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## 15.5 % tax hike OKed

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

MOUNTAINSIDE — Borough residents will see a 15.5 percent spike in the municipal portion of their taxes.

The borough's \$10.4 million budget was unanimously approved by five council members present during a budget hearing June 17. Council President William Lane was absent.

The increase means a Mountain-side resident with a home assessed at the average \$104,633 will now pay an additional \$255 in taxes.

The 2008 budget is \$760,000 more than last year, coming in at exactly the four percent state spending cap, "to the penny," according to Municipal CFO Jill Goode.

Goode explained the hike is a result of the borough suffering a \$365,000 loss of revenue, along with an increase in spending of \$395,000.

The amount of state aid Mountain-side lost in 2008 totaled \$249,939 — of that loss, \$194,199 was due to a reduction to the borough's Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid.

Mayor Robert Vigilanti described the proposed restoration of \$37,107 in CMPTRA as being "too little, too late."

The proposed restoration would only restore less than 15 percent of the total aid lost. This will have very little impact on reducing the overall tax increase, according to Goode.

She described this year's budget process as "very challenging."

According to Goode, the borough was forced to cut spending in several departments, including Public Works and Recreation, both of which suffered 10 percent spending cuts.

## Ready, willing and able



James Cerasa, left, and Kevin White, right, were both promoted to the rank of captain within the Clark Police Department.

## 10-year sentence for killer

By John O'Reilly  
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — The man convicted of killing a homeless man in a two-year-old hit-and-run accident was sentenced to 10 years in state prison, according to the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

In February, Brijesh Shah, 34, of Iselin was found guilty of first-degree vehicular manslaughter and leaving the scene of a fatal accident. He was sentenced Monday by Superior Court Judge James Heimlich.

The former communications dispatcher for the Department of Corrections will not be eligible for parole for six years.

The victim, James Lake III, was well known among St. Georges Avenue commuters for his "cheery wave" to passing cars.

The accident occurred May 9, 2006 on St. Georges Avenue, near Union Street.

"Motorists who saw James attempting to cross slowed down but Shah came from the rear, speeding and weaving in and out of traffic," said assistant prosecutor Robert Rosenthal.

Immediately following the crash, Shah fled to a nearby relative's home. Rahway police later located him at the intersection of St. Georges and Milton avenues.

During Shah's two-week trial, it was revealed his blood-alcohol level was twice the legal limit at the time of the accident. Lake's blood-alcohol level was almost five times the limit at the time.

Lake had battled with alcoholism for several years, but many city residents new him as pleasant man. "[After his death,] the Rahway Police received numerous calls from people who wished to donate money for his burial in appreciation for...the wave they'd come to expect," said Rosenthal.

## Bayway widow loses appeal

By John O'Reilly  
Staff Writer

LINDEN — More than six years after Betty Ann Kearney's husband's died of esophageal cancer, her crusade against unsafe conditions at his workplace may be nearing an end.

The state Appellate Court denied Kearney's appeal in an unlawful death suit she filed against Bayway Refinery, where her husband Bill Kearney worked before succumbing to cancer at age 49.

In her lawsuit, she alleges her husband died because the refinery's previous owners, Exxon and Tosco companies, allowed unsafe working conditions by failing to properly fix leaky valves inside the refinery that may have released carcinogens. Her husband had worked at the refinery since 1974 and was in good health at that time, according to Kearney.

The former refinery owners are not responsible for the death because there is only a causal connection between "fugitive emis-

sions," such as benzene, and esophageal cancer, and the "conditions to which Kearney was exposed were...a fact of life of industrial employment," according to the Appellate Court decision.

The site's current owners, ConocoPhillips, did not operate the plant at the time of the death, but assumed liability when the previous owners went out of business at the site.

Representative from ConocoPhillips and Kearney's attorney See COURT, Page 18

## Officials to Mayor: Turn in files

By Jackeline Leon  
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE — The mayor has failed to comply with a court order to turn over several boxes of legal files belonging to the township by June 10, the governing body alleges.

A Superior Court judge had ordered Karen McCoy Oliver to

return 15 to 20 boxes containing the files to township officials, including the council, clerk Janet Vlaisavljevic and attorney Christine Burgess, who requested them in early May.

But the Hillside Police Department reported only receiving eight boxes of the missing files by the due date.

The Linden-based lawyers Kologi and Simitz, who represent the township officials seeking the documents, said they requested an explanation from the Law Offices of Marc Garfinkle of Maplewood, the firm that handed over the eight boxes to the police department, but have not received a response.

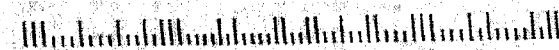
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# 'Obscene' messages prompt complaint

## Mountainside

On June 22, at 11:08 a.m., a woman reported receiving obscene text messages and pictures to her cellular phone.

According to the victim, four pictures were sent to her phone within a one-month period and she is unsure who is send her the graphic material.

• Charlotte Diamonte-Nabet was arrested at 8:46 p.m. on June 18 for stealing prescription drugs and possession of a pipe

The arrest occurred after police responded to a Long Meadow home on a report of a dispute. Nabet admitted to taking sixteen Darvacet pills from a purse in the home.

## Clark

• Aleksy Raspoutny, 31, of Newark was arrested June 11 at 1:54 p.m. at police headquarters by officer Joseph Teston for contempt of court/motor vehicle violations.

• Nicholas Jimenez, 31 of Manchester was arrested June 11 at 2:44 p.m. at the Ocean County Jail by officer Alex Yanes on an outstanding warrant in the amount of \$533 for contempt of court/motor vehicle violations. He was transported to Union County Jail.

• Edward Royal, 45 of Rahway was arrested by officer Antonio Manata June 11 at 10:52 p.m. in the vicinity of Broadway for outstanding warrants for contempt of court from Essex County Sheriff's department, Fairfield and Cedar Grove, totaling \$1,865. He was transported to Union County Jail.

• Jack Miller, 62, of North Arlington was arrested by officer Mark Adamonis June 13 at 3:55 p.m. in the vicinity of Garden State Parkway for outstanding warrants for contempt of court from Clark, Scotch Plains and Woodbridge, totaling \$1,700.

## Cranford

• Ronald Pajonk, 42, of Roselle was arrested on June 18 at 3:44 p.m. after an employee of a nursing home at 205 Birchwood Avenue reported a suspicious vehicle in a nearby parking lot.

Police charged Pajonk with driving while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license.

• Mary Jones, 68, of Linden was arrested on June 19 at 6:05

## POLICE BLOTTER

p.m. after sideswiping a parked police car on Myrtle Street.

The police car was unoccupied and no injuries occurred. Jones was charged with driving while intoxicated, having an open container of alcohol, careless driving, and refusing to take breath test.

• William Patel, 24, of Jersey City was arrested on June 22 at 1:27 a.m. after being pulled over on North Avenue at the Garden State Parkway exchange after police observed him talking on a cellular telephone while driving and driving erratically.

He was charged with driving while intoxicated, possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, failure to keep right, careless driving and the use of a hand-held device while operating a motor vehicle.

## Rahway

• On June 16, at 2:36 p.m., a Harley-Davidson-style bicycle was stolen from an unlocked shed in an Allen Street yard.

• On June 19, at 4:00 p.m., an East Hazelwood avenue resident reported her 1989 silver Chevy Corsica was stolen from the front of her home sometime during the the previous week.

• On June 20, Brian Jenkins, 27, of Fords, Donald Russel, 21, of Woodbridge and Etay Robinson, 20, of Rahway were arrested for taking approximately \$120 worth of jewelry from a home on the 1200 block of Midwood Drive.

They were charged with burglary and theft and criminal damage and each were being held on a \$65,000 bail.

## Roselle

• Tony Smith, 38, and Donna Bonilla, 36, both of Elizabeth, were arrested at 1:08 p.m. on June 20 near the corner of East 2nd and Halcyon avenues after police found narcotics and numerous stolen items in their possession.

Neighbors said Smith exited a green van parked on the corner and began walking from house to house with the car still running.

Officers pulled the van over and found a small fold of wax paper containing drugs in Bonilla's mouth and a piece of cut soda

straw in the front seat.

Police also found a stolen purse, digital camera and \$45 in cash, as well as three Motorola cellphones believed to be stolen.

Smith was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and theft and was held on a \$7,500 bail. Bonilla was charged with possession of drugs and having \$1,906 in active warrants. She was held on a \$5,000 bail.

• Angel Camacho, 34, of Hillside, was arrested at 11:47 p.m. on June 13 after being involved in a hit and run accident at the intersection of West 1st Avenue and Locust Street.

According to witnesses, Camacho was speeding through the intersection in a red SUV to avoid a red light when he collided with a 16-year-old boy riding his bike across the street.

The pedestrian suffered pain to his shoulder and was bleeding from an abrasion to the head. He was treated at University Hospital in Newark.

Camacho, who police believe was intoxicated, was charged with reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident and assault by auto.

## Roselle Park

• Kevin Griffith, 37, of Roselle Park was arrest by officer Matthew Disano at 5:26 p.m. on June 1 at the intersection of Galloping Hill Road and East Lincoln Avenue

Police responded to the area on a report of motor vehicle crash and discovered that Griffith, one of the individuals involved in the accident, had an outstanding warrant from the Morris County Sheriff's Department and had a hypodermic syringe in his vehicle. He was charged and released to the Morris County Sheriff's Department.

• Eliezer Negron, 21, of Hillside was arrested by officer Richard Gaylord at 4:32 a.m. on June 15 for possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

Negron was pulled over for speeding on Galloping Hill Road. During the stop, the officer spotted a clear, plastic bag containing a substance believed to be marijuana. He was also found to be driving with a suspended registration and had an outstanding warrant in the amount of \$472.

He was unable to post bail and was transported to the Union County Jail.

• Timothy H. Collier, 42, of Union was arrested by patrolman Richard Gaylord for possession of drug paraphernalia at 10:37 p.m. on June 20 on Galloping Hill Road. Collier was charged and released pending a court hearing.

## Springfield

• Claudio A. Sutura, 47, of Springfield was arrested on June 14 at 2 p.m. in the Springfield Police Station and was charged with having an outstanding warrant.

• Algie Leon Dowdell, 49, of Newark was arrested on June 16 at 12:15 a.m. on Route 22 and was charged with having an outstanding warrant.

• Dornell W. Wilson, 27, of Springfield was arrested on June 16 at 10:23 p.m. on Mountain Avenue and was charged with having an outstanding warrant from Millburn for \$350.

• Marin Hector, 26, of Elizabeth was arrested at 8:51 p.m. on June 19 at 569 Morris Avenue for burglary, theft less than \$200 and for possession of burglary tools.

• On June 18, police responded to a report of an attempted burglary at 230 Mountain Ave. Damage done to a rear door and lock was estimated at \$100.

## Summit

• On June 17, at 7:21 p.m., a Whittredge Road resident reported \$21,000 worth of jewelry was stolen from their home sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

• On June 19 at 4:51 p.m., police responded to a report that \$5,000 worth of jewelry was stolen from a patient's room at Overlook Hospital sometime between 7:30 a.m. on May 15 and 11 a.m. on May 17.

• Walter J. Connolly, 49, of Summit, was arrested for shoplifting on DeForest Avenue at 2:07 p.m. on June 21.

• Andre P. Bland, 45, of Trenton was arrested at 11:38 a.m. on June 21 in the area of River and Iris roads for contempt of court.

• Timothy A. Pandolfi, 25, of Summit, was arrested at 12:28 a.m. on June 22 in the area of Beechwood Road and Union Place for contempt of court.

## UNION

### Garden Club meeting

The Township of Union Garden Club will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Senior center, 968 Bonnel Court. The topic of the meeting will be "What is Union Doing to be Green." For information, call 908-686-1270.

### Reserve spot for AC

The YM-YWHA of Union is accepting reservations for a trip Showboat in Atlantic City. The trip is on Monday, and a bus leaves from the YM-YWHA, 501 Green Lane, at 8:30 a.m. Be at the site 30 minutes earlier.

For information on attending, contact Bobbi or Max Barth as soon as possible at 908-688-2360.

### Auction, dinner

A Silent Auction/Camp Dinner will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the YM-YWHA of Union, 501 Green Lane. Doors open for the auction at 7 p.m.

### Join summer classes

Summer Classes at the YM-YWHA of Union, 501 Green Lane, begin on Sunday, July 13. Six-week classes in all levels of swim will be held Sundays, dance classes for children/ adults will be held Mondays. There are also karate, kick-boxing and art classes.

For information, a brochure or to register, call 908-289-8112.

### Trip to Atlantic City

The Monday Club will hold a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City Tuesday, July 15.

For information or to make reservations, call 908 688-6939.

### Teen performance

The Israeli Friendship Caravan will be held Wednesday, July 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the YM-YWHA of Union, 501 Green Lane. Enjoy a show by Israeli teenagers. The event is free to campers and families, but there is a fee for guests.

Reserve tickets in advance by calling 908-289-8112.

### Monday Club meeting

The Monday Club will meet July 21 at the Union Senior Center, 968 Bonnel Court, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The club is open to Union Township residents only.

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# Local centenarian remembers Union

By Jackeline Leon  
Staff Writer

UNION - At 106 years old, Americus Jeter is spry enough to take to the streets in celebration. She is expected to do just that in October, when she participates in Union's Bicentennial Parade.

"At her age, she is very...alert and remembers everything," Shirley Mubarak said about her grandmother, who celebrated her birthday June 25.

Jeter, who was born and raised in Jacksonville, Ga., spent most of her life in the Vauxhall area, where she has lived since 1931.

She recalls the slower pace in Vauxhall during her youth. "On the street, back here, there were no homes," Jeter said pointing towards Springfield Avenue. "There were blackberry trees...and I would make a blackberry pie."

Buggies and wagons were commonplace. "The...roads were just big enough for one car. They had streetcars coming down Valley Street," according to Jeter.

In the 40s, she would travel to Newark and Irvington, major shopping areas at the time, for 5 cents on the streetcar.

At the end of World War II, the community celebrated. "The whole neighborhood came out hanging pots and pans," Mubarak recounted.

Although the winner of the NAACP Living Legend Award made it through difficult periods, living through The Great Depression, she said her greatest accomplishments have been creating a home and being a mother, though she did have dreams of being an interior decorator.

Jeter, who married in 1925, has four children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Her



**Americus Jeter** children attended Central Five Elementary School, formally Jefferson School, and Union High School. "About 98 percent of the school was white," Mubarak recalled.

As an African-American woman in the 60s, Jeter said she encountered her share of racism. "I was standing in line getting groceries one time and the cashier started waiting on a white girl behind, but I did not move," she said.

In her long life, Jeter has traveled to many countries, including Jamaica, Bermuda and Mexico. During her free time, she enjoys reading, going to church, gospel singing and meeting the occasional celebrity — she has already met business mogul Donald Trump and Star Jones, the former member of the ABC morning show, "The View."

While there are more adventures to be had, for now, Jeter is focused on the upcoming parade and is settling into a whole new year of life.

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## Bee the best



Madison Elementary School, Rahway, held their annual Spelling Bee June 5. Winner of the Spelling Bee, Phillip Schroeder, stands with Principal Fran Gavin.

## Davino gets 4% raise

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — A 4 percent salary increase for the district's superintendent was narrowly approved, with the surprise support of a school official who had rejected renewing the contract, along with many township parents.

The Springfield Board of Education's 5-4 vote solidified the raise for superintendent Michael Davino. Board members David Hollander, Donato Circelli, Andrew Fekete and Jeff Strumpf opposed the increase.

Last September, more than one hundred parents voiced their opposition to a five-year renewal of Davino's contract. Despite the objections, the school board approved the extension, with board members David Hollander and Tony Delia voting against the plan.

Delia, who is now the board president, had the deciding vote at last week's meeting and approved Davino's raise.

Hollander said he found Delia's choice odd. "Since he's been president, he's been working closely with Davino. (Davino) may have convinced him that he's doing a good job."

The four board members who voted against the raise stressed their votes were not a personal attack on Davino.

Strumpf said his vote was a reaction to the "chaos and controversy" surrounding the district. "I am enthusiastic about some programs we're working on, but I cannot overlook the deficiencies I see," he said.

Though Fekete said Delia's vote did not surprise him, he noted he found it a bit "deceiving."

Davino and Delia could not be reached for comment at press time.

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Leonie Miller of Roselle, hands cotton candy to her daughter, Imani Miller, 6, during Roselle Public Schools' Women's Empowerment Program on Saturday, June 14. The program included a children's section complete with carnival-style attractions and games.



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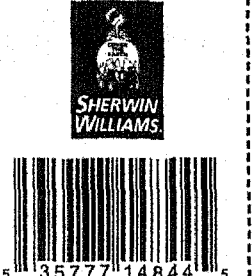
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**Township street coated in memory of 'Seasons'**

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

UNION — Although their popularity has been widespread in New Jersey for decades, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons will forever be remembered in Union due to the historic street re-naming that took place June 25 in front of Costco.

The section of West Chestnut Street, between Hobson Street and Route 22, was officially re-named "Four Seasons Lane," to honor the birthplace and namesake of the Rock and Roll Hall of Famers.

This spot in Union was chosen because, where Costco stands today, was once home to The Four Seasons Bowling Lounge.

Almost 50 years ago, Frankie Valli, Tommy DeVito, Nick Massi, and Bob Gaudio, known at that time as The Four Lovers, were attempting to boost their singing careers to the next level by auditioning for a gig at The Four Seasons Bowling Lounge.

"The audition at the bowling alley was a desperate move, and they flunked it. They couldn't even book a bowling alley at that point," Danielle Gaudio-Lalehzar, Bob's daughter, said.

After the group was rejected, they lingered in the parking lot for a while and decided to leave the bowling alley with a little memento — its name.

"This state will always define exactly what and who they (The

Four Seasons) are," said Gaudio-Lalehzar.

Audrey Rockman, who runs the Four Seasons Bus Tour and helped organize the event, recalls not being a Four Seasons fanatic growing up in Mercer County.

"I wasn't a big fan of the group, but I knew the story of the bowling alley; everyone did," Rockman said.

According to longtime childhood friend of the band, Gerard Falzio, no matter how much success and fame the members of the singing group gained, they always stayed humble and grounded. "Fame was much different then," Falzio said. "They were just guys from the neighborhood. Every award or gold record they gained, they would go back home and put it on the mantle above their fireplace in Newark."

During the ceremony, Union Committeeman Joseph Florio read a proclamation from the township commemorating the day and officially naming June 24 "Four Seasons Day" in Union.

"This just happens to be Union's 200th birthday today, and Frankie (Valli) was a big part of Union's history," Committeewoman Brenda Restivo said. "This street sign will forever be a reminder to the residents of Union."

Florio recalled when he was young and The Four Seasons were always appearing on the Billboard

music chart. He also recognized that the success of the Broadway show "Jersey Boys," which features Four Seasons music, has even further boosted the group's popularity among a much younger audience.

"They don't sell out shows for four or five years straight with just old people," Florio joked.

The actual band members were not able to attend the ceremony due to prior family commitments, but Toni Valli, Frankie's daughter, was able to read a statement thanking the township of Union, the state of New Jersey and everyone who attended the event.

In the statement, Bob Gaudio said, "Both Frankie and I are overwhelmed with what has happened to us over the last 50 years. Its remarkable, fantastic, unbelievable, lucky, all of the above. But most of all, we are proud to say this all started in a state that has more loyalty per square mile than any place in the whole world."

The letter also reflected the group's pride in its home state.

"It's been a successful invasion, as we'd like to call it," band members said in the letter. "One thing we all should never forget: New York is just an island, but New Jersey is the beginning of the United States."

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## Treat yourself



The Morristown-Beard Middle School's moving up ceremony for eighth-graders was held June 13. Alexis Givens of Union receives her certificate.

## Irving, Main Sts. going both ways

By John O'Reilly  
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — The project transforming two major streets from one-way to two-way in the heart of the city's downtown has winded down.

Updates to Irving and Main streets were expected to finish July 1, with the last stretch of the project including painting new lane-dividing lines and installing new traffic lights so traffic changes could be completed.

Last week, Rahway officials said they anticipated PSE&G will connect power to the traffic lights by Friday.

They must be operational and flashing for three days before usage so drivers are alerted to the change in traffic patterns, said Sgt. Frank D'Errico, of the Rahway Police Department Traffic Bureau.

D'Errico said the changes will make it easier for motorists to drive into the city's commercial district.

"Right now there's really only one way in and one way out, and that's one big circle. This will improve the flow of traffic and give downtown a lot more exposure," D'Errico said.

The project kicked off in January.

Then, City Administrator and Redevelopment Director Peter Pelissier said the traffic changes were a condition of allowing the Carriage City Plaza development to operate.

According to traffic officials, motorists can expect several more updates to city streets this week, including:

- **Coach Street**, a one-way, will reverse direction.

- **Poplar Street** will change from two-way to one-way traffic westbound.

- **Cherry Street** will reverse the direction of current one-way.

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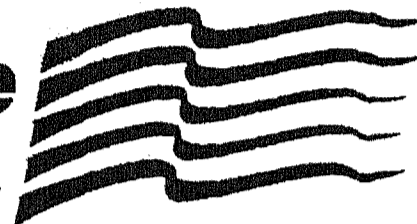
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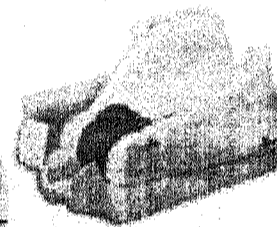
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# Funds sought for plan to can waste

**By Janelle LoBello**  
Correspondent

SUMMIT — The Summit Recycling Advisory Committee is trying to cut down on litter by raising money to “blanket the city” in new recycling bins, according to members.

