



Kean plans 'damaging' layoffs

Assemblywoman urges university to rescind planned support staff layoffs

By Patrick Bober
Regional Editor

As the start of the school year begins to feel routine for many of the students at Kean University, most are likely unaware of a brewing controversy that could have a profound effect on their academic endeavors. The Board of Trustees and President Dawood Farahi have given notice of their intent to lay off up to 30 academic support staff members while raising tuition by 3 percent.

While no layoffs have taken place yet, more than two dozen are expected as the Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition and fees by 3 percent last June and gave the university president authority to reorganize due to a "shortfall" caused by reduced state funding.

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— James Castiglione

The layoffs are expected in the Center for Academic Success, the Educational Opportunity Center and the school library, but rest assured that the Kean Federation of Teachers took notice, as well as the CWA and the IFPTE195, the three biggest unions on campus representing faculty and staff at the school.

"We think it's an extremely bad idea for a number of reasons," said KFT president James Castiglione. "It would harm our students, specifically hurting their ability to

progress to graduation. Laying off support staff will reduce student retention and graduation rates."

Castiglione is confident in this claim, specifically citing research that has been conducted showing that these types of academic support members are very valuable to a school community.

According to a New York Times article published Jan. 8, 2014, called "How to Help College Students Graduate," American college students are "enrolling in col-

lege in record numbers, but they're also dropping out in droves."

"There is a remedy at hand, though," the opinion piece by David L. Kirp in the New York Times reads, "and it's pretty straightforward. Nationwide, universities need to give undergraduates the care and attention akin to what's lavished on students at elite institutions."

Kirp is a professor of public policy at the University of California, Berkeley, and is most recently the author of "Improbable Scholars: The Rebirth of a Great American School System."

The data Kirp cites in the New York Times comes from a CUNY Accelerated Study in Associate Programs that has garnered media attention for its "comprehen-

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From left: Jake Shoemaker, Jose Medrano, Suvan Bhat, Bhuvan Dave and Anthony Gingerelli joined other Boy Scouts and students from Seton Hall University in a four-hour conservation service project at Liberty State Park. The project involved weeding invasive grasses and spreading mulch to beautify the picnic and parking areas. The Liberty Scout Jamboree will be held at the location Oct. 2 through 4.

'It was worth the struggle'

Once doctors in Cuba, Roselle Park couple arrived in U.S. with nothing but four children and a big dream

By Patrick Bober
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After practicing medicine in Cuba for 20 years, two current Roselle Park residents decided to move to the United States, with nothing but the clothes on their backs, their four children and lofty and ambitious dreams. It took a long time and a lot of hard work, but it eventually paid off.

The journey of Dr. Raul Perez and Dr. Maria Del Carmen Cisnero began in 1999, when they went from being doctors in Cuba to delivering pizza in Miami, but as the married couple will tell you, repeatedly, "it was worth the struggle."

"We applied for the lottery, and we won," said Perez through his daughter-in-law who acted as translator.

"When we came to the United States, we were in Miami, in a one-bedroom apartment, with four children. He started taking any job he could get," said Cisnero, also through a translator.

Both Perez and Cisnero had been working as doctors and professors at the Faculty of Medical Sciences in Granma, a province in the south east of Cuba. They did not live in desolate poverty, they said, like many of the stories people hear about the small island

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Drought watch in effect for 12 NJ counties

Union, Essex among counties in drought watch

Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Martin has issued a drought watch for New Jersey's Northeast, Central and Coastal North water-supply regions, urging residents in the affected areas to voluntarily conserve water, and for the rest of the state to practice wise water use due to continued dry weather and above-average temperatures. The drought watch is prompted by continued rainfall deficits that have decreased reservoir, groundwater and streamflow levels in the three regions.

The purpose of the watch is to raise public awareness, formally alert all water suppliers in the region of the situation, and to seek voluntary cooperation to preserve existing supplies in the affected regions, with water demand still high.

The three affected drought regions include all or parts of 12 counties, including Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset and Union.

Some suggested water conservation tips include:

- Do not overwater lawns and landscaping. Two times per week for 30 minutes in morning or late evening typically is sufficient. Use a hose with a handheld nozzle to water flowers and shrubs.
- Avoid watering lawns and plants during the heat of the day, which promotes evaporation and water waste.
- Use a broom to sweep the sidewalk, rather than using a hose.
- To save water at home, fix leaky faucets and pipes.
- Turn off the faucet while brushing teeth and shaving.
- Run washing machines and dishwashers only when full.

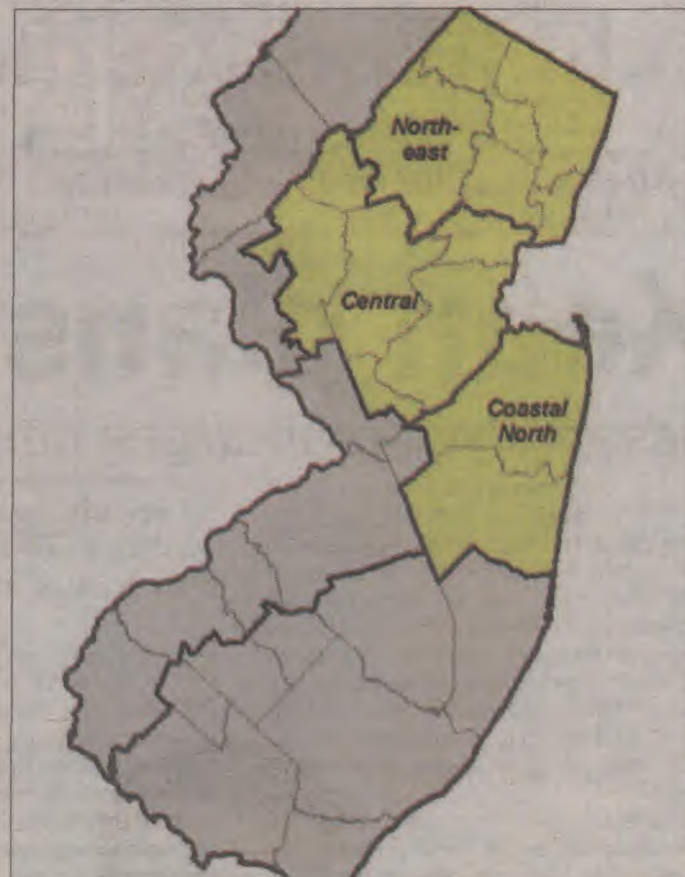
United Water New Jersey serves approximately 800,000 customers in Bergen and northern Hudson counties. Although combined reservoir storage across Northeastern New Jersey is only marginally below normal for this time of year, the region is potentially vulnerable because of United Water New Jersey's reliance on other major suppliers to complement its supply when demands are unusually high. If current conditions persist, other interconnected water systems could be adversely affected if inflated demands are left unchecked.

Other drinking water supply indicators are also showing signs of stress from the dry weather and high water demands, including stream flows and groundwater levels, as well as declining reservoir storage in the New Jersey Water Supply Authority's Spruce Run and Manasquan Reservoirs in Hunterdon and Monmouth counties, respectively.

While plentiful rains in June replenished reservoirs, streamflow and groundwater sources, very dry, warm weather in July and August resulted in high water usage that has continued into September.

If conditions remain warm and dry and water demands do not decrease, DEP will consider further regulatory actions, such as the designation of a drought warning. Under a drought warning, the DEP may order water purveyors to develop alternative sources of water or transfer of water between areas of New Jersey with relatively more water to those with less.

For additional state water supply status information, visit: www.njdrought.org/status.html. For more information on water conservation, visit: www.njdrought.org/ideas.html.



The areas in yellow are currently under a drought watch, according to the NJDEP.



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Two Republicans challenge one incumbent Dem., one newcomer

Republicans aim to unseat Dems, improve quality of life in town

By Peter Fiorilla
Staff Writer

UNION — In her nine years living in the township of Union, Republican Karen Slawson has enjoyed the diversity in local cultures and views. The township has got “a kind of vibrancy to it,” said Slawson, “and I want it to succeed.”

But that sense of diversity has been missing from the five-person Township Committee, according to Slawson and running mate Justin Verzosa, who are running for political office for the first time this November.

Among the reasons for wanting to get more involved, they said, is a chronic lack of economic development in the township.

“I kept complaining, and the party said either shut up or put up. But I had already wanted to run. We’ve had 19 years of Democrats in power. We haven’t elected a Republican since then. I think we need another point of view on the committee,” said Slawson. “I moved into Union Township in 2007, and I’ve watched the downtown lose a lot of stores. And I’m really concerned. I want to know why the businesses are moving out of Union County, and I think I do know why — it’s because of the taxes.”

Taxes, commercial and residential, are at the heart of this season’s Republican platform. Slawson, who works as a lawyer in New York, and Verzosa, who manages multi-million dollar projects with an insurance firm in Morristown, believe that taxpayers’ money is being inefficiently spent.

Slawson says there are job redundancies in Union’s government, which is why the township pays more in salaries than it needs to. Public works employees use township equipment and vehicles for their own personal use, said Verzosa, just one example of an unnecessary burden on the township. And both candidates believe that government spending is higher, or less cost-effective, than it should be.

“After doing a little research and figuring out things, I do think our taxes are not being well spent. We all understand that taxes are going up, all taxes in towns are going up, but I do feel that other towns are using them more appropriately. And I think that the quality of life in Union has been going sour,” said Verzosa. “Because of a lot of things in town, the budget is going over. For me, at my job, I don’t have a tax increase to increase budgets for the projects that I’m running.”

In particular, the candidates believe property taxes are the “number one concern” and source of stress for people living in the township, said Slawson. In her experience, many residents are wor-



Karen Slawson



Justin Verzosa

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Democrats look to keep seats blue as Nov. 3 election nears

By Peter Fiorilla
Staff Writer

UNION — Of the candidates running for positions on the Union Township Committee, at least one will be a familiar face to voters.

Manny Figueiredo, a six-year member and Democrat on the committee, and the current mayor of Union, is up for re-election this November, and his running mate, veteran city planner and first-time candidate Michele Delisfort, shares a similar vision for the township’s future.

Chief among his own responsibilities, Figueiredo said, would be to continue handling taxpayers’ money with care, a task he believes the committee’s track record reflects well on.

“As I stated early this year, when I took over the mayorship, really my focus here is that I am the ‘custodian’ of the taxpayers’ money. We the committee, not just myself. And I take that very seriously. I take that just as seriously as I run my own household,” said Figueiredo, who pointed out that Union has the highest bond rating possible, double A plus. “That doesn’t happen by magic, it happens by judicious use of the taxpayer money and maintaining a surplus that the Standard & Poor’s and Moody’s looks at. Just like a family, you need to have your savings.”

That great bond rating is an important indicator in the fiscal responsibility of local government, according to Figueiredo, as is the surplus that’s maintained by the township. In an emergency situation, such as Tropical Storm Irene and superstorm Sandy, the Union Township Committee wants to be ready “both financially and personnel-wise,” said Figueiredo, so residents can be ready for anything.

Yet the all-Democrat committee manages to stay under the 2-percent tax cap, added Figueiredo, as well as maintain a superior bond rating, while continuing to invest in features such as public safety, infrastructure and economic development.

That’s where Delisfort, a lifelong resident of the Planning Board, comes in. Both candidates believe the committee is in the process of improving the center of town, and without “changing the character of the community,” said Delisfort.

“I’m a city planner by trade and a business owner, and I’ve worked in a bunch of different areas — housing, redevelopment, economic development — which are near and dear to my platform and my passions,” said Delisfort. “What I bring most to the table, and what I’d really like to see happen, is the continued responsiveness to the business owners that the city has, and the residents.

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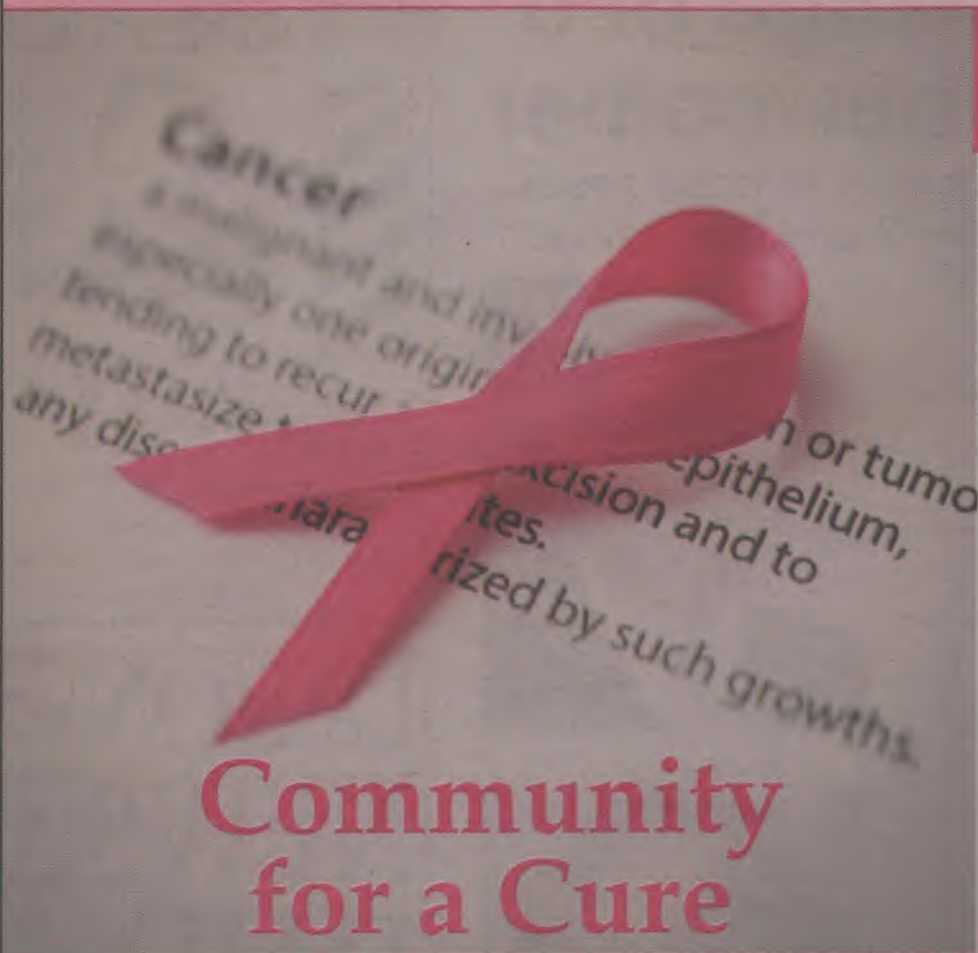
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Students hope to take experiments to outer space

Students throughout the Springfield Public School district are set to engage in a real science experience, as part of the national Student Spaceflight Experiments Program. Small teams of students from grades five through 12 will research and submit a formal proposal for a microgravity experiment. One experiment will be selected from Springfield to be among 22 districts nationwide that will have their experiments launched to the International Space Station in mid-2016 as part of SSEP Mission 9.

The SSEP is sponsored by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education, a nonprofit organization that hopes to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers by engaging their natural human impulse to ask questions and explore the world around them.

According to Dr. Jeff Goldstein, the director of the NCESSSE and the creator of SSEP, the program "is designed to empower the student as scientist, within the real-world context of science. Student teams design a real experiment, propose a real flight opportunity, experience a formal proposal review, and go through a NASA flight safety review. SSEP is about introducing real science to our children, and if you give them a chance to be scientists, stand back and be amazed."

In early September, Springfield students began to explore physical forces and the concept of microgravity in science classes. For nine weeks, from Sept. 7 to Nov. 6, small teams of students in each class select an area — biological, chemical, or physical — to research and propose an experiment that will test the effects of microgravity on a system of their choosing.

In mid-November a local team of educators and community scientists and engineers will select three proposals for submission to a national selection committee. That committee will ultimately select one of the experiments from Springfield to be transported in mid-2016 to the International Space Station. The experiment will eventually be returned to the student team at Springfield for analysis.

Students in Springfield, from Kindergarten through grade 12, will also compete in a competition to design a mission patch that will be transported to the ISS along with the experiment. Ultimately two patches will be selected from those created in art classes throughout the district schools.

