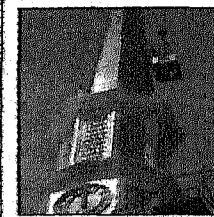


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A new steeple is erected at the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth. The project at the local landmark took two days to complete last week.
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City mulls improvements to green measures

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — Community leaders and local business owners are trying to make the city greener by reducing pollution and greenhouse gases.

Plans to achieve the goal mulled

over during the Sustainability Task Force meeting held Aug. 6 included implementing a law against leaving cars idle on city streets and offering preferred parking for those driving hybrid vehicles or who carpool.

City Administrator Chris Cotter was one of several officials to pro-

posed these suggestions.

"I wrote a memo in reaction to the sustainability report completed by the Common Council," Cotter said. "It was intended to give the governing body advice on how these items could be implemented."

Improvements suggested in Cot-

ter's memo included, looking into a green building process, cutting down on water usage and protecting it from contaminants, recycling awareness, purchasing green products and eco-friendly transportation alternatives.

According to Council President Andrew Lark, this recent meeting

was a big step in the right direction. "This meeting was very productive. This gives us a launching point to move forward," he said.

Other suggestions in the Sustainability Report included creating a statement of green building and
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Two indicted in drag racing deaths case

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

MOUNTAINSIDE — Two men who fled the scene of a deadly accident that occurred when they were racing another driver on Route 22 East last year have been charged in the case.

John Mannarino, 19 of Springfield and a passenger in his car, James Cavallaro, 21, also of Spring-

field have been charged with one count of third-degree hindering apprehension. Mannarino was also charged with one count of second-degree leaving the scene of a fatal accident, according to Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow.

The two men were indicted by a Union County grand jury last week
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Cultural revolution sweeps through city

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — An arts district addition is nearing its showtime as demolition begins at Hamilton Street Laundry.

At their meeting last month, the City Council approved an ordinance covering the costs for permits, demolition and engineering of the Hamilton Street extension project, a plan to build a city-financed, 1,000 seat amphitheater that will showcase plays and other performing arts.

The razing is scheduled for sometime this week. A \$369,500 contract was awarded to Mecco Demolition of Bensalem, Pa., to perform the work.

Hamilton Laundry stopped operating at the location about three years ago, after being a downtown landmark for decades. Severe

flooding from the abutting Rahway River caused the curtain to drop on the former laundry facilities.

A state-of-the-art amphitheater, meant to enhance the city's burgeoning arts district, will rise from the suds of the the laundry site.

A brick facade and panoramic columns will enclose an open air amphitheater and side-stage for smaller performances.

The new facility is expected to be operational by the fall 2009, according to Redevelopment Agency secretary Cindy Solomon.

She added that the theater's final billing would reach around \$3 million.

The theater will be operated by the city's Arts District Council, which is spearheading the area's cultural expansion. They also give advice to the Arts Guild of Rahway

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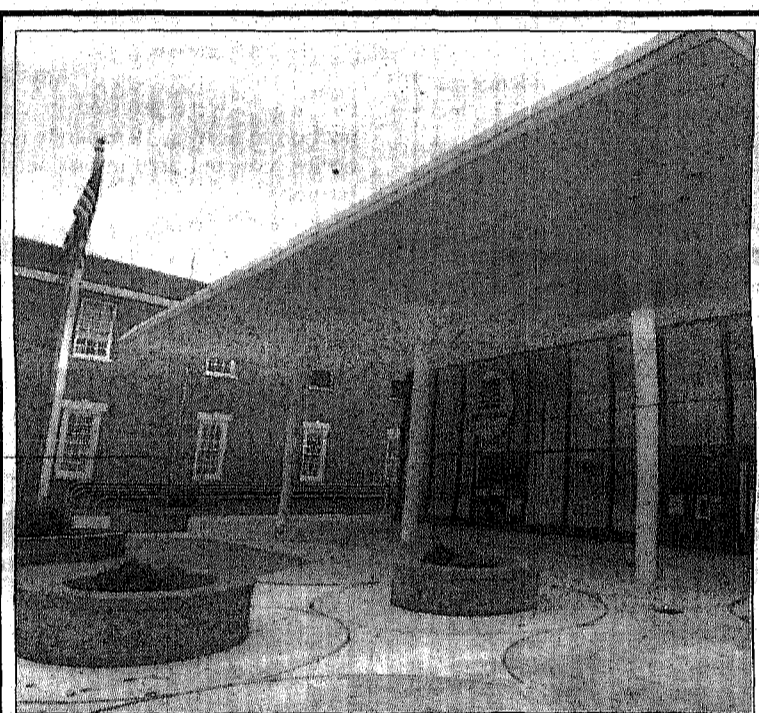


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Wachovia Bank on Stuyvesant Avenue in Union was robbed July 6 by a suspect police believe may have committed other robberies in the area.

Second Stuyvesant Ave. bank robbed

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — For the second time in two weeks, a bank on Stuyvesant Avenue was robbed by a capped bandit. This time, the target was Wachovia Bank at 1057 Stuyvesant Ave.

On July 6, shortly after 11 a.m., police flooded the parking lot near the bank, trying to find clues that could lead them to the suspect, described by witnesses as a white man, in his late 30s or 40s who wore his graying hair in a ponytail. He was wearing glasses, blue jeans, a yellow shirt, tan work boots and a two-toned baseball hat, witnesses also reported to police.

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Let there be turf!

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — The 2008-09 school year may be the last time township athletes play on grass and dirt at Memorial Field.

Cranford school and town officials, along with local clubs and organizations, are moving ahead on plans to update the grounds with a state-of-the-art synthetic field for its athletic programs. The goal is to have the turf installed by next summer — in time for the 2009-10 school sporting season, according to Deputy Mayor David Robinson.

In 2007 and in 2008, the Township Committee took steps to establish the non-profit entity, the Cranford Athletic Turf Fund, a grassroots organization tasked with buying, installing and maintaining the new field. "It's a recreational trust fund set up specifically to get turf on Memorial Field," said Engineering Commissioner Mark Smith.

Members of the CAT Fund include the Cranford Jaycees, the High School Booster Club, the Board of Education and community members.

"The initial organization effort is quite far a long," Robinson said. "We have great representation in town."

The update is expected to cost about \$800,000. Already, \$200,000 has been raised, while the repayment of the principle and interest will be done annually through
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Graffiti leads to drug, underage drinking bust

Linden

Shawn Maciorkowski, 19, of Fords was arrested at 9 p.m. on Aug. 2 for possession of a narcotic.

Police responded to Dunn Park after receiving a call about graffiti. When they arrived, they spotted two men running from the area and saw spray paint on the retaining walls of the nearby creek. Officer Christopher Guenther located a possible suspect, Maciorkowski, at the corner of Gibbons Street and Wood Avenue.

Maciorkowski smelled of alcoholic and was found to be carrying two open bottles of alcohol and 46 small bags containing marijuana in his backpack.

Maciorkowski was charged with possession of controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute, possession of CDS with intent to distribute within a park zone, possession of CDS with intent to distribute within a school zone, underage drinking and possession of CDS. He was released on a summons pending a court hearing.

Clark

• Michael Benyon, 18, of Clark was arrested at 9:04 a.m. on Monday by officer George Marmarou and was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

• Shaun McAndrew, 18, of Clark was arrested at 11:04 a.m. on Friday by officer Keith Meehan and was charged with having two outstanding warrants out of Clark and Garwood, totaling \$1,215.

• On Friday, at 6:24 a.m. police responded to a report of a motor vehicle stolen from a residence on Dorset Drive.

• Pierre Alexis, 24, of Woodbridge was arrested at 10:24 p.m. on July 31 by officer Antonio Manata and was charged with having an outstanding warrant from Clifton in the amount of \$750.

• Tiffanie Wagner, 20, of Cranford was arrested at 1:25 p.m. on July 16 by officer Antonio Manata in the vicinity of the Garden State Parkway Circle and Valley Road on an outstanding warrant in the amount of \$1,000 from East Orange for contempt of court/motor vehicle violations.

Wagner was subsequently turned over to the East Orange Police Department.

• On July 16, at 5:04 p.m., Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a report of a motor vehicle fire in the vicinity of the Garden State Parkway Circle and Brant Avenue. Upon arrival, the scene was turned over to the Clark Fire Department who extinguished the fire.

• Edward Harris, 40, of Red Bank was arrested on July 16 at 10:01 p.m. by officer Patrick Grady in the vicinity of Central Avenue and Virginia Street on an outstanding warrant from the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department for contempt of court.

Harris was subsequently turned over to the Monmouth County Sheriff's Department.

• Milton Fowler, 57, of Newark, was arrested at 8:13 p.m. on July 17 by officer George Marmarou in the vicinity of Terminal and Westfield Avenues on four outstanding warrants from Watchung for contempt of court/motor vehicle violations.

Fowler was subsequently turned over to the Watchung Police Department.

• On July 21 at 4:55 p.m., police took a report of a theft of a bicycle from a residence at 201 Goodman's Crossing. The incident is under investigation.

Cranford

• Carmen Victoriano, 19, of Elizabeth was arrested on July 30 after an ongoing investigation by Detective Michael Andrews into the theft of \$1,000 from a Commerce Bank. Victoriano, a bank employee, was charged with theft. She was released with summons to appear in superior court in Elizabeth.

• Jose Barbosa Jr., 29, of Clifton was arrested by Patrolman Tim O'Brien on Aug. 1 at 11:27 a.m. after being pulled over on North Avenue near the Garwood border for having a view obstruction hanging from his rear view mirror. He was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

• Robert Morrissey, 20, was arrested at 1:26 p.m. on Aug. 3 after being pulled over on Springfield Avenue at West End Place for not wearing a seatbelt. He was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle and not wearing his seatbelt. The arresting officer was Patrolman John Rattigan.

• Robert Epps III, 27, was arrested by Patrolman Eugene Perrotta at 3:19 p.m. on Aug. 4 after being pulled over at the intersection of North Avenue and Carpenter Place for having no front license plate. He was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle, failure to exhibit a valid driver's license and failure to display a front license plate.

• Ingrid Ramirez, 29, of was arrested at 2:30 a.m. on Aug. 4

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after police received reports of a car driving without a tire. Patrolman Joseph Stulpin spotted the vehicle on South Avenue and pulled it over near Lincoln Park East. Ramirez, the driver, was charged with driving while intoxicated and careless driving. It was not clear why her tire was missing.

Rahway

• On July 15, at 10:43 a.m., police responded to a robbery on Pinewood Street that occurred overnight.

Approximately 20 boxes of men's jean shorts, valued at \$2,400, were reported missing from a company van.

Roselle

• On the afternoon of July 30, two males were arrested in connection to at least 10 separate robberies concentrated in one neighborhood.

Randy Inverary and a juvenile were walking along Thompson Street through residents' backyards when they were detained carrying two Dell laptop computers.

The computers were taken from an Elm Street home about two blocks away, where a window screen was found cut open.

The suspects were charged with burglary, theft and receiving stolen property. Inverary was held on \$15,000 bail and the youth was transported to the Union County Juvenile Detention Center.

Roselle Park

• Christopher Vega, 24, of Elizabeth was arrested at 2:45 p.m. on July 31 after turning himself into officer Keith Wintermute.

Vega's arrested occurred after a two-month probe into a complaint that his 83-year-old mother's identity was being used to purchase several cellular phones, though she did not own a cellular phone. Vega had worked at a Radio Shack in Elizabeth, where the cellular phone accounts had been opened.

Vega was charged with identity theft, two counts of theft, two counts of forgery and theft by deception. He was released pending a superior court hearing.

• Alterik Moore, 36, of Elizabeth was arrested by officer John Deegan at 5:32 p.m. on July 31 in the area of Galloping Hill Road for hindering apprehension and for having an outstanding warrant in the amount of \$1,500 from Hillside.

Moore was arrested after someone reported seeing a suspicious person in the area. When police located and questioned Moore, he allegedly attempted to conceal his identity.

• On Aug. 3, police responded

to the 100 block of West Westfield Avenue, a take-out Chinese restaurant, on a report of a burglary that occurred sometime between 1 and 11:30 a.m.

According to a police report, the suspect(s) may have entered through a side door, causing damages, and removed a small amount of coins from the register. Anyone with information regarding the burglary can contact Detective Richard Coeca at 908-245-6187.

• On Aug. 4, police responded to the 100 block of Locust Street—an apartment in the Garden Apartment Building—on a report of a burglary that occurred sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

According to a police report, the suspect(s) may have entered by prying the door open to the apartment. A laptop computer and a small amount of jewelry were reported missing. Anyone with information regarding the burglary can contact Detective Dominick Frino at 908-245-2306.

Summit

• Mario J. Delgado, 18, of Summit, was arrested on July 22 at 1 a.m. at Weaver Street for criminal mischief and consumption of alcohol under the legal age.

• On July 23 at 11:51 a.m. there was a report of a theft of a black 12 by 10 address sign from a Bedford Road residence sometime between 8 a.m. on July 21 and 8 a.m. July 22.

• On July 23 at 3:52 p.m., there was a report of a theft of a Sony Cybershot DSC-S750 digital camera from the area of the Promenade on Springfield Avenue, sometime between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. on July 21.

• On July 23 at 5:28 p.m. there was a report of a theft of a white and blue Schwinn mountain bike from a garage of a Walnut Street residence sometime between 7 a.m. July 21 and 1 p.m. on July 23.

• Salvatore Rapisarda, 28, of Linden was arrested on July 23 at 2:41 p.m. on Morris Avenue for driving while suspended, fictitious plates, failure to inspect and contempt of court.

• Nicholas B. Carlson, 18, of Summit was arrested on July 25 at 12:45 a.m. on Morris Avenue for consumption of alcohol under the legal age.

• Tyre Manliek Smith, 31, of Orange, was arrested on July 28 at 9:55 a.m. at Locust Drive and George Street for contempt of court, improper display of a front license plate, unregistered vehicle and child restraint.

• On July 28 at 12:19 p.m., there was a report of a theft of three rings from a Wallace Road residence sometime between July 20 and July 22.

The rings stolen were described as one three-diamond platinum ring; one platinum wedding band

with small round and baguette diamonds; and one blue sapphire ring with pave diamonds set on a white gold band. The total value of the stolen rings is approximately \$20,000.

Springfield

• Janaka K. Nanayakkara, 44, of Scotch Plains, was arrested on July 23 at 2:13 a.m. on Route 22 West in Mountainside for driving while intoxicated.

• Aleksande Niwa was arrested on Mountain Avenue on July 24 at 5:13 p.m. for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit a sample and careless driving.

• Elliot Mazon, 37, was arrested on Route 22 East on July 25 at 10:36 p.m. for driving while suspended and driving on the shoulder.

• Omar Hargrove, 28, was arrested on Route 22 West on July 25 at 1:37 p.m. for driving an unregistered vehicle.

• Sameer Gill, 22, was arrested on 52 Tudor Court on July 26 at 6:16 p.m. for providing alcoholic beverages to underage individuals.

• Tabitha Rubin, 18, and Malka Moscovitz, 20, were arrested on 67 Tudor Court on July 26 at 6:16 p.m. for possession and consumption of alcohol while underage.

• Ernest Hill Jr., 51, of Plainfield, was arrested on July 27 at 8:15 p.m. at the Cranford Police Department by Officer Voorhees for an outstanding warrant from Springfield Township.

• Darryl Barr, 38, of East Orange was arrested on July 30 at 1:56 p.m. by Officer Brito at 31 Green Street, Newark, for an outstanding warrant of \$458.

Union

• On Aug. 4, at 12:14 p.m., police responded to Kean University on a report of an accident with injuries. The victim complained of back pains and was transported to Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth.

• On Aug. 5, at 7:15 a.m., police responded to a report of an accident with injuries at Work-N-Gear on Route 22.

According to a police report of the incident, a car struck a pole in the area of the store and at least one victim was in need of basic life support due to a head injury they sustained. Another victim complained of chest pains. Both were transported to Overlook Hospital in Union. The fire department was notified about the compromised pole.

• On Aug. 6, at 8:04 p.m., police responded to a report of a burglary of a motor vehicle between 5 and 8 p.m. on Morris Avenue. A GPS unit was reported stolen.

• On Aug. 6, at 7:47 p.m., a driver reported their car was hit and damaged by a rock while they were driving on Route 22 in the area of an Exxon station.

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Stabbing suspect sought

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — Crimestoppers is offering a \$5,000 reward for anyone who can aid in the apprehension and indictment of a man believed to have stabbed a woman during the July 4th weekend.

The young woman, who was twice stabbed in the back as she attempted to protect her mother from being robbed, was treated at University Hospital in Newark for puncture wounds to her lungs. She was released a few days after the incident on July 3.

Several witnesses told Union police they saw a black man, between 5-feet-10 inches and 6-feet-1 inches tall, weighing between 200 and 220 pounds and wearing dark clothes and a dark hat approach the victim and her mother, who were standing in front of their home on Glendale Place.

The suspect allegedly punched the mother and stabbed her daughter in an attempt to steal the mother's purse.

The suspect was seen fleeing toward Doris Avenue in his vehicle, described as a two-door, red or burgundy Mercedes Benz.

He is being sought for robbery, aggravated assault and possession of a weapon.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to contact Detective William Fuentes of the Union Township Police Department at 908-851-5043.

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Honorary members



During the Clark Unico's recent installation awards ceremony, Arthur L. Johnson High School Seniors were honored with academic awards. From left: Brian Piccolo Award receptionist Stephanie Amalfe and Steven Cancelliere, along with scholarship winners Lisa Nucerd, Kevin Campbell, Gabrielle Rimmaudo and Vicant DelVecchio.

Ex-coach arrested for assault

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — Edwin Munoz, a 47-year-old former Union Soccer League coach, was arrested Friday for allegedly sexually abusing a girl under the age of 13.

According to the Union County Prosecutor's Office, Munoz was arrested in May on three sexual abuse charges and was indicted by a Union County Grand Jury Friday.

Munoz was charged with one count of first degree aggravated sexual assault, one count of second degree sexual assault and another count of third degree for endangering the welfare of a minor.

It is alleged that Munoz sexual-

ly abused the female victim, who was younger than 13 years old, in his home between 2001 and 2004.

According to prosecutors, the exact age of the victim could not be released.

The victim's parents filed a complaint against Munoz on April 28, according to Assistant Prosecutor John Esmerado.

Esmerado said Union County Superior Court Judge Stuart Peim set bail at \$125,000. Munoz posted bail on May 12. A court date is expected to be scheduled this week.

According to a formal press release, Munoz had coached for the Union Soccer League's 8 and 9-year-old girl's team.

"It is particularly disturbing that a man, who purported himself as wanting to foster athleticism and life goals for young children, would betray parent's trust and wind up causing physical and serious emotional damage to the victim," Union County Prosecutor Theodore J. Romankow said in the release.

The investigation remains open and prosecutors are asking parents of children who may have been on on Munoz's teams between 2001 and 2004 to contact Union County Prosecutor's Office Detective Paul Han at 908-965-3881.

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Court: Hott ruled out

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — A Superior Court Judge ruled in favor of the township in a legal matter which has enveloped both the township and Daniel Russo, owner of a local nude dance bar, Hott 22.

Judge William L'E Wertheimer's 11-page decision was released Friday. Russo pleaded guilty on a conditional basis Monday morning to six charges of violation of the law pending an appeal.

For 14 years, the township has attempted to force the business, located on Route 22, to shut down, alleging it violates a state law that prohibits a sexually-oriented business from operating within 1,000 feet of residential zones.

Township attorney Daniel Antonelli said the township and county hired experts to find alternate sites for the business.

"The court's decision reaffirms the township's position that...Russo is illegally operating a business in the township," Antonelli said.

"It still is an admission of guilt on Russo's part, despite the fact that the plea was conditional," Antonelli said.

Wertheimer suggested the business be relocated to other areas where it would not be in violation of the law, like the industrial area of Newark, which permits similar businesses to operate.

Anthony Ambrosio, the Bloomfield-based attorney for Russo, said he intends to appeal the court's decision within the next 45 days.

"I think the judge's decision is flawed," Ambrosio said. He claims the judge's decision would endanger Russo's constitutional right of freedom of expression. "We contend the testimony expert did not establish that there are other areas that would be suitable for the business."

Russo said he's optimistic about the future of his business in Union. "There's a lot of holes in the decision. It didn't make any real references to where we (Hott 22) would go or how we would do it," he said.

Ambrosio has been defending Russo since 2004 after the township indicted Russo for violation of the township ordinance.

