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Summit hears from STA about Open Space tax

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — Local officials briefly discussed the possibility of withholding taxes from the Union County government last week in response to a suggestion from a local taxpayers organization frustrated with "out of control" county taxes and spending.

Thomas Garvey, President of Summit Taxpayer's Association suggested the city place half its share of the Open Space Tax — about \$500,000 — in escrow.

Garvey's proposal was the subject of lively discussion at last week's city council meeting. City Solicitor Thomas Scivo advised the council such action would be illegal, and the council voted 5-1 to pay the Open Space Tax as usual.

The lone dissenting vote was cast by Councilman Thomas Getzendanner. He said Scivo is in the process of further examining the legality of the issue and will report back to the council regarding the current open space mission and its legitimacy. His opinion is expected at the May 15 meeting, Getzendanner said.

Scivo could not be reached for comment by press time.

Garvey said STA is hopeful the council will move forward with his suggestion at a future meeting.

"I'm pushing for legal grounds based on the fact that the open space tax has not been used for purposes originally intended. Not all of it, at least," Garvey said.

He said the city should also begin setting aside money to use in the ensuing legal struggle with the county.

Garvey said STA anticipates future litigation of the Open Space Tax and ensuing

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Journalism 101 at Union High

Students learn basics of newswriting, but the 'editor' has the final say

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

UNION — A group of students at Union High School are getting the rare opportunity to discover first hand what it might be like to have a career as a news reporter. But make no mistake, these teens are turning out cutting edge articles in their school newspaper, *The Cannon*, that nearly rival those written by professionals.

Outside in the hall, English teacher Jason Langer's journalism class students hurry through the crowds to their next class before the bell rings. Although their good-natured jesting and shouts penetrate through the closed classroom door where a dozen or more teens are gathered, these fledgling journalists are too riveted on the latest copies of *LocalSource* to notice what is going on just few feet away.

It's evident Langer's passion for journalism is not lost on his students, especially those planning on pursuing journalism as a career. But for now, these rookie reporters are learning the ropes, includ-



Photo By Cheryl Hehl

Students in the journalism class at Union High School work hard to publish *The Cannon* four times a year.

ing learning that the final word on an article they write is not always easy to accept.

The Cannon, published four times during the school year and featuring up to 25 articles written by Langer's journalism students, appears to leave no stone unturned when it comes to "getting the

story." Pick up any one of the three editions of *The Cannon* published so far this academic year and there is little doubt these fledgling writers will tackle just about any topic.

For instance, from an informative article
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Company that donated heavily to county Democrats under investigation for possible donation violations

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

An engineering group used heavily by the county is under investigation by the State Attorney General for possible political donation violations.

Last week Birdsall Services Group, an engineering and consulting group that had more than \$28 million in contracts and business with local municipalities throughout the state last year had their computers and files seized by Division of Criminal

Justice investigators.

Peter Aseltine, a spokesperson for the criminal justice division of the attorney general's office, said Thursday they do not discuss ongoing investigations.

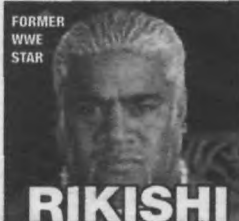
According to New Jersey ELEC Commission records, Birdsall made \$129,700 in campaign contributions to both Democrat and Republican campaigns in 2011 and received \$28.3 million in public contracts the same year. These contracts were throughout the state, including Union Coun-

ty, but more heavily concentrated in Monmouth and Ocean counties.

In October, 2010, Birdsall was slapped with an 18-month suspension for violating the state's pay to play laws.

According to sources, the suspension was the result of two specific donations, \$6,000 to the Piscataway Democratic Organization on Oct. 25, 2010, and \$1,500 to the Hillside Democratic Organization two days later.

Both donations were in violation of the
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Correction

In the May 3 issue of *Union County LocalSource*, in the story titled "Public has strong interest" in OPRA requests," this newspaper erroneously reported one court case involving Patrick Scanlon Jr. as occurring in Jan. 2012, making the story's timeline inaccurate.

The article stated Scanlon Jr. was convicted of theft by unlawful taking on Jan. 25, 2012. The indictment occurred in October of 2008 while Scanlon was working for the Township of Union, not the county.

The timeline should have shown that Scanlon Jr. was indicted in Essex County on narcotics charges in May, 2008 and twice in Union County in March and May of 2009. The 2009 cases were later transferred to Middlesex County court, along with the Oct. 2008 incident, and sentencing of all three of those events took place in Jan. 2010. He was convicted of theft by unlawful taking on Jan. 25, 2010 and sentenced to six months in jail and five years probation, along with entering a court ordered drug rehabilitation program. He has been on probation in Middlesex County since 2009.

The errors in the timeline, in turn, make the statement about a "succession of narcotics charges" having followed incorrect.

According to Union County officials, the county police are currently still investigating allegations that Scanlon Jr. stole county property for personal gain.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention.

If you believe that we have made such an error, email Regional Editor Patrick Bober at editorial@thelocalsource.com or call 908-686-7700, weekdays before 5 p.m.



FAMILY FUN — In Summit on Sunday, vendors and sponsors thrilled the residents on the city green during a 5K. Mother Kelly Leahy with her children Declan and Lian.

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The Unitarian Church has hundreds of ribbons hanging on the front of the building in honor of all the U.S. soldiers who have died in the war in Iraq. The ribbons will be taken down at the end of the month to signal the war's end, but the church's theme of exploring peace will continue with the viewing of a documentary in June.

Ribbons will come down, but soldiers will be remembered

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — Anyone who thinks they need one more reminder of the human cost of war in Iraq should make their way to the Unitarian Church on Springfield Avenue before it is too late. The thousands of ribbons adorning the front of the church will soon be taken down at the end of the month.

The exhibit is designed to honor the United States soldiers killed in Iraq.

"It memorializes the people who were killed and reminds us of the cost of the war in human life," said church member Jim Stevenson, who plans to assist in removing the ribbons.

Assistant Minister Kim Thomaszewski said it will be a little strange to see the church without its colorful but somber wall of ribbons.

"The congregation is known throughout Summit as being noticed because of the ribbons, even if not everyone knows what they are for," Thomaszewski said.

Church members said it is a good thing that the ribbons are coming down, as it reflects the end of the war in Iraq. The U.S. military invaded Iraq in 2003 after government officials alleged the Middle East country was manufacturing and stockpiling prohibited nuclear, chemical and biological

weapons. The occupation was met with violent resistance, with more than 4,000 U.S. soldiers being killed. The U.S. military reduced its presence in Iraq in 2011.

On May 26 the thousands of ribbons will be detached from the racks and placed in storage for the time being.

"We're still figuring out exactly how we're going to memorialize them," Thomaszewski said.

Though the ribbons will be gone, the church's focus on the theme of peace is continuing. The lives lost in the ongoing war in Afghanistan are recognized at church services each week.

Last weekend the church hosted a viewing of a documentary titled "War Made Easy," followed by refreshments and discussion. The film centers on the government's efforts through the mainstream news media to condition the American people to accept constant warfare and insulate them from the realities of war.

The next movie shown at the church will be "The Welcome," a film about helping veterans returning home from war. It will be shown on June 2. The public is invited to attend.

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Linden council to introduce \$95.6 million 2012 budget

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

LINDEN — Despite having problems agreeing on a budget, the council will introduce their 2012 spending plan next week.

The 2012 city budget totaled \$95,624,914, with the majority of increases due to state mandated costs, negotiated wage increases, health insurance increases and mandatory obligations such as debt service and utility expenses. However, the 2012 budget is \$429,702 lower than the 2011 budget.

Salary and wages represent \$42,297,865, or roughly 44.2 percent of the entire budget.

Taxpayers will see an annual increase of \$78.53 for the average homeowner with property assessed at \$138,000, or an additional \$6.55 each month over last year. However, complicating things was a state law enacted last year which requires municipalities to separately levy a minimum library tax beginning this year.

The library tax level for 2012 is .68 or a decrease of \$2.69 which brings down the net increase to \$75.84, or \$6.32 a

month for the average homeowner. This amount is just for the city's portion of a property owner's tax bill. The three-part tax bill also includes the school and county portions.

Last year the average homeowner saw an increase of \$96.94 in city property tax.

According to a memo sent to Mayor Rich Gerbounka from city treasurer Alexis Zack April 27, the spending plan is \$305,543 under the 2 percent state mandated cap set by the state.

According to several council members, including Council President Jim Moore and 4th Ward Councilman Derek Armstead, who was one of the four members on the Personnel and Finance Committee, coming up with a plan was no easy feat this year. In fact, Armstead said Monday that they had to use more surplus, or savings, than he felt was right.

In April Mayor Rich Gerbounka expressed concern over the fact that many council members were pushing to use surplus so taxpayers would not have to shoulder too large of an increase. Despite a warning that dipping deeply into surplus by millions was not wise, Armstead reported that not only did they have to resort to using surplus, but

they used more than he thought they should.

"There was tremendous pressure from council members to use our reserve, and in the end we have very little reserve left," said the councilman, adding that while there was \$6 million in city coffers in savings, "there is very little left."

"There was a lot of grandstanding and posturing by some members of council, which made it difficult to come to a consensus," he said.

"Many council members have a good understanding of the fact that if we use up our surplus, what are we going to do next year at budget time?" Armstead said.

Using surplus, he said, did reduce the budget, but he does not think that was a wise move.

According to information obtained by *LocalSource*, since 2007 the city has eliminated 101 positions through attrition or other means. This year, projected retirements will net a savings of \$2.6 million.

One of the major problems facing the finance committee was the loss of revenue, which Gerbounka said he continues to work on so tax burden on residents can be kept as low as possible.



Photos By David VanDeventer

The 23rd Annual Cranford Street Fair, Craft Show and Wine Festival had something for everyone on Sunday. Gorgeous weather and large crowds combined to make this popular downtown event even more enjoyable. Above, a guitar-playing Uncle Sam on stilts amused the youngsters. Above right, Full Count performed golden oldies and classic hits. Bottom right, the island sounds of steel drums and Jimmy Buffet songs filled the air.

Police working on 'quality of life' issues in Springfield

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Police are stepping up patrols around local parks in response to reports of unruly activity.

Detective Judd Levenson said the reports typically involve noisy groups of individuals, illegal parking or allegations of possible alcohol or drug use. However, officers have not yet encountered any criminal activity firsthand.

"As of now, there haven't been any arrests made in the parks," Levenson said. "No criminal activity has been reported or observed by officers."

Levenson said Police Chief John Cook

has made the parks a priority, especially during the warmer months when these public spaces see a lot of use. The initiative began when Cook took over the department and these sorts of complaints were especially common.

In order to monitor and disperse unruly crowds from forming in the parks, the department employs regular officers on patrol as well as plainclothes officers who may be present in the parks unbeknownst to citizens.

The efforts have centered on Henshaw Park, Cohen Park and most recently Smithfield Park.

Resident Pat Schenesky said she and her

husband Robert are well aware of the problems at Henshaw Park, as they live directly adjacent to it.

Schenesky said the problems were usually caused by people from out of town who create much noise and litter. An excessive number of cars parked on the street also became a problem, she said.

However, these problems have largely subsided since the rim was removed from the backboard of one of the basketball hoops.

"It seems the only people there now are the local kids," she said.

However, she understand the problems are still present at other parks.

"I know they're having a lot of problems

now at Smithfield Park," she said. "As the kids get out of school and the weather gets nicer, it'll only get worse."

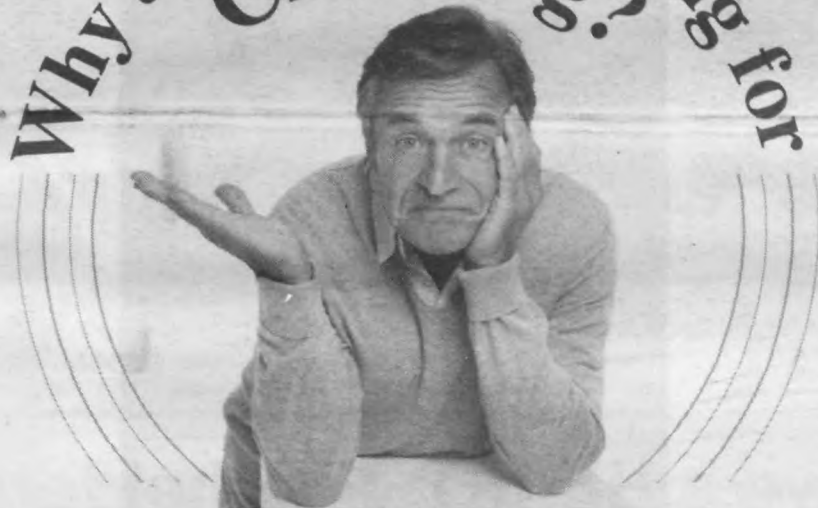
Levenson said this is a quality of life issue, which some police departments tend not to address as they should.

"Sometimes they are off the radar with some other departments because they seem too minor," Levenson said.

However, these minor problems can irk residents and sometime grow into bigger issues, he noted.

"It doesn't appear to be a serious problem at this time, but it only takes one incident for a situation to become serious," Levenson said.

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Birdsall under investigation for possible violations

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state statute barring political contributions from state vendors. Although the company appealed the suspension to the Department of Treasury, it was denied.

From November 2009 through December 2011, BSG, along with the Cranford-based PMK Group, billed the Union County Improvement Authority \$347,951.12 for renewable energy work. According to a release by BSG in 2008, PMK Group "joined the BSG family of companies," as a subsidiary.

Union County Democratic Chairman Charlotte DeFilippo is also the executive director of the Union County Improvement Authority. The UCIA serves as a catalyst for the development of important projects throughout the county, with the support of the Union County Freeholder Board.

In January of this year the UCIA paid BSG \$28,822 for various projects they did involving renewable energy and the new Linden Firehouse.

The county also uses BSG for various projects. In 2010 the company was brought in to help assist with its regulatory compliance of state recycling rules. However, at presstime *LocalSource* was unable to obtain records showing how much the county was billed for this specific consulting work, or how long it took.

Among the hundreds of political cam-

paign donations made by BSG from 2008 through 2011 were many to Union County Democrats.

Those donations, as reported, are as follows: State Senator Ray Lesniak, \$2,700; Hillside Democratic Committee Political Action, \$1,500; Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, \$2,500; Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, \$2,500; Sullivan, Kowalski and Carter Victory 2010, \$15,300 and Mirabella, Scanlon and Jalloh Victory 2009, \$17,100; and Estrada, Hudak and Wright for Freeholder Victory 2011, \$7,800.

In 2011, BSG also donated \$1,300 to Republican Assemblyman Jon Bramnick of Union County and Republicans in Burlington County, but to no other Republicans in Union County.

Also, according to Union County Watchdog activist president Tina Renna, former county employee Ryan Garner, who worked with former county manager George Devaney on the 6th floor of the county administration building, now works for BSG. Renna also noted that in the past Garner went on an out of country mountain trek with Devaney paid for by contributors to the county sponsored Love Hope Strength Walk-A-Thon.

According to a spokesperson from Birdsall, the company is cooperating fully with investigators from the attorney general's office, and complying with the warrants that were issued.

Police tranquilize black bear on Tuesday morning

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

UNION — An 18-month-old black bear meandered its way into the township Monday morning, eventually being tranquilized Tuesday morning behind the municipal building.