According to Tom Gula, Springfield's supervisor of science and the director of its SSEP initiative, "this will provide our students a unique opportunity to actively engage in the process of science, a key component of the Next Generation Science Standards that will be implemented in our district over the next few years." One of the challenges of the experimental design is that all elements of the experiment must be contained within a very small "mini-lab" apparatus. Students will conduct a simultaneous "ground truth" experiment in their classroom in order to be able to compare the results on Earth to those in a microgravity environment on the ISS.

Gula further explained that the challenge student teams face in choosing a topic to study, and preparing a formal research proposal, will engage them in developing important science skills, and involve them in writing, research and reading, mathematical analysis, and presentation. Students will be following one of the key components of the new science standards: "a shift in the focus from merely memorizing scientific facts to actually doing science—so students will spend more time posing questions and discovering the answers for themselves."

Flu shots are available in October in Springfield

Seasonal flu immunizations will be administered to Springfield residents aged 18 years and older at the following dates at times:

Thursday, Oct. 15, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Springfield Senior Housing, 350 Independence Way;

Thursday, Oct. 15, from 12:30 to 2 p.m.; and

Monday, Oct. 19, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave.

The flu causes an average of 36,000 deaths each year in the U.S., mostly among the elderly. No appointments are necessary for any of the clinics. The immunizations are free to seniors with a Medicare Part B card; there will be a \$10 charge for all others.

Seasonal flu vaccine is recommended by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for everyone older than 6 months.

According to the CDC, vaccination is especially important for people at higher risk of severe influenza and their close contacts, including health care personnel and those in contact with children younger than 6 months old.

The 2015-16 flu vaccine offers protection against H1N1, H3N2, B/Phuket, and B/Brisbane, this year's expected strains of seasonal flu. It takes up to two weeks for protection to develop after the shot, and protection may last for up to one year.

Since most influenza occurs from November through May, peaking between December and February, now is the best time to get a flu shot to insure full protection for the whole season.

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Layoffs appear 'contrary to common sense'

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sive financial resources, student support systems and impressive graduation rates.”

According to Kirp in the New York Times, seven years ago, “CUNY decided to confront the high dropout rate at its community colleges with the ASAP initiative. The results are stunning: 56 percent of the first two cohorts of more than 1,500 students have graduated, compared with just 23 percent of a comparable group that didn’t have the same experience.”

While this program was geared toward community college students and Kean is a four-year school, Castiglione says these academic support staff members slated to be let go are the exact type of resource this study provided to their students to raise the graduation rates.

“In this program, they spent extra money to provide students with direct aid and provide additional dedicated counselors who check up on them regularly,” Castiglione said. “If we can see that increasing student services results in a dramatic increase in graduation rates, than the reverse is almost certainly true.”

Castiglione and the KFT, along with the other unions that are affected, are not the only ones that took notice of the impending layoffs. They have drawn the attention of Trenton, with Assemblywoman Mila Jasey sending a fairly scathing letter to Farahi and the board of trustees.

In the letter, dated Sept. 14, Jasey says she writes to “express my concern about pending layoffs of professional staff employees that is slated to be announced by Kean University in the coming days,” and the assemblywoman notes that “lack of adequate professional staff in our public colleges and universities” is among the top complaints she hears from students, faculty, administration and alumni in her role as chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

“At a time when tuition has skyrocketed — I understand Kean raised tuition 3 percent this year — and students genuinely struggle to attend Kean, denying the most needy students the access to the very employees who are responsible for every facet of learning and support outside the classroom seems not just unconscionable, but contrary to common sense and damaging to Kean’s particular mission,” states the letter by Jasey.

Margaret McCorry, the director of media relations at Kean University, was asked to comment on the pending layoffs.

“The Kean Board of Trustees has approved a reorganization of the library, the Exceptional Educational Opportunities Center, and the Center for Academic Success to allow for the implementation of a more efficient and results-oriented service model to improve academic support for Kean’s students. While the reorganization will result in the elimination of positions, we have not yet determined the exact number of people who will be affected.”

Castiglione takes direct issue with this statement, even calling it a “transparently false” reasoning for the layoffs.

“That is code for we are planning on laying people off,” he said. “The problem is the university is already a bare bones operation. As things stand, we need more professional staff providing academic support and student services. The idea that the university can provide better services with fewer personnel is transparently false.”



File Photo

The Kean Board of Trustees approved a resolution over the summer from President Dawood Farahi that announces the intention to lay off up to 30 support staff employees, but Assemblywoman Mila Jasey and Kean Federation of Teachers President James Castiglione say these are the exact employees that Kean needs and both call for the measure to be rescinded.

Castiglione went so far as to offer up a different reason for the layoffs.

“The university, under President Farahi, has become dramatically in debt,” he said. “To maintain their bond rating in the face of declining enrollment, they have chosen to cut costs by reducing personnel.”

In fact, the school laid off around 50 maintenance, housekeeping, and groundskeeping employees about five months ago and outsourced that work, LocalSource reported last spring.

“Another way to see that their rationalization is false is to note that at no time has the university consulted the employees in the very offices where they are looking for efficiencies,” Castiglione said. “If you were looking for efficiencies, the first people you would ask are the people that do the work. And they refuse to do so. This clearly shows their rationalization is disingenuous.”

In her letter to the board, the assemblywoman also suggested Kean’s reasoning was suspect.

“I genuinely understand that state aid has been stagnant,” said Jasey in her letter, “but my research indicates that in addition to Kean’s healthy surplus, no other institu-

tion of higher education in the state is threatening layoffs other than yours.

“These dedicated and hardworking professionals are an invaluable asset to the university and to the students that so ably serve,” the letter from Jasey continues. “They are integral to a successful academic environment and their dedication and expertise should be celebrated. Instead, they and their families face financial hardship during times that are still difficult here in New Jersey.”

When asked specifically about the timing of the raise in tuition coinciding with the proposed layoffs, a statement released by McCorry did little more than confirm the increase.

“We have raised tuition 3 percent for the past three years in order to address rising operational costs and the continued decrease in state funding,” McCorry said via email. “Despite the tuition increase, Kean remains one of the most affordable comprehensive universities in the state, as it has been for many years.”

Again, Castiglione is not happy that the responses from Kean have appeared ignorant of the facts.

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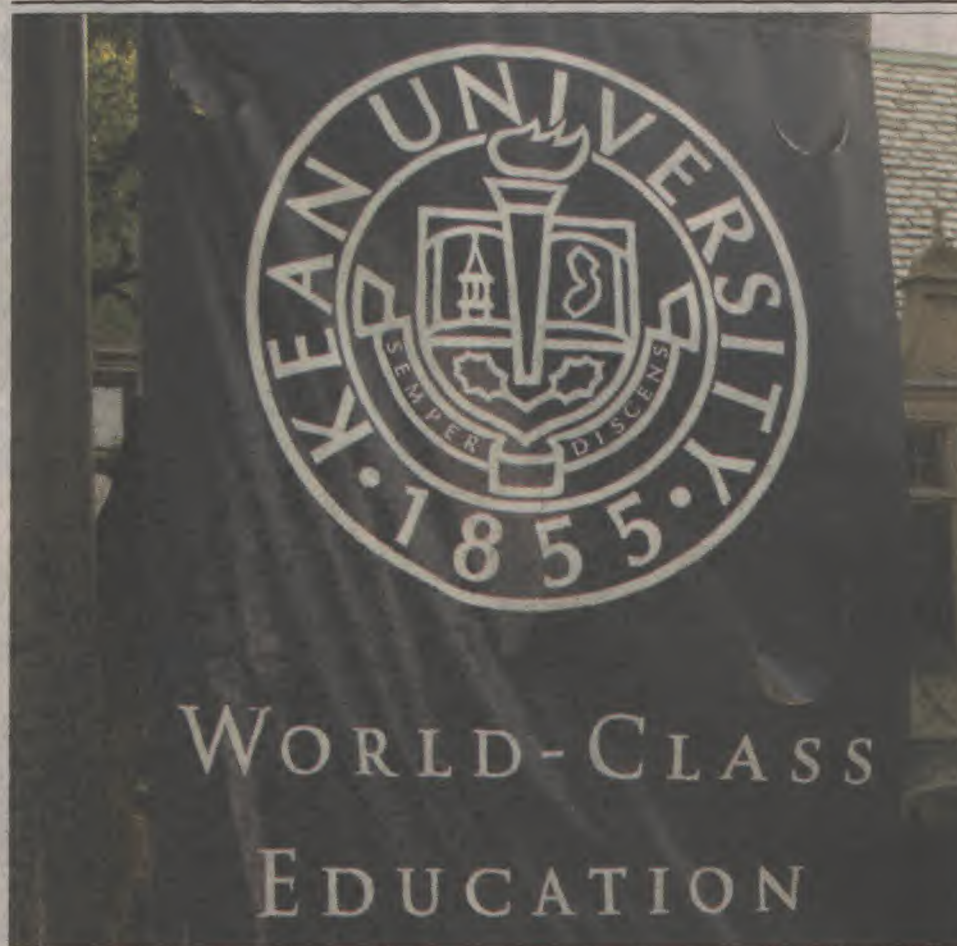
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— James Castiglione

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"It is outrageous that the university approved a 3-percent tuition and fee increase, the largest in the state among public universities, and at the same time cut services for students," he said. "Students are paying more for less."

Data shows only New Jersey City University and Kean University raised tuition and fees by as much as 3 percent. The schools are tied for the highest increase, and since 2008, The Star Ledger reported in May, 4-year college tuition overall in New Jersey has increased by 23.7 percent.

But Kean University is correct when they say state aid has declined. Taking inflation into account, The Star Ledger also reported that aid from the state has declined by 22 percent since 2008.

A much more dramatic result of this decrease in aid, Castiglione says, is that while Kean is expected to layoff academic support staff that is needed most by at-risk students, they are lowering their admission standards and accepting far more of these types of students to combat declining enrollment.

"Under President Farahi," Castiglione said, "the university has lowered its admission standards, and under prepared students need more support, not less. Over the past five years, the university's acceptance rate went from 50 percent to 80 percent. I can also tell you that of the freshman class of fall 2014, only 40 percent of the students were regular admissions."

The other 60 percent of the 2014 freshman class was under the category "special admits," castiglione said, and are accepted at lower admissions standards. Coupled with the layoffs of support staff and rising tuition, Castiglione said that "heading in this direction is heading in exactly the wrong direction and potentially very damaging to our students."

Assemblywoman Jasey ended her letter to the board and president sharing a similar sentiment.

"I urge you in the strongest possible terms to rescind your threatened layoffs of Kean University's professional staff," Jasey said in her letter, "and instead find cost saving measures and alternatives that will neither raise tuition nor deprive Kean's students of professional staff who improve the quality of their academic experience in so many ways."

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Alyssa Munoz



Angela Zhang



Brianna Terrezza



Marcel Smith

Four winners emerge from Union's Got Talent

The third annual Union talent show, Union's Got Talent 2015, was held on Saturday, Sept. 26 to an enthusiastic audience. Presented by Connect One Bank, the event raised money for three non-profit organizations; Union High School Performing Arts Company, Township of Union Education Foundation, and Douglas Michael Krueger Scholarship Fund Inc. All money raised helps to directly benefit the students of Union through grants, scholarship and arts education.

First place went to Alyssa Muniz, Union High School Class of 2011. Second place went to Marcel Smith, Union High School Class of 2013. The People's Choice Award winner was Brianna Terrezza from Kawameeh Middle School. And the Youth Award winner was Angela Zhang of Jefferson Elementary.

Cash prizes were awarded for the top two winners in the amounts of \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 was awarded to the People's Choice Winner.

"I had such an amazing experience at Union's Got Talent and am unbelievably grateful for this opportunity to showcase my passion for singing and get acknowledged for it," said Munoz. "I'm so happy to be back in Union and a part of the amazing UHSPAC community."

Hosted by Doc Burkhardt and featuring a guest appearance by last year's winners David and Fabio Oliver, who treated the audience to a high energy exhibition with their dance troop, the evening was filled with great entertainment and laughs provided by Burkhardt.

Judges included teacher Nicholas Ferroni, Conductor of Encore Orchestra of New Jersey Ilene Greenbaum, Mayor Manny Figueiredo, and Director of Education at the Paper Mill Playhouse Lisa Cooney.

"It's always an amazing experience when you can bring the community together," said UHSPAC Choreographer Jennifer Williams. For us, we want to continue to raise money to support our students and support our town, and to me there is no better way of doing that on a stage with great entertainment."

For more information regarding Union's Got Talent and upcoming events including UHSPAC's upcoming productions of Union Goes to Hollywood, a celebration of music in movies featuring the Encore Orchestra of New Jersey and "Disney's Marry Poppins," coming in March 2016, visit their website www.uhspac.com.



Honoring a hero

A platoon of 36 students ranging from grades 10 through 12 from the Linden NJROTC participated in the 34th annual John Basilone Memorial Parade. Linden High School NJROTC cadets honored World War II veteran John 'Manila John' Basilone in a half-mile march through Raritan towards the John Basilone statue. John Basilone became a national hero during World War II by leading more than a dozen Machine gunners against thousands of Japanese soldiers at Guadalcanal in 1942. He came home to receive the Medal of Honor, but returned to combat in 1945 and was killed in action on Feb. 19 at Iwo Jima at the age of 28. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Republicans focus on taxes, quality of life issues

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ried they may have to move if they can't keep up with rising property taxes.

"They go up each year. Some people have problems selling their house, because they can't find a buyer since their taxes are too high. And that's a concern," said Slawson, who added that her experience as a lawyer has prepared her for a committee position. "I worked as a court lawyer in the New York State Supreme Court. I wrote the judge's decisions on a lot of different cases with commercial and civil law. It's not really a huge leap to sit in on committee meetings and to understand what's going on, in my opinion."

The issue of rising property taxes is what convinced Verzosa, whose family moved to Union in 1992, to become more involved in township politics. After graduating from Stevens Institute of Technology in 2010, and then working at "a few financial Wall Street firms," Verzosa moved back to Union to pursue another job opportunity.

When he moved back, Verzosa says he was shocked by the township's property taxes. "I always knew that Union was changing, but growing up as a teenager I didn't really notice it," said Verzosa. "When I got home and started actually paying my parents' property taxes, I started realizing the amount of property taxes we're paying is actually really high."

Among the reasons for that, the candidates believe, is a lackluster level of economic development, especially in the center of town.

Verzosa says that the kind of businesses which are in town, including "a lot of nail salons and barber shops," aren't suited to attract the many people passing through the township, and that the business community needs a shot in the arm. Thousands of people pass through Union on major roads, such as I-78, but don't stop and spend their money in the township, said Verzosa.

These are issues, the candidates believe, which should be on the agenda for the Township Committee, as well as improving traffic in hotspots around town, conducting an audit of "what's going on in our township," said Slawson, and improving transparency in local government. At committee meetings, for example, government officials rush through proposals without informing people of what they are, said Slawson.

That's part of why these two candidates, who have never run for public office, are putting their hats in the ring for this year's election. And they do have some experience in local politics, including Verzosa, who was involved with his father's elections in 2009 and 2010, he said.

In those years, his father related to Filipino and undecided voters — Verzosa and his family are Filipino-American — nearly winning the election as a Republican, according to Verzosa, at a time when the Republican platform revolved around pot holes.

"My father was able to reach out to the Filipino community, and not just tap into that, but to tap into the soft Democrats and unaffiliated voters who were sick of the quality of town," said Verzosa. "I guess the big takeaway here is that the biggest issue he was able to bring up was pot holes. And for me, potholes are just one narrow thing that I'm talking about. I'm picturing the general quality of life in town."

Aside from the political issues, the other reasons the candidates are running, they said, is because they believe in Union. They feel confident in the school system, police and fire departments, the recreational sports leagues — Verzosa was a longtime member of Union soccer teams — and the people, which is why they're out on the streets every day to campaign.

"Me and my family have been going door-to-door almost every day, since the summer. Me, personally, I'm doing a lot of data analysis. Obviously, we don't have the biggest budget in the world, and obviously we don't have the most manpower in the world, so we have to really know who we target and how we target them," said Verzosa. "It's been a lot of hard work, but either way it's been a great experience."

