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ACLU studies mistakes by prosecutors' offices

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Prosecutors across the state made 53 harmful errors during trials throughout the state over a five-year period, according to a report just released by the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey. Four of those mistakes were made by the Union County Prosecutors Office.

The report, "Trial and Error: A Comprehensive Study of Prosecutorial Conduct in New Jersey," focused on cases prosecuted between January 2005 and the end of May 2011 where allegations of error were brought up on appeal.

The 113-page report is the first of its kind in the state to put 570 cases under the microscope and uncovered 229 instances where errors were committed at trial. This included 53 guilty verdicts that were harmful to defendants, four of which occurred in Union County.

In nine of those cases the court did not determine whether the error was harmful, but did determine there was error, while 167 were judged "harmless." Seventeen cases were reversed without determining if there was prosecutorial error, 267 cases were found to have no error. Error was found in another 57 cases, but it was "harmless beyond a reasonable doubt," and negligible.

Union County, according to the ACLU report, had 12.7 percent total errors over the five year period, or 7.5 "harmful errors," when it came to criminal trials.

The ACLU report uncovered that while these instances of prosecutor misconduct were rare, those assistant prosecutors with multiple violations never faced discipline by an ethics board. See **ACLU**, Page 17

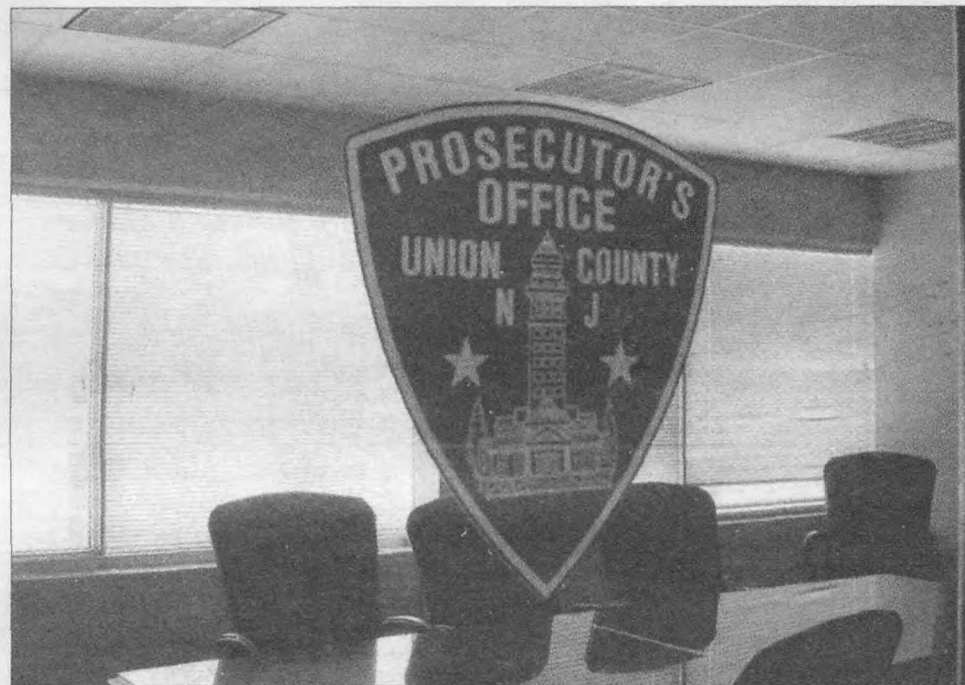


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Summit councilman: No taxation without representation

By Paul Greulich
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SUMMIT — Local officials frustrated by this year's 11-percent increase in their county property tax bills are discussing how possible changes to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders could give their residents better representation at the county level.

The topic was broached last week by Councilman Patrick Hurley. Hurley said there are "always conversations on the council" about taxes, but stressed that his remarks at the Oct. 2 meeting represented only his own personal views.

Hurley said Summit has roughly double the average tax rate of many of the other

Union County municipalities.

"We don't have representation at the freeholder level and haven't for some time," Hurley said. "They really don't have the best interest of Summit in mind. I think they take us for granted."

In 2012, city officials were able to keep both the municipal and school budgets flat or very nearly flat, in accordance with the wishes of local residents impacted by those expenses. However, the 11-percent increase in county taxes do not reflect the will of the people of Summit, Hurley said.

Hurley said of all the municipalities in Union County, Summit has the greatest amount of money taken from its residents in county taxes while receiving the least

amount of services in return.

"We need some balance here," said Hurley, who described the situation as "unsustainable."

Hurley's suggestion to help certain municipalities get more "bang for their buck" is to examine the possibility of holding freeholder elections by district instead of on an at-large basis, which some counties in New Jersey do. Essex County uses such a system, though Hurley conceded it is not an example of good taxation practices.

Summit officials said it is unclear whether any resolution or other action will be forthcoming regarding this matter. Hurley said no formal communications have

been made to the county regarding the possibility of changing the election system, and there are no plans to start a petition to consider it. However, the topic has been raised in a public forum, most recently by Summit Councilman Thomas Getzendanner, who regularly attends freeholder meetings.

Freeholder Dan Sullivan said he is aware of suggestions to shift to district-based elections, but said he "doesn't see any reason to discuss it."

Sullivan said the topic has typically been brought up by rival politicians who feel district-based elections will help secure a Republican presence on the all-

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Birchwood builders ask court to force Cranford's hand

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — S. Hekemian might have received court approval last year to build an apartment complex and parking garage on Birchwood Avenue, but the legal wrangling is far from over. In fact, a few weeks ago the developer had to file yet another civil lawsuit to raise the street a foot in order to satisfy state regulations.

The civil action came after the township failed to respond to repeated requests by Cranford Development Associates to give their blessing on raising a 300-foot stretch of Birchwood Avenue a foot to comply with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regulations.

The developer is asking the court to permit regrading the stretch of roadway, at the developers expense and "order Cranford Township to take all formal actions necessary" to allow it.

As part of the regrade effort, the developer will also install three new storm drains to the municipal storm sewer system along Birchwood Avenue. This will, they said, improve drainage for properties along this street.

CDA, a division of S. Hekemian, pointed out that regrading this area will not have an effect on flooding because all flood water storage that is lost due to construction will be offset by newly created on-site flood storage. Re-grading the street also will not



have any effect on drainage, they said, because the amount of impervious surface cover will not change.

According to the 44-page document

filed by the developer in Union County Superior Court Law Division, the stretch of roadway, adjacent to the driveway of the development project, has to be raised in order to comply with NJDEP requirements.

Although the apartment complex and parking facility is not being constructed in the floodway and the NJDEP does allow construction in flood fringe areas, all state regulatory standards must be met. That is where the developer ran into the latest problem.

One of the regulatory standards involved with the permitting of this project is that any parking within a flood fringe area must be at least one-foot above the flood hazard area.

The roadway also must provide "at least" one emergency exit route that is one-foot above the flood hazard elevation, which the developer said they attempted to initially correct with the NJDEP.

CDA initially submitted a plan to the DEP addressing these issues, but the state agency found their plan had a "deficiency" and refused to issue any permits until the 300-foot stretch of Birch-

wood Avenue in question was raised one-foot above the flood hazard elevation.

In court documents, CDA points out the NJDEP specifically noted the problem they had with the project was not with the design. The problem actually has to do with the fact that one of the two apartment buildings is in a flood hazard area. The problems that both driveways serving this building exit onto portions of Birchwood Avenue where elevations are lower than the flood hazard NJDEP requirement. The only logical solution, CDA said, is to raise the roadway.

The developer noted in its civil action that the deficiency came as a surprise because it differed from the NJDEP's policy in other projects, specifically the Riverfront Redevelopment project in Cranford.

According to the developer, the NJDEP granted a permit to the Riverfront developer in February 2010 even though the project happens to be in a flood hazard area.

The developer, according to court documents, considered other options in order to comply with the NJDEP's requirements, including extending emergency access from the back of the property on North Union Avenue. But, they soon rejected that idea because this particular access was not a foot above the flood hazard elevation for its full length and would also be in violation of the state regulations.

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Pride in Cranford Awards to highlight Irene volunteers

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — Susanne Capece has devoted 31 years volunteering her time to others, but her quiet selflessness really shined right after Cranford was devastated by Tropical Storm Irene.

It was then that this longtime resident went throughout the flood area picking up laundry soaked in muddy floodwater, took it home to wash, fold and return to those who were trying to cope with the tremendous loss suffered during the storm. In fact, Capece took home so much laundry, her washing machine ran day and night for weeks.

This is just one story about the seven volunteers being honored at the Annual Pride in Cranford Awards banquet being held at the Grand Centurions in Clark Wednesday.

It has been several years since the Cranford Chamber of Commerce held the awards banquet, according to Barbara Bilger, former mayor, chamber treasurer and, in addition, chairwoman of the Pride in Cranford Awards banquet.

"Last year Irene hit so we never held it. The year before we had a chamber sponsored cruise, so we are behind in honoring those who give so much to the community day in and day out," Bilger said.

This year, in addition to the seven residents recognized for volunteering their services over a period of many years, there also will be a second category of 20 organizations that gave their time and effort to help their neighbors during and after Tropical Storm Irene.

"This was such a tragic time for the township, so many people could not live in their homes, others were devastated by the damage, and yet their neighbors and even strangers came to their aid," Bilger said.

Capece, Bilger pointed out, has spent 31 years volunteering for various organizations in Cranford. Not only has she been involved with the Green Thumb Club helping to beautify public sites throughout the township, but she also is a St. Michael's Church volunteer and sits on the Cranford Senior Housing Board. Capece's own 98-year-old mother resides in Cranford Senior Housing.

"Even though she keeps herself very busy, Susanne still found time during Irene to not only take in flood victims wash, but she also went all over buying bleach for residents who

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File Photo

Garbage lined yards in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene, and the residents of Cranford came together to help each other recover as best as they could from the devastating event. Many of those who helped the most, and others, will be honored at the Annual Pride in Cranford Awards banquet


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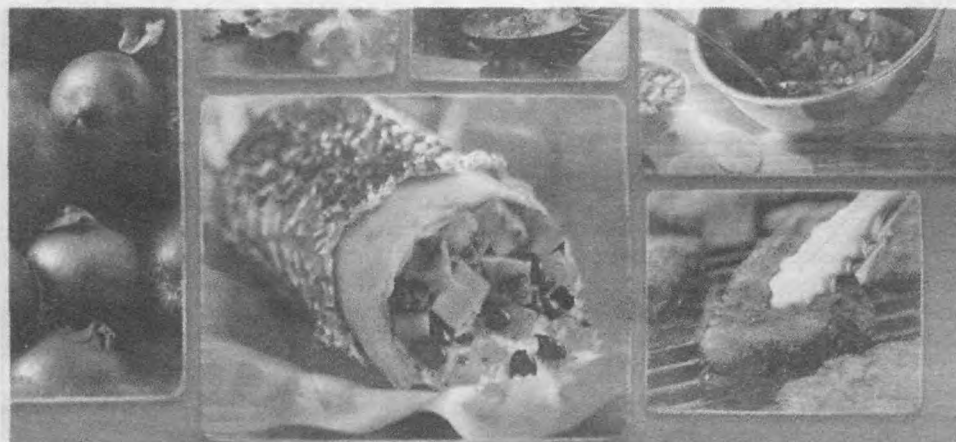
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In Rahway, a dozen candidates, all Republican and Democrat, are vying for six seats on the city's council.

A dozen candidates square off for six seats in Rahway

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — A dozen local candidates have been tussling over the six, four-year terms available for city council. Disagreements swirl over topics ranging from taxes to the arts to flooding.

In the 1st Ward, Democrat newcomer Rodney Farrar is competing against Republican Larry Bodine.

In the 2nd Ward, Democrat incumbent Michael Cox is being challenged by Republican Joseph Mikajlo.

In the 3rd Ward, Democrat newcomer Bob Bresenhan Jr. will compete with Republican Jeffrey Spatola.

In the 4th Ward, Democrat incumbent David Brown will compete against Republican Betty Ortiz.

In the 5th Ward, Democrat incumbent Jennifer Wenson-Maier will compete against Republican challenger Jim Barwick.

In the 6th Ward, Democrat incumbent and Council President Samson Steinman is being challenged by Republican John Koenig.

Council President and Democrat party chair Samson Steinman said Democrat candidates have been out knocking on doors for more than a month now. Steinman said there is definite concern over taxes, but overall the citizens he has met with seem content.

"The feedback is mostly positive from people in Rahway," Steinman said.

Bresenhan said he feels there are three critical issues facing the city: controlling taxes while providing services; crime prevention; and maintaining general quality of life, with programs for seniors and youth.

Bresenhan said citizens are supportive of the Rahway Arts District, and pleased

with the national attention it has brought the city.

"I think the citizens after several years of economic doldrums are seeing a sliver of hope and believe we're starting to turn the corner," Bresenhan said.

Wenson Maier said residents in her ward have expressed concern only about "minor issues."

"Almost across the board people are very happy living here," Wenson Maier said.

However, an exception is flooding, which caused significant damage in her ward last year during Tropical Storm Irene. For this reason Wenson Maier said a big issue this election year is global warming.

When asked how this global threat relates to municipal government, she said global warming is responsible for the extreme weather that caused the flood damage.

"If we don't have a city we don't have anything to talk about," said Wenson Maier.

Republicans accused their Democrat opponents of failing to fully address the issue of property taxes.

"It's been one party rule in Rahway far too long, and the property tax bill reflects that," Republican chair and former mayoral candidate Patrick Cassio said.

Republican candidate Joseph Mikajlo, a former Rahway police officer, said his neighbors convinced him to run because of their concerns over taxes.

"The main topic is property taxes — that's why I got involved and what I hear about going door-to-door," Mikajlo said.

Bodine, himself a former councilman, said the city council needs to be more balanced.

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'There's no balance on the city council. There's no one with an opposing viewpoint to represent the people in town who aren't happy with what's going on.'

— Larry Bodine

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"There's no balance on the city council. There's no one with an opposing viewpoint to represent the people in town who aren't happy with what's going on," Bodine said. "Anyone who is in power that long is going to get too comfortable and start abusing the power and the privileges that have been given to them."

Republicans suggested too much of the SID tax revenue is being focused on the arts district rather than the downtown as a whole. They also take issue with the ethics of Steinman working at the arts center and former Democrat Mayor James Kennedy at the arts district.

Steinman pointed out the Arts Center is a non-profit organization, and he received no Rahway government dollars from his position there.

Contention also surrounds the construction of the recently-completed Hamilton Stage venue, which is a new component of Union County Performing Arts Center. Democratic officials have expressed confidence they can pay off the bonds using proceeds from the stage, but there is no timeline in place for this. City officials state the city bonded \$6 million for this project. Republican campaign literature places the

amount bonded at \$15 million.

"It's a beautiful building, but I think we should be concerned with the amount of debt we took on to built it," Mikajlo said.

Cassio was also concerned.

"The arts might help eventually, but what are we going to do in the short term? Raise taxes again after the election?" Cassio said.

Steinman defended local investment in the arts district, which he said serves as a centerpiece of downtown redevelopment and has drawn national attention to the city.

"The Lt. Governor is a Republican and she's coming here to Hamilton Stage tomorrow," Steinman said on Tuesday. "There's not a bigger statement that can be said than that."

A less central issue is the rocky relationship between the council and Mayor Rick Proctor. Democrats have distanced themselves from Proctor following state fines levied against the local Democratic party for violations occurring under his tenure, as well as charges of ethics violations that surfaced last year.

Earlier this year, Proctor was expelled from the Rahway Democratic Committee, and Steinman, the party's new chairman,

has gone as far as to say said he would "welcome" Proctor's resignation as mayor.

Proctor responded by organizing a slate of independent Democratic candidates to run against his former colleagues in the primary in June. These candidates were unsuccessful. Proctor, whose term as mayor ends in 2014, has not attending a council meeting in some time, according to reports. Proctor could not be reached for comment.

Steinman said the topic of Proctor "has not come up at all" during his recent interactions with residents.

Cassio said while local residents are more concerned with their tax bills and property values than with political bickering, they have not forgotten Proctor's long history with the Rahway Democrats.

"He's their candidate, they campaigned for him and they put him in office," Cassio said.

However, Republican candidates said they are not concerned about the prospect of working with Proctor should they be elected.

"I think there's good people on both sides," Spatola said.

Republican candidates also expressed concern about the whereabouts of Business Administrator Peter Pelissier, who they say has not been at city hall in several months.

The whereabouts of Pelissier remain unknown. Bresenhan and Wenson Maier declined to comment on Pelissier, or any potential changes regarding the position of administrator in Rahway.

"We cannot comment on personnel

issues whatsoever," Steinman said.

Wenson Maier said the strained relationship with the mayor and the absence of a City Administrator have not had any effect on the governing of the city.

"We've all been on council for a while and we know what the issues are," Wenson Maier said.

However, Cassio said the absence of the city administrator must be having an effect on governing and said city officials should be more open about the status of the position.

"He (Pelissier) runs the city's day-to-day operations," Cassio said. "The meetings are run by him. He has all the answers and takes the lead role, and all of a sudden he doesn't show up at meetings for six months."

Steinman said it is too early in the race to say what the differences are between the two groups of candidates.

Among his opponents, Steinman is only familiar with Larry Bodine and Jeffrey Spatola.

"They're both good people and longtime citizens of Rahway," Steinman said.

Local voters will get a chance to learn more about the candidates at a Meet the Candidates event scheduled for Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at Ebenezer AME Church at 253 Central Avenue. School board candidates will also be present at this event. It is sponsored by Rahway branch of the NAACP.

More information on the local Democratic and Republican council candidates can be found on their respective party websites.

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AARP to meet Oct. 12

The Clark AARP Chapter 3733 will meet Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. with a social hour at noon at the Brewer Senior Center, 430 Westfield Ave., Clark.

Annette Mall has arranged for the speaker to be the new police chief, Alan Scherb. The chief will talk about the township of Clark.

All those who hold membership in the National AARP are invited to join the local chapter.

Kiwanis Club offers 'open invitation' to residents

Outgoing Clark Kiwanis Club president, Doug Born, has issued an open invitation to the Clark community and residents in surrounding areas to consider joining the community service club that has been in existence in Clark for more than 60 years. Save Our Service (Club) is the motto for this year's club. "We are a small but mighty club," he said of the group, which meets on the second and the fourth Tuesday of the month at Clark Public Library for hour-long meetings.

He explained the general purpose of the club. "The bulk of what we do is based on volunteerism with the youth-sponsored activities in the community. We are the proud sponsors of the K-Kids Club at Hehnlly and Valley Road Schools, the Builders Club at Kumpf Middle School and the ALJ Key Club." Kiwanis member Ann Yarusavage is the youth liaison for the young clubs.

