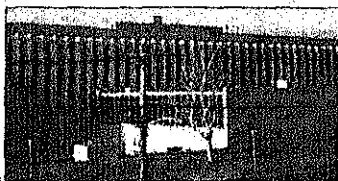


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## Contract for district principals

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — Principals at Summit schools have reached an agreement with the Board of Education on a new contract, while the Summit Education Association continues its negotiations with the board. The agreement with the Summit Principals Association, which will extend through June 30, 2011, was reached after one day of deliberation in early November.

Board of Education president Patricia Calhoun was relieved to come to terms with the principals, given the SEA contract has yet to be finalized, despite being almost four months overdue.

"The board...is grateful for the excellent leadership our principals bring to our schools and their commitment to providing the highest quality education to our children," Calhoun said.

According to the new SPA contract, administrators' salaries will increase 4.2 percent for the first year, 4 percent in the second year and 4 percent the third year. The principals also agreed on existing employees making a 7.5 percent contribution towards the premium on their benefits, while employees hired after the 2009-10 school year pay a 10 percent contribution.

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Photo By Christine Huzlak, Linden Public Schools

Linden Superintendent of Schools Joseph E. Martino, along with high school students John Fruciano and Aja Martin, work together in the secondary life skills classroom at the Academy of Science and Technology. Martino is retiring after approximately 30 years of service in the Linden Public School District.

## 'I have had a great run'

### Linden schools superintendent reviews A+ career

By John O'Reilly III  
Staff Writer

LINDEN — After nearly a half-century career in education, Linden Superintendent Joseph Martino is preparing to retire Dec. 31, passing the torch to assistant superintendent Rocco Tomazic.

Martino expects to spend time with his tight-knit family, including two daughters working in the

Woodbridge School System, a son who is a police officer and a mother who turned 100 years old in September.

He is looking back on a long career, which includes a stint as a physical education teacher and football coach in Colonia and in Rahway and holding administrative posts in Linden, where he kicked off his teaching career in 1960. The Woodbridge Township

native served on his hometown's Board of Education as well.

**Q: What are you going to miss the most as an educator?**

**A: The kids. If you are in this profession and don't love to help kids, you don't belong here.**

**Q: Do you keep in touch with former students?**

**A: I have been fortunate to have a lot of successful students**  
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## Lottery winners get \$75.5M holiday bonus

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

UNION — Mario and Clelia Lopes will not have to stress about money this holiday season.

The couple received a significant holiday bonus, \$75.5 million to be exact.

The former construction worker, 55, and homemaker became multi-

millionaires when they finally came forward and claimed the money they won in the July 22 Mega Millions lottery drawing. The Lopeses of Union Township, formerly of Newark, were the only people who hit the 12-state Mega Millions lottery on that date, winning the \$126 million jackpot, with 175 million to 1 odds.

The Lopes Family chose the cash option, which means they will receive \$75,499,102 before the 25 percent federal withholding tax, according to the press released issued by the Mega Millions Media Center Monday.

Mega Millions member states include: New Jersey, California, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massa-

chusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

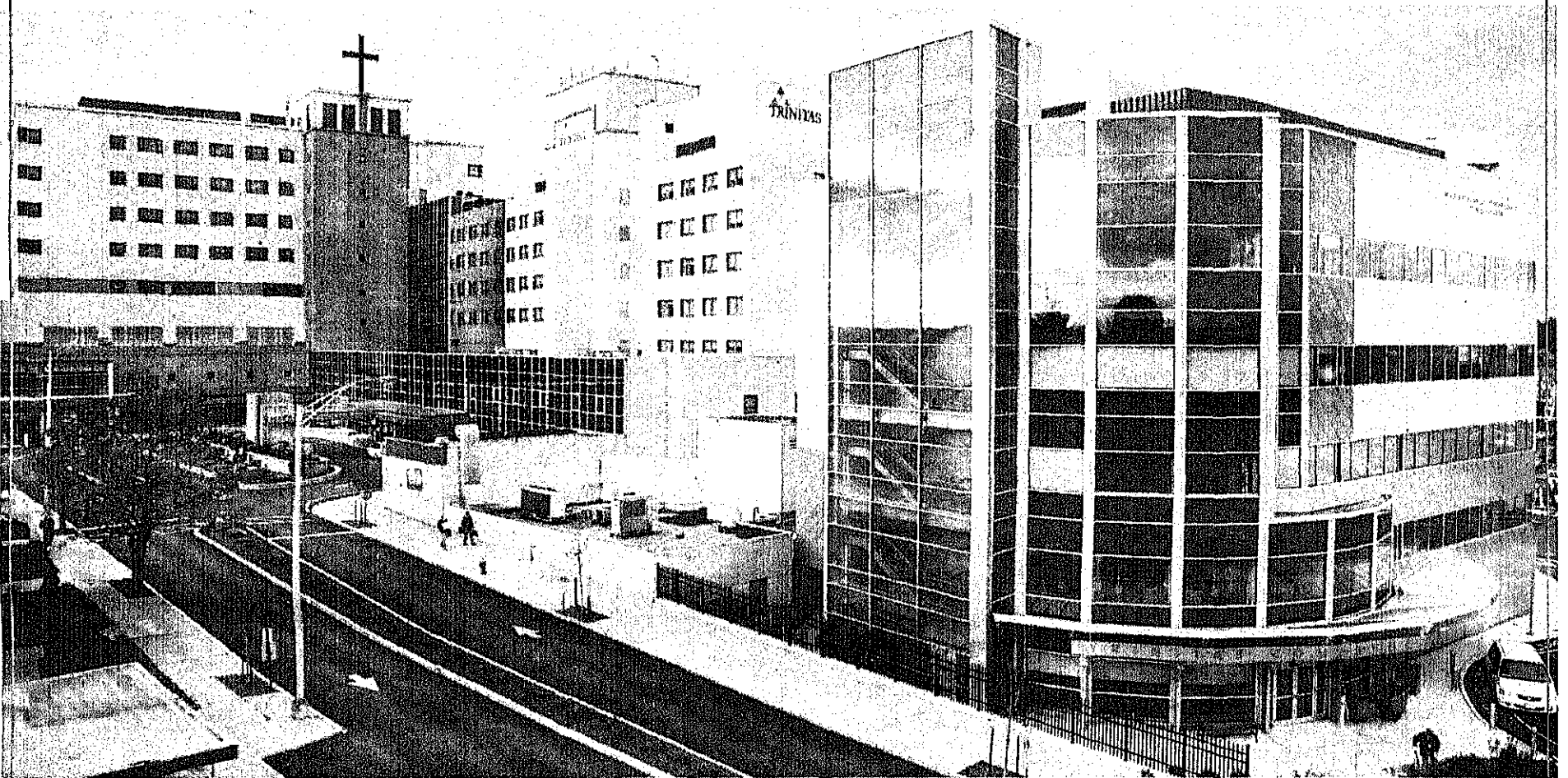
The winning ticket was purchased on July 22 at Seabra Supermarket on Wilson Avenue in Newark. The store owners, Jose Albano and Antonia Seabra, earned \$10,000 from the lottery for selling  
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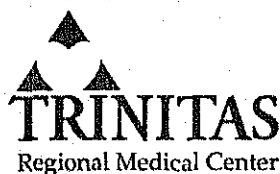
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# Final Rt. 35 leader pleads guilty; faces life sentence

By John O'Reilly III  
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — The final member of the Route 35 Crew to plead guilty to a series of robberies and of weapons possession charges faces a sentence of life imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine, according to the U.S. District Attorney's Office.

Ruben Rosado, 31, of Rahway — one of the leaders of the crew accused of armed robbery, racketeering and sexual assault — is scheduled to be sentenced on March 16, before U.S. District Judge Joel Pisano. He is currently being held in the Union County jail. Rosado, however, has already been ordered to pay restitution — not yet determined — to his victims.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Joseph Mack said due to Rosado's

"extreme conduct" during his crimes, the plea agreement stipulates he will face a more severe sentence than is usually applicable by federal guidelines.

He added prosecutors would seek the maximum penalty at sentencing.

On Monday, Rosado admitted to taking part in 11 armed bank robberies, a home invasion and two other robberies between August 2006 and August 2007, according to acting U.S. Attorney Ralph J. Marra Jr.

The group robbed banks across Union and Middlesex counties, including hits at Speedy Cash Checking in Linden and Rahway Savings Bank. They reportedly collected more than \$288,000 in total from the banks they robbed.

In a federal indictment handed

down in November, Rosado was also accused of "groping and sexually assaulting" many of his female victims.

Among his other, more severe acts, Rosado admitted in court to beating an elderly courier during a 2006 robbery in Garwood and pointing a gun at a baby and its mother during a 2006 home invasion.

Five other members of the gang had already pleaded guilty earlier this year to various crimes.

All crew members await sentencing, but face much less prison time than Rosado, due to the severity of his crimes and behavior, according to the U.S. District Attorney's Office.

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Clark recently kicked off its first holiday decorating contest. Pick up a listing of displays to view at the Clark Recreation Department, 430 Westfield Ave.

## Slip, sledding away



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Mr. and Mrs. Claus atop a fire truck at the recent Roselle Park Holiday Parade.

## Lighting strikes!

### Home decorating contest underway

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

CLARK — Pulling out all the lights in the closet this season is more than fun, it can be lucrative. Local officials are on the look-out for the best decorated homes in the township.

The Recreation Department introduced the town's first house decorating contest last week. Director Ralph Bernardo said he wanted to organize the program after noticing that many other towns, such as Clifton and Kenilworth, have held similar competitions. "I thought it would be a fun thing to do, considering so many people put so much thought and work into decorating their houses," Bernardo said.

The township's Tree Lighting Committee will serve as the judges. The winner will receive a gift certificate for an undecided amount to either Lowe's or Home Depot, which Bernardo said should prove useful in purchasing extra gifts or extra decorations for next year.

Clark already has some Christmas decoration enthusiasts, such as Lincoln Boulevard resident Mike Bruno. Bruno's house is already "decked out" for the holidays, overflowing

with lights, music and inflatable figures.

"I started decorating for my kids," Bruno said. "My son, who is eight, has already spent two days helping."

Bruno said he's seen other houses in Clark with good displays, and he hopes the contest will encourage more people to pull out all the stops while decorating this year.

More than 28 homes have already registered to take part in the event, according to Bernardo.

"People have been more than willing to sign up," Bernardo said. "I'm thrilled with the response."

Residents who registered for the contest by the Dec. 10 deadline must complete decorating on or before Dec. 20 to participate. Winners will be contacted by phone and prizes will be awarded.

Families are encouraged to drive through town, viewing the decorations. A list of houses participating in the contest will be available for residents to pick up at the Clark Recreation Department, 430 Westfield Ave., after Dec. 15.

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## Township of Union couple wins 'Mega' bucks

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the ticket with the winning numbers — 2, 16, 23, 29 and 32 and the Gold Mega Ball number 46.

The store owners could not immediately be reached for comment. "We feel...very lucky," said Clelia, who purchased the winning ticket. "I was just in the grocery store, making my purchases, like I always have, and on my way out, I bought some Mega Millions tickets."

According to the Lopeses attorney, Michael Q. Bertone of Newark, they waited before coming forward because they were organizing their finances, tax issues and estate planning. "It took us a long time just to let the fact that we won sink in," Mario said in the press release. "We took our time and got some legal and financial advice from professionals. Clelia and I are pretty good with money, but when you're talking

\$75 million, well, it doesn't hurt to have an expert opinion or two."

Clelia said she didn't realize she had the winning ticket until several days after the drawing. "I checked the numbers twice, and then we checked them together, and we checked them again," she said.

State Treasurer R. David Rousseau shared the Lopeses' excitement when the family was presented their ceremonial check

at a press conference in Trenton Monday. "One of the greatest satisfactions the job of state treasurer holds is moments like this," Rousseau said.

At the press conference, The Lopes Family explained they plan to continue living in New Jersey and have no big plan to spend the money, but intend to sharing it with extended family in Portugal, where they are both from.

"We knew we'd be making our

players very happy this holiday season. The Lopes Family is living proof of that, even if their really big present came in July, rather than this month," acting Executive Director of the New Jersey Lottery William T. Jourdain said.

The Largest, single-ticket win in the New Jersey Lottery's 36-year history was Harold and Helen Lerner, who were the sole winners of a Mega Millions jackpot of \$258 million on Sept. 16, 2005.

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Township officials hope they can resolve a lawsuit filed against them by Hillside Office Park, a company seeking to lease office space at the contaminated Bristol Myers Squibb site on Liberty Avenue.

## Hillside Planning Board seeks resolution to Office Park lawsuit

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE — Planning Board officials say they hope to amicably resolve a lawsuit filed against the township by Hillside Office Park.

Hillside Office Park — a company seeking to lease office space at the contaminated Bristol Myers Squibb site on Liberty Avenue — filed the lawsuit in June in an effort to reverse the board's May rejection of the application for final site plan approval.

According to the applicant's complaint, the board's vote was "arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable."

"We're always open to finding a common middle ground that can make both parties happy," said Hillside Office Park's attorney, Michael Holzappel, with the Shrewsbury-based law firm Becker Meisel.

Planning Board members indi-

cated their decision was due largely to concern about the possible presence of contaminants in the soil on the roughly four-acre site, which presently contains three office buildings. "I don't think anyone is opposed to the use, but there are contamination issues that need to be addressed," board member Joe Menza said.

A remediation agreement between previous owners Bristol Myers Squibb, Sealed Air and the state Department of Environmental Protection has been in place for more than ten years. "The board's concern is this has been a...long, drawn-out process," Planning Board Attorney Rosemary Dougherty said.

Officials said they are also worried harmful substances in the soil could be disturbed by work Hillside Office Park plans to carry out, such as demolition, updating curbs and removing pavement.

Hillside Office Park moved onto the site after receiving preliminary site plan approval from the Planning Board in November 2007, enabling the company to use the site for their purposes, but not allowing the lease of space without final approval from the board.

Dougherty said the applicant pushed for final approval several months later, without addressing the environmental concerns.

But Holzappel said that according to state environmental law, the party responsible for the contamination of the site, Bristol Myers, is also responsible for its remediation.

He added the Planning Board has overstepped its bounds by denying final site plan approval. "The substance of the lawsuit was that in imposing that condition, the board is imposing on the jurisdiction of the DEP," Holzappel said.

Representatives from DEP could not be reached for comment.



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The toys are delivered to needy families by officers on patrol during their break periods. Toys will be donated to local charities and the United State Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program.

Donate toys until Dec. 22 at the lobby of police headquarters, 981 Caldwell Ave., Union.

Names of families in need will be collected through either the school nurse or the Guidance Department at Union schools. Do

not make referrals to the police department.

For information, contact the Community Policing Unit at 908-851-5095 or police Sgt. Boll at 973-332-1556.

### Take time for toddlers

Toddler time, for children ages 2.5 to 3.5 and their caregivers, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays through Dec. 18 at the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave. No registration is required.

### Women's group event

Elaine Ratner, president of the Jewish Women International Batim - Union Chapter, will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Burnet

Middle School in Union. Members of the board need to attend. Their family and friends may attend.

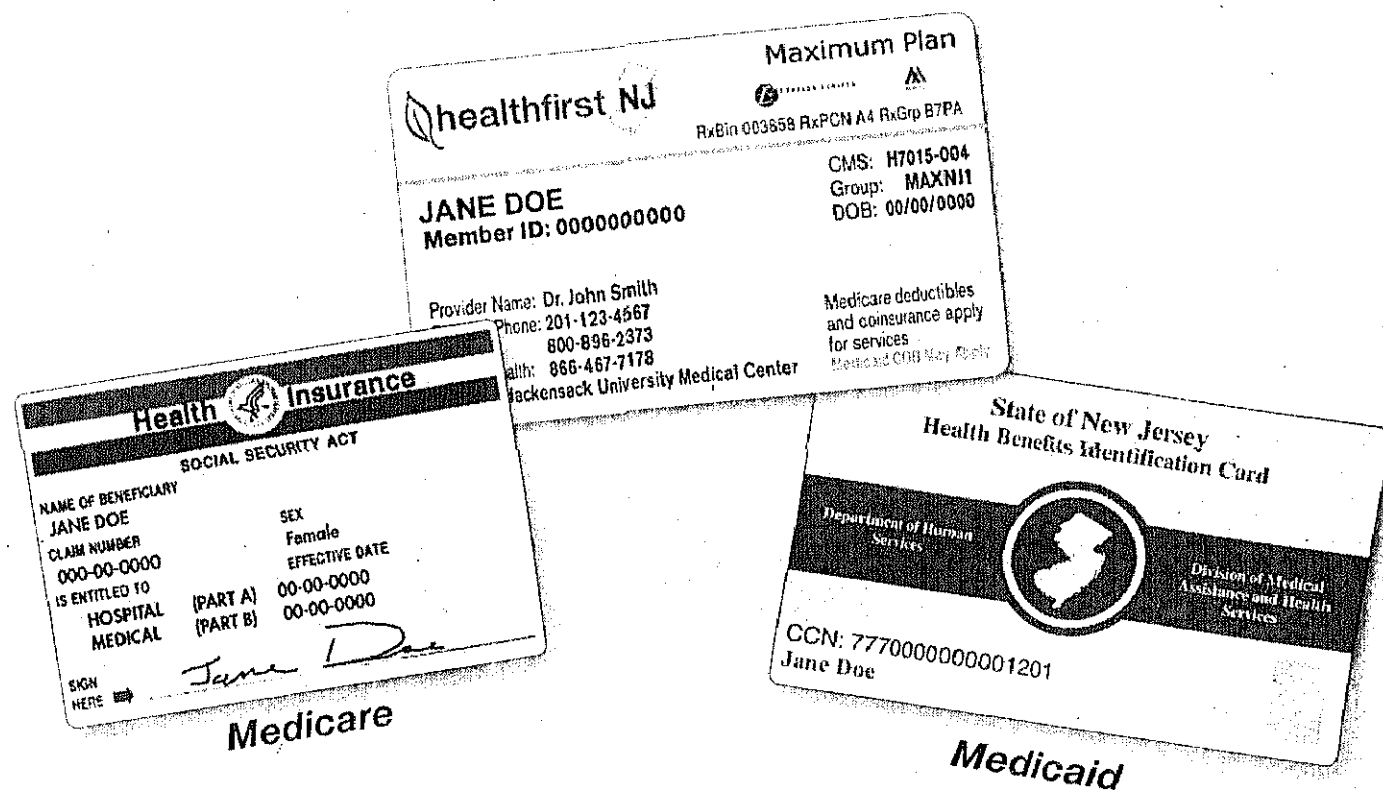
The regular meeting will follow at 8 p.m. Michael R. Yesenko, retired supervisor of social studies for the Union Public Schools has been invited. Refreshment will be served.