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Democrats see growth in Union's downtown area

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They've done a great job of not over-developing and changing the character of the community, and I want to have an active hand in maintaining that."

The candidates, pointing to various projects around town, believe the economic sector of Union is growing at a responsible rate.

One example of that, said Figueiredo, is the committee's strategy about "mixed-use space," or adding residential units to commercial buildings, including in the center of town.

"We're now working with individual landlords, and giving them options to have a mixed-use space," said Figueiredo, who highlighted one restaurant on Stuyvesant Avenue.

"We created a small tax abatement plan," he continued, "where anyone who wanted to build above their retail space can build apartments, and we would give them a five-year abatement on the improvements, with an increase of 20 percent each year. And the gentleman there, the owner of that particular building, was the first one. So we're already seeing a change in town. If we have people living above, we now have people who come down and do their laundry, pick up a cup of coffee, get a bite to eat and do the same on the way home from work."

Other examples of development, according to Figueiredo, include the Avalon Bay apartment community — a set of 202 rental units which have had more than 2,000 inquiries — added warehouse space on the old Tuscan Dairy site, and various other projects around town.

And the township's existing businesses, including nail salons and other small shops, cater to the various demographics of the community, said Delisfort. As long as the township avoids duplicating these businesses in the future, then those stores will continue to have value in Union, according to Delisfort.

"I think when you talk about economic development, you have to understand the demographics of your community. Who lives there, who's shopping there. And then you want to be able to understand what their needs are," said Delisfort. "I think Union does a good job of understanding they have a cross section of different people and cultures, and they do a good job of catering to those cultures. And it's not just the existing businesses, they're constantly thinking of ways to bring in new businesses."

The township's economic strategies and problem solving abilities are part of what attracted Delisfort to the committee, she said, an opportunity that's "a no brainer," and in which she can "realize my civic duties in my own township." Most towns don't have the capacity to deal with the

problems that Union is doing a great job solving, added Delisfort, including for pot-holes and road repair.

The township's road repairs are never going to be satisfying for everybody, but the strategy behind road replacement is sound, said Delisfort.

Every eight years, for example, streets are milled and repaved, so "you know it's going to be milled and repaved again," said Delisfort, and the township puts a priority on frequent care.

"The past two winters have been brutal, and it's really important that we maintain our roads. We went out for \$3.8 million in road improvement in 2015, which is the most we've spent in years. The temperatures, and the cracking, some of the roads were built 30 to 40 years ago when specs were very different. Basically, they just put some pebbles down and then put blacktop on top," said Figueiredo. "We really need to re-build our roads properly, from the base, and that costs money."

These kinds of costs are why taxes routinely go up, added Figueiredo, who has served as the township's Commissioner of the DPW, of Building, of Licensing, Purchasing, Fire and Police, and also Recreation and Senior Services.

"In the town's case, it's the continuing escalation of salaries, contracts, health benefits, costs — such as roads that will continuously need to be monitored — and the infrastructure," said Figueiredo.

"There are some things that will go up every year," he continued. "Salaries are contractually going to go up every year. Health benefits, it's just a burdensome cost. We're always looking for the least expensive contractual route that we can take to give to our employees. And then you have pensions to take into account. Nothing goes down in price."

But rising taxes also fund the services that make the township appealing, said Figueiredo, which is the reason Union's population has gone up by about 1,500 since the 2010 census. The committee's method of spending enables the township to employ 135 people in its police department, 107 in its fire department, and other employees and public programs which make Union a safe, desirable community, both candidates agreed.

"We have great housing, we have a great sense of community. The other night I was driving. It was late in the evening, and it's nice to see our residents walking along the town. You don't see that in a lot of areas. What that tells you is everybody feels safe," said Delisfort. "I live on the same street I was raised on, and it's nice to see the kids I grew up with in the neighborhood are still there. And unfortunately their parents have passed on, but it's nice they took over the properties rather than selling them. And that says a lot about Union."

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SUMMIT NEWS

Dreamcatcher sets stage for first show of season

Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre, professional theatre in residence at Oakes Center, 120 Morris Ave. in Summit, will produce its first main stage show of the season, Stefanie Zdravec's "The Electric Baby," from Oct. 1 to 18, with talkbacks following the matinees Oct. 4 and 11.

When a young man is killed in a car accident, a group of fractured souls encounter a magical dying baby and begin to rewrite the stories of their lives. Folk tales and folklore weave throughout this darkly comic story of sad endings, strange beginnings, and the unlikely people that get you from one place to the next.

Performances are Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$35, with special rates for subscribers and groups. Purchase tickets at www.dreamcatcherrep.org or by calling Brown Paper Tickets at 800-838-3006. Thursday, Oct. 1, is a preview performance, and all tickets are \$20; Friday, Oct. 2, is opening night; Sunday, Oct. 4, is Senior Sunday, and seniors age 65 and older pay \$20 in advance.

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Arboretum to take part in Four Centuries weekend

Four Centuries in a Weekend includes 27 diverse historic sites, from humble farmhouses to extravagant mansions, from the Colonial era into the bustling municipalities that make up modern day Union County.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum will once again be a stop, celebrating more than 40 years as an historic public garden and featuring a video presentation of archival materials, historic photos and maps, and self-guided tours of the grounds. Drew University doctoral candidate and RRA archivist, Gabriel Ertsgaard, will be on hand to answer questions throughout the two-day event. And environmental educator Lisa Martin, will host the "Discovery Saturdays" program

featuring an historic point of view to her nature-rich programming, offered in both Spanish and English.

The unveiling of a new historic marker will be held at RRA as part of the Four Centuries event, on Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The DAR Beacon Fire Chapter of Summit will dedicate a plaque recognizing the Beacon Signal No. 10 and the cannon used by the local militia to alert General George Washington in Morristown of the invasion of the British Troops.

Immediately following the DAR unveiling, from 4 to 6 p.m., RRA will host an artists' reception for the current exhibition and installation at the Wisner House Gallery and on the grounds. The exhibit, "The Glass Menagerie," features fantastical creatures at by 20 internationally renowned artists.

For more information, visit www.reeves-reedarboretum.org or call 908-273-8787. All the events scheduled for Four Centuries in a Weekend are open to the public free of charge.

Old Guard to hear from Watershed expert

Laura Kelmis, director of Water Quality Programs, the Great Swamp Watershed Association, will speak to the Old Guard of Summit at its Oct. 6 meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the New Providence Municipal Center, 360 Elkwood Ave.

Kelmis will speak on "The Grading of Local Streams with the Great Swamp Watershed Card." The Great Swamp provides a variety of benefits for its neighbors, including flood control; groundwater recharge; storm-water filtration; wildlife

MEMORIAL SERVICE**Shirley "Cookie" Brooks**

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habitat; active and passive recreation; public education, and scientific research. Kelms will also discuss the Great Swamp Report Card, which synthesizes all the stream-monitoring data collected during 2014, and grades the five main streams entering the Swamp. She will discuss what the grades mean and the implications for landowners, municipalities, and counties. The card serves as a barometer of watershed health, and informs the public of issues related to water pollution, land use, and water protection.

All age 50-plus active men are invited to attend the Tuesday morning meetings of the Summit Area Old Guard. A coffee hour starts at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:00 a.m. business meeting and the speaker.

Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes, trips, plays, concerts and other cultural events. Call Jim Hewitt at 908-233-5507 for more information. Or log onto www.summitoldguard.org.

Kite Day to be held Oct. 25

Summit Family Kite Day will be held at Wilson Field from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 25. The event celebrates the kickoff of activities for "Mary Poppins," which will be presented by the Summit High School Theater Department from March 2 to 5, 2016.

Bring a kite or purchase one there. Proceeds of sales of kites and refreshments will benefit the SHS theater arts program. The Toy Professor will donate 10 percent of the proceeds from all kites sold during the

month of October to the Summit High School Theatre department.

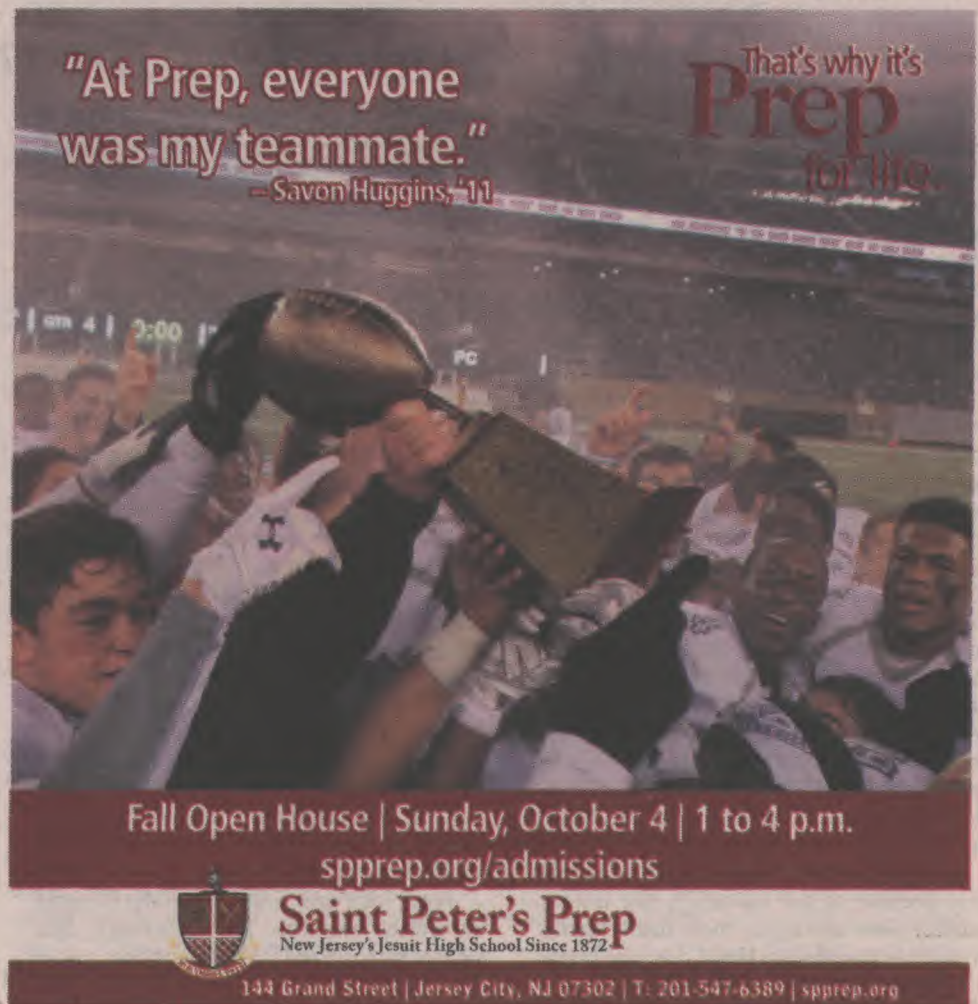
A special collaboration with Summit TryCAN allows Summit's special needs students to fly kites that they have decorated. TryCAN offers a comprehensive array of recreation programs and events for youth with special needs or those who need special accommodations.

Anne Poyner, the Summit High School Theater teacher, said, "Kite Day, with its theme of family, community and inclusion is fabulous first event to launch our year-long program."

For more information on this free event, contact Chrissy Floegel at christinefloegel@yahoo.com

Apple pie contest set for Oct. 4 at farmers market

As a part of the Summit Farmers Market's 20th anniversary "Sunday Funday" celebrations, Summit Downtown Inc. will host an apple pie contest at the Summit Farmers Market on Oct. 4. The market is located in Park & Shop Lot No. 2, at the corner of DeForest Avenue and Maple Street. All amateur bakers are invited to bring their best homemade apple pie to the market by 10:30 a.m. Preregistration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. All dishes will be judged on three criteria: crust, filling, and appearance. Mayor Ellen Dickson will join bakers Bob Conway of Brownie Points Bakery and Ester Mallach of Ester's Treats to judge the contest.



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OPINION

Celebrate all Hispanics and Latinos

If Hispanic decorations and the sound of the distinctive Latino music seem to be more prevalent lately, it should come as no surprise

that we are in the middle of National Hispanic Heritage Month. Unlike other monthlong holidays, National Hispanic Heritage Month actually spans two months, running from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. First known as Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968, it was approved by President Lyndon Johnson. Sept. 15 was chosen as the start date, because it is the anniversary of the independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, which all declared independence in 1821. In addition, Mexico, Chile and Belize celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16, Sept. 18 and Sept. 21, respectively. President Ronald Reagan expanded the holiday to cover a 30-day period in 1988.

National Hispanic Heritage Month also celebrates the long and important presence of Hispanics and Latinos in North America. Hispanics have had a positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work and service. They have helped shape our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community. The term Hispanic or Latino refers to South or Central American, Puerto Rican or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

According to the 2010 Census, 50.5 million people, or 16 percent of the U.S. population, is of Hispanic or Latino origin. This represents a significant increase from 2000, when the Census registered the Hispanic population as 35.3 million people, or 13 percent of the U.S. population.

What does this mean to you? Hispanics and Latinos are an important and essential part of our population. As a true melting pot of different races, creeds and cultures, the United States is more than the sum of its parts. Regardless of whatever country they or their ancestors came from, Hispanics and Latinos are now part of the United States and their heritage needs to be explored and

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accepted as a part of ours. During National Hispanic Heritage Month, visit Hispanic parts of your town or city; dine out at Hispanic restaurants and cafes; listen to Hispanic music; explore some of their contributions to our culture, our arts, our conscience and our country. Hispanics and Latinos have had an even greater influence on the United States than many realize.

Hispanics and Latinos are everywhere in our culture. They have been active in government, such as Joseph Marion Hernandez, the first Hispanic to serve in the U.S. Congress, who served from September 1822 to March 1823; Melquiades Rafael Martinez, who served as President George W. Bush's first secretary of Housing and Urban Development; or Antonia Coello Novello, who served as President George H.W. Bush's surgeon general from 1990 to 1993. They have been active in entertainment, such as actor Desi Arnaz, folk singer Joan Baez, actor Ruben Blades, musician Jerry Garcia, actress Rita Hayworth, actress and singer Jennifer Lopez, actor Ricardo Montalban, actor Edward James Olmos, actor Anthony Quinn, guitarist Carlos Santana, singer Selena and actress Raquel Welch. They have been active in sports, such as baseball player Roberto Alomar, boxer Oscar De La Hoya, baseball player Pedro Martinez, football player Anthony Munoz, marathoner Alberto Salazar and baseball player Sammy Sosa. Then there's Nobel Prize-winning physicist Luis Walter Alvarez, labor leader Cesar Chavez, astronaut Franklin Chang-Diaz and journalist Maria Hinojosa. This is only a partial list; there's just not enough space to list all who have made contributions to our society.

For too long we have ignored the impact and influence Hispanic and Latino Americans have had on our society. We need to recognize them, as we must recognize the contributions of everyone who calls him or herself an American. During National Hispanic Heritage Month, take the time to acknowledge the influence Hispanics and Latinos have had on us and appreciate what everyone can do to help make the United States an even better nation.

The talk on Chapman Street

As the sun was fading last Sunday afternoon, Andrea Hyatt was still going up the doorsteps on Chapman Street in Hillside with the agility she exhibited some time ago as a track star in Elizabeth. In a black pants suit, the ex-coach was wearing sneakers for the process of doorbell ringing that separates winners and losers in local elections. She is running for the 1st Ward council seat in Hillside.

A financial consultant with a degree in economics from Rutgers, it's obvious she enjoys the give and take with residents. Beyond the education, her skill set includes making residents comfortable when speaking, and her own ability to listen and then respond. She breaks a cardinal rule for candidates to keep moving when she spends over ten minutes discussing basic services at one household. This day, like others on the campaign trail, she experiences the axiom that all politics are local. Even property taxes takes a back seat to the desire for better services. A resident of 13 years spoke about the poor snow removal. The discussion is so important that he calls on his wife to come up front and join in.

