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HIGH SCHOOL JAG STUDENTS ATTEND NJ LEGISLATIVE DAY

Submitted by David Brighthouse

Members of the Rahway High School (RHS) JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) program attended New Jersey Legislative Day back at the end of March at the New Jersey State House in Trenton. The event provided students with the opportunity to meet their state legislators, learn about civic engagement and the legislative process, and share how the JAG program has impacted them.

Over the course of the day, Rahway students toured the New Jersey State House, engaged in conversations with state legislators during actual government sessions, and delivered concise "elevator pitches" explaining JAG and its significance.

Students met a number of government officials and legislators during their time in Trenton, including Senate Majority Leader Teresa Ruiz, Lieutenant Governor Dr. Dale Caldwell, Senator Vin Gopal, Senator Joe Cryan, Senator Linda Greenstein, Assemblywoman Linda Carter, Assemblywoman Marisa Sweeney, Assemblyman Vinnie Kearney, Assemblyman Alaa "Al" Abdelaziz, and Mike

Illiano, the policy advisor to Governor Mikie Sherrill.

The day was, all in all, an educational and inspiring experience.

RHS's JAG Specialist, Leon Bunion, said, "It's not every day that high school students get the opportunity to engage directly with legislators and policymakers who are making decisions that impact them. It was definitely a powerful experience for our students. We are truly grateful to all the legislators who took time out of their busy schedules to speak with them."

JAG students shared similar sentiments. Junior Axel Marquina said, "JAG has prepared me to speak confidently in settings like this by helping me realize that my voice is heard and matters. Through public speaking workshops, networking opportunities, and real-world practice, I've been able to build that confidence."

Junior Madison Garcia Xoloc added, "The most impactful part of meeting with legislators at the State House was realizing that our voices as students are not only heard, but have the power to influence real change."



(above) Rahway High School JAG Students attended NJ Legislative Day.

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City of Rahway

The City of Rahway is proud to announce that the Rahway Emergency Squad has taken delivery of a new, state-of-the-art ambulance, further strengthening the City's commitment to providing high-quality emergency medical services to its residents.

The new unit is a PL Custom Medallion Ambulance featuring a 170-inch Type III body mounted on a 2026 Ford E-450 chassis. It is equipped with advanced lifesaving technology, including a Stryker Power Load system and Power Pro XT stretcher, designed to enhance both patient care and responder safety. The ambulance is expected to be placed into service by the end of April.

This vehicle was purchased by the city to upgrade patient and crew safety and to meet the current design and technology standards of modern EMS operations. The need for the new ambulance was driven in part by an increase in call volume, and it will help reduce response times while improving overall system resiliency.

The new unit replaces an aging ambulance, reducing downtime and lowering ongoing maintenance costs, ensuring more reliable service for the Rahway community.

Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe, Jr. and the Rahway City Council expressed their support, stating, "The delivery of this new ambulance

represents our continued commitment to the health and safety of our community. By investing in modern equipment and technology, we are empowering our emergency responders to provide faster, safer, and more effective care to the residents of Rahway."

The City of Rahway extends its gratitude to the Rahway Emergency Squad for their continued dedication and service and looks forward to the positive impact this new vehicle will have on emergency medical response throughout the community.



(above) Rahway Emergency Squad has taken delivery of a new, state-of-the-art ambulance.

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City of Rahway

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2026 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GRANTS

The Rahway Chamber of Commerce has opened applications for its 2026 Business Improvement Grant Program. Applications will be accepted through Monday, August 31.

Each year, the Chamber invites member businesses and nonprofits to apply for grant funding to support physical business improvements, community-focused programming, or enhancement of their digital presence. The grants are funded through Chamber

membership dues, proceeds from Rahway Day, and other fundraising efforts. For 2026, up to \$5,000 in total grant funding is available.

Grant recipients will be announced during Rahway Day 2026, which will take place on Saturday, October 17 at the Rahway Recreation Center.

