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FOUR ARMY CHAPLAINS HONORED

VFW and the American Legion posts of Livingston

Recently the VFW and the American Legion posts of Livingston held a ceremony to honor the heroism of four Army chaplains that served during World War 11.

The veteran posts have conducted the ceremony since 2015. On the night of February 3, 1943, their ship was hit by an

enemy torpedo. As the ship was sinking the chaplains went around the ship comforting the men and distributing life vests. They even took their vests off and four additional men were saved. As the ship was sinking it was said the chaplains locked arms and went down with the ship.

Post commanders depicted this sight during the ceremony.



(above, Chaplains l-r) Lt. Alexander Goode, Lt. George Fox, Lt. Clark Pohling, Lt. John Washington



(above, l-r) Tony Ciccone, Livingston VFW post commander; LTC Steve Hoffman past commander Jewish War Veterans of Livingston; LTC Thomas Bucca commander Livingston American Legion post; Charles Quinn Livingston VFW post chaplain

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Livingston Public Library

While we are proud to offer hundreds of wonderful events, programs, and services for our community each year, we humbly acknowledge that we couldn't do it without the Friends of the Livingston Library. It is because of their generous volunteer work and diligent fundraising efforts that we are able to provide the many workshops, concerts, lectures, and resources that we could not afford solely from the Township's budget.

So now that the Friends are once again holding their annual "Take a Chance on the Library" 50/50 raffle and silent auction, we hope you'll help them help us! Up until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19th, you can purchase tickets for a 50/50

cash raffle, where 50% of ticket sales will be split among three winners, and the remaining 50% will be donated to the library. Or if you'd like, you can take a chance by bidding on one or more of the many amazing items available in the Friends' silent auction. Auction goes live April 14th.

Winners will be announced at 12 p.m. on May 19th, and you do not need to be present to win. Learn more about "Take a Chance" and how the Friends support the Livingston Library at livingstonlibrary.org/friends.

We hope we can rely on your continued support. Good luck, everyone!

PARTY FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Livingston Advisory Committee for Disabilities (LACD) will host a Spring Party for children and adults with special needs and their families on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Livingston Senior/Community Center, 204 Hillside Avenue, Livingston, NJ.

This free, fun-filled community event will feature food, beverages, dancing to music provided by a DJ, and an arts and crafts program. The event is designed to provide an inclusive and welcoming environment where individuals with special needs and their families can come

together to socialize, enjoy activities, and celebrate the spring season.

Families and participants of all ages are invited to attend. Guests are kindly asked to bring a dessert to share.

Advance RSVP is required by April 22, 2026.

To register, please sign up at:

tinyurl.com/2026SpringParty,

or email Qing Liu at aotyan27@gmail.com.

For more info about the Livingston

Advisory Committee for Disabilities,

please visit facebook.com/lacdnj,

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ARTS COUNCIL EVENTS

The Arts Centre at Riker Hill at the Sr./Community Center

Thru – May 1

The Arts Council of Livingston is pleased to present works by several artists from the Arts Center at Riker Hill (ACRH). The park's former army barracks now serve as 38 artist studios where creators work in a wide variety of media. Eight ACRH artists are currently represented in this exhibition at the Sr./Community Center, 204 Hillside Avenue, Livingston, on view through May 1. Visitors may enjoy their extraordinary work whenever the Senior/Community Center is open.

Livingston High School Art Show at the Municipal Building

Thru – April 28

Livingston High School annually partners with the Arts Council of Livingston to showcase student artwork at the Municipal Building. Featured mediums include digital photography, studio art, ceramics, and digital imaging. The exhibit runs from March 3 through April 28. Please come and see the remarkable works our LHS students are presenting.

The Arts Center of Livingston: Bits and Pieces

Thru – May 3

240 E. Northfield Road, Livingston
Bits and Pieces, will be on view through Sunday, May 3. This exhibition brings together three-dimensional assemblage compositions and two-dimensional works of art, offering visitors a dynamic and diverse visual experience. The Arts Center of Livingston is home of the Arts Council of Livingston. To learn about upcoming events and membership opportunities, please visit aclgallery.com.

The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club's Annual Youth Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at Echo Lake Park in Westfield, NJ. The event is free for children under 16, and \$10 for adults who wish to participate. Monies from this derby is used for stocking in 2027 and adult prizes. Sign up will start at 6:30 a.m. and will end around 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded at 1 p.m. to all children present. Grand prizes and Adult prizes will be awarded at our June meeting. Sign up can be in-person at the lake, on line at nbfcc.org.

Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club was founded in 1907 and is one of the oldest clubs in the nation. As a 501(c)3 we provide outings to support veterans, adults and children as well as people with disabilities which focus on environmental education, fishing knowledge and practice. We are always looking for new



members, donations and volunteers if anyone would like to get involved. Our monthly meetings are held at the Kenilworth VFW, located at 33 S. 21st. Street, Kenilworth, NJ, On the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (except July & August). There is no fee for attending a meeting. For more information visit nbfcc.org or contact Bob Jones bjonesjrj@hotmail.com or 908-403-0787.

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Essex County Division of Senior Services invite Essex seniors ages 60 and older to submit an original story focusing on a special person, life-changing experience, or significant period of their life to the 2026 Essex County Legacies Writing Contest. The deadline is Monday, April 20th.

“Our senior citizens have led interesting lives and I am always impressed by the stories that are submitted. Our Legacies Contest is an opportunity for our older residents to remember their past and share their experiences with family, friends, and the younger generation,” County Executive DiVincenzo said. “It’s never too early to begin collecting your thoughts and writing your drafts. I encourage all our seniors to start working on their entries now,” he added.

THE CONTEST RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Writers must be Essex County residents who are 60 years of age or older.
- Entries should be original stories focusing on a special person, a life-altering experience, or a significant period in your life.
- The suggested maximum length is 1,500 words.
- Stories must be typed or legibly hand-written on 8.5-by-11-inch paper.
- Entries must have a cover page with the story’s title, the author’s name, date of birth,

address, and telephone number.

- The story title with no identifying information should appear on the first page of the story text. All identifying information about the author is removed when stories are judged by the review committee.
- Seniors may submit only one entry.
- Previously published stories may not be submitted.
- Seniors should keep a copy of the story. Entries will not be returned.
- The deadline for entries is Monday, April 20th. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Stories should be sent to the following:
Essex County Division of Senior Services
Attn: Doreatha Wertz
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Newark, NJ 07102
Or e-mailed to
dwertz@seniors.essexcountynj.org

All writers who submit stories will be invited to the Division of Senior Services Legacies Award Ceremony in May. Awards will be presented to the authors of the winning and honorable mention stories. These stories will be posted on the Essex County website at essexcountynj.org.

For a complete list of contest rules or for more information, please visit essexcountynj.org or call the Essex County Division of Senior Services at 973-395-8381.

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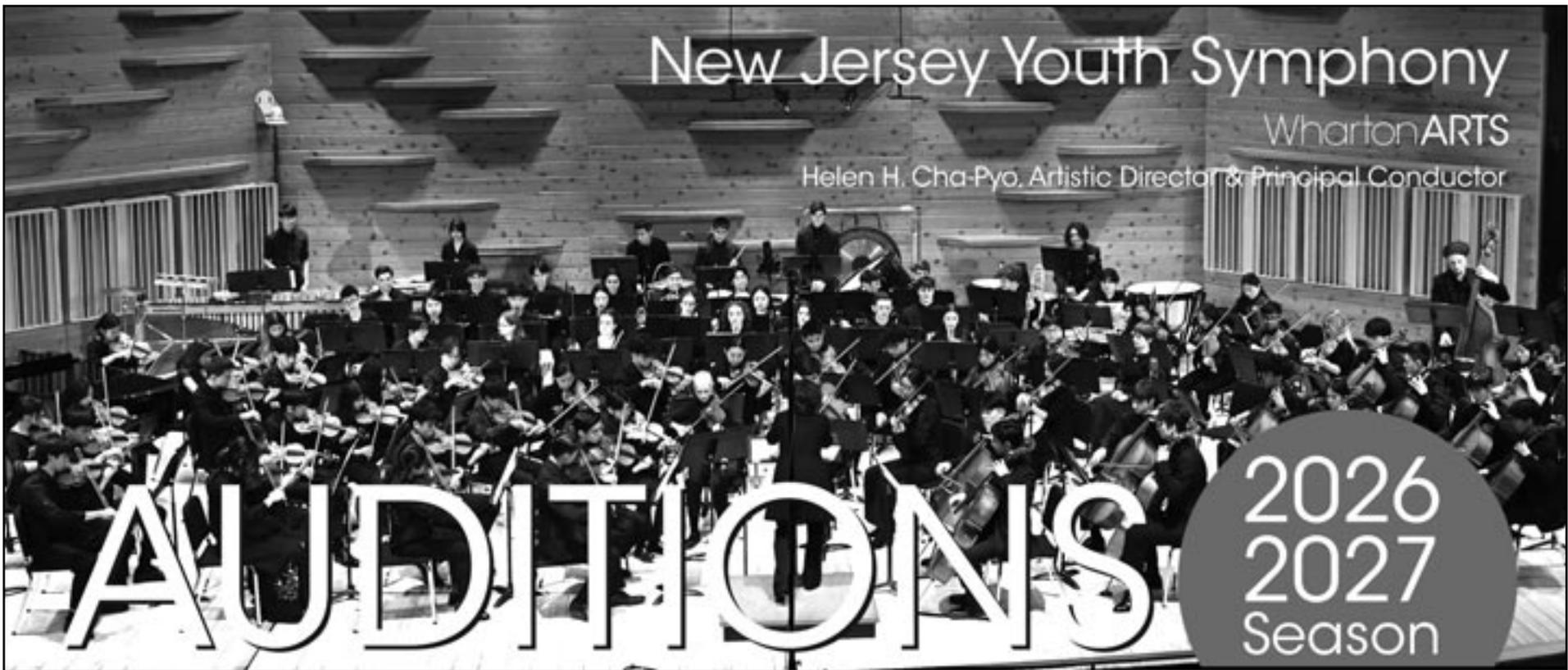
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All are invited to a Spring High Tea at the historic Twin Maples Estate in Summit on Friday, April 3 to benefit historic preservation. The event consists of two seatings at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., offering the perfect opportunity to gather family, daughters, grandmothers and friends in an