Nestled between Route 22 and an industrial portion of the township, the houses exhibit clean siding or have brick facing. When it is revealed to Hyatt that one house

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BY FRANK CAPECE

had been foreclosed on by a bank, the next sentence is about residents who cut the grass themselves because of pride in their neighborhood. At one home a resident poses the question "Can they either cut down the hanging trees or at least trim them back?" The consistent complaint is that while the paving of the main streets get done, the smaller streets like Chapman are forgotten. On the political front, Hyatt politely acknowledges the complaint of a resident over the contentious relationship between the mayor and council. The resident says, "I hope you can get up there and help to stop the bickering." A woman suffering from allergies still offers, "They really need to do more for seniors."

For a community who has received unwelcomed notoriety for public positions remaining unfilled, and the spillover of problems from bordering urban cities like Newark and Irvington, the residents of Chapman Street like their township; they are here to stay.

Hyatt long ago picked up on the demand for better services. Her campaign flier focuses on the need for street paving, police

presence and the embarrassment that Hillside doesn't televise township meetings.

She is a newcomer to the political wars of Hillside, but she has mastered some of the technical aspects of campaigning. Armed with a voter list, she takes capricious notes as to each household she visits which will end up on an excel spread sheet for further reference when the campaign winds down. Hillside has a nonpartisan election, though the community votes heavily in the Democratic column. Hyatt has the support of new party chairman Anthony Salters. Her red, white and blue flier boldly describes her as a "Democrat" on both sides.

By last July, the feuding in the local government reached the point of a vote by the council of "no confidence" for current Mayor Angela Garretson. The allegations of missed grant applications and failure to pay vendors were among the charges. Garretson is not on the ballot this November.

Near the end of the day Hyatt is invited to speak with a resident. The visitor says to his friends, "I can only tell you that I'm voting for Andrea. I hope you support her, too. She will work to improve the community." Hyatt gives a wide smile, knowing that kind of endorsement is what candidates run to get.

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Don't let 'flawed' pipeline process allow land condemnation

Eminent domain, or condemnation, is the power of the government to take private land for public purpose, even if the property owner objects. Needless to say, it's a highly unpopular use of government authority. Nobody likes being forced to sell against their will, even if fair compensation is paid.

But did you know that private, for-profit companies can also use the power of eminent domain?

This could happen in Hunterdon and Mercer counties if a consortium of companies known as PennEast gets permission to build a 118-mile natural gas pipeline from Luzerne County, Pa., to Mercer County. In New Jersey, the route would cross more than 4,000 acres of preserved open space and farmland, and the property of more than 500 landowners. And most of these landowners don't want it!

PennEast filed its formal application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on Sept. 24. If PennEast ultimately receives what's known as a Certificate of Authority, it would gain the right of eminent domain to seize private lands, even those preserved, to construct the pipeline.

For more than a year, the vast majority of New Jersey landowners along the potential pipeline route objected strenuously to the proposal. One hundred percent of New Jersey municipalities along the route passed resolutions opposing the pipeline, and federal, state and county officials from both parties have spoken out against it.

This week, affected communities officially gained a powerful ally: U.S. Rep. Leonard Lance, 7th District.

In a letter to FERC chairman Norman C. Bay, Lance said he has "significant concerns" about PennEast's proposed path

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BY MICHELE S. BYERS

along environmentally sensitive lands within the Delaware River Watershed and thinks it would be "fiscally and environmentally irresponsible" to use taxpayer-protected open space in this way.

Lance expressed "strong reservations" about the potential use of eminent domain to compel the sale of rights of way along the proposed pipeline route, citing his constituents' fears of losing their land.

"I respectfully request that FERC use eminent domain authority only in the most limited and extreme cases that benefit public use and not private corporate entities," he wrote.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, federal agencies are required to thoroughly evaluate projects with significant impacts to the environment, and consider cumulative impacts, a range of alternatives and — most important — public need. The agencies get at these questions through an Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS.

But FERC's process for conducting the environmental impact statements is flawed, in that each pipeline project is reviewed in a vacuum, as if others did not exist. Imagine developing a highway system with this flawed process!

To effectively evaluate PennEast, Lance argued, FERC must consider not only each individual pipeline proposal but all existing and proposed pipelines within the same region and energy market.

Rather than conducting a limited, individual environmental impact statement, wrote Lance, "I urge FERC instead to con-

duct a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the PennEast line that will more accurately and comprehensively establish the need for and impacts of the proposal."

Without the establishment of a clear public need, why would we ever agree to give a private company eminent domain authority?

Lance isn't the only member of New Jersey's congressional delegation to question the way FERC reviews pipeline applications.

Earlier this year, U.S. Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, 12th District, labeled it a "flawed process," pointing out FERC failed in past reviews to comprehensively consider the need for natural gas transmission infrastructure. Instead, she said, the agency evaluated each pipeline proposal in isolation.

The seizure of land through eminent domain is a tool designed to benefit the public. The FERC process must prove and guarantee that the pipeline will first and foremost benefit the public. But current information points to the opposite conclusion.

There is already strong evidence to suggest that the natural gas PennEast would deliver to New Jersey is not needed in New Jersey. An analysis conducted by Labyrinth Consulting found that building the PennEast pipeline would result in a 53 percent surplus beyond current demand in New Jersey.

"There is no justification based on need or cost to bring additional natural gas to New Jersey via PennEast or any other source," the study concluded. It added that the apparent intent of PennEast is to deliver the gas to interconnecting pipelines

bound for other "downstream" markets outside New Jersey, including potential export overseas.

In other words, New Jersey residents face the threat of losing both private and public lands, and risking the health and security of their communities, without benefit to this state!

Members of the PennEast consortium include PSEG, South Jersey Industries, New Jersey Resources, Spectra Energy and UGI.

FERC is hearing from New Jersey's elected officials, but it also needs to hear from you. Please contact FERC at customer@ferc.gov or 202-502-6088 and urge the agency to conduct a full and comprehensive environmental review on PennEast, and to demand a clear demonstration of public need.

In addition to approval from FERC, PennEast will also need numerous permits from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Fortunately, the Department of Environmental Protection has refused to consider permit applications from PennEast without complete information. Please thank the Department of Environmental Protection for its stand on PennEast's incomplete application and urge the agency to stand firm and continue to protect our state's resources and communities. You can reach the commissioner's office at 609-292-2885.

For more information about PennEast and other pipelines, go to www.njconservation.org/currentissues.htm.

And to learn more about preserving land and natural resources in New Jersey, visit the New Jersey Conservation Foundation website at www.njconservation.org or contact me at info@njconservation.org.

Shopping for a suitable Alba rose

For years I have called myself a rose lover, but I have completely neglected a significant category of old roses. Finally, this summer, a plantsman of my acquaintance called me on it. "How," he said, "could you not grow alba roses?"

Of course, I made all the usual excuses, mostly having to do with the fact that I have not yet found a peaceful way to annex my neighbor's property with its abundant sunny space. However, that excuse did not really hold water, because Albas are one of the few rose types that thrive with somewhat less than six hours of sun per day.

Coincidentally, at about the same time that my rose omission became an issue, the town came and removed several large, dead branches from the sugar maple in front of my house. The tree will be fine, but the surgery created a large patch of significantly sunny space in the front garden. It is now begging to be filled and I have decided that it is past time to invest in some Alba roses.

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BY ELISABETH GINSBURG

The origins of the Albas are mostly lost in the mists of time, but they are most likely ancient hybrids. English rosarian Graham Thomas believed that they were derived from at least two species of roses: *Rosa damascena*, native to Asia Minor, and the dog rose — *Rosa canina* — native to Europe, North Africa and western Asia. Over the centuries, at least from the time of the Roman naturalist/statesman Pliny in the first century, white roses have often been described in literature and depicted in works of art. Many of those celebrated whites may have been Albas.

What makes a rose an Alba? As you might suspect from the name, Alba roses feature double or semi-double petals of white or pale pink. The flowers appear only once a year, in spring or early summer on

shrubs that are generally upright, with distinctive gray-green leaves.

One of the chief glories of the Alba roses, in addition to their elegant flower forms, is their scent, which is strongly rosy, with overtones of citrus. This makes them especially desirable in areas where garden visitors congregate.

Now that opportunity has presented itself, I have to think about which Alba rose to choose. Fortunately, many are still available — after all these centuries — from specialty nurseries. Even more fortunately, once established Albas combine beauty with both drought and cold tolerance, so my Albas will have a good chance of survival in the wilds of my front garden.

Probably my first choice will be Great Maiden's Blush, a rose that goes by many names, the raciest of which is in French — *Cuisse de Nympe* — or "thigh of a nymph". Somewhere between the color of a French nymph's thigh and an English

maiden's blush lies the pale pink of this old Alba hybrid. Featuring up to 50 petals, the variety has been known since before the 15th century and has been celebrated for almost as long. The petals have a soft, relaxed appearance with a strong fragrance. Because of its hybrid nature, this Alba features green, rather than grayish foliage, but compensates by bearing few prickles. It tends to be rather large, between 5 to 8 feet tall and about 5 feet wide. However, like most roses, it can be kept in check by pruning after it blooms.

For something whiter, I might try White Rose of York, or Alba semi-plena. Those who find escape in the currently popular Outlander series of books will appreciate that fact that this shrub is also sometimes known as Bonnie Prince Charlie's Rose, as the white rose or cockade was a personal emblem of the 18th century Stuart claimant to the English throne. White Rose of York

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features the characteristic gray-green foliage and clusters of flowers with eight or more white petals apiece. Each flower's center bears a lovely boss of golden stamens and exudes a strong fragrance. Like other Albas, White Rose of York is a once bloomer that sets attractive red hips in the fall.

A little smaller at up to 5 feet high and 3 feet wide, is Felicite Parmentier, featuring an old-fashioned, quartered flower form of up to 120 shell-pink petals. Bred in the early 19th century, Felicite bears flowers that age to cream before they fall. The shrub compensates for its once-flowering disposition by producing abundant quantities of blooms with a strong scent.

These varietal considerations make me think that I could probably fit in two Albas, maybe one white and one pink. Since they only flower once, they will need lots of companions with interesting blooms and/or foliage to fill the flower-free months. This provides even more food for thought.

Albas generally flower on old wood, which means that this year's growth will produce next year's flowers. Prune after flowering, unless you want rose hips, in which case, you should nip them off when they wither in late summer or early fall. In spring, restrict yourself to trimming out dead wood; otherwise, you will eliminate flowers. Fertilize with fish emulsion, according to manufacturer's directions and mulch with a couple of inches of organic mulch to keep the roots moist and cool.

Roses that have stood the test of time so well deserve good homes in modern gardens. For an excellent selection of Albas and other Old Garden Roses, try Rogue Valley Roses, PO Box 116, Phoenix OR 97535, 541-535-1307, www.roguevalleyroses.com.

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

Master gardener autumn speaker series continues in October

Gardening and houseplant enthusiasts in Union County can add to their store of horticultural knowledge in September and October, by attending the free Fall Speakers Series presented by the volunteer Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County, an all-volunteer program run by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

On Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m., Master Gardener Debra Stuart will present "Happy Healthy Houseplants," providing guidance on indoor locations, soils, pest control and other elements of a flourishing houseplant collection.

Both sessions will take place at Rutgers Cooperative Extension Headquarters on the second floor of the Union County Colleen Fraser Building, located in the County Services Complex at 300 North Ave. East in Westfield.

Admission is free but attendees are required to preregister by emailing Julie Morris at [Rutgers Cooperative Extension](mailto:RutgersCooperativeExtension). Email jmorris@ucnj.org or call 908-654-9854, and request "option 2" to speak with Judi Laganga.

No previous experience is needed to join the Rutgers Master Gardeners of Union County. Any Union County resident who loves gardening and would like to share their knowledge can take a free Rutgers training course and become a certified master gardener. The next certification course begins soon. To obtain an application form email jmorris@ucnj.org or call 908-654-9854.

For more information on all Rutgers Cooperative Extension programs in Union County, including 4-H Clubs and Master Tree Steward program, visit ucnj.org/rce.

Fanwood thrift shop open Wednesdays

The Thrift Shop at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Wednesday. The Thrift Shop, run by volunteers, is located at the rear of the church complex on McDermott Place.

This is a good place to look for a Halloween costume. There is also a good selection of Christmas needlework kits to make or give. All proceeds from the sale of the gently used clothing and household items are returned to community through nonprofit groups. If clothing is no longer becoming to you it should be coming to us. Donations are welcome Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. No electronics or toys are accepted. For more information and directions, call the church office at 908-889-8891 or send an email to admin@fanwoodpc.org.



NJ Amercorps Watershed Ambassador for Watershed Management Area 7, Cynthia Romero of Roselle Park, demonstrates watershed concepts using an Enviroscope model.

County offers watershed program for students, community groups

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites elementary and high school teachers, as well as local community groups, to register for a free, 30 to 45-minute in-house science presentation that explains watershed and environmental concepts.

Union County and AmeriCorp bring the in-house, interactive watershed presentations to teachers and students in the classroom and to other community-group locations.

Since 1999, these interactive presentations have been receiving positive reviews from participants. Students and teachers enjoy participating in the hands-on demonstration that includes a 3-D topographic land-use model.

The program offers easy, practical solutions that everyone can implement to reduce pollution and improve water quality. The free presentations are offered by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and the AmeriCorp Watershed Ambassador Program.

The ambassador program also offers stream-assessment training for individuals and groups. To schedule for a free presentation or training, call Cynthia Romero, Watershed Ambassador for Watershed Management Area 7 at 908-789-3209.

Paul Jackson 5K set for Oct. 4

The Paul Jackson 5K/2-Mile Walk/Kids Fun Run will be held Sunday, Oct. 4, at Oak Ridge Park in Clark. The Paul Jackson Fund, started 24 years ago in Westfield, assists families who are in a financial crisis because of a long-term illness or disability. The Fund was created to help Jackson, a 1979 Westfield High School graduate, when he became paralyzed as a result of surgery to remove a spinal cord tumor. When he no longer needed the financial assistance, he began to help other families in need.

The upcoming certified USATF race event will include a 5K run, 2-mile walk and a kids fun run. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. The start times are: 5K Run at 9:30 a.m.; 2-Mile Walk at 9:45 a.m. and Fun Run, for ages 2 to 11, at 10:30 a.m.

The course is entirely within the park on paved paths. Mile clocks and water stops will be provided. The 2-Mile Walk is wheel-

chair-friendly. The entry fee for the Run and Walk is \$25 by Monday, Sept. 28. After that, the fee will be \$28. Registration will be open the day of the race. The fee for the Kids Fun Run is \$10. All participants raising \$100 or more will run/walk for free.

Individuals may register online at RaceForum.com/pauljackson. All preregistrants will receive a T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded to the winners, overall and by age groups. All children participating in the Kids Fun Run will receive ribbons.

This community event will include refreshments, a disc jockey, random prizes and kids' activities. Individuals, groups and teams are welcome. Support is encouraged for this annual fundraising event by creating a FirstGiving page — which allows individuals to seek donations online in support of The Paul Jackson Fund. Interested persons are advised to visit firstgiving.com/pauljacksonfund.

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Goodbye, germs!

The children at Clark Preschool are learning that GERMS are not for sharing. Children in groups are breeding grounds for illness, and their little hands rub their runny noses and then transfer infectious agents onto shared toys, the school said in a release. The single most important task a preschooler can do to prevent illness is to wash their hands frequently and thoroughly. The preschool nurse has taught the children how to protect themselves against bad germs. The unit began with the video, 'Germ Stoppers.' The video teaches the children how to protect themselves and others from the spread of germs. 'Germy Wormy,' a puppet, visited the classroom for storytelling by reading the book, 'Germs Are not For Sharing.' In addition, the experiment 'Germ Glitter' was utilized as a simulation and the glitter on their hands resembled germs in real life. The unit concluded with the preschoolers demonstrating hand washing.



County announces HEART grants for 54 art projects

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announces that 54 artists, historians and local nonprofit organizations will receive funding through the 2015 Union County History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands Grant Program.

The Union County Freeholders established the HEART Grant Program in 1998; it supports projects related to history, the arts and humanities, and it demonstrates a commitment to the artists and community organizations of Union County. Total funding for this year's grants is \$100,000.

