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EMMA MAGBANUA WINS BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE AT THE 2014 PAPER MILL RISING STAR AWARDS

The heat was certainly on, June 3rd, 2014 outside the Paper Mill Playhouse, transporting the team of Union High School's Miss Saigon: School Edition to the hot and humid temperatures their characters faced in Saigon. environment that led to a very special evening for the Cast, Crew, Orchestra and Staff as they witnessed Emma Magbanua, the Union County Academy for Allied Health Sciences Senior, win Best Actress in a Leading Role at the 2014 Paper Mill Rising Star Awards. The girl with the big smile and even bigger heart took the stage to accept her honor Tuesday night with an endearing speech that only she could make, which had the entire audience laughing and on their feet. Along with her win, she will now represent the UHSPAC and the Paper Mill Playhouse in the National High School Musical Theatre Awards held in New York City on Broadway. As part of the process she will partake in a series of workshops over the week culminating with the competition being held on June 30th at the Minskoff Theatre. Magbanua had this to say about her upcoming participation in the Awards: "Although I'm really nervous, I'm so grateful and humbled by this opportunity to represent this region, but more importantly to represent the people who have guided me over the past four years. I couldn't have gotten here without them."

The UHSPAC received two additional awards winning Best Achievement in Scenic Design and Best Achievement in Lighting Design for their technical team of Scott Aronow and Dan Ozminkowski respectively. The cast also took to the stage performing "The Heat is on in Saigon" as part of their nomination for Best Overall Musical. The UHSPAC was nominated for 11 awards, the most in the state for the adjudicated categories including, Best Supporting Actor – Jonathan Duvelson, Best Supporting Actress – Raquel Martine, Best Chorus, Best Orchestra and Best Director to name a few.

"The Rising Star Awards help to cultivate the future of musical theatre. It gives our students something to strive for and a chance to be recognized by a leader in the professional theatre community: The Paper Mill Playhouse. Emma has worked extremely hard during her UHSPAC career, and this is a wonderful capstone for her. I am excited for her to go on to the nationals and be seen by so many influential people, and have the chance to perform on a Broadway stage."



(above) Emma Magbanua in the leading role in Union High School's Miss Saigon. Union High School Performing Arts Company also took home two additional honors for their production of Miss Saigon.

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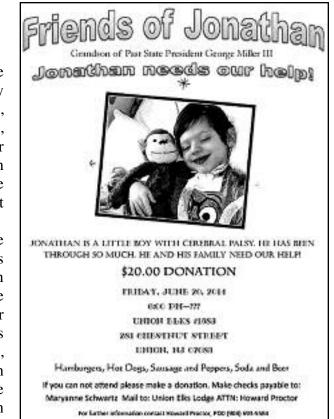
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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Township of Union Veteran's Alliance 2014 Memorial Day Parade was held on May 26th. There were floats, Clydesdales horses, military units and military vehicles, motorcycles, Denville string Band, Civil War reanactors and many civic and youth organization as marched for our military. There was Live Cannon Fire during the ceremony at the end of the parade at Honor Roll Park.

This year Fire Chief Fred Fretz, a forty-three year veteran of the Union Fire Department was the Grand Marshall. Product of the Union School System and a Union resident his entire life Frederic was appointed as a career firefighter in 1971. Fire Chief Fretz holds numerous certificates for firefighting, tactics, strategy, incident management and leads Union County's second largest community's fire department comprised of about 118 sworn members and employees.









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New Jersey - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

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BATTLE HILL SCHOOL - BUBBLES FOR AUTISM

Battle Hill Elementary School in Union Township recognized National Autism Awareness Month on April 22nd. The occasion was highlighted when all of the Battle Hill students and staff gathered in the playground and blew bubbles at 10:00 am. The purpose of Bubble Day is to help children with Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC), burst out of their bubble of isolation and raise awareness and understanding of autism in the community. Details about the event are available on their website at: www.faces4autism.org.

The Union Fire Department attended, as well Union Township Administrative staff. The event was coordinated by Alison Brehm and John Bogner, 4th grade teachers and Student Council Advisors along with Lisa Cassano, Pre-School Special Education Teacher. Prior to and during the event staff and Student Council assisted in collecting donations. This year the school also participating the ribbon challenge in which the school formed a human ribbon. A total of \$430 was collected and donated to the Face4Autism organization.



(above) Battle Hill Student Council and Advisors, Alison Brehm and John Bogner, Union Firemen, Mrs. Cassano's Pre-School Class and Ms. Cardinale's First Grade Class.