elegant atmosphere with live music. The tea is coming direct from Fortnum and Mason, London and will be accompanied by classic English savories and sweets. Tickets are available at www.fortnightlyclub.org. There is a gluten free option and Twin Maples is ADA accessible.

Membership is available via the website. Most recently, the Club held an exciting Murder at the Speakeasy Mystery featuring the Without A Cue Productions theater group and a three-course dinner.

On Saturday, April 18 the Club will participate in Summit's 'Revolution Road', celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution by hosting a free lecture on 'Women and the American Revolution' at 10 a.m. at Twin Maples. Other upcoming events include a Spring planted container demonstration on April 15, a Broadway theater and lunch trip to see 'Ragtime' on April 29 and a Mah Jongg 'Sips and Apps' Party on May 7, featuring open play and lessons.

The Fortnightly Club preserves Twin Maples, offers annual scholarships and supports education, the arts and volunteerism. Twin Maples rentals are available for celebratory occasions. Inquiries are welcome at fortnightlyclubtwinmaples@gmail.com.

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(above, l-r) Ellen Leonard of Summit, Liese Kant of Short Hills, Joyce Zemsky of Westfield



(above) Twin Maples Estate, Summit, N.J.

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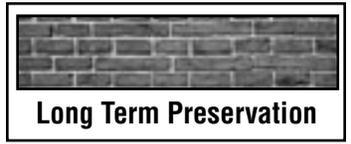
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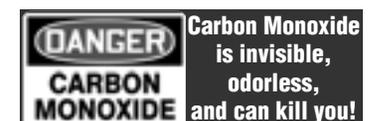
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Residents can stop by and deposit unused, unwanted, and expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications in the boxes anonymously any time. The only items that are not acceptable are syringes, EpiPens, and other sharp instruments.

Take Back Day encourages the public to dispose of old, unused, unwanted, and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications properly and safely to help lower the risk of drug abuse and misuse. Doing so also keeps potentially toxic chemicals out of the soil and water system. This helps to preserve a safe and healthy environment for future generations.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the free 24-hour Drug Drop Box located in the lobby of Livingston Police Headquarters, 333 S. Livingston Avenue. All are reminded that containers can be placed in the box individually or in plastic Ziploc-type bags.

For more information, including information on disposing of sharps such as syringes and EpiPens, visit livingstonnj.org/DrugDropBox.

NEW JERSEY INTERGENERATIONAL ORCHESTRA PRESENTS FREE "NATIONAL SPIRIT" CONCERT

The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (NJIO) invites the public to a free concert celebrating music has inspired national pride on Sunday, May 3rd at 3pm at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, NJ.

