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# VMS honors heroes

By ROBERT LINNEHAN

The Voorhees Sun

The sixth-grade students at Voorhees Middle School honored parents, teachers, and public servants as heroes last week. These everyday people were celebrated at the ninth annual Voorhees Middle School Heroes Banquet.

The heroes filled the middle school auditorium for the annual celebration.

The event was started as a healing response after the attacks of 9/11, said Noreen Saggese, sixth grade teacher, as she welcomed the hundreds of visitors to the school.

The banquet was Saggese's creation and for the first time ever she nominated a hero.

In fact, she nominated two heroes, she said, because both of these people had a great impact on her life.

The first was her doctor, Brian Czerniecki, who treated her and helped her cope with a breast cancer diagnosis that she received the day before last year's banquet.

The second nomination, she said, was her nephew Bobby O'-Hearn who achieved his Eagle Scout ranking this past year. Saggese couldn't attend his ceremony because of her chemotherapy treatments.

More than 150 heroes were honored at the event. Each sixth grader who nominated a hero presented them with a written essay and a hero's pin, which they put on their hero in front of the assembled crowd.

All of the personal essays will be displayed in a Hall of Heroes at the school. The students also raised more than \$500 for UNICEF as well.

"It's wonderful to be nominated. I was honored and it's nice to have the recognition," said Pina Disalvatore, a paramedic nominated by Alex Mejia, 12. "I was nominated because of my work as a first responder at ground zero during the 9-11 attacks.

The auditorium was decorated with hundreds of handcrafted stars the students had created, each bearing the name of their personal hero.

The sixth grade band, orchestra, and a special performance from local singer Rocco Fiorentino entertained the heroes during the celebration. Fiorentino,

middle school student, was nominated as a hero when he was in the fourth grade.

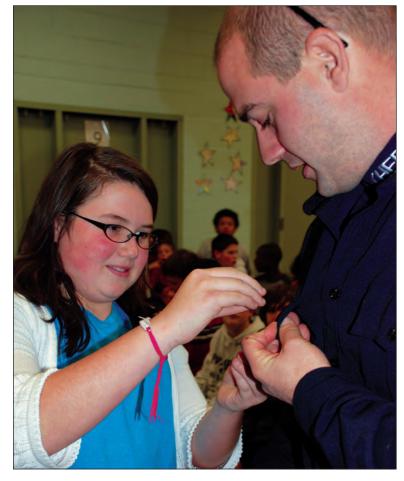
Assemblyman Louis Greenwald was the event's keynote speaker and congratulated all of the heroes in attendance. It's an honor to be nominated, he said, as he was nominated last year by his daughter.

"My daughter is my greatest inspiration, as you all are (the students) for those that you have nominated," Greenwald said.

The highlight of the day was when the students were given the opportunity to give their heroes pins and present them with their essays. As the heroes hugged their students, the sound of laughter and tears filled the auditorium.

Earlene Ross, whose son Kevin Ross Jr. nominated his father Kevin Ross Sr., said it was heartwarming that so many students nominated their parents as heroes. Earlene was filling in for Kevin Ross Sr., as he couldn't attend the event.

"It's a great idea for these kids. They get to think about normal people as the real heroes in their lives," she said.



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Jacob Speas looks on as his cousin's daughter, Sidney Speas, puts a hero's pin on his uniform. The Cherry Hill Fire Department member was nominated as a local hero by Sidney for the 9th Annual Voorhees Middle School Heroes Banquet.

Visit www.voorheessun.com for more photos from the event.

## Virtua pump station to improve sewer service

By ROBERT LINNEHAN

The Voorhees Sun

Thanks to a \$10 million pump station from the Virtua Hospital, businesses west of Route 73 will have improved sewer services and the township will be able to do away with several tricky pump stations that have been malfunctioning for the past few years.

The Township Committee approved an ordinance on first reading that will run a line from the newly constructed pump station at Dutchtown Road under Route 73 to the west side of the roadway. The new hospital paid for the pump station.

The township will pay for the \$400,000 sewer line if approved on second reading.

Administrator Township Larry Spellman said Voorhees representatives looked at constructing a new pump station in the early 1990s but deemed it to be too expensive. No township tax dollars are being used to build this new station, he said, it's all funded by Virtua.

With this new pump station at Dutchtown Road, Spellman said the oft-malfunctioning Cooper Road pump station would be taken offline. The new pump station will easily be able to handle the waste previously processed by

the Cooper Road station.

Two years ago the Cooper Road station malfunctioned during the Thanksgiving holiday, Spellman said, and trucks had to be brought in to manually pump the waste from the station to the Camden County sewer system.

