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New Principal, Faheem Ellis, is a 1996 Weequahic Indian



Faheem Ellis realized early on in his career that school culture was the foundation of academic achievement.

Passionate, dedicated, caring, intelligent and fearless come to mind when you think about Mr. Ellis. He has never met a challenge he did not embrace. He realized in high school the importance of a quality education and made a vow to be a bridge builder for urban youth.

Now at age 36, he has become the new Principal at his alma mater, Weequahic High School. He is only the second Weequahic Principal to have graduated from the high school; 1965 grad, Claude Scott Bey, was the first in 1980.

Faheem Ellis was born and raised in Newark. He attended Maple Avenue elementary school and annex, lived on 801 Elizabeth Avenue and 117 Grumman Avenue, and graduated from Weequahic in 1996 where he excelled in football and basketball. His mother, Cheryl Smith, graduated WHS in 1973 and his father, Keith Ellis, attended WHS for two years.

As a result of his love of athletics, he went on to obtain a BS degree in Health and Physical Education K-12 from Florida Memorial University, a historic Black college located in Miami.

Mr. Ellis returned to Weequahic in 2002 where he taught Physical Education and Health for six years and was assistant coach in football and basketball, winning the state titles in both sports.

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John Tonero Retires As WHS Principal



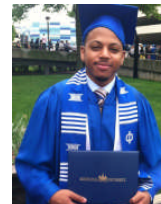
John Tonero, a Newark educator for 41 years, retired in June as the Principal of Weequahic High School after five rewarding years. He also taught mathematics at the high school for eight years.

Mr. Tonero previously served as the Chair of the Math Department and Vice Principal at West Side High School. Earlier in his career, he taught at Vailsburg High and Barringer Prep.

In addition to academics, he coached cross-country and indoor and outdoor track where his teams won 13 state championships and numerous county and city titles.

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He also led the Hawthorne Avenue Elementary boys basketball team to a city championship in 2005. While working full time and coaching, he earned a MA degree in Educational Leadership at Kean University.

Mr. Ellis' first administrative position was as Athletic Director at Malcolm X Shabazz High School. Under his leadership, athletes showed improvement in attendance and academic performance - and a higher percentage went to college.

The highlight of his tenure was winning four state basketball championships in three years. In 2010, the high school was the first in the history of Newark to win both girls and boys state championships in the same year.

In 2011, he was promoted to Vice Principal at Shabazz. Mr. Ellis took on the mission of reforming the culture at the high school as the administrator in charge of discipline.

In his first month at Weequahic with a high level of enthusiasm and energy, Mr. Ellis has introduced new policies that are proving to be effective.

The Alumni Association welcomes 1996 WHS grad Faheem Ellis as the new Principal of the high school. We look forward to continuing our successful partnership with the high school as we work together to provide more opportunity for Weequahic students.

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He currently serves as the meet director for Essex County, the Essex County Super Conference, and the state sectional championships. He is on the Executive Board of the Essex County Track Association and a member of the state NJSIAA outdoor track committee.

During his tenure as Principal, Mr. Tonerio created a caring environment at the high school, improved attendance, raised test scores every year, and increased graduation rates.

Principal Tonerio also was a member of the Board of Trustees of the WHS Alumni Association and we thank him for his valuable support, ongoing assistance, and good counsel.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

ANNUAL MEETING: At our Annual Organization meeting in September, Hal Braff (1952) and Mary Dawkins (1971) were re-elected as co-presidents, Art Lutzke (1963) as treasurer, and Ruby Baskerville (1961) as secretary. Re-elected to two-year terms as trustees were Karim Arnold (1984), Ruby Baskerville, Judy Bennett (1972), Hal Braff, Mary Dawkins, Adilah Quddus (1971), Gerald Russell (1974), and Pamela Scott Threats (1966).

APPRECIATION: The Alumni Association wants to thank Sheldon Bross (1955), co-founder and treasurer, and Myrna Jelling Weissman (1953), secretary and treasurer, for their many years of distinguished and dedicated service as members of the Board of Trustees.

MOVING ON: Phil Yourish (1964) has announced that he will be stepping down after 13 years as the founding Executive Director at the end of the school term.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: In addition to scholarships, the Alumni Association sponsored the following student activities: Men's Day, Women's Day, National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, girls basketball team summer camp, football team summer camp, and the WHS recruiting fair. It also purchased jackets for both the girls and boys championship track teams and equipment for the boys basketball and football teams.

WEB SITE: A new web site is being built for the Alumni Association. It will have a centralized database to look up classmates and friends; e-commerce to pay for membership, make contributions, and purchase merchandise; slide shows and videos; an updated picture gallery; and the latest alumni news.

Soon you will be able to access www.weequahicalumni.org once again.

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Our office is at Weequahic High School, 279 Chancellor Avenue in Newark in the Library/Media Center on the 3rd floor.

COME and VISIT! Tours of the high school and neighborhood can be arranged.

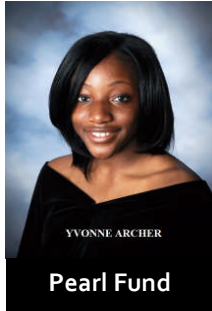
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32 students awarded \$1,500 scholarships totaling \$48,000

2013 Alumni Scholarship Recipients

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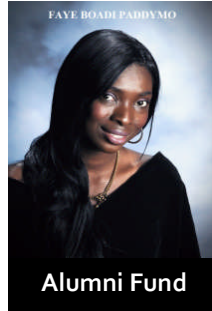
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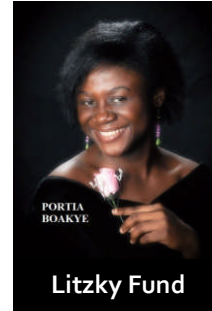
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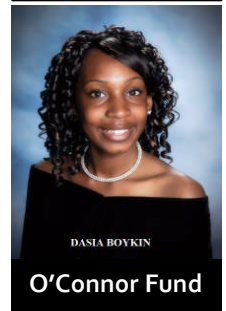
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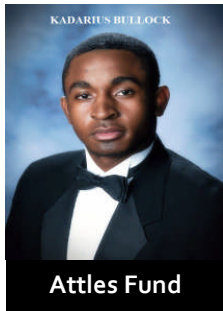
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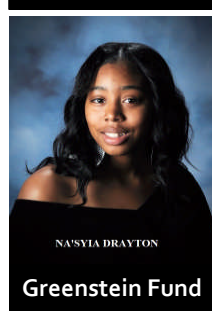
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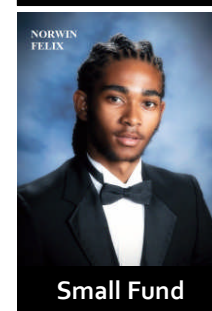
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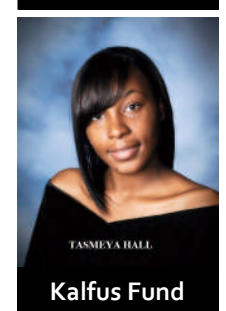
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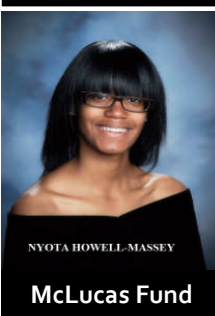
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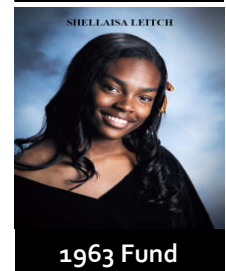
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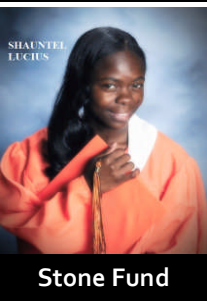
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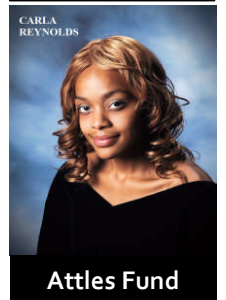
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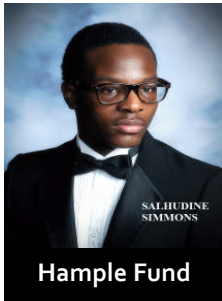
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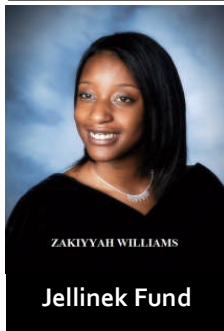
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Khayri Wilkerson



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Zakiyyah Williams



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Najyah Ali-Muhammad, Griffin Fund
Justina Debnam, Hastreiter Fund
George Johnson, Alumni Fund



Kudos to our new college grads

**Appiffanny
Boston
WHS 2008**

**Montclair State
University**



I am a proud alumna of Montclair State University (MSU) Class of Spring 2012, with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Management and Hospitality Management. People continuously ask where I'm from and are often surprised when I say that I'm a product of Newark and went to Weequahic High School, class of 2008.

After graduating in the top five of my class from WHS, for my four years at MSU I was awarded an annual scholarship from the WHS Alumni Association which helped me graduate college debt free. I am proud to say that I am and will continue to be a flower that has sprouted from the seed of WHS.

Graduating cum laude at MSU, I am the first generation to graduate college, and coming from a single-parent home, I believe I represent myself, my home and my community to its best and fullest potential.

**Mark
Payne
WHS 2008**

**Kean
University**



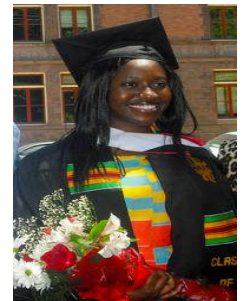
I attended Kean University for the past four years of my life. The overall experience was phenomenal. I would admit the first year and a half was filled with uncertainty. I wasn't sure exactly what I wanted to do with my life as far as a career. I juggled a lot of different ideas, but I noticed that things had a way of figuring themselves out.

I realized that I really enjoyed how the mind works so I took a few psychology courses as electives and fell in love with them. I went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology in May of 2013. In the fall of 2013, I will be pursuing a Masters degree in Social Work once again at Kean University.

I would like to thank Weequahic High School for preparing me with the right pre-college experience to start on my path, along with great support I received while I was in school, and the funding given to me by the Alumni Association.

**Barbara
Crenstil
WHS 2008**

**Dickinson
College**



I graduated from Dickinson College in May 2012 and I can humbly say that my numerous experiences - from participating in a 200-mile Coast-to-Coast Walk across Northern England to generate awareness of environmental sustainability to witnessing first hand the Egyptian Revolution - has made me a better and engaged citizen of the world.

I hope to continue my academic journey with a Masters in International Law and Human Rights.

At the time I received my scholarship I saw it as a culmination of my academic journey at WHS; however, over my four years at Dickinson College, the WHS scholarship symbolized the continuous efforts of WHS alumni to ensure that students like myself were not left crippled by our increasing financial obligations.

The WHS scholarship has brought me one step closer to realizing my professional goals and has inspired me to help others by giving back to my community. I hope one day I will be able to help other Weequahic students achieve their goal just as you have helped me.

**Tiana
Chambers
WHS 2008**

**Kean
University**



As a proud Weequahic alumna, I would like to thank you for your love and support through my college journey. I graduated Cum Laude from Kean University with a degree in Special Education. At college, I was the treasurer of the Alliance of Educational Opportunity Fund, made the Dean's List eight times, and the Honor's List three times. In addition, I participated in a "reducing the risk of teen pregnancy" study conducted at Weequahic High School.

I am now a positive role model for Newark. Currently, I am teaching 4th and 5th grade students with multiple disabilities at 13th Avenue School in Newark. I am honored to be able to give back to the same educational system from which I received my education. In 2014 I plan to begin working on my Master's degree in Educational Leadership at Montclair State University.

Having a strong alumni association supporting me through my journey allowed me to be the first generation in my family to graduate with honors. I greatly appreciate everything that the Weequahic High School Alumni Association has done for me on a financial level.

**Cameron
Marshall
WHS 2008**

**Seton Hall
University**



My undergraduate experience at Seton Hall University was one filled with wonderful experiences and meaningful lessons. I began knowing little about how things would unfold for me in the years to come. I just knew I wanted to

do well and succeed in my pursuit of higher education. Of course, there were challenges to meet and overcome along that road and there are still challenges for me to meet and overcome today.

Thankfully I had support from family, friends and many other people who wanted to see me achieve the goals I had set for myself. The most important of them being the Weequahic High School Alumni Association, which provided financial support to me ever since my departure from Weequahic High School in 2008.

Being an independent student at a private university, you come to realize exactly how expensive an education can be. With that being said, I am both thankful and greatly appreciative of the help and support from the Alumni Association. Without them the road to receiving my degree would have been much more difficult.

In the near future I plan to continue my studies and look into graduate school opportunities. I will likely enter a program in Information Technology and seek to get into a position to gain experience in that field.

Other WHS College Grads:

Almond Hill, WHS 2008

University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

Nana Yeboah, WHS 2004

Kean University

Maame Yeboah, WHS 2006

Kean University

Ravon Lisbon, WHS 2007

Essex County College / now attending Rutgers University in Newark.