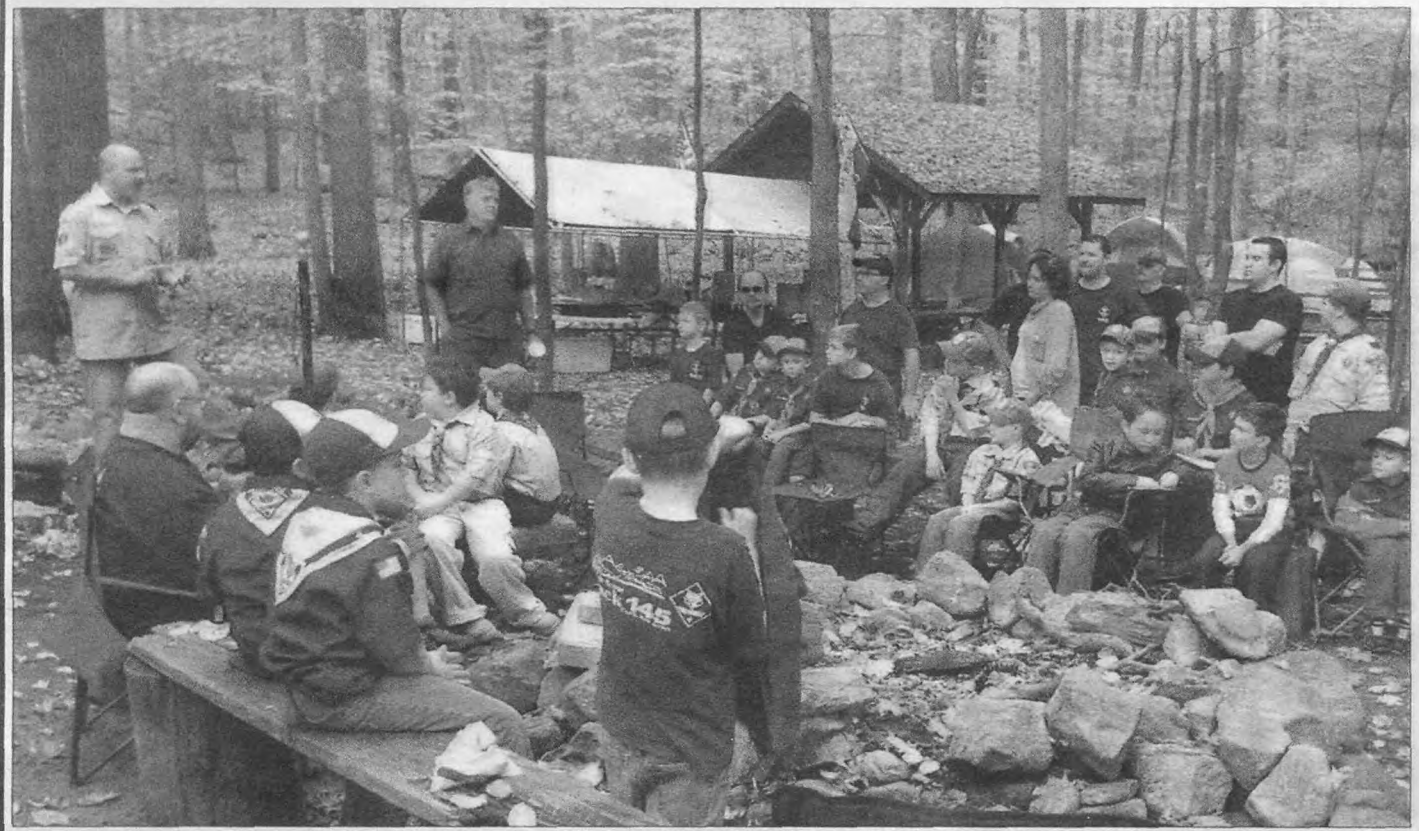
Born said that the adult club knows the importance of showing children the joy of doing things for others while they are at a young age. The newest clubs in Clark are the ones at the elementary schools. "Donna Kircher, the nurse at Hehnlly, is a dynamite of energy as the adviser of the club for children in grades three through six." The club schedules two service activities a month, focusing on low cost ones for children, veterans and senior citizens.

The Valley Road students have been involved in various activities at the elementary school in Clark. Principal Ralph Baltrumba told Kiwanis last year's youth liaison, Susan Dougherty, that the club, under the advisership of teachers, Paula Spence, Sue Dzurovcik and Teresa Gotti, "has taken off like wildfire." The membership of both of the elementary schools has skyrocketed nearly 20 to 25 percent from the first to the second year.

Parents of students in all of the clubs are invited to witness the events of the Kiwanis Club.



SCOUTS' HONOR — Cub Scout Pack 145 of Clark, along with Packs from Cranford, Springfield and Kenilworth, went camping at BSA Camp Allamuchy in Stanhope. This camping trip was a special weekend dedicated to George Hoffman, a member of the Boy Scout family who passed away this past summer. It was a very emotional and moving weekend, with a flag being flown in his honor, and then being retired Saturday evening at the Council fire ceremony.



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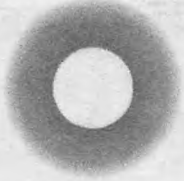
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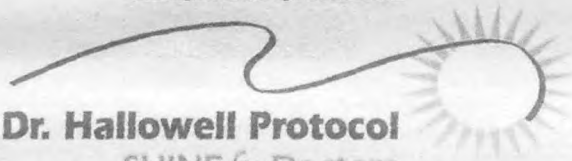
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Summit councilmen begin 'conversation' on county taxes

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Democrat freeholder board.

"This raises its head when the other party can't win an election," Sullivan said.

A Republican has not been present on the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders since Cranford resident Ed Force's term ended in 1998.

Sullivan said he does not think districting is the answer to Summit's tax problems. He said he is not aware of any complaints arising in the many other counties that use an at-large system.

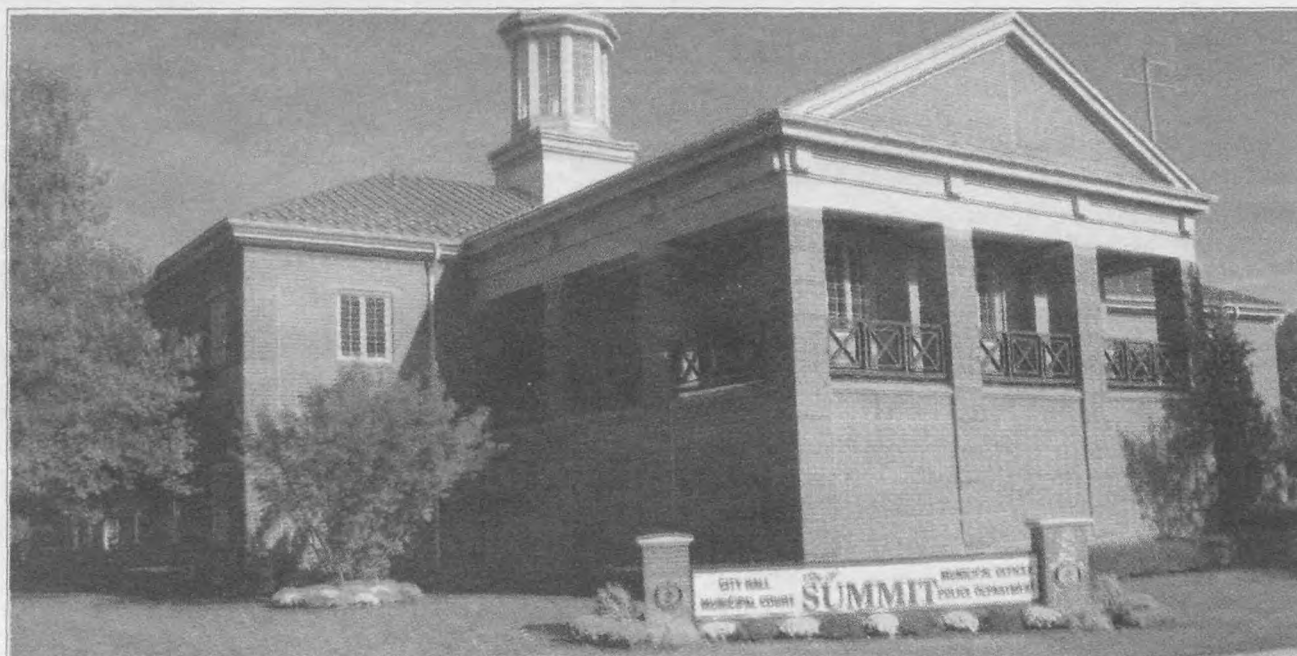
Sullivan said the bigger factor impacting local taxes is the state's equalization formula, which sets tax rates based on a variety of factors including rateables and property values.

"It isn't that we decided to tax Summit at a different rate. If county government raises taxes by two percent, that two percent doesn't fall equally across the county," Sullivan explained. "It may go up five percent in Summit and two percent in Hillside."

Hurley also acknowledged the large role played by the state equalization formula, but said the broader issue of the role of county government in today's society also needs to be considered. Hurley feels the county government is engaged in many activities that could be run better by the individual towns, and pointed out the State of Massachusetts did away with county government in favor of a thin administrative network that focuses on facilitating shared services.

"Somebody somewhere has to raise the question of what is the actual role of county government today," Hurley said. "My intention is just to get the conversation going."

County tax rates are becoming a recurring regional issue, as affluent towns search for ways to relieve the tax



File Photo

More than one Summit Councilman has raised issue publicly with the tax increases the city has faced on the county level, and at least one has questioned how much the city is truly represented by the current Chosen Freeholder form of governance.

burden on their residents.

In the neighboring municipality of Berkeley Heights, council member Robert Woodruff recently raised the possibility of seceding from Union County due to continued problems with increasing taxes. Woodruff could not be reached for comment by press time.

Hurley said future tax increases on the scale seen this year will eventually bring dire consequences to the city, and noted many older residents have already begun moving out of town.

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Builders look to courts to begin work in Cranford

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Next, the developer tried obtaining the consent of the owner of Cranford Health and Extended Care to construct an entry and exit on their property, which would have been entirely outside the flood hazard area. However, the owner never responded to inquires and so this option had to be rejected.

CDA said the most promising means to comply with the NJDEP regulation was to elevate Birchwood Avenue. They also addressed issues concerning residents, such as ponding of rainwater on the street.

After regrading the street it will still run steadily at a downward slope toward Orange Avenue, although any change in slope "will be so small that it probably will not even be noticeable."

CDA stressed that if the court does not order the township to give approval to regrade Birchwood Avenue and the NJDEP does not grant a "hardship waiver," it would be impossible to go forward with the project. In other words, without the proper NJDEP permitting, the project is dead in the water.

But there are other problems with trying to obtain a hardship waiver from the

state. For one, the developer said, it would "needlessly add uncertainty and delay to the project."

"This is antithetical to the mandate by the Supreme Court in the Mount Laurel decisions that opportunities for the construction of low and moderate income housing be made 'realistic,'" the developer noted.

Another problem residents and township officials had was the need to remove 72 mature trees from the 15.4 acre site in order to build the apartment complex.

The developer, though, fully intends to replace the 72 trees, some as high as

79 feet, with 180 additional trees. That is 108 more than will be removed.

The township requested the developer plant 223 trees to replace the loss of the 72 mature trees, but the civil action noted the township provided no proof as to how this would protect public health and safety of the community.


Another issue brought up was the fact the township wanted bike racks for 394 bicycles, but the developer said this was "exorbitant" and greatly in excess of any likely usage for this type of midrise apartment building in this type of location.

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'The magnificent seven'

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were trying to clean their basements," Bilger said, adding that Capece even pitched in to help these residents tackle their mud filled homes.

"Susanne is a very special person, she truly is a person who quietly volunteers behind the scenes and does it with such love," Bilger said.

Gail Orshak, the wife of the township's former postmaster, is another longtime volunteer who is affectionately known as the "happy bunny" by youngsters for many years.

For the past ten years, Bilger said, Orshak has been the friendly Easter Bunny who greets children at the annual Easter events.

"This is not a very easy job, but Gail has never said no to our request and has made many Cranford children happy at Easter time," the former mayor said.

When it comes to Christmas, Bilger said, few would deny that Don Sweeney has been a great Santa Claus the last 15 years.

"You can tell that Don is a Santa who loves children and he takes the time to speak with each child as they are sitting on his lap," Bilger explained, also adding that Sweeney also rides the Christmas Trolley around town each year, singing holiday songs with children and their parents.

William Curtis, Bilger said, is another volunteer who has devoted years to the Cranford Historical Society. Serving as a trustee with the society since 2000, Curtis has been responsible for maintaining both the Hanson House on Springfield Avenue and the more than 100-year-old Crane-Phillips House Museum on North Union Avenue adjacent to the municipal building.

"In 2004 he restored the original wet plaster Township Seal plaque, which was created in 1962 by renowned artist Leslie Crump," Bilger said.

Another volunteer, Lynn Petschow has given many volunteer hours of time and energy working for the Cranford Baseball League, even serving as past treasurer.

"During the holiday season, Lynn worked behind the scenes with her late husband, Kurt," Bilger said, explaining that this couple was "the backbone to his many years of service to this community." Lynn, along with her husband, helped set up Christmas decorations downtown.

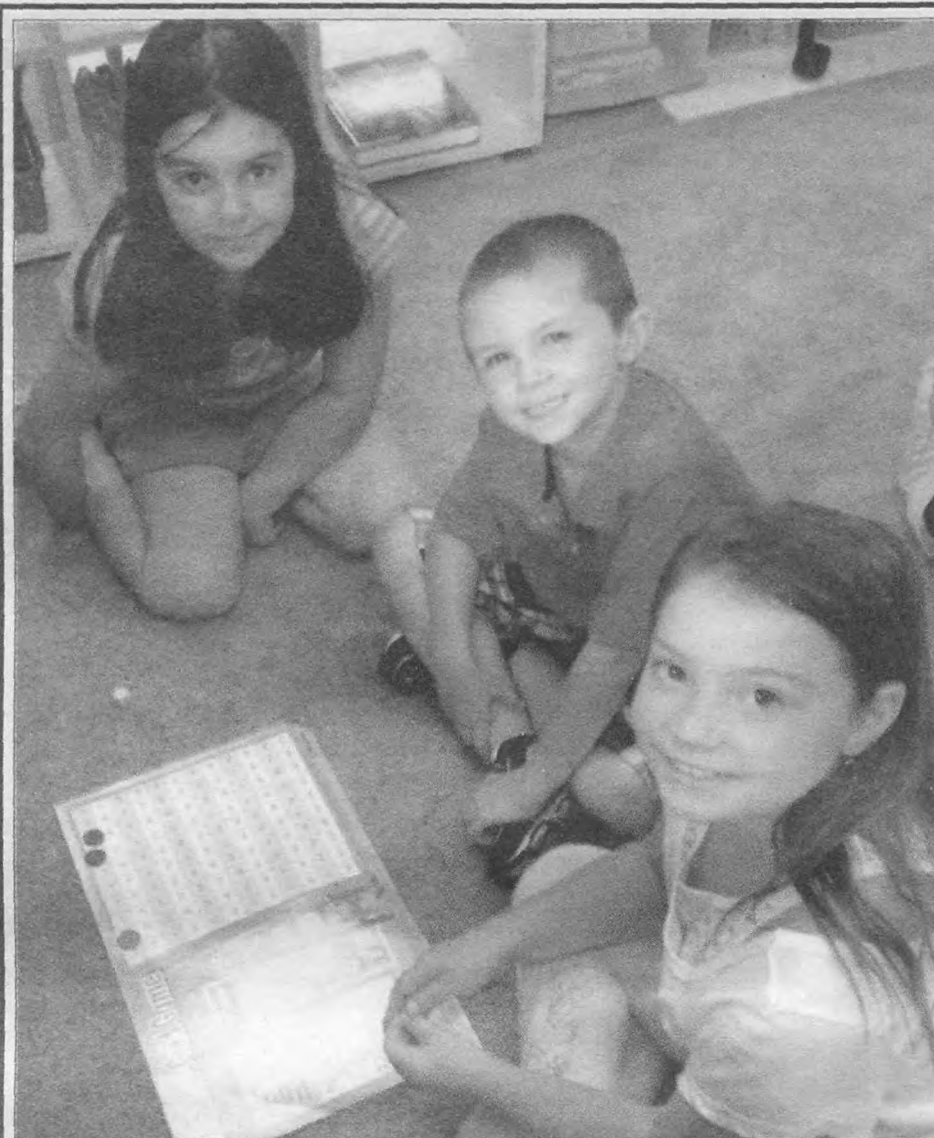
"Lynn is an example of a person that truly contributes to the success of events, offering her time when needed," she added.

The list is long when it comes to Paul Lioy and his accomplishments related to the environment, Bilger said. Founder and president of the International Society of Exposure Science, named by Rutgers in 2008 as Distinguished Alumnus in Mathematics, Engineering and Physical Sciences, he was on the executive committee of the New York and New Jersey Consortium for National Children's Study. He also is the author of the book "Dust," the inside story of its role in the Sept. 11, 2001 aftermath and just received the Frank Chambers Award for Lifetime Achievement in Air Pollution, just to name a few.

Matt Polsky, co-founder of the District Environmental Education committee that created and conducted a district recycling assessment, Bilger said, supported district recycling efforts and provided information on renewable energy.

"He has worked for many years with the Cranford Public School district on many projects that provide solutions for a better, safer and healthier Cranford," Bilger noted.

Those involved with the 20 organizations that will be honored at the chamber awards dinner were nominated by residents who had words of praise for each of these volunteers who came to the aid of those in need during Tropical Storm Irene.



COUNTDOWN TO FUN — From left, Sara DeJesus, Timothy Ford, and Anastasia Kalinchak, students in Jennifer Kelleher's second grade class at Valley Road School in Clark, have started to explore number grids during math time. Students practice counting on a number grid by playing the Number Grid Game provided by the Everyday Mathematics program. The students roll their dice, count their spaces, and move along the grid to see who can get to 110 first.



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CRANFORD NEWS

Scouting for Food in Cranford

The Cranford Cub Scouts, along with BSA Troop 75, will be Scouting for Food for the benefit of Cranford Family Care.

According to Dennis Brown, Scouting for Food coordinator, the Cub Scouts will be distributing bags to homes on or about Oct. 20.

The scouts request that residents donate non-perishable food items. The donated food should be placed in the bags and left on the doorstep on the morning of Oct. 27 by 9 a.m.

The Cub Scouts will pick up the donations on Oct. 27 by noon and take them to Cranford Family Care.

Donated items can be brought to Cranford Family Care on Myrtle Street during business hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

As stated by the Scouting for Food coordinator, "This annual event allows everyone in the community an opportunity to show how much we care for our neighbors. The Scouts demonstrate their commitment to community service."

The people of Cranford display their generosity. And, the staff at CFC prove their vital role in coordinating these efforts to help feed their neighbors."

