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The list goes on with 'generatorgate'

County offices anonymously receive list of names attached to generator use following Sandy

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

A Superior Court judge may have stopped the prosecutor from subpoenaing activist Tina Renna's list of county employees who allegedly took generators home after super-storm Sandy, but others are very willing to hand over names.

Over the last few weeks, sources have provided *LocalSource* with the names of at least ten county employees who allegedly took home generators for personal use, and *LocalSource* has now learned that a list of people who allegedly took home generators was anonymously mailed to multiple county offices. *LocalSource* did not receive the letter.

But, because there has been no proof thus far that these employees actually took home county-owned generators valued between \$8,000 and \$15,000, *LocalSource* opted not to publish the names at this time, pending an official investigation.

Details involving this list, though, remained sketchy. For

example, some sources said there were as many as 30 names, while other sources claimed there were only 16.

One thing is for sure, though. The list does exist, and Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow's office is investigating.

The prosecutor confirmed late last week and again on Tuesday that his office was in receipt of an anonymous letter that arrived last week with names on it. And while he did not confirm how many names were on the list, he did validate that many were the same as those which were received by *LocalSource*.

Other sources said that because many of the names of these employees are high ranking public safety and emergency management personnel, they are unsure if those involved would be punished or even reprimanded.

The high ranking department heads and employees named work in the Department of Public Safety, including Division of Police, Sheriff's office, Division of Facilities Management, and Administrative services.

The prosecutor said his office will investigate each of the

county employees named, but admitted this case is not easy to wrap up.

"We were nearing the end of our investigation, but then we received additional names anonymously," said Romankow, adding that some are county employees, while others are not.

"We are continuing to investigate this, but as we get names it is prolonging things," the prosecutor said.

Many of the names include high ranking law enforcement and emergency management department heads.

"Generatorgate" first surfaced at the end of November when Renna wrote on her blog, County Watchers, that she had a list of 16 to 20 names of county employees who took home generators. Renna proceeded to use her blog to blast the prosecutor's office for dragging their feet on the inquiry, which was ordered by the Union County Freeholder board and county manager Al Faella.

After requesting, without luck, to get Renna to hand over the names, Union County Prosecutor Ted Romankow See **GENERATOR**, Page 6

Audit will investigate Charlotte's 'web'

UCIA director put in for 273 unused vacation days; Legal counsel to confirm \$150K payout

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

Charlotte DeFilippo may have felt pressured by bad press to step down as executive director of the Union County Improvement Authority, but the heat is not off by any means.

Last week the UCIA decided to hire an independent auditor to ensure all of the \$150,000 the outgoing executive director received for unused vacation time over the last ten years was legitimately earned.

DeFilippo, 68, the executive director of the UCIA for 11 years, earned \$160,000 annually.

On May 3 the UCIA hastily called an emergency meeting where DeFilippo announced she would be stepping down from the executive director position after 11 years at the helm.

DeFilippo also announced the same day she would be stepping down as county Democrat chair following the primary June 4, a post she has held for more than several decades.

DeFilippo has maintained that stepping down was an act of retirement, and had little to do with the ongoing controversy.

The review order came after state Local Finance Board Chairman Tom Neff questioned exactly who had been keeping track of DeFilippo's vacation time, expressing outrage over the executive director's high salary and lack of oversight by the UCIA.

UCIA Legal Counsel Jonathan Williams had gone before the finance board seeking approval to float \$20 million in bonds for new construction projects at Union County College. The issue of DeFilippo's salary and other perks were brought up by Neff when he took a closer look at a questionnaire filled out by the executive director.

"I'm not quite sure who supervises her. apparently nobody. Apparently she keeps her own time for sick and vacation days. It's unconscionable," the local finance board chairman

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! — At Linden School No.10 Catherine Reilly's third grade art classes students learned how to create folded tissue paper flowers. The students in the picture are from Lori DeMarzo's class and they created beautiful bouquets of flowers to celebrate Mother's Day.

Scouts team up with county to provide first 'green' car wash

Using rainwater collected from a roof, last weekend Cub Scout Pack 145 performed the first known "green" car wash fundraiser in Union County, at the public works building in Clark. The event was a success for the Scouts, who washed almost 100 cars while demonstrating how to conserve water and reduce pollutants.

The green car wash was designed by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program with assistance from Arthur L. Johnson High School students, under a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Also partnering in the project were Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County and Clark.

The green car wash is a complete system for harvesting fresh water and disposing of wash water.

The two key features of the system are a 5,000 gallon cistern located on the roof of the public works building, which collects rainwater, and an adjacent rain garden.

Rain gardens are designed to soak up excess storm runoff like a sponge, using special soils and low maintenance plants. They require little or no irrigation, fertilizers, herbicides nor pesticides.

Rain gardens are effective ways to prevent pollution from storm runoff in urban areas. In particular, runoff from washing a car at home includes high levels of sediment, heavy metals, oil, grease, surfactants, and other chemicals that harm fish and other aquatic life.

At the green car wash, runoff is directed to the rain garden, where pollutants are trapped in the soil and are broken down by natural processes. Otherwise, these pollutants

would have entered local storm drain systems that eventually lead to the Robinson's Branch stream, a tributary of the Rahway River.

"It is estimated that 20 gallons of water are used to wash one car with a hose. That's a lot of wasted water," said Michele Bakacs, Environmental Agent with the Union County Extension. "Harvesting rainwater is a great alternative for car washing because it helps save the public drinking water supply."

The green car wash is part of a series of "green infrastructure" projects for the Robinson's Branch watershed. The goal is to demonstrate environmentally friendly techniques that reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality in urban neighborhoods. For more information about Union County Extension visit or ucnj.org/rce.

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Linden continues to struggle with 2 percent cap

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

LINDEN — Despite efforts to slash the budget by \$5.2 million, the city is still a long way from where they need to be. How that is resolved could depend heavily on who goes back to the negotiation table and who is asked to sit this one out.

As of late last week, the FMBA 234 union had made enough concessions in their contract to avoid 32 firemen being laid off. Unfortunately, the local PBA and four other unions were unable to do the same. That means 22 police officers are faced with losing their jobs on Aug. 1, including six new recruits who are still in the Union County Police Academy.

Additionally, all DPW, municipal employees and dispatchers will have to take mandatory furlough beginning in July. The mayor explained that this will amount to a half or full day each week, for a total of 16 full days off, or 32 half-days.

Although last month it was believed the city would shell out more in unemployment benefits than they would actually save in revenue if they initiated a furlough program, what they did not know is that expense depended on the number of days each employee was required to be off without pay.

Last week Gerbounka explained the city would only have to pay out more than they would save if the number of days equaled 20 percent of an employee's salary.

"Our furloughs clearly would not reach that level," the mayor said.

As the days and weeks have passed, the city council's Personnel and Finance Committee, as well as the mayor and other council members, have held separate meetings



File Photo

While the FMBA has made concessions to help get the Linden budget within the 2 percent state cap, the local PBA and other unions have not come to terms as yet with the city, raising concerns that layoffs within the police department will be necessary.

with all six city employee union representatives. To date, only the FMBA has agreed to make concessions.

The second week of March, officials revealed that surplus, or savings, had dwindled down to a mere \$85,000 and could no longer be tapped to reduce the budget. That left the city millions over the cap with no positive outlet to recover the money.

Since 2007, when the city had more than \$41 million in surplus, officials were able to dip into these reserves to offset or reduce the amount to be paid by taxes. This year, though, with revenues drastically down and a declining tax base, a "perfect storm" of financial woes began to unfold, as Personnel and Finance Chairman Peter Brown called it in March. Brown is also the

3rd Ward Councilman.

As in the few previous years since Gov. Chris Christie made it law, the 2013 budget has to stay below the 2 percent state imposed cap. This cap is a safeguard measure to ensure taxes do not rise high overnight.

Earlier this year the city counsel and Gerbounka agreed the only way to come up with ways to cut \$5.2 million from the budget was for the unions to give major concessions in their contracts. In fact, weeks ago counsel members made a plea to the unions to understand the city had never been in this kind of financial hole before.

"We just don't have the money. We can do two things here: butt heads or go in a back room and make it work," said 4th Ward Councilman Derek Armstead, referring directly to the 3.95 percent raises both the FMBA and PBA were due.

In the weeks that followed, PBA representatives met with various members of council, but according to the mayor, that did not end well. Last week the PBA voted 81-4 to turn down the city's offer of concessions, including deferring their contracted raise.

News of the PBA vote raised the ire of Gerbounka and he did not hesitate to express how he felt.

"I'm very disappointed in the PBA," said the mayor, a former police captain and PBA president. "It's embarrassing. They are sacrificing their own members for their own greed."

PBA Joe Birch does not see it that way at all. In fact, if he has any say about future trips to the negotiating table, the mayor will not be invited.

"Trust me, we care. But the mayor does—
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Welfare check in Clark turns into homicide investigation

By Cheryl Hehl
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CLARK — When Joseph Galfy failed to show up to his law practice in Rahway on Monday morning, people were concerned. The last thing anyone expected was that by 2 p.m. the 70-year-old prominent attorney would be found murdered in his home on Starlite Drive.

Although initially termed a suspicious death by the Union County Prosecutor's Office late Monday, by 5 p.m. Tuesday the Prosecutor's Office confirmed that an autopsy proved Galfy's untimely death was a homicide.

According to Prosecutor Theodore Romankow, the Union County Homicide Task Force and Clark Police are in the early stages of an investigation into the death of the township man.

Romankow said the Union County Medical Examiner concluded from the autopsy that Galfy died of "blunt force trauma."

According to the Prosecutor's Office, when the Clark police were called on to perform a welfare check of Galfy, they found a secured home with no forced entry visible, and the body of the Rahway attorney. Soon the culdesac was cordoned off with police tape and a slew of county police vehicles arrived on the scene.

By dusk the Union County Homicide Task Force and Clark police were still on the scene, along with investigators who streamed in and out of the house continually,

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according to a source who was on the scene. Late Tuesday afternoon, immediately following the release of the autopsy report, Clark Police Chief Alan Scherb explained that police protected the entire scene from the moment they entered the home in the early afternoon.

"We played it up as a crime scene from the start, and it is still an active crime scene. We are still involved with the Union County Homicide Task Force in an investigation, gathering all information that we can," the police chief said.

Although Scherb could not release any other information regarding the murder, he did say that Galfy had relatives in New Jersey and they were being contacted.

When reached late Tuesday Clark Mayor Sal Bona-

corso had just received news of the homicide.

"I would like to say that there was no forced entry. This was not a robbery that went bad. This was obviously someone he let into his home," said the mayor, adding that he wanted to assure citizens that "there is not a serial killer out there."

"This is and continues to be a safe community," Bona-corso said, adding that "hopefully the Clark police and Prosecutor's Office will bring the person who did this to justice."

This is the second homicide in the township in the last ten months. In July last year Vera Pecoraro, 73, a well known matriarch of a well-to-do family, was found by her 49-year-old son with her throat slit inside her Rolling Hill Way home. At the time, the Prosecutor's Office said there was no forced entry, and the resident was not sexually assaulted and robbery did not appear to be the motive.

Although her two sons have been the subject of investigations in the past, with one son involved in a federal case, and neither were helpful to police, no arrests have been made to date and the murder remains unsolved.

Romankow urged anyone with information about the homicide to contact Union County Crimestoppers at 908-0654-TIPS or www.uctip.org. A reward of \$5,000 is being offered to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and indictment of a suspect or suspects in the death of the Clark resident.

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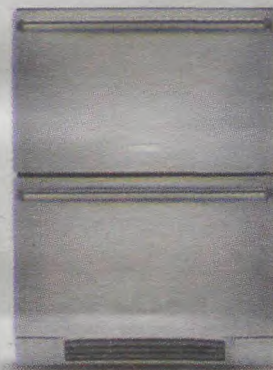
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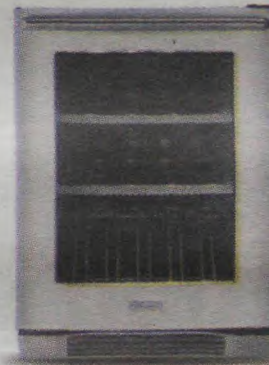
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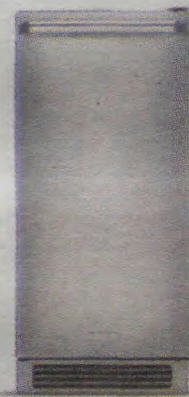
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Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow has confirmed that a list of names was received anonymously by multiple county offices alleging those people listed used county-owned generators for themselves following superstorm Sandy.

Generator investigation grows

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subpoenaed the Cranford resident to come before a grand jury and reveal the names. In turn, Renna hired an attorney who filed a court motion to quash the subpoena, using the New Jersey Newsperson's Shield Law, one of the strongest in the nation.

What followed was several hearings, one in which Renna spent two days on the stand defending her role as a journalist.

