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UNION FIREFIGHTERS WIN TOP HONORS IN COOK-OFF

First annual event to benefit NJ State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Assoc. and Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation

On Monday, January 24, 2011, firefighters from around New Jersey competed at the Cooked and Uncorked Food and Wine Festival benefiting New Jersey State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association (NJSFMB) and Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation. The competition is part of the culinary extravaganza where participants experienced the tastes and flavors of more than 39 of New Jersey's finest restaurants, caterers and dessert shops all in one location. The event, which drew people from throughout New Jersey, was held at The Pines Manor in Edison.

The Ultimate Fire Department Cook-off was an integral part of the evening as Fire Departments from Bayonne, Belleville, Carteret, Cranford, Hamilton Twp., Linden, New Brunswick, North Hudson, Trenton and Union all competed against each other. WABC-TV's Eyewitness News Team Bill Evans, Ken Rosato and Lori Stokes were the celebrity guest judges.

Established in 1987, Saint Barnabas Burn Foundation serves as the education, research and fundraising arm of The Burn Center. It provides essential financial support to burn

patients and their families, fire safety programs for the community, training programs for professionals, as well as medical equipment for The Burn Center.



(above) Union Firefighters Louis Ferroni, John Sorrentino and Daniel Donza teamed up for culinary excellence.

Photos can be found on SpiritofUnion.com

HAMILTON SCHOOL HOLDS ALL-YEARS REUNION

Hamilton School held an All-Years reunion for teachers, staff, students and parents on Saturday, Feb 5, 2011 at the Union Knights of Columbus. Food was provided by Amici's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria. The money raised will benefit a scholarship which will be presented to a graduating Union High School Senior who attended Hamilton School.

The high school's class of 2011 graduates were in Pre-K at Hamilton the year the school closed. The event was successful and well attended. The committee met up on Facebook, which has a Hamilton School Union, NJ page.

Alumni are communicating on the Facebook wall and posting photos from the past as well as those from the reunion. A photo album of the event also appears on Spirit of Union Facebook page and website. Some photos are reproduced inside this newspaper on pages 6 and 7.



(right, l-r) Reunion committee members Bernadette Watson, Steve Patricco from Amici's Italian Restaurant and Judy Amorosa.

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Businesses and residents are encouraged to submit items for publication through the site.

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES & CONTACT INFO

Dates and times can be confirmed by visiting the meetings page at www.uniontownship.com

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE -

The Township Committee meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building except in August. The meetings can also be viewed on TV Channel 34 as well as on-line. The station maintains a page with links to meetings on the Township website.

BOARD OF HEALTH -

Regular Sessions (with the exception of the August regular meeting) will be held in the Library at Union High School, North Third Street, Union, New Jersey. Formal action will be taken at these meetings and may be taken at any special meetings called by the Board of Education.

Tuesday March 15, 2011

Tuesday, April 26, 2011 (Organization)

Committee/Work Sessions will be held in the Administration Building

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

ZONING BOARD -

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets every Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. the Municipal Building.

PLANNING BOARD

The regular monthly meetings of the Planning Board are held on the fourth Thursday of each month (except where noted) at 7:00 P.M., in the Main Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083.

MUNICIPAL DRUG ALLIANCE -

Meets every 4th Wednesday of the month (except June, July, and August) at 6:00 p.m. in the Bonnel Room of the Municipal Building.

OTHER CONTACTS

Animal Shelter	851-5230
Auditor (Suplee, Clooney & Co.)	354-8046
Board of Education	851-6400
Chamber of Commerce	688-2777
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Emergency Medical Unit	687-3373
.....&	964-5043
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Recycling/Garbage	688-4636
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Special Improvement District	851-4666

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For information call Betty Alberts at 908-851-8505

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For information call Rich D'Avanzo at the Rec. Dept.

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For information call Mike Luciano at 908-273-4764

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or the Recreation Department at 908-86-4200.