"The amount of overtime for that was just unbelievable," Spellman said. "The pump station was way over capacity."

The new pump station will also allow the Sturbridge Lakes station to come offline in 5 to 10 years. A gravity line will be installed to service the Sturbridge Lakes neighborhood, Spellman said, which is less costly for the

township and more energy effi-

The station was recently refurbished so it would not make sense to take it offline presently, he said.

In other township news:

■ For the upcoming baseball season, the Township Committee approved \$270,000 on first reading for the installation of a turf infield at the Rabinowitz baseball

The heavily used field will receive a turf infield, Spellman said, hopefully by the start of baseball season in March. The field is used from March to November of each year, he said, with hundreds of games played each

The baseball league will be paying \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the bond ordinance each year to help pay for the field, Spellman said.

"The new filament fiber fields haven't worn out yet, so we're not sure how long it will last," Spellman said. "Professionals say the fields can last 10 to 15 years, but it could last even longer.'

As for health concerns with turf fields, Spellman said neither the Environmental Protection Agency nor the Occupational Safety and Health Administration warned the township of any negative effects the field may have on its athletes.

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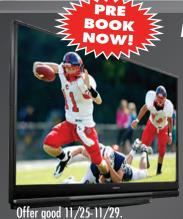
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Share the gift of reading this holiday season, at the Voorhees branch of the Camden County Library System as it once again collects new and gently-used books for the Camden County Division of Children's Services to distribute to children who need books.

The book drive continues until Wednesday, Dec. 8 after which the books will be sorted and distributed to children throughout the county in time for the holidays.

The drive has grown in success with nearly 2000 books a year collected during past drives.

The library is looking for donations of new or gently-used books that are appropriate for a range of ages including the toddler through teenage years.

#### **Animal Rights Activists** meet Nov. 19

The next meeting of Animal Rights Activists of New Jersey, will be held Friday, Nov. 19, at Osage School, 112 Somerdale Road.

The meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m.

Call Dave at 772-2521 for more

#### Pregnancy seminar Nov. 22

Premier Obstetrics and Gynecology of South Jersey, LLC will present a seminar for newly pregnant couples and couples planning to become pregnant, Monday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.

This talk will focus on healthy habits and current recommendations in order to optimize the odds for a successful pregnancy outcome.

Snacks provided.

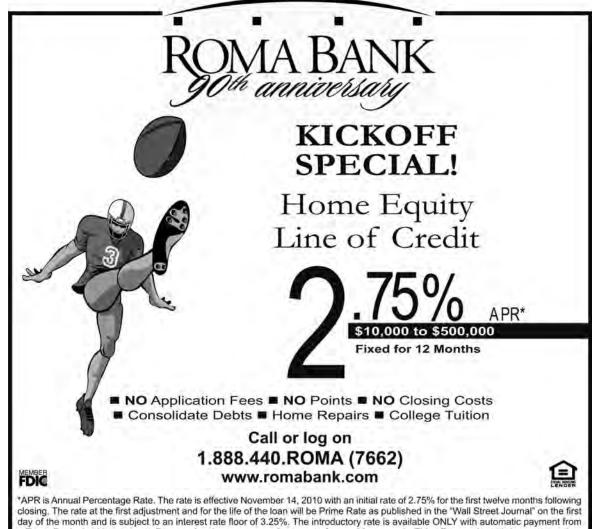
This event is free, but space is limited so please register by calling 772-2300.

Located at the Pavilions of Voorhees, Suite 504, 2301 Evesham Road

#### Friedman hosting monthly coffee chat

Join Committeeman Elect Michael Friedman for coffee at the Country Club Diner, Haddonfield-Berlin Road in Voorhees at 8 a.m., Friday Nov. 19.

All Voorhees residents invited to share coffee/breakfast and bring issues/concerns/suggestions they may have for the new committeman-elect Friday and every third Friday of each month.



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## LIBRARY EVENTS

Registration for any program is available 3 weeks in advance of the event date. Visit www.camdencountylibrary.org/events for information.

#### **Crochet and Knit Club**

Ages 10 and up

Wednesdays, Nov. 17, 4:30 - 5:30 o.m.

Bring in your crochet or knitting project and make new friends as we work and chat the time away.

#### **Focus Group: Conversation Class**

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Monday, Nov. 22, 29, 10:30 – noon

Wednesday, Nov. 24, 10:30 – noon

Initiated in conjunction with Literacy Volunteers of America to address the specific needs of ESL students with advanced spoken and written English skills. Explore idiomatic and colloquial usage, improve facility in everyday transactions and provide context for news stories and current events. For more information please contact shyamoli@camdencountylibrary.org.