Clothing drive, Oct. 13

The Orange Avenue School's eighth grade class of 2013 will hold a clothing drive in the parking lot of Orange Avenue School, Cranford, on Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The school will accept clothes, shoes, linens, including bedding, curtains and towels and accessories, including hats, gloves and scarves.

Donations should be placed in plastic bags. Student volunteers will remove donations from people's vehicles. The clothing drive will be held rain or shine. Proceeds will benefit the OAS eighth grade class nights.

CHS Class of 1952 reunion planned for Oct. 13

A 60th reunion of the Cranford High School Class of 1952 will be held on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 13, followed by a buffet lunch on the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Holiday Inn, formerly the Crown Plaza, in Clark. Those who know names and addresses of any classmates, or for further questions, reservations and names, can contact Pat at LPTwill@aol.com; Jean at jean-grice68@Verizon.net, or Kay at 908-372-4183.



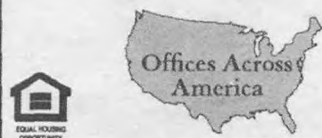
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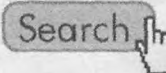
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OPINION

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For an observance that is centered upon one of the true scourges of

our time, the month is surprisingly upbeat. Women and men join together for marathons and races, and there's even a 60-mile walk in some cities that spans three days. The photographs we see coming from all those events are brimming with camaraderie, accomplishment and solidarity. The mood appears almost celebratory, with people marshaling themselves to fight the good fight against a common foe. Seeing them, we think of the homefront in American industry during World War II.

And then there's the color pink. Quite simply, the color symbolizes a commitment to the cause. And it's not only pink ribbons, T-shirts and baseball caps anymore. During these 4 1/2 weeks you might see huge pink billboards, a tree decked in dozens of pink bows or maybe a hot air balloon as pink as a stick of bubble gum. And buildings! In past years, the White House and Empire State Building have been illuminated at night by pink spotlights. And one evening Niagara Falls was lit by pink lights. This proliferation of pink demonstrates that people, corporations and governments are saying yes, we join you in this fight, and we're in it to win.

A little recent history. Breast Cancer Awareness Month was begun in 1985 as a joint effort between the American Cancer Society and a pharmaceutical company with the Central Casting name of Imperial Chemical Industries. At

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first, the goal was prevention, and women were urged to receive mammograms beginning at a certain age and then on a regular basis. The walks and footraces, which had already begun in the early 1980s, grew in number, almost as if the symbol of healthy exertion could counterbalance the effects of the debilitating disease. The pink ribbons were introduced in the early 1990s. And soon all these isolated events coalesced into a movement, which grew stronger each year.

The goals of the month are straightforward, and include the spread of information regarding proper checkups, both from clinics and self-examination. Fundraisers are held, to support not only research, but to provide preventive care for the needy and support for those already stricken. We can't imagine how important that support must be for the stricken, but we would guess it means the world to them.

Each October, we move closer to the realization that, in the long run, breast cancer doesn't stand a chance. We're going to win this fight. But for now, we also know there is still much that needs to be accomplished. And that the real beneficiaries of our efforts might be our children and grandchildren. And we know in our hearts that their betterment is something for which we will fight.

This October, read the latest preventive advice. Consider making a contribution. Join a walk for the cure. And when you see pink, think, "I'm a part of that."

This was my boy, my son, my child

Over the last 23 years I have written many, many stories. Some have been so heartbreaking that I wondered how people managed to wake up in the morning and go on. But then, these tragedies were not happening to me. Until several weeks ago, that is.

It's funny how life can change in an instant and all the things we previously perceived as stressful or upsetting were no more than mere blips on the radar. That is what I remember most about the day I received the call that my son Andy was in the hospital in California with liver failure.

Although I knew Hepatitis B damaged my son's liver several years back, and although he had been hospitalized for a brief period in January with a liver inflammation, he recovered quickly and without problems. Or so I thought.

We were aware that liver failure could happen in the future and he might need a liver transplant, but since he was doing so well, that thought faded from my mind and life went on, as it always does.

I am no pessimist and neither is my son. We both live in the moment and many would say we are eternal optimists. I suppose we both thought that something as serious as liver failure would never happen, but we were wrong.

Initially my son downplayed what was happening 3,000 miles away. From his hospital room we kidded one another over

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

BY CHERYL HEHL

the phone about the merits of our respective football teams — the Giants and the San Diego Chargers — avoiding discussion about his condition. Because he sounded so good — and because the Chargers are doing so bad — I began to breathe a sigh of relief. Maybe things would be okay after all, I thought. But I was wrong.

A day later there were no more calls, no more good-natured ribbing, because my boy became so critically ill he was unable to speak, or at one point, even breath.

My only thought was to get to my son as soon as possible. Even if that meant getting on a plane, something I had not done since 1986. But all that paralyzing fear of flying seemed to melt away as the mother in me took over. I quickly made airline, rental car and hotel reservations and packed, and then I counted the hours until it was time to leave.

Left with only thoughts that did little to calm my fears, I did what any investigative reporter does when faced with a need for information: I research everything I could about liver failure and what might lay ahead for my son. But regardless where I looked, what website popped up, the picture was not encouraging. All my steely

reserve as a journalist did nothing to help me keep things in perspective either. How could it?

This was my boy. The blond, curly-haired baby whose smile melted my heart, who held onto my pinky until he was 14-months-old before he toddled off on his own, led his team to victory when he played Pop Warner football, made beautiful macaroni necklaces in school that I wore proudly to work because my son was the designer.

This was my child. The one who sailed through school with straight A's, never sweated a test, woke up with a smile every morning, and loved Star War's action figures with a passion until he discovered girls.

This was my son. The one who grew to be six feet tall, called me just to talk about a new recipe he was trying, or a basil plant that was growing like a weed. And he was the son who never forgot to say I love you, always forgot the exact day of my birthday but considered it a real milestone this year when he actually called the day before.

He was his mother's son. A terrible speller, not good with names, absentminded at times and quirky. He also smiled all the time, had a sunny, happy attitude about life and rarely let anything get him down.

Although life dealt him a few blows, specifically getting laid off from his job as

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A peek behind the curtain

When Summit Councilman Tom Getzendanner spoke at last week's meeting of the Union County Freeholders, pressing for studying a merger of the County Police with the Sheriff's department, he became part of a diverse group who are giving a closer scrutiny to the budgets and operation of law enforcement.

Getzendanner argued that since only Bergen and Union Counties have separate operations of county police and sheriff's office, it was time to study the possibility of a merger. He saw this as a better path than the privatization of the jail, which is the direction Union County seems pointed. Since Bergen defeated the effort to disband their county police as a tax saving move, Union may not be in any rush on mergers.

Still, the Summit Councilman's move may place him in an eclectic group including a diligent Cranford blogger and the ACLU all arguing that law enforcement is not immune from review regarding their spending. Call it peeking behind the curtains.

From big numbers to the smaller ones, there is a new group of watchdogs on law enforcement spending. Take the case of the unnamed blogger in Cranford who claims to have the big time auto mileage used by the Acting Administrator and Police Chief Eric Mason in a town car. The blogger questions how does a guy with two desk jobs rack up so many miles, but keep in mind it is all conjecture.

But it brings to mind a former Councilman in central Union County who went nothing short of ballistic when spotting the then local chief and his wife cruising at the Jersey Shore in the town's Crown Victoria one weekend. With the Crown Victoria's being phased out, it may be harder to spot personally-cruising law officials.

Every so often, high ranking public officials are brought to task for the use of a publicly paid vehicle. Generally, law enforcement is carved out as an exception. If the Cranford blogger has his way that may all be changed.

More substantially, is the 1500-page report of the ACLU titled "Trial and Error — A Comprehensive Study of Prosecutorial Conduct in New Jersey." It studied prosecutorial abuse at trials. It ended up being a

LEFT OUT

BY FRANK CAPECE

report that took hits from all sides.

County Prosecutors armed with a bevy of in-house developed statistics spoke of the fairness of their operations. It needs to be pointed out that the ACLU generally found the efforts of prosecutors to be even handed. The report still called for increased oversight of county prosecutors by the state.

J.C. Lore III, a prominent law professor at Rutgers, refuted the fairness argument saying there was "under reporting whatever error there is because most criminal cases aren't appealed."

More problematic is the annual study of the offices of the 21 county prosecutors by the New Jersey Law Journal.

The analysis is relied on by the freeholders who yearly must review the budget wish lists of the prosecutors. With the largest population, Essex County leads in the number of prosecutors employed with 127. Bergen has only 53 prosecutors. Hudson County has 67. Despite comparative populations, Middlesex with only 46 and Passaic with 47 fare better than Union County with 64 full-time prosecutors.

And even the ACLU takes it on the chin sometimes. New Jersey Federal Judge Ester Salez declined their effort to delve into the FBI's methods of collecting racial, ethnic and cultural data. She sided with the FBI citing the need to withhold the information summary because of National Security concerns.

One fellow who fought city hall and won was cameraman Kelly Ramos from Trenton. A six-year battle has ended when his efforts at filming gang activity were stopped by police. He was vindicated at the end of the battle. The Court made the point of saying "a reasonable police officer in 2006 could not have believed he had the absolute right to preclude Ramos from videotaping any gang activity."

It does raise the idea of some enterprising fellow filming the budget meetings with various law enforcement agencies next winter when they make their arguments for bigger budgets from the county.

LETTER TO EDITOR

A few tips on voting

To the Editor:

A widely circulated email is making the false claim that anyone who has not voted since 2008 is no longer registered. We of the League of Women Voters of the Union Area want to emphasize that is not true.

Here are the facts: You have to re-register if you have changed your name or address or if you have completed a jail sentence, parole or probation because of a felony conviction. If you are unsure whether you are registered to vote, you can find that information quickly and eas-

ily by using the N.J. Division of Election's website, <http://nj.gov/state/elections/voting-information.html>, or through the League of Women Voters of New Jersey's website, www.lwvny.org. The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, Oct. 16.

On Election Day, Nov. 6, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., the League of Women Voters of New Jersey will staff its toll-free voter assistance hotline. The number is 800-792-VOTE. Remember to vote on Nov. 6.

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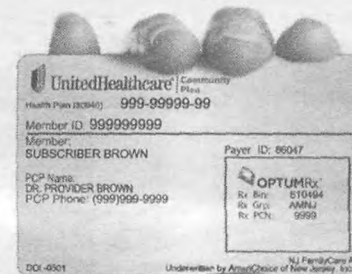
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'God never gives us more than we can handle'

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a graphic artist and web designer, he took it in stride, hoped for the best and applied for every freelance job he could while I continued to assure him the economy was bound to pick up. Just a week or two before he became sick, I even said to him that despite the job situation, "at least you have your health and that is what is important."

Those words would come back to haunt me in the days that followed, echoing in my head, reminding me how care-free we all were before this happened.

As the plane took off for California, climbing high into the azure blue sky, tears slipped slowly down my cheeks as I gazed out the window. Any fear I had of flying seemed so insignificant now compared to the pain I was feeling as a mom. I had spent a good chunk of my life trying to protect my children, to keep them from harm. But this time, there was nothing I could do. This time, it was all in God's hands.

I will never forget how my son looked that night after we landed in San Diego and raced to the hospital. As I cradled him in my arms, my grown son was a little boy once again and I was just his mom, trying to comfort him.

The only difference was that before I could always make things better. But this time I couldn't. There were no easy answers. No solutions. No magic Band Aids.

The reality of this shook me to my core. Three thousand miles from home, we were alone and trying desperately to grasp the scope of what was happening. Not to mention what could happen in the coming days, weeks and months.

It was almost too much for me to bear, but bear it I did thanks to the wonderful, loving support of my husband, friends, family and owners of my newspaper back home. These loving people were always there to listen, support, encourage and offer words of comfort when I was at my lowest. I would have been lost without them.

The days that followed were hard and emotionally grueling. Instead of getting better, my son seemed to grow steadily worse. One crisis left him gasping for air, kidneys shutting down, jaundiced and incoherent. And yet, despite all the terrible complications of liver failure, he lived through it. He was strong, the doctors said, and he wanted to live.

Still on Jersey time, I woke at 3:30 a.m. every morning and stood outside our motel room, staring endlessly at the beautiful palm trees silhouetted against the pre-dawn sky that eventually began to brighten hours later. During that quiet and reflective time I searched for answers, screamed silently that this was not fair, cried a million tears and begged God to not let my son die.

During the day I listened to doctors explain over and

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over that my son's liver was no longer functioning, his kidneys had failed and he would need a transplant. Their clinical words, so devoid of emotion, left me reeling and unable to understand how they could say such things about my son.

What had we done to deserve this? Even though I muttered these words over and over, I knew the answer. Sometimes this was just the way life went. Most of the time the wheel landed on someone else, but this time it didn't. This time it was our turn, my son's turn.

As the days passed, my son's condition became stable, thanks to miraculous medicine that take over the work of the liver and kidneys, wonderful doctors and a hospital that could not do enough to help. My heart broke, though, as I watched my boy struggle weakly to his feet, clinging shakily to a walker while trying bravely to take a few steps. Turning away so he would not see my tears, I could not help but recall his cautious first steps as a toddler. Was it really that long ago?

To say I was broken by my son's illness is an understatement. But knowing I had to eventually get back on that plane and go home made it even more heart wrenching. How does a mother leave her son when he is so sick? What mother would, could?

As I wrestled with this, other nagging thoughts plagued me day and night. Questions like what if he died before his name came up on the list for a transplant? What if he had the transplant and his body rejected it? Everything, including whether he would even live long enough to get a transplant depended on so many variables. Too many. But the reality is there are just not enough available donors for the number of recipients waiting.

The statistics are mind numbing for those whose loved ones need a new liver. This year alone more than 17,000 people will need liver transplants, but only between 5,000 and 6,000 will ever get the opportunity to have the surgery. The rest will either continue to wait while medication tries to do the 125 important things a liver does or grow steadily worse and die.

As of July, 114,712 men, women and children currently need life-saving organ transplants, including heart, kidneys, liver and pancreas. Last year there were 28,535 organ transplants performed throughout the country. Far fewer than needed.

But this story is not unique. The need for organs in general is critical.

Every ten minutes another name is added to the national organ transplant waiting list, while an average of 18 people each day die as a result of a lack of available organs for transplant. But these are just numbers.

What about those waiting for transplants and their loved ones? The mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers, wives, husbands, children, extended families and dear friends? Statistics rarely reflect the deep concern, love, pain, and grief they go through.

Despite statistics not in their favor, potential transplant patients and their families continue to hold out hope for a second chance at life. Even though the likelihood of such a transplant is a miracle at best, there is something every healthy person out there can do to help.

The next time you renew your drivers license, think about checking the box on the back of your license. The one that says you want to donate your organs if you should die in an accident. It's such an easy thing to do and it can save so many lives. Give it some thought, please. There are so many people out there depending on your decision.

You never know whose life you might save. It could be someone like my son.

Until then I will wake up, put one foot in front of the other and just keep breathing. I have found in these last weeks that we are, after all, incredibly resilient human beings. Somehow we manage to deflect the shock of tragedy, put our faith in God and trust that somehow, even the bleakest situation will all work out.

I have no clue what will happen in the coming weeks and months, but I have discovered there are some amazing "angels" out there. With just a touch, hug or kind word they have let me know that none of us walk alone. Just realizing this makes the journey I am on right now so much easier to bear. That and knowing God never gives us more than we can handle.

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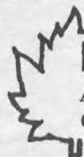
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Election forums scheduled for BOE, town committee

A Board of Education forum will be held Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. in the library of Union High School, 2400 North Third St., with doors opening to the public at 7:40 p.m. Candidates, who have been invited to participate are David A. Arminio, Thomas J. Layden, Shawn P. Ramos, Guy A. Francis and Susana C. Cooley.

The township committee forum will take place at 8 p.m. Oct. 22 in the Union Township Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Ave., with public seating starting at 7:30 p.m. Manuel T. Figueiredo and Anthony Terrezza, Democrats, and Robert T. Deckert and Christopher Hackett, Republicans, are running for the two seats to be filled this year. All have been invited to take part.

Myrna Wasserman will serve as moderator for both events, and both will be televised on Channel 34. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization open to all citizens 18 years of age or older. Further information on the league and its programs is available at www.lwvny.org.

Chamber holds networking event, Oct. 24

A business event will be held at the Union Township Chamber of Commerce's October networking event, on Oct. 24 from 8:30 to 10 a.m., at the YMCA Five Points Wellness Center, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.

Attendees will learn memory techniques and how they can be applied to building more business through creating good relationships instantly. Additionally, participants will learn why remembering a name is worth much to their businesses, how much is the lifetime value of that customer, how to build instant rapport through the art of conversation and how to get referrals without asking.

Conducting the session is Wendy Richmond, known as "WILD Wendy," a professional keynote speaker and human resource professional. She is the author of "How to Create WILD Success Within Your Organization," and creator of www.WILD-WendySpeaks.com. Her partner is Dave

Farrow, two-time Guinness World Record Holder for Memory, and is a certified Farrow Memory speaker. There is a fee for admission. Pre-registration is required by contacting the chamber office at 908-688-2777 or by emailing executivedirector@unionchamber.com.

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce is a professional association organized to unite, strengthen, represent and promote the growth and success of its member businesses.

Jewish Women International begins season Oct. 23

Elaine Ratner, president of the Jewish Women International Batim-Union Chapter, has announced that the first meeting of the fall season will be held on Oct. 23 at the YM-YWHA at 501 Green Lane, Union.

A board meeting will be held at 12:15 p.m. and a general meeting at 1 p.m. Jeanne Major, program chairperson, has invited Laura Sodan, public relations-Resource Department, of the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Hillside, to speak regarding "Feeding America." Sodano also will address "Food for the Homeless."

Members and guests are invited to attend the meeting. It was requested that those who attend bring a non-perishable food donation to the meeting for the Food Bank. Refreshments will be served.

Municipal Band presents concert Oct. 22

The Union Municipal Band, under the direction of John H. Bunnell will present a fall concert Oct. 22 in the Hannah Caldwell School auditorium, 1120 Commerce Ave., Union. Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend.

The concert will include such songs as "God Bless America," "Bandology-Concert March," "Funeral March of a Marionette," "Swing's the Thing," "Night Train," "I've Heard That Song Before," "Don't Get Around Much Anymore" and "Intermezzo" from "Cavalleria Rusticana. Selections from "Annie" will include "It's the Hard Knock Life," "N.Y.C.," "You're Never Fully

Dressed Without a Smile," "Maybe," "Easy Street" and "I Don't Need Anything But You." Also included in these selections are American Legion March, Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna, the overture, with a clarinet solo by Howard Gluckman, "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," John Williams in Concert and selections from "Man of La Mancha." Musicians from Union and the surrounding communities are invited to join the band. For more information, call Bunnell at 973-377-8058.

