

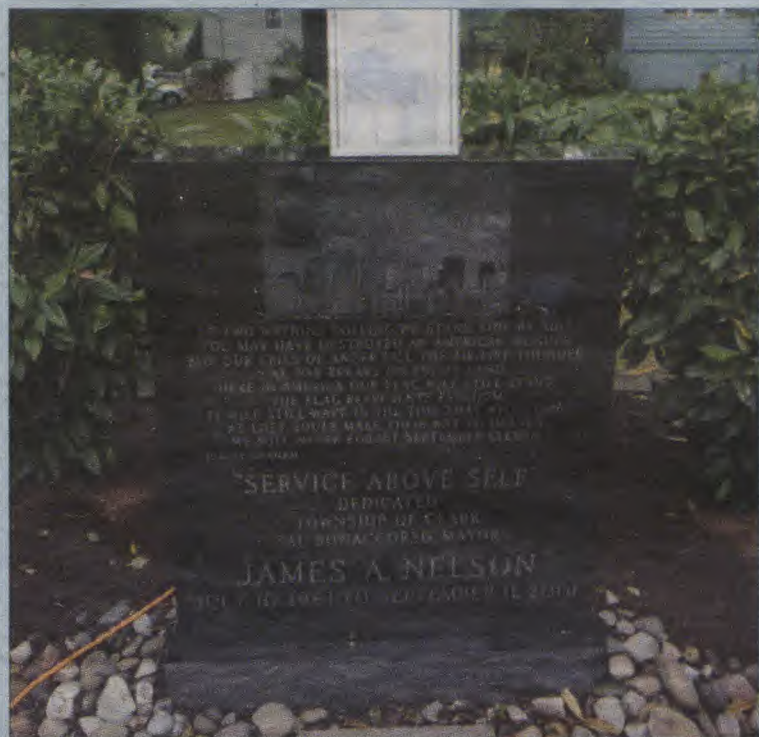
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A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE — Officials and residents from Clark gather Tuesday at the James A. Nelson Memorial Park at the corner of Broadway and Grand Street to commemorate the 17th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks with a ceremony that began at 8:45 a.m., the moment the first plane hit the north tower of the World Trade Center. James Nelson was a Port Authority police officer from Clark who was killed in the attacks.



Density scrutinized by board for 750 Walnut

By Chuck O'Donnell
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — The local Planning Board at its Sept. 5 meeting focused on the issue of density and whether a builder's plan to construct 30 units per acre at 750 Walnut Ave. would be "consistent and compatible" with other development in the township.

Although density has often been the topic during five months of testimony, board members questioned Hartz Mountain Industries about its application to have a 30.5-acre parcel of land rezoned from office and warehouse to residential usage. In particular, board members wanted to know how Hartz Mountain had arrived at 30-unit-per-acre figure in its proposal to build a 905-unit apartment complex on a

tract of land located on the Clark border at the corner of Walnut Avenue and Raritan Road, with a freight rail line bordering to the northwest and Hyatt Hills Golf Complex to the southwest.

The board also pressed Hartz Mountain planner Keenan Hughes to explain how three, five-story buildings and two, four-story buildings would fit in a town that has been called "quaint" by board members and residents during the developer's application process.

"Are we determining what's best for the site or are we determining what is the most number of units that this particular site could potentially handle? And we're trying to struggle with, 'OK, for the community, what is best for this site in terms of that density perspective,'" Mayor Tom Hannen

said. "Is a three-story building more appropriate than a five-story building? So, we're trying to determine if it's through their experts or the applicant. What brought us to this point at 30 units per acre, other than that's what you can fit on a 30-acre property?"

Hughes said he had researched the densities of three multifamily developments in the township: Cranford Crossing and Riverfront at Cranford Station in the downtown area, and Woodmont Station on South Avenue on the town's eastern border near Roselle, approximately a half mile from the Cranford Train Station. He said those developments have an average of 39 units per acre.

"Although there may be some comparisons to the Woodmont property in partic-

ular, nonetheless we felt the lower density was appropriate here so we started to evaluate 30 units per acre when we laid out the site to evaluate a concept plan and the potential impacts of the development," Hughes said. "It was the opinion of the team that the potential impacts could be mitigated or managed on site, would not rise to the level of being substantially detrimental."

Board member Peter Taylor said it would have been more accurate to compare the proposed project at 750 Walnut Ave. to the project the board approved in the spring on the Birchwood property near the border with Kenilworth. He said the 225 units in the Birchwood development will cover a little more than 15 acres, so the

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Health officials issue 'Dragon's Breath' warning

Health officials have issued a warning to the public to avoid any food product dipped or bathed in liquid nitrogen saying the snacks sold "behind the counter" can cause serious injury to the mouth, throat, esophagus and stomach.

The New Jersey Poison Control Center in Newark issued the warning in a Sept. 4 release, saying the products are marketed as "Dragon's Breath," "Heaven's Breath" and "Nitro Puff." It issued the alert after receiving their "most recent case when a person called us complaining of chest pains few days before the release," said Bruce Ruck, managing director of the poison center. Ruck did not disclose where the case occurred.

The products are often items like cheese puffs or cereal dipped or covered in liquid nitrogen.

"This happens at the store, that's where they're selling it, in front of you," Ruck said. "Stores are doing this. This is not something done clandestine."

When items infused in a liquid nitrogen bath are eaten, the cold liquid nitrogen mixes with the warmth inside the mouth and produces an effect of breathing out smoke or vapor through the mouth and nose, resembling that of a dragon.

Liquid nitrogen is used in many frozen drinks and food products, including ice cream, but it evaporates and allows the food to come up to a safe temperature before consumption, the center's release said.

When added at the point of sale, any leftover liquid nitrogen, or the extremely low temperature it produces, can lead to an injury similar to frostbite, but inside the mouth and other internal organs.

"Swallowing liquid nitrogen can be life-threatening," Dr. Diane Calello, the center's executive and medical director said in the release. "The N.J. Poison Control Center has been consulted for several liquid nitrogen exposure cases here in New Jersey."

Some patients have experienced breathing problems and asthma-like symptoms, said Ruck, who also noted risk doesn't just come with swallowing products like Dragon's Breath.

Consumers must be extremely careful when handling products dipped in liquid nitrogen due to the potential for burns and skin damage.

In the event someone is exposed to liquid nitrogen, the N.J. Poison Control Center urges immediate medical attention.



Photo by Brian Trusdell

COOLING OFF — Union High School students fill the air-conditioned Huck Finn Diner on Morris Avenue for lunch Thursday, Sept. 6, the first full day of classes. All Union schools were let out early, a decision announced by the district on its website the previous day due to temperatures that eventually hit 98 degrees at 4 p.m. Union High School was dismissed at 11:35 a.m., Burnet and Kawameeh Middle Schools at noon, Jefferson Elementary at 12:20 p.m. and all other elementary schools at 1 p.m. Summit schools also decided to halt classes early; the morning kindergarten went home at 11 a.m. and elementary students were dismissed at 12:30 p.m. The temperature hit a high of 93 degrees in Summit at 3 p.m.

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Wrestling promoter brings action to Rahway Rec Center

By Chuck O'Donnell
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — Beefy babyfaces and heinous heels were clobbered with folding chairs, launched into the turnbuckles and tossed clear out of the ring and onto the Rahway Recreation Center floor. The feigned expressions of agony, right down to the full-body convulsions, whipped the hundreds of pro wrestling fans who packed this gym Friday, Sept. 7, into a frenzy.

But to know what real pain feels like, talk to Pat Buck.

Buck built a reputation as an athletic and charismatic wrestler on his way up the ranks, but each time he got close to achieving his dream of securing a lucrative contract with a major league promoter such as WWE, the steel cage door slammed in his face.

Like a wrestler rallying to his feet after an atomic leg drop, the Rahway resident has picked himself up off the mat many times. Everything changed a few years ago when he began to focus on the promotional side of the industry and created WrestlePro. The business is based inside the Rahway Recreation Center, where more than 1,000 fans file in to cheer on the wrestlers who do battle there several times a year.

The crowd at the Sept. 7 show cheered when LSG pinned Matt "Bad Apple" MacIntosh, but booed after Team Espana beat The Breakfast Club, whose members reportedly had a combined IQ of 300 and entered the ring to Simple Minds' "Don't You (Forget About Me)." The night reached a crescendo with a 30-man battle called "The Gold Rush Rumble."

Buck is trying to deliver a unique brand of independent wrestling, which he said usually falls into one of two categories: Promoters looking to stage well-designed but poorly attended shows or those more focused on drawing big crowds by hiring a couple of big-name pros.

"I'm both," Buck said. "I'm going to put on something for everybody. I bring in the big names. I want a quality show. I kind of have a game plan where I knew that the hardest part of pro wrestling is the budgeting. The financials are not very much on our side. So, I wanted to put on a show that was a mixed bag."

WrestlePro stands out in a wrestling world filled with small-time promoters who pack fans in by the dozens at local middle school gyms.

"I come to WrestlePro shows as often as possible because most independent groups, even if they can put on one good show, they can't maintain a consistency, they can't maintain a quality of product, they can't figure out how to stay in business," said Sam Roberts, who hosts the Sam Roberts Wrestling Podcast.

Roberts pointed out that the shows are guaranteed to be good because many of the wrestlers on the card have been trained by Buck, who started the Create A Pro School as a way to mentor others who harbor dreams of flying off the top rope at Wrestlemania. His students are former bodybuilders, ex-football players and weekend warriors who want to give wrestling a shot. Buck has a lot to teach them, from how to take a bump to how to manage the inevitable bumps in the road.

After all, Buck has been a big fan since he was about 4 years old. He once drew a photo of Ricky Steamboat and sent it into a wrestling magazine. To his astonishment, the magazine published it. And the little kid who grew up admiring Steamboat, Sting, Ric Flair and other wrestlers entered the industry at 17. He's been paying his dues ever since.

Buck relocated to Kentucky to join Ohio Valley Wrestling, which has a reputation as a fertile breeding ground for the WWE. Pat Buckridge became Pat Buck and he started to chase his wrestling dream, even if it took

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TOP ROPE — WrestlePro events, like this one on Friday, Sept. 7, typically draw more than 1,000 fans to the Rahway Recreation Center.



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Roselle seeks ideas for downtown remake

By Chuck O'Donnell
Staff Writer

ROSELLE — Mayor Christine Dansereau wants to give the downtown Roselle business district a facelift and she's asking for assistance.

Residents can visit www.boroughofroselle.com and fill out a survey to give their feedback on how the downtown shopping corridor should look, the types of shops and amenities that might foster foot traffic, and other information.

For now, Dansereau said the scope of the Downtown Roselle Revitalization Plan will be confined to the stretch along Chestnut Street, between Second and Third avenues and wrapping around onto a portion of Second Avenue.

The survey, which is being promoted on social media and via yellow and black signs posted around town, runs through Saturday, Sept. 29. Some questions ask what types of shops and eateries would entice residents to visit the area and others seek to assess whether parking or safety issues prevent residents from shopping downtown. The survey also presents images of various downtown business districts, ranging from Norman Rockwell rustic to neon-glowing night scenes, and asks residents what they find most appealing.

Dansereau, in a Sept. 4 phone interview, said the information will be gathered and studied by the Chestnut Street Redevelop-

ment Committee, ad-hoc committee formed a few months ago. The group held a public meeting in August and will host another in October.

The mayor said the revitalization plan aims to "stimulate the economy, to improve the overall appearance" of the town.

"Roselle is a great town, but we have some older housing stock and some older businesses," she said. "Everything needs an updating. Everything needs a refresher. And we also have to think about what are the kind of services. Let's discuss as business partners what are the kind future services that keep people shopping in town."

"What is most important to you as a consumer as to what you would like to see, what kind services, what would you like it to look like. We're going over all these facets so that we can have a better understanding and share it with our owners, the owners of the buildings and our whole community."

Dansereau said it's too soon to attach a dollar figure to the project and there is no timetable for the Downtown Roselle Revitalization Plan. She said the project can be traced back to about 18 months ago, when the town contacted the state about receiving free planning advice, and that a second survey is planned.

"The people who work there are knowledgeable," she said. "They can give us a lot

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POTENTIAL REMAKE — Roselle Mayor Christine Dancereau is asking residents for their input on remaking the area of Chestnut Street between Second and Third avenues.

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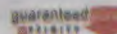
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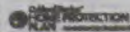
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BRAINSTORMING — The Chestnut Street Redevelopment Committee is looking for recommendations to 'improve the overall appearance' of the shopping/business corridor in Roselle.

Suggestions for Roselle downtown sought by mayor

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of insight and we can bring to the table a lot of insight about the culture of our community."

The mayor also hopes to obtain some state aid to update and expand the Roselle Public Library on Fourth Avenue.

New Jersey voters approved a ballot initiative in 2017 to allow the state to borrow \$125 million to help modernize and expand public libraries. Dansereau is working with the Roselle Library Redevelopment Committee, another ad-hoc group, to create a plan to obtain funds that will be available through the New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act. She said the committee, which includes architects, grant writers and others, will "go after aggressively a part of that \$125 million library grant to be able to expand and improve our library to a multipurpose academic, cultural center."

Dansereau said this is an exciting time for Roselle, between the prospect of spruc-

ing up the downtown shopping area and the library, and the installation of the new artificial turf at Arminio Field. The key, she said, is to welcome the community's comments and consider input.

"It's sort of like when I used to work for Clairol," she said. "(I was a) marketing director in the beauty industry for many years. We'd get together at a table and say, 'Look, we want to have a plan for a new shampoo.' And then people would just share, 'Well, I'd like it to smell like mint juniper.' And someone would say this, and that, 'I would like it to be green' and 'I would like it to be red' and 'I want the label to look like this' before it was even out there.