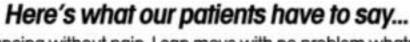
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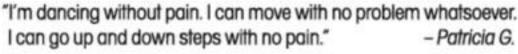
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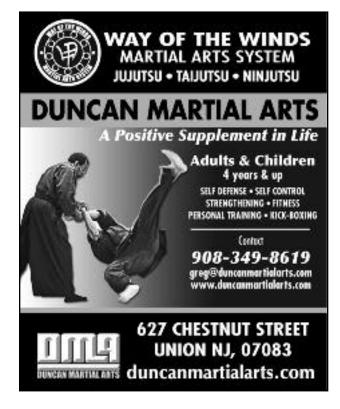
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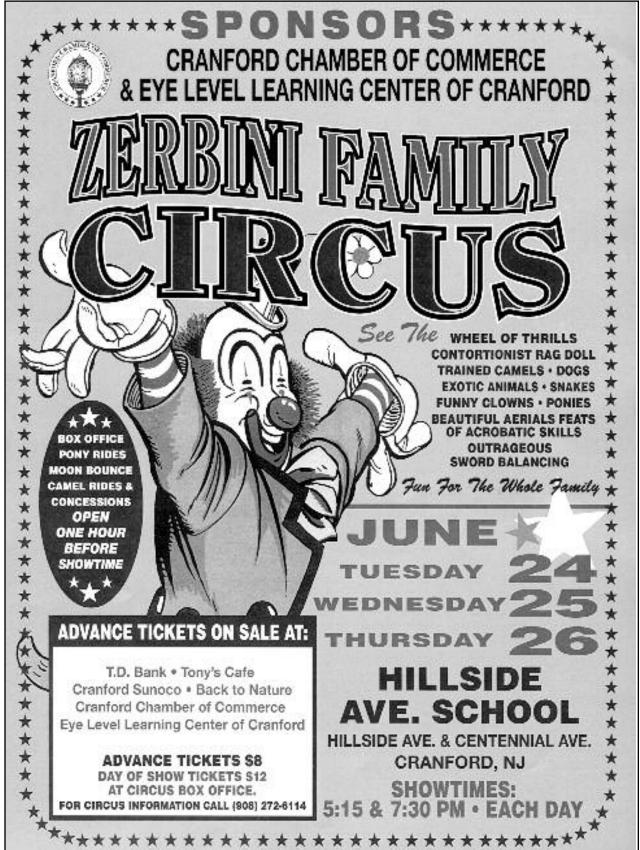
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MUNICIPAL BAND CONCERT

The Union Municipal Band, under the direction of Dr. John Bunnell will present "A Musical Soiree" Concert on Monday evening, June 9, 2014 at 7:45 PM at Hannah Caldwell School Auditorium, 1120 Commerce Avenue, Music by famous classical Union, NJ. composers will be featured as well as music from the Broadway stage. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Township of Union will hold its Annual Independence Day Celebration on Friday, July 4, 2014. The Festivities will begin with Unions 7th Annual Soap Box Derby at 10:00 AM on

The Township of Union Recreation Stuyvesant Avenue between Mountainview Avenue and Tyler Street. Boys and Girls ages 8 to 12, up to 5' in height and no more than 100 lbs can enter the race. Only Union Township residents can participate in this event. Registration is in person at the Recreation Department. Participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and must bring a helmet to race. Deadline to enter is June 20th . The festivities continue in the evening with the first of our "Summer Concert Series". The band Smooth will provide the entertainment starting at 7:30 at Biertuempfel Park followed by a Fireworks Spectacular at dusk. In the event of rain the Soap Box Derby will be cancelled. The concert and Fireworks will be held on Saturday, July 5th at Biertuempfel Park starting at 7:30. In the event of rain on Saturday the concert will be held indoors at Hannah Caldwell School Auditorium, 1120 Commerce Ave. at 7:30 PM.

For inquiries about any this or any of our programs please call Recreation Department at 908-686-4200.

KATALBAS WINS ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

The Township of Union held its 20th Annual Mayors Spelling Bee on May 21, 2014 at Jefferson School. All of the participants did an exemplary job! The First Place Winner was Aaron Katalbas and the Runner Up was Julia Lomotey. Aaron is in Mrs. Marino's 5th grade class and Julia is in Mrs. Stypulkowski's class.



(above, l-r) Matty Magliacano (Director of Recreation), Manuel Figueiredo (Commissioner of Recreation), Aaron Katalbas (1st Place Winner), Julia Lomotey (Runner Up), Teachers - Karen Steiner, Cindy Tellis & Jen Wahlers.