#### Just Write! Creative Writing Class

Adults

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

A workshop about the joy of putting words and ideas on paper for everyone from aspiring writers to blocked writers who want to keep the momentum flowing.

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#### The Speculative Reader: A Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Group

Wednesday, Nov. 24, 7 - 8:30 p.m. "Journey to the Center of the Earth" by Jules Verne. This classic explores a realm of fantastical possibilities deep within the bowels of the earth, but can also be read as a psychological quest, for the journey itself is as important as arrival or discovery. Professor Lidenbrock and his nephew travel down an extinct crater to enter a living past and confront the origins of man.

#### **Scrabble**

Adults Friday, Nov. 26 1 - 3 p.m.

Take a break and enjoy playing a challenging game of Scrabble with a few friends. This program is in conjunction with Kennedy Eldermed. The Scrabble Group meets on the 4th Friday of each month.

#### Camden County One-Stop Career Center Workshops

Adults

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Learn to market yourself and conduct an effective job search. A professional employment representative from the One-Stop provides you with tools you need to search for your next opportunity, whether you are unemployed or looking to move up. Each workshop will cover resume preparation, interviewing skills and job searching techniques including online searching. You will also

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Ages 6 - 18 months Wednesdays, Nov. 17, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.

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#### **Crochet and Knit Club**

Ages 10 to adult Wednesdays, Nov. 17, 4:30 - 5:30

Bring in your crochet or knitting project and make new friends as we work and chat the time away.

#### **Giggles and Grins**

Ages 3 - 5 Thursdays, Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m. Skip on in for stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

#### Babies' Playgroup

Ages 1 - 18 months Fridays, Nov. 19, 26, 10 - 11 a.m. Little ones meet friends and discover new toys. Grownups have a chance to chat. We provide the toys and books but no organized programming.

#### Toddlers' Playgroup

Ages 18 - 36 months Fridays, Nov. 19, 26, 11 - noon Play with new friends! Grownups have a chance to chat. We provide the toys and books but no organized programming. Feel free to bring snacks.

#### **Kid's Craft Corner**

Grades K - 5

Thursday, Nov. 18, 4:30 p.m. Feeling crafty? Bring your creativity to the library for a monthly make and take craft. Individual registration required.

#### **Drop in Bedtime Stories**

All Ages

Thursday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m. Settle down in your pajamas and listen to stories

#### **Turkey Tales and Craft**

Wednesday, Nov. 24, 6:30 p.m. Trot on in and gobble up some stories dedicated to Mr. Turkey. Make a Thanksgiving craft to take home and show your family!

#### **American Girl Craft Club**

Ages 7 - 12 Tuesday, Nov. 30 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy an activity and craft based on a different American Girl at each meeting. Bring your American Girl doll along for the

#### Teen and 'Tween Programs

#### Crochet and Knit Club

Ages 10 to adult Wednesdays, Nov. 17, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Bring in your crochet or knitting project and make new friends as we work and chat the time away.

#### Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Grades 6 - 12

Thursday, Nov. 18, 4 p.m.

TAB is made up of teens and tweens who want to make a difference in their local library. Plan and promote exciting new programs, participate in special community service projects, help with Children's Programs, and discuss movies, books, and music. Membership looks great on resumes and college applications! Plus, it's a great way to get involved and make a difference. The meeting lasts for one hour, followed by games. Refreshments served at every meeting!

#### Yu Gi Oh and Pokemon Card Night

Ages 9 - 14 Friday, Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m. Bring your Yu Gi Oh and/or Pokemon cards to trade, duel or battle with other kids. Please do not bring your valuable cards.

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Crochet and Knit Club: Voorhees Branch Library. 4:30 p.m. Call 772-1636 or visit www.camdencountylibrary.org/events to register.

Microsoft PowerPoint II: Voorhees Branch Library. 7 p.m. Call 772-1636 or visit www.camdencountylibrary.org/events to register.

Uncovering the Secrets to Living Longer: Voorhees Branch Library. 7 p.m. Call 772-1636 or visit www.camdencountylibrary.org/eve nts to register.

**ESL classes:** Ashland Church, 33 East Evesham Rd. 7 p.m. Child care provided. Call 429-8844 or visit www.AshlandChurch.com for info.

Mat Pilates class: Voorhees Middle School. Call (800) 826-6737 for info.

#### **FOR KIDS**

**Boy Scout Troop 48:** Holy Communion Church, Route 73. Boys ages 10 to 18. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Call Paul Lee at 751-9796.

Wee Worship Bell Choir: Ashland Church, 33 East Evesham Rd. 6:30 p.m. Age 4. Call 429-8844 or visit www.AshlandChurch.com for info.