"We want to advertise and build interest. We didn't know the cost yet, we just went through the hammering out of those steps and what the market would bear and what piece of the market we would get. We are dotting our i's and crossing our t's slowly."

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Love, Dad, Joan and Steve

Union County Teacher of Year had other career plans

By Liv Meier
Correspondent

LINDEN — Union County Teacher of the Year Barbara Brady never saw herself in front of a classroom — it was a different audience she always envisioned. Before becoming Linden High School's dance and physical education teacher, she was a professional ballerina until a career-ending injury forced her to rethink her plans.

Brady earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Kean University, a master's degree in curriculum, instruction and assessment from Marygrove College and supervisor's certificate, also from Kean. They led her to Linden Public Schools, and to Union County Teacher of the Year.

"I never thought I would be teaching kids my passion," Brady recently told LocalSource. "But now I can't imagine doing anything else."

Her knee injury was more than two decades ago and she has now been teaching in Linden for almost 21 years.

"I was devastated when I hurt myself, but I picked myself up and, luckily, I found a passion outside of my original passion," she said.

While Brady was aware of her nomination for the award, she and her students at Linden Dance Company were surprised by several administrators with the news back in April.

"I was so thankful my students were there to experience it with me," she added. "They are what I do and I have all that I have because of them."

This is not the first award Brady has won.

The dance teacher, who is also chairwoman of the health and physical education department at LHS, was also named as both the Eastern District Dance Teacher of the Year and National Dance Teacher of the Year by the Society of Health and Physical Educators of America for 2018. She also previously received the former award in 2013, and was named the Dance Teacher of the Year in 2012 and 2016 by the New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

"In my opinion, relationships matter most of all when it comes to being an educator," LHS Principal Yelena Horre said recently. "Barbara establishes great connections with her students and I think that's what sets her apart from other teachers."

Horre, who has worked with Brady for five years, said most of her students refer to



her as "Mama Brady," adding, "That nickname in itself shows the strong bond she has with her students."

Brady also sits on the NJAHPERD Executive Board, is the ballet mistress at Metuchen Dance Centre, and is a co-founder and president of Mystic Vision Players, a Union County-based community theater company.

With a sometimes hectic schedule, she credits her "work family and home family" for allowing her to do what she loves.

"I couldn't spend as much time at Linden with my students if it weren't for my stellar support system," Brady said.

The award was Linden's second Union County Teacher of the Year accolade in three years; LHS social studies teacher Monica Goncalves won the award in 2016.

"All I can say is that we're so tremendously proud of Barbara and the legacy that we're building here at the Linden Public Schools," Horre said. "We have amazing teachers in this district and it's great to have them recognized."

Brady is now entered into the statewide competition with the other 20 county winners to compete for the New Jersey Teacher of the Year Award. The winner is expected to be announced at the state Board of Education's October meeting.



Photos Courtesy of Linden Public Schools

TEACHER OF THE YEAR — Barbara Brady, above right, below back row standing second from right, receives her Union County Teacher of the Year Award with, from left, Linden Superintendent of Schools Danny A. Robertozzi, Union County Superintendent of Schools Juan Torres and Linden High School Principal Yelena Horre in the Linden High School dance studio with Brady's dance students.



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Clark eyes Cranford project that would have great 'impact'

By **Chuck O'Donnell**
Staff Writer

CLARK — Mayor Sal Bonaccorso said he is continuing to monitor the progress of a developer's proposal to build a 905-unit apartment complex on the boundary with neighboring Cranford.

The project, which would add almost 2,000 people to Clark's backyard, would "greatly impact" his municipality, Bonaccorso said after a special council meeting Tuesday, Sept. 4.

The mayor said that, while it would likely be a boon for Whole Foods, Petco, Party City and the other retailers in the 28-acre Clark Commons shopping center that opened in 2015 on Raritan Road, the project would cause an influx in traffic.

"All those cars are going to the parkway," he said. "All those cars are going to hit the parkway circle. Clark Commons will be happy. They'll do very well. But it's going to tie the Walnut (Avenue) and Raritan (Road) section up."

When asked if the increase in traffic would be so great as to force engineers to reassess Clark's traffic patterns and roads, Bonaccorso said, "The short answer is yes. But, until we know what we're dealing with, we're not going to do anything. The short answer is yes."

Hartz Mountain Industries is applying to the Cranford Planning Board to rezone a 30.5-acre tract at 750 Walnut Ave., adjacent to Hyatt Hills Golf Complex in Clark, to eliminate office and warehouse use in favor of multifamily residential use. The developer proposes to raze the existing office building and warehouse and build three, five-story buildings and two, four-story buildings on the site. The complex would also provide 1,775 parking spaces. Of the proposed 905 units, 776 will be market rate and 139 will be Mount Laurel or "affordable" housing.

James Rhatican, vice president of land use and development for Hartz Mountain Industries, told LocalSource in a June 16, 2017, telephone interview that the complex would add about 1,846 people to Cranford's population.

Bonaccorso and the residents of Clark have kept a close watch on the 750 Walnut Ave. project from the start. "Say No to 750 Walnut" lawn signs, which popped up like dandelions in front of homes in Cranford last year, soon spread to lawns in Clark. And the mayor said members of the Clark Township Council signed petitions stating their opposition to the project and presented them to Cranford officials in 2017.

Cranford, which has occasionally been called "quaint" during Hartz Mountain's application process, has become an unlikely battleground for the those demanding more "afford-

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Photo by Brian Trusdell

BOON TOWN — Clark Mayor Sal Bonaccorso says while traffic from a proposed 905-unit apartment complex in Cranford would cause a traffic mess for his town, the development would likely be a boon for retailers at Clark Commons shopping center across from the Hyatt Hills Golf Course.



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Additional information regarding the Part 150 Study, and an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the 2019 Draft NEM document, will be available to the public through two Information Workshops. The details of the dates, times, and locations are listed below.

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018

TIME: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

LOCATION:

Union County College
Kellogg Building, Room K-517
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Elizabeth, NJ 07202

DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018

TIME: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

LOCATION:

Weequahic Park Sports Authority
Community Room
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The workshops will be held in an "open house" format from 6 – 9 pm on the dates listed above, in order to provide the public with the maximum opportunity for one-on-one interaction and sharing of information. You may attend at any time during the three-hour open house.

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Clark watching Cranford apartment complex project developments with concern

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able" housing and those decrying "overdevelopment."

With the 750 Walnut Ave. project looming, Bonaccorso headed a summit on Mount Laurel housing with 17 fellow mayors from around Union County in August 2017. At the time, Bonaccorso told LocalSource that state-mandated Mount Laurel housing is "affecting our schools, sewers, traffic and infrastructure." He said he was concerned that Union County will "look like New York City" and helped establish a subcommittee to monitor the issue.

He said he has spoken "numerous times" with Cranford Mayor Tom Hannen, pledging his support and offering assistance.

Bonaccorso said there has been an air of cooperation between the municipalities going back to when they worked together to

create the golf complex. He said he doesn't believe the project will move ahead as proposed.

"I really don't believe it's going to be 900 or anything close to it," Bonaccorso said. "Don't get me wrong. It could be 400. It could be 600, which is no bargain, either."

Still, he conceded that all Clark can do is "hope and pray and see at this point."

"We're just playing it to see which way it goes and try to do what we can do, period. And respective of what happens, it's going to happen whether we like it or not," Bonaccorso said. "At the end of the day, with Cranford knowing our feelings and us knowing what they're trying to achieve, other than that, other than throwing a lawsuit out and throwing a lot of money on law firms and not win, there's not a lot that we can do."

Kean to host World War I lecture series

"Brothers in Arms: Memories of the Great War," Liberty Hall Museum's exhibit examining the 100th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I, concludes this fall with a series of lectures exploring the impact of the war on New Jersey and the United States.

The series will feature three World War I historians who will elaborate on and bring additional context to the exhibition, which opened last year and will close Thursday, Nov. 15, a few days after the centennial anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended the war.

The first lecture, "Good War, Great Men," will be held Thursday, Sept. 27, at 3 p.m., featuring author Andrew Capets. He will discuss his book of the same name — recently endorsed by the World War I Centennial Commission — which details the experiences of the 313th Machine Gun Battalion during the conflict. The book features writings and military history of Liberty Hall's own Capt. John Kean. Books will be available for purchase and signed by the author.

The second lecture, "Fort Monmouth, N.J., and World War I," will be held Thursday, Oct. 25, at 3 p.m., featuring Professor Melissa Ziobro of Monmouth University. Her talk will share the breakthroughs created at Fort Monmouth and contributions made by the fort and the

military men and women stationed there during the war.

The final lecture, "Uncle Sam Wants You: World War I and the Making of the Modern American Citizen," will be held Thursday, Nov. 15, at 3 p.m., featuring Christopher Capozzola of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Capozzola will discuss his book, "Uncle Sam Wants You" and the history of citizenship, war and the military in modern American history.

The "Brothers in Arms" exhibition shares the story of brothers Capt. John Kean and Lt. Robert W. Kean and their experiences of the war from boot camp to the front lines. Using firsthand accounts from letters and postcards, as well as photographs and personal objects, the exhibition allows visitors to walk in their footsteps.

The collection at Liberty Hall Museum contains more than 300 letters from the Keans as well as their uniforms, military handbooks, maps, pictures and commemorative pins, all of which are on display.

Liberty Hall Museum is located at Kean University at 1003 Morris Ave. in Union. Reservations are required for both the lecture and tour. Email libertyhall@kean.edu or call 908-527-0400 to reserve a spot.



The World War I uniform of Capt. John Kean is on display in the 'Brothers in Arms: Memories of the Great War' exhibition at Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University.

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In Union, it's all Greek in September



Photos by David VanDeventer

OUZO PALOOZA — The 41st annual St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church's Greek Festival in Union held Sept. 6-9 featured four fun days of live music and DJ entertainment, folk dancing, beer, wine and ouzo, rides for kids, carnival games, arts & craft vendors, an Opa-cize fitness class and of course, a huge selection of authentic Greek dishes such as souvlaki, gyro, pastries, and many more favorites.



Additional event photos appear at www.unionnewsdaily.com as well as in our upcoming Union Leader edition.

Union County hayrides, campfires set for fall

Tickets are available for Union County's 2018 Hayrides and Campfires events, which begin Friday, Oct. 5, and run through Friday, Oct. 19. The event includes the hayride, entertainment and hot chocolate and marshmallows to toast over a campfire.

The first event is set for Friday, Oct. 5, at the Warninanco Sports Center, with rides from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The evening has been designated as Military Appreciation Night. Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside will host the remaining events on: Sunday, Oct. 7, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 12, from 6:30 to

9:30 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 14, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.; and Friday, Oct. 19, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Tickets will not be sold onsite. They can be purchased online at ucnj.org/tickets and at the following locations:

- The Colleen Fraser Building, 300 North Ave. East in Westfield, Monday through Wednesday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
- Union County Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and
- Trailside Nature and Science Center,

452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, from noon to 5 p.m., Sunday through Saturday.

All ticket sales will be final, with no refunds or exchanges. For further informa-

tion, call the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at 908-527-4900, Trailside Nature and Science Center at 908-789-3670 or visit ucnj.org.

Union library offers free Wi-Fi for job seekers

Union residents seeking connection to the internet for employment and professional development opportunities may rent Chromebook tablet computers for free and use mobile hotspots through the Union Public Library.

The Connect2Success initiative enables users tap into nearby Wi-Fi networks to connect to the internet for free; Chromebooks allow library patrons to access online resources. Connect2Success is funded through a partnership grant from the state Department of Labor and Workforce Development's Career Connections program and the New Jersey State Library.

Through the Career Connections pro-

gram, a career coach is available for Union library patrons seeking one-on-one personalized career coaching. There are also monthly workshops at the library on interviewing skills, networking, and a variety of other topics.

Chromebooks and mobile hotspots are available to library cardholders who are 18 years or older for the sole purpose of conducting employment or professional development online.

They may be borrowed for up to 28 days.

For more information, contact John Daquino at 908-851-5450 ext. 2 or visit www.uplnj.org.



FALL FUN — Union County's seasonal Hayrides and Campfires events will be held Oct. 5 through Oct. 19 at the Warninanco Sports Center and the Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

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OPINION

PARCC testing has run its course

EDITORIAL

When Phil Murphy ran for governor, one of the promises he made was to do away with PARCC testing.

The Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers assessment has long been the target for criticism by teachers, parents and students alike.

Common complaints include that the testing ties up libraries so they can't be used in a more beneficial manner for students.

If students "opt out" of the testing, they have to wear a customized black T-shirt with "Opt-out" in big yellow letters, and what could be more demeaning for these students? Teachers have complained students are overwhelmed and stressed to the breaking point.

Teachers have also suggested the transition to PARCC testing was too quick, fostering anxiety and uncertainty.

Murphy's promise to do away with this testing met with a very positive reception.

Unfortunately, enacting such changes has proven far more challenging than the new governor expected. Despite making a promise to "scrap PARCC Day 1," this was never realistic, as federal law says every state must administer a standardized test in math and English each year, meaning skipping a year wasn't an option.

Further, New Jersey was already contracted to administer PARCC tests this spring, the final year of the initial four-year contract for the computerized math and English exams.

And Murphy didn't take office until mid-January, less than eight months before the start of the 2018-2019 school year. For the timeline to work for the 2018-2019 school year, bids for a new test would have to have been solicited by fall 2017, before Murphy took office, which clearly could not have happened.

So the Murphy administration appeared stuck between the proverbial rock and a hard place.

At least, it appeared that way, until two weeks ago, when New Jersey Commissioner of Education Lamont Repollet announced PARCC scores would account for only 5 percent of a teacher's evaluation

in the state next year, a far cry from the 30 percent figure mandated by his predecessors.