**at the
WIGWAM
on the hill**

**Law Academy needs
alumni volunteers**

The aim of the Weequahic High School Law Academy, founded in 2009, is to prepare students for college and law and public safety careers.

Some of the courses offered over a three-year sequence are: Introduction to the Legal System and Trial Techniques; Constitutional Law; Civil and Criminal Law; and Introduction to Paralegal Studies.

Students also participate in the Rutgers University Law School Street Law program; National Street Law program; Essex County Law Day mock trial; Essex County Prosecutor's Office paid summer internships; and Newark Youth Court.

Many Weequahic alumni are attorneys, judges, paralegals, police officers, correction officers, etc. The Law Academy can use your assistance in the following areas: lecturing, mentorship, internships, law-related experiences, and donations of old law books and furniture.

If you can help, please contact **Ms. Beverly Russell**, Law Academy Director, at (347) 228-9648 or brussell@nps.k12.nj.us



Tree Planting Event

On Saturday, October 12, students from Weequahic High School and Chancellor Avenue School planted 26 trees on Chancellor Avenue from Aldine Street to Bayview Avenue, as well as on the high school's front lawn.

Small teams worked together to prepare the beds, plant the trees, mulch the tree pits, and water all of the trees.

The successful event was sponsored by the City of Newark, Verizon, the NY/NJ NFL Superbowl Host Committee, the NJ Tree Foundation, and the WHS Alumni Association.

Ming's Chinese-Jewish-American Comfort Food Memories

By Wayne Chen, WHS 1964

Every country, state, city, town, hamlet, neighborhood, religion, culture, and ethnic group has its own comfort foods – those favorite foods (fried chicken, apple pie, macaroni and cheese, etc.) that evoke fond memories, feelings of pleasure, tribal loyalties, and irrational passions. We alums are no exception and have written often about our savory preferences and the neighborhood haunts that faithfully served them.

To my surprise and delight, many of you have shared remembrances about a very popular comfort food mecca located at the corner of Lyons Avenue and Clinton Place that was dear to my heart. Set in a 50's and 60's celebration and clash of cultures, it was the “go to” restaurant for Chinese food, and was owned by my grandmother (Ming), step-grandfather, and two of my uncles (Charlie and Coolidge).

I worked there as a chef's helper, bus-boy, waiter, and cashier on weekends and summers from 1960 to 1966. And, it was where I was conditioned to work long, hectic, grueling hours to achieve success.

Does Ming's Chinese-American Restaurant ring a bell? Do you remember ordering take out or setting aside Sunday evenings for your favorite combination platter; or remember paying \$1.99 for a three-course dinner? I certainly do.



Wayne Chen

Since you've been generous with sharing your remembrances, I thought it was now my turn to reveal some behind-the-scene stories about what life was like on the other side of your menus, and what it took to get your favorite dishes from our kitchen onto your table and into your nostalgia banks.

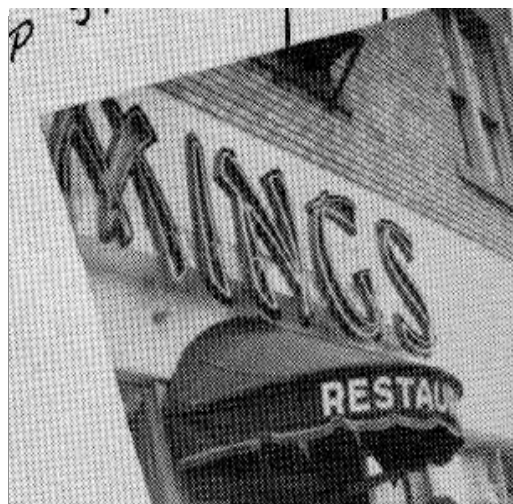
First, let me confirm that the old adage – *if you want to have a successful Chinese restaurant it should be located in a Jewish neighborhood* – is true, at least from my family's experience. Roughly 95% of Ming's customers were European and first-generation American-born Jews, 4% adventurous Anglo-Saxon American Christians, and 1% cautious blacks.

The only Asian “customers” we had were relatives and friends of relatives seeking a free meal. For more insights as to why this adage holds true in many parts of the world, I recommend reading *The Fortune Cookie Chronicles*, especially Chapter 7 – Why Chow Mein Is the Chosen Food of the Chosen People, by Jennifer Lee.

So, from my point of view, Ming's was a fine purveyor of Chinese-Jewish-American comfort food and a way to earn money for college. The “American” part of our offerings was limited to a turkey sandwich and a baked Virginia ham dinner. We sold less than a half dozen of these items each year to lost and confused out-of-towners thinking Newark was the same as New York and wondering why we talked funny.

Our main comfort food staples were our three-course combination platter dinners – your choice of soup (egg drop or wonton), entrée with fried rice and egg roll, and dessert (ice cream, jello, pineapple chunks, fortune cookie, or almond cookie). You didn't have to ask for water, tea, hot mustard, duck sauce, soy sauce, and bowls of crispy noodles. They were served automatically with each meal.

Roughly 90% of you routinely ordered a combination dinner. Our extensive a la carte selections like butterfly shrimp and



lobster Cantonese were usually ordered on special occasions such as sweet sixteen birthday parties, post bar and bat mitzvah celebrations, and the end of the high holy days.

We offered nine different combination platters:

- #1 – Chicken Chow Mein
- #2 – Shrimp Chow Mein
- #3 – Egg Foo Young
- #4 – Pepper Steak
- #5 – Subgum Chow Mein
- #6 – Shrimp with Lobster Sauce
- #7 – Sweet and Sour Pork
- #8 – Lo Mein
- #9 – Spare Ribs

The numbering system was used to make it easy for you to place your order, for our non-English speaking waiters to write down, and for the kitchen staff to hear above the din of clanking pans and sizzling woks. The most popular platters were #1, #2, and #9. Which was your favorite? Can you guess what an order for a 129 or 226899 were for?

During the height of the dinner rush, especially on Sundays, you packed the waiting area; gave your name to my Uncle Charlie who served as maître d' and crowd controller; and sat patiently with great anticipation until he gave you the high-sign that it was time to occupy your coveted table.

Many of you didn't have to give him your name, request your preferred waiter, or favorite table because you were a regular customer. All that was needed was to make eye contact with Charlie, exchange knowing smiles, and indicate with your fingers how many ravenous souls were in your party.

You often had to wait more than an hour and did so without complaining – at least not much. Bless you.

Orders were taken, prepared and served at a frenetic pace. It took five waiters (I was one of them on occasion), Charlie, a co-host (a.k.a. Charlie's brother-in-law), cashier (a family friend), and eight in the kitchen (including two blacks and a first generation Czechoslovakian-American) to achieve this feat. It also required endless hours of assembly line-like food preparation and staging before each onslaught.

Getting ready for Sundays was particularly demanding. The kitchen staff spent Friday and Saturday mornings washing, peeling, slicing, dicing, seasoning, stirfrying, boiling, slow roasting, refrigerating, and defrosting hundreds of pounds of fresh vegetables, meats, seafood; making egg roll and wonton fillings; marinating spare ribs; and nurturing large vats of soup broth and white rice.

The waiters spent the hours between the lunch and dinner hours making 1,200 egg rolls and 2,400 wontons. A waiter was only allowed to take a break from this routine during this time to serve a newly arrived customer.

Everyone was in constant motion. The bantering was non-stop. We laughed, we argued, we teased, and occasionally consoled each other. Most of the conversations centered on gambling, which horse would win the next race at Aqueduct Raceway, the availability of mail-order brides, and learning English.

The Hong Kong-born waiters always came to me to interpret unfamiliar words they had overheard from customers. On several occasions I had to explain that schmuck, putz, goy, and schlemiel were not English words per se but could be used discreetly under special circumstances.

Once customers started pouring into the restaurant, we were all business. Summer Sundays were the most lucrative but the most physically demanding. Lunch crowds morphed into dinner crowds that lasted until past 9 p.m.

The air conditioner kept the dining room at an orgasmic 75 degrees. The temperature in the kitchen, however, often rose above 110. While the kitchen staff took salt tablets and drank water to endure the heat, the waiters fought off chills and

heat shock while racing between what seemed like the Arctic and Dante's inferno. But through it all, nothing slowed the speed by which your comfort food favorites were created and served – and Ming was at the center of it all demanding that we make it happen.

The pace in the dining room during the middle of the week was slower, and the social and cultural dynamics were different.

The rabbi from one of the synagogues in the area often stopped by near the closing hour. He usually ordered the #9 combination dinner or spare ribs as an appetizer with his entrée. The first time he ordered spare ribs from me he declared somewhat defensively, *"I know what you're thinking. But how is one to effectively preach about sin unless one knows sin?"* Little did he know that I didn't care what he ordered or what he thought I was thinking. I just wanted to go home.

Our black customers also tended to come in late. Most ordered take-out. Those that stopped by for a full dinner usually asked to be seated where they couldn't be seen. Spare ribs and shrimp fried rice were among their favorites. We often kept the kitchen open way past closing hour until they were done. Few words were spoken between us but many smiles were exchanged.

Your hunger for Chinese-Jewish-American comfort food seemed insatiable. The two most frequently asked questions about Ming's were, what did we eat behind closed doors, and what were our favorites?

Admittedly, we had our own cravings that were a little ahead of the tastes of the time like tofu in pork and oyster sauce, whole chicken poached in soy and star anise, lobster stir-fried with ginger and black bean, or pressed boneless duck with shredded scallion. But there were others that were probably not what you would expect, especially on Friday nights.

Ming's closed at 10 p.m. Once her doors were locked, we immediately began cleaning the dining room and



kitchen in preparation for the next day. At roughly 10:30 p.m., my uncle Coolidge's "friend" (who shall remain anonymous) would appear at the back door to the kitchen flashing a smile as wide as the sky and holding a large paper bag filled with hot, aromatic, freshly made bagels and savory accompaniments.

Coolidge would greet him warmly with back slaps and manly banter before exchanging the bagels for an equally large bag filled with freshly cooked egg rolls. That was our signal to take a break from our cleaning chores and devour the bagels lathered with generous portions of cream cheese and lox. The only sounds that could be heard during the break were from chewing and swallowing.

Those were moments of sublime, comforting bliss; when our stomachs purred with delight and our aches and pains faded away; when all seemed right with the world; and when we regained the stamina to finish our work, end the day, and look forward to beginning anew.



More Honors To Weequahic Alumni

**Ed, WHS 1950,
& Sue Goldstein**

*2013 NJ State Governor's
Jefferson Award Honorees*



Ed and Sue Goldstein were nominated by Bunny Flanders for the New Jersey State Governor's Jefferson Awards in the category BD Health Care for an Individual.

When their young daughter Valerie was diagnosed with cancer in the early 1970's, Sue and Ed Goldstein learned that pediatric cancer patients living in New Jersey had to travel to New York or Pennsylvania for treatment. For six years they endured long commutes, often with Valerie nauseous on the trip home, and a disrupted family life. Valerie died at the age of nine in 1976.

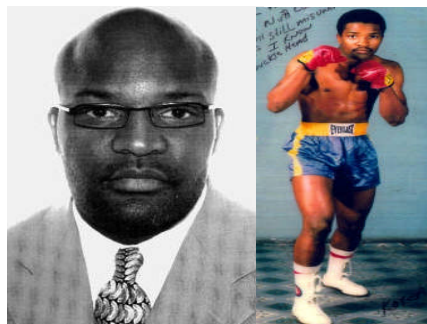
To honor her memory, the Goldsteins were determined that no family should have to travel great distances to receive quality care for a child with cancer. With a group of close friends, they began fundraising from their living room. It was tireless work that led to the opening of the first Valerie Fund Children's Center in Overlook Hospital in 1977.

In 2009, the Goldsteins were again moved by tragedy to take action, creating the Stacy Goldstein Breast Cancer Center at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey in honor of their only other child, Stacy, who died of breast cancer at the age of 37.

The Goldsteins' accomplishments are extraordinary in the face of heart-rending loss.

Irvin B. Hill, WHS 1979

*NJ Boxing Hall of Fame
"Man of the Year"*



Irvin B. "Poochie" Hill, will be honored as 2013 "Man of the Year" on Thursday evening, November 14, 2013, when the NJ Boxing Hall of Fame will hold its 44th Annual Dinner and Induction Ceremonies at the Venetian in Garfield.

Hill fashioned a distinguished boxing career highlighted by his 1980 appearance in the U.S. Olympic Boxing Trials and Interservice Boxing Trials. He also captured the NJ State Police 152-pound light middleweight title in 1999 at age 39 and lost in the 167-pound light heavyweight championship in 2005 at age 45.

An inductee of the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame, Hill was a standout defensive back and wrestler at Weequahic High School in the late 1970s before moving on to Albany State (GA) where he played football for the Golden Rams.

He returned to Weequahic in 2004 and spent seven seasons with the Indians helping them to the Central Jersey Group 2, Section 2 state championship in 2006. Hill has been a coach for the New Jersey All-Star North/South Game as well as the Paul Roberson Classic, and was named the first Star-Ledger Assistant Coach of the Year in 2008.