Kids Worship Choir: Ashland Church, 33 East Evesham Rd. 6:30 p.m. Grade 3. Call 429-8844 or visit www.AshlandChurch.com for info.

#### Want to be listed?

To have your Voorhees meeting or affair listed in the Calendar or Meetings, information must be received, in writing, **two weeks prior to the date of the event**.

Send information by mail to: Calendar, The Voorhees Sun, 108 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. Or by email: news@voorheessun.com. Or you can submit a calendar listing through our Web site (www.voorheessun.com).

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Youth Worship Choir: Ashland Church, 33 East Evesham Rd. 6 p.m. Grade 6 and up. Call 429-8844 or visit www.AshlandChurch.com for info.

**Kids Activities:** Ashland Church, 33 East Evesham Rd. 6:30 p.m. Preschool to grade 4. Call 429-8844 or visit **www.AshlandChurch.com** for info.

**FougCrew:** Ashland Church, 33 East Evesham Rd. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Grades 5 and 6. Call 429-8844 or visit **www.AshlandChurch.com** for info.

Youth Bible Study: Ashland Church, 33 East Evesham Rd. 7 p.m. Junior high and high schoolers. Call 429-8844 or visit www.Ashland-Church.com for info.

Shake Your Rattles and Roll: Voorhees Branch Library. 10:30 or 11:30 a.m. Age 6- to 18-months. Call 772-1636 or visit www.camdencountylibrary.org/events to register.

#### **THURSDAY**

November 18

#### **FOR ALL**

**The Farnsworth Invention:** Eastern Center for the Performing Arts, 1401 Laurel Oak Rd. 7 p.m. \$6. Call 784-4441 x6000 for tickets.

Biggest Loser Weight Loss Challenge - "Back to Slim" Fall Edition: Voorhees Senior Living, 501 Laurel Oak Rd. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. \$35, one-time fee, and \$1 per pound gained during the program. Visit www.losebig.net/mcstem or call 489-9125 to register or for more info.

Movie Night: Voorhees Branch Library. 6 p.m. Call 772-1636 or visit www.camdencountylibrary.org/eve nts to register.

Women's Oncology Support Group: 900 Centennial Blvd, Suite A. 6 to 7:30 p.m. To register call (800) 8-COOPER.

Voorhees Breakfast Rotary Club:

Country Club Diner, Rt. 561. 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. Call 772-3384 for more info.

Overeaters Anonymous: Hope United Church, 700 Cooper Rd. 10 to 11 a.m. Call 609-239-0022 or visit www.southjerseyoa.org.

Yoga Stretch: The Ripa Center, Voorhees. Noon to 1 p.m. Call (877) 662-2273 for info.

**Meditation:** The Ripa Center, Voorhees. 1 to 1:30 p.m. Call (877) 662-2273 for info.

#### **FOR KIDS**

Giggles and Grins: Voorhees Branch Library. 10:30 a.m. Age 3 to 5. Call 772-1636 or visit www.camdencountylibrary.org/events to register.

**Teen Advisory Board:** Voorhees Branch Library. 4 p.m. Grade 6 to 12. Call 772-1636 or visit **www.camden-countylibrary.org/events** to register.

Kid Craft Corner: Voorhees Branch Library. 4:30 p.m. Grade K to 5. Call 772-1636 or visit www.camdencountylibrary.org/events to register.

**Drop-in Bedtime Stories:** Voorhees Branch Library. 6:30 p.m. Preschool, toddlers. Call 772-1636 or visit www.camdencountylibrary.org/eve

#### **FRIDAY**

November 19

#### FOR ALL

**The Farnsworth Invention:** Eastern Center for the Performing Arts, 1401 Laurel Oak Rd. 7:30 p.m. \$6. Call 784-4441 x6000 for tickets.

**Coffee with Committeeman Mike Friedman:** Country Club Diner, Haddonfield-Berlin Rd. 8 a.m.

Animal Rights Activists of New Jersey meeting: Osage School, 112 Somerdale Rd. 7:30 p.m. Call 772-2521 for more info.

Facebook Basics: Voorhees Branch Library. 10:30 a.m. Call 772-1636 or visit

www.camdencountylibrary.org/eve nts to register.

**Healing Hearts:** Bethany Baptist Church, Annex Building, 10 Foster Ave., Gibbsboro. 7 to 8 p.m. Call 782-6755.

#### **FOR KIDS**

**Babies' Playgroup:** Voorhees Branch Library. 10 to 11 a.m. Ages infant to 18-months. Call 772-1636 or visit

www.camdencountylibrary.org/eve nts to register.