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When: Saturday, March 26, 2011
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Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Where: Hannah Caldwell School – Gym
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Direct any inquiries to Bill Jereb at 908-688-8578
or email billj@unionsuffragettes.org

For more information, please visit our website at
www.unionsuffragettes.org

FREE JOB TRAINING

Project Ready will be accepting applications for its free six week job preparedness program on Tuesday, February 15 at 9:30 sharp. Applicants should be prepared to stay until 1:30PM. Basic computer skills will be taught including Microsoft Word, Excel and navigating the internet as well as resume writing and interview techniques. Project Ready is located within St. Joseph Social Service Center at 118 Division St. in Elizabeth. For more information please call (908) 353-1045 or visit www.stjosephelizabeta.org

GARDEN CLUB OPEN INVITE

The Union Township Garden Club established in 1980, invites the public for a fun evening of getting to know your neighbors and learning about your passion. The club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Bonnel Room of the Municipal Building. The meetings start at 7:00 p.m. promptly and are over by 9:00 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Refreshments are served. The club frequently has guest speakers to enrich gardening education. A list of speakers can be found on their website www.uniongardenclub.org. Contact Adrienne Kubicz at 908-347-7736.

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Tickets on Sale Now Cost is \$45.00 Which
includes dinner, wine and soda. For information
please contact: Joanne Bevan at (908) 964-5048
or Vicki Cioffi at (908) 265-8614

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

The Columbia Italian-American Club of
Union, a non-profit fundraising organization, is
looking for new members. Club meetings are
held at the Knights of Columbus at 1034
Jeanette Ave., on the first Thursday of every
month (except July and August) at 7 pm. It's a
great opportunity to meet and work with people
who share a common heritage and desire to
serve their community.

If you are interested in becoming a member,
contact president Maty Magliacano at 964-7032
or Treasurer Vinnie Amato at (908) 501-4177.

ANIMAL SHELTER HOURS

The Union Township Animal Shelter, located
behind Home Depot on Route 22 East is open to
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HS SENIOR RELAYS FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

Submitted by Dr. Patrick Martin, Superintendent, Union Township Public Schools

Union Township High School senior, Everett Johnson, has been accepted by Yale University and will begin attending classes there this September. Johnson, who has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average during his high school years, is also an outstanding athlete. He has been a member of the varsity football squad since his sophomore year.

On this past Saturday, January 29, the talented senior spoke at two assemblies at the Union Township School District's "Saturday Academy", a special prep school-like weekend program where students receive additional classes in mathematics and language arts. In each assembly Johnson addressed approximately two hundred students who came from grade 5 through 8, and who sat politely in the "no jeans-no sneakers" dress code that is part of the academy.

Johnson began his address by telling the younger students that he had attended the same public schools they are attending. He then encouraged them to make a plan for themselves, seek out challenging courses, and work hard at their studies – making sure to give the extra effort that will ensure success. "Seek balance,"

Johnson advised his younger colleagues. "Strive to mix your academics with athletics and extra-curricular activities so that you give the right amount of attention to everything. It's not easy."

The soon-to-be Yale freshman thanked his parents, who were present in the audience, for helping him to concentrate on his studies. He related how they would not ask him to walk the dog or take out the garbage while he was doing his homework.

Accompanying Johnson on the assembly's program were Union Township High School principal, Ed Gibbons, and the high school's supervisor of the Guidance Department, Bridget Jackson. Both echoed Johnson's formula of goal setting and hard work.

Several parents of Saturday Academy students attended the presentations.

Following the speeches and a question-and-answer period, many pupils of the Saturday Academy crowded around Everett Johnson asking for his autograph.

Students in this year's senior class at Union Township High School have also been accepted to many other fine schools such as Brown, Rutgers, and Boston University.

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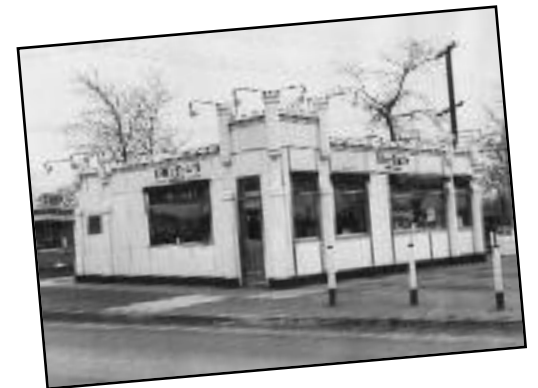
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HAMILTON SCHOOL ALL YEARS REUNION



(above, l-r) Noelle Zuena, Nancy Zuena.