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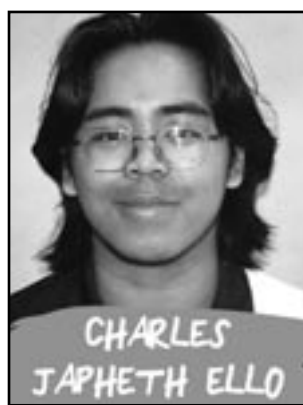
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City of Rahway

The City of Rahway recently hosted the “Rahway’s Own & Rising Stars” celebration at the Union County Performing Arts Center. This signature program serves a dual mission: Rahway’s Own spotlights the extraordinary reach of the Rahway community by honoring distinguished individuals who have achieved national and global acclaim in fields ranging from professional athletics to the arts and sciences. These inductees serve as a testament to the City’s ability to produce world-class talent that impacts the global stage while remaining deeply rooted in their hometown. Complementing this legacy, the Rising Stars initiative identifies and celebrates current local students who demonstrate the exceptional character and leadership potential necessary to become the icons of tomorrow. Together, these programs build a powerful bridge between Rahway’s established history of excellence and its promising future.

The evening honored five new Rahway’s Own inductees, each presented with an official

proclamation for their outstanding professional contributions:

- Joe Williams: Former professional football player.
- Deanna Flanagan: Professional dancer and Philadelphia Eagles cheerleader.
- Andrew Loffa (DJ Drewski): Renowned professional DJ and media personality.
- Najah Hetsberger: Acclaimed Broadway star.

Alongside these icons, 11 students from Rahway Public Schools and Union Catholic were recognized as Rising Stars. Selected by their teachers and administrators for exemplifying leadership and academic excellence, these students represent the next generation of Rahway’s trailblazers.

The celebration also featured a homecoming of several past Rahway’s Own inductees, including Antonio Garay, Ike & Amen Igbinosun, Lloyd Garrison, Eric Roberson, Joe Giacobbe, Gary Gonzalez, Jackie Cornell, Dashawn Cook, Julia McClure, and Michael Elliot.

Since its inception in 2012 following the

Creative Rahway Conference, the program has evolved into a vital partnership between the City and the school district. By adding the Rising Stars component, the City ensures that these exceptionally talented young residents are recognized and celebrated long before they reach the height of their careers.

“Together, they tell a powerful story — that greatness can come from anywhere in Rahway. In this city, we believe in opportunity. We believe in lifting each other up. And most importantly, we believe in the potential of every individual,” said Mayor Raymond A. Giacobbe. “Tonight, we celebrate not only what has already been achieved, but everything that is still ahead.”

This event was made possible through the collaboration of the City of Rahway, the Rahway’s Own Board Committee, Rahway Public Schools, and the Union County Performing Arts Center (UCPAC).

For more information about the program and to view the stories of this year’s honorees, please visit rahwaysown.com.

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DANGERS REMAIN DURING LAST YEARS OF WAR A CHRONOLOGY OF THE REVOLUTION (PART VII) • 1780 – 1782

Submitted by Al Shipley, City Historian and Rahway Library Research Consultant

British raids into Rahway would continue throughout the last years of the war which made it necessary to maintain a constant watch over the area. This protection was provided by a mix of Continental forces and members of the local Essex County militia commanded by Colonel Moses Jaques, the man for whom Jaques Avenue would later be named. These security guards would be tested until the end of the war and even into its aftermath.

Raids were most frequent during the winter months when the waters off the Staten Island Sound would freeze enabling the British and their Loyalist companions to move easily into New Jersey. On the night of January 30, 1780, a group of Loyalists crossed over the ice-covered Sound to conduct a daring operation. As it turned out, their incursion was made at an opportune time. The nine sentries who were on watch that evening had become bored with their duties, left their assigned position, and went sleigh riding with several female companions. When the Loyalists learned of this indiscretion, they rudely interrupted the party and forced the Americans to surrender. The intruders then grabbed the young ladies and mockingly danced a merry waltz with each. When their fun was over, they escorted their American prisoners back to Staten Island. The next day, the prisoners were brought to New York where their arrival created a great deal of amusement for the Redcoats.