### Celebrate Walt Disney

Celebrate Walt Disney's birthday at the Children's Department of the Union Public Library Vauxhall Branch, 123 Hilton Ave. Disney movies will be shown on Monday at 3:30 p.m. and on Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend. No registration is required.



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# Officials mull downtown improvements

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer  
SPRINGFIELD — Don't like the downtown area? Officials say they are trying to change that.

The Township Committee met with residents, downtown business owners and their planning consultants, The Metro Company, on Dec. 4 at the Springfield Fire Department to discuss options to revitalize the area and attract new businesses.

According to Mayor Bart Fraenkel, the meeting, called by the committee, was the first of several planned to determine the needs of community members and determine how they think the township can improve on the "negative feelings" some, like resident Bruno Pavilcek, have toward the area, which includes

parts of Morris and Mountain avenues. "My family doesn't go downtown for dinner, because it has nothing to offer us," Pavilcek said. "Business owners aren't taking care of their...buildings."

Downtown business owners agreed the area needs improvement. "There is not a lot of pride in the area among business owners, and it's disheartening because we know what the area could be," said Dana Zuber, who owns property on Morris Avenue.

She pointed to downtown areas in Summit and Millburn as examples of what Springfield should aspire to.

In the past month, The Metro Company completed a preliminary review of the downtown, which included a walking tour and photographing the area.

"The current economy will give us some options to do some rather creative things with the area," said Stewart Portney, Metro president.

Assistant Engineer Sam Mardini suggested traffic on the state-controlled Morris Avenue may present challenges when addressing development. "We are looking into reducing the speed through several traffic-calming devices," Mardini said, noting sidewalks may be widened. "The state is willing to work with us by means of a jurisdictional agreement."

Committeeman Steven Grau suggested inverting some downtown buildings, or moving front doors to the back of buildings, and installing a courtyard behind these buildings to cut down con-

gestion on Morris Avenue.

Committeeman Ziad Shehady said a parking garage might help.

"There is more square footage of commercial area available for development in Springfield than in Millburn or Summit," Shehady said.

While officials are still working on a plan, Fraenkel said they have taken "a good first step."

"We want the property owners to know we are going to actively, not just vocally, do what is needed to be done. We want this to be a cooperative process, during which everyone in town, including the property owners, work together to achieve our goal."

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Holiday shoppers can once again park at the Infiniti dealership in Summit. Jaden McMillan and his grandmother, Michelle McMillan, leave Target after grabbing a few gifts.

## City Council makes room for shoppers

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — Local holiday shoppers can pull into the city's former Infiniti dealership lot on Franklin Place if they are looking for a space to park.

During the Dec. 2 meeting, the city's Common Council agreed in a 5-1 vote to use the main lot on Franklin Place, adjacent to the burned out Infiniti dealership building, as additional holiday parking, with councilman Michael Vernotico opposing the plan.

According to Parking Services Manager, Rita McNany, there are approximately 50 to 60 parking spaces at the Infiniti lot. McNany said there are also five additional municipal lots in the downtown area, along with around 500 meter spaces on the streets in the area.

Vernotico said he feels the use of the lot creates a conflict of interest. "I'm just not comfortable with this partnership right now. The owners of that lot are currently meeting with our Planning Board regarding the lot's fate and I can see this causing some issues down the road," Vernotico said.

Last month, the Common Council opposed an ordinance to rezone

the former Infiniti dealership site for residential use, on the basis it might create more traffic in the area. The city's planning board is currently in negotiations with the owners of the site, Jonathan and Peter Liebman of the Summit-based Douglas Auto Group, over what to do with the site.

Mayor Jordan Glatt echoed Vernotico's concern, noting a proposal to rezone to area for residential use had prompted complaints from nearby property owners, some of whom had signed a petition opposing the plan in July.

City solicitor Barry Osmun said he does not see a problem with using the lot for extra holiday parking. "It's for the use of the residents and shoppers, not for the city," he said.

Council president Andrew Lark agreed. "We have been doing this for several years, and we don't see any issues with continuing to accept this gift."

The lot, which is fenced in and lighted, will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, until the new year.

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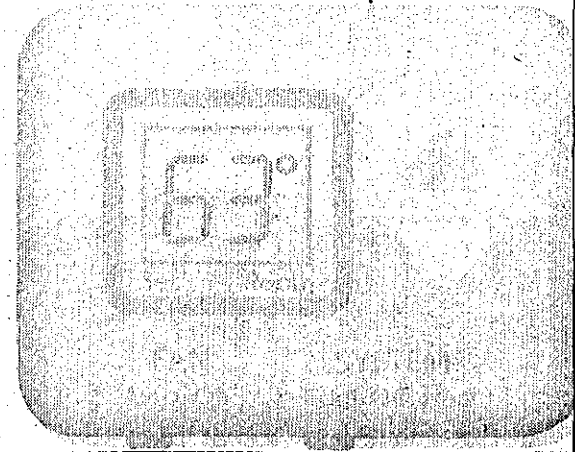
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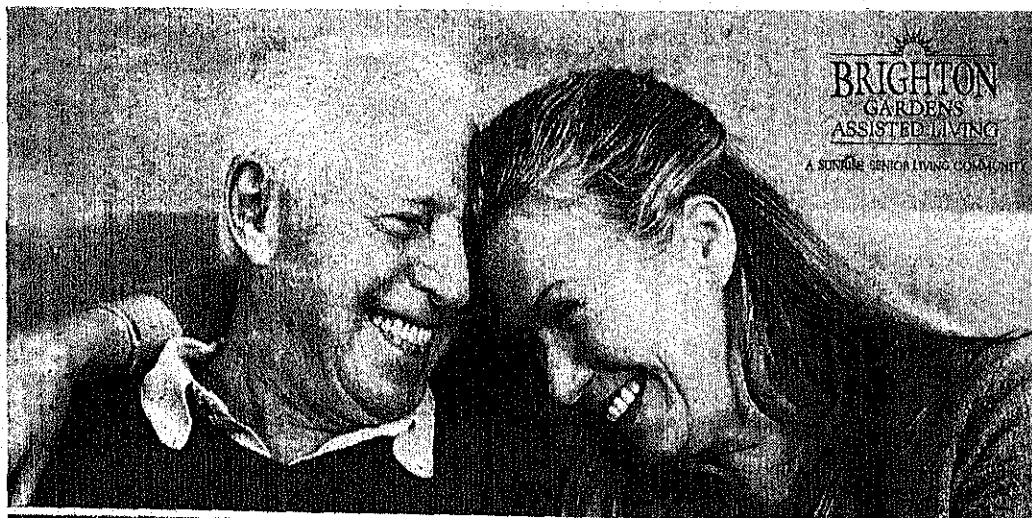
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# Bar fights result in 10 arrests, injuries

By John O'Reilly III  
Staff Writer

ROSELLE — It's the most wonderful time of the year. But, not at borough nightclubs.

Several fights around the Thanksgiving holiday led to ten arrests, one intoxicated woman being hospitalized, a man's head being smashed through a glass window and a woman urinating on Borough Hall, according to police.

"We are experiencing some problems, particularly on Friday nights. There are people who can't handle their liquor," said Roselle police Capt. Gary Ricardelli.

But Studio All Zone manager Lester Pietranek, said there are few problems at the bar. "There's some big mouthing when people go outside, but they won't talk back to police next time," he said.

The troubles began on Thanksgiving night, as two local bars were closing, police said.

**Studio All Zone**

Violence erupted between several groups of men outside Studio All Zone on 841 St. Georges Ave. More than 300 partygoers emptied onto the streets in front of the club shortly after 2 a.m.

Six Roselle Police Department officers were called to break up the brawl. The officers were assisted by Linden, Cranford and Roselle Park police departments and security at the nightclub.

At around 2:47 a.m., police arrived at the club to help a 20-year-old Lyndhurst woman who was passed out in front of the nightclub and appeared to be intoxicated, police said.

As the woman was taken to a nearby hospital by local EMS workers, several fights flared in nearby parking lots.

Law enforcement officers who attempted to break up the fights, were drawn into the mess.

In one encounter, Ibrahim Halsey, 25, of Elizabeth punched a police officer in the chest, knocking him to the ground and injuring his wrist and ankle.

He attempted to hit the officer a second time, but the patrolman hit Halsey in the face first and handcuffed him with the help of bouncers.

Halsey was taken to Union Hospital for stitches.

He was charged with aggravated assault, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. He was being held in the Roselle jail pending bail.

Also arrested were Isiah Halsey, 26, and Andre Grayson, 26, both of Elizabeth and Manuel Nunez, 26, Joel Torres, 28, Jerry Morales, 24, Jeffrey Gumbs, 21, and Cedric Parish, 21, all of Perth Amboy. They were charged with disorderly conduct and failure to disperse.

The next night at the same bar, around 10:16 p.m., two women were arrested after getting into a fight in front of police working security in the area.

Deserae Bonner, 18, and Lela Smith, both of Perth Amboy were charged with disorderly conduct and transported to police headquarters.

Police noted Bonner urinated near the side entrance of Borough Hall when she was released, causing another complaint to be filed against her for urinating in public.

**Sky Box Brouhaha**

On the same night, witnesses told police they saw Brian Goger, 26, of Union screaming threats at an unidentified woman outside Sky Box nightclub on 586 Raritan Road at approximately 2:15 a.m.

When a 24-year-old Roselle resident asked him to calm down, Goger reportedly punched him in the face and slammed his head into the club's front window, shattering the glass.

Both Goger, who police say was "highly intoxicated," and Brian Deeble, of Linden, who was allegedly causing a separate disturbance, were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

The victim had told police he did not plan to press charges against the two men, they say.

John O'Reilly III can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 116, or [editorial@thelocalsource.com](mailto:editorial@thelocalsource.com).

## SUMMIT BRIEFS

### Job search seminar

The Summit Free Public Library will hold a seminar, "Maximizing Your Job Search," on Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

This two-part seminar, led by career coach Patsy Hammond, is designed for individuals currently looking for jobs or looking to switch careers. The program is free, but space is limited. Participants must register for both sessions. Stop by the Reference Desk at the library, 75 Maple St., or call 908-273-0350, ext. 3.

### Old Guard meeting

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

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## Rising the the top



Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung announced that Chiamaka Esomonu of Union is one of 75 seniors honored by the HBCU Rising Scholars Fund Scholarship program. From left: Sophia Santos, student counselor; Sr. Lisa Gambacorto, RSM, directress of the academy, and Esomonu.

## RAHWAY BRIEFS

### Church flea market

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church flea market will be on Saturday. The sale will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with vendor access at 7:30 a.m. The event will be held at the Parish Center, at 1407 St. Georges Ave., Rahway.

For information or to be a vendor, call Maryann at 908-518-0107.

### NAACP to meet

The Rahway Branch of the NAACP will meet at the Ebenezer AME Church, 253 Central Ave., on Monday at 6:30 p.m. The regular meeting will follow the executive session at 7:30 p.m.

### RCP board to meet

The Rahway Center Partnership Board of Trustees will meet Dec.

24 at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, One City Hall Plaza.

### Parking group meets

The Parking Authority of the City of Rahway will hold its regular meetings at 67 Lewis St., Rahway, at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 7. A reorganization meeting will be followed immediately by the regular meeting.

### RCP board to meet

The Rahway Center Partnership Board of Trustees will meet Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, One City Hall Plaza.

### Parking group meets

The Parking Authority of the City of Rahway will hold its regular meetings at 67 Lewis St., Rahway, at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 4.

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## Costa: Looting discovered

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

ROSELLE PARK — The Nov. 18 fire that destroyed the Costa restaurant on Chestnut Street has attracted some less admirable behavior, according to police who arrested a 46-year-old man for allegedly looting the abandoned structure a week after the incident.

After Joseph Gratacos, 46, was charged with burglary, theft and possession of burglary tools Nov. 25, he allegedly committed lewd acts while being held at the police station, according to law enforcement officials.

Detective Sgt. Manuel Jimenez said Gratacos' arrest came after police saw him covered with soot and ash and hauling a power washer down Chestnut Street.

The officer who approached Gratacos noticed he smelled of smoke, according to police reports.

The power washer was found to have been taken from a shed in the rear of the Costa restaurant property. Gratacos was also found with a

checkbook that was missing from an apartment above the restaurant.

"Gratacos was...close enough to the fire scene for the (officer) to figure what was happening," Jimenez said.

After being transported to police headquarters, Gratacos created a disturbance in the holding area, removing all his clothes, threatening officers and hurling his feces at the walls, police said.

Jimenez said Roselle Park police have had "encounters" with Gratacos in the past.

He received an additional charge of criminal mischief for damaging the station's holding area. His was held at the Union County jail on \$35,000 bail.

Jimenez said that while the restaurant is not in danger of collapsing, it should be considered unsafe. "It's definitely a place...no one should be walking through," he said.

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## SPRINGFIELD BRIEFS

### Toys for Tots drive

The Springfield Fire Department, the Community Conference Group of Springfield schools, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and the Marine Corp Reserves once

again have joined forces for a Toys for Tots program. Make a donation of a new, unwrapped toy and or a financial donation for children up to the age of 15. For information, call 973-912-2211.

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# Outgoing leader recall highs, lows

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I've kept in touch with. Their success is what adds to my own success.

**Q: What programs have you initiated that you are most proud of?**

**A:** I've had a number of programs people have really bought into. They include Reading First and our after-school tutoring program. The International Baccalaureate program has been very successful and adds another dimension to our academics. Also Life Skills, a program for special needs students.

**Q: What areas of improvement did you try to focus on as superintendent?**

**A:** Student achievement is very important to me. In the eyes of many people in this town, we once had a great school system, but I think we are heading back to that.

People have to realize accountability happens today in state testing that never existed before. I think it is very important we have that, but the penalties put on school districts by No Child Left Behind are crazy, in my opinion.

**Q: What challenges did you face that the public might not be aware of?**

**A:** In anything I have done, I've always tried to out work people. With new technology, it is hard to do. Other challenges exist in putting board members, administrators and staff on the same path. I give a little bit of leadership, but I'm really nothing special. I am surrounded by great people, from staff to Board of Educations to mayors and the city council's past and present.

**Q: Do you find Linden unique in the level of cooperation for schools?**

**A:** Linden is unique. There are services that this town offers that are phenomenal. I only hope it can continue, because you don't get cooperation between the city, the community and the school system in

every town. When it comes to helping kids, there really is no jealousy in this town.

**Q: What is an example of a service that makes the district stand out?**

**A:** Some people have questioned why we teach Chinese. Well, if you look at the big picture, China is going to be a major force in our civilization. Why not start now and not worry about it 10, 20 or 50 years from now, when these kids are grown up.

**Q: How do you see education changing from 30 years ago to today?**

**A:** The biggest change has come not only in technology but in the family. The ability of parents to stay at home with the kids in the evenings has changed. There is pressure on parents to work two or three jobs, or to be a single parent. There was more stability years ago.

**Q: What are major challenges you think the district will face in the future?**

**A:** One challenge I was never able to tackle was building a new high school. With the tax burden and building space, it became harder and harder, and now with the financial crisis, it's harder yet. That's one thing I'll have to leave for somebody else.

**Q: What is one thing you won't miss about your job?**

**A:** I really do work 24 hours a day. I won't miss being up to 4 or 5 a.m., when it snows. I'll miss the people, the kids, but I won't miss meetings.

**Q: What are you planning to do after you retire?**

**A:** Now, I'm going to take a day off. I really don't have any plans, but I'm not going to be bored. Before I die, I want to go back to Italy.

All I know is it's time. I have had a great run. I'm probably here longer than I should have been, (laughs) but I'm very thankful.

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# SPA, BOE in agreement on contract

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Akey, who had served as president of the SEA, said tough economic times tend to slow negotiations.

"Both parties understood that and had been respectful of each other," he said.

The salary increases and contributions will be applied retroactively to the contract start date,

July 1, according to a recent press release issued by the Summit Public Schools. "I am cautiously optimistic the board and SEA will come to an agreement with the help of a professional mediator," said Akey.

Dan Miller, president of the SEA, said the group and the school board were expected to meet with a state appointed mediator Wednesday, in hopes of coming to an agreement on a new contract. They plan to meet a second time, in late January, if a decision is not reached, Miller added last week.

Summit Superintendent of schools, Nathan Parker, said he would not comment on the negotiation until an agreement is reached.

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# HILLSIDE BRIEFS

## Library book drive

The Hillside Public Library is conducting a book drive to help children and families of the less fortunate. Drop off a new, unwrapped book at the library for a child from pre-school age to 14. Donations will be accepted through Dec. 20. "Books for Kids" is a statewide program sponsored by the New Jersey Library Association. Last year, with the help of more than 200 libraries, 13,000 books were distributed to New Jersey children. For information, call 973-923-4413.

## BOH to meet

The Hillside Board of Health will meet at 6:45 p.m. today in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside avenues.

## Arts and crafts event

The Hillside Library will hold an arts and crafts event for all ages today from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The event is free.

## Adult computer class

The Hillside Library will hold an adult computer class, "Introduction to Computers and the Internet," today from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The event is free but registration is required. For information, call 973-923-4413.

## Adult computer class

The Hillside Library will hold an adult computer class, "Introduction to Computers and the Internet," today from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The event is free but registration is required. Call 973-923-4413.

## After-school movie

The Hillside Library will show an after-school movie for all ages, "Eight Crazy Nights," on Friday at 4 p.m. The event is free.

## Join in puzzles, crafts

The Hillside Library will hold an activities event, including puzzles and crafts, for children ages 5 and up Monday from 6:30 to 7 p.m. The event is free.