Over the years, Hill has worked for the Newark Police, Essex County Sheriff's Department, NJ Department of Corrections and he also founded Men on Mission - a grass-roots organization made up of parents, teacher and public safety workers looking to end the senseless violence against youth.

Currently, Hill is in his third season with the Montclair State University Red Hawks football team and serves as an administrative assistant and coach.

Murry Greene, WHS 1945

Pythians Honor Grand Chancellor



The Knights of Pythias of New Jersey honored Grand Chancellor **Murry Greene** and his grand council with a testimonial dinner dance at the Manor last year. Greene is the first person to hold the position of Grand Chancellor for two terms in New Jersey since 1982 and the first to serve non-consecutive terms.

He has been honored numerous times in the Pythian order and outside for his many contributions. He received the Knight of the Golden Spur for his service to the Order and community, which carries the honor of being called "Sir." Greene has just completed serving as deputy supreme commander for New Jersey and as Sanford M. Schor Lodge, Livingston, Chancellor Commander.

For many years, the NJ State Knights of Pythias have made a generous annual donation for patient care to the Deborah Hospital Foundation. Sir Murry Greene is the force behind this effort, communicating with the Foundation, coordinating the annual raffle sales to raise funds, and working with the Foundation to plan the luncheon where the Pythians present their gift.

**Darryl Taylor, WHS 1987
Brian Logan, WHS 1982**

*Honored by
Black Police Association*

The New Jersey Council of Chartered Members of The National Black Police Association, Inc. honored two WHS grads: retired Newark Patrolman **Darryl Taylor** and Newark Detective **Brian Logan** at their 4th Bi Annual Appreciation Gala on Friday, November 1st at The Newark Center.



Darryl Taylor grew up on Pomona Avenue in Newark's South Ward where he still resides. He attended Chancellor Avenue School.

Darryl joined the Newark Police Department in 1998. During his time as a Newark Police Officer, he earned several awards for bravery and outstanding police work. Darryl retired from the N.P.D. on May 1, 2011. He continues serving his community as a mentor and a role model to the kids in Newark.

As assistant band director at Weequahic High School, Darryl was instrumental in helping the marching band win numerous local and national band competitions competitions.

Darryl has four beautiful children: Darryl Jr., Jasamah, Dante and Jaiden.



Brian grew up on Lehigh Avenue and attended Maple Avenue School.

Some of Brian's accomplishments are: head football coach for Weequahic and West Side High Schools; Newark Police Department awards and citations; 1998 Bronze Shield community service award; 2006 Institute for Coaching Yogi Berra Award; 2007 NFL New York Jets - Football Coach of the Week; 2008 "Men of Vision" award.

In 2012, he was named Police Officer of the Month by the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund for his outstanding work in the Newark community. Brian is also a member of the WHS Alumni Association Board of Trustees and is running for the office of South Ward Councilperson in the 2014 election.

Brian and his wife Shaun live on Summit Avenue with their two children, Brian, Jr. and Asia.

Arthur Schechner, WHS 1949



JESPY honors champion of 'Judi House.'

As his wife Judi was dying from cancer seven years ago, Arthur Schechner made her a promise. The two were supporters of JESPY House, which provides independent living options and programs in South Orange for 150 adults with developmental disabilities.

While Judi believed that JESPY, an agency of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ, was a "wonderful" organization, she felt there was something missing.

She said it needed something like a student union - a serious building to give the organization a social structure and hold it together, Schechner recalled.

Judi passed away in 2006 and Schechner fulfilled his promise by raising \$2 million to build the Judi Ruback Schechner Recreation and Wellness Center, better known as Judi House. It opened in September 2012 without need of a mortgage.

For his efforts, Schechner was honored August 12th at the Mountain Ridge Country Club in West Caldwell.

Sheila Oliver, WHS 1970

Essex County pays tribute to her



Referring to her as "extraordinary," a "sophisticated lady" and even a "phenomenal woman" right out of the poetry of Maya Angelou, Essex County and state officials lauded Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver.

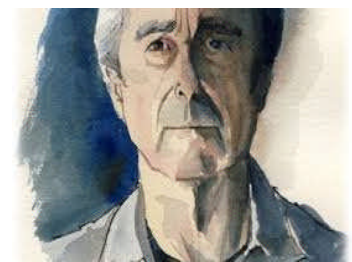
The 14th-floor conference room in the LeRoy F. Smith Jr. Public Safety Building is now known as the "Sheila Y. Oliver Conference Center" - and her colleagues in political and public life honored her with a place for talking and coming to compromise, officials said.

Oliver, who has been speaker of the state Assembly since 2010, was the first African-American woman to serve in that position in New Jersey history.

At the time of her election as speaker, she was also the only woman in the United States to lead an elected state legislative body, officials said. She has also previously served on the East Orange school board and the Essex County Freeholder board.

Philip Roth, WHS 1950

Earns France's highest honor



Pulitzer Prize winning author, Philip Roth, was awarded France's highest honor, the Legion of Honor. French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius presented the award to Roth on September 27th in New York.

A new lease on life for Hahne's

Owners plan to turn site of historic Newark department store into apartments, retail space, and Whole Foods market

By Tom De Poto, The Star-Ledger, July 17, 2013



When the building was constructed in 1901, it was Newark's first department store. It featured an atrium in the center that let in daylight to compensate for poor lighting. Decades later, the atrium was closed.

The refurbished building will feature a new atrium on the second floor, turning the main level shopping area into a galleria. On the rooftop, developers are planning penthouse apartments.

The basement will be converted to a garage with 210 parking spaces. The façade and "Hahne & Company" signage will be preserved.



Recently, it was announced that Whole Foods has signed a lease for a 29,000-square-



The Newark city planning board last night gave unanimous approval to a plan to rehab the historic Hahne & Co. department store on Broad Street into a commercial/office/residential space, as well as build a new building adjacent to the long-vacant store.

The second building, on the corner of New and Halsey streets, will be six stories tall and contain 57 residential units and about 7,500 square feet of retail space on the first floor. It will share a lobby and atrium with the Hahne's building.

The plan to make over the Hahne's building received approval last week from the city's Landmarks and Historic Preservation Commission. Once completed, the 112-year-old Hahne's building at 609 Broad Street will house 127 studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments on the upper floors. The main level will be 83,000 square feet of retail and office space.

foot upscale food market inside the Hahne's building.

HAHNE & CO.

- **1858:** Founded in Newark by Julius Hahne
- **1901:** New store built at 609 Broad Street, which stands today
- **1916:** One of the founders of Associated Dry Goods, along with Lord & Taylor
- **1987:** Stores close. Some are rebranded as Lord & Taylor

HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY to the Weequahic Branch Library

Sandra West, WHS 1964, to honor the birthday of the Weequahic Branch Library with a book of memoirs



In May 2014, the Weequahic Branch Library at 355 Osborne Terrace will be having a birthday - it's going to be 85 years old.

According to Sandra West, "at our ages, whether 65 or 85, a birthday is a milestone we love to celebrate with ice cream, cake, and stories of the old days. It warms the heart."



In that spirit, Sandra has been collecting remembrances from alumni about the library that was so special to many of us during our youth. She will be putting together a publication, *Memories of the Weequahic Library*, for the Spring 2014.

Some of the articles will appear in a future issue of the Alumni Calumet, and for inclusion in an exhibit at the library next year.

Memories From The Son of a Newark Butcher

By Leonard Robinowitz, WHS 1954

Coming to America:

My dad was a family man, a public relations expert, an entrepreneur, a manager, dispatcher, a friend to everyone he met, a great dad who always knew what was best. What a long way he traveled from the first time the 14-year-old Sidney Robinowitz arrived in Newark with his 11-year-old sister Minnie. The year was 1928 and they had sailed aboard a Cunard ship from Poland to New York. The United States was a mystery.

Practically penniless, the brother and sister went to live with relatives. Strong minded and clever, they were both determined to make a success of their lives as they worked and studied hard.

Besides his studies, Sidney joined the YMHA on High Street, ran track, and landed his first job at Tevalov, a kosher butcher on Prince Street. The year was 1930 and the seed was planted - young Sid knew what he wanted in life. He wanted to own his own kosher butcher shop.

Always ambitious and very smart, he managed to attend Pace Institute for a while. He wanted to learn about the economy and business management to further his dream.

Getting married:

In June 1935 Sidney married Rose Brell, a girl from Harrison who shared his dreams. The following year, 1936, was marked by two major events. The first was the young couple's move to Mount Freedom, where Sidney opened his first kosher meat market. The second was my arrival.

Life in Mount Freedom was a mixed blessing. I thrived in the country life. I have pictures to prove it. The meat market was popular but there was not a large enough population to make it profitable. After a few years the store closed.

Sidney's dream is realized:

Sidney's dream was still alive. We moved to Newark. With the help of Rose's parents, Sid purchased property at 373 Avon Avenue. This became our



Sidney and sister Minnie in 1928



Sidney and wife Rose in 1935

family residence and the home of Sid's Kosher Meats. With Rose at his side, this was the beginning of a very successful venture which remained in that location for more than 20 years. At a young age my parents were home owners and entrepreneurs.

If I close my eyes, I can visualize the property located on Avon Avenue between 11th and 12th streets. It consisted of two stores on the street level and two apartments above the stores. One store was the butcher shop. The store had a large front window and

a display area on each side of the entrance door and purple tile under each window. On the center of each window the words kosher butcher were written in Hebrew. My parents rented the other store to Irving Helderman, a painter. The store was his supply depot. Now Rose and Sid were landlords.

We lived in the walkup apartment directly above the store. The entrance was between the two stores. This was a great convenience for my parents who worked long hours but were always close to home. My mother worked side by side with my father. She did all of the paperwork and organizing while he did the purchasing and cutting of the meat.

This required some unique babysitting arrangements. One of my earliest memories is sitting upstairs in our apartment after bedtime. I was probably 4 years old. My mother had to go back to the store so she gave me a little hammer. If I needed anything, all I had to do was tap on the floor and mother would come upstairs. This was a very clever intercom system. My parents often worked late into the night, but I felt safe.

The butcher shop:

To me the store was a very special place. I loved to spend time there. It sold fresh beef, lamb, and poultry as well as cold cuts. My mother was allergic to sawdust so the floor in the front of the store was tile and it sparkled. On the left was a Hobart scale for weighing cold cuts and a refrigerated showcase for the cold cuts, meats, and orders that were made up for customer pickup or delivery.

Each order would have a customer name and the amount of money due circled on the outside of the bag and a detailed bill inside the bag. Each item was individually wrapped. Behind the showcase was a small wooden desk with three drawers for my mother to write up the itemized bills and during World War II to control the rationing scrip and tokens.

We had one phone in the shop, a radio, and a grinding machine to make chopped meat. The grinder had to be cleaned frequently and taken apart daily.

In the front of the store on the right side was a wooden bench. Customers sat there while they waited for their turn or

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for their order to be made up and packed. Many customers phoned in their orders but some did not call in advance. They wanted to see the order actually being cut. That was their way of assuring quality and freshness.

The work area:

My father's work area was in the right side of the store just before the partition to the rear. It consisted of two large butcher blocks, one for meat, and one for poultry. They were separated by a scale and two rolls of butcher paper to wrap the orders. My first job in the store was to scrape the butcher blocks clean. I did this twice a week. On the dividing wall was an electric cutting saw for cutting meat and bones.

Behind the partition was the rear of the store. On the right was the walk-in refrigerator. On the left was a storage room which housed the delivery bicycles and in the rear a marble work table used mainly for plucking feathers from poultry and using a small gas burner to singe them. In the left rear was another work table. The bathroom was in the right rear and in the center was an exit to the backyard.

Buying live chickens:

I was very proud that my father let me help in the store. Very early on Tuesday mornings we would travel to Sodano Brother's Poultry. My dad would pick out his choice of live chickens from the coop, tag them with his mark, and await them after they were killed. I liked to walk up and down the aisles where the live chickens were in cages. Quite often I would see a freshly laid egg. I would reach in and take it home for my mother. They were fresh and warm and made delicious scrambled eggs.

We would bring the chickens home in sacks, 5 or 6 chickens in each. We placed the sacks in the trunk of the car. When we arrived at our shop we had a lot of work to do. Although the large feathers were removed at the market, my mom, dad, and I had to pull out the rest. Then we singed the chickens over the fire. We would refrigerate them whole and my father would open them shortly.



1954 high school picture of
Lenny Robinowitz,

My dad ordered veal and lamb as he needed it. He had these delivered to the store by Feldman Brothers. My father knew that he would have his choice if he went into the truck parked in front of the store. One day he hit his head while he exited the truck and had to be rushed to Beth Israel Hospital for stitches. My father never went into the truck again.

Once a week my father went to the slaughter house to order meat. On occasion I went with him. The animal would be raised electronically from the right rear leg. The *Shoeket* would say a prayer and slit the animal's neck. In the slaughter house refrigerator my father would see the skinned animal and put his self-inking indelible mark on the animal. The next day his choice was delivered in quarters and my father cut up the rest into saleable parts.