Although the modern vandal-proof and theft-proof bins being sought are pricey, officials believe they will be worth every penny.

The price of an average bin of this kind is approximately \$550. The cost will be driven by the fact that they will not be “flimsy” and must be heavy so they will be secure, according to Diane Klaif, councilwoman and chair of the committee.

In total, the committee is fundraising to gather \$50,000 needed to provide the community with recycling bins in the most essential areas.

According to Mayor Jordan Glatt, many of the playing fields are in need of the bins due to the

amounts of water and Gatorade bottles thrown around.

“There are 15 sites that are desperately in need of bins around Summit,” said Klaif. “Primarily, we want to put them in recreational location and parks.”

The bins will also be added in small shopping areas city wide and the downtown. Grant money already donated from Summit Downtown Inc. and the Summit Area Public Foundation has allowed the committee to purchase a few bins that have already been placed in the downtown area.

Mayor Glatt is optimistic about reaching the \$50,000 goal and hopes there will be more projects aimed at keeping the city clean. “This is part of a huge initiative. We plan to do more and more green projects,” he said.

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## CLARK BRIEFS

**Babies reading**

A Lapsit for Little Ones program, associated with the Catch the Reading Bug program, will be held Mondays through Aug. 4 from 11 to 11:15 a.m. at the Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave. The program, for babies through 24 months and their caregivers, will feature stories, song, nursery rhymes and will be followed with free play.

Registration is required. To register, call 732-388-5999 or visit [www.clarklibrary.org](http://www.clarklibrary.org).

**Tales for tots**

A Tales for Tots program, associated with the Catch the Reading Bug program, will be held Tuesdays through Aug. 5 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at the Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave.

The program, for children ages 2 to 5 years and their caregivers, will feature stories, finger plays and songs for active listeners.

Registration is required. To register, call 732-388-5999 or visit [www.clarklibrary.org](http://www.clarklibrary.org).

**Stories program**

A Stories and More program, associated with the Catch the Reading Bug program, will be held Mondays through Aug. 4 from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. at the Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave. The program, for children ages 3 to 5 years and their caregivers, will feature theme-based stories, movement, songs and a craft.

Registration is required. To register, call 732-388-5999 or visit [www.clarklibrary.org](http://www.clarklibrary.org).

**Pajama story time**

A Pajama Story Time program, associated with the Catch the Reading Bug program, will be held Thursdays through Aug. 7 from 7 to 7:45 p.m. at the Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave.

The program, for kids through age 10 and their caregivers, will feature family story time and songs.

Registration is required. To register, call 732-388-5999 or visit [www.clarklibrary.org](http://www.clarklibrary.org).

## SPRINGFIELD BRIEFS

**Motto in command**

Michael A. LaMotta of Springfield was appointed commander of the Disabled American Veterans Irwin D. Harris Chapter 40 of Union Township during a recent installation ceremony.

**Garland, Rooney films**

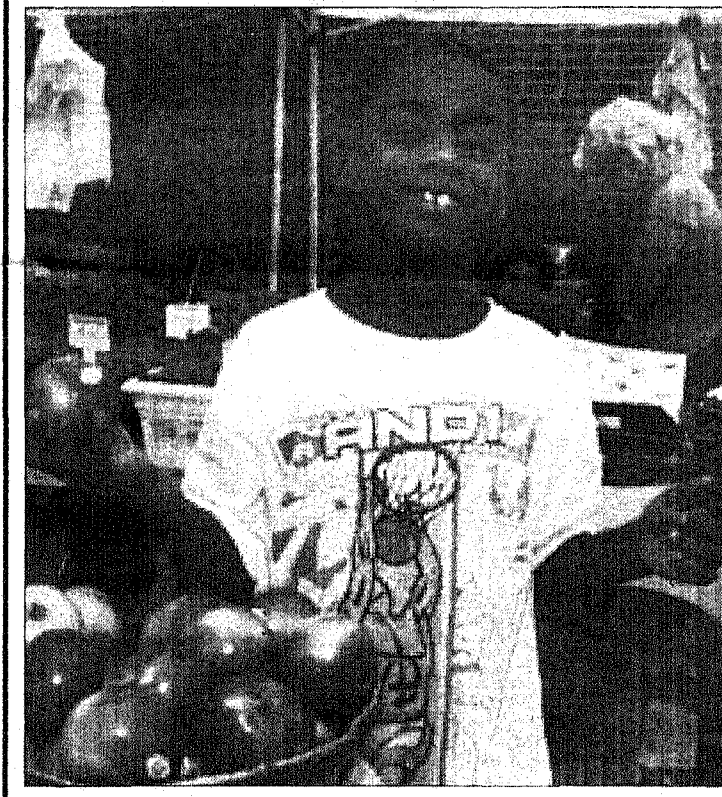
The Lunchtime Film Series presents “Judy and Mickey Classic films” Tuesday at noon in the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. For information, visit [www.splnj.org](http://www.splnj.org).

**Russian film showing**

The International Film Festival presents the Russian film “The Italian” Thursday at noon and at 7 p.m. at the Donald Palmer Museum within the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. For information, visit [www.splnj.org](http://www.splnj.org).



Photos By Frank Wood



**STOP, SHOP** — The Linden Cultural Committee sponsors a farmers market Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade, Wood Avenue at Knopf Street. Above: Jim Matarazzo, left, and Jordan ReBack, right, stand behind their display and show some of their offerings to a patron. Left: Nesive Bell picks out an apple.

## QuickStart tennis offered

The Cranford Clay Courts Club is finalizing plans for its upcoming Youth Tennis Academy.

The academy is designed to serve as an introductory session for beginner players, as well as provide more advanced instruction for the experienced tennis player. Cranford High School Boys Tennis Coach Bill Prisco will again lead the Academy. Coach Prisco will utilize QuickStart Tennis at the academy. This system is a new approach to help children ten and under learn and play the game

QuickStart is designed to bring kids into the game of tennis by utilizing specialized equipment, shorter court dimensions and modified

scoring, all tailored to age and size. It allows any child between ages five and ten to start playing tennis almost immediately — even if he or she has never picked up a racquet before.

Like other youth sports, QuickStart stresses the importance of play and team competition. The program is endorsed by the USTA, which has incorporated it into its Jr. Team Tennis league.

Prisco, a veteran tennis instructor, is a firm believer of the program. "I am confident the students will have fun learning the basics through this method and develop skills that will become the foundation of their game," he said.

Word is spreading about the Academy and its use of QuickStart Tennis. There is limited availability in sessions two and three, both of which begin in July. Each session consists of six lessons; the session dates are as follows:

- Session 2: July 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16.
- Session 3: July 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30

The 6- to 9-year-old age group classes are scheduled for 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and the 10- to 16-year-old age group is scheduled from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. All classes are held at the club's Springfield Avenue facility.

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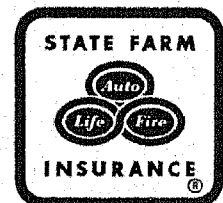
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## Responsible caregiver



Liz Garcia, Infineum USA L.P.'s public affairs and Responsible Care® manager, accepts the American Chemistry Council's 2008 Responsible Care Leadership Award at the organization's 136th annual meeting banquet earlier this month.

## Rare disease hits Clark

By Paul Greulich  
 Staff Writer

CLARK — While people diagnosed with a rare disease often feel alone in their particular sufferings, that's not the case in Clark, where an unusual number of residents have been diagnosed with a degenerative and sometimes debilitating condition.

Legg-Calvé-Perthes syndrome, commonly referred to as "Perthes," affects the hip joint, where a loss of bone mass leads to some degree of collapse of the joint. The disease typically affects young children and small dogs, and it can lead to osteoarthritis in adults. It is considered a relatively rare disease, affecting as few as one in 10,000 people.

The disease is markedly more common in males than females and is not believed to be hereditary.

Dr. Joshua Hyman, an expert in adolescent hip diseases at Columbia University Medical Center, said pollution and general nutrition have been mentioned as possible contributing factors to Perthes, although the cause of the disease remains unknown.

"No one has ever really been able to create a unifying hypothesis," Hyman explained.

Michael DiMartino, a former Clark resident who now lives in

Hunterdon County, said he was diagnosed with Perthes in 1987 at the age of 14. He estimates that between six and 12 other cases emerged within a roughly eight-block radius, in a time span of five years. DiMartino lived on Herald Avenue, where his backyard was adjacent to another resident, Nicholas White, who also suffered from the disease.

White, who is presently going to school for his doctorate in biomedical engineering, found the prevalence of Perthes in Clark striking.

"There's people all around my block in Clark that had it," White said. "Personally, I think its something in the water or something in the environment."

DiMartino said all the patients went to different hospitals and there was little or no cohesion between the different people affected. DiMartino said that he took notice of the other cases in town, but his claims were dismissed.

"In a nice town like Clark, especially back then, nobody wanted to hear that," DiMartino said.

Hyman said that if the diagnoses were accurate, then the number of cases in Clark can be considered unusual and should have caught the attention of a doctor.

Clark Health Officer Nancy

Raymond said she is not aware of the collection of Perthes cases in the town and has never before heard of the disease.

Raymond said there are no cancer clusters or other concentrations of illnesses in Clark that she is aware of.

Recent cases have also surfaced in the town. Eight year-old Michael Sforza, who was involved in lacrosse and soccer and played on a Clark recreation soccer team before being diagnosed with Perthes, is currently walking again after spending a year on crutches and in a wheelchair, but he cannot participate in sports.

"He's not allowed to run, he's not allowed to jump," said his mother, Jean Sforza. "For an 8-year-old, that's hard."

Michael is still in the early stages of the disease, and his family hopes that he will be able to go back to sports without surgery being necessary.

Jean Sforza said the uncertainty surrounding the illness has been frustrating.

"There's no proven treatment. There's no known cause. When you go to a doctor, some of them have never heard of it," Sforza said.

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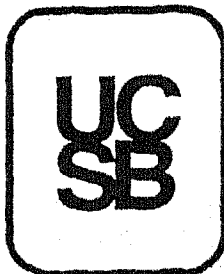


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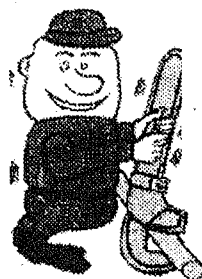
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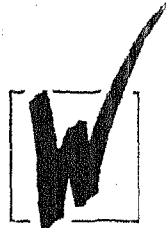
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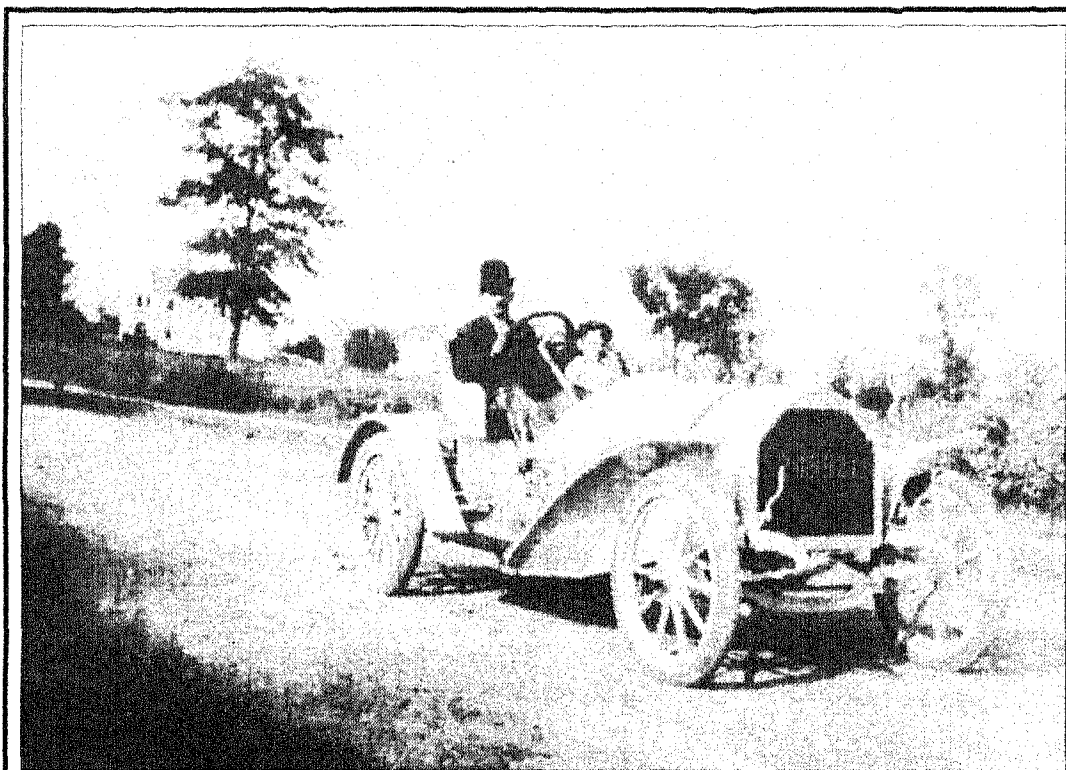
## EDITORIALS

### The flag of freedom

Friday is Independence Day, when people throughout our nation celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, picnics and various public and private events and festivities with patriotic overtones. It's a time of revelry, often combined with a three- or four-day weekend when families flock to the beach and have family or community get-togethers, so much so that many forget this holiday's origins.

In the late 1700s, relations between Great Britain and its colonies had become strained, culminating in armed resistance and fighting which broke out in April 1775. Shadow governments in each colony linked by the Continental Congress and Committees of Correspondence were established. Sentiment for outright independence grew rapidly in response to British actions and options were clarified by Thomas Paine's pamphlet "Common Sense," released in January 1776.

Thomas Jefferson was selected by the Second Continental Congress and, using Paine's "Common Sense" and several other sources, including writings by James Otis, Samuel Adams, Scottish philosopher Thomas Reid, Richard Henry Lee's motion of June 7, 1776, and even the 1689 English Bill of Rights, a Declaration of Independence was drafted. Following extensive revision by Benjamin Franklin, the draft was approved and sent to the printer on July 4, 1776, with only the signature on it that of John Hancock, the elected president of Congress. The other 56 delegates did not begin signing the document until Aug. 2, 1776, with the final signature not occurring until 1791. At the signing, Franklin was quoted as having replied to a comment by Hancock that they must all hang together: "Yes, we must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately." Our nation has survived a Civil War, two World Wars and numerous conflicts to become a proponent of freedom and peace in a world that, too often, flies in the face of reason. It is only by our decision to "hang together" that we have proven the vision of our Founding Fathers to be both far-reaching and prophetic. This July 4, as we celebrate the freedoms provided us by our ancestors, remember to fly the flag and live by the words espoused in our Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."



**HORSELESS CARRIAGE** — A motorist drives his open touring car down Springfield Avenue in Union, in 1906. This 'horseless carriage,' which was not equipped with headlights, was meant only for daytime driving in fair weather.

### Cranford: a tale of two committees

The committees have issued their reports on two big subjects in Cranford. In terms of the future of the downtown and the form of government to be followed, the recommendations have been made to the local government.

The Charter Study Advisory Committee, chaired by former clerk Rosalie Hellenbrech, was formed after voters last November passed a non-binding referendum "to study and make recommendations as to potentially change the township form of government." The seven-page, single-spaced report details an extensive journey studying alternatives.

In a coherent manner, the report concludes "a majority of the committee strongly believe that for the available plans of Faulkner Act government, any benefit gained from the direct election of the mayor was outweighed by either the weakness in the respective form of government or the strengths of the township committee form"

There was some desire in the community last November for change. The change that the committee suggested is to consolidate more authority with the township administrator. Further, they suggest a change in the current system of having liaisons to the various departments by elected officials. They call it a "division of loyalty" of department heads between the administrator and elected official liaison.

The existing form of government means the five commissioners are elected by all the voters. The

#### Left Out

By Frank Capece

overriding problem with wards is the representative ends up voting on a whole lot of issues for which the votes have no recourse in terms of the ballot box. In terms of the direct election of a mayor for an extended period, the committee concludes, "The primary concern was that too much power would be vested in one person."

It will be interesting to see how the township fathers react to the committee recommendations. At their June 24 meeting, they urged change in the county electorate process to "having eight, or at least four of our freeholders elected by smaller, geographic districts." They call the current at large process "fundamentally unfair as it is not sufficiently representative of our county's diverse population demographics and needs."

On the same day of the release of the charter study report, an "advisory and consultative" report was issued on the future of the downtown, the Special Improvement District and the District Management Corporation. The report concludes the township should "seriously consider a team building exercise (preferably led by a township volunteer skilled in such exercise) for the DMC Board and staff, municipal department heads and the executive committee of the

Chamber of Commerce."

No kidding, in a down-turned economy — with some glaring store vacancies and some very grumpy real estate owners — the report highlights a camp counseling session.

The first page of the report references the need for "bipartisan vision" and a "bipartisan working group." It's always a nice goal. Still, the voters and their candidates have the right to question and even criticize, when appropriate, a project which so affects the community. The inference that somehow the downtown vision should be insulated from the election process is not practical.

Get your hair cut, eat a sloppy Joe at lunch or have your kid's diploma framed in Cranford. If you ask Executive Director Kathleen Prunty's role, the singular overriding criticism is she has arbitrarily decided that interaction with the merchants is not part of her job. It is amazing that such an important charge of reviewing the downtown could be so devoid of a review of the key person's duties, her successes and notable failures. Others say the elected officials don't give directions to the DMC.

The report concludes with the hope that it will be helpful in moving the issue forward. Maybe if the failure to identify and address highlights the issues, they will succeed. Some committees just do better than others.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Fly the flag on the fourth

To the Editor:

With the Fourth of July holiday approaching us, this day represents things to many people including family barbecues, picnics, fireworks, the start of a long weekend vacation from work, swimming pools to cool off, a trip perhaps to the New Jersey shore or whatever our celebration intentions may be.

July 4 represents the freedom and independence that we, as veterans, have fought for, and we ask our fellow Americans to bear in mind the many sacrifices that were made to achieve independence and not take the privileges we share today for granted. I, as a fellow legionnaire and VFW member, would like to see every member of your family, your post, your neighbors and all business establishments in our community hoist the American flag and display its colors during this patriotic holiday to show the world we are proud to be an American. Happy birthday, America.

Edward J. Miller  
Kenilworth

### A leadership 'debacle'

To the Editor:

While we probably all were watching the democratic debacle of the race between Sens. Clinton and O'Bama, hopefully we did not lose sight of our local Republican administration's five months of leadership debacle. For those residents who haven't kept up with the present Kenilworth administration goings on, here-in find just a few of the issues.

Surely most residents know the plight of the Famiglietti family, a family of six whose house collapsed on April 24. Past candidate, now councilwoman (Toncia) Sosnosky, who lives close by, promised to help this depraved family in any way she could. Yet as an elected official, she called the police on the family, alleging they were doing illegal construction work on a Sunday. The police told her she was out of line, for there was no violation of any ordinances. Was this the help she offered before being elected?

How about the absurd new ordinance that allows new heights for homes? For the past many years, it was 30 feet. It's now been changed to 35 feet. This law/ordinance was passed, without any research, in 30 days, and it applies to old or new buildings irrespective of the lot size or living space. Why? Which builders, who supported this administration, are they rewarding?

Our new engineer, Mr. O'Connor, a Clark resident — didn't the mayor promise to appoint local people — has already become famous. Why? After being appointed for just one month, he allowed an opening on a new street, which had a five-year moratorium. The law says it can't be disturbed except for an extreme emergency. He allowed the opening to take place because a landlord — well known and seen as a strong supporter of the mayor's administration — wanted his tenants' oil-heated home to be replaced with gas. The question now is, was this an extreme emergency? Will Mr. O'Connor give the same permission to open similar new streets for the same reason or needs?

A recent issue that just surfaced and has really exploded on the scene, is the new assessment charge for the new streets done over the past five years with the belgium block curbing. The assessment emanates as far back as five years, and today its still in a state of flux on what the actual per foot charge should or will be. The scenario does not end on the preceding matter. A new wrinkle has surfaced which is that the assessment for the curbing can be paid interest-free over a five-year period. However, if the first year installment is not paid within a 30-day window, the full assessment is due. Whose logic or law makes this legal? If one can't pay the first year's installment, what makes the mayor think the homeowner can pay the total assessment? What's the penalty — does the homeowner go to jail? Let's get real logical and rational on

this issue. As far as the Kenilworth Democratic Party is concerned, those who have been using and seeking self-monetary gratification or persons who, over the year, have joined the party for revenge and self-gratification have since purged themselves, from the party and the club. Yet don't be surprised if they resurface as the bad weed does after a good dose of weed killer.

Livio Mancino  
Kenilworth

### First, compare costs

To the Editor:

I read with interest the letter from Richard Guerra in your June 26 edition of the *Union County LocalSource*. Although Mr. Guerra brought up some valid points, I believe your readers should be made aware of the whole story.

At the June 16 Linden City Council meeting, three members of the City Council voted "no" to the consolidation of the Public Property, Parking and Transportation and Recreation departments into one department, but supported the introduction of various other consolidations.

During this meeting, questions were raised from the public regarding this particular consolidation move. Mr. Koziol made reference to the report of the consolidation committee — which he chaired — whose recommendation it was to consolidate Public Property and Parking and Transportation with the Public Works Department, creating a larger pool of laborers while making it more feasible to eliminate duplicated supervisory positions in these departments.

Did anyone bother to compare the cost savings of the particular move to what was recommended by Councilman Koziol? Significant budget savings will be made by eliminating top management, not your lower level employees. Mrs. Yamakaitis also brought up a valid point, questioning the move of the Recreation Department — a department that serves the seniors and youth — into a maintenance division. I researched other municipalities and the majority have separate recreation divisions.