Charges in racing case

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and surrendered to authorities on Monday afternoon. Mannarino was released on \$20,000 bail and Cavallaro was released on \$5,000 bail.

Mannarino was racing against Konstantinos Potouridis, 18, of New Providence and his passenger Paul Carbone, 20, of Millburn.

During the race, Potouridis, who was in the right lane, lost control of his vehicle and slid into the left lane before hitting a telephone pole and landing several feet from the highway, according to officials.

Potouridis and Carbone were pronounced dead at the scene, Romankow said.

Following the accident Mannarino and Cavallaro immediately fled the scene. They later returned in a different vehicle, Romankow said.

The parents of the victims have been outspoken about the dangers of drag racing and unsafe driving. "Perhaps if these two men had cared to help authorities...things might have turned out different. We will never know," said Paul's mother, Cynthia Carbone.

Konstanti's mother, Michelle Potouridis, said the accident brought "a life sentence of sadness for parents who did their best in raising their children and lost them to a risky decision."

Hunt for tricks and treats



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Karen Goger and her daughter, Catherine, 3, select items they wish to bid on during the Kenilworth Public Library's tricky tray event held at Schering-Plough on Aug. 7.

Cranford school gets wired

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — Saint Michael's School has hit the digital jackpot.

The nursery through eighth-grade parochial school is one of six academic institutions to win the Wireless Lab Sweepstakes, an annual contest that provides winners with numerous pieces of cutting-edge technology that comprise a 21st-century classroom. These include wireless tablet PCs, an interactive white board, a projector, a printer, digital cameras and video camcorders.

Ann Oro, the K-8 computer teacher at Saint Michael's School, said she looks forward to the opportunities available with the educational software. "I'm excited to work with the teachers to integrate new teaching methods and techniques with the technology lab," Oro said.

The sweepstakes is run by CDW-G, a provider of information technology to government and educators.

"With increased use of classroom technology, teachers and administrators consistently report heightened student engagement and

enthusiasm for learning," said Bob Kirby, CDW's senior director for K-12 education.

"Win a Wireless Lab' gives students and teachers access to 21st-century classroom tools to foster creativity, collaboration and independent learning."

The full compliment of equipment provided by CDW is valued at approximately \$45,000 and includes a \$5,000 Discovery Education Software Grant, three wireless access points and a laserjet printer.

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Villa Corp: 'It was time to go'

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

Editor's note: The following story is the third and final part in a series about the Villa Contracting Corporation.

CLARK — After more than 60 productive years in Clark, the family-owned Villa Corporation had found itself ensnared in a legal battle with the town government. The trouble stemmed from the corporation's opposition to the construction of a senior housing complex at 100 Terminal Avenue, where the company's industrial buildings were located.

Robert Villa, grandson of company founder Joseph Villa Sr., said these problems took a toll on the business and accelerated the company owner's efforts to find a buyer for their 75 acres of property.

Just as the township began to gain the upper hand in the legal struggle in 2007, a New York City-based real estate firm, the Feil Organization, expressed interest in acquiring the Villa-owned land.

The Big Deal

Negotiations for the sale of the property to the Feil Organization began in September 2007 and concluded in January.

Robert Villa said the negotiations went smoothly but declined to disclose how much the properties sold for. Clark Mayor Sal Bonaccorso said the selling price may have been as much as \$100 million.

Robert Villa, who grew up with the company, said he wishes the town and the Feil Organization well. "I think everybody came out a winner on this," he said.

He does, however, have some regrets. "We just weren't in a position to go on dealing with what we had to deal with," said Robert Villa, noting he is relieved to get away from the politics and stress that surrounded the business. He looks forward to living comfortably. "I think my father and his brothers and my grandfather are looking down, saying 'it was time' to go," he said.

At this time The Villa Family does not have plans for future business endeavors, according to

Robert Villa. Bonaccorso said he thinks the Villa Corporation has been a positive presence in the town, but added he looks forward to working with a more progressive landowner.

Feil's Executive Vice President Jay Anderson declined to comment.

The closing on the properties occurred April 23.

A New Chapter

Township officials said they are eager to remain involved and informed about the future of the land that has shaped so much of the town's history.

Council President Brian Toal said he looks forward to working with Feil, and is cautiously optimistic about this new chapter in the town's history. "I've had concerns with what their plans might be," he admitted. "I don't want to see Clark dwarfed by major construction — 14 or 15-story buildings."

Robert Villa guessed the Feil Organization is not opposed to the senior housing development because the organization intends to redevelop the area with residential housing and retail. While it would take many years and millions of dollars to achieve such a goal, Feil is capable of it, and such facilities could provide more of a return than an industrial zone, Villa said.

The township's Public Works Director Joseph Bonaccorso, said he doubted more housing will be developed in the area. "I'd like to see it stay the way it is — light industrial," he said.

Mayor Bonaccorso said the town has not heard from the Feil Organization since the sale. "Anything at this point is purely speculation," Bonaccorso said.

He anticipates the town will have few problems with the Feil Organization.

"The group has a clear understanding of how to manage a corporation and manage the kind of property we have here," Mayor Bonaccorso said.

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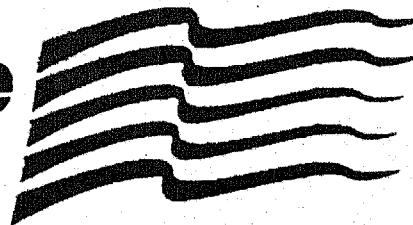
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HILLSIDE BRIEFS

Senior council

The Hillside Senior Citizens Advisory Council will hold its regular monthly meeting today at 7 p.m. The meeting will convene at the Hillside Senior Citizens Center located on 265 Hollywood Ave. For information call 908-355-8928.

Mosquito crafts

The Hillside Public Library, Liberty and Hillside avenues, will hold a Mosquito Craft program today at 4 p.m. For information,

call the Hillside Public Library at 973-932-4413.

See spider movie

The Hillside Public Library, Liberty and Hillside avenues, will show "Miss Spider's Sunny Patch" Friday at 2 p.m. For information, call 973-932-4413.

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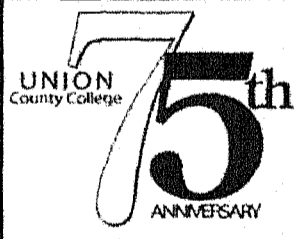
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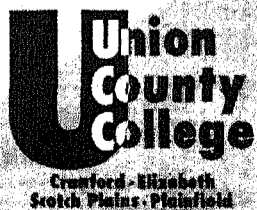
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For information send an e-mail to membership@springfieldfas.org or call 973-376-2040 and leave a message.

Abstracts on display

Mordechai Meles' recent work on abstract forms of nature will be presented at the Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., through Aug. 28. Hours of the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday

and Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Saturdays in August, the Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Books wanted for sale

Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library are accepting donations of hardback and paperback books for their annual book sale on Friday, Sept. 12 and Saturday, Sept. 13 to benefit the library. The collection will begin today. Books should be sellable, that is clean and in generally good condition. Adult and children's books are both welcome. Do not donate old textbooks and Readers Digest condensed

books, CDs and cassettes. Donations may be dropped off at the library during business hours. For information, call 973-376-4930.

Garden Club meeting

The Garden Club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 13 at the First Presbyterian Church Parish House, 37 Church Mall, Springfield.

Computer training

The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will resume its drop-in computer training program on Tuesday mornings in September. Patrons can come to the library anytime between 10:30 a.m. and noon for individual training in using the Internet.

Field to be upgraded with turf

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financial commitments.

"The more we raise initially, the less we have to borrow," Robinson said, who noted that the Township Committee is trying to avoid placing an additional financial burden on residents.

He said other towns have used similar strategies to avoid impacting taxpayers. "The...Township Committee is focused on keeping capital funding down," Robinson said.

Funding will come from other

areas. In 2002, the township raised \$106,000 for field improvements, which are being rededicated to this project. Officials will also request a 6-year-old \$87,500 Field of Dreams Grant from Union County be redirected to aid the CAT Fund.

The new grounds will not be an Astro Turf field, which contains lead and other potentially harmful chemicals, but will be created using a synthetic fiber called Field Turf, designed to be safer and require less maintenance than natural Earth. "It actually will result

in fewer athletic injuries," Robinson said.

Smith said support for the venture seems to run deep in the community. "Everyone is really ...pulling together to get this done," Smith said.

The CAT Fund group will hold their next meeting Thursday, Aug. 21 at Lincoln Avenue School, Lincoln Avenue. The public is welcome.

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Another robbery in township

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The suspect was last seen limping, toward Vauxhall Road with approximately \$200 he took from the bank.

According to law enforcement officials, no weapon was used during the robbery and no one was hurt.

Authorities are not sure if the suspect is the same man who com-

mitted another robbery at the Investor's Savings Bank on Stuyvesant Avenue July 23. The suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of money.

He was also wearing a hat — a Yankees baseball cap — and was described as a white man, in his 20s or 30s, with light-colored hair. He is believed to be 5-foot-8 inches tall, according to surveillance

footage taken from the Investor's Savings Bank.

The robber who struck on July 23 is believed to have been responsible for six bank heists that occurred within two months in Essex, Union and Middlesex counties.

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Summit goes for more green

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design practices that could be distributed to homeowners and developers planning on building in Summit.

The Sustainability Task Force was formed a year ago to keep the city on the cutting edge of environmental awareness. Since then, the city has made several eco-friendly

strides, including helping to install New Jersey's largest rooftop solar panel system atop the Schering-Plough campus.

For nearly four decades, Summit has been known as one of the state's leaders in environmental awareness and in efforts to go green.

According to Cotter the city shines due to its recycling opera-

tions and the environmental commission.

"There is a sense of pride here," said Lark. "It's nice to have a community that has worked so hard to become a model for other cities to follow."

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Laundry site to be revamped

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and the Craftsman Club.

Mayor James Kennedy has long outlined redevelopment of performing arts centers as critical for Rahway.

In his 2008 State of the City address, he said there is "a major focus in utilizing the cultural arts

as a stimulus for economic development."

The district's centerpiece, the 80-year-old Union County Performing Arts Center, a block away from Hamilton Laundry, was recently renovated and the first professional theater company was recently hired to perform.

Other new entertainment desti-

nations planned include a refurbished Bell Building — located at the edge of the Hamilton Laundry property.

"It will be developed into some sort of performing arts and visual arts space," said Solomon.

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Summer snow



Roselle Park Summer Camp hosted a mini-carnival on July 24. Counselors Devon McGillis, left, and Shannon Leary, right, serve snow cones.

CRANFORD BRIEFS

Library book sale

Friends of the Cranford Library will hold a used book sale today from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave. For information, contact John Malar at 908-709-7272.

Flagpole groundbreaking

A Cranford Flagpole Ground-breaking Ceremony will be held today at 7 p.m. at the Post Office Plaza. For information, contact Martha Garcia by e-mail at raisetheflag@comcast.net.

Register for soccer

Registration for the fall 2008 and spring 2009 Recreational Soccer seasons is open for all interested players at www.cranfordsoccer.net until Friday.

Senior health meeting

The Cranford Seniors Friday Club will hold a social/bingo and health maintenance meeting at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., on Friday at 1 p.m. For information, call 908-276-2849.

Get free light bulbs

Free light bulbs from NJ Clean

Energy Program will be given out by the Cranford Environmental Commission on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cranford Post Office, 3 Miln St. For information, call 908-276-7909.

Pet adoption days

Pet Adoption Day At The Mill, including cats and dogs, will be held Sunday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at The Mill in Cranford. For information, call 908-486-023.

See a Chinese film

A Chinese Film, "Electric Shadows," will be shown Monday from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. For information, contact John Malar at 908-709-7272.

Car show rolling in

A car show will be held in Downtown Cranford on Tuesday from 5 to 9 p.m., weather permitting. Registration starts at 4:45 p.m. at the intersection of North Union and Alden Streets.

All cars are requested to enter from North Avenue onto Alden Street, where signage will be posted for registration. This event is free for show cars and also the public.

Bright future



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Once bitten by an infected tick, you could experience flu-like symptoms such as aches and pains in muscles and joints, headache, fatigue and sore throat.

Diagnosing Lyme disease is difficult because the symptoms are not consistent and may imitate other illnesses.

If bitten, you should contact your physician as soon as possible. Let the physician determine your next step (e.g., blood tests, etc...).

If you find a tick on your body, do not touch it with your bare hands. Use tweezers to remove it by its head or mouth. Place the tick in a bag so that it could be tested and be sure to wash the bite area well.

Ticks are usually found in wooded areas, low growing grasslands, seashores and yards.

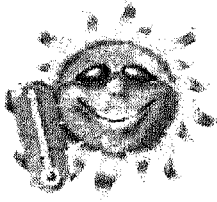
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Fall from NYC high rise kills city-based window washers

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

LINDEN —Two window washers working for a Linden-based company are the second pair with local ties to suffer a tragic fall from a New York City high rise in less than a year.

On Aug. 5, Robert Fabrizio, 35, of Las Vegas and Garin Fabrizio, 37, of Milford, Pa., plunged 40 feet from a cherry picker while cleaning windows at the World Financial Center Building on West and Besey streets.

The cousins, who worked for Total Building Services on West Elizabeth Avenue, were taken to nearby Beekmann Hospital and pronounced dead on arrival, according to a NYC police spokesperson.

The accident occurred about a block away from Ground Zero at approximately 12:45 a.m. "They were very close," said Garin's stepbrother, Anthony Noto, who lived with him in Pennsylvania.

New York City police said they are investigating the accident but

criminal charges have not been filed.

This latest workplace tragedy comes eight months after two Linden brothers, Edgar Moreno, 30 and Alcines Moreno, 37, fell 500-feet from a faulty scaffold while washing windows.

They had been working at the Solow Tower on East 66th Street when the incident occurred on Dec. 7. Edgar was killed, but Alcines "miraculously" survived the 47-story plunge from the high rise. OSHA investigators found that the accident was preventable and proposed fines and new installations of equipment that could cost employers over \$40,000. The Department of Labor also cited a lack training and maintenance.

The federal Occupational Safety & Health Administration and the New York City Department of Buildings are also investigating the latest incident.

Witnesses had reported seeing the cherry picker leaking fuel the previous day.

"[The investigation] could take

a week, two weeks, it depends on the information we need and the people we have available. We try to take our time and be thorough, said Antonio Petroluongo, a spokesman for OSHA's Manhattan office.

Despite the similarity between the two incidents, Petroluongo said there is no trend suggesting those types of jobs are becoming more dangerous and noted that OSHA did not find connections between the two accidents, which involved different types of platforms.

Last week, Total Building Services had yet to release a statement in regards to the incident, but an employee answering phones confirmed the two men worked for the company.

Noto said Garin had never complained about the working conditions and that the news of his death shocked the family, particularly his mother Rosanne. "It's hard, but she is doing okay," he said.

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Prize puppet



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Old Guard meeting

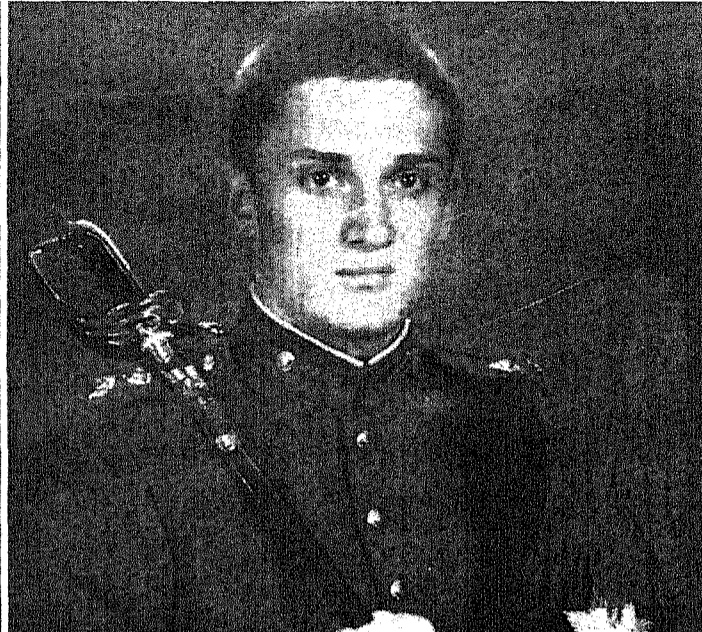
All area 50 plus active men can attend meetings of the Summit area Old Guard Tuesdays at the New Providence Municipal Center at 360 Elkwood Ave, at 9:15 a.m.

For information, call Emil Butchko at 908-665-0678 or visit www.summitoldguard.homestead.com.

Caregiver group

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Marching on



Cadet Daniel Sudomoin of Springfield successfully graduated from the Valley Forge Military Academy Upper School at the Wayne, Pa., campus on June 7.

UNION BRIEFS

Sidewalk drawing

The Children's Department of the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., will hold the Sidewalk Chalk Drawing program today at 11 a.m. The program is for children of all ages and their caregivers and no registration is required.

Adult game night

The Union Township Community Action Organization Inc. will host an Adult Game Night Friday, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Oliver E. Young Annex.

Color, shape Bingo

The Children's Department of the Union Public Library, 1980

Morris Ave., will hold the Color & Shape Bingo event Friday at 11 a.m. The program is for children of all ages and their caregivers and no registration is required.

Book Bingo program

The Children's Department of the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., will hold the Book Bingo event Friday at 2 p.m. The program is for children who read well and no registration is required.

Senior's club meeting

The Union Township Active Retirees Club will hold its last meeting of the summer on Monday. The Monday Club is open to

Union Township residents only, age 60 and over.

Members meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Union Senior Center, 968 Bonnel Court, Union.

BOH to meeting

The Board of Health will meet Friday in the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Ave.

Trip to Atlantic City

The Union Township Active Retirees Club will hold a bus trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday. There is a fee. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m.

For information or for reservations, call Ida at 908-688-6939.

Monday Club meeting

The Monday Club will meet Sept. 1 at the Union Senior Center, 968 Bonnel Court, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The club is open to Union Township residents only, age 60 and up.

For information, call 908 688-6939.

Monday Club meeting

The Monday Club will meet Sept. 8 at the Union Senior Center, 968 Bonnel Court, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The club is open to Union Township residents only, age 60 and up.

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The big picture

When Township of Union property owners opened their tax bills a few weeks ago, they may have noticed the addition of a letter from Mayor Clifton People Jr. announcing Union's rank as the "75th best place to live in the United States," according to CNNMoney.com. The award comes as the township continues to celebrate its bicentennial.

It's certainly something of which Union's 56,000 residents should be proud. CNNMoney.com describes Union as "a close-knit community of just nine square miles that's growing fast." It also touts the township's proximity to Newark Liberty International Airport and New York City, local business "giants" such as Comcast and Verizon, its "buoyant economy," and, in particular, its diversity.

But the town is not without its faults. The Union Center business district needs to continue to reinvent itself for the 21st century, as consumers continue to change habits in the internet and electronic age. And there's always the unfortunate lack of parking in Union Center that rears its ugly head every few years. The recent rise in gasoline costs seems like a perfect time for merchants to tout the diversity of the hometown shopping experience.

The timing of the CNNMoney report also doesn't allow it to take into consideration the recent bank robberies and burglaries in the municipality. Then again, the report also doesn't mention the fact that overall crime was down in Union in 2006, according to the most recent NJ State Police Uniform Crime Report or the town's designation as the 22nd safest place to live in the United States in 2006. In the future, Union must be ever vigilant as it shares borders with high crime areas such as Irvington.

So, does any of this mean Union doesn't deserve its rank as the 75th best place to live? Not at all, but we believe taxpayers and Township Committee members should look at the big picture as it heads into its next 200 years. Local officials wasted no time adding the "75th best place to live" designation to township signs and letterhead. We applaud this step — it's something they deserve to brag about. But it also presents a challenge for the future. Now is the time everyone should be brainstorming on how to move up CNNMoney's list. To do that, officials must acknowledge the imperfections in the township and strive for improvement with the help and input of the community.

We're proud to be part of the nation's 75th best place to live and we hope that in the coming years, Union will move closer to the top.



Photo Courtesy of the Union Historical Society

HARD TIMES — In 1940, residents lined up outside the Emergency Food Distribution Center on Haines Avenue in Union. With the exception of a few oranges and some peas, most of the food stacked against the walls was non-perishable carbohydrates.

Town needs to 'clean up' its act

Many calls come in to the offices of the Rahway River Association on a daily basis; from how to plant a tree in a park to Eagle Scouts in search of projects. However, a phone message on July 29 stating that "Springfield township was dumping asphalt onto Union County Parks" sounded too fantastic to be true.