In the end, the activist and blogger, who has been president of the Union County Watchdog Association since 2005, was granted protection in April under the Shield Law by Superior Court Judge Karen Cassidy.

Since then Romankow decided not to appeal the decision and press on with the inquiry he began earlier this year. The decision, though, did not come without bitterness.

"All we wanted were the names, if she had them. We never sought her sources. We could care less who her sources are. We care about solving crime. That is our sworn duty," the prosecutor said in early May.

Although Romankow said his office was conducting themselves the same as in nearly every investigation they conduct and that this included asking citizens to be responsible enough to provide information regarding a crime, other citizens felt the inquiry would not result in the actual offenders being apprehended.

Several of these citizen sources that called *LocalSource* admitted they work for the county and have first hand knowledge about

what took place immediately following superstorm Sandy.

In fact, they maintained the employees who took home the county-owned property are attempting to cover up the incident because the list of offenders goes high up in the law enforcement employee roster.

These sources also indicated that they fear the high ranking offenders will excuse their personal use of county generators under the guise of "humanitarian" efforts immediately following the storm.

For instance, according to one source, one high ranking department head said he took home a generator to help an elderly neighbor who was left without electricity or heat.

But another source said one county employee took a generator to the Jersey Shore to remedy his flooded shore house.

Many of the generators in question cannot be moved without hauling them on a trailer and cost as much as \$15,000. And while many residents — elderly and children included — were without power for over a week, the list, and sources, allege many people in the county were busy using the county-owned property to comfort themselves.

According to Romankow, after his investigation into the issue is completed, it then will be sent down to the State Attorney General's Office for review. But the prosecutor expected that the entire issue would be sent back to county administration to be handled.

Preserve Union County grant applications now available

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced that the sixth round of funding is available for Preserve Union County, a matching grant program under the Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Preserve Union County is a merit-based grant program that helps local governments and preservationists save treasured civic landmarks and historic sites.

The Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund was established in the year 2000 with overwhelming support from Union County voters, who approved it by referendum.

The Preserve Union County program was added in 2003, providing for grants every other year. Since then, it has awarded more than \$2.5 million in dollar-for-dollar matching funds. This year's funding total will be \$300,000.

Some of the projects approved in the 2011 cycle dealt with basic upkeep needed to prevent water damage and deterioration. That included funding for the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth, to restore the slate roof and masonry at the tower; repairs to active roof leaks at the George A. Strong Residence in Plainfield, and complete replacement of the slate roof at the Liberty Hall Museum Carriage House in Union.

Other grants involved upgrades to windows and building systems, needed to ensure the safety and comfort of those visiting it, as well as to replace inefficient or non-functioning equipment.

Access is another type of project eligible for grants.

In 2011, Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit was awarded a grant to build a short walkway across the grounds, in order to provide visitors with a safer route from parking areas to the main building. Aesthetic upgrades are also part of the Preserve Union County mission.

For the 2013 grant cycle, application packets were mailed to municipalities and preservationists on Friday, April 26. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, July 25.

To obtain a packet or to get more information about the Preserve Union County program, contact the Trust Fund at 908-558-2277.

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SUMMIT NEWS

Kent Place holds car wash, bake sale

The Kent Place Upper School's sophomore class will host a car wash and bake sale Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Primary School driveway, located off Norwood Avenue.

The event will benefit a charity, to be announced, and a portion of the proceeds will go to the purchase of a senior mascot. In years past, the sophomore class has selected a mascot for their senior year to serve as a symbol of their class's literary exploration. With money raised from their sophomore car wash, seniors purchase a mascot, which they name after a character from the English literature novels they have read. Past senior mascots include Darcy the Dinosaur, Polly the Panda, and Chili the Cheetah. The senior mascot is an important way to commemorate the girls' real and literary travels. For more information about Kent

Place community service, visit www.kentplace.org/student_life

'Click it or Ticket' begins May 20

From May 20 to June 2, law-enforcement agencies in New Jersey and nationwide will conduct Click It or Ticket campaigns that incorporate zero-tolerance enforcement of safety-belt laws. Click It or Ticket programs, law enforcement agencies are asked to mobilize to focus on safety-belt violations and publicize this stepped-up effort. Click It or Ticket campaigns and similar efforts have increased safety-belt use in cities, states and even in an entire region of the country. In New Jersey, 425 police agencies participated in the mobilization. As a result, New Jersey's seat belt usage rate currently stands at 88.29 percent, 3 percent higher than the nationwide usage rate.

Author and journalist to talk at library

On Tuesday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m., Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple St., will host a talk by author and journalist Bryan Burrough about his current book-in-progress: a look at the radical underground groups of the tumultuous 1970s, including the Weathermen and the Symbionese Liberation Army. Burrough has been an investigative journalist for *The Wall Street Journal*, and is currently a special correspondent for Vanity Fair. He is the author of five books, including *The New York Times* bestseller "Barbarians at the Gates," which he co-authored with John Heylar, and "Public Enemies," which was made into a motion picture starring Johnny Depp as John Dillinger.

Seating is limited. Doors will open at 7 p.m. For details, visit www.summitlibrary.org call 908-273-0350.

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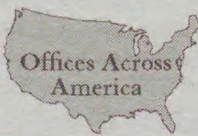
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
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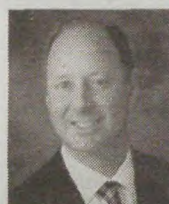
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Linden continues to struggle with the state-mandated 2 percent cap.

Budget woes continue for struggling Linden council

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n't have the time to let cooler heads prevail," he said, adding that he is well aware the PBA is being "labeled" because they are the largest union.

Part of the problem, Birch felt, is that union representatives have not been able to sit down with the council as one unit. He said if that took place, he is certain something could be worked out. Until now the PBA has not met with the entire council, just the mayor, or several council members. This, said the PBA president, was not working to anyone's advantage.

"We would like the opportunity to have discussions with all the council members," he added, explaining that "honestly, there is still time."

Although the situation appeared ominous late last week, Birch believes there still are "useful options" that could be considered to avoid drastic measures like laying off 22 police officers from a city that handles 60,000 calls for service each year.

"This is people's lives we are talking about; police officers with families. Some of these police candidates in the academy left good paying jobs for a chance to become a Linden police officer. Other officers have done tours in Iraq and came back to this mess," said the PBA president, adding that while PBA is aware of the financial difficulties facing the city, the union has a binding contract they negotiated in good faith.

"This shortfall is their fault, not ours. How come they didn't plan for a rainy day?" Birch said.

Second Ward Councilman Rich Koziol, said late last week the council did make a commitment to the PBA and the other unions, but admitted this financial dilemma was new for everyone.

"We have never been in the situation we are in now," he explained, adding that the council has cut everywhere they can.

"Three out of ten employees in the municipal building are gone and health benefits keep going up but employees are not paying anything towards these benefits," Koziol added.

The councilman was also aware that the PBA, along with the other unions, voted down deferring their raises and agreeing to one furlough day a week.

"They don't want to do anything to help and we are in a situation where we need their help," he added, noting that he believed that the PBA "was calling our bluff."

"We have to hold our ground because we have to come up with a budget," Koziol said, adding that although he was around when the union contracts were negotiated, the fact remains that "things have changed."

"We have been giving away a lot for a long time and its time our employees do the same," he said.

Regardless of what the mayor or council members feel at this point, Birch strongly believed that if all parties sat down together, something could be worked out.

"Like I said, I would like to go back to the drawing table. There still is plenty of time before rash decisions are made," The PBA president added.

But, even if the city and PBA come to a meeting of the minds, Gerbounka said there still would still be a shortfall of \$1.2 million. That, he said, will require the city to take additional steps that would impact property owners.

"We have no choice but to charge taxpayers for their garbage," the mayor said, noting that although last month he thought that number could go as high as \$25, the estimate is now somewhere between \$10 and \$15 dollars per month.

"I know, I know, its another tax, but we don't have any other option at this point," Gerbounka said.



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LINDEN NEWS

Kicking Cancer Walk to be held June 7

The Builders Club at McManus Middle School in Linden will host the Kicking Cancer Walk on June 7 at 1:15 p.m. Cancer patients from the Rahway Cancer Center will also be taking part in the walk, which aims to raise awareness about all types of cancer, as well as celebrate those who have battled or continue to battle the disease.

The Builders Club of McManus Middle School will donate all proceeds from the walk to the Rahway Cancer Center.

Officers participate in Newtown, Conn. voyage

On May 5 Linden Police Department Motor Officers Sgt. Michael Babulski, Investigator Peter Hammer, Investigator Mark Kahana and Officer Ian Conk went to Shelton, Conn. and volunteered their time to participate in a benefit motorcycle ride for the victims of the school shooting tragedy at the Sandy Hook School in Newtown, Conn.

In March the Linden Police Department purchased two, 2013 Harley-Davidson Electric Glide motorcycles with grant funding. The officers rode to Shelton, where they were greeted by the residents of Newtown and surrounding areas. The officers met with involved families and took pictures with anyone who wished, including volunteer fire departments and event sponsors.

Babulski stated, "This was the most emotional event I have ever taken part in. I am grateful to the Linden Police Department for sending me to this event. I am also honored to be invited to take part in such a special event."

To see photographs of the event, visit the LPD and Green Ribbon Ride's Facebook pages at: www.facebook.com/LindenPoliceDepartment and www.facebook.com/SandyHookFire-GreenRibbonRide.

The LPD Motor Unit will send four officers to participate in a charity ride for America's 911 Foundation in August, which travels from Shanksville, Penn. to the Pentagon and to Ground Zero in New York City.

Senior outreach at library

The Union County Department of Human Services Division on Aging and the

Division of Social Services will present a senior citizen outreach program at Linden Public Library on Thursday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Columbia Bank Room.

The program will offer seniors help with a variety of programs such as Pharmaceutical Assistance, Senior Gold Pharmaceutical Assistance, Gas & Electric Bills, State Health Insurance Program, Home Energy Assistance Program, and Supplemental Security Income. Eligibility requirements differ for each program.

The library is located at 31 E. Henry St. Sign up at the circulation desk, or call 908-298-3830. For more information about the program, call 888-280-8226.

Register for the Summer Reading Club on May 20

Registration for Linden Public Library's Summer Reading Club begins May 20 in the Children's Room at the library.

The theme for this year's club is "Dig Into Reading." Books will feature stories about items found underground: dinosaurs, mummies, pirate treasure, gems, and plants. For five weeks, weekly groups for Linden children will be held. The Primary Group is for children age 4 and 5; the Elementary Group is for children age 6 and 7. In these groups, the librarian will read books aloud, and then facilitate a related craft. Children ages 8 to 10 may participate in The Egyptian Book Group and read chapters from "Mummies in the Morning" and do a related craft about Egypt each week.

Two children's concerts will open and close the summer club. Registration is required for the music concerts, and begins May 6.

For more information, pick up a flyer at the library, 31 East Henry Street off Wood Ave., or email the Children's Librarian Karen Gray at kgray@lindenpl.org.

LHS Class of '63 seeking members for May 18 reunion

The Linden High School Class of 1963 is looking for classmates and faculty members to attend a reunion at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at Amici Ristorante in Linden.

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Scrutiny continues for UCIA director

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said, according to a transcript of the meeting. Neff also said he would not approve any UCIA projects "as long as this is going on."

Despite Williams attempting to defuse the situation over the following weeks, concern mounted that DeFilippo was becoming a liability.

Sources indicated at the time that discussions had been going on about the bad press involving the executive director, which they feared would have repercussions both for the UCIA and key political positions being challenged in the primary election June 4.

Late last week the UCIA announced the audit would be conducted, but continued to show support for DeFilippo.

The UCIA board was expected to meet Tuesday night, after presstime, to select an independent auditing firm that has had no connection to the UCIA, county or Democratic party. The audit will look into the amount of time accrued by DeFilippo which she was compensated for in lieu of actual vacation.

According to the UCIA, the executive director has the right to compensation for unused vacation time in her contract. Unused vacation time is "sold back" to the UCIA for cash. As for the reasons behind ordering the audit, commissioners have remained closed mouthed other than to explain that one will be done.

"The audit will be conducted in order to provide the UCIA Board of Commissioners with more information about vacation time during Ms. DeFilippo's period of employment," the UCIA board said in a statement released late last week.

Over the last eleven years, the outgoing executive director put in for approximately 273 unused vacation days which she was paid for according to information obtained by *LocalSource*. But while some sources have maintained the executive director was entitled to every one, others have said DeFilippo may have stretched the truth about the number of days she was entitled to receive. DeFilippo's contract gives her 35 vacation days a year. Her 273 unused days would break down to nearly 8 years worth of vacation days, out of her 11 in the position, without taking a day off.

Clouding the issue is the fact DeFilippo worked from home with the blessing of the county and UCIA and was left on her honor regarding the number of vacation days that were unused. However, UCIA board member Sebastian D'Elia, who also is the Union County Communication Director, explained what the executive director said about the issue.