**Toddlers Playgroup:** Voorhees Branch Library. 11 a.m. to noon. Ages 18- to 36-months. Call 772-1636 or visit

www.camdencountylibrary.org/eve nts to register.

Yo Gi Oh and Pokemon Card Night: Voorhees Branch Library. 6:30 p.m. Age 9 to 14. Call 772-1636 or visit www.camdencountylibrary.org/eve nts to register.

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#### **SATURDAY**

November 20

#### FOR ALL

The Farnsworth Invention: Fastern Center for the Performing Arts, 1401 Laurel Oak Rd. 2 and 7:30 p.m. \$6. Call 784-4441 x6000 for tickets.

#### **FOR KIDS**

Children's Dance Class: Ashland Church, 33 East Evesham Rd. 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Preschool to grade 2 p.m. Call 429-8844 or visit www.AshlandChurch.com for info.

#### **SUNDAY**

November 21

#### **FOR ALL**

Beyond the Myth - A Film About Pit Bulls and Breed Discrimination: Raven (formerly Ritz) Theater at Eagle Plaza. 4 p.m. After party fund raiser at the Coastline, Cherry Hill. 6 to 9 p.m. Movie - \$12.50 in advance, \$15 at the door. After Party-\$7 advance, \$10 at door. For information visit www.beyondthemythmovie.com; www.pinupsforpitbulls.org or www.njafa.org.

Sunday Services: Ashland Church, 33 East Evesham Rd. 9:30 and 11 a.m. Child care and children services available. Call 429-8844 or visit www.AshlandChurch.com for info.

#### **FOR KIDS**

Kids Connection: St. John in the Wilderness, Hilliards Road, Gibbsboro. 10:45 a.m. Ages 4 through grade 6. For more information call 783-8480.

#### **MONDAY**

November 22

#### **FOR ALL**

Pregnancy seminar: Premier Obstetrics and Gynecology of South Jersey, Pavilions of Voorhees, Suite 504, 2301 Evesham Rd. 7 p.m. Call 772-2300 to register.

**Conversation Class:** Voorhees Branch Library. 10:30 a.m. Call 772-1636 or visit www.camdencountylibrary.org/events to register.

Mat Pilates class: Voorhees Middle School. Call (800) 826-6737 for info.

Voorhees Toastmasters meeting: Coffee Works Roastery and Cafe. 7:30 to 9 p.m. Visit voorhees.freetoasthost.ws for info.

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#### **TUESDAY**

November 23

#### **FOR ALL**

Microsoft Excel: Voorhees Branch Library. 7 p.m. Call 772-1636 or visit www.camdencountylibrary.org/eve **nts** to register.

Breast Cancer Support Group: 900 Centennial Blvd., Suite A. 6 to 7:30 p.m. To register call (800) 8-COOPER.

Toastmasters: Noon. Contact Dave Balinski at dlbalinski@yahoo.com or 380-4701.

Overeaters Anonymous: Kennedy Memorial Hospital, Stratford. 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. Call 609-239-0022 or visit www.southjerseyoa.org.

Voorhees-Gibbsboro Rotary Club meeting: Filomena's Restaurant,

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# Summerville at Voorhees holds free rent sweepstakes

Laurel Lake Estates, Summerville at Voorhees and Emeritus at Marlton Crossing, which provide assisted living and memory care services to local seniors, announced that they will be participating in a company-wide sweepstakes that will award one lucky winner with free room and board at the community for a loved one for one year. The sweepstakes invites contestants to tour any of the 3 communities listed above or any one of the 460 Emeritus Senior Living Communities, until Dec. 31 for a chance to win. Winners will be announced after Jan. 1, 2011.

"Through the Free Rent Sweepstakes, all 3 communities are encouraging members of the local community who may not be familiar with us to stop in, meet our staff and experience the services that we provide residents every day," said Denise Raymond, Senior Community Relations Director for these 3 Emeritus communities. "We strive to create an active, healthy and warm living environment for all of our residents – and we can't wait to have one lucky winner join our family rent-free for a year through this contest."

The purpose of the sweepstakes is to offer members of the local community an incentive to familiarize themselves with the services offered at our communities. Emeritus Senior Living currently cares for more than 45,000 seniors in 460 communities around the country. The company focuses heavily on creating a Brain Health Lifestyle for residents that stimulates and supports their mental and physical health.

Laurel Lake Estates is located at 207 Laurel Rd in Voorhees. To arrange a tour, and enter the sweepstakes, please contact: Tari at 772-9400. Summerville at Voorhees is located at 1301 Laurel Oak Rd in Voorhees. To arrange a tour, and enter the sweepstakes here, please contact: Joe or Don at 783-8383. Emeritus at Marlton Crossing is located at 1979 Route 70 East in Cherry Hill. arrange a tour, and enter the sweepstakes here, please contact: Suzanne or Terri at 424-7227.