Madeline LaCorte  
Linden

### Becoming a nuisance

To the Editor:

When I was a kid, I used to enjoy watching the men tar the streets around here. It always seemed to be on the hottest day of the year.

As far as I can recall, it only lasted one day. Now my street and the two cross streets are "under construction," and people who live near Louisa Street and Lafayette Avenue, will know what I mean. It was on March 28 when this nonsense started, and it's still not finished. I don't know why they are doing this. No one who lives here wants it, and I surely see nothing worthwhile about it. The last straw was when they decided that instead of tarring the street, as they did in the 1960s, they would totally excavate it and then blacktop it. Excavate and blacktop a side street like this? Who thought of that brainstorm?

They put in curbing and a little sidewalk in my street, dug up about four feet of everyone's lawn and driveway, tore out bushes and didn't replace them. My street doesn't look too bad but Lafayette Avenue is a total disaster. The curbing is several feet from the lawns and ugly gaping holes are in front of everyone's house. It appears they have been trying to fill the holes with hay. The orange cones get in the way of everything, and several manholes are raised dangerously.

Because of their work in my driveway, my curb was raised, and one day I ran into it and got a flat. I had to buy a new tire.

I've lived in this house for 54 years, and this work is not necessary to this neighborhood. Enough is enough already.

Richard Line  
Union

## Puppet pal



Valley Road School, Clark, recently received funding from the Clark Benefit Fund to purchase a therapeutic interactive puppet for students. The puppet, 'Braidy' stands with a pre-school student.

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## ROSELLE PARK BRIEFS

### Begin communicating

The Come Sign and Dance program will be held Mondays from 1:30 to 2 p.m. at the Roselle Park Veterans Memorial Library. The program is designed for children ages 6 months and older. Combining sign language with upbeat songs, the program is a way to start communicating with your child.

To register or for information, call the Children's Room at 908-245-2456.

### Showboat Casino trip

The Casano Community Center of Roselle Park is sponsoring a trip to the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, July 10.

There is a fee for the trip and participants must have a Showboat card or valid identification. Buses will pick-up at 8:45 a.m. at Michael Mauri Gazebo Park on the corner of Grant Avenue and Chestnut Street, and at 9 a.m. at the Church of the Assumption on Westfield Avenue.

The buses return at approximately 7 p.m.

For information, call 908-245-0666 or stop by the Casano Community Center, 314 Chestnut St.

### Teddy bear festival

The Roselle Park Memorial Library, 404 Chestnut St., will hold a Midsummer Teddy Bear Festival Tuesday, July 15 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

See over 100 different teddy bears in one room. Registration is required and children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

For information, call 908-245-2456.

### Butterfly show

Rick Mikula, the "Butterfly Guy," will be at the Roselle Park Memorial Library, 404 Chestnut St., on Wednesday, Aug. 6 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For information, call 908-245-2456.

### Cruisin' Nights

Mayor Joseph DeIorio and the Roselle Park Borough Council will host a "Cruisin' Night" car show and swap meet at Michael J. Mauri Park, on the corner of Chestnut Street and Grant Avenue, Saturday, Sept. 13 from 4 to 7 p.m., with the rain date being the following day.

For information, call 908-245-0666.

# Hillside High School seniors sent off with smiles

Olivia E. Abrams, Erguaris Accilien, Asia Monel Adams, Rahel Melake Akillu, Millicent Alcentry, Bilal Ali, Daniel Marquis Allen, Tarik Anhwan Allen, Khyre Terrell Alley, Jessica Lopes Alves, Tiffana Kelle Anderson, Kevin Andrade, Ellason C. Anozile, Pamela Anango and Minerva Cheryl Aviles.

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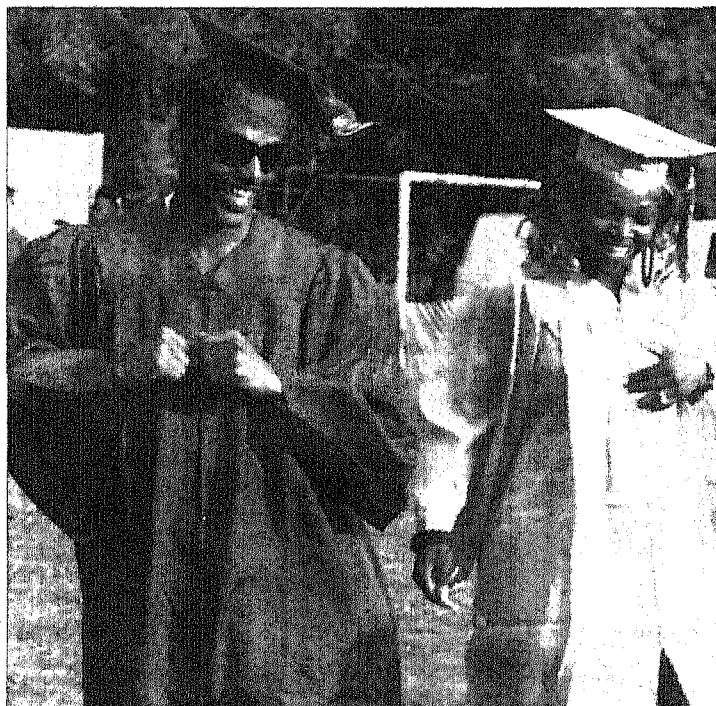
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Bryan Rana Narvasz, Dorine



Photos By Barbara Kakkalis

Two HHS graduates march onto the football field with style.

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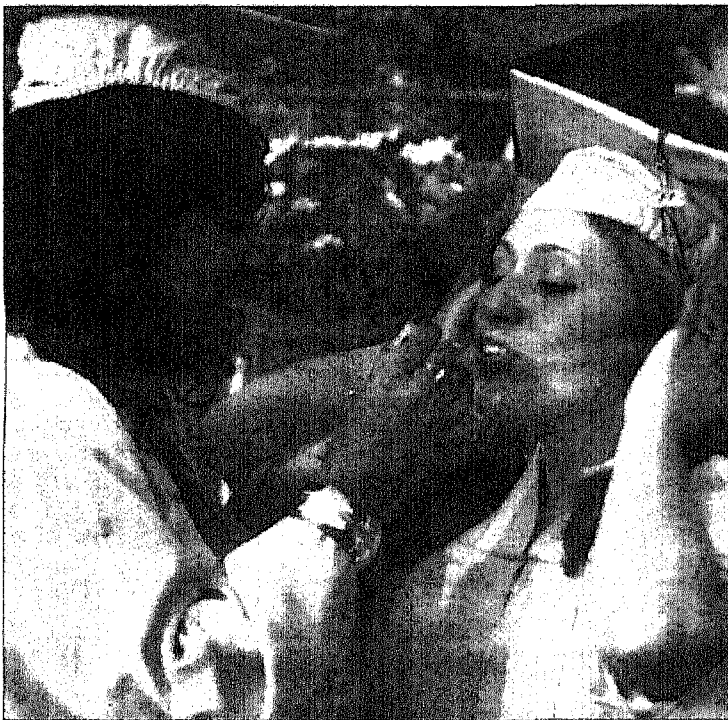
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Shannae Santana, left, and Cassandra Martinez, right, apply last minute make-up moments before marching into the football stadium.

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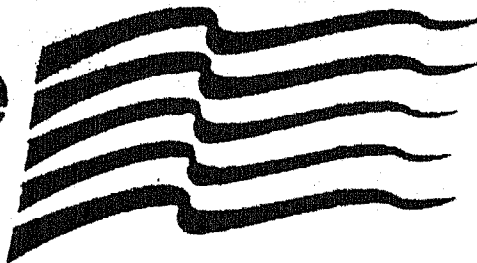
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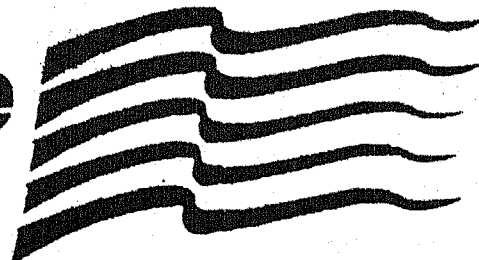
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## RAHWAY BRIEFS

### Register for school

Registration for elementary school will take place in Room 105 at the Rahway Middle School, intersection of Westfield Avenue and Madison Avenue, on the following days:

- Tuesday 9 a.m. to noon
- July 15 from 1 to 4 p.m.
- July 30 from 3 to 5 p.m.
- Aug. 7 from 1 to 4 p.m.
- Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon

Middle school and high school registration is done by appointment by calling the middle school at 732-396-1029 or the high school

at 732-396-1074.

Registration requires proof of age, guardianship.

Immunization and four proofs of residency are required. Transfers require a transfer card from previous school.

For information, call 732-396-1017 or 732-396-1014.

### Story, crafts program

Get buggy with creepy crawlies Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Rahway Public Library. Participants can listen to a story and make a bug craft.

The program is for children of all ages, and registration not required.

For information, call the Rahway Public Library at 732-340-1551, ext. 222.

### Story, crafts program

Get buggy with creepy crawlies Wednesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rahway Public Library. Listen to a story and make a bug craft. The program is for children of all ages. Registration not required.

For information, call the library at 732-340-1551, ext. 222.

## Court sides with city refinery

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did not immediately return calls for comment.

Following her husband's death, Kearney campaigned for years to bring attention to the cancer risks at the refinery: she even compiling a "dead list," 32 names of employees who also died of cancer.

A study performed nearly three years ago by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, however, did not support Kearney's claim.

Approximately 125,000 petroleum industry work-

ers at the Linden plant and other refineries across the country were evaluated during the study. In 2005, OSHA found that 12 workers who died of esophageal cancer while working at Bayway between 1970 and 2001 had two separate types of the disease and "at least one risk factor" for it. The study also determined Bayway employees "have not shown an increased risk of esophageal cancer," compared to other industry workers."

John O'Reilly can be reached at 908-686-7700.

## Officials still seeking legal files

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McCoy Oliver did not return calls for comment.

Councilman Gerald Freedman said it is important for the files to be returned immediately. "All the cases the township attorney was working on are in those boxes," Freedman said.

Superior Court Judge John F. Malone is expected to call McCoy Oliver back to court, giving her a chance to respond the allegations. She may be fined if

the judge finds she failed to produce the files in time.

The mayor has allegedly been holding onto the files since November 2007, nine months following the resignation of former township attorney Dwane Warren, McCoy Oliver's cousin. He had been in possession of the files, according to her attorney, Warren & Tosi P.C. of Little Falls.

Jackeline Leon can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 126, or editorial@thelocalsource.com.

### Pets available for adoption at PetSmart

If you're looking to adopt a cat, stop down at the PetSmart on Route 22 West in Union and take a look at some of the cats from the Friends of Linden Animal Shelter. A PetSmart employee can show you the cat and supply any information you need.

Friends of Linden Animal Shelter volunteers are dedicated to finding homes for the many deserving animals that have either found their way into Linden Animal Control, are unwanted previous pets or are unclaimed strays. For information, call 732-388-6300, e-mail folashelter@aol.com or visit us www.linden.petfinder.org.

## Stepping up



Photo By Christine Hudak

The Linden Interfaith Network for Community Service, with the support of Linden High School, Soehl Middle School and the Linden Education Association, recently held its 9th annual walk-a-thon to fight hunger. Linden High School National Honor Society students, from left, Mellissa Medial, Krishna Shaw, John Bouck, Samantha Lisovich and Viera Mihalova help pack up a truck with food for the Linden food pantry.

## Rotary of Springfield turns 60

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — The Rotary Club of Springfield rang in their 60th year with an anniversary bash and a few friends — 150 members of the community.

"It was great to see so many people come out to help us celebrate and to support our efforts," said Rotary Club Secretary Steven Friedman.

The milestone was marked with a night of reflection and moments of recognition during a wine and cheese reception at Commerce Bank on Morris Avenue.

The 17-member club was honored by Sen. Tom Kean Jr. and Assemblymen Jon Bramnick, who were both in attendance, honored the club with a joint resolution recognizing their years of service.

Friedman got involved with the rotary club after he started working full-time in Springfield, nearly two-years ago. His long-time friend, a Rotarian, boasted about the organi-

zation, and he was itching to get more involved in the town he worked in.

Friedman jumped in and began worked along side individuals like Charlie Remlinger, owner of Remlinger Real Estate in Springfield who has been involved with the local branch since it was formed.

During his time as member, he said the club's biggest accomplishment has been furthering the motto of rotary: service above self. The group is involved with local events like the popular "Taste of the Town," which occurs annually and is scheduled to be held again in March 2009. The event features music and food.

"I find fulfillment in rotary. We are always working towards a common goal. It's a collaboration and a work in progress," Friedman said.

Elizabeth Fritzen, a 34-year EMT in Springfield, was honored during the evening celebration for living the rotary motto. She received the Paul Harris Fellow Award, named after

the founder of Rotary International, Paul Percy Harris.

"This is one of the club's highest honors," said Rotary President Rosalinda Perez, who noted that the "special" award is not presented annually but rather when it is warranted. "We thought it would be appropriate to tie in this award with our 60th Anniversary celebration."

While the award recognizes Fritzen's efforts as exceptional, she said it's all in a day's work. "I learned at a young age that volunteering and giving back is just the right thing to do," she said. Fritzen was also honored with a joint resolution from Bramnick and Kean.

Rotary International is one of the world's first service club organizations. Its more than 1.2 million members volunteer their time and various talents in an effort to fulfill the organization's objective.

Joseph M. D'Alise can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 124, or [editorial@thelocalsource.com](mailto:editorial@thelocalsource.com).

## KENILWORTH BRIEFS

### KPL closed July 4

Kenilworth Public Library will be closed Friday in observance of Independence Day.

### Story time Wed.

Story Time will be held Thursdays in July from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard. The program is for chil-

dren ages 3 and up. Registration is required.

To register, call the library at 908-276-2451.

### Bantwal visiting KPL

Author Shobhan Bantwal will discuss her novel, "The Dowry Bride," at Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard, on Tuesday begin at 7:15 p.m. in the

library's Activity Room.

The event is open to all who are ages 18 and up.

All must registration by calling the library at 908 276-2451.

### Birthday book raffle

Children may enter Kenilworth Public Library's Birthday Book Raffle during the month of their birthday.

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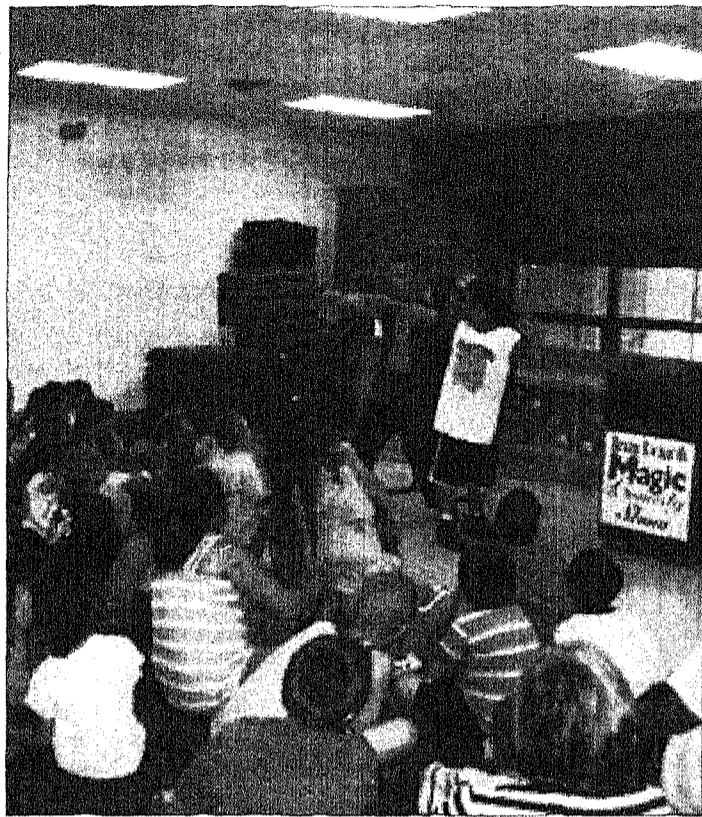
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## Magical day



Roselle Park Veterans Memorial Library's summer programs kicked off with a bit of magic. An audience enjoys magician Brian Richards as he presents the "Catch the Reading Bug Magic Show" at the Casano Center.

## CRANFORD

### See 'Great Debaters'

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department will show the "Great Debaters" Monday at 11:15 a.m. in the Audio-Visual Room at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

### Temple golf outing

Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim of Cranford will hold a golf outing beginning at noon on Monday, July 14 at Hyatt Hills Golf Complex, Clark. Proceeds will go to TBEMC Youth and Educational Programs. Lunch will be served and there will be cocktails, awards and raffle prizes. There is an admission fee.

The deadline for signing up is Monday. To signup send your name, address, phone number, e-mail address and a check payable to TBEMC to Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, c/o Steven Merman, 19 Doering Way, Cranford, 07016.

For information, call Steven Merman at 908-358-3098.

### Watch 'Pawnbroker'

The classic film, "The Pawnbroker," Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. For information, contact Fran Houston at 908-709-7272.

## See shells



Rahway students Chanel Winstead, left, and William French, right, hunt for shells during a recent Sandy Hook trip, an extension of the science program on ecosystems and structures of life.

## STUDENT UPDATE

### Maturo on dean's list

Andrew Peter Maturo of Cranford has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Gettysburg College, Pa.

### Ceci, Olson excel

Brian Keith Ceci of Cranford and Ryan Elizabeth Olson of Roselle Park have been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Bentley College, Mass.

### Cranford scholars

Cranford High School seniors

Elizabeth Wolansky, Dan Clavin, Christopher Sheridan and St. Peter's Prep seniors Miles McCann and Andrew McGlynn were all Cranford Knights of Columbus scholarship winners for 2008.

### City youth awarded

The Summit Housing Authority recently presented the following Summit High School and Middle School students with 2008 Achievement Awards: Tatiana Samuels, Mario Delgado, Ivan Delgado and Christine Espinosa,

Denise Allen, Muja Austin, Indanasia Jones, Edwin Roman, Edwardo Roman and Ashley Ruffin.

### Osnato a scholar

Christopher J. Osnato of Clark is attending the Presidential Classroom Scholars Program in Washington, D.C., during the month of July.

### MSRHS enriched

The following students who attend Mother Seton Regional High

School, Clark, will be taking courses, participating in Summer Enrichment Programs or doing volunteer work at colleges, universities or with organizations:

- Ruthly Cadestin of Union will attend Middlesex County College's engineering camp
- Kathryn Corpuz of Hillside will attend the RISE Summer Program at Rowan University and participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Washington, D.C.
- Dominique Garrett of Rahway,

Erica Ratti of Springfield and Mikhaila Zabat of Union will participate in the People to People Student Ambassador Program.

- Chelsea Madeira of Union will attend Lead America's Medicine and Healthcare Program
- Amanda Skuriat and Meridith Lubas, both of Linden will attend the HOBY Youth Leadership Conference.
- Ada Yeung and Dominique Garrett, both of Rahway will participate in the Douglass Science Institute.

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## Luring with love



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Tina Harrield and Petrona Addison try to lure customers to the flea market at Wallace Chapel Ame Zion Church, Summit, on Saturday.

## State ASBO recognizes local administrators for excellence

The New Jersey Association of School Business Officials recently awarded seven school business administrators with its Meritorious and Distinguished Awards at its annual conference in Atlantic City. The seven winners represent the diversity, commitment and quality of the members of NJASBO.

Among the winners were Vincent Gonnella of Kenilworth School District and Robert Zeglarski, of Roselle Park and the

Millburn School District. They received Meritorious Service Awards.

Meritorious Service Awards recognize individuals with outstanding service provided during the previous school year and Distinguished Service Awards recognize long term, continuous exemplary service. In addition to the recognition that accompanies the award, winners are presented with a \$100 gift certificate for dinner at the restaur-

ant of his/her choice and a \$1,000 scholarship to be presented to a graduating high school senior at the school of the recipient's choice.

The New Jersey Association of School Business Officials is a professional organization that promotes the highest standards of ethics and efficiency, provides its membership with professional development and support and collaborates with entities that affect public education [www.njasbo.com](http://www.njasbo.com).

### HILLSIDE BRIEFS

#### Blood donors sought

The Hillside Community Blood Bank and the Hillside Board of Health, in conjunction with The Blood Center of New Jersey, will hold a blood drive Tuesday from 3 to 8:30 p.m. at the lower parking lot at the Hillside Municipal Building, on the Hillside Avenue. Donors receive a free gas card.

#### Free meals for youth

The Hillside Recreation Department participates in the 2007 Summer Food Service Program from Monday to Friday through Aug. 22. The program provides all children

18 years of age and under with a free meal. Sites for the meals include: Maple Avenue Playground, Maple Avenue; William H. Buie Community Center, 274 Hillside Ave.; Central Avenue Playground, Central Avenue; Hillside High School, 1085 Liberty Ave.; George Washington School, 52 Leslie Street, and Calvin Coolidge School, Tillman Street.

For information, call 973-926-2219.

#### Library board meeting

The Hillside Public Library Board will meet on Wednesday, July 16.

#### Craft program

The Hillside Public Library, Liberty and Hillside avenues, will hold a Craft-Door Knocker event Monday, Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

For information, call the Hillside Public Library at 973-932-4413.


#### Caterpillar workshop

The Hillside Public Library, Liberty and Hillside avenues, will hold a Very Hungry Caterpillar Workshop Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 1 p.m.

For information, call the Hillside Public Library at 973-932-4413.

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- 6) Insure that any sliding glass doors or windows and any connecting room doors are locked before leaving.
- 7) Do not leave valuables in your room when you are out. If you must, then leave the radio or TV on to give the appearance that the room is occupied.
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# Robert Gordon celebrates 100

By Janelle LoBello  
Correspondent

ROSELLE PARK — Robert Gordon Elementary School celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.