"Ms. DeFilippo has maintained that the number of vacation days she has earned equals the number of vacation days she has used or has been compensated for. If this audit produces any anomalies, she will reimburse the authority for any discrepancy," said the board member.

In DeFilippo's absence, who will the party pick as it's next political leader?

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

The ink was barely dry on Democrat county chair Charlotte DeFilippo's resignation when jockeying for her coveted seat began in earnest. Who ultimately gets this position, though, depends heavily on where party loyalties lie.

It has been more than a decade since the Union County Regular Democratic Organization had to worry about finding a new political leader. DeFilippo was a powerful leader who not only led the party with the precision of the military going into battle, but also was able to raise hundreds of thousands of campaign dollars by just picking up the phone.

Few would deny that the Hillside resident wielded considerable power and was feared and loved by those in the party.

It may be the end of an era, but no one is taking the vacant county chair position lightly. This position also carries a lot of weight on the freeholder board because DeFilippo hand picked candidates in the past and orchestrated campaigns from behind the scenes. With her departure, a less powerful leader might not be able to hold things together as well, sources said.

The actual vote for this spot comes a week after the June 4 primary when DeFilippo's reign will officially end. The Monday following the primary, local Democratic committee party members, some just elected to their seats, will get together to decide who they want to see lead the party. The following night the entire party meets to decide who will be the winner. Similar to a political convention, there could be disagreement among all the players, but before the night is over, there will be a new Democratic chair.

When DeFilippo announced May 3 she would be stepping down from the county chair position, several names popped up on the short list for the chair position.

While that list narrowed during the week that followed, there was one surprising addition: Senator Ray Lesniak.

One of the first to throw his hat in the ring was 22nd District State Assemblyman Jerry Green of Plainfield. Green is a well seasoned savvy political player on his home turf and also known for being able to cut deals in Trenton. Whether he has enough political allies to pull off getting the majority vote for the Democratic chair position is still up in the air.

Late last week in an interview with *LocalSource*, Green did not deny he was actively seeking the Democratic county chair position by any means.

"With 25 years experience I have the seniority and its' the right time. The political landscape is changing," said the assemblyman, adding that he would like to see "a more grass roots approach" in the party.

Green said he had been making phone calls to communicate with those involved, and he felt things were "moving in the right direction."

"The main thing that is important here is that we represent good government," he added, noting, for example, that DeFilippo's type of leadership might be completely different than his.

"She has her style and I have mine," Green said, mentioning that he has been "very successful getting the vote out here in Plainfield, the county and state levels."

When it comes to style, Green said he likes to take a positive approach, because he is aware as the party chair he has to work with everyone, including those who sought the top spot and their supporters. While not directly saying he disagreed with DeFilippo's type of leadership, he came close.

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"If I take on the job of chairman, at this stage of my political career, I don't want to get involved with who said what. I just want to use my knowledge and experience to make this a better Democratic county," Green said.

Also on the short list was veteran Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage, a straight shooter who oversees the largest city in the county. Bollwage has more than proven he can get the vote out and has very close ties to Lesniak.

When interviewed last week, the Elizabeth mayor would not reveal whether he was seeking the Democratic chair seat, preferring to remain neutral at this early stage.

"The Democratic party needs to have a solid dialogue and come up with a consensus on candidates that meet the needs of electing Democrats throughout the county," Bollwage said, pointing out that he did not believe anyone had any commitments at this stage.

Although Roselle Mayor Jamel Holley is only in his first term, he is considered a "golden boy" when it comes to party politics.

A member of the Lesniak camp, he was trained at the knee of this powerful state senator and is considered a rising star. But while initially on the short list last week, Holley removed himself late last week from the race when he released a statement explaining why his name should not be considered.

"It's truly an honor to be considered as a potential successor to one of the greatest county chairs in our state's history," Holley said, adding that DeFilippo had been a "champion for Democrats" in the county.

"She has fought for the Democratic values we all share and I am proud to call her a mentor and a friend. While I am flattered to be considered, at this time I am focused on continuing my efforts to move my home community of Roselle forward and I am not interested in the position of chair," the Roselle mayor said.

On the other hand, Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr, also Roselle's Economic Development head, has made it known she wanted to move up in county politics. Whether she has paid her political dues enough to do so is at question.

According to several political sources, Mahr, who is well liked, is not ready to assume the top position. Mahr was unable to be reached by presstime in order to find out where she stands on the issue.

Although a darkhorse, Union resident Patrick Scanlon, Sr., former freeholder Deborah Scanlon's husband, has been mentioned as a contender. Considered to be tight with Assemblyman Joe Cryan, who oversees a politically sound Democratic machine in Union, it is unlikely Scanlon would get the votes needed to throw Green out of the mix.

Cryan, who has been maintaining a low profile lately, preferred not commenting on who he thought should nab the chair position. "Everyone is taking a look at it, there is nothing clear cut yet," he said Friday.

Political sources with knowledge of who is jockeying for position claimed late last week that Lesniak's name came up as a possible contender for the chair position, and that was later confirmed by several party members a few days later. However, Monday a former party member said Lesniak had "too many irons in the fire" to take on that position.

Until the week after the primary, the playing field should narrow considerably, with contenders and local towns redirecting their support in favor of another. Several sources indicated that even if Lesniak is not in the running for the chair position, those who are in his camp will vote for whomever he supports.

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OPINION

Protect our right to know

On Monday, May 13, the state Senate amended Sen. Jeff Van Drew's bill, S2552, that called for the exemption of personal firearms records from public access under the common law. According to the office of Sen. Loretta Weinberg, the amendment would see to it that any shielding of the names of gun owners would not be widely interpreted as a gateway to shielding other information from the public. But as of press time, we still don't know the language of the amendment. The New Jersey Press Association has firmly opposed this bill, at least how it was written before the amendment, as well as its companion piece of legislation in the state Assembly, Bill A3788.

Before considering this bill, one first needs to examine existing law. About 19 years ago New Jersey passed a regulation, N.J.A.C. 13:54-1.15 which provided confidentiality to background investigations, permits, firearms identification cards, licenses, certifications, certificates, forms for register, registration statements and applications for personal firearms.

At another point, Jan. 8, 2002, Gov. Donald DiFrancesco signed the Open Public Records Act which requires that public records be readily available, with some exceptions, for inspection and copying. It amended and supplemented the state's existing public records law. Exemptions to this law include criminal investigations, trade secrets, security information, employee grievances and contract negotiations, communication within the legislature, student and applicant records, records of charitable donations, academic research and personal information. The law also prohibits criminals from seeking information on victims.

So, considering existing law in New Jersey, after 11 years of OPRA on the books and 19 years of confidentiality of firearms records, why is this issue suddenly rearing its head? Actually, the impetus for this bill occurred not in New Jersey but in the neighboring state of New York. A newspaper in the Empire State acquired, through public records, addresses of registered firearms owners, then published a map with all of those addresses. On April 30, Van Drew expressed concern that publishing names and addresses of gun owners endangers lives. His argument is that, thanks to the OPRA, criminals could know who has a gun, if they want to break into their home to try to steal a weapon. Conversely, whoever isn't on the list most likely doesn't own a gun, suggesting breaking into their homes might involve less risk.

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Yes, the New York newspaper crossed a line to prove a point, but existing regulation N.J.A.C. 13:54-1.15 would prevent this from happening in New Jersey.

Unfortunately, Van Drew wants to go several more steps. Not only does he want to provide confidentiality for personal firearms records, he wants to also exempt these records from public access under the common law and he wants to vaguely exempt from public access, any information that would jeopardize personal and public safety.

We oppose Van Drew's bill as both dangerous in trying to provide an absolute curtain of secrecy that runs contrary to the Legislature's goal of transparency in government, and overbroad including language creating a new vague exception.

Currently, under common law access, a requester of these governmental records must establish an interest in the records and this interest in disclosure must outweigh the state's interest in non-disclosure. This case-by-case balancing act of confidentiality versus interest in disclosure more than adequately protects the confidentiality of records. A case-by-case analysis evaluates the facts in a specific case and weighs the relevant interests that are at stake.

The best example of this might be if a domestic violence offender wants to know if their victim owns a gun, confidentiality might likely win and the request would be denied. Conversely, if the victim made the request for the offender's firearms records, the interest in disclosure is much greater.

Another consideration is the slippery slope of exemption of these governmental records. Once we exempt one, why not another? Very soon we're going down that slope of good intentions and often find there's no way to stop the momentum.

We hope the eagerly awaited amendment that was passed by a unanimous 22-0 vote on Monday, May 13, is a good step away from the slippery slope. We applaud the state Senate for recognizing the flaws in the original bill, S2552, and trying to amend them. According to Weinberg's office, this bill will not come up for a vote until the end of May. Let's give these changes due diligence. Our laws are a careful balancing act between protecting one's privacy and the public's longstanding common law right of access to government records. For the sake of both, if the amendment doesn't maintain that balance, this bill needs to be defeated.

Dr. Steph's dental practice

Rahway Dentist Stephanie Trottnow has heard the stories before. There is a statistic about the lowest life expectancy and high suicide rate in her profession. She nods her head about the belief that women with smaller hands are that much more gentle when it comes to dental work.

Doctor Steph, as it appears on her scrubs, also know that numbers in her profession are rapidly changing. According to the dental blog DrBicuspod.com, half of the U.S. dental school students are women. US News and World Report finds dentistry to be ranked the "best job" and the "mosaic of employment opportunity, salary manageable, work-life balance and job security."

Approaching 12 p.m. last Saturday the activity at the Olin Dental Group where she works in the city was moving briskly. Trottnow comes out in her scrubs, Nike sneakers with a big "how are you" greeting for a young anxious patient. The Temple Dental School graduate is also a part-time professor at a Staten Island Dental School

LEFT OUT

BY FRANK CAPECE

where she teaches about extractions.

Trottnow grew up in Bucks County, Penn. Not surprisingly she loved science courses. She is eight months pregnant but will come back to work after the birth. Dr. Jean Furugama, who writes about gender issues, says, "Dentistry allows women to control their hours so that they can find balance between family and profession."

When Trottnow was attending dentistry school, the ratio of male to female was 65-35, but the changes were coming. She says that as a youngster she spent a whole lot of time in the dental chair starting with braces and knew it was to be her career.

As a general dentist she pitches in on Saturday to help in the x-ray of a patient. Despite a good informal working relationship she still refers to colleague Dr. Richard Olin as Dr. Olin.

While the ratio in general dentistry has evened out, in terms of specialists, the male/female split is still substantial. But for the economic realities, Trottnow would have taken the extra four years to become an oral surgeon. Currently the ratio in that field is 5 to 1, male to female.

Enrollment at dental schools has been jumping. According to Trottnow, the growing number of new dental schools has helped to bloat the number.

Trottnow says she enjoys the diversity of life in Rahway, especially the restaurants. In terms of her patients, the biggest surprise comes from older women who are still getting used to the increase of women in the field. The issue is compounded by her casual dress-scrubs and sneakers. She is conscious that dentists are perceived as being on the dull side. She came to work in Rahway through the information from a dental assistant who knew of an opening at the Olin dental practice. One changing statistic the less than 30-year-old Trottnow

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'Lest we never forget'

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

He was there every day. Outside the A&P Supermarket in Kenilworth, sitting in a green chair, a VFW hat perched on his head, hand clutching a bunch of red paper "buddy" poppies.

His name is Eddie Sulenski of VFW Post 2230 in Kenilworth. A Vietnam vet who never says much nor overly urges people to take a poppy or make a donation. He just sits there, as if hoping someone will remember he is there in tribute to all those who gave their lives serving their country.

A poem, penned in 1915 by Canadian Armed Forces Lt. Col. John McCrae, became the inspiration in the United States a few years later for a red poppy to be worn in honor of the soldiers who died in war. The tradition soon spread to other countries and today is a symbol throughout the world.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row.
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below*

As far back as I can remember, around the middle of May my Pop wore a red poppy on the lapel of his work jacket. He usually bought the first one around the

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

BY CHERYL HEHL

middle of May from an older veteran sitting outside the industrial plant where he worked for 47 years.

Over the following weeks, if a veteran happened to be clutching a bunch of poppies, Pop was handing over a well worn dollar for the cause and taking yet another faux flower in return.

Few know it was the Veterans of Foreign Wars members who came up with the idea of using the red paper poppy as a means to raise money for disabled and needy veterans.

Initially, fashioning the poppies began as a project for disabled veterans who were paid for their work. In some cases the money received for their participation was the only work they were able to do.

Eventually a factory was established in Pittsburgh, Pa., where all the poppies in the 1924 campaign were assembled.

The name buddy poppy is an official registered name, which originated with veterans themselves. In fact, the buddy poppy was trademarked in 1924, giving the VFW the exclusive trademark rights. The red poppy also guarantees that the name

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Left Out, By Frank Capece

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will probably like is that there is expected to be a future shortage of dentists as the older men in the profession retire over the next decade.