My dad ran a very efficient operation and my mother was his right hand. We had a store phone extension in our apartment. When my father was alone in the store, he was sometimes too busy or too dirty to answer the phone. My mother took over the job. I was very excited to be a part of



Lenny Robinowitz
and his wife, Ann.

all this. I especially wanted to help with the deliveries.

Deliveries and customers:

We delivered to all of Newark, Kearny, and Irvington and later in Maplewood and South Orange. We had very organized routes. My first deliveries were walking distance, no more than 8 blocks. Later I would proudly take my new Columbia bike and go further. I knew most of the customers, loved to talk to them, and the tips were good - 10 cents.

I delivered to Edith and Joe Yourish, the parents of Stu (WHS 1962) and Phil (WHS 1964) on Yates Avenue. Another customer I remember very well lived on Tracey Avenue. Every week, I delivered 10 lbs. of lungs, miltzes, and other delicacies for her 20 cats. Twice a week, at 7 a.m., I would deliver 10 lbs. of chopped meat to the Boston Candy Company.

By the time I was 14 years old, I often went with my father to help him on some of the car deliveries. I would deliver the order while he stayed in the car. One of his customers was Ruth Wilson who lived in an apartment complex in Newark. This delivery was part of his Thursday afternoon run. Mrs. Wilson had three young children - Norma (Central), Johnny (South Side), and Judy (WHS 1963). Her daughter Judy was about six years old at the time and I saw her every week when my father and I climbed the stairs to their third floor walkup.

An e-mail from Judy:

Recently I received an e-mail from Judy. She wanted to know if I was the kosher butcher's son. She wrote, "*Sidney was an important part of our lives when we were growing up. We adored him.*" In February, Judy and I were able to meet face to face at a local Starbucks. It turns out we are neighbors again. What a wonderful reunion we had!

My father was always in a hurry. He avoided traffic lights and knew every parallel side street. On one of our runs to Kearny, we were stopped by a policeman. Dad wasn't speeding. It was just that he was blowing his horn at every intersection even when he had the right of way. For a while he stopped doing that, but his grandchildren said he was still blasting his horn at every corner when he drove them to school.

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When I got my license, my father let me take his car and make some of the deliveries. I thought I really had arrived. I loved to work and from the time I was in Madison Junior High School to the time I graduated from Weequahic High School, I not only worked in the store, but also at Benjamin's Garage across the street and at Bill Macy's men's store in Kearny.

My parents thought this was good for me until I was in college at Rutgers. Then my parents worried that my grades would be affected if I continued the deliveries. They hired a part-time driver to replace me. However, they still let me continue my weekend job at the men's store.

Robinowitz and Friedman become partners:

In 1958, my parents sold the property and the store. My dad merged with Sam Friedman on Osborne Terrace, and my parents moved to Irvington. Sam was the

dad of Weequahic basketball star, Allen Friedman (WHS 1962), who was on the high school's first state basketball championship team.

This was a good move because Newark's Jewish population was moving to the suburbs. As the population continued to dwindle, the business dwindled and the partnership dissolved. My father, loyal to his few remaining customers, continued to serve them as he worked on a commission basis for the Maple Meat Market.

Always keeping busy:

Believe it or not my father continued to make his deliveries for another 24 years. Ever resilient, my father also took a part-time job doing deliveries for Industrial Bolt and Nut Co. on Fabian Place and another as a part-time cashier at the Irvington Car Wash on Chancellor Ave.

He had to keep busy. He never stopped working or missed an opportunity to greet people. He made a new friend every day. He made his deliveries with a smile and

always had a joke or a story to tell. For him it wasn't just a job, it was a passion.

About the son of a butcher:

Leonard Robinowitz, a 1954 Weequahic graduate, attended Rutgers University in Newark. It should be no surprise that he graduated with a major in business and accounting.

He quickly earned his CPA, and worked for several accounting firms. In 1961, he combined his lifelong love of business with his accounting experience and went to work for Industrial Bolt and Nut in Newark.

With his father-in-law Sid Greendorfer, he helped to run that business for 20 years. He later established Continental Aero of Harrison, Chicago, and Los Angeles. In 2011, he sold the business and retired to an active life of tennis, travel, and volunteer work.

Lenny and his wife Ann currently reside in Somerset. They are the parents of two daughters, 4 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.



55TH REUNION - CLASS OF JUNE 1958
September 22, 2013 - Crestmont Country Club

THE ONCE GREAT



By the late Nat Bodian, from the *Old Newark* website

One of New Jersey's great institutions, The Newark News, founded in 1873 by Wallace Scudder, and operated by the Scudder family for most of its life, died on August 31, 1972.

It had been for most of the 20th century until its demise, the newspaper of record in New Jersey and a highly respected news medium that wielded considerable political power and ranked with the country's best newspapers.

To many, myself included, the Newark News was "*The New York Times of New Jersey*" and a publishing institution that dominated the State's publishing scene.

Before I go into what the Newark News was about, I'd like to go into its death, because this era looms freshest in my memory. The beginning of the end came as the 98-year old paper was already falling into a sharp decline, circulation wise, for the first time in its history being surpassed in both daily and Sunday circulation by the Newark Star-Ledger.

The 'clinch' was in February 1971 when the newsroom, which had never been (union) organized, voted to go out on strike. They walked out in May 1971. It took until April 1972 for the strike to be settled, and for the News to resume publication. But by then it was too late.

The paper's owners, Media General, which had bought the paper two years earlier from the founding Scudder family, had already sold The Sunday News, along



Richard Scudder

with its presses, to The Star-Ledger.

The sale to Media General in 1970 had been made by Edward M. Scudder and Richard Scudder as co-owners. Edward was president and Richard was publisher.

During the lengthy strike, many of the Newark News top staffers had found jobs or were lured to jobs elsewhere. Longtime News readers had gotten used to the Star-Ledger for their daily news needs, and many large advertisers had opted for keeping their ads with what seemed like a more reliable Star-Ledger, which by now had a huge daily circulation of over 400,000.

News printed at Ledger

From the time of the Newark News strike settlement in April 1972 until the paper ceased publication on August 31, 1972, the daily editions of the Newark Evening News were printed on Star-Ledger presses. And now "*The Gray Lady on Market Street*" was dead.

An Intimate Look at News Operations

The News, under the founding Scudder family, for 96 of its 98-year life, was a great place to work and attracted and developed some of the finest journalists of its era. Its coverage was statewide, and it had dozens of news bureaus scattered throughout the state, with local staffers on the scene, a large Trenton bureau in the State Capital before other New Jersey papers ever got to Trenton, and a bureau in Washington, D.C.

As a political paper, the News wielded enormous influence. As one longtime News political reporter recalled in these snippets from a memoir, the News was "...a very well done paper...(but) they were arrogant...they thought they owned the State...they thought they could tell the Governor what to do...they were basically liberal Republicans..."

The News Classifieds

As the State's most widely circulated paper, both daily and Sunday, over the years



it had the most widely consulted advertising section for those seeking employment in North Jersey.

News Coverage

It had a staff of seasoned and respected sports writers...its editorials carried punch...and its longtime editorial cartoonist was a Pulitzer Prize winner. Its news coverage was high in quality and widely trusted.

A published report in 1985, more than a decade after its demise, recalled the News as still the standard against which all New Jersey newspapers are measured. Such

was its legacy. The report went on to say its arts coverage was “*corny and provincial*”...that it loved animal stories and would play “*lost dog*” stories on its front pages...that it considered highway accidents as “*big news*.”

Salary wise, the News was not a great payer, though their stringers, I knew from my own experience, got twice as much per column inch for their stories as the Ledger paid. Many News reporters generously padded their expense accounts and this practice was generally accepted and even protected.

News Attitude Toward Big Happenings

The News had a passion for all-out coverage on disasters and would dispatch teams of reporters and photographers at almost any hour to a nearby train wreck or plane crash for comprehensive on-the-scene coverage. It also dispatched reporters to national and international happenings. It even dispatched its reporters to the battle areas during World War II. They usually hit the battle zones with “*Anyone here from New Jersey?*”

Many Newark News staffers saw the other side of World War II as servicemen, writing for the Army's GI European newspaper, Stars and Stripes. One News staffer wound up on the Army News Service, which used to send me weekly news packets when I edited Army newspapers at overseas bases.

Newark News Still Lives - At Newark Library

The voluminous records of the Newark News - the newspaper of record in New Jersey - are still alive and serving New Jersey residents and researchers in the New Jersey Information Center of the Newark Public Library.

The Newark Public Library, under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, gained possession of the Newark News morgue, including ancillary materials - reporter's notes, etc. - and has made nearly all of the collection available on microfilm.

The Newark News files are ranked as one of the most important historical resources in the State of New Jersey, and a major contribution to the study and preservation of New Jersey history.



Some Distinguished Newark News Alumni

- ♦ **Howard Garis**, reporter, who created the Uncle Wiggily character as a News reporter. His Uncle Wiggily books later sold in the millions, and the Wiggily character appeared daily in the News for nearly four decades. He also wrote the first 32 volumes in the Tom Swift series, which he wrote under the pen name of Victor Appleton.
- ♦ **Lillian McNamara (Garis)**. The first woman reporter on the News, she met and married a fellow News reporter, Howard Garis. She helped launch the Bobbsey Twins series and wrote some of the early volumes.
- ♦ **Richard Reeves**, writer for the News from 1963 to 1965. Then one year at the Herald Tribune and on to the New York Times as Chief Political Correspondent. His best-selling books included “*President Kennedy: Profile of Power*” (1993), and *President Nixon: Alone in the White House*” (2001).
- ♦ **Arthur Sylvester**, who headed the Newark News bureau in Washington, D.C., who in 1960 joined the Kennedy administration as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.
- ♦ **George Oslin**, leading reporter, who later became Public Relations head of



Western Union, and in 1933 invented the Singing Telegram.

♦ **Lute Pease**, News editorial cartoonist and winner of the 1949 Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning.

♦ **John T. Cunningham**, reporter and feature writer for the Newark News, currently president of the New Jersey Historical Society and widely recognized as the State historian. He has written the definitive book on Newark's history “*Newark*” 1966, and a score of books and hundreds of articles on New Jersey.

♦ **Willie Ratner**, nationally acclaimed boxing writer for the News for nearly 50 years.

♦ **Joseph Katz**, ten years a reporter at the News, who left to become press secretary to New Jersey Governor Richard Hughes during his two terms. He'd cut his newspaper-reporting teeth at the Dorf Feature Service (of which I was a founding member in 1938) as a stringer for Kearny High School.

♦ **Charley Bowers**, editorial cartoonist in the 1930s. Before joining the Newark News, Bowers had done editorial cartoons for The Jersey Journal, The Chicago Star, and The Chicago Tribune. In earlier careers, he had been a circus performer (at age 6), a jockey, had acted in silent films, toured vaudeville, and directed plays. He had also written, produced, and directed about 300 Mutt and Jeff animated cartoons between 1916 and 1926, released nationally.

Postscript:

The stately gray building at 215 Market Street is today again bustling with life as The Renaissance Towers, a Downtown Newark apartment and condominium complex.

Editor's Note:

I delivered newspapers as a youth for the Newark Evening News and the Newark Star-Ledger. Send us your memories of the Newark Evening News and/or stories about your newspaper route.

Hal Braff, WHS 1952

WHS Alumni Association co-founder to receive law group's O'Hern Award for a life and practice devoted to giving back

From The Bar Report, NJ State Bar Association



In the summer of 1953, **Hal Braff** took a long walk with his father along the boardwalk at the Jersey Shore. Soon after returning to college that year he got word that his father, a 50-year-old Newark lawyer, had died, apparently of a heart attack.

When he came home for the funeral, his father's law partner put his arm around his shoulder and said the firm would keep the Braff name and hold a spot open for him. Hal was only 19, but his future path was set. Six years later, he passed the bar and took his place at Braff & Litwak.

Braff, who is still practicing law at 79, spent much of his career trying civil cases. He liked the profession and was very successful. *"I was pretty effective as a trial lawyer. But what really excited me about being a lawyer was being able to make a difference in the community,"* he says.

And he did; from serving as counsel to the Newark chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality to building the American Inns of Court movement across the country. In recent years, he's helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for graduates of Weequahic High School in Newark, his alma mater.

To honor his contributions, the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law has awarded Braff the 2013 **Daniel J. O'Hern Award**. The annual award, presented to a senior member of

the bar with an outstanding record of commitment to professionalism, career achievement, and service to the community, was presented October 17th at the commission's professionalism awards luncheon in Somerset.

"Hal lives his daily life helping all comers. He is selfless. He is the ultimate professional," wrote Robert E. Margulies, of Margulies Wind in Jersey City, in nominating him for the award. Since 2003, Braff has been of counsel at the firm, where he serves as mediator, arbitrator, special discovery master and counsel to select clients.

A FATHER FIGURE AND MENTOR

To Rayvon Lisbon, a former gang member at Weequahic High School, Braff is the father he never had. *"Hal's been in my corner, guiding me and showing me a different life,"* says Lisbon, whom Braff took under his wing seven years ago.