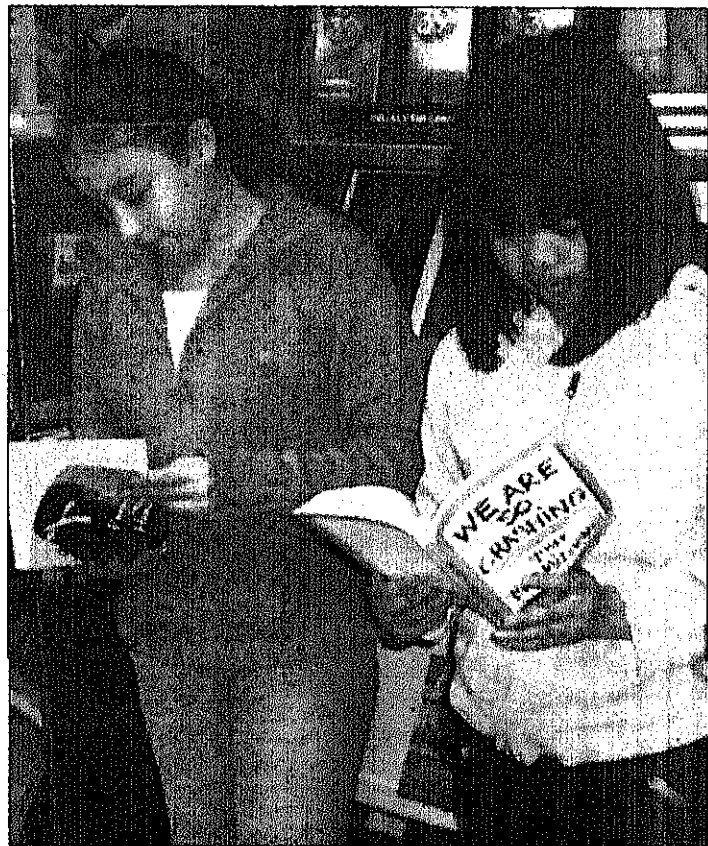
## Adult computer class

The Hillside Library will hold an adult computer class, "Bidding and Buying on E-Bay," on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The event is free but registration is required. Call 973-923-4413.



## SCHOOL ZONE

### Fun at the fair



Students enjoy books at the recent Scholastic Book Fair at the Central Five Jefferson School in Union.

## STUDENT UPDATE

### Figueredo honored

Benedictine Academy sophomore Arielle Figueredo of Union was one of four students honored at a recent school assembly as a "Student of the month." She, along with the other students, earned recognition for academic and all-around achievements at the school.

### Athletic scholarship

Janene Senofonte of Clark has received an athletic scholarship from James Madison University in Harrisburg, Va., for her swimming talents. Senofonte, who chooses James Madison University after visiting the school, began competitive swimming at age 8 and swims for the Fanwood/Scotch Plains YMCA as well as the Mount Saint

Mary Academy in Watchung.

### Kircher on dean's list

Robert J. Kircher of Clark has been named to the dean's list for high scholastic achievement during the fall 2007 and the spring 2008 semesters in the College of Business Administration at Fordham University. During a ceremony on Nov. 12, he was also accepted into the Father William E. Boyle, S.J. Society, created to acknowledge the best at the school.

### Locals earn masters

Kim Waddy of Hillside earned a masters in science and Lindsey Tracey of Kenilworth earned a masters in education from Springfield College, Mass.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Submit an essay

The Crane's Ford DAR invites students in grades 5 to 8 to participate in the American History essay contest. The focus: "What message did the Gettysburg Address communicate to our worn-torn nation in 1863 and how the ideals articulated are still relevant for our country." Deadline for submission is Dec. 19.

For information, contact Barbara Krause at 908-272-5549.

### CHS winter concert

Cranford High School Winter Concert, featuring the CHS Orches-

tra, Concert Choir, Madrigals, Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus, Women's Ensemble and Noteworthy Gentlemen, will be held Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

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## Be caring

Two people were arrested in Clark for allegedly shoplifting from two different markets — one reportedly stealing from the Clark Circle Liquor Store and the other reportedly taking more than \$100 worth of merchandise from the ShopRite supermarket on Central Avenue — the day before Thanksgiving. The incidents were heartbreaking for two reasons: the fact that the crimes were committed at all and the possible motivation, desperation before the holiday.

These incidents can remind us to take action this season, being generous, however possible, and caring for those around us. In Union County, there are many ways to help out.

- In Clark, Cub Scout Pack 145 is collecting new, unwrapped toys. Drop off items at the library, 303 Westfield Ave.

- Hillside Public Library is holding a book drive to aid the less fortunate. Drop off new, unwrapped books at the library, 1409 Liberty Ave., for a child from pre-school age to 14 through Dec. 20

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County, Roselle Park Keystone Club and Casano Community Center are sponsoring a holiday, canned food drive until Friday. Bring contributions to Roselle Park Youth Center, 234 Chestnut St.

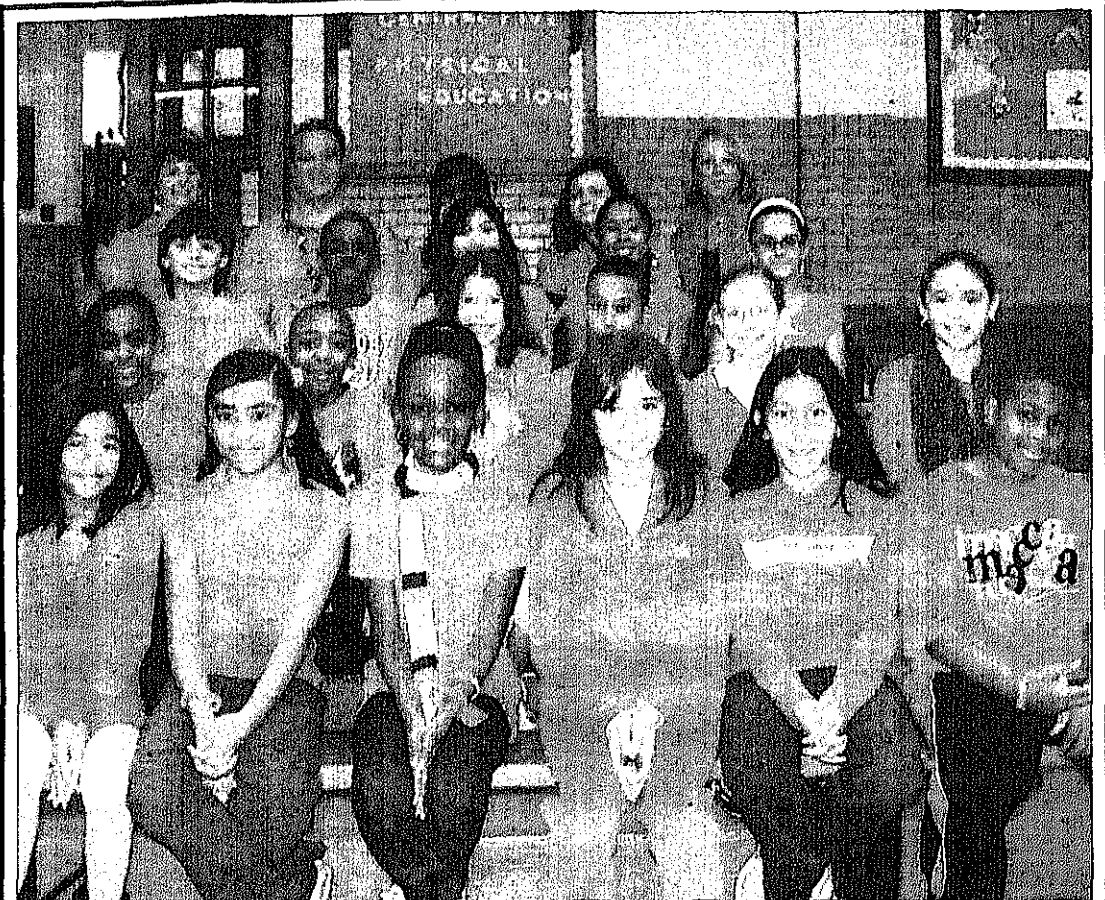
- Make a donation of a new, unwrapped toy and or a financial donation to a Toys for Tots drive in Springfield by Friday. Toys are collected for children as old as 15 and will be distributed by Springfield Fire Department to the town's needy. For information on where to donate, call 973-912-2211.

- Be a Salvation Army Red Kettle volunteer. Shifts are four hours. Kettle donations are used during the holidays to provide hot meals, warm clothing and small toys for children. Call 908-851-8236 for information.

- Take in a holiday show in the auditorium at Abraham Clark High School, located on Chestnut Street at Sixth Avenue, Roselle, at 7 p.m. on Dec. 18 and donate a canned food product, which will be donated to a local food bank.

- Have breakfast with Santa on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge Hall, 478 South Ave. East, Cranford, and bring a non-perishable item to be donated to Cranford Family Care.

These opportunities are just a few to get the giving going. To find out about more events and opportunities in your town, contact your local clerk's office, senior citizen center or schools.



GO RED — Members of the Union Central Five School Student council wear red in honor of Red Ribbon week.

## A few words from the 'president'

Katherine Suplee spoke very briefly last Friday night at the ceremony in her honor. She was installed as president of the Union County Bar Association's office at its 106th event. Lots of other people like judges, fellow attorneys and prominent officials had a lot of good things to say about her.

Joanne Rajoppi, the county clerk who sees more attorneys than most, spoke about Suplee's "professionalism, competency and compassion" when discussing her long time friend.

If the large crowd at the Suburban Country Club in Union was shortchanged, it was not getting to hear more about the diversity and the experience of this amazing and very kind new president. Supreme Court Justice Virginia Long spoke to the competency of the woman.

Suplee practices successfully well in the complex area of bankruptcy law. But it was the recollections about her tenacious work in the area of guardianship's for some vulnerable people which moved the crowd. Suplee can definitely fight government agencies.

Suplee also spent time trading travel plans with Rajoppi. Rajoppi was clearly no match. For Suplee, a trip to nature preserves in the western part of the country is no big deal. She is planning a new trip to Yellowstone Park. Her visit last weekend to the Forsythe Reserve in Burlington County was not out of the ordinary.

Family members spoke about

## Left Out

By Frank Capece

her always finding time for them. Justice Long quipped that "you can take the girl out of Elizabeth but you can't take Elizabeth out of the girl." That probably was true since Mayor Chris Bollwage made it a point to stop by, even though he was committed to taking his daughter who patiently stood by him, to a sleep over that evening.

Finally it was time for Suplee. To be expected, she was polite and even humble. She spoke about seeing "one old friend, after another." She pledged to represent the Association as its president. She said she would work to make next year's installation as joyous. If balance and hard work are the tests, she will probably succeed.

## More Adventures in Parking

The township has gone on record. The town wants a bigger cut of the fine money from the moving violations they charge. In Resolution 328, they argue for more than the current split of 50 percent that goes to "general municipal use and to defray the cost of operating the municipal court" and the 50 percent that goes to the county. The new resolution asserts that since the county cut goes to maintenance of

roads and bridges, but since the township pays County taxes for that purpose, there develops a double tax.

Cranford officials want an 80-20 cut. Of course, when the massive bridge projects — like the span over Springfield Avenue — were being completed, the new cut resolution didn't arise. Also, can you imagine if 80 cents on every moving violation dollar went to Cranford, what the impact would be on the Multitasker — Cranford's cycle-riding, ticket writing, champion. He would be a veritable fundraising hero.

In the interim, we also have the problem of parking cheaters. While Scooter the parking enforcer, and the Multitasker diligently write tickets at meters, residents have found refuge. For years, the owners of the Rustic Mill Restaurant and the Cranford News lots on the North side had seen sneaky parkers use their lots to go to the movies and bakery.

Now, the lot on the south side for the use of the Wachovia Bank and hardware store has been invaded. Parkers leave their vehicles and cross the street to enjoy breakfast. Last week, even three state police cruisers were parked there while the boys in blue met for cream cheese and bagels. I say, give Scooter the power to stop this injustice.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Try a warning next time

To the Editor:

After reading the "Liquor Allegedly Sold to Minors" article in the Oct. 30 issue of the *Union County Local Source*, I think Hillside Police Chief Robert Quinlan forgot the job of a chief is to protect citizens.

I do not agree with using underage officers to entrap small liquor store owners in the neighborhood. Surely, it can't make him proud to know those businesses may close or have to pay heavy fines.

By no means do I advocate that minors should be allowed to purchase alcohol, but there are certain niceties to be observed and practiced by Chief Quinlan. For instance, a friendly warning to the licensees may have done the job. What's more, it is the job of the state alcohol board to conduct these raids. I am so glad that I do not do business in Hillside.

Thomas Lafferty  
Hillside

### Mr. Tami, you are missed

To the Editor:

Many Cranford residents have good memories of John Tami, who passed away in November 2004. John Tami was the former manager of English Village Condominium in Cranford. He was a clever man, who had an interesting sense of humor. When someone told him about the fact that I am a member of Mensa, he revealed his wit by replying the only "club" he belongs to is the human race. John respected animals, and he got along fairly well with my schnauzers — Connie, Pistol, Max and Amanda. I will always appreciate Mr. Tami.

Marty McLoughlin  
Cranford

### Thanks for bringing cheer

To the Editor:

The members of Kenilworth VFW Post 2230 wish to express our appreciation to the faculty and students of Harding Elementary School and St. Theresa's School for their kindness and thoughtfulness in supporting our "Cards for Veterans" program.

It is because of people like you the VFW Post 2230 was able to bring a lot of cheer and happiness to the hearts of our veterans confined to Lyons Hospital.

The Veterans Day messages sent by the students were appreciated. Thanks for the prayers and inspirational, get-well messages to our veterans.

The students' spirit of love for our flag, our country, God and the veterans that served to maintain our four freedoms — freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from fear, and freedom from want — was simply superb.

We also wish to thank the St. Theresa's School art director Ms. Raimondi, principal Sister Theresa Samson, principal of Harding School Mrs. Murphy and the entire faculty of both schools for helping to initiate the success of this program.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Edward J. Miller, coordinator  
Robert E. Jeans Sr., commander  
VFW Post 2230

### Give to economic office

To the Editor:

Ron Stefanowicz, executive director of the Linden Economic Development office, labors vigorously, incisively and robustly for the economic improvement of Linden's citizens, but the City Council, which fails to sufficiently fund his office, is impeding Linden's ability to attain the maximum economic plateau. Stefanowicz labors at times, exceeding the normal 40-hour work week, for a paltry annual fee. Stefanowicz currently holds multiple degrees, including a master's degree in finance.

The Linden City Council must offer adequate funding to the Office for Economic Development so the

fruits of economic prosperity may blossom and flower for generations to come.

Michael Smith  
Linden

### Thanks for the support

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Township of Union Education Foundation, I want to thank the community for its generous support of our fall fundraisers.

The foundation partnered with the Menlo Park Mall for its Evening of Giving, Barnes & Noble in Springfield for a holiday book fair and Applebee's in Union for Dining to Donate. The Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization raises money throughout the year to fund innovative educational programs in our public schools. Foundation members saw many members of the community supporting our endeavors at our fall fund-raisers this year, and we are grateful for their support, especially during these tough times.

Thank you so much for helping us to help the children in our public schools.

Susan Lipstein, president  
Township of Union Education Foundation

### New bulbs save energy

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Cranford Environmental Commission, I would like to thank the volunteers who made our Light Bulb Distribution Day extremely successful.

Over 75 volunteers distributed more than 1,500 free compact fluorescent light bulbs. I am very grateful to the members of the community who contributed their time, energy, and enthusiasm. They received a very positive response in the neighborhoods they visited while giving out the light bulbs.

I would like to thank also the Project Porchlight team, who sponsored this event. They were passionate, well informed, and very well organized.

We achieved our goal to show people how easy it is to save money and help the environment by making simple changes. Lighting is a significant portion of the electricity we use in our homes — nearly 20 percent. Energy Star-qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs help reduce our electricity costs since they use 75 percent less energy than incandescent light bulbs and last up to 10 times longer.

I would like to remind everyone to recycle the bulbs properly either on Union County Household Special Waste Collection days or at all Home Depot stores. Everyone should take care when cleaning up a broken bulb. The EPA has guidelines at [www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/index.htm#fluorescent](http://www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/index.htm#fluorescent).

Any residents who would like to buy these bulbs at greatly discounted prices can go to an online store sponsored by the New Jersey Clean Energy Program at [www.energyfederation.org/njcleanenergy](http://www.energyfederation.org/njcleanenergy). Residents can do their part to save energy, while saving money, and help fight global warming by taking small energy-saving steps at home.

Take the Energy Star Pledge by going to [www.energystarcranford.2ya.com](http://www.energystarcranford.2ya.com).

Thanks again to everyone for their efforts!

Nelson Dittmar, chairman  
Cranford Environmental Commission

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# Couple pleads for city's help in finding lost dog

By John O'Reilly  
Staff Writer

LINDEN — A New Hampshire couple is asking for the public's help to find their 30-pound Australian cattle dog, Kiki.

The Linden Department of Public Works and Seville Diner in East Brunswick are jointly offering a \$200 reward for the safe return of the female dog, belonging to Sylvia and Archie Lacey.

Kiki was last seen running along the southbound lane of the New Jersey Turnpike, near the Bayonne/Jersey City exit, two weeks ago.

"I would be grateful to anybody who tries to help out or put food outside," said Sylvia, who worries someone may be keeping her four-year-old dog of more than a year.

The couple's troubles began two days before Thanksgiving, as they were moving to New Hampshire from Texas.

Around 5 or 6 a.m., while driving on the Turnpike, their 1997 Chevy Blazer broke down, leaving them stranded on the side of the highway.

Their cell phone was not working and it was too dark for drivers to see them, so the couple — Sylvia is seven months pregnant — was forced to walk into town for help.

By the time they made it to the Bayway diner in Tremley Point, Sylvia was having abdominal pains and an ambulance was called. She was rushed to Trinitas Hospital in



Kiki, a four-year-old, 30-pound, Australian cattle dog has been missing since Nov. 25. A \$200 reward is being offered in Linden for her safe return.