Dr. Lynn Carlisle, who manages a website for women dentists, raises the question if a "dental school education stifles the spirit of caring in women?" Judging from the activities of Dr. Trottnow last Saturday, the answer is not in all cases.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The 'reality' of politics is hard to swallow

To the Editor:

I often wonder if people know exactly what Hegelian Thinking is. It is sometimes referred to as Dialectic Thinking. First, folks have to realize there is an anonymous political elite that really runs the show at all levels of government and society. As the old saying goes, the powers that be are not the people you see.

This is difficult for many to overcome as it tangles with their cognitive dissonance. It seems most people live in an illusion where all the votes are counted, the politicians are all altruistic and corruption is unheard of. It makes them feel all warm and fuzzy.

But the reality is much harsher and voting is little more than a magicians game of distraction. Here in New Jersey, we are in the beginning of a gubernatorial campaign whose outcome is not in doubt. The omnipotent establishment has de facto

control of both candidates. For those people way at the top of the pyramid it matters not who wins because they are always in control.

The political party hierarchy cooperates as well. The elite have made their decision that Christie will be elected and the Democrat party has placed a sacrificial lamb on the ballot to placate the idea of a two-party system for the masses.

That person will go through the motions of a campaign knowing full well what his masters have in mind. He or she will be well rewarded for keeping the scam going and the public will be none the wiser. The press plays its part and the orchestra of deceit is complete for the poor slob who still believe. Sen. Barbara Buono knows she will go to defeat but pay attention to what happens to her after the election. She will do well. Christie will do well. You and I, on the other hand, will still have to struggle to pay the taxes on our 50 x 100 foot piece of paradise.

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healthy living

Women should find the time for a daily exercise schedule



Working out with a spouse, friend or co-worker can help motivate women attempting to adopt a more active lifestyle.

Modern women have a lot on their plates. Women with families often must balance the considerable responsibilities of life at home with the demands of a full-time career. Women's health is too often sacrificed at the expense of their dueling responsibilities to work and family, and that can lead to numerous problems down the road.

Women who want to get healthier need not fear that their new devotion to a healthier lifestyle will take some of their focus away from their families or their careers. In fact, women who feel better physically often find it easier to juggle family and career than those who don't make time for exercise. The following are a few tips to help women become more active so they can better handle the increasingly difficult balance of work and family life.

- Don't go it alone. The buddy system can be employed in many avenues of life, but it is perhaps most effective with regard to adopting an exercise regimen. Exercising with friends or even your spouse can motivate you to commit to exercise, as you won't want to let your exercise partner down. Your buddy also can help motivate you on those days when you really don't feel like exercising.

- Embrace daily activity. When you're becoming active again after a long hiatus from physical activity, you don't want to dive in too heavily and risk injury, but you do want to commit to being active on a daily basis. Being active every day does not

necessarily mean you have to spend 60 minutes on the treadmill every morning, but stay active even when you aren't necessarily exercising. Go for a walk after dinner or take the stairs up to your office instead of the elevator. Take periodic breaks from your desk, walking to get a glass of water or walking just to stretch your legs. Even if it's minor, such activity can help you avoid falling back into bad habits on those days when you aren't embracing more strenuous physical activity.

- Find exercise you will enjoy. Far too many people have attempted to become more active only to ultimately abandon such efforts because their exercise regimens bored them. Women who have never before embraced lifting weights or enjoyed jogging on the treadmill likely won't find those activities agreeable now, either. Finding physical activity you enjoy is a recipe for success, whereas you're far less likely to embrace a fitness regimen if you find it boring or repetitive.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend adults get at least two hours and 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity, such as brisk walking, every week and some muscle-strengthening activities that focus on all the major muscle groups on two or more days per week. Those guidelines are not very restrictive, allowing women to tailor their workouts around activities they enjoy. For example, if you don't like lifting weights, you don't have to spend much

time focused on muscle-strengthening exercises. Devote some time to such exercises, but leave the bulk of your time for activities you truly enjoy.

- Stay on top of your progress. If you are used to balancing work and family, then chances are you are adept at monitoring various things all at once. Your physical fitness is no different. While many women equate daily weigh-ins with their fitness progress, avoid using your scale as the way to monitor your progress, as scales can be misleading. Instead, keep a diary of your

workouts and your diet, and write in how you felt each day. This diary can help you find out what works for you and what might not be working. Give yourself time each week to monitor this progress and make adjustments as needed.

Embracing a physically active lifestyle after a long hiatus from exercise can be challenging, especially for women juggling the responsibilities of a family and career. But women who try a more physically active lifestyle often find this has a positive impact on their family and professional life.

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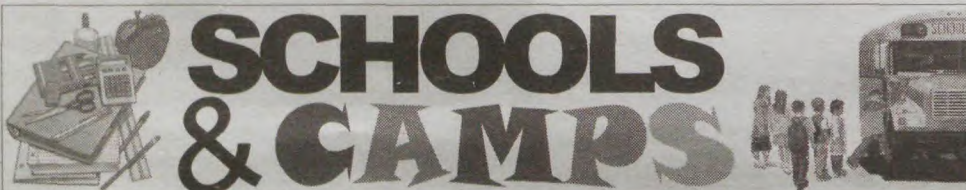
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Linden High School Spanish III Honors students collaborated and prepared chicken fajitas commemorating Cinco de Mayo festivities, and a typical Mexican Fiesta, singing 'Cielito Lindo,' 'De Colores,' and 'Primavera' by artist Carlos Santana. From left: Kelly Matuszewski, Nigel Sydney, Rocio Horzepa, Michael Barbosa, Tainiz Polanco, and Ignacio Menyou.



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'In Flanders fields the poppies blow'

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"buddy poppy" is a genuine product made by needy veterans.

Even the president of our nation recognizes the buddy poppy as a symbol of veterans who fought for their country. In fact, every president since Warren G. Harding has publicly endorsed and recognized this VFW effort each year and worn the red poppy on their lapel.

There always has been someone to sit outside supermarkets, industrial plants, drugstores and just about anywhere this time of year, clutching a bunch of red paper poppies in hands that more often than not are crippled with arthritis. They are the veterans who, like those who came before them, know all too well the ravages of war and the toll it takes, both on and off the battlefield.

No one ever had to force these aging veterans to give out buddy poppies. They just knew someday it would be their turn. Just as it was my Pop's.

I remember that time well. Pop was 84 that year, still healthy and spry, no sign of the cancer that would ravage his body a few years later and take him away from us forever.

A veteran of World War II, Pop served in the Navy, on a destroyer in the South Pacific. What I remember most was his humbleness when he spoke of the fierce battles waged and the buddies who died fighting by his side. Head bent, eyes averted, voice growing softer, he relayed their bravery in the face of battle, but he never once spoke of his own.

It would not be until he died several years later that we would open the safety deposit box in the bank and discover he earned 11 bronze medals for his own bravery. It was so like him, and millions of other veterans who come home from war, to quietly avoid being the center of attention. For war is never about one man, but many who, but for chance, would never have come together.

Every year as Memorial Day nears, I remember Pop's stories of the men who fought by his side, the ones who came home and the ones who never would. Most of all, I remember him telling me to never forget, to always remember the men and women who went to war, fought bravely and lost their lives for our country. And so I do because the story of the buddy poppy must be handed down, one to another, so no one forgets.

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and we lie
In Flanders fields.*

And like the other veterans who handed down the stories of war and the buddy poppy representing those fallen heroes, Pop soon was gone. His stories of serving his country left safely in the hands of his children, to be handed down, as they should be.

I asked Pop once who would hand out the poppies when all the old timers were gone and he just smiled and said "there will always be others."

*Take up our quarrel with the foe.
To you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold
high.*

*If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep, though
poppies grow in Flanders fields.*

Eddie Sulenski didn't break faith with those who died serving their country and neither have thousands of other veterans who man their posts with dignity, pride and a gentle humbleness that comes from knowing war. If you see an elderly veteran sitting outside a supermarket, stop and buy a buddy poppy. Like me, in your own way, you will be carrying the torch that was entrusted in all our hands, lest any of us ever forget.



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MOUNTAINSIDE NEWS

Contents of Levi Cory House up for sale, May 17

The Levi Cory House, 2 New Providence Road in Mountainside, will be open, and its contents for sale Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Jan Patterson Interiors, the house's previous owner, left behind fabrics, notions, pillows, hardware, sample books, wall art and home-decorating accents, all of which will be for sale, with proceeds to benefit the Mountainside Restoration Committee's campaign to move the house and save it from demolition.

This 200-year-old structure, once the home of Barrett & Crain Realtors, was the property of the Cory family who were prominent members of the "Westfields" of

Elizabethtown and Mountainside communities. Joseph Cory was the first mayor of Mountainside; his cousin, Levi Cory, once owned the house and rented it to the founders of the Children's Country Home as a summer retreat for inner city children, and later to become Children's Specialized Hospital.

For further information, call 908-789-9420 or visit www.mountainsidehistory.org

Support the veterans by ordering a brick today

On Veteran's Day, Monday, November 11, 2013, memorial bricks will be dedicated in Mountainside. Memorial-brick order forms for the bricks, which honor veterans,

can be picked up at Mountainside Public Library, The Hetfield House, or Borough Hall.

All proceeds from the bricks will support the Hetfield House and the proposed move of the Levi Cory House to the historic site. For further information please call 908 789-9420 or visit www.mountainsidehistory.org.

Memorial Day plans set for May 27

On Monday, May 27, Mountainside will sponsor a Memorial Day Ceremony followed by a parade honoring those who have died in our nation's service.

The ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m. at the Veteran's flagpole monument on Constitution Plaza. Upon conclusion of the ceremony, veterans, Scouts, rescue squad, fire department, police and community groups will parade toward Deerfield School. If any Mountainside veterans wish to march or ride in the parade, contact Bill Tomko at 908-232-2941.

For further information about the parade, please contact Carol Goggi at 908-789-9420.

Memorial garden open for visitors and community

The memorial garden at Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside is open for visitors.

The garden, located in a glade alongside the church building, is the final resting place for church member's memorial bricks and for some remains. It spans the decades after the church found a home here in the mid 1950s.

The garden was established in 1970 under the leadership of former Pastor Rev. Elmer Talcott; it is supported by the church today as a resting place for its members.

For more information, call the church office at 908 232 9490

Borough website has a calendar for Mountainside

The mayor and council have announced a new Community Calendar is posted on the borough's website, www.mountainside-nj.com. The Recreation Department maintains the calendar, which includes pertinent dates from all recognized groups and organizations within the community.

Police respond to many incidents in Union County

Linden

• Sunday, May 12: At 4:40 p.m. a 52-year-old Linden woman leaving the Pathmark store on N. Stiles St. was placing groceries into her vehicle when a man approached her shopping cart and attempted to take her purse out of the cart.

The victim grabbed the purse strap and began to scream, but the man pulled it out of her hands and she fell to the pavement. The man began to run out of the parking lot while two female eyewitnesses began to chase him. When he saw the women chasing him, he dropped the purse and continued running east on W. Henry Street.

Linden Officer Douglas Zsak, on patrol in the vicinity, heard the broadcast of a purse snatch and saw a man who fit the clothing description running east on W. Henry Street. The officer pulled his vehicle a block ahead of the suspect, waited for him and then ordered him to stop at gunpoint.

The suspect, identified as Alexi A. Bagot, 30, of Newark, was apprehended and later identified. He was charged with second-degree robbery and held on \$75,000 bail. Bagot also had contempt warrants out of Newark, Madison, Union, and Irvington. The victim was treated at the scene for scrapes on her knees.

• Thursday, May 9: At 4:05 p.m. police officers took a report of a telephone fraud. The victim, a 65-year-old woman from Linden, told police that she had received a phone call the previous evening from a man who told her he was from PSE&G, and that her bill was past due. He said her electricity

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would be turned off if she did not pay that night.

The victim offered to pay by credit card but she was told to purchase a Green Dot MoneyPak prepaid credit card, sold at local stores, and put at least \$300 on the card. She was then told to call the "PSE&G representative" and give him the PIN number from the card so that he could access the funds. The victim complied and did as she was told.

The following day, the victim called PSE&G, who said they would never demand payment in such manner, and said there was no record of PSE&G contacting the victim.

According to police reports, this type of telephone fraud preys primarily on senior citizens and employs tactics used to intimidate victims into believing that they may lose power. Linden police urge anyone receiving suspicious phone calls from people demanding money payments to hang up the phone. Report any such calls to the police department and never send money until the source of the call is verified.

• Monday, May 6: At 10:20 p.m. officers on patrol heard two gunshots in the vicinity of the Hattie Johnson Park, located on the 1100 block of Lincoln Street. Upon responding to the area, they found an 18-year-old Linden man who told them someone in a

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Take Back the Kitchen
Overcoming the Obstacles to Cooking

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Crazy Good — and Easy — Taco Pie

A very easy and very delicious dinner can be made in just minutes if we plan ahead with leftovers. I like to make this after my "Tuesday Taco Night" when I have already prepared my beans. I make extra and then use them up later in the week with this pie. Enjoy!