By cutting the weight to the bare minimum, but still having the required test scores play some role in teacher evaluation, despite the lack of evidence that they serve a valid purpose, the Department of Education and Murphy are showing respect for the research.

This move also demonstrates respect for the experience and expertise of parents and educators who have long maintained the PARCC is an intrusive, harmful test that disrupts learning and does not adequately measure student learning or teacher effectiveness.

New Jersey students consistently rank among the best in the country.

Despite this fact, New Jersey students and educators are still be burdened by the failed five-year PARCC experiment.

Reducing the impact of the test that just will not go away is an important step.

Clearly, educators in the Garden State have recognized the importance of teaching the basics, as well as a wide gamut of academic curriculum, to our youth.

We now need to work to develop a standardized test that demonstrates the effectiveness of our students, particularly as they seek out higher education.

Of the original 24 states plus the District of Columbia that took part in the PARCC assessment, only seven remain, including New Jersey.

Let's not let our future stumble blindly as we search for an effect way to evaluate our next generations. Utilize the SAT's, PSAT's, Achievement Tests and various assessors already in existence and being utilized in New Jersey while our educators compare what means other states have found effective.

The intent is so we can effectively evaluate New Jersey students when compared to those around the country and, indeed, the world. Let's help develop a standard that everyone finds acceptable, so we can put this PARCC nonsense behind us and let our students shine.

Higher level of analysis

LEFT OUT

BY FRANK CAPECE

Meeting with Anjali Mehrotra and Ileana Montes brought back memories of a law school professor who said to strive for the higher level of analysis.

In some ways, these two candidates running as Democrats are typical of the new wave of energized female candidates nationally entering the political world.

They are running for seats on the Mountainside Borough Council. That's Mountainside as in bastion of Republican red. Some would see their uphill challenge as the equivalent of transgressing up New Providence Road. The skeptics may very well be in for a surprise.

Mehrotra is an articulate computer engineer who has resided for 18 years in the borough. She readily acknowledges the desirability of the community. Montes is a prominent state attorney.

Her impressive resume includes a stint as a director of the state Division on Women and also director of equal opportunity for the state Department of Community Affairs. The community this year was the recipient of a barrage of negative news over a local police scandal and lawsuit.

The outside investigations have brought forth specific concerns by Montes that the \$200,000 in municipal costs already allocated in legal fees may be hugely augmented after the election. As the candidates campaign, they say most residents are keenly aware of the police crisis.

In a midsummer press release the candidates said: "Allegedly for nearly two decades police officers and other borough officials with connections have been promoted ahead of more qualified candidates, beyond permitted to work side jobs while on duty, and continued to work despite engaging in dangerous behavior that would have been grounds for termination anywhere else."

To the candidates' credit, they have not limited their campaign to the police fiasco. Mehrotra cites a "culture" of arrogance that exists in certain parts of the local government. There is a refreshing balance when they articulate positions on a multitude of municipal issues. It seems to be less heavy criticism and more of a test as to who could do a better job.

Montes speaks of focusing on the public works and infrastructure needs. Both candidates in detail point to "increasing accountability and oversight of budget operation and exploring shared services."

The need for a better working relationship with county government is also a point of their campaign.

Sitting with Mehrotra reveals a soft-spoken individual long active in local civic affairs. She means it when calling for "transparency and accountability and diligently working to restore integrity."

Montes expresses concerns with the financial exposure that could face Mountainside in the future including the danger of punitive damages from the police fiasco.

The candidates ended our morning meeting to resume the interaction with residents that door-to-door campaigning brings. Raising the politicking to a higher level comes to mind.

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OPINION

Observing Yom Kippur

EDITORIAL

The Days of Awe began last week with Rosh Hashanah and will conclude this weekend with Yom Kippur, the most holy day in the Jewish calendar, on 10 Tishrei. Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement, this year begins Tuesday, Sept. 18, and runs through Wednesday, Sept. 19. Yom Kippur, the most solemn day in the Jewish calendar, is notable in that it is a 25-hour fast day, during which Jews cannot eat, drink or bathe, among other restrictions. Work is strictly forbidden on Yom Kippur, which, along with Rosh Hashanah, makes up the High Holy Days. Due to the seriousness of Yom Kippur, many Jews — even those who do not typically attend synagogue — pray for atonement.

Yom Kippur is so important in the Jewish faith because it ends the process of judgment that began 10 days earlier on Rosh Hashanah. According to the Talmud tractate on Rosh Hashanah, three books of account are opened on the New Year, wherein the fate of the wicked, the righteous and those of an intermediate class are recorded.

The names of the righteous are immediately inscribed in the “book of life” and they are sealed “to live,” while the wicked are blotted out of the book of the living forever. The intermediate class is allowed a respite of 10 days, until Yom Kippur, to reflect, repent and become righteous. For those in the intermediate class, Yom Kippur is the final drive to truly repent of past misdeeds and make a commitment to live a better life in the coming year.

This atonement actually begins in the Hebrew month of Elul, with contemplation of the sins and misdeeds of the past year; then Jews begin seeking forgiveness from those they have wronged. While Rosh Hashanah 10 days earlier

is the start of the New Year, it is also the beginning of the Yamim Noraim, or High Holy Days. To prepare for Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, Jews participate in the tashlich ritual sometime either before or during Rosh Hashanah. For tashlich, which is Hebrew for “casting off,” Jews throw pieces of bread into flowing water. This act symbolizes throwing one’s sins away, allowing practitioners to be freed of their sins.

Yom Kippur begins in the evening with a synagogue service named for its most important feature, Kol Nidre, a prayer in Aramaic that nullifies vows, allowing congregants to begin anew. The Kol Nidre is sung in the same tune in synagogues around the world — a haunting yet beautiful tune.

From there, Yom Kippur continues the following day with a full day of prayer, including several services that are not typically done. Among them are Yizkor, a memorial service for those who have died; Yizkor is only recited four times each year. Only those who have lost a member of their immediate family attend the service, with all others usually taking a break in the cool air outside. Yizkor is a time to remember all those who have died, the impact they left on the world and how you should do acts of charity in their memory.

Yom Kippur is a religious day of mourning. It is therefore incorrect to wish someone a “Happy Yom Kippur.” Instead, you should wish them a meaningful Yom Kippur or wish them: “G’mar chatimah tovah,” which is to wish them a good final sealing in the book of life. Also, it is always welcome to wish them “an easy fast.”

To all our neighbors, we wish you a meaningful Yom Kippur.

Summer house iris is prolific, hearty

About 10 years ago, a friend gave me a single large iris rhizome division. It was from a tall, bearded type that grew in care-free splendor in her western New York garden.

I planted it in the free-draining soil at our family’s summer cottage in Central New York and it grew, or maybe “grew” is the wrong word.

“Exploded” might be better. Ten years later, we have the offspring of that one iris division everywhere. I divided the original after the first year and I have divided the original divisions many times in the last decade.

I just divided an overgrown clump that was overdue for the treatment and had expanded to about 2 feet in diameter. That operation yielded about 20 new plants and I was hard-pressed to know where to put them all.

Fortunately, I have space in my home garden, not to mention iris-loving friends who will take some of those garden orphans off my hands. If my prolific white iris was a little less beautiful, this would not be much of a problem.

But it is gorgeous. I have no idea of its varietal name, but I think it is relatively old-fashioned, because the flower stalks are not as tall as some of the modern varieties.

The plants never need staking and the flowers are also lightly fragrant. In the cold light of day, both the “falls, or downward pointed petals, and the standards, or upward-facing petals, look white. When the light is more diffuse, the blooms look very pale blue — as if someone had splashed a

THE GARDENER'S APPRENTICE

BY ELISABETH GINSBURG

drop of blue paint in a gallon of white.

Because we are blessed with such iris abundance, I have planted them everywhere around

our summer cottage. On the beach they stand above the water and look like some-

thing painted by Monet. Next to the cottage, they complement the gray shingles. In the little bed that we installed around the stump of a long-felled cottonwood tree, the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Legalization and employment

To the Editor:

The Star-Ledger published an article by columnist Paul Mulshine on Aug. 30. “The Pot’s Out of the Bag” explains the present legal problems regarding prosecuting pot users until a law legalizing marijuana is passed.

But one point he did not address is an employers right to terminate or refuse employment to employees or potential employees who use medical marijuana.

The state of New Jersey will probably legalize recreational marijuana in the near future.

But it is important for individuals seeking employment and present employees to be aware that legalization will not prevent them from losing employment with companies that have drug policies for new and existing employees.

The Star-Ledger recently published an article about a ban employee who was using medical marijuana prescribed by his doctor.

He had an accident at work with a machine he was operating. After a doctor’s visit and returning to work, he was told he must pass a drug test before

returning to work. He failed the drug test and was terminated, and was told that his use of medical marijuana was the reason.

A federal court ruled that a New Jersey business does not have to waive its requirement for mandatory drug testing for a worker who uses medical marijuana. Obviously, New Jersey businesses that have a drug policy will have the same authority to refuse or terminate workers using marijuana for recreational purposes, even if legal.

Many large companies in New Jersey have drug policies for employment. Companies are required by law to provide a safe work environment for their employees.

Workers who may be impaired by drugs or alcohol may be considered by the employer to threaten the work environment with potential lawsuits for injuries or damage to property caused by employees impaired by the use of drugs.

The supporters of legalizing marijuana for recreational purposes must consider the potential impact on our future youth seeking employment but also on the potential of employees being terminated at companies who have drug policies.

Bob Barrett
Clark

Bayway and railroad noise

To the Editor:

Linden residents who are unfortunately living in and around the Bayway Refinery are victimized, perhaps daily, by Phillips 66’s noisy embrace of the operation identified as “steam venting.”

In addition to the decline of the quality of life that such adverse noise creates, there also exists — through the railroad company known as Norfolk Southern — the noise calamity with the commencement of the coupling mechanism utilized several times during the day. The noise level measured by such coupling episodes, has been measured at 92 decibels. Please note the coupling-noise level is measured louder than a subway or a motorcycle from 25 feet away.

Perhaps a deluge of telephone calls or texts directed to the Federal Railroad Administration could provide a possible increase in the quality of life for beleaguered Bayway neighbors.

Perhaps a meeting with Norfolk Southern, Bayway officials and concerned citizens could provide an agenda that will generate a substantial reduction of the seemingly eternal noise level endured by local residents.

Michael Smith
Linden

Drugs, warrants, paintball attacks keep local police busy

Union County police departments have released the following reports of incidents to which officers recently responded:

Clark

• Sept. 3: At 4:56 p.m., police arrested Reginald Lewis, 25; Jermaine Lewis, 19; and Jahill Williams, 19, all of Philadelphia, Pa., on Raritan Road. Reginald Lewis was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Philadelphia for contempt of court and subsequently transported to the Union County Jail. Jermaine Lewis was arrested for forgery, theft by deception and obstruction of justice. Williams was arrested for forgery and theft by deception. Jermaine Lewis and Williams were subsequently released on their own recognizance pending court dates.

• Sept. 3: At 1:44 a.m., police arrested Ihor Vasechko, 32, of Newark, on Lake Avenue for driving under the influence. He was subsequently released pending a court date.

• Sept. 1: At 11:50 a.m., police arrested Virginia Wilson, 59, of Rahway, on Broadway Street on an outstanding warrant out of Rahway. She was turned over to the Rahway Police Department.

• Sept. 1: At 3:05 a.m., police arrested Chester Johnson, 39, of New Brunswick, on Central Avenue for driving under the influence. He was subsequently released pending a court date.

• Sept. 1: At 12 a.m., police arrested Kathleen Sullivan, 49, of Garwood, on Central Avenue for shoplifting merchandise valued at \$618.03 from Target. She was subsequently released on her own recognizance pending a court date.

• Aug. 29: At 6:48 p.m., police arrested David Ellner, 55, of Cranford for shoplifting merchandise valued at \$121.26 from the Whole Foods Supermarket on Raritan Road. He was subsequently released on his own recognizance pending a court date.

• Aug. 29: At 2:21 a.m., police arrested Iryna Yelenych, 35, of Linden, on Westfield Avenue for child welfare endangerment. She was subsequently released on her own recognizance pending a court date.

• Aug. 28: At 5:13 p.m., police arrested Rafael Gastao, 30, of Newark, on the Garden State Parkway, for possession of a controlled dangerous substance. He was subsequently released on his own recognizance pending a court date.

• Aug. 28: At 1:53 p.m., police arrested Ahsan Rukhsar, 22, of Carteret for shoplifting from the Target Department Store on Central Avenue. She was subsequently released on her own recognizance pending a court date.

• Aug. 28: At 11:02 a.m., police arrested Annmarie Erickson, 52, of Fanwood for shoplifting merchandise valued at \$88.48 from the Whole Foods Supermarket on Raritan Road. She was subsequently released on her own recognizance pending a court date.

Cranford

• Sept. 1: At 10:13 p.m., during a motor vehicle stop on Holly Street, police arrested Carl Houck, 51, of Union and Salvatore Tortorello, 30, of Garwood for possession of drug paraphernalia. They were processed and provided with court dates.

• Sept. 1: At 10:04 p.m., during a motor vehicle stop on Raritan Road, police arrested Michael Volpe, 51, of Cranford and Frank Costanza Jr., 42, of Elizabeth for possession of drug paraphernalia, a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle and a hypodermic syringe. They were processed and provided with court dates. The driver was issued motor vehicle summonses for unclear plates, suspended driver, tinted windows and possession of a controlled dangerous substance inside a motor vehicle.

• Aug. 30: At 3:25 p.m., during a motor vehicle stop on North Avenue, police arrested Alexandra McCarthy, 23, of South Amboy for possession of a hypodermic syringe and drug paraphernalia. She was processed and provided with a court date. She was issued motor vehicle summonses for a cracked windshield, suspended driver, no valid insurance card in her possession, and no valid registration card in her possession.