Elizabeth, but not until a police officer promised to make sure Kiki, who was not allowed to travel in the ambulance, was safe. "I didn't want to go," said Sylvia.

Although the dog was tied to a nearby fence until animal control could arrive, the officer had to leave the scene and somehow Kiki got loose.

Lacey's car was impounded for being abandoned on the road while the couple was at the hospital, forcing them to search for Kiki on foot for two days following Sylvia's release from the hospital.

The devastated couple is staying with family in Connecticut awaiting news about Kiki.

The effort to find the dog continues. Linden Public Works employ-

ees and volunteers at the Friends of Linden Animal Shelter have posted flyers around town and set traps and food near the Rosehill Cemetery, where several truck drivers said they had spotted Kiki. Diana Fratello, a Public Works office employee, called on all residents to keep an eye out for Kiki. "I hope we can find her soon," she said.

The chocolate and beige dog, with blond highlights on the head and a feathered tail, has a small birthmark on the nose and may be wearing a red leash. Anyone with information can call Fratello at 908-862-6423, Robin Tomko at 908-403-8614 or the Lacey's at 360-531-2837.

John O'Reilly can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 116.

## CLARK BRIEFS

### Scouts collecting toys

Clark Cub Scout Pack 145 will collect new, unwrapped toys during Clark's Holiday Winter Festival in support of the Marine Cops Reserve's Toys for Tots program. Drop off locations throughout the month are at the Clark library.

### Pack 145 seeks cubs

Clark Cub Scout Pack 145 is seeking members. Clark Cub Scout Pack 145 activities are designed to keep boys active and alert.

For information, visit [www.packsonline.com/nj/145](http://www.packsonline.com/nj/145) or e-mail Scott McCabe at [cub-pack145@aol.com](mailto:cub-pack145@aol.com).

### Gaming afternoon

The Clark Public Library will hold afternoon games for youth Fridays at 3 p.m. Snacks and soda will be available.

### Teen dance party

The Clark Public Library will hold Dance Dance Revolution for teens Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

### Teens' advice wanted

Teens can get involved by joining the Teen Advisory Group at the Clark Public Library. Teens can help plan programs and activities, as well as choose books, CDs and movies for the library.

## KENILWORTH BRIEFS

### KPL holiday closings

The Kenilworth Public Library will be closed in observance of Christmas from Dec. 24 to 25. The library will reopen Dec. 26 at 10 a.m. In observance of New Year's Eve, the library will be closed on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. It will reopen on Jan. 2 at 10 a.m.

### DVDs available at KPL

The Kenilworth Public Library currently houses a collection of nearly 1,200 popular DVDs, available for free checkout to anyone age 18 or older who holds a valid library card. Additionally, the library owns more than 400 children's DVDs, which may be checked out to any child or adult with a library card. Residents of communities that participate in the MURAL reciprocal borrowing

agreement are also eligible for DVD borrowing at the library. Each card holder may check out up to two DVDs at one time, with each DVD available for a three-day loan period. Overdue DVDs are subject to a fine, including Sundays. To make browsing of the DVD collection more convenient, the library now offers a special link on its Web page, which facilitates searching of the library collection by genre, rating and date of acquisition, in addition to movie title. The DVD database can be accessed at [www.kenilworthlibrary.org](http://www.kenilworthlibrary.org).

For information about all of the library's programs and services, call 908 276-2451.

### Mohegan Sun trip

The Kenilworth Historical Society will hold a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on Feb. 21.

## CRANFORD BRIEFS

### Get coupon books

The "2009 Entertainment Books" of North and Central New Jersey are available through St. Michael's Boy Scout Troop 69 of Cranford. The book features coupons of all kinds.

For information, call Joe or Kathleen at 908-964-1355.

### Teen holiday event

The Cranford Public Library is sponsoring its annual "Teen Holiday Event" on Saturday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Raddin Room. Teens between 12 and 18 years of age, or in seventh through twelfth grade, are

invited. Games, snacks, music, crafts and more will be offered. Registration is required by today.

For information, contact Fran Hosten at 908-709-7272 or e-mail [cranfordlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:cranfordlibrary@gmail.com). See the schedule for teen activities at [www.cranford.com/library/teens.asp](http://www.cranford.com/library/teens.asp)

### See hockey at rink

The Friends of Cranford High School Ice Hockey Inc. invite all club hockey players to Cranford's home opener at 6 p.m. at the Warrance ice rink on Monday. Get in free by wearing an ice hockey club organization's hockey jersey. "Chuck-A-Puck" will be introduced.

For information, call Frank Diano at 908-451-9656.

### Teen driver safety program for adults

Alive at 25 Parent, a teen driver safety program for parents is offered free to parents and guardians of new or soon-to-be teen drivers at the from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Cranford Community Center.

For more information, visit [www.cranford.com/police](http://www.cranford.com/police).

### History board to meet

The monthly meeting of Cranford Historic Preservation Advisory Board will be held Dec. 18 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

For information, call Maureen Strazdon at 908-709-0492.

### Club's calendar here

The 35th Edition of Cranford College Women's Club Calendar is now on sale. The calendar runs through September 2009.

There is a fee for a calendar. They can be purchased from any College Club member or from the following Cranford businesses: Maddie's Hallmark at 117 North Union Ave.

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# Arrests for shoplifting at markets on Thanksgiving eve

## Clark

• Javier Rosado, 30, of Perth Amboy was arrested by officer Joseph Teston at 2:36 p.m. on Nov. 26, after he was caught shoplifting at the Clark Circle Liquor Store on Central Avenue.

• Rajah Woolfork, 26, of Somerset was arrested by officer Joseph Teston at 5:29 p.m. on Nov. 26, after being caught shoplifting over \$100 worth of merchandise from the ShopRite supermarket on Central Avenue.

• Audrey Ionin, 34, of Clark, was arrested Nov. 23 on I-84 east and charged with driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor and a speeding violation.

• On Nov. 26, at 5 a.m., police responded to a burglary at a Westfield Avenue home.

• On Nov. 26, at 2:20 p.m., police responded to a report of criminal mischief to a residence on Bradley Road.

• On Nov. 26, at 7:04 p.m., police responded to a report of criminal mischief to a residence on Riverside Drive.

• On Nov. 27, at 7:33 a.m., police responded to a report of criminal mischief to a residence on Hayes Avenue.

• On Nov. 27, at 9:30 a.m., police responded to a report of a motor vehicle stolen while parked on Surrey Road.

• James Lenox, 29, of 15 Douglas Drive was arrested by officer Terrence Harrison at 1:53 p.m. on Nov. 27 for leaving the scene of an accident earlier in Point Pleasant Beach.

• On Nov. 27, at 11:08 p.m., police responded to a report of criminal mischief to a residence on Prescott Turn.

• On Nov. 28, at 7:09 a.m., police responded to a report of criminal mischief to a residence on Terminal Avenue.

• On Nov. 28, at 8:13 a.m., a Richard Street resident reported holiday ornaments were stolen from outside their home.

• On Nov. 28, at 9:04 a.m., police responded to a report of criminal mischief to a residence on Bradley Road.

• Joann Walsh, 46, of Staten Island was arrested by officer John Ehling at 4:11 p.m. on Nov. 29 after he was caught shoplifting more than \$2,000 from the A&P Supermarket.

located on Raritan Road.

• Ryan Lockwood, 21, of 49 Stonehenge Terrace was arrested by Sgt. Pete Matos at 2:37 a.m. on Nov. 30 for driving under the influence and careless driving.

## Cranford

• John Lynch, 37, of Kenilworth was arrested at 10:26 p.m. on Nov. 26 after being pulled over on Raritan Road at Coleman Avenue by officer Spencer Durkin for speeding and crossing over a double yellow line. He was charged with driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

## Linden

• On Dec. 7, at 6 p.m., police responded to a report of an armed robbery at the G&M Convenience store. The 42-year-old female clerk was not injured.

She told police two men, wearing black ski masks and gloves and brandishing a silver handgun, demanded several hundred dollars from the register. The two men also took 25 packs of Newport cigarettes before fleeing on foot.

Anyone with information regarding the robbery is asked to call Detective John Johnston at 908-474-8550.

• Kareem Gary, 28, of Roselle Street was arrested at 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 by officers Airan Fernandez and William Mack on the 1100 block of Lincoln Street for selling cocaine. He was charged with possession and intent to distribute narcotics in a park zone and was being held in Union County jail on \$65,000 bail. The second suspect was not found.

## Mountainside

• Rebecca L. Alper, 19, of Springfield was arrested at 1:42 a.m. on Nov. 27, on Route 22 East and charged with driving while intoxicated and having an open container in a motor vehicle.

• Jennifer R. Clemente, 36, of Winfield Park, was arrested at 3:33 p.m. on Nov. 25, on Route 22 East and arrested for obtaining prescription medication by fraud.

• Renee A. Ronchi, 52, of Morristown was arrested at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 24, on Route 22 East and charged with possession of prescription drugs and fraudulently obtaining prescription drugs and providing them to others.

## Roselle

• Albertha Foote, 45, of Newark, was arrested at 2:22 p.m. on Nov. 27 for attempting to take out a false pre-

## POLICE BLOTTER

scription from the East 1 Avenue Walgreens pharmacy.

Police also found a plastic straw and a glassine envelope, both containing heroin, in her handbag. She was charged with forgery, obtaining narcotics by fraudulent means, and possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia.

## Springfield

• Samuel L. Warren, 18, of Philadelphia, Pa., was arrested at 7:50 p.m. on Dec. 1 on Route 22 West and charged with shoplifting.

• Robert Kleymann, 22, of Springfield was arrested at 5:33 p.m. on Nov. 29 on South Springfield Avenue and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana.

• Greg Z. David, 48, of Springfield was arrested at 1:40 a.m. on Nov. 29 on Mountain Avenue and charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, refusal to submit a breath sample and failure to wear a seat belt.

• Cory A. Friedman, 24, of Springfield was arrested at 1:36 a.m. on Nov. 29 on Baltusrol Way and charged with driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit a breath sample, failure to signal for a turn and careless driving.

• On Nov. 27, at 10:43 a.m., police responded to Marion Avenue on a report of stolen property. The items taken included a Gateway M275 Tablet personal computer valued at \$320, an Apple iPod Nano valued at \$350, a Griffin iTrip valued at \$79, an Apple iBook G4 valued at \$800 and \$10 cash. The back driver's window was smashed to gain entry, police reports say.

• On Nov. 27, at 10 a.m., police responded to Marion Avenue on a report of a stolen Magellan GPS unit valued at \$200.

• On Nov. 27, at 8:07 a.m., police responded to Perry Place on a report of stolen property. Items taken included a Tom-Tom GPS unit and charger valued at \$350, \$20 in cash, \$4 in change and one brown wallet containing only pictures.

• Rashawn Terrance Bryant, 19, of Plainfield was arrested at 2:05 a.m. on Nov. 27 on Route 22 West and charged with having an outstanding warrant.

• Rajab S. Gomez, 25, of Plainfield was arrested at 1:20 a.m. on

Nov. 27 on Route 22 West and charged with driving while intoxicated, having an open container in a motor vehicle, speeding, an unsafe lane change and criminal mischief.

• Jonathan J. Figueroa, 22, of Roselle was arrested at 11:17 p.m. on Nov. 26 on Route 22 East and charged with having outstanding warrants out of Elizabeth for \$120 and Hasbrouck Heights for \$120.

• On Nov. 24, at 12:31 p.m., police responded to South Maple Avenue on a report of stolen property. Items taken included a laptop computer, a social security card and a police badge from a retired Summit police officer, the father of the victim.

• Agustina M. Sarita, 45, of Jersey City was arrested at 3:52 p.m. on Nov. 22 on Route 22 West and charged with having an outstanding warrant.

• On Nov. 21, at 2:15 p.m., police responded to Morris Avenue on a report a Tom Tom GPS valued at \$400 was taken from a 2003 Saab. Police also found the passenger side window of the vehicle smashed.

• On Nov. 20, at 10:30 a.m., police responded to report of a stolen 25 MPH speed limit sign and 13 orange traffic cones.

• On Nov. 20, at 1:41 a.m., police responded to Fadem Road on a report a 2000 Toyota Sienna minivan valued at \$6,000 was stolen.

• Paul L. Jones, 38, of Newark was arrested at 6:40 p.m. on Nov. 19 on Route 22 East, and charged with having outstanding warrants and driving with a suspended license.

## Summit

• Enzo Madrugal, 19, of Summit was arrested at noon on Oct. 29 in the Union County Jail and charged with sexual assault.

• On Oct. 28, at 4:13 p.m., police responded to Overlook Hospital on a report a Mini Doples Audio Doppler, valued at \$500, was stolen.

• Johan Rojas, 23, of Warren was arrested at 12:04 p.m. on Oct. 28 on Glenwood Place and charged with improper backing and driving on a suspended license.

• On Oct. 29, at 5:14 p.m., police responded to Overlook Hospital on a report a laptop computer, valued at \$2,500, was stolen.

• On Oct. 30, at 7:11 p.m., police responded to a Morris Avenue residence on a report a Sony camcorder,

valued at \$550, was stolen.

• On Nov. 1, at 3:29 p.m., police responded to the Promenade on Springfield Avenue on a report of malicious mischief to city property. When they arrived, they found two planks from a bench at the location had been damaged.

• Violeta Pocopkiene, 61, of Dunellen was arrested at 10:51 a.m. on Nov. 3 at the Summit Police Department and charged with neglect of the elderly.

• Miguel Lopez Santiago, 22, of Summit was arrested at 12:53 a.m. on Nov. 4 at Union Place and charged with simple assault.

• Natalie Lobo, 27, of Summit was arrested at 6:16 p.m. on Nov. 4 at Broad Street and Elm Street and charged with driving with a suspended license.

• Linwood M. Proctor, 27, of Hillside was arrested at 12:56 a.m. on Nov. 5 at South Plainfield police headquarters and charged with contempt of court.

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## Chertoff discusses security 'challenges'

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

Security was tight and cameras were plentiful as Kean University welcomed Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff to deliver a public address on our nation's homeland security on Dec. 4.

An Elizabeth native, Chertoff will be leaving office in January after serving since 2005.

For the many students present in the audience who are trying to decide on a career, Chertoff offered the reminder that the field of homeland security is one that will continue to grow.

Chertoff described the many challenges faced by the Department of Homeland Security, especially the risk of "low probability, high consequence" events, which he described as crises that have very little

chance of actually occurring, but have dire and long-lasting repercussions when they do.

Chertoff pointed out that the last eight years have seen three such events — the terrorist attacks of 2001, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and what some are calling the financial recession of 2008.

"The threats that we deal with are only going to become more and more challenging," Chertoff said.

He mentioned biological or electronic attacks as well as earthquakes as being among these challenges.

Questioned by audience members about how individuals can better prepare for disasters, Chertoff encouraged residents to be prepared for situations that could result in minor injuries, food shortages and loss of power.

"Basic preparation is a fundamental See SECURITY, Page 18

## Towns push for funding

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

Local governments in several municipalities across Union County have announced their support for a resolution aimed at altering the distribution of money collected from traffic fines in order to give municipalities the majority of the funds.

Presently, half of the fine money for all moving violations goes to the county. This amounted to about \$4.5 million in 2007. The county puts this money toward expenses related to the maintenance of county roads as well as snow removal. Prior to the 1980s, the county received 100 percent of these fines. The new resolution hopes to alter the split, allowing 80 percent to be retained by the town while 20 percent is forwarded to the county.

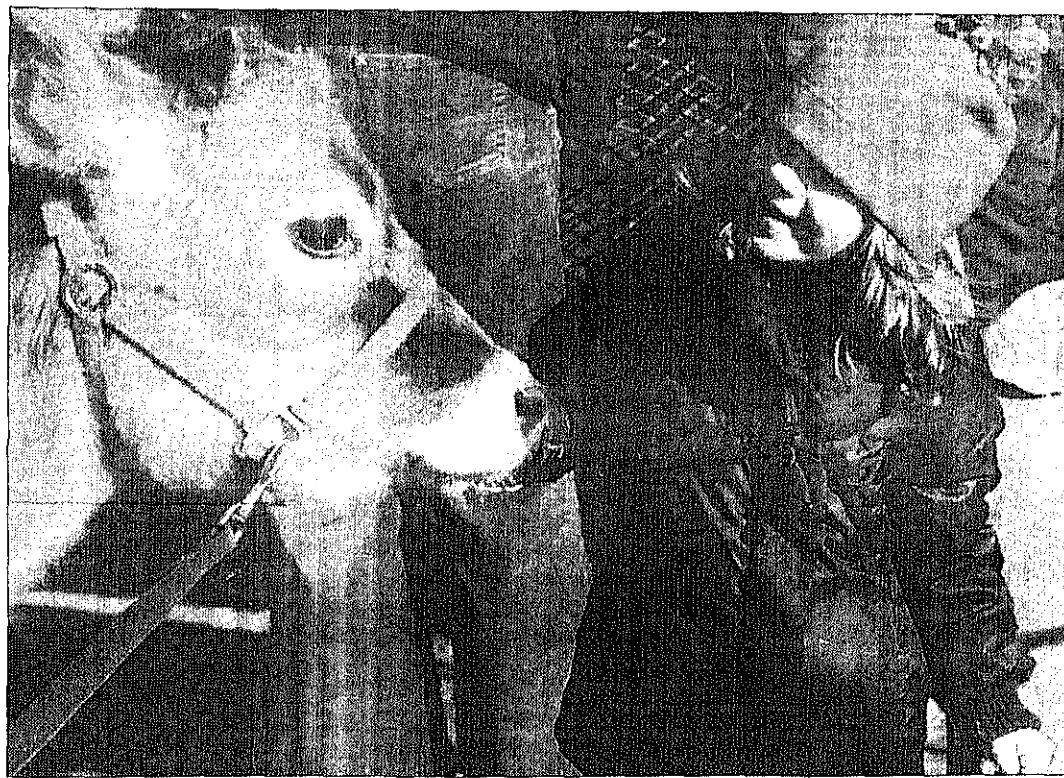
The resolution was first proposed by Fanwood Councilman Anthony Parenti, who has served as the Fanwood police chief and director of the Union County Police Academy.