Both were featured in *Heart of Stone*, a documentary about Ron Stone, the late principal of Weequahic High, and his efforts to purge the struggling school of violence. *"He let me know there is someone by my side. He's made me want more out of life. He's given me inspiration,"* adds Lisbon, now a 24-year-old college student.

In fact, Braff has four children of his own, including actor and director Zach Braff, former star of the TV comedy *Scrubs*. He also has two stepdaughters through a second marriage to Elaine Braff, a couples therapist.

Their blended families comprise a creative and collaborative clan. With his wife, Hal Braff teaches a therapeutic course for couples seeking to improve their relationships. Hal and Elaine will be extras in *"Wish I Was Here,"* Zach Braff's newest movie (which he wrote with his brother Adam).

A SON OF WEEQUAHIC

Braff grew up in Weequahic during an era when the neighborhood, bordering Hillside in Newark's South Ward, was a

middle-class, mostly Jewish enclave. He has warm memories of a close family life, a happy childhood and a "spectacular" high school experience.

When his parents told him he could go to any college he wanted, he picked the University of Wisconsin. *"There was an aura of liberalism and openness that attracted me,"* he says. After college he came home and enrolled at Rutgers School of Law in Newark.

Eight years after he graduated, the city erupted in riots. By then Braff was living 25 miles south of Newark, and the firm had moved to East Orange. But he was devastated by the destruction to his hometown.

LIFE AS A LAWYER

Braff gained extensive trial experience in varied areas. In 1982, he was certified as a civil trial lawyer and became expert at insurance and product liability defense work. In his free time he acted in regional theater and became active in the American Inns of Court, a movement fostering legal ethics and professionalism. Braff chaired the Arthur T. Vanderbilt Chapter of the Inns of Court in Essex County. In 1991 he was elected to the organization's national board of trustees, and in 1994, he received it's A. Sherman Christiansen Award for exceptional leadership.

In the meantime, Braff had become an adjunct at Rutgers School of Law in Newark, teaching negotiating skills and trial presentation. (He continues to teach the trial presentation course.) In class he emphasized that being a lawyer was a privilege, *"As an attorney you are among the few people who are licensed by the*



Hal and wife, Elaine

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Edwin Marshall, WHS 1964

Retires as diversity leader for Indiana University



Edwin C. Marshall, Indiana University (IU) vice president for diversity, equity and multicultural affairs since July 2007, retired July 31st after 42 years as a professor and administrator at IU.

"Ed Marshall has made enormous contributions to IU for more than four decades, first as one of the nation's leading optometry professors and scholars, and for

the past six years as IU's leading voice on vitally important issues related to diversity and equity," IU President Michael A. McRobbie said. "His intellect, experience and passion for IU will be deeply missed, and I wish him nothing but the best in his retirement.

"Ed has also been instrumental in the successful launch last year of IU's two new schools of public health in Bloomington

and Indianapolis, and I am very pleased that he has agreed to continue to serve as chair of the IU Public Health Coordinating Council," he added.

Marshall called his decision to retire "a challenging one," given his deep ties to the university, but said he looks forward to remaining involved at IU through his ongoing work on the IU Public Health Coordinating Council and as chairman of the search committee for the next permanent chancellor at IU Southeast.

"Over the course of my time at IU, I have had the pleasure of working with great individuals across different disciplines on each of our campuses," Marshall said. "While there are many things I will miss as I phase into retirement, what I will miss most is working as part of a collaborative team to promote academic excellence through diversity and inclusion at IU."

Under Marshall's leadership, the percentage of minority students across all IU campuses, as a percentage of domestic enrollment, increased from 14.5 percent in 2007 to 19.8 percent at the end of 2012.

Additionally, he directed the creation of diversity plans at all IU campuses, launched and led the President's University Diversity Initiative - and also worked with the IU Bloomington provost to more than double the amount of scholarship funds available through the Hudson and Holland Scholars Program.

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state to intervene on behalf of people who can't speak for themselves and who are very often, especially in litigation, in distress because they've been injured or charged. They're saying, in essence, 'Take care of me.' That's a huge responsibility," he says.

FOCUS ON MEDIATION

After 40 years of trying cases, though, he decided to try something new.

"The culture was shifting to encourage mediation. I knew I had the skills to be effective," he says, "Litigation is time consuming, stressful, and unpredictable, and someone always loses. In mediation I try to help people resolve cases."

He sold his interest in Braff, Harris and Sukoneck in Livingston and joined the Margulies firm. Ten years later, Braff says he has no regrets, and no plans to retire: "Mediation is a perfect fit. I like what I do, and I love those guys."

ALUMNI PASSION

Yet of all his achievements, Braff says he is most proud of his role as co-president of the Weequahic High School Alumni

Association. The idea of connecting alumni from the school's glory days to current students came to him after he attended his 35th reunion.

"Weequahic was now an 'inner city' school. The kids were using the same lockers as we did, and living in the same houses, but they did not have the same opportunities. I just thought to, myself, 'What if we could do something with the energy the alumni put into the reunions, and use it to benefit the people there now'"

He paid a visit to his old school, but failed to get much support from the school's leadership. He was also shocked to find the school's proud traditions had disappeared. "The faculty had no idea about the school's history. They didn't know the songs, and a lot of them didn't know who Philip Roth was," he says.

Braff persisted, and eventually found a more welcoming environment. Since its founding 16 years ago, the Association has raised more than \$600,000 for scholarships and other opportunities, including trips to France, Montreal, and Washington, D.C.

Miriam Nusbaum Span, WHS 1960

Retired Superior Court Judge receives professionalism award



At the same event where Hal Braff was honored, another WHS grad, Superior Court Judge Miriam Span, received the 2013 Professional Lawyer of the Year from Union County award. However, she says that her "proudest award was the Bamberger Medal at my Weequahic High School graduation in 1960."

Miriam attended Rutgers Newark College of Arts & Sciences, Rutgers Law School, and served over 20 years as a Superior Court Judge in Union County.

NEWARK NEWS

(The following articles are from The Star-Ledger and NJ Jewish News)

Newark's New River Walk



Driving on Raymond Boulevard through the Ironbound, the Passaic River is becoming a point of pride. You can see the sign of change in a new stretch of fluorescent orange boardwalk along the riverfront, an eye catcher for passengers on trains rumbling over the bridge into Newark Penn Station.

Phase 1 of Riverfront Park was completed last summer: a \$15 million complex of playing fields on formerly derelict land, a couple of miles north of a giant sewage treatment plant, in the Ironbound district. Residents and vigorous neighborhood groups like the Ironbound Community Corporation welcomed the new fields, which, since opening, have become a citywide attraction.

Phase 2 opened on Aug. 3rd, just upriver from the fields: the 800-foot-long, \$9.3 million orange boardwalk, made of recycled plastic, designed by the veteran landscape architect Lee Weintraub, in collaboration with the city's planning office. Nearly half the money has come from the state, the rest from federal and county sources, along with private contributions solicited by the mayor, Cory A. Booker, and the nonprofit Trust for Public Land.

The boardwalk includes a few zigzagging walking paths, with signs recounting the history of the river and its industries. There is an osprey rookery built into a copse of trees at an overlook onto the river. Along the path, there is seating and at night the walkway is lit up.

As for the boardwalk, Newark deserves an elegant waterfront. That said, the orange boardwalk also acts like a giant highlighter, drawing attention to the park - as the project hopes to draw people from all over the city back to the Passaic, one patch of recuperated riverfront at a time.

The ultimate goal is to create more than three miles of greenway, a riverfront ribbon with bike and walking paths stretching all the way through downtown to residential neighborhoods in the north.

Batman Discovers Newark's Secret Subway



Producers for the latest Batman movie were ready to settle on the subway in Pittsburgh, Pa., as the underground urban railroad for Gotham City. They liked the location, but it wasn't perfect.

An assistant location manager happened to mention that when he went to NJIT, there was a subway in Newark he took to school. Christopher Nolan, director of *"The Dark Knight Rises,"* visited Newark with about 100 other crew members and fell in love with the subway for its urban feel. The Military Park Station on Broad Street became the setting for the meeting between Batman and Catwoman as they formed their alliance.

The producers can be forgiven if they never knew the subway existed. It's perhaps the best-kept transportation secret in the state - a small hidden subway under New Jersey's largest city where the cars are clean and efficient and on-time rates of 98 and 99 percent are recorded.

Ask someone on the street of any New Jersey town where you can find the subway, chances are good they'll direct you to the sandwich shop. *"A lot of people, when they find out it's here, say they're shocked,"* said Greg Woods, assistant general manager of the system, called the Newark City Subway when it was built in

1935 and now under the umbrella of the Newark Light Rail.

The subway trolley cars, known as LRVs, for light rail vehicles, are run by AC electric power. The underground portion is brief, from Newark Penn Station to the third stop 1.2 miles away at Warren and Lock streets in the city.

A second segment opened in 2006, spanning the mile from Newark Penn Station, near Route 21 and Market Street, to the Newark Broad Street Station, at Broad Street and Lackawanna Avenue, making stops in between that include Riverfront Stadium and the NJ Performing Arts Center. That's the same year the system name was changed from Newark City Subway to Newark Light Rail.

The system attracts between 18,000 and 22,000 riders on weekdays, largely composed of students from NJIT and Rutgers-Newark and office workers going to downtown Newark.

The construction of the subway system started near the beginning of the Great Depression in 1929 and it was opened in 1935 along the old Morris Canal right-of-way. The old subway cars were 2600 series cars, built in 1917, that lasted until 1952. In 1951, Public Service Coordinated Transport bought 30 Presidents' Conference Committee cars from Twin City Rapid Transit - with the most comfortable seats you ever felt - and repainted the cars in gray and light gray.

They ran for a half-century - an idea to run buses underground in the tunnel was scrapped in the early 1950s - until the longer, modern light rail vehicles, which can travel up to 50 mph and hold 68 seated passengers and 122 standees, arrived in 2001.



Newark NJ, July 2001
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Joe's Crab Shack Opens in Newark



On September 10th at 11 a.m., Joe's Crab Shack had a line of customers outside the door and up the block at 860 Broad St. in Newark. Some were there for the excitement that accompanies a grand opening. Others were there for the chance to win free crabs.

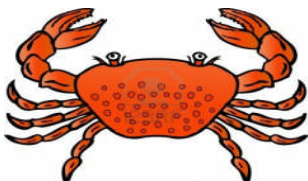
The first 100 customers were rewarded with free crab buckets for a year, according to the company. The Newark location in the Courtyard Marriott hotel marks the third time in the past two years the company has targeted an urban environment.

"We looked at Newark and we were excited," said Jim Mazany, Joe's Crab Shack president. *"We saw the revitalization that was going on around the Prudential Center and thought that was a great mix for Joe's."* It's the fifth Joe's Crab Shack to open in New Jersey in the past few years.

In addition to the chance to win free food, Joe's Crab Shack is partnering with Share Our Strength/No Kid Hungry charitable program. Customers who make a donation will receive a coupon for an appetizer or a meal. The company donated about \$2.4 million to the charity last year.

"We'll also be very actively involved on a local basis with fundraisers for schools and teachers," Mazany said. *"We want to be a part of the community. We're really good neighbors."*

The 5,400-square-foot Southern-style seafood restaurant will employ 140 full-time workers, many of whom are from in and around Newark, Mazany said.



Newark's Queen Latifah hosting TV Talk Show

In the 1990s, she was Khadijah James in *"Living Single,"* the TV sitcom about friends living in Brooklyn. The series ran for five seasons, bringing her sense of humor into living rooms across the country.

In 2003, she earned an Oscar nomination - and showcased her singing chops - for a turn as Matron *"Mama"* Morton in the movie adaptation of the musical *"Chicago."* Between those two milestones, Queen Latifah had a talk show.

Premiering in 1999, it lasted two seasons. Now, she's resurrecting the idea. The daytime program might have the same name - *"The Queen Latifah Show"* - but the multi-hyphenate entertainer, known for decades as Jersey's Queen, said that this time around, she's going for a whole different energy.



Produced by Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith, the new *"Queen Latifah Show"* is billed as a *"multi-topic daily syndicated talk variety show,"* and airs mornings on CBS.

Latifah said music will play a big part in the show. For one, there will be some tunes from the Queen herself. Latifah, 43, films the show mostly in Culver City, Calif., but said she'll definitely have some piece of home in the first episode. Mainly in the form of John Travolta. As she said, *"We're starting off with a Jersey flavor."*

The once and future talk show host was born in Newark as Dana Owens, her mother a teacher in Irvington and her father a Newark police officer. While her career has spanned TV, movies and various genres of music, Latifah became

known in the late 1980s, when she was a teen, for her beatboxing and hip-hop.

In 1995, her message song *"U.N.I.T.Y."* won a Grammy for best rap solo performance. In the 2000s, she released soul and jazz standard albums, also collaborating with Tony Bennett.

Queen Latifah was recently honored with the Newark Beth Israel Medical Center Community Award for her Newark-oriented philanthropy.

"My Jersey heritage travels with me everywhere throughout the world," said Latifah. *"Jersey is my home, it's my heart."*

Shaquille O'Neal to build city's first high-rise apartment in more than 50 years

Standing a full head taller than 6'3" Newark Mayor Cory Booker, NBA legend Shaquille O'Neal broke ground on the city's first high-rise apartment since 1962. O'Neal plans to convert the former Science High School building into a 23-story, 169-unit apartment tower with retail space on the ground floor.