After all, in today's day and age how could a public entity deliberately dump asphalt anywhere, let alone in a county park? How brazen is that?

Eventually I had a subsequent phone conversation with the concerned Springfield resident who gave me directions to a number of county parks in Springfield where the asphalt millings were dumped. A little-used park on Morris Avenue where the Rahway River flows, bore deep ruts of construction vehicles leading from a mowed meadow to the forested corridor near the river.

To my surprise, a rough road had been created within the concealing forest. Where wetlands and a vegetative understory once stood, compacted soils with a layer of asphalt remained. Where piles of asphalt once stood, someone had hastily removed the pile, leaving behind a thin layer everywhere. Clearly from the imprint on the ground, the asphalt pile must have taken up to half an acre.

Elsewhere, at Meisel Park, a thinly laid "road" in an oversized detention basin designed and built by the Army Corps of Engineers in the 1970s, led to another pile that had been freshly removed right next to an outfall onto the Rahway River. In a third location, across the street from second location, we caught a Springfield Department of

Eye On the Environment

By Dennis Miranda

Public Works employee with a front loader, filled with asphalt millings being removed from another illegal dump, right next to a stream.

Following the asphalt trail by the Springfield Public Works, dump trucks took us to the municipal pool where a fenced-in yard concealed where all the asphalt millings were being driven and dumped out of the sight of the public.

Local Springfield residents tell a sordid story of township officials audaciously covering up municipally-sanctioned illegal dumping on county parkland. Everyone, from Mayor Bart Fraenkel to Township Administrator Edward Fanning to DPW Director Kenneth Holmish, appears to be fully aware of the illegal activity. In an impromptu meeting with Administrator Kenneth Fanning, he insisted that there was only one dump in a detention basin that had been removed. He vociferously denied that there were others. The meeting was short-lived after Fanning stated that there is nothing else to talk about.

The illegal dumping of asphalt millings anywhere is, itself, a criminal act. The asphalt contains polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons or PAH a known carcinogen. Reportedly, the illegal dumps were created some-

time around July 11. Runoff from the millings could easily have flowed into the Rahway River, polluting the sole water source for the residents of the city of Rahway.

The dumps are being investigated by a number of public agencies including the Green Acres program, the Solid Waste Enforcement Division and the New Jersey Land Use program. Everything from illegal dumping to wetland filling and encroachment is being investigated.

When a developer fills a wetland for a subdivision without a permit, or a rogue contractor dumps household material onto a weedy lot at midnight, we recognize that action as a reprehensible, illegal act deserving of criminal prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

What is a citizen to do when the polluter is a municipal government whose officials and elected leaders brazenly and arrogantly snub their nose at the law, the public and the common good? Is not their cover-up and cabal to dump onto county parkland a conspiracy to conduct a criminal act? Violating the public trust as Springfield did can only be made worse if Union County does not force the municipality to remove all the asphalt millings completely, restore the natural habitat and pay natural resource damages to discourage any future action.

The citizens of Union County have been violated, damaged and aggrieved; the Rahway River Association is prepared to pursue a remedy to the fullest extent of the law.

Dennis Miranda is the executive director of the Rahway River Association.

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OP ED PAGE

A view from different vantage points

For Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, her office with the large windows on the side provides a real vantage point of the weakness in the economy and the plummeting housing market.

The look on her face, and steps she has taken to help consumers, speaks to the pain she has been feeling. The pain is understandable after just a quick look at the lousy numbers in the county.

Between 2006 and 2007, there was an estimated 187 percent jump in foreclosures. Numbers for 2008 will probably double the 2007 number.

If there is good news, it is found in the prediction last week of Commerce Bancorp Chief Economist Joe Naroff. He said, "We may not have touched bottom yet in the housing market, but we're clearly not in any free fall."

For Rajoppi, she makes material available to people facing foreclosure; plain language material informing them of their rights. Rajoppi emphasizes two key points: contact a lender to attempt to work out a repayment plan, and speak to an attorney knowledgeable in the rights of a homeowner.

The numbers statewide reveal one in every 2,001 households received a foreclosure notice from their bank. Realtors believe that tighter credit requirements have

Left Out

By Frank Capece

been especially hard on new home buyers. One agent said, "It seems mortgage companies are dotting their 'Is' and crossing their 'Ts' like never before."

A major bank in Westfield sent out a flier last week presenting a different perspective. They invite potential homeowners to a "home equity and mortgage open house." They boldly proclaim "We offer a broad selection of mortgages and home equity products tailored to your needs and budgets."

Ironically, the overall biggest hit on municipal taxpayers has yet to occur. Experts predict that a poor economy, coupled with the rising property tax bills, will spur an increase in property tax appeals. At the end of the cycle, every reduction on an individual assessment means the rest of taxpayers pay that much more.

The political community in the county is still buzzing about the big cuts in the state's biggest newspaper, the *Star-Ledger*. Talk about tailoring needs and budgets.

One Statehouse reporter

described it as the "perfect storm, consisting of declining ad revenue, rising costs and weakening circulation." Others point to the "under 30" generations who get their news via the Internet. Simply, they don't buy newspapers.

In Union County, the *Star-Ledger* went through various stages in the coverage of news. The majority of officials didn't seem to have a gripe when periodically, the reporting got tough or even nasty.

If there was one gripe from this corner, it was that analysis was decidedly one way. Criticism of *Star-Ledger* reporting over bias or their own conflicts of interest was never welcomed and rarely accepted.

The loss of any news voice should be an area of concern. The greater the competition, the less chance of any single voice domination. As the *Ledger* staff considers the option of a one-year buy-out with health benefits now — or maybe nothing down the road — it has resulted a new era of humility. Reminding one particularly tough guy reporter that there may be openings in the fall for ushers at the Cranford Theatre may not have been very kind. It all depends on your vantage point at the time.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kudos for the concerts

To the Editor:

We have enjoyed the free delightful Summer Concerts in Union for the past three summers. My family and I have lived here for 33 years.

On behalf of all of us, I would like to thank the Union mayor and Township Committee members and the sponsors for the 2008 series: Schering-Plough, Investors Savings Bank, Mill Run, Sovereign Bank, Union Crescent and Regional Industries for their contributions. As a small suggestion, we may want to consider popular impersonators for Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Ray Charles, Bette Midler, Barbara Streisand and Dolly Parton, and the like, for concerts in future years.

Don Sutaria
Union

Add to the diversity

To the Editor:

Being that Cranford has a diversity of "ethnic" restaurants, like Chinese restaurants, Italian restaurants, a Spanish restaurant and a Mexican restaurant, I think it would be wonderful if Cranford had a Kosher dairy deli, where customers could enjoy cheese, bread, salads, latkes, fried eggplant and fresh fruit.

In his 1997 autobiography, "Climbing the Mountain," actor Kirk Douglas wrote about the Kosher dairy delis of California. I also think it would be great if Cranford had a Messianic Center, where Jewish people who believe in Jesus could enjoy a Bible study with their Christian friends and where people could get a copy of the *Messianic Times* newspaper and enjoy conversing about Jesus, the Holy Land and how they apply to Bible principles to their daily lives.

A Kosher dairy deli and a Messianic Center would give Cranford an aura of sophistication and would enhance Cranford's cultural diversity.

Marty McLoughlin
Cranford

Appoint a woman in D-20

To the Editor:

As a resident of District 20 of the New Jersey State Legislature, I am concerned about the upcoming appointment of someone to take the place of the recently-vacated seat Neil Cohen had occupied.

I am impressed by the appeals of the "Women Advocating for Good Government." This group is calling on the leadership to "do the right thing." They're recommending the appointment of a woman to fill this vacancy. They cite many logical reasons, among which are: women have a track record of innovative solutions to problems; typically, their focus on family issues is keenly sensitive; Joe Cryan, the chairman of the State Democratic Party, has indicated a commitment to support efforts to increase women's representation in the Legislature — I would hope he honors that commitment; while women make up more than 50 percent of this district's population, they only have a 28 percent representation in the Legislature. Let's move forward until women have the 50 percent they are entitled to.

The *Star-Ledger*, reporting on this issue, suggested some qualified women for this vacancy. In fact, recently, there were resignations in the Legislature that have been filled by women.

I strongly urge Joe Cryan, Raymond Lesniak and Charlotte De Filippo and others involved in the reelection process to chose a woman.

Harriet Steinberg
Union

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Violent altercation at Roselle liquor store ends with arrest

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

ROSELLE — A spat turned ugly after a woman was allegedly punched and stabbed following a heated argument with another female shopper at T & J Liquors on St. Georges Avenue.

Police who responded to the scene on Aug. 4 said both women appeared either intoxicated or under the influence of drugs and the assailant was carrying multiple vials of what appeared to be cocaine.

The victim was treated at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth for wounds to her arm and was released the same day.

Linda Julius, 46, of Linden was

arrested at around 8:30 p.m. after she punched and stabbed the victim, a 45-year-old woman.

Multiple witnesses told police that prior to the attack, Julius had been arguing with the victim's boyfriend, when the victim entered the store and attempted to coerce him into leaving with her in order to stop the dispute.

A few minutes later, when the victim entered the store again to buy cigarettes, Julius began screaming at her, saying, "I will cut you," before punching her and stabbing her with a 2.5 inch knife, according to police reports.

When police located Julius on St. Georges Avenue, she was in possession of a bloody knife, a

pocketbook and her clothing was covered in blood. She told officers she had cut herself, according to the police report.

During the arrest, police confiscated three glass vials and five plastic bags filled with a substance believed to be cocaine that were in Julius' possession.

She was charged with aggravated assault, possession of a weapon and possession of narcotics and released on an undisclosed bail amount and payment of \$7,490 in warrants from Linden, Union County Sheriff's Department and Charleston, SC.

John O'Reilly can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 116, or editorial@thelocalsource.com.

Read all about it



Maria Pizzarelli was one of the first winners of the Linden Public Library's Adult Summer Reading Club program. Pizzarelli stands with Library Director Dennis Purves.

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Healthy Living

New way to heal wounds

Overlook unveils hyperbaric unit

Overlook Hospital's Wound Healing Center recently opened the Summit hospital's new hyperbaric unit, providing oxygen-rich therapy that can be used to heal a variety of different wounds and injuries.

The opening of the unit marks the first time hyperbaric oxygen treatment has been available to Overlook patients, and is the latest advance in the Wound Healing Center's multidisciplinary approach to wound care. Two state-of-the-art, whole-body chambers are used to increase the dissolved oxygen in the bloodstream to levels 20 times higher than under ordinary conditions, thereby enhancing the body's ability to fight infection and heal a variety of wounds.

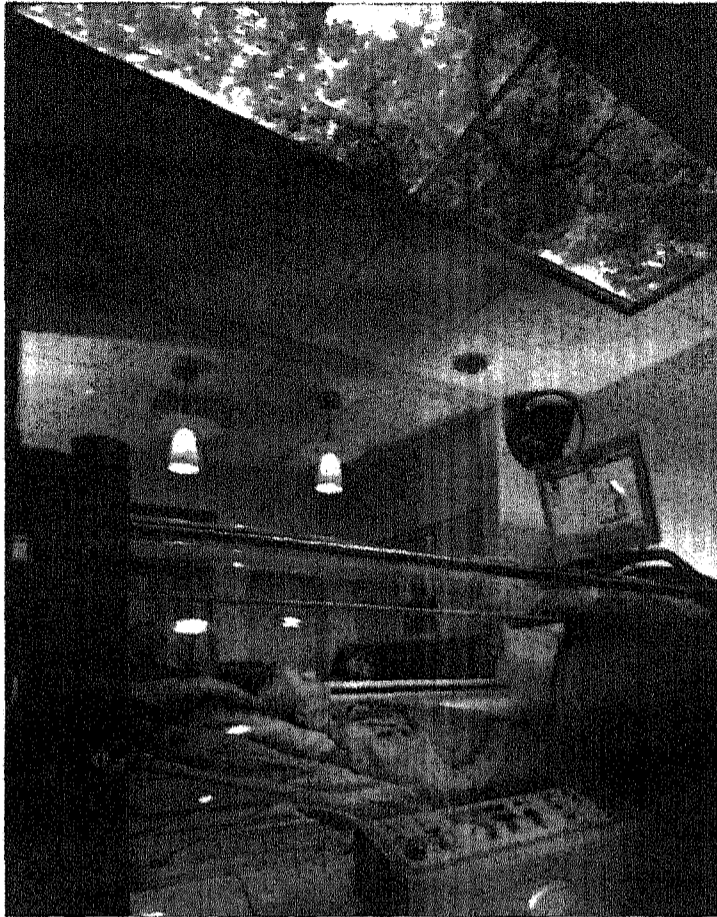
It is considered one of the best methods of advanced wound healing, and is particularly effective in healing certain wounds associated with diabetes, bone infection, poor circulation and also in improving the results of surgical grafts and flaps.

"In addition to providing a new way to treat patients' wounds and injuries more quickly, we are also trying to make the experience for patients as comfortable as possible during the course of their hyperbaric treatments," said David Eisenbud, MD, medical director of the Wound Healing Center.

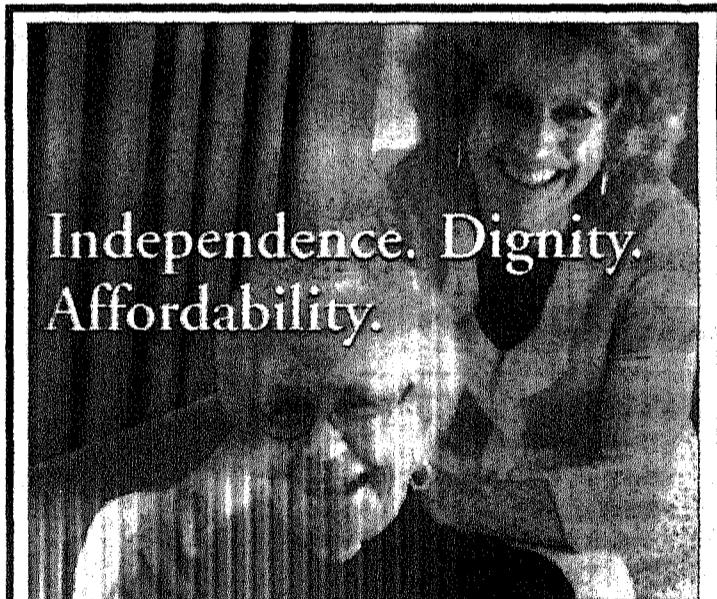
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Caregiver support

On Aug. 20, the People Responsible for Elderly People support group for caregivers will meet at SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad St., Summit, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. For additional information, call 908-598-5509.

Hearing tests will be available next month

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LINDEN BRIEFS

See 'Bye, Bye Birdie'

"Bye Bye Birdie," a movie about the 50s generation will be shown today at sunset at the Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade, 400 North Wood Ave.

Movies are cancelled in the event of rain.

For information, call the Linden Department of Recreation and Community Services at 908-474-8600 or visit www.linden-nj.org.

See 'Beach Blanket'

"Beach Blanket Bingo," a movie starring Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello, will be shown Thursday, Aug. 21 at sunset at the Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade, 400 North Wood Ave. Movies are cancelled in the event of rain.

For information, call the Linden Department of Recreation and Community Services at 908-474-8600 or visit www.linden-nj.org.

Farmer's market open

The Linden Cultural Committee will sponsor a farmers market from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays at Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade, Wood Avenue at Knopf Street, Linden. WIC and senior's FMNP checks will be accepted by some farmers.

For information, call 908-474-8493.

Shirley Reeves show

Shirley Alston Reeves, the original lead singer of The Shirelles, will be appearing Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 7:15 p.m. at the Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade, 400 North Wood Ave. All concerts will be moved to the air conditioned Linden High School auditorium in the event of rain. For information, call the Linden Department of Recreation and Community Services at 908-474-8600 or visit www.linden-nj.org.

'Cleveland' performing

Cleveland Still and the Dubs will appear with their big hits "Could This Be Magic" and "Chapel of Dreams" Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. at the Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade, 400 North Wood Ave. All concerts will be moved to the air conditioned Linden High School auditorium in the event of rain. For information, call the Linden Department of Recreation and Community Services at 908-474-8600 or visit www.linden-nj.org.

See a Hamilton film

"Where the Boys Are," with Connie Frances and George Hamilton, will be shown Thursday, Aug. 28 at sunset at the Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade, 400 North Wood Ave.

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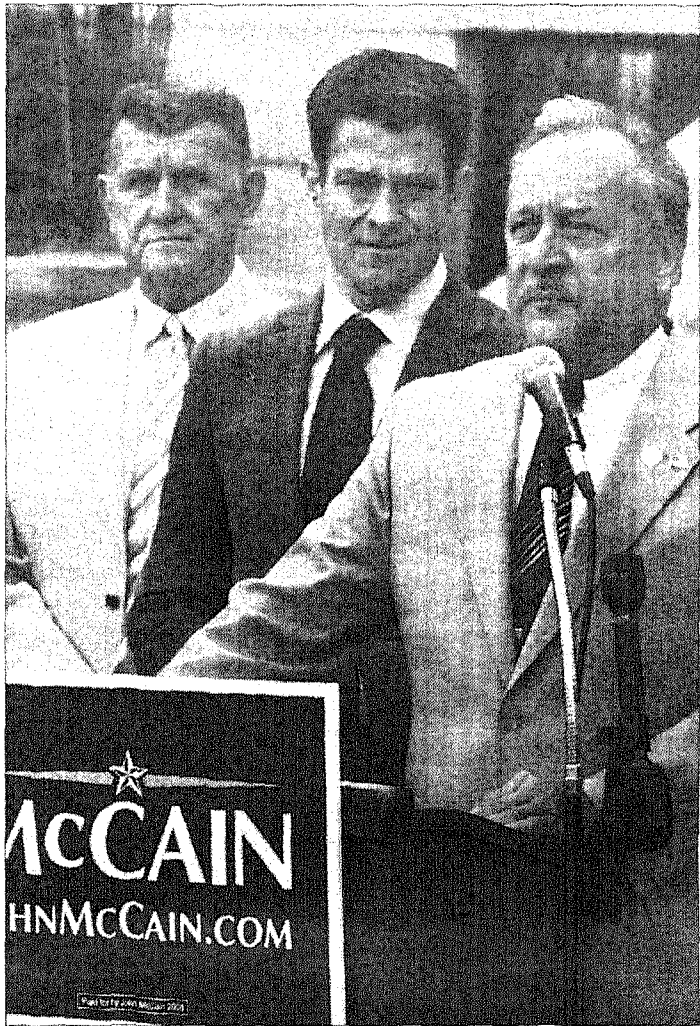


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Linden Councilman Joe Harvanik, left, stands with Sen. Bill Baroni, R-Mercer, state chairman of Republican presidential nominee Sen. John McCain's campaign, and Linden Mayor Richard Gerbounka, right, who endorsed McCain for president on Monday.

Prostitution arrests at Holistic Center

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — After months of complaints about "questionable activity" at Birchwood Holistic Center, three women were arrested in April for prostitution, according to police who released reports of the incident last week.

Arienna Acosta, 26, of North Bergen, Kyta Scott, 44, of Bloomfield and Helen Jimenez-German, 34, of North Bergen — all employees of the spa on Morris Avenue in Springfield — were charged with prostitution. Acosta was also charged with failure to obtain a massage license.

According to Springfield Detective Sgt. Ed McNany, this spa has been a consistent concern.

"It came into town a number of years ago, and we've received constant complaints ever since," McNany said.

According to police, there have been several prostitution arrests in the past, the last occurring on June 18, 2007.

McNany said that an anonymous

informant tipped police and undercover officers entered the spa and made the arrests.

"This has been an ongoing trend in town for several years," McNany said. "There are a number of massage parlors in town, but we rely heavily on tips from intelligence. We cannot just target every massage parlor."

The arrests of Acosta, Scott and Jimenez-German occurred prior to the July 3 arrest of Valeria Dumitru, 52, who allegedly offered customers more than massages at her Troy Village Condominium home. She was charged with promoting and engaging in prostitution. At the time of her arrest, Dumitru was a medical masseuse at "Massage Parsippany," according to a police report.

The Birchwood Holistic Center, along with the women who were arrested will be fined, police said.

According to McNany, police will likely keep a close eye on Birchwood Holistic.

Joseph M. D'Alise can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 124.