"I just see how much it costs us to run the court and the police department," Parenti said. "Seeing as the municipalities are the ones paying for the court and the police, the split seems a little unfair."

Union County Public Information Director Sebastian D'Elia said the the important roadwork being carried out using the funds in question stills need to be performed, regardless of where the money comes from. Parenti said Fanwood sends the county about \$25,000 a year through the collection of fines from moving violations, which is what it costs the borough to run the court. Parenti said it is not fair that, in addition to the normal county property taxes, funds are being taken from a specific function of the communities

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## Making a friend



Emilia Mortagua, 4, gets friendly with a calf at the petting zoo that was part of Cranford's recent holiday celebration.

Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

## Center begins to blog

By John O'Reilly III  
Staff Writer

UNION COUNTY — Internet blogs are everywhere nowadays, covering every topic from the significant to the stale.

The Union County Rape Crisis Center recently added the online journal format to its arsenal in assisting victims of sexual assault.

The sort of running diary available on the Internet will provide personal stories from the center's volunteers and list phone and e-mail contacts to those looking for assistance from the group or interested in becoming a volunteer. The Crisis Center also offers counseling and a 24-hour hotline for victims.

"This (blog) is another way of outreaching to the community and making them aware we exist and what services we provide," said

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## Local theaters still holding steady

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

During the country's recent economic struggles, many residents of Union County may be looking for an inexpensive form of entertainment as a part of a cheap night out. Because of this fact, many theaters in Union County have found that residents are experiencing an increased interest in the performing arts.

While many businesses and companies in Union County seem to be cutting back and struggling to meet expenses, theaters, currently, have less concern.

According to John McEwen, executive director of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance, Union County theaters have seen a slight decrease in subscription packages, but have made up for the loss in discount ticketing through njartstix.org.

"With the economy the way it is, we will begin to see more of an interest in local entertainment," McEwen said.

He feels that people will no longer be able to afford a night out in large cities like New York or Philadelphia and in an effort to save money

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on travel, parking and tickets, will enjoy shows at theaters closer to home.

According to McEwen, the average Union County theater ticket price is about \$22, compared to \$45 to \$100 per ticket for a New York show, without travel and/or parking.

John Wooten, the artistic director at Premier Stages at Kean University in Union, feels the economy will effect theater ticket sales, but in a positive way.

Wooten does not know whether to attribute it to good reviews or the economy, but said that Premier's performances in July and September drew higher-than-normal ticket sales.

"Theater has proven to be a very affordable alternative," Wooten said. "In this economy, people are looking for an escape from reality more than ever."

While everything in the Union County theater world seems to be status quo despite the economic problems facing the nation, McEwen

recognizes that the new year might bring with it some new concerns. He added that the NJTA will rely largely on grant money and financial assistance from both the state and county levels of government if the nation's financial woes continue. Steve Runk, the executive director of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts feels that it is impossible to predict what the economy will be in the 2010 fiscal year, but assures that if theater companies present the council with realistic goals, it will do everything possible to provide financial support.

For many Union County theater directors, the future economy is something they would rather not think about at this time, when theaters for the most part have not felt any effects of the declining economy. Union County Performing Arts Center Executive Director Sandy Erwin said her theater's ticket sales have been on par with years past, likely because the theater is bringing in quality events and performers.

"I wouldn't want to predict the future," Erwin said. "It's too scary to think about what may happen."

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## Bowled over by holiday fun



Visitors from all over Union County participate in the county's annual Turkey Bowl at Warinanco Ice Skating Center, located in Warinanco Park on the border of Linden and Roselle. During the Nov. 29 event, competitors took part in the Thanksgiving Broom Bowl Challenge, a combination of the games of broomball and bowling. Among the winners was Isabella Carvajal of Elizabeth.

## Security director visits Kean U.

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building block of good emergency management," he said.

In the last three years, Chertoff oversaw a massive reorganization of the Department of Homeland Security, which employs more than 90,000 people with responsibilities ranging from national security to border patrol to disaster response. A large focus, he added, has been ending the "radical disconnect" between government agencies that can prove fatal in attempting to avert or mitigate a serious disaster.

Chertoff also previously served as United States circuit judge for the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and as an assistant attorney general for the Criminal Division at the Department of Justice.

Chertoff oversaw the investigation into the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Chertoff credited President George W. Bush with preventing a second terrorist attack and called for further coordination between government agencies.

Chertoff said he hopes the new administration continues to build

on the foundation he has helped establish.

"We don't want to go back to a system that's not as reliable as what we have now in terms of dealing with all kinds of disaster situations," Chertoff said.

Kean University student Jacqueline Hartmann said she enjoyed the address.

"It was a really cool experience to hear him talk," Hartmann said. "I think he has a job that's really important and people don't give him a lot of credit for the work that he does."

## Crisis Center reaches out via Internet

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Crisis Center Director Tamara Bowman.

She said volunteers are always needed to replenish the pool of workers who leave for school, jobs or other personal issues.

Bowman estimated the center helps an average of 100 women a year. In addition to counseling, the center will provide a support person to be on hand with the victim in any medical or legal action they take during their recovery time.

Union County's center is the first in the state to utilize blogs as a recruiting and victim-assistance tool.

"In this advanced technological age...we were trying to think outside the box," said Bowman.

She added that the Internet is a good medium to let people know the center is available for help, and, although it wasn't one of her main concerns, blogging

is also a very cost-effective tool as site costs are minimal and posts are written by volunteers.

The blog will feature volunteers who post testimonials about their time with the Crisis Center and information for people who would like to assist or who need help. The first posting gave one advocate's insight into the services provided and encouraged others to join her.

"You meet people who have been recently sexually assaulted and this moment can be one of their hardest and saddest times to manage," wrote one 22-year-old blogger.

Bowman said volunteers can make a world of difference in the life of a survivor of sexual violence, and hopes the blog shows the positive side of the work.

The Rape Crisis Center's blog can be viewed at <http://unioncountyraperiscenter.blogspot.com>.

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## Towns seek to retain fees from fines

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that the county plays no role in operating — the municipal courts.

D'Elia said the county would be willing to discuss the proposal provided the municipalities can find a way to fund the reconstruction, maintenance, snow removal and repair of county roads and bridges in their respective towns. In 2007, the county spent \$6.1 million on

these services. Approximately \$4.5 million of that cost is offset by money collected after fines are issued for moving violations.

Municipalities that have supported the resolution include Union, Elizabeth, Fanwood, Scotch Plains and Roselle Park.

"At least it's bipartisan and not some stupid Republican shot at the Freeholder Board," said Clark

Mayor Sal Bonaccorso at a Dec. 1 Township Council meeting where the resolution was presented for consideration. Parenti pointed out that although he is the only Republican on Fanwood's Democrat-controlled council, the resolution passed there unanimously.

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## Railroad Club on track with holiday tradition

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

As the holiday season rapidly approaches, the Union County Model Railroad Club, housed in the Paul Mallery Railroad Center in Union, is once again displaying its train layout, complete with a light and sound show, for train enthusiasts.

The 1,600-foot, H0 scale layout — which stands for half-zero and means the model trains are 87 times smaller than their life-sized counterparts — is the largest display of its kind in North America. The H0 scale is the most popular model train scale in this country.

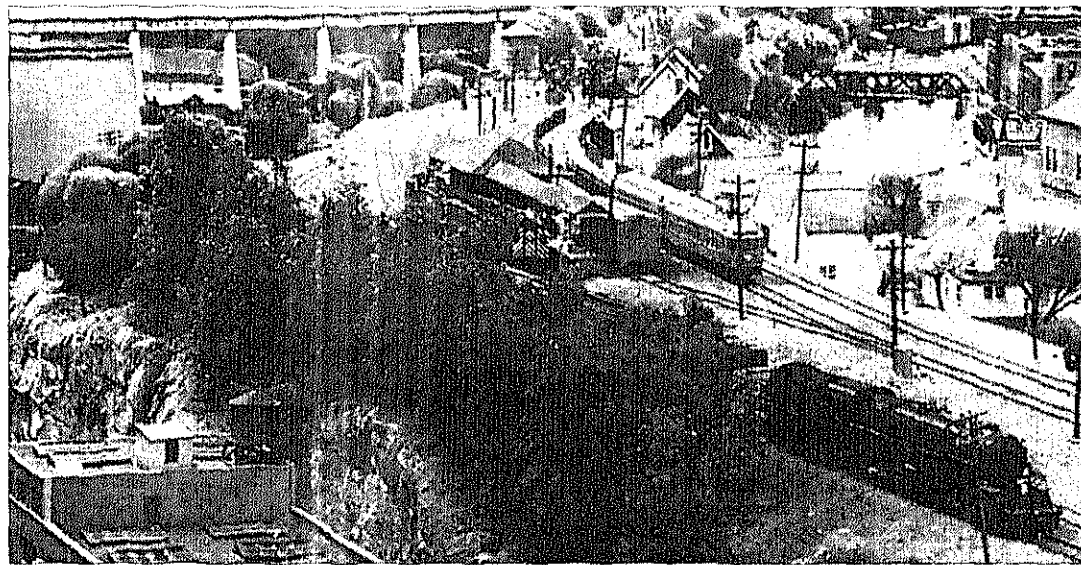
According to the club's vice president, Robert Nalbhone, all funds collected go towards the non-profit model train club.

The holiday display has proven to be the club's largest fundraiser of the year. Last year, \$14,000 was raised through ticket sales and Nalbhone hopes to trump that amount this year.

Railroad Superintendent Peter Ezzard explained that interest in model trains seems to be on rise this year.

"Lionel Model Train sales have gone up 75 percent in just one year," he said.

Nalbhone believes the rising interest is due to consumers being drawn



Model trains make their way through a miniature village of buildings, tunnels and bridges as part of the Union County Model Railroad Club's display, housed in a building near Lenape Park in Union. The display is the largest in North America.

back to tradition and nostalgia in the nation's current economic strains.

"Model trains bring people back to when they were kids and had the old Lionel circling the Christmas Tree every year," Nalbhone said.

This Model Train Club has been in existence since 1949, when meetings were held in the late Paul Mallery's basement in Brookline, N.Y., according to Nalbhone. In 1979, the club moved to its current location in Union, and has been put-

ting on its holiday train show for the past eight years.

The goal of the show, aside from gaining funds to support the club, is to raise interest in the up and coming hobby and to educate onlookers about some classic railroads, such as Newark, Hoboken, Dover and Morristown, as well as some trains that are no longer functioning.

"We are more of an educational non-profit than anything," Nalbhone said. "The idea is to tell the story

and history of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania (railroad) lines."

The holiday train display needs 10 people to operate all the trains, including a dispatcher, several conductors, a narrator and people to control the lighting effects.

The operators stay out of sight but are responsible for navigating the approximately 25 trains through a miniature village, complete with bridges, tunnels and miniature

neighborhoods, while spectators enjoy the train show, which includes a complete history of the train and the neighborhood at the time the train passed through it.

The display can be viewed all year and is constantly being worked on and added to by members of the Model Train Club. All of the trains are exact replicas of the actual locomotives and all are owned by the club.

Union County partners with the club to host this event every year. The county allows the club to use county-owned land outside of Lenape Park in Union for the building, which houses the display. The Model Train Club covers all the operating expenses and personnel needed for the show, however.

"This is a delightful family show for the holidays," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada. "The Model Railroad Club is a wonderful place to visit any time of the year."

The club meets every Saturday and has a total of 85 members. On typical Saturdays, the trains run for most of the day on actual and precise time tables.

For information about the club, visit [www.tmrcl.org](http://www.tmrcl.org).

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## Mason leaves audience laughing at YM-YWHA

Legendary comedian's daughter performs in Union

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

Sheba Mason had no qualms about poking fun at her father, Jackie Mason, Saturday evening at the initial Comedy Coffee House at the YM-YWHA of Union County in Union.

In fact, her sardonic humor, reminiscent of Jackie Mason's sense of comedy, her impeccable timing and her inner ability to cause a roomful of people in a cabaret-style atmosphere to laugh at her shortcomings were admirable. And, there is, in fact, a physical resemblance — or could that thought have been placed inadvertently in a reviewer's mind?

The program was made possible in part by funding from Temple Beth-Jl of Elizabeth Memorial Fund. The evening, itself, was, for the most part, enjoyable. The tables around the large auditorium were filled, primarily, with senior citizens, who munched on refreshments and

sipped coffee or soda. Many of them undoubtedly were fans of the icon comedian, Jackie Mason, and were curious to witness — and to compare Sheba's talents and attributes with those of her father's.

Unfortunately, the evening began with a rather disappointing young, stand-up comedian, Eric Braunstein, who tossed about stale jokes that evoked a frightening silence from the audience. And when he attempted to point out tables of people, who would not even chuckle, one of the patrons whispered to a nearby friend, "he better not quit his day job."

The evening appeared to improve when Sheba's mother, Ginger Reiter, a playwright and performer, adorned in Biblical clothes, did a riotously funny interpretation of a chapter in the Bible. In fact, she performed as Leah and then as Rachel. She had the audience enthralled with her dancing and her antics.

At the appearance of Sheba

Mason, a short, dark-haired 22-year-old comedienne, the audience applauded wildly. She discussed her life in New York City, her jobs as a waitress and her need to be acknowledged by her father. Mason sang a few numbers, tossed funny one-liners at her appreciative audience and opened herself up to speculation with her sad-happy, sometimes sarcastic, attitude.

Still, she was able to prove herself a talented comedy performer — with or without her father's attributes. Mason had the audience in the palm of her hand when she sang, with feeling, "Romania" in Yiddish.

Always leave them laughing — that is a comedian's motto — and Sheba Mason's ultimate goal — which was realized Saturday night at the Y. Remembering her quips after she left the stage, the folks still chuckled while the West Hills Trio followed the act with jazz music that ended a most unusual evening.



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# Secret to his success is found behind the scenes

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

**CRANFORD** — Cranford native Andrew Scher has hit it big in Hollywood, working behind the camera on a number of television programs, most recently "The Doctors," which is envisioned as a spin-off of the successful "Dr. Phil" show. It is hosted by four doctors who work with their guests to address a variety of medical problems. The show is filmed in front of a live studio audience.

Viewers are encouraged to submit their questions and experiences about the health care issues that matter most to them to the show's Web site.

Scher has an extensive background as a television producer in the one-hour, talk format. His past work included serving as producer at "The Montel Williams Show" before becoming senior producer of the successful daytime talk show, "The Ricki Lake Show" and "The Queen Latifah Show."

Scher, who currently lives in Los Angeles, still fondly remembers Cranford, which has served as a shooting location for numerous television shows and movies, such as the show "Pete and Pete."

**Q:** What sort of memories do you have of your hometown?

**A:** Cranford to me is a really unique town. I have friends I still speak with and there's something about Cranford. I think it's like the center of the universe because no matter where I go I meet someone from Cranford. Cranford always

What a character!



Andrew Scher

had a personality where the memories of growing up there are priceless.

**Q:** How did you become a TV producer?

**A:** Actually, it's all because of my aunt, Beverly Scher, who still lives in Cranford and teaches there. I got my degree in television broadcasting. I started at the bottom. I got rejection after rejection. Then my aunt was in the studio audience on the show "Everyday" with Joan London, and during a commercial break my aunt went up to Michael Krauss, one of the producers, and said "My nephew is trying to get a job in TV." He said, "Tell him to call me tomorrow." Within four days, I faxed my resume, had an interview and got hired. In TV you have to pay your dues so I started out sweeping the floors. That was in 1988.

**Q:** Describe your role in producing the show "The Doctors." What is your contribution?

**A:** As co-executive producer, I decide whether or not to go forward with a topic. I get pitched things every single day. I like to do stuff that's mainstream, that people around America can relate to.

**Q:** What is especially unique or memorable about this program?

**A:** There's no other show like that on the air now. We've taken a huge chance in giving medical info to the viewers every day. We provide so much information on everything from the common cold to the DaVinci surgery and ultimate makeovers.

**Q:** Do you need to have a strong stomach to deal with some of the medical topics that come up?

**A:** I'm not gonna lie and tell you I don't turn away sometimes. We had a story on earlier in the year about an 8-year-old girl who had a twelve pound tumor that grew out of her mouth.

**Q:** What is the most rewarding aspect of doing this show?

**A:** We're living in a society where people are desperate for medical information. There are people living who don't have health care. Our show is like a free doctor's visit. I get e-mails every day from viewers saying "Thank you for providing this information."

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### Roselle to host annual tree lighting

The borough of Roselle will host its annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut St.

Santa Claus will take some time out of his busy toy-making schedule to make a guest appearance at the ceremony. A wide variety of outdoor activities will be available for families to enjoy.

### Lunch with Santa

The fifth annual Lunch With Santa will be Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at Linden Presbyterian Church, 1506 Orchard Terrace. Proceeds will benefit the LFC Albert Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The Lunch With Santa will include a choice of hot dog or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, potato chips, drink and dessert. Each child will receive a small

gift. Face painting and holiday music will be provided. Santa will be available for photographs with each child at an additional cost.

Reservations can be made by calling the church hot line at 908-486-3066.

Space is limited, so reservations are recommended. Some tickets may be available for purchase at the door. In the event of bad weather, the event may be postponed to Dec. 20 at noon.

### Holiday story time

The Children's Department of the Union Public Library Vauxhall Branch, 123 Hilton Ave., will hold a holiday story time and craft program at 3 p.m. today. The program is for children of all ages and their caregivers. Space is limited and sign-up is required.

### Holiday fun

On Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Santa Claus will be visiting

O'Johnnie's Hallmark Store, 170 Westfield Ave. in Clark.

### A visit from Santa

The Cranford Police Department is once again sponsoring its annual Santa Home Deliveries to young children throughout the town.