According to Police Director Dan Zieser, although the 186.5 pound male black bear was spotted on West Chestnut Street by a resident Monday, police were unable to locate the animal until 1 a.m.

"They managed to scare it so it ran up in a tree," Zieser said, adding that when New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife arrived on the scene from Clinton in Hunterdon County, things became a little more interesting.

"We had to bring out the aerial fire truck so fish and game could get up higher

than the bear, which was a good 70-feet up, and still be able to get that tranquilizer shot into him," the police chief explained. But as everyone soon found out, it would take more than that to put the bruin to sleep.

Joe Burke, a wildlife technician with the division managed to get several tranquilizers into the yearling after climbing up the fire truck aerial ladder until he was above the bear who was perched on a limb of the tree. But, after the bear fell onto the net below, he bounced out and loped off toward Grandview Avenue, but not before he was hit with a third and last of the three tranquilizers darts the technician brought with him.

Zieser said the bear was about the age when the mother bear kicks her cubs from the den.

"That's when they go looking for a new territory and home of their own," he added.

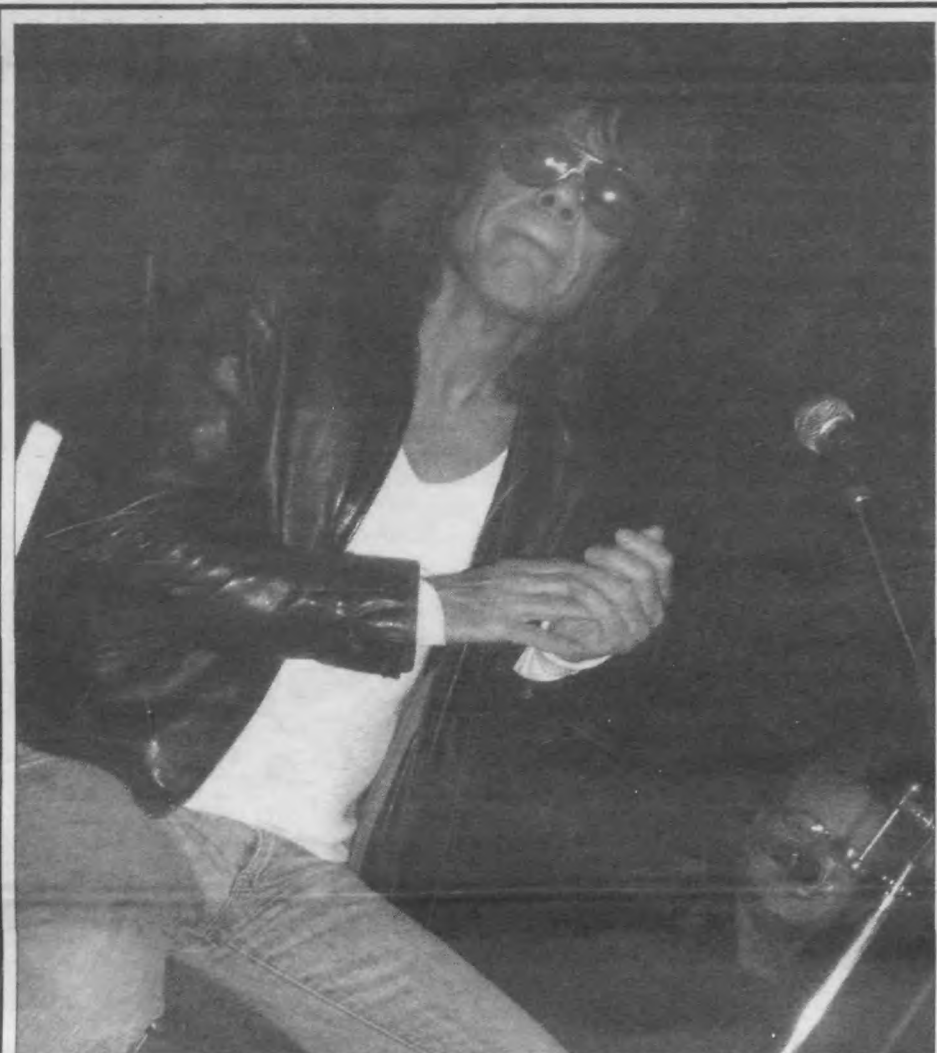


Photo By Dave VanDeventer

Rock legend David Johansen, who is best known as the lead singer/songwriter of the influential New York Dolls, played an intimate, unplugged set of old and new material at The Crossroads in Garwood last Friday night.

Have a HEART: Freeholders announce grant workshop

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced 2012 funding for the Union County HEART, or History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands, Grant Program.

The application process for a HEART grant will be explained at a workshop for Union County non-profit organizations, individual artists and scholars. The workshop will be held on May 17, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Union County Annex, 300 North Ave. East, in Westfield. Although the workshop is free of charge, pre-registration is suggested.

"The response to the HEART Grant Program in past years has been exciting," said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella. "The recipients are a wonderful mix of creative individuals — poets and writers, historians, painters, photographers, musicians and dancers — plus arts, history and other cultural organizations and civic groups."

Recognizing the importance of culture and the arts to the county's quality of life and economy, this innovative program supports projects related to history, the arts and humanities, and demonstrates a commitment to the artists and non-profit organizations of Union County.

For additional information or to register for the HEART Grant workshop, contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, or 908-558-2550. NJ Relay users dial 711, or email culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

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Ten local heroes honored with Valor Award

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

It sounds like a scene out of a movie. At 1:20 a.m. a fire department responds to a building on fire where flames are so intense people are jumping out of the building.

Without hesitating a second, two firefighters grab a 200-foot ladder, rushing to the inferno and, despite winds gusting to 30 mph, they climb to the top of the building and begin removing victims.

The whole story is a tribute to why uniformed protectors working in local municipalities end up receiving annual Valor Awards.

Each year the Metal of Valor Awards are presented to those police and firefighters in Union County who performed heroic acts above and beyond the call of duty.

Since 1968 the club has honored well over 400 police, firefighters and state troopers, each having risked their own life to serve the public interest. Last week, ten such individuals were selected to receive the Two Hundred Club of Union County Valor Award. Below are the stories of their heroic acts on behalf of the communities they serve.

Plainfield firefighters Roderic Carson and Jason Lowery

The scene above took place in Plainfield on Feb. 15, 2011, the heroes were city firefighters Lieutenants Roderic Carson and Jason Lowery who never hesitated to follow the instinct that saved several victims from death.

Lowery was the first into the building after the two climbed the ladder as the fire surrounded them. He located a victim and radioed he was taking the man to a window for rescue. At that time Carson entered the window, shielding the victim from the flames with his own body.

They worked to move toward a window, all the time alerting the crew as to their location. The ladder was now engulfed in flames because of the high wind conditions but the two firefighters managed to move the victim down the stairwell and outside. Immediately after that the building was abandoned by firefighters as the flames took over.

The victim remained at St. Barnabas for several months while his injuries were treated, but there is no doubt the dedication, bravery and teamwork of these two firefighters are the reasons this resident is alive today.

Firefighters Timothy Brennan and Aldo Tammaro

On April 3 of last year, it was 11:30 p.m. when the Westfield Fire Department was dispatched to an apartment building on Milton Avenue. The first engine to arrive on the scene found no fire visible from the front but fire was venting out the second floor rear windows.

Lt. Timothy Brennan was advised by occupants that a resident was trapped in a second floor apartment and that is when he and firefighter Aldo Tammaro stretched a hose line across the front of the eight unit complex and up the staircase to the second floor apartment.

The firefighters were confronted with heavy smoke and high heat conditions but they advanced to the second floor to find an unconscious man wedged in between furniture. As conditions in the building rapidly deteriorated, the firemen removed the victim and brought him down the staircase and out of the burning inferno.

The victim sustained severe burns, requiring a long hospital stay, but he had a full recovery. In extreme conditions these firefighters risked their own lives to save the life of another.

Union police officers Christopher Baird and David Pinto

On April 22 of last year, Union police officers Christopher Baird and David Pinto were out driving in an unmarked car when they recognized a stolen vehicle that was double-parked. Baird approached the passenger side and Pinto the driver's side, but because the car had tinted windows they had a limited view of what was going on inside the vehicle.

But they did see the passenger reach for a screwdriver and it was then Baird realized the suspect was going to try and start the car. He reached past the passenger into the car, struggling with the

driver to prevent him from using the screwdriver as a weapon and as a key to get the vehicle started, but it was too late.

The car lurched backward with Baird caught in the door. Partially in and out of the vehicle, he was dragged along the street hanging onto the door and yelling for the driver to stop, but he did not comply. Pinto was struck in the knee by the car as it accelerated backward, while Baird tried desperately to avoid falling out of the car as it struck several parked vehicles.

Baird was thrown backwards against a parked car and collapsed. It appeared he would be run over by the vehicle as Pinto chased the car on foot. Believing his partner's life to be in danger, Pinto fired his gun at the driver who fled on foot with the officer still in pursuit. The suspect only managed to get 50 yards away and fell to the ground because of a bullet wound to his face. Once apprehended, police discovered both suspects had just been released from state prison the week before.

Both of these officers exhibited selfless actions of alertness and bravery as they took immediate action to arrest these two career criminals.

Police officers Raul Dela Prida, Paul Camarinha and Howard Decker

On Jan. 25, 2011, Elizabeth police responded to Green Street on a report of a carjacking in progress. A description of the vehicle was broadcast minutes later and Det. Raul Dela Prida, who was nearby, observed the vehicle speeding north on Routes 1 & 9 toward Newark.

Although he was alone, Dela Preda immediately began pursuit and notified headquarters of the situation.

As the pursuit neared the Newark border, Officers Paul Camarinha and Howard Decker joined him and they all continued at high speeds onto Route 78, where the carjacked vehicle began to slow. But then it abruptly stopped and both passengers jumped out and fled on foot.

The three officers never hesitated chasing the two suspects until one stopped, turned and aimed a semi-automatic handgun at the pursuing officers.

Before the suspect was able to get off a shot, though, Dela Prida and Camarinha discharged their weapons and the suspect dropped his weapon and continued to flee on foot. Both suspects were caught but vigorously resisted arrest and had to be forcibly subdued.

The officers recovered a fullyloaded .40 caliber gun with 11 rounds in the weapon and an additional 11 rounds in the suspect's pocket. They also found a substantial amount of crack cocaine.

These three officers acted with bravery and fortitude as they were confronted by an extremely dangerous adversary, standing their ground when confronted by the armed felon. Their training kicked in and they employed the necessary force to stop the threat.

Captain Brian Santos

On the afternoon of July 22, 2011, Elizabeth fire Captain Brian Santos was traveling home along Route 31 in Clinton Township when he came upon a car on its roof, off the roadway and on fire. A snapped telephone pole with wires down was across the highway with several people trapped in the vehicle.

Santos jumped from his vehicle and found the driver unconscious and suspended upside down by his seat belt. With increasing smoke and fire, Santos crawled into the passenger compartment over broken glass and mangled metal to try and free the driver, but he was unable to do so.

As conditions rapidly deteriorated, he called out to bystanders for a knife, but in the meantime a local firefighter arrived on the scene and attempted to remove Santos from the vehicle. Santos, though, refused to move until he was able to free the driver and bring him to safety.

Santos acted alone, without a crew to back him up and he did not have on protective gear or tools to do the job he was trained to do. Yet none of that stopped him from saving a life. It is without question Santos went beyond his sworn call of duty at great risk to his own personal safety and life. He made a split second decision to help a total stranger and never thought twice about what could happen to him in the process.



File Photo

The City Council listened to comments from Summit Taxpayers Association regarding Union County's Open Space tax.

The 'Open Space' between Summit and the county

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discovery of facts will broaden, resulting in disclosure of "even broader acts of fiscal irresponsibility by Union County".

STA is a non-profit non partisan organization serving the taxpayers of Summit since 1941. Its purpose is to advocate for fiscal responsibility in government.

"The mission is to reduce the property tax increase to zero by 2014," Garvey said.

Garvey said the organization claims about 450 to 500 members.

However, Council President Richard Madden said the council never seriously considered the course of action Garvey proposed, which would likely lead to costly litigation. Madden said he feels the county is making a good-faith effort to cut spending.

"I'm not going to condemn people," Madden said. "I'd like to give them a chance to straighten out their house."

Madden said it is better to resolve these issues through elections or open dialogue. He noted a representative from the council has been present at every single freeholder meeting going back many months.

"We will implore the county and the state as much as we can to reduce taxes for everyone," Madden said.

Madden said he does not agree with the methods proposed by Garvey.

"The Summit Taxpayer's Association is setting a terrible example to our young people," Madden said.

Getzendanner also acknowledged significant cuts made by Union County this year, including the layoff of about 10 percent of the county workforce, but said more needed to be done.

"They're certainly trying. I just think they're overlooking a key area called luxury," Getzendanner said, referring to the Open Space Fund. "In boom times it's something we can afford, but we're in the third or fourth year of austerity here."

The Open Space Trust Fund was created by referendum in November of 2000 with three stated purposes: to acquire open space, expand recreational opportunities, and preserve historic properties in Union County. Getzendanner said part of the fund's stated purpose was to preserve 100 acres per decade, a goal that has since been exceeded by more than 300 preserved.

"The program has basically become over-funded," Getzendanner said. "I'd be happy if the freeholders simply put open space back on the ballot for this November."

Mayor Ellen Dickson, Getzendanner and Garvey all expressed concern that the fund had strayed from its original intent.

"We are questioning whether it is being used for what it was originally intended," Dickson said of the tax monies.

County spokesperson Sebastian D'Elia said, "The allegations with regard to misuse of the open space trust fund are false and have been proven to be false repeatedly."

D'Elia declined to comment on the hypothetical outcome of the city not paying their county taxes.

Dickson, who does not have a vote on the council, said withholding \$500,000 would be mainly symbolic.

"We don't want to break the law, but we do want to make a point," Dickson said.

Dickson said county taxes are hurting many residents and the city "is looking for ways we can take action."

"It all stems from our extreme frustration with the county taxes," Dickson said. "It's very frustrating because we were able to keep the city and school portions of the tax bill just about flat."

This year the city saw an 11.4 percent increase in county taxes, the highest in the county.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Consider helping with my Eagle Scout project

My name is Nicholas Frediani and I am a member of the Cranford High School Marching and Jazz Bands. I am also a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 75, which is sponsored by The Cranford United Methodist Church. I am currently working toward earning my Eagle Scout Award.

A large part of becoming an Eagle Scout is to perform a service project. For my service project, I have chosen to renovate the Cranford high school band room. The band room is in great need of renovation and many people, including the band director, would be very happy to see this accomplished. As a member of both bands, I spend a lot of time in the band room. I have made great friends as a result of band, and have wonderful memories that will remain with me forever. For these reasons I wanted my Eagle Scout project to benefit the band in some way.

Three main issues are: the old carpeting; the poor paint job; and extra equipment laying around the room.

For my Eagle Scout Project I will:

- Replace the existing carpet in the room.
- Repaint the walls of the entire room.
- Build and install shelves to hold the extra equipment.

An Eagle Scout Project needs to benefit a community and the Scout should be passionate about it. This project will benefit not only the existing band members, but also any incoming members for years to come. My passion for this project is unquestionable.