• Aug. 30: At 10:22 a.m., during a motor vehicle stop on Raritan Road, police arrested Vitali Kartava, 29, of Valley Cottage, N.Y., for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia. He was processed and provided with a court date, and issued motor vehicle summonses for failure to observe a red traffic signal, obstructing traffic, failure to notify a change

POLICE BLOTTER

of address and possession of a controlled dangerous substance inside a motor vehicle

• Aug. 29: At 10:58 a.m., during a motor vehicle stop on North Avenue East, police arrested Andres Gonzalez, 44, of Bethlehem, Pa., for possession of prescription legend drugs and drug paraphernalia. He was processed and provided with a court date, and issued motor vehicle summonses for failing to signal a lane change, maintenance of lamps and possession of a controlled dangerous substance inside a motor vehicle.

Springfield

• Aug. 30: A Hillside man, 34, was charged with fraud following a Detective Bureau investigation of a bad check allegedly received by a business on Morris Avenue.

• Aug. 25: A 29-year-old man from Brooklyn, N.Y., was arrested and charged with theft after he was found to have used a fraudulent credit card at a business on Route 22, police said.

• Aug. 23: An Avenel man, 54, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence, as well as possession of cocaine, marijuana, and narcotics paraphernalia after he was reportedly observed driving erratically on Meisel Avenue.

• Aug. 22: A man from Rochester, N.Y., was charged with theft as a result of an investigation of a shoplifting incident previously reported by a business on Route 22.

• Aug. 16: A Summit man, 18, was arrested on Briant Park Drive and charged with possession of tetrahydrocannabinol oil.

Union

• Sept. 4: At 10:37 p.m., police recovered a stolen 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee on Wright Street in Newark.

• Sept. 4: At 7:23 p.m., police arrested a female on Burnet Avenue for simple assault.

• Sept. 4: At 1:45 p.m., police took a report of a burglary to an unlocked motor vehicle burglary on Arbor Lane.

• Sept. 4: At 1:27 p.m., police took a report of a two males in masks shooting a building with paintballs on Springfield Avenue.

• Sept. 4: At 11:15 a.m., police took a report of a male entering the staff portion of a doctor's office on Morris Avenue and stealing an employee's bag, along with blank prescription slips.

• Sept. 4: At 10:39 a.m., police took a report of a male in a tan vehicle who stole \$2,480 from an elderly victim.

• Sept. 4: At 10:34 a.m., police arrested John Brandt, Sean Cox, William Newton and Kamal Abdul-Maalik on Morris Avenue for possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

• Sept. 4: At 7:29 a.m., police took a report of a burglary to an unlocked motor vehicle burglary on Newark Avenue. Sunglasses were stolen, police said.

• Sept. 3: At 10:47 p.m., police took a report of a motor vehicle accident in which a U-Haul truck knocked down a pole on Morris Avenue.

• Sept. 3: At 7:56 a.m., police recovered a stolen Dodge Caravan on Ivanhoe Lane.

• Sept. 3: At 3:42 a.m., police took a report of two males in masks, one of whom was armed with a semiautomatic handgun, robbing an attendant on Springfield Avenue.

• Sept. 3: At 12 a.m., police arrested Taylor Gray on Liberty Avenue for driving under the influence.

• Sept. 2: At 4:35 p.m., during a motor vehicle stop on Vauxhall Road, police arrested Rudy Tzompantzi for possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

• Sept. 2: At 11:45 a.m., police took a report of a burglary to a motor vehicle on Julian Terrace. The passenger rear window area was damaged, police said.

• Sept. 2: At 8:43 a.m., during a pedestrian stop on Route 22, police arrested Samorio South for warrants.

• Sept. 2: At 8:22 a.m., police took a report on Oakland Avenue of a stolen Dodge Caravan.

• Sept. 2: At 7:42 a.m., police took a report of a burglary to an unlocked motor vehicle burglary on Manor Drive.

• Sept. 2: At 2:33 a.m., police arrested a juvenile male on Orchard Meadows Drive South for a motor vehicle burglary and resisting.

• Sept. 1: At 11:51 p.m., police took a report of a burglary to an unlocked motor vehicle burglary on New Jersey Avenue.

• Sept. 1: At 11:33 p.m., during a pedestrian stop on Laurel Avenue, police arrested



PEDAL POWER — From left are Tom Dunn, Hilltop Bicycles co-owner; Dan Cooper, Hilltop Bicycles manager; Cranford Police Chief Ryan Greco; Detective Lt. Edward Davenport and Capt. Joseph Van Bergen. Hilltop Bicycles in Cranford has donated a Raleigh Cadent electric bike, valued at \$2,800, to the Cranford Police Department for its bicycle patrol unit. The CPD has registered two officers for bicycle patrol training in mid-September and plans to increase this number to eight by next year.

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Tuesday, September 18th *thru* Wednesday, September 19th

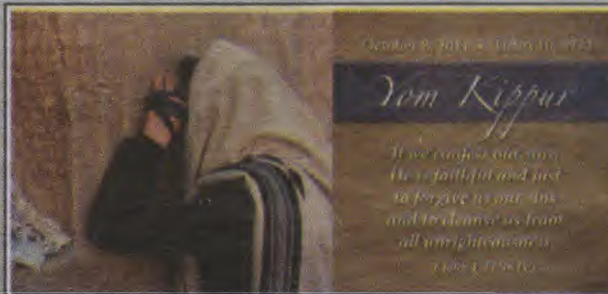


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Road to Rahway wrestling has twisting path

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him to West Virginia one night, Tennessee the next, Indiana the day after that. He hit the road under the names "Cactus Pat," "The Hitmaker," "Platinum Pat" and "The Buck," playing good guys, villains and everything in between. He clung to the dream, no matter how desperate the situation became; on any given night, Buck could be in the ring against a guy making six figures for the match but often he wouldn't be paid gas money for the ride home.

He said it was an odd existence. On one hand, he was on his way to superstardom and all the fame and money that comes with it; on the other, he had to get jobs bartending and bouncing to make ends meet.

"I was there for four and a half years as an active talent," Buck said of his time with OVW. "I kept hearing a lot of times, 'You'll be next. We're considering you for work on this or work on that.' It just never happened. I got older and 20 turned into 24 and 24 turned into 26. So, I was like I could keep staying down here or I can kind of do my own thing. I had probably close to 30 tryouts for WWE. I have essentially probably wrestled maybe a quarter to a half of their active roster now. It just never happened for me."

Buck could have used his hospitality degree from Sullivan University in Ken-

tucky, but he wanted to stay in wrestling. So, he forged his own path: He went into promoting and eventually WrestlePro was born. It's become a family affair for Buck. His wife, Lauren, a special education teacher in the Bronx, works the ticket booth at the door during shows. She said that, aside from her husband's good looks and physique, she was attracted to his can-do attitude, which has made him a success in wrestling.

"He doesn't give up," she said. "He decided that, 'Well this isn't going to happen for me here, so I'll create my own thing.' I believe a lot of that is having a positive attitude and putting out to the universe what you really want for yourself. If you believe in something and you know it's going to happen, you have to put that positive energy behind it and not let yourself get bogged down by the negativity."

The only negativity is reserved for guys like Craig Steele, a 300-pound bruiser with a menacing stare who defeated two wrestlers Friday night, much to the crowd's chagrin.

"The best part about the Rahway shows is that you see the same faces every month," Steele said. "People are excited to come every month. You'll see people standing outside three, four hours before the start, waiting to get inside the doors."



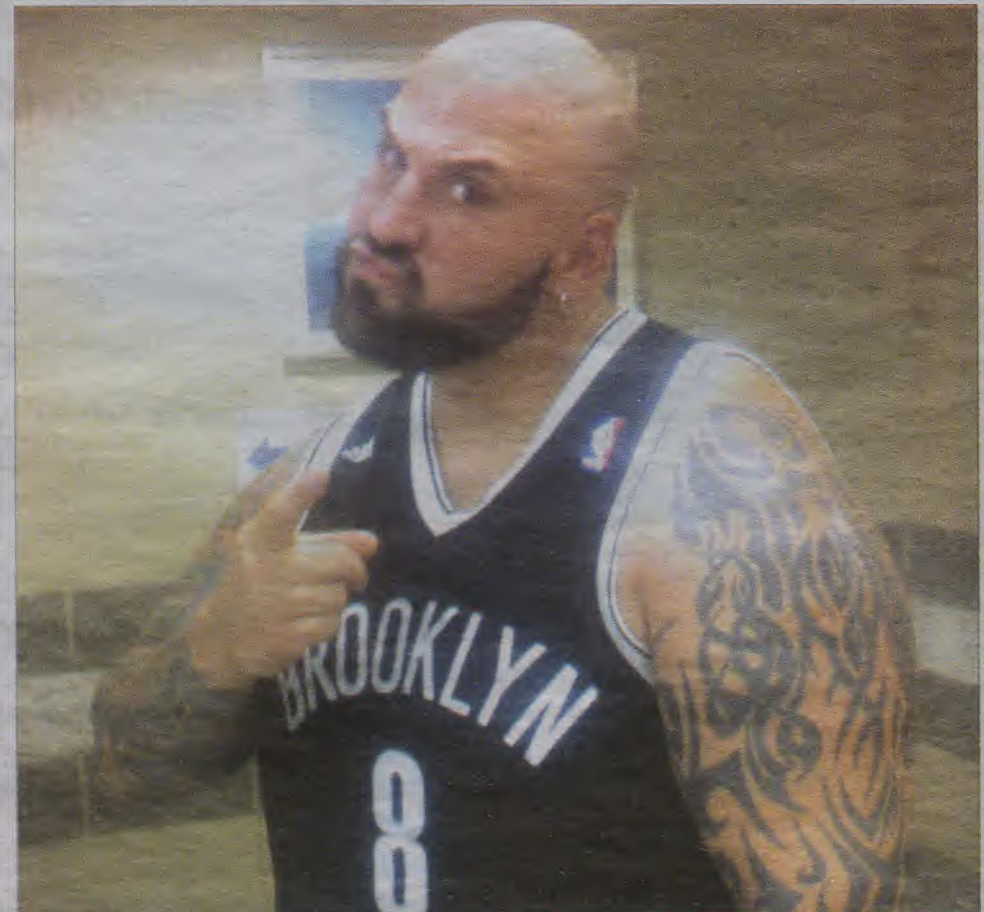
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Above: WrestlePro events are spectacles, complete with loud music, dramatic lighting and outrageous antics in the ring. Below: Craig Steele and his trademark menacing stare beat two wrestlers at the same time during the WrestlePro event at the Rahway Recreation Center on Friday, Sept. 7.



Photo Courtesy of Pat Buck

Pat Buck, aka Pat Buckridge, has been known by a series of wrestler character names including 'Cactus Pat,' 'The Hitmaker,' 'Platinum Pat' and 'The Buck.'



Warrants, assault, motorcycle theft handled by police

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Isaiah Gavin for warrants.

• Sept. 1: At 10:34 p.m. on Thoreau Terrace, police took a report of theft. A red and black bicycle was taken from a driveway.

• Sept. 1: At 6:31 p.m., during a pedestrian stop on Stuyvesant Avenue, police arrested a juvenile male for possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

• Sept. 1: At 7:39 a.m., a male perpetra-

tor was arrested on Arnet Avenue for simple assault.

• Sept. 1: At 3 a.m., during a motor vehicle stop on Route 22, police arrested Ralph Zoelzinord for warrants.

• Aug. 31: At 4:05 p.m., police arrested Amy Jacobs on Route 22 for alleged shoplifting.

• Aug. 31: At 2:52 p.m., police took a report of a stolen BMW X5 on Astoria Place

• Aug. 31: At 2:23 p.m., police arrested Jean Larriva on Duquesne Avenue for warrants.

• Aug. 31: At 7:48 a.m. on Glenn Avenue, police took a report of a theft of a Jeep.

• Aug. 31: At 7:12 a.m., police took a report of a burglary to an unlocked motor vehicle burglary on Manor Drive.

• Aug. 31: At 12:45 a.m., during a motor vehicle stop on Couto Court, police arrest-

ed Connor Murphy for possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

This information is provided by the Union County police departments in accordance with the Open Public Records Act. All persons charged are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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What Is Yom Kippur?

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For nearly twenty-six hours—from several minutes before sunset on 9 Tishrei to after nightfall on 10 Tishrei—we “afflict our souls”: we abstain from food and drink, do not wash or anoint our bodies, do not wear leather footwear, and abstain from marital relations.

Before Yom Kippur we perform the Kaparot atonement service; we request and receive honey cake, in acknowledgment that we are all recipients in God’s world, and in prayerful hope for a sweet and abundant year; eat a festive meal; immerse in a mikvah; and give extra charity. In the late afternoon we eat the pre-fast meal, following which we bless our children, light a memorial candle as well as the holiday candles, and go to the synagogue for the Kol Nidrei service.

In the course of Yom Kippur we hold five prayer services:

Maariv, with its solemn Kol Nidrei service, on the eve of Yom Kippur; Shacharit—the morning prayer, which includes a reading from Leviticus followed by the Yizkor memorial service; Musaf, which includes a detailed account of the Yom Kippur Temple service; Minchah, which includes the reading of the Book of Jonah; and Neilah, the “closing of the gates” service at sunset. We say the Al Chet confession of sins eight times in the course of Yom Kippur, and recite Psalms every available moment.

The day is the most solemn of the year, yet an undertone of joy suffuses it: a joy that revels in the spirituality of the day and expresses the confidence that God will accept our repentance, forgive our sins, and seal our verdict for a year of life, health and happiness. The closing Neilah service climaxes in the resounding cries of “Hear O Israel . . . God is one.” Then joy erupts in song and dance (a Chabad custom is to sing the lively “Napoleon’s March”), followed by a single blast of the shofar, followed by the proclamation, “Next year in Jerusalem.” We then partake of a festive after-fast meal, making the evening after Yom Kippur a yom tov (festival) in its own right.