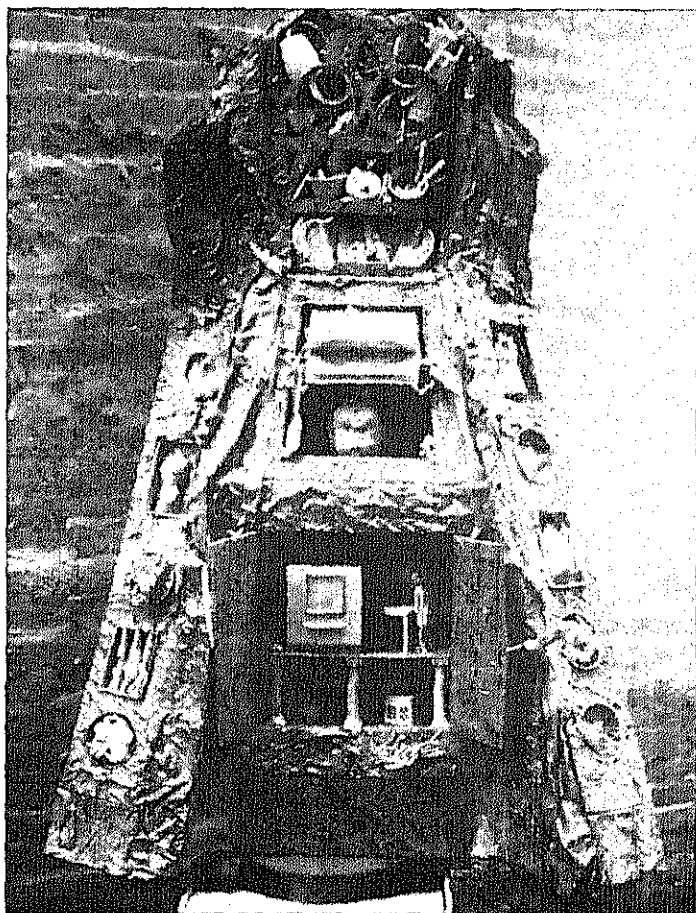
Residents wishing to participate should bring wrapped gifts for their children to Cranford Police Headquarters by Friday. Delivery forms will be available at the police desk and must be attached to every submitted gift in order to facilitate a safe and successful delivery.

Santa will be making the deliveries to children on the following dates: North side of town, Monday and Tuesday; South side: Wednesday and Dec. 18.

If there are any questions about the program, please contact Detective Sgt. Christopher Polito at 908-272-5922, ext. 6.



## 'Altars of the Invisible'



The exhibition, 'Altars of the Invisible: Sculptural Bookworks' by Miriam Schaer, will be on display in the Tomasulo Gallery at Union County College's Cranford campus. Schaer uses various types of garments, such as girdles, gloves, aprons and children's clothes, as sources for her sculptures. The art will be on display until Dec. 20.

## CSM students compete at Kean

On Nov. 9, at Kean University in Union, students of the Calderone School of Music were invited to a New Jersey statewide competition sponsored by the American String Teachers Association.

Albert Anwar of Parsippany, an 8-year-old violin student of Stephen Copeland, director of the String Department at CSM participated in the competition. He performed a concerto in a-minor, first

and second movements, by Antonia Vivaldi and was accompanied by Professor Tatyana Sheyn, department chairperson at CSM, on piano.

Also, Mercedes Lippert of Oak Ridge, a 12-year-old cello student of Copeland, performed "Rondo" from Concerto 2 in D Major by J.B. Breval and "Prelude" from "Suite 1 in G Major" by J.S. Bach. She was also accompanied on piano by Sheyn.

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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 watched TV on any of the 4 large new flat screen TV's that were installed.

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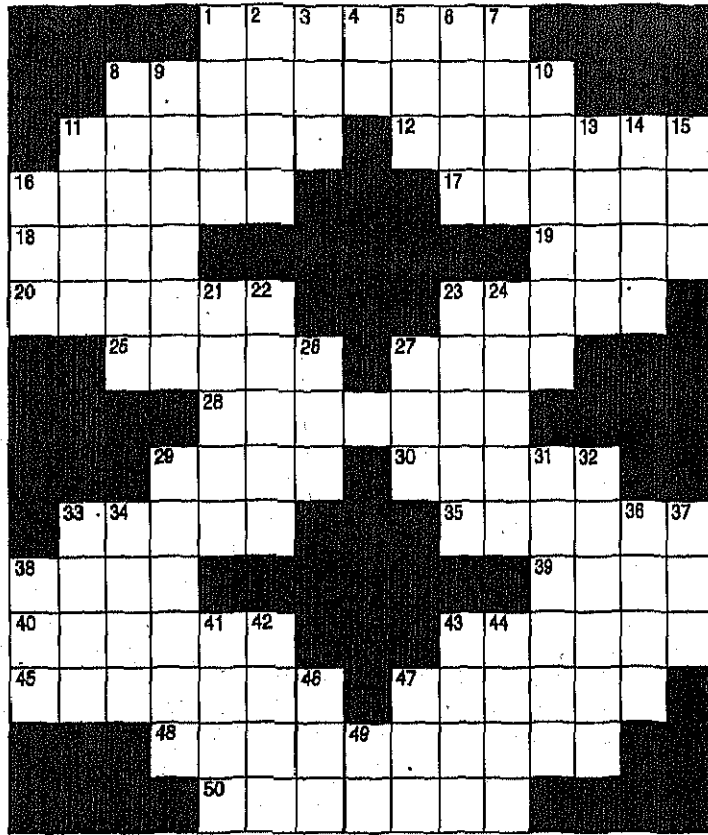
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## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sugarcoats
- 8. Harry's house
- 11. Coetaneous
- 12. Largest Pakistani city
- 16. One who arranges by size
- 17. Dark purplish-red
- 18. Tense
- 19. No variation
- 20. Conical tent
- 23. Total items sold
- 25. College admin. officers
- 27. Jesus' mother
- 28. Type of cracker
- 29. 2nd Greek letter
- 30. Civil Rights group
- 33. 1/2 of a seed's reproductive structure
- 35. On land
- 38. Area units
- 39. \_\_\_\_\_ Ladd, actor
- 40. TV antenna
- 43. A salty solution
- 45. Citizen Kane's sled
- 47. Choose
- 48. Assign a designation to
- 50. Indemnity

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of chemotherapy (abbr.)
- 2. From a distance
- 3. Ball playing team assoc.
- 4. Prefix meaning, "two."
- 5. Cephalopod fluid
- 6. Mild Dutch cheese
- 7. Porzana carolina
- 8. Stuffed with food
- 9. Key in again
- 10. Seldom
- 11. A set of principles or rules
- 13. A small inlet
- 14. Tills a garden
- 15. Hostelry
- 16. Group of tennis games
- 21. Tripod
- 22. Related on the mother's side
- 23. Yemen capital
- 24. Regions
- 26. Patti Hearst's captors
- 27. 60 seconds (abbr.)
- 29. Kept one occupied
- 31. Swiss house
- 32. Maintain security
- 33. Chocolate cookie with white filling
- 34. One minus a cosine (trig.)
- 36. Bombastic declamation
- 37. Point midway between NE and E
- 38. Swiss river
- 41. In bed
- 42. Roman moon goddess
- 43. Samoan monetary unit
- 44. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 46. Actor DeLuise
- 47. \_\_\_\_\_ma: 18th Greek letter
- 49. 1/1000 of an ampere

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ORGANIZATION: Connecticut Farms School PTA

### OTHER

### SATURDAY

December 13, 2008

EVENT: PANCAKE BREAKFAST, held by the Roselle Park High School Project Graduation

PLACE: Cafeteria of Roselle Park High School, 185 W. Westfield Avenue

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## HOROSCOPE

### Dec. 14 to 20

**ARIES**, March 21 to April 20: Aries, you have been setting aside your interests for too long. It's time to make yourself a priority. Blow off responsibilities for a while and have some fun.

**TAURUS**, April 21 to May 21: You would like nothing more, Taurus, than to sleep in this week and not worry about too much.

Unfortunately that will not be the case. Things will be busier than ever.

**GEMINI**, May 22 to June 21: Gemini, you tend to overwhelm people with the amount of information you provide, even for seemingly simple explanations. Tone it down if you're getting blank stares.

**CANCER**, June 22 to July 22: This week is a good time to be a homebody and take care of some issues around the house.

A few changes in your surroundings can bring a new mood to the place.

**LEO**, July 23 to Aug. 23: Leo, it's easy to go with the crowd, but generally the crowd is uninteresting.

You tend to march to your own beat, and this week is no different. Others will follow you.

**VIRGO**, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22: Virgo, creating a vision of what you want to achieve is the first step toward achieving it.

With a plan in motion — even if on paper — anything seems possible.

**LIBRA**, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: This week is the perfect time for socializing with long lost friends. Your high energy and engaging attitude will leave them wanting more, Libra.

**SCORPIO**, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22: Scorpio, be wary of people who are pushing you in directions you may not want to go — even if one of them is your partner.

You have to make your own decisions.

**SAGITTARIUS**, Nov. 23 to

Dec. 21: Sagittarius, some people will agree with you, and some simply will not.

Get over it and go on with your life. Pisces acts as a road block you need to avoid.

**CAPRICORN**, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20: Capricorn, if you're dealing with a group of people this week, try to push your agenda more. Get your voice heard and then the rest of the plan will fall in place.

**AQUARIUS**, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18: Aquarius, you'll find yourself finishing other people's sentences this week, especially your partner's. Enjoy this newfound clairvoyance.

**PISCES**, Feb. 19 to March 20: People in positions of authority want to know your opinions, Pisces.

So stand up and offer them your thoughts. Who knows where it will lead?

Also born this week: Vanessa Hudgens, Don Johnson, Benjamin Bratt, Bill Pullman, Katie Holmes, Jennifer Beals and Peter Criss.

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

## ART SHOWS

Roselle Park resident **LEONA M. SEUFERT**, will be exhibiting her digital prints through Dec. 30 at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union as part of the "UNION TOWNSHIP: LANDMARKS PAST AND PRESENT" group exhibit. The Les Malamut Art Gallery is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Union.

A FIVE-YEAR RETROSPECTIVE by Roselle Park resident and artist **MARY BECK** continues through Friday at the gallery located in the Casano Community Center, 314 Chestnut St. Roselle Park. Mary Beck does both drawings and oils. For information, contact Leona M. Seufert at 908-241-5874.

**ANN AND ALLEN TAYLOR** of Verona will be exhibiting their watercolor and pastel paintings at **BOURAS GALLERIES** in Summit through the end of the month. The galleries are open to the public by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Linda Cole, 908-277-6054. Ann Taylor is an award-winning watercolorist who finds challenge in interpreting a wide range of subjects, frequently utilizing water as a compositional element. As subjects for his painting, he draws from his surroundings and travels. Bouras Galleries is located in Bouras Properties at 25 Deforest Ave., Summit. Call Linda Cole for appointments at 908-277-6054.

## BOOKS

**THE READERS' FORUM**, the book discussion group of the **CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**, will discuss the following books: "Uncommon Arrangements" by Katie Roiphe, Dec. 29. The following books will be discussed in 2009: "Nineteen Minutes" by Jodi Picoult, Jan. 26; "Alexander Hamilton" by Alex Chernow, Feb. 23; "Bridge of Sighs" by Richard Russo, March 30; "The Gathering" by Anne Enright, April 27 and "Unaccustomed Earth" by Jhumpa Lahiri. All discussions will take place Mondays. New members are welcome at any time. Sessions start at 7 p.m. in the library's Fridlington Room. For information, call the library Reference Department at 908-709-7272, or e-mail the library at [library@cranfordnj.org](mailto:library@cranfordnj.org).

## CONCERTS

Celebrating its 15th anniversary of performing at **ST. THERESA'S CHURCH**, Kenilworth, Father Alphonse Stephenson and the **ORCHESTRA OF ST. PETER BY THE SEA** will return on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. for the parish's annual Christmas concert. The concert will feature the 45-member symphony orchestra com-

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posed of professional musicians and is ensconced in the acoustics of St. Theresa's Church. Joining the orchestra this Christmas will be Father Alphonse's "Three Tenors." Tickets can be reserved by calling the church at 908-709-1930. The doors of the church will open at 6:45 p.m. for the concert.

The **SUMMIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** will present its third annual children's concert on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Summit High School, Kent Place Boulevard. The symphony will perform Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" and Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," which will be narrated by Robert Sherman. For information about the concert and the Summit Symphony Orchestra, visit [www.summitsymphonynj.org](http://www.summitsymphonynj.org).

The **YM-YWHA OF UNION COUNTY**, Green Lane, Union, will present the Ridgewood Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co. in a concert version of "THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE" Sunday at 2 p.m. The program is open to the community. For ticket information, call Susan at 908-289-8112. Seniors can join the group for the Sunday Funday program beginning at noon.

The **SCHWABISCHER SANGEBUND** of Clark will present its 21st annual Christmas concert at the Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue and East Broad Street in Westfield Saturday at 7 p.m. Advanced tickets can be purchased from chorus members, by calling Joan or Curtis at 732-846-7894, and in the Union area, call Al Nemeth at 908-687-2322. Tickets also can be purchased at the door or by e-mail, by contacting Curtis Peck at [curtis.peck@worldnet.att.net](mailto:curtis.peck@worldnet.att.net). For information, visit the chorus' Web site at [www.cazoon.org/SSB](http://www.cazoon.org/SSB).

## CRAFT FAIRS

The **MOMS CLUB** of Springfield/Mountainside, a non-profit support group, will host a **HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SALE** today from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Springfield YMCA, 100 South Springfield Ave..

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH**, 1400 St. Georges Ave., Rahway, will host a **FLEA MARKET/CRAFT SHOW** Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Dealer access is at 8 a.m. For information or to reserve a table, contact Maryann Laskowski at 908-518-0107 or Anna Sausnock, 908-862-5321. The kitchen will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., serving breakfast and lunch. Admission is free.

## DANCE

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH MEN'S ORGANIZATION** has recently announced plans for its **Gala NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE**. This annual tradition will

take place Dec. 31, with doors opening at 6:45 p.m. and ending at 1 a.m. A cocktail hour with hot and cold appetizers will start at 7 p.m. Next, a sit-down prime rib or chicken dinner will be served to the guests at 8 p.m. The meal also includes coffee or tea and dessert. The evening will have an open bar from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Adding to the celebration is the music of Bernie's Orchestra. For information, call Deacon Charles or Maryann Laskowski at 908-518-0107.

## HOBBIES

The Summit Department of Community Programs will sponsor **CHESS CLUB** for chess players from beginner to the most experienced players. Classes are available on Monday evenings for youth ages 7 to 17, from 6 to 7 p.m. and adults from 6 to 7 p.m. The classes are held at the Field House at 5 Myrtle Ave. For online registration and credit card payment go to <https://register.communitypass.net/summit>.

**THE NORTH JERSEY CAR CLUB** meets at the Anthony Amalfe Community Center, 1268 Sheaffer Ave., Roselle, on the first Saturday of each month. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. Free refreshments are served to members and guests before the meeting. For information, call Jim at 908-245-4744.

## JAZZ

**LANA'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE** at The Hyatt Hills Golf Complex, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark, 732-669-9024. Enjoy cuisine and world-class Jazz every Thursday and Friday. Thursdays, 7 to 11 p.m.: Cornetist **WARREN VACHE'S QUARTET**, featuring Eddie Monteiro on cordovox. Fridays, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.: Different groups. Friday: Latin trumpet star **RAY VEGA'S QUARTET**.

## KIDS

**ART CLASSES FOR LINDEN YOUTH** in grades one through nine will take place Saturdays through March 7. There is a fee. Registration ends Friday. For information, contact the Recreation Department at 908-474-8600 or visit [www.linden-nj.org](http://www.linden-nj.org).

The Summit Department of Community Programs will sponsor **KIDZ ART**, an inspiring kids program that uses drawing to help children in grades K-5 develop confidence and become creative thinkers. Classes are held at the Recreation Center on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. or 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

## MOVIES

The **MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY** will host the "BROWN BAG MOVIES" series for adults on

Mondays at noon. Bring your lunch and enjoy a classic movie and a cartoon short. The library will provide the drinks and dessert. "Wednesday Night at the Movies" continues through the fall, with feature films beginning at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.mountainsidelibrary.org](http://www.mountainsidelibrary.org) or call 233-0115 for a list of what's being shown.

This month, the **SUMMIT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY** will be screening two award-winning foreign films. On Friday, at 12:30 p.m., the **FILM MOVEMENT SERIES** presents "Ben X." The film is unrated, and is in Dutch with English subtitles. On Monday, the International Film Festival presents the Oscar-winning film, "The Lives of Others." The film is rated R, and is in German with English subtitles. There will be showings at 2 and 6:45 p.m. The library is located at 75 Maple St. For information, call 908-273-0350 or visit [www.summitlibrary.org](http://www.summitlibrary.org).

The Springfield Free Public Library will offer two showings of director Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck's "THE LIVES OF OTHERS," a German film, rated R, today. This film is the last in the Fall International Film series and will be shown in the Palmer Museum at noon and 6:30 p.m. Films are shown with English subtitles. Light refreshments will be served. Assistive listening devices are available.

## MUSEUMS

The Clark Historical Society invites the public to the **DR. WILLIAM ROBINSON PLANTATION**, located at 593 Madison Hill Road. It was built in 1690 and is Clark's first farm and homestead and is listed on the National and State registers of Historic Places. The Plantation House was closed in 2002 for renovations and recently re-opened its doors to the public in October 2007. For information, visit [www.clarkhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.clarkhistoricalsociety.org).

**THE CALDWELL PARSONAGE**, 909 Caldwell Ave., Union, is a museum dedicated to the history and culture of the township of Union. The site is on the National Register of Historic Places and the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. For information, or to make arrangements for a group tour, call 908-687-7977.

**THE WOODRUFF HOUSE/EATON STORE MUSEUM & PHIL RIZZUTO BASEBALL HALL OF FAME SPORTS EXHIBIT** located at 111 Conant St., Hillside includes a 1735 Farm House, a 1900s general store, privy, well, water pump, mini apple orchard, barn, farm equipment and a display of memorabilia from the late Baseball Hall of Famer, Phil Rizzuto, who was a short stop for the New York Yankees, in the Phil Rizzuto Sports Exhibit Room. The museum is open every third Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. and by appointment. For informa-

tion call 908-353-8828 or visit [www.woodruffhouse.org](http://www.woodruffhouse.org). This museum is operated by the Hillside Historical Society.