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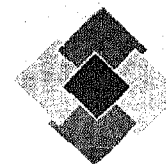
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CLARK BRIEFS

Register for programs

Registration is now open for fall story times at Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave.

For information about programs and activities at the library, visit www.clarklibrary.org or call 732-388-5999.

Babies reading

A Lapsit for Little Ones program will be held Mondays 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.

Adult reading club

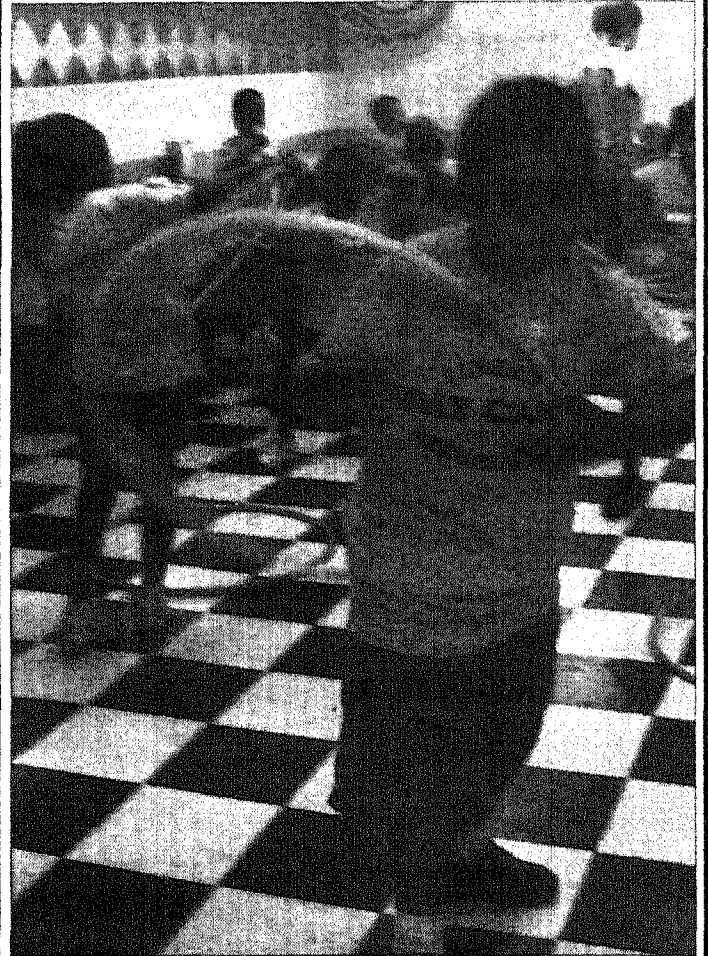
Clark Public Library will hold a summer reading club for adults.

To participate, adults are invited to read any book of their choosing and write a short review.

The review will be placed in a raffle box and each week through Friday and a winner will be chosen randomly.

For information, call 732-388-5999.

Ring around



Elias Solorzano, 6, does the Hula Hoop at a Linden day camp.

RAHWAY BRIEFS

Craft vendors wanted

The Rahway Division of Parks and Recreation is looking for vendors for our the Annual Holiday Craft Market on Friday, Nov. 28 through Sunday, Nov. 30 at the Recreation Center.

Vendors who sell handcrafted items only, and new items such as Avon are wanted. For vendor information, contact the Recreation Center at 732-669-3616.

Gary U.S. Bond show

The Rahway's Mayor's Summer Concert Series will present a performance by singer Gary US Bonds today at 7 p.m. outside Union County Performing Arts Center, downtown Rahway.

For information about the Mayor's Summer Concert Series or other recreation programs and activities, call 732-669-3600 or visit www.cityofrahway.com.

'Jersey Fresh' goods

The "Jersey Fresh" Farmers Market will be held at the Rahway Train Station Plaza in downtown Rahway, East Milton Avenue and Irving Street on Thursdays through Oct. 16 from noon to 6 p.m.

Annual softball benefit

For the past twelve years, the Annual Lehrer-Gibilisco Benefit Softball Tournament for Children's

Specialized Hospital has raised money to support the "Lightning Wheels" Athletic Team. Playing according to the American Association of Softball and Men's Slo-Pitch rules, teams will compete on Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. at Rahway River Park, St. Georges Avenue, Rahway, at softball fields 3 and 4.

To ensure the success of this 13th year, corporate sponsors are invited to contact Joe Gibilisco at

732-388-1874 or Darren Lasinski at 732-388-9044. Donations from community members are welcome.

NAACP meeting

The Rahway chapter of the NAACP will hold its monthly meeting on Monday at the Ebenezer AME Church, 253 Central Ave., Rahway. The executive session is at 6:30 p.m. and the regular meeting is at 8 p.m. For information, call 732-340-9477.

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Historic church 'gets her crown back'

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

ELIZABETH — The Elizabeth downtown landscape has recently undergone a change.

The 334-year-old First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth was given its steeple back.

Workers spent nearly two days erecting the 122-foot steeple last week, as local historians, parishioners and other bystanders gathered outside the Broad Street church.

The steeple, and most of the historic church building — located next door to the Union County Courthouse — was destroyed nearly 60 years ago by a devastating fire.

At that time, the congregation attempted to restore the building, but funds fell short and the steeple was not replaced.

The original church, built in 1664, was the first English-speaking house of worship in New Jersey.

That building was burned to the ground by the British during the American Revolution. It was rebuilt in the late 1870s only to be destroyed by a tornado in 1899, and once again, re-built.

With help from the Harold B. and Dorothy A. Snyder Foundation, which donated nearly \$5 million of

the \$8-million renovation efforts, the 122-foot high steeple is now perched atop the church building, bringing its total height to 212 feet.

Directly above the brick bell tower is the new 27-ton aluminum clock tower with four clock faces, on which will be a plaque commemorating Audrey Snyder and honoring the city's new "Snyder Steeple."

The church received the remainder of the funds for the project from the New Jersey Historic Trust, the Union County Historic Trust and the Old First Historic Trust.

According to Glenn Taylor, the executive director of the Old First Historic Trust, this renovation project includes more than just the steeple.

"This project began out of necessity," Taylor said. "About three or four years ago, the building next to the church, known as the Parish House, was in dire need of renovations due to plumbing and foundations that were a few centuries old."

After Minister Charlie Brackbill established a friendly relationship with Audrey and Phyllis Snyder of the Snyder Foundation, they agreed to donate money to help with the renovations of the Parish House building.

According to Brackbill, when

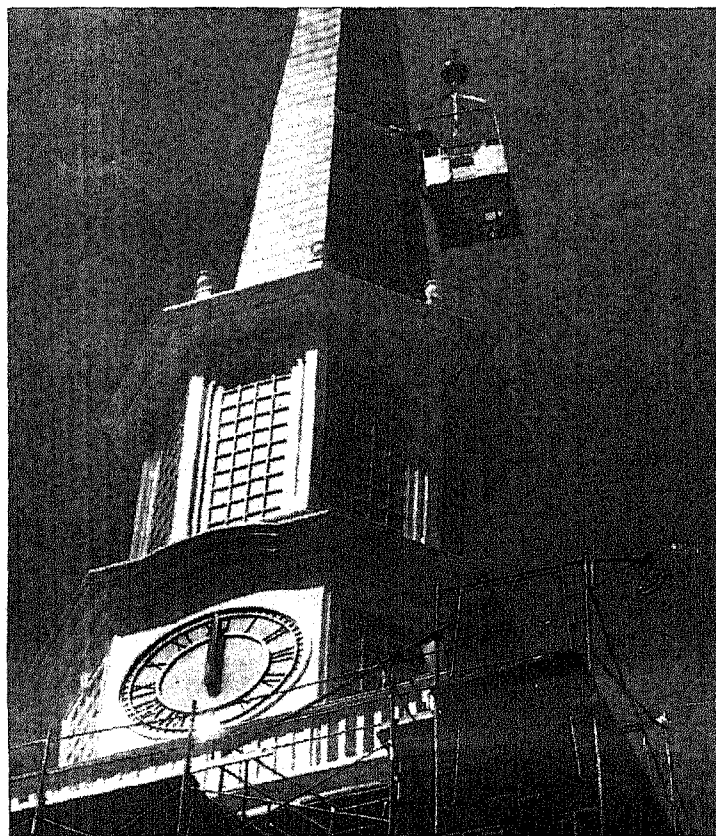


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

A worker makes a few final adjustments as a new 122-foot steeple is erected atop the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth.

Audrey died, she divided all of the foundation's money between the First Presbyterian Church — a cause she grew very fond of through the years — and Muhlenberg Hospital.

The renovations include the steeple, the restoration of the Parish House and some major restorations to the historic cemetery between the two landmark buildings in downtown Elizabeth.

A church elder, Raphael Rodriguez said that the building was a marker in the city for many years before the courthouse was built. He considers the church the "mecca of Elizabeth."

"I am very pleased we get to set in motion the 21st Century of this place," Rodriguez said of the church. "It's nice to give the old girl her crown back."

Everyone involved with the church and the community seemed very excited to see the church's new look.

"We are here to serve this community by preserving the place," Brackbill said. "Our motto around here is 'Preserve and Serve.'"

Anne Onchari, a 15-year parishioner of First Presbyterian of Elizabeth waited outside the construction site for several hours to see the steeple hoisted into place.

"We have been waiting a long time for this steeple," Onchari said. "It is great to finally see it up there."

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Tour highlights local oil spill prevention efforts

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

LINDEN — Weeks after an oil spill in the Arthur Kill River, local community members were given a lesson on oil spill prevention and reduction and provided an overview of the landscape.

The experience was part of a boat tour that made its way along

the river, passing key areas in Union County and other nearby areas.

In taking care of an oil spill, timing is essential and increased coordination between refinery companies and the United States Coast Guard have reportedly contributed to fewer incidents.

"A lot was learned from the

Exxon Valdez incident, no doubt, because it really damaged the environment," US Coast Guard Senior Chief Juan Rivera said, referring to the massive oil spill off the coast of Alaska in 1989, in which almost 10.8 million gallons of crude oil spilled from a tanker.

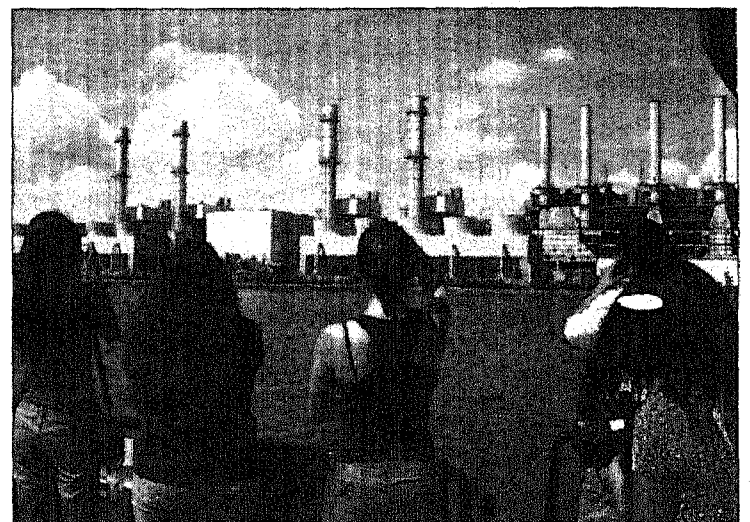
He said since then, the nation's Coast Guard has been coordinating oil spill response maneuvers with refineries such as Conoco-Phillips in Linden.

On June 12, more than 1,000 gallons of oil was spilled by the Conoco-Phillips plant in Linden.

"The oil spill in Linden that happened a couple of months ago was not bad, because it was dealt with right away," Rivera said.

Rivera and Mike Karlovich, manager of strategic communications for Conoco-Phillips, led the tour Friday morning.

They explained how "booms," foam flotation devices which can be seen under piers and around oil-carrying barges, can absorb oil,



Photos By Jackeline Leon

Community members pass an oil refinery along the banks of the Arthur Kill River during an environmental boat tour last week.

which tends to rest on the surface of water after a spill. The booms are intended to prevent oil from seeping into the rest of the waterway.

"When it comes to community involvement, we like to participate in events like this because it's a way to explain to the students the accountability we have to the community when we operate in the tri-state metropolitan area," Karlovich said.

Karlovich pointed out that last year, nearly five billion gallons of oil were transported through the local waterway. He noted that the ports along the Arthur Kill handle more than 50 percent of the refined products which enter the United States. Rivera has led educational tours on his cutter-line boat, and says the program is very valuable.

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A boom, such as the one above, is used under piers and barges to absorb oil.

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Six students from the Union County Magnet High School in Scotch Plains took home gold medals in the Quiz Bowl competition during the 44th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference, in Kansas City. The winners, from left, are: Elena Tinfow, M.Devon Moore, Christopher Fisher, Justin Churchill, Zachary Gozlan and Dylan Liu.

BUSINESS PROFILE

Name of Business:
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Business Location(s):
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Hours of Operation:
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Owner/Manager:
Eugene and Rosemary Gillespie

Years in Business:
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What type of products or service do you offer your customers? Blackthorn is a multi-faceted establishment offering the finest in food, entertainment and atmosphere. The menu offers traditional Irish fare as well as eclectic international dishes, highlighted by chef prepared specials. The bar boasts a variety of domestic and imported beers in bottles or on tap and a limitless choices of mixed drinks and seasonal specialty cocktails.

What makes your business unique? If an authentic Irish pub and cozy atmosphere is what you are looking for it does not get any better in New Jersey than the Blackthorn Restaurant and Irish pub. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

Why did you get into this business? I came to the United States with dreams of making a better lifestyle for myself. My brother introduced me to the restaurant and bar business and it was a trade I would soon fall in love with.

What do you enjoy most about owning your business? I take personal gratification from seeing the experiences my patrons have while spending time at the Blackthorn. Whether it is a baby shower, birthday bash, or a bachelor party it all contributes to the character of the Blackthorn. The continued smiles, laughs and memories made here are a way of letting me know the long hours and hard work are well worth it.

Where would you like to see your business in 10 years? Ten years from now I hope to be closer to retirement with the next of kin relieving me of some of my duties. As far as the business, I hope the Blackthorn remains a pillar of the community in Kenilworth and the greater Union County area.

Environment is focus of boat tour on Arthur Kill

(Continued from Page 1)

"The program lets people see what's going on in the environment," Rivera said.

A Staten Island resident, Rivera said he sees the effects of pollution every day.

"Everything washes up on that shore and it all has an effect on life in these waters and also the safety of the boats," Rivera said.

Heavy pollution, he said, could interfere with the passage of boats traveling along the waterway.

"There's an environmental side to this, but this also has to do with boat safety," Rivera said. The tour was organized by Future City Inc., an Elizabeth-based non-profit organization which fosters and encourages sustainable development.

Michelle Doran-McBean, chief executive office of Future City Inc., is optimistic about the overall health of the Arthur Kill watershed.

"I think pollution has decreased and a good marker is the increase in the seal population," Doran McBean said. "With the seals returning, its an indicator of the improving health of the Kill and all the more reason why we should take care of it."

University of Pennsylvania student Chiyel Hayles, who grew up in Linden and attended Linden High School, went along for the boat tour.

Hayles, a philosophy, politics and economics major, said she wanted to learn more about her hometown area's ecosystem and how to prevent further damage.

"It bothers me to hear about oil spills here because I know there are issues relating to the air quality and the water quality," Hayles said.

Roberta Specht, chairwoman of the Bayway Complex Community Advisory Panel, said the more people are aware of the fragile state of our ecosystem, the more prepared we can be to prevent it from being harmed.

"If we can share this with more people, we can all help the environment," Specht said.

Gabriela Munoz, an associate with the New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program, a sub-division of the Environmental Protection Agency, said it is vital for the public to be educated about oil spill response systems and applauded the efforts of Future City Inc.

"We cannot go back to having a pristine environment but at least we can see how crucial it is to preserve the landscape and maintain a healthy ecosystem," Munoz said.

Kean University professor of the Department of Geology, John Dobosiewicz, attended the tour with two Kean students.

"It was interesting to learn about oil responses from the commercial perspective," he said.

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ARTS & LEISURE

Keep it moving, kids!



Jo Jo Russell of the 'Kids in Motion DJ Show,' leads Linden day camp participants in an event for children at the Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade in Linden.

Book backed by a touch of reality

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Through the years, Nick Gallicchio of Kenilworth has had a fruitful and satisfying life — as a union organizer, then a motion picture production manager, then retirement in 2004 and, finally, as an arbitrator. But boredom from retirement led him to write a book called "Florida Dirty" and, soon after that, his current book, "Men Without Redemption."



Gallicchio

Now, Gallicchio is at work on a third book and he has come out of retirement with a blast of energy. He serves as arbitrator with the New Jersey Board of Arbitration and works as a starter for the Galloping Hill Golf Course.

In his book, "Men Without Redemption," which was published

last year by Trafford Publishing, Gallicchio has brought his lifetime experiences into the dramatic telling of the world of unions and refers to the invincible Cosa Nostra activities in the early 1950s.

"I worked for 37 years in the labor movement," Gallicchio explained, "and, to be perfectly honest, I had a story to tell. Although the book, 'Men Without Redemption,' is fiction, some of the stories are true. I also wanted to enlighten the general public by way of this story — the difficulties in organizing, negotiating labor agreements and the handling of arbitrations."

Gallicchio added, "I wanted to See KENILWORTH, Page 22

Novel has 'redeeming' qualities

With the world in economic turmoil right now, one can find temporary relief by reading the book "Men Without Redemption," set in the early 1950s and in the economic and industrial situation back then.

It was never a bed of roses; it still isn't, but it's easier to face life as it was in 1953, when employment was on the rise. Of course, there always were problems — salaries, raises, union infiltrations, greedy company owners. But people did have jobs; many faced with the opportunity to negotiate for health and security.

At least, one can take some time out to read Nick Gallicchio's novel, "Men Without Redemption." One can actually lose oneself in the Kenilworth resident's tale of what life was like in Blair, a fictitious town, near Newark.

Due to his lengthy experience with the unions, Gallicchio gives an inside view of how the American labor union and its people function. Involved also is a story of corruption in organized crime and its frightening consequences. This novel is not a sequel to "The Godfather," but it does give it a good run for its money.

Gallicchio's characters are interestingly woven into people one would or would not want to know. However, they are deep and real, nearly as close as being able to reach out and touch them.

For example, there's Romolo Zazza, a highly intellectual young

On The Shelf

By Bea Smith



man, who rises to fame through his local union. His wife, Teresa, who loves him passionately, feels that being a union man is too dangerous and would rather he work for his father, Nick Zazza, in a construction company. It would be safer. What she doesn't know is that Nick Zazza is deeply involved in the Cosa Nostra crime family — much more dangerous than the labor unions. And so are his closest friends and some family members. He would be extremely proud to have his son, Romolo, be a part of this organization.

This organization will think nothing of killing off enemies and informers, gangster-style, and much of it is described rather vividly in Gallicchio's chapters.

Then there is Nick's wife, Angela, a typical Italian woman, who is devoted to her family and who knows how to please family members and friends with appetizing old country dishes; Aldo Farina, one of the organization's head men; Uncle Mario; the Calluecis; Teresa's parents; the Giambrias, Robbie and Michael DePaula; Benny Hard-

ware, another head man; David Ross, "Izzy" Goldberg, lead men in the union organization; Dan Caruso, another union leader; Big Hank; Luco; McAteer; Inspector Porterfield; Capt. Monohan; Uncle Carlo; and others, too numerous to mention.