It was common practice that after raids made by either side, the offended group would seek revenge. In early February, the local militia made a counterattack with the intention of capturing enemy soldiers and Loyalists. Their raid turned out to be successful as they returned with a British officer and seven Loyalists. Not to be outdone, the Tories struck again with four parties of British troops. This time they captured Mr. John Clawson, a particularly good catch since he was the agent who conducted the sale of confiscated Tory property. The raiding party would have created more havoc had it not been for the deep snow which forced them to return to the safety of their camps sooner than they had planned.

On June 26, a foray occurred that would become legend throughout the area. A detachment of British soldiers crossed over from Staten Island for the purpose of capturing prisoners. Three rebel light horse outfits were supposed to be patrolling the area, but they had been summoned to Westfield to lend support to the Continental troops during the Battle of Springfield (June 23,



(above) This clock (circa 1760) is similar to the one stolen by British troops and destroyed during their raid on June 26, 1780.

Courtesy Photo

1780). The absence of the sentries allowed the Redcoats unmolested access to the St. Georges Avenue home of Amos Morse. Quietly entering the home, they roused Morse from his bed and took him outside where they captured four other rebel neighbors who were coming to his aid. Before leaving, they also confiscated thirty-five head of cattle, eighty sheep, and six strong oxen. Their biggest prize, however, was a large eight-day grandfather clock they had found while ransacking Morse's home. As the soldiers carried the clock down the road, however, they soon found it was too heavy and cumbersome to be taken all the way back to Staten Island. Since they couldn't have it and because it was too fine a piece to be left for the home of a rebel, they decided to remove the works and dump the case on the side of the road.

The British, elated by their coup, moved uncontested toward the Sound until they came upon a small group of rebels who tried to stop them. After a brief skirmish, the rebels were subdued and nineteen more were added to the British list of prisoners. Several of these rebels, including Amos Morse, would be imprisoned in the New York Sugar House, the largest and vilest of British prisons.

On March 14, 1782, almost five months after the Siege of Yorktown, a party of royal horse thieves, led by the notorious Jervis Robbins, crossed the Sound and came to shore in Rahway. The thieves had planned to go to Westfield to capture rebels but due to the poor condition of

the roads were forced to return to their home base in Staten Island. On their way back they passed through Rahway and captured David Miller, Peter Trumley, and Peter Horn, three prominent citizens. When the thieves turned toward home, however, they were attacked by a large patrol of rebels and were forced to run for their lives leaving all the prisoners behind.

The last account of trouble in this area took place on December 5, 1782 and involved David Oliver, a Tory described as "the dread of the inhabitants on the line." In the very early hours of the morning of the 5th, Oliver and a detachment of Loyalists planned to raid Elizabethtown to steal livestock. Captain Jonathan Dayton, the American officer in command of the area, learned of the plot and set out to ambush the group before they could return to the Sound. Fortunately for Oliver, part of his party had been diverted off the main trail because of its swamp-like condition, ultimately preventing Dayton's force from achieving its full objective. All was not lost for Dayton's troops, however, as they were able to surprise a column of the Loyalists and force them to scatter in all directions. After the smoke had cleared, three Loyalists were in rebel hands, one Loyalist was killed, and one mortally wounded. Oliver, however, was not one of them. He was able to escape to the south and run without notice until he came into Rahway where he spied a house which appeared to be a safe place to hide. But unbeknownst to the dreaded enemy, his stealthy movements were spotted by a local informer. Dayton's men were soon notified and immediately set out to apprehend the fugitive. Oliver was captured later that same night. His reign of terror had come to an end.