(above, l-r) Eleanor Lynskey, Rick Lynskey.



(above, l-r) Laura Bretzger McGrath, Roseanne Torr.



(above, l-r) Arlene Schor (Principal), Susan Lipstein, Kathy Ernst, Mike Ernst.



(above, l-r) Chris Cisko, Amanda Vagueiro, Nick Watson, Allison Cucciniello, AJ Manderichio, Nick Zelenenki.



(above, l-r) Norm Sutaria, Lori Lozito-Koman.



(above, standing, l-r) Barbara Becht, Maryanne Zelenenki, Nancy Zuena, Noelle Zuena, Kevin Cisko, Cindy Cisko, Megan Amorosa, Bernadette Watson, Judy Amorosa, Terry Cucciniello, Rosa Vagueiro, Vickie Calello. (kneeling, l-r) Tom Becht, Brian Zelenenki, Nick Zelenenki, Chris Cisko, Nick Watson, AJ Manderichio, Amanda Vagueiro, Alison Cucciniello, Steve Calello.

Photos for viewing and downloading can be found on SpiritofUnion.com



(above, l-r) Rob Salvatore, Jose Santiago.



(above, l-r) Tom Becht, Barbara Becht.



(above, l-r) Gail Garozzo, Bonnie Adams, Frank Leo, Diane Catino, Kathy Zukofsky.



(above, l-r) Judy Amorosa, Leslie Ragucci, Donna Mamish, Arlene Schor, Charlie Harrell, Linda Regal, Rita Gerace, Mary Ann Sinnott, Bernadette Watson, Steve Calello.



(above) Steve Cisko, Cindy Cisko, Kevin Cisko, Christina, Chris Cisko.



(above) Former Students of Hamilton School (Standing, l-r) Steve Cisko, Tom Becht, Brian Zelenenki, Steve Calello, Megan Amorosa, Alison Cucciniello, Amanda Vagueiro, Lori Lozito-Koman, Bonnie Adams, Noelle AUena, Diane Catino, Gail Garozzo, Kathy Zukofsky, Frank Leo. (kneeling, l-r) Kevin Cisko, Chris Cisko, Nick Zelenenki, AJ Manderichio, Nick Watson, Norm Sutaria.



(above, standing, l-r) Nancy Minneci, Linda Richardson. (seated, l-r) Adrienne Stefanyak, Vickie Calello.

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National Battery Day is celebrated annually on February 18th, the birthday of Alessandro Volta, who is regarded as the first inventor of the electric cell and battery. Batteries Plus®, the nation's largest battery retailer is celebrating “National Battery Day” on February 18th by offering free car/truck battery and electrical system testing from February 18th – 20th. The free testing will take place at the Union store, located at 2200 Route 22 East. Also, customers who come in during the month of February can receive \$15 off the purchase of a laptop battery by mail in rebate.

“National Battery Day” affords our employees the opportunity to educate consumers about how to extend the life of their batteries,” said Angel Cartagena, owner of the Union, NJ, Batteries Plus store. “Seeing that the average household has over 21 battery powered devices, we thought what better day to remind customers to check their batteries in these devices and make sure they’re powered up.

THE EXPERTS AT BATTERIES PLUS IN UNION, NJ OFFER THE FOLLOWING 10 BATTERY TIPS:

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- Don't expose to extreme temperatures - Storing a battery at extremely high or low temperatures and in areas with high humidity can wear it out, so be sure to bring it in from the car on cold winter nights and hot summer days. Never attempt to charge a laptop, cell phone, or car battery that is colder than 60 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Power cycling - Turning your cell phone off while charging not only will help extend the life of the battery; it also acts as a reset similar to your computer. Power cycling, turning the cell phone off and then on again, will allow your cell phone to use the optimum tower for its location and clears the cache of the phone.
- A new netbook or laptop battery generally must be charged a minimum of 4 hours before using it for the first time and needs to be fully charged and fully discharged up to four times before performing at full capacity. This is called “initializing” and allows the battery to fully charge by calibrating the fuel gauge so that it “learns” what full is.
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“NUCKY” BOARDWALK EMPIRE – SEPARATING FACT FROM FICTION

Steven Hart, award-winning journalist and author of *The Last Three Miles: Politics, Murder, and the Construction of America’s First Superhighway*, returns to the Union Library to discuss “Nucky” Johnson, the notorious political boss of Atlantic City. Mr. Hart will separate the facts from the fallacies as broadcast in the popular TV series, *The Boardwalk Empire*.