In order to complete this project I need to raise \$5,000. I am asking you to consider making a tax deductible donation in order to help me achieve this goal. If you wish to make a donation, you can send a check payable to: Boy Scout Troop 75 and mail it to Nicholas Frediani, 12 Dartmouth Rd., Cranford, or call 908-272-1861 for more information. Every little bit will help!

Nicholas Frediani
Boy Scout Troop 75
Cranford



FRINGE WORTHY — Summit High School students Will Elia, left, and Jack LeGoff sort items for the garage sale to be held Saturday at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 94 Canoe Brook Parkway to support the school's performing arts students who are traveling to Scotland this summer. The Summit students will perform the Tony Award-winning musical 'Urinetown' at the American High School Theater Festival.



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Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day is celebrated on Sunday. The day, observed each year on the second Sunday in May, is primarily a family observance, set aside to honor our mothers and all they have done for us. Mothers will receive presents, and for young mothers these gifts are often handmade by their younger children. Flowers often are brought into the house, and usually a special family meal is held in the evening, either at home or in a restaurant. Many families must decide that mom deserves a vacation from the kitchen, because Mother's Day is one of the busiest days of the year for American restaurants. And almost from the very first Mother's Day, greeting cards have been an integral part of the day, too. The greeting card industry estimates that nearly 70 million Mother's Day cards are sent each year.

Mother's Day was created by a West Virginia native, Anna Marie Jarvis, whose own mother, Ann Jarvis, had been active in post-Civil War America, trying to reunite families that had been separated by the war. When her mother died, Anna Jarvis organized a memorial for her in the church where her mother had taught Sunday school when they were a young family, in Grafton, W.V. That was in May 1907. The following year a similar ceremony was held to honor all mothers, and that early-May observance rapidly spread from town to town and state to state. In 1914 Congress recognized Mother's

EDITORIAL

Day, and President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation in support of the day, as presidents do even today. The fate of Anna Jarvis was not a happy one. After Mother's Day had been celebrated for about 10 years, she thought the observance had become too commercialized. She launched a campaign to prevent that, eventually spending all her inheritance in the attempt to de-commercialize the day she had created. She never married, nor did she have any children of her own. And Mother's Day just continued to become more commercialized every year.

While we agree that Mother's Day is commercialized, we believe that in no way detracts from the celebration. And most people look beyond all that commercialization, and appreciate the true meaning of the day: A chance for all of us to think of our mothers, and remember the comfort and guidance that only she could provide when we were young and learning about the world around us, and how proud she was whenever we achieved another milestone in our lives, and how she always was understanding and supportive when things maybe didn't work exactly like we had planned. In fact, it's not an exaggeration to state that the goodness we see in our mothers easily outshines all the commercialization in the world, and it could never be diminished by anything so incidental to her, our dear mother.

We wish all mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Keeping readers up to date can be a challenge

During the last two years I have written a lot of articles for *LocalSource*. Usually, as a news event evolves you will see an update, but sometimes it is months before anything significant happens or we manage to dig up the latest information. That can be frustrating for our readers who often want to know "what the heck ever happened to ...?"

I heard from many readers who wanted to know what has been going on with the Union County Alliance. Well now, that is a very interesting question. Last summer *LocalSource* really dug into this county fed money pit and discovered the UCA director Mike Murray was taking the \$325,000 the county gave him every year and only putting out two tab-sized Democrat slanted newspapers called *Union County Directions*. Strangely, these publications come out just before the primary and general elections. No surprise there.

Although the UCA acts as a vendor for the county, it is supposed to facilitate business initiatives for Union County. However, *LocalSource* was hard pressed to find anything the UCA undertook in the last five years other than producing the two *Directions* newspapers each year for a salary of \$115,861 a year.

After we continued to hammer away at this misuse of taxpayer dollars and revealed Murray submitted IRS forms for 2009 and 2010 that were not accurate or unable to be substantiated, two things happened as the year came to an end: The county slashed the

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

BY CHERYL HEHL

amount they usually gave the UCA by \$90,000 for 2012 and Murray abruptly resigned in January.

But while the county might have viewed cutting the amount they gave the UCA as a positive move, to me it was just a pacifier to get us off their back.

Is it just me or is giving the UCA any money until they get their act together a complete waste of your tax dollars, especially with the county having to resort to laying off so many employees in order to cut costs? This is more than disturbing. It's irresponsible. Read on.

After Murray resigned I began asking what the heck was going on with the UCA. For one the UCA website was no longer online and no one seemed to be handling anything involving the non-profit. What I discovered, from the county, was an 89-year-old man and long-time member of the UCA board, was temporarily at the helm.

Now I have nothing against this gentleman, but reliable sources reported he was scheduled for some serious surgery and would require time to recuperate. Which means I was right: no one has been doing anything at the UCA. Are you kidding me?

Call me stupid, but was that the only person willing to do the job that pays over

\$100,000 a year? If the Democrat machine could not find anyone qualified to take over this position, why waste any more taxpayer dollars until someone who actually will do more than put out two newspapers a year can assume the position?

The last I heard two weeks ago from Seb D'Elia, the county's communication director, there were "things" in the works that would show the UCA was getting back on track. Really? In case anyone noticed, its May and we are five months into 2012. But, I bet that regardless who is at the helm of the UCA, the *Union County Directions* newspaper will show up in the mailboxes of county residents and voters right before the primary.

I don't imagine I will have any surprises about the political focus it will take again this year.

You haven't heard the last on this issue. Actually, I can't wait to obtain the Alliance's 2011 IRS submission. Should be very enlightening. Stay tuned.

Over in Linden, the controversial issue of whether a medical waste facility would rent the public works garage, forcing this city department to share quarters with the municipal garage, is dead in the water.

A reliable source reported last week there were several reasons why this revenue generator that could have put \$1.4 million in city coffers fell by the wayside.

For one, residents living in the vicinity of Lower Road were dead set against the move

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Updating stories is always a work in progress

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because of the unknowns. Regardless, whether the Department of Environmental Protection had to approve this state-of-the-art medical waste facility before they began operating, the fact taxpayers were so dead set against it was the nail in the coffin.

Plus, I'm certain the \$800,000 to \$1 million cost of adding on to the municipal garage so both facilities could be under one roof was not financially feasible for the city. So chalk that venture up as a waste of time, energy and resident angst.

For all those wondering if the Cranford municipal employees whose offices on the ground floor were destroyed by seven-foot floodwaters during Hurricane Irene ever moved back in the building, the answer is — not yet. It also appears it could be quite awhile before they do.

Although a special committee appointed by the governing body made several suggestions to lessen the impact of flooding, including building an addition on to the municipal building adjacent to the second floor, in the end a decision was made to restore things the way it was prior to the flood.

It appears, though, the governing body decided to go with some heavy duty water-proofing where the health, court, Downtown Management Corporation, police squad and locker rooms, TV35, construction official's office and mechanical room where the heat and air conditioning are housed. This entails gutting everything down to bare bones and replacing walls, flooring, carpeting and all office equipment. Might be the wisest decision considering the financial impact of doing anything more, but its a risk, considering the location of this township building.

When it comes to any building so close to the Rahway River, more flooding always has to be seriously considered. Although Hurricane Irene was categorized as a 500-year storm, and in fact was downgraded to a tropical storm after making landfall in southern New Jersey, there is no guarantee another storm of this magnitude will not hit Cranford in the near future. What then?

In Union, last fall Union High School faced international press exposure when teacher Vicki Knox posted derogatory remarks about gay, lesbian and transgender people on her Facebook page. The issue came about because Knox objected to the high school having a bulletin board highlighting that it was gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender month.

Although there were strong opinions expressed by folks on both sides of this issue, the school board decided late last year to begin the long process to remove this tenured teacher from their roster.

While removing any tenured teacher is a difficult, lengthy and expensive process that

can take up to a year or more, there is always a chance the move can be overturned in court or at the state level. Meanwhile, the school district will have to again start paying Knox her full salary, if they haven't already, while this issue is debated up to the highest level.

The school district legally has to pay Knox her salary, plus there is the legal cost of defending the districts position on this issue and paying a substitute teacher to replace this teacher until this is settled. Certainly a costly procedure, but one the district believes is the right course. I will be updating you on this story as things progress.

Finally, whatever became of the county's big move encouraging local towns to share services? Last year the county invited local officials to attend a seminar and breakout sessions on this topic, which was very well attended. After that evening, there was a series of offshoot meetings exploring shared services in public health, garbage, recycling and public works. But after that, everything fell off the radar.

From what I have been told by sources, the county's push was not well received by local municipalities, especially when it came to police and fire departments sharing services. While I'm sure home rule had everything to do with this, it appears the county just gave up when their efforts were rejected.

You would think they would have tried another approach, or at the very least, not dropped the issue entirely. But, to be fair, the county has made strides in the area of shared services. I'll give them that, but dropping this issue because municipalities put up walls is no excuse.

As a reporter I see first hand how every town struggled to meet the 2 percent state mandated budget cap. That required major cutbacks, layoffs and reduced services to residents. One of the major areas the county should be working on that would go a long way to cutting costs for local municipalities is a county-wide animal control shelter.

Some towns pay \$50,000 annually for this state-mandated service, with few options available to choose from unless a municipality shares services with another town or contracts with Associated Humane Society. For at least 15 years the county has been trying to figure out how to launch a county-wide facility, but it hasn't happened because they maintain there is no where to house such an operation.

Are you telling me there is no space large enough in the entire county to house this type of facility? The county owns a lot of land. Maybe its time they put some money into getting a report done on where to put this animal control facility. Not quite as exciting, but it sure would go a long way to helping local towns, as long as there is no redundancy of services.



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In loving memory of an unbelievable Union mother

FROM THE PAGES OF HISTORY

BY B. E. BERNZOTT

As reported in "History Magazine" Anna Jarvis was the first person to come up with the idea of setting aside one day each year as a nationwide memorial to the memory of Mothers and motherhood. Jarvis has been called the Mother of Mother's Day because she suggested Mother's Day become a National Holiday celebrated on the second Sunday in May of each year.

President Woodrow Wilson signed legislation to that effect and the first Mother's Day was celebrated on May 10, 1914.

Caring daughter becomes loving mother

Florence Vohden Kennett, "Flossie" to her friends, was raised in Union in a small house surrounded by a large vegetable garden, fruit trees, and free running chickens. As the oldest of ten children, Florence helped with gardening, cooking on the family's wood burning stove and even in delivering her siblings.

In 1918, while in the midst of a basketball game, Florence was asked to go home to assist the midwife in her Mother's delivery of twins. Florence, after the birth of the twins, was asked to take care of them during the night as one baby was not expected to survive. Florence placed the twins on a chair



Photo courtesy of Nancy Segale
Mother, Florence Vohden Kennet, on Easter Sunday 1989 and her three daughters, from left, Marjorie Bachefski, Nancy Segale, and Patricia Jespersion.

by the stove to keep them warm. Cedric Pershing Vohden made it through the night but Woodrow Wilson Vohden died. A harsh life lesson for 17-year-old Florence.

Florence married Warren H. Kennett, a happy time of her life until tragedy again entered when her first born child died in a crib death. Florence gave birth to three more daughters, settling into life as a full-

time mother. As a talented seamstress and knitter she was able to keep her daughters well clothed.

A Girl Scout Leader, active in the PTA and Church, Florence found time for her first love, writing. She became a contributor of local news to the *Newark Evening News*, this led to her husband being hired to write for the paper.

With the start of World War II, Florence's life changed drastically. Her husband was sent overseas as a war Correspondent and came to be known as "The Ernie Pyle of Newark." During that period Florence was raising three daughters ages 10, 13 and 15 alone and successfully.

Joining the war effort

Wishing to join the war effort and to bring her husband and our servicemen home earlier, Florence joined the women at the Elastic Stop Nut Plant in Union working on the assembly line. Determined to do her part even though she still didn't drive Florence walked to and from work on three shifts, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 4 p.m. to midnight and midnight to 8 a.m. Dressed in coveralls with her ID around her neck she walked from her Morris Avenue home to the plant on Vauxhall Road in all kinds of weather.

In a time when women could not buy a house by themselves, Florence accomplished the impossible by buying one with the money she had saved from working at Elastic Stop Nut. Florence lived to have ten grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren. She is pictured with her daughters on Easter 1989. Florence died the following year at 90 years of age.

B. E. Bernzott is the founding President of the Linden Historical Society Inc. and chairman of the Elizabethtown Consortium.

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Two month investigation leads to arrest of alleged drug dealer

On May 4, Cranford police arrested Michael Flesher, 19, of Cranford and charged him with distribution of marijuana and related charges, in connection with an undercover operation spanning nearly two months.

The investigation began in March, when Detective John Sandrak received information indicating the Flesher was involved in the distribution of marijuana from his residence, according to police. Following a series of undercover and surveillance operations by Cranford detectives, Sandrak was able to corroborate the initial tip and apply for a search warrant for Flesher's residence. The warrant was authorized by a superior court judge and was executed at 8:08 a.m. on May 4.

During the execution of the search warrant, police say members of the Cranford Police Detective Bureau recovered 11 ounces of suspected marijuana, assorted distribution of related narcotics paraphernalia, and more than \$17,500 cash.

Flesher was charged with possession of marijuana, over 50 grams; possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession with intent to distribute in a school zone and possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

"Cranford Police Chief Eric Mason was quick to acknowledge the thorough work involved in the case.

"The Cranford Police Department has, and will continue to have, a zero tolerance approach to narcotics possession and distribution," he said. "We will continue to expend every effort to eradicate this behavior from our neighborhoods."

The chief noted that in this instance, the suspected narcotics distribution was occurring in the Blomington Avenue School zone.

Flesher was processed at police headquarters and released pending an arraignment in Superior Court on May 9.

Union

• April 27: Union police responded to a report of suspicious acts on Galloping Hill Road. A landscaper observed that barrels of garbage were dropped in the woods across from the Overlook Hospital Emergency building. No arrest was made.

• April 27: Police arrested Danielle Biase

at a traffic stop at McDonald's on the Garden State Parkway for an Essex County Sheriff's warrant.

• April 28: Terrence Crawley was arrested at 900 Springfield Road for shoplifting and possession of a weapon.

• April 29: Two Union police officers made an arrest at 2800 Springfield Avenue at a motor vehicle stop of Patrick Fagan and Bryan Tauro for possession of CDS with intent to distribute as well as possession in a school zone.

• April 30: Police responded to a criminal mischief report on Buchanan Drive of graffiti on a garage door and vehicle with spray paint.

• May 1: An arrest was made on Victor at Vauxhall Road of Andre Savage, also known as Andre Collins for receiving stolen property and for warrants.

• May 2: Union police arrested Edward Doherty at 900 Springfield Road for shoplifting and a warrant.

• May 3: Police investigated a report of a motor vehicle burglary on Nicholas Avenue. The theft was of several pocketbooks from an unlocked vehicle.

• May 3: Union police responded to a burglary at Foot-Locker. Entry was made through a rear door. It is unknown what was missing. The report came in as an alarm.

Clark

• April 25: Clark police took a report of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle, which was parked at a residence at 11 Rose Terrace. The incident is under investigation. Police-man Dan Pitts was the investigating officer.

• April 27: Police Officer Christopher Tuccio arrested Samuel Ibiyinka-Smith, 29, single, employment status unknown, of 440 Watkins St., Apt. 4M, Brooklyn, N.Y., in the vicinity of Oak Ridge Road and Raritan Road, for possession of fraudulent credit cards. He was subsequently transported to the Union County Jail.