Ingredients

1 1/2 cups cooked and seasoned black beans. You can add honey, garlic, pepper, salt, cumin or any other seasonings you like	1/4 cup sour cream
6 oz. cooked and chopped chorizo or Trader Joe's brand soy chorizo if you want vegetarian	2 Tbs. salsa
6 shredded soft corn tortillas, torn into 1-inch pieces	
1 1/4 cup grated cheddar cheese	

Topping

1/2 sliced avocado	
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Method

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees
Combine all the pie ingredients in a cast-iron skillet or round Pyrex pie plate
Bake for 20 minutes until heated through and cheese has melted
Top with sour cream in the middle with the salsa on top of sour cream
Decorate with the sliced avocado and serve

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 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.



Marching onto stage

'The Music Man,' a musical by Meredith Willson, has marched into Cranford with its "76 Trombones" a-blasting. The Cranford Dramatic Club presents this theatrical production over the weekend at their community theater at 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford. The production is directed by Ken and Mary Webb, and features Paul Aiello and Misti Dawn Garritano as 'Professor' Harold Hill and Marian Paroo. And while the 1957 Broadway debut had 76 trombones leading a parade, CDC's 'parade' will include more than 30 cast members from throughout the tri-state area. Upcoming performances are Friday, May 17 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 18, at 8 p.m. Tickets to all performances are on sale online at www.cdctheatre.org, or by stopping by the Box Office at 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford, during a performance.

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A CIVIL AFFAIR — The Dr. William Robinson Museum, located at 593 Madison Hill Road, Clark, will be hosting a 150th Anniversary Civil War re-enactment on Saturday, June 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, June 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also on Saturday night, the group will re-open at 8 p.m. for candle light tours of the encampment and the museum. The 2nd Rhode Island, Company D, and the 7th Virginia Calvary will be in attendance, along with the Sons of Liberty and other special guests. Real life Civil war camp, weapons display, weapon drills, camp surgeon, period dancing, and also other activities will be on display during the day. Visit www.drrobinsonmuseum.org for more information.

Clerk makes Vote-By-Mail available at two offices

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has announced that “One-Stop” service is available for Union County voters at the Westfield and Elizabeth offices of the County Clerk.

“Eligible voters are able to apply for a Vote-By-Mail ballot for the New Jersey Primary Election in person at either one of my offices, receive their ballot and cast the ballot at the same time,” Rajoppi said.

“The service in Westfield and Elizabeth makes voting more accessible, particularly at the Westfield office with its convenient Saturday office hours and evening hours during the week,” Rajoppi added. “With the important June 4 Primary Election for Governor, State Legislature, County and Municipal offices approaching quickly, my office is working to make the voting process as fast and convenient as we can for everyone who is registered to vote.”

The opportunity for Vote-By-Mail in Westfield and Elizabeth is another service available at the County Clerk’s two offices, along with passport application and renewal services, registration of Trade Names, and the application and swearing in of Notaries Public.

The Westfield Annex of the County Clerk is located at 300 North Avenue East, Westfield. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Main Office of the County Clerk is located at the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Room 113, Elizabeth. Regular office hours in Elizabeth are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Vote-By-Mail is an easy, secure process that has replaced the Absentee Ballot. Voters do not need to give a reason why they wish to Vote-By-Mail. For more info, visit www.ucnj.org/vote-by-mail.



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In 2012, Union County Freeholder Betty Jane Kowalski, 3rd from left, happily cut the ribbon to open the Master Gardeners' Annual Spring Fair and Plant Sale. In 2013, Freeholder Kowalski will again officiate the ribbon cutting ceremony at this year's fair. Kowalski is joined by, from left, Joanne Krueger, Spring Fair and Demonstration Gardens Manager; Madeline DiNardo, UC Agricultural Agent and Master Gardener Coordinator; and Master Gardeners President Carol Walczuk. The annual Fair and Plant Sale will be held on Sunday, May 19, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Demonstration Gardens located at Trailside in Union County, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside. As always, a wide variety of hardy flowers, vegetables and shrubs will be available for sale at reasonable prices, plus expert advice on gardening. Refreshments and children's activities are also offered on site. The Master Gardeners of Union County are community service volunteers who, in 2013, will have grown and donated 20,000 lbs. of vegetables, fruit and herbs to help feed the hungry in Union County. For more information, visit mastergardeners-uc.org.

The City of Linden announces the sale of 2012 and prior year delinquent taxes and other municipal charges through an on-line auction. For a listing of all parcels, delinquencies and costs, please visit www.lindentaxsale.com

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Police throughout Union County respond to many reports

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gray Nissan had just shot at him.

Minutes later, officers observed a similar vehicle travelling east on E. Elizabeth Avenue at a high rate of speed. With the assistance of backup officers, the car was stopped at South Park Avenue and E. Edgar Road. The driver, Quincy Hakeem Oliver, 19, of Rahway, and the passenger, 15, also from Rahway, were allegedly found to be in possession of a .357 caliber Magnum revolver with two spent rounds, and a clear, plastic bag containing suspected marijuana.

Both occupants were charged with unlawful possession of a weapon and pos-

session of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Oliver was sent to the county jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail; the juvenile was transported to the Union County Juvenile Detention Center in Linden.

Clark

• Tuesday, April 30: At 8:38 a.m. in the vicinity of 1401 Raritan Road, police arrested Armando Gutierrez, 29, of Roselle, for hindering apprehension and criminal simulation, according to reports.

• Tuesday, May 2: At 10:01 p.m. in the vicinity of Raritan Road and Walnut Avenue, police arrested Kathleen Freeman, 39, of

Fords for alleged possession of a controlled dangerous substance and for alleged shoplifting from the ShopRite on Central Avenue. She was subsequently released on her own recognizance, according to police reports.

• Sunday, May 5: At 2:25 in the vicinity of the Garden State Parkway, police arrested Javier Francisco, 43, of Bronx, New York for driving under the influence.

Union

• Friday, May 3: At 2:36 a.m. Daniel Jackson and Markieth Jones were arrested in the area of Hemlock Road for burglary, receiving, hindering, and possession of burglar's tools.

• Friday, May 3: At 3:05 a.m. Wilfredo Ortiz was arrested on Balmoral Avenue for warrants.

• Friday, May 3: At 2:14 p.m. police responded to Indiana Street where jewelry was reportedly stolen.

• Friday, May 3: At 3:59 p.m. on Oakland Avenue, Tonya Roundtree was arrested for warrants.

• Friday, May 3: At 4:51 p.m. police responded to Salem Road on a report of a burglary. According to reports, it was unknown how entry was gained. Laptops and jewelry were reported missing.

• Friday, May 3: At 8 p.m. police responded to a theft of \$90 cash from a gas station on Route 22. The suspect was described as a black male on a red motorcycle.

• Friday, May 3: At 11:55 p.m. on Manor Drive, a silver, 2003 Dodge Intrepid was reported stolen.

• Saturday, May 4: At 11:33 a.m. police responded to Morris Avenue on a report of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle had actually been repossessed, according to police reports.

• Saturday, May 4: At 4:36 p.m. Ulices Ortiz was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 for warrants.

• Saturday, May 4: At 7:37 p.m. Johnny Taylor was arrested on Vauxhall Road for warrants during a motor vehicle stop.

• Saturday, May 4: At 8:23 p.m. Suzelle Napoleon was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on Bertha Avenue for warrants.

• Saturday, May 4: At 11:28 p.m. Traevon Baker was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on Hendricks Drive for warrants.

• Sunday, May 5: At 1:20 a.m. Joal Pierre was arrested during a motor vehicle stop for allegedly driving while intoxicated, according to police reports.

• Sunday, May 5: At 8:43 a.m. Jermaine Smith was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 for warrants.

• Sunday, May 5: At 9:03 a.m. on Liberty Avenue, Reginald Reynolds was arrested for driving while intoxicated, according to police reports.

• Sunday, May 5: At 4:20 p.m. on Route 22, Nairah Williams was arrested during a motor vehicle stop for warrants.

• Sunday, May 5: At 4:31 p.m. on Lehigh Avenue, Ronal Clavijo was arrested for warrants during a motor vehicle stop.

• Sunday, May 5: At 5:52 p.m. police responded to a caller on Salem Road who reported that a nephew did not return the

previous night. The caller reported someone called and stated they had the nephew and wanted \$2,000 for his return. The family paid \$1,500, however police reports called this a "scam."

• Sunday, May 5: At 5:58 p.m. on Stuyvesant Avenue, Stephen Williams was arrested for warrants.

• Sunday, May 5: At 6:16 p.m. police responded to reports of credit-card theft. According to reports, the card was used in numerous locations in Elizabeth.

• Sunday, May 5: At 8:01 p.m. Kevin Hopkins was arrested for warrants on Stuyvesant Avenue during a motor vehicle stop.

• Sunday, May 5: At 9:33 police responded to Broadmoor Court where a male allegedly assaulted a female with a freezer door before fleeing the scene. Warrants were issued, according to reports.

• Monday, May 6: At 4:31 a.m. on Union Avenue, Robert Denton Jr. was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• Monday, May 6: At 1:15 p.m. Talemah Waters, Jasmine Belton and Nafetiah Kearson were arrested at Target on Route 22 for shoplifting, according to police reports.

• Monday, May 6: At 1:52 p.m. Bhavuk Uppal was arrested for warrants during a motor vehicle stop on Morris Avenue.

• Monday, May 6: At 3:47 p.m. police responded to Route 22 on a report of a theft of a vehicle.

• Monday, May 6: At 6:02 p.m. on Stuyvesant Avenue, Amir Oglesby was arrested for warrants during a motor vehicle stop.

• Monday, May 6: At 8:10 p.m. police responded to a motor vehicle burglary on Perry Street. According to police reports, the car door was left unlocked on May 3, and the owner returned May 4 to discover a laptop and other items had been stolen.

• Tuesday, May 7: At 1:01 p.m. on Route 22 Anthony Passafaro and Hector were arrested for warrants during a motor vehicle stop.

• Tuesday, May 7: At 2:23 p.m. Lashonya Rogers, Idris Rogers and a juvenile were arrested at the Walmart for shoplifting, according to police.

• Tuesday, May 7: At 2:34 p.m. Paul Wright was arrested on Morris Avenue for driving under the influence.

• Tuesday, May 7: At 3:36 p.m. police responded to Gregory Avenue on a report of a theft of an iPhone by a suspect described as a black male, who took the phone and fled in a black Nissan Altima.

• Tuesday, May 7: At 5:06 p.m. police responded to a burglary to a motor vehicle on Douglas Terrace. According to police reports, the vehicle was left unlocked overnight and a magazine, fully loaded with 40-caliber hollow-point rounds, and handcuffs were stolen.

• Tuesday, May 7: At 11:20 p.m. police responded to Salem Road on a report of dumping by a black, late-model truck occupied by two white men.

Ten tires were dumped, according to police reports.