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- Thursday, Sept. 13: The Garwood Public Library, 411 Third Ave., Garwood, will host a meeting from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Wednesday, Sept. 19: The Fanwood Public Library, 5 Forest Road, Fanwood, will host a meeting from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Tuesday, Sept. 25: The Union Public Library, located at 1980 Morris Ave., Union, will host a meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For information call 1-888-280-8226 or Spanish speakers may call 908-527-4863. Information may also be viewed on the Union County government website at ucnj.org.

Remembrance Day set for Sept. 14

On Friday, Sept. 14, at 11:15 a.m., the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold a commemoration of POW/MIA Remembrance Day in front of the Union County Courthouse at 2 Broad St. in Elizabeth. In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place inside the building in the first floor rotunda. For information, call 908-527-4219.

Mattress fundraiser scheduled for Sept. 23

Calvary Lutheran Church, 108 Eastman St. in Cranford, will hold a Mattress Fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 23, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., offering all size mattresses from popular brand names at up to 50 percent off



BETTER SLEEP FOR CHARITY — Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford will hold a Mattress Fundraiser on Sunday, Sept. 23, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., in its Fellowship Hall at 108 Eastman St. The hall will be turned into a mattress showroom where Simmons mattresses may be purchased for up to 50 percent less than retail. A portion of sales will fund the purchase of a mattress to be donated. New bedding, pillows and monetary contributions will also be accepted.

retail prices. Firm, Orthopedic, Memory Foam and other options will be offered and they all come with a full factory warranty. Layaway and delivery are available. Purchases benefit the Jersey Battered Women's Services or Lutheran Haven. Mattresses may also be purchased and donated directly to either organization.

For more information call the church office at 908-276-2418 or visit calvarycranford.com.

Mental Health Association hosts open house Sept. 15

Community members of all ages are invited to Union County Open House for the Mental Health Association in New Jersey on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 144 Madison Ave., Elizabeth.

There will be refreshments, family fun activities, and prizes while learning about resources to help families cope with mental health and substance use disorders.

For more information call 908-810-1001 or email info@mhanj.org.

Bereavement support group gathers Sept. 24

Starting Monday, Sept. 24, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., "Healing the Grieving Heart: The Journey After the Death of a Loved One," a free support group, will meet at The Church of the Little Flower, 310 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. The first two sessions will be held in the Little Church Sacristy, 310 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights.

The following sessions will be held at 290 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. A licensed professional counselor will facilitate the seven-week course. Registration is required by calling 908-464-1585 or emailing Mariana or Maria at bereavement.lf@gmail.com.

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- CLARK – William “Bill” J., of Summit; Aug. 22. WWII Navy vet, father, 93.
- COLANERI – Alfred M. Jr., of Cranford; Aug. 28. Army vet, former firefighter.
- CREAM – Dorothy, formerly of Springfield; Aug. 29. Sister, aunt, cousin, 94.
- JARAMILLO – Joseph, of Cranford; Sept. 3. Navy vet, husband, father, brother.
- JOHNSON – Nathaniel Jr., of Linden; Aug. 24.
- KEPPLER – Jill Szarpa, of Springfield; Aug. 28. Wife, grandmother, sister.
- KIRKLAND – Lillie, of Rahway; Aug. 30. Was 83.
- LASKER – Michael D., of Hillside; Aug. 31. Accountant, brother and uncle.
- LORDI – Nicholas Sr., of Kenilworth; Aug. 31. Police officer, husband, father.
- MATTOON – Doris F., of Linden; Aug. 30. Homemaker, grandmother, 89.
- MCCLELLAND – Thomas R., of Roselle; Aug. 30. Project manager, father.
- MILLER – Albert R., of Union, formerly of Roselle Park; Sept. 1. Uncle, 84.
- MONTALVO – Edward “Monty” Frank, of Linden; Sept. 1. Great-grandfather, 92.
- POWELL – Josephine, of Hillside; Sept. 1. Was 89.
- SCHIMMEL – Thomas Kennedy Sr., formerly of Rahway; Aug. 25. Grandfather.
- SCHULTHEIS – Helen, of Union; Aug. 27. Sister, great-aunt, 88.
- SECCO – Maria Arcangela, of Springfield; Aug. 31. Grandmother, 83.
- SOMMA – Giovanna, of Kenilworth; Sept. 4. Cafeteria worker, grandmother.
- WRIGHT – Edith S., of Cranford; Aug. 27. Was 95.
- YANNOTTA – Antoinette F., formerly of Summit; Aug. 31. Legal secretary, 96.

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Cranford Planning Board scrutinizes 750 Walnut plans

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density will be fewer than 15 units per acre. He added that, like the proposed development at 750 Walnut Ave., the Birchwood project would not be within walking distance of the downtown train station.

"So, I'm having trouble as to how you can come up with 30 units per acre," Taylor said. "I think everything else about this application in terms of buffering, in terms of open space for the residents of this development, for the traffic, it comes down to how many units were going to have per acre."

"And I think your logic just looking at three downtown developments and trying to make that comparison is irrational and doesn't really work very well in this instance because this is not a downtown development."

The 750 Walnut Ave. property is about 1.5 miles from the Cranford Train Station.

Hughes began to reply, saying the traffic engineer has not yet testified for Hartz Mountain and that there's still more testimony to come about the marketability — or lack thereof — of the site.

"I'm not talking about marketability," Taylor said.

"May I finish?" Hughes responded.

Hughes said board members are "going to have to sit back and evaluate if 30 units per acre is appropriate for the property and that's your decision to make. I believe the testimony you will hear from other experts is that there are no impacts here that can't be managed, and 30 units per acre is something we think is appropriate for the property and we will be satisfying the criteria for rezoning."

Early in the meeting, Chairwoman Kathleen Murray questioned how the proposal fits into the criteria in the township's master plan that would allow for the creation of a new ordinance and help pave the way for Hartz Mountain to start building. She pointed to a reference about construction that "is consistent and compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and environment."

Murray asked Hughes how a 905-unit development is compatible in a town dominated by detached single-family homes.

Located about a half mile down the road from the proposed development is Sunny Acres, a neighborhood built in the 1940s that the Cranford Township Committee recently voted to recognize as the municipality's first historic district.

Hughes said the project meets the definition because it could be "integrated within the area without creating substantial impacts on those adjacent areas."

Murray said she understood that it's "physically possible" to fit the project into the 30.5-acre space, but again asked if it "satisfies the goal and it's consistent and compatible" with the surrounding neighborhood.

When Hughes responded that he thinks it's "consistent, compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and environment," many of the 50 or so residents in attendance began to laugh.

The traffic engineer was scheduled to testify at a special meeting on Sept. 12, and Hughes is expected to present a fiscal impact study at the board's Oct. 3 meeting.

Hartz Mountain Industries' plans for Walnut Avenue also include two pools with clubhouses, several courtyards and 1,775 parking spaces. An artist's rendering gave residents their first glimpse of what the project might look like at the July 18 meeting.

Hartz wants to eliminate the office and warehouse uses in favor of multifamily residential use, and is attempting to leverage the New Jersey Supreme Court's Mount Laurel housing mandates in an effort to gain that approval from township officials.

James Rhatican, vice president of land use and development for Hartz, said at the July 18 meeting that the plan



Photo by Chuck O'Donnell

Keenan Hughes, a planner for Hartz Mountain Industries, testifies during the Cranford Planning Board's meeting Wednesday, Sept. 5. Hartz Mountain is proposing to build a 905-unit apartment complex on a 30.5-acre triangular tract in the southern portion of the borough

would be to develop the site in two stages.

In the first phase, the building that formerly housed Bank of America offices would be demolished and replaced by two buildings containing 433 units. In the second phase, the warehouse currently standing on the property would be razed, and three more buildings with a total of 472 units would be constructed.

About 15 percent of the 905 units would be designated as "affordable" under Mount Laurel regulations and the rest would be market-rate units.

The current commercial zoning for the site allows for limited uses, including professional offices, healthcare facilities, distribution centers and research laboratories,

Rhatican said at the May 16 meeting. He said the existing building is about 420,000 square feet and was an industrial and manufacturing facility constructed in the 1940s by Johnson & Johnson. Hartz bought it in 1988.

According to Rhatican, Bank of America leased about 248,000 square feet of space and vacated the building about 10 years ago, but continued to pay rent until its lease ran out about a year ago.

He said LabCorp occupies about 80,000 square feet in the rear of the building and PSE&G occupies about 22,000 square feet for a call center.

"So, there is a very substantial vacancy in the buildings," Rhatican said.

Cranford man is arrested for the possession, distribution of child porn

A Cranford man has been arrested and appeared in federal court for distributing images of child sexual abuse, prosecutors in Newark announced.

Christopher Gardiner, 35, was charged with one count of distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of the same. He made his initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael A. Hammer in Newark Federal Court on Monday, Aug. 27, and was detained, according to a release from federal prosecutors.

According to documents in the case, Gardiner is accused of engaging an undercover agent in an ongoing sexually graphic conversation on a web-based social media application between March and June. In a chatroom, Gardiner allegedly publicly posted multiple videos depicting the sex-

ual abuse of children and directly sent similar videos to the undercover agent. The complaint also claims that law enforcement discovered numerous videos of child pornography on Gardiner's electronic devices when he was arrested at his home.

Gardiner was previously convicted of endangering the welfare of a child and distribution of child pornography in Union County in 2007. The charge of distribution of child pornography for a repeat offender carries a mandatory minimum penalty of 15 years in prison, a maximum of 40 years and a \$250,000 fine. The charge of possession of child pornography for a repeat offender carries a mandatory minimum of 10 years, a maximum of 20 years and a \$250,000 fine.

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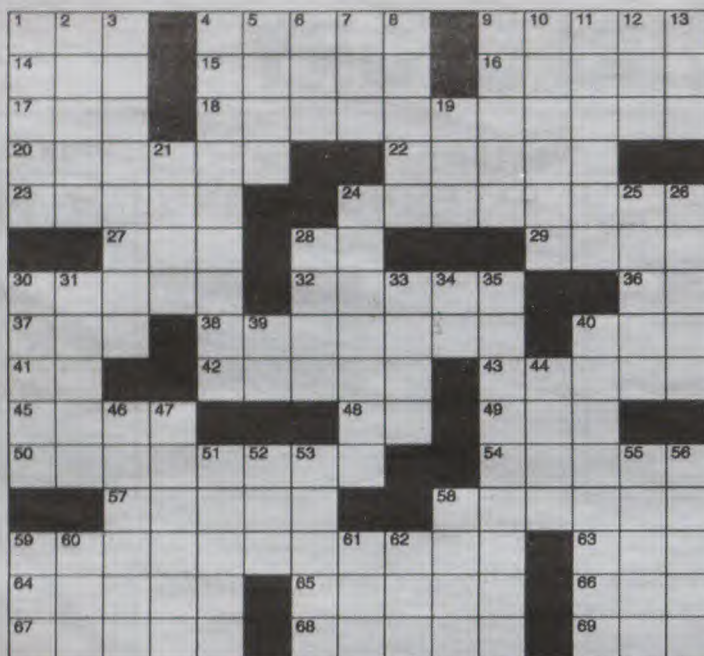
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Fixed hardware memory
4. Ancient Greek physician
9. US coach Amos Alonzo
14. Before
15. Hedge
16. Musical endings
17. Contrary to
18. 39th state
20. In a way, takes away
22. More uncommon
23. Hue or shade
24. Having no moral failing
27. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
28. Initials of ALS physicist
29. Soluble ribonucleic acid
30. Smallest American sandpiper
32. Wrote a computer program
36. Silver
37. A continuous portion of a circle
38. To send forth
40. Wood sorrel
41. Curie
42. Curved sword
43. Harmon, Wahlberg & Antony
45. Break stone
48. Doc
49. A small demon
50. Split up
54. Sierra lake
57. Micronesian sailboats
58. North African desert
59. Famous persons
63. A worn out horse
64. One seeded fruit (alt. sp.)
65. DEA officers
66. 7th Greek letter
67. States of repose
68. Related on the mother's side
69. Cub Scout group



CLUES DOWN

1. Medieval fiddle
2. W. Bolivian city
3. Relating to a metal
4. Sires
5. Macao monetary units
6. Roman household god
7. Sun up in New York
8. 1st Indian P.M.
9. Frighten
10. Keepsakes
11. Admirer
12. Handgun (slang)
13. J. G. Low's organization
19. Constitution Hall org.
21. Presently
24. Smallest speech sound
25. In-between meal
26. Heroic tales
28. Healing wound cover
30. Paper bags
31. Threefold
33. River in France
34. And in Latin
35. Cup used to serve espresso
39. One thousandth of an ampere
40. Deprived of parents
44. E. Asian housemaid
46. Mac, gala and pippin
47. Mother or father
51. Dressing gowns
52. Swiss river
53. Banteng
55. Speak
56. MN 55122
58. Religious faction
59. Auto
60. Supplement with difficulty
61. Browning of the skin
62. Militant Irish organization

ANSWERS APPEAR IN OUR CLASSIFIED SECTION

HOROSCOPE

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18

Sometimes you just want to be left alone with your thoughts and this is shaping up to be the perfect week to do just that. No one will bother you if you don't bother them.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20

You need to let partners and loved ones know what you are thinking. It's not enough to expect them to read your face or take clues from your actions, you must spell out for them in plain and simple language what's going on in your head.

ARIES, March 21 to April 20

Don't let people who have no right to know what you are up to quiz you about your private affairs. Any personal information you let slip may be used against you by your rivals later on, so keep your lips zipped this week!

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21

Any doubts that have been plaguing you will begin to disappear as if they never existed. Believe in yourself and believe that you were put on Earth to make a difference.