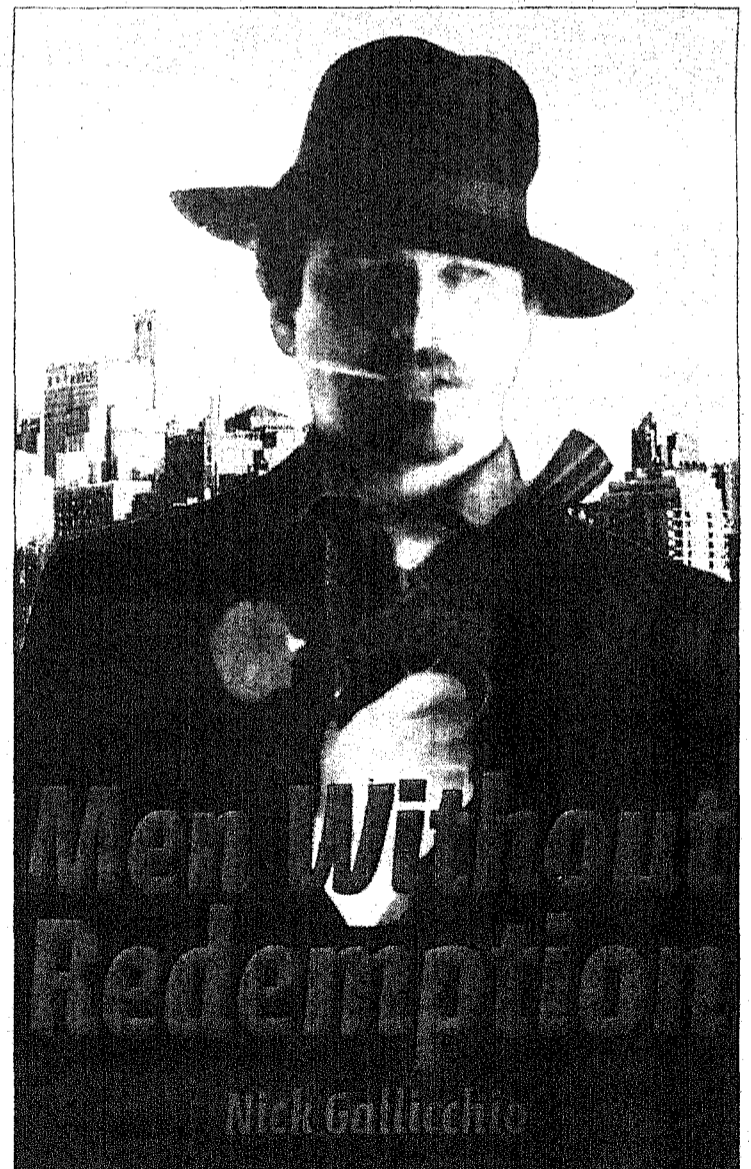
Each character is carved out to resemble a real person and a reader is caught up in the emotional stress, sadness, happiness, anger and sorrow of the people who are introduced in "Men Without Redemption" — even the men without redemption.

The book also is interspersed with intimate, sometimes raw, love scenes that seem to soften the bare violence contained among the union leaders, their members and the crime family's activities.

Unquestionably, there is a little too much detail in Gallicchio's descriptions of what life was all about back then — in New Jersey, New York and Florida. But Gallicchio knows how to tell a story and hold a reader's interest and curiosity in what's awaiting on the next page.

The book, self-published through Trafford Publishing, has found its way on the shelf of this reviewer's novels sporting realism. It prepares one for the next Gallicchio book about people who are really real.

Bea Smith is a staff writer for Worrall Community Newspapers.



'Men Without Redemption,' a gritty novel by Nick Gallicchio of Kenilworth, deals with organized crime and its consequences.

Annual antique auction will feature art, toys, jewelry

The Merchants and Drivers Tavern Museum Association will hold their annual Antiques Auction on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The MDTMA is now accepting tax-deductible donations of items that are 50 plus years old. Local residents who would like to donate can find out more

by calling the museum at 732-381-0441.

Moderated by professional auctioneer Jack Barry, the auction will be held at the museum located at 1632 St. Georges Ave., on the corner of Westfield Ave. in Rahway.


This year's donated auction items have begun to come in and already include ceram-

ics, decorative furniture, artwork, silver, glassware, china, jewelry, toys, tools and much more covering almost two centuries of style. As in the past, antique aficionados, collectors, dealers and simply the curious will discover objects and great bargains. The proceeds from the auction will benefit the con-

tinued restoration and interpretation of the 210-year-old tavern building.

Previews on auction day are from 9 to 10 a.m. There is a fee for participation.

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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. For directions or information, call Jim at 908-245-4744.

ART SHOWS

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced that the 2008 TEEN ARTS TRAVELING EXHIBIT will be on display at Edge Art Gallery, 1577 Irving St., Rahway through Aug. 29. The exhibit consists of 75 pieces of art selected from more than 600 visual art works shown at the 2008 Union County Teen Arts Festival held in March at the Cranford campus of Union County College. The annual event is administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Parks & Community Renewal. For information about the Teen Arts program contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550.

AUDITIONS

SUMMIT PLAYHOUSE seeks 30 to 50 male singers who move well for a production of "BABY" by Maltby and Shire on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. at 10 New England Ave. Music: Bring up tempo and a ballad. Character actors for the ensemble, 20 plus, are also needed. Production dates Oct. 31 and Nov. 1,6,7,8,9,14 and 15. For information, call Vicki Tripodo, the director, at 908-578-6882.

BOOKS

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP meets 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.

CLASSES

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.

CONCERTS

THE AUGUST SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will present a free concert Sunday at 3 p.m. at Jonathan Dayton High School, 139 Mountain Ave., Springfield. The rarely-heard

suite from Dmitri Shostakovich's ballet "The Bolt" and Cesar Franck's "Symphony in D Minor" will be conducted by Martin W. Sklar. The auditorium is air-conditioned, and ample free parking is available. For information call 973-743-5425 or visit the TASO Web site at www.august-symphony.org.

THE UNION COUNTY SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL series includes the following performances: Wednesday, The Ed Palermo Big Band with Rob Paparozzi; Aug. 27, Verdict. All Summer Arts Festival concerts are held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Avenue end of Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. Lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets are encouraged. In case of rain, concerts will be held at the air-conditioned auditorium at Cranford High School, on West End Place off Springfield Avenue in Cranford at 7:30 p.m. For information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal at 908-527-4900 or visit the Union County Web site: www.ucnj.org/parks/summerarts.html.

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.

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.

11 p.m. The event will feature music by DJ Papa Joe, a light buffet and refreshments sponsored by Prestige Home Sales, a 50/50, door prizes, and more. Come meet new people and bring your friends. Single, divorced, or couples, all are welcome as long as you are at least 21 years old. Tickets are on sale now at the Casano Community Center. For information call 908-245-0666 or stop in the Casano Community Center, located at 314 Chestnut St. in Roselle Park.

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.

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Kenilworth author turns life experiences into novel

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try to show how deceit, disloyalty and the political chicanery can be dealt with." And, always a proverbial historian, the author wanted his readers to know "a lot of historical things that took place in 1952, such as gas costing 20 cents a gallon, the New York Yankees were World Series champions, the minimum wage was 75 cents per hour, the price of gold per ounce was \$35 and silver, 90 cents."

Gallicchio laughed. Lots of changes since then, he declared.

The book itself, which took three years to complete, "is a combination of people that I knew down through the years. One of the main characters," he admitted, "Nick Zazza, was actually based on my father. My father died a natural death. However, in the book, he was executed. Still, the wake and the funeral were exactly the way they're written in the book. Just as Romolo, the main character in the book, did, I stood vigil by his casket."

In the novel, Romolo was married to Teresa. "Teresa," said Gallicchio, "is my wife's name. Her character in the book is kind of a combination of two women."

He explained how, in the book, it was important to belong to a union. "When you belong to a union, you don't feel threatened."

Born in Newark, he lived in the

14th Ward section. Gallicchio graduated from West Side High School in Newark. "I attended St. Peter's College in Jersey City for two years," he recalled. "I wanted to be a history major. But during my sophomore break one summer, my father, who owned the White Monument Co. in Newark, asked me if I wanted to work with the local union. I did. And I liked it. So, I didn't return to college. I stayed with Local 262 for 18 years."

"I quit that union because I wanted to live in Florida. And there," Gallicchio mused, "I worked with motion pictures as a production assistant and then production manager."

In all, he worked on six movies, including "Scarface" and "Heaven," with Leslie Ann Warren. His job entailed "having to make sure the casting director was doing his job, the location managers were picking out the proper locations and I had to inform the teamsters where to drive the the actors. I had to make sure everything went smoothly. Then I got tired of it all and came back to New Jersey."

He worked for the Commonwealth Workers of America in Trenton. "The president gave me carte blanche because of my background. I worked there from 1957 to 1999, then I retired. I didn't like retirement. I was bored."

It wasn't long after that that Gallicchio went to work at his current job as an arbitrator for the New Jersey State Board of Mediators and also as a starter at the Galloping Hill Golf Club.

"But," he insisted, "I always wanted to be a writer — since I was a kid. But I never got around to it. Call it laziness, procrastination. Since I was so bored with retirement, I started to write a book in 2004. My first book, 'Florida

Dirty,' took four months to write. And three years for 'Men Without Redemption.' Although it is also about the Cosa Nostra, that part of it is all fiction."

He smiled. "I was trying to outdo 'The Godfather.' I was trying to take my anger and my vengeance out in my characters."

The Gallicchios have three daughters, Angela Lampert, Susan Carrington and Jeanette Gallicchio; a stepson, Anthony Bian-

cone; a stepdaughter, Jennifer Biancone; and six grandchildren. They are all as proud of the author in the family as he is of them.

"I'm a quarter of the way into my third book, 'My Father's Killer.' And I will continue to write books in the future."

It's a whole new career for the man who plans "to avoid boredom and never to retire."

Bea Smith can be reached at 908-686-7700.

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My companion and I had to see for ourselves all the changes that had occurred at the Chateau. Shortly after the bar had opened we went for lunch. A new bar menu was in place and our server quickly took our order. We enjoyed fresh oysters, stone crab claws and clams on a half shell. A cool starter taking the edge off a humid mid-day. Antipasto soon followed. The antipasto consisted of fried calamari, mozzarella sticks, crab cake, coconut shrimp, buffalo wings and breaded zucchini. Each selection was tasty, fresh and perfectly prepared. After all the beginnings our lunch arrived. My companion had selected a 1/2 lb. Black Angus Burger plated with french fries and coleslaw. I chose the grilled Pork Chop and salad. The burger was juicy and the chop had the sweet taste of grilling. As we were finishing our meal we were able to watch TV on any of the 4 large new flat screen TV's that were installed.

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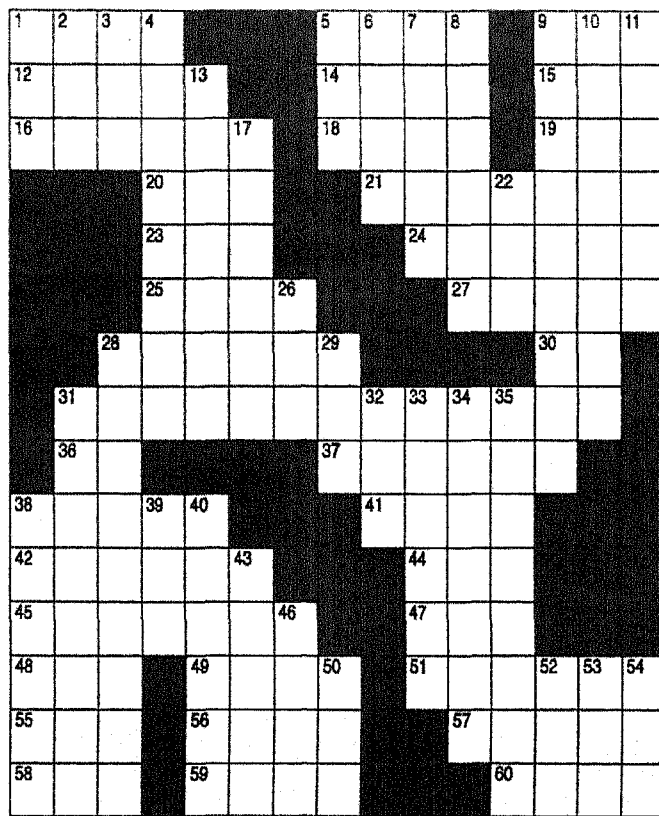
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New way to look at Ice



The Les Malamut Art Gallery, located in the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., Union, will present an exhibition of photography titled 'Ice' by local photographer Dom Ioele of Cranford. The show will open Aug. 20 and run until Nov. 15. While searching for something unique to capture with his camera lens, Ioele began creating abstract images using ice, hot water and food coloring.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Insures depositors
- 5. Hamilton's duelling opponent
- 9. What part of (abbr.)
- 12. Mayhem
- 14. One of the Algonquian people
- 15. ___tor: speaker
- 16. Two-dimensional
- 18. Phonograph recording
- 19. ___ Angeles
- 20. Toronto Port Authority
- 21. Pharmacist
- 23. A paranormal ability
- 24. Blood-sucking African fly
- 25. A dog of mixed breed
- 27. Window latches (Brit.)
- 28. Assuredness
- 30. Atomic #27
- 31. Charlie Rose on PBS is one
- 36. Physician's moniker
- 37. Am. Revolutionary loyalists
- 38. Volcanic craters
- 41. S. Pakistan region along Indus river
- 42. Related on the father's side
- 44. A strong pull
- 45. The lightest metal known
- 47. Point midway between E and SE
- 48. Black tropical American cuckoo
- 49. Having an outer covering
- 51. Scan words again
- 55. Harmless cyst
- 56. Beano
- 57. Saponaceous
- 58. Equal (prefix)
- 59. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 60. St. Paul's architect Christopher

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Frictional horsepower
- 2. Decaliter
- 3. Marsh elder
- 4. Derision
- 5. Number, in base two (abbr.)
- 6. Dan Tanna actor R. ___h
- 7. N.W. Iranian city
- 8. A space set back or indented
- 9. Ones active in party politics
- 10. Triggered arrow weapon
- 11. Gustatory perceptions
- 13. Gelatine case for medicine
- 17. Any bird of prey
- 22. Manpower
- 26. Tobacco mosaic virus
- 28. At a rapid tempo
- 29. The sharp part of a tool
- 31. Visualizes
- 32. Winged goddess of the dawn
- 33. Author
- 34. Head cavities
- 35. Shrub fence
- 38. Lilongwe is the capital
- 39. Exclamation of approval
- 40. Small cut branches
- 43. 18th C. mathematician Leonhard
- 46. Buddenbrooks author Thomas
- 50. Arrived extinct (abbr.)
- 52. Corn seed spike
- 53. To mimic or imitate
- 54. Text question "Did you notice?"

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Aug. 17 to 23

ARIES, March 21 to April 20: Rest and relaxation are par for the course this week, Aries. And you have no problems slowing down the pace and enjoying the break. Enjoy it while it lasts.
TAURUS, April 21 to May 21: Taurus, a deeper understanding of a problem allows you to give a more informed suggestion for a solution. That doesn't mean that others will be receptive to your ideas.
GEMINI, May 22 to June 21: There are interesting events ahead, Gemini. You just have to keep your eyes open to experience all of them. Think twice before lending someone assistance.
CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Cancer, saying this week will be uneventful would be an understatement. The status quo is all you can expect. Perhaps you can use a quiet week anyway.
LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23: Leo,

don't take the bait when someone tries to urge you into a confrontation. Your actions could determine how others view you. That could spell disaster at work.
VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22: It could be time to reassess career goals, Virgo. If you've been thinking about changing jobs, act now before the competition starts to heat up.
LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Libra, you have to work at your love life. But encourage your partner to meet you halfway. Fine dining is a way to kick-off a fun date together. Make money no object.
SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22: You feel like things are going wrong left and right, Scorpio. However, just taking a different outlook can improve any situation. Support from friends and family will help you feel more in control.
SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21: Sagittarius, think about

spending time with a family member you haven't seen in a while. This could be a benefit to both of you. Home remodeling provides a change of scenery.
CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20: Remember to stay on top of health screenings, Capricorn. Little problems can escalate if not caught early. Home issues require all of your attention.
AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18: Aquarius, with your eyes on the prize you do whatever it takes to reach your goal. Just keep in mind whose feet you're stepping on while you climb to the top.
PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: You seek peace and quiet, Pisces. Unfortunately this week you're simply not going to get it. But that doesn't mean you won't enjoy yourself.
 Also born this week: Robert De Niro, John Stamos, Kim Cattrall, Tori Amos and Shelley Long.

What's Going On?

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SATURDAY
August 16, 2008
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 ADMISSION: Free
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August 23, 2008
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 PLACE: Prospect Presbyterian Church, 646 Prospect St. @ Tuscan Rd., Maplewood
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Temple to begin prep for high holidays

On Sept. 1, our nation will celebrate Labor Day, recognizing how this country was made strong on the strength of those who have worked and continue to work to do so. On that date, the Jewish month of Elul begins and traditionally is viewed as a period of repentance in preparation for the High Holidays.

At Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, that day will start a period of blowing the Shofar — ram's horn — daily with the exception of the Sabbath.

This clarion call rings out to herald the approach of divine judgment and instill an appropriate sense of awe that will lead to righteous conduct, according to temple leaders. It is also a call to remind all Jews to get ready for the high holidays and that Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is right around the corner. It is the time of year when the Selichot service is held.

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, will hold Selichot services on Sept. 20, beginning with the Sabbath Mincha service at 6:50 p.m. in the main sanctuary. It will be followed by Maariv and Havdallah services. All will be led by Rabbi Mark Mallach, and Cantor Richard Nadel. A dessert reception will follow.

A special feature of the evening will be an original play from StorahTelling, entitled "Becoming Israel," featuring David Schiller, son of temple member, Jeff Schiller. This is the first year of performance of this play and the first time it will be performed in New Jersey. The cast will conduct a question and answer session after the performance. This program is open to the public; there is no charge, but donations will be accepted. Baby-sitting will be available for a fee. Contact the temple office by Sept. 2, to reserve a baby-sitting spot at office@templebethahmyisrael.com or call 973-376-0539.

RELIGION

Temple to host special programs, services

Temple Sha'arey Shalom of Springfield will host special fall events in addition to its regular schedule of Shabbat services and high holiday worship. The temple is located at 78 South Springfield Ave. in Springfield.

On Sept. 6 at 9 a.m., the temple will host the opening day of its K-3 Shabbat morning program. Registration is now taking place.

On Sept. 8 at 9 a.m. the temple's preschool program will begin. For information, contact Director Nina Greenman at the temple office.

On Oct. 12 at 10 a.m., the temple preschool will host the annual Character Breakfast for children.

On Oct. 13 at 6:15 p.m., there will be an ice cream social, followed by Sukkot services at 7 p.m. On Oct. 20 at 7 p.m., the Simchat Torah — a lively, interactive service — will take place.

For information on these programs and services, visit the temple's Web site at www.shaarey.org or call the office at 973-379-5387.

Pray for Peace

An informal gathering to pray for peace will be held at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., on Aug. 21, 9 a.m. and will be directed by Reverend Darla Turlington, Senior Pastor. For information, call 908-233-2278 or email firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net.

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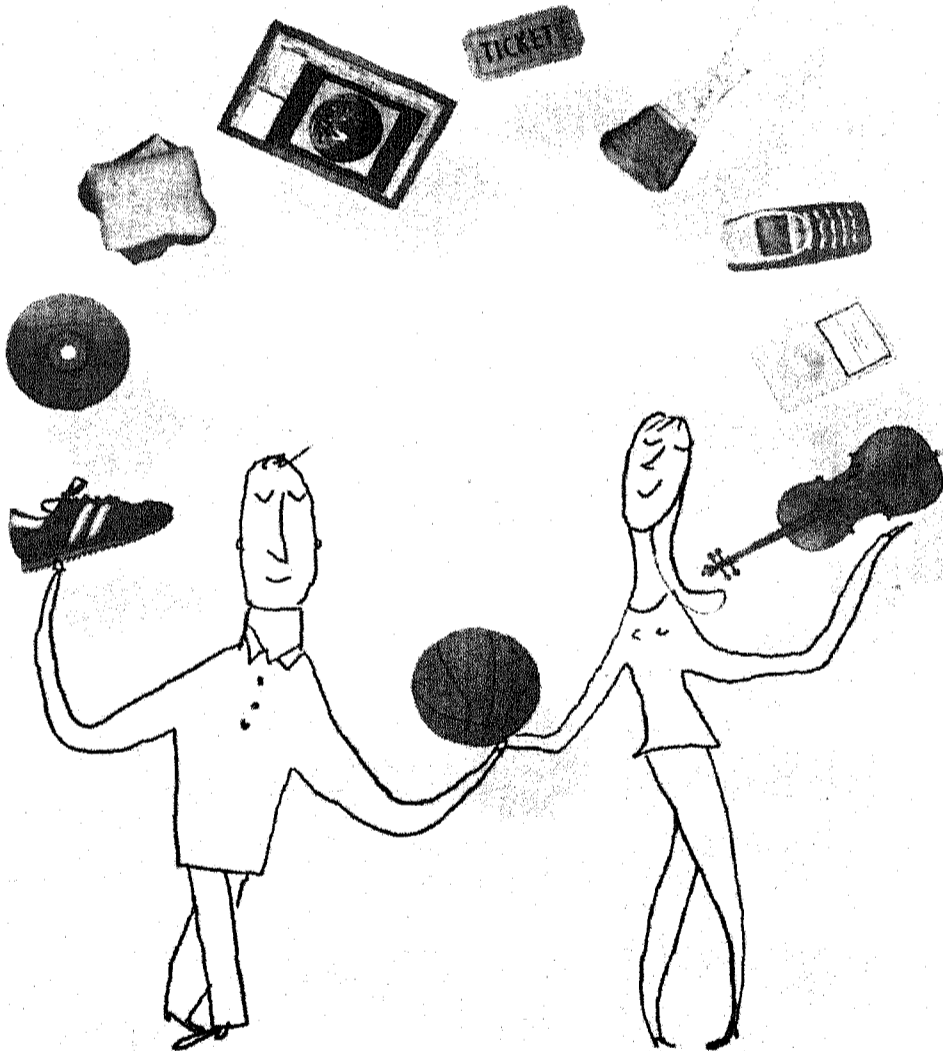
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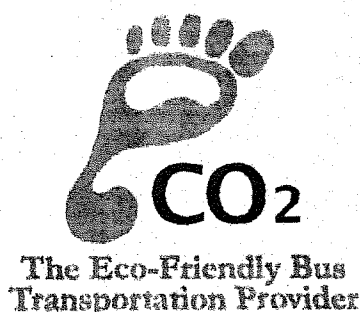
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OBITUARIES

Jeanette Bland

Jeanette Bland, 80, of Union died Aug. 7 in Ocean Medical Center in Brick.

