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An Andover Township woman was charged with careless driving after the 10:05 p.m. Thursday accident. **STORY, PAGE A3**



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Paulette Chatman is among the newest franchise owners of Always Best Care, a provider of nonmedical in-home care for the rapidly growing senior population in the United States. **BUSINESS, PAGE A8**

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West Morris' defense comes up big late against Parsippany Hills in 24-20 victory. **STORY, PAGE B1**



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Health aide jailed for stealing

By PEGGY WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Took \$307G from ailing Mt. Olive man

A former health aide for an elderly psychiatrist with developing Alzheimer's disease was sentenced Friday to 180 days in jail and three years' probation for stealing \$307,676 from the man.

Claudia Rodriguez, now 56, pleaded guilty in July

to theft from Dr. Gerd Leopoldt between August 2003 and July 2006 in Mount Olive, but she tried to tell Superior Court Judge Thomas V. Manahan that Leopoldt willingly gave her extra money.

"I'm not in the habit of

doing this. I'm not looking for my next victim. I just never took any money the doctor didn't give me," Rodriguez said.

The judge immediately wanted to know whether Rodriguez was retreating from her plea or minimiz-

ing her conduct and told defense lawyer Neill Hamilton to confer with her. Sentencing resumed after Rodriguez reiterated that she stole from Leopoldt.

The victim, who will turn 90 in October, was accompanied to court by his

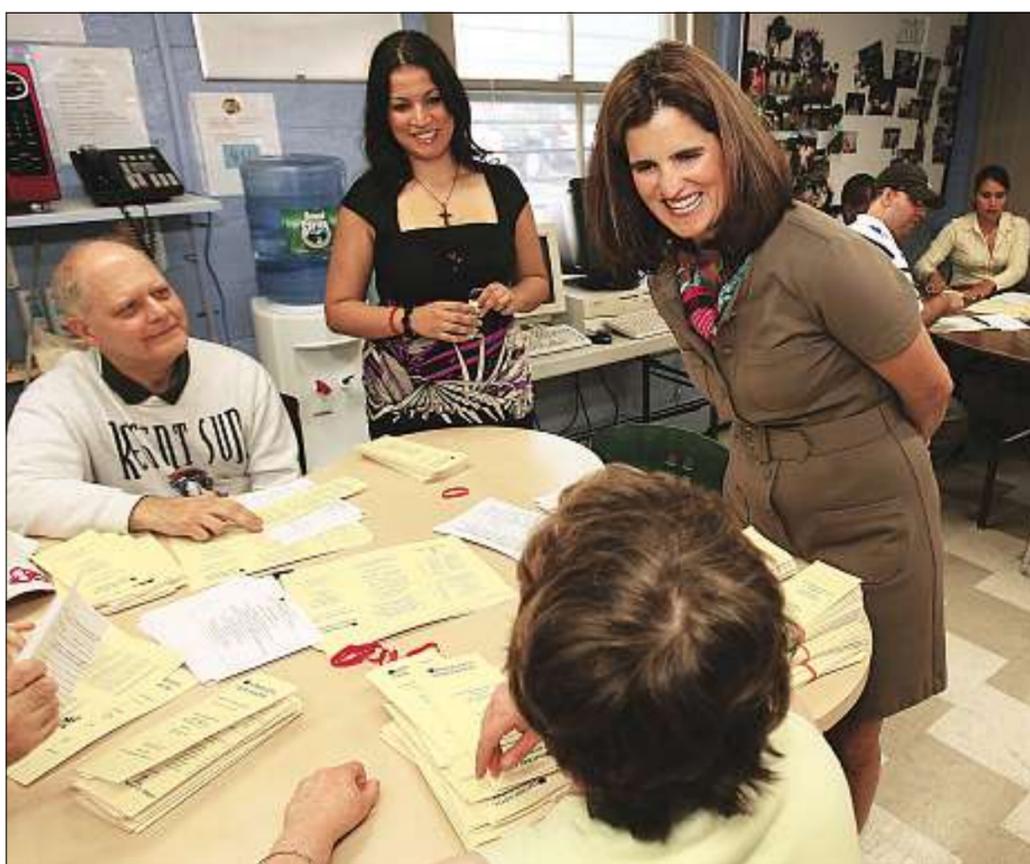
granddaughter, Simone Noe, who called Rodriguez "calculating, manipulative" and "completely devoid of any remorse."