NJIO's three orchestras (Prelude, Intermezzo, and Symphony) will present music by Mozart, Grieg, Vaughn Williams, and more, culminating in Sibelius's Symphony no.2.

NJIO concerts provide a relaxed concert atmosphere: no dress code, assigned seating, ticketing, or shushing. To ensure all audience members feel comfortable, NJIO offers a Concert Comfort Station in the concert lobby where attendees can borrow additional cushions, fidget toys, coloring pages and crayons, and large print program books.

This concert is the final performance for NJIO's 2025-2026 season. Information on NJIO's summer education programs is available now at www.njio.org/summer and an announcement about the 2026-2027 concert season will be available in July.

This free concert is made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and our season sponsors: the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation, the Plainfield Foundation, The Henry S. and Agnes M.

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EVENT DETAILS:

NJIO's Spring Concert: "The National Spirit"
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Author Grace L. Williams will join us for a conversation about her book Give Her Credit: The Untold Story of a Women's Bank That Empowered a Generation, followed by a panel discussion highlighting women's leadership, and the collective impact women have in strengthening families and communities. Guests will enjoy an evening of conversation, connection, and celebration of women who show up to lead forward.

The program will also include a special acknowledgment of the Junior League of Montclair - Newark for their visionary role in helping establish CASA Essex more than 40 years ago.

Admission is \$40 and includes a copy of the book. Register at casaessex.org/power.

Email lmcasaessex@gmail.com for more information.



OPERA AT FLORHAM PRESENTS REVENGE, ROMANCE & REVELRY

Sunday, April 12th, 2026 at 2:00 pm

Opera at Florham proudly presents *Revenge, Romance & Revelry: Scenes from Die Fledermaus*, an afternoon concert on Sunday, April 12th, 2026 at 2:00 PM at Lenfell Hall, The Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson University (285 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ 07940).

This performance features a stellar cast: Soprano Abby Brodnick as Adele, Soprano Molly Dunn as Rosalinde, Mezzo Soprano Victoria Falcone as Prince Orlofsky, Tenor Eric Šebek as Alfred, and Heldentenor Tom Walters as Eisenstein.

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Revenge, Romance & Revelry: Scenes from Die Fledermaus presents highlights from Johann Strauss II's beloved Operetta, taking audiences back in time with a farce filled with love, laughter, wit, disguises, and deception amidst a glamorous masquerade ball. This concert is performed in the elegant, intimate setting of Lenfell Hall at The Mansion on the campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University, a stunningly perfect setting for a piece filled with such glamour.

Experience an enchanting Sunday afternoon performance filled with witty dialogue, alluring melodies, and a cast of captivating performers who bring the story to life right in front of your eyes – an afternoon you won't want to miss!

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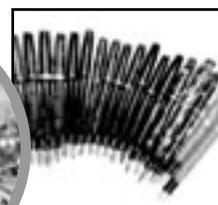
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The program pairs the elegance of Joaquín Rodrigo with the sweeping narrative of Nikolai

Rimsky-Korsakov, inviting audiences into a world where music and myth intertwine. At its center is internationally acclaimed Slovak guitarist Karol Samuelčík, whose appearance is presented in collaboration with the Slovak American Cultural Center.

Samuelčík takes the stage in Rodrigo's *Fantasia para un gentilhombre*, a work that draws from Spanish baroque dances and unfolds with graceful lyricism and rhythmic vitality.

A seasoned international performer, Samuelčík has appeared across Europe, Asia, and the Americas, with engagements at venues including London's Purcell Room and Shenzhen Concert Hall.