Born in Hillside, Mrs. Bland was a lifelong resident of Union. She was a production worker for Belting Industries in Kenilworth for 15 years before retiring in 1992. Mrs. Bland was a member of the Womens Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 470.

She was predeceased by her husband, George.

She is survived by a daughter, Bonnie Murphy; sons, George and Scott; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The McCracken Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

James "JB" Brown

James "JB" Brown, 73, of Linden, died Aug. 6 in Newark.

Born in Hemmingway, N.C., Mr. Brown was a security guard at the Newark Museum for more than 25 years.

He later owned and operated JB Auto Company in Linden for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Almata; three daughters, Hattie Brown-James and Patricia and Marnita Brown; two sons, James and Medford; two sisters, Nancy Williams and Rose Lee Barr and six grandchildren.

The Woody Funeral Home, Roselle, handled the arrangements.

James Carell

James J. Carell, 91, of Diamondhead, Miss., formerly of Kenilworth, a vaudevillian, died July 31 in Biloxi, Miss.

Mr. Carell was a childhood vaudeville star at the Empire Theater, Newark, a personnel specialist at Lea Fabrics Inc. and a post office clerk in Kenilworth. He was a World War II combat veteran and a medic in Gen. George Patten's Fifth Army.

Mr. Carell was president of the Kenilworth Senior Citizens, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member, usher and volunteer at St. Theresa's Church, Kenilworth. He belonged to the Lions Club and Nomahegan Swim Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathie Esher, and two grandchildren.

The Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Biloxi, handled the arrangements.

Virginia Collins

Virginia Collins, 69, of Hillside, died Aug. 4.

Mrs. Collins was born in Gullsboro, N.C. She retired from New Beth Israel Medical Center in 2004.

Mrs. Collins is survived by her husband, Sylvester; a daughter, Berdett Collins; two sisters, Margaret White and Mary Garrett; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The First Baptist Church, Hillside, handled the arrangements.

Carroll Donaway

Carroll "Don" Donaway, 89, of Little Egg Harbor, formerly of Union, died Aug. 2 at home.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Donaway lived in Union for more than 35 years before moving to Little Egg Harbor four years ago. He served four years with the Marine Corps.

Mr. Donaway worked as a union electrician with IBEW Local 164 until retiring in 2003.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Lillian; five sons, Joseph, Michael, James, Thomas and Steven; four sisters, three brothers and eight grandchildren.

The McCracken Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

Goldie Doppelt

Goldie Doppelt, 73, of Springfield died on Aug. 7.

Mrs. Doppelt resided in both Springfield and Bradley Beach for more than 40 years. She graduated from Marjorie Webster College. Mrs. Doppelt also attended Ohio State University.

Surviving are a brother, Sheldon Stern; a daughter, Susan LaPoff; a son, Dr. Howard Doppelt, and five grandchildren.

Mary Flynn

Mary E. Flynn, 98, of Cranford died Aug. 6 in the Peggy Colony House, Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Flynn, a child of Irish

OBITUARY LIST

- BROWN — James, of Linden; Aug. 6.
- CANDITO — Peter Sr., of Union; Aug. 6.
- CARELL — James J., formerly of Kenilworth; July 31.
- CHAPMAN — Thomas, formerly of Linden; Aug. 3.
- CLARK — George J., formerly of Linden; Aug. 5.
- COLLINS — Virginia, of Hillside; Aug. 4.
- DIXON — Amelia E., of Union; Aug. 7.
- DONAWAY — Carroll, formerly of Union; Aug. 2.
- DOPPELT — Goldie, of Springfield; Aug. 7.
- FLAGG — Kenneth, of Linden; Aug. 1.
- FLYNN — Mary E., of Cranford; Aug. 6.
- FORGIONE — Concetta, of Union; Aug. 6.
- GREISS — Stephen M., of Linden; Aug. 8.
- HENDERSON — Harry, formerly of Cranford; Aug. 2.
- KASBARIAN — Jean Vincenza, of Kenilworth; Aug. 4.
- KOVATCH — Dorothy, of Rahway; Aug. 7.
- LUBAS — Benjamin J., formerly of Linden; Aug. 5.
- MAC ALPINE — Norma, formerly of Linden; Aug. 6.
- MANGELS — George E., of Linden; Aug. 3.
- MCLEOD — Ollie Mae, of Linden; Aug. 5.
- PISCIOTTA — Marguerite, of Roselle Park; Aug. 5.
- POLICASTRO — Marie, Union, Aug. 9.
- REID — Adrienne, of Summit; Aug. 9.
- SMITHEMAN — Doris T., of Cranford; Aug. 5.
- STEELE — Eleanore M., of Mountainside; Aug. 9.
- SUSKO — Karen A., of Roselle Park; Aug. 7.
- TALIAFERRO — Curly Mae, of Rahway; Aug. 2.
- TARACINO — Pama, of Linden; Aug. 7.
- TERRY — Merwin M. Jr., of Linden; Aug. 2.
- WHITE — Elaine, of Rahway; Aug. 7.
- YAUCH — Conrad J., of Union; Aug. 5.
- YOUNG — Andrew A., of Roselle Park; Aug. 9.

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

immigrants, lived in the East Village, New York City, before moving to Cranford.

She worked for many years in Bloomingdale's, New York City.

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OBITUAIRES

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Surviving are a son, John; a daughter, Kathleen Douglass; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Dooley Funeral Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

Concetta Forgione

Concetta "Connie" Forgione, 87, of Union died Aug. 6 at home.

Born in Newark, Miss Forgione lived in East Orange before moving to Union 51 years ago. She was a legal secretary for Kein Polatschek & Greenstein Law Firm, Union, for 50 years and retired four years ago.

Miss Forgione was a chairperson for the March of Dimes and worked for 19 consecutive years for the Cerebral Palsy Telethon. She was a past president of Connecticut Farms Professional Women's Business Club and past secretary for the Union Historical Society.

The Galante Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

Harry Henderson

Harry Henderson, 89, of Springfield, Ohio, formerly of Cranford, died Aug. 2 in the Ohio Masonic Home.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Mr. Henderson served his country in the Scottish Royal Infantry and held the rank of captain. He came to the United States in 1938 and worked in metal sales with Belmont Metals. After his retirement 30 years later, Mr. Henderson received his 50-year mark as a mason.

Surviving are a son, Clyde; two daughters, Gail Massie and Laura Brown; a brother, Leslie Henderson, and six grandchildren.

The Littleton & Rue Funeral Home, Springfield, Ohio, handled the arrangements.

Jean V. Kasbarian

Jean Vincenza Kasbarian, 87, of Kenilworth died on Aug. 4.

Born in Bayonne, Mrs. Kasbarian resided in Kenilworth for 60 years. She was a travel agent for 20 years and retired 10 years ago.

Mrs. Kasbarian was a former director for the borough of Kenilworth Welfare Department. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, of St. Theresa's Court, the Rosary Society of St. Theresa's Church, Kenilworth, and the Senior Citizens Club, also in Kenilworth.

Her late husband, Edward H. Kasbarian, had served as councilman in Kenilworth from 1957 to 1964.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond and Edward; a grandchild, four step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

The Mastapeter Funeral Home, Roselle Park, handled the arrangements.

Dorothy A. Kovatch

Dorothy A. Kovatch, 69, of Rahway, formerly of Clark, died Aug. 7 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Kovatch lived in Clark for 35 years before recently moving to Rahway. She was a secretary for the Wheaton Glass Co. of Clark for 10 years and a longtime parishioner of St. Agnes R.C. Church, Clark.

She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas.

She is survived by sons Thomas and Richard; and four grandchildren.

The Krowicki Gorny Memorial Home, Clark, handled the arrangements.

George Mangels

George E. Mangels, 96, of Linden died Aug. 3 in the Haven Hospice at John F. Kennedy Medical Center, Edison.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Mangels lived in Linden since 1950. He was employed by Public Service Electric & Gas Co., Newark, for 43 years. Mr. Mangels was a load dispatcher for 23 years and retired in 1976.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Mary; a son, Raymond R.; two brothers, Kenneth and Harold, and two grandchildren.

The Werson Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

Ollie Mae McLeod

Ollie Mae McLeod, 85, of Roselle, formerly of Linden, died Aug. 5 in Westfield.

Mrs. McLeod retired from St. Elizabeth Hospital (now Trinitas) in Elizabeth after 25 years of service. She was a member of the Willing Workers and the Missionary Society at First Baptist Church in Linden.

Mrs. McLeod is predeceased by her husband, James. She is survived by three daughters, Arline Carson, Dorothy Capers and DeLoise Julius; six sons, James, Donald, Dennis, Ricky, Kevin and Kenneth McLeod; 18 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The G.G. Woody Funeral Home, Roselle, handled the arrangements.

Marguerite Pisciotta

Marguerite "Marge" Pisciotta, 82, of Roselle Park died Aug. 5 in Virtua Medical Center, Mount Holly.

Born in Carbondale, Pa., Mrs. Pisciotta lived in Elizabeth before moving to Roselle Park more than 40 years ago. She was a seamstress for many years and retired many years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Peter J. Jr. and Thomas; a daughter, Diane K. Bryski; two brothers, Samuel and James Crisalli; a sister, Mary Crisalli; eight grandchildren and a

great-grandchild. The Mastapeter Funeral Home, Roselle Park, handled the arrangements.

Marie C. Policastro

Marie C. Policastro, 84, of Union, died Aug. 9 in Cornell Hall Nursing Home, Union.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Policastro lived in Newark before retiring to Port Charlotte, Fla., and then moving to Union in 1996.

She was a secretary for Washington Florist in Newark for 20 years before retiring in 1982. She is predeceased by her husband, George and her brother, Pete Cupo.

She is survived by a daughter, Marie Ronan; a son, Greg Policastro; four sisters, Catherine Mosca, Mildred Strada, Christine Comerci and Theresa Marini; two brothers, Nunzie and Joseph Cupo; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The McCracken Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

Adrienne W. Reid

Adrienne W. Reid, 53, of Summit, died Aug. 9 at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital in New York.

Born and raised in Westfield, Mrs. Reid was a graduate of Westfield High School and a cum laude graduate of Mount Holyoke College.

She started her career in New York at General Reinsurance, becoming the first woman branch manager of their New York office. At General Reinsurance, she was named by Business Insurance as one of the 100 leading young women executives in the insurance industry.

Mrs. Reid then moved to Zurich Insurance, where she was senior vice president and chief underwriting officer for the reinsurance brokerage operations. She was employed as a reinsurance broker for Towers Perrin at the time of her death. Mrs. Reid was a devoted member of St. Teresas Catholic Church in Summit, where she taught catechism for many years. She was a member of Baltusrol Golf Club and Canoe Brook Country Club, a past sustainer of the Junior League of Summit, a volunteer for the Juvenile Conference Committee of Union County, a volunteer at Pathways, a cancer support group in Summit, and an avid tennis player.

She is survived by her husband, John; a daughter, Alexandra; her mother, Mary Anne Wilder and two brothers, J. Edwin and Robert Wilder.

Doris Smitheman

Doris T. Smitheman, a 51-year resident of Cranford died Aug. 5 in the Lakeland Health Care Center, Haskell.

She also was a lifelong summer habitant and resident of Lake

Owassa. Born in Newark, Mrs. Smitheman lived in Newark before moving to Cranford. She attended the public school system in Newark and graduated from West Side High School in 1948.

Mrs. Smitheman was employed by Prudential Insurance Co. for five years in Newark, Houston, Texas, and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She was a parishioner of St. Michael's Church, Cranford, and benefactor of the Department for Persons with Disabilities of the Diocese of Paterson.

Surviving are her husband of 54 years, Donald W.; three sons, Craig, Donald C. and Gary John; a daughter, Denise, and a sister, Elizabeth Dippel.

The Dooley Funeral Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

Eleanore M. Steel

Eleanore M. Steel, 79, of Mountainside died Aug. 9 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in Irvington, Mrs. Steel lived in Mountainside since 1965. She was an administrative manager for 15 years at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She also worked for the practices of Dr. Robert O'Driscoll of Short Hills and Dr. Nancy Kaplan of Springfield.

Mrs. Steel is survived by her husband, Malachi Edward Steel; three sons, Edward, Ronald and Barry; and five grandchildren.

The Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, Westfield, handled the arrangements.

Karen Susko

Karen A. Susko, 42, of Roselle Park died Aug. 7 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Susko lived in Union and Old Bridge before moving to Roselle Park four years ago.

She was employed by Schering-Plough for 25 years.

Surviving are her father, Robert Susko; her stepmother, Rosemarie Susko; a sister, Sandra Herder, and her companion, James Decker.

The Werson Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

Curly Taliaferro

Curly Mae Taliaferro, 68, of Rahway, formerly of Roselle, died Aug. 2 in Rahway.

Mrs. Taliaferro worked for Vogel Bus Co., Rahway, for five years.

Surviving are her husband, Samuel; a son, Eric Jones; two sisters, Evelyn Johnson and Annette Barnes; two brothers, Robert and Ike Whitfield, and a grandchild.

The G.G. Woody Funeral Home, Roselle, handled the arrangements.

Merwin Terry Jr.

Merwin M. Terry Jr., 90, of Linden died Aug. 2 in JFK Medical Center, Edison.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Terry lived in Cranford for many years before moving to Linden in 1950. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Terry was employed by General Motors as a distribution clerk for many years until retiring in 1974.

He then worked part-time for the Union County Parks and Recreation Department as a clerk at Ashbrook Golf Course and Galloping Hill Golf Course.

Mr. Terry also served as a secretary for the Linden Industrial League.

Surviving are a son, Merwin M. III, and a sister, Louise Egbert.

Elaine White

Elaine White, 83, of Rahway died Aug. 8 at home.

Born in Chester, Pa., Mrs. White was a lifelong resident of Rahway. She was a housekeeper at Rahway Hospital for 20 years, retiring in 1990.

Mrs. White was a member of the Ebenezer A.M.E. Church in Rahway, the church's Womens Auxiliary, the Sunshine Club and the Usher Board.

She is survived by her sister, Helen Lewis.

Conrad Yauch

Conrad J. Yauch, 94, of Union died Aug. 5 in Roosevelt Care Center, Edison.

Born in Newark, Mr. Yauch lived in Irvington before moving to Union. He was the co-owner of Davis Electric Motor, Newark. Mr. Yauch served in the Navy on the USS Lexington CV16 during World War II. He was a past president of the VFW Michael A. Kelly Post, Union, and a past president of the Retired Men's Club, also of Union.

Surviving are a son, Conrad H.; a daughter, June E. Yauch; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Is it too early for a pre-season Union County football Top 10?

If you're a coach, yes.

If you're a player, probably not.

If you're a reporter, why not?

Here goes, with last year's record in parenthesis:

JR's UNION COUNTY FOOTBALL 2008 PRE-SEASON TOP 10

1. Elizabeth (6-4)
2. Rahway (9-2)
3. Union (5-5)
4. Scotch Plains (7-4)
5. Westfield (7-4)
6. Plainfield (3-7)
7. Johnson (6-4)
8. Roselle (3-7)
9. New Providence (9-2)
10. Brearley (8-2)

Rest of the county:

Linden (1-9), Hillside (0-10),
Cranford (6-4),
Governor Livingston (5-5),
Roselle Park (5-5),
Summit (3-7), Dayton (1-9).

Last year was a rare season in which the county did not have a team playing in a sectional championship game.

It was only the second time and first time since 2001.

This year will - most likely - be the last year of the Watchung Conference and the Mountain Valley Conference as we know it, with Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division member Summit also - most likely - coming back to the county to be part of a Union County Conference for the 2009-2010 academic year.

A total overhaul of all of the conferences in the state will be voted on in December, with a new plan expected to be pushed through.

Official practice is about to begin, with the first scrimmages scheduled for near the end of August.

The season starts a week later this year, with opening games set for Sept. 12 and 13.



Carron McCluney, a senior, returns as the starting quarterback at Hillside. The Comets will open Sept. 13 at home against Passaic.

Players to keep an eye on this year

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

As Union County coaches begin to prepare their football teams for the beginning of official practice, here are some names to look for in the upcoming season:

SOME SENIORS TO LOOK FOR (before I talk to coaches) IN 2008:

Union: Michael Larrow-DL/TE, Bobby Lisowski-DL/P, Dion Nesmith-QB, Brendan McGrath-OL/DL.

Brearley: Tom Mannix-QB, Jimmy Stafford-OL/DL.

Dayton: Ross Bergen-RB/LB.

Governor Livingston: Ian Cunningham-OT/DT.

Elizabeth: Raymond Graham-RB/DB, Jaheed Mayers-QB/DB, George Norena-placekicker.

Hillside: Carron McCluney-QB/FS, Malachi Jones-WR/DB.

Linden: James Linton-OL/DT.

Rahway: Troy Eastman-QB/FS.

Roselle: Kendall James-WR/DB.

Johnson: Lou Caporaso-RB/LB, Dan Dugan-QB.

Cranford: Philip Nowakowski-OL/DL, Steve Matos-OL/LB.

Westfield: Tony DiIorio-QB, Ricardo Johnson-RB.

Scotch Plains: Anthony Taylor-RB/DB, Marcus Green-RB/LB.

New Providence: A.J. Thomson-T/G.

New head coaches in the county include Deon Candia at Linden and John Power at Hillside.

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Summit Seals swimmer Dylan Ingerman placed first in the 25-yard butterfly event at the 8-and-under state championship meet held at Seton Hall University earlier this year.

Summit Seals seek swimmers

Is there a budding young swimmer in your family?

The Summit Seals will be holding swim team tryouts Sept. 2 and 4 at the Summit Area YMCA, located at 67 Maple Street in Summit.

Tryouts on Sept. 2 will be held by age group as follows:

Age 10-and-under: 4:50 p.m. - warmups begin at 4:30 p.m.

Age 11-and-up: 6:10 p.m. - warmups begin at 5:45 p.m.

Makeups for all age groups will be held September 4 at 5:40 p.m. following a brief warmup period.

Swimmers should arrive at least 20 minutes prior to warmups to complete all necessary paperwork.

Swimmers age 10 and older will be timed in two events: 50 yard freestyle and 50 yards of an alternate stroke of their choice - backstroke, breaststroke, or butterfly.

Swimmers age 8 and under will be timed in the 25 yard freestyle and 25 yards of an alternate stroke of their choice.

Age is determined as of Dec. 1, 2008.

The Summit Seals is a winter youth swim team with year-round training opportunities and is open to swimmers ranging from the 8-and-under age group through the ages 15-18 group.

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Training for the 2008-2009 season commences Sept. 15. A typical season will run through late February or late March for the older swimmers and to late February or early March for the younger age groups.

More information may be obtained by calling head coach Hank Buntin or Aquatics Director Suzi Pellegrino at 908-273-3330.

The Summit Seals web site is www.summitseals.org.

