and graduated from Maple, was Bar Mitzvahed at B'nai Abraham, and was a regular at the "Y".

His passion for sports developed early in life and he played JV basketball at Weequahic and was part of the Y's championship basketball team. He attended Peru State College in Nebraska, where he majored in Physical Education and played on both its varsity basketball and baseball teams. After serving

in the NJ National Guard, Richie returned to Newark to teach gym first at Wilson Avenue School, then at Lincoln Avenue School, where he also ran its after-school and summer recreation programs. He was also the coach for Newark Science High's baseball team. Richie's greatest love were his two children, Bryan and Erika. Also surviving are brothers Alan (WHS 1964) and Gary (WHS 1959), and former wife Esther Capobianco.

Eric Parham, 1966, Publicist



Eric L. Parham, 61, of Roselle, N.J., passed away on Sept. 21, 2009. Eric, born in Newark on April 17, 1948, was a 1966 graduate of Weequahic High School.

He began a successful career as a staff writer for the Newark Evening News. He was a senior publicist for ABC Television in New York for 32 years and served as union steward. He covered assignments for ABC Sports, News, and Daytime TV. He was also the East Coast show handler for series such as *"Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?"*

Eric's two passions were motorcycles and Ji Do Kwan. Inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame in Kenpo and Tae Kwon Do, he brought his love of the art to youths in Roselle for 16 years. Preceded in death by his step-father, Phillip Kirby, he is survived by his mother, Louise; wife of 20 years, Marita; daughters Erica, Victoria and Adrienne; and grandson Christian.

Marvin Zwillman, Jan. 1945



Marvin Zwillman, 83, a resident of South Orange, died on August 3, 2009 in St. Barnabas Hospital after courageously battling pneumonia for several months. Born and raised in Newark, Marvin was a

graduate of Weequahic High School, class of 1945. He served honorably in the U.S. Coast Guard before attending the University of Illinois.

For many years, Marvin Zwillman, his father Jacob and brother Seymour owned and operated liquor stores in Newark. Later, he was employed at Hirsch Auto, a company also located in Newark, that supplies restoration products to antique cars.

Marvin Zwillman is survived by his son, Dr. Michael Zwillman; two grandchildren, KC Schoenhaar and MacKenzie Zwillman; and his longtime companion, Kathe Connell.

2010 REUNIONS

May 16 / Jan. 1955 - 55th

Sunday, 11:30 a.m. at Grand Summit Hotel, Summit, NJ

Contacts: Bonnie Pollak Sher at (973) 992-2054 or

Ira Skolnick at (908) 889-2355

Ibskolnick@hotmail.com.

May 16 / Jan. & June 1948

Sunday, 11:30 a.m., 80th Birthday Celebration (you don't have to be 80), at the Suburban Golf Club on Morris Avenue in Union, NJ.

Contacts: Alan Kampf at (973)

758-9573 / aries13@aol.com or

Ron Lauer at (973) 243-2622

eilandron@comcast.net.

June 13 / 1939 - 71st

Sunday, 11:00 a.m., at Pal's Cabin in West Orange, NJ

Contacts: Fran Kasen at

(973) 731-7061; or Mickee Lublang

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Irv Newman at (941) 349-5766.

July 24 / 1990 - 20th

Saturday, 7 p.m. at the historic Robert Treat Hotel in Newark.

3 days of fun activities starting on Friday evening at the hotel.

Contact: Nashonda Hutchins,

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October 9 / Jan. 1960 - 50th

Saturday, 6 p.m. at the Kenilworth Inn, Kenilworth, NJ.

Contacts: Michael Kessler at

(973) 992-8817 / central124@aol.com

& Susan Bohrer Barr at (732)

574-0721 subarr@comcast.net

October 16 / June 1960 - 50th

Saturday, 7 p.m. at the Marriott Renaissance Hotel, Woodbridge, NJ

To include tour of WHS & Philip Roth Tour of Newark.

Contacts: Harold Klein

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Bob Masin, author of the book about his dad - "SWEDE. Weequahic's Gentle Giant" - poses by a memorabilia display at a party in his honor given by Weequahic alumni board member, Arnold Keller, 1952

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