Washington's victory at Yorktown had crippled the British Army into surrender, but it was not until the Treaty of Paris was signed on September 3, 1783 that the thirteen colonies were officially freed from the bonds of Great Britain. It had been a long time since the first shot at Lexington, and the colonists could be proud of their monumental accomplishments. Throughout the colonies the common man had played his part in ensuring the glorious victory. In Rahway the patriots had contributed well to the war effort by maintaining morale, organizing a militia, spying on the Redcoats and Loyalists, and antagonizing British movements. They fully demonstrated qualities that were fundamental to the securing of the rights and privileges now so highly cherished.

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RAHWAY'S ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

This year Mayor Giacobbe celebrated Arbor Day by dedicating a Native White Oak in Rahway.*

The first Arbor Day was on April 10 1872. The young state of Nebraska needed trees as windbreaks on the Plains and lumber for their growing population. Today with our growing population everywhere, there is a new awareness of the importance of trees in our cities and towns.

Rahway's White Oak is a descendant of the historic Salem White Oak in southern NJ., a native White Oak that fell when it was 500 years old. Two years before it died, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Affairs gathered acorns that had fallen from the tree. The acorns were then grown in the New Jersey Forestry Greenhouse in Jackson until they had an established root system. At that time the bare-root trees were offered to towns and cities Green Teams that wanted one.

Rahway's Environmental Commission and the Department of Public Works were very interested in having one. The head of the DPW, Mike Smalling wasted no time driving down to Cheesequake Park to get one for Rahway. Knowing I was a Master Gardener of Union County, Mike Smalling asked me to take care of the seedling until it was ready to plant. Mike Smalling's vision was "this tree will be a symbol of connecting New Jerseys past to Rahway's future."

Luckily I was fortunate to have two Rutgers agents I could ask for advice, Madeline Flahive-DiNardo and Jim Nichnadowicz.

Rule # 1 - Use the native soil the tree was going to inhabit during its life. In Rahway that means clay.

I cared for the tree for two years in a pot sunk into my back garden. When it was about 18 inches tall I gave it back to the DPW. Since White Oak trees can't be successfully transplanted, DPW needed a find a place it could remain permanently.*

Casey Erickson and DPW staff planted the White Oak and built a sturdy fence to protect it from deer and animal damage. Due to their good care today the young tree is now over five feet tall.

Thanks to Jeff Robinson and the Rahway Environmental Commission for all they do to help keep Rahway a great place to live, including our native plants.

I would like to thank Rutgers Tree Steward and Rahway native, Michael Smanko for helping to care for the tree and for selecting the stone and the plaque.

Special thanks Gina Holmes for her focus on making this event a reality.

Mayor Raymond Giacobbe and the Rahway City Council for their support. At the dedication the mayor gave a very nice and positive speech about planting now for the future Rahway.

*Today the Salem White Oak is planted in the park behind the Rahway River Waterfront Association, 337 East Milton Ave. If you visit it also check out the new Native Plant garden behind the house.

HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE,
Tree Hugger,

James



(above) Past President of The Rahway Garden Club, James Keane, has been researching and answering garden questions since 1995.

Visit 'Keane Gardener' blog at:
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(above) Casey Erickson placing plaque for historic Salem Oak in Rahway.