• April 28: In the vicinity of 76 Central Ave., Police Officer Antonio Manata arrested Edwin Simmons, 22, single, a student, of 303 Windsor Ave., Westfield, for possession of CDS with intent to distribute. Bail was set at \$10,000, and he was subsequently released

after posting bail. Also arrested was Mice Lawson, 24, single, unemployed, of 546 Union St., Linden, on an outstanding warrant from Watchung in the amount of \$250 for contempt of court. He was subsequently released after posting bail.

Cranford

• April 26: The Cranford police was called to the Homewood Suites for a welfare check of a guest at the hotel. As a result of the investigation, Patrolman Patrick Fay arrested Jessica McMahon of Winfield Park and Jillian Spaziani of Linden. McMahon was charged with possession of heroin, distribution of heroin, intent to distribute heroin within a school zone, possession of crack/cocaine, possession of prescription medications and possession of drug paraphernalia. Spaziani was charged with possession of crack/cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. McMahon and Spaziani were released with a Superior Court appearance of April 30.

• April 26: The Cranford Police Department responded to the Cranford CAP School on the report of a student in possession of marijuana. As a result of the investigation, Patrolman Tim O'Brien took a juvenile into custody. The juvenile was charged with possession of marijuana under 50g and possession of drug paraphernalia. The juvenile was released to his mother and will have a future court date in Family Court in Elizabeth.

Roselle Park

• April 27: Two Union County men were arrested for residential burglary in Roselle Park. Arrests were made in connection to a house burglary that occurred on April 27. Police responded to the burglary on the 800 block of Prospect St., discovered a New Jersey driver's license underneath a deck. The license was located near a window that was broken that the suspect used to enter the home. The driver's license belonged to Damon Zengotita, 36, unemployed furniture salesman. Police were located Zengotita at his mother's house in Hillside late Friday night, where they recovered property stolen from the house in the burglary. Zengotita cooperated with Det. Hussam Assad and led police to a storm sewer in Irvington, where he discard-

ed the victim's birth certificates, passports and other important documents. Detectives, who were assisted at the scene by the Essex County Sheriff's Department and maintenance crews from the Garden State Parkway, recovered a trash bag containing the victim's property. Zengotita was later charged with burglary 3rd degree, theft 3rd degree and criminal mischief 4th degree.

During the last few days, police searched eastern Union County trying to locate a second suspect, Adel Oudeh, 42, a resident of Union. Oudeh has former addresses in Elizabeth and Hillside. Late Wednesday afternoon, Hillside police located Oudeh, also unemployed, walking near Route 22, where he agreed to accompany them to the Hillside Police Department. Roselle Park Police Department detectives responded to the Hillside Police Department, where they spoke to Oudeh. Oudeh soon confessed to his involvement in the burglary to Detective Assad. Oudeh was transported to the Roselle Park Police Department, where he was processed and charged with burglary 3rd degree, theft 3rd degree and criminal mischief 4th degree. Judge Gary Bundy of the Roselle Park Municipal Court set bail at \$50,000. Oudeh was transferred later to the Union County Jail. Detectives from Roselle Park and Hillside are continuing to investigate Oudeh and Zengotita to determine if they are responsible for any of the other burglaries that have plagued the area in the last three to four months.

• April 28: Police responded to the area of Locust Street at West Webster Avenue for a report of an assault. A 15-year-old male victim reported that he was assaulted by two black males, who attempted to rob him. He stated that they first approached him and asked where they could "buy some weed." A few moments later, they approached from behind and ordered him to run his pockets. The victim refused causing the suspects to throw him to the ground, where they punched him several times while checking his pockets. An unidentified female motorist stopped her car nearby and yelled for the suspects to stop or she would call the police.

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'Rookie reporters' at UHS learn the basics of journalism

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 cle about the cafeteria called "French fries, from the the lunch ladies point of view" by Khadijah Parks, to more serious topics like "Tattoos and piercings bring controversy to UHS," by Brittany Boland, the school newspaper has something to offer to just about every student.

One in particular by Jillian Little called "Swift progress: the making of a star," sent this writer beyond the walls of the high school, focusing on pop star Taylor Swift. Another article by Little, featuring hip hop violinist Lindsey Sirling, also turned out exceptionally well because this student took an innovative approach to getting the story.

"I was lucky. I posted something on a forum where a P.R. person for Lindsey saw it and then contacted me to see if I had any questions she could answer," the student said, mentioning that this led to the two emailing back and forth and a wealth of information coming her way that was priceless when it came to fleshing out the story.

Although Little does not intend

to major in journalism in college, she will be taking on the major task of being editor-in-chief of *The Cannon* when school starts in September.

"I'm a grammar cop," said the soft-spoken sophomore.

Although the majority of Langer's students will not be pursuing journalism as a major in college, several already know their future educational path will lead them into this profession that requires tenacity, dedication, integrity and most of all, the ability to be objective.

One student in Langer's class found herself hooked on journalism after writing an article freshman year.

Mia Volpe, while still trying to determine how to fit journalism into the career she hopefully will pursue in the future, admitted she discovered she is a reporter at heart.

"In English class you have kids saying 'this is the reason why this is bad or good,' but in my head I'm always asking myself 'really? Where did you get that information from, what are your sources,

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Issues of 'The Cannon,' the student created, teacher orchestrated newspaper of Union High School. Below is an article reprinted with permission from *The Cannon*.

French fries, from the lunch ladies' point of view

This article was written by Union High School student Khadijah Parks, Class of 2014, and originally appeared in *The Cannon*, the school's newspaper, in December, 2011.

Happy faces walked into Union High School's cafeteria on Nov. 7; students were very excited that French fries had been returned to the menu.

French fries have been absent from the cafeteria since about Sept. 18; many kids wondered why such an important component to their lunch menu was taken away.

"I heard all different kinds of stories about why we didn't have fries anymore. Some people said the machine broke, others simply said UHS was too broke to afford cooking oil," said UHS senior Rakir Adams.

Ms. Marie Joyner, the manager who is responsible for the Union Township school cafeterias said, "The equipment we use to prepare our French fries had a major mechanical problem and was not operating. The part needed to fix it was not in supply and had to be ordered which delayed the repair." She also stated that during the same period alternatives were offered such as salads and fresh vegetables including carrots, roasted potatoes, spinach, squash, zucchini, peppers, broccoli, snow peas and cauliflower.

The cafeteria is run by a concessionaire called ARAMARK. ARAMARK is a professional service management company that partners with more than 500 school districts



Khadijah Parks, UHS Class of 2014

nationwide to provide food, nutrition and facility services.

"ARAMARK is also making strides to meet all of the nutritional requirements suggested in the HUSSC (Healthier US School Challenge), which has healthy requirements for school lunches. Some of these include 1/2 cup of fruit, 1/2 cup of vegetables (preferably fresh, leafy, dark green and orange vegetables), 1/4 cup of dry beans and/or peas, 2 oz. of meat/meat alternative, 2 oz. of grains (with whole grains being encouraged) and 1 cup of low fat/fat free milk," Ms. Joyner said when asked about nutrition being considered in

meal planning.

"The food is not healthy; it's under cooked!" said UHS sophomore Toni-Lee South. Some students tirelessly complain about the food amongst themselves.

"We provide food based on what the state allows us to provide; so the food is very healthy," said Ms. Michelle Freeman who has been a lunch server at the high school for seven years. Explaining the criteria by which the food is selected, she went on to note that many students prefer the fresh sandwiches

rather than hot lunches.

"My lines (the deli line in the junior and senior cafeteria) tend to be very long!" she said.

Considering the present recession, the price of lunch went up by only five cents. Even though five cents seems to be a small increase, some students still do find it hard to afford lunch if they don't receive free or reduced meals.

"Lunch is already bad, but on top of that I have to drink milk because Snapple is too expensive," said UHS junior Bachelet Desronvil. "The price of Snapple is a rip off at

\$1.35 when you can get a case for \$8.50," he said.

Variety is very important for students; eating the same thing every day will bore them. According to Ms. Joyner, variety is definitely provided for the students on a daily basis.

"While you will always find basic meal staples, which we refer to as lunchtime classics such as ham and cheese, burgers, chicken patties and pizza, you will also notice that our menu features a selected daily entree. The daily entree features also include a variety of lunchtime favorites such as chicken nuggets, French toast sticks, macaroni and cheese, and pasta dishes. Regional favorites such as a Philly cheese steak and Buffalo chicken tenders and ethnic favorites like Tex/Mex tacos and nachos, General Tso's chicken, and Italian stromboli also add to the variety. New items such as the spicy chicken patty, Buffalo chicken wings, fiesta mac and cheese, and beef gyro are being introduced this semester," she said.

Ms. Freeman suggested that there be a student advisor on the lunch committee. Would that solve the problem? Student complaints wouldn't entirely go away, but the students' views would be represented so that there can be improvement.

"We invite any student to feel free to stop any member of the ARAMARK Management Team anytime. We welcome the opportunity to be present at your next Student Council meeting to discuss the meal program here at Union Township," said Ms. Joyner.

'I love these kids. They do a great job, but sometimes I have to get tough so they learn the right way to do things. That isn't always easy for them to take, but they end up putting out some great articles every issue.'

— Jason Langer, journalism teacher

(Continued from previous page) and I bet that is not both sides of the story," Volpe said.

Regardless their future path, all of Langer's students are passionate about producing quality articles that hopefully peak the interest of their 2,400 fellow students. While this may seem like a heavy load for high school students to take on, Langer's class has welcomed the challenge and made their teacher beam with pride at what they have accomplished.

Langer, who shoulders a full schedule of English classes every day in addition to his duties as advisor of *The Cannon* staff, is also charged with editing and putting together the paper. But this educator, who initially worked in public relations before deciding to go into teaching, is dedicated to ensuring his students learn there is more to being a reporter than meets the eye.

Langer said he does not have a problem

steering his students in the right direction even when they get defensive about changes he makes to copy they labored over. But while his students are willing to fight for how their articles are written, this teacher said he has no problem editing them.

"It's my job to show them the right way a story should be written," he explained, something that initially came as a surprise to Victoria Correia, a junior who admits she fully intends to pursue a career in print journalism.

"The first time I wrote an article for *The Cannon* it was 1,200 words long and I thought it was great," the student explained, adding that she was crushed when Langer returned that copy all marked in red, complete with corrections and suggestions on how to improve her missive.

"The entire article had red arrows, questions and even sections crossed out," the student said, her frustration still evi-

dent. Correia admitted she is fiercely protective of anything she writes, and "doesn't take it very well" when Langer tears apart her articles. Langer, though, has an excellent relationship with his students, one that allows give and take about the articles that will eventually find a home in the next edition of *The Cannon*. Especially when someone like Correia tackles a controversial story like the one she took on about student smoking.

"I knew it would be a struggle, because the students I spoke with were athletes who could get in trouble if I used their names," she said, adding that she eventually had to go back and ask permission to use these students names, but the majority refused.

Still, Correia admitted she "cares very much about reporting and writing and works hard to improve, even when faced with a rewrite or additional reporting on a story.

Other students, though, like Parks, took on other topics that only led to frustration.

"I was trying to do a story on the Olympics but no matter who I called no one would respond," she said, pointing out even the public relations person never responded to her requests for information or an interview.

"For me writing comes easy," she said, but Park's felt the student body does not always embrace their school newspaper as they should.

"Personally, I think one of the reasons the school paper isn't appreciated is

because of the topics we're allowed to write about," she added. She also had a problem with how the headline for her article on tattoos changed from a positive to a negative take on the issue.

The extreme filtering by the principal and Langer, Parks said, makes the paper "boring to the average student."

Principal Edward Gibbons, who has the ultimate say on what is acceptable in each edition of *The Cannon*, explained why students often feel this way.

"Sometimes we have to avoid stories that sensationalize an issue," he explained, adding that what he is always concerned about is ensuring "there is minimal opportunity for readers to take the story out of context."

Still, Gibbons said he is proud of the job students do in *The Cannon* and works with Langer to ensure their copy is included in each addition.

"I don't mind controversial topics, if it is respectful and doesn't degrade anyone," Gibbons added.

Langer, who has the job of editing all the copy his students produce in addition to laying out the newspaper, admitted he can be firm about what is a good article, what needs work and what cannot be printed.

"I love these kids," the teacher said. "They do a great job, but sometimes I have to get tough so they learn the right way to do things. That isn't always easy for them to take, but they end up putting out some great articles every issue."

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Local American Legion plans for before and after Memorial Day

American Legion Post 5 will decorate the graves of deceased veterans at Hazelwood cemetery with American flags on May 12 at 9 a.m. Catholic War Veterans Post 361 will decorate the graves of deceased veterans with American flags at St. Mary's cemetery. On May 19, at 9 a.m., the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 681 and Rahway Girl Scouts will decorate the graves of deceased veterans with American flags at Rahway cemetery.

The annual Memorial Day parade will begin on May 27 at 1:30 p.m. participating groups should line up at 1 p.m. on Main Street in front of Rahway City Hall. The parade will proceed west on Milton Avenue, north on Pierpont Street, east on Elm Avenue, north on Irving Street, south on Main Street, where the parade will past the reviewing stand at City Hall and disperse.

The Grand Marshal will be Raymond Lieblein, a World War II Air Corps veteran and member of American Legion Post 5.

If there is a Scouting or civic group interested in marching in the parade, contact the Veterans Central Committee at 732-381-8028.

WPA poster art on display

Social Impact Studios will team with the Rahway NJ Arts District to present "Posters for the People: Art of the WPA" this spring. The traveling exhibit, unveiled at the National Constitution Center in 2009, explores the social landscape of America during the Great Depression through posters created by the Works Progress Administration. Featuring hundreds of posters, including originals and reproductions, Posters for the People communicates the values, vision, and vitality of American democracy through art.

There will be opening reception and book signing, May 3; closing reception and community screenprinting workshop, June 7, and LightSoundSpace Gallery, 1591 Irving

St., Rahway, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The public is invited to an opening celebration of the Rahway exhibit on May 3. One can see the poster-originals and reproductions and hear the stories of how this collection of rare American art is being rediscovered and brought back to the public through a new comprehensive online collection.

'Get that job' at the library, May 16

Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza, in collaboration with Middlesex County College, BTOP Grant, and NJ One Stop, will be offering Get that Job at 45 Plus on Wednesday evenings during the months of May and June. These two-part workshops are for those who are looking for employment or considering a job transition and are 45 and older. The series will be presented by Barry Frank. The May 16 and 23 sessions will focus on creating a resume and cover letter using Microsoft Word. The second series on June 16 and 23 will discuss using the internet to conduct a job search, explore helpful websites, review online job networking skills, and cover how to effectively use LinkedIn. Each of these programs will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the computer lab at the Rahway library. Registration is required for each workshop. Registrants who attend both sessions of the selected workshop will receive a certificate.

For further information and to register, contact 732-340-1551 Ext. 212.

Cafe music series continues May 19

Rahway Public Library will continue its Café Music Series in May and June in the cafe area of the library. Featured will be Circle Around the Sun on May 19 with Jay Wilensky, guitar and vocals, and Marie Trontel, vocals. The group will play an eclectic mix of folk songs with a special emphasis on duets and sensuous harmonies.