Library holds event for aspiring authors

New Jersey authors, representatives from the New Jersey Authors Network, will answer such questions on Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. at Union Public Library at 1980 Morris Ave., as "I've finished my first draft, now what?" Plus "What, if any, revision work needs to be done?" "Where can I go for feedback?" How will I know when it's ready to send out, and where should I try first?"

New Jersey authors, John Gibbs, moderator, Alice DiNizo, Mickey Flagg and Kate Lutter, will conduct an informative panel discussion on getting published in today's market, and find out why typing "THE END," is really just the beginning. The program was organized by the New Jersey Authors Network.

The public is invited to this admission-free program. For more information, call reference at 908-851-5452.

Rec. Dept. Halloween Parade set for Oct. 28

Matty Magliacano, director of recreation, has announced that the Union Recreation Department will sponsor its 36th annual Halloween Parade and Costume Contest on Oct. 28. The parade will start at 1:30 p.m. from Axton Avenue South on Stuyvesant Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue and Connecticut Farms School. Judging will take place in the Connecticut Farms School auditorium at 2 p.m.

The costume contest will be toddler to age three, pre-school to kindergarten, grades one and two and grades three and four.

The event is open to Union residents only, toddlers to fourth grade. Parents are required to register their child in person, Monday through Friday, at the Union Recreation Department office, 1120 Commerce Ave., Union, located behind Hannah Caldwell School between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

An evening sign up will be held at the Recreational Department on Oct. 22 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The deadline will be Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. Trophies will be awarded to the winners in the following categories: Most Original, Cartoon Characters, Cutest and Scariest. Registration forms are available in all schools or at the Union Recreational Department office.

Further information can be obtained by calling the Recreation Department at 908-686-4200. In the event of rain, the parade will be cancelled. However, the costumes will be judged in Connecticut Farms School at 2 p.m. The Kawameeh Middle School Marching Band, under the direction of Nancy Schoenberger, will participate in the annual Halloween Parade and Costume Contest.

Vets welcome

Veterans of all years are invited to attend a Veterans' Day celebration on Nov. 7 at 10:15 a.m., prepared by Connecticut Farms School, Union. This is the site where veterans of the American Revolution fought for independence. Uniforms are optional. For more information, call Day Ryan at 908-688-4841.



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ACLU report highlights mistakes, hopes for consequences

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board or the state attorney general's office.

Accountability was severely lacking, the report noted, with assistant prosecutors facing only informal consequences, such as suspension, transfer or dismissal. None were slapped with ethical sanctions, even in the case of the most "egregious errors."

Interestingly, although some courts may have referred these prosecutors to the attorney general or local ethics boards, the report points out that a search of every disciplinary report from Jan. 1, 2001 through Sept. 30, 2011, revealed no instances of any prosecutor being disciplined for in-court behavior.

Furthermore, not one of the 343 prosecutors identified in the report were subjected to discipline, "in stark contrast" to discipline handed out against other categories of attorneys for the same courtroom infractions.

The report found 72 percent of errors committed by assistant prosecutors took place during closing arguments of a trial, followed by 13 percent during witness examination and 7 percent during opening statements. The level of experience of an assistant prosecutor, however, was not a factor.

Alex Shalom, an attorney and the ACLU's counsel, and co-author of the report along with Rutgers's Law School professor George Thomas, warned that while there was a lesson to be learned on a statewide level, the message in general was not as bad as it sounded. Especially for the Union County Prosecutors Office.

"The overwhelming majority of prosecutors do a great job in the state, especially in Union County, but there are not enough good systems in place to ensure that this happens throughout the state," Shalom said Oct. 4 in an interview with *LocalSource*.

Actually, he said, prosecutorial error "is rare," and "that is equally true for Union County."

"Union County does a very good job," he added.

In the report, Shalom noted in the introduction "the primary duty of a prosecutor is not to obtain convictions, but to see that justice is done."

To that end, he said, a prosecutor's duty is two-fold, to refrain from improper methods that result in a wrongful conviction and to ensure legitimate means bring about a just conviction.

"As the United States Supreme Court put it in 1935," Shalom said in the report, "while a prosecutor may strike hard blows, he is not at liberty to strike foul ones."

The report indicated that while most prosecutors discharge their exceptional responsibilities with appropriate respect and remarkable skill, in some cases the "innocent are wrongly convicted."

Shalom said courts reverse convictions when the conduct was so egregious it deprived defendants of a fair trial. Such reversal, he added, addressed potential

harm to defendants but do little to restore public trust.

The report, Shalom said, was to specifically shed light on whether a prosecutor learns from his mistake and avoid similar conduct in the future. Some believe that most do not, especially in Union County.

The Union County numbers, according to one local attorney who has a private practice in the county, were of considerable concern to him.

"I think the numbers are astounding in this report simply because when you compare our numbers to Bergen county, which has almost twice the population we do, the percentage is high," he said.

Bergen County, which has a population of 905,116, compared to Union county, which has 536,499 population, did have a lower percentage of prosecutorial errors, or 7.4 percent compared to Union County, which had 12.7 percent.

Essex County, population 783,969, had the highest number of convictions and the highest percentage of total convictions at 16.8 percent, but they also had the highest number of prosecutorial errors in the state at 16.2 percent. Alarming was the number of harmful errors, which topped the chart at 24.5 percent. This number, according to the ACLU report, was alarming, considering the next highest number was 7.4 percent in the same category.

The report singled out three Essex county prosecutors, highlighting their "egregious errors, which upon occasion were repetitive."

Although most prosecutors throughout the state, the report noted, committed one error during the study period, 10 committed errors in more than one case. Eight prosecutors, including one specific Bergen county prosecutor, Assistant Prosecutor David Calviello, were found to have committed errors in three or more cases.

Noteworthy, though, was the fact that in 70 percent of the cases investigated by the ACLU using the Open Public Records Act, the error occurred during prosecutor's closing statements.

Attorneys contacted by *LocalSource* last week felt the percentages in the ACLU report did not accurately reflect the low number of prosecutorial errors actually taking place. Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow agreed.

"We have the second highest number of criminal trials to completion, and the fifth largest prosecutor's department in the state," he explained, noting, for example, that during the six year period examined by

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the ACLU, there were 350 adult jury trials completed in the county, along with 358 juvenile trials, or more than 700 cases.

"Considering there were only 4 errors found and two of those were court errors, that is less than one-half of one percent," Romankow added.

Between January 2005 and May 2011, 47 case decisions were reversed because of mistakes by the court, Romankow said. These included instructional errors, procedural errors, ineffective counsel or evidentiary issues.

"That's not to blame the judges," the prosecutor said, pointing out that "because the law is interpretive, that leaves it open to mistakes."

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"The question is, what do you do after a mistake is made," he said, asking "do you learn from it?"

The ACLU is recommending the state keep a centralized database to track prosecutor errors so it is easier to identify patterns among prosecutors, while providing increased training, supervision and discipline to decrease the error rate.

Romankow agreed completely with this, explaining that he has been proactive in this area.

"We have 24 attorneys that are criminally certified," he said, adding that this is the highest number in the state for prosecutor's offices.

"No one comes this close," Romankow added, pointing out that not even the state attorney general's office has that high of a number of criminally certified

assistant prosecutors.

Romankow also mentioned that in order to maintain this number and keep the percentage of prosecutorial errors down, he sponsors continuing legal education classes.

The ACLU report, however, noted this is the exception throughout the state, rather than the rule when it comes to other counties.

"With a few notable exceptions, New

Jersey' prosecutors' offices only rarely have policies mandating training, supervision or discipline to prevent prosecutorial error," the report indicated, suggesting extra time be spent training assistant prosecutors or create an informal system to penalize and reward prosecutors.

One thing is certain, Shalom said, some counties succeed more than others in minimizing the incidence of prosecutorial error and Union County happens to be one of them.

The cost of prosecutorial error along with police misconduct, the report indicated, actually contributed to the wrongful conviction of at least 46 people in the United States who were later exonerated.

But, even when prosecutorial error does not result in the conviction of an innocent person, society in general, along with crime victims in particular, still pay "deeply troubling costs."

Financially, the reversal of a conviction triggers the potential for exceptionally costly retrials, the ACLU report said, adding this toll includes emotional harm and a "cost" in terms of justice.

Shalom said the financial costs are the easiest to calculate because trials are expensive. Taxpayers fund the prosecution, the judge, jury, court staff, security and often even the defense attorney's fees. These costs explain the rarity of criminal trials.

For example, between July 2009 and June 2010, 54,339 indictments were returned statewide, 37,522 were resolved by way of a guilty plea, 379 by acquittal and 561 by conviction after trial.

"In other words, only 1.7 percent of indictments resulted in trials and indicted defendants were 39.9 times as likely to plead guilty than go to trial," Shalom said.

The emotional toll is not as easy to quantify, the report noted. The unpredictable nature and high stakes of jury verdicts often drains victims and their families emotionally.

"Despite their testimony, they have no assurance that the alleged perpetrator will be convicted," the report noted. And, the sense of relief a victim may feel after a jury has returned a guilty verdict quickly unravels if that conviction is reversed, the authors of the report said.

Initially on the defensive of how the county handles criminal trials, Romankow also had praise for the ACLU report.

"I think it's a good report and I commend the work that went into it," the prosecutor said.

Police departments respond to many incidents

Union

• Sept. 28: Union police made an arrest at a motor vehicle stop on 2329 Route 22 of Sukadere Spencer for warrants.

• Sept. 29: Jorge Sire was arrested at a motor vehicle stop by a Union police officer at 2391 Route 22 for warrants.

• Sept. 29: At a motor vehicle stop at 2317 Route 22, Donald McClain was arrested for possession of CDS.

• Sept. 30: On Route 22, an arrest was made of Carlismar Azevedo for eluding, resisting arrest and an assault on a Union police officer during a pursuit by a police sergeant.

• Sept. 30: Union police investigated a motor vehicle theft on Van Ness Terrace of NJ Reg WLW34Y 2005 black Dodge Caravan. It was taken some time in the afternoon.

• Oct. 1: A Union police officer made an arrest on Vauxhall Road of Naquan Fairley for possession of CDS and warrant and of Katherine Hughes for possession of CDS and DWI during a motor vehicle investigation.

• Oct. 1: Union police responded to a report of a theft on 2234 Morris Ave. of steel grates from a parking lot by two black males in NJ Reg U74ALG four-door black 2009 Chevy Impala.

• Oct. 1: An arrest was made on Vauxhall Road by police at a motor vehicle stop of Yvonne Holzinger for warrants.

• Oct. 1: Musaleem Williams was arrested on 900 Springfield Road by a Union police officer for shoplifting and warrants.

• Oct. 1: An arrest was made on Stuyvesant Avenue during a motor vehicle stop by a police officer. Corey Robinson was arrested for possession of paraphernalia and DWI.

POLICE BLOTTER

• Oct. 2: Union police responded to a report of shoplifting at Wal-Mart. Two juvenile shoplifters were arrested.

• Oct. 4: An arrest was made by two Union policemen on Morris Avenue during a motor vehicle stop of Jayantibh Patel for DWI.

Linden

• Oct. 4: Linden police responded at 9:40 a.m. to the Wells Fargo Bank, 705 W. St. George Avenue, on a report of a robbery. A female bank teller told officers that a man approached her and demanded cash after stating that he had a gun, although no weapon was seen. The teller handed him approximately \$1,500 cash, and the man walked out the door. He is described as a white male, late 20s, with eyeglasses, five feet six inches, wearing a tan shirt and tan cap. An eyewitness told police that the suspect may have entered a silver Honda Civic driven by a second person which had been parked about a block away.

The Linden Police Detective Bureau and the FBI, Newark Division, are investigating the robbery. Anyone with information, is asked to contact Det. David Dehler at 908-474-8538 or by way of e-mail at crimetips@police.linden-nj.org.

Roselle Park

• Oct. 6: Roselle Park Patrolman Richard Gaylord stopped a 2002 Toyota at 2:18 a.m. for traffic violations near the area of West Westfield Avenue at Gordon Street. During the ensuing investigation, the driver was unable to provide a valid license or identification, but identified himself as Jamar Robinson. Patrolman Gaylord was unable to locate records for Robinson. Dur-

ing a second interview with him, Robinson admitted that his true name was William C. Moody, 30, of Roselle. Moody stated that he lied because he had warrants for his arrest. Gaylord then located a Cranford warrant for \$562 and a Bloomfield warrant for \$500. Moody also was found in possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Moody also was charged with hindering apprehension for providing a false name. He was released on a summons after posting bail for the warrants.

At 8:30 p.m., Roselle Park police responded to East Westfield Ave. for a report of a burglary to an apartment.

Patrolman Matthew Hopkins found the victim's apartment door had been pried open. Once inside, the suspect or suspects ransacked the bedroom and stole jewelry and electronics. A canvas of the building revealed no other burglaries or damaged property. Police did find that the common exterior doors had been left ajar. Detectives responded and processed the crime scene. The burglary appears to have been committed between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. Anyone with information about the burglary is urged to contact the Roselle Park Police Department at 908-2345-2300.

IN MEMORIAM

BATIC — Joseph A., of Springfield; Sept. 29. Owned extermination company; a beekeeper.

BELFIORE — Salvatore "Sal," of Roselle Park; Oct. 1. Was retired maintenance man.

BERTELSON — Jay M., of Cranford; Oct. 6. Was laboratory supervisor; softball coach.

BONGIOVANNI — Petronilla "Penny" M., of Kenilworth; Sept. 30. Was member of St. Theresa's Church.

BUTLER — Dollie Mae, formerly of Linden; Sept. 29. Was retired cosmetic engineering and cook.

CARAVELLO — Louis A., of Kenilworth; Oct. 4. Was retired business administrator.

CERQUEIRA — Mario D., formerly of Union; has died. Was operating engineer.

CZUJAK — Anna, of Cranford; Oct. 2. Participated in SAGE Elder Care.

DI LEO — Angelo, formerly of Hillside; has died. Was retired Hillside firefighter.

DOMINICK — Margaret, of Rahway; Oct. 3. Won senior citizen trophies.

EASTER — Marvin, of Hillside; Oct. 2. Funeral services in Newark.

EFODILI — Manny, of Linden; Oct. 2. Was owner-operator of Linden company.

ELDER — Karen Renee, of Union; Oct. 2. Was longtime Weight Watchers instructor.

FARLEY — Donna I., of Hillside; Oct. 1. Was a medical billing clerk.

FINNERTY — Mary C., of Mountainside; Sept. 30. Was retired computer analyst.

FISCHBEIN — Harriet, of Union, formerly of Springfield; Oct. 2. retired hospital medical secretary.

GALLO — Marie D., of Linden; Oct. 1. Was retired registered nurse.

HOFFMANN — Mary, formerly of Summit; Oct. 1. Was a visiting nurse.

IVONE — Catherine, of Kenilworth; Oct. 6. Was past president of Rosary Society.

JACKSON — Bertha H., of Roselle; Sept. 29. Was longtime school crossing guard.

JONES — Douglas Lee, of Linden; Sept. 30. Was union laborer.

KOS — Michael, of Clark; Oct. 3. Worked on assembly line of GM.

LUBNIEWSKI — Frederick P., of Clark; Was telephone systems analyst.

MAJOR — Betty Ann, of Union; Sept. 22. Was a Navy veteran.

MALTZ — Marvin, of Hillside; Oct. 3. Was retired owner-operator of Springfield company.

MARGARET L., of Summit; Sept. 25. Was a home health aide.

MARTIS — Edward S., of Linden; Was chef and tavern owner.

McLEOD — Bronique Mary, formerly of Union; Oct. 2. Died at age 24.

NAYMOLA — Adele, formerly of Union; Oct. 4. Was former waitress.

PAJONK — Horst K., of Roselle; Oct. 2. Was retired construction worker.

PALMER — Edwin J., of Rahway; Oct. 4. Was squad captain.

POSYTON — Ronald H. Sr., of Westfield; Oct. 2. Was on advisory committee of two congressmen.

ROMANO — Antonio, of Clark; Oct. 3. Retired from General Motors.

RYAN — Phyllis H., formerly of Cranford; Sept. 29. A leader in school organizations.

SWIDERSKI — Boguslawa F., of Union; Oct. 4. Was line technician.

UHLIG — Eugene M., of Clark; Oct. 2. Was in Navy during World War II.

UNTERWALD — John M. Jr., of Springfield; Sept. 18. Was World War II veteran.

VITOLO — Harry, of Springfield; Oct. 3. Worked for elevator company.

ZAKRZESKI — Stella A., of Linden; Oct. 3. Was member of several clubs.

OBITUARIES

Ronald H. Posyton Sr.

Ronald H. Posyton Sr. of Westfield, N.J., passed away Tuesday at Overlook Medical Center with his loving family by his side. He was 77.

Visitation was held on Friday October 5, 2012 at the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Ave., Westfield, N.J. A service was held on Saturday at the funeral home. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery, Westfield. Condolences can be sent to:

www.higginsandbonner.com

Born in Elizabeth, N.J., Ronald resided in Westfield, N.J., with his wife, Carol, where they raised a loving family. He was a partner with Smith Cadillac in Elizabeth, N.J., before becoming a consultant with McGuire Cadillac in Woodbridge, N.J.

He was a chairman and co-founder of Crime Stoppers, president and Man of the Year, N.J. Division for the American Cancer Society. He was on the advisory board for Elizabeth Development and served on the advisory

committee for both Congressman Matthew Rinaldo and Congressman Robert Franks.

He was on the advisory board for Cadillac on the Northeast and a board member for several financial institutions in New Jersey and for both the Westfield YMCA and Evergreen Cemetery.

He was an incredible volunteer who gave his time and energy to helping others. He will be missed by all who loved him and knew him.

Ronald was predeceased by his parents, Lucius and Anita Positan, and two brothers, Robert and Wayne. Surviving are his devoted wife, Carol (nee: Costine); his loving children, daughter, Elizabeth Harbaugh and her husband, Mark; his son, Ronald Jr.; daughter, Jill Berry and her husband, Stephen; he was the cherished grandfather of nine and dear brother of Russell Posyton.

When a good man dies, it diminishes the light in all of us.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Westfield Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson St., Westfield, N.J. 07090.

Obituaries are special notices submitted by Funeral Directors or families to be published on these pages and online. To place a paid obituary fax 908-686-4169 or send an email to obits@thelocalsource.com. Obituaries must be received by noon Monday. Family and friends' submissions must include sender's name, address, phone and the name of the funeral home. Call 908-686-7850 for assistance.

LINDEN NEWS

Linden High School Class of 1942 to hold 70th reunion, Oct. 13

A 70th reunion for the Linden High School Class of 1942 will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, from noon to 4 p.m. on the third floor of the new Linden Public Library, 31 East Henry St. A luncheon will be served, and a tour of the new library will be offered at the end of the program.

To make a reservation, contact Doris at Djhenel@aol.com.