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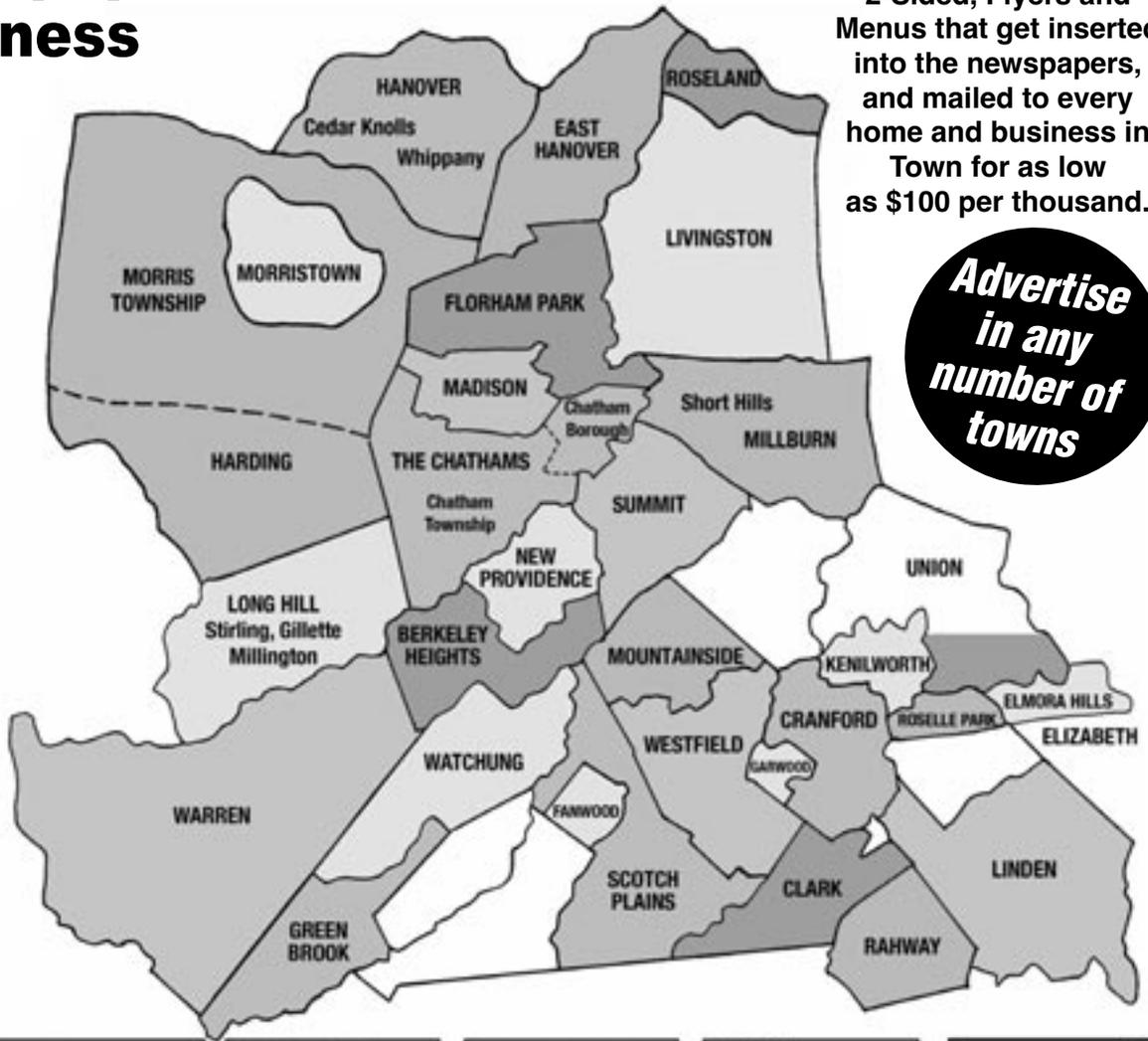
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Performances will take place Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, April 19 at 2:30 PM at The Sieminski Theater in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. Tickets on sale and available through the Sieminski Theater website at SieminskiTheater.org or box office at 908-580-3892. *Finishing the Hat: The Music of Sondheim* is an unforgettable musical journey through

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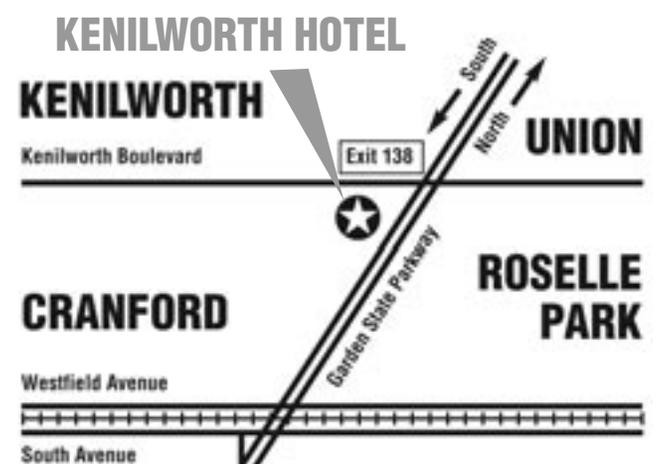
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