GEMINI, May 21 to June 21

Say the right things this week and smooth over any cracks that may have formed in family relationships. Spend time with your loved ones and give them your undivided attention.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22

You have become a touch too predictable of late, so what can you do to remind friends and colleagues that you should not be taken for granted? Whatever strategy you decide on make sure you don't go too far — avoid extremes at all costs!

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23

This is a good time to start thinking of ways to make some extra cash. You won't be short of money-making ideas this week but be careful... you'll also know how to spend it!

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22

Something that seemed vague will come into focus this week. Not only will you understand what has been going on but you will know in an instant how best to take advantage of it.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23

The moment you resolve one crisis another seems to pop up to take its place. Is the universe having fun at your expense? Maybe it is but there is no need to worry. What looks like "bad" news now will look extremely good later on.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22

You don't have to put up with situations that are not to your liking. Don't be afraid to let others know that you have your doubts and don't hesitate to question the accepted wisdom.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21

It's not like you to keep a low profile and you have no intention of changing now. On the work front especially you will let everyone know who you are and what you can do.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20

If you need a break from your daily grind then this is the time to give it some serious thought. Start thinking global rather than local. Before you know it you could be on your way!

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



OUTRAGEHISS PETS — In a recent Kenilworth Public Library program funded by a Clean Communities Grant, children and their families learned about the macaw, fennec fox, miniature pig and albino wallaby, saw the animals up close and heard all about their native environments.



Jackfruit is all the rage for vegans and creative cooks these days and can be found canned at Trader Joe's. I like experimenting with it so I looked online for recipes and found some cool ones for mock tuna. Many incorporated chickpeas, which I didn't want to add, so I got a little creative after following the techniques to simmer it first from most of the recipes. I added many of the same items I use in regular tuna salad and it was great! I definitely suggest using sea flakes if you can find them because they give your vegan diners the tuna flavor they may miss. Play around with it and try some other ingredients in it. I hope you like it!

Jackfruit 'Tuna' Salad

Steps

Ingredients

Part 1

1 20-ounce can of jackfruit
2 large cloves of garlic
3/4 of 1 medium-sized onion
Juice of 2 limes
1/4 cup of water

Part 2

1/3-1/2 cup mayonnaise, vegan or not, add more depending on taste
1 Tbs. Dijon mustard
Pinch of cayenne pepper
2 small carrots
1/4 of 1 medium-sized onion, i.e. the remainder of the onion from Part 1
1 cup finely chopped apple, i.e. about 1/2 a large apple
3 Tbs. chopped pickles
1/3 cup chopped almonds, cashews or any other nut you like
2 tsp. Triple Blend sea flakes, optional
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Part 1

Mince 3/4 of the onion and the two garlic cloves.

Rinse off the canned jackfruit, then pulse it in a food processor or mash with a fork until it looks like tuna flakes.

In a saucepan, simmer the jackfruit, the water, the lime juice, and the garlic and onion covered for 15 minutes.

Part 2

Mince the carrots, pickles, remainder of the onion, nuts and apple, and set aside.

Once the jackfruit combo is done simmering and is cooled, place in a bowl and add in the minced ingredients, mayo, mustard, cayenne pepper, the salt and pepper to taste, and sea flakes if you are using.

Adjust seasonings, chill and serve in sandwiches or on top of lettuce or in an avocado.

Serves 4-6

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.

Prolific, hearty house iris

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leaves provide texture even when the plant is out of bloom.

In short, the white iris succeed everywhere.

Over the years, I have grown many bearded iris varieties, including a lovely specimen with pale blue standards and pale peach falls. Those iris have multiplied in a well-mannered way and I have divided them as necessary.

I don't think I have ever lost one, despite harsh winters, monsoon springs and torrid summers.

However, I have never had an iris perform like my summer house iris. The neighboring houses and cottages don't seem inundated with iris of any kind, but maybe that is because they don't have my white one — yet.

I have treated the summer house iris the same way I treat all of its kin. The rhizomes go into the ground with the shallowest covering of soil — about inch. On clay soil, which I have in my garden, I add fine gravel to the planting mix to ease the drainage. The great enemy of bearded iris is wet feet, which promotes rhizome rot.

Iris borers are another common problem, tunneling into rhizomes and destroying them. To outwit the borers, divide iris every few years and check for signs of borers. Discard any soft or damaged rhizomes. I have never met anyone with iris as prolific as my summer house specials, but I have often come across overgrown clumps. Gen-

erally in an overgrown situation, the plants sprout in a ring formation around a non-productive center area. This center is made up of the old, dead

rhizomes. To revive your iris, lift the entire ring, which is easy because the roots are shallow. Take a garden knife or other sharp instrument and lop off all the non-productive rhizomes. Save those outer pieces that have fans of leaves attached. Replant them, positioning some in the original location and parceling out the others. Don't be afraid that you will kill the divisions. Iris look delicate, but they are really very tough.

Modern bearded iris, including the summer house iris, are descended from *Iris germanica*, or German iris.

They are one of those "grandmother's garden" species that remind people of earlier generations of gardeners. Not far from our summer property, in a place where the forest has almost engulfed an ancient farmhouse, a stand of bearded iris survives in a clearing.

It was probably planted by some farmer or his wife. I doubt that it is as prolific as my white-flowered beauty, but I have no doubt that it is equally sturdy.

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

Play at Kean examines teens, schools, other influences

By Ruth Ross
Correspondent

A well-wrought play, with a fully developed plot and three-dimensional, dynamic characters, is a wondrous thing. And if you're a theater junkie like me, you won't want to miss Premiere Stages' first full Equity production of "Brick City" by Nicole Pandolfo at Kean University in Union.

Developed over a two-year period in collaboration with New Jersey Performing Arts Center, the New Jersey Theatre Alliance and Premiere Stages, "Brick City" centers on three individuals in a struggling school district — in this case, Newark — who have been "sentenced" to an extended study hall for a variety of reasons: teacher Veronica Vega because she's a rookie; combative disabled senior Jessie McKenna because she's been absent or late to school too many times; and basketball star Darnell King because he has to raise his grades so he can play on the school's team.

Added to the mix is thuggish ex-con Rogelio Alaya, whose relationship with Veronica and Darnell nearly derails their paths to success. Over the course of about three months in a generic high school classroom, designed with crushing blandness by Bethanie Wampol Watson, worlds collide, truths are exposed, problems are confronted head-on, and the three principals discover that things aren't often as they appear.

Pandolfo focuses on the challenges inner city youth face when learning to navigate the real world, a weighty theme at which she succeeds admirably without being maudlin or eliciting pity for her characters' plights.

The natural dialogue, appropriate to each character, is delivered convincingly by the quartet of talented actors director Jessi D. Hill has assembled for the cast.

Madison Ferris' Jessie risks losing the audience's sympathy, given her cynical, judgmental, incessant talking. Seemingly delighted to make others feel uncomfort-

able, she delivers a snarky opinion about everything, from candy to basketball to the school's administration, as she rolls around the classroom nonstop in her wheelchair. That she's a talented photographer, who has been kicked off the yearbook committee because of her absenteeism and tardiness makes her sardonic attitude even sadder. Ferris' delivery of Jessie's backstory is an acting wonder. She recounts what got her in a wheelchair almost dispassionately, as though she's walled off all feeling, calling her accident a "boulder on [her] chest." Her recitation of her living conditions is heartrendingly poignant.

Darnell, too, has an interesting story to tell. Despite being pushed to hone his basketball skills so he can get a college scholarship, Darnell is a secret nerd who loves chess and dreams of one day having a rosewood chess set. Chris Grant's winning performance invests his character with a youthful dignity. His description of the chores he has to accomplish before and after school make one's hair stand on end. It's no wonder he's so willing to join his cousin Rogelio's sports-betting scheme. He knows it's illegal, yet he's vulnerable to the temptation of money to make life easier for his mother and little brother Kenny. Despite the ending, we have little doubt that he'll make it out of his poverty to become somebody.

Teacher Veronica Vega, superbly portrayed by Sabrina Alamo, is an earnest young woman who understands the challenges these teenagers face. She, too, is a product of the Newark school system. Veronica's story is heartbreaking, as well. Totally unprepared for college — swanky Bennington in rural Vermont — she flunked out because she never learned to ask for what she needed. Embarrassed and wiser, Veronica went on to attend Rutgers University, complete her student teaching and become a high school math teacher. Yet a previous relationship with Rogelio comes back to haunt her, almost derailing her future,



CHALLENGES — 'Brick City' by Nicole Pandolfo, playing through Sunday, Sept. 23 at Kean University, focuses on the challenges inner city youth face when learning to navigate the real world.

too. Alamo is totally convincing as a young, kind teacher who runs up against her students' challenges. Her infectious optimism and understanding provides the support these two lost teenagers need. Veronica's character is the exemplar for the effect a caring teacher can have on her students.

As Rogelio, Rafael Benoit endows the thuggish character with some dignity. He's proud he earned his associate's degree while in prison, and we get the sense that he wants to succeed on the outside too, but the pull of the streets is too strong and his character too weak. While he may mean well, he puts his cousin Darnell in physical, emotional and academic danger by involving him in illegal activities. He may be a slimeball, but Benoit movingly portrays Rogelio as a failure. Perhaps, if he had had a teacher like Veronica Vega, he might have avoided prison and crime.

Solid production values provide "Brick City" with a time and place that, while specifically Newark — "Brick City" is the city's nickname — could just as easily be any inner city; of course, the specific New Jersey references really reinforce the setting.

Matthew Fisher's sound design includes music suitable to teenagers and bells to signal the beginning and end of extended study hall.

Greg Solomon's lighting is appropriately garish for a school classroom and murkily dark for the parking lot scenes. And Izzy Field's costumes are spot on for both students, teacher and thug. Jessie's colorful socks and sneakers telegraph a concern for the way she looks, despite her cynical attitude; Darnell is full-on basketball dude; Rogelio's upturned collar speaks of his sneaky demeanor; and Veronica's wardrobe of stylish dresses is entirely appropriate for someone who's "made it" and wants to look professional despite her humble beginnings.

With some generous reworking, "Brick City" has been transformed from its initial reading into a dynamic exploration of the importance of a caring, nurturing teacher, the speed bumps encountered as teens make their way to adulthood and the need to look beyond a person's facade to discover the human being inside. Timely and timeless, it is a worthy addition to the dramatic canon. Kudos to Pandolfo and Premiere Stages for bringing this important topic to life. Now, go buy tickets before it closes.

"Brick City" will be performed at Kean University's Bauer Boucher Theatre Center, Vaughn Eames Hall, 1000 Morris Ave. in Union, through Sunday, Sept. 23. For information and tickets, call the box office at 908-737-7469 or visit www.premierestagesatkean.com.

County recycling events schedule for September

Union County will sponsor several recycling events for county residents in September, including scrap metal and paper shredding.

The scrap metal recycling event will be Saturday, Sept. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Emergency Services Building at 151 Kenilworth Blvd. in Cranford and at the Park Service Yard in Rahway River Park. Accepted items include old appliances, bicycles, air conditioners, microwaves and more.

There will be two mobile paper shredding events: Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Linden Recycling Center at 2 Donaldson Place; and Friday, Sept. 21, at the Westfield Memorial Pool at 713 Cumberland St. Both events are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. Residents can bring up to four bags of confidential documents for shredding weighing less than 10 pounds each.

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Docket Number: F00060618
County: Union

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Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$555,928.39***Five Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Eight and 39/100***

Attorney: FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP
85 BROAD STREET
SUITE 501
NEW YORK NY 10004

RAHWAY

Sheriff's File Number: CH-18003068
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F00060618
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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$260,434.55***Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Four and 55/100***

Attorney: PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC
2000 HORIZON WAY
SUITE 900
MOUNT LAUREL NJ 08054

ROSELLE

Notice of Transfer Application
Take notice that application has been made to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey 07203, to transfer to Esther Liquors Corp. trading as Esther Liquors for premises located at 1201 St. George Ave., Roselle, New Jersey the Plenary

PUBLIC NOTICE

Richard Stanley Drake are Defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union and bearing Docket # F-012723-18 within Thirty-five (35) days after September 13, 2018, exclusive of such date.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated October 12, 2004, made by Richard Stanley Drake and Annette Drake, as Mortgagee(s) to Liberty Funding Services Inc., recorded on October 25, 2004, in Book 10895 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 375, and (2) to recover possession of the concerned situated in the City of Rahway, commonly known as: LOT 23, BLOCK 196, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1515 BEDFORD STREET, RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY 07065

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association. You may also contact the lawyer referral service of the County of Union (A directory of the addresses of each deputy clerk of the Superior Court is available in the Civil Division Management Office in the county listed above and online at http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/prose/10153_dep_wclerklawref.pdf.

Richard Stanley Drake, spouse of Richard Stanley Drake, are made a party defendant(s) to this foreclosure action because you may have a statutory spousal interest or other interest in the mortgaged premises being foreclosed herein.

You, (Richard Stanley Drake, are made a party defendant(s) to this foreclosure action because you are the record owner of the mortgaged premises, because you executed the Note/Bond and Mortgage being foreclosed herein and may be liable for any deficiency thereon, and for any right, title claim or interest you may have in, to or against said mortgaged premises.

MICHELLE M. SMITH
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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
U71671 PRO September 13, 2018 (\$44.10)

ROSELLE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-18003030
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F03059016
County: Union

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Retail License # 2014-44-023-007 heretofore issued to Kunal Vinay T&J Liquors, Inc., trading as T&J Liquors for the premises located at 1201 St. George Ave., Roselle, New Jersey.