## SCRIPTS

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

## TRIPS

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department has announced a **TRIP FOR CRANFORD RESIDENTS TO THE WOODBURY COMMONS MALL** in Central Valley, N.Y. on Saturday. The bus will leave the Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., at approximately 9:30 a.m. and return to Cranford at approximately 6 p.m. Residents younger than 18 years old not accompanied by an adult must have a permission slip signed by a parent. Permission slips are available at the Community Center. For additional information, call 908-709-7283.

A trip to see "WICKED" on Broadway on Jan. 14 at 8 p.m. and another trip to see "MAMMA MIA!" on Broadway on March 12 at 8 p.m. will both benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The cost for both trips includes orchestra seating, transportation and food. For information or to purchase tickets, contact Stephen Frost at 732-986-4048 or e-mail him at [frost4acure@yahoo.com](mailto:frost4acure@yahoo.com).

Holy Comforter Church of Rahway will sponsor a trip to **COLORADO AND THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS** from May 29 to June 8, 2009. The trip will include motorcoach transportation, 10 nights of lodging including four consecutive nights in scenic Colorado, 18 meals; 10 breakfasts and eight dinners, a tour of The Garden of Gods, a visit to the U.S. Air Force Academy, seeing the Royal Gorge, a visit to historic Manitou Springs at the foot of famous Pike's Peak, gaming at Cripple Creek in a historic western setting and much more. For information, contact Dot Edwards at 732-396-0695.

## VARIETY

On Sunday, the **WIDOWED PERSONS CLUB** will host a **SUNDAY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON/DANCE** at the Gran Centurians, 440 Madison Ave. Clark from 1 to 5 p.m. The admission cost includes full buffet, beverages including wine, beer, soda, coffee and desert. For reservations, call Florence at 908-272-9017.



# Overlook Hospital opens new cancer center

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — With the help of a substantial private contribution, Overlook Hospital in Summit recently opened its new Carol G. Simon Cancer Center on Nov. 15.

The two-story, 26,000-square foot building is an extension of the main hospital. According to the cancer center's medical director Dr. Daniel Moriarty, the number of patients diagnosed or treated for cancer has increased 46 percent since 1999.

Moriarty said that nearly 43,000 cancer patients seek Overlook's services every year,

therefore the hospital had to expand to meet the increasing patient volume. Moriarty stressed that it was important to have the large number of patients all in one area, rather than spread throughout the hospital.

"The new facility helps increase patient flow," Moriarty said. "They can now come in and they won't get lost." In the past, patients would have to make three or four trips to the hospital for what now can be taken care of in "one visit, one time," as Moriarty put it.

Nurse Lydia Tarta, who serves as the director of the Oncology Service Line for Atlantic Health, feels the atmosphere of the

new facility is the biggest change. The facility treated its first patients on Nov. 17.

The cancer center was named after the wife of former U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon. She died after a long battle with breast cancer in 1995. The family made a substantial donation for the new facility, but requested that the exact amount donated to Overlook not be disclosed.

In total, the Simon Family Foundation donated nearly \$9 million for improvements to both Overlook and Morristown Memorial hospitals, which are both members of Atlantic Health, according to hospital offi-

cial. The new center has the capability to group together all of the many cancer-related services Overlook offers, including the breast cancer prevention program, the brain tumor center, the lung cancer and colorectal surgery programs, the gastrointestinal oncology team and the infusion center, as well as nutrition counseling, social work services and a clinical research program.

As Overlook expands its walls, Moriarty feels that, unfortunately, the patient volume will only continue to grow as well. He said, though, that the hospital will remain well-staffed.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Edna Bruder**

Edna P. Bruder, 84, of Long Branch, formerly of Summit, died Dec. 5 in Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch.

Born in Harrison, Mrs. Bruder lived in Summit for 36 years before moving to Long Branch. She was a communicant in community parishes, such as Holy Cross, Harrison, where she served as president of the Holy Cross Cancer Society. Mrs. Bruder was a member of The A'Kempis Society and active in The Little Sisters of the Poor. She served as president of St. Teresa's Rosary Society in Summit and for many years, served as parish secretary at St. Teresa's Rectory. She spent her summers in Spring Lake, which became her home, and for the past eight years, resided at Sunrise Assisted Living and was a communicant of St. Catharine's Church.

Surviving are six daughters, Marie Bruder, Clare Mullarney, Continued on Page 27

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- BRUDER — Edna P., of Summit; Dec. 5.
- CORBO — Rocco J., of Union; Dec. 4.
- DECKER — Angela, of Cranford and Clark; Dec. 1.
- DENORA — Michael C., of Clark; Dec. 4.
- DUBROSKI — Peter, of Kenilworth; Dec. 6.
- FALCO — Catherine M., of Linden; Dec. 6.
- FRAZIER — Isabell, of Roselle; Dec. 3.
- FUIMO — Thomas J., of Linden; Nov. 27.
- GARDNER — Stephen L., formerly of Mountainside; Nov. 27.
- GATES — Edward F., of Union; Nov. 29.
- GRANT — Mary Ellen Moorman Harris, of Union; Nov. 15.
- GUALANO — Victor, of Roselle Park; Dec. 4.
- HAMLETT — Linda, of Linden; Dec. 1.
- HOLMES — Bishop Elijah, of Roselle; Dec. 2.
- JORDAN — John E., of Roselle; Dec. 3.
- JORN — Janet M., formerly of Kenilworth; Nov. 29.
- KEENAN — William P. Sr., of Linden; Dec. 2.
- KLENIEWSKI — Edward D., of Linden; Dec. 5.
- KNEVELS — Winifred, formerly of Linden; Dec. 1.
- KNIGHT — Ethel C., of Union; Nov. 30.
- KOCHANOWSKI — Edward, of Linden; Dec. 1.
- KOPACKI — Elsie F., of Cranford; Nov. 29.
- KORYBSKI — Esther, of Clark; Dec. 3.
- LEVENBERG — Herbert, of Mountainside; Nov. 30.
- LICHOWID — Walter, of Clark; Dec. 4.

- LIEBER — Eleanor C., of Clark; Dec. 2.
  - LONEKER — Edward J., of Roselle Park; Nov. 29.
  - LOOLOIAN — J. Kenneth, of Mountainside; Nov. 22.
  - LUTKENHOUSE — John Pershing, of Cranford; Dec. 1.
  - MASHAS — Edward, of Union; Nov. 24.
  - MATIOSZ — Frank G., of Clark; Dec. 2.
  - MITRIK — Leonard J., formerly of Linden; Nov. 29.
  - MORGAN — Ralph D. Jr., of Summit; Dec. 5.
  - NEUPAUER — John J., of Kenilworth; Dec. 6.
  - ORTUSO — Louis J., of Cranford; Nov. 30.
  - PAYNE — Ruth, of Linden; Nov. 24.
  - PETRECCA — Peter P. Sr., of Union; Nov. 22.
  - PETRICK — Mary Nancy, of Clark; Dec. 1.
  - PUZELLA — Angelo, of Summit; Dec. 5.
  - RAKIN — Miriam, of Mountainside; Dec. 2.
  - ROSS — Tracey, of Cranford; Dec. 1.
  - RUDNICKI — Irene, of Linden; Dec. 6.
  - SALERNO — Lucy, of Union; Nov. 30.
  - SEAY — Rita Marie Hayes, of Linden; Dec. 6.
  - SEYMORE — Lillie Mae, of Roselle; Nov. 24.
  - SICKLES — Anne, of Union; Nov. 23.
  - THOMAS — Darryl Sr., of Union; Nov. 30.
  - THOMPSON — Florence Shandra, of Clark; Nov. 3.
  - WARDENSKI — Loretta B., of Linden; Dec. 3.
  - WILLIAMS — Norma, formerly of Linden; Dec. 3.
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Sunday Services:  
 Sunday School - 10:05am  
 Morning Worship - 8:45am, 11:00am  
 Evening Service - 6:30pm  
 Wednesday Services:  
 Ladies Bible Study (Heart&Home) - 10am  
 Family Night 7:30pm with -  
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 Missionettes girls program (ages 3-17)  
 Adult School of the Bible  
 Friday Services:  
 Youth Night - 7:30pm  
 College & Career - 7:30pm  
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 Rev. Walter Cebula, Pastor  
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 Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM  
 Sunday Evening: 6:30 PM  
 Food Pantry (Wednesday) 5-6:45 PM  
 Wednesday Family Night: 7:00 PM  
 Spanish Service (Saturday): 7 PM

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**ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH**, 640 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, Rev. Clarence Alston, Pastor. Church phone (973) 379-1465. SUNDAY: 9:30 A.M. Family Bible School; 11:00 A.M. Worship Service. WEDNESDAY: 7:30 P.M. Mid-Week Service. Holy Communion every First Sunday. Nursery Care available every Sunday. If transportation is needed call the church office. Everyone is Welcome at Antioch.

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 Union N.J. 07083

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 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
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 Roselle Park, NJ 07204  
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 Kenilworth, NJ 07033  
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 Parsonage: 908-272-1995  
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**BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH**, 77 Liberty Ave., Union, 908-686-LAMB. Rev. Percival Gordon, Pastor. Sunday Worship 10:30 am. Sunday School 9:15 am. Women's Group meets first Wednesday of every month 1:30 pm. Men's Group meets every other Wednesday 9:00 am. Wednesday, Bible study and Prayer Group 7:00 pm.

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 Union, NJ 07083  
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 E-Mail: Crossroads@ccfou.org  
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 Discussion Group  
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**St. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH COMMUNITY**, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081.973-376-3044. www.saintjamesparish.org. SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 5:00pm (anticipated), Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am and 12:00 noon. WEEKDAY MASS: Monday-Friday 7:30am, Saturday 8:00am. RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11:00am (any time by appointment).

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**UNITARIAN CHURCH IN SUMMIT**, 4 Waldron Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. 908-273-3245. www.ucsummit.org. A member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, minister. Our church draws members from various religious and cultural backgrounds who join together in their individual quests for truth and meaning. There is no creed or test of membership, but the community is bound together by principles, shared values and a desire to serve. Sunday services and Children's Religious Education classes at 9 and 10:45am Green Vespers, 6:15pm, 3rd Saturday.

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## OBITUARIES

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Margaret Mary Bruder, Sarah Meehan, Edna McGrath and Carmel Schmidt; four sons, Michael, Brendan, Thomas and Paul; a sister, Katherine LeGlise, and 12 grandchildren.

The O'Brien Funeral Home, Wall, handled the arrangements.

### Rocco Corbo

Rocco J. Corbo, 95, of Union died Dec. 4 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Corbo moved to Union in 1958. He worked at Worthington Corp. for more than 40 years and was manager of engineering services at the time of his retirement. Mr. Corbo was an instructor in the Essex and Union County Vocational schools. He was a longtime parishioner and usher at Holy Spirit Church, Union, and a member of the Union Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are two daughters, Anne Carballo and Doris Corbo; a son, Robert; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The McCracken Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

### Peter Dubroski



Peter Dubroski, 97, of Kenilworth died Dec. 6 at home.

Born in Ashley, Pa., Mr. Dubroski lived in Kenilworth for 55 years. He was an automobile mechanic for Springfield Garage, Springfield, for 31 years before retiring in 1983. Mr. Dubroski was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater, where he fought in the battle of Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, the Ardennes and Central Europe. He was the recipient of five Bronze stars.

Surviving are his wife, Josephine; a son, Bernard P.; a sister, Mary Dvorsky; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

### Isabell Frazier

Isabell Frazier, 66, of Roselle died Dec. 3 in East Orange General Hospital.

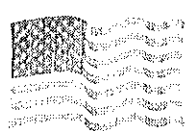
Born in Saluda County, S.C., Mrs. Frazier lived in Roselle for more than 39 years. She was employed as a senior vice president of Primerica, Union, for more than 20 years, where she specialized in financial services, investment and life insurance. Prior to that, Mrs. Frazier was a business teacher for Essex College of Business, Newark, and the New Jersey State Department of Education.

Surviving are her husband, Van; five sons, Dr. Derek Frazier, Sanford, Adam, Wendell and Marc; two daughters, Victoria and Emilia Frazier; six brothers, John Henry, William, Nathaniel, Calvin, Clifford

and Alexander Jackson; two sisters, Ruth Andrews and Gladys Patricia Jackson, and six grandchildren.

The August F. Schmidt Memorial Funeral Home, Elizabeth, handled the arrangements.

### Victor Gualano



Victor Gualano, 86, of Roselle Park died Dec. 4 in Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth.

Born in Cetraro, Italy, Mr. Gualano came to the United States on Columbus Day at the age of 12. He lived in Elizabeth before settling in Roselle Park in 1959. Mr. Gualano served in the Army in World War II in England and Belgium as a telephone switchboard operator from 1943 until his discharge in 1946. He received the World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, EAME Campaign Medal as well as an American Campaign Medal. Mr. Gualano graduated from Jefferson High School, Elizabeth, in 1942, and was awarded a full scholarship to Columbia University, New York, where he received both a bachelor of arts and master's of arts degrees.

In 1952, he and his wife, Nora, did a tour working for the United States Mission to the United Nations in Paris, France, under the U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. Upon returning to the United States, Mr. Gualano became an English teacher at Thomas Jefferson High school, Elizabeth. He later taught in Elizabeth High School and the Jewish Educational Center, Elizabeth. He spent most of his life pursuing First Amendment rights, especially as it related to students. Mr. Gualano retired from teaching in 1994 at the age of 72. He served as president of the Elizabeth Teachers Union and was formerly president of the Italian-American Club of the St. Benedict Society in Elizabeth. He also was a member of the Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park.

Also surviving are three sons, Victor Raymond, Paul and Christopher; a daughter, Mary Ellen Hunsicker; two sisters, Rose Caruso and Pauline Campo, and five grandchildren.

The Dooley Funeral Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

### Bishop Elijah Holmes

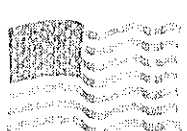
Bishop Elijah Holmes, 81, a lifelong resident of Roselle, died Dec. 2 in Rahway.

Bishop Holmes was consecrated to the Bishopric in 1984 by the United Holy Church of America. He was the pastor emeritus of Guiding Star United Holy Church in Roselle, where he served for 48 years. Bishop Holmes had been the concurrent pastor of the Mount Hope United Holy Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., for 24 years. He was a certified master mechanic.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Maria, and two brothers, John and Isaac.

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

### John Jordan



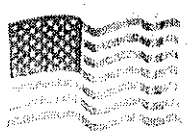
John E. Jordan, 84, of Roselle died Dec. 3 in the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home.

Born in Winston-Salem, N.C., Mr. Jordan lived in Avenel before moving to Roselle. He joined the Army in 1943 and served in the World War II campaign in Northern France. Mr. Jordan was a manager at U.S. Metals Refinery, Carteret, before retiring.

Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Helen; a son, Wayne; a stepdaughter, Linda Blackburn; a stepson, Bryan Brantley; a sister, May Doyle; a brother, Newell Jordan, and three grandchildren.

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

### William Keenan Sr.



William P. Keenan Sr., 82, of Linden died Dec. 2 at home.

Born in Cranford, Mr. Keenan moved to Linden in 1961. He was a warehouseman for more than 40 years, working for Kenilworth Steel, the AB Murray Co., Union, and Wales Darby Inc., Warren, before retiring in 1990. Mr. Keenan was a veteran of World War II and served in the Army. He also was an usher in St. Elizabeth's Church, Linden.

Surviving are three sons, William P. Jr., Robert A. and Frank J.; a daughter, Maureen McGrath; three brothers, Donald, Philip G. and Francis; two sisters, Anna May Evans and Patricia Pullich, and six grandchildren.

The Kowalski Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

### Ethel Knight

Ethel C. Knight, 99, of the Vauxhall section of Union, died Nov. 30 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Dothan, Ala., Mrs. Knight relocated to Vauxhall in 1927.

Surviving are a daughter, Vera Jean Collins; two sisters, Helen Hayes and Clotell Rogers, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Woody "Home for Services," Orange, handled the arrangements.

### Edward Kochanowski



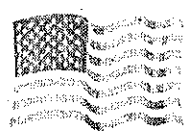
Edward Kochanowski, 85, of Linden died Dec. 1 in the Parker Home, New Brunswick.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Kochanowski moved to Linden in 1970. He was a tool maker for Singer Manufacturing Co., Elizabeth, for 41 years and retired in 1982. Mr. Kochanowski was a veteran of World War II and served in the Coast Guard-Merchant Marine from 1943 to 1946. He was active in the Battle at Normandy and the liberation of France. Mr. Kochanowski received the Diploma of Honor Award and Medal from the Federation of French War Veterans and the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal. After the war, he served nine months in the Army. Mr. Kochanowski was a member of the Linden Gregorio Center Senior Citizen Club.

Surviving is a sister, Tessie Krezel.

The Kowalski Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

### Herbert Levenberg



Herbert "Herb" Levenberg, 82, a lifelong resident of Union County, who resided in Mountainside, died Nov. 30 in the Sunrise Assisted Living, Westfield.

Born in the Port section of Elizabeth, he resided in Union, Delray Beach, Fla., and in Mountainside. Mr. Levenberg was the founder of Atlas Electric Service, Elizabeth, and gave lifelong support to civic,

religious, trade and fraternal organizations. He served as president of the Elmora Hebrew Center in Elizabeth and of the YM-YWHA of Union County, Union. Mr. Levenberg was celebrated as "Man of the Year" by both organizations. He also served as president of the Union County Electrical Contractors Association and was an officer and volunteer for many other community organizations.

Mr. Levenberg graduated in 1944 from Edison Vocational High school, Elizabeth. He enlisted in the Navy and went to war aboard the USS Hilary P. Jones. As a crew member on that Naval destroyer, Mr. Levenberg was involved in numerous battles including attacks by Kamikaze airplanes and submarines. His most memorable wartime experience was witnessing history in the making, when Gen. Douglas MacArthur presided over the surrender ceremony of the Japanese aboard the USS Missouri. In 1952, along with his brother, Milton, he founded Atlas Electric Service, retired in the mid-1990s and passed the business to his son, Paul.