IN MEMORIAM

- ARMSTRONG — Henry "Harry" Rae Jr., formerly of Westfield and Cranford; May 3.
- AYERS — Lawrence W., of Union; May 5. Army veteran of Vietnam War, 61.
- BAUSCH — MaryJanet, of Rahway; April 30. Lifelong resident, mother of six, was 80.
- BRENNAN — James H. Jr., formerly of New Providence; May 1. Consultant, coach.
- BREZINA — Pamela L, formerly of Westfield and Roselle Park; May 4. Mother, wife.
- BRIDDLE — Marion Elizabeth, of Roselle; April 30. Great-grandmother, was 81.
- BRUNO — John, of Scotch Plains; May 1. Worked as a mechanic for Sears.
- CANNADY — Gloria Ann Karimah, formerly of Roselle; May 2. Leaves two daughters.
- CARRAJAT — Mary, nee Baker, of Cranford; May 1. Lifelong resident, accountant.
- CHAVIANO — Hugo O., of Hillside; May 5. Native of Cuba, Elizabeth dentist.
- DANIK — Thomas S., of Linden; May 4. Carpenter, veteran, VFW commander, 78.
- DAOUST — Robert C., of Union; May 4. Army veteran of Vietnam, leaves a brother.
- DECKER — Charles R., of Hillside; May 6. Worked for Hillside DPW, Air Force vet.
- DE ROSE — Alphonse Peter Jr., of Westfield; May 7. WWII Army vet, salesman.
- ECKENRODE — Lawrence H. "Larry" Sr., formerly of Berkeley Heights; May 2.
- FERRARO — Mario, of Roselle; May 4. Native of Italy, leaves four children, was 98.
- FORNADEL — Mary Behun, of Linden; May 3. She leaves two daughters, was 99.
- FORSTER — William L. Jr., of Linden, formerly of Elizabeth; May 7. He was 99.
- GARCIA — Richard, of Kenilworth, formerly of Cranford; May 3. Carpenter, hunter.
- GOLDEN — Judith Dale, nee Kornfield, of Cranford; April 18. Pulsar watch executive.
- GREILICH — Richard R., of Union, formerly of Roselle; May 1. Marine vet of WWII.
- HOPKINS — Kevin G., of Kenilworth, formerly of Cranford; May 1. Electrician, coach.
- HOUSTON — Lois Hawkins, of Roselle, formerly Elizabeth; April 30. L'Oreal retiree.
- KATZ — Sidney, of Union; May 8. Active advocate for disability rights, CAU member.
- KNAPP — Andrew Jr., formerly of Linden; May 7. Custodian for Linden BOE, 74.
- LANE — Elizabeth Dean, formerly of Westfield; April 7. Retired Westfield teacher.
- MACEK — Thomas J., of Mountainside; May 2. Research pharmacist, woodworker.
- MANCINELLI — June Weber, of Mountainside; May 2. Leaves husband, six children.
- MAROSI — Carol A., nee Wayman, of Linden. formerly of Rahway; May 6. Retired.
- MASTROCOLA — Francesco, of Scotch Plains; May 8. Native of Italy, skilled mason.
- MCDERMOTT — Arthur E., of Roseland; May 3. Survived by wife, four children.
- MCKENZIE — Michael S., aka Rahim Muhammed, of Elizabeth; May 2. He was 56.
- MIRAGLIA — Viola, formerly of Union; May 4. Homemaker, great-grandmother, 97.
- MUSCO — Josephine Rita, formerly of Roselle; May 9. Leaves four children, was 88.
- NARKIEWICZ — Theresa, nee Maccagnano, of Union; April 13. Great-grandmother.
- PAGLIA — Catherine L, nee Cacchione, of Linden; May 5. Great-grandmother, 88.
- PALATUCCI — Serafino "Fino," of Westfield; May 2. Registered nurse, was 48.
- PECKMAN — Catherine, nee Lasher, of Scotch Plains, formerly of Clark; May 3.
- PYLYPYSHYN — Donald, of Rahway; May 3. Longtime resident, Army veteran, 79.
- SCANLON — Margaret J. "Marge," of Roseland; May 8. Former business owner, 81.
- USLAN — Paul, formerly of Springfield; May 1. Master mason, Navy veteran, was 89.
- WALLACE — Patricia, of Hillside, formerly of Elizabeth; May 4. Leaves two children.
- WATSON — Sharise "Reese," Darnee, of Plainfield; May 2. She leaves four children.
- WEGRYN — Robert Louis, M.D., of Westfield; May 5. Named "NJ Physician of Year."
- WOODS — Josephine, nee Damato, formerly of Roselle Park; May 3. Grandmother.
- WOZNIAK — Joseph David IV, formerly of Linden and Kenilworth; May 5. Was 47.
- YARZE — Evelyn, nee Lane, formerly of Union; April 30. Retired from Westinghouse.

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RAHWAY NEWS

Homeopathy program, June 5

Rahway Public Library, located at 2 City Hall Plaza, will host a program on homeopathy on June 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The program will be presented by Carol Moy, a certified, classical homeopath and owner of Mind Body Homeopathic Health LLC.

Moy will discuss homeopathy, which aims to trigger the body's own self-healing abilities, to treat ailments of mind and body. Learn how homeopathy works, and how to use it simply and safely to treat a variety of illnesses, injuries, and chronic disorders.

For further information, contact Rahway library at 732-340-1551, ext. 212, or visit www.rahwaylibrary.org. Registration is not required.

Learn about Affordable Healthcare Act at the library, June 3

Rahway Public Library will host "Obamacare and You: You Can Win" on Monday, June 3 at 6:15 pm. Join author and consumer educator Katherine Woodfield Hermes for a discussion on health-care reform, how insurance exchanges impact on your health-care choices, and how to

save money on premiums even if your employer offers insurance.

Hermes is the author of "Don't Buy That Health Insurance: Become an Educated Health Care Consumer."

Facade improvement in place

It was the first warm day of spring, with temperatures reaching nearly 60 degrees, and the Rahway Arts District offices at 1591 Irving Street in Rahway were buzzing with activity. Bold, colorful graphics were being installed in the four, large, glass windows facing Irving Street. The new graphics were funded through a special facade program offered by the Rahway Redevelopment Agency to businesses within the Special Improvement District.

"We're really lucky to have this program in Rahway," says Rachael Faillace, the executive director for Rahway Arts District Inc. "Professionally-designed graphics and signage make a big impact on the streetscape and also say a lot about a business. Now our storefront tells a story about Rahway Arts District."

Designed by Wizdom Media, a graphic and media-arts firm located in downtown Rahway, each window image consists of a single graphic and a text element: a silhouette

of a ballerina for dance; a family for community, a jazz saxophonist for music and a tree made of handprints for art. Each image represents an art form or a value of Rahway Arts District.

"This program is very useful to downtown businesses and property owners who want to improve the appearance of their building by installing new signage, awnings or lighting," said Cindy Solomon, administrator of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency's facade program. "Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to new applicants."

Rahway business owners and prospective businesses interested in knowing more about this program may contact the Rahway Redevelopment Agency at 732-827-2193, or visit rahwayredevelopmentagency.com.

Arts Guild classes announced

Registration is now open for Arts Guild New Jersey's Kids and Teens Summer Art Workshops at Arts Guild New Jersey. Kids Workshops will be the last two weeks of July and first two weeks of August; teen workshops will be the last two weeks of July and the first week of August; all classes will be at the Recreation Center, 275 East Milton Ave.

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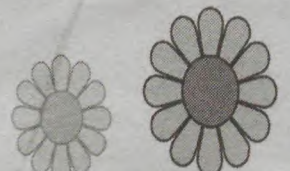
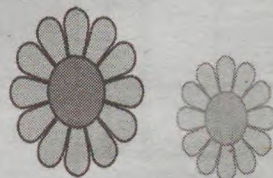
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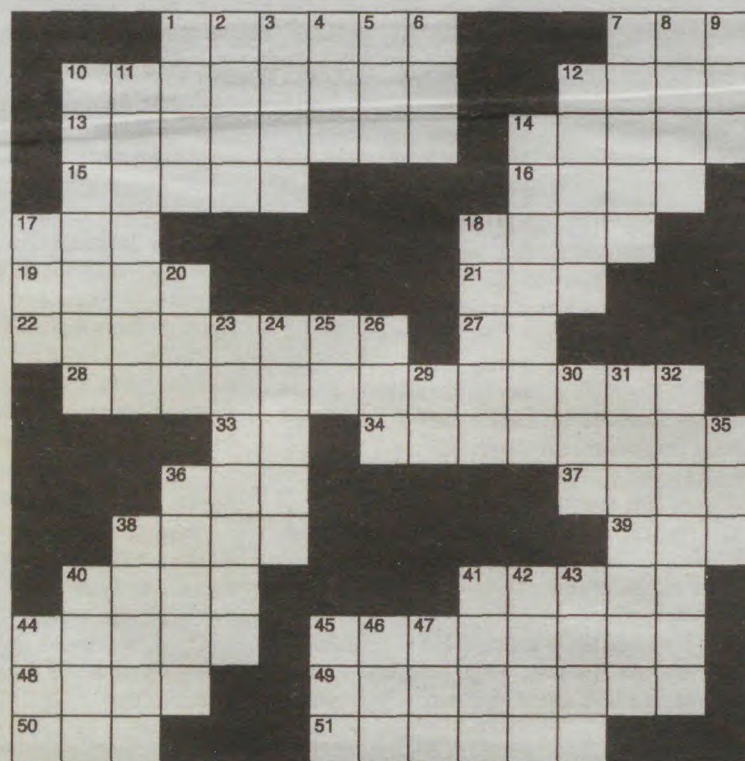
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16. Loose Arab garments
17. Title of respect
18. Operatic solo
19. Fleur-de-lis flower
21. Pad used as a floor covering
22. Sine curve
27. In the year of Our Lord
28. Day or sleep away supervisor
33. Carrier's invention
34. Infant bed
36. Fiddler crabs
37. English monk 672-735 (alt. sp.)
38. Precise and prudish
39. The beak of a bird
40. Point that is one point N of NE
41. Blighia sapida
44. Russian political prison camp
45. Unselfishness
48. Arabian Gulf
49. Unsupported
50. Thieving bird
51. Alarm and dismay



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5. Point midway between E and SE
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23. Allowance for intervals
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25. Jupiter satellite
26. Invest with knighthood
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30. Women's __ movement
31. Singleness
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36. Of a city
38. Former name of Belau
40. Class of comb jellies
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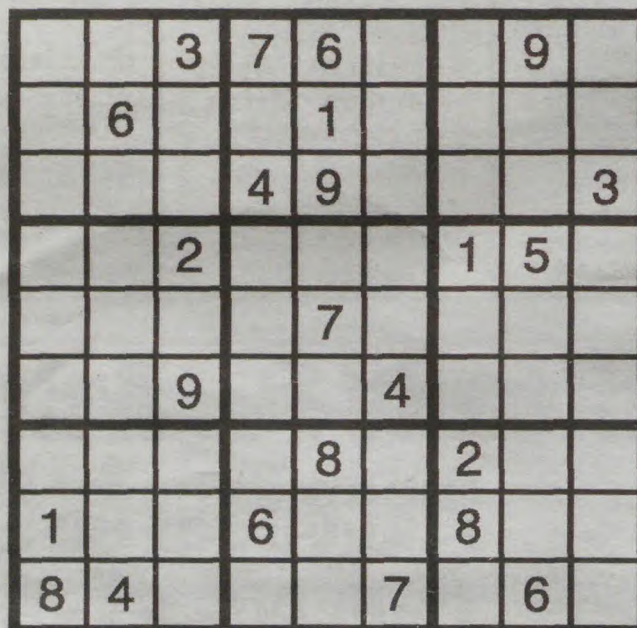
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HOROSCOPE

ARIES, March 21 to April 20.

Aries, life might get stressful really soon unless you curb your spending. Although you may feel like you're made of money right now, eventually the well will dry up.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21.

Making changes is seldom easy, but change is necessary this week, Taurus. You may need to analyze which areas of your life can use the most work.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21.

Gemini, kick back and have some fun in the next few days. Otherwise, you may waste an opportunity to recharge your batteries. Work responsibilities will not wait for long.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22.

Cancer, expect some rejuvenated ambition and energy. Spurred on by this newfound energy, you can successfully tackle many of the things on your to-do list.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23.

Leo, unless you can focus you will just be puttering around without a goal. Put your mind on one thing and stick with this line of thinking for a few days.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22.

Virgo, once you set your mind to something, it can be difficult to alter your opinions or perceptions. You may need to be a bit more flexible with a loved one this week.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23.

Libra, if you want someone to take you seriously you have to make up your mind. Don't flip-flop on your ideals this week or you may come across as a pushover.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22.

Scorpio, just when you think you have reached a dead end, a new path miraculously opens up. Don't miss your opportunity because time is fleeting.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21.

If practice makes perfect, then you have just about reached perfection, Sagittarius. You have been over and over something from every angle. It is now or never.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20.

Capricorn, there are many things you will not be able to change about this week, so why focus on the negativity? Instead, work around any issues and get the job done anyway.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18.

You often seem immune to the seriousness of certain situations, Aquarius. This week is no different. Try to recognize the gravity of a certain situation and put your best foot forward.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20.

Don't think that your efforts have gone unnoticed, Pisces. A few key people have been keeping track of your accomplishments.



A Scout's honor

Girl Scout Brownie Troops 40537 and 40549 from Frank K. Hehny Elementary School, paid tribute to the American Flag at their last meeting. North Plainfield Fire Department Deputy Chief, Lane Solon, visited the girls to teach them the proper way to honor the American Flag. Solon, who is also a Girl Scout leader, outdoor camp skills trainer and troop leader for his daughter's troop, reviewed the history of the American flag, the proper way to handle the flag, fold the flag, salute the flag and how to conduct a flag ceremony. The third graders are preparing for their 'Bridging Over to Juniors' ceremony in June.

You shouldn't hit a good plant when it's down

The print and online worlds are awash in a sea of discussion about impatiens. For those of you who have been out in the garden or otherwise not paying attention, *Impatiens walleriana*, the bright, shade-loving bedding annuals, are suffering from an epidemic of downy mildew. This blight, which shows up as a gray coating on the undersides of leaves, invariably kills the plants. It spreads quickly, and spores can live on in the soil through the winter, infecting "clean" plants the following year. Hot humid weather provides ideal conditions for downy mildew, which has afflicted impatiens both here and in England. As a result, many retailers, especially those in areas with sticky summer conditions, are not carrying bedding impatiens this year.