62nd Annual Halloween Parade ready to march

The 2012 Linden Halloween Committee and the Department of Public Property and Community Services have announced that

there are plans for the 62nd Annual Halloween Parade. The committee has extended an invitation to all who are interested in helping with this year's parade and other committee sponsored activities. Meetings are held at Linden Public Library on East Henry Street. Meetings have been held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. since Sept. 5 and will conclude on Oct. 24.

The 62nd annual parade will be held on Oct. 28 at 2 p.m., rain or shine. There will be children and adults in costume, dancers, singers, fire engines, police vehicles, antique cars, bands and floats. It was reported that approximately 10,000 people attended the parade last year.

This year, the main reviewing stand will be in front of City Hall and a second reviewing stand will be in front of School No. 1. The public can bring its own folding

chairs and view the parade from the School No. 1 lawn.

Alfred A. Volpe, the former Linden superintendent of recreation, has been selected as this year's Halloween Parade grand marshal. Volpe served the city's Recreation Department in excess of 40 years and is reportedly credited with developing one of the best recreation departments in the state of New Jersey.

To participate in any way or by marching as a group, individual or enter a decorated vehicle or float of any size, call 908-474-8600 or visit www.linden-nj.org.

The Linden Halloween Committee and the Department of Public Property and Community Services have also announced their annual Poster Painting Contest.

This contest is open to Linden school students grades kindergarten through 12th grade. The theme is Halloween and all entries must be received by either an art teacher or the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., Linden, no later than Oct. 15.

Pictures can be made from construction paper, cardboard, or any other related materials.

Entries must have name, address, school teacher and trade imprinted on a small card securely attached to the back. This is very important.

Any materials can be used to decorate: glitter, fringe, or fabric. The poster is to be done in school, if a student has art this semester. If the student does not have art,

posters can be done at home with paint or chalk. There are no limitations. Judging will be conducted on Oct. 16.

Ham and yams fundraiser to benefit the library

The Friends of the Linden Library will hold a ham and yams dinner as a fundraiser to help offset costs for future technology purchases.

The dinner will be held at the Gregorio Center, 330 Helen St., Linden, on Oct. 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. To purchase tickets and for more information, call Doris Matey at 908-862-6654.

Free health screening for Linden residents, Oct. 26

The Department of Public Property and Community Services will hold a free Health Screening for all Linden residents at the Linden Multi-Purpose Center at 1025 John St. on Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Screening will include: a glucose test, blood pressure, health lectures and demonstrations and flu shots.

Proof of Linden residency is required. For more information, call 908-474-8639.

Knit for a cause in Linden

The Department of Public Property and Community Services has formed a "Knitting and Crocheting for a Cause" group and has invited people of all ages, young adult through senior citizens, to join.



Creamy Spinach and Pasta

Satisfying and easy to prepare, this quick pasta dish is a bit decadent and mostly uses items from the freezer and pantry. Frozen spinach is a simple way to include healthy greens in your meals.

Ingredients

1/3 lb. angel hair pasta
Olive oil
1 1/2 cups frozen spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
1/4 cup heavy cream or canned fat-free evaporated milk, for fewer calories
2 garlic cloves, minced
Optional: 1 pinch nutmeg
Almonds, sliced and toasted
Crushed red pepper

Method

Cook pasta in boiling water until tender.

Meanwhile, add 1 tsp. olive oil to the spinach and saute in a large frying pan until heated through.

Push spinach to the side of the pan and saute the garlic in a little more olive oil until translucent.

Add the cream or evaporated milk and stir all ingredients together. Add the nutmeg, if using.

Add spinach mixture to the cooked pasta.

Top with a handful of almonds and crushed red pepper.

Serves 2-3

Alma Schneider, licensed clinical social worker and self-trained chef, provides individual sessions and group workshops helping individuals overcome their practical and psychological obstacles to cooking. Alma has been featured on the "Today" show on NBC TV, the TV Land network, and in Family Circle Magazine for her Community Work in N.J. Her nonprofit, Give Back the Kitchen, offers assistance to at-risk populations to help overcome the obstacles to healthy cooking. A cookbook is in the works! For more information, contact her at alma@takebackthekitchen.com or visit her website at www.takebackthekitchen.com.

What's Going On?

FAIR

SATURDAY October 20, 2012

EVENT: CRAFT FAIR
PLACE: Holy Spirit School, Morris Avenue & Suburban Road, Union
TIME: 10AM - 3PM
PRICE: FREE ADMISSION.
Vendors Welcome
Food, crafts and more!
ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by: Holy Spirit School

RUMMAGE SALE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY October 19,20, 2012

EVENT: Annual Rummage Sale
PLACE: United Methodist Church of Linden (next to City Hall), 321 North Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ.
TIME: Friday, 9am-12noon
Saturday, 9am-12noon
PRICE: Free Admission.
DETAILS: Men, Women and Children Clothing, Jewelry, Linens, Shoes, White Elephant items. For More Information Call Doris 908-486-5571.
ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by The United Methodist Church of Linden.

OTHER

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13, 2012

EVENT: ATTIC TREASURE SALE
PLACE: 20 Old Indian Road (off Prospect Avenue), West Orange
TIME: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
ADMISSION: FREE
DETAILS: Huge sale of quality goods with fair prices: Holiday decorations, furniture, toys, child's bike, baby equipment, housewares, books, jewelry, accessories, kitchenware. Call (973)731-1868. On the web: www.upcwo.org
ORGANIZATION: United Presbyterian Church of West Orange.

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'A Chorus Line' still delivers the goods at Playhouse

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

The highly sparked energy that emanated from the stage Sunday afternoon at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn appeared to electrify every member of the completely filled audience from the very moment the curtain went up on "A Chorus Line."

Seventeen young people pounded the stage, dancing their hearts out, and it was much more than "One Singular Sensation," with a full-length mirror in the background that appeared to double the number of performers. To borrow a line from the dialogue, the dancers were all "very special." Incredibly so. Although there were many astounding moments in the musical, the most astonishing of all was the fact that by the end of play, the audience was familiar with the personal lives of every one of the 17 performers. And it was all done in one act of two hours and 10 minutes.

Mark S. Hoebee, producing artistic director, and Todd Schmidt, managing director, are to be congratulated for selecting the nearly 40-year-old "A Chorus Line" for its season's opening. And Mitzi Hamilton, too, who restaged the original direction and choreography in a difficult show with absolute perfection. She had been with "A Chorus Line" from its very beginnings, when it was merely a workshop, and she played the role of Val when it reached Broadway. The musical, which garnered a Tony Award and a Pulitzer Prize, originally had been conceived, choreographed and directed by Michael Bennett, with a book by James Kirkwood and Nicholas Dante, music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by Edward Kleban. Later that evening, the Paper Mill Playhouse offered a tribute to

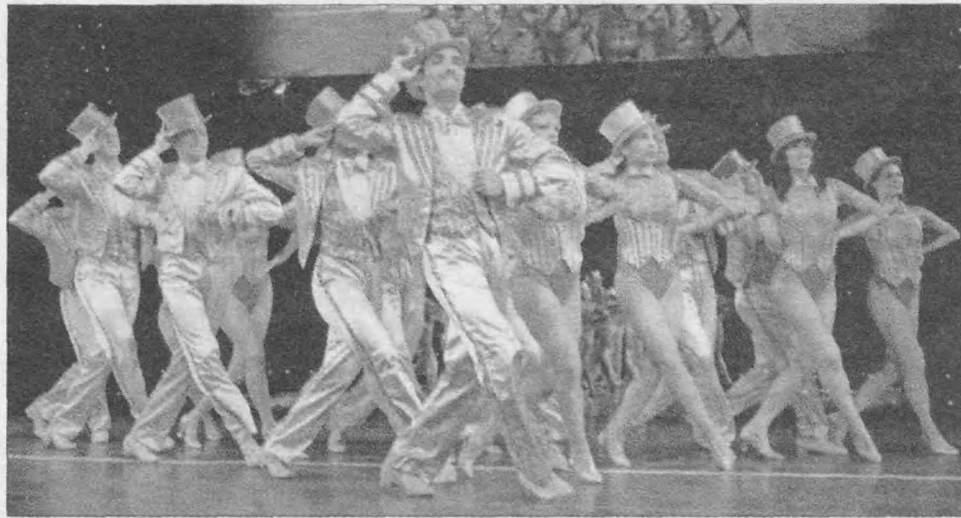


Photo by Jerry Dalia

'A Chorus Line' is now being staged at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

Hamlisch; more than 100 people came on stage to honor the late composer, who died this past August.

The musical play is set at an audition, the third and final callback for a forthcoming Broadway show, during which four males and four females must be selected from the 17 who have applied for the "jobs." And all of them have varied personalities: creative, anxious, ambitious and, apparently, in desperate need of this "job," which would be a dream come true. So, when the whole company dances to and sings "I Hope I Get It," the audience does, too.

Among those dancers who applied are two in particular; Val, beautifully portrayed by Ashley Arcement, more of a professional dancer than the rest, a former lover of the musical's director, Zach, and in conflict with him — Martin Harvey was exceptional

in the role — and Sheila, marvelously played by Rachele Rak, adorned in a flesh-colored costume, attempting to appear so provocative that the director would be unable to guess her age.

Outstanding among the music, smoothly provided by John O'Neill, music director and conductor, and the dancing are "I Can Do That," impressively done by Mark Myers; "And," by Kyle Vaughn, Kevin Curtis, Arcement and Julia Freyer; "At the Ballet," Rak, Nikka Graff Lanzarone and Karley Willocks; and "Sing!" Amanda Rose and Mike Cannon. The wonderful solos were offered by such fine, talented performers as Gabrielle Ruiz, who sang "Nothing," and "What I Did For Love" with the company; Arcement with "Dance," "Ten," "Looks" and "Three," and Cassie Lee Goldyn in "The Music and the Mirror."

Thanks to an exceptional script, the audience learns so much about the private lives of all of these people that it sympathizes with their problems, understands their various backgrounds and truly becomes emotionally involved in the outcome of their hard work — really back-breaking work — in coordinating dance. And there is a particular moment when one of the male dancers falls to the ground due to a recent knee operation, and must be carried away that every one of the 16 remaining dancers feels the emotional impact of what they would do in the future, and what would happen to their dreams, should something like that happen to them.

In the end, the eight who are selected also provides provocative moments with the cast and the audience. There are several rare occasions in "A Chorus Line" in which the story dates itself with references to the period of time in which the play was written — nearly four decades ago — but it is overpowered by what is happening on stage.

The extraordinary finale provided various mirrors that allowed an audience to marvel at the angles of dance by the whole company. Plaudits must go to James Dardenne for the scenic design, Tharon Musser for the original lighting design, Randy Hansen for sound design, Robin Wagner for original scenic design, Gail Baldoni for costume coordination and additional design and Julie Duro for adapting the lighting design.

"A Chorus Line," which will dance for audiences until Oct. 28, is an absolute must-see experience. After all, one doesn't want to wait another 40 years to applaud this rare and fascinating piece of entertainment.

Classic readings for rose lovers worldwide

One of my favorite horticultural subjects is roses, and I have lots of books on them. "In Search of Lost Roses," Thomas Christopher's 2002 book on "rose rustling" and the discovery of old rose varieties in out-of-the-way places, is one of the best.

Another is "A Rose by Any Name," written by Douglas Brenner and Steven Scanniello and published in 2009. The book is a great resource and a good read, full of stories about all kinds of roses and the people, places and things for whom they were named.

No rose library would be complete without some of the works of Graham Stuart Thomas, the great British rosarian. The volume I have, "The Graham Stuart Thomas Rose Book," is a 1994 compendium of three older books on old and new shrub and climbing roses. It is illustrated with Thomas's own botanical watercolors, which are glorious. But the best rose book by far is "The Quest for the Rose," by Roger Phillips and Martyn Rix.

Published in 1993 and still widely available in libraries and through used book-

THE GARDENER'S APPRENTICE

BY ELISABETH GINSBURG

sellers connected to major book retailers, this book is a classic that every rose lover should own.

Phillips and Rix have collaborated on many books, each of which has been distinguished by gorgeous photography and first-rate scholarship and information. Phillips, who was originally trained as an artist, is the principal photographer. Earlier in his career — which now spans decades — he made a major contribution to the field of horticultural photography by photographing plants and plant parts against a neutral background, arranged much as they were in old florilegia. This technique is used throughout the book and is part of what makes it so beautiful.

Rix is a botanist and longtime author; he has been affiliated with the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley, and has served as editor of Curtis's Botanical Mag-

azine, a classic, illustrated, gardening periodical that has been published continuously for well over a century.

Rix and Phillips logged thousands of miles of travel for "The Quest for the Rose," hunting down the origins of rose culture in China, galumphing around the western United States in search of old "cemetery roses," and making stops in Australia and New Zealand to track the spread of rose culture in those countries. The book would be worth owning for the photographs alone, but there is so much more in it.

The authors proceed from history to travelogue, tracking down the species roses that are the ancestors of all ancient and modern cultivars. The sections on China, a cradle of rose diversity, are fascinating. China's history of rose culture is critical to understanding the development of modern roses. Interspersed throughout the book are stories of prominent rose breeders, past and present.

I find it interesting to track connections among rose breeders. Long ago, I interviewed the widow and daughter of profes-

sor Griffith Buck, a mid-20th-century rose breeder and faculty member at Iowa State University. Buck, who bred scores of tough, beautiful roses, started on that path as a teenager after reading about Spanish rose breeder Pedro Dot, who is profiled by Phillips and Rix.

Contemporary rose lovers are not forgotten, as the authors spotlight hundreds of cultivars from around the world. These are sometimes photographed in Phillips' "florilegium" style, but more often pictured on the bush in garden situations. In most instances, information about various varieties' parentage is also given. Because of the book's publication date, you will not find varieties introduced during the last 20 years, but many traditional favorites — such as Double Delight, Sterling Silver and Peace — are there in all their glory.

Don't let the lack of new cultivar information stop you from buying "The Quest for the Rose."

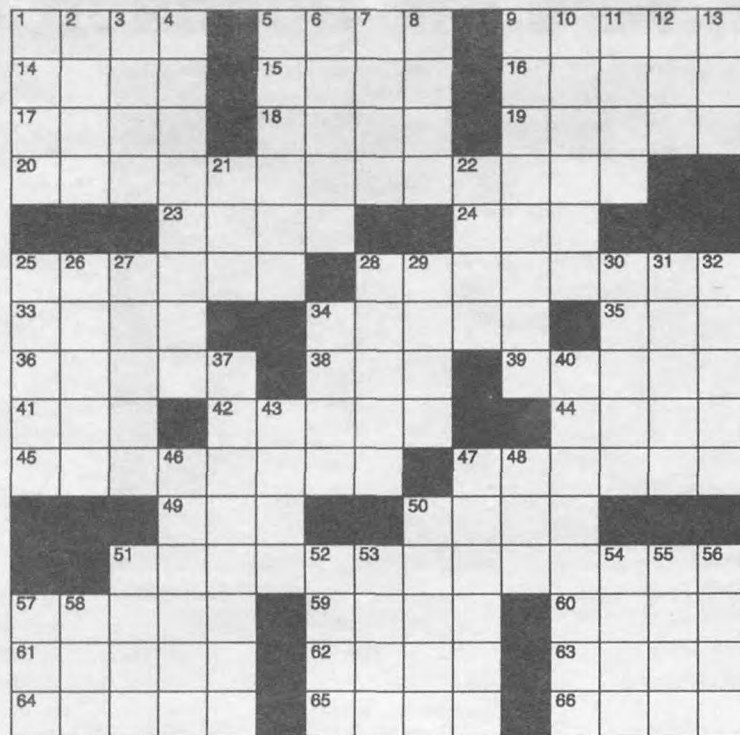
The Internet can supply all the information you need on newer varieties. For help, visit www.helpmefind.com/roses.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Free from danger
5. Dull in appearance
9. Mothers
14. Grand ___ racing
15. Department in France
16. Into a state of difficulty
17. Two-toed sloth
18. Printing liquids
19. Genus Bouteloua grasses
20. Jagger's band
23. Pulls
24. No longer is
25. Waldorf and tossed
28. In constant agitation
33. Actor Ladd
34. Spanish diacritical mark
35. No (Scottish)
36. Fruit pastries
38. A male ferret
39. Strike with fear
41. Australian flightless bird
42. ET says, "___ home"
44. Minerals
45. Personal backgrounds
47. Purplish red
49. Major division of geological time
50. Chapeaux
51. Guitarist in 20 across
57. Ivanhoe author Sir Walter
59. New Rochelle college
60. Scoring area
61. Donate income regularly
62. Carthage queen
63. Beige
64. Cow emitted sound
65. Endymion, 1st King of
66. Japanese rice beverage

ANSWERS APPEAR IN
OUR CLASSIFIED SECTION



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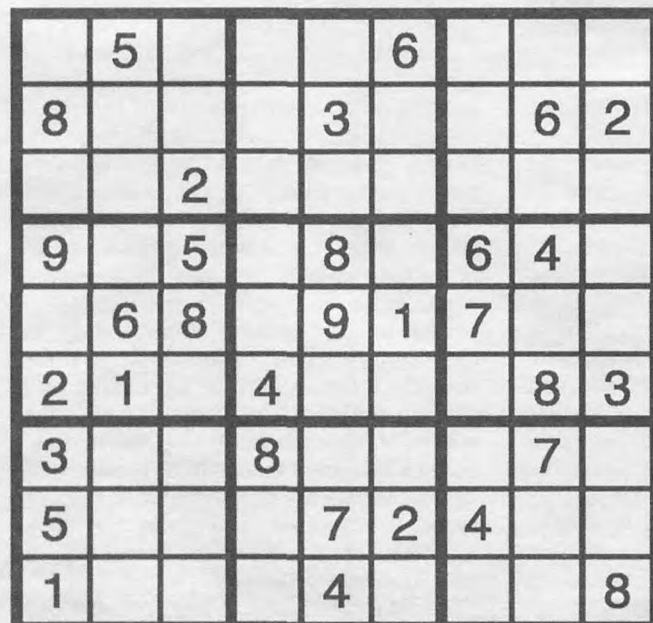
1. Cowboy's boot prod
2. River in Florence
3. Small liquid container
4. Triumphantly happy
5. Deeds, actions or events
6. Surrounds
7. Requests
8. Superlative of "good"
9. Tycoons
10. Start anew
11. Extinct ratites
12. OM
13. Patti Hearst's captors
21. Method of birth control
22. Indebted to
25. Dulled by surfeit
26. 1836 siege of U.S.
27. Gull genus
28. Imaginary perfect places
29. Czech & German River
30. 3rd largest Finland lake
31. Nostrils
32. Long necked birds
34. Norse god of thunder
37. Lively & energetic
40. Prom flowers
43. Degree of warmth
46. Boil over with anger
47. Chocolate trees
48. Israeli airport code
50. Official language of India
51. Japanese stringed instrument
52. Prevent from being seen
53. Churn up
54. Cape near Lisbon
55. Not light
56. Change direction abruptly
57. Immediate memory (abbr.)
58. AFL-___: labor organization

SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWER APPEAR IN
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Level: Beginner

HOROSCOPE

ARIES, March 21 to April 20.