Noe said the home health aide was well-paid but deviously pocketed enough funds to make a monthly salary of \$10,000.

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IN MORRISTOWN: Governor's wife makes special visit

Business enables people with disabilities



STAFF PHOTOS: BOB KARP

Mary Pat Christie, New Jersey's first lady, talks with workers on Friday at The Daily Plan It, a Morristown conference and copy center staffed by individuals with disabilities.

THEY PLAN IT; THEY DO IT



STAFF REPORT

MORRISTOWN — Mary Pat Christie, wife of Gov. Chris Christie, on Friday took a tour of The Daily Plan It, a social enterprise owned and operated by Community Options Inc. that is a full conference and copy center staffed by people with disabilities.

Community Options is a national nonprofit organization that has been developing homes and employment opportunities for people with disabilities since 1989.

At The Daily Plan It, space is made available to small-business owners, and people with disabilities provide infrastructure and services for the business.



As founder and CEO Robert Stack looks on, Christie, of Mendham Township, talks with Daily Plan It staffer Chrissy Crescente of Wayne on Friday in Morristown.

CCM president finishing NYC races

By ROB JENNINGS
STAFF WRITER

RANDOLPH — Ed Yaw was raised in upstate New York and runs a college in Morris County, yet he is seeing more of the five boroughs of New York City than most city residents.

Yaw, 68, is on the verge of an unusual athletic feat — running half-marathons in all five boroughs in the annual New York Road Runners racing series.

Yaw began in 37-degree

weather on Jan. 24 with two loops of Central Park in the Manhattan Half Marathon.

On May 22, he joined more than 7,000 others at the most widely attended half-marathon in Brooklyn, where he finished on the Coney Island boardwalk.

In his toughest race, Yaw ran the Queens Half-Marathon on July 24, on the morning of what turned out to be the hottest

and most humid day of the summer.

"I found myself running from water station to water station and walking a bit after," said Yaw, the longtime president of County College of Morris in Randolph.

Yaw ran the Bronx on Aug. 15, finishing in 2 hours and 16 minutes — the best of his half-marathon finishing times this year. That 13.1-mile course featured stretches along

the Grand Concourse and Moshulu Parkway, two major roads in the borough.

On Oct. 10, he will finish up with the Staten Island Half-Marathon, which passes near the starting area of the New York City Marathon — a challenge that Yaw is thinking of undertaking for the first time in 2011.

"It's been really fascinating, seeing the five boroughs," Yaw said.

Though the borough half-marathons average around 5,000 participants, a much smaller number — the exact total wasn't immediately available — finish all five. Most of the five-timers, one would presume, are younger than Yaw.

Yaw was on the track team at Harper College in New York, now known as Binghamton University,

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Events honor memory of slain priest

Oct. activities at St. Patrick's

STAFF REPORT

CHATHAM — St. Patrick's Church is hosting several events over the next month to honor the commitment to community service of the Rev. Ed Hinds, who was murdered last October.

"Our parish has been healing over this past year, and we have come together to honor Father Ed's memory (and also to keep up the community building and healing) in the month of October," Martha Bowles, a spokeswoman for the event, said.

Jose Feliciano, 65, has been charged with murdering Hinds, who was found stabbed dozens of times, in the rectory kitchen on the morning of Oct. 23, 2009.

Prosecutors contend that Feliciano, a married father of two, was petrified he was about to lose the custodian job he held for 18 years after the priest discovered he had criminal charges in his past that never were resolved. Feliciano has been a fugitive for more than 20 years from charges in Philadelphia that he sexually touched a child.

Legal motions in the case are to be heard between Oct. 18 and 22.

Defense lawyer Neill Hamilton said he is still awaiting approval from the state Office of the Public Defender for funds to hire a psychiatrist to examine Feliciano for a possible insanity or diminished capacity defense.

Meanwhile, the church will be holding a series of events with a theme of "Many Hands, Many Hearts, One Community," that will begin with an outdoor Mass and parish picnic at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Bowles said.

Among the other events planned in association with the anniversary of the pastor's death are:

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