(above) Mayor Raymond Giacobbe giving dedication speech on Arbor Day, 2026

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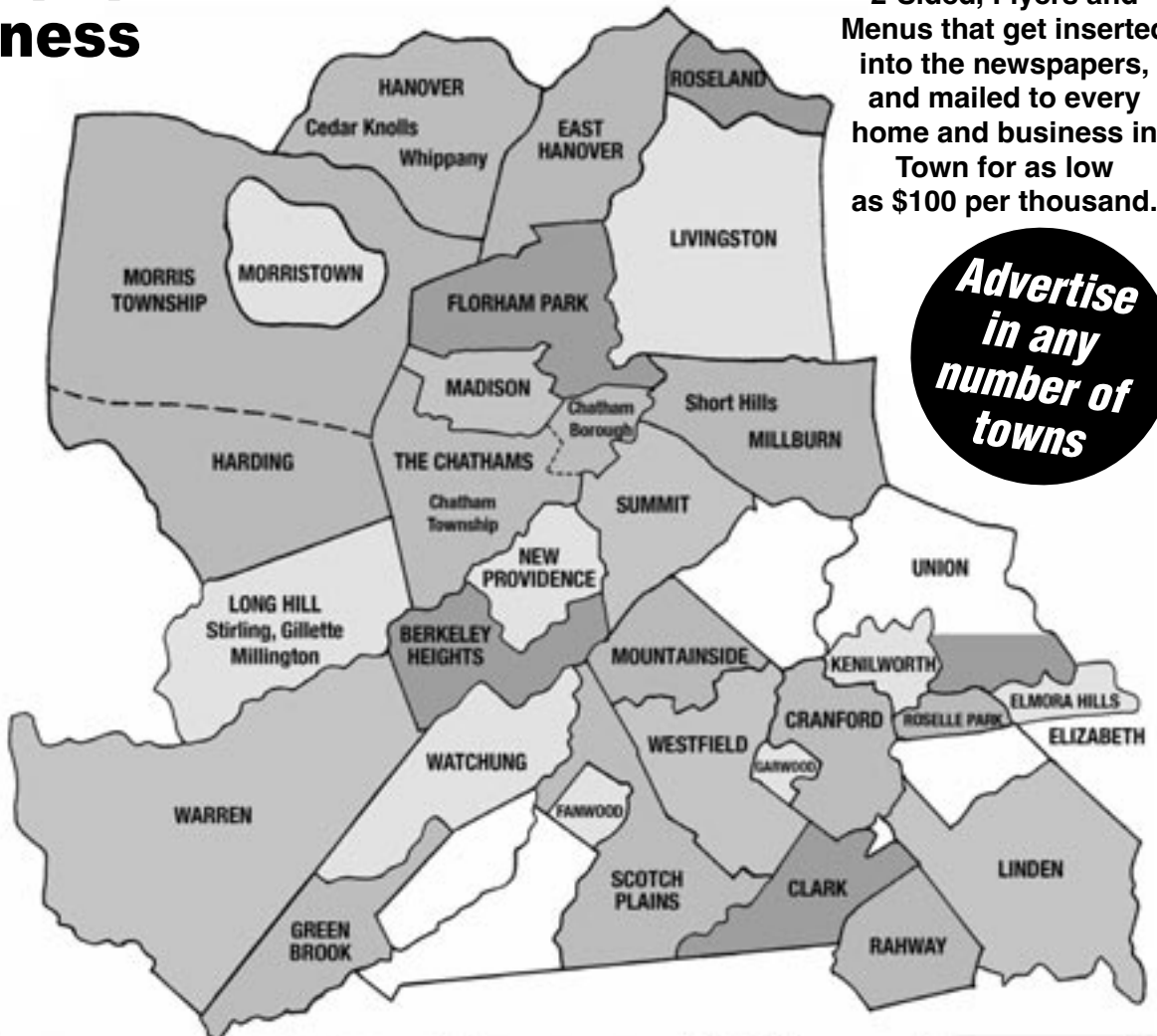
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ELKS HOST MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

Rahway Girl Scouts

Community organizations, local families, and volunteers gathered throughout Memorial Day weekend to honor the service and sacrifice of the nation's veterans through a series of events focused on remembrance, patriotism, and community service.

Rahway Elks Lodge #1075 hosted a Memorial Day barbecue on Sunday, May 31st. The event brought together members of the lodge, Antler Lodge #39, and residents from across the community. The event served not only as a gathering for fellowship and remembrance, but also as a fundraiser supporting the Rahway Elks Lodge #1075 Americanism Committee.

On Memorial Day morning, volunteers continued a longstanding tradition at Rahway Cemetery by placing American flags at the gravesites of veterans buried throughout the historic cemetery grounds. Located in the heart of Rahway, Rahway Cemetery serves as the final resting place for generations of local residents, including military veterans who served in conflicts spanning multiple eras of American history. The cemetery remains an important site of remembrance within the community and is visited each year during Memorial Day observances.