The school opened in 1908 and has served as both an elementary and high school during the past century.

The historic landmark is located on West Grant Avenue next to Roselle Park Middle School. It was the first building constructed of poured concrete, an idea originated by Thomas Edison.

"Robert Gordon School is one of the strongest schools in the state," said Roselle Park resident Patrick DeMarco, who is chairman of the Senior Citizen Educational Advisory Committee.

In 1916, the school was named after Robert Gordon, one of Roselle Park's first council members and president of the Board of Education.

Although the school is now home to students in kindergarten through grade 5, when DeMarco attended in 1929, he remained there through sixth grade.

In addition to differences in grade levels, DeMarco said grades used to be split into two classes. "The A classes were for all students who got A's and B's, and the B classes were for students who got C and D grades," he explained.

A celebration of the history of Robert Gordon Elementary School began Jan. 3 with an assembly. Every morning since then, students and staff have submitted historical facts to be read over the intercom.

Much of the history embraced during the centennial celebration remains in the memories of the school's former students.

Borough native Keith Loneker, 37, reminisced about his days at Robert Gordon. "It's hard to mention Robert Gordon without mentioning the long line at Larry's subs to get candy in the morning," said Loneker. He is able to share some of his experiences at Robert Gordon with two of his nieces, who attended.

On May 29, the school conducted a carnival day in which "past administrators, parents, and teachers were invited to come back and visit the classrooms and talk with students," said James Salvo, the school's principal.

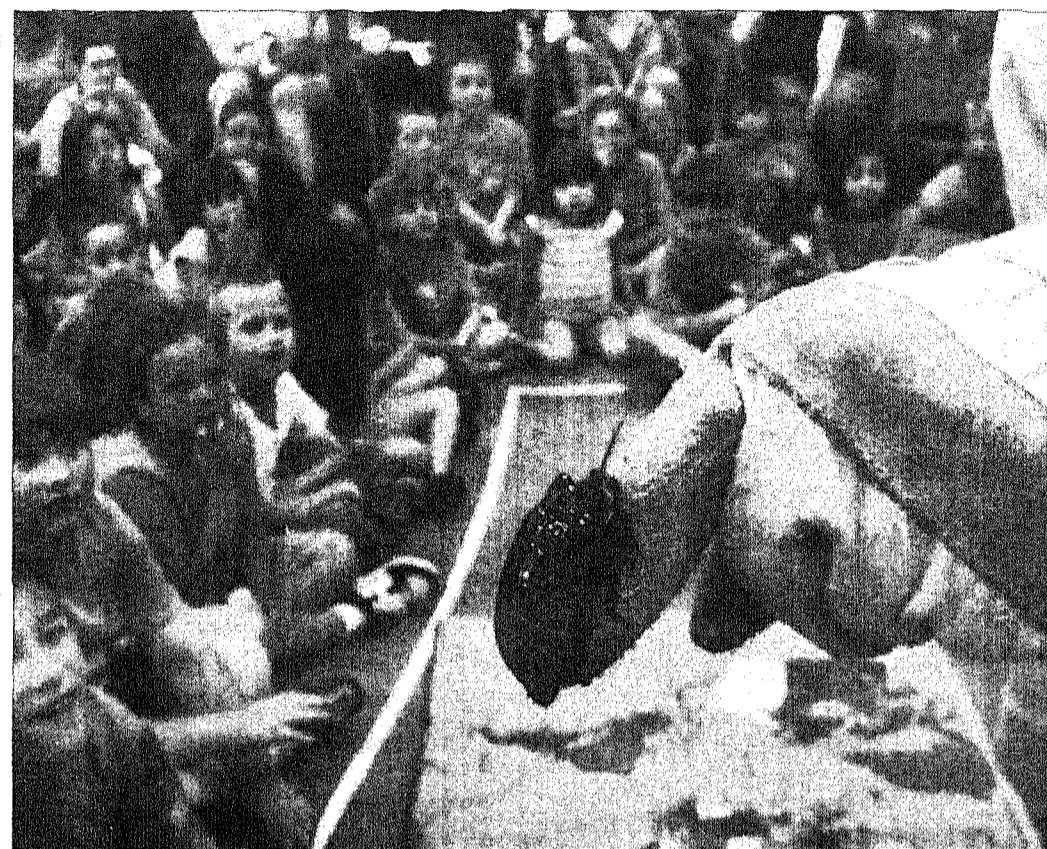
With the help of the school's music teachers, fifth grade students composed a school song, which will be performed on the last day of each academic year. A new school mascot, the Robert Gordon Teddy Bear, was created in honor of former president Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt, and a tile wall of artwork was designed and unveiled on May 29 to celebrate the centennial. The display is now a permanent fixture in the main hallway.

"It was a total team effort," Salvo said of the year-long centennial celebration. "The staff made sure it was an educational experience for every child."

In addition to Robert Gordon celebrating its 100th anniversary, Thomas Faria, principal of Sherman Elementary School in Roselle Park, retired after 30 years in the school district.

Faria said he has enjoyed his career in the borough. "It's been a ...fantastic career," he said.

Mary Christensen will replace Faria as principal. Monday was his last day in the district. Christensen has taught at Sherman Elementary School for 22 years.



**LIZARD LESSON** — The Kenilworth Public Library recently kicked off the Catch the Reading Bug 2008 Summer Reading Club with a program presented by Enzo the Lizard Guy, "Bugs & Those That Eat Them." Above: Enzo the Lizard Guy displays a live cockroach for children to view. Left: Zachary Volz visits with Sparkee the Somerset Patriot's mascot.

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# UNION COUNTY NEWS

## Police crack down on 'hot heads'

By Jackeline Leon  
Staff Writer

As the Fourth of July weekend — a popular time to travel — approaches, police countywide are cracking down on aggressive driving.

In Linden, patrols have been increased for the summer months.

Since May 2 an increased number of patrol officers have been keeping a watchful eye on the roads. The stepped up patrols will last until Sept. 30, according to authorities.

With the aid of a \$20,000 federal grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, Linden expects to crack down on

road rage and prevent roadway fatalities.

"The summer temperatures produce 'hot heads,' and 'hot heads' have no place behind the wheel," said Lt. Bruce Taylor of Linden's traffic bureau. "Through the Aggressive Driving Program, we look to both enforce traffic laws

and educate motorists. Our officers will vigilantly patrol Linden's roads and highways this summer to protect responsible drivers from the great dangers aggressive drivers pose."

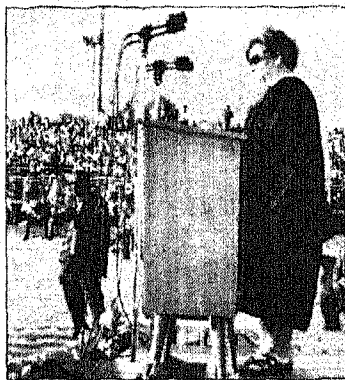
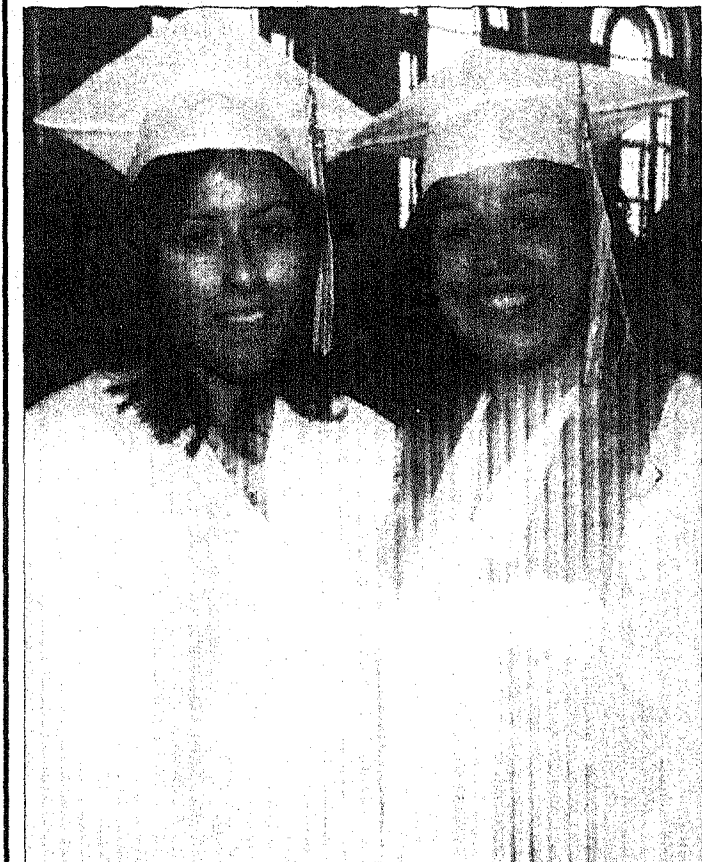
In the weeks since the program commenced, Linden police officers have reportedly issued approxi-

mately 500 summonses to aggressive drivers in the city.

Aggressive driving is marked by excessive speeding, tailgating, and improper lane changes. New Jersey was recently named the worst state in the country for road rage.

According to Taylor, more than

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Photos By Barbara Kokkalis, Jackeline Leon and Frank Wood

**CLASS OF 2008** — High Schools throughout Union County recently conducted commencement ceremonies for members of the Class of 2008. Clockwise, from top: Cranford High School seniors celebrate beneath the scoreboard on the athletic field; Cranford High School Valedictorian William Albert; a Union High School official addressed the graduates and Abraham Clark High School Valedictorian Yamira Montengro, left, and salutatorian Miriam Yeneic, right, celebrate with smiles during the Roselle high school's graduation.

## Road work ahead in Union County

Union County Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada has announced plans for the 2008 Milling and Resurfacing Project throughout Union County.

"Keeping our roads in top condition ensures our residents and those traveling through our area a safe and enjoyable driving experience," Estrada said.

Beginning this month, the county will resurface 12.4 miles of roadway under the program. The work will take place throughout the summer and will be completed in September. Work is scheduled for the following locations:

- Glenside Avenue, US Route I-78 westbound on-ramp, east of the I-78 bridge, to Baltusrol Road in Summit.
- Madison Hill Road from Raritan Road to the reservoir in Clark.
- Magie Avenue from Route 439/Elmora Avenue to Summit Road in Elizabeth.
- Magie Avenue from Browning Avenue to Green Lane in Elizabeth.
- Rahway Avenue from Broad Street to Route 27 in Elizabeth.
- Boulevard from Dorset Drive to Michigan Avenue in Kenilworth.
- Stiles Street from Elizabeth Avenue to Elm Street in Linden.
- Rahway River Park, the entire loop and access roads in Rahway.
- Mountain Avenue from Morris Avenue to Primrose Place in Summit.
- Salem Road from Meade Terrace to Huguenot Avenue in Union.

The cost of the resurfacing project, which is estimated to cost \$3.6 million, will be paid for in part by a \$3.5 million dollar grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

## Program will focus on families, health

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County and the YMCA of Eastern Union County, Rahway Branch, will host "Meet, Eat and Learn Together," a free program for families that includes a light dinner, healthy, homemade snacks, children's activities and a parenting workshop.

"This is a great way for families from Rahway and throughout Union County to spend time together," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "Kids will love the slate of fun and games offered by the Rahway Branch, and adults will have a chance to refresh their parenting skills."

Meet, Eat and Learn Together is open to any Union County family with children ages, 6 to 11 years old. It will be conducted at the Rahway branch of the YMCA, 1564 Irving St. on July 16 from 6 to

8:15 p.m. To attend, families must pre-register by calling the Rahway branch at 732-388-0057 no later than Wednesday. No walk-ins will be admitted.

The entire event, including a meal and snack, is free of charge.

Funding for Meet, Eat and Learn Together was provided by a grant from Prevent Child Abuse, New Jersey in cooperating with Activate Rahway, a project of the national YMCA Pioneering Healthier Communities initiative.

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County provides the community with science-based information on nutrition, food safety, home environmental health, family well-being, agriculture and 4-H youth development. It is supported in part by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and is located in the Union County Veneri Building, 300 North Ave. East, Westfield.

## Beware of drunk driving



Roselle Park High School students recently took part in a mock drunk driving awareness event presented by the Roselle Park Police Department. Emergency workers prepare the mock set.

## Police will target aggressive drivers

(Continued from Page 23) half of New Jersey motorists polled say aggressive driving and drunk driving are ever-increasing problem in the state and the top two concerns for motorists.

Rahway Police Chief John Rodger was contacted, but was unable to respond as of press time.

In Union, measures are already in place to curb aggressive driving will continue to be used.

Mayor Clifton People Jr. said

several steps are taken to ensure the safety of pedestrians and motorists alike in the township.

"The Police Department regularly uses traffic calming devices, solar traffic monitors, data collection of speeds along with safety check points. These are a few of the effective programs in use within the township," People said.

Cranford Chief of Police Eric Mason was called for comment but was unable to respond as of press

time Tuesday.

Summit Mayor Jordan Glatt said the city's main traffic concern involves speeding and various methods to control and measure the problem are utilized.

"We're constantly using speed monitors and traffic enforcement radar," Glatt said.

He said that unfortunately, approximately 80 percent of speeding tickets issued in the city are issued to Summit residents.

## FOURTH OF JULY

### Fruitgum joins local July 4 celebration

The legendary 1910 Fruitgum Company will be taking the stage in Springfield again this year, this time to help ignite the township's 2008 July 4 celebration.

The popular 1960s band will bring its unique "bubblegum" music sound to Springfield. The event will be held at Meisel Field.

The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. Music is expected to start at 7 p.m., with the fireworks display beginning at dusk.

In addition to live music, the event will offer pony rides, a petting zoo and games for children, all of which will be available starting at 5:30 p.m.

### Roselle Park fair will celebrate July 4

Roselle Park will celebrate July 4 at the Green Acres Complex on West Colfax Avenue, between Pine Street and Laurel Avenue beginning at noon.

There will be a street fair located on West Colfax Avenue and games and contests for kids. Pony rides and music by "The Magic Touch".

For information or to be a sponsor or vendor, call 908-245-0666.

### Kenilworth fireworks show postponed

The Pride of Kenilworth Committee's 9th annual fireworks celebration at David Brearley High School football field has been postponed, and will take place Sunday at 9 p.m. The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with hot dogs and ice cream. At dusk, there will be a fireworks show.

### Fireworks in Clark

The Township of Clark will host a July 4 celebration at the Clark Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave. The rain date is Friday. Fireworks will be held at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

For information, contact Nancy Raymond at 732-388-3600, ext. 3045.

### Summit to celebrate with fireworks, games

Summit will celebrate July 4 with events at Memorial Field.

This year's concert features Lenox Underground, a group of mainly Summit residents who formed a band and donate all of their revenue to a foundation to further young people's music education.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## 'Purple Sage' brings best of the west to UCC stage

*The Theater Project set to perform western-themed satire featuring romance, good guys, bad guys*

The Theater Project, Union County College's Professional Theater Company, located at 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, will present the New Jersey premiere of "Flaming Guns of the Purple Sage," an off-beat comedy by Jane Martin, from July 10 through Aug. 3.

Directed by Mark Spina, the cast of "Flaming Guns of the Purple Sage" will feature such Theater Project favorites as Bev Sheehan, Angela Della Ventura, Barbara Guidi, Stephen Medvidick, Harry Patrick Christian and Will Budnikov.

Outrageous characters blow in like a cyclone convention at Big 8's absurd Wyoming retreat for convalescing broncobusters.

The arrival of a shocking woman named Shedevil and a one-eyed Ukrainian biker named Black Dog ushers in outrageous violence and horror in this "shoot 'em up, knock 'em up, cut 'em up" comic romp that roasts the cowboy mentality of pulp western writers such

as Zane Grey and others.

Playwright Jane Martin first came to national attention for "Talking With," a collection of monologues premiering in Actors Theatre of Louisville's 1982 Humana Festival of New American Plays.

Her other work includes: "Keely And Du," a Pulitzer Prize nominee and the 1994 American Theatre Critics Association Best New Play Award; "Jack And Jill," a 1997 American Theatre Critics Association Best New Play Award; "Anton In Show Business" and "Flaming Guns Of The Purple Sage."

Please note that this production spoofs rodeo queens, cowboy movies, bad guys, true love and grotesque true crime dramas.

The show contains adult language and themes and is not meant for children.

Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m.

To purchase tickets, call Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-383-3006 or

visit [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com). For general information, call 908-659-5189.

For comments or additional questions, email the group at [TheaterProject@aol.com](mailto:TheaterProject@aol.com); or visit the Theater Project's Web site at [www.thetheaterproject.org](http://www.thetheaterproject.org).

The Theater Project is Union County College's Professional Theater Company, bringing artists from all over the state and New York City together in its productions.

Well-known for its intimate "Studio on Stage," where the audience sits within arm's reach of the performers, the company is celebrating its 14th season of producing new works and contemporary classics.

The Theater Project has been recognized by grants from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the New Jersey State Arts Council, The Union County College Foundation, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.



Outrageous characters blow in like a cyclone in the Theater Project's western satire, 'Flaming Guns of the Purple Sage,' which runs from July 10 to Aug. 3, at Union County College in Cranford.

## Rock and roll comes to Rahway in August

The Rahway Mayor's Summer Concert Series will begin Aug. 7 with a performance by the group, The Duprees.

The Duprees are known for their romantic interpretations of some of the most beautiful love songs ever written. They have made a career out of giving new life to old hits. If you take the Glenn Miller arrangements of the 1940s along with the tunes of Joni James, Frank Sinatra, Jo Stafford and Nat King Cole, just to name a few, and put them together, you have the sound of The Duprees.

On Aug. 14, Gary US Bonds will be on stage. As America's baby boomers moved into their mid-teens, Gary began his professional career. For his first hit, "New Orleans," attention was brought to the record by having promotional copies sent to radio stations in sleeves inscribed "Buy U.S. Bonds" — hence, at age 19, Gary Anderson became Gary U.S. Bonds. The follow-up was the well-known "party" record, "Quarter to Three," which was a number one hit with a spirit and energy that would eventually inspire and influence a generation.

On Aug. 21, Suzette Tina Dorsey will be on stage doing a "Tribute to Tina Turner." Suzette is versed in many areas of music and is always looking to take on challenges. She has recorded with Arista Records, has been the leader and director of a 15 piece show, four musician band, and different orchestras. She is capable of performing in established musical arenas as well as creating and leading her own musical group.

Suzette has performed many types of music which included cocktail, standards, ballads, contemporary, jazz, rock, funk and top 40s dance.

The Summer Concert Series will end on Aug. 28 with The Fabulous Grease Band. The Fabulous Greaseband is a seven-member "best of the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s rock 'n' roll party band." Their highly entertaining and energetic delivery of the greatest dance songs ever written has kept the group on top for the last 30 years.

For information about the Mayor's Summer Concert Series or other recreation programs and activities, call 732-669-3600 or go to [www.city-ofrahway.com](http://www.city-ofrahway.com).

## An eclectic collection



The James Howe Gallery, Vaughn Eames Building at Kean University presents the Art Educators of New Jersey 2008 Member Exhibit featuring the eclectic work of 42 artists who not only develop and nurture their own students' creative thinking abilities but also find time to create their own unique work in a wide variety of media. The exhibit runs through July 10.

*Stepping Out* is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to: **Worrall Community Newspapers, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109, Union, NJ 07083** or [editorial@thelocal-source.com](mailto:editorial@thelocal-source.com).

## ART SHOWS

The Auxiliary to the Board of Trustees of **CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL** welcomes the art of **SHARI SELTZER** of Westfield to the hospital's Mountainside facility at 150 New Providence Road. The exhibit is open to the public daily from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. through July. The current show includes visions from the garden filtered through the artist's eye.

The Les Malamut Art Gallery will present a solo exhibit of paintings by artist Seppo Siimes. The show, **"ATMOSPHERES AND COMPOSITIONS OF NATURE,"** will open through Aug. 18. The Les Malamut Art Gallery is located in the lower level of the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., Union. The event is free and open to the public during regular library hours. For information call 908-851-5450.

**BERKELEY HEIGHTS ARTIST NANCY ORI** is featured at a permanent exhibit at Berkeley Heights Public Library, 290 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call 908-464-9333.

## AUDITIONS

**THE THEATER PROJECT**, Union County College's professional theater company, is offering a cameo role — five lines — in the final scene of its upcoming production of Jane Martin's **"FLAMING GUNS OF THE PURPLE SAGE."** This flashy, but brief, walk-on role can be any man's for the right price, a sense of humor, boots, a flannel shirt and jeans, and a desire to support the arts. Donors/stars have their choice of dates. The play runs from July 10 through Aug. 3. Performances are Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Interested parties should contact The Theater Project at 908-659-5189. The Theater Project is located at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

**THE SHOWCASE THEATER**, a tuition-based program, awards scholarship money based on a talent evaluation. For information on the Showcase Theater or any NJWA program, call 908-789-9696, visit the office at 150-152 East Broad St. in Westfield or visit [www.njworkshopforthearts.com](http://www.njworkshopforthearts.com).

## BOOKS

**THE UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will discuss "The Language of Baklava"

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by Diana Abu-Jaber at its annual potluck dinner on July 16, at 6:30 p.m. The author's memoir relates with humor and insight how it was to grow up with a gregarious Jordanian father who loved to cook and her practical, steadfast American mother. All who have read the book are invited to come with a dish to share.

**THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP** meets at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

**THE "LORD OF THE RINGS" READING GROUP** meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

**WEEKLY CHILDREN'S STORY TIMES** will be Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., both usually with coloring and/or crafts, at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield.