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to: Alcoholic Beverage Control Board 210 Chestnut Street Roselle, NJ 07203

Dominga Perez, President, Esther Liquors Corp. 127 Virginia St. Hillside, 07205 U71291 PRO September 6, 13, 2018 (\$24.50)

ROSELLE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-18002957
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F00080517
County: Union

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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$519,165.59***Five Hundred Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five and 59/100***

Attorney: STERN & EISENBERG, PC
1040 N. KINGS HIGHWAY, SUITE 407
CHERRY HILL NJ 08034

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Sheriff's File Number: CH-18003041
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F02381017
County: Union

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11	Evans Ter	\$429,000	8/29/2018
136	Nassau St	\$395,000	8/30/2018
39	Kathryn St	\$385,000	8/31/2018
96	Ivy St	\$382,000	8/29/2018
68	Cornell Dr	\$370,000	8/30/2018
120	Gertrude St	\$350,000	8/29/2018
35	School St	\$231,000	8/31/2018
130	Sweet Briar Dr	\$193,000	8/29/2018

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609	Orchard St	\$635,000	8/31/2018
36	Beech Street	\$575,000	8/30/2018
198	Arbor St	\$492,000	8/30/2018
46	Mendell Ave	\$410,000	8/29/2018
84	Burnside Ave	\$389,900	8/29/2018
9B	Parkway Vlg	\$242,000	8/30/2018

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32-34	Summit Rd	\$361,000	8/31/2018
148-152	Lincoln Ave	\$275,000	8/31/2018
854 (848)	Gibbons Ct	\$260,000	8/31/2018
704-712	N Broad St	\$175,000	9/4/2018
123	Court St	\$130,000	9/4/2018
265	Ripley Pl	\$119,000	8/29/2018
408-412	Vine St	\$118,400	8/30/2018

HILLSIDE

682	Union Ave	\$472,000	8/31/2018
1416	Munn Ave	\$310,000	8/29/2018
1037	Fairview Pl	\$229,999	8/29/2018
195	Silver Ave	\$135,000	8/31/2018

LINDEN

42	Furber Ave	\$560,000	8/31/2018
30	W Elm St	\$477,000	8/31/2018
410	Livingston Rd	\$387,000	8/31/2018
73	Elmwood Terrace	\$320,000	8/29/2018
300	W 15th St	\$291,500	8/31/2018
104	E Elizabeth Ave,307	\$270,000	8/30/2018
1920	Ingalls Ave	\$265,000	8/29/2018
1310	Dill Ave	\$239,900	8/31/2018
815	Dennis Pl	\$215,000	8/29/2018
113	Main St	\$153,000	8/30/2018
100	Luttgen Pl, Unit A-3	\$125,000	8/31/2018
10	N Wood Ave #302	\$118,000	8/30/2018

MOUNTAINSIDE

7	Tanglewood Ln	\$845,000	8/30/2018
1363	Birch Hill Rd	\$615,000	8/30/2018

RAHWAY

619	Harrison St	\$305,000	8/31/2018
260	Haberle Pl	\$275,000	8/31/2018
1088	Mayfair Dr	\$249,900	9/4/2018
280	Plainfield Ave	\$240,000	8/31/2018
1634	Columbus Pl	\$212,000	8/30/2018
2001	Wall St	\$195,000	9/1/2018
36	E Grand Ave B 9	\$195,000	8/31/2018
521	Hamilton St	\$193,000	9/1/2018
1041	Leesville Ave	\$175,000	8/29/2018
543	Linden Ave	\$147,000	8/30/2018

ROSELLE

1024	Rivington St	\$308,000	8/29/2018
425	E 7th Ave	\$280,000	8/30/2018
718	Walnut St	\$265,000	8/31/2018
117	W 7th Ave	\$255,000	8/30/2018
755	Harrison Ave	\$219,000	8/31/2018

ROSELLE PARK

320	Reindel Pl	\$379,000	8/30/2018
609	Elm St	\$305,000	8/31/2018
128	W Roselle Ave	\$290,000	8/31/2018
714	Hazel St	\$275,000	8/30/2018
145	E Clay Ave	\$260,000	8/31/2018
401	Hemlock St	\$257,000	8/29/2018
113	Bridge St	\$215,000	8/29/2018

SPRINGFIELD

59	Skylark Rd	\$680,000	8/30/2018
10	Hemlock Ter	\$580,000	9/4/2018
33	Severna Ave	\$465,000	9/4/2018
215	Summit Rd	\$420,000	8/31/2018
151	Salter St	\$381,000	8/29/2018
22	Richland Dr	\$375,000	8/29/2018
459	Mountain Ave	\$343,000	8/31/2018
2305	Park Pl	\$340,000	9/4/2018
185	Hillside Ave	\$330,000	8/31/2018

SUMMIT

19	Colony Dr	\$1,550,000	9/4/2018
20	De Bary Pl	\$1,390,000	8/31/2018
40	Miele Pl	\$1,230,000	8/29/2018
26	Lewis Ave	\$460,000	8/31/2018

UNION

459	Homestead Pl	\$612,000	8/31/2018
1053	Bertram Ter	\$479,000	8/31/2018
120	Mary Alice Ct	\$415,000	8/31/2018
567	Andress Ter	\$339,000	8/31/2018
915	Rosemont Ave	\$320,000	8/29/2018
1788	Oak Hill Dr	\$285,000	8/31/2018
2861	Willard Pl	\$285,000	8/29/2018
539	Olive Ter	\$220,000	8/30/2018
241	Broadmoor Ct	\$215,000	8/30/2018

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SPORTS

THIS IS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

For the first time since 2015, Elizabeth and New Providence are 2-0.

For the first time since 2014, Hillside is 1-0 and Westfield is 0-1.

Westfield still has a good team and will win its share of games. The Blue Devils saw their second-longest winning streak - that of 37 games which included three straight North 2, Group 5 state championships - come to an end last Friday night at Linden by the score of 14-7.

Hillside, as expected, crushed Middlesex and Cranford and Summit also produced convincing road victories over North Plainfield and Montgomery to start their seasons.

Hillside scored 55 points for the first time in a long time and the Comets are now on a five-game winning streak dating back to last year.

Lasts Friday night at Cooper Field, Linden evened its record at 1-1, with senior running back BJ George leading the way with 190 yards rushing and one touchdown on 26 carries. Junior quarterback Zion Marshall threw a touchdown pass to Schadrac Petit-Homme for Linden's first score.

Last Saturday at Rahway River Park, Roselle's Naseer Page caught a touchdown pass from Cameron Chatman-ricce and also ran for one TD, while teammate Khair Pendleton ran for the game's final score in a 33-20 setback to South River, which was a battle of South, Group 2 schools.

Another clash of South, Group 2 schools at Rahway River Park will take place tomorrow night when Roselle (0-2) hosts Hillside (1-0).

Elizabeth seeks its first 3-0 start in three years when it hosts Linden tomorrow night in a Mid-State 36 Conference-Watchung Division clash.

Elizabeth finished 5-6 in both 2016 and 2017, but both seasons reached the North 2, Group 5 semifinals, falling at Bridgewater-Raritan two years ago and at Westfield last year.



Photo by JR Parachini

Linden players begin to celebrate after their 14-7 home win over Westfield last Friday night. The Tigers snapped Westfield's state-leading 37-game winning streak.

Linden finds a way to even its record against Westfield *George rushes for 190 yards, 1 touchdown*

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

LINDEN — The Linden football team defeated Westfield 14-7 last Friday night to even its record at 1-1.

Westfield entered with a 37-game winning streak and fell to 0-1. Westfield's previous loss was at Linden four years ago in the North 2, Group 5 playoffs by the score of 14-6.

Linden scored on its first possession to go ahead 7-0. The Tigers marched 72 yards in seven plays and reached the end zone on a 42-yard pass from Zion Marshall to Schadrac Petit-Homme. Marshall rolled right and threw a pass that Petit-Homme beat single coverage on, with Petit-Homme coming down with the ball right before entering the end zone. Rafael Martinez kicked the extra point.

Westfield reached the Linden 25 on its first possession before Linden's Alex Dorce came up with an interception at the Linden nine-yard line.

Linden was driving again on its second possession and reached the 50 before losing a fumble after a Westfield strip.

Westfield reached the Linden 34 before punting.

In the second quarter, Westfield blocked a punt and went on to reach the Linden seven-yard line before that drive was stalled on a 10-yard pass completion from Hank Shapiro to Tim Alliegro that fell two yards short. Linden reached the Westfield 37 on its next drive before punting the ball back.

The first half took only 46 minutes, in large part because of a lot of running plays and there was only one penalty — an offensive holding call on Linden with 3:50 left in the second quarter.

Linden's B.J. George rushed for 99 yards on 14 carries in the first half, Marshall 26 on seven and Alliegro 21 on eight.

Westfield tied the game at 7-7 after scoring on its first possession of the second half. The Blue Devils took the second half kickoff and fell on a short kick to start at their own 38.

Westfield reached the Linden 37 and on fourth-and-two Alliegro ran right for 11 yards and a first down. That gave him 30 yards on 11 carries at that time.

Two plays later Shapiro found Justin Chambliss wide open on the left side for a 21-yard touchdown pass. Mack Prybylski (No. 16) kicked the extra point.

The drive was 10 plays, 62 yards and took up 5:52. Linden immediately responded to take the lead for good. The Tigers marched 65 yards in eight plays, with a 3:52 drive culminating with a two-yard touchdown run up the middle by George.

Two plays earlier George produced a 36-yard run to the left to give Linden first-and-goal at the Westfield six.

Martinez kicked his second extra point to put Linden ahead 14-7.

George finished with 190 yards on 26 carries and scored one touchdown.

When Linden took the lead there was 2:07 left in the third quarter.

Westfield punted the ball back to Linden on its last possession of the third quarter.

Linden was then on the move again before losing a fumble after just entering Westfield territory.

See **TIGERS** on next page

UNION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Friday, Sept. 14 (8 games)
Linden at Elizabeth, 7 p.m.
Westfield at Watchung Hills, 7 p.m.
Gov. Livingston at Cranford, 7 p.m.
Scotch Plains at Montgomery, 7 p.m.
Rahway at Voorhees, 7 p.m.
Hillside vs. Roselle at RRP, 7 p.m.
Dayton at Brearley, 7 p.m.
Bound Brook at New Providence, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15 (3 games)
Union at Plainfield, 1 p.m.
Warren Hills at Summit, 1 p.m.
Johnson at Metuchen, 1 p.m.
Off: None.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

Friday, Sept. 7 (12 and 1 forfeit)
Elizabeth 28, Union 14
Linden 14, Westfield 7
Plainfield 22, Watchung Hills 21
Cranford 42, North Plainfield 13
North Hunterdon 59, S. Plains 27
Summit 42, Montgomery 0
Voorhees 14, Gov. Livingston 7
Somerville 42, Rahway 31
Hillside 55, Middlesex 6
Delaware Valley 26, Johnson 14
New Prov. 20, South Hunterdon 0
Belvidere 41, Dayton 14
Brearley won forfeit Highland Park
Saturday, Sept. 8 (1 game)
South River 33, Roselle 20
Off: None.

THIS WEEK'S PICKS (11):

Elizabeth over Linden
Westfield over Watchung Hills
Cranford over Gov. Livingston
Montgomery over Scotch Plains
Voorhees over Rahway
Hillside over Roselle
Brearley over Dayton
New Providence over Bound Brook
Union over Plainfield
Summit over Warren Hills
Johnson over Metuchen

Best bet: Summit

Upset special: New Providence

Last week: 10-4

This year: 15-5 (.750)

Best bets: 2-0

Upset specials: 2-0

JR'S UNION COUNTY

TOP 10:

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

SPORTS



Photo by JR Parachini

The Linden offense, at left and led by junior quarterback Zion Marshall (No. 4) and senior running back B.J. George (No. 7), scored two touchdowns against Westfield and it was enough last Friday night. Linden defeated Westfield 14-7 to even its record at 1-1.

Tigers beat foe for first time in four years

(Continued from previous page)

Westfield took over at its own 48 and reached the Linden 15 before the snap went over Shapiro's head on fourth down and he was tackled for a loss.

When Westfield got the ball back again after a Linden punt - this time by George - Linden's Dami Awoyinfa came up with a big solo sack one play after several Linden players combined to sack Shapiro.

Westfield's final possession saw the Blue Devils punt the ball back to Linden from their own 20.

Linden was then able to run out the final 4:22, with Marshall icing the game with an 11-yard run on fourth down that gave Linden a first down at the Westfield 22.

Marshall finished with 70 yards on 15 carries. Alliegro was held to 36 yards on 13 attempts.

NOTES: Elizabeth and Plainfield are tied for first place in the Mid-State 36 Conference's six-team Watchung Division, both 1-0.

Union and Linden are 1-1 and Westfield and Watchung Hills 0-1.

This weekend we have Linden at Elizabeth and Westfield at Watchung Hills tomorrow night and then Union at Plainfield Saturday afternoon.

Linden, on defense at right, opened at Union on Aug. 31. The Tigers were thwarted in single overtime by the score of 14-7. Linden seeks a second straight win tomorrow night when the Tigers play at 2-0 Elizabeth. The Minutemen have opened with wins at home against Bridgewater-Raritan 35-28 and then at Union 28-14.



Photo by JR Parachini

SPORTS

HILLSIDE GRANTBALL

OFFENSE:

LT Amad Jean-Charles, jr., (6-1, 217)
 LG Jason Wheeler, senior (6-3, 319)
 C Jayden Shaw, junior, (5-10, 206)
 RG Kwame Primpong, sr., (6-0, 260)
 RT Aboubakar Diaby, sr., (6-2, 220)
 TE Mateus Ramos, senior, (5-11, 215)
 QB Gavin Melendez, junior, (6-4, 200)
 RB James Louis, junior, (5-7, 165)
 RB Brian Ugwu, senior, (6-3, 228)
 RB Jahon Moore, junior, (5-9, 205)
 WR Charles Amissah, senior, (6-3, 190)
 WR Boris Nicolas-Paul, sr., (5-10, 175)
 WR Nahree Biggins, junior, (6-0, 180)
 WR Shadon Willis, senior, (6-0, 160)

PK Hugo Carrico, senior, (5-8, 158)

Returning starters (11):

Wheeler, Shaw, Frimpong, Diaby,
 Louis, Ugwu, Amissah, Willis,
 Nicolas-Paul, Biggins, Carrico.