On June 2, Roia Raiefeyan will perform on the keyboard as well as the guitar with vocals. This year's series will end on June 30 with Mindy Schmitt, whose music has an Indie

folk rock and bluegrass flavor.

All of the performers are members of the New Jersey Folk Project.

For further information, call 732-340-1551 Ext. 212.

Schedule of clubs at Senior Center

The following clubs meet at the Rahway Senior Center. Contact club presidents for information.

- Rahway Retired Men's Club, Mondays at 1 p.m. Call George Geduldig at 732-388-0272.
- Merck Retirees, the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. Call Cliff Lenox at 732-572-2251.
- Ladies Golden Age Club, Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. Call Dolores Bilodeau at 732-382-3463.
- Retired Railroaders Group 2, the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. Call Edward Witos at 732-738-7189.
- AARP Chapter 607, the second Thursday of each month at noon. Call Dolores Franklin at 732-499-7986.
- St. Joseph's Guild, the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Call Anastasia Sosnowski at 732-382-4671.
- Union County Minority Task Force, every other Friday at noon. Call Lillian Wilder at 732-381-7406.

AARP meets Thursdays

The Rahway section of AARP meets the second Thursday of each month at the Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. All those 55 and older are invited to join.

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Teen arts festival set for May 16 in Rahway

Most teenagers daydream about singing or dancing on a stage before a live audience. That dream becomes reality for Union County middle and high school students on May 16 at 7 p.m. when they will perform at Union County Performing Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., in Rahway's downtown arts district.

Jazz combos, vocal groups, pianists, dancers and theater performers were selected from among the 4,000 students who participated at the 2012 Teen Arts Festival at Union County College in Cranford in March.

The annual Festival is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and coordinated by the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Parks and Community Renewal.

"The festival is a wonderful opportunity for students to interact with professional artists while sharing their own talents with students from other schools," said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella. "Students appearing in the Showcase at UCPAC represent all arts disciplines and the municipalities that participated in the 2012 Festival."

Teachers, fellow students, friends and family members of participating students are invited to attend the Showcase along with the general public. Admission is free.

The annual Teen Arts Festival is a two-day celebration of the arts where students and a staff of 50 professional artists participate in performances, critiquing seminars, master classes and workshops in every discipline — visual arts, music, creative writing, theater, media arts and dance.

The Festival's focus is not on competition but on the opportunity for students to develop perceptual, intellectual and technical skills; gain cultural awareness and understanding; develop personal, aesthetic values; and learn self-discipline, critical thinking and problem solving through analyzing, interpreting and making judgments.

The historic Union County Performing Arts Center, formerly known as the Rahway Theatre, opened in 1928 as a classic vaudeville/movie showplace. In 1984, the theater was saved by a dedicated group of volunteers, and in 1985 it became the Union County Arts Center. The theater, which features live performances, seats more than 1,300 people.

For more information about the Teen Arts Showcase and the annual Teen Arts Festival, contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, at 908-558-2550 or at Cultural-info@ucnj.org. NJ Relay Users dial 711.



Above, 1966 TV Batmobile replica owner Louie Magnifico relaxes at the Cranford Street Fair on Sunday. At right, Laura Pellicano, Anthony Markle and Dennis Pellicano are apparently overwhelmed by the level of fun at the annual downtown event.

Choral Art Society of Westfield celebrating 50th year

The Choral Art Society of New Jersey, Inc., celebrating its 50th Anniversary season, will be performing Morten Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna and Franz Joseph Haydn's Missa brevis St. Joannis de Deo, "Little Organ Mass" on May 19 at 8 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield located at the corner of Mountain Avenue and East Broad Street.

James S. Little, Musical Director of the society, will conduct the performance. Lux Aeterna will be accompanied by Brian Harlow, organist. Haydn's Little Organ Mass,

with Andi Campbell as soprano soloist, will also be accompanied by Brian Harlow, organist, and the Westfield High School Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Raymond Wojcik. The orchestra will also perform Serenade for Strings in E minor, Op. 20 (1892) by Sir Edward Elgar and Air and Simple Gifts (2009) by John Williams.

Lux Aeterna, Latin for "eternal light" was composed by Morten Lauridsen for the Los Angeles Master Chorale and its Maestro, Paul Salamunovich, who premiered the work on April 13, 1997. Each of the five

connected movements contains references to "Light" assembled from various sacred Latin Texts.

The Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, in B-flat major, by Joseph Haydn, was written in 1775 for the Barmherzige Brüder in Kismarton, Hungarian Kingdom, (now Eisenstadt, Austria) whose patron saint was St. John of God. It is sometimes known as the "Kleine Orgelmesse" ("Little Organ Mass") because of the extensive organ solo in the Benedictus.

Admission is \$20, \$15 for seniors and

students, at the door.

For information call 908-654-5737 or visit the Choral Art Society's web site at www.casofnj.com.

Little has been the Director of the Choral Art Society of New Jersey since the spring of 1999. This will be his last performance with the Choral Art Society since he is retiring as Music Director at the end of this season. In addition to his duties with the Choral Art Society, Mr. Little is Director of Music at Calvary Episcopal Church in Summit.

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All programs at Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., are free and open to the public. Assistive listening devices are available upon request. Visit www.sfplnj.org for additional information.

The Book-Discussion Group at the library has scheduled book discussions in June. On June 7 at 7 p.m., the group will discuss "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot., and on June 21 at 10 a.m., the discussion will be about "The Beast in the Jungle" by Henry James.

On June 11 and June 25 at 1 p.m., The Lunchtime Film Series will present "Woody Allen: A Retrospective."

Discussions take place at 7 p.m. in the Palmer Museum. Refreshments will be served. New members are welcome. To reserve a copy of the book call 973-376-4930 Ext.229 or send an e-mail: questions@sfplnj.org.

The Springfield library will continue its lunchtime film series, "2011 Favorites: A Selection of last year's Hit Films," on May 14 at 1 p.m. This series will conclude on May 29. The library will be closed for Memorial Day on May 28. A new film series will begin on June 11. For specific dates and titles and more information about the films, visit the library's website

www.sfplnj.org or call 973-376-4930.

Patrons can bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Library will deliver to home bound

Springfield Free Public Library is offering delivery services to the home bound. The library is in the process of collecting applications from potential delivery recipients as well as volunteer drivers. Eligible individuals include Springfield residents with a valid library card, who are temporarily or permanently disabled and unable to travel to the library.

The application must be filled out and certified by a physician, visiting nurse or other health care professional. The individual will then be matched with a delivery volunteer.

The library is seeking volunteers who find comfort in helping people and can afford to donate their time. They must be willing to use their own car for deliveries. Volunteers will need to spend some time getting to know delivery recipients and find out about their likes and dislikes so these can be communicated to the library staff for better selection. Volunteers need to sign a waiver and show proof of valid car insurance.

Temple to hold annual funding event

Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield, 78 South Springfield Ave., will present its 30th annual "Sustaining Fund Event," a Yom Yerushalayim Concert, to honor Rabbi Joshua Goldstein upon his retirement on June 30. This event will feature a performance by The New Jersey Cantors Concert Ensemble and will be held on May 20 from 4 to 6 p.m, followed by a gala reception.

Yom Yerushalayim, or Jerusalem Day, is an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in June, 1967. In honor of Rabbi Goldstein's love for Israel, and in celebration of the holiday, the temple will show-

case The New Jersey Cantors' Concert Ensemble?, the world's very first choir of both men and women cantors. The ensemble features more than 20 cantors from Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist synagogues in northern and central New Jersey. The Temple's own cantor and director of education, Amy Daniels, is a member of the ensemble.

Temple Event Co-Chair Bev Lerner said, "For 30 years, Rabbi Goldstein has led and loved his congregation. We are so honored to celebrate our spiritual leader, our teacher, our friend. This joyous event is but one way we can give back to him."

The community is invited to the Yom Yerushalayim musical event and celebration at a fee. For more information, contact the temple office at 973-379-5387 or at office@shaarey.org.

OBITUARIES

Roland D.S. Marcela

Roland Dos Santos Marcela, 86, died on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, after a valiant struggle with a number of health challenges. He was known by his family and friends as 'Roy'. Roland was the son of Manuel and Rosa Marcela, originally of Ilhavo and Costa Nova, Portugal, and was born in the Iron-bound Section of Newark on July 2, 1925. He grew up in Newark and Irvington. He married his loving and devoted wife, Genevieve Karlewski, on June 28, 1947, and together they raised three children.

Roland was preceded in death by Genevieve in 1999 and by their son, Ronald, in 1963. He is survived by their two sons and their families, Paul and Sharon Marcela of Atlanta, GA, and their children, Lauren Nicole, Kristen Marie and Renee Marie Marcela, and Michael and Marshalene Marcela of Charlotte, NC, and their children, Michael Braxton and Marshall Rigney Marcela, and a dear friend, Ann Fleming of Toms River.

Marcela graduated from East Side High School in Newark in 1942. He served in the 88th Division of the U.S. Army during World War II as a Private First Class and was awarded the Purple Heart, World War II Victory, European African Middle Eastern Distinguished Service and Good Conduct medals and three battle stars. He was a life member of Military Order of the Purple

Heart, Ocean County Chapter Post 36, and a life member of the New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8352. Following his World War II service, Marcela lived in Newark from 1945 to 1964, Union from 1964 to 1985 and Toms River from 1985 until his death. Marcela was the proprietor of Clinton Florist, originally in Newark and subsequently in Irvington, from 1952 until his retirement in 1985. Marcela enjoyed playing the violin throughout his life and was an avid bowler. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Casimir's Church in Newark and continued service to the Church as an usher at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Toms River during his retirement. He was a devoted husband and father.

Visitation will be held at the Timothy E. Ryan Home for Funerals at 145 St. Catherine Boulevard, Toms River on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Roland's life will be celebrated at a Mass of Christian burial 10:30am Thursday May 17, 2012 at St. Maximilian Kolbe RC Church. Interment will be at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arneytown.

Memorials may be offered to the Alzheimer's Association and the American Cancer Society. Personal messages of support may be offered to the family by visiting www.ryanfuneralhome.com.

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UC College offers summer cooking classes

This summer Union County College's Division of Continuing Education is offering several new cooking classes taught by personal chef Adrienne Cymbala and professional caterer Jeamesha Stapleton. These hands-on classes are taught in the college's kitchen and students will have fun tasting their kitchen creations at the end of each class.

In "Four Dinners from One" on Monday June 4, students will make one base meal that then creates the foundation for additional meals for the rest of the week. Starting with roast chicken students will prepare additional dishes including easy Thai

green curry with fresh vegetables, chicken quesadillas with mild salsa, and Asian chicken soup with cellophane noodles, spinach and mushrooms.

The new "Main-Dish Salads" class will be held on Wednesday, June 13. In this course students will learn to prepare light yet filling salads great for spring and summertime meals. Salads will include spring mint Tabbouleh, Turkish chopped salad, and Mexican black bean salad.

Additional new classes include "A Culinary Journey Around the World", with dishes from India, America, Spain, China, and France, begin on June 11.

The College is also offering "Vegetarian Cooking" beginning on June 7.

Each course includes the price of instruction and the food. Class sizes are limited so register early.

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ARTS & LEISURE

Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet brings 'Bravos!' in Cranford

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Leave it to Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet to dare to offer a comedy to its avid followers, where its impeccable dancers manage, with little effort, to cause the serious audiences around the world to actually laugh at many of their antics.

Yes. Really. And it was witnessed Sunday afternoon, when a production of "The Bright Stream," was offered by way of film on the huge screen of the Digiplex Cranford Theater.

This wonderful invention of not only feeling present at an up close view of a full ballet presentation, but having it explained in English and in French by a lovely interpreter, an interview with the choreographer, Alexei Ratmansky, and some brief, intimate visits with the full orchestra, and experiencing the backstage preparations, are absolutely incredible.

Despite the inconvenience of a bout with some technical difficulties of the digital film, an apology from the management, who offered free passes to members of the audience, "The Bright Stream" on Sunday, was thoroughly enjoyed by an entranced audience.

The original production of the comic ballet, which was premiered in 1935 by the Maly Theatre in Leningrad, Russia, managed to survive some major disasters through the years, and 77 years later, was enjoyed yesterday as thoroughly as its opening night.

With music by Dmitry Shostakovich, the libretto by Adrian Piotrovsky and Fyodor



On Sunday, 'The Bright Stream,' a Russian ballet performed by Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet Company was brought to Union County when the Cranford movie theater was transformed, through a digital rendition courtesy of Digiplex Destination, into a Moscow ballet hall. The viewing was well attended and very much approved by the audience.

Lopukhov, the story unfolds of a Russian farm collective in the 1930s and the association of its people with visiting performers during a harvest festival. The magnificent

dancing of the Bolshoi Ballet's principal performers is magnified by the very beautiful Svetlana Lunkina, in the role of the peasant girl, Zina.

Lunkina was recently appreciated in Cranford by her starring role as Medora in the Bolshoi Ballet's production of "Le Corsaire." In "The Bright Stream," she brightens the screen with her love for Pyotr, superbly played by Mikhail Lubukhin, her jealousy of the ballerina, performed by Maria Alexandrova, and her flirtation with the ballet dancer, Ruslan Skyvortsov.

Also with Denis Savin as the accordionist and the very funny Alexy Loparevich as the old Dacha Dweller, the entire Bolshoi Ballet principal dancers have already become familiar to their New Jersey audience. Their many, unrivaled talents are unveiled in combined roles of male and female, and they manage to enhance their comedic abilities.

Some outstanding moments are uncovered when Lobukhin, dressed and pretending to be a female ballet dancer, incredibly dances on his toes, exactly like a ballerina. He is absolutely amazing.

In fact, the whole Bolshoi company, is so wholeheartedly, intensely superior to ballet dancers throughout the world, that an audience feels it is actually privileged to be able to witness such an extraordinary piece of theater.

Fortunately, the Digiplex Cranford has planned a whole season of worldly ballets by way of film. And also, fortunately, its audience is growing by leaps and bounds. This kind of culture, brought to a theater in New Jersey, is a rare accomplishment. And that theater's audience has become very generous with its "Bravo!" and "Brava!" Thank you, Digiplex. More power to you.

Mint leaves 'light up' entire gardens with colors

The ajuga that infests large parts of my back garden is blooming, and its blue spires light up the entire planting scheme. The plants also attract a lot of attention: Bees of all kinds are rampant, as are butterflies.

Earlier in the week, I saw five red admiral butterflies, distinguished by the broad orange stripes on their wings, working their way through the ajuga. Pollination was in full swing.

We all need pollinators — as many as possible. Those of us who grow fruits and vegetables would have nothing to harvest without them. Even die-hard ornamental gardeners need them. Without pollination plants do not set seed and there is no next generation. This may not bother you, especially if you are tired of voracious self seeders, but it is bad for the ecosystem as a whole.

Some of the best pollinators around belong to the Labiatae or mint family. The ajuga that turns my yard into pollination central is from this family. You can tell by the shape of its tiny blossoms, which are characteristically minty looking. If you examine them closely, you will

THE GARDENER'S APPRENTICE

BY ELISABETH GINSBURG

see that there are five petals on each flower, joined at the base to form a tube.

The flowers, which appear in groups of two to 12 individual blossoms, occur in the leaf axils, where the leaf stalks meet the stems. They are clustered at the tops of the stalks, another typical mint trait.