**PAJAMA STORY TIME** is the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield.

## CLASSES

**THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART** is located at 1030 Central Ave. and is situated on a seven-acre campus in a historic residential area of Plainfield. The school offers full-time and part-time day and evening classes in fine arts, graphic design/computer graphics and illustration. For information, call 908-757-7171, fax: 908-757-2626, or visit [www.ducret.edu](http://www.ducret.edu).

**THE SHAKESPEARE THEATRE OF NEW JERSEY** is now accepting applications for its 2008 Junior Corps and Senior Corps, two summer theatre programs designed for students ages 11 to 14 and 14 to 17, respectively. Classes are held Monday through Friday, from 1 to 6 p.m. To register for the Junior Corps, arrange a Senior Corps audition, or request additional information, contact Jamie Brink-Grant at 973-408-3980 or [jbrgrant@shakespearenj.org](mailto:jbrgrant@shakespearenj.org).

The **WESTFIELD SUMMER WORKSHOP** is currently enrolling actors, grades six through 10 for its workshop through July 31 to become members in the Summer Stage Theater. To receive information call 908-518-1551.

**THE VISUAL ARTS CENTER OF NEW JERSEY** is offering a new program this summer for aspiring art students. Portfolio Development Intensive is a four-week course that offers high school students the opportunity to produce a complete entrance portfolio for fine arts colleges and is a "must" for any student wishing to pursue a college curriculum in the fine arts. For information call 908-273-9121, ext. 13 or visit [www.artcenternj.org](http://www.artcenternj.org). The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit.

## CONCERTS

The Union County Summer Arts Festival concert series continues on Wednesday, July 9, with the contemporary Nashville sounds of **MUSTANG SALLY**. The performance is sponsored by the Schering-Plough Corp. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, led by Chairman Angel G. Estrada, invites the public to attend this free concert which begins at 7:30 p.m. in Echo Lake Park.

**CROSSROADS IN GARWOOD** will feature: every Monday, Open Mic Night, every Tuesday, Jazz Jam, every Wednesday, karaoke night. The Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave., Garwood. For information, call Lee at 908-232-5666, or visit [www.xxroads.com](http://www.xxroads.com).

**LANA'S RESTAURANT**, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark, will offer dinner and live reggae with Exodus Supreme every Wednesday, beginning at 7 p.m. For information, call 732-669-9024.

## DANCE

On July 12 from 6 to 10 p.m., the **DEUTSCHER CLUB** of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, Clark, will host an evening of line dancing to music provided by the Thunderhill Band. Doors open at 5 p.m. German and American food will be available. No outside food or beverages will be permitted. Parking is free. The event will be held rain or shine. For information, call 732-574-8600.

**SOCIAL DANCING** is every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at The Bayway Polish Club, 625 Pulaski St., Elizabeth. There will be "live" music and a DJ. Coffee, cookies and door prizes will be available. For information, call 908-355-3131.

**Y-SQUARES**, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehny School, Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 908-298-1851, 732-381-2535 or 908-241-9492.

**LUNA LOUNGE** hosts "Tasty Thursdays" with DJ Richie, who spins reggae and hip-hop. Patrons must be 21 or older to enter. Dress is casual but trendy. Parking is available. Luna Lounge is located at 1906 E. Georges Ave., Linden. Call 908-925-4120 for details.

## HOBBIES

**THE NORTH JERSEY CAR CLUB** meets at the Anthony Amalfe Community Center, 1268 Sheaffer Ave., Roselle, on the first Saturday of each month to discuss driving experiences, auto maintenance tips, safe driving practices and to plan future social outings to places of cultural, historical and scenic interest in Northern New Jersey and the surrounding area. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. Free refreshments are served to members and guests before the meeting. For directions and information, call Jim at 908-245-4744.

**THE HARVEST QUILTERS OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY** will meet the first Monday of each month at Cozy Corner Creations quilt shop, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

**KNITTING GROUP** meets every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. Knitters are encouraged to bring a favorite project to the Springfield Barnes & Noble Cafe. For information, call 973-376-6581.

**HICKORY TREE CHORUS**, an award-winning women's chorus singing four-part a cappella harmony in barbershop style, meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the New Jersey Youth Symphony Music Center, 570 Central Ave., New Providence. Open to residents of both Essex and Union counties. To learn more about Sweet Adelines, Hickory Tree and its quartets, women and teen-aged girls who sing are urged to visit [hickorytreechorus.org](http://hickorytreechorus.org) or e-mail [info@hickorytreechorus.org](mailto:info@hickorytreechorus.org) or call 973-966-6815.

**CHESS GROUP PLAYERS** of all levels are invited to discuss, play and enjoy chess in the Cafe every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 240 Route 22

West, Springfield

## JAZZ

The **BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH** in Newark will present jazz performances in the coming months. All performances are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and are free and come as you are. For more information call Dorthaan Kirk at 973-674-5141. For information call 732-669-9024.

**LANA'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE** at The Hyatt Hills Golf Complex, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark, 732-669-9024. Enjoy cuisine and world-class Jazz every Thursday and Friday, Thursdays, 7 to 11 p.m.: Cornetist **WARREN VACHE'S QUARTET**, featuring Eddie Monteiro on cordovox. Fridays, 7:30-11:30 p.m.: Different groups. Friday: Latin trumpet star **RAY VEGA'S QUARTET**; Never a cover charge or minimum.

**16 PROSPECT WINE BAR & BISTRO** in Westfield offers live jazz from Tuesday through Sunday nights in the wine bar. Offerings also include 30 wines by the glass, an award-winning bistro menu, a cigar and cigarette lounge, courtyard dining and a sophisticated, yet relaxing atmosphere. Dinner reservations for parties of four or more are requested. For information, go to [www.16prospect.com](http://www.16prospect.com).

## KIDS

**S.T.A.R. CAMP** is for students entering grades one through eight. Running six one-week sessions through Aug. 1, S.T.A.R. Camp, standing for Sports, Theatre, Arts and Recreation, offers campers the opportunity to sample many different activities throughout the day, as well as an inclusive lunch program

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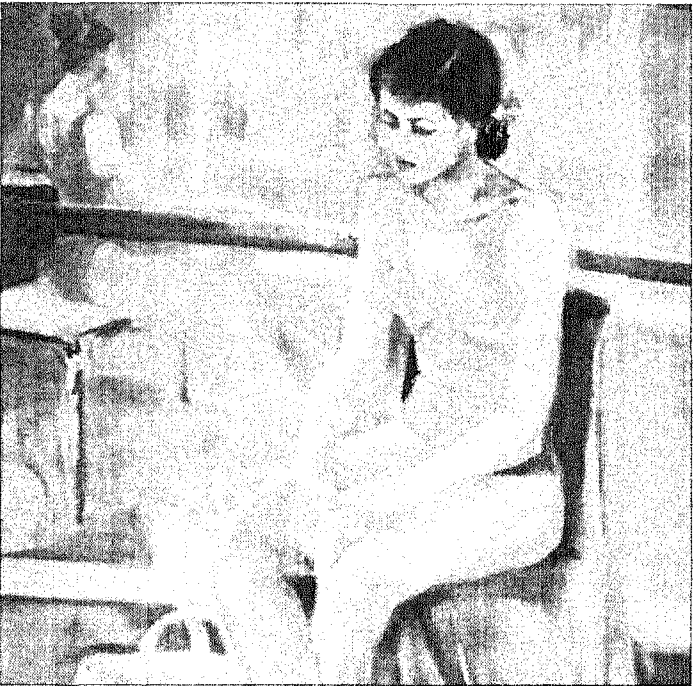
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## 'After rehearsal'



The latest pastel painting being shown at the Juxtapose Gallery, 58 Elm St., Westfield, is by Jeri Greenberg, president of Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield. This latest work, 'After Rehearsal,' is the latest in a series of large pastel paintings depicting 'after events.'

## Township to kick off concert series

Once again, the popular Township of Union Summer Concert Series will return to Biertuempfel Park.

The first concert will be July 10, starring the "legendary" female vocal group The Shirelles. Their long list of hits, including "Soldier Boy," "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow," "Dedicated to the One I Love," "Mama Said" and many others, landed them in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

The Shirelles concert is sponsored by Schering-Plough Corp. and Investors Savings Bank.

The second concert will take place on July 17 and will feature a Billy Joel tribute band called "Big Shot." If you are a Billy Joel fan, don't miss this concert which is sponsored by Mill Run and Sovereign Bank.

The third concert will be July 24, and will star "Smooth," recreating the Motown hits and sounds of the Temptations, the Four Tops and many others. This concert will be sponsored by Schering-Plough Corp. and Union Crescent.

This year's concert series ends July 31 and will star one of the all time favorite "golden oldies" groups, the Duprees, performing all their great hits including "You Belong to Me," "Have You Heard," and "Why Don't You Believe Me." This concert is sponsored by Regional Industries.

The four concerts will be held on Thursday nights, at Biertuempfel Park on Winslow Avenue beginning at 7:30 p.m. Residents are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy these great concerts free of charge.

In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be held at Hannah Caldwell School on Commerce Avenue.

For information about the concerts, call 908-688-4200.

## Senior art work displayed

A Senior Citizen County Art Show reception was held June 11 at the Elizabethtown Plaza, Union.

There were four winners from the senior citizen art class of Robert E. Lee, instructor at the Cranford Recreation and Parks Department.

The winners were: Cecilia Fonseca, first place, water color; Rosalie Saltzman, second place, pastels; Gerald Phillips, third place, drawing, and Ann Paradiso, third place, pastels.

Also entered into the competition were a pastel from Mildred Lubas and a watercolor from John DePierro.

The works will be on display through July 16.

The first place winners' art works will be shown at the Union County Freeholders Gallery in Elizabeth from July 17 through Aug. 13. Fonseca's work also will be entered in the State Senior Art Show.

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and special events and trips. For information, contact Ralph Pacifico at 973-233-3001 or email rpacifico@montclairkimberley.org.

Spring is here and Union County's Watchung Stable offers guided **TRAIL HORSEBACK RIDES** on Sundays for everyone nine years of age or older, weather permitting. Guided trail rides are held on Sundays at 2 and 3 p.m., weather permitting. Visitors are accommodated on a first come, first served basis. Experience is not required. The trail rides and lead lines are held at the 1160 Summit Lane-stable in Mountainside. Office hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. daily. For information, call 908-789-3665 during the normal office hours or e-mail questions to stablequestions@ucnj.org.

**TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORY TIME** will be offered at Barnes and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield, Mondays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

## MOVIES

The **UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY** begins its **SUMMER 2008 INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL** on Tuesday with a Russian film, "The Italian," to be shown at 2 and 7 p.m. Based on fact, it tells the story of an abandoned child, living in a rundown Russian orphanage, who is adopted by an Italian family and then sets out to find his birth mother. Other films in the series are as follows: July 15, "My Best Friend," a French film; July 22, "After the Wedding," a Danish film; July 29, "Offside," an Iranian film; Aug. 5, "Riding Alone for Thousands of Miles," a film from China and Japan; Aug. 12, "The Band's Visit," an Israeli film. All films begin promptly at 2 and 7 p.m. and have English subtitles. Admission is free, and light refreshments are provided. The library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. For information, call 908-851-5452.

## MUSEUMS

**LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM**, 1003 Morris Ave., Union, chronicles more than 200 years of New Jersey and U.S. history. The museum is open to the public Wednesdays through Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays, from noon to 4 p.m., April through December. For more information about upcoming Liberty Hall events or for reservations, call 908-527-0400.

## POETRY

**THE CLARK POETRY CLUB** meets the first Thursday of every

month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is today. The club is open to all ages and is a good way to give and receive feedback.

Potes and lovers of poetry are invited to join. For more information or to register call 732-388-5999 or go to [www.clarklibrary.org](http://www.clarklibrary.org).

## RADIO

**TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION** will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

## SCRIPTS

**PREMIERE STAGES**, the new Actors' Equity Association theater program at Kean University, is currently accepting play submissions for the Premiere Stages Play Festival from professional playwrights born or currently residing in New Jersey, as well as in the surrounding areas of New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. There is no fee required to submit a play to the Premiere Stages Play Festival. To request entry guidelines, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Laura Kelly, producing assistant, Premiere Stages is at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union 07083.

## SINGLES

**INTERFAITH SINGLES**, for single adults older than 45 years, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

**SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING**, for 45-year-olds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at The Elks Lodge, 1193 Route 22 east, Mountainside. For information, call 908-232-9667 on Tuesdays after 5 p.m.

There will be a **JEWISH SINGLES GATHERING** for men and women age 60 and older. The seventh Jewish Singles Gathering will take place at the Chestnut Chateau, 649 Chestnut St., Union on July 27, at 12:30 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 908-687-0274.

**SINGLES MIX AND MINGLE**, every Thursday, starting at 7 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment and free finger food at Cafe Vivace, 1370 South Ave., and Terrill Road, Fanwood. Admission is free. Call 908-753-4500 for details.

A live, one-hour version of Shakespeare's "RICHARD II" will be performed by the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's Next Stage

Ensemble Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim, 338 Walnut Ave., Cranford. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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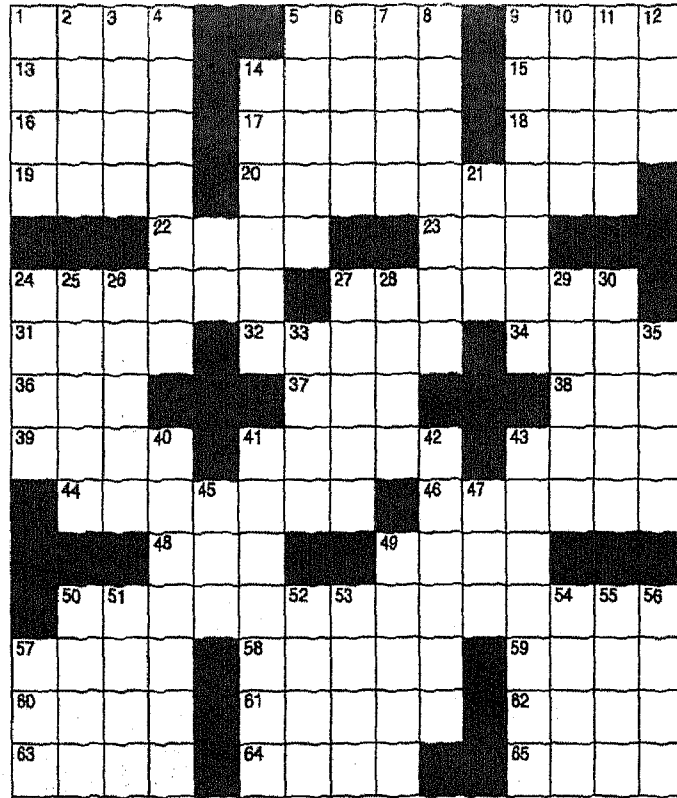
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#### CLUES ACROSS

1. Pock mark
5. Yes, yes (span.)
9. Cas\_\_\_\_: winter melons
13. Inter\_\_\_\_: intervening period
14. Moses' elder brother
15. \_\_\_\_date: confirm
16. Assist in wrongdoing
17. Pilfer (slang)
18. Ardor
19. \_\_\_\_ vidi, vici
20. \_\_\_\_ian \_\_\_\_: Window coverings
22. Zilch
23. \_\_\_\_ Dhab, Arabian capital
24. A marching procession
27. Winters, opposite
31. Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences
32. Cause to lose courage
34. Paper bag
36. Insecticide
37. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
38. Volume equal to 2 butts
39. Sew up a hawk's eyelids
41. Elastance unit
43. Stalk of a moss capsule
44. Inanely foolish
46. About vision
48. Petersen film "\_\_\_\_ Boot"
49. Saddle horse
50. New Haven school
57. Tempo
58. Skin lesions
59. Thought
60. Minerals
61. Electronic intelligence
62. A beloved person
63. Totals
64. Cheap lodging (Br. slang)
65. Sidhartha author H\_\_\_\_



#### CLUES DOWN

1. One of an eastern European people
2. Solid with 6 equal square faces
3. Arabian Gulf
4. To sprout (Spanish)
5. Yemen capital
6. Former Shah's country
7. \_\_\_\_et: fruit juice ice
8. Ignite
9. Streets
10. Without hair
11. Unfortunately
12. Violate a law of God
14. Digressions
21. Big Blue
24. Launching platforms
25. Heron genus
26. Charges per unit
27. A type of fencing sword
28. Epic \_\_\_\_n: gourmet
29. Honey badger
30. Roman shields
33. Vaccinium or \_\_\_\_berry
35. Burl in wood
40. Without hat
41. No longer in use
42. A dense growth of trees
43. Lessen
45. No (Scottish)
47. Automobile
49. Genus geum
50. 36 inches
51. Breezed through
52. \_\_\_\_ contendere, plead no contest
53. Fleur-de-lis flower
54. Famous March date
55. Orange pekoe or green
56. Agile, lively
57. Blue grass genus

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## HOROSCOPE

### July 6-12

**ARIES, March 21 to April 20:** Aries, money is the root of all evil for you this week. You may let greed get the better of you. Thursday is a good day for turning things around.

**TAURUS, April 21 to May 21:** Think long and hard on things before you make a big decision, Taurus. Examine all sides and you just may find that you're doing it all for the wrong reasons.

**GEMINI, May 22 to June 21:** Sometimes there's no place like home to provide that quiet retreat that you crave, Gemini. But since staying home all the time is not an option, you have to learn how to chill out elsewhere.

**CANCER, June 22 to July 22:** This is a special time for you, Cancer. The stars are aligning in just the right way to bring you financial success and a wealth of friendship as well.

**LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23:** Leo, it's time to get off the express train to nowhere and figure out what you want to do with your life for the next few months. Get a plan and put it in action.

**VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22:** Normally you're the first to join in with anything, Virgo. But this week you're certainly not the life of the party. Banish this serious case of the grumpies.

**LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23:** It's remarkable what you can accomplish when you put your mind to things, Libra. This week is full of surprises and some will trickle over into next week as well.

**SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22:** Scorpio, being helpful and being bossy are two different things. But you're having trouble telling the difference between them. Rethink your approach.

**SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21:** Sagittarius, constantly checking up on a coworker is not

going to make him or her move any faster. In fact, it could incite this person to slow down progress even further.

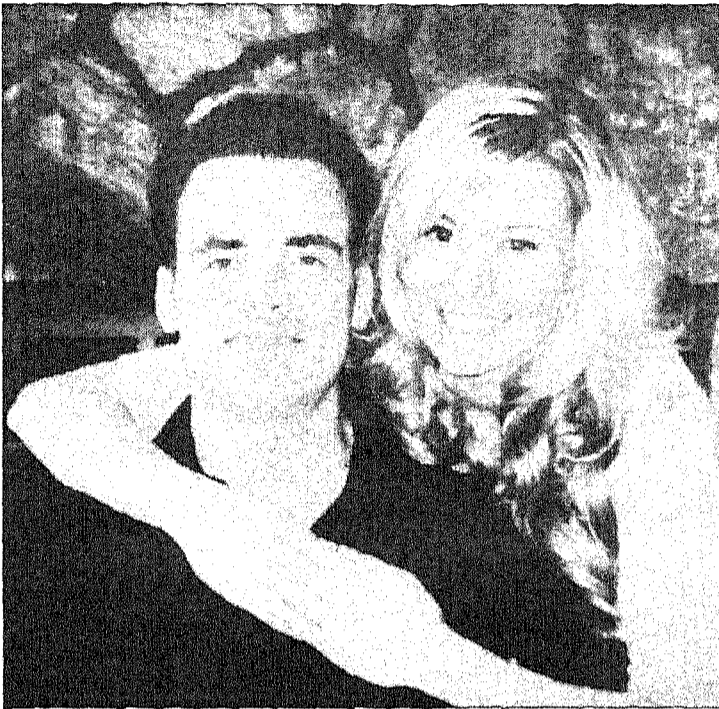
**CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20:** Hand over the leadership reigns to another person, Capricorn. You're entitled to a well-deserved break this week. It's okay to watch things from the sidelines.

**AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18:** Stop worrying about your finances, Aquarius. Your investments, bank accounts and other financial ventures are all picture-perfect. Splurge on something you want.

**PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20:** Sharp words and barbs may win the fight in the immediate future, Pisces, but they can also have long-term effects.

Also born this week: Pres. George W. Bush, Ringo Starr, Kevin Bacon, Fred Savage, Arlo Guthrie, Richard Simmons and Lisa Rinna.

**LIFESTYLE**



**Cheryl Lynn Torre and Michael Anthony Calabrese  
Torre to wed Calabrese**

Joseph and Nancy Torre of Union have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Lynn, to Michael Anthony Calabrese, son of Anthony and Suzy Calabrese of Lyndhurst.

The bride-to-be graduated from Union High School and Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, where she received a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in teaching, is employed by the township of Union Board of Education as a teacher's assistant.

Her fiancé, who graduated from North Arlington High School, is a veteran of the New Jersey National Guard.

He is employed by American Redi-Mix Concrete Co. and is a member of the Teamster's Union Local 641.

**Slaters  
celebrate  
anniversary**  
*Springfield couple  
married 60 years*

Jack and Beatrice Slater of Springfield, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 16.

The Slaters joined friends and family for a June 15 anniversary celebration hosted by her children and grandchildren: Mitchell Slater, Leslie Dickstein, Harrison and Georgia Slater, Diane and Jerry Bedrin, Jaime Bedrin, Scott Dodd, Garret Bedrin, Jessica Rosenthal, Jeffrey Slater, Rael Remez, Sarah and Fanny Slater.

The couple was married June 16, 1948 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. It was officiated by Rabbi Leon S. Lang.

Jack Murray Slater is the son of the late Joseph and Gertrude Levy Slater of South Orange.