He is working in partnership with New Brunswick-based Boraie Development, which has helped construct more than 1 million square feet of residential and retail buildings in New Jersey and partnered with O'Neal to give Newark its first movie theater in decades.

Wasseem Boraie, vice president at Boraie Development, said his company wanted to lay to rest the perception that *"the only thing that works in Newark is affordable housing and government-sponsored projects. We didn't believe that. The more we got into the city, the more we believed"*



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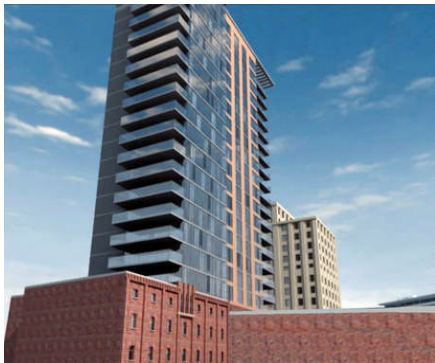
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that high quality retail, high quality residential is more than possible in Newark."

Most of the units will rent for market price, ranging from \$1,400 for a studio, to \$2,200 for a two-bedroom, Boraie said. He said construction is expected to begin in the spring and the project is slated to be completed by mid-2015.

O'Neal entertained the crowd with stories of his early days in Newark. *"I was born in Newark. Raised in Newark. Did a lot of juvenile delinquent activities in Newark,"* he said. *"I built my image in Newark. One thing about Shaquille O'Neal is that I never left."*

The façade and decorative entryway of the roughly 120-year-old building will be preserved and a 23-story glass-and-steel tower will rise behind it with sweeping views of the Passaic River and downtown Newark.



The building was erected in 1890 by Ballantine breweries and served as a malt house. It later became part of the state university system and a library. The city bought the property and opened Science

High School in the mid-1980s. It has been empty since 2006.

NJIT Greek Frat Village

For decades, fraternity members at the New Jersey Institute of Technology have lived and partied in a collection of motley and aging houses along one of Newark's main thoroughfares. On September 18th, frat row got a modern makeover.



NJIT unveiled its \$80 million Warren Street Village project, a three-acre development on the edge of campus that includes a row of sleek brick townhouses to serve as new homes for up to 10 of the school's fraternities and sororities.

The three-story Greek houses are located across a lawn from a new six-story dormitory for honors students that also includes computer labs, lounges, offices, restaurants and more.

Military Park Upgrade

In its 300-year history, Military Park has gone from a training ground for troops, to a city commons, to a blighted reminder of Newark's decline. Now work has begun on the park's latest cultural mecca.



Dan Biederman - the developer who rehabbed New York City's Bryant Park - has overseen a design for Military Park that envisions the six-acre site in Newark's downtown as a center for games, horticulture, cultural events and farmers markets.

Moreover, he said, it will do for Newark what Bryant Park helped do for midtown. *"All the philosophies that made Bryant Park from nothing to something are being brought to Newark,"* Biederman said.

The site sits between Broad Street and Park Place in an area that has been undergoing a slow transformation since the construction of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center and the Prudential Arena under former Mayor Sharpe James.

The \$3 million renovation will involve replacing trees, planting an acre of flowers, touching up Victorian lamp posts, redesigning the stairwells to the underground garage, adding new lighting and building a cafe.

Recently, Prudential started the construction of a new office tower across the street and the Hahne's site is being transformed into housing units and retail space.

The Weequahic High School Leadership Team

Top Row: Paul Kallas (ISM); Willie Worley (VP); Gary Westberry (VP); Darnell Mangan (SOM).

Bottom Row: Troy Long (VP); Kelly Williams (VP); Faheem R. Ellis (Principal); Liz Arango (VP); Shirlynn Shirland (VP).



John H. Less exhibit at Jewish Museum in Newark



The Jewish Museum of New Jersey presents, *"Berlin - Shanghai - Newark: The Odyssey and Art of John H. Less,"* a dramatic exhibition of paintings that primarily focuses on the artist's life as a German Holocaust refugee in Shanghai from 1940 to 1947.

John H. Less was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1923 where he began his art studies. His artistic talents were recognized at an early age - by 10, he began drawing for two German newspapers. This was not to last. Because of the Nazi persecution of Jews, Less fled Germany in 1940 with his parents and sister.

After an arduous three-week journey across Russia, Siberia and Manchuria, the family arrived in Shanghai where they found refuge from the Holocaust. The journey involved passage on the Trans-Siberian Railway, China Far East Railway and a Japanese steamer.

The Less family was crowded by the Japanese into the Hongkou Ghetto, a restricted area located in a heavily war-damaged section of the city already inhabited by a 100,000 impoverished Chinese people and some 20,000 stateless Jewish refugees. The Less family lived in one room.

The family spent the next seven years struggling to survive and maintain hope. During this time, despite travel restrictions and his youth, Less was able to help support his family as a commercial artist for major advertising studios located outside the ghetto.

The Less family arrived in Newark in 1947, and he found work as a graphic artist for the Bamberger Department Store chain. Less rose to be the vice president and creative director for graphics and broadcasting with responsibility for all of the chain's print media and advertising.

Less married Miriam Maier in 1950. They rented an apartment in East Orange, where they lived with their son, Steven (born in 1953). Shortly before their daughter, Deborah, was born in 1955, they moved into their own house in Millburn.

After retiring in 1982, Less worked independently, producing commercial art for major retailers such as the May Company. In his later years Less focused on painting, his life-long passion.

John and Miriam Less relocated to the Winchester Gardens in Maplewood in 2005. Less passed away in 2011.

Cissy Houston at 80

The honoree sang *"Amazing Grace"* like a survivor. **Cissy Houston** told the congregation she was too full of thanks and joy to sing - but sing she did, and the power of the music she made swept away age, frailty and misfortune.



Her delivery was wounded, tough, resolute, humble; by the second verse, she'd summoned her strength, and by the third, she was gliding from note to note with the unwavering purpose of a dove entrusted with a message of peace.

Backed by the hundred-voice choir at New Hope Baptist Church and surrounded by friends, the 80-year-old Houston savored every word of the ageless hymn. It's one she's sung many times before, of course, and she's done so on bigger platforms. But none of those glittering stages meant more to her than the Newark church where she served as Minister of Music for decades.

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CLASS OF 1963 - 50TH REUNION - October 14, 2013 - Woodbridge Renaissance



Reunion Planning Committee

Seated: L-R: Bea McCloud, Diane Chin, Marylin Israel, Jacob Toporek, Marsha Fried, Roz Weiss.

Standing: L-R: Marc Tarabour, Lewis Cohn, Norbert Toporek, Steve Wallerstein, Steve Novom, Paul Galpen, Jeff Schulman, and Clark Lissner.

Not Pictured: Linda Melton, Calvin Schwartz.
Honorary Member: Sandy Scheps (in memory).

Special Assistants: Judy Wilson, Daria and Leah Wallerstein, Paul Brown, and Bob Kravetz.

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On Sunday morning, Emily “Cissy” Houston was exactly where she wanted to be: home.

Stars, including Stevie Wonder and Dionne Warwick, gathered at the handsome church on Sussex Avenue to wish Houston a happy birthday, celebrate her life and her accomplishments, and do some testifying to the power of the spirit.

Former Gov. Brendan Byrne honored with Bronze Statue



Five years ago, his namesake plaza was unveiled at the Veterans Courthouse in Newark. Recently, the Gov. Brendan T. Byrne Plaza received a hefty addition: A seven-foot bronze statue of the former governor and Essex County native.

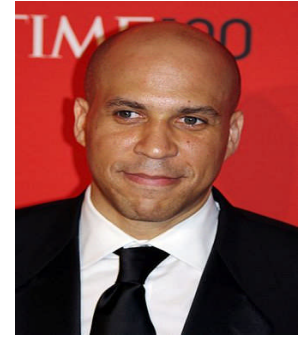
At the October 1st ceremony, sculptor Jay Warren and his crew used a hydraulic lift to position the 700-to-800-pound statue onto a granite pedestal, drilling holes to secure it in place.

Standing near the courthouse entrance, the statue shows Byrne, governor from 1974 to 1982, with fingers laced together, thumbs apart and a contemplative expression.

A decorated Army Air Corps officer, Byrne devoted most of his professional life to public service. He served as Essex County prosecutor, president of the state Board of Public Utilities and a Superior Court judge.

Private donors raised funds to pay for the \$70,000 statue. Byrne quipped that he appreciates the statue. “*I’m immortal again,*” he said.

Newark Mayor elected NJ’s newest U.S. Senator



Cory Booker, the Mayor of the City of Newark since 2006, was elected Senator on October 16 in a special election against Steve Lonegan.

He replaces the late Frank Lautenberg, who passed away this summer. Booker is the first African-American from NJ to serve in the U.S. Senate. In less than a year, he will need to run again when his term expires.

Booker is in his 2nd term as Newark’s mayor. He was previously the Central Ward councilperson.

60TH REUNION - CLASS OF JUNE 1953

June 2, 2013 at McLoone’s Boathouse in West Orange





PALS Cabin, a Jersey eating landmark, closes in West Orange after 81 years a place where many Weequahic alumni dined

By Peter Genovese, The Star-Ledger, May 30, 2013

You want some of the famous cream of mushroom soup or one of the big fat burgers from Pals Cabin, you'd better do it quick. The West Orange food landmark closes for good on June 1st after 81 years in business.

"We've been really busy the past two weeks," says Marty Horn, co-owner of the legendary wood-beamed restaurant at the corner of Prospect and Eagle Rock avenues. *"It's bittersweet - we've been seeing a lot of old faces, some we haven't seen in 25 years."*

The Horn family announced back in March that Pals Cabin would close this year, pending approval by the township zoning board. Demolition of the sprawling, chalet-like building will start *"sometime this summer,"* according to Horn.

The handwriting had been on the walls for some time; expenses had escalated to unmanageable levels. Utilities were running \$20,000 a month, property taxes approaching \$200,000 a year. *"Our customers say, 'I can't believe you're closing,'"* Horn said. *"They don't have to pay my bills."*

Pals was opened by a couple of buddies - Marty Horn and Roy Sale - back in 1932. They sold hot dogs for a dime out of a tiny clapboard-and-tin cabin at what was then a lonely crossroads. Five years later, Horn and Sale helped launch the career of an 18-year-old piano player from

Wisconsin named Wladziu Valentino Liberace. The flamboyant performer played at Pals for six months, earning \$40 a week. The piano Horn bought especially for Liberace is still in the bar, known as the Tap Room. Babe Ruth was a regular here; the Babe loved to chow down on a couple hot dogs after a round of golf at nearby Crestmont Country Club.

The original cabin was built from doors obtained from the old Proctor's Palace Theatre in downtown Newark. In 1934, Pals added a 10-stool bar, dining area and kitchen.

A small rib eye sandwich that sold for a quarter became an immediate hit. The next year, a larger steak, known as the Pals Special, sold for 50 cents.

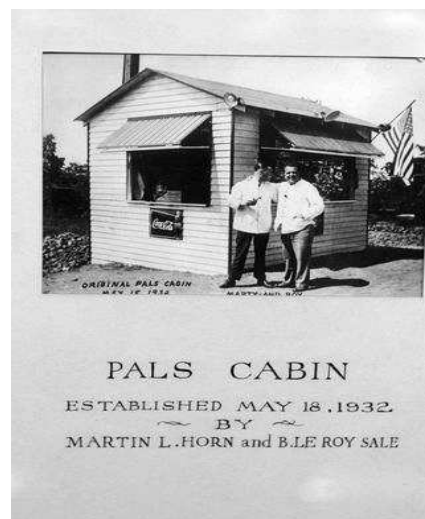
In the late 1930s, Duncan Hines - a traveling salesman whose restaurant reviews, published in his *"Adventures in Good Eating,"* were required reading from coast to coast - gave a favorable review to Pals Cabin. Two episodes of *"The Sopranos"* were filmed here. In one show, a character says, *"I'll bring my ma, the three of us, we'll go have lunch over at Pals Cabin, huh?"*

Among the restaurant's more contemporary regulars was former Gov. Brendan Byrne. *"We used to get hot dogs there, and fireworks,"* Byrne recalled. *"I have somewhere a gold toothpick Marty Horn gave me 50 years ago. It was a giveaway to his best customers."*

"We've had people driving down from Boston, flying in from Florida, coming from all over the East Coast to have a last bite," Horn said.

And if you want a piece of Pals' history, an auction of equipment and memorabilia will be held on site at 11 a.m. June 10. Tables, chairs, stoves, ice machines, toasters, mirrors, 50-inch TVs, vintage photos, even the giant wooden fork and spoon above the bar, will be auctioned off. Marty Horn said family members will take away their own keepsakes from the restaurant.