Most people know the value of culinary mints, like spearmint, peppermint, basil, thyme and sage. Their flowers attract scores of pollinators but, with culinary specimens, the interests of the cook or herbalist are best served by thwarting the intentions of the plant. Young leaves have the best flavor and should be harvested regularly to prevent flowering. If nature takes its course and the plants flower, the leaves often have a bitter taste.

Those considerations should not stop anyone from planting culinary mints, which can be left to flower at the end of each growing season. Pollinators will also

flock to the wide variety of ornamental mint plants. A vegetable garden edged with decorative mint relations will assure a gardener plenty of tomatoes, zucchini and peppers.

I love my ajuga because it functions as a triple threat: weed-stomping groundcover, decorative ornamental and effective pollinator attractant.

One of my other favorite mints is agastache, which has grown increasingly fashionable in the last 10 years. Sometimes referred to as anise hyssop or hummingbird mint, agastache has an array of virtues. It grows in just about any spot, is drought-tolerant, blooms regularly throughout the season and overwinters without a problem.

Agastache dies back to the ground when frost hits, but rises like the phoenix every spring. Its flower colors range from darkest blue purple to shades of orange, pink and white. I grow the dark-purple Black Adder in the back garden, and Aca-pulco Salmon and Pink in the front.

The latter smells like lemon and blooms almost perpetually. I will probably invest in more agastache this year,

because they multitask so effectively and attractively.

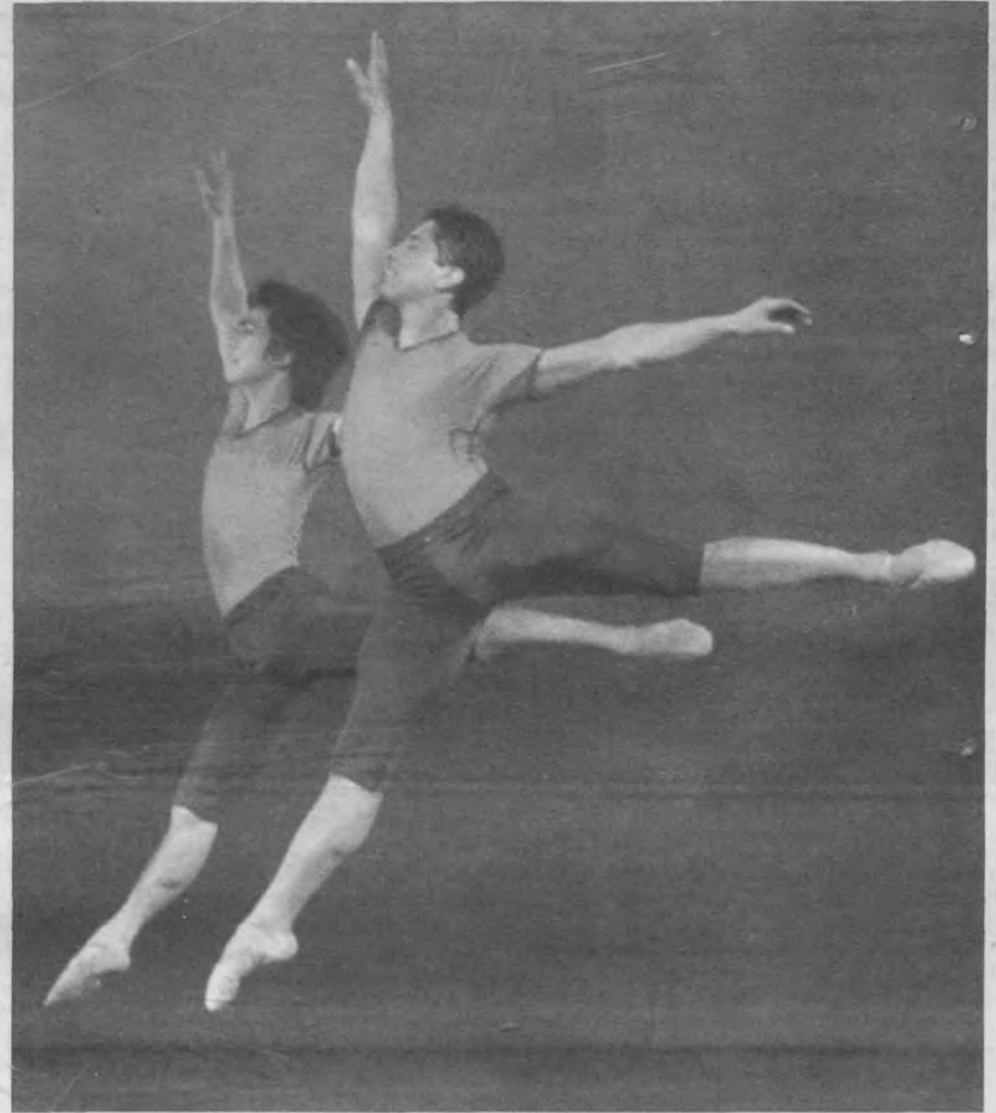
Another popular mint is Nepeta or catmint. As the name suggests, it attracts cats as well as pollinators, but the cat-luring properties are not as strong as those of its relative, catnip or Nepeta cataria. The most common catmints sport blue flowers, though there are varieties like Sweet Dreams and Snowflake that produce pink or white flowers.

Catmint grows between 8 and 12 inches tall and flowers repeatedly, especially if it is sheared back after each flowering. The shearing process is not rocket science; you can even do it with your string trimmer if you are careful and leave at least 6 inches of the plant behind.

There are those who also have great affection for Monarda, though I am not one of them. It is a favorite of butterflies, hummingbirds, bees and other pollinators, and is also known as Oswego tea or wild bergamot. It smells a bit like Earl Grey tea, though the tea is flavored with a citrus oil obtained from Citrus bergamia or bergamot orange.

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ARTS & LEISURE



'Ballet with a Latin Beat II' was performed at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway. The dance program combined classical movements with Latin rhythms, in an extraordinarily innovative way.

NJ Ballet Company gives ballet a Latin beat ... again

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Versatility, thy name is New Jersey Ballet, particularly after the company's presentation of "Ballet with a Latin Beat II" Saturday evening at Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway.

The unusual program, combining classical dance with Latin rhythms, was an extraordinary, innovative attempt to attract additional music aficionados — and it did exactly that — and more.

Throughout the evening, the audience cheered, applauded, even whistled, and continuously shouted "Bravo," and "Brava" as the marvelous cast of the New Jersey Ballet Co., which resides in Livingston, danced their hearts out — in the most unusual costumes — not merely to entertain, but to bring additional culture to the theater world.

For example, "Grand Pas Espagnol," with choreography by Benjamin Harkarvy, who explained that "this ballet is an affectionate look back at the pseudo-Spanish style, found in certain ballets of the 19th Century Imperial Russian Ballet," and music by Moritz Mozkowitz, the principal dancers were entrancing. They included the exceptional Mari Sugawa, fresh from her title perform-

ance two weeks ago in "Giselle," Elisa Toro Franky, Gabrilla Noa-Pierson, Vitaly Verterich, Andrew Notarile and Vladimir Roje.

Assistant director to artistic director Carolyn Clark, Paul H. McRae, designed the costumes for "Tamoia," with choreography by Humberto Teixeira, who was inspired by his experience in the rainforest in the middle of the Amazon — "It was like writing a new language ... created from the blend of three races, blacks, Indians and whites" — and music by Leonardo Venturieri and Clemente Ferreira Jr. The principle dancers were Ana Luiza Luizi, Christina Theryoung-Neira, Kotoe Kojima-Noa, Leonid Flegmatov, Sergio Amarante and Albert Davydov.

The stunning, all-encompassing "Suite Huasteca," featuring nearly the entire company of the New Jersey Ballet, was choreographed by David Fernandez, who was inspired by Jesus Echevarria's music and even designed the costumes. His project was "supported and developed in collaboration with the Mexican Cultural Institute in New York."

With "So Proudly We Hail," Section III, there were explicit choreography by Pedro Ruiz, music by John Philip Sousa and costumes, once again, by McRae, and six exceptional dancers to explore the influence of Spanish

culture in America. They are Ana Luiza Luizi, Kerry Mara Cox, Kit Nemecek, Flegmatov, Jessica Lavorgna and Francesca Nieves.

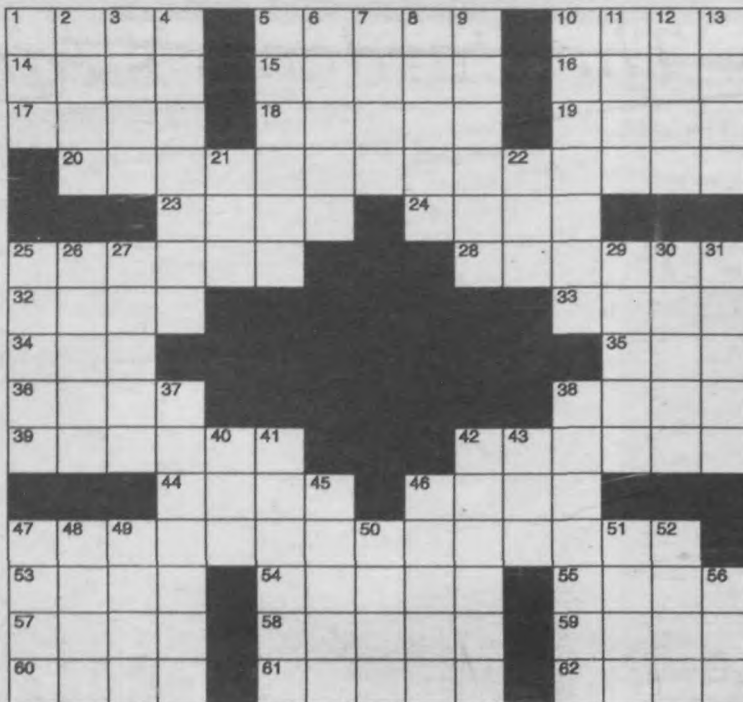
Who would have thought that a ballet production about Cuba, such as "Guajira," would be presented on a stage? Thanks to the ingenuity and imagination of Clark, "Guajira," with choreography by Pedro Ruiz, music by Los Activo, Conjuncto Cespedes and Jose Maria Vieiter, and with drab costumes by Ann Hould-Ward, an extremely impressive, musical viewpoint was offered to a devout audience. It was the outcome of the stories Ruiz' grandfather told, and his own experience in the fields, that the choreographer brought forth, including the music of Africa and Spain. And it took eight exceptionally talented performers to reach the heights of the quality of dance: Sugawa, Catherine Whiting, Carmen Gonzalez, Noa-Pierson, Raeman Kilfoil, Davydov, Andrew Notarile and Roje.

Some years ago, the New Jersey Ballet Co. offered the first of its kind, "Ballet With a Latin Beat," to an appreciative audience. It was welcomed with open arms. Currently, the second production, seemed to appeal to a varied audience, with similar impact. And this, thanks to the amazing Carolyn Clark, and her equally amazing ballet dancers, is merely the tip of the iceberg.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Irish mother of gods
- 5. Provides weapons
- 10. Hyperbolic cosecant
- 14. Kilt nationality
- 15. Mexican artist Rivera
- 16. Circle of light around the sun
- 17. What a clock tells
- 18. To condescend to give
- 19. Chocolate cookie with white cream filling
- 20. Harry Potter star
- 23. Without (French)
- 24. A dissolute man
- 25. Resecure a book
- 28. Blanketlike shawl
- 32. Opaque gem
- 33. Biblical name for Syria
- 34. Mail call box abbreviation
- 35. Mined metal-bearing mineral
- 36. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 38. After a prayer
- 39. Baseball's world championship
- 42. Knights' tunic
- 44. Small pigeon shelter
- 46. Meredith, Johnson & Shula
- 47. 20th U.S. President
- 53. Pitcher Hershiser
- 54. Sans _____: typeface
- 55. High water tide
- 57. Sew up a falcon's eyelids
- 58. Mexican plant fiber
- 59. Taxis
- 60. Fermented rice beverage
- 61. A mode of living
- 62. Formerly (archaic)



CLUES DOWN

- 1. Fall back time
- 2. Has a sour taste
- 3. Gangrenous inflammation
- 4. Spoon or fork
- 5. What is added to the augend
- 6. Cambodian monetary units
- 7. Golda __, Israeli P. M.
- 8. "Walk Don't Run" actress Samantha
- 9. Often the last movements of a sonata
- 10. Contaminated water disease
- 11. Indian dress
- 12. Musical pitch symbol
- 13. Horse foot sheath
- 21. 007's Flemming
- 22. A billiards stick
- 25. Catches with a lasso
- 26. 3rd part of a Greek ode
- 27. Elephant's name
- 29. Distinctive odor that is pleasant
- 30. A small sharp fruit knife
- 31. Improve by critical editing
- 37. Droplet in a colloidal system
- 38. Failure to be present
- 40. Winged goddess of the dawn
- 41. Static balance between opposing forces
- 42. Treacle candy
- 43. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 45. Discharge from the body
- 46. Training by multiple repetitions
- 47. A Chinese image in a shrine
- 48. Length X width
- 49. Mild and submissive
- 50. Affectedly artistic
- 51. Tragic Shakespeare king
- 52. Taps gently
- 56. Time in far western states

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Cooking on the Block

with Chef Ellie Espo



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This pretty soup is simple to prepare, yet really impresses your guests.

PUREE OF ASPARAGUS SOUP WITH LUMP CRABMEAT

Ingredients

- 3 bunches large asparagus
- 2 shallots, chopped
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 3 thyme sprigs
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- ¼ cup flour
- 1 qt. chicken stock
- 2 cups cold water
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1 can lump crab meat
- 5 sundried tomatoes, sliced thinly
- A few sprigs tarragon
- ½ cup heavy cream

Method

Preheat oven to 375 degrees
Cut asparagus into large pieces, coat with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Roast until

lightly browned, about 20 minutes

In a soup pot, saute onion, shallots and thyme in olive oil until wilted.

Add the roasted asparagus and flour. Stir to coat the vegetables. Add the chicken stock and water.

Season with salt and pepper. Simmer soup for 45 minutes, then puree.

Add the zest of 1 lemon and swirl in the heavy cream

Season to taste. In a small pan, gently heat the sun-dried tomatoes and crabmeat

Garnish the soup with the crabmeat and tomato mixture, and the tarragon to serve.

Serves 6

Ellie Espo, a self-taught chef, has been practicing her craft for 30 years, currently at Tom the Greengrocer, in Scotch Plains. Her online cooking show, "Cooking On The Block, with Chef Ellie Espo," is found at www.chefellieespo.com, where you can also print out her recipes. A cookbook is in the works. She may be contacted at chefellieespo@gmail.com, or you may view her recent videos by visiting www.youtube.com/user/chefellieespo.

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TAURUS, April 21 to May 21

Taurus, though you're intent on saving money, some situations arise that will require you to open your wallet. But you can handle these unforeseen expenses.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21

Gemini, sometimes you are misunderstood and that can leave you feeling frustrated. It's best not to change a thing, though, because you want friends who appreciate you for you.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22

Exciting prospects are on the horizon, Cancer. This is something you have been looking forward to for quite some time, and you can only count the days until you get news.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23

Leo, you have to fight for what you believe in, even if that means being unpopular with some friends and family members. Stick with it and you'll like the results.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22

Virgo, though it seems like you are caught between a rock and a hard place, there is a way out. It just may mean swallowing your pride — something you may not find easy.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Libra, accept help on an important project and things will go swimmingly. Just be sure to reciprocate that assistance down the line to show appreciation.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Scorpio, sometimes the things you believe to be a big deal really aren't a big deal at all. Simply changing your perception about things can bring on real change.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

The biggest lesson you can learn is how to deal with conflict in a productive way, Sagittarius. If you look at your track record, you just may find that the old way isn't working.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Capricorn, you have a full plate but somehow you always manage to pull through — even when you are all on your own with the work. Start scheduling a day off.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

Aquarius, you have to be in the mood to finish some projects around the house. Procrastination won't help, but a plan of attack can help you get everything done.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20.