Union County grid schedules for the upcoming campaign

UNION FARMERS

Sept. 13 Irvington, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 20 at Plainfield, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 4 at Westfield, 2 p.m.
 Oct. 10 Scotch Plains, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 18 at Shabazz, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 24 Kearny, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 31 Bridgewater-Raritan, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 7 at Elizabeth, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 27 Linden, 10:30 a.m.
Head coach: Brian Sheridan, second year

ROSELLE PARK PANTHERS

Sept. 13 at Metuchen, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 19 at Middlesex, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 26 Sussex Tech, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 3 New Providence, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 10 at Brearley, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 17 at Newark Central, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 24 Dayton, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 31 at Bernards, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 27 Roselle, 10:30 a.m.
Head coach: James Foy, third year

BREARLEY BEARS (8 games)

Sept. 12 Pennington, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 20 at Roselle, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 27 at New Providence, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 3 Dayton, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 10 Roselle Park, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 17 Cranford, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 24 Dunellen, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 7 at Highland Park, 7 p.m.
Head coach: Scott Miller, seventh year

DAYTON BULLDOGS

Sept. 13 at South Hunterdon, 1:30 p.m.
 Sept. 19 at Manville, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 27 Newark Central, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 3 at Brearley, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 11 Roselle, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 18 at Cardinal McCarrick, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 24 at Roselle Park, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 31 at Bound Brook, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 8 New Providence, 1 p.m.
Head coach: Joe Goerge, third year

GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON HIGHLANDERS

Sept. 13 Johnson, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 27 Iselin Kennedy, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 4 Newark Central, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 10 at Bishop Ahr, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 18 Hillside, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 25 at Rahway, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 31 at Cranford, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 7 at North Plainfield, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 27 at New Providence, 11 a.m.
Head coach: Terry Hanratty, fifth year

SUMMIT HILLTOPPERS

Sept. 13 Parsippany Hills, 1:30 p.m.
 Sept. 19 at Mendham, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 26 at Dover, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 4 Parsippany, 2:30 p.m.
 Oct. 11 at Weequahic, 1:30 p.m.
 Oct. 18 Chatham, 1:30 p.m.
 Oct. 25 at Morris Hills, 1:30 p.m.
 Nov. 1 Hanover Park, 2:30 p.m.
 Nov. 7 at West Essex, 7:30 p.m.
Head coach: John Liberato, second year

ELIZABETH MINUTEMEN

Sept. 19 at Linden, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 26 Shabazz, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 3 at Kearny, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 10 at Newark East Side, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 17 Irvington, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 24 Plainfield, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 1 at Westfield, 2 p.m.
 Nov. 7 Union, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 26 Scotch Plains, 7 p.m.
Head coach: Chet Parlavecchio, third year

HILLSIDE COMETS

Sept. 13 Passaic, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 20 Rahway, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 26 at Cranford, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 3 at Johnson, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 11 Newark Central, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 18 at Gov. Livingston, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 25 at Robbinsville, 2 p.m.
 Nov. 1 at Iselin Kennedy, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 8 Roselle, 1 p.m.
Head coach: John Power, first year

LINDEN TIGERS

Sept. 12 Barringer, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 19 Elizabeth, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 27 at Westfield, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 3 at Shabazz, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 10 Irvington, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 17 Plainfield, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 24 Newark East Side, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 1 at Scotch Plains, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 27 at Union, 10:30 a.m.
Head coach: Deon Candia, first year

RAHWAY INDIANS

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 Roselle Park, 10:30 a.m.
Head coach: Gary Mobley, fifth year

ROSELLE RAMS (8 games)

Sept. 13 Bound Brook, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 20 Brearley, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 27 Johnson, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 11 at Dayton, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 25 New Providence, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 30 at Newark Central, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 8 at Hillside, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 27 at Roselle Park, 10:30 a.m.
Head coach: Kenneth Wiggins, second year

JOHNSON CRUSADERS

Sept. 13 at Gov. Livingston, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 19 at Newark Central, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 27 at Roselle, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 3 Hillside, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 10 Hackettstown, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 17 New Providence, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 24 vs. Iselin Kennedy, 1 p.m. at Woodbridge
 Nov. 7 Cranford, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 27 Rahway, 10:30 a.m.
Head coach: Gus Kalikas, fifth year

CRANFORD COUGARS

Sept. 12 DePaul, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 20 at New Providence, 2 p.m.
 Sept. 26 Hillside, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 3 Rahway, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 10 St. Joseph's of the Palisades, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 17 at Brearley, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 24 at Newark Central, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 31 Gov. Livingston, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 7 at Johnson, 7 p.m.
Head coach: Erik Rosenmeier, fourth year

PLAINFIELD CARDINALS

Sept. 12 at Watchung Hills, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 20 Union, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 4 at Scotch Plains, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 11 Shabazz, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 17 at Linden, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 24 at Elizabeth, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 1 Irvington, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 7 at Bridgewater-Raritan, 7 p.m.
 Nov. 27 Westfield, 11 a.m.
Head coach: Reggie Robinson, second year

WESTFIELD BLUE DEVILS

Sept. 13 at Shabazz, 3 p.m.
 Sept. 19 at Kearny, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 27 Linden, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 4 Union, 2 p.m.
 Oct. 18 at Newark East Side, noon
 Oct. 25 at Irvington, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 1 Elizabeth, 2 p.m.
 Nov. 8 Scotch Plains, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 27 at Plainfield, 11 a.m.
Head coach: Jim DeSarno, third year

SCOTCH PLAINS RAIDERS

Sept. 20 Irvington, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 27 Newark East Side, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 4 Plainfield, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 11 at Union, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 17 at Kearny, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 25 at Shabazz, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 1 Linden, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 8 at Westfield, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 26 at Elizabeth, 7 p.m.
Head coach: Steve Ciccotelli, 18th year

NEW PROVIDENCE PIONEERS

Sept. 20 Cranford, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 27 Brearley, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 3 at Roselle Park, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 11 Butler, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 17 at Johnson, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 25 at Roselle, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 1 Cardinal McCarrick, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 8 at Dayton, 1 p.m.
 Nov. 27 Gov. Livingston, 11 a.m.
Head coach: Frank Bottone, 44th year

NOTES: As of press time, Brearley and Roselle schedules consist of eight games.

New head coaches include John Power at Hillside and Deon Candia at Linden.

Power is a Union graduate who was an assistant coach at Georgia, Hudson Catholic, Passaic Valley, Union and Elizabeth. Candia is a Linden graduate who was an assistant coach at American International and Linden.

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Rahway Women's Hoop League semis tomorrow

Division A and B finals will be played

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The Rahway Women's Recreation Basketball League playoffs commenced at the Rahway Recreation Center last Friday night, with Team-4-Real and defending champion Fully Loaded coming out on top.

That sets up tomorrow night's semifinals at the rec center looking like this:

- **Division A final at 7 p.m.**
Team-4-Real vs. top-seeded W.A.W. (7-0)
- **Division B final at 8 p.m.**
Fully Loaded vs. top-seeded Time Killers (4-3)

The winners will meet in the championship game, scheduled for Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at the rec center.

In regular season play, W.A.W. - the eight-team league's only undefeated squad - downed Team-4-Real 50-41.

Time Killers defeated Fully Loaded by the score of 48-45 in overtime in their regular season meeting.

W.A.W. and Time Killers received first round byes.

In Friday night's first playoff game, Team-4-Real defeated Showdown 53-50, with former Elizabeth High School and Seton Hall University standout guard Naimah Smith leading the way with 11 points.

NJSIAA reclassifications become official tomorrow

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association's 2008-2009 general and football reclassifications will become official tomorrow according to NJSIAA assistant director Don Danser.

Smith helped lead Elizabeth to three consecutive Union County Tournament titles from 1995-1997 and the school's first Group 4 state championship and Tournament of Champions title game appearance in the 1995-1996 season.

Smith played for Bob Firestone at Elizabeth, who resurrected the program there, and for Phyllis Mangina at Seton Hall.

Showdown had two plays score in double digits, including Marbely Montas of Elizabeth High, Union County College with and Monmouth University with 17 points and Jillian Gordon of Plainfield High and UCC with 25.

Showdown was behind by as many as 20 points with 10 minutes left. It made a big push at the end, but it was too late.

Friday night's second game - Fully Loaded's 45-41 win over Phaze 1 - was just as competitive.

Fully Loaded was sparked by the play of Shanae Clarke of Caldwell College, who poured in 13 points.

Last year's MVP, Candace Lloyd, chipped in with seven points.

Phaze 1 was led by Niya Santiago of South Plainfield and Fairfield University with 11 points.

The game was close until the final horn.

Last week Danser said the classifications - termed "temporary" for general and "subject to change" for football - will become permanent on Aug. 15, which is tomorrow.

Danser said that no changes to the reclassifications will be made after Aug. 15.

Roselle Park Football

- Sept. 13 at Metuchen, 1 p.m.
- Sept. 19 at Middlesex, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 26 Sussex Tech, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 3 New Providence, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 10 at Brearley, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 17 at Newark Central, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 24 Dayton, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 31 at Bernards, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 27 Roselle, 10:30 a.m.

Head coach: James Foy, third year

Assistants: Fran Maggio, Sam Appello, John Ranieri, Glenn Grieco, Keith Wintermute.

2007: (5-5)

Conference: Mountain Valley

Roselle Park Boys' Soccer

- Sept. 16 Roselle, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 18 at Hillside, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 19 New Providence, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 23 at Oratory Prep, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 25 Brearley, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 26 Technology, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 2 at Dayton, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 3 at New Providence, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 7 at Roselle, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 10 Hillside, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 14 Oratory Prep, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 16 at Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 17 at Brearley, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 21 Dayton, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 23 Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 28 at Technology, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 30 at Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
- Nov. 3 Glen Ridge, 4 p.m.

Head coach: Patrick Santo Pietro
JV: Brian Lowe

Roselle Park Girls' Soccer

- Sept. 18 Hillside, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 19 at New Providence, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 23 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 25 at Brearley, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 26 Kent Place, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 2 at Dayton, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 3 New Providence, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 10 at Hillside, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 14 at Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 16 Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 17 Brearley, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 21 at Kent Place, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 23 Roselle Catholic, 7 p.m.
 - Oct. 27 Glen Ridge, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 28 at Dayton, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 30 Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
- Head coach:** Anthony Trezza
JV: John Flecca

Roselle Park Field Hockey

- Sept. 12 at Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 13 Metuchen, 10:30 a.m.
 - Sept. 16 Johnson, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 18 Cranford, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 23 at Piscataway, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 25 Union, 7:30 p.m.
 - Sept. 29 at Franklin, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 2 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 6 Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 13 North Plainfield, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 15 Ranney School, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 17 at Glen Ridge, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 20 Piscataway, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 22 Kent Place, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 24 at Union, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 27 Westfield, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 28 at Ranney School, 4 p.m.
- Head coach:** Corinne Kelly

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RC girls' have a busy summer

Hoop team preps for winter

The Roselle Catholic girls' basketball team concluded a very busy summer season Aug. 5 when it completed its 10-game schedule at The Sports Academy in Millburn with a strong showing vs. Governor Livingston.

In addition to The Sports Academy League, the Roselle Catholic girls attended Rider University's Team Camp, which included a six-game schedule, as well as other competitions and lectures.

The Lions also played eight games at St. Peter's College's Team Camp in Jersey City the last week of June.

Roselle Catholic began the 2007-2008 season in a 1-5 hole, but was able to finish with a flourish and post a 14-10 record — doubling the season before victory total.

The Lions suffered early-season losses to Cranford, Hillside, Johnson, Roselle and Union Catholic and were able to avenge each one.

Key players back for the 2008-2009 campaign include juniors-to-be Jenny Malone (8.3 ppg., 4.5 assists, 2.2 steals), Meghan Faughnan (11.1 ppg., 6.0 rebounds) and Allison Skrec (11.9 pg., 5.5 rebounds, 3.2 assists).

Roselle Catholic's 2008 summer players included the girls who attended Rider's camp — Francesca Volturo, Anthonia Ajumobi, Meghan Faughnan, Jenny Malone, Allison Skrec, Betina Petit and Melissa Tobie — as well as Kelly Hayes, Catie Cohen, Gabby Marucci and Tara Sandlin.

"The girls played a lot of games in what was a very productive summer," said RC coach Joe Skrec, who's assisted by Charlie Wischusen. "You never know who has or doesn't have a full squad at these games, so the final score doesn't always mean a lot at this time of the year. The most important thing to us was the way we played, especially on the defensive end, and the way we improved throughout the summer."

"We congratulated the girls for a very successful June and July, but reminded them that we want to be playing our best basketball in February. There's a lot of time — and a lot of work that needs to be done — between now and the tournaments."

In addition to Roselle Catholic's slate, Malone, Faughnan, Skrec and Tobie played a busy and competitive spring and summer AAU schedule with the New Jersey Crusaders.

The Crusaders played in tournaments at Penn State, Fordham, Seton Hall, Drew, Ramapo and the University of Rhode Island.

Linden soccer clinic is soon

The Little Kickers Fall Soccer Clinic for Linden boys and girls ages 4 and 5 will be held on five consecutive Saturdays in September and October. The dates are Sept. 20 and 27 and Oct. 4, 11 and 18, with the clinic taking place at Al Kalla Park in Linden from 10-11 a.m.

Registration commenced and will run to the deadline of Sept. 5.

Signups are on a first come, first serve basis as the clinic is limited to 50 youngsters. Registration is taking place at the Community Center Building at 605 South Wood Ave., the John T. Gregorio Center at 330 Helen St. and the Linden Multi Purpose Center at 1025 John Street.

Registration is also taking place on line at www.Linden-nj.org and click on Community Pass. All youngsters will be provided with a T-shirt and must wear shin guards at all times. Each child should bring ample bottled water.

More information about the fall soccer clinic may be obtained by calling the Linden Recreation Department at 908-474-8600, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The 2008 Fall Soccer League is open to Linden boys and girls in the following manner: the Junior Boys' Division is open to boys that are ages 8-10 and the Junior Girls' Division is open to girls ages 8-10. The Minor Division is for boys and girls ages 6 and 7.

League play will commence Sept. 20 and continue through the playoffs. Registration has already begun and the deadline is Sept. 5.

Registration is taking place at the Community Center Building at 605 South Wood Ave., the John T. Gregorio Center at 330 Helen St. and the Linden Multi Purpose Center at 1025 John Street.

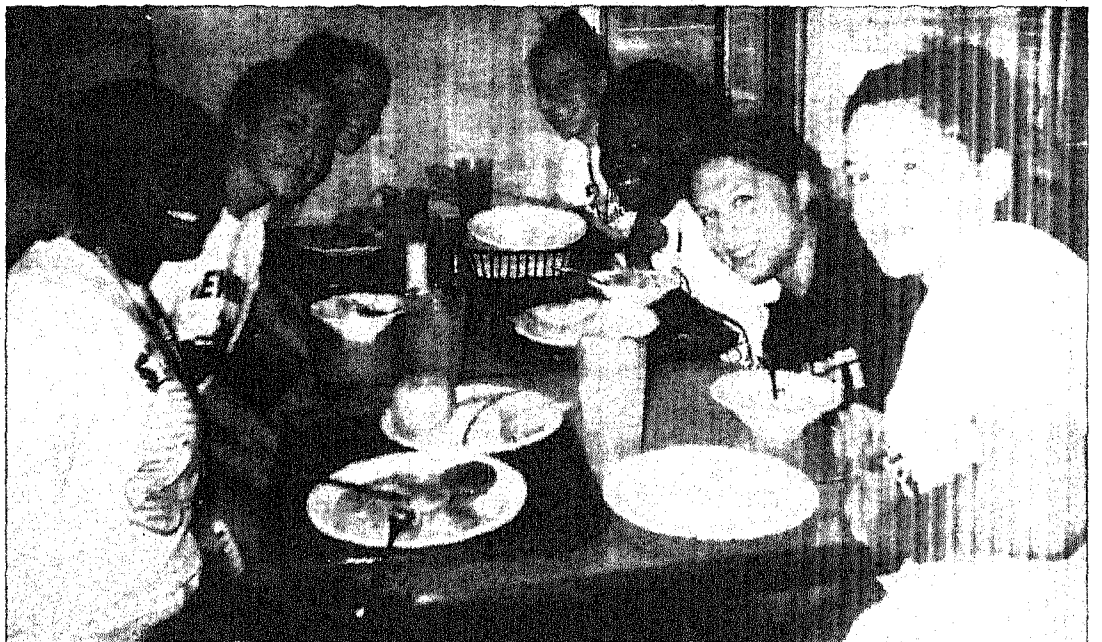
Registration is also taking place on line at www.Linden-nj.org and click on Community Pass. All youngsters will be provided with a T-shirt and must wear shin guards at all times. Each child should bring ample bottled water. Call 908-474-8600 - Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - for more information.



Roselle Catholic High School's Francesca Volturo, Jenny Malone, Melissa Tobie, Anthonia Ajumobi, Allison Skrec, Meghan Faughnan and Betina Petit surround Rider University basketball player Amanda Sepulveda - holding basketball - during Rider's first team camp, held June 20-22 on the Lawrenceville campus.



Roselle Catholic High School's Francesca Volturo, Jenny Malone, Melissa Tobie, Anthonia Ajumobi - holding basketball - Allison Skrec, Meghan Faughnan and Betina Petit are at center court during a brief respite at Rider's first team camp.



Roselle Catholic High School's Anthonia Ajumobi, Jenny Malone, Melissa Tobie, Allison Skrec, Betina Petit, Francesca Volturo and Meghan Faughnan are at breakfast during Rider's first team camp.

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.
Head coach: Gary Mobley, fifth year
2007: (9-2)
Conference: Mountain Valley, Mountain Division

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 p.m.
 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.
NOTES: The Indians have a non-conference game vs. Solomon Schechter of West Orange.

Rahway Girls' Soccer

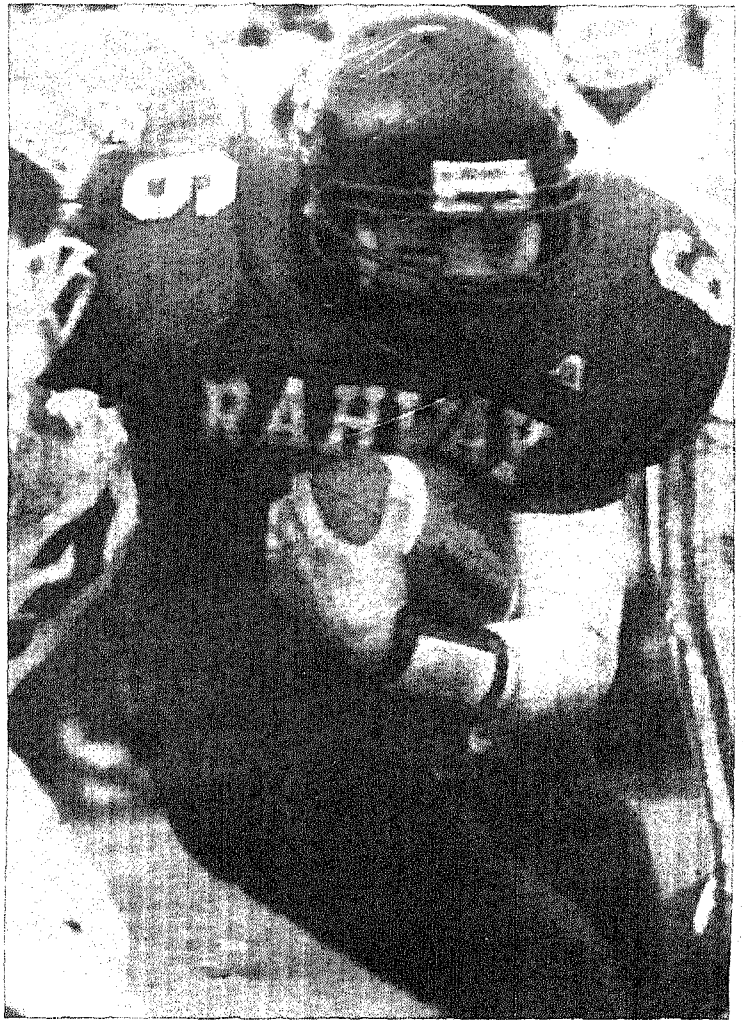
Sept. 12 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 16 at Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 18 at Johnson, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 20 at Elizabeth, 10 a.m.
 Sept. 25 Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 26 Cranford, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 2 at Cranford, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 3 Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 10 Johnson, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 14 at Roselle Catholic, 4 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.
NOTES: The only out-of-county opponent Rahway has is Technology of Newark, with matches Sept. 5 at home and Sept. 26 on the road.

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 Governor Livingston and Johnson, 4 p.m.
NOTES: The Mountain Valley Conference meet is Oct. 8 at Warinanco and the Union County meet is Oct. 22 there.