Some of the recipients of the Union County 2015 HEART Grants include:

- Brian Beste, Fanwood, \$1,000, for presenting art and photography workshops;
- Candace Waller, Fanwood, \$900, for providing free dance classes;
- Danielle Linares Hale, Fanwood, \$1,000, for presenting a community arts festival;
- Kenneth Sack, Summit, \$800, for providing an arts-in-education program for Summit;
- Lesl Harker, New Providence, \$1,000, for presenting Irish music workshop and concert;
- Lowell Schantz, Westfield, \$1,000, for presenting two free jazz concerts in Senior facilities;
- Marjan Nirou Saniee, New Providence, \$750, for providing a series of paintings and exhibits;
- Michelle Nelson, Elizabeth, \$800, for providing entrepreneurial talks for at risk youth & adults;
- Paula Borenstein, Elizabeth, \$1,000, for producing a historic survey of Elizabeth;
- Valerie Graham, Roselle, \$1,000, for presenting free crafts workshops for children and seniors;
- Arts Guild New Jersey, Rahway, \$2,300, for presenting arts education for children and adults;
- Borough of Fanwood, \$2,500, for presenting a Fanwood Cultural Arts Performance Series;
- Borough of Roselle Park, Casano Community Center, \$1,000, for presenting a free concert;
- Brand New Day, Elizabeth, \$2,000, for presenting traditional Caribbean music and dance workshops;
- Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company, Union, \$2,000, for presenting a performance with UCAPA at the Vo-Tech black box theater;
- CASA of Union County, Elizabeth, \$2,500, for presenting arts workshops for child advocates;
- Central Presbyterian Church, Summit, \$1,800, for providing classical music performances;
- City of Rahway, \$2,500, for presenting a collaborative community art project;
- Cranford Housing Board, Cranford, \$1,000, for presenting "Three Po' Tenors" concert for senior housing residents;
- Dreamcatchers Repertory Theatre, Summit, \$2,350 for presenting N.J. premiere of "Sister Play";
- duCret School of Art, Plainfield, \$1,000, for presenting a performing arts program for children grades K-12;
- Elizabeth Avenue Partnership, Elizabeth, \$2,000, for presenting a Hispanic Heritage Month concert;
- Frontiers International Plainfield Area Club, Plainfield, \$750, for presenting an intergenerational lecture series;
- Groundwork Elizabeth, Inc., Elizabeth, \$2,500, for presenting 13th annual Tour de Elizabeth bicycle tour;
- Historical Society of Plainfield, Plainfield, \$2,280, for providing history education programs;
- Institute of Music for Children, Elizabeth, \$2,500, for providing arts and culture classes to young children;
- Josephine's Place, Elizabeth, \$2,500, for presenting arts programs for immigrant women;
- Kenilworth Historical Society, Kenilworth, \$2,000, for preparations for interpretive signage;
- Language & Enrichment Center INC, Scotch Plains, \$1,500, for presenting performances by preschool children of Italian winter songs;
- Life Drawing Studio Group, Fanwood, \$2,000, for providing visual arts workshops;
- Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, \$1,500, for providing theatrical programs for children;
- Music for All Seasons, Scotch Plains, \$2,500, for presenting music programs for U.C. Juvenile Detention Center;
- Musical Club of Westfield, Scotch Plains, \$2,000, for presenting an original composition in concert;
- National Council of Jewish Women, U.C. Section, Elizabeth, \$2,500, for providing two intergenerational programs: a big band swing dance and a jazz band;
- New Jersey Festival Orchestra, Westfield, \$2,000, for presenting live concert "Home for the Holidays";
- New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra, Berkeley Heights, \$2,500, for presenting a community concert;
- New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, Westfield, \$2,000, for presenting event for "Music Connection" for special needs children;
- Occupational Center of U.C., Roselle, \$2,500, for presenting art education classes for people with disabilities;

Visit www.unnj.org for a complete list. Artists, educators, civic and historical nonprofit organizations interested in information about next year's HEART Grant Program can contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at call 908-558-2550, or send an email to culturalinfo@ucnj.org.



The Casano Community Center in Roselle Park is hosting a children's art exhibit that will be on display through Oct. 30. A reception is being held on Oct. 5 to meet the young artists, who include 13 young Roselle Park residents.

Community Center hosts children's art exhibit

"Dream and Be - Children's Summer Art Workshop" a group exhibit of artwork by students of Roselle Park resident Lynnor Bontigao, will be on display through Oct. 30, at the Casano Community Center Art Gallery, 314 Chestnut St. Roselle Park.

There will be a reception to meet the young artists Monday, Oct. 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The Casano Community Center and the Art Gallery hours are Monday to Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday until 5 p.m.

Lynnor Bontigao has been teaching a basic art workshop during the summer seasons to a few Roselle Park neighborhood children since 2012. The idea of the theme "Dream and Be" came from asking her students: "If you can dream anything, do anything, be anything, without limitations, without anyone saying 'That's impossible,' what would you be?"

According to Bontigao, her students "have created artworks which show how they see themselves if that self can be anyone anywhere at any time. It's wonderful to have dreams. Who knows? It may very well come true."

Artist Emma Crevani said of her piece, "A Dream To Win," "I have always dreamed of winning a World Cup on the US Women's National Team. This year they won, so I drew a trophy and their new jerseys."

Of her piece, "Traveling Into Fiction and Fantasy," Vanna Mendoza said, "There are

'If I can be anything, I will become a superhero who protects the galaxy with the use of my special bow and arrows. I can travel to any planet in the galaxy and defend its inhabitants from any enemies.'

— Tristan Palma

all kinds of fictional stories and universes that you can read stories about, or watch shows or movies about. I know of tons of different universes that I would love to live in such as the Marvel superhero universe or the Doctor Who universe. My drawing is inspired by my dream to discover a way to travel and send messages to alternate universes where there's something different and amazing."

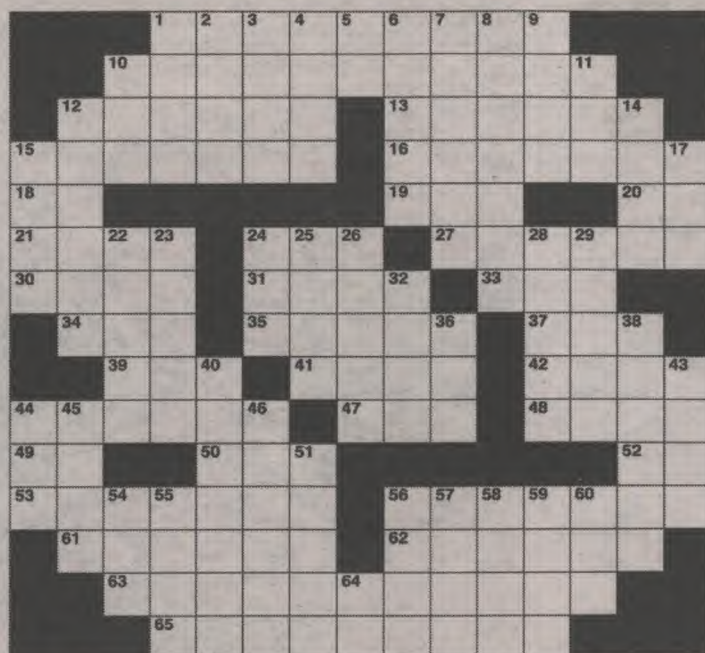
Tristan Pama described his artwork, "Tristan, Guardian of the Galaxy," saying, "If I can be anything, I will become a superhero who protects the galaxy with the use of my special bow and arrows. I can travel to any planet in the galaxy and defend its inhabitants from any enemies. My eyes will be able to see very well especially in the dark. And I will never miss any of my targets."

The 13 participants in the exhibit are: Cassandra Cordero, Eric Bruckenstein, Emma Crevani, Lauren Donnelly, Karly Donnelly, Vanna Mendoza, Jacob Ortiz, Sofia Ortiz, Tristan Pama, Emily Tribiano, Julia Tribiano, Grace Vita, Logan Vita.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Punished
10. Cartoon feline
12. Productive land
13. Playfully mischievous one
15. Liquorice-flavored seeds
16. Changed or modified
18. Used to strengthen and harden steel
19. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
20. Atomic #63
21. Missing soldiers
24. Payment (abbr.)
27. Blood-sucking African fly
30. Erstwhile
31. Used to have (Scottish)
33. ___ Ming: Houston Rocket player
34. CNN's founder
35. Volcanic craters
37. 2-wheeled carriage
39. Team cheer
41. Lingering sign of injury
42. Brews
44. Mix with society
47. Type of healthcare plan
48. Spanish baby
49. Expression of sympathy
50. Openwork fishing fabric
52. Farm state
53. Weak-willed (Yiddish)
56. Madwort
61. Cause to expand
62. S. Am. procyonids
63. Former German tennis champion
65. Professional intent on career



CLUES DOWN

1. Black-eyed & sugar snap
2. Czech River
3. World's longest river
4. Canned
5. Giant's Hall of Fame Linebacker
6. Worn to Mecca
7. Fanatical partisan
8. Rapturous delight
9. Southern Redbelly ___ (minnows)
10. Weekday
11. Seaman
12. A way to bless
14. Harper, Bruce and Robert E.
15. Ammunition
17. Scheduled to arrive
22. Sour or bitter in taste
23. Closed automobile
24. Philemon (abbr., Biblical)
25. "Throne of Glass" author Sarah
26. A way to give information
28. 55122 MN
29. Scenic French fabric
32. Apothecaries' unit
36. No seats available
38. Extraordinary intellect
40. Solomon Islands capital
43. Furrow
44. Principal ethnic group of China
45. Collectable
46. Rouse
51. Not those
54. Serviette
55. Coalition with a common purpose
56. Maple genus
57. Localities
58. Asian ox
59. Let it stand
60. Title of respect
64. Exist

ANSWERS APPEAR IN
OUR A&E SECTION

HOROSCOPE

ARIES, March 21 to April 20

Aries, it may be challenging to express your true feelings, especially when you fear what others may think. Just do what feels comfortable to you.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21

Take a sentimental journey with a loved one, Taurus. You never know what examining your emotions will uncover, and you will get to spend quality time together.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21

Gemini, you can strike up a conversation with just about anyone this week. Your gift for gab makes you a fun person to have around and a welcome member to any new group.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22

Cancer, someone may catch you off guard this week and you don't have your go-to plan in place. Worry not, as you will rebound quickly and bounce back in a big way.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23

Leo, it may seem like everyone is hanging on every word you say this week. Don't worry about performing, just continue to do what gravitates people toward you.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22

Virgo, although you're not a big fan of the spotlight, this week you will be asked to handle a situation on center stage. You just may enjoy the situation, so don't fret about it.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

Libra, share your long-term goals with colleagues and you may find some unexpected allies. Support can only help your efforts even further.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

Scorpio, set personal feelings aside when dealing with professional matters. Allowing emotion to get in the way of your goals will only end up affecting you.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

Sagittarius, this is a great time to try something new. Whether it's a new food or a new experience you've been looking to try, dive right in and enjoy the excitement.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

Capricorn, expect to be excited by a budding relationship in the weeks ahead. Open up to friends or family members so you can share this positive development with loved ones.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

Waiting patiently this week will not get the job done, Aquarius. You may have to be more assertive to get things done. Others will understand and prove helpful.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20

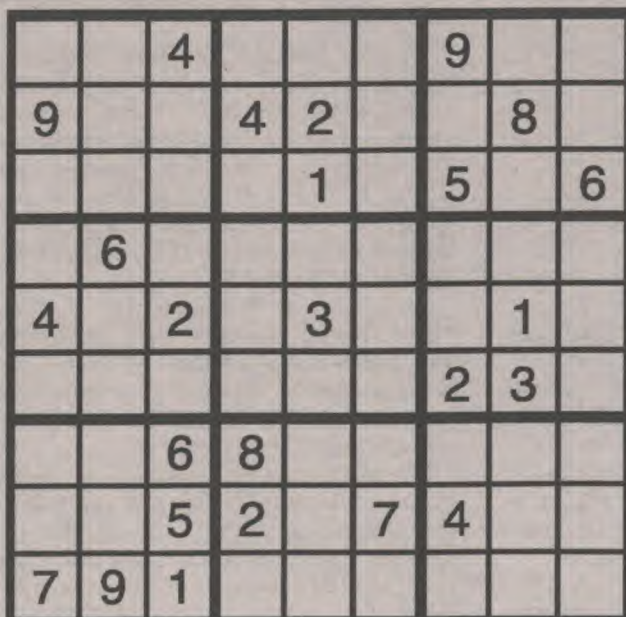
Pisces, a problem at work seems tough to crack. Take your time and try a new approach, and you will be happy with the results.

SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:

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

ANSWERS APPEAR IN
OUR CLASSIFIEDS SECTION



Level: Intermediate

CRANFORD NEWS

Books & Bagels set for Oct. 10 at Cranford Library

The next session of Books & Bagels, the Cranford Public Library's monthly book chat program for adults, will take place Saturday, Oct. 10, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. in the Raddin Room. Just bring a few favorite books and tell the other members of the group what you like about them. The books can be new or old, fiction or nonfiction, classic or contemporary. Sessions are one hour long. There is no required reading, and you will have the opportunity to learn about books recommended by other group members. Refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library. Registration is not required.

The library is located at 224 Walnut Avenue. For questions about Books & Bagels, contact program coordinator Sally Hanford at 908-709-7272, ext. 2104, or at s-hanford@cranfordnj.org.

Enjoy Halloween at the library all month long

Halloween is just around the corner, and the Cranford Public Library and the Friends of the Cranford Public Library will offer a number of programs to help patrons of all ages get into the Halloween spirit.

In October, the Friends' Tuesday evening classic film series will be devoted to scary films, leading off with "The Horror of Dracula" on Oct. 6, followed by "House on Haunted Hill" on Oct. 13, "The Mummy" on Oct. 20, and "Young Frankenstein" on Oct. 27. Show times are at 7 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

The Friends of the Library will also sponsor "Ghost Hunting in New Jersey and New York City" on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the Cranford Community Center, presented by L'Aura Hladik of the New Jersey Ghost Hunters Society. The program is based on two of Hladik's books, "Ghosthunting New Jersey" and "Ghosthunting New York City." She will detail with sight — and sound, in some cases — the history and haunts of New Jersey and the Big Apple.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

During the month of October, all adult patrons who borrow at least one item will be automatically eligible to win their choice of a bestselling horror novel, courtesy of the Friends of the Library, or a coupon good for a free hardcover book at the Friends' next book sale.

The Library's Teen Department will host a Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Raddin Room. Those ages 12 to 18 or in grades seven through 12 are invited to share the fun. Costumes are encouraged but not mandatory. Registration is required. To register, stop by the Reference Desk, call Fran Houston at 908-709-7272, or email her at cranfordlibrary@gmail.com.

The Children's Department will offer a "Halloween Hootenanny" on Friday, Oct. 30, at 3:45 p.m. The program will feature stories, games, and crafts, and is recommended for children from ages three to six.

On Saturday, Oct. 31, children are invited to stop by the Children's Department to make a simple craft. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Raddin Room.

The Library's scarecrow will be on display in downtown Cranford from Oct. 22 to Nov. 1. For more information about other upcoming library programs, visit cranford.com/library and click on the "Events & Programs" tab.

M.E.S.S. program returns to library, Oct. 10

Family M.E.S.S. — Math, Engineering, and Science Saturday — returns to the Cranford Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 11 a.m.

Families will explore educational stations, where they will attempt hands-on experiments, solve problems, and have fun. This month's meeting will have a spooky slant, with all the activities being Halloween-themed.

Family M.E.S.S. was created for families with children from the ages of 2 to 10. Registration is required, you can reserve a spot by calling or stopping by the Children's Department.

Admission is free and all Cranford residents are welcome. For a list of other upcoming programs, visit the library Web page at cranford.com and click on the "Children's Department" tab near the top of the page.

Pajama storytime will be Oct. 27 at the library

Hop into your favorite PJs and pop over to the Cranford Public Library for a Pajama Storytime. Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to join in Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 6:15 p.m. in the Library's Raddin Room. There will be singing, bedtime stories, and fun!

No registration required, just drop in. Admission is free and all residents are welcome.

Local author to share book on Oct. 6

Local author Madeline Spitz will be sharing her book "Come Crow" At the Cranford Public Library during two story-time sessions: at 4:15 and 6:15 on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Call or stop by the library to reserve a spot.