Aries, you may need some creative strategies to clear up some conflicts in your schedule this week. You must be quite popular since you have so much going on.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21.

Taurus, there's so much to get done this week that you may not know where to begin. Making a list of your responsibilities may help you get organized.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21.

Gemini, you may be on the fence about making a large purchase, but the stars indicate that now could be a good time to buy and things will work in your favor financially.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22.

Cancer, instead of rushing along through the daily grind, take some time to slow down and enjoy the scenery along the way. This will help you clear your head and relax.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23.

Leo, the weekend will not be fun unless you finish up all of your work at the office. Don't procrastinate and leave all the difficult tasks until next week.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22.

Virgo, there are serious things to consider with respect to your family life, and not all of the conversations will go your way. Be patient and work through everything a little at a time.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23.

Libra, whether feedback from work is positive or negative, rest assured that hard work will ultimately garner some recognition. Keep working hard and all will work out.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22.

No one is going to know how you feel unless you speak up, Scorpio. Don't sink into the shadows; get out in the open and have your voice heard.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21.

Projects around the house seem to grow with every passing day, Sagittarius. If you do not think you can get them all done on your own, it may be time to hire a professional.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20.

Experiencing car troubles, Capricorn? This may be the ideal time to go shopping for a new vehicle. A new ride can lift your spirits and put to rest those fears about your current vehicle.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18.

Don't work yourself silly, Aquarius. It's good to be productive and company-minded, but not if it comes at the price of your health. Recharge before you tackle anything else.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20.

Pisces, while it can be challenging to sit idle, lazy days are very often great ways to catch up on some rest and personal time.

Newark author finds a 'niche' with 'Weathering the Storm'

"Weathering the Storm," a romantic novel, recently written and self-published by Kenya L. Noel of Newark, tells a rough and tough interesting story of what can happen to a young, independent woman, who appears to have trouble maintaining a relationship.

Noel, who has been a certified substitute teacher for the past seven years in a Newark charter school, mentioned during a recent chat that she always wanted to write.

"I have always been a writer," she admitted. "I worked on my school newspaper, and I write short stories and screenplays. Basically, I write a lot while I'm in church." She explained that she was inspired to write "Weathering the Storm" during a church visit when the pastor "was talking about trading talents with something bigger. He was my inspiration. I had a journal in which I used to write my thoughts. I just decided to turn it into something bigger."

It took Noel two years to write the novel. "While I was writing it," she admitted, "I felt that something incredible was happening to me."

Noel has introduced a lovely young woman, Chloe Douleur, to her reading public; someone who was unable to cope with the fact that her lover of six years has left her. And in the beginning, in a very depressed state of mind, turns to alcohol and drugs and ends up overnight in jail. The fact that she is able to straighten herself out, maintain a mentor, motivational, teaching job, and an appropriate apartment, leads Chloe to various unfortunate affairs — and one that causes a near disaster.

Before long, through sheer neglect in her kitchen, she causes a fire in her apartment. After obtaining another apartment in Newark, she had a feud with a cousin, Penny, who was a madam, professionally, and with whom she was residing. Chloe eventually threw her out when she discovered Penny was a thief and had stolen her credit card.

Through bouts with loneliness, and after posting her picture and a biography online, Chloe met a charming man she felt she could love. His name was Scott, and he lived in the Bronx. That didn't keep her from traveling from New Jersey

and visiting him occasionally. It was after Scott broke up with her that she met her real nemesis, Connard, who lived in Harlem, but practically resided in her apartment.

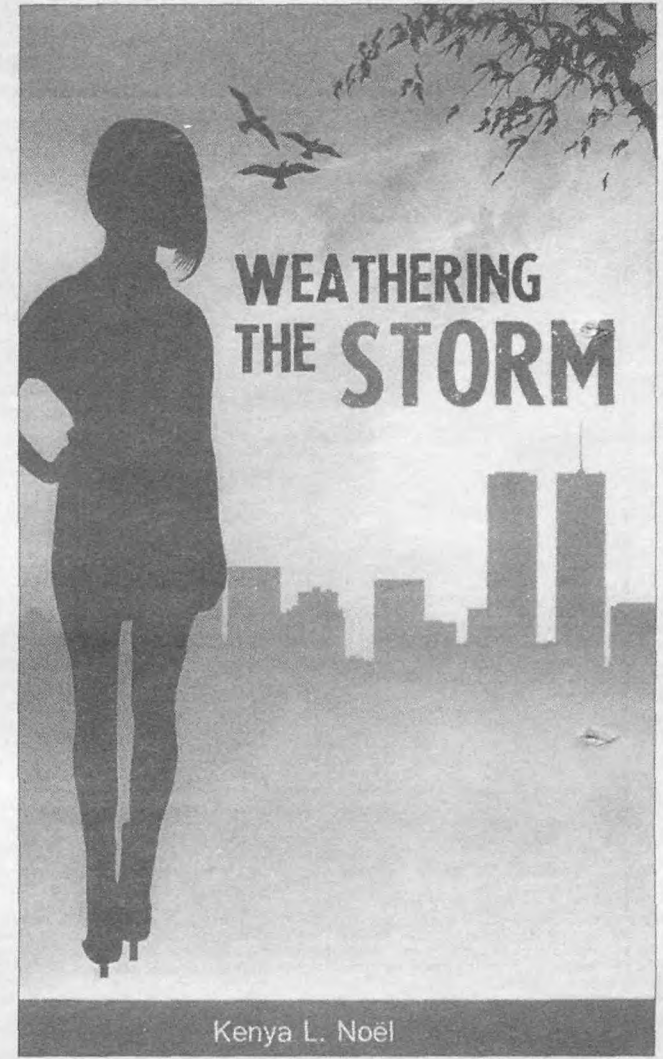
Before long, Connard seemed to become a permanent resident, and Chloe found herself cooking for him, buying his food and even lending money to him. He spent hours in her home, taking drugs, and controlling her as no man had ever controlled her. It wasn't long after she finally managed to throw him out of her apartment, that she learned that he was married and then was contacted by the police in a search for him. Connard had several aliases, was wanted for murder and drug trafficking. Now, Chloe felt threatened, and bedded a few other men, who could protect her from him.

The author, who was born in Orange, became a part of the Orange High School newspaper, *The Tornado*, and worked her way up to the position of sports writer and sports editor. She graduated from Rutgers University, where she received a degree in psychology, and had a minor in English. She had worked as a flight attendant at one time in her life. And while writing her first book, Noel decided to start her own publishing company, C & K Publishing, LLC/Ken in South Orange.

She currently resides in Newark with her 7-year-old son. "Weathering the Storm" is not without raw, sexual scenes and foul language. But they appear to be appropriate to Noel's story line. The story, itself, has an intriguing effect on a reader despite the fact that it could have been edited more carefully. The author explained that she is working on a sequel to the book called "Weathering the Storm Part II."

"I've added a couple of more characters," said Noel, "and I'm keeping most of the characters from the first book. Right now, I have a rough draft — a blueprint, which I'm hoping will turn into a good novel."

"Weathering the Storm" has found a niche on the shelf of this reviewer's bookcase and will probably make room for the sequel in its new home.



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HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following ordinances published herewith have been passed by the Township Council at a meeting held at the Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, on October 3, 2012 and approved by the Mayor on October 5, 2012.

O-12-017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE CODE AT CHAPTER 326 "RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS" AT SECTION 326-4.

BO-12-018

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MARGARET M. ROCHE MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL FACILITY IN, BY AND FOR THE SWIM POOL UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$175,000.00 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A COUNTY GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Angela Garretson
Council President

Approved by Mayor Joseph Menza
October 5, 2012
Attest: Diane Rowe, Township Clerk
U299948 UNL Oct. 11, 2012 (\$23.52)

HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

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Ordinance No. 12-020

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance has been introduced on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council held Wednesday, October 3, 2012 and will be considered for adoption at a meeting of the Township Council to be held at the Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Township of Hillside, and a copy is available up to and including the time of said meeting to the members of the general public of the Township who shall request same, at the Township Clerk's Office, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, Hillside, New Jersey

BY DIRECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Diane Rowe, RMC
Township Clerk

O-12-020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #426-78 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN PREPARED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL COVERING THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE"

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE that ordinance #L-426-78 entitled "An Ordinance to Provide for the Adoption of Reclassification and Compensation Plan Prepared by the New Jersey Civil Service Commissioner Covering the Officers and Employees of the Township of Hillside adopted March 21, 1978, be amended as follows:

SECTION 1: The salary ranges for the following positions set forth in said

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ordinance is hereby modified to read as follows:
Effective December 2012

Municipal Court Administrator
Salary Range
\$65,000.00 - \$85,000.00
SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
U299819 UNL Oct. 11, 2012 (\$35.77)

HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

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Ordinance No. 12-019

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance has been introduced on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council held Wednesday, October 3, 2012 and will be considered for adoption at a meeting of the Township Council to be held at the Municipal

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Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

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BY DIRECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Diane Rowe, RMC
Township Clerk

O-12-019

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #426-78 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN PREPARED BY

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CLARK

ADVERTISEMENT OF TAX SALE NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES

Public notice is hereby given that I, Terance O'Neill, Tax Collector of the taxing district of the Township of Clark, Union County, State of New Jersey on October 16, 2012, at 10 am in the Municipal Building 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, NJ, in Room 30, or at such later time and place to which said sale may then be adjourned, will expose for lien sale and sell the several parcels of land on which taxes and/or other municipal charges remain unpaid for the year 2011 and prior subject to N.J.S.A. 54:5 et seq. Said properties will be sold subject to redemption at the lowest rate of interest, but in no case shall exceed 18% per Annum. Payment for liens purchased shall be made via cash, money order or certified check prior to the conclusion of the sale.

Industrial properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:58-10-23, 11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act, (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.) and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

The said lands and the names of persons who have been assessed as owner of said lands and the total amount due and owing on said land(s) are as follows:

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THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL COVERING THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE that ordinance #L-426-78 entitled "An Ordinance to Provide for the Adoption of Reclassification and Compensation Plan Prepared by the New Jersey Civil Service Commissioner Covering the Officers and Employees of the Township of Hillside adopted March 21, 1978, be amended as follows:

SECTION 1: The salary ranges for the following positions set forth in said ordinance is hereby modified to read as follows:
Effective upon adoption

Environmental \$25.00 - \$30.00
Health Specialist per hour
SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
U299818 UNL Oct. 11, 2012 (\$35.28)

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STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ 07202. Tax Lot No. 77 in Block No. 3 Dimensions of Lot Approximately: 25 X 100...

ELIZABETH

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12003930 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F03487010 County: Union Plaintiff: ONEWEST BANK, FSB VS...

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ELIZABETH SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriffs File Number: CH-12004184 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F2349209...

ELIZABETH

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12004126 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F00646211 County: Union Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION...

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Table with columns: BLOCK, LOT, QUAL, OWNER NAME. Includes entries for REGANIT, ARNOLD V, THOMAS, DORIS, LIMA, MANUEL A & MARIA C, etc.

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Lot 573. The dimensions are approximately 26 feet wide by 100 feet long. Nearest Cross Street: CATHERINE STREET Prior Lien(s): NONE Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remains of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon. Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$421,689.79*** Four Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Nine and 79/100*** Attorney: STERN, LAVINTHAL, FRANKENBERG & NORGAARD, LLC 105 EISENHOWER PKWY SUITE 302 ROSELAND NJ 07068 (973)797-1100 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office Total Upset: \$432,222.98**Four Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Two and 98/100*** Sept. 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2012 U299286 PRO (\$168.56)

LINDEN SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-12004067 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F05733210 County: Union Plaintiff: BCP HOLDINGS (USA), INC. VS Defendant: FRANCISCO NENO Sale Date: 10/24/2012 Writ of Execution: 08/29/2012 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The property to be sold is located in the City of Linden, in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 45 Fernwood Terrace, Linden, New Jersey Tax Lot No. 20 in Block No. 228 Dimensions of Lot: 50 X 84 Nearest Cross Street: Lucien Place Note: The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$222,662.23*** Two Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Two and 23/100*** Attorney: NEWMAN & SIMPSON, LLP 32 MERCER STREET HACKENSACK NJ 07601 201-487-0200 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office Total Upset: \$232,001.45**Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand One and 45/100*** Sept. 27, October 4, 11, 18, 2012 U299352 PRO (\$98.00)

ELIZABETH SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-12004212 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F6121009 County: Union Plaintiff: FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB VS Defendant: HELDER DASILVA; ELSA DASILVA Sale Date: 11/07/2012 Writ of Execution: 06/15/2012 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of

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the sales. The property to be sold is located in: The City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey Commonly known as: 929-931 Monroe Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07201 Tax Lot No.: 1201 in Block: 12 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 33 x 150 Nearest Cross Street: Fanny Street Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due. Subject to Tax and Prior Lien info: At the time of publication taxes/ sewer/water information was not yet available - you must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due. Subject to Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): None Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any. The Fair Housing Act prohibits any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make such preference, limitation or discrimination in connection with any aspect of a residential real estate transaction. Zucker, Goldberg, and Ackerman, LLC encourages and supports the equal housing practices of the Fair Housing Act in the conduct of its business. Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$526,423.80 Five Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Three and 80/100*** ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC 200 SHEFFIELD ST SUITE 301 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092 (908)233-8500 FWZ-131142 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office Total Upset: \$552,468.55**Five Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Eight and 55/100*** October 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 2012 U299831 PRO (\$180.32)

ROSELLE NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY UNION COUNTY Docket No. F- OI 7828-12 STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to: ZELDA MAXWELL YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Pluiese, Becker, & Saltzman, LLC, whose address is 20000 Horizon Way, Suite 900, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, An Answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action in which Onewest Bank, FSB, is Plaintiff and Efreem Terry, et al, are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, bearing Docket No. F-017828-12, within thirty-five days (35) after October 11, 2012 exclusive of such date, or if published after October 11, 2012, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure. A filing fee payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey and a completed Case Information Statement (available from the deputy clerk of the Superior Court) must accompany your answer when it is filed. This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the mortgage dated June 14, 2007, and made by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for IndyMac Bank FSB, to Stacey Terry and Efreem Terry recorded in the Union County Clerk's Office, on June 27, 2007 Book 12209, at Page 470; to recover possession of and concerning real estate located at 320 Cristiani Street, Roselle, NJ 07203, and being also known as Lot 8, and Block 6803 on the tax map of the Borough of Roselle, County of Union

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Table with columns: BLOCK, LOT, QUAL, OWNER NAME, AMOUNT, PROPERTY LOCATION. Lists property details for various owners including PEREIRA MARGARIDA, DELA PENA, ERELYN ROSE, BRANDO, DANTE F, KRUSE, KENNETH A & TORI, MORENO, NESTOR, NASON, ROBERT E & JENNIFER, CUTRO, NICOLE, PRATA, VICTOR & ZELIA, DELA PENA, M - SANTA CRUZ, R, CRUZ, NOEL J-DIAZ, ANA M, BARRERA, FABYAN, OLIVER, KENNETH C & TANYA, GALVAN, MAURICE, KWARTENG, JOHNSON, HARRIS, ROBERT, GREEN, BARRY & RUTH, DOUBLE D RLTY HOLDING, L L C, FERDINANDI, RICHARD A & EILEEN L, McDONALD, RICHARD, RODRIGUES, ISABEL, FONSECA, LUIS & ELIZABETH, MALONEY, DONALD, BRANCO - COSTELLO, LINA, SILVA, VICTOR M, FERNANDEZ, JUAN, GARCIA, HERMAN M & ADA E, ZUENA, ANGELO & NANCY M, VENDOLA, MICHAEL A & RONDA S, COLUCCI, ANTOINETTE, TURNER, L - JACKSON, L & R, MORAIS, JOSE & MARIA AND MORAIS, M.C, ALOFE, EBIAREDO, MOURA, ZURAIDE D, GASMENA, PASTOR & MYRNA, JARAMILLO, CARLOS, MODERNE, HECTOR & RODRIGUES, JOSE M, JACINTO, JUANITO & MARISSA, MATULLO, MICHAEL & PATRICIA, FRANCA, FLAVIA, MORENCY, ROOSEVELT & YANIQUE, AGUILUCHO, MARIA T, J K HOLZ REALTY, LLC, MARTINI, DOMINIC R & EVE, JULIEN, MYRNETIA&PIERRE-LOUIS,E, STANIER, JOHN H ESTATE, VAZQUEZ, JORGE L JR, EADY, K - EADY, M & EADY, D, FERREIRA, BERNARDO & ANA R, NUNEZ, WILFREDO, MORAN, GRACE, ROCHA, JORGE, SILVA, ADILSON, OSORIO, ABNER & EVELYN VELEZ, BLAKE, CEWARD D, SHEIKH, AYAZ & NAWAZ, STARUCH, TODD & JANET, BONILLA, GUADALUPE, DYBAS, BARBARA, GENSCH, MICHAEL C, VAZQUEZ, HECTOR & MODESTA, DYE, DARRYL - KNOX, MYRA, PEREZ, LUIS - D'ELIA, ELISA M, TAHIR, DORIS, PEREIRA-SANTOS, CRISTINA, JOHNSON, GLENN & SHARON, SARFO, JEFFREY & ZANOR, BEVERLY, ADEYEBA, TITILOLA, FELICIANO, RAIMUNDO, CLM LABS, LLC, BRANNING-SPIRRA, LYNN, SV UNION, LLC, KUNZ, BARBARA A, RUGIERI, LORI J & KOVACS,L ESTATE, VILELA, ROBERTO, SANTOS, PAUL - AYALA, JIMENA, GONCALVES, J/GONCALVES, M ESTATES, MORALES, A B & M R, MONAGHAN, HUGH B & JILL A, FILGUEIRAS, JOHN, VALLEJO, CARLOS A, FIGUEROA, ANGELITA & FERNANDO, LAM, TUYET H & CHINH HOANG, DA CRUZ, ROSA RENDEIRO & EUGENIO, FRANCIS, CLEVELAND R & NICOLE A, RUIZ, EDIBERTO, CAMPOS, ALIATAR C, CHERRINGTON-VIRGO, MELANIE, GREEN, LINEDA & DARRYL, PEIXOTO, DOMINGUS & ROSA SILVA, FERREIRA, PAUL E & FERREIRA, CARLOS, PEREZ, MARIA C, FRANCESCA, ANTONIO, STERLING, LORVIUS & WESTAJEAN, FANDINO, FLAVIO & MARY, DACOSTA, FRANCISCO, BUFANIO, VIRGINIA & ANTHONY, SCHMITZ, JEFFREY & SCHMITZ, MARLENE, QUANSON, MARKETING GROUP, INC, SALES, CORAZON, FLORES, EVELISES, MENEGHINI, EMERSON, ESPAILLAT, ROBERT, VALON, ELIANTINE, PAUL, LAZIRA, LOPEZ, MANUEL, FRANCISCO, ELY, JORGE, VICTOR V & ANA C, DA SILVA, FERNANDA M, JAKUBOWSKI, BRIAN & HOSP, KRISTA, MADDEN, K - GUTIERREZ, E & J, MITTERMAN, JUDITH A, JARDIEL, MARANIOLA, AZIZ, CHOUDHRY & ISHRAT SULTANA, CARDIA, SILVIA, HICKEL, AMY M & ANTONIO C JR, THOTTUKADAVIL, ELIZABETH B, MATHEW, SAJI K & LEENA, UBILLUS, KENNETH & LAURA A, RYANES, WARREN, LUYCOPOLOS, LUCAS & DANA, REYNOLDS, JACQUELINE, HAZZARD, LARRY JR & DANA, CARUSO, JOHNNY A, EBHO, JULIET O, OLADIP, OLATOJU, JAMES, MCALISTAIR S & LORNA V

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and State of New Jersey. By written assignment dated July 16, 2012, the said Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for IndyMac Bank FSB assigned its mortgage and bond/note to OneWest Bank, FSB, plaintiff herein, which assignment was recorded on July 23, 2012, Book 1399, Page 0271.