File photo

The Rahway football team is bolstered by senior quarterback Troy Eastman (No. 6).

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UNION COUNTY

Note, complying with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6, application has been made to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission of NJ "MVC of NJ", Trenton, NJ to get title papers allowing the sale of a 1962 Chevrolet vin# 21847T172095 and a 1999 Escort vin# 1FAFP13P1XW138308. Any objections, should be made immediately to the Chief Administrator of the NJ MVC, Special Services, P.O.B. 017, Trenton, NJ 08666-0017.
 August 14, 21, 2008
 U218880 WCN (\$15.68)

PLAINFIELD

POWERS KIRN, LLC
 728 Marne Highway, Suite 200
 Moorestown, NJ 08057
 (856) 802-1000
 Attorneys for Plaintiff (2008-1518)

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT
 Superior Court of New Jersey
 Chancery Division
 Union County
 Docket No. F-26841-08

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

Hugo Escobar

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon the Attorneys for Plaintiff, Powers Kirn, LLC, 728 Marne Highway, P.O. Box 848, Moorestown, NJ 08057, an Answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any) filed in a Civil Action in which Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Paramount Funding Corp. is plaintiff and Hugo Escobar, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after August 14, 2008, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. A \$135.00 filing fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Information Statement must accompany your answer or motion.

The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated 08/05/2003, made by Fausto Callao, Mauro Callao, Lorena Callao, and Zolia Callao to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Paramount Funding Corp., and

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concerns real estate located at 332-334 East Fifth Street, Plainfield, NJ.

YOU, Hugo Escobar are made a defendant because you are a lien holder in the above matter and so have an interest in the property being foreclosed.

An individual who is unable to obtain an attorney may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling toll free 800-792-8315 (within New Jersey) or 609-394-1101 (from out of state). You may also communicate with a Lawyer Referral Service, or if you cannot afford to pay an attorney you may call the Legal Services Office. The phone numbers for the county in which this action is pending are: Legal Services (908) 354-4340, Lawyer Referral (908) 353-4715. File #2008-1518

Jennifer M. Perez, Acting Clerk of the Superior Court
 U218807 WCN Aug. 14, 2008 (\$38.22)

PLAINFIELD

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: ERIC G. BENNETT, DAY ROSENBERG, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, F.S.O.S., plaintiffs' attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8900, an Answer to the Amended Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas As Trustee is plaintiff, and ERIC G. BENNETT, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-27015-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 08/14/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 08/14/2008, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 03/31/2004 made by Eric

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G. Bennett, unmarried as mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. recorded on 04/13/2004 in Book 10616 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0790 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas As Trustee by Assignment of Mortgage which is unrecorded at this time; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 719 SOUTH SECOND STREET, CITY OF PLAINFIELD, NJ 07061.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340.

YOU, ERIC G. BENNETT, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.

YOU, DAY ROSENBERG, his/her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment/lien/mortgage which may be against the owner/mortgagor(s) and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity. File #FCZ106127

JENNIFER M. PEREZ, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
 This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
 U218865 WCN Aug. 14, 2008 (\$51.45)

PLAINFIELD

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: O'CONNOR CORPORATION

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiff's

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attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number #(973) 538-9300, an Answer to the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, filed in a civil action, in which DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE UNDER POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2006 SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2006-WM4 MORTGAGE PASS-T is Plaintiff and MARIA GUTIERREZ, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-26487-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 08/14/08 exclusive of such date, or if published after 08/14/08, thirty-five (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated August 29, 2006 made by MARIA GUTIERREZ as mortgagor to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., AS NOMINEE FOR WMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION recorded on September 7, 2006, in Book 11842 of Mortgages for UNION County, Page 551, et seq., which mortgage was duly assigned to the Plaintiff named above, who is the present holder of said Mortgage, and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 217 SPOONER AVE, PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060.

If you cannot afford or are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of venue by calling:

UNION COUNTY LAWYER REFERRAL: (908)353-4715
 UNION COUNTY LEGAL SERVICES: (908)354-4340

YOU, O'CONNOR CORPORATION are made party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment/lien/mortgage which may be against the owner/mortgagors and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity. File# FHQ 701

PUBLIC NOTICE

Dated: August 7, 2008
 CHRISTINA P. HIGGINS
 Clerk of the Superior
 Court of New Jersey
 U218964 WCN Aug. 14, 2008 (\$42.14)

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Section 511 of The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, the Township of Union Housing Agency is required to develop an annual plan to advise HUD, its residents, and members of the public of the Agency's mission for serving the needs of low-income and very low income families and the Agency's strategy for addressing those needs.

This Notice is to advise the public that the proposed annual plan and administrative plan are available for inspection by the public as of August 14, 2008 at the Union Township Clerk's Office, Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ, during the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This Notice is also to advise the public that a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed plan will be held on October 2, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, N.J. in the main meeting room. All citizens are encouraged to offer their comments at the public hearing or by writing to the Union Township Housing Assistance Payments Program, Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, N.J., Attention: Paula Gibki, Director, U218811 UNL Aug. 14, 2008 (\$18.62)

UNION

SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-07001324
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F1679006
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC.

VS.
 Defendant: STEPHANIE SMITH, ROGER SMITH
 Sale Date: 08/20/2008
 Writ of Execution: 03/05/2007

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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J.,

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sale Date: 08/27/2008
Writ of Execution: 05/20/2008
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 TOWN 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-08004805
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2381307A
County: Union
Plaintiff: DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL INC.
VS
Defendant: ARMANDO TORRE, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS A NOMINEE FOR ACT LENDING CORPORATION, D/B/A ACT MORTGAGE CAPITAL

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08004470
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2607707
County: Union
Plaintiff: COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
VS
Defendant: CHERYL GRAY-WATSON;

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MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, N.A. PREMIER CONSULTING ASSOCIATES, LLC, ANN CATRIN SIMMONS, EAST COAST FUNDING LLC AND ASSCALA ECHEBERRY, TENANT
Sale Date: 08/27/2008
Writ of Execution: 05/19/2008
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 TOWN 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-08004682
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1708907
County: Union
Plaintiff: US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-2
VS
Defendant: MANDJE TOURE
Sale Date: 09/03/2008
Writ of Execution: 05/14/2008
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 TOWN 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.

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LINDEN
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08004459
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1740704
County: Union
Plaintiff: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.
VS
Defendant: JOSEPH V. CAPLETTE, MARY JO CAPLETTE
Sale Date: 08/27/2008
Writ of Execution: 07/01/2008
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 TOWN 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-08004838
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1645207
County: Union
Plaintiff: GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC
VS
Defendant: EDSON MALANSKI, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND HIS, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC.; JONIDES SOUSA
Sale Date: 09/10/2008
Writ of Execution: 07/09/2008
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 TOWN 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.

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ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08004806
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3310407
County: Union
Plaintiff: COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
VS
Defendant: LID J. PACHECO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS INC. AND ELVIRA LARGO, TENANT
Sale Date: 09/10/2008
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 TOWN 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-08004456
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2546507
County: Union
Plaintiff: WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA
VS
Defendant: HERBINTON RODRIGUEZ, MARTHA RODRIGUEZ
Sale Date: 08/27/2008
Writ of Execution: 08/23/2008
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 TOWN 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.

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ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08004827
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3257307
County: Union
Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE
VS
Defendant: ANNA BRITOS, THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 09/10/2008
Writ of Execution: 07/08/2008
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 TOWN 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-08004815
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3447507
County: Union
Plaintiff: HSBC USA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON ARMT 2005-1
VS
Defendant: JUAN VENTURA, ANTONIA VENTURA, LUIS HERNANDEZ, NJ LENDERS CORP; PARK PLAZA RADIOLOGY; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC, AMICA MUTUAL INSURANCE, CHAIM M. MANDEL, COZY FORMAL WEAR INC, PRIME UNIFORM SUPPLY, INCORPORATED; AHS HOSPITAL CORP; MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES; JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.
Sale Date: 09/10/2008
Writ of Execution: 07/16/2008
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 TOWN 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.

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Moving is simple if you make a plan and stick to it

A move generally takes eight to 10 weeks in all, and with so many details to keep in mind — packing, cleaning, setting up utilities — it can be an overwhelming experience.

But thorough planning is the key to an easy move.

Week eight

- Call for estimates from three professional movers.
- Draw a floor plan of your new home.
- Call the Chamber of Commerce in your new town for its residential information packet.

Week six

- Inventory all possessions now. Decide what to move, sell, replace or donate to charity.
- Complete U.S. Postal change of address forms and mail to media, stores and organizations.
- Obtain copies of all of your medical, dental, legal, accounting and veterinarian records.

- Make arrangements for record transfers between schools on both ends of the move.

- Ask a tax advisor to review your potential moving-related tax deductions and potential tax liability.

- Itemize moving-related costs with your mover, including packing, loading, special charges and insurance.

Week four

- Repair, send out for re-upholstery or clean furniture, drapes and carpeting as necessary.

- Advertise a garage/yard/tag sale to dispose of unneeded furniture, accessories and clothes.

- If a professional mover is packing your goods, schedule packing day(s) one or two days before the move.

- If you move yourself, order adequate boxes, packing materials and tape.

- Arrange for short-term storage if you will need it.

- Make travel arrangements for pets, including necessary medical records and

immunizations.

Week three

- Assemble a sufficient supply of packing materials and equipment.

- Pack items you won't use immediately or that will go into storage.

- Contact utilities on both ends of the move, and order termination or turn-on for your occupancy date.

- Confirm final travel arrangements for family and pets.

Week two

- Prepare auto(s) for the trip to your new home. Check tires and have car(s) serviced before the move.

- Terminate newspaper and other delivery services.

- Confirm new bank accounts by phone and fax.

- Schedule an appliance service firm for moving day to prepare major appliances for the move.

Week one

- Gather important papers, records and

valuables for protected shipment to your new home or safe deposit.

- Notify friends and neighbors of new address — and phone number if possible.

- Make plans for young children to be cared for on moving day.

- Fill any necessary prescriptions and medications needed for the next two weeks.

- Defrost refrigerator and freezer. Give away all food in both units.

- Plan simple meals for moving day — or take out food — to avoid using the refrigerator.

- Pick up cash for your trip and a certified check for mover's invoice.

- Pack items you need to take with you, including valuables, financial records and personal papers.

- Pack signed bill of lading and inventory where they can easily be located at your destination.

- Carefully mark "Last box packed, first box unpacked" containing items you'll need right away, like tools and window shades.

Be certain your entire home is 'electrical safe'

While it's said "your home is your castle," whether you live in a tiny studio apartment in the city or a sprawling mansion in the suburbs, is your castle really as safe and secure as commonly thought?

Most people don't realize the potential danger posed by electrical hazards hidden in the walls of their homes or lying unseen on their grounds. According to the

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, over 400 people are electrocuted in the United States every year. An additional 500 lives are claimed, and nearly 1.6 billion in property damage is caused, by electrically-related fires. Given these alarming statistics, now is always the best time to follow a checklist from the Leviton Institute to ensure the "castle" is truly safe:

- Don't overload outlets: With power strips and surge protectors, it's all too easy to add more appliances to an outlet than it was designed to handle.

- Outlets and switches: Replace any outlet or switch that has broken parts or cracks, feels warm to the touch, or has plugs that hang loose.

- Power cords and extension

cords: Examine power and extension cords for fraying or cracking. Replace taped-over cords, or those showing wear. Never run cords or extensions under carpets, rugs, or furniture.

- Install ground fault circuit interrupters and test them monthly: Ground fault circuit interrupters have prevented hundreds of electrocutions and untold numbers of

injuries since the early 1970s. The National Electrical Code requires ground fault circuit interrupter-equipped outlets in rooms with a water source or damp ground such as kitchens, bathrooms, garages, laundry rooms, crawl spaces, and in outdoor locations like hot tubs or poolside, where they should be equipped with weatherproof covers.

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Clark firm plans to develop new homes

Forest Glen Estates to add luxury living space to lots in Westfield

On Aug. 4, the Westfield Planning Board granted final approval for the construction of Forest Glen Estates, a three-lot sub-division set on new cul-de-sac adjacent to Rahway Avenue in Westfield. Daunno Development Company, a Clark-based construction development firm, announced that it has agreed on terms to purchase the 2.5-acre sub-division for development.

"This is one of the last large parcels of undeveloped property left in Westfield and we are excited by the opportunity to develop it," Marketing Director Rudolph Daunno III said. "It is our goal to create a truly elegant enclave of custom built homes and strive towards our goal of distinguishing our company as one of Central New Jersey's most prestigious home builders."

The project is set to have many qualities unique to Westfield. First, each lot in the new sub-division will be half to three-fourths of an acre in size — exceptionally large lots for Westfield.

Second, two of the three homes will have the potential for walk-out basements.

Third and most importantly, the project will back up to the heavily-wooded property owned by Saint Helen's Church and Tamaques Park: both of which will never be developed.

To ensure that the project will be truly something special, the Daunno Team has sought the assistance of the

award-winning architectural firm of Beer and Coleman to assist in the design of the three custom homes.

Current design concepts for the project include at least 4,000 square feet of living space, three car side entry garages, complete landscape packages, finished basements and exceptional quality throughout.

As standard with all Daunno built homes, their clients will have the opportunity to make all interior and exterior selections throughout the construction process to create a truly custom home.

Also included are generous allowances for cabinets, countertops, appliances, tile, doors and light fixtures.

In addition to Forest Glen Estates, Daunno Development currently has two other local sub-divisions under construction. Mohawk Trail, also located in Westfield, is a sold out two lot sub-division where both homes were roughly 2,900 square feet in size.

Charlotte Drive Estates in Clark is an eight-lot sub-division with four homes sold and four to-be-built custom homes currently for sale. Daunno Development also specializes in large scale additions, add-a-levels, knockdowns and complete home makeovers.

For sales information, a list of standards, or more general information on this project or the company, call 732-396-3995 or visit www.daunno.com.

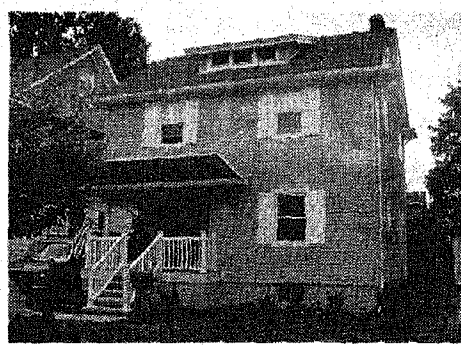
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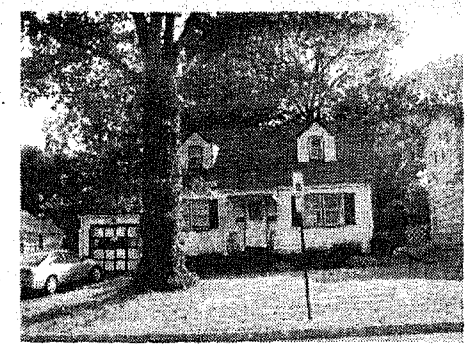
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Employees and owners of the Chestnut Chateau in Union join Mayor Clifton People Jr., fourth from right, as they celebrate the opening of a newly-renovated section of the restaurant, which is located on Chestnut Street.

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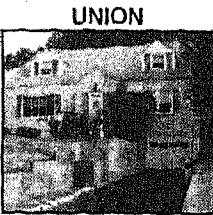


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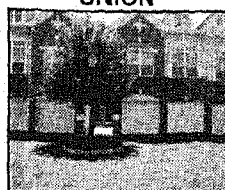
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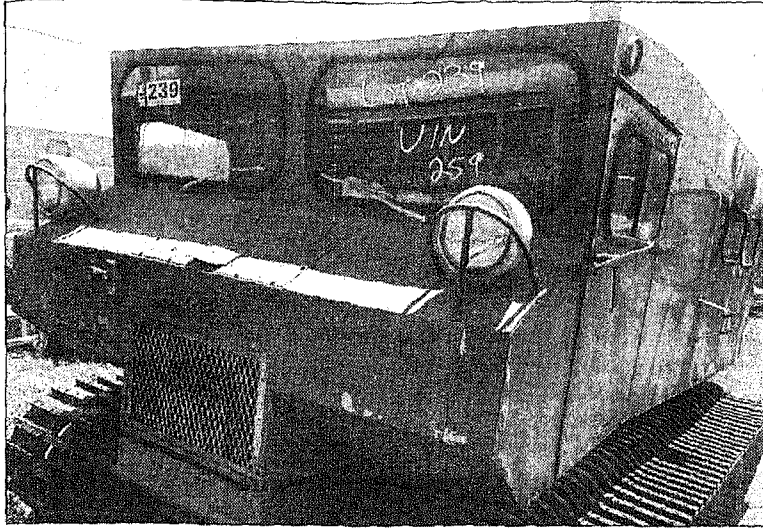
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Linden officials took advantage of the popularity of online auctions to sell some of its excess equipment. Trucks, such as the one above, were sold to bidders as far away as Russia.

Big deals: Online auction a success

By John O'Reilly and Spencer Reiss

LINDEN — City representatives are sold on the newest trend in municipal sales.

They are lauding their first online auction as a hit, saying they raised more money than expected and drew in bidders from as far as Russia. "It was a huge success," said city Purchasing Agent Ann Marie Whelan.

The total amount raised by the city was \$36,119 for 18 vehicles, which included everything from an obsolete firetruck to a 1998 Lincoln Town Car. Auction Liquidation Services, of Eatontown, received a six-percent commission from the sales. The auction services receives the bids at its Web site and is responsible for shipping the products.

Prior to the July 26-30 auction, Whelan said she expected the city to earn about \$35,000 from new sales method. The last auction of 23 vehicles in June, netted about \$28,000, she said.

The farthest bidder, in Russia, purchased a \$3,300 Snow Cargo truck. Another distant bidder, from Canada, bought a \$5,051 Bluebird bus. Meanwhile, the highest fee shelled out was \$7,800 for the purchase of a 1968 Mack Truck.

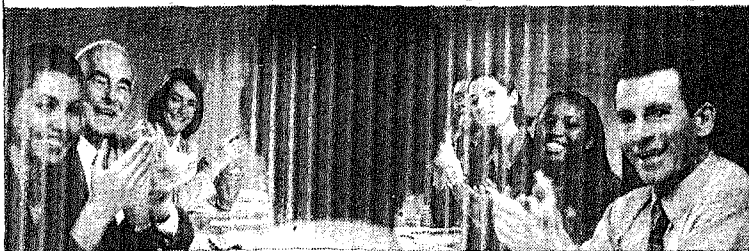
"This is the main advantage to online," said ALS owner Stephen Miranti. "Our audience comes from a distance of a 250-mile radius and even has these overseas buyers."

ALS owner Stephen Miranti said online bidding has numerous benefits to a town, such as an expanded market and more time for buyers to view the goods. Miranti said his company alone has 3,000 registered buyers.

Because of the auction's success, municipal officials said the online auction method will become the primary tool in the future.

"We will mostly use online sales from now on," Whelan vowed.

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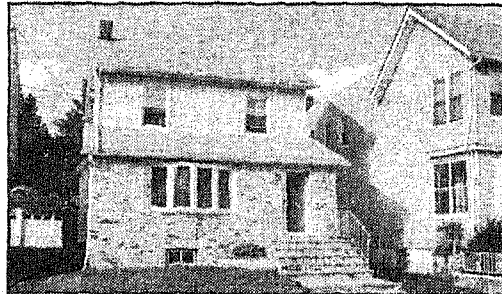
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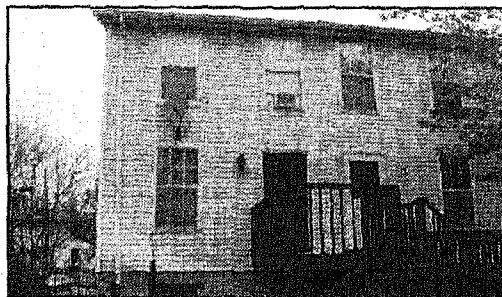
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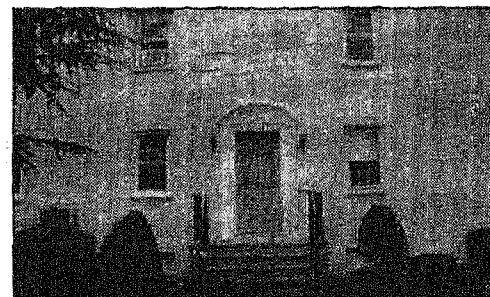
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