The news about the blight has revealed a few opinions that are as mildewed as the leaves of afflicted plants. Some garden writers have used the plague as a springboard to sound off about the merits of impatiens, either damning them with faint praise or praising them with faint damns. The little plants have been thoroughly slammed for their carefree cheerfulness and condemned for being ubiquitous. Impatiens have become the Stephen King or Andrew Lloyd Webber of the flower world — well loved by tens of thousands of people, but condemned as plebian by those

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making claim to horticultural sophistication. Critics of the plant have burdened it with an awful lot of emotional and cultural baggage. It has become a de facto symbol for all things flashy, cheap, easy and, above all, suburban.

First described by Linnaeus in 1753, garden impatiens are part of a large genus of about 850 species, mostly native to Africa and Asia. They are also members of the larger balsam, or Balsaminaceae, family. The stems are generally succulent, and each flower has five petals, which may or may not be equal in size and configuration. The *walleriana* species, parent of the modern hybrid bedding plants, arrived in the United States sometime in the late 19th century and has never looked back. One of the chief reasons that it became popular and stayed that way is that it blooms in shade, providing color where it is most needed and not making a nuisance of itself with incessant demands for cossetting. It seems to me that, absent all other considerations, substantial credit should be given to the impatien for the selfless act of lighting up so many dark spaces.

Good gardeners generally suit them-

selves and don't worry about what others think. As with all plants, impatiens can be used brilliantly and keep good company with all kinds of interesting plants. I have seen wonderful combinations of white-flowered impatiens and August lilies-*Hosta plantaginea*. The hostas' waxy-white trumpets are intensely fragrant and stand tall behind the shorter impatiens. Purple-flowered impatiens look wonderful under silvery birch trees in a planting scheme that also includes purple and chartreuse-leaved varieties of *heuchera* and green and white variegated *coleus*. In long beds that contain both sunny and shady areas, brightly colored impatien varieties can bring unity by carrying a "hot" color scheme into the shade.

In an era when small space gardening is the only option for many, and every plant must do yeoman-like work, impatiens shine. They can serve as fillers in containers planted with mixes of annuals and perennials. In small gardens they make useful edgers as well. A garden artist painting with a plant palette that includes impatiens can create a masterpiece.

Of course all the inspiring rhetoric is useless right now, because impatiens are few and far between. You can do the same jobs in shady spots with large-flowered New Guinea impatiens, which are not

afflicted with downy mildew. You may have to use them sparingly, however, because they are more expensive. Intersperse clumps of impatiens with *coleus*, which are seemingly disease proof, at least for now, and dirt cheap. A few small-flowered tuberous begonias will do wonders for hanging baskets, as will old-fashioned fuchsias.

Eventually either downy mildew will subside or breeders will come up with mildew-resistant strains of impatiens. The plants will probably be stronger and healthier because of stronger genetic material. Until then, we will all have to look at our shady spots and think creatively.

Lovers of impatiens should not despair, either because of the blight or the plant critics. At this very moment garden pundits are falling over themselves extolling the virtues of dahlias, which were considered dull, hackneyed and terribly suburban only 15 years ago. Everything comes back into fashion if you wait long enough.

Elisabeth Ginsburg, a resident of Essex County, is a frequent contributor to Worrall Community Newspapers. The writer archives past columns at <http://www.gardener-apprentice.com>.

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2010: Cranford 6, Westfield 5 - at Elizabeth
WP: Ryan Williamson. LP: Aiden Scanlon.

2007: Cranford 7, Gov. Livingston 1 - at Linden
WP: Dan Moreno. LP: Anthony Corsi.

2003: Cranford 7, Linden 4 - at Linden
WP: Brian Ciencin. LP: Mike Loureiro.

2001: Cranford 11, Plainfield 1 - at Linden
WP: Tom Polito. LP: Eladio Ortiz.

2000: Cranford 10, Rahway 0 - at Linden
WP: Tom Polito. LP: Steve Brown.

1999: Cranford 6, New Providence 5 - at Linden
WP: Tom Polito. LP: Todd Simo.



Photo by JR Parachini

The Cranford baseball team captured its 8th Union County Tournament championship Sunday when it defeated Westfield 8-0 at Kean. The Cougars began the week perfect at 17-0 and on a 25-game winning streak dating back to last year. See UCT scoreboard, Page 42.

Cranford baseball captures its 8th UCT championship

Williamson, Folinusz lift undefeated squad

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The Cranford baseball team never won the Union County Tournament until 1999. The season before, the Cougars reached the final for the first time in 20 years and fell to Summit.

Since 1999, Cranford can't lose.

On Sunday in the 60th annual baseball Union County Tournament championship game at Kean University's Jim Hynes Class of 1963 Field in Union, the Cougars added another championship to an already impressive trophy case.

Sparked by another stellar pitching performance from North Carolina State-bound senior left hander Ryan Williamson, top-seeded Cranford was decisive in downing third-seeded Westfield 8-0.

Cranford tied Union for the second-most UCT championships with eight and is 8-0 in the final under present head coach Dennis McCaffery, who was an assistant coach under best friend James Shriner in 1998 before becoming the head coach in 1999.

Westfield is now 13-9 in UCT finals, with the most crowns and most title-game appearances. Head coach Bob Brewster, at the helm since 1983, is now 9-7 in the final.

Westfield has lost four of the last six finals, while Cranford has won three of the last four.

Williamson tossed a four-hitter, striking out seven and walking four, for his second UCT shutout. He went 4-0 in the UCT and gave up only one run in 28 and 1/3 innings of tournament work.

Williamson beat 16th-seeded Roselle Park 6-1 in a complete-game first round performance and then in relief against eighth-seeded Union Catholic he earned the mound victory after pitching six and 1/3 innings in a 6-5, 11-inning triumph.

Williamson then blanked fifth-seeded Elizabeth 1-0 in last weekend's semifinals at Elizabeth's Williams Field tossing a four-hitter that included 12 strikeouts and four walks, one of them intentional.

He began the week with a record of 7-0 this season and 24-5 lifetime.

Offensively, the Cougars were led by Rutgers-bound senior catcher Chris Folinusz, who banged out three hits in four official at-bats.

Folinusz slugged two doubles, drove in a run and scored twice.

Westfield senior right hander Kevin Galasso took the loss, falling to 4-2.

It was Galasso's first setback since Opening Day against Scotch Plains, which was a 5-3, eight-inning defeat at home.

Cranford, ranked No. 2 in the state, improved its record to 17-0 and extended its winning streak - dating back to last season - to 25 games.

Cranford's next game was to be a Union County Conference-Watchung Division clash at Westfield, Tuesday.

Cranford defeated Westfield 11-5 at home in division play back on April 11.

The next Cougar goal is to 3-peat as Watchung Division champions. Cranford began the week 6-0 in Watchung Division play, with its final six division games including at Westfield Tuesday, Scotch Plains home today, at Union tomorrow, Governor Livingston home Tuesday, Elizabeth home May 24 and a game at Scotch Plains still has to be re-scheduled.

Cranford also hosts Bergen County parochial school power Don Bosco Prep Saturday at 1 p.m.

Cranford's last loss was an 11-7 setback at home to South Brunswick in May 12, 2011.



Photo by JR Parachini

Cranford head coach Dennis McCaffery has guided the Cougars to all eight of their Union County Tournament championships, beginning with the first one during his initial season at the helm in 1999.

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The Governor Livingston baseball team, guided by - from left - coaches Andy Huber, Chris Roof and Ralph Yezza - will host Rahway Saturday at 11 a.m. at Snyder Park in Berkeley Heights in a cancer awareness game. Roof, GL's 10th-year head coach, and Yezza both played their college ball at Montclair State where Rich O'Connor was one of their assistant coaches. The GL program is raising funds for O'Connor's son Rich, who is battling leukemia.

GL baseball squad will play for a very worthwhile cause Vs. Rahway this Saturday at Snyder Park

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The Governor Livingston baseball team competes hard every day to put its best product on the field.

The Highlanders also care more about just the game.

An example of that will be on display Saturday morning at 11 when they host Union County Conference-crossover foe Rahway at Snyder Park in Berkeley Heights in a game that will raise money for cancer awareness.

The beneficiary will be Mike O'Connor, 31, who is the son of Rich O'Connor. The elder O'Connor was an assistant coach at Montclair State when GL head coach Chris Roof and GL assistant coach Ralph Yezza played there.

O'Connor also just completed his 30th season as an assistant football coach at MSU. He is the offensive coordinator and in charge of the quarterbacks on head coach Rich Giancola's staff.

"We're playing for Mike O'Connor, who just recently beat leukemia," Roof said. "Mike's dad was mine and Ralph Yezza's assistant college baseball coach at MSU, who we dearly admire and love.

"We would do anything for Coach O for all that he's done for the both of us."

Roof said that the GL baseball program has already raised \$2,000, which included a hit-a-thon.

Roof also said that the O'Connor family, including Mike, will be in attendance at Saturday's game, in addition to former MSU baseball teammates of Roof and Yezza.

"We heard about what happened to Mike and thought this would be a good idea," Roof said. "It's a good cause and a great thing for our kids to be a part of for a great family."

NOTES: The event was originally scheduled to take place last Saturday, but rained out.

GL snapped a two-game losing streak last Thursday night when it turned back Westfield 8-2 at Snyder Park in UCC-Watchung Division play.

As of Monday the Highlanders were 11-8 overall and 3-5 in the Watchung Division, with division games remaining at Linden this past Tuesday, Union home today, at Scotch Plains tomorrow and at Cranford Tuesday.

Rahway was 8-10 overall and 6-2 in the Valley Division. The Indians have division games remaining this past Tuesday at Hillside and tomorrow at home vs. St. Mary's, Elizabeth.

GL began the season with three straight wins, the Highlanders topping Carteret, Plainfield and Madison.

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SEEDS: 1-Cranford. 2-Scotch Plains. 3-Westfield. 4-Gov. Livingston. 5-Elizabeth. 6-Union. 7-Dayton, 8-Union Catholic. 9-Summit. 10-Linden. 11-Johnson. 12-Rahway. 13-New Providence. 14-Roselle Catholic. 15-Oratory Prep. 16-Roselle Park. 17-Plainfield. 18-Hillside. 19-St. Mary's, Elizabeth.

PRELIMINARY ROUND: Thursday, April 25

Roselle Catholic 16, St. Mary's, Elizabeth 6 — at Roselle Catholic

Oratory Prep 13, Hillside 0 — at Oratory Prep

Roselle Park 3, Plainfield 2 — at Roselle Park

FIRST ROUND: Saturday, April 27

Elizabeth 14, Rahway 0 — at Elizabeth

New Providence 6, Gov. Livingston 3 — at Gov. Livingston

Union Catholic 2, Summit 1 — at Union Catholic

Cranford 5, Roselle Park 1 — at Cranford

Linden 6, Dayton 4 — at Dayton

Scotch Plains 6, Oratory Prep 1 — at Scotch Plains

Johnson 8, Union 2 — at Union

Westfield 9, Roselle Catholic 2 — at Westfield

QUARTERFINALS: Wednesday, May 1

Elizabeth 4, New Providence 3 — at Elizabeth

Cranford 6, Union Catholic 5 (11 inn.) — at Cranford

Westfield 11, Johnson 1 — at Westfield

Scotch Plains 8, Linden 7 — at Scotch Plains

SEMIFINALS: Sunday, May 5 At Williams Field, Elizabeth

Cranford 1, Elizabeth 0 (8 inn.)

Westfield 6, Scotch Plains 4

FINAL: Sunday, May 12 At Kean University, Union Cranford 8, Westfield 0

CRANFORD VS. WESTFIELD IN FINALS:

2013: Cranford 8, Westfield 0
WP: Ryan Williamson. **LP:** Kevin Galasso.

2010: Cranford 6, Westfield 5
WP: Ryan Williamson. **LP:** Aiden Scanlon.

1978: Westfield 3, Cranford 2
WP: K.C. Knobloch. **LP:** Scott Kley.

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Photo courtesy of Union County College

UCC has track athlete that gains national championship

In its first season with a track and field program, Union County College has a track athlete who won a national championship.

Lady Owl track standout Katie Lennon placed first in the women's 10,000-meter run in a time of 42:09.18.

Lennon competed last Thursday in the NJCAA Division 3 Nationals held at Howard Community College in Columbia, Md.

Her UCC teammate, Petra Semelova, placed second with a time of 43:26.60.

In its first season with a track and field program, Union County College has a track athlete who won a national championship. Lady Owl track standout Katie Lennon placed first in the women's 10,000-meter run in a time of 42:09.18. Lennon competed last Thursday in the NJCAA Division 3 Nationals held at Howard Community College in Columbia, Md. See high school track and field schedule on Page 44.

The competition was to conclude last Friday and featured Lennon and Semelova running in the 1,500-meter and 5,000-meter finals.

UCC's men's team was to compete in the finals of the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relays.

Lennon's victory is the first track national championship in UCC's 79-year history. Her win could spur more.

The National Junior College Athletic Association for Division 3 includes 98 community colleges across 14 states and 24 regions.