How to Enter

Legal residents of the United States who are 18 years of age or older may enter on behalf of a senior loved one. Seniors ages 65 year or older are eligible to receive the grand prize award. Entrants must tour an Emeritus Senior Living community to enter. After the tour, entrants will receive a entry card with a code on it. They can then enter the code online at the official sweepstakes website, www.Emeritus-FreeRent.com. One winner will be announced after Jan 1, 2011. The winner will receive one year rent free. Applies to room and board only and does not include care fees or skilled nursing serv-

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# Eastern heads back in time to the Farnsworth Invention

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The answer comes to life in The Farnsworth Invention, the play from Aaron Sorkin, creator of The West Wing, and presented by the Theater Department of Eastern Regional High Schools on Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 20, at 2 and 7:30 p.m., at the Eastern Center for the Performing Arts, 1401 Laurel Oak Road

The Farnsworth Invention centers on the conflict that pitted Philo T. Farnsworth who invented the principles of television as a ninth-grade farm boy, against David Sarnoff, the head of the

Radio Corporation of America (RCA) and the founder of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC).

Director Gregg Molotsky, a 15year veteran of the school's theater program, is excited to be working on a production that spans 20 years and involves many students playing multiple characters.

"Sorkin is one of the best contemporary American writers. From his work on the West Wing and his current movie, The Social Network, Sorkin often focuses on how the work of a few dedicated individuals has changed the world, be it through the invention of television ... or Facebook. Our students can relate to young people who bring big ideas to fruition, and how technology has changed their own lives," noted Molotsky.

Admission is \$6. All seats are reserved and box office hours are available by calling 784-4441 x6000, or students may purchase tickets during the day at the Eastern school store.



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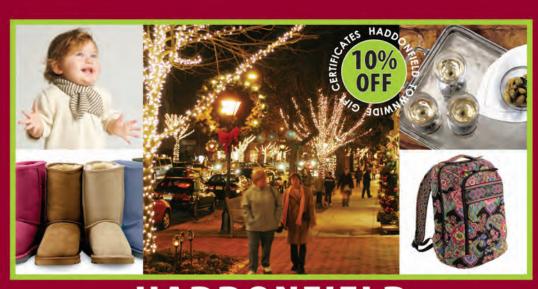
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Living Independently for Elders at Lourdes staff, co-participants, family and friends of Voorhees resident Elizabeth Babji celebrated her 102nd birthday with lunch, cake, a proclamation from the mayor and entertainment. Since Babji is originally from Poland, the event had a Polish theme, complete with polka dancing and Polish food. Pictured wearing her birthday sash and tiara is Babji surrounded by two of her five children, Ann Giampietro (left) and Olga Faroni (right).





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# Library events

#### LIBRARY

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#### Anime-Otakus

Ages 16 and up Tuesday, Nov. 30, 4 - 7 p.m. Bring your favorite anime for this 3 hour anime marathon. Refreshments will be served.

#### **American Girl Craft Club**

Ages 7 - 12

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy an activity and craft based on a different American Girl at each meeting. Bring your American Girl doll along for the fun!