The flags used during the cemetery tribute were graciously provided by Union County Veteran Services, helping ensure that veterans throughout the cemetery were properly recognized and honored for their service.

For many years, the Rahway Girl Scouts independently organized the annual flag placement at the cemetery. This year, the organization collaborated with Rahway Elks Lodge #1075 to continue and expand the tradition through a broader community partnership focused on honoring local veterans.

Volunteers participating in the flag placement included Rahway Elks Lodge #1075 Veterans Committee Chair Johana, members Johanne and Trisha, Girl Scout and Antler President Elise,

community member Lisa and her sons, and Karen alongside Girl Scout Arielle. Together, volunteers carefully placed flags throughout the cemetery to ensure veterans' graves were recognized and honored ahead of Memorial Day commemorations.

Trisha Grimes, Secretary of Rahway Elks Lodge #1075 and Service Unit Manager for the Rahway Girl Scouts, said the weekend's events reflected the importance of preserving traditions of remembrance while encouraging younger generations to become involved in community service.

"Memorial Day is about honoring those who gave their lives in service to our country and ensuring their sacrifices are never forgotten," Grimes said. "Seeing community organizations, families, and young people working together at Rahway Cemetery was incredibly meaningful. These traditions help teach respect, patriotism, and the importance of serving others."

Organizers said the collaboration between Rahway Elks Lodge #1075, Antler Lodge #39, the Rahway Girl Scouts, and community volunteers demonstrates the strong civic spirit that continues to unite residents through acts of service and remembrance.

Rahway Elks Lodge #1075 is located at 122 West Milton Avenue in Rahway.



Courtesy photos

LIBRARY JULY EVENTS

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ADULT & TEEN PROGRAMS

Crochet Club

July 6 & 20

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Unearth a Story Summer Movies

@ 2 pm in the auditorium.

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7/13 - *The Mummy*:

Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008)

7/20 - *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* (2018)

7/27 - *Indiana Jones & the Dial of Destiny* (2023)

Teen Discovery Studio Unearth a Story

7/8 in our Discovery Studio at 2:00 p.m.

Join us as we create dinosaur eggs using Styrofoam and thumbtacks!

This activity is for teens ages 13-17.

Summer Music Show

7/13 - *Library Cafe* at 6:00 p.m.

with a patriotic performance featuring bagpipes, banjo, guitar, and more by Richard Stillman in the All ages welcome!

Unearth a Story in our Discovery Studio

7/15 - 2:00 p.m.

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Unearth a Story in our Discovery Studio

7/22 - 2:00 p.m.

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Unearth a Story in our Discovery Studio

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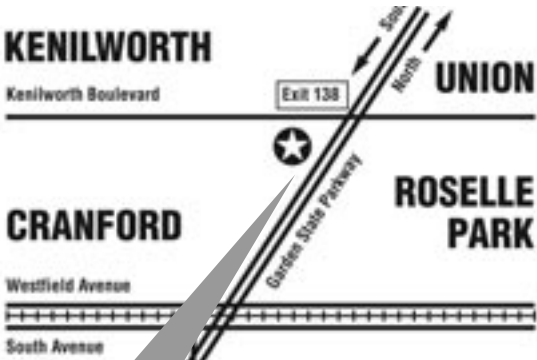
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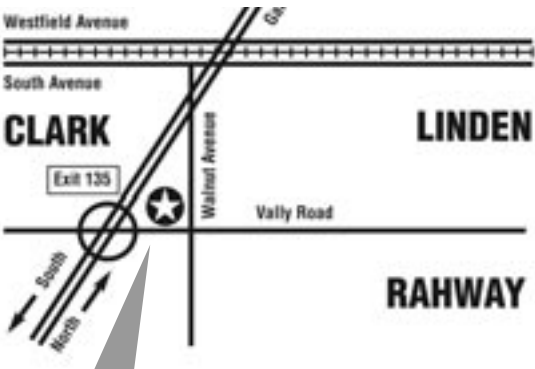
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