This story time is for children ages 5 and older.

For a list of upcoming programs, visit cranford.com/library and click on the "Children's Department" tab near the top of the page.



Take
Back
the
Kitchen

Overcoming
the Obstacles
to Cooking

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One of my favorite restaurants in Montclair on Bloomfield Avenue is called Costanera. They have an incredible Peruvian quinoa salad that I tried to replicate. I found that it was on line but I didn't have a number of the ingredients. This is my version and it was pretty darn close! I hope you like it and make sure to check out Costanera — you will not be sorry!

Peruvian Quinoa Salad

Ingredients

4 cups cooked mixed red and golden quinoa, or just one color is fine
1 loosely filled cup cilantro, washed, finely chopped and dried
1 cup cooked corn; I used the Mexican hominy, soaked overnight and boiled until tender, but corn is fine
1/3 cup dried currants
1/3 cup toasted pumpkin seeds
zest of one lime
salt and pepper to taste

Dressing

4 Tbs. olive oil

1 clove minced garlic

1/2 lime's juice

1 tsp. Dijon mustard

3 Tbs. white wine vinegar

Method

Mix all the salad ingredients in a large bowl.

Whisk the dressing ingredients separately until fully emulsified.

Pour the dressing over the salad and mix.

If you can, refrigerate for a few hours so the flavors meld.

Serve cold or at room temperature.

Alma Schneider, a licensed clinical social worker and cooking coach, provides individual sessions, corporate presentations and group workshops helping individuals overcome their practical and psychological obstacles to cooking. Alma has appeared on the Today Show, TV Land and has presented at the TEDx Talks. She has also been featured in Family Circle Magazine and numerous other publications. A cookbook is in the works! For more information, contact her at alma@takebackthekitchen.com or visit her website at www.takebackthekitchen.com.

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'We had to leave everything behind'

Roselle Park couple went from doctors in Cuba to delivering pizza in Miami, and back again

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nation, instead insisting that they lived a good, normal Cuban life, with good jobs, their children in school and a nice house.

"We made very little salaries, but it was enough in Cuba," said Perez. "The house we lived in was inherited and passed down from my parents. It was a good life in Cuba. Not the one that we have here now, but a good life. We didn't live in the lap of luxury, but we didn't live in poverty either."

But when the pair decided to apply for the lottery for legal United States citizenship, they felt the United States could offer much more for them and for their children. And so, as Perez said, "we applied for the VISA lottery and we won."

When they left Cuba, they left behind everything they had for their families. Perez's brother would continue living in their parents' home, and so the house was given to him. His watch, Perez pointed out, was left behind for his brother and his brother's family.

"We came here with no money, only the clothes on our backs," said Cisnero. "We only filled half a suitcase."

"When you come from Cuba, you leave everything for your family," said Perez.

And so the couple, along with their four children, the youngest 11 and the oldest 18, moved to Miami, into a one-bedroom apartment, and Cisnero began delivering for Pizza Hut for \$5.15 an hour because they were not allowed to practice medicine in the United States without first passing a lot of tests, all of them in English.

"Despite the fact that we were doctors in Cuba, life was hard," said Perez. "We came here with nothing, but it was worth the struggle."

After a few months working at Pizza Hut, both Perez and Cisnero got jobs as medical assistants in the Miami area making \$125 a week, but Perez kept up his job at Pizza Hut on his off days.

"I was getting ready to go to work one day at Pizza Hut," said Perez, "and she said 'I don't think Miami is where we need to be.'"

Shortly after arriving in Miami, the couple decided to pack up their belongings once again and with their four children continued their journey, taking a Greyhound bus to Kentucky to stay with Cisnero's friend from Cuba.

"We moved to Kentucky to see what would happen," said Cisnero.

But before they left Miami, they met a doctor in Miami who told them he could get them work in New Jersey in the future, and before long they were on the move again.

"The joke was, what the heck are you guys doing in Kentucky? Julio Iglesias doesn't live there," said Cisnero as the pair laughed.

The family did not stay long in Kentucky as the job opportunity became available in

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— ***Dr. Maria Del Carmen Cisnero***

New Jersey. A friend that the family had in New Jersey drove to Kentucky to pick them up, and again, the family was forced to leave almost everything they had behind, although they had not amassed too many possessions in their short stay.

"We left behind all our luggage in Kentucky, and the only thing we took with us was medical books," Cisnero said. "We lined the floor of the car with medical books. We had to leave everything behind again."

"The only thing we took with us was our dream and medical books, and our children," said Perez.

In April of 2000, the family arrived in New Jersey and started working as medical assistants, but always with the dream of being doctors again.

"We had to work. We had to support our children," said Perez.

At the urging of friends and family, they began working toward being doctors for the second time in their lives, and this time in a foreign language that they did not speak. In 2002, they started studying to learn everything to be a doctor again.

The work ahead of them was daunting. Not only was every test, both oral and written, in English, but there were also new sciences the couple never had to learn in Cuba. The nature of the testing was so foreign to them, that the first time Cisnero ever touched a computer was the day of the first exam.

Perez, for instance, started medical school the first time around in 1974. The first things he had to learn in the United States were sciences that are now considered basic in the world of a medical student, like genetics and molecular biology. Working and studying side-by-side for two years, the married couple also had to teach themselves English along with teaching themselves the medical sciences in a foreign language.

The translation dictionary became their best friend as they worked tirelessly to understand basic words that most English speakers take for granted.

"We could never remember the meaning of the word 'huge,'" said Perez with a chuckle adding that "medicine changed too much, and with the medical improvements" since the pair first learned to be doctors, they had a very long road ahead of them.

Perez specialized in plastic surgery for burn victims, and Cisnero was a surgeon when they left Cuba in 1999. But in 2002 in

the United States they were medical assistants, not allowed to practice medicine and essentially teaching themselves what most students pay tens of thousands of dollars to learn at medical schools. And to top it all off, they were struggling with understanding basic English.

Eventually, the pair had some money saved up and quit their jobs for three months for the final push, but again, they struggled with their bills at times, but always managed to pay the rent.

"We studied 17 hours a day, seven days a week," said Cisnero. "We had a very rigorous study schedule. I would only let him out at 11 p.m. on Saturdays to drink six beers with enough time to wake up and start again the next morning. And it was a healthy competition together."

Perez laughed when he said that his wife would wake him up Sunday mornings and if he didn't get out of bed he knew he was falling behind, and he would have to catch up to his wife, almost like a competition.

The hours were long, money was tight, and the studies were difficult. But eventually it all paid off, as the couple worked to pass their exams, even having to travel to Atlanta, GA, for one portion.

Part of the exam involved fake patients with "symptoms" portrayed by actors. Prospective doctors have to treat and diagnose the "patients" as if they are real, and are graded on a wide variety of parameters, including English proficiency and a review by the "patient."

"You have to prepare and you have to act," said Perez. "How to talk to the patient. How to touch the patient. How to interact with the patient. You have to knock three times, say your name."

Perez recalls memorizing a little paragraph to say to the patients if they started asking for more than he could offer in his portrayal of a doctor. "Let's take it one step at a time," he would say.

Having worked through all their exams, all of them either administered orally or on a computer in English, the couple was now ready for the next step, which is a residency program with an American hospital. Except, once again, the struggle continued, as neither Perez nor Cisnero could find a residency program in the United States.

"Getting into a residency is difficult in the United States," Perez said. "You have to have a very good score on your tests, and we were 50-years-old at this point with bad English, strong accents and lower test scores."

The struggle continued as the couple made a major decision once again. They would leave their four children behind and move to Puerto Rico.

"We can at least be doctors in Puerto Rico," Perez said of their train of thought, adding that it was an incredibly emotional moment as they boarded their plane and left their children behind to fend for themselves.

"Everybody was in school," said Cisnero, "with jobs, living alone, paying rent, and supporting themselves."

The youngest, 17, had to get her driver's license on her own, they mentioned, to commute to Montclair State University. And to top it all off, the residency was unpaid and the couple had less than \$4,000 to survive on for themselves. While working long hours in the residency program, the couple began working second jobs doing triage in an emergency room from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. each night before going to their internship.

But then the pair applied for a new residency program with a nonprofit hospital that paid a small salary, only to find out that this new program was recognized by the United States.

"This was better than we had expected," said Perez. "It's better to be doctors in Puerto Rico, then then to be nothing at all, we thought. But then all of the sudden this residency comes along, and we are making \$21,000 a year."

Perez recalled a funny moment around this time, when they went to a Walmart to get help with their income taxes.

"There was a small guy with small glasses, and we told him we were doctors. He looked up and said 'Doctors that only make \$21,000?'"

From 2007 to 2010, the couple lived in Puerto Rico, taking residency exams and performing very well, they said. And finally, in 2010, the couple became American Board Certified doctors of family medicine and moved back to New Jersey.

But this would not be the end of their triumphant rise from delivering pizza at \$5.15 an hour, nor would it be the end of their struggles.

In September of 2010, they started working for a doctor in New Jersey, but the doctor could not afford to take them both on full time, and so they both worked part time, splitting one salary. Then, with money they were able to save from Puerto Rico and this new job, they were able to open their own practice in January of 2011 at 605 Broad St. in Elizabeth. But still, Perez continued to work for the other doctor while they continued to build their own practice.

Their first patients in their Elizabeth practice, P&C Medical Group, were the man that picked them up from Kentucky

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— *Dr. Raul Perez*

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and his mom. The majority of their patients are minorities in the predominantly Hispanic community. But in keeping with the theme of struggling, the couple decided to expand in 2012 and open an office in Newark at 34 Bloomfield Ave.

They signed a lease and started paying rent, before hiring a contractor to remodel the office for a fully functioning medical practice. The contractor made a "whole bunch of promises" they said, but in the end they claim he has let them down severely. So much so that it has been three and a half years and the office is still not open and there is pending legal action against the contractor.

According to their attorney, Frank Capece, this has been a nightmare for his clients.

"This family, which provides essential medical services in urban areas, has been truly harmed by a contractor who just walked away from the job and left the doctors and their patients waiting," Capece said.

According to a mediation statement in the case filed with Essex County Superior Court, the doctors expended \$100,000 to the construction company for the project, and the work was not completed.

"In essence, despite the moneys being provided, P&C has been unable for over two years to gain access to the site, or use it for the purpose entered," the mediation statement reads. "During that time period, P&C has still been forced to pay rent on the facility even though it remains unusable. The construction company further refused to cooperate and P&C was forced to explore to ascertain whom were the plumbers and electricians on the job. These contractors also assert they have not been paid."

The doctors have managed to open up a second practice in Paterson while the Newark office remains in limbo and are continuing to provide family medicine services in Elizabeth as well. Hopefully in the near future, the doctors will finally open the doors on their Newark facility.

But in the meantime, Perez and Cisnero have come a long way from Cuba and delivering pizza in Miami, with a beautiful house in Roselle Park and a growing family. The doctors just welcomed a new grandchild, and have one daughter and one son in medical school, as well as one daughter-in-law and one son-in-law in medical school as well.

"When we came here, we faced, as all immigrants do, the American way of life," said Perez. "It's a struggle, but in America you can do whatever you want if you work hard. It was a struggle, but it was worth it."

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Elizabeth High School students 'Dream Big' with help from Disney

Disney Friends for Change and Free the Children brought the "Dream Big Speaking Tour" to Elizabeth High School to empower 11th- and 12th-grade students to leverage their skills, creativity and imagination to create a brighter tomorrow. The leadership initiative provides youth with tools and resources to tap into their imagination and turn their ideas into action. The event featured an hourlong multimedia presentation, an interactive workshop, and action-planning sessions while offering further access to a support network and customized curricular resources.

The themes introduced during the presentation by Free the Children speakers Lindy Keefe and Theresa Girardi included using creativity to make a difference, unleashing creativity through art, problem solving, and critical thinking, turning dreams into action, making the world a better place, and creating a brighter future. Following the presentation, 25 student leaders of Elizabeth High school were selected to participate in the interactive workshop and action plan sessions that focused on how the creative ideas of today can change the world of tomorrow.

Since 2011, Disney Friends for Change has worked alongside Free the Children to empower young people to take action and have provided more than 25,000 hours of volunteer service to local organizations across the United States.

Elizabeth Board of Education President Ana Maria Amin said she believes students of Elizabeth High School will benefit greatly from the Dream Big initiative.

"Elizabeth High School, the No. 1 high school in New Jersey, is filled with bright young minds that will undoubtedly make a significant impact on our future society," said Amin. "What organization is better suited to educate these young men and women about making dreams come true and tap into their creativity and imagination than Disney?"

Elizabeth Public Schools Superintendent Olga Hugelmeyer welcomed Disney Friends for Change and Free the Children to Elizabeth High School, saying "Elizabeth Public Schools was one of the first school districts in the United States to partner with Disney to provide leadership and customer service training for its team members and it yielded great results. Our district leaders were highly engaged and received invaluable lessons to apply toward creating an inspiring and innovative learning environment for our students."

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Fall Real Estate

Prepare your home before prospective buyers arrive

Selling a home can be exciting. Homeowners who made considerable financial commitments when buying their homes may be anxious when the time comes to get returns on their investments. But selling need not be so nerve-racking.

Buyers' tastes often dictate their interest in a home. For example, no matter how immaculate homeowners may keep their colonials, such homes won't appeal much to buyers looking for a traditional Cape Cod cottage-style home. But while you might not be able to change your home's architecture to appeal to the masses, there are steps you can take to make your home more appealing to buyers whose dream home more closely resembles your own.

- Address curb appeal. Curb appeal goes a long way toward creating a lasting first impression, so homeowners can start by driving up to their homes and looking at them through the eyes of prospective buyers. Address the landscape if it needs some sprucing up, and power wash siding if it's appearing a little dirty. Examine your driveway for cracks and consider installing a new surface if the existing one is more of an eyesore than eye-catching. Finally, clear the yard of toys and tools before nailing the "For Sale" sign into the ground, as a cluttered yard will give buyers the impression



Make certain your home appears neat and welcoming before the 'For Sale' sign is hammered into the front lawn.

that you did not prioritize keeping a clean and presentable home.

- Clear out the clutter. Some sellers stage their homes when putting them up for sale. But staging might not be an option for sellers who are still living in their homes and intend to do so until they find

buyers. If you can't stage your home, then do your best to remove clutter, including extra pieces of furniture you might have accumulated over the years that can make rooms seem smaller. Box up any books that no longer fit on bookshelves, and try to keep common areas such as family rooms,

hallways and kids' playrooms as open and clean as possible so the rooms appear roomy and relaxing.

- Let the light shine in. Dark homes are less appealing to prospective buyers, many of whom have no interest in living in caves that are void of natural sunlight. When showing your home, make sure all of the curtains are drawn and the blinds or shades are up. If trees or shrubs outside windows are blocking natural light from getting inside, consider trimming them so your home appears sunnier and more inviting. Bright homes tend to feel more spacious, so fix any light fixtures that need fixing and even add small lamps in rooms that could use some extra light.

- Tackle that to-do list. It's easy for a home's residents to grow accustomed to certain minor problems, such as a door-knob that always sticks or a creaky kitchen cabinet door. But buyers might be turned off by too many of these minor problems and wonder if any larger and more expensive issues also went ignored. Before showing your home, address all those minor repairs on your to-do list.

Selling a home can be exciting, and homeowners can take steps to make sure their home sale is successful and lucrative as well.

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Homeowners are renovating

In the not-so-distant past, home improvement projects all but came to a halt, as homeowners were weary about investing any money into fixer-uppers. But the tides have changed dramatically in recent months, and homeowners are again ready and willing to invest big dollars into home renovations. Renewed confidence in the economy and an upswing in the real estate market have contributed to the remodeling push. In early 2014, the Joint Center for Housing Statistics of Harvard University forecasted nearly \$150 billion in major remodeling spending over the year. JCHS said as homeowners gain more confidence in the housing market, they're more likely to undertake home improvements they would have avoided in recent years.