How will he feel Saturday night - the restaurant is scheduled to close at 11 - when Pals Cabin is no more? *"It'll be strange,"* Horn replied. *"I've been working here since 1987; my dad has worked here all his life."* Will he personally do anything special Saturday night? *"I'll probably have a drink at the bar,"* Horn said. *"And let my wife drive (me) home."*



PALS Cabin re-opening in Roseland

Marty Horn and his high school friend, Billy Bloom, will re-open Pals Cabin as a part of Fairchilds Market, a gourmet deli and general store in Roseland, owned by Bloom.

The market's main floor will become a full-fledged restaurant featuring popular Pals dishes such as homemade soups and burgers.

"It's a sign of the times," Bloom says. *"We're getting together and joining forces to survive."* *"It's the gourmet deli meets the roadside hamburger stand,"* Horn says.

ALUMNI VOICES

Harold Shapiro WHS 1940, Millburn

Bamberger's and Meyer's Toy Store

In 1937, when I was 15, I was employed by L. Bamberger & Company. I worked part-time after school, three days a week, at the salary of 25 cents per hour. I worked in the basement men's clothing department, refolding shirts and sweaters, changing merchandise for the next day's business.



**Harold with his children
celebrating his 90th birthday**

I took the # 8 Lyons Avenue bus (5 cent fare) to Broad and Market Streets. For lunch, a sandwich and a drink cost 25 cents (It's interesting to note that the same one hour minimum wage – today \$7.25 – pays for a sandwich and drink!).

Later I worked full time at Bam's for \$12 per week. I contributed \$7 home to help with household expenses, and kept \$5.00 – I felt rich!

My brother **Paul (Weequahic HS '36)** was the grocery department buyer at Bamberger's. My brother **Babe (aka Seymour, WHS '44)** played basketball for Weequahic. Babe attended Hunter College to study with Robert Motherwell. In 1966 and 1967, he received the Bamberger Purchase Prize Award in Painting, and his work was included in the Annual Bamberger Art Exhibitions.

He was the Founder and now is Director Emeritus of the Mount Royal Graduate School of Art at the Maryland Institute College of Art. Babe continues his success as an artist in NYC.

Friends and classmates who also worked at Bam's were **Louis Kravitz, Norman Elkin, and "Zoom" Fleisher**. Many don't remember that WOR Radio started on the 14th floor of Bamberger's.

After we returned from the service, my brother Paul became a toy buyer in 1949. He suggested to Babe and me that we open a toy store in downtown Newark for the Christmas season. Our first store, **Toy Supermarket**, was located near City Hall, and we continued to operate a seasonal toy business for 12 years, in various locations.

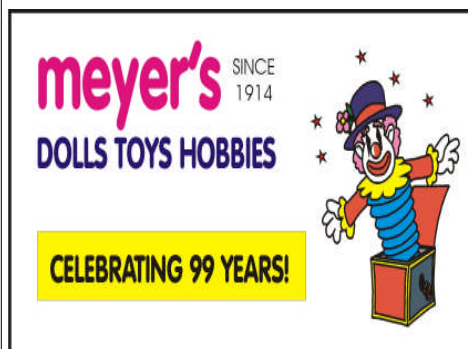
In 1950, we opened at 164 Market Street, in the vacant two-story Modell Sporting Goods building next to Adams' Hats, near Nedick's. Weequahic friends who worked in our toy store over the years included: **Stanley "Pop" Levy, Sanford Lampf, and Albert Kazin**.

In 1981, I purchased **Meyer's Toy Store** in New Brunswick, a family business founded in 1914. The store later moved to East Brunswick, and in 2003, to Northfield Road in Livingston, and was renamed **Meyers Dolls Toys Hobbies** (www.meyerstoys.com).

Arline, my wife of 65 years, and I have four children, all of whom were "born at the Beth." Gail holds a Master's degree from Harvard University, and is a professional organizer in the Boston area. Rita is the Executive Director of the National Symphony Orchestra, and has a graduate degree in music from Boston University.

Steven, a graduate of Berklee College of Music and New England Law, is an entertainment attorney. Daniel holds an engineering degree from Rutgers, and is the manager of Meyers. Ten grandchildren and one great-grandson complete the family.

We are at the store most days, and you are welcome to stop by and visit anytime.



Marilyn Rudkin Wright WHS 1942, New York City

At 88, recently toured Newark and high school



Editor's Note: About two months ago, I received a call from the Weequahic HS office that a graduate from 1942 had arrived at the high school and was wondering if she could get a tour. It was Marilyn Wright, who that morning at age 88, decided to visit Newark and her old high school.

For the next hour, I had the most engaging conversation with her in the alumni office as I listened to the many stories she related about Newark and her life. And she also mentioned her uncle George Kahn, the director of the "Y" Bits of Hits.

I sent her home with some alumni merchandise and past Alumni Calumets. She was delighted with her trip to the city and to the high school of her youth.

Since then, Marilyn became a member of the Alumni Association and sent me two short articles with pictures, one about her herself and one about her Uncle George. More on Marilyn below:

On Marilyn Wright

It is 12 a.m. and I cannot take my eyes off of all the wonderful "Alumni Calumets." There are so many familiar names. I cannot thank you enough for all your generosity in taking me around to see everything. I just love the T-shirt, pin, sticker and tote bag and all the Alumni Calumet magazines.

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I have a love affair with Newark. As I left after visiting Newark in the middle of August, I was filled with such a surge of renewal. I was thinking of the wonderful experiences attending Maple Avenue Grammar School and Weequahic High School. Such an innocent time of life.

My sentimentality for Newark is very strong. I know that the city is a treasure that will constantly progress. Everyone I met in Downtown was so pleasant. I even made friends with the police department and took pictures.

During my lifetime, I have worked as a model, singer, and saleswoman, but my first paying job was as a receptionist at Lorstan Studios, a popular photo studio in Downtown Newark. Later on, a short stint at Bamberger's department store.

I always wanted to live in New York City so I started commuting from Newark and eventually became a resident there. I worked in cosmetics at Gimbels on 33rd Street and Sixth Avenue for 16 years, until the day they closed. Then I sold antiques at the Waldorf-Astoria for a couple of years, and I also worked assisting my friend, Cindy Adams (comedian Joey Adams wife), for 5 1/2 years at the New York Post.

Now I am a librarian at a Christian Science Reading Room. It keeps me settled and I am eternally grateful. So I close with loving thoughts for all connected with Weequahic High School and am very proud to have been a part of it.

Doris Rothseid Dresdale, 1941

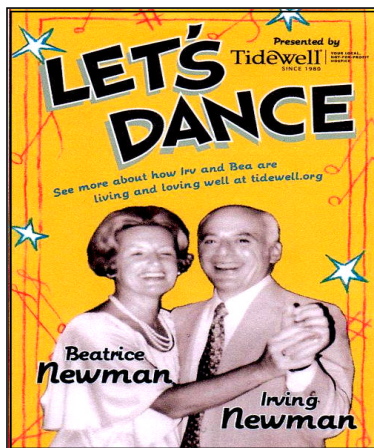


Many thanks for your kind note. I might be one of the oldest alumni and I am so proud of what the group is doing in giving the current students the challenge and opportunity each deserves.

It seems that it is mostly accomplished by the members of the younger grads. All my very best wishes for continued success,

Irving Newman WHS 1939 Bea Resnick Newman WHS 1943

*The Newmans are
spokespersons for hospice care*



Editor's Note: Irv Newman is one extraordinary individual. When it comes to Weequahic, his enthusiasm seems boundless. For many years he has been one of the biggest supporters of our Alumni Association and a number of his articles have appeared in the Alumni Calumet. I have gotten to know Irv in person and through telephone calls on a regular basis. I always enjoy our conversations. And his advice is thoughtful and instructive.

Now in his early 90's, Irv writes below about how hospice care has prolonged his life and why he and Bea have become spokespersons for Tidewell, the organization that has provided him with exceptional care.

From the Tidewell web site:

By his own admission, when Irving Newman found out his congestive heart failure had progressed to the point where it could no longer be effectively treated, he wanted to die. The symptoms of his illness had reached a level where he felt he was no longer able to enjoy his life and was a burden on his caregiver - Bea, his wife of 65 years.

But all of that changed when the Newmans decided to call Tidewell Hospice. See how Tidewell's team of professionals helped give Bea and Irving the help they needed to start living their life together again.

Irv writes: The enclosed article comes from a native Newarker. I was born at City Hospital on High Street on June 9, 1921. I graduated from Peshine Avenue School and Weequahic High School (1939) and Rutgers University in Newark (1943). While I moved from Newark after WWII, I still consider myself a native Newarker - and am proud of it!

As I approach my 92nd birthday, the medical angels smile encouragingly for me to continue to enjoy the State of Florida - its beauty, kind citizens, and particularly the good works of Tidewell Hospice.

Admittedly, I am more than casual or neutral about Tidewater Hospice gift offerings, and their methodology. I am convinced that hospice care, attitude, performance, consistency, skill, professionalism and protocol are swift, assured, cost efficient and frequently more economical than regular Medicare.

As a hospice cheerleader, I know when the "standard" hospital nurse is doing her/his chores lackadaisically compared to a pleasant, smiling "pixie-dusted" hospice nurse. At a hospice facility, you can get a doctor's ear, her/his undivided attention, plus personal involvement with meaningful solicitude.

My judgment about the skilled hospice treatment of serious illness has literally given me a gift of extended life. For some, my congestive heart attack may have fit into a narrow prediction of mere weeks of survival. Utilization of hospice was not a precedence of my immediate death.

Contrary to normal limitations, my survival for one year (not without discomfort) beyond expectation is a blessing to my family and a credit to Tidewell Hospice care and treatment.



Painter of the Murals in Weequahic's Lobby Gains Wider National Recognition

Michael Lenson, the artist whose 1939 "Enlightenment of Man" murals surround the staircase in Weequahic's entrance lobby, has been gaining greater fame as one of America's most important social realist painters. The result could be that our murals will soon be rightfully regarded as national treasures, not just works that are significant to Weequahic, Newark or New Jersey alone.

Major Lenson retrospective in Ohio last year

One indication of Lenson's growing fame was a major retrospective exhibition of his works that was presented by the Butler Institute of American Art late last year. In his introduction to that exhibition's catalog, the Butler's Director Louis A. Zona wrote:

"Michael Lenson's work is complex. It asks that we immerse ourselves in it and carefully examine both theme and execution. It is only through such exposure that we come to discover the range of its content and know the full power and effectiveness of its aesthetic message."

"Michael Lenson's work reminds us that great art, art that distinguishes itself at any time in man's history, is timeless. The issues that he raised and dealt with so many decades ago, in one form or another, continue to be front and center. The human struggle and triumph that Lenson portrayed on canvas remain relevant and germane."

"And while styles and movements do change, quality still rises to the top and significant artistic expression seen in this work is still prized and admired."

More exhibitions will follow

As we prepare this edition of the *Alumni Calumet*, three more Lenson exhibitions are being planned for the next few years. One will be at the Noyes Museum of Art in Oceanville, New Jersey, a second at the Morven Museum and Garden in Princeton, and a third at the Quick Center for the Arts at Saint Bonaventure University in Olean, New York.

"The interest in my father's work is due in large part to the extraordinary murals that he painted for Weequahic's lobby," says Barry Lenson, son of the artist. *"My*

father also painted the 'History of Newark' murals in Newark City Hall, and 'Mining' in the Post Office in Mount Hope, West Virginia. But there is something exceptional about his Weequahic murals, which trace the history of human thought from prehistoric times through our modern age."

Helping preserve the murals

As readers of this newsletter may know, your Alumni Association has been raising funds to finance the restoration and preservation of Lenson's murals. We believe that as the artist's fame grows, more donors will be motivated to step in and provide the funds that are still needed to complete the work.

\$45,000 was the estimate given to us a few years ago for the restoration work to be completed. So far, we have raised \$23,000 - with \$3,000 recently used to install a Plexiglas covering to protect the bottom portion of the murals.

If you would like to contribute, please make out a check to **WHSAA** with "murals" written in the memo area and mail to:

WHS Alumni Association
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A self-portrait of Michael Lenson



From the mural at Weequahic



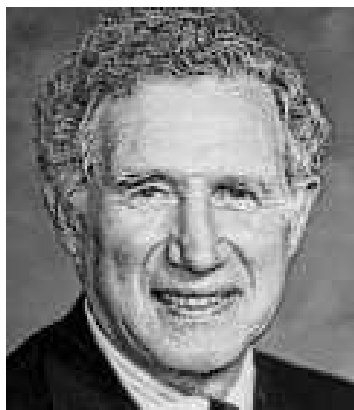
From the mural at Newark City Hall

In Loving Memory

Nathan Weiss

WHS Jan. 1942

President Emeritus of Kean University



A native of Newark, Nathan Weiss, 90 and president emeritus of Kean University, passed away on April 9, 2013, at his home in Egg Harbor Township, N.J., with his beloved wife at his side.

Dr. Weiss served as president of Kean College of New Jersey, now Kean University, for 20 years, retiring in 1989 as senior president of the New Jersey state colleges. In 1961, he joined the Newark State College Department of History and Social Sciences and six years later became a full professor and department chair. In 1969, he became president and also continued to teach every year until 1999, 10 years after his retirement.