ROSELLE

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-12004215 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F5114409 County: Union Plaintiff: STEEL MOUNTAIN HOMES LLC VS Defendant: PIERRE A. WATKINS; ROBIN WATKINS, HIS WIFE Sale Date: 11/07/2012 Writ of Execution: 08/15/2012

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-12004186 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F1450610 County: Union Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, NA VS Defendant: EUNICE NACIMENTO Sale Date: 10/31/2012 Writ of Execution: 06/14/2012

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-12003910 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F3715309 County: Union Plaintiff: ONEWEST BANK, FSB VS Defendant: STEPHANIE ONDINA FLORES A/K/A ONDINA FLORES; GUY GUNTER, TENANT Sale Date: 10/17/2012 Writ of Execution: 08/22/2012

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SPORTS

THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Believe it or not, Westfield had a five-game winning streak over Union before the Farmers topped the Blue Devils 35-23 last Friday night at Cooke Memorial Field.

Union's Mid-State 38 Conference-Delaware Division victory over Westfield was its first over the Blue Devils since 2006 and its first at home over Westfield since 2005.

Union defeated Westfield 35-30 at Westfield's Gary Kehler Stadium in 2006 and before that in 2005 downed the Blue Devils 14-3 at Cooke Memorial Field.

For Westfield (0-5) this will be its first losing season under seventh year head coach Jim DeSarno.

Union improved to 3-1 overall and 3-1 in the Delaware Division and at the moment is preparing for another home game tomorrow night vs. division foe Hillsborough (1-4, 1-4).

• Cranford won another big road game last Friday night, going for two and getting it in defeating a 3-0 Delaware Valley squad 15-14 in Raritan Division action in Frenchtown.

Standout senior quarterback Reggie Green, who last week gave a verbal commitment to Pitt, scored the game-winning two-point conversion near the end of the fourth quarter.

Cranford is now 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the Raritan Division. The Cougars will host Mountain Division foe Scotch Plains tomorrow night. The Raiders are 4-1 overall and are second place in the Mountain Division at 3-1.

• Former Roselle Park head coach John Wagner is 5-0 at Point Pleasant Beach, now in his second season at the helm of the Gulls.

PPB just beat Asbury Park 54-20 at home last Friday night. PPB lost at Asbury Park 24-8 in Week 2 last year and then fell to the Bishops 54-6 on the road again in the Central Jersey, Group 1 semifinals.

PPB went 8-3 last year under Wagner, including a season-ending 14-12 win at Shore the night before Thanksgiving.

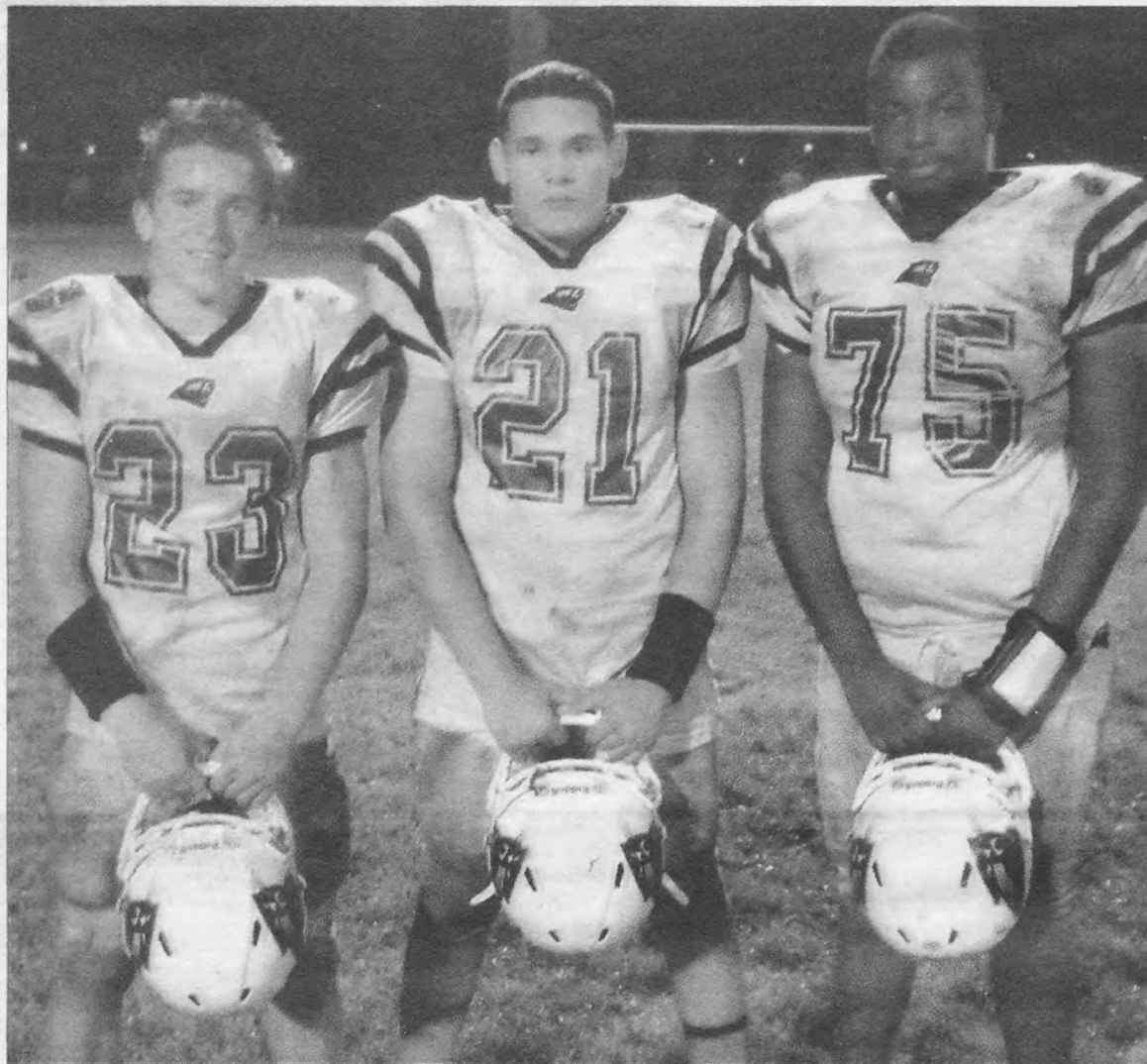


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The Roselle Park football team, sparked by the talents of - from left - junior running back Brian Matthews (No. 23), senior running back Juan Carmona (No. 21) and senior linemen Kevin Metellus (No. 75), are in line to grab one of the eight playoff berths in North 2, Group 1. The Panthers (4-1) have three games remaining that count toward qualifying, including road contests against Bernards (5-0) and New Providence (4-1) sandwiched around a home game against Dayton (2-3).

RP football defeats Brearley for the first time since 2001 Matthews, Carmona, Metellus lead the way

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

KENILWORTH — Brian Matthews, a first-year varsity starter, didn't quite know the history of Brearley's recent dominance over Roselle Park.

The Roselle Park standout junior running back-defensive back heard about it from his teammates.

"I'm new to this," Matthews said last Friday night.

What the 5-8, 165 pound Matthews isn't new to is taking the ball, finding an opening and accelerating with a burst of speed right through the hole.

He did that better than anyone on the football field Friday night and it paid a dividend the Panthers were unable to meet for quite some time.

Matthews carried 20 times for a game-high 189 yards and three touchdowns as No. 23 sparked Roselle Park to a convincing 27-12 triumph over arch rival

Brearley in a Mid-State 38 Conference-interdivision clash at Ward Field.

After beating its No. 1 neighborhood foe for the first time in 11 years, Roselle Park improved to 4-1 overall with its second straight triumph.

In addition - because Bound Brook defeated South Hunterdon 28-24 at home last Friday night - Roselle Park, South Hunterdon and Bound Brook will share the Hills Division championship with identical 3-1 records.

Roselle Park last won a division title when the Panthers captured the Mountain Valley Conference's Valley Division crown with an undefeated league mark in 1996.

The Panthers also moved closer to clinching the program's first state playoff berth since 2001.

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UNION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Friday, Oct. 12 (7 games)

Hillsborough at Union, 7 p.m.
Elizabeth at Bridgewater-Raritan, 7
Scotch Plains at Cranford, 7
Rahway at Warren Hills, 7

Johnson at Gov. Livingston, 7
Roselle Park at Bernards, 7
Brearley at South Hunterdon, 7

Saturday, Oct. 13 (6 games)

Ridge at Plainfield, 1 p.m.
Summit at Roselle, 1
Voorhees at Hillside, 1
Pingry vs. Dayton at Union, 1
Bound Brook at New Providence, 1
Franklin at Westfield, 2 p.m.

Off: Linden.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Friday, Oct. 5 (9 games)

Roselle Park 27, Brearley 12
Union 35, Westfield 23
Cranford 15, Delaware Valley 14
Elizabeth 49, Franklin 13
Bernards 42, New Providence 3
Summit 39, Rahway 20
Dayton 21, Belvidere 13
Immaculata 27, Linden 0
Johnson 50, Roselle 28

Saturday, Oct. 6 (3 games)

Gov. Livingston 28, Hillside 7
Scotch Plains 14, Voorhees 13
Watchung Hills 33, Plainfield 6
Off: None.

THIS WEEK'S PICKS (13):

Union over Hillsborough
Elizabeth over Bridgewater-Raritan
Cranford over Scotch Plains
Rahway over Warren Hills
Johnson over Gov. Livingston
Bernards over Roselle Park
Brearley over South Hunterdon
Ridge over Plainfield
Summit over Roselle
Voorhees over Hillside
Dayton over Pingry
New Providence over Bound Brook
Franklin over Westfield

Best bet: Elizabeth

Upset special: Brearley

Last week: 8-4

This year: 46-16 (.742)

Best bets: 4-1

Upset specials: 1-4

JR'S UNION COUNTY TOP 10

1. Elizabeth (5-0)
2. Union (3-1)
3. Summit (5-0)
4. Cranford (4-1)
5. Johnson (3-1)
6. Rahway (3-2)
7. Scotch Plains (4-1)
8. New Providence (4-1)
9. Roselle Park (4-1)
10. Linden (1-4)

SPORTS

Panthers now 4-1 after win against neighborhood rival

(Continued from Page 36)

Brearley, which was highly competitive and within range of taking the lead in the fourth quarter, fell to 0-5 overall and remains 0-4 in the Union Division.

This was Roselle Park's first win over Brearley since a 20-0 victory at Roselle Park's Herm Shaw Field on Sept. 21, 2001. This was also Roselle Park's first win over Brearley at Ward Field in Kenilworth since a 37-13 Panther decision in 2000.

Brearley head coach Scott Miller's first 10 Bears teams were triumphant over Roselle Park, with the Panthers snapping a 10-game losing streak against them. Miller's squad on Friday night battled the Panthers until the very end, with the score not indicative of how close the game really was.

Brearley was disciplined as well. The Bears were not charged with one single penalty the entire game.

"We knew it was going to be a dogfight," first-year Roselle Park head coach Terry Hanratty said. "We didn't pay any attention to their record."

"This was a very exciting win for us, especially for our seniors," said Matthews, who the week before against a 3-0 Bound Brook team scored all three of Roselle Park's touchdowns in a 23-13 Panther home victory.

Matthews, after losing a fumble deep in Brearley territory on Roselle Park's first possession, bounced back to give Roselle Park the lead for good later in the first quarter. Immediately following Brearley's second possession, Matthews took the snap himself on first-and-10 from the Brearley 47 and ran down the right sideline, untouched, into the end zone for his first score.

Brearley answered in the second quarter when it put together a very impressive drive. It was the running of sophomore quarterback Andrew Cassamento, junior running back Khayri Hudeen and senior back Andrew Scarillo that eventually put the ball inside the Roselle Park 10.

On fourth-and-goal from the 3, Miller called for a reverse run around the left side by Scarillo that found the running back scampering into the end zone untouched for six points. Although sophomore kicker David Eskin punted throughout the game, he was not called upon to kick extra points. Instead, Brearley tried a pass for two points that failed, leaving Roselle Park ahead 7-6.

Brearley marched 85 yards in 13 plays, taking an even six minutes off the clock. The biggest play of the drive was a 30-yard run by Hudeen, who at times was very tough to bring down. Hudeen finished with 89 yards on 18 carries.

With less than two minutes to go before halftime, Matthews found the end zone again, this time on a 34-yard run after he ran for 28 yards on the previous play. Frank Schneeberger's second of three extra points put Roselle Park up 14-6 at intermission.

After a scoreless third quarter, Brearley caught everyone by surprise when Cassamento connected with junior wide receiver Nick Cantalupo on what turned out to be an 83-yard touchdown pass with 7:24 to go. Cassamento hit Cantalupo in stride with a pass over the middle and then Cantalupo beat his man and ran the rest of the way untouched into the end zone.

Brearley went for two again to tie the game, but Cassamento's pass into the end zone went incomplete.

Cassamento had a fine game, completing 9-of-22 passes for 170 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

Brearley junior defensive back Damier Johnson came up with an interception at his own 47 with 5:44 to go, giving the Bears a chance to win.

Three plays later on fourth-and-six from the Roselle Park 49, the Panthers came up with a huge defensive stop. Cassamento threw over the middle to Scarillo, with Roselle Park senior linemen Kevin Metellus just tipping the pass enough to prevent Scarillo from coming down with it in first-down territory.

"I just put my hand up and I felt the skin of the ball," Metellus said.

"It was a game-changing play."

Four plays into its next possession, Roselle Park struck again. After senior back Juan Carmona ran for 14 yards and Matthews for another 11, Matthews got free again, this time for a 30-yard touchdown run. Schneeberger's final extra point put the Panthers up by two possessions at 21-12.

"I just ran behind my blockers, followed them and sprinted from there," Matthews said.

Carmona then came up with Roselle Park's second interception of the second half — Matthews had the first — and that led to an icing-on-the-cake, 33-yard touchdown run by Carmona.

"Work hard and play hard, that's our motto," said Carmona, who along with Metellus is part of a Roselle Park senior class that will graduate with a win over Brearley. Roselle Park came close to beating the Bears at home last year, falling 3-0.

"When the score was 14-12 we had to keep our composure," Carmona said.

"There was a lot of talking on the field. We practiced really hard all year for this game and played with our hearts."

Metellus was named captain for the rest of the season on Thursday. He stepped up big-time Friday night to help deliver Roselle Park's first win over Brearley in more than a decade.

"Humble and aggressive," is one way Metellus described Roselle Park's performance.

While there were many positives, Hanratty and his staff realize that the Panthers can still execute much better.

"This was not our best football," Hanratty said. "There were too many mistakes. We were off sides and we blew coverage. We're still learning how to win."

"We were a little sloppy at times," Matthews said. "We need to work real hard in practice this week."

Roselle Park is scheduled to play a non-division game at Bernards tomorrow night. The Mountaineers lead the Union Division at 4-0 and are 5-0 overall after beating a 4-0 New Providence squad 42-3 at home last Friday night.

"This was a good game for us, but also a bad game for us at times," Metellus said.

For the second time in three weeks Roselle Park will face an undefeated team so, once again, there will be very little margin for error.

NOTES: Roselle Park has now won four games for the first time since finishing 5-5 in 2007.

* See complete game scoring and series scores dating back to 2000 on story featured at www.unionnewsdaily.com.



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Above, first-year Roselle Park head coach Terry Hanratty praises his Panthers after their first win over arch rival Brearley since 2001. Below, Roselle Park defensive back Andre Jordan (No. 1 at right) covers Brearley receiver Khayri Hudeen (No. 8 at left).



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GL football wins first behind touchdowns from 4 players

Highlanders host Johnson tomorrow night

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — No team wants to start a season 0-5.

That's what Hillside and Governor Livingston were out to avoid last Saturday afternoon.

Just when it looked like the host Highlanders were on their way to a victory, the visiting Comets struck for a fourth-quarter touchdown to finally get on the scoreboard, pull to within seven and make things scary.

Then GL senior fullback Andrew Bruner put his head down and followed his blockers, specifically senior offensive linemen Michael DeMarco and DJ McHugh.

On a play called 33 Counter Trap, Bruner then looked up and found a huge hole in the middle of the field.

"It was all blocking," Bruner said.

Then Bruner raced 67 yards — total — to the end zone to clinch GL's first win of the season. It was Bruner's fourth touchdown of the 2012 campaign, which certainly has a lot more life in it now for the Highlanders.

Ryan Jennings added a touchdown later in the fourth quarter as GL, snake-bitten in its first four games, rolled to a 28-7 triumph over Hillside in Mid-State 38 Conference-Mountain Division action at Frey Field.

GL is now 1-4 overall and 1-4 in the Mountain Division, while Hillside fell to 0-4 in the Mountain and 0-5 overall.

"We started off (the season) rough, but we battled all the way through this game," said Bruner, who in the second half led all rushers with 92 yards on five carries and one touchdown.

The win was the first as a head coach for first-year GL mentor Gary Lubisco.

"We executed our game plan, which was holding the football, eating the clock, playing strong defensively and having solid special teams," said Lubisco, who for the past 11 seasons was an assistant coach at Dunellen under head coach Dave DeNapoli. "Coach (Tom) Reynolds (the defensive coordinator) had the defense playing with everything in front of us.

"To hold Hillside to just seven points was tremendous. His defense was the key to our success."

Bruner was one of four GL players to reach the end zone, including junior quarterback Pat Mahoney — on 60-yard run — and junior running back PJ Jamolawicz on a three-yard sprint, both in the first quarter. Jamolawicz was filling in for injured sophomore Alex Boyd.