He was employed by Triangle Industry as an executive vice president. He also served as a broker for Merrill Lynch. Beatrice Ginsberg Slater is the daughter of the late George and Fanny Ginsberg of Philadelphia, Pa. and later, Newark. Beatrice was employed by



**Jack and Beatrice Slater**

Quaker Photo of Philadelphia as a stein of Westfield, Jeffrey Slater and Rael Remez of Raleigh, N.C. photographer.

Their children include: Diane Their grandchildren include: and Jerry Bedrin of Franklin Lakes, Jaime, Scott, Garret, Jessica, Sarah, Mitchell Slater And Leslie Dick-Fanny, Harrison and Georgia.



**John and Florence Coates**

**Couple celebrates 65 years of marriage**

John W. and Florence Coates of Union celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 26 with a family celebration.

The couple was married in 1943 at the home of the bride's parents in Union. It was officiated by the Rev. Stuart Robinson.

John W. Coates is the son of the

late Fred E. and Mary Coates.

He was employed with Bell Telephone Laboratories as a power engineer.

Florence Scott Coates is the daughter of the late Ruth and Frank H. Scott.

She was employed by Richard's Motors as a bookkeeper.

Their children include: Shirley Snyder and her husband, Jerry, of Mystic, Conn.; Nancy Longueil and her husband, Jeff of Murrell's Inlet, S.C. and Karen Ayers and her husband, Everett of Warren.

The Union couple has eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

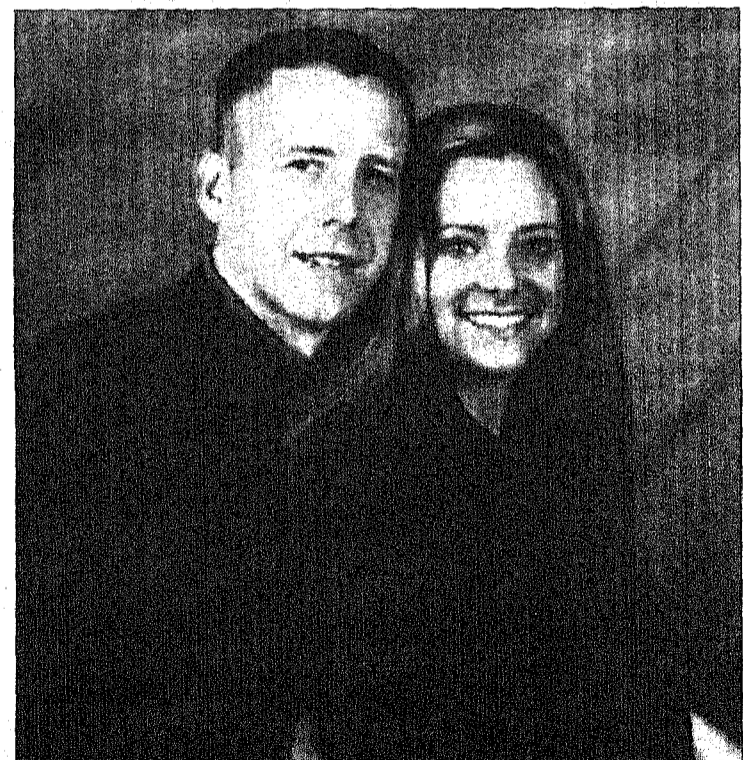
**Harrison, Junio to wed**

Robert and Cecelia Harrison of Union have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Marie, to Jason John Junio, son of John and Diana Junio of Cranford.

The bride-to-be graduated from Union High School in 1999 and is currently attending Middlesex County College.

The groom-to-be graduated from Linden High School in 1992 and graduated from Seton Hall University in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

A fall wedding is planned.



**Jason John Junio and Rebecca Marie Harrison**



# Changes at Calvary Assembly

Pastor John Bechtel has announced two changes in leadership in Calvary Assembly of God in Union.

The first is the announcement that the Rev. Frank Ward, an ordained Assemblies of God pastor, is joining the staff on a part-time basis. Initially, he will be working in the areas of evangelism and building maintenance coordination. Ward has a degree in solar heating from Pennsylvania State University and spent two years at Rhema Bible Training Center, Tulsa, Okla. Most recently, he was pastor of Emmanuel Christian Center, Phillipsburg. He and his wife, Esther, live in Midland Park, with their four children.

The second change is that Deacon Lawrence Peters is relocating to North Carolina with his wife, Eleanor, and their four children. Peters is from Ghana and has a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Ghana and a master's degree in applied chemistry from New Jersey Institute of Technology. He was director of NJ Quality Laboratories at Schering Plough. Peters is joining a pharmaceutical company in North Carolina.

He will be replaced as deacon



The Rev. Frank Ward and Esther Ward

by Robert Halek. Peters also was the adult Sunday school teacher. In 2005, he was named Teacher of the Year for the New Jersey District of the Assemblies. He will be replaced as teacher by Joseph Ankumah, also from Ghana, whose mentor was Peters.

Calvary Assembly of God is a local church affiliated with the Assemblies of God, with headquarters in Springfield, Mo. Its pastor is the Rev. John W. Bechtel, with the

Rev. Joshua Bechtel, assistant pastor and worship leader.

The church's weekly services are held on Sundays at 8:45 and 11 a.m. with a full program for all ages. Sunday school is held from 10:05 to 10:50 a.m. The Sunday evening service is at 6:30 p.m. Mid-week praise and Bible study is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

For information, visit the church's Web site, [www.calvaryunion.com](http://www.calvaryunion.com), or call 908 964-1133.

## RELIGION

### Patriotic service will be conducted Sunday

On Sunday, Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, will host a special patriotic worship service at 9:30 a.m., reflecting upon our nation's independence.

The congregation will sing several patriotic hymns, accompanied by Gary Lewis on the organ. Grace's choir will sing and several of the youth of the congregation will be participating in this special worship service.

As always, the members of Grace extend an invitation to the community to join with them for this special worship service. It will be interpreted for the deaf.

### Pray, meditate during Labyrinth Walks

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranford is sponsoring a series of open Labyrinth Walks.

All walks will be held in Bates Hall in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 11 Springfield Avenue. The Cranford community and surrounding towns are invited to attend.

The next Labyrinth Walk is scheduled for Sunday. Participants

are invited to come and walk the Labyrinth any time between 1 and 4 p.m., but should begin the walk by 3:30 p.m. Subsequent walks will be held the first Sunday of every month, unless otherwise specified.

Walking the Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice of prayer and meditation that is experiencing a reawakening in our time. The 11-ringed pattern, painted on canvas, is modeled after the 13th Century Labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France. In Medieval times, walking the Labyrinth symbolized the Christian pilgrimage to Jerusalem for those who could not personally make the journey.

For information concerning the Labyrinth program or future walks, contact the Church at 908-276-8440.

### An 'adventure' at First Baptist Bible school

The First Baptist Church of Union has invited children, age 3 to those entering grade six to join the church this year for the "SonWorld Adventure Park" Vacation Bible School.

The Vacation Bible School will run from Monday to July 11. The sessions will be from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. each day. The Nursery

Department for 3 and 4-year-olds will dismiss at 11:45 a.m. each day. A closing program will be conducted July 11 at 7 p.m.

The church is located on the corner of Colonial Avenue and Thoreau Terrace, Union.

At SonWorld Adventure Park, children will experience the fun and excitement of an amusement park. They will sing, watch skits, create crafts and play games.

Registration will be at 9 a.m. Monday. The Vacation Bible School is free. For information, call 908-688-5932.

### Grace welcomes new board members

Grace Lutheran Church, Union, recently met to select and install its officers for the coming year.

The following individuals were recently installed as officers at Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union: president, Irene Bartosh; vice president, Bob Johnsen; treasurer, Donna Senkiw; deacons, Bob Johnsen, Tim Brand and Rich Vella; elders, Indra Chater and Mercy Mugo and Grace Lutheran School Board, Sarah Loureiro. Outgoing officers include Barry and Rachelle Moorman.

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to Roselle Park in 1961. She was a van driver for Union County Human Resources, Elizabeth, for 25 years and retired 10 years ago. Mrs. Antonucci was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 102 of Linden.

Surviving are her husband, Gene Sr.; three sons, Ronald Cowens and Curtis and Jeffrey Dick; a daughter, Christine Galuppo; three stepsons, Anthony, Gene Jr. and Richard Antonucci; a stepdaughter, Denise Marciano; three brothers, Ernst, Allan and Richard Howarth; three sisters, Nancy Kube, Gail Ball and Penny Marcus; 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Mastapeter Funeral Home, Roselle Park, handled the arrangements.

**Barbara Antonucci**

Barbara J. Antonucci, 72, of Roselle Park died June 24 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Antonucci lived in Elizabeth before moving

**Gerald Ashfield**

Gerald "Jerry" Ashfield, 76, a longtime resident of Cranford, died on June 23.

Born in Union, Mr. Ashfield

lived in Cranford. He graduated from Roselle Park High School. Mr. Ashfield served in the Army Air Force for four years. He was an insurance and real estate agent, and retired from Steinway Piano in 2000. Mr. Ashfield was a member of the Cranford United Methodist Church and served as an usher. He was a member of the Westfield Old Guard and the Rahway Valley Jerseyaires chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society and served as president, committee chairman and board member.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Nancy; a daughter, Susan Cotay; a son, John; a brother, Raymond, and two grandchildren.

The Gray Memorial Funeral Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

**Jean Brown**

Jean M. Brown, 83, a lifelong resident of Summit, died June 24 in the center for Hope Hospice,

Scotch Plains. Miss Brown was born in Summit. She was a graduate of Summit High School, Class of 1942, and attended Seton Hall University, South Orange, and the Eastern School of New York. Miss Brown was employed in various jobs including the Summit Medical Group, and prior to her retirement in 1993, at the Hospital Center of Orange, pathology laboratory department. She was a communicant of St. Teresa's Catholic Church, Summit.

Surviving is a sister, Margery Palmer.

The Dangler Funeral Home, Summit, handled the arrangements.

**Virginia Burke**

Virginia Burke, 91, a 30-year resident of Kenilworth, died on June 24. Surviving are three daughters, Barbara Wargo, Mary Ann Lynch and Virginia Marciano; a son, Patrick; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The Leonardis Funeral Home, Florham Park, handled the arrangements.

**Jean Duennbier**

Jean Duennbier, 90, of Roselle died June 22 in the Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Duennbier lived in Elizabeth before moving to Roselle 47 years ago. She was a bookkeeper for Simmons Federal Credit Union of Elizabeth for five years and retired in 1984. Prior to that, Mrs. Duennbier was a bookkeeper for Jeffrey Martin Co., Union, for 12 years. She was a member of the New Neighbors Club of Roselle, the Roselle Democratic Club, the Retired Men and Women's Club of Elizabeth and the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union. Surviving are a daughter, Catherine Breznay, and two grandchildren.

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## OBITUARIES

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The Sullivan Funeral Home, Roselle, handled the arrangements.

### Anna Kata

Anna Kata, 85, of Union died June 27 at home.

Born in Poland, Mrs. Kata moved to Union 30 years ago. She was a longtime parishioner of St. Michael's Church, Union.

Surviving are a son, Adam; two daughters, Alicia Zurawel and Anna Arce; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Bradley Haeberle & Barth Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

### Walter Dawydiak Sr.

Walter Dawydiak Sr., 83, of Kenilworth, died June 24 at home.

Born in Ukraine, Mr. Dawydiak lived in Kenilworth for the past 27 years. He retired 18 years ago from American Products, Union, where he had worked for 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Maria; four daughters, Daria Kovacs, Olga Milazzo, Irene and Christine Dawydiak; a son, Walter Jr., and eight grandchildren. The Union Funeral Home, Lytwyn & Lytwyn, Union, handled the arrangements.

### Daniel Kennelly

Daniel P. Kennelly, 80, of Mountainside died June 26 in Runnels Specialized Hospital of Union County.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Kennelly lived in Summit before moving to Mountainside 46 years ago. He was a World War II Army veteran and a member of the Teamsters Union. Mr. Kennelly drove for Finast Supermarkets for 25 years and ShopRite for 10 years before retiring at the age of 72.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Helene; a daughter, Diane Kennelly; two sons, David Jr. and Robert, and five grandchildren.

The Bradley, Smith & Smith Funeral Home, Springfield, handled the arrangements.

### Anne Koltenuk

Anne Koltenuk, 96, of Union died June 22 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Roselle, Mrs. Koltenuk lived in Newark and Irvington before moving to Union 20 years ago. She was a member of the Union/Hillside chapter of Hadasah and Temple Israel of Union.

Surviving are a son, Martin; a daughter, Gilda Karp; a brother, Irving Brichke; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union handled the arrangements.

### Renfra Knickerbocker

Renfra Knickerbocker, 82, of Cranford died June 22 in the Cranford Health and Extended Care in Cranford.

Born in Manhattan, Mrs. Knickerbocker lived in Cranford for the last 50 years. She retired from Kean University, Union, where she was a secretary. Mrs. Knickerbocker was a member of the Cranford Historical Society and the Cranford Democratic Club, where she was instrumental in the election of the first female mayor, Barbara Brand.

Surviving are her husband of 20 years, Gilbert Gamsu; two daughters, Cynthia Layman Philipone and Lisa Gamsu; a son, Evan Gamsu; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Gray Memorial Funeral Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

### Msgr. Michael Komar

Msgr. Michael A. Komar, retired pastor of Holy Family Church, Linden, died on June 24.

Born in Rockaway, N.Y., Msgr. Komar graduated from Seton Hall University, South Orange, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in theology. He also graduated from Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, in 1936 and was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood on June 6, 1936 and was appointed a Monsignor in 1971.

Msgr. Komar served at St. Stephen's Church, Newark, St. John Nepomucene, Guttenberg, Christ the King and Assumption churches in Jersey City, St. Joseph's Church, Elizabeth, and finally, Holy Family Church, Linden. He became pastor emeritus of Holy Family Church in 1985, when he retired after 31 years as an administrator and pastor of the parish. Msgr. Komar was the oldest priest in the Newark Archdiocese. The Werson Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

### William Maloney Sr.

William B. Maloney Sr., formerly of Rahway, died June 28 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Mr. Maloney was employed by the New Jersey National Guard for 40 years. He received many commendations throughout his Armed Forces service, including the Bronze Star during World War II. Mr. Maloney also participated in D-Day. He was a past president of the 117th Calvary Association and a member of the 102nd Essex Troop Association, the VFW Post 7363 of Clark and Post 164 of Hackettstown. Mr. Maloney was a life member of the American Legion Post 328 of Clark and a member of the NRA and the Knights of Columbus in Springfield.

Surviving are three sons, William "Barry" Maloney Jr., Bruce and Kevin; a sister, June Belzer; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The Dooley Funeral Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

### Harold Mayner Jr.

Harold Ben Mayner Jr., 48, of Roselle an award-winning photographer, died June 22 in Princeton.

Mr. Mayner graduated from Abraham Clark High School, Roselle, in 1978. He attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla., Union County College in Cranford and DeVry University, New Brunswick. Mr. Mayner was an award-winning photographer as a teenager, and his work, in recent years, was featured at the Newark Museum. In the late 1960s, he and Bob Sumner, who later went on to produce Def Comedy Jam, founded 9th Avenue Management, through which they managed the early career of actor-comedian Bill Bellamy. For several years in the 1980s, Mr. Mayner and Sumner produced the popular "New York Comedy Night" at the Peppermint Lounge and Club 88 in East Orange, that featured comedians such as Steve Harvey and Cedric the Entertainer. He later worked as a manager at Vittoroz Corp., Jersey City, and as a limousine driver for Dav-el in Linden.

Surviving are his mother, Harriet Anderson Mayner, and a sister, the Rev. Kim Mayner.

### Edward Meleky

Edward P. Meleky, 93, of Linden died June 20 at home.

Born in New York City, Mr. Meleky moved to Linden in 1932. He was the co-owner of Amal Manufacturing Corp., Brooklyn, manufacturers of music boxes for many years before retiring in 1974. Mr. Meleky was a communicant of St. Elizabeth Church, Linden, and a member of its Holy Name Society. He also was a member of the Retired Men's Club of Linden.

### Eleanor O'Brien

Eleanor O'Donnell O'Brien, 90, of Cranford died June 28 in Peggy Coloney's House, a hospice facility in Scotch Plains.

Born in Bayonne, Mrs. O'Brien lived in Cranford. She was a communicant of St. Michael's Church, Cranford, and a member of the Rosary Society. Mrs. O'Brien also was a member of the Village Improvement Association, Cranford, and was known primarily for her fundraising efforts for the club's scholarships for nurses. She was a volunteer for support for the Center for Hope Hospice in its early stage. Surviving are four daughters, Maureen O'Brien, Judy Bassett, Janet Zondag and Carol Turner; two sons, Edward and Robert O'Donnell; a stepdaughter, Diane O'Brien; three stepsons, Kevin, Brian and Gilbert; two sisters, Mary Bulger and Kathleen

## OBITUARY LIST

ALIBERTI — Maria, formerly of Summit; June 20.  
 ANTONUCCI — Barbara J., of Roselle Park; June 24.  
 ASHFIELD — Gerald, of Cranford; June 23.  
 BROWN — Jean M., of Summit; June 24.  
 BURKE — Virginia, of Kenilworth; June 24.  
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 SILVER — Martin L., of Rahway; June 25.  
 SWICK — MaryAnn, of Linden; June 25.  
 WALL — Sarah E., of Linden; June 23.  
 WARD-STEBBINS — Kathy J., of Hillside; June 24.  
 YANNI — Carmela L., of Hillside; June 25.

*Editor's note: Not all of the names included in this listing will appear as full-length obituaries.*

Hilla Murphy; 20 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The Dooley Funeral Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

### Elizabeth Peterson

Elizabeth Traub Peterson, 97, of Roselle Park died on June 22.

Mrs. Peterson was president of Peterson Real Estate Association.

Surviving is a daughter, Janis Peterson. The Chadwick and McKinney Funeral Home, Ardmore, handled the arrangements.

### Gerald Ragonese Sr.

Gerald "Jerry" Ragonese Sr., 80, of Springfield died June 22 in the Manor Care, Mountainside.

Born in Newark, Mr. Ragonese lived in Springfield for more than 40 years.

He was the co-owner of Patsy Ragonese and Sons, Newark, for more than 60 years. Mr. Ragonese was a sergeant in the Army during World War II.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Springfield, and an usher at St. James Church, Springfield.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Angela; a son, Gerald Jr.; two daughters, Rosemary Goldberg and Valerie Strotmeyer; a brother, Patsy; two sisters, Catherine Berero and Helen Corsi, and five grandchildren.

### Gladys Ryan

Gladys G. Ryan, 92, of Roselle Park died June 17 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Kenilworth, Mrs. Ryan lived in Roselle Park for 30 years. She was the co-owner of Ryan's Park Liquors, Roselle Park, for more than 20 years and retired 30 years ago. Surviving are a son, Dennis J. Jr.; a sister, Eleanor McCracken, and two grandchildren. The McCracken Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

### Winn Salkins

Winn Allan "Guy" Salkins, 62, of Clark died June 25 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway. Born in Newark, Mr. Salkins lived in Rahway before moving to Clark 20 years ago. He served as a sergeant in the Air Force and was employed as a salesman for Reno's Appliance, Fairfield, for six years. Mr. Salkins was a master mason of the Loyalty Lodge No. 33 and a former coach for the Clark Little League.

Surviving are his wife of 20 years, Susan; four sons, Christopher and Jason Lechner and Brad and Todd Salkins; a sister, Janet Berglund, and three grandchildren.

The Walter T. Johnson Funeral Home, Clark, handled the arrangements.

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## Hoop camp continues



Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

The second week of the Union Boys' Basketball Camp at Union High School will commence Monday and run through July 11.

## Union County players impress in grid clash

### Hillside's Zebaze realizes winning feeling

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

PISCATAWAY — For the North squad in Monday night's 30th annual North-South Football All-Star Classic at Rutgers Stadium, the fourth quarter was supposed to be just a formality.

North led by more than four touchdowns and had dominated the game, scoring all of its points in the second and third quarters after a scoreless first.

However, the South refused to give up and took advantage of the rule where you get the ball back after scoring if you're still down by a certain amount of points.

In the end, though, the North survived 31-25 in front of a crowd estimated at 4,000. North captured the game for the fourth time in five years and cut South's lead in the series to 14-13-2. No game was played in 2002 because of inclement weather.

"It was a lot of hard work and a lot of preparation," said North offensive MVP Anthony Baskerville of Newark West Side, whose speed could not be contained by the South.

Baskerville (5-10, 180), who helped lead the Roughriders to their first state playoff championship last season when Newark West Side defeated South Plainfield 20-0 in the North 2, Group 3 final at Giants Stadium, completed 4-of-8 passes for 107 yards and a touchdown, rushed eight times for 28 yards and a score and also caught a 27-yard pass.

"In the beginning we were going back and forth, but we knew our time would come," said Baskerville, who will continue at Dean Junior College in Franklin, Mass. "The line was still fighting and working hard and we started to move the ball."

The North's defensive MVP was back Mike Risimini (5-9, 175) of Cedar Grove. He also helped lead the Panthers to a sectional title as Cedar Grove captured North 2, Group 1 in 2007.

South MVPs included quarterback Taylor Budd (6-4, 204) of Lindenwold on offense and outside linebacker Robert James (5-8, 220) of Freehold Boro. James will continue at Kean.

North place kicker Mark Garcia of Roselle Park scored seven of the North points with his right foot. He was a perfect 4-for-4 on extra point kicks and also kicked a 26-yard field goal in the second quarter, in addition to seeing plenty of time at safety, which will be his college position.