During his tenure, the college was transformed from a teachers college to a multi-purpose institution, becoming the second largest state college at the time of his retirement. He presided over the name change from Newark State College to Kean College of New Jersey and the purchase of the Pingry School property, which has become an integral academic and performance center for the campus.

Under his leadership, Kean was awarded a New Jersey challenge grant of \$3.9 million for its “*excellence and equity*” plan

which brought a nationally recognized assessment program and the most advanced technology infrastructure to the campus.

He insisted that Kean could raise academic standards while remaining accessible to students who otherwise would never have set foot on an American campus. He inspired those who worked with him at Kean to foster that dream and carry it into the future. It is alive at Kean University today as a living tribute to his vision, character, and generosity of spirit.

Dr. Weiss began his career as an educator (*in his perspective, the highest of callings*) at Fallsburgh High School (NY) after serving for three years with the U.S. Army Air Force in the Pacific Theater. He received a B.A. from Montclair State College and an M.A. from Rutgers University. In 1961, he earned a Ph.D. in government from New York University. He was the recipient of honorary doctorate degrees from Kean, Montclair State, and Jersey City State, honoring his contributions to higher education and his beloved state of New Jersey.

The university also recognized his contributions in 1998 by naming its graduate division the “*Nathan Weiss Graduate College*.” As an undergraduate student, Dr. Weiss was a scholar-athlete playing football and track and was later inducted into the Montclair State College Athletic Hall of Fame. Football was one of his lifelong passions and, as president of Kean, he inspired the creation of its football program and was inducted into its Athletic Hall of Fame.

Throughout his professional life, Dr. Weiss authored books and articles related to the occupation of Japan, governance, collective bargaining, and politics; he was a frequent speaker throughout New Jersey in addition to serving as a member of numerous organizations, including a term as president of the New Jersey Public Administrators Association. He has authored two books: “*At the Center of the Storm: Reflections of a State College President*” and “*The Streets of Newark to the Halls of Academia, An American Story*.”

In addition to his wife of 31 years, Dr. Bernice Van Steyn-Weiss (Rydell), he is survived by a son, Dr. Michael L. Weiss; brother, Dr. Seymour Weiss; daughter, Paula W. Attryde; granddaughter, Lena Weiss; brother-in-law, Peter Van Steyn; sisters-in-law, Gloria Mohr and Dorothy Harth, and 21 nephews, nieces, and great-nephews and nieces.

Martin Edelston

WHS 1947

Founder of Boardroom, Inc.



Martin Edelston, 84, of Greenwich, CT, passed away peacefully on October 2, 2013. He was born in Newark and raised his family in Short Hills before moving to Greenwich in 1994.

Marty, who started his career as an advertising salesman, became a pioneer in the direct marketing and publishing industries when he launched his company, Boardroom Inc., and the flagship Boardroom Reports newsletter in 1972, as well as subsequent newsletters, including Bottom Line/Personal and Bottom Line/Health, and numerous books.

He was a philanthropist, a provocateur, a caring man of action who helped millions of individuals, both directly and through the invaluable advice published these past 40 years in the company's newsletters and books.

Marty is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rita, their three children, Sam Edelston, Sarah Hiner and Marjory Abrams and their spouses.

INVEST IN HELPING WEEQUAHIC STUDENTS GO TO COLLEGE

In Loving Memory

Arthur Brody

WHS 1944

*Federation leader was a
life-long pillar of our community*

By Johanna Ginsberg, NJJN



Arthur Brody of Watchung, a force in the local and national Jewish community as a lay leader and professional, died July 28. He was 86.

A president of the MetroWest Jewish federation from 1975 to 1978, and chair of its UJA Campaign from 1972 to 1975, he led numerous fund-raising and planning committees and took a keen interest in strengthening the field of Jewish communal service.

Brody's commitment to the Jewish community was forged early: He made his first contribution to UJA in 1946 when he was 19, with a gift of \$10. Jane Brody, his wife of 53 years, recalled that Leo Brody had been a president of Temple B'nai Abraham when it was still in Newark, and that her husband brought his passion for Jewish life into the marriage with him.

A successful vintner, Arthur Brody began his career in 1948 in his family's industrial catering company covering the greater New York metropolitan area. Eventually, he owned vineyards and wineries in New York and California. He was president of Gold Seal Vineyards from 1958 to 1980 and president of International Vineyards beginning in 1973.

Throughout his business career, he was involved in Jewish causes as a volunteer. A past president of the American Association of Jewish Education, he also served on the boards of national United Jewish Appeal, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Hebrew Free Loan Society, Jewish Community Foundation of MetroWest, the former YM-YWHA of Metropolitan NJ, and the former Jewish Education Association.

Upon selling his business over 30 years ago, Brody embraced Jewish philanthropy as a profession, and became executive director of planning and development at UJA-Federation of New York. From there he moved to the Jerusalem Foundation, where, as president, he had the opportunity to work closely with Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem's longtime mayor.

Arthur and Jane were most recently honored in 2009 at the 12th annual UJA Benefit Concert. He was also honored by New York University, The Hebrew University, and the former Jewish Historical Society of MetroWest. He was a 1960 recipient of the Julius and Bessie Cohen Young Leadership Award. A lover of the arts and music, he was also a past trustee of the American Symphony Orchestra.

In addition to his wife, Jane, Arthur Brody is survived by his son Richard and his wife, Lauren; daughter Kathy Harkov and her husband, Ron; his sister Marion Soled; and grandchildren Ari Harkov, Gabriel Harkov, Alex Brody, Samantha

Brody, and Matthew Brody. His brother Martin predeceased him.

In Loving Memory

Alumni:

Jules Abramovitz, 1960
Eugene Blackman, 1943
Arleen Borden, 1947
Irving Vincent Brown
Arthur Buckner, 1948
Marilyn Berger Buckner, 1954
Jill Goff Cohen, 1959
Henry Farer, 1943
Wilma Findley
Irwin Geller, 1949
June Gilbert
Elaine Raff Gold, 1956
Howard Golden, 1942
James Gorelick, 1967
William Greenberg
Ruth Maltz Hendlin, 1938
David Holder, 1939
Emanuel Kaplan
Audrey Curtis Keeley, 1944
Mitzi Gross Kessler
William Kirschner, 1948
Harold Lipton, 1955
Frances Baker Locker, 1957
Robert Lynn, 1955
Miriam Hornstein Melon
Sharon F. Meacle, 1968
Sanford Meskin, 1950
Arthur Newman, 1960
Sheldon Osterweil
Melvin Pollack, 1947
Leonard Rosenstein, 1946
Beverly Morachnick Rotwein, 1948
Claire Bernstein Shulman, 1948
Rosalind Pollack Straus, 1939
Saul Stempler, 1939
Robert Wallad, 1940
Myrna Gillule Wasserman, 1958
Sidney Weinstein

Faculty:

Ruth Weinberg, Phys. Ed. Teacher



Alumni scholarship awardees with their new alumni caps

Norbert Leon Weckstein

WHS Jan. 1942

*Electrical engineer, toastmaster,
and amateur athlete*



Norbert Leon Weckstein, 89, of Roanoke, VA, died March 21, 2013. Born in Newark, NJ, he was a resident of Roanoke since 1955, he was part of the first wave of engineers and other professionals who came with their families from Schenectady, N.Y. to the Roanoke Valley, to staff the General Electric Company's new plant in Salem. He and his wife Gloria, like many of their GE contemporaries, quickly became involved in the civic and social life of their new community.

Norb went to work as an electrical engineer with General Electric upon his graduation from the University of Cincinnati in 1950, remaining with GE as an engineer and engineer manager until he retired, at age 71, in 1995.

As a combat infantryman with the 106th Infantry Division in the European Theater of Operations during World War II, he received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Northern France and Germany. At a VJ Day party, he met Gloria Buechler, to whom he was married on June 18, 1946.

Norb was well-known in his retirement years as the author of perceptive, well written and thoroughly researched letters to the editor and editorial commentaries, and as a participant in The Roanoke Times editorial roundtable. A superb speaker, with a quick sense of humor and a ready store of anecdotes and jokes, he served as toastmaster for many retirement and award functions.

In 1974, he received his Masters in Business Administration from Virginia Tech. He graduated first in his class.

Norb was a high school athlete, playing varsity baseball and participating in track and field events. After he was 40, he resumed his athletic endeavors, competing in Masters Track and Field events throughout the region. He was a decathlete, winning gold and silver medals in numerous competitions through his 60s.

He continued to compete, and win medals, in field events throughout his 70s and early 80s. He was an avid and skillful tennis player, and also enjoyed golf. He was a longtime student of natural medicine and alternative healing, reading voraciously, attending classes and seminars, subscribing to newsletters, and perusing web sites.

He is survived by his wife Gloria of nearly 67 years; three children, Clifford, Daniel and Barbara Kaplowitz (Brett); and seven grandchildren, sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews.

Miriam Kent Schlank

WHS 1943

Consummate volunteer



**On right, wedding picture of Miriam
and Edwin Schlank (WHS 1939)**

Miriam Kent Schlank, 88, of Tampa, Fla., died on July 19, 2013 at home. Born in Newark, she resided there for many years before moving to West Orange. She also lived in Boynton Beach, Florida.

Miriam was a graduate of Weequahic High School and Drake College of Business. She was employed as a sales associate at Bamberger's and Orbach's before her marriage.

While raising her family, Miriam was a Cub Scout den leader, a Brownie leader, a PTA member, and a volunteer at the Redwood Elementary School library in

West Orange, and Ruth Estrin Memorial for Cancer Research. She later was involved in the National Council of Jewish Women.

Predeceased by her husband Edwin (WHS 1939), she is survived by her son, Myles Schlank (Selene); two daughters, Ellen Schlank (Tom); and Fran Kent (Cheryl Austin); three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Michael Prince, WHS 1960

By cousin, Carl Prince, WHS 1953

Green Beret in Vietnam war



After graduating and finishing two years of college, Michael was drafted as Vietnam was heating up. He volunteered for Special Forces, and became a Green Beret.

He went on to serve with his small unit for almost a year in the Highlands, where he trained, and fought alongside Montagnard tribesmen. And with them and his unit, was victimized by the defoliant Agent Orange. Twenty years later he contracted prostate cancer.

It was virulent, as it was for all Agent Orange victims, and it stunted his late middle age. His government did not recognize any responsibility, and only some received help.

Michael's brother Arnie, an attorney, fought long and hard, got Michael a full disability allotment some years later, with the U.S. admitting no cause or responsibility.

Michael, who served his country honorably and with distinction, was thus one of the last victims of that war when he died of prostate cancer in the summer of 2012.

He was involved with the Wounded Warrior project in California, where he lived, helping out as he could the harmed victims of two more recent wars.

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NJ State Association of Jewish Federations

Steve Newmark 1961; Bob Mack 1959;
Sheila Oliver 1970; and Jac Toporek 1963.



2013 Weequahic High School Retirement Dinner

Myrna Jelling Weissman 1953, Marc Tarabour 1963,
Phil Yourish 1964, and Principal John Tonero
with son Aidan.

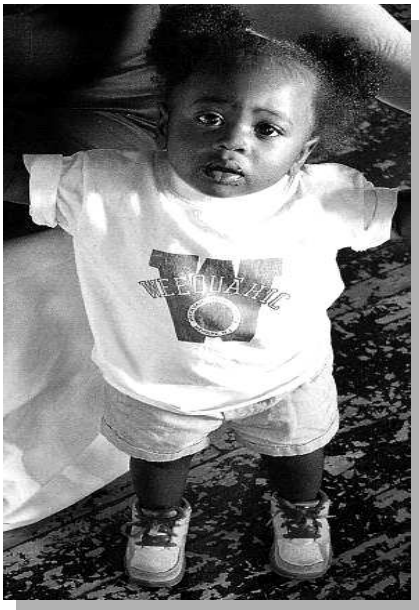


**HAPPY
100th
BIRTHDAY
Hilda
Lutzke**

Weequahic High School FATHERS CLUB

In back: Donald Bradley, Jeffrey Dykes 1980,
Myrna Weissman 1953, Principal John Tonero,
and Hal Braff 1952.

In front: Ernie Turner 1975, LaVerne Spruill-
Dews 1975, Loraine White 1964, and
Selvin White 1973.



Monthly Eppes Essen group from Bragaw and Weequahic

Top: Norman Bierbaum 1944. Joe Tennenbaum 1943. Bottom:
Jerry Rothstein 1943, Jerry Reich 1944, Jerry Coopersmith 1944.

2014 REUNIONS

Friday, Oct. 17, 2014

Class of 1984

30th Reunion, 7 p.m.
The Newark Club
In Downtown Newark

Contact Tharien Karim Arnold at
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Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014

Class of 1964

50th Reunion, 6:30 p.m.
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Contact Barbara Bierbaum Schrob
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weequahicclass64@gmail.com

40th Reunion, Class of 1973

Planning a late November 2014 class
reunion. Looking for classmates
interested in attending and helping
with the planning. There will be a
table at this year's Thanksgiving Day
football game to provide more info.

Contact Patricia Williams at
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1941-42 Basketball Team - sent in by Norman Bierbaum, 1944