The key score was Bruner's, which answered Hillside's only touchdown, which was a nifty, seven-yard run to the outside right by junior tailback Josh Wilkins. Hillside's only score came on a first-and-goal with 6:28 left.

"At 14-7 I was a little nervous, but I never gave up," Bruner said.

The play he scored on was third-and-three from his own 33, with five minutes remaining.

"When I looked up I saw clear field," Bruner said.

"DeMarco kicked out unbelievably on the play," Lubisco said. "It's counter to a trap where you run at the guards and then wait for the guard and tackle to clear as the hole opens up.

"This is really Andrew's first full season on varsity after being in and out. He came up big for us today."

Jennings carried 10 times for 49 yards and his one touchdown in the second half. He dragged tacklers with him before he broke free of them en route to the end zone.

Hillside junior quarterback Joey Straile, one of three returning starters on offense for first-year head coach Kendall Ashford, had success throwing the ball in the second half. Straile completed 10-of-15 passes to five different receivers for 162 yards and one interception.

Catching five of those passes for 68 yards was junior wide receiver Luis Iheanacho.

Hillside will next host Voorhees next Saturday, with the Vikings 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the Mountain Division.

GL has a rare night home game tomorrow at 7 against a red hot Johnson squad. The Crusaders of Clark have won two straight and are 3-1 overall and 2-1 in the Mountain Division.

Johnson stormed past visiting division foe Roselle 50-28 Friday night.

"They execute and can pass the ball as well," Lubisco said. "They're a scary team. Coach Reynolds has already begun to work on our defense. We'll be ready."

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Above, first-year GL mentor Gary Lubisco is all smiles after he gained his first win as a head coach following Saturday's 28-7 Mountain Division home triumph over Hillside. Below, GL was sparked by the play of senior lineman DJ McHugh.

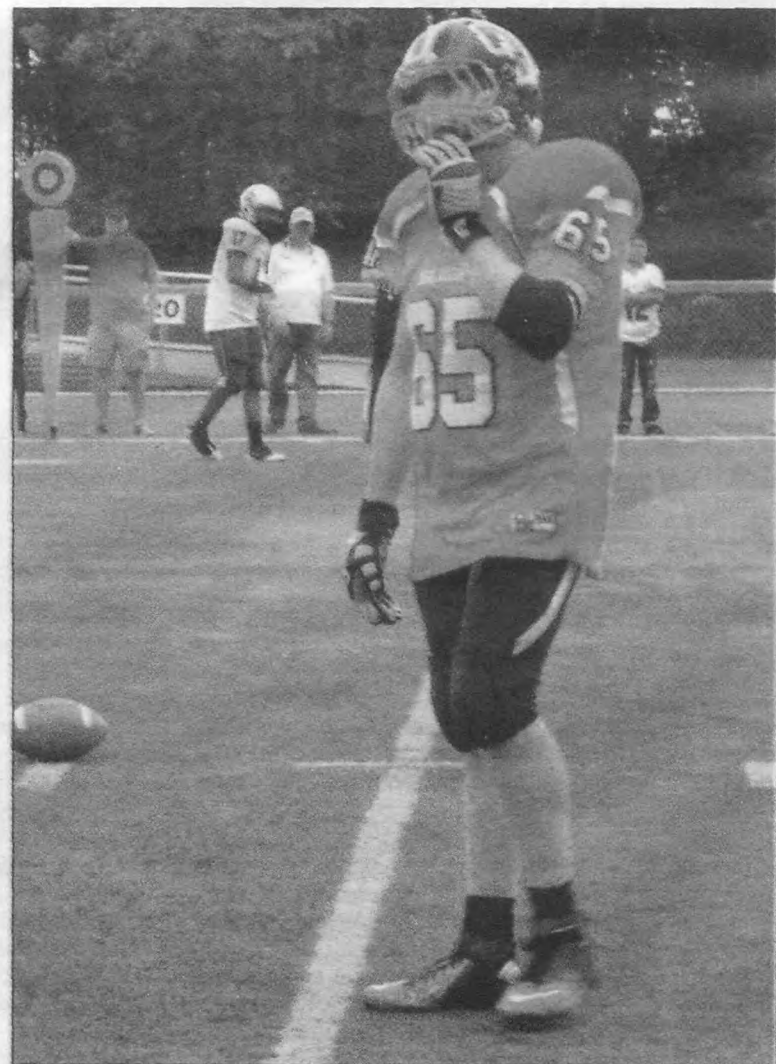


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Here, at left, Governor Livingston runs its double wing offense vs. Hillside in last Saturday's Mountain Division game at Frey Field in Berkeley Heights.

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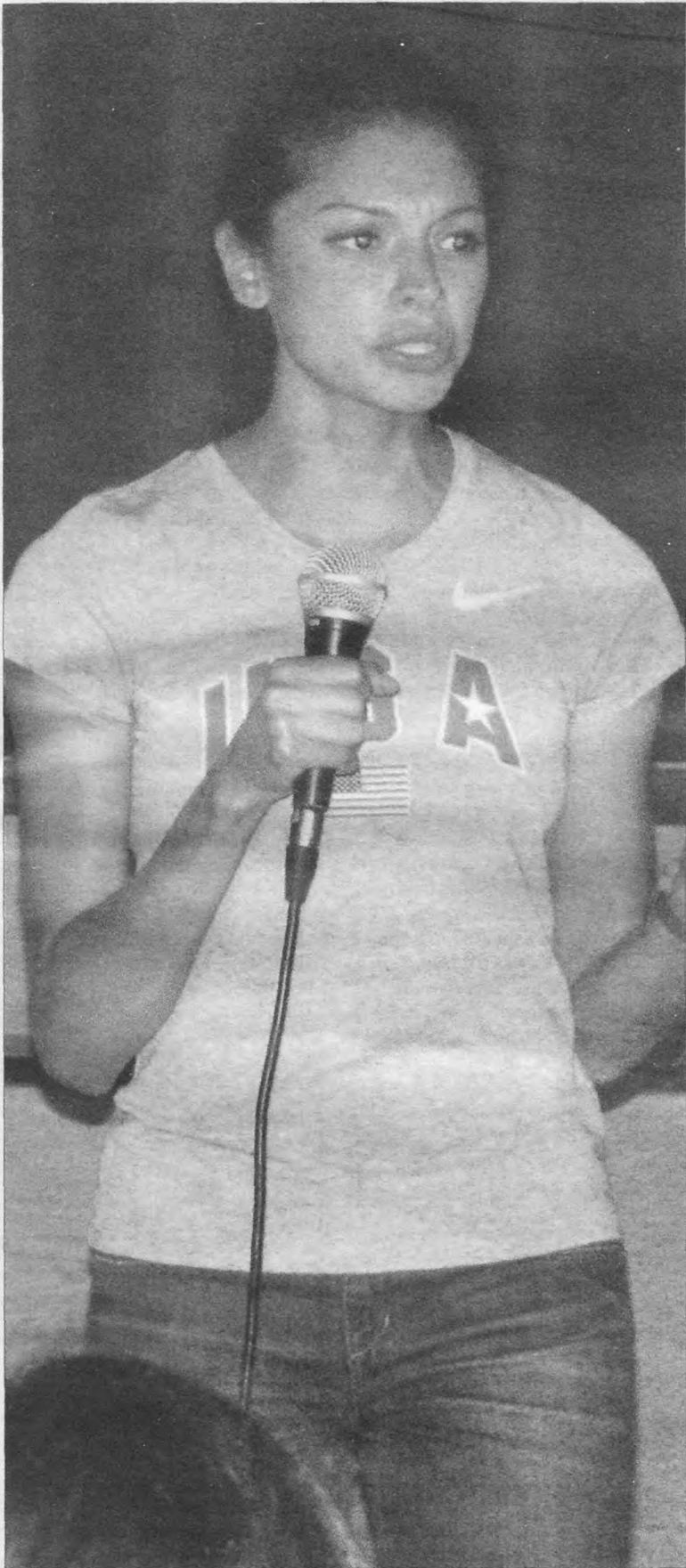


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Guest speaker impresses Roselle Catholic students

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"Delilah making a visit to Roselle Catholic was a great thing for the freshmen and all the students who met her," said Mike Kennedy, an assistant cross-country and track coach and first-year science teacher at Roselle Catholic. "She had a very positive message that you can always be successful in some area of life, especially if you are passionate about it."

"Being a runner, the cross country team especially benefited from hearing Delilah speak about her trials and tribulations. The message some of the students took away from her talk was to never give up, despite the adversity. If the students can learn that from her I think she had quite an impact on Roselle Catholic."

Representing Puma and the New Jersey-New York Track Club, which is coached by Frank Gagliano, who launched a legendary career at Roselle Catholic more than 50 years ago, DiCrescenzo competed in the 3,000 meters steeplechase finals this past June at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Eugene, Ore.

"I think Delilah is a great role model," said Mary Angelique Demetillo, a senior member of Roselle Catholic's cross country team. "She was very informative. Her story was inspiring and motivating. It made me want to work harder and strive to do better in school and cross country."

RC alumnus and former track star Mike Garvey, who was part of a Penn Relays championship under Gagliano, helped RC Principal Dr. Robert Stickles introduce DiCrescenzo, who answered quite a few questions from students.

DiCrescenzo delivered a performance worthy of a gold medal in the race to provide inspiration to teenagers. "She inspired a lot of new runners to stay with cross country and not give up," said senior Mateo Acito. "She was an inspiration to all of us."

Inspiring seems to be what DiCrescenzo specializes in. Tom Higgenon, front man of the Plain White T's, wrote "Hey There Delilah" after he met DiCrescenzo.

Though the two never dated, Delilah DiCrescenzo, a Chicago native, accepted an invitation from Higgenon to attend the 2008 Grammy Awards with the blessing of her boyfriend. The song, the most played song on the radio during July, 2007, has sold more than 4,000,000 digital copies in the United States.

At RC, following a video presentation highlighting her accomplishments on the track, the Ivy League-educated DiCrescenzo inspired even the non-runners in the audience.

"Not only was Delilah an inspiration to the runners, but to everyone in the room," said freshman Mark Demetillo.

"She encouraged us to always try new things and to constantly test our limits, whether it be academically or physically."

"Delilah was very interesting and very inspiring," said sophomore Dolapo Balogun, who runs cross country and plays basketball at Roselle Catholic. "If I was one of the freshmen I would have definitely joined the cross country team after listening to her."

DiCrescenzo's specialty, the steeplechase, is considered one of the toughest running events in track & field. Each runner must clear a total of 28 ordinary barriers and seven water jumps over a 3,000 meter race.

A sociology major at Columbia with a masters in sports management, DiCrescenzo has done some part-time coaching at her alma mater.

"I learned that things don't come easy in life," Balogun said. "If you have a dream, follow it and never give up, even at the sign of some adversity."

"Hearing Delilah speak gave the freshmen good motivation to get involved in school," said senior Matthew Boscia. "It was a good idea for all the freshmen to see and hear that getting involved and then working hard can really pay off."

Boscia helped RC win an eighth consecutive division championship last October, when he placed second in the Union County Conference's Valley Division race at Warinanco Park. The Lions, with frenetic finishes in 2011 by Sean Kip, Kevin Drastura, Mike LaMorte and Joe Zibkowski, nipped Oratory by one point to retain the Valley Division crown.

The Lions aim for a ninth consecutive title on Oct. 16 at Warinanco Park. Roselle Catholic's Brigid Alvarado, a junior, is the defending UCC Valley Division champ.

"From listening to Delilah, I learned that what you do in high school can, and probably will, affect the rest of your life," Boscia said. "I also learned how something that may not seem too rewarding can turn out very rewarding in the end. She said there were many times she felt like not running, but did anyway. This shows that with determination and hard work anything can happen — even becoming a professional athlete."

"The cross country team was reminded that if we just stick with it, and really work hard, great benefits will come to our team."

With lots of inexperienced runners in the cross country program this fall was perhaps the best time in recent memory for RC harriers to hear DiCrescenzo's message.

"In her speech Delilah mentioned that she had never run track or cross country before and the when she first began she wasn't very good," said RC freshman Marsha Monel. "That relates to me and the majority of my teammates. Over time, we've improved. The fact that Delilah started out as we have has taught me that you can become amazing at something if you work hard."

"When she talked about not being very good in high school at first and working hard, getting a scholarship and then basically the same thing happened when she went to college — the small fish in a big pond lesson — and now she's a pro," said Roselle Catholic co-head coach Paul Irwin. "It's a great story and a great model for success."

"Hearing Delilah speak gave us an idea of what a cross country and track experience can be like in college and beyond," said senior Sean Kip.

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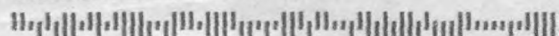
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QUARTERFINALS - SATURDAY, OCT. 13

TOP SIDE OF THE BRACKET:

5-Summit at 4-Elizabeth
8-Brearley at 1-Scotch Plains

BOTTOM SIDE OF THE BRACKET:

7-Cranford at 2-Westfield
11-Union at 3-Gov. Livingston

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GIRLS' SOCCER UNION COUNTY TOURNAMENT

PRELIM MATCHES TO BE PLAYED BY YESTERDAY

Johnson at Rahway
Brearley at Union Catholic
Elizabeth at Kent Place
Dayton at Linden

FIRST ROUND - SATURDAY, OCT. 13

5-Oak Knoll vs. Union Catholic-Brearley winner
6-Summit vs. Linden-Dayton winner
7-New Providence vs. Kent Place-Elizabeth winner
8-Union vs. Rahway-Johnson winner

TOP 4 SEEDS: 1-Scotch Plains. 2-Westfield. 3-Gov. Livingston. 4-Cranford.

UCT BOYS' SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SCORES SINCE 1994:

2011 - Scotch Plains 1, Union 0
2010 - Westfield 2, Scotch Plains 1 (OT)
2009 - Cranford 1, Westfield 0
2008 - Elizabeth 1, Summit 0
2007 - Scotch Plains 4, Elizabeth 0
2006 - Scotch Plains 4, Union 2
2005 - Elizabeth 4, Scotch Plains 3 (OT)
2004 - Scotch Plains 1, Union 0
2003 - Linden 1, Scotch Plains 0
2002 - Scotch Plains 1, Cranford 0
2001 - Scotch Plains 1, Johnson 0
2000 - Scotch Plains 2, Johnson 0
1999 - Union 2, Scotch Plains 0
1998 - Scotch Plains 2, Cranford 0
1997 - Scotch Plains 3, Elizabeth 0
1996 - Westfield 1, Rahway 0
1995 - Johnson Regional 2, Union 1
1994 - Gov. Livingston 2, Westfield 1

UCT GIRLS' SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SCORES SINCE 2000:

2011: Scotch Plains 1, Westfield 0
2010: Scotch Plains 2, Westfield 0
2009: Cranford 1, Scotch Plains 0
2008: Scotch Plains 3, Johnson 0
2007: Scotch Plains 1, Westfield 0
2006: Scotch Plains 1, Westfield 1 - co-champs
2005: Scotch Plains 1, Oak Knoll 0 - SP's first title
2004: Gov. Livingston 1, Cranford 0 - GL's first title
2003: Oak Knoll 5, Gov. Livingston 0
2002: Westfield 0, Oak Knoll 0 - co-champs, Oak Knoll's first title
2001: Westfield 2, New Providence 0
2000: Cranford 3, Union Catholic 1 - Cranford's first title

'Spike Breast Cancer' event at Roselle Catholic tonight Lions to compete vs. Bishop Ahr Trojans

In one of the highlights of Roselle Catholic High School's fall sports schedule, the RC volleyball program will host its Fifth Annual "Spike Breast Cancer" event in The Lions' Den today against traditional foe Bishop George Ahr High School from Edison.

"This game is so special because of all the students who come out and support RC and a great cause," said senior co-captain Danielle Franklin. "I love it when all the students wear pink and cheer really together in the RC student section."

"It's really exciting how the whole school comes together to support breast cancer," said RC senior Chrissy Campanelli.

"When I look into the stands and see my family and friends wearing pink and cheering us on - and the boys with pink paint all over their faces and bodies - it gets me and the team so excited."

The Lions and Trojans will play a traditional tripleheader with the freshman teams starting the event at 4 p.m. The junior varsity squads square off following the frosh match.

The varsity match caps off the volleyball action at 7 p.m.

"The breast cancer game is definitely a must go to event," said senior co-captain Melissa Sporer.

"The energy level in the gym is so high thanks to so many people being there."

The evening includes the sale of snacks, shirts and raffle tickets, with a significant portion of the proceeds being donated to a breast cancer-related charity.

There will also be a DJ and entertainment for the fans.

Last year, Roselle Catholic defeated Bishop Ahr, touted as one of the top parochial squads in the state, 27-25 and 25-15, in front of an enthusiastic crowd in The Lions' Den.

Roselle Catholic's varsity squad, under the direction of first-year coach Jason Davilla, sports a 9-2 record and is expected to garner one of the top seeds for the upcoming Union County Tournament.

Davilla replaced Don Godfrey, who helped launch the "Spike Breast Cancer" event at RC in 2008.

"The evening was a huge success on and off the court," Godfrey said after last year's event. "The RC players, parents and entire Roselle Catholic family all contributed to the evening's success."

Despite being sidelined with an injured knee, senior Brianna Fleming is looking forward to Thursday night's event.

"The pink out is a special game to our team not only for the fun activities, loud music, excited fans and high spirits, but because we see so many supportive families and friends willing to donate to helping find a cure for breast cancer," Fleming said. "That's why it's so special and different from our other games."

"No matter if we win or lose the event and game still has a positive effect on us because it shows that there are many people willing to donate and support finding a cure for breast cancer."

In addition to Sporer, Franklin and Campanelli, key contributors to this year's successful squad include: Jessica Ciandella, Calli Scheuermann, Keyarah Newton, Ally Mroczek, Sue Riley and Melissa Sheehan.

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Positive message for RC students

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Irwin - an RC alum, like co-coach Carmine DeNicola and assistant coach Kennedy - thought DiCrescenzo's message was a powerful one for both championship-caliber runners and novices.

"When Delilah spoke about first going out for cross country and not being very good. I thought that could really hit home with a lot of students," Irwin said. "I think the students could learn that it's OK to not always be the best as long as you're willing to work hard and strive to reach your potential."

Many of the Roselle Catholic cross country runners are already looking forward to a return hit performance in Union County from DiCrescenzo.

"The team is already asking when she can come back to talk again, take a team picture with her and most importantly spend more time with her," Coach Kennedy said.

"I want to know if she can come back and take a team photo with us," Acito said.

Freshman Nathan Pineda said: "We should have Delilah come to practice."

"Delilah should come to a meet or practice one day to see the running descendants of Coach Gags," said senior Khalil Davis, referring to Coach Gagliano, whose name is on the Walkway of Champions that leads to the track behind Roselle Catholic.