Pisces, think about ideas for the future if what you are doing right now is not very exciting. Having a plan can keep you motivated.

The Gardener's Apprentice

(Continued from Page 24)

Monarda's fluffy flowerheads are composed of whorls of long, spiky tubes, and come in shades of white, yellow, rose, red and purple. Like other mints, it thrives in just about any sunny situation.

Many older varieties have gangly growth habits and are extremely susceptible to mildew, which disfigures the leaves. If you like monarda, try buying newer, mildew-resistant cultivars. Compact varieties are more graceful,

but gangliness can be mitigated by installing shorter plants in front of the Monarda clumps.

Mint's big drawback is invasiveness. Left to its own devices, spearmint would take over the world, with ajuga hot on its heels. Control these wayward — but very useful — plants by growing them in pots that can either stand alone on a terrace or deck, or be sunk directly into the garden so the plants are indistinguishable from their neighbors.

Barring pot culture, keep an

eye on your mints and grub out any unwanted travelers. This will not hurt the mints in the least, and will keep the garden, and everything else within a 50-mile radius, safe for better-bred specimens.

Elisabeth Ginsburg, a resident of Essex County, is a frequent contributor to Worrall Community Newspapers. The writer archives past columns at www.gardenersapprentice.com.

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SUNDAY

MAY 13, 2012

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ADMISSION: Free

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Saturday - 9am to 12noon

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ORGANIZATION: Townley Presbyterian Church

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Photo by JR Parachini

Union junior Doug Carter produced the game-winning hit last Saturday when he slugged a two-run single to center in the top of the eighth to beat Scotch Plains 10-8 in a UCT semifinal at Elizabeth's Williams Field.

Union baseball in first UCT final since 1993

8th-seeded Farmers to battle No. 3 Westfield Saturday at Williams Field

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

ELIZABETH — The Union baseball team will face Westfield in Saturday's Union County Tournament championship game, scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at Elizabeth's Williams Field.

A decision to move the site of the game from Linden's Memorial Field was made Monday morning.

Westfield defeated Dayton 7-3 in Sunday's semifinal at Elizabeth.

Here is the story that was filed Saturday after Union came back to beat Scotch Plains in the semifinals:

After Union fought back to tie the game dramatically in the top of the seventh and then got the game to extra innings, junior Doug Carter was determined to give the Farmers back the lead for good.

With runners on second and third and two outs in the top of the

eighth, Union's No. 3 batter in the lineup quickly fell behind 0-2 in the count as Scotch Plains relief pitcher Brad Alleman was one strike away from getting out of a jam.

Alleman tried to sneak another fastball past Carter. This time Carter smashed a line drive that looked like it might hang up enough for the Scotch Plains center fielder to catch.

However, the ball dropped in, with Steve Gaydos and Denzell Boyd — who both reached on infield errors — coming around to score.

Sophomore righty Will Sangster, who came on to pitch in relief beginning in the sixth, retired Scotch Plains in order in the bottom of the eighth as eighth-seeded Union managed to come back and oust fourth-seeded Scotch Plains 10-8 in Saturday's only Union County Tournament semifinal played at Williams Field.

The second semifinal pitting

seventh-seeded Dayton (13-2) vs. third-seeded Westfield (13-3) was re-scheduled to be played Sunday at 4 p.m. at Williams Field. Saturday's game — slated for a 2 p.m. start — did not begin until 2:30 p.m. because Scotch Plains could not make it to Williams Field until 1:50 p.m. because it had several players taking the SAT. Union didn't have any players taking the SAT and as a result arrived much earlier.

The eighth inning started at exactly 5 p.m. and at that time Union County Interscholastic Athletic Conference (UCIAC) Executive Director Tom Lewis disclosed that there would not be enough time to get the second semifinal in — Elizabeth's field does not have lights — with the game being moved to Sunday despite both teams already having shown up at Williams Field ready to go.

Union improved to 7-9, which now includes a 3-0 UCT record.

Scotch Plains fell to 11-8. The teams will play each other once more in Union County Conference-Watchung Division action at Union.

Carter was confident he was going to come through with a clutch hit despite being down 0-2 in the count.

"I just did what I was trained to do," said Carter, who filed out to left in the first, flied out to right to end the third and then lined a shot off Scotch Plains starter Chris Ciccarino's foot for a single leading off the sixth.

"I couldn't wait for the pitch to come," Carter said. "As soon as I saw it I knew it was a pitch I could drive."

Carter also produced an infield single in the seventh off Scotch Plains reliever Chris Gibbons, going 3-for-5 on the day with two runs and two RBI. He scored in Union's three-run sixth and sev-

enth innings and his two RBI came on the game-winning hit.

As a result, Union has reached the championship game for the first time since it last won the UCT in 1993.

Nineteen years ago second-seeded Union defeated top-seeded Westfield 5-3 in the final at Linden's Memorial Field, which was before every single Union player was born.

That was Union's eighth UCT championship and the only one after Gordon LeMatty, who guided Union to its first seven UCT crowns in 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1970, 1973 and 1975.

Chet Czaplinski, who played for LeMatty, was in his second of five seasons as Union's head coach in 1993.

LeMatty also guided Union to Greater Newark Tournament championships in 1966 and 1970.

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Photo by JR Parachini

Union leadoff batter Denzell Boyd began last Saturday's UCT semifinal vs. Scotch Plains with an opposite field double to right on the game's first pitch. He later scored in the first inning. Union will face Westfield in this Saturday's title game at Williams Field in Elizabeth.

UHS tops Cranford with Zimmerman

2-hitter stymies Cougars

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Despite recent tournament history, the team's records and the fact that Cranford swept Union in Union County Conference-Watchung Division play this year, the Farmers knew they were still good enough to beat the two-time defending champion and top-seeded Cougars in Union County Tournament play.

All they needed was a masterful pitching performance from senior left hander Devin Zimmerman and enough runs to back him up.

Easier said than done. Difficult - yes. Impossible - no.

While everyone - expect for Union and its fans - expected Cranford to reach the semifinals for the seventh straight season, it didn't happen.

Zimmerman pitched one of his best games and the Farmers gave him all the offensive support he needed as eighth-seeded Union went on to a stunning 3-1 triumph over Cranford in a UCT quarterfinal that was rained out Wednesday and Thursday and had to be moved to Union's Gordon LeMatty Field Friday because Cranford's Memorial Field was still not playable because of all the rain we've had this week.

So, not only did the top two seeds - Cranford and Governor Livingston - not make it to even the semifinals, but the team that was alive with the best record going into Saturday's Final Four at Elizabeth's Williams Field was little old Group 1 Dayton, the Mountain Division leaders and owners of a 13-2 overall mark.

Union has reached the semifinals for the first time since 2003. The Farmers will now seek to reach the final again for the first time since they last won the UCT in 1993. Union lost in the semifinals eight consecutive seasons from 1996-2003 after losing in the quarterfinals in 1994 and 1995.

Cranford last failed to reach the semifinals in 2005. The last time the Cougars got knocked out in the quarterfinals was at home and as the top seed in 2005 when they were upset by eighth-seeded Dayton 11-4 after winning 12 of 13 games at the time.

Cranford head coach Dennis McCaffery will next get his team ready for the North 2, Group 3 playoffs, in addition to challenging GL for the Watchung Division title.

"Dennis called me this morning and asked about our field," Union head coach Frank Napolitano said.

This is the first time since Napolitano took over as head coach in 2007 that he will lead the Farmers into the semifinals.

"Our maintenance team did a great job of getting our field ready to play," Napolitano said.

Then Zimmerman did an even better job on the mound.

Zimmerman, who beat Cranford 2-1 at Union in a Watchung Division game two years ago, tossed a two-hitter in a stellar 104-pitch performance. He struck out 10, walked two, hit two batters and the only run he gave up was unearned. Zimmerman is now 2-3 on the season.

"He did a great job with his curveball and slider and he mixed in his fastball when he needed to," Napolitano said.

The only two Cranford players to hit safely against Zimmerman were junior Andrew DiFrancesco and senior Eric Garguilo. DiFrancesco singled in the first and Garguilo hit a single in the fifth. Garguilo then stole second and kept on going to third on a throwing error. He would later score Cranford's only run and the last run of the game in the bottom of the fifth on another Union throwing error.

Union took the lead for good immediately, plating two runs in the top of the first against Cranford senior right hander Kurt Rutmayer, who pitched three-plus innings and took the loss.

Rutmayer defeated GL 14-1 in five innings last year to win the 2011 championship game at Kean.

Union junior Jon Zimmerman reached on a single and then scored on an opposite field double to right belted by junior Doug Carter.

Following with an opposite field RBI-single was junior Chris Dillon to make it 2-0.

Title is on the line Saturday when Union, Westfield meet

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The GNT was a statewide tournament for the first 40 seasons from 1933-1972. It became an Essex County only event beginning in 1973.

Union had three present high school head coaches in its starting lineup when it defeated Westfield for the 1993 championship. Those three players who are now head coaches were starting and winning pitcher Eric Shaw, who is Union's girls' soccer head coach; infielder Ed Collins, who is in his first year as the head baseball coach at Chatham and outfielder Brian Sheridan, who is the head football coach at Union.

Union lost in the semifinals eight seasons in a row from 1996-2003. The 2002 team 10 years ago finished 26-3, captured the Group 4 state championship for the first time since 1974 and finished No. 1 in the final Star-Ledger Top 20 Poll, yet the Farmers - as the top seed - lost to fourth-seeded Johnson 11-2 in the UCT semifinals at Rahway's Veterans Field.

"We've had some fantastic teams in the past that never made it to the championship game," Union sixth-year head coach Frank Napolitano said. Napolitano, a 1989 UHS graduate, played for LeMatty and coached under Mike Hamberg, who also played for LeMatty and who guided the 2002 team to its state championship during his 10-season tenure as head coach.

"This is just a scrappy, hard-working team who has come back several times from even bigger deficits so far this year."

Union became the first eighth seed to reach the final since Dayton in 2005.

The Bulldogs also beat the top seed and the fourth seed in the quarterfinals and semifinals that year like Union has. Dayton, guided then by present Bound Brook head coach Chris Loeffler, won at top-seeded Cranford 11-4 in the quarterfinals and then defeated fourth-seeded Governor Livingston 11-9 at Rahway in the semifinals. That was the last year the semifinals were at Rahway.

After Scotch Plains scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth to take an 8-5 lead - senior Ryan Henkels walked with the bases loaded to put Scotch Plains up 6-5 and then junior James D'Angelo hit an opposite field two-run bloop double to right for his team's final runs - Union was three outs away from not advancing to the final once again.

Determined not to have that happen again, junior Jon Zimmerman led off the top of the seventh with a walk. After Carter's infield single, Union senior catcher and cleanup batter Nazir Barnett smashed a line drive to left for an RBI-single and after an error by the left fielder, runners were on second and third with nobody out.

"I was sitting fastball all the way," said Barnett, who will play in the North-South All-Star Football Game at Kean University June 25 before heading to Wagner to play football. "I really believed we were going to come back."

Barnett was also 3-for-5 and drove in two runs. When he reached base senior Marc Lupo came in to pinch run for him. Barnett's single in the sixth drove in Carter to tie the game at 2-2.

Still clinging to an 8-6 lead, Scotch Plains head coach Tom Baylock brought in

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Photo by JR Parachini

The Union baseball team is sparked by the solid defense and hard-hitting offense provided by senior catcher Nazir Barnett, who will continue playing football in college at Wagner.

Big upset Farmers had over top seed

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The Farmers added an important insurance run in the top of the second for a 3-0 lead at the time when Jon Zimmerman drove in John McTernan with a sacrifice fly to left. McTernan walked, stole second and then moved to third when Denzell Boyd reached on an error.

Cranford junior left hander Ryan Williamson relieved Rutmayer in the fourth and pitched the rest of the way, which was four complete innings.

"This win is a credit to our kids who constantly keep working," Napolitano said. "We had a couple of rough games in the beginning of the year. Today we made a couple of errors but were able to survive them and make all the plays when we had to.

"That was pretty much what I told the team before the game. I told them that we had to make all the plays if we were going to have a chance to beat Cranford."

Union lost at Cranford 16-5 in the season-opener for both at Memorial Field back on April 3. Then the Cougars came to Union and beat the Farmers 9-2 on April 24.

Napolitano said that Cranford did not strike out once in either victory.

Cranford had a nine-game UCT winning streak snapped and the Cougars also won eight straight before Friday. Their previous losses came on back-to-back days on April 13 and 14. First was a 7-6 loss in nine innings at GL in Watchung Division play and next was a 2-1 setback to Hillsborough in the 4th annual Roselle Park Dad's Club Invitational Weekend.

"Cranford took it (the loss) like a bunch of pros," Napolitano said. "I would expect nothing less from a Dennis McCaffery-coached team."

NOTES: Napolitano will start junior right hander Michael Meola against Scotch Plains Saturday. Meola is 2-0, including the regular season win over the Raiders and last Saturday's 8-2 first round home victory over ninth-seeded Roselle Catholic.

Cranford is now 12-3 overall and 57-13 since the beginning of the 2010 season. In that span, Cranford is 4-3 against Union, including 1-3 against the Farmers in Union.

Union is 6-9 and might have set a record for the fewest wins of a team heading into the semifinals.

This is the first time in awhile that two teams seeded below No. 4 have reached the semifinals. Since 2005 at least three of the top four seeds made it to the semifinals, including the top four seeds every year from 2006-2010.

Linden baseball falls just shy of reaching UCT semifinals

Santiago provides a gutsy mound effort

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

WESTFIELD - The Linden baseball team came close to advancing to the Union County Tournament semifinals for the first time since 2003.

Here's the story that was filed Thursday after Linden fell at Westfield in the quarterfinals.

The game plan for the Blue Devils against hard-throwing Linden junior right hander TJ Santiago - who threw a gutsy game - was to try to get men on base, chip away and then come up with a timely hit.

Westfield was able to do that and produce runs in the first and third innings, taking the lead for good in the bottom of the first.

Junior righty Kevin Galasso did the rest, tossing a four-hitter that included five strikeouts, four walks and one hit batter.

For the fifth year in a row, the Blue Devils are headed to the Final Four.

Third-seeded Westfield defeated sixth-seeded Linden 5-3 at Robert Brewster Sr. Memorial Field in one of three Union County Tournament quarterfinals that were played Thursday.

While Kean University's Jim Hynes Class of 1963 Field in Union was to be used not only for the final a second straight season but also the semifinals for the first time this year, that will not happen now. Because of an issue with the Montclair State University baseball team, NJAC games that were supposed to be played in Upper Montclair will now be played at Kean the next two weekends, thus the field will not be available for the remainder of the UCT.