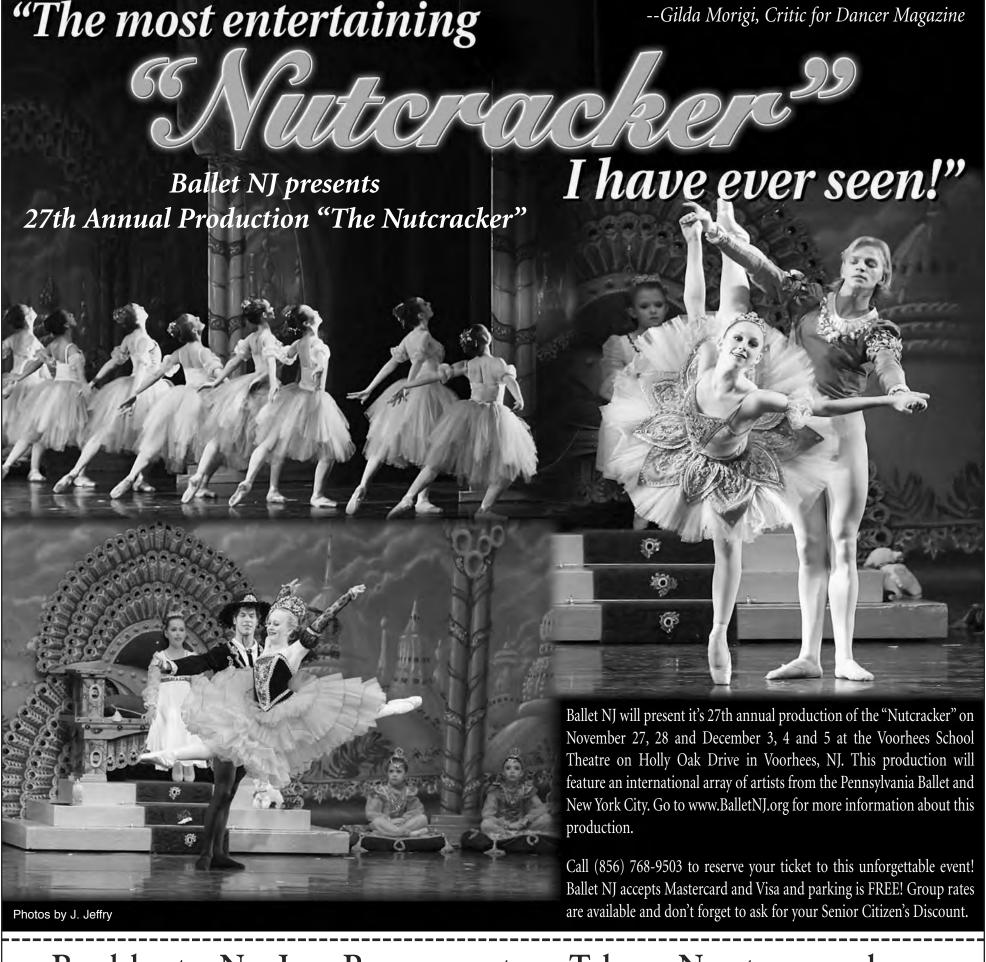
#### eWomenNetwork Holiday Extravaganza and Business Expo

Vendor tables are still available for the Second Annual eWomen-Network Holiday Extravaganza and Business Expo is being held Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Mansion on Main Street.

Spectators will be able to shop for their holiday gifts by visiting many booths such as Partylite Candles, 31 Gifts Handbag Company, and gorgeous handmade jewelry, plus many more. General admission is free and open to the public. Complimentary hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be will be available throughout the event along with a cash bar.

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Fashion-forward teens are stepping out in style in the name of community service and personal growth as members of Cherry Hill Mall's 2010-11 Style Squad teen ambassador corps. Pictured, from left, are Jillian Palmere and Morgan Lorrilliere of Voorhees. These teens were selected from schools throughout the region to take part in the production of, and participate in, the spring fashion shows, upcoming holiday and special events, as well as community service projects on behalf of the mall. Cherry Hill Mall representatives select teenagers with a flare for fashion, an interest in retail and a desire to contribute to the community as Style Squad members. In return for their participation, Cherry Hill Mall provides members with programs to promote self-development, such as informal and runway modeling, hair, make-up and skincare workshops, and resume and career development.

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## Go beyond the pitbull myth

Deirdre Franklin, founder of Pinups for Pit bulls, announced today that she and Kathy McGuire, president of New Jersey Aid For Animals (NJAFA), are hosting the New Jersey premiere of the feature length documentary, Beyond the Myth: A Film About Pit Bulls and Breed Discrimination on Sunday, Nov. 21 at 4 p.m., at the Raven (formerly Ritz) Theater at Eagle Plaza, Voorhees.

Beyond the Myth is a film about dogs commonly referred to as pit bulls and those who love and defend these breeds.

It explores the contributing factors behind the public's generalized fear of pit bulls, and examines the conflict existing between advocates and opponents of breed discriminatory laws, commonly referred to as breed bans.

It investigates the myths associated with the breed, challenges the idea that they are inherently vicious, and presents eye-opening research regarding the media's role in influencing people's opinion on "pit bulls."

Libby Sherrill, the filmmaker, first decided to tackle the film as a grad student.

Three years later, her theme has been honed to reveal the perils of breed-specific legislation as carried out in three cities that ban pit bull-type dogs:

Denver, Miami, and Cincinnati

 along with San Francisco, which requires the animals to be spaved and neutered.

Denver enforces their ban more stringently than most, killing close to 4,000 pit bull-type dogs since 1989.

Those who have lost their dogs as result of these laws have endured excruciating heartbreak. Beyond the Myth reveals one such story – that of Desiree and her family pet Coco.

Despite being nicknamed "Cocolicious," by Denver Animal Control kennel workers for his gentle and loving nature, Cocowas killed simply because of the way he looked. He never harmed anyone.