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Officer Cuozzo has been a police officer for over 25 years. He is married and has four children. In December 2013 David became very ill due to a viral infection, which left him paralyzed from the neck down. After some extensive physical therapy he has regained some

movement below the neck. Although there is no known cure, with continued therapy there is a chance of full recovery. There are obvious medical expenses being incurred as well as the cost of having his home renovated to accommodate his wheelchair.

Grace has been challenged with a \$1,000 grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. To meet this challenge, Grace needs to raise \$3,000. Therefore the goal is to sell 300 tickets to this Benefit Pasta Supper. For tickets call the church office at 908-686-3965.

CUB SCOUT PACK 163 REGISTRATION NIGHT

Cub Scout Pack 163 will be holding its Registration Night on Tuesday, June 17 at 7:00 pm in the Washington School auditorium. All Boys entering 1st Grade to 5th Grade welcome. For more information visit www.pack163unionnj.com

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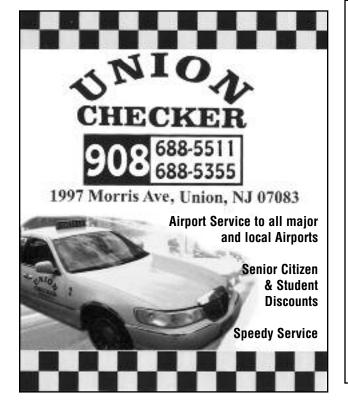


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Looking for an opportunity to meet and hear from your elected officials? Join the Union Township Chamber of Commerce at its 18th Annual Legislative Breakfast, which will feature state, county and local officials who will share issues and updates pertinent to the business community.

Held in conjunction with the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, the event is scheduled for Friday, June 27, 2013, at 8:30 a.m., at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County, 1050 Jeanette Ave., Union. Breakfast will be served courtesy of the Elziabethtown Gas Co. Preregistration is required and the cost is \$20 for chamber members/\$30 for guests.

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SHOW US YOUR TALENT!!!! Auditions for the 2nd Annual fundraising event "Union's Got Talent," presented by Union Center National Bank, will be held on Saturday, June 28th, 2014. Win Cash Prizes and Help Support Education in Union Township!

Union Center National Bank presents "Union's Got Talent" a Union Township wide talent show, similar to those popular hit television programs, showcasing the talent of Union residents of ALL AGES! A fundraising event, produced by the Union High School Performing Arts Company, the Township of Union Education Foundation Inc., and the Douglas Michael Krueger Scholarship Fund Inc.; all proceeds will benefit these three nonprofit programs that help directly support students of the town. Cash prizes will also be awarded to the top three acts in the amounts of: 1st: \$1,000; 2nd \$500; 3rd: \$250. Last year's winners included Comedian Kevin Hall taking home the top prize, Kawameeh Middle School Student singer Iris Andal in second place, and rounding out the top three the Gospel Choir from Kean University.

Auditions will be held on Saturday, June 28th, 2014 from 10am-3pm in the Theatre at Union High School (2350 North Third Street, Union). Interested participants can head over to www.uhspac.com (click on the Union's Got Talent tab) for more information, contest rules and a registration application. Acts may range from solo acts to groups providing at least one member of each group lives, works or went to school in Union Township. The following categories will be permitted for performance: singing, dancing, instrumentals, comedy, drama and novelty acts. All acts must be appropriate for a family audience. Contestants of all ages are eligible to audition, with parent/guardian

present for any performers under the age of 18.

Mark your calendars! The show will be held on Saturday, September 6th, 2014 at the Theatre at Union High School, hosted by Doc Burkhardt and featuring Celebrity Guest Judges. Come out and support some of Union's biggest and brightest future stars!

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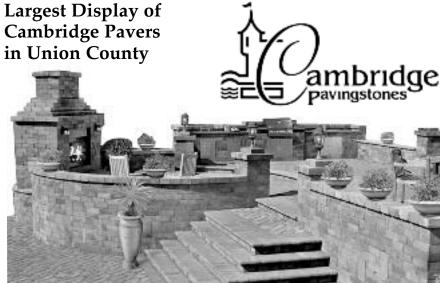
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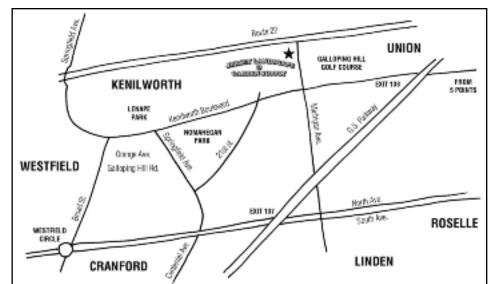
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