So the semifinals have been moved back to Elizabeth and the final back to Linden - in a decision made by UCT officials as of Thursday night. The last year the final was played at Linden was in 2007. The final was played at Elizabeth in 2008, 2009 and 2010 and at Kean for the first time last year.

One more quarterfinal still has to be played - eighth-seeded Union at top-seeded and two-time defending champion Cranford. The game was postponed because of rain for a second straight day Thursday and re-scheduled to be played again at Memorial Field in Cranford on Friday at 4 p.m.

The semifinals are still scheduled to be played Saturday, with starting times of 1:30 p.m. (or later because Saturday is an SAT day) for the top side of the bracket and 3:35 p.m. (or later) for the bottom side, which will be the Dayton vs. Westfield game.

Westfield won its eighth straight to improve to 12-3, while Linden lost for the second straight time to slip to 6-8.

Westfield junior right fielder Liam Devin was 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run. In the first inning he produced the game-winning hit when he smashed a hard hit single off Santiago's glove and into center field, scoring Matt Varakian. His first of two singles gave Westfield the lead for good at 2-1.

Earlier in the inning, Brett Ryan singled to center and then Varakian hit an opposite field bloop single to right.

Ryan scored Westfield's first run as the result of a balk by Santiago.

Westfield senior leadoff batter James O'Rourke was 2-for-4 against Santiago, producing opposite field hits - a single in the fourth and a double in the sixth - in his final two at-bats.

Santiago fell to 5-2 on the season and is now 11-4 lifetime.

"We weren't sure if we were going to face him, but we prepared for him," O'Rourke said. "We knew he had good stuff and that he was a strikeout pitcher. We just stayed with our same approach and looked to hit line drives off him."

Santiago entered the game with 60 strikeouts in his first six starts. In six innings complete, his 106-pitch performance included five runs - four of them earned - on 10 hits. He struck out seven, walked none, gave up the one balk and also a wild pitch.

"We expected his fastball to be a little more electric," O'Rourke said. "Maybe it was the weather or the conditions. We saw his fastball and then he couldn't get his breaking ball over, so he went back to his fastball and we were ready."

Westfield scored its final three runs in the bottom of the third to take a 5-1 lead. Varakian reached on an outfield error with one out and then cleanup batter Mike Ionta drove him in with a hard-hit single up the middle. With two outs, senior designated hitter Taylor Friss and sophomore Tyler Bowman, who was 2-for-4, produced consecutive RBI-singles, both the opposite way to right field.

"We know we're not a team that's going to hit four home runs," O'Rourke said. "We have to be patient and just do what we can do."

Galasso gave up an earned run on a double play in the first and one of the two runs he yielded in the fourth was unearned because of a throwing error. He improved to 4-0 by winning his fourth start. He retired the side in order in the second and sixth innings during a 102-pitch outing.

"My fastball was good," said Galasso, who also defeated Elizabeth and Linden in Union County Conference-Watchung Division play and non-conference foe North Hunterdon. "My plan was to get ahead, pound the zone and attack their No. 4 hitter (Ismail Abdul-Wahid) because he's really strong."

Galasso had to challenge Abdul-Wahid immediately in the top of the first. Linden loaded the bases with nobody out after Santiago led off with a walk and moved to second when Louie Rivera reached on an infield error. Bobby Clark then reached base on an infield single to the shortstop-third base hole. Santiago walked three times, scored a run, reached on an error and stole a base.

On the first pitch he saw from Galasso, Abdul-Wahid hit the ball hard. However, Westfield junior third baseman Eric Demers backhanded the smash, stepped on third and threw to first for a 5-3 double play. Santiago scored, but it could have been much worse. Galasso then struck out the next batter to end the inning down only 1-0.

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Jessica Goncalves of Union is batting a team-high .393 for the Richard Stockton women's softball team. The junior outfielder is a 2009 Union High School graduate who starred for the Farmers and helped lead them to the Group 4 state championship game her senior season.

Goncalves earns first NJAC softball honor

Richard Stockton junior Jessica Goncalves of Union earned her first NJAC all-conference softball honor as she was named to the NJAC Second Team. The junior outfielder was the lone selection for the Ospreys this season.

Goncalves, a 2009 UHS graduate, garnered the all-conference nod for her stellar play at the plate as well as in the field. Through 34 games overall, the centerfielder has made 32 starts and is hitting a team-high .393, including a .349 average in NJAC play.

Goncalves ranks sixth in the league in batting and she has stroked 33 hits in 84 at bats while striking out just eight times all season.

Goncalves' 12 stolen bases rank second on the team and tied for ninth in the NJAC. Her on-base percentage of .427 stands third on the squad and she scored eight of her 18 runs during conference games. Goncalves also leads the league with a .444 average with runners on base.

Defensively, Goncalves has not made an error in 35 defensive chances this season in the outfield and she has thrown out three runners on the base paths.

She has established career highs this year in hits with 33, runs with 18, stolen bases with 12, RBI with eight and batting average at .393 while helping Stockton to a 25-13 record and a likely berth in this week's ECAC Metro tournament.

Tigers came back but not enough against Westfield

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"I thought my stuff was pretty good," Galasso said. "My fastball was accurate, I kept my changeup low, but my curveball was off. My four-seam was my best pitch."

Linden scored its final two runs in the top of the fourth to pull to within 5-3. Both runs were the result of errors, with Alex Ciprian and Jacob Tavarez scoring. Ciprian led off the inning by getting hit by a pitch and Tavarez singled.

After becoming the first team to lose in the championship game three years in a row in 2008, 2009 and 2010, last year Westfield lost in the semifinals to Governor Livingston 17-14 at Elizabeth on a three-run, walk-off homer hit over the left field fence by senior Mike Cranston.

"That's all we're gunning for now, is to win this thing," O'Rourke said. "Losing to GL last year on the walk-off home run was tough. I've won a sectional title and now I would like to win a county championship."

"We just have to keep on playing good defense, get timely hitting and good pitching and we'll have a chance."

Westfield will again be seeking to reach its 21st championship game. The Blue Devils have appeared in the most finals and have won the most championships. Westfield is 12-8 in the title game and last won the UCT in 2006.

MAGNIFICENT 7TH INNING LIFTS DAYTON TO UPSET OF GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON

Seventh-seeded Dayton will end up playing Westfield a second time this year because the Bulldogs were able to come back in the seventh inning with seven runs to stun second-seeded Governor Livingston 7-3 in Berkeley Heights.

"We're just ecstatic about making the semifinals," third-year Dayton head coach Mike Abbate said.

Dayton reached the semifinals for the first time since the Bulldogs stunned top-seeded Cranford in a 2005 quarterfinal at Memorial Field. The Bulldogs will next attempt to reach the final for the first time since 2005. Dayton won the championship once, which was in the first year in 1954.

"This validates all the hard work we put in around here," Abbate said. "We know what GL is, an established program. This was a huge win for us to get. This is where we want to be every year."

Senior right hander Tommy Losito went the distance to improve to 8-0 and 6-0 as a starter, allowing only three runs on eight hits to a high-powered offense.

GL took a 1-0 lead in the fourth on an RBI-double by senior Aaron Smith that scored senior Keith Skinner, who singled up the middle to lead off the inning. The Highlanders produced another big run with two outs and nobody on in the sixth when pitcher Joey Graziano hit a 1-2 offering by Losito over the left field fence to give himself an important insurance run and GL a 2-0 advantage.

Losito struck out the next batter to end the sixth. He also struck out batters to end the fourth and the fifth, both of those times leaving GL with the bases loaded.

"Tommy hung a curveball and Graziano did a nice job of hitting it over the fence," Abbate said. "That was a little deflating for us at the time."

Dayton managed to pick up its spirits immediately and found a way to respond in the top of the seventh after Graziano (4-2) held the Bulldogs to no runs on one hit through six.

Here's how the inning went:

Joey Iuliano led off with a walk and then Losito singled on a 1-2 pitch. Joey Policastro tried to bunt, fell behind 0-2 in the count and then battled back to walk to load the bases with nobody out.

Chas Bohannon came through on a 2-2 count with an opposite field, two-run double one hop to the right field fence to tie the game at 2-2. With runners now on second and third and still nobody out, Graziano was lifted for relief pitcher, senior RH Jon Schmedel.

Matt Ranieri greeted Schmedel with a single to left on a 1-2 pitch, his game-winning hit giving Dayton the lead for good at 3-2 and putting runners on first and third, still with nobody out.

Robert Kinlock then placed a bunt down the first base line that was good for an RBI-single, making it 4-2 with runners at first and second and nobody out. Graziano ended up giving up four earned runs in six-plus innings.

Alex Marcantonio followed with an RBI-single to make it 5-2 and then after a pop out he stole second to put runners at second and third with one out.

Matt Roland then went the other way to drive in two runs with a single to right field for a 7-2 lead.

Roland, a senior, was 2-for-4, with two RBI. He had the lone Dayton hit off Graziano before the seventh.

Bohannon, a junior was 1-for-2, with two walks and the game-tying two-run double.

Ranieri, a sophomore, was 1-for-3, with the game-winning hit.

GL managed one more run in the bottom of the seventh. Justin Ennis led off with a single and Tyler Martis walked. Losito then retired Billy Worswick on a fly ball to right and Skinner on a 3-1 ground out. Cleanup batter Ryan Jennings drove in Ennis with a single before Losito got the final out on a pop up to right field.

After GL scored the game's first run in the fourth the Highlanders then loaded the bases. Losito struck out Jennings on a 2-2 count to end the inning and prevent further damage.

"After the fifth inning Tommy wasn't in trouble the rest of the game, although he gave up the home run to Graziano in the sixth," Abbate said.

Losito struck out six, walked two and allowed three earned runs.

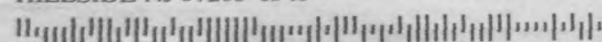
"I think he really showed himself today, especially by getting out of a couple of jams," Abbate said.

Dayton had some chances against Graziano before the seventh, but the St. John's-bound senior managed to work his way out of trouble.

"He battled out of it," Abbate said. "We didn't think we were going to score seven runs."

Dayton won its fourth straight to improve to 13-2. Its last loss was at home to GL and Graziano 3-0 two weeks ago.

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SPORTS



Kean University alumni baseball players gather for 'Diamonds Are Forever' event.

Kean University hosts alumni in 'Diamonds Are Forever'

On April 28, Kean University hosted alumni who played on the school's baseball and softball teams at its "Diamonds Are Forever" reunion event.

About 65 attendees turned out on a bright, sunny, but chilly April day for a barbecue lunch in the University's Harwood Arena.

They also enjoyed watching the current baseball and softball teams in action; both teams happened to be playing doubleheaders, with the ladies facing Rutgers-Camden and the guys going up against William Paterson.

The baseball alumni tended to skew toward players who attended Kean during the 1960s. This close-knit group enjoyed sitting together, calling each other by their old team nicknames—"The King," "Flammy Yokum," "Sessue Hayakawa"—and ribbing each other about real and alleged achievements on the diamond.

A favorite story retold by this group spotlighted Jim Hynes '63, one of Kean's most distinguished alumni and a great supporter of the University - baseball games are played today in the Jim Hynes '63 Baseball Stadium.

During a game against Glassboro State in 1962, while playing second base, Hynes sustained a compound fracture when he caught his spikes in the bag and a Glassboro player

took a hard slide right into his leg.

He ended up with a 33-day hospital stay and a plate in his leg that causes him difficulty in airport metal detectors to this day.

One of the younger baseball alums, Bob Golden '85, was a catcher from 1982 to 1984.

After confirming that his knees were still doing fine, he commented, "There are a lot of great memories here and it's always a lot of fun to come back. Some of the greatest times I've had in my whole life were here, playing sports at Kean. It's a really good feeling to be able to come back and see some of the people who coached you or you played with."

Softball player Lori Abry '98 '04, when asked why she had returned to Kean for the reunion, responded: "What do you remember about your college years? You remember softball." Liana LaVecchia '97 listed some of the benefits of having played her sport: "Teamwork, trust, a bond. You create a relationship [with your teammates] where you can rely on each other.

"I haven't seen these guys in 15 years, but as soon as I saw them all the memories came rushing back."

More information about upcoming Kean University alumni events, including the 50 Plus Reunion on May 22 and the 2012 Summer Splash on June 16, may be obtained by visiting: www.keanalumni.org.



Kean University alumni softball players are all smiles during 'Diamonds Are Forever' event at the Union school.

Leos, Scholars triumph in Suffragettes softball

The following are Union Suffragettes Girls Softball League results from Week No. 3, which were games played April 28 at Biertuempfel Park in Union:

SENIOR DIVISION

Leos 14, Comets 12: The Comets were led by Alyssa Liquori who went 3-for-3 with a home run and a double and three runs scored. Meagan Brant, Christina Melchionna, Allison Bober, Teria Croix and Ravyn Johnson combined for eight hits and six runs scored, highlighted by Brant's home run and Melchionna's double.

Pisces 9, Scorpions 4: The Pisces were led by their stingy defense including two double plays, one by Kelsey Krupa and the other turned by Sydnee Santiago to hold the Scorpions in check. Krupa and Katie Ruopp both doubled in runs for the Pisces who were playing without two of their injured starters, Catie Stadler and Larissa Stone.

Aquarians 18, Libras 6: The Aquarians ended the Libras 10-game winning streak. Jennifer Malteses' third inning home run drove in Ja'El Keyes who walked and Ashley Rodriguez who singled to give the Aquarians a lead they would not relinquish. Brittani Fiorenza and Michelle Lin both drove in runs and Maltese and Rodriguez both pitched well in the win.

Geminis 8, Capricorns 3: The Geminis got terrific pitching from Adrianna Ferreira who gave up no runs on one hit while striking out two in three innings and Margaret Ford who gave up three runs on seven hits in her three innings of work. Ferreira had two RBI and Ford doubled to both help their cause.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Scholars 21, Artists 2: The Scholars remained unbeaten, Sidney Lempick drove in eight runs with a grand slam and triple. Jenny Hughes hit a three run homer and pitched three scoreless innings while striking out six. Eight Scholars drove in runs led by Tamia Howells' four hits and two RBI and Jenna Aritas' two hits and four RBI.

Inventors 26, Professionals 21: The Inventors remained unbeaten with a dramatic sixth-inning comeback led by Gianna Casella who was 5-for-5 with a home run and triple and five RBI. Anna Holland was 4-for-4 with two triples and six RBI. Kimberly Cruz was 3-for-4 and she hit a double that drove in the game-winning run as part of seven RBI.

Entertainers 12, Educators 7: The Entertainers had six girls with multiple hits and seven girls with RBI, led by Sienna Bucu who had three hits and three RBI. Grace Corveleyn and Phylcia Menendez both hit doubles. Corveleyn, Sabrina Duarte and Natalie Ramos all had two RBI.

Explorers 9, Diplomats 4: The Diplomats were led by Megan Sloane, who hit a three-run homer, Kaitlyn "Pinky" Matta, who had two singles and scored a run and Geneva Loomis, who reached base twice, including once on a single.

• See full results at www.localsource.com - Union County Navigator.

UCT lax semis today; title games Saturday

The boys' lacrosse Union County Tournament semifinals are today at Johnson's Nolan Field in Clark at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The girls' were to be played at Johnson Tuesday night.

The title games - also to be held at Nolan Field - are set for Saturday, with the girls' at 5 p.m. and the boys' at 7:30 p.m. Summit is the defending champ in both.

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