The program will be presented on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at 7:00 P.M. The public is invited to this admission-free event. “Nucky” Johnson was a political boss in the classic mode. He hobnobbed with presidents and wielded national influence. Johnson ran Atlantic City as a wide-open town, with every vice catered to. The Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Avenue in Union, New Jersey.

PROGRAM ON THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF COMPUTER USE

Ms. Adetutu Ijose, author and technology and accounting professional, will speak on the subject of the health effects of computer usage at the Union Public Library on Tuesday, February 22nd at 7 PM.

The computer is here to stay and is indispensable to today’s world. Long hours staring at the computer is a common occurrence in today’s home, school and work place. It is however a tool that must be handled responsibly. It can be a long-term blessing or a curse.

Because the computer is here for the

THE CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT MARCH PROGRAMS (MAIN)

Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Birthday Party

Wednesday, March 2nd at 3:30pm Stories will be read, songs will be sung, and birthday cake will be served.

This program is for children of all ages and their caregivers. Don’t miss a great party.

Chess Program

Have you always wanted to learn how to play chess? Do you already know how to play but would like to get better? Then join us at our Chess Program on Wednesdays, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 3:00 – 5:30pm. Mrs. Render Cutts will teach children ages 6 and up about the game. No registration required.

Preschool Storytime

for children 3 ½ through Kindergarten will be held on Wednesdays, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th at 10:30am. No registration required.

Toddler Time

for children 2 ½ - 3 ½ and their caregivers, will be held on Thursdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st at 10:30am. No registration required.

Celebrate Spring

Help us celebrate the beginning of Spring at our “Celebrate Spring” Storytime and Craft Program on Saturday, March 5th at 11:00am. Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome to attend.

No registration required.

“Busy Spiders” Storytime and Craft

Program to be held on Monday, March 7th at 7:00pm. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend. No registration required.

Mother Goose Time

for children 1 ½ - 2 ½ and their caregivers, will be held on Tuesdays, March 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th at 10:30am. No registration required.

Bedtime Storytime

Come in your pajamas for songs, stories and games at our Bedtime Storytime to be held on Mondays, March 14th and 21st at 7:00pm. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend. No registration required.

Saturday Storytime and Craft Program

held on Saturday, March 19th at 11:00am. Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome to attend. No registration required.

“Friendship Day” Storytime and Craft Program

held on Monday, March 28th at 7:00pm. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend. No registration required.

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Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

THE CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT MARCH PROGRAMS (VAUXHALL)

Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration

for preschoolers and their caregivers on Tuesday, March 1st at 11:00am. Space is limited. Signup is required.

Dr. Seuss Program

for children in grades K through 6 will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd at 3:15pm. Join us for stories and crafts as we celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday. Space is limited. Signup is required.

After School Bingo

Join us on Thursday, March 10th at 3:00pm for our After School Bingo Program for children in grades 3 through 6. No registration required.

Preschool Storytime and Craft Program

for preschoolers and their caregivers will be held on Tuesday, March 15th at 11:00am. Space is limited. Signup is required.

After School Movie - “Nanny McPhee Returns”

on Thursday, March 24th at 3:00pm. All are welcome to attend. No registration required.



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RECORD-BREAKING GRADUATING CLASS AT TRINITAS SCHOOL OF NURSING REFLECTS REGION'S DIVERSITY



With 89 members strong, the January 2011 graduating class of the Trinitas School of Nursing set a record as the largest in the school's 120-year history at the convocation exercises held recently at Union County College. There are 12 male nurses in the culturally diverse class which boasts 67 graduates from New Jersey, 21 from New York, and one from Pennsylvania. The class is the latest to complete the nursing/Associate Degree program offered at the school which is recognized as a National League for Nursing Center of Nursing Excellence for its commitment to nursing education excellence among its faculty and student body. With 2,000 students, the Trinitas School of Nursing is the third largest nursing school in the United States, according to Modern Healthcare Magazine.