While the numbers do not yet match pre-recession remodeling spending, the number of construction projects has steadily trended upward. According to the National Association of Home Builders, as of November 2014, a greater number of remodelers reported higher business activity than during the previous quarter. Remodeling spending has been gradually climbing back up from the all-time low it reached in 2009. This growth in home renovations has led to more jobs for carpenters, plumbers, painters, electricians, and other construction workers. In Massachusetts alone, a recovery in overall construction employment has led to a gain of about 18,000 jobs during the past four years. The Home Improvement Research Institute expects an additional 5.8 percent sales growth in home improvement spending in 2015. States that showed the highest levels of home improvement spending in 2014 are likely to continue to hold the top spots through 2015, and the National Association of Home Builders says these areas include the District of Columbia, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Massachusetts, and areas of southern California.

Americans are not the only ones increasing their home spending. According to reports released by Moneris Solutions Corporation, Canada's largest credit and debit card processor, purchases at home improvement stores rose by 8.49 percent over the same period last year, and spending on plumbing and heating equipment and electrical contractors climbed by 5.14 percent and 5.08 percent, respectively. Spending patterns indicate that homeowners are investing in DIY projects as well as seeking specialized work provided by professional contractors.

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County Clerk offers property fraud alert system

Citing an awareness of the growing national trend in property-related fraud, Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi now provides Union County property owners with the Property Fraud Alert Notification system. Launched today, the system enables Union County property owners to respond quickly to unauthorized, potentially fraudulent activity involving their property.

The program is completely free for Union County property owners.

"When it comes to property fraud, knowledge is power," said Rajoppi. "The new Property Fraud Alert system will enable you to identify a potential problem as quickly as possible, so that you can re-establish your property rights promptly and with relatively little expense."



"Nationwide, property fraud is the largest growing white collar crime according to the FBI," said Rajoppi. "It is especially insidious because seniors are often

the target, and the victims often have no idea that their property rights have been compromised until it's too late."

Property owners in Union County can subscribe to the free Property Fraud Alert system by visiting the Property Fraud Alert system online at propertyfraudalert.com or on the phone by calling 800-728-3858, and providing their name, or their business name.

Property owners may also register additional names free of charge, to cover common misspellings.

Subscribers will be notified when the name they have registered is used in any recording activities within the office.

When subscribing, the user will have the option of receiving the alert via phone or email.

All subscriber information will remain confidential.

Users with common names may receive multiple alerts.

Information received through the alerts can be verified by visiting the Union County Clerk's property search website at clerk.ucnj.org or by calling the Property Fraud Alert call center at 800-728-3858.

The call center is available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Starting October 1, 2015, the call center will offer expanded hours Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday hours will remain 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For information about all County Clerk programs and services, visit ucnj.org/county-clerk or call 908-527-4787.

Police respond to many incidents throughout Union County

Clark

• Sept. 21: In the vicinity of Westfield Avenue, police arrested Philip Richiuso, 36, of Seaside Park on outstanding warrants totaling \$6,007 out of Belmar and Clinton. He was subsequently turned over to the Belmar Police Department.

• Sept. 22: Police took a report of theft of items from a construction site on Westfield Avenue. The incident is under investigation.

• Sept. 23: On Central Avenue, police arrested Ky Maultsby, 27, of Keyport for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia. He was subsequently released pending a court date.

• Sept. 23: On Raritan Road, police arrested Zviadi Ramzashvili, 19, of Scotch Plains for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. He was subsequently released pending a court date.

• Sept. 24: On Raritan Road, police arrested Donna Black, 24, of Clark for possession of a hypodermic needle. She was subsequently released pending a court date.

• Sept. 25: In the vicinity of Central Avenue, police arrested Catherine Raga, 34, of Elizabeth for driving under the influence. She was subsequently released pending a court date.

• Sept. 25: In the vicinity of the Garden State Parkway, police arrested Joey Hunt, 27, of Union for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. He was also detained on outstanding warrants totaling \$750 out of Springfield and Union. He was subsequently released pending a court date.

Linden

• Sept. 22: At 10:20 p.m. a Linden officer on patrol reportedly observed a 2015 Ford Focus swerve and strike a curb while travelling on S. Park Avenue. The vehicle was pulled over and stopped at Brunswick and S. Park avenues. When the officer approached the lone occupant, Rahson O. Thorn, 42, of Newark, Thorn told the officer that the Ford was a rental vehicle, and

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he was unable to produce any paperwork. He then rolled up the window and refused to speak to the officer. When the officer opened the door and asked him to exit the vehicle, Thorn began to struggle with the officer. The officer called for assistance on his radio and a backup officer arrived on the scene. The officers wrestled with Thorn on the ground, and were able to handcuff Thorn but not before he struck the backup officer in the face twice with his hand; the backup officer was forced to deploy his pepper spray to get compliance, according to police reports.

When a third officer arrived on the scene and assisted the handcuffed Thorn to the patrol car, Thorn spat at the officer, striking him in the hand. Thorn then complained of difficulty breathing and was taken to Trinitas Hospital where he was treated and released into police custody. He is being charged with aggravated assault on police, throwing bodily fluids on police, resisting arrest, and obstruction. He also received motor vehicle summonses for driving with a suspended driver license, careless driving, and having an open container of alcohol inside a motor vehicle.

Cranford

• Sept. 16: At 4:08 p.m. in the vicinity of Springfield Avenue and Riverside Drive, Daniel Piatnisky, 22, of Westfield was arrested for possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia. Officers stopped a blue 2015 Ford on Springfield Ave. after an officer in an unmarked police vehicle, observed Piatnisky, the driver, ingesting suspected heroin while stopped in traffic. Following an investigation at the scene, multiple envelopes of suspected heroin and a cut drinking straw from inside the vehicle, according to police reports. Piatnisky was arrested, processed and released pending an appearance in Superior Court.

• Sept. 16: At 7:17 p.m. Kevin Gilmartin, 27, of Keyport was arrested for possession

of marijuana and paraphernalia in the vicinity of Exit 137 on the Garden State Parkway,

when police stopped him for erratic driving. Following an investigation at the scene, police allegedly located a hypodermic syringe and multiple doses of suspected heroin in his possession. He was arrested, processed and released pending an appearance in Superior Court. The driver, a 25-year-old female, was cited for failure to signal and throwing debris from a moving vehicle.

• Sept. 20: At 4 p.m. on Centennial Avenue, police arrested Nii Quao, 37, of Newark for driving while intoxicated. He was processed and released pending an appearance in Municipal Court.

• Sept. 20: At 11:46 p.m. in the vicinity of Oraton Drive, Karoly Kovacs, 42, of Elmwood Park was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was also cited for failure to maintain a lane, failure to turn in a marked lane, and unlicensed driver, according to police.

• Sept. 23: At 7:27 p.m. on North Avenue East police arrested Julia Michael, 22, of Cranford for driving while intoxicated, use of controlled dangerous substance and possession of a hypodermic syringe. She was also cited for failing to maintain a lane, failure to carry an insurance card, and obstructed view.

• Sept. 24: At 2:14 a.m. on North Avenue East police arrested Kyle Reaves, 22, of Linden for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Reaves was arrested, processed and released pending an appearance in Municipal Court. He was also cited for maintenance of vehicle lamps and driving while suspended.

Union

• Sept. 15: At 9:31 a.m. police responded to Julian Terrace on a report of criminal mischief. A residence and vehicle were spray painted with "20 Gang" sometime between 2 a.m. and the time of the call, according to police reports.

• Sept. 15: At 11:24 p.m. Frank Cuppari

was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia.

• Sept. 16: At 10:37 p.m. Aaron Minques was arrested at ShopRite on Route 22 for passing counterfeit bills.

• Sept. 16: At 11:51 p.m. Subrena Williams was arrested during a motor vehicle stop on Route 22 for warrants and possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

• Sept. 18: At 6:38 a.m. police responded to Van Ness on a report of a stolen taxi. The silver 2009 Ford was taken sometime between 1 a.m. and the time of the call.

• Sept. 18: At 3:49 p.m. police took a report of criminal mischief on Morris Avenue, where someone threw a rock through the driver-side window of a passing vehicle.

• Sept. 18: At 8:42 police took a report of gas theft from a station on Lehigh Avenue. The suspect red Dodge Magnum fled toward Roselle Park.

• Sept. 19: At 12:53 a.m. police conducted a pedestrian stop of three males on Tampa Terrace. Rinaldy Pierre and Ibn Pierre were both arrested for outstanding warrants.

• Sept. 20: At 5:50 a.m. police responded to reports of a robbery at a gas station on Route 22. Two perpetrators pushed the cashier and took money out of the register, fleeing eastbound on Route 22 in a white 2000 Jeep.

• Sept. 20: At 4:19 p.m. police responded to a burglary on Porter Road. Entry was made through a sliding glass door, and a male juvenile was arrested, said police.

• Sept. 21: At 8:45 a.m. police responding to a report of a dispute arrested the following for outstanding warrants: Pomti Hill, Dominique Auston, Renee Jackson and James Simmons.

• Sept. 21: At 1:53 p.m. police stopped Clayton Shamika on Route 22 in a vehicle that had been reported stolen out of Edison. Shamika was arrested for receiving.

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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$365,134.97***Three Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Four and 97/100***

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SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-15003806
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3809
County: Union
Plaintiff: CITIMORTGAGE, INC.

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upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-15003891
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F03658114
County: Union
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Sheriff's File Number: CH-15003778
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F04006914
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Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BANC OF AMERICA FUNDING 2009-F1 TRUST

VS
Defendant: T. JEFFREY REID AND HAMERENIA REID
Sale Date: 10/07/2015
Writ of Execution: 03/17/2015

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH-TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the BORO OF ROSELLE, County of Union and State of N.J. It is commonly known as 534 DIETZ STREET, ROSELLE, NJ 07203

It is known as designated as Block 7103, Lot 21. The dimensions are approximately 60 feet wide by 100 feet long.

Nearest cross street: Sixth Avenue
Prior lien(s): No liens

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**THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$254,023.00***Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Twenty-Three and 00/100***

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Sheriff: Joseph Cryan
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September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 2015
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SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2014 AUDIT REPORT

Attention is directed to the fact that a summary of the audit report, together with the recommendations, is the minimum required to be published pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:5-7. Summary or Synopsis of 2014 Audit Report of the City of Summit County of Union, as required by N.J.S. 40A:5-7.

Table with 3 columns: Description, December 31 Year 2014, December 31 Year 2013. Rows include ASSETS (Cash, Investments and Prepaid; Debt Service; Taxes, Assessments, Liens and Utility Charges Receivable; etc.), LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCES (Bonds, Notes, and Loans Payable; Improvement Authorizations; etc.), and COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN SURPLUS - CURRENT FUND.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN SURPLUS - CURRENT FUND

Table with 3 columns: Description, 2014, 2013. Rows include Revenue and Other Income Realized (Fund Balance Utilized; Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local; Property Tax Levies; etc.), Expenditures (Budget Expenditures: Municipal Purpose; Local School Purposes-Debt Service; etc.), and COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN SURPLUS - SEWER UTILITY FUND.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN SURPLUS - SEWER UTILITY FUND

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Revenue and Other Income Realized

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Expenditures

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Table with 3 columns: Description, 2014, 2013. Row: Statutory Excess to Surplus

Table with 3 columns: Description, 2014, 2013. Row: Fund Balance January 1

Table with 3 columns: Description, 2014, 2013. Row: Less: Utilized as Anticipated Revenue

Table with 3 columns: Description, 2014, 2013. Row: Fund Balance December 31

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN SURPLUS - PARKING UTILITY FUND

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Expenditures

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Table with 3 columns: Description, 2014, 2013. Row: Fund Balance January 1

Table with 3 columns: Description, 2014, 2013. Row: Fund Balance December 31

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That unfunded ordinances over five years be funded.
2. That the 2013 Data Collection Form be submitted.
3. That the Library obtain vendor certification signatures on vouchers and that all purchase orders be encumbered.
4. That the Municipal Court regular and bail accounts be reconciled monthly.

A Corrective Action Plan outlining actions to be taken by the City of Summit to correct the above findings will be prepared in accordance with federal and state guidelines. A copy of the plan will be on file and available for public inspection with the Municipal Clerk in the City of Summit no later than 60 days from when the audit was received in compliance with directives from the Division of Local Government Services.

The above Summary or Synopsis was prepared from the Report of Audit of the City of Summit, County of Union, for the calendar year 2014. This Report of Audit, submitted by Charles J. Ferraioli, Jr., C.P.A., R.M.A. of Ferraioli, Wielkots, Cerullo & Cuva, P.A., is on file at the City Clerk's Office and may be inspected by any interested person.
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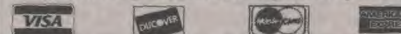
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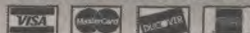
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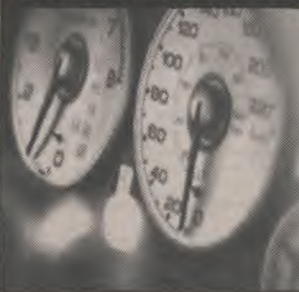
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SPORTS

THIS IS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

This page is dedicated to one - Evan Murray - the football player from Warren Hills who died Friday night after an injury sustained on the football field against visiting Summit.

It was reported widely on Monday that the cause of death was a ruptured spleen and internal bleeding.

Wow.

How does anyone get past this?

The New Providence and Caldwell communities know exactly what Warren Hills is going through.

In October of 2001 New Providence senior end John O'Neill died two days after he collapsed on the sideline and underwent brain surgery.

O'Neill collapsed less than eight minutes into his team's home game vs. Immaculata. Reports stated that O'Neill went to the sidelines saying he had lost feeling in his limbs.

He began vomiting, collapsed and was rushed to the hospital.

In October of 2006, Caldwell junior Jamie Bliss died during a Wednesday practice after collapsing on the field.

After catching a pass, he was tackled from behind. Bliss made no complaints and was heading back to the huddle when he fell to the ground.

As about 75 team members and coaches watched, the team doctor performed chest compressions, as did police officers who were also emergency medical technicians. The school's defibrillator was not able to save him, nor were doctors at Mountainside Hospital in Montclair.

The police said that they received a 911 call at 4:20 and that Bliss was pronounced dead about 40 minutes after arriving at the hospital.

Murray, 17, was a three-sport standout at Warren Hills who will be missed more for the outstanding young person and leader that he was.



Photo by JR Parachini

Here is the Rahway offense led by junior quarterback Zahir Wilder in the early stages of its season-opener at Roselle. Wilder was injured in this game and replaced by lefty-throwing freshman Jakir Robinson. It was Robinson that led the Indians to their first win last weekend when Rahway came away with a 20-14 league triumph at Hillside. First-year head coach Brian Russo praised Robinson's play - he just turned 14 last Wednesday - and said that Wilder may be back behind center tomorrow night when the Indians play at Bernards.

Rahway earns its first victory; Cranford at Summit Saturday Coaches mourn loss of Warren Hills player

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Rahway first-year head coach Brian Russo is coming off his first win at the helm of the Indians.

Cranford 11th-year head coach Erik Rosenmeier is in the midst of preparing his team for a big, Raritan Division contest at Summit. Cranford finally defeated Summit in Mid-State 38 Conference play last year and this time seeks to top the Hilltoppers at Tatlock Field, which is no easy task.

Summit has won 29 straight regular season home games dating back to November of 2008.

Rosenmeier and Russo were the first opposing head coaches Warren Hills went up against. Summit third-year mentor Kevin Kostibos was the third last Friday night at Warren Hills.

Kostibos is also preparing his team for its next challenge - that of the Cranford Cougars.

But after what happened Friday night in Washington Township, in many respects just how big is that next game.

It is being reported that Warren Hills senior quarterback Evan Murray, 17, died Friday night - according to Monday's autopsy - as the result of a lacerated spleen and internal bleeding after coming off the field with an injury during his team's home game against Summit, which the visiting Hilltoppers won 14-12.

"When this whole thing took place our next game never crossed our minds," Kostibos said. "Everyone is in shock. Football seems very low on the priority scale when you look at what happened.

"Our focus is on the Murray family, the Warren Hills kids, our kids and the Warren Hills Community."

Kostibos said Monday night that Summit's next game - this Saturday at home at 2 p.m. vs. Cranford - is still on.

Russo first head of the news Saturday morning before his team's game that day at Hillside. Rahway lost to Warren Hills 28-21 at home on Sept. 19.

