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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE. Students, some accompanied by their tuition-paying parents, came out on Tuesday evening for a college fair at Cranford High School. More than two dozen colleges and university, ranging from Rutgers and William Paterson to UMass Amherst and University of Delaware took part.

UCC Cranford to Host Job Fair on Sat., May 2

CRANFORD – Companies in the transportation, logistics and distribution industry are invited to recruit at Union County College's Job Fair scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Victor M. Richel Student Commons on the College's Cranford Campus. Over 65 employers attended last year's job fair.

Union County College is hosting this Job Fair in cooperation with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the New Jersey TLD Talent Network and the Union County Workforce Investment Board. The following companies will be present at this year's fair: AT&T Mobility, Avon, Aflac, Westfield Y, Primerica, Edward Jones Investment, Life Station, Inc., Corbin Exterminating, Cintas, PortLogistics, New Century Trans-

port, New Jersey Transit, Smith and Solomon, A. Diue Pyle, and Wakefern Inc. The event will be open to all job seekers, not only Union County College students. That means professionals in TLD or other industries with skills transferable to TLD jobs as well as entry-level candidates will be able to attend. In addition, representatives from the Union County One Stop Career Center will be available to discuss employer incentives and programs.

Companies interested in hosting a table for recruitment may obtain a registration form by sending an e-mail to Nancy Toomey at Toomey@ucc.edu or calling (908) 527-7207 to request a form via mail. For more information, visit www.ucc.edu/go/ibi and look for the link to TLD Event News.

Library Slates Music Events; Antique Appraisal

GARWOOD – The Garwood Public Library, located at 411 Third Avenue, will hold two musical events and one antique appraisal during the month of May.

Charles and Pamela Horner will continue their series on the history of doo-wop with part two of "The Jersey Groups" on Wednesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. And on Wednesday, May 23, Keith Lewis

and James Power will present their film, *A lesson in A Cappella*, also at 7 p.m. This one-hour documentary will demonstrate how this type of music played a crucial role in the development of popular music, yet has not received the accolades it deserves.

After the screening, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Power will be present to talk about why they made the film and why they feel this musical art form is so important to the music industry.

On Monday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m., representatives from Winterhill Antiques of Scotch Plains will be on hand to appraise items brought by members of the public. Each person attending is limited to three items that they can carry in to the library. At this event, coins and jewelry will not be appraised. As space is limited, early registration is requested.

The Garwood Public Library is located at the back of the Lincoln School complex, at the corner of Third Avenue and Walnut Street. Registration for these events can be made in person at the library, by calling (908) 789-1670 or at the interactive calendar page found at the library's website, yousemore.com/garwood.

Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The e-mail address for the library is garwoodlibrary@gmail.com.

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In other matters, Commissioner O'Malley said last Saturday's town-wide river cleanup was "widely attended and nicely supported." He said some 150 volunteers helped clear nearly the entire river, and noted that another cleanup is set for the fall.

At the start of the one-hour meeting, Commissioner O'Malley presented certificates to two local businesses – Lifeline Tech Solutions and Dinner In A Pinch – for their efforts at adopting environmentally-sustainable practices as part of the local Go Green initiative. Members of Girl Scout Troop No. 40894 led the committee in the salute to the flag.

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A Letter to the Editor

County Should Cut Patronage Jobs, Not Runnells, Soc. Services Workers

Despite the county budget climbing to just a shade under a half a billion dollars, the county is laying off approximately 10 percent of their workforce. This does not include even one over-paid, un-needed patronage job. In fact, politically connected employees were given generous raises in January.

Freeholder Estrada stated at the last freeholder meeting, "I am amazed that people who sit here week after week who consistently complain about A, B, and C are not the first ones out here saying how great it is....we're reducing the workforce by 10 percent. That's what they've been asking for months, years."

I have never heard a citizen call for in the last few "months, years" for a 10 percent reduction in Runnells or Social Service employees, which the county is now doing while keeping all highly paid, upper management positions at Runnells along with their perks. Reducing patronage jobs and nepotism – yes. Not handing

out raises to the politically connected – yes. Not creating new management positions for the politically connected – yes. Have the Union County Democratic Committee chairman show up at a county facility to earn her \$147,712 county paycheck – yes. Reducing the millions to politically connected law firms – yes. Cutting out catered freeholder meetings – yes. Ending Musicfest – yes. Not buying fireplace tiles for \$9,975 – yes. Disbanding the million-dollar public information department – yes. Consolidating their three law enforcement departments – yes.

I could fill the space of this entire newspaper with the requests citizens have made for Union County government to get their finances under control for months, years. The unaccountability of freeholders and their outright lies would be sprinkled throughout.

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