"There is no evidence that laws aimed towards specific breeds decrease the number of dangerous dogs in communities and yet innocent dogs continue to die because of these ordinances. Our efforts and laws should be directed towards irresponsible people we need more education regarding responsible dog ownership instead of allowing confiscation and murder of good family pets,' says Sherrill. Taxpayers also suffer when breed-discriminatory laws are enacted. According to the study, "The Fiscal Impact of Breed Discriminatory Legislation in the United States," conducted by the New York City-based John Dunham and Associates, such

legislation would cost the state of New Jersey an estimated \$13,396,830 per year, a number includes the costs of enforcement, kenneling, veterinary care, euthanasia and disposal, litigation, and DNA testing.

In order to create safer communities, Pinups for Pitbulls and NJAFA advocate for breed-neutral dog laws that penalize reckless owners and prevent future dog attacks from occurring.

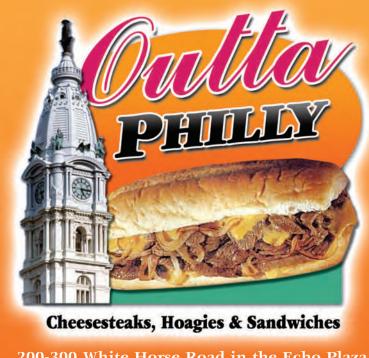
The mission of Pinups is to save the lives of abused and abandoned pit bull-type dogs by raising funds with their nationally acclaimed Pinups for Pitbulls Calendar.

NJAFA's mission is to enrich pit bulls' lives through free vaccines along with aggressive spay and neuter.

The public is invited to an after party fundraiser from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Coastline Restaurant in Cherry Hill conveniently located off 295 at 1240 Brace Road with proceeds benefiting Pinups and NJAFA. Donation includes entertainment, munchies and \$1 drinks. Tickets for both events are on sale now exclusively at www.beyondthemythmovie.com.

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#### We need drop spots for shelter drive

ith less than two weeks to go until this year's Deck the Paws and Help a Collie drive kicks off, we're making one final plea to area businesses and offices. We need as many drop spots as possible. Right now we have perhaps a half-dozen, which isn't very many.

Drop spots are places we tell people to visit to make their donations to local animal shelters. It's easy to be a drop spot. Just e-mail alan@elauwit.com and agree to allow people to drop pet food, cat litter, toys and cleaning supplies in your lobby for a few weeks. When the drive

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is over, contact us again. We will pick up the items and take them to local shelters.

This year's drive begins after Thanksgiving, when donation tubs and flyers are delivered to the drop spots. It ends in mid-December.

A lot of people and organizations continue to struggle, and animal shelters certainly can be counted on that list. Our goal for the past several years is to ease the strain a bit when it comes to taking care of their furry guests. An extra bag of food – last year, cat food was in high demand – or jug of bleach really helps out when every nickel counts.

We hope to be able to deliver a lot of donations to shelters again this year, but it all starts with finding as many places as possible willing to help. Then, of course, it's up to people to be as generous as they can with their donations.

Time is running short. If you can spare a few square feet in your office, if you can rally your neighbors to put together a pile of supplies, anything, we need to hear from you.

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The goals of the EDC are to encourage resident participation, facilitate revitalization, promote efforts to encourage and attract businesses, recommend legislation for economic development promotion and provide recommendations to the Township Committee, Planning Board and Zoning Board.

Last year, with the help of EDC. Voorhees became the first. municipality in New Jersey to launch a geographic informa-



Michael Mignogna **MAYOR'S MESSAGE** 

tion system (GIS) powered commercial property search website and only the third city in the United States and the first east of the Mississippi to offer street level visualization layers over a Google Map. Voorhees now has a valuable tool for any business

looking to invest in our commu-The website. www.voorheesprospector.com, is available as a free resource for businesses, corporate real estate professionals and the communi-

The EDC is also taking an aggressive role in keeping businesses in town. In partnership with the Voorhees Business Association, the Voorhees Business Retention and Expansion Task Force has been formed. Its mission is to retain businesses and help them grow by developing innovative programs that bring the community and businesses together.

On behalf of the Township Committee, I would like to thank the EDC and the VBA for their efforts in making Voorhees a vibrant business community.

Michael Mignogna is the mayor of Voorhees. He can be reached at mmignogna16@comcast.net.

## JFCS EVENTS

#### **Caregiver Support Group**

Samost Jewish Family and Children's Service will host a Caregiver Support Group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at JFCS, 1301 Springdale Road, Suite 150, Cherry Hill.

The date will be announced when there are enough people for a group. For more information, contact Rebecca Rosenau at

The group is open to the public, for any age or type of caregiver, and there is a \$36 registration fee (scholarships available).

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