"I was devastated," Russo said. "He was a heck of a player and a leader. It's just so tragic. It really makes you think twice."

Russo said, because of social media, his players knew what happened before Saturday's game at Hillside.

"Our plan was not to say anything to our kids before the game," Russo said. "We didn't want to put it in their minds."

Rahway, behind a backup freshman quarterback named Jakir Robinson who just turned 14 last Wednesday, earned its first win by downing Hillside 20-14.

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UNION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Friday, Oct. 2 (6 games)

Union at Elizabeth, 7 p.m.
Rahway at Bernards, 7 p.m.
Gov. Livingston at Johnson, 7 p.m.
New Providence at Manville, 7 p.m.
Brearley at Roselle Park, 7 p.m.
Belvidere at Dayton, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3 (6 games)

Linden at Westfield, 2 p.m.
Plainfield at Immaculata, 2 p.m.
Cranford at Summit, 2 p.m.
Pingry at Hillside, 2 p.m.
Delaware Valley at Roselle, 2 p.m.
North Hunt vs. S. Plains, 2:30 p.m.
Off: None.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Thursday, Sept. 24 (1 game)
Bridgewater-Raritan 13, Union 7

Friday, Sept. 25 (8 games)
Elizabeth 14, Franklin 12
Montgomery 20, Linden 14
Summit 14, Warren Hills 12
GL 24, North Plainfield 13
Cranford 41, Roselle 7
Delaware Valley 24, Johnson 13
Brearley 27, Dayton 14
Roselle Park 29, Bound Brook 30

Saturday, Sept. 26 (3 games)
Ridge 47, Scotch Plains 14
Rahway 20, Hillside 14
New Providence 34, Pingry 7
Off: Westfield, Plainfield

THIS WEEK'S PICKS (12):

Union over Elizabeth
Bernards over Rahway
Gov. Livingston over Johnson
New Providence over Manville
Brearley over Roselle Park
Belvidere over Dayton
Westfield over Linden
Immaculata over Plainfield
Cranford over Summit
Hillside over Pingry
Delaware Valley over Roselle
North Hunterdon over S. Plains
Best bet: New Providence
Upset special: Union
Last week: 9-3
This year: 25-13 (.658)
Best bets: 3-0
Upset specials: 1-2

JR'S UNION COUNTY TOP 10:

1-Elizabeth (3-0)
2-Westfield (3-0)
3-Cranford (3-0)
4-Summit (3-0)
5-Union (1-2)
6-Linden (1-2)
7-Brearley (3-0)
8-New Providence (3-0)
9-Roselle Park (2-0)
10-Plainfield (1-1)
Others: GL (1-2), Rahway (1-2), Hillside (1-2), Roselle (1-2), Dayton (1-2), Johnson (0-3), Scotch Plains (0-3).

SPORTS



Photo by JR Parachini

Here the Dayton offense, at left, is on the move vs. Brearley in last Friday night's league game at Ward Field in Kenilworth. Brearley led from start to finish in posting a 27-14 Valley Division triumph. Brearley next plays at Roselle Park tomorrow night at 7 in a battle of undefeated teams, the Bears 3-0 and the host Panthers at 2-0. Dayton is scheduled to host Belvidere tomorrow night at 7.

Brearley tops Dayton for first 3-0 start since 2008

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

KENILWORTH — Brearley put together a couple of time-consuming drives that resulted in touchdowns in the first half, but at least Dayton had the ball a few times and some opportunities. The underdog Bulldogs hung tough for the first 24 minutes, trailing only by a touchdown at intermission.

However, in the second half not only did Brearley produce two more long, scoring drives, but the Bears simply did not allow Dayton to have the ball for almost the entire final two quarters.

Sparked by two touchdown runs and one TD pass from senior quarterback Sebastian Montesdeoca, Brearley scored a touchdown in each quarter en route to a commanding 27-14 Mid-State 38 Conference-Valley Division triumph last Friday night at Ward Field.

Brearley, 3-0 for the first time since 2008, also leads the Valley Division at 3-0. Dayton is now 1-2 overall and 0-2 in the Valley. Dayton was awarded a forfeit victory by the score of 1-0 for its season-opening home game Sept. 11 vs. Hillside. It was ruled by the NJSIAA that Hillside - in its 34-14 victory over the Bulldogs that night - used an ineligible player.

Brearley's scoring drives in the first half covered 80 yards and six minutes in the first quarter and then 46 yards and nearly five in the second.

The Bears had three possessions in the second half, marching 13 plays and taking up almost the first nine minutes of the third quarter for their third touchdown and then driving 63 yards in 11 plays and taking seven-and-a-half minutes for their final score.

After Dayton sophomore Antonio Salcfas returned a kickoff down the left sideline good for a 90-yard touchdown, Brearley held on to the ball for the final 4:38.

Dayton had the ball for exactly three plays in the second half, its only possession resulting in minus three yards before the Bulldogs punted the ball back to the Bears.

"You can't win when you don't have the ball," second-year Dayton head coach Dominic Cuniglio said. "We tied to slow the game down, but they wore us down."

Brearley sophomore Khalid Bonnet rushed 11 times for 40 yards and one touchdown in the first half, while senior Anthony Primavera carried the ball 20 times for 82 yards in the second half, including nine times for 38 yards on Brearley's touchdown drive in the third quarter.

Montesdeoca completed five-of-seven passes for 61 yards and one touchdown in the first half and then carried the ball nine times for 69 yards and TD runs of 19 in the third quarter and 23 in the fourth.

"Our goal was controlling our offense, running out the clock and getting yards," said Montesdeoca, a three-year starter. "We did a lot better job of that in the first half."

Both of Montesdeoca's touchdown runs saw him start out one way and then reverse field past the grasp of tacklers the other way.

"The plays were to go to the outside, stick it up field and then go up the middle," Montesdeoca said.

"They were designed."

In the first quarter with its first possession, Montesdeoca completed a 30-yard touchdown pass in the left corner of the end zone to senior end Evan Collier to give Brearley the lead for good.

Collier beat single coverage on the play.

Collier, who caught two passes for 32 yards and one score in the first half, then came up with an interception one play after Salcfas produced one for Dayton following a Bulldog three-and-out in the second quarter.

A sack for a seven-yard loss by Salcfas of Montesdeoca came one play before Dayton's only touchdown of the first half.

Junior quarterback Joe Kastner led Salcfas perfectly on the right side of the field for a 55-yard touchdown pass that brought the Bulldogs - who played much better than they did last week against Bound Brook - to within one score.

"Antonio had a really nice performance for us," Cuniglio said. "He's only a sophomore, so he's got a great future ahead of him. We went to him, figuring they would double Noah (Goldberg)."

Kastner completed four-of-nine passes for 95 yards and one touchdown in the first half. Four different Dayton players caught passes, including Goldberg, Brian Martin, Salcfas and Tyler Koref.

In addition to Collier's two receptions, Brian Resende, Nick Arcieri and Vincent Rappa caught one pass each for the Bears during the first half.

Arcieri had a sack for Brearley in the third quarter.

A Dayton player wearing No. 8 blocked Brearley's extra point kick following its fourth and final touchdown.

"We're starting to get some guys back, this week it was (6-5, 300 pound senior lineman) Andrew Leibowitz," Cuniglio said.

SPORTS

Bears score in all 4 quarters in win

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"It feels great to be 3-0," Montesdeoca said. "I think there are great things ahead."

NOTES: Brearley plays at 2-0 Roselle Park tomorrow night at 7 at Herm Shaw Field in a battle of undefeated league foes and arch rivals. Roselle Park won at Bound Brook 29-20 last Friday night after it had the previous weekend off.

Dayton will host Belvidere next week. Belvidere (1-2) won its first game Friday night, which was a 46-7 triumph at South Hunterdon.

MID-STATE 38 CONFERENCE-VALLEY DIVISION GAME

DAYTON (1-2, 0-2)	0	7	0	7-14
BREARLEY (3-0, 3-0)	7	7	7	6-27

FIRST QUARTER:

BREARLEY – Evan Collier 30 pass from Sebastian Montesdeoca, Nick Arcieri kick (B 7-0)
11 plays, 80 yards, 6:06 used

SECOND QUARTER:

DAYTON – Antonio Salcfas 55 pass from Joseph Kastner, Adam Wohlgemuth kick (7-7)
1 play, 55 yards, :10 used
BREARLEY – Khalid Bonnet 5 run, Nick Arcieri kick (B 14-7)
8 plays, 46 yards, 4:43 used

THIRD QUARTER:

BREARLEY – Sebastian Montesdeoca 19 run, Nick Arcieri kick (B 21-7)
13 plays, 67 yards, 8:49 used

FOURTH QUARTER:

BREARLEY – Sebastian Montesdeoca 23 run, kick failed (B 27-7)
11 plays, 63 yards, 7:32 used
DAYTON – Antonio Salcfas 90 kickoff return, Adam Wohlgemuth kick (B 27-14)



Photo by JR Parachini

Brearley is 3-0 for the first time since 2008 and seeks a fourth straight win to start its 2015 campaign tomorrow night at arch rival Roselle Park. Last year the Bears snapped a brief three-game losing streak against the Panthers (including a playoff setback) by winning 34-24 at Brearley. Roselle Park enters tomorrow night's home game at Herm Shaw Field with a 2-0 record and is coming off a 29-20 win at Bound Brook.

Former Johnson and Syracuse lacrosse standout Brian Megill, at right in this photo playing for the Orangemen, was one of three former Syracuse players who were named to the United States roster for the World Indoor Lacrosse Championships, which will take place next month in Syracuse.



Photo courtesy of Johnson High School

Former Johnson star Megill is on U.S. lacrosse roster

The United States announced its roster for the World Indoor Lacrosse Championship next month in Syracuse, which includes three former SU players: forward Casey Powell, defender Joel White and defender Brian Megill, who starred at Johnson High School in Clark.

Powell played for Syracuse from 1995-98 and was a three-time first-team All-American attack and mid-fielder. He wore SU's legendary No. 22 and added to the tradition by finishing his career with a then-school record 287 points. He was taken first overall in the 1998 National Lacrosse League draft by the Rochester Knighthawks and was the league's most valuable player in 2010.

Powell is currently 39 years old and holds the NLL record for most career points by an American.

White was a member of the Orange from 2008-11 and finished his career as Syracuse's all-time leader with 283 ground balls, 28 points and 18 goals as a defensive player. The two-time captain at SU was a member of Syracuse's last two teams to win a national championship, which occurred in 2008 and 2009.

For part of this past season, White was the captain of the New England Black Wolves before being traded to the Georgia Swarm. He has played in the NLL since 2012.

Megill graduated from Syracuse in 2013 and his 103 caused turnovers were the most in school history at the time.

He's currently a member of the New England Black Wolves in the NLL. In college, he played several times against Miles and Lyle Thompson, both on the Iroquois Nationals roster, when Syracuse took on Albany.

Pozyc leads NCAA Division 3 field hockey in defensive saves

Former Johnson standout and now sophomore defender Michele Pozyc of the Drew University field hockey team has picked up the 2015 season right where she left off a year ago as a national leader in defensive statistics.

Pozyc currently leads the NCAA Division 3 in defensive saves this season with nine through games played on Tuesday, Sept. 15. She is three ahead of the second ranked player, Hunter Webster of Bethany (W.V.) College.

As a breakout rookie defender in 2014, Pozyc finished the season ranked second in the country in the statistic.

"Poz has really stepped up and become a leader on our defense," said first-year head coach Jess Gray. "She has settled into this position and helped to step up our whole defensive game. I am really excited about the way she is playing and I know the girls on our team are happy to be working against her everyday at practice."

Her nine saves gives Drew a total of 10, which is tied for third in the country. Pozyc now has 26 defensive saves in her young career, a mark that ranks second in the country for active career leaders.

Senior Eve Mergenthaler of Sweet Briar College, who was coincidentally guided by Gray during her time as head coach for the Vixens, is the current active career leader with 41.

Pozyc's mark of 26 is also only four away from tying the Rangers' program career record, set by Deanna Gallagher in 1994. The 2014 Landmark Conference Rookie of the Year set the conference and Drew records for defensive saves in a season with 17 last year.



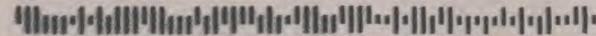
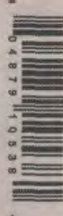
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SPORTS



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FARMERS OUT TO GET BACK INTO THE WIN COLUMN - The Union girls' soccer team, sparked by the play of freshman forward Kayla Veloso-Lima (No. 17), sought to snap a five-match losing streak Tuesday afternoon when it was to host New Providence. Today the Farmers are scheduled to play at Union County power Scotch Plains at 4 p.m.

Tragedy on the football field affects many

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"We had two tough battles in our first games and told the kids that we had to play all out for four quarters," Russo said. "We ran the ball effectively, didn't turn it over and pulled it off."

Russo said that junior quarterback Zahir Wilder may be coming back from his injury in order to play this Friday night's game at Bernards.

Kostibos has many challenges with his team this week before Saturday's home game against Cranford, with most of them related to what happened last Friday night.

While he did speak about the challenge on the field his team is going to have against Cranford in a battle of 3-0 squads Saturday, his focus is still with the Murray family and the Warren Hills community.

Rosenmeier also heard of the news Saturday morning after his team defeated Roselle 41-7 at home Friday night.

"It's a tragedy and I'm sure I'm saying the same thing as everyone else," Rosenmeier said. "It's everybody's worst nightmare. These kids are part of your own family as a football team and when you lose one, wow."

Cranford opened its season with a 24-23 win at Warren Hills on Sept. 11. "Our deepest sympathies go out to his family, his teammates and his coaches," Rosenmeier said. "This is just something that you don't ever want to consider happening and if it does there is nothing in the manual that tells you how to deal with it."

"I thought he had a solid night against us. Obviously he was one of the leaders of the team. It was a hard-fought game we were fortunate to win."

As a coach, if you play on Friday night, your first inclination on Saturday is to try to scout an upcoming opponent. Then you find out something like this happens.

"Disbelief was my first thought," Rosenmeier said. "Disbelief, really. You really can't believe that something like that could happen and did happen. As football players we're all part of the same brotherhood. I talked to my kids about it, but I didn't have anything profound or comforting to say. I don't have an explanation."

"I can't make it right."

* More of this story can be read at www.unionnewsdaily.com.

UNION GIRLS' SOCCER 2015 4-4-2 FORMATION

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Goallkeeper:

Jessica McDonough, senior

Sweeper:

Gabby Lamadieu, freshman

Stopper:

Nneka Moneme, junior

Outside Wing:

Katie Ruopp, senior

Outside Wing:

Nicole Alfano, freshman

Midfielder:

Andrea Santiago, sophomore

Midfielder:

Gina Alfano, senior

Midfielder:

Alyssa Caggiano, junior

Midfielder:

Sophia Melendez, junior

Forward:

Kayla Miller-People, freshman

Forward:

Kayla Veloso-Lima, freshman

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RETURNING STARTERS (3):

Gina Alfano, Alyssa Caggiano,
Andrea Santiago.

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RESERVES:

Defenders:

Karisse Lora, junior

Takiyah Harris, freshman

Kiana Veloso-Lima, freshman

Midfielders:

Barbara Ferreira, junior

Celeste Ramos, junior

Melissa Sousa, junior

Caitlin Creegan, sophomore

Karen Vera, freshman

Goalkeepers:

Caitlyn Finnerty, sophomore

Annalise Fuzia, sophomore

Brianna Aguiar, freshman

Megan Carreiro, freshman

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RESULTS/SCHEDULE SO FAR:

(A) East Brunswick 6, Union 2

(H) Scotch Plains 4, Union 0

(A) Union 3, Gov. Livingston 1

(A) Nutley 3, Union 2

(H) Westfield 5, Union 0

(A) Kearny 3, Union 0

(H) Clifton 3, Union 2

(H) Cranford 8, Union 2

Sept. 29 New Providence

UPCOMING:

Oct. 1 at Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.

Oct. 15 Summit, 4 p.m.

Oct. 19 Johnson, 4 p.m.

Oct. 22 at Westfield, 4 p.m.

Oct. 23 at Millburn, 4 p.m.

Oct. 28 at Cranford, 4 p.m.