Those who received nursing pins and degrees

in January 2010 hail from communities throughout Northern and Central New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, including: Belleville, Colonia, Cranford, Edison, Elizabeth, Fords, Hazlet, Hillside, Howell, Irvington, Iselin, Jersey City, Lake Hopatcong, Linden, Manahawkin, Matawan, Newark, Old Bridge, Orange, Plainfield, Rahway, Ridgewood, Roselle, Roselle Park, Sayreville, Scotch Plains, Secaucus, Springfield, and Union, New Jersey; Brooklyn, Bronx, and Staten Island, New York, and Mount Joy, Pennsylvania.

As a Cooperative Nursing Program with Union County College, Trinitas School of Nursing confers a Diploma in Nursing from Trinitas and an Associate in Science degree from the College. Based at Union County College's Elizabeth I. Kellogg Building in Elizabeth, the

School provides challenging opportunities for student nurses to develop superior patient care skills. High and mid-fidelity patient simulators give nursing students real-life patient care experiences that they will encounter in the care setting by supplementing textbook learning and interactions with faculty to provide the best current knowledge available within the nursing profession. In seven "smart" classrooms, wireless internet and computerized projection capabilities provide 21st century technology while a separate computer lab has 29 computer stations.

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FREE GED TEST PREP CLASS

Literacy Volunteers of Union County (LVUC) will conduct a 15 week GED Test Preparation Program beginning March 7 and concluding June 20, 2011. The sessions will be conducted at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ. Classes are offered each Monday in Mathematics. Tuesday classes include Essay Writing, and comprehension for Reading, Social Studies and Science. The sessions begin at 10 am and conclude at Noon. Advance registration is required to attend.

Volunteer tutors work with the adult learners throughout the 15 weeks to ensure their success. Students who have completed the program and taken the GED Test are now the proud holders of high school equivalency diplomas.

To register for the program, please call Dawn Harrison at 908-757-1111, extension 122.

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WORKSHOP ON STARTING AND RUNNING A SMALL BUSINESS

The New Jersey Small Business Development Center at Kean University will present a seminar, entitled Legal Aspects of Starting and Running a Small Business, on Friday, February 25, from 9 a.m. to noon in the New Jersey Department of Labor Business Resource Center, 2nd floor, 200 West Second Street, Plainfield, N.J. Please note that this workshop was rescheduled from January 21 due to inclement weather.

This workshop, conducted by Richard Lampert, Esq., of Dunn and Lampert, LLC, in Paramus, N.J., will cover the numerous laws that affect the formation and operation of a small business.

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LOCAL DESIGNER ZAKIYYAHLORRAINE MAKES UNION TOWNSHIP PREMIER



Local Designer ZakiyyahLorraine held a grand opening on February 13 at her showroom located at 2816 Morris Avenue, in Union. The debut of ZakiyyahLorraine was attended by ladies young and old alike who were treated to hors d'oeuvres, pink champagne, light music, and fashion.

ZakiyyahLorraine Palmer has been designing a distinctive couture bridal and evening gown collection since January 2008. Her newest feat has been designing a collection of ready-to-wear dresses for all occasions. ZakiyyahLorraine said

she designs with her motto in mind "Every woman should wear ZakiyyahLorraine and no two women shall wear the same. All of my clientele can be confident in each purchase knowing each dress was designed just for you."

ZakiyyahLorraine ready-to-wear line for the career woman is designed to give an effortless sophistication that can be worn from day to evening. The ready-to-wear dresses for the socialite and fashionista at heart, are designed to be classy but oh so sassy and can be worn to a cocktail party, charity ball, wedding, prom, a club or local lounge in town with friends.



ZakiyyahLorraine custom, couture gowns are an admiration-filled homage to the stylish 30's which aim to accentuate curves while forming a graceful silhouette. Her distinctive corset, which is the main attraction of her custom gowns, endeavors to embody timeless class and elegance in every way. Custom gowns are designed for each client according to budget, personal style, body type and the event setting. All ZakiyyahLorraine dresses and gowns maintain a high quality in couture style, as well as fabric, and yet; are priced affordably.

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