HILLSIDE 3-3 STACK

DEFENSE:

E Mateus Ramos, senior, (5-11, 215)
 NT Derick Estinvil, senior, (5-10, 205)
 E Aboubakar Diaby, senior, (6-2, 220)
 LB Brian Ugwu, senior, (6-3, 228)
 LB Najee Peele, senior (5-8, 164)
 LB Akuge Osomaro, junior, (6-0, 215)
 CB Preston Mekoba, senior, (6-3, 175)
 CB Emmanuel Sass, senior, (5-11, 160)
 S Shadon Willis, senior, (6-0, 160)
 S Boris Nicolas-Paul, sr., (5-10, 175)
 FS Nahree Biggins, junior, (6-0, 180)
 P Hugo Carrico, senior, (5-8, 158)
 Returning starters (8):
 Ramos, Diaby, Ugwu, Peele, Sass,
 Willis, Nicolas-Paul, Biggins.

ALSO . . . Hillside produced its first winning season and first playoff campaign last year since the 2008 team lost to eventual champion Caldwell in the North 2, Group 2 semifinals and finished 8-3. That 2008 Hillside team played its two playoff games at Union's Cooke Memorial Field, with the Comets beating Orange 13-6 on a Saturday and then the next weekend they lost to Caldwell 28-21 on a very cold Friday night. Hillside returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown before falling by one TD - in large part to several fourth quarter turnovers.

2018

MID-STATE CONFERENCE

Valley Division standings:

Delaware Valley (1-0)

Hillside (0-0)

Bernards (0-0)

Roselle (0-0)

Johnson (0-1)

Hillside opened its 2018 season with a convincing 55-6 win at Middlesex last Friday night. Hillside will play another Middlesex County opponent on the road on Oct. 13, that school South River.

Hillside Comets loaded as they go from hunter to hunted

Return almost all starters on both sides

By JR Parachini
 Sports Editor

HILLSIDE — The Comets are not only coming off their first state championship in 32 years, but they return nine of 11 starters on offense and eight of 11 on defense.

Last year was the program's first winning season and playoff campaign in 10 years.

The way the team is built now, it doesn't seem like it will take that long for Hillside to finish above .500 again and also challenge for the program's third state championship in the playoff era.

"I'm excited," third-year head coach Barris Grant said. "We have a good group.

"We're not a transfer school. We're doing it the Hillside way, with Hillside kids."

Grant, who was named Union County Coach of the Year for 2017 after leading Hillside to a 9-3 record and the Central Jersey, Group 2 title, lays out his philosophy for 2018 this way:

"Our goals are simple," Grant said. "Goal No. 1 is to win our first game."

Hillside opened at Middlesex (0-1) last Friday night. Middlesex, which last year captured the Central Jersey, Group 1 state championship, opened two weeks ago with a 27-19 home loss to New Providence.

Middlesex head coach P.J. Jankowicz was named Middlesex County's 2017 Coach of the Year.

"Our seniors have never won the first game of a season," Grant said.

The last time Hillside opened 1-0 was in 2014 with a 12-7 home win over Dayton. Hillside also beat Dayton in its first game in 2015, but that decision was overturned after it was ruled Hillside used an ineligible player. Hillside ended up with a forfeit loss for its first game of 2015. The Comets opened the past two seasons with setbacks to Rahway.

"Goal No. 2 is to win our conference (the Valley Division of the Mid-State 36), goal No. 3 is to qualify for the playoffs, goal No. 4 is to win another sectional (state) championship and goal No. 5 is to win a Bowl Game (state) championship," Grant said.

The only two non-returning starters on offense are junior left tackle Amad Jean-Charles and junior quarterback Gavin Melendez, who takes over the duties from since-graduated Snapple Bowl QB Taj Irby.

"It's a good thing to see those two players competing with the others," Grant said. "Gavin was right there with Taj last year, competing for the quarterback position, until he suffered a high ankle sprain.

"Gavin studied under Taj. His arm is a little bigger and he's heavier than Taj. He's now learning how to control the huddle.

"We won't be the same team as last year because Gavin is a different kind of quarterback. He can drop back and we have plenty of receivers for him to throw the ball too."

Hillside has talented skill position players back on offense all over the place. At running back there is 1,000-plus yard rusher Brian Ugwu — one of the state's most sought-after recruits — and junior James Louis.

More than capable wide receivers include seniors Boris Nicolas-Paul, Charles Amissah and Shadon Willis and junior Nahree Biggins.

"We can do a bunch of stuff," Grant said.

Ugwu, according to Grant, will take official visits before giving a Division 1-A school a verbal commitment. Grant said schools that continue to be at the top of Ugwu's list are Rutgers (he has a sister who attends there), Pitt, Temple and newcomer Nebraska.

"Brian had a good pre-season," Grant said. "Physically and mentally his approach has changed. He's taken football much more seriously now after being a soccer player.

"He's received a lot of new exposure and in his last year of high school football he wants to leave a legacy for himself."

Also returning at safety on defense is Nicolas-Paul, who this summer gave Army a verbal commitment.

"Boris took an unofficial visit (to Army) in June," Grant said. "He shows a lot of what a future Cadet will be. He's a leader and has been a two-year captain for me.

"He's a coach's kid. He speaks our language. He might want to be a coach himself one day."

In addition to Nicolas-Paul, Hillside's other five captains are Biggins, Ugwu, senior Mateus Ramos, senior Najee Peele and Melendez.

Hillside won its last four games in 2017, rebounding from a 34-21 defeat at North 2, Group 3 power Cranford. After a 21-15 win at home against North 2, Group 1 school Brearley, Hillside went back on the road as the seventh seed in Central Jersey, Group 2 and proceeded to win three more games away from home to take home a state championship.

Hillside first won at 9-0 and second-seeded South River 28-7, handing the Middlesex County school its only loss in a 9-1 finish. The Comets then won at third-seeded Johnson 19-16 at Nolan Field in Clark to advance to the final at Rutgers. There in Piscataway Hillside held on for a 20-13 win over top-seeded Point Pleasant Boro.

On October 6 at Johnson the Comets lost 22-13, with Johnson going on to win the Valley Division at 5-0 and Hillside finishing second at 4-1.

Hillside's only other loss was its first game of the year at home to Rahway 35-21. Rahway went 7-4 last year and reached the North 2, Group 3 semifinals. The Indians were the only team to beat Central Jersey, Group 3 state champion Somerville, which finished 11-1.

"We may have won a state championship last year, but it wasn't easy, all the games were difficult," Grant said. "We went from the hunter to being the hunted.

"We're going to try to keep everything really simple. The seniors I have now had bright eyes during our first meeting on March 7, 2016. They've done everything I've asked them to do."

Field turf for the first time is presently being put down on Hillside's field. Hillside's first six games will be played on the road — the first five of them at night.

See FOOTBALL on next page

HILLSIDE COMETS 2018

Sept. 7 at Middlesex, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 14 at Roselle, 7 p.m. (RRP)
 Sept. 21 at Delaware Valley, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 28 at Bernards, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 5 at Johnson, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 13 at South River, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 20 North Plainfield, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 27 Cranford, 1 p.m.
 Head coach: Barris Grant,
 third season

2017 HILLSIDE COMETS (9-3)

(H) Rahway 35, Hillside 21
 (A) Hillside 42, New Providence 7
 (H) Hillside 42, Bernards 0
 (A) Hillside 14, Roselle 12 at RRP
 (A) Johnson 22, Hillside 13
 (H) Hillside 51, Dayton 8
 (H) Hillside 49, Delaware Valley 8
 (A) Cranford 34, Hillside 21
 (H) Hillside 21, Brearley 15
 (A) Hillside 28, South River 7
 (A) Hillside 19, Johnson 16
 (N) Hillside 20, Point P. Boro 13
 at Rutgers

Head coach: Barris Grant,
 second season

Conference: Mid-State 38

Division: Valley, 4-1

Record: 9-3

Home: 4-1

Away: 4-2

Neutral: 1-0

Points for: 341

Points against: 177

Shutouts: 1

Overtime: 0-0

HILLSIDE COMETS

Head Coach: Barris Grant,
 since 2016.

A 1997 Irvington graduate.

Third season: 13-9 (.591)

Conference: Mid-State 36

Division: Valley

Section: South, Group 2

Hillside's last sectional title: 2017
 2017: (9-3 and 4-1, second in
 Valley Division)

Wood Field Stadium (Conant
 Street), which is also now
 known as John Zappulla
 Field: Getting field turf for the
 first time this year.

Grant, a high school head coach for the first time here at Hillside, coached with his older brother Darnell at Irvington in 2002 and 2006 and from 2012-2015 at Shabazz, where Barris was the team's offensive coordinator. Grant also has collegiate and Arena Football League coaching experience in addition to completing an internship with the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Last year Grant guided Hillside to only its second state championship in the playoff era and first since Hillside captured the North 2, Group 2 crown in 1985.

SPORTS

Roselle receives TDs from Page, Pendleton at RR Park

Rams topped in 2nd half by South River

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

RAHWAY – The South River Rams football team defeated the Roselle Rams 33-20 last Saturday in a Middlesex County vs. Union County crossover clash at Rahway River Park.

South River begins its 2018 season at 1-0, while Roselle fell to 0-2.

The game's first four touchdowns were on pass plays, with Roselle tying the game at 14-14 in the third quarter. South River then scored the game's next three touchdowns before Roselle produced the final one.

For South River, senior running back Billy Drum carried the ball 18 times for 66 yards and two touchdowns.

For Roselle, senior running back Khair Pendleton gained 53 yards on 13 attempts, including a 22-yard touchdown run for the game's final points.

South River's first possession came to a halt on an interception by Roselle's Isaiah Valderruten (No. 9).

South River took a 7-0 lead in the second quarter on an 11-yard touchdown pass from Michael DeSantis to Kacper Murdzek. Ulses Gonzalez kicked the extra point. The drive was four plays, 51 yards and took 1:30.

Roselle came right back to tie the game at 7-7 with a 65-yard drive that took 10 plays and used 7:08. Cam Chatman-rice threw a 10-yard touchdown pass over the middle to Naseer Page. Clifton Brutus kicked the extra point.

South River took a 14-7 lead with 3.9 seconds left before intermission. DeSantis threw a four-yard TD pass to Quadir Shabazz. Gonzalez kicked the extra point. The drive was nine plays, 62 yards and 3:41 was used.

Roselle's second touchdown drive was just two plays. Chatman-rice completed a 56-yard pass to Brutus, who caught the ball at the South River 20, broke a tackle, and reached the two-yard line before being taken down with a horse-collar tackle. Page then ran the ball in from the two-yard line. Brutus kicked the extra point and the game was tied 14-14 with 9:29 left in the third quarter.

South River went ahead for good with 1:08 left in the third quarter. Drum scored his first touchdown on a five-yard run to cap a seven-play, 38-yard drive that took 3:40.

South River went up 27-14 in the fourth quarter when Trenton Balitsky scored on a three-yard run. The extra point was blocked by Pendleton. The drive covered nine plays, 59 yards and 4:56.

South River went ahead 33-14 two plays after an interception by Noah Wilson. Drum scored from two yards out. The two-point pass failed.

Pendleton scored his touchdown with 2:41 remaining to make the final score 33-20.

NOTES: Roselle is preparing to compete against Hillside (1-0) tomorrow night at 7 at Rahway River Park. Hillside opened with a 55-6 win at Middlesex last Friday night.

Hillside won Central Jersey, Group 2 last year.



Photos by JR Parachini

Above, Roselle senior wide receiver Clifton Brutus (No. 2) makes sure he is not past the line of scrimmage by motioning to the nearest referee. Below, junior outside linebacker Jamail Holton (No. 52) had a solo sack of South River quarterback Michael DeSantis for a 12-yard loss when the game was still tied 7-7 in the second quarter.



Brearley finally set to play its first game this weekend

Bears to host Dayton (0-1) tomorrow night

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The Brearley Bears football team will now open tomorrow night at home at 7 vs. Dayton (0-1) after last Friday's opponent - Highland Park - decided to drop varsity football earlier last week.

Dayton opened at home last Friday night against Belvidere and was defeated 41-14 in Mid-State 36 Conference-Union Division action in Springfield.

Brearley was originally supposed to open at home against Roselle Park last Friday night, but Roselle Park - back in June - decided to go with just junior

varsity and freshman teams because of a lack of juniors and seniors.

Highland Park opened at home two Fridays ago against Montclair Kimberley Academy and lost 41-0.

Brearley received a forfeit win over Highland Park.

"We just can't seem to play Week One," Brearley head coach Scott Miller said last week. "We went to the Highland Park-MKA game and Highland Park had 19 kids, with three of them getting injured and one of them not returning after half-time.

"Their AD (athletic director

Craig Girvan) called me (last) Tuesday afternoon and said that they had only 16 players, seven of which were freshmen. I understood. I knew it would be touch and go with them."

Last year Brearley ended up opening on Sept. 1 and played Holmdel at home, falling 17-12. Brearley needed to find a team to replace Pingry, which dropped out of the Mid-State 38 Conference. Brearley and Holmdel agreed to play on Week Zero, with Brearley then having Week One off.

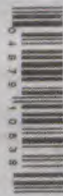
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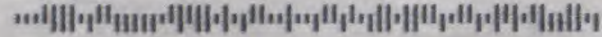
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