Garcia, with all of his kicks splitting the uprights, was Roselle Park's first player in the game since Nick Fowler in 1994. Garcia will continue to play football at Division 3 Albright College in Reading, Pa.

North led 31-0 before South scored all of its points in the fourth quarter, starting with an interception return for a touchdown by Montclair State-bound Nate Brown of Colonia.

Hillside's Marcial Zebaze — a North offensive lineman — suffered through an 0-10 season last fall and had to sweat it out a bit in the fourth quarter before walking off the field a winner for the first time since his junior season.

"This was a life changing experience," said the 6-0, 225 Zebaze, who will major in finance at St. John's University, but will not continue to play. "Coming into it I didn't think it would be like this. I'm happy that we're winning, but I'm sad that it's going to be over."

Zebaze was a standout lineman for the Comets last season, one that saw Hillside play several teams close, but falling short of a victory.

"It was heartbreaking, nobody wants to go through a season like that," Zebaze said. "You have to look ahead and be fortunate enough to play in a game like this."

Zebaze was one of seven players from Union County schools in the game and one of four from the Mountain Valley Conference.

"I finish my last game with a W, under the lights with thousands watching me, it's great," Zebaze said.

Here's some more sideline chatter from Union County players who competed:

"This was a good experience, you get to meet a lot of new people and have fun," said North defensive lineman Jacklin Petion of Union, who switched his uniform number from 54 to 55.

Petion (6-2, 270), who was in on numerous tackles for the North, may go the junior college or prep school route in hopes of one day landing a Division 1 scholarship.

His senior season at Union saw the Farmers start 0-4, but bounce back to finish 5-5 and fall a field goal shy of concluding with a six-game winning streak.

"We had a rough start, but we started to get it together and continued to work hard and gel as a team," Petion said.

Like the other All-Stars, Petion enjoyed mixing it up with other players he may see down the road in college competition.

"It was good competition and I got to play with some good D1 and D1-AA players," Petion said. "This is an All-Star Game, so everyone pretty much had a chance to show what they could do."

North tight end Kevin Delle Donne (6-5, 235) of Summit caught a pass in the third quarter and watched his team from the sideline hold on to win in the fourth.

"I thought it was a lot of fun to play with the top players in New Jersey," said Delle Donne, who will continue playing tight end at Rowan University. "It was a real good experience and I liked the camp."

Delle Donne's senior season included three wins, which was three more than his junior year. Second-year head coach John Liberato, who was an organizer at Monday's game and who is doing a fine job of attempting to get Summit football back to where it once was, guided the Hilltoppers to a 3-7 record his first season at the helm, including the team's first two conference wins since 2004.

"It was great to start to see some of the town more involved in the program, come to the games, stuff like that," Delle Donne said.

Summit's first win last year was a wild come-from-behind 49-28 Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division victory at Parsippany on a Thursday night in September. The Hilltoppers overcame a 21-7 second-quarter deficit to snap a 12-game losing streak and win for the first time since the last game of the 2005 season.

"That was, probably, one of the best days of my life," Delle Donne said. "We broke that curse and everyone was so happy."

Summit did not get off to a good start in the game and watched Parsippany pile up huge chunks of offensive yardage en route to its early lead.

"At halftime, some of us had our heads down, but we had a talk and then came out determined in the third quarter," Delle Donne said.

Summit scored 35 points in the second half to earn its first conference victory in three years.

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# Soccer squad shows success

## Next tourney is July 19-20

By Jeff Cummins  
Correspondent

The success of the U.S. Parma 15-and-under soccer team is nothing mysterious.

Coaching, dedication and hard work have been the cornerstones of the squad's development.

Still, few would expect that the team would win so many championships in its first season.

The squad captured the Brick Invitational Tournament May 24-25 and the 34th annual Neptune Invitational June 20-21.

U.S. Parma was also a finalist in the West Windsor Sunburst Invitational May 31 and June 1 and in the JAGS Tournament June 14-15.

The team also advanced to the second round of the New Jersey Youth State Cup and U.S. Club State Cup.

The final tournament of the season is the Hudson Invitational in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. July 19-20.

"This is a newly created team," said Phillip Iuliano, who is the founder and president and general manager of Victory Soccer Academy, which operates U.S. Parma. "We just formed the team in November."

Union County players make up the core of the team, with some players coming from Cranford and Kenilworth.

Superior coaching is critical to the team's success. Iuliano noted that many coaches in the Parma system played college soccer as well as professional and that level of competition translates to the kids in the Parma program, giving them an experience they wouldn't get in high school soccer.

"I think it comes down to experience, like the number of years of experience playing against top-level competition as well as coaching in those situations and recognizing key game situations that need to be adjusted at any given moment," Iuliano said. "Being in that situation before, as a player, gives the coaches the ability to recognize situations a lot quicker."

Desire, talent and hard work are also critical to the team's performance.

Many girls who play for U.S. Parma have played in community leagues for children for several years, so that U.S. Parma head coach Bryan Finley coaches the players, rather than having to teach them.

That ability to hit the ground running gives players an important advantage.

Even the entry into U.S. Parma inspires competition as the girls try out for spots. If a player on one of the upper teams can't compete, younger players will be called up to take their place.

In the winter, U.S. Parma provides the girls with a 12-week conditioning program through Victory Soccer Academy, working on agility, speed and strength in preparation for the spring season.

"There's really no comparison between the club level and the high school level," said Iuliano.

### U.S. PARMA 15-AND-UNDER SOCCER TEAM

**Cranford:** Natalie Englese, Rebecca Shafer, Sara Gugliucci.

**Kenilworth:** Janine Casale, Amanda Filippone.

**Westfield:** Alison Birnbaum, Tracy Kaplan

**Watchung:** Kelsey Flintech.

**Scotch Plains:** Paige Della Badia, Rebecca Kreyer,

Meghan Cunningham, Evelyn Klotz, Gabrielle Vacca,

Liz Tenzer, Michelle Rogoff, Melanie Rome, Nikki Appezato.

## LL registration available

Union Little League fall baseball registration is open to all communities. The season commences Sept. 5. Registration forms must be completed and turned in by Aug. 3. Those that take advantage of registering early will receive a discount.

Download the registration form from the Union Little League website. Complete the form and send the form with payment to: Union Little League, c/o Fall Baseball, P.O. Box 92, Union, NJ 07083. If not a member of ULL, supply a copy of birth certificate.

Challenger Baseball will also be offered during the fall. More information about the Challenger League may be obtained by contacting Christina Fernandes at 908-591-6381.

The Union Little League website is: [www.unionlittleleague.org](http://www.unionlittleleague.org).

Union Little League's fall season includes:

- 6-week regular season
- playoffs and skills competition at the end of the season
- the season will conclude in late October or early November
- games will be played every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with each team playing twice per week.
- the four divisions are: ages 5-6 T-Ball, ages 7-8, ages 9-10 and age 11.

A player is eligible only if he/she had obtained the age of 5-11 on April 30, 2008.

## Warriors win spring title



The Union Warriors beat the Lyncroft Bombers 9-3 to win the Central Jersey League's 13-and-under spring title. Comprised of 12 boys from Union, the team will play at Cooperstown, N.Y. next to the MLB Hall of Fame. Bottom row, from left, are James Potter, Michael Bevan, Jonathan Zimmerman, Joseph McCaffrey, Steven Lufy and Patrick Whelan. Top row, from left, are coach Bevan, Drew Casey, coach Casey, Nick Sorrentino, Branden Alvarez, Mike Meola, James Moore, Matthew Marques, coach Lufy and coach McCaffrey.

## Power ready for challenge of leading Hillside football

### Is in his first stint as a head coach

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

Does John Power have his work cut out for him at Hillside?

Yes, and that's a good thing for the first-year head football coach.

"For us at Hillside, we want to play a complete season," said Power, who was officially hired Feb. 28 and is a head coach for the first time. "We want to play complete games and put ourselves in a position that when the fourth quarter comes we're in the game and then seize the opportunity to win."

Hillside is coming off an 0-10 season and has not posted a winning campaign or made the state playoffs in five years.

Despite last season's record, however, Hillside lost four games by nine points or less, including one in overtime.

The Comets did not produce much offense, scoring only 76 points and getting shut out four times.

Hillside did play well in its season-finale, falling at Brearley 30-22. The home team Bears finished 8-2.

Being an offensive coach, Power will attempt to rectify Hillside's scoring woes.

Power played in high school for some pretty well-known coaches, including at Governor Livingston for Frank Verducci and assistant Chet Parlavecchio and at Union for Lou Rettino and assistant Fred Stengel.

Assistant coaching positions for the 1988 UHS graduate have taken place at Hudson Catholic, Union and Elizabeth.

Power takes over the coaching reigns from 1986 Hillside graduate Jim Hopke, who had a record of 36-55 (.396) for his nine seasons as the head coach from 1999-2007 and stepped down after the conclusion of last season.

Hopke was a key player on Hillside's only state playoff championship team when the Comets captured North 2, Group 2 in 1985 and finished 10-1, losing only to Immaculata.

Hopke also guided the 2000 team to the North 2, Group 2 semifinals where the Comets were edged at home by defending champion Pequannock 29-26. Hillside finished 9-2 that year after beating Brearley 37-7 at home on Thanksgiving. That was Hopke's best of his nine teams at Hillside.

"I coached with Jim in the 2005 Snapple Bowl and got to know him then," Power said. "He's a top-notch person and an excellent football coach. During his time at Hillside he did an exemplary job. I'm proud to take over a program from someone like Jim Hopke, he's a good man."

"He was on the interview committee and I appreciated the opportunity to step in after him. I understood what the record was, but he left the program in good shape. Once I met the kids I found them to be respectful and that they want to do the right thing. They want to work and improve."

Hopke went to New Providence with former Hillside baseball coach Chris Brodeur. The two of them - with Brodeur the head coach and Hopke his assistant and third base coach - guided the Pioneers to a winning season this year. Brodeur took over for Tom Beck, who won 251 games as only the second head baseball coach in New Providence history.

Power spent last season on Parlavecchio's staff at Elizabeth after St. Peter's College dropped its football program in June of 2007. After not getting the Union head coaching job, Power was to be the offensive coordinator at St. Peter's.

Power was an assistant coach on Marc Crisafi's staff at Union for four seasons from 2003-2006, coaching the quarterbacks. He was also the offensive coordinator in 2004, 2005 and 2006. Crisafi, a 1983 UHS graduate, was an assistant coach at Hillside and Union before becoming the head coach at Union in 2001. Union made the state playoffs all four years Power was there, including the North 2, Group 4 final in 2003 and the semifinals in 2005 and 2006.

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# Comets are guided by a new mentor this season

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"I really enjoyed working with Marc," Power said. "He did a good job there. I'm proud of the job that Marc Crisafi and the rest of the staff did at Union."

Power was a finalist for the Union job that went to Sheridan, who is a 1993 UHS grad, former Rutgers stand-out and who was previously an assistant coach at Widener.

"I applied, put my hat in the ring and they went in a different direction," Power said. "I wish all the best to Brian and I know he will do a good job there. I hope they get back to the playoffs this year."

Parlavecchio gave Power a chance to coach last season after the St. Peter's job fell through.

"I played for Chet at GL and also coached for him at Passaic Valley," Power said. "He gave me an opportunity to come to Elizabeth and it was a great experience."

"I've had the great fortune of working for some really, really good head coaches and coordinators. That has allowed me to grow as a coach and that's all you can ask for. Those coaches have all done the right things with their programs."

Power is the latest in a long line of former Union players to move up to the ranks of a high school head coach. He is now one of three former Farmer players that are presently head coaches in Union County, including Brian Sheridan at Union and Gary Mobley at Rahway.

Other former Union players that are head coaches in North Jersey include Bill Tracy at Livingston and Cosmo Lorusso at Roxbury.

"The last couple of years I felt it was time for me to take the next challenge," Power said, as far as becoming a head coach for the first time. "When I heard the Hillside job was open I immediately put in for it. Hillside has a great tradition over the years and I've always heard good things about the community of Hillside, the kids and its desire to put a good football program out there."

"I applied, went through the process, was offered the job and readily accepted. I appreciated the fact that the Hillside Board of Education embraced me and took me in."

A Jersey City resident the past three years, Power teaches 7th and 8th grade special education at PS No. 23 in Jersey City.

His players are lifting and running now and he will take some of them to compete in West Orange's 7-on-7 summer league that commenced yesterday and runs on Wednesdays for the month of July.

"It's good experience for the kids where they play three games a night," Power said.

"The kids have done an outstanding job so far. Jim (Hopke) stayed in the weight room and kept the kids working prior to a coach being hired. Since I was hired the kids have done everything asked of them."

After coaching for Watchung Conference schools - in addition to other high school stints at Hudson Catholic and Passaic Valley. Power is getting familiar with the scope of the Mountain Valley Conference. His Comets are one of six teams in the Mountain Division.

"The MVC is a different level, but high calibre for a small-school conference," Power said. "It's a rough and tumble conference, with teams in the mix every year for the playoffs."

**NOTES:** Hillside's game scrimmage is Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. at Pequannock. Hillside will play the first nine weekends, opening Week Zero at home vs. Passaic, a team it lost to the last two years, including by forfeit after beating Passaic on the field in 2006. This will be the third straight season the Comets open against Passaic.

With the new NJSIAA reclassification to be ironed out, it appears that this will be the fourth consecutive year that Hillside is situated in Central Jersey, Group 2 for football. The last time Hillside posted a winning season and qualified for the state playoffs was both in 2003. The Comets finished 6-4 that season after winning at Brearley 18-12 on Thanksgiving. Hillside, seeded eighth, lost at top-seeded Summit 27-7 in a first round North 2, Group 2 contest at Tatlock Field.

Hillside will not play on Thanksgiving this year after playing Brearley on the holiday from 2000-2007. Before that, Hillside played Rahway in 1999 and before that Newark Central.

## JOHN POWER

### PLAYING AND COACHING RESUME:

**High school:** Played at Governor Livingston in fall of 1984 and 1985 for head coach Frank Verducci and assistant coach Chet Parlavecchio. Played at Union in fall of 1986 and 1987 for head coach Lou Rettino and assistant coach Fred Stengel.

Power was a quarterback for Union, with Ed Baf-fige the starter in 1986 and Joe Matina in 1987. Both of those years Union won North 2, Group 4, going 9-2 in 1986 and 11-0 in 1987, which was Stengel's final year at Union before he became the head coach at Bergen Catholic in 1988.

"I was really more influenced by coach Verducci and Parlavecchio, they were really the guys that I kind of followed after," said Power, who was born in Manhattan and grew up in Berkeley Heights before transferring to Union. "They were the guys I looked up to as far as football went."

"Lou Rettino was a high integrity individual. He was, obviously, a great football coach and the way he ran his program - he did everything the right way. It was a class organization."

"Coming from GL, I was lucky to have played for outstanding coaches there. Then I get to Union as a junior and at that time Union football was like Don Bosco Prep football is now. Union was New Jersey football at that time."

"There were other great teams, but Lou was the king and he did an absolutely outstanding job not only for Union but also for New Jersey football."

**Pre-college:** Power attended Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia (Heisman Trophy winners Vin-nie Testaverde and Eddie George starred there before excelling at Miami and Ohio State) for two years. He lettered at quarterback in 1988 and 1989. "I was a late bloomer and started there at quarterback," Power said.

**College:** He then went on to play at the University of Georgia from 1990-1993 for head coach Ray Goff, who took over after Vince Dooley became the athletic director. The two years Power played at Fork Union did not deprive him of four seasons of eligibility at Georgia.

**Coaching:** Power was a graduate assistant at Georgia in 1994 and 1995 before coming back to New Jersey and spending one season on the staff at Passaic Valley in 1996. That Hornets team reached the North 1, Group 3 final at Giants Stadium, falling to No. 1 in the state Hoboken.

In 1997, 1998 and 1999 Power was in private business, working with his father in advertising. When his father sold his business he helped out the quarterbacks as an assistant coach at Hudson Catholic.

### HILLSIDE COACHING STAFF

#### AT THE MOMENT

**Head coach:** John Power

**Linebackers and wide receivers:** Roger Wingate.

Wingate is a 1995 Hillside graduate who played in the 1995 North-South All-Star Game at Rutgers and then starred at Rutgers. Wingate was also an assistant coach at Hillside and Union.

"Roger will have a heavy role with the defense," Power said. "He's an outstanding role model for kids."

**Defensive coordinator and offensive line:** John Conroy. Conroy coached at Union the same time Power and Wingate did under Crisafi.

**Offensive and defensive lines:** Eric Allen.

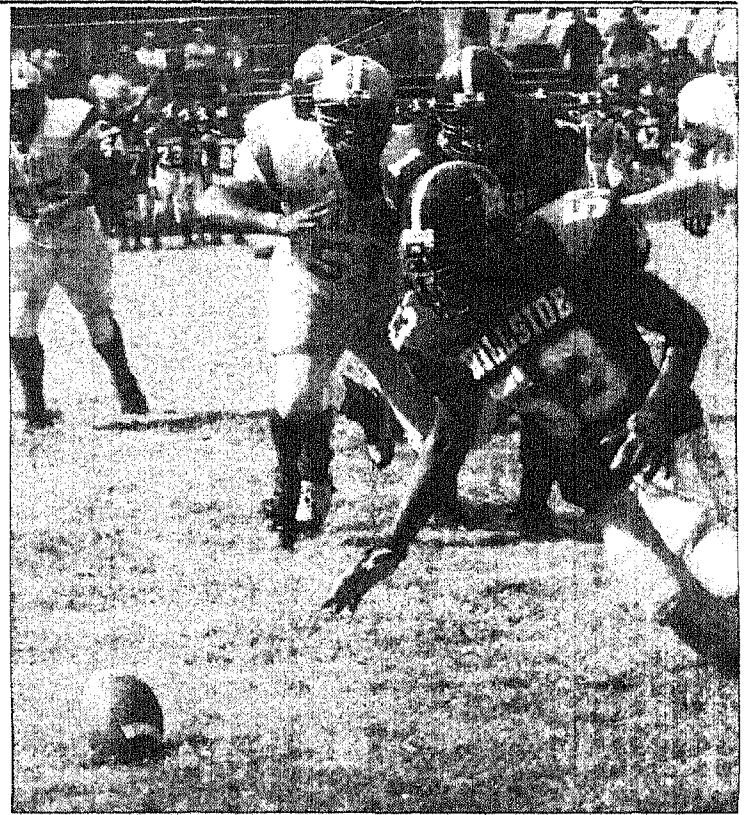
Allen coached at Hillside under Hopke, including last year.

**Assistant:** John Zappulla.

Zappulla has coached at Hillside the longest and will continue to be a valuable mentor on Power's staff.

"It's coming together real well, with a couple of other guys yet to be named," Power said.

• *More of Power's coaching resume can be read on JR's Sports Blog at [www.localsource.com](http://www.localsource.com).*



File photo

Hillside will play at Cranford Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Field in a Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division clash. This could be the last season of the present MVC setup, with a super conference formation to be voted on soon.

## MVC football has different games

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

The Mountain Valley Conference will consist of 11 teams for the upcoming 2008 high school football season, with six in the Mountain Division and five in the Valley Division.

The MVC alignment for the 2008 football season is:

**Mountain Division (6)** - Hillside, Johnson, Cranford, Rahway, Governor Livingston, Newark Central.

**Defending champion:** Rahway.

**Valley Division (5)** - Brearley, New Providence, Roselle Park, Dayton, Roselle.

**Defending champion:** New Providence.

The last Mountain Division team to win a sectional title was Johnson in 2002 when the Crusaders captured North 2, Group 2.

The last Valley Division team to win a sectional crown was Brearley in 2006 when the Bears won North 2, Group 1.

Last year was only the second year since 1975 and first year since 2001 that not one Union County team reached a sectional final.

The NJSIAA's reclassification for football was still being worked on as of press time.

For general classification, Cranford moved from North 2, Group 3 to Central Jersey, Group 2, while Roselle Park moved down to Central Jersey, Group 1 from Central Jersey, Group 2.

All 11 teams have interesting non-conference matchups this year.

Here's a look at the ones scheduled so far:

### MOUNTAIN DIVISION

**Hillside:** Passaic, at Robbinsville, at Iselin Kennedy.

**Johnson:** Hackettstown, vs. Iselin Kennedy at Woodbridge.

**Cranford:** DePaul, St. Joseph's of the Palisades.

**Rahway:** Bishop Ahr, at Iselin Kennedy, at North Plainfield, Somerville.

**Gov. Livingston:** Iselin Kennedy, at Bishop Ahr, at North Plainfield.

**Newark Central:** Manville.

### VALLEY DIVISION

**Brearley:** Pennington, Dunellen, at Highland Park.

**New Providence:** Butler, Cardinal McCarrick.

**Roselle Park:** at Metuchen, at Middlesex, Sussex Tech, at Bernards.

**Dayton:** at Manville, at Cardinal McCarrick, at Bound Brook.

**Roselle:** Bound Brook, Kearny.

• As of press time, Brearley and Dayton were still looking for a ninth opponent.