UNION SUFFRAGETTES - WEEK 4

The following are Union Suffragettes results from Week 4:

SENIOR DIVISION

Comets 14, Pisces 10: Lindsey Rotoly was 3 for 3 with 5 RBI to lead the Comets. Itiya Barrios, Sasha Korn and Christina Melchionna each went 2 for 3 and had a RBI. Meaghan Brandt doubled in a run. Stephanie Ng and Kayla Warnock each contributed a RBI. Emily King struck out 3 in her 2 innings pitched. Rotoly struck out 2 in her inning of work and Warnock pitched 3 strong innings allowing 3 runs while striking out 6. For the Pisces, Larissa Stone and Melanie Krupa each went 2 for 4, while Siena Bucu and Sydney Santiago each contributed a hit. Krupa pitched 3 strong innings, allowing 4 runs on 4 hits while striking out 6. Caitlin Jordan pitched a solid inning allowing 2 runs on 1 hit.

Libras 5, Aquarians 2: Great pitching and timely hitting propelled the Libras, as Jaqueline Shultz pitched a no hitter in her 3 innings of work. Schultz struck out 7 and walked 2. Sarah Campos allowed 2 runs on 3 hits in her 2 innings and Kayla Keane pitched a perfect sixth for the close. Kiara Hernandez knocked in 2 runs, Lisa Barattucci tripled in a run and Chauncei Walker doubled for the Libras. Natalie Franca and Keane picked up the other RBI. For the Aquarians, Sidney Lempicki hit a double and drove in both runs. Michelle Lin contributed a base hit and both Lempicki and Lin pitched 3 strong innings.

Virgos 26, Capricorns 4: The Virgos were led by Corinne Clemente who was 3 for 5 with a home run and 6 RBI. Joanna Stern was 5 for 5 with a double and 2 RBI. Lauren Buchanan was 3 for 5 with 3 RBI, 6 stolen bases and 4 runs scored. Baylee Solorzano was 2 for 2 with a RBI, 4 stolen bases and 4 runs scored. Amanda Freeman was 2 for 2 with 2 RBI, 4 stolen bases and 3 runs scored. Amy Ferrigno was 3 for 4 with 2 RBI, 3 stolen bases and 4 runs scored. Emily Hayes allowed 1 run on 1 hit in 3 strong innings and Alyssa Rivera threw out 2 runners from behind the plate. For the Caps, Olivia Corveleyn singled and Alanna Smith homered, followed by a solo home run by Alannah Bucu in the Caps 3 run 1stinning. Gianna Casella chipped in with a fourth inning hit.

Geminis 10, Leos 2: Collette Gillo hit 2 doubles and drove in 2 runs and Christina Gillo was 3 for 4 with 2 RBI to pace the Gemini's. Briana Cortez was 3 for 4 with a RBI and Maeve Ford and Jennifer Puschak were both 2 for 4. Adriana Belmonte contributed an RBI. Maeve Ford pitched 3 strong innings allowing 3 runs on 6 hits while striking out 2. Christina Gillo surrendered 3 hits with one strike out in her 3 scoreless innings pitched.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Entertainers 22, Artists 21: Natalie Ramos hit a game winning grand slam in the bottom of the fifth for the Entertainers. Ramos had 7 RBI on the day. 8 Entertainers had a multi-hit game including Zoe Diakides who was 3 for 4 with 2 RBI. Chanelle Sellers was 2 for 4 with 2 RBI. Kelly Higgins and Kemberly Torres each went 3 for 4. For the Artists, Gabby Mora was 4 for 4 with 3 RBI, Brianna Gomes and Christina Mora were both 2 for 4 with 4 RBI and Grace Enderle was 3 for 4 with a double and 3 RBI. Rhianna Jones was 2 for 4 with a solo home run. Sara Richeme had 2 RBI. Jones, Gomes and Moran combined to pitch 6 innings.

Scholars 6, Educators 5: Jenny Hughes smacked a 2 run walk-off homer with 2 outs in the bottom of the sixth to lead the Scholars to victory. Hughes was 3 for 4 on the day and pitched 3 scoreless innings while striking out 7. Karen Vera also contributed 3 hits for the Scholars. For the Educators, Janel Garcia pitched 3 solid innings allowing just 1 run on 5 hits while striking out 5. Garcia also helped her cause by going 2 for 3 at the plate. Vicelle Juanites doubled in a run. Isabel Castro was 3 for 3. Kennedy Bugg, Nyla Jean and Emma Leone each contributed an RBI for the Educators.

Professionals 19, Explorers 2: Alyssa Thomas and Ezinne Igwe put on a dominating performance hitting and pitching to lead the Professionals. Thomas was 2 for 3 with a home run and 6 RBI while Igwe blasted 2 home runs and had 3 RBI. Thomas allowed 2 runs on 1 hit and struck out 5 in 2 innings and Igwe pitched 3 scoreless innings allowing just one hit and striking out 4. Elizabeth Arias and Alana McGill both doubled and had 2 RBI. Natalie Colon was 2 for 3 with 3 RBI. Alexa Kemps and Emma Radler both contributed a RBI.

Diplomats 15, Inventors 14: The Diplomats had nine players contribute RBI and scored 6 runs in the bottom of the fifth to lead them to victory, led by Megan Sloane who was 2 for 3 with a double and 4 RBI. Arianna Alvarado, Kaitlyn Matta and Emily Schroeder each had 2 RBI. Matta and Sloane combined for 12 strikeouts in 3 innings of work each. For the Inventors, Kayla Mantilla was 4 for 5 with a triple, home run and 5 RBI. Arielle Roman was 3 for 3 with a triple and 3 RBI.



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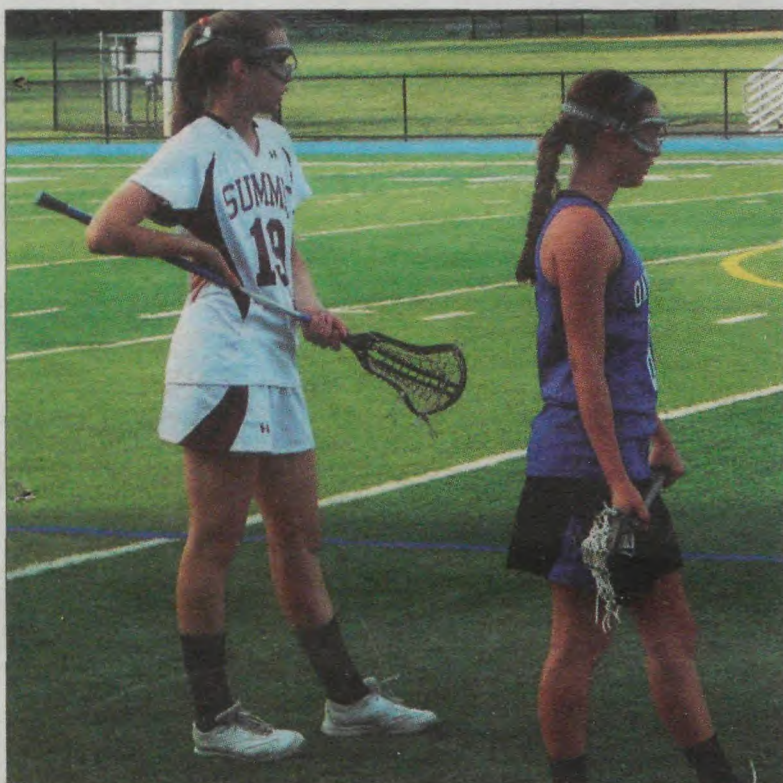
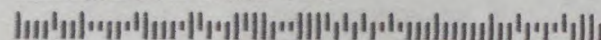


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The Summit, at left, and Oak Knoll, at right, girls' lacrosse teams clashed in the Union County Tournament championship game for the second straight season Tuesday night at Johnson High School's Nolan Field in Clark. The contest was originally scheduled to be played last Saturday night, but it was rained out. Summit was seeking a fifth straight UCT title.

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UCT LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES WERE TO BE PLAYED TUESDAY AT JOHNSON'S NOLAN FIELD: GIRLS': 2-Oak Knoll vs. 1-Summit / BOYS': 2-Westfield vs. 1-Summit

UCT BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SCORES, SITES

2012: Summit 12, Westfield 1 - at Johnson's Nolan Field
2011: Summit 15, Cranford 2 - at Johnson's Nolan Field
2010: Summit 7, Westfield 2 - at Johnson's Nolan Field
2009: Summit 9, Johnson 3 - at Johnson's Nolan Field
2008: Summit 7, Johnson 6 - at Summit's Tatlock Field
2007: Westfield 7, Summit 6 (2OT) - at Summit's Tatlock Field
2006: Westfield 10, Summit 9 - at Summit's Tatlock Field
2005: Summit 14, Westfield 2 - at Summit's Tatlock Field
2004: Summit 12, Westfield 3 - at Summit's Tatlock Field
2003: Summit 4, Westfield 3 - at Kean University in Union

UCT GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SCORES, SITES

2012: Summit 17, Oak Knoll 7 - at Johnson's Nolan Field
Summit was the top seed and Oak Knoll the second seed.
2011: Summit 16, Kent Place 12 - at Johnson's Nolan Field
Summit was the top seed and Kent Place the second seed.
2010: Summit 15, Oak Knoll 12 - at Johnson's Nolan Field
Summit was the third seed and Oak Knoll the top seed.
2009: Summit 11, Kent Place 6 - at Governor Livingston
Summit was the top seed and Kent Place the second seed.
2008: Kent Place 13, Summit 10 - at Kent Place's Pat Conley Field
Kent Place was the top seed and Summit the second seed.
2007: Oak Knoll 20, Kent Place 13 - at Kent Place's Pat Conley Field
Oak Knoll was the top seed and Kent Place the third seed.

2013 - TRACK AND FIELD SCHEDULE FOR MAY, JUNE

UNION COUNTY MEETS:

May 16 and 17 both days 2 p.m.: at Plainfield

EAST COAST RELAYS:

May 20 at 3:45 p.m.: at Randolph

NJSIAA SECTIONALS:

May 24 and 25 at 3:30 p.m. and 10 a.m.

North 1, Groups 2 and 3: at Mahwah

North 1, Groups 1, 4 and Non-Public, North A: at Randolph

North 2, Groups 1 and 4: at Ridge

North 2, Groups 2 and 3: at Millburn

Central Jersey, Groups 2 and 3: at Monmouth Regional

Central Jersey, Groups 1 and 4: at Hillsborough

South Jersey, Groups 2 and 3: at Buena

South Jersey, Groups 1 and 4: at Egg Harbor

Non-Public, North B; South Public, North A;

South Public, North B: at Monsignor Donovan

NJSIAA GROUPS:

May 31 and June 1 at 3:30 p.m. and 11 a.m.

Groups 2 and 3 and Non-Public, A: at South Plainfield

Groups 1 and 4 and Non-Public, B: at Egg Harbor

MEET OF CHAMPIONS:

June 5 at 3:30 p.m.: at South Plainfield

Summer youth baseball registration now available

The Union County Baseball Association invites young baseball players — boys and girls — ages 8 to 15, to register for its Summer Youth League baseball teams. This annual youth baseball program is sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Baseball Association, and the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal.

"Since 1945, Union County has offered opportunities for young ballplayers to strengthen their skills and have fun during the summer," said Freeholder Chairman Linda Carter. "The Summer Youth League continues this long tradition of providing coaches, umpires, shirts and baseball caps to boys and girls who enjoy participating in baseball games at Warinanco Park."

All games during the Summer Youth League are played in Warinanco Park, on the border of Elizabeth and Roselle, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The games are coached and supervised by Union County Baseball Association staff.

Sign-ups for the summer league will be held at the Warinanco Park Boat House in Roselle on Saturdays June 1, 8, 15 and 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day. Participants also may register online at www.ucba-nj.org. All those who register will participate in play.

Each player is required to bring a \$25 registration fee and a birth certificate to the sign-up. Players must be at least 8 years old by June 21 and cannot be 16 before Aug. 1.

The Summer Youth League is divided into three divisions: a Teen League for 13, 14 and 15-year-olds; a Major League for 11 and 12-year-olds; and a Minor League for 8, 9 and 10-year-old players. Registered players will be notified about Team Assignment Day and the first day of play. There will be no refunds after Team Assignment Day.

An awards picnic will be held Aug. 2 to mark the end of the Summer Youth Baseball League. More information may be obtained by calling 908-917-2523, or by visiting the Union County Baseball Association's website at www.ucba-nj.org.

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Deadline for submissions on Monday at noon

UCT softball title game Saturday

The championship game of the 38th annual softball Union County Tournament is scheduled to take place Saturday at 2 p.m. at Kean University's Cougar Field in Union.

The JV county final is set to start two hours before at noon.

The varsity semifinals pitting fourth-seeded Johnson vs. top-seeded Westfield and third-seeded New Providence vs. second-seeded and two-time defending champion Governor Livingston were rained out last Saturday at Kean. They were to be played one day this week, but at a site that was not yet determined as of Monday.