Also surviving are his wife, Roberta; two daughters, Tobi Kaplan and Judi Stern; two sons, David and Paul; a stepdaughter, Randy Wenarsky; two stepsons, Jonathan and Richard Phillips; 15 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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## OBITUARIES

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**Eleanor Lieber**

Eleanor C. Lieber, 74, of Clark died Dec. 2 in Peggy's House at the center for Hope Hospice, Scotch Plains.

Born in Montclair, Ms. Lieber moved to Clark 50 years ago. She was employed by Cosmair Inc., Clark, in the Lancome Division, for 33 years and retired several years ago.

Prior to that, Ms. Lieber worked for New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. for many years.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Herron, and two grandchildren.

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

**Edward Loneker**

Edward J. Loneker, 64, of Roselle Park died Nov. 29 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Loneker lived in Roselle Park for 41 years. He was a printer for Stuyvesant Press, Irvington, for five years and retired seven years ago. Prior to that, Mr. Loneker worked for Berkowitz Press, Elizabeth, for more than 30 years. He taught printing at the Thomas Edison Vocational School, Elizabeth.

Surviving are his wife, Diane C.; two daughters, Cheryle Munz and Tammy Minch; three brothers, Ronald, Raymond and Lesile; two sisters, Kathleen Periera and Gail Hickey, and five grandchildren.

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

**Louis Ortuso**

Louis J. Ortuso, 82, of Cranford died on Nov. 30.

Mr. Ortuso served in the Army during World War II. He was employed by El Co., Cranford, until his retirement.

Surviving is a sister, Josephine Brown.

The Dooley Funeral Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

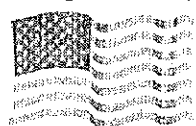
**John Lutkenhouse**

John Pershing Lutkenhouse, 90, of Cranford died Dec. 1 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Staten Island, Mr. Lutkenhouse lived in Cranford for the last 55 years. He was a civil engineer and worked for many years with Edwards and Kelsey Professional Engineers, Newark. Mr. Lutkenhouse was a former member of the Cranford Elks Club. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and retired from the Naval Reserve as a chief warrant officer in 1978.

Surviving are his wife or 61

years, Dorothy; a son, John C.; a daughter, Joan Hayes; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Ralph Morgan Jr.**

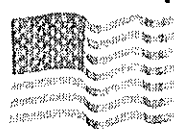
Ralph D. Morgan Jr., 92, of Summit died Dec. 5 in Overlook Hospital, Summit. Born in Buffalo, N.Y., Mr. Morgan lived in Short Hills for nearly 50 years before moving to

Summit five years ago.

He attended the Nichols School and graduated from Union College in 1940. After a stint in the Army, Mr. Morgan worked in Curtis Wright.

He joined the Associated Dry Goods Corp. in New York, where he worked for 36 years before retiring in 1981.

Surviving are three daughters, Suzanne Carton; Nancy Serpa and Kathleen Thompson; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**John Neupauer**

John J. Neupauer, 79, of Kenilworth died Dec. 6 in Trinitas Regional

Medical Center, Elizabeth.

Born in Newark, Mr. Neupauer lived in Irvington before moving to Kenilworth 48 years ago. He worked in the financial department for Public Service Electric & Gas Co., Elizabeth, for 25 years before retiring in 1988. Mr. Neupauer was

a founding member of the Father McViegh Council 4186 Knights of Columbus, Kenilworth. He received a bachelor's degree in business from Seton Hall University in 1959. Mr. Neupauer served in the Navy from 1947 to 1951. He reenlisted in the Army from 1951 to 1953.

Surviving are his wife, Frances A.; two daughters, Nancy and Susanne Neupauer; two sons, Stephen and Thomas; a sister, Ethel Foelsch, and five grandchildren.

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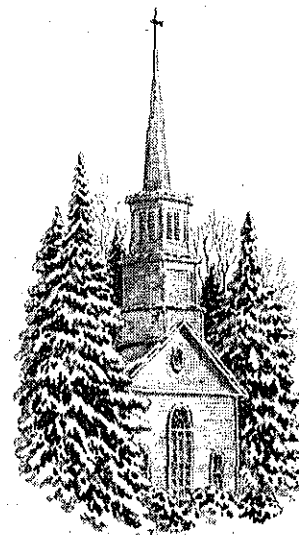
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**DRESSED TO IMPRESS** — Three-year-old children in Mrs. O'Brien's and Mrs. Arpino's classes enjoyed showing off their costumes for the Halloween Parade at the Community Presbyterian Nursery School in Mountainside.

## Temple to celebrate Hanukkah at service

Public invited to attend celebrations at Temple Sinai this holiday season

Temple Sinai of Summit, a reform congregation, welcomes the public to participate in their Hanukkah celebrations.

On Friday, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a Shabbat evening service titled "Community: Inside and Out," sponsored by the Nadler Fund for Jewish Education.

There will also be a Hanukkah concert with special guests including Temple Sinai's choirs and the Summit High School Chamber Choir.

On Dec. 21 at 4 p.m. there will be a First Night of Hanukkah Candle Lighting with Congregation Beth Hatikvah and The Summit Jewish Community Center at Temple Sinai's front lawn, 208 Summit Ave.

On Dec. 22 at 7 p.m., the congregation will participate in a Second Night of Hanukkah Candle Lighting at Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South Street, New Providence.

Temple Sinai is led by a staff of four full-time professionals, an elected Board of Trustees and Officers and a group of volunteer committee chairs. It is led by Rabbi Stuart Weinberg Gershon, Temple Sinai's rabbi since 1993. Florence Merel has been Temple Sinai's cantor since 1999.

The temple is a reform Jewish congregation that welcomes members from all religious backgrounds and all phases of life

For information, call 908-273-4921 or visit [www.templestinainj.org](http://www.templestinainj.org).

## RELIGION

### Parish will celebrate its 50th anniversary

The parish community of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountainside, has invited the public to share in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the parish.

A celebration of the Eucharist will begin at 4 p.m. on Saturday in the Lady of Lourdes Church. A dinner dance will follow at 6 p.m. at L'Affaire, located on Route 22 East in Mountainside. For information, call 908-232-1162.

### Holy Hour for Life

The Holy Hour for Life, praying before the Blessed Sacrament will be hosted by Holy Spirit Respect Life Ministry on Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Holy Spirit Church, Suburban Avenue, Union.

### Festival of Lessons planned for December

The Community Presbyterian Church, 1459 Deer Path in Mountainside, will present its fourth annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday at 5 p.m.

The service is modeled after the traditional Anglican service held at the King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England. It will feature the Community Presbyterian Church choirs, along with special guest harpist Daria Cortese.

The music will consist of traditional carols and anthems by such composers as Poston, Vilette, Tavener, Billings, Hassler, Nordqvist, Britten and Rutter. Admission is free, however, a benevolent offering will be taken to support the church's outreach programs. Additional information can be obtained by calling 908-232-9490.

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## THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

Congratulations to Governor Livingston, Johnson and Rahway for reaching state championship games and scoring first in them before bowing to the opposition.

GL reached only its second playoff final and first since 1989, falling to Caldwell 22-7 last Friday night in the North 2, Group 2 final at Giants Stadium.

Johnson reached its first playoff final since 2002 and was edged by Manasquan 19-14 in the Central Jersey, Group 2 title game at Rutgers.

Rahway competed in a state championship game for the first time since 1999, falling to Phillipsburg 20-6 Sunday in the North 2, Group 3 final at Rutgers.

All three represented the Mountain Valley Conference and Union County well this past weekend.

However, none were able to win, which has become a continued trend for Union County football teams in championship games going back to 1996.

Since the 1996 season - 13 seasons from 1996-2008 - Union County has produced only six state champion teams - Elizabeth four times (1997, 1999, 2000 and 2006), Johnson in 2002 and Brearley in 2006.

## Looking ahead



Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

One of the top returning seniors in Union County next year will be present Hilltopper junior running back Dwaine Dabney, here trying to be tackled in Summit's 28-6 home win over Chatham, which was a game that he scored all four of his team's touchdowns in.

## Villaverde's 4 goals lead Crusaders past Cranford

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

ROSELLE - The Johnson ice hockey team improved to 2-0 after defeating Cranford 4-1 in the semifinals of the 26th annual Cron Tournament Monday night at Warinanco Ice Rink.

The Crusaders' season-opening 5-2 win over Summit on Dec. 2 was its first-ever victory in Cron Tournament play. Johnson (2-0) was scheduled to face Morris Knolls (2-0-1) in last night's championship game at Warinanco.

Morris Knolls advanced after beating Mendham 5-2 in Monday night's first semifinal at Warinanco.

Johnson's win over Cranford was its first over the Cougars in five years. The teams are also scheduled to play twice this season in Union County Ice Hockey League play. Johnson was trying to become the first team from Union County to win the Cron Tournament since Summit last captured the crown in 1998.

Crusader sixth-year head coach Mike Nudo was pleased with the win, which was sparked by a four-goal effort by junior left wing Nick Villaverde.

Johnson is coming off a 13-8-3 season that saw it reach the Central Conference-White Division semifinals after going 8-5-3 in conference play.

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### LAST WEEKEND'S CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES INVOLVING UNION COUNTY TEAMS

Friday, Dec. 5 (1 game)  
North 2, Group 2 final  
at Giants Stadium  
Caldwell 22, Gov. Livingston 7

Saturday, Dec. 6 (1 game)  
Central Jersey, Group 2 final  
at Rutgers  
Manasquan 19, Johnson 14

Sunday, Dec. 7 (1 game)  
North 2, Group 3 final  
at Rutgers  
Phillipsburg 20, Rahway 6

### JR'S FINAL PICKS

Last week: 0-3.  
Season: 104-31 (.770).  
Best bets: 11-2.  
Upset specials: 4-9.

### JR'S FINAL UNION COUNTY TOP 10 RANKINGS FOR 2008

- 1-Union (8-3)
  - 2-Elizabeth (7-3)
  - 3-Westfield (7-3)
  - 4-Rahway (10-2)
  - 5-Johnson (8-4)
  - 6-Hillside (8-3)
  - 7-Gov. Livingston (7-5)
  - 8-Brearley (9-1)
  - 9-New Providence (8-2)
  - 10-Plainfield (4-6)
- Others: Linden (5-5),  
Scotch Plains (4-6), Summit (5-6),  
Roselle (5-4), Dayton (5-5),  
Cranford (3-7), Roselle Park (2-8).

- 11 teams made the playoffs
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- 3 teams reached title games
- 2 teams finished with .500 marks
- 1 team won 10 games



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# Johnson sought to win its first Cron Tournament

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This year's squad - in addition to the scoring of Villaverde - is sparked by returning seniors Scott Klimchak, Matt Klimchak, Vin Ferdinandi and Michael Merfert and Seton Hall Prep transfer Joe Lanza, who is a sophomore defenseman.

Scott Klimchak is back in goal, with Matt Klimchak and Ferdinandi also key defensemen.

"This year will be more difficult because we will be a hunted team and won't surprise anyone like last year," said sixth-year Johnson head coach Mike Nudo.

Villaverde, Johnson's leading scorer as a freshman and sophomore, scored three goals in the second period after Johnson and Cranford battled to a scoreless tie in the first 15 minutes.

Villaverde added his fourth goal in the third period 4.5 minutes after Pat Hartnett scored for Cranford.

Villaverde had three goals in Johnson's first game. "Nick can do so many things on the ice in order to be in a position to score goals," Nudo said.

Senior Jozef Kapel assisted on Villaverde's second and third goals, with Lanza earning an assist on the first and senior Ed Mironski also earning one on Villaverde's second.

Villaverde's fourth and final goal came shorthanded and was unassisted.

Scott Klimchak was solid in net, making 21 saves, while the defense in front of him was more than efficient.

"We stress defense the most," Nudo said. "That's the key to how good we can be."

Cranford, coming off an 18-7-1 season that saw it go 11-2-1 in Central Conference-White Division play, then reach the Van Cott Cup final before reaching the NJSIAA Public B quarterfinals, received a fine 22-save performance from senior goaltender Colin Mayberry, who is also one of two team captains, along with senior left wing Pat Dolan.

The first six shots Johnson fired on Mayberry came on Johnson's first power play opportunity, which was midway through the first period.

Mayberry saved all six shots, three of them fired by Lanza, one by senior Frank Travisano, one by Ferdinandi and one by Villaverde.

After being down 1-0 in the second period, Cranford was presented with a 5-on-3 advantage when two-minute penalties were called on two Johnson players at the same time.

However, Cranford could only fire one shot on goal during the advantage, with Klimchak coming up with the save.

NOTES: Cranford, which opened with a 5-1 win over Scotch Plains in Cron Tournament play at Warinanco Dec. 2, saw it record move to 1-1.

The Cougars (1-1) were to face Mendham (1-1-1) last night in the third-place Cron Tournament game at Warinanco.

## UNION COUNTY ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE FOR 2008-2009 SEASON

Teams (7): Cranford, Dayton, Governor Livingston, Johnson, Scotch Plains, Summit, Westfield.

Cranford: Head coach - Rich Hurley. 2007-2008: 18-7-1.

Dayton: Head coach - John Perone. 2007-2008: 3-17-1.

Governor Livingston: Head coach - Dave Scales. 2007-2008: 14-5-4.

Johnson: Head coach - Mike Nudo. 2007-2008: 13-8-3.

Scotch Plains: Head coach - Matt Gualtieri. 2007-2008: 7-16-3.

Summit: Head coach - Keith Nixon. 2007-2008: 10-12-3.

Westfield: Head coach - Dennis Doherty. 2007-2008: 14-12-2.

The Central Conference now consists of just the Red and Blue divisions.

Red Division (9): Bridgewater-Raritan, Gloucester Catholic, Hillsborough, Montclair-Kimberley Academy, Montgomery, Paul VI, Ridge, St. Joseph's-Metuchen, Watchung Hills.

Blue Division (9): Edison, Hunterdon Central, Livingston, Millburn, Old Bridge, St. Joseph's-Hammonton, South Brunswick, J.P. Stevens, West Orange.

## Mountainside's Stamatis scores for Harvard in NCAA men's soccer second round match

John Stamatis of Mountainside was one of the top men's soccer players in the Ivy League once again this season.

Stamatis, who starred at the Pingry School in Martinsville, helped the Harvard University squad finish with a 12-6-0 winning record this year and 5-2 winning mark in always very challenging Ivy League competition.

The Crimson took on South Florida in the NCAA Tournament, seeking to advance to the next round.

Although Harvard was edged 2-1 by South Florida on Nov. 25, the Crimson were able to advance to the second round for the 10th time in program history.

Not a bad accomplishment at all for the Harvard team during this fall's season.

Stamatis, who came through with some big goals for the Crimson this season and throughout his four-year Ivy League career, tied tie game in the 24th minute after firing a shot into the goal from the right side of the pitch.

Stamatis finished an outstanding senior season with six goals and nine assists for a total of 21 points.

That placed Stamatis third on the team in scoring.

Stamatis also did well to finish tied for fifth on the Crimson's all-time career assist list with as many as 23 over the course of four stellar seasons.

## JOHNSON CRUSADERS

- 29-Scott Klimchak, senior goaltender
- 15-Matt Klimchak, senior defenseman
- 42-Vin Ferdinandi, senior defenseman
- 10-Nick Villaverde, junior left wing
- 24-Sal DeMarzo, freshman center
- 63-Michael Merfert, senior RW
- 26-Joe Lanza, sophomore defenseman
- 13-Chris Villaverde, senior
- 22-Evan Shanahan, senior
- 2-Frank Travisano, senior
- 3-Kyle Mason, junior
- 18-Frank Martino, sophomore
- 20-Martin Rovnak, freshman
- 25-Colin Cieslak, junior
- 66-Ed Mironski, senior
- 89-Jozef Kapel, senior
- 4-Eric Faethe, sophomore
- 30-George Bogner, sophomore goalie

## CRANFORD COUGARS

- Kevin Ballas, freshman goaltender
- 44-Oliver Bevan, freshman
- 7-Alanna Conte, sophomore
- 13-Eddie Conte, junior
- 19-Billy Davitt, sophomore
- 5-Luke Diano, sophomore
- 17-Wes Ditzel, sophomore
- 14-Pat Dolan, senior LW, captain
- 46-Vince Fitzgerald, junior
- 26-Pat Hartnett, junior, left wing
- 22-Russ Harvey, freshman
- 35-Trevor Hertz, sophomore goalie
- Evan Mast, freshman
- 30-Colin Mayberry, senior goaltender and captain
- 3-Gary Merwede, junior
- 98-Matt Nunziato, soph. goaltender
- 12-Eric Pawlick, sophomore
- 34-Shannon Tierney, junior
- 10-Dan Valentine, sophomore
- 29-Mike Williams, junior goalie
- 9-Jake Zimmerman, freshman

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# GL football impressed by reaching sectional final

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

EAST RUTHERFORD — A coach on NFL Films can be heard shouting to his players:

"This is a game of the heart — focus and finish!"

That's what veteran Caldwell head coach Ken Trimmer said was the theme for his state champion Chiefs this season.

"Once we got into the playoffs it was focus and finish," Trimmer said. "That was our motto."

Caldwell's fifth playoff championship, fourth in North 2, Group 2 and first since a repeat title in 1998 was realized Friday night after the fifth-seeded Chiefs came back to defeat third-seeded Governor Livingston of Berkeley Heights 22-7 in front of a crowd of 5,000 at Giants Stadium.

GL scored first to take a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on a 17-yard fourth down pass from junior quarterback Max Machado to junior wide receiver Rob Ingebretsen before Caldwell scored touchdowns in the second, third and fourth quarters — with sophomore fullback Chris Zaorski scoring the first two on runs of one and 15 yards and junior wide receiver Michael Fess the last on a 40-yard run up the middle, untouched.

Zaorski, who began the season as a tight end on offense, carried 14 times for 62 yards in the second half after gaining only 15 on six carries in the first. He finished with 72 yards on 20 attempts, including his game-high two touchdowns — the second one in which he ran through a huge hole provided by his offensive line.

GL senior running back Kevin Reavey finished with 89 yards rushing on 21 carries, getting most of his yardage in the first half when he gained 65 yards on 15 attempts.

Reavey was part of a special senior class at GL — one that reached the playoffs every season.

"I'm real proud of my seniors every year, but these kids worked real hard and never