## One-on-one

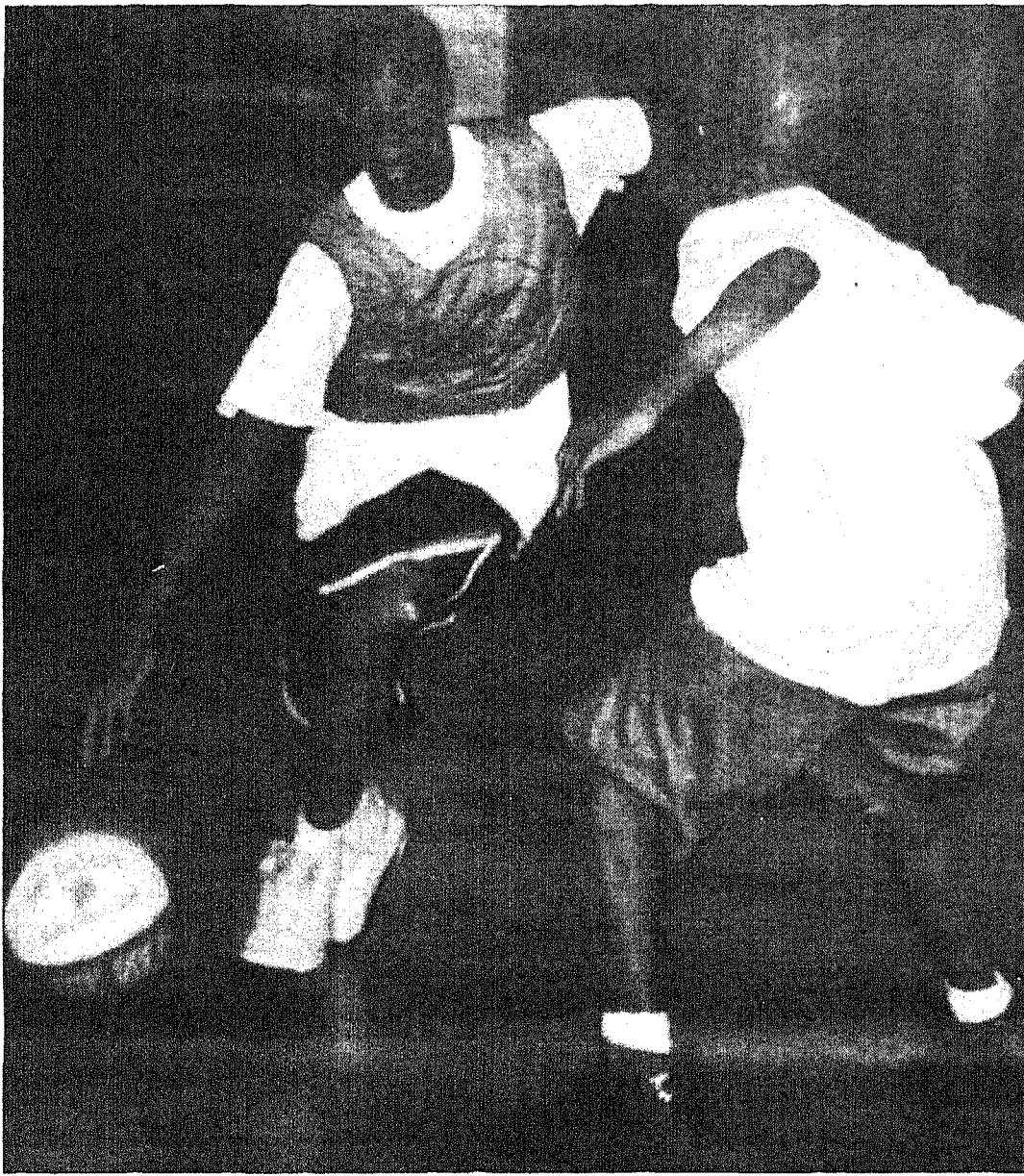


Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Union Boys' Basketball campers compete in a drill at last week's first session. The camp is run by UHS boys' basketball head coach Tony DiGiovanni.

# Garcia kicks 7 points for North

## To play safety at Albright

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Garcia helped lead Roselle Park to a 5-5 record last season, including a season-ending three-game winning streak as the Panthers just missed qualifying in Central Jersey, Group 1.

Also one of the top baseball players in Union County over the course of his time at Roselle Park, Garcia enjoyed being an integral part of a winning North squad.

"I had a great time playing with all of these players," Garcia said.

"Before the game I was feeling good and I kicked a 47-yard field goal in practice."

Garcia (6-2, 205) is the kind of versatile player head coach James Foy already misses as he served the Panthers quite well at quarterback, safety, kicker and kick returner.

North linebacker Donte Dennis (6-0, 205) of Rahway, who just couldn't wait to get in the game and smack a South ball-carrier, sounded as if he was ready to play another game by the time Monday night's contest was winding down.

"Actually, I thought it was going to be harder," said Dennis, who will continue playing linebacker at the University of Maine. "They said to come in shape and do this and do that and I rushed doing last-minute stuff, but I came down here and that first hit I had put me right back on track, right back in football mode and I had a lot of fun ever since."

Unfortunately, fun was not what Dennis and his teammates experienced after a crushing 19-14 home loss to Carteret in last year's Central Jersey, Group 2 semifinals.

Still, Rahway bounced back to defeat Johnson 27-6 at home on Thanksgiving to finish a more-than-solid 9-2 campaign that included a Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division championship.

"Every chance I get to perform on the field I try to do my best," said Dennis, who was one of the leading tacklers in Union County and the MVC last year.

Other players from Union County that represented their schools well in the game included North defensive end Charles McCray (6-3, 210) of Elizabeth and North offensive lineman Nick Guerriero (6-0, 270) of New Providence.

**NOTES:** The North leads the series for this decade with a 5-3 record in eight games.

Next year's game will be the 30th played in the series.

The North scored 31 points for the second time in three years. The most points the North scored was 33 in a 33-31 win at Rutgers in the 1998 game.

### Rahway Football

Sept. 13 Bishop Ahr, 1 p.m.  
Sept. 20 at Hillside, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 3 at Cranford, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 11 at Iselin Kennedy, 1 p.m.  
Oct. 17 at North Plainfield, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 25 Gov. Livingston, 1 p.m.  
Nov. 1 Somerville, 2 p.m.  
Nov. 8 Newark Central, 1 p.m.  
Nov. 27 at Johnson, 10:30 a.m.  
2007: (9-2)

### Rahway Girls' Volleyball

Sept. 12 Cranford, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 15 Colonia, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 16 at Johnson, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 19 at Union Catholic, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 20 Paramus Tournament, 9 a.m.  
Sept. 23 Technology, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 25 at New Providence, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 26 Roselle, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 2 at Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 6 J.P. Stevens, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 7 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 10 at Dayton, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 14 Kent Place, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 16 at Cranford, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 21 Union Catholic, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 23 at Newark Central, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 28 Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 30 Union, 4 p.m.

### Rahway Boys' Soccer

Sept. 12 at Oratory Prep, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 15 at Solomon Schechter, 4:30  
Sept. 16 Union Catholic, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 18 Johnson, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 23 at Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 25 at Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 26 at Cranford, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 30 at Hillside, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 2 Cranford, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 3 at Union Catholic, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 7 at Johnson, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 14 Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 16 at Brearley, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 21 Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 23 at Roselle, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 28 at Woodbridge, 7 p.m.

### Rahway Girls' Soccer

Sept. 12 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 16 at Union Catholic, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 18 at Johnson, 6 p.m.  
Sept. 20 at Elizabeth, 10 a.m.  
Sept. 25 Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.  
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Oct. 14 at Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 16 Brearley, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 21 at Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 23 Elizabeth, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 30 Hillside, 4 p.m.

### Rahway Girls' Tennis

Sept. 5 Technology, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 12 at New Providence, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 15 at Linden, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 18 St. Mary's, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 19 Union Catholic, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 23 Dayton, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 25 at Roselle, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 26 at Technology, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 2 at Union Catholic, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 3 New Providence, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 7 at Roselle Park, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 10 at St. Mary's, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 14 at Dayton, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 16 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 17 Linden, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 21 Roselle, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 23 at Cranford, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 28 at Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.

### Rahway Cross Country

Sept. 16 vs. Cranford and Newark Central at Cranford, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 23 at Hillside, 4 p.m.  
Sept. 30 Union Catholic and Newark Central, 4 p.m.  
Oct. 7 GL and Johnson, 4 p.m.  
**NOTES:** The Mountain Valley Conference meet is Oct. 8 at Warinanco and the Union County meet Oct. 22 there.

### NORTH-SOUTH SCORES

South leads series 14-13-2

2008: North 31, South 25 - at Rutgers Stadium  
2007: South 14, North 7 - at Rutgers Stadium  
2006: North 31, South 16 - at Rutgers Stadium  
2005: North 9, South 7 - at Rutgers Stadium  
2004: North 26, South 21 - at Rutgers Stadium  
2003: South 3, North 0 - at Rutgers Stadium  
2002: No game was played at Rutgers because of inclement weather before kick off.  
2001: North 24, South 0 - at Rutgers Stadium  
2000: South 20, North 5 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1999: South 22, North 19 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1998: North 33, South 31 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1997: South 28, North 24 - at The College of New Jersey  
1996: South 32, North 23 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1995: North 37, South 15 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1994: South 21, North 16 - at Trenton State College  
1993: South 9, North 8 - at Giants Stadium  
1992: North 7, South 7 (tie) - at Giants Stadium  
1991: North 26, South 12 - at Giants Stadium  
1990: North 14, South 10 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1989: South 24, North 0 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1988: South 12, North 9 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1987: North 21, South 10 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1986: North 20, South 17 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1985: North 10, South 10 (tie) - at Rutgers Stadium  
1984: North 7, South 0 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1983: South 41, North 7 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1982: South 16, North 7 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1981: South 32, North 0 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1980: North 13, South 6 - at Rutgers Stadium  
1979: South 34, North 13 - at Rutgers Stadium

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Blood donors will get gas cards Tuesday

The Hillside Community Blood Bank and the Hillside Board of Health, in conjunction with The Blood Center of New Jersey will be hosting a blood drive Tuesday from 3 to 8:30 p.m. at the lower parking lot of the Hillside Municipal Building, on the Hillside Avenue side. Registration is not necessary.

On this date, you can help protect yourself and your family by giving blood during this time of low blood reserves is New Jersey.

Donors will receive a \$15 gas card during this time of high gas prices, and a free cholesterol screening.

Church to host drive

St. Michael's Parish, Union, will host a blood drive Aug. 3 from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Lower Church, which is air-conditioned.

One must have a social security number and some form of identification to donate blood. Breakfast will be served to all who donate.

Be a 'Heartsaver'

A Heartsaver certification course will take place this month.

This two-day, six-hour program teaches CPR/Automated External

Defibrillator and relief of obstructed airway. The first session covers adults older than 8 years old, while the second session covers children and infants. Students may choose to attend either adult, pediatric or both sessions. To register, call 908-522-2365. The adult session will take place July 15, from 7 to 10 p.m. The pediatric session will be July 16, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Wallace Auditorium at Overlook Hospital, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit.

Bone density tests

Find out if you are at risk for developing osteoporosis with a noninvasive ultrasound that provides immediate results.

Registration is required for these bone density tests, which are scheduled for July 15, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield.

Check your pressure

Make sure you are at or below 120/80 — the national guideline for blood pressure. Registration is required by calling 800-247-9580. Screenings will take place July 22, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield and July 28, from 10 a.m. to noon at The Connection for Women and Families, Summit.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Take notice that the following applications for Zoning Variances were heard by the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, N.J. Resolutions memorializing.

Table with 4 columns: Calendar #, Name of Applicant & Premises Affected, Variances Requested, Decision of the Board of Adjustment. Contains 4 entries for various zoning variances.

Richard Malanda, Board of Adjustment Secretary

U216093 UNL July 3, 2008 (\$45.57)

2008 Municipal Budget

CITY OF LINDEN, COUNTY OF UNION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

Summary of Revenues - Current Fund table with columns for 2008 Anticipated and 2007. Lists items like Surplus, Total Miscellaneous Revenues, Receipts from Delinquent Taxes, and Local Tax for Municipal Purposes.

Summary of Appropriations - Current Fund table with columns for 2008 Budget and Final 2007 Budget. Lists items like Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages, Other Expenses, Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations, Capital Improvements, Debt Service, Judgments, and Reserve for Uncollected Taxes.

2008 Dedicated Landfill Budget

Summary of Revenues table for Landfill Budget with columns for 2008 Anticipated and 2007. Lists Surplus, Miscellaneous Revenues, and Anticipated Deficit.

Summary of Appropriations table for Landfill Budget with columns for 2008 Budget and Final 2007 Budget. Lists Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages, Other Expenses, Capital Improvements, Debt Service, and Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations.

Balance of Outstanding Debt - 12/31/07

Table showing Principal - Bonds, Principal - Notes, Green Trust Loans, Infrastructure Loans, Note Payable, and Outstanding Balance, with columns for General and Landfill.

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the City of Linden, County of Union on June 17, 2008.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on July 15, 2008 at 7:00 o'clock (PM) at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2008 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the detailed budget are available in the office of Mr. Joseph Bodek, at the Municipal Building, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden (908-474-8452) during the hours of 9:00(A.M.) to 5:00(P.M.).

U216094 PRO July 3, 2008 (\$744.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDEN

LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT AUCTION NOTICE

The undersigned shall expose for sale in accordance with RS 39:10A-1 et. seq. at public auction on JULY 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Gabe's Towing Company, 228 South Stiles Street, Linden, New Jersey the following motor vehicles which came into possession of the Linden Police Department through abandonment or failure of owners to claim same. These motor vehicles may be examined at the aforementioned location at 9:00 a.m. on JULY 9, 2008. All sales are "as is". Vehicles must be removed by a wrecker within two working days.

Linden Police Department Michael Boyle, Chief of Police

The Linden Police Department does not guarantee title, only the application for title of vehicle from the N.J. Division of Motor Vehicles. It is the responsibility of the public to inspect vehicles before sale.

Table with 4 columns: MAKE, YEAR, SERIAL#, COST OF REPOSSESSION. Lists a Ford 1999 with serial number 1FMZU34E1XZB13993 and a cost of \$6038.50.

U216148 PRO July 3, 2008 (\$24.50)

ROSELLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, NJ ORDINANCE NUMBER 2299-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 64 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE ENTITLED "FEES FOR BOROUGH SERVICES"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle that the Code of the Borough of Roselle, Chapter 64, is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 64, ARTICLE VIII - Summer Program Fees/ Summer Event Fees

Section 1. There shall be hereby fixed and established, fees chargeable to participants by the Borough for Summer Activities as stated below:

- 1. Summer Camp Registration Fee Family with one child \$75.00 Each additional child \$25.00 per child
2. Circus Tickets Advance sale \$10 On Site sale \$15

Section 2. If any portion or part of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, for any reason, be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of the ordinance which is hereby declared to be severable.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 4. The effective date of this ordinance shall be immediately upon its adoption, subject to any applicable statutory requirements.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title for the first time at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle held on May 21, 2008, and this Ordinance will be considered for final passage at a special meeting of the Borough Council to be held July 9, 2008, at 6:15 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at Borough Hall, Council Chambers, 210 Chestnut St., Roselle, NJ, at which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same. Exhibit A, known as the Amended Redevelopment Plan, is available for viewing at the Borough Clerk's Office from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

Rhona C. Bluestein, M.B.A., R.M.C. Borough Clerk

U216152 PRO July 3, 2008 (\$45.08)













PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08004066
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3032907
County: Union
Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I, INC. TRUST 2006-WMC2 VS
Defendant: ANGELA CORREA, MR. CORREA, HUSBAND OF ANGELA CORREA, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS A NOMINEE FOR WMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Sale Date: 07/30/2008
Writ of Execution: 06/06/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08003752
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3217707
County: Union
Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY ON BEHALF OF FINANCIAL ASSET SECURITIES CORP. SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2007-WMC1, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-WMC1 VS
Defendant: JUAN GUAMAN; MIRYAM GUAMAN
Sale Date: 07/16/2008
Writ of Execution: 05/28/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08003759
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3007907
County: Union
Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS TRUSTEE VS
Defendant: RICARDO DUSSON MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AFM MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Sale Date: 07/16/2008
Writ of Execution: 05/30/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08003875
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3013107
County: Union
Plaintiff: BANK OF NEW YORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2 VS
Defendant: ROBSON ALVES DE SOUZA AND MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICA'S WHOLESALER LENDER
Sale Date: 07/23/2008
Writ of Execution: 04/30/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08003750
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3028607
County: Union
Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3 VS
Defendant: EUGENIO AMADOR; MELAINA CASTO; STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 07/16/2008
Writ of Execution: 05/27/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08003959
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3476107
County: Union
Plaintiff: WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES VS
Defendant: ELSA GARCIA
Sale Date: 07/09/2008
Writ of Execution: 04/30/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08003978
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2994507
County: Union
Plaintiff: INDYMAC BANK F.S.B. VS
Defendant: MADELINE FIGUEROA; GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC
Sale Date: 07/23/2008
Writ of Execution: 05/22/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08003865
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F37507
County: Union
Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE VS
Defendant: RAFAEL A. GARCIA ET AL
Sale Date: 07/23/2008
Writ of Execution: 12/27/2007
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08004093
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2232707
County: Union
Plaintiff: GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC VS
Defendant: WILSON DE LA CRUZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS A NOMINEE FOR MONTGOMERY MORTGAGE CAPITAL CORPORATION
Sale Date: 07/30/2008
Writ of Execution: 06/10/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

ROSELLE

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOND ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2300-08
NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on June 18, 2008. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at Borough Hall, in the Borough of Roselle on July 16, 2008 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:







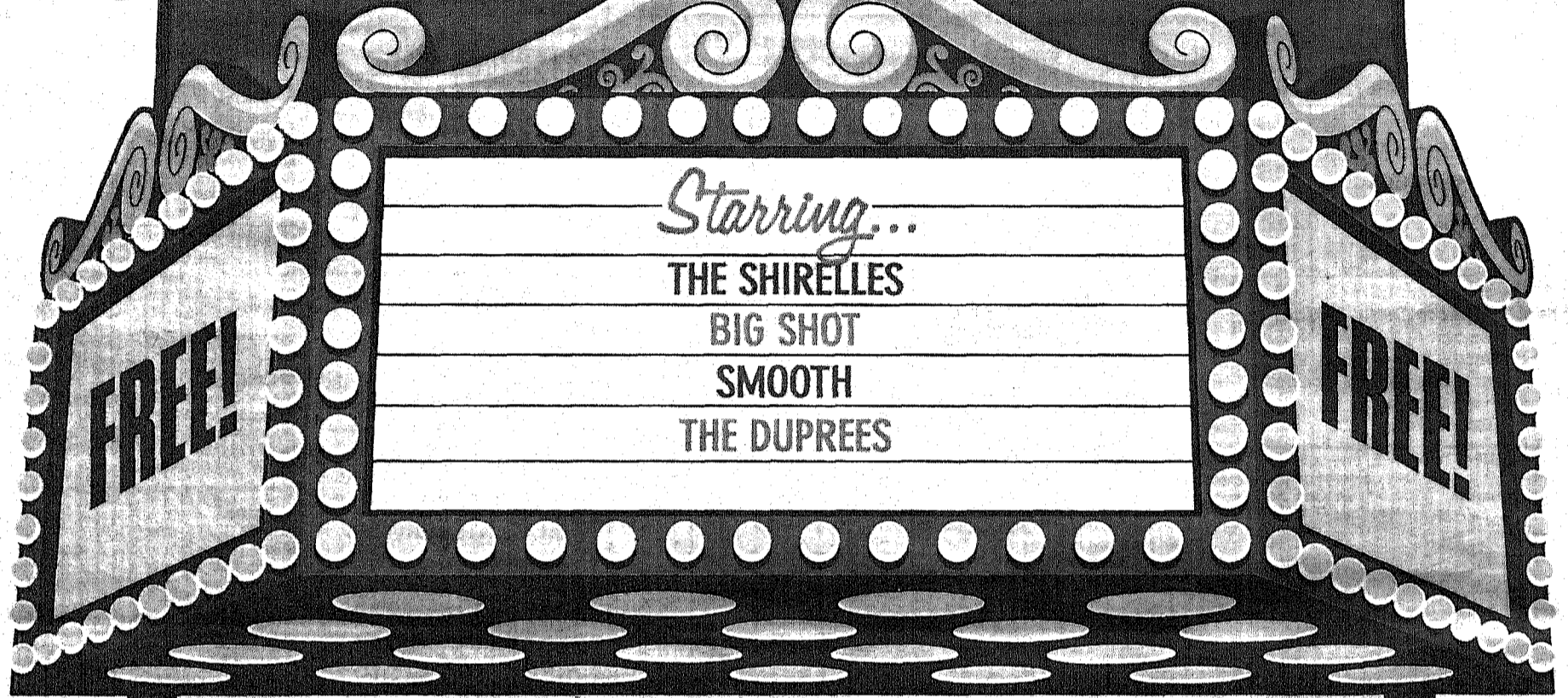








# The Township of Union 2008 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



THURSDAY, JULY 10TH  
 SCHERING-PLOUGH &  
 INVESTORS SAVINGS BANK PRESENT

**THE SHIRELLES**  
 "DEDICATED TO THE ONE I LOVE"  
 "WILL YOU STILL LOVE ME TOMORROW?"

THURSDAY, JULY 24TH  
 SCHERING-PLOUGH  
 UNION CRESCENT PRESENT

*Smooth*

**SMOOTH**  
 PLAYING THE HITS OF MOTOWN!

All Concerts held at  
 Biertuempfel Park  
 (Winslow Ave)  
 Starting at 7:30PM

**ADMISSION IS FREE!**  
**BRING LAWN CHAIRS!**  
**REFRESHMENTS**  
**AVAILABLE!**

In case of rain,  
 concerts will be held at  
 Hannah Caldwell School  
 (Commerce Ave)  
 For More Info Call  
 (908)686-4200

THURSDAY, JULY 17TH  
 MILL RUN & SOVEREIGN BANK  
 PRESENT

**BIG SHOT**  
 BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE BAND  
 "MR. PIANO MAN"

THURSDAY, JULY 31ST  
 REGIONAL INDUSTRIES  
 PRESENTS

**THE DUPREES**  
 "YOU BELONG TO ME"  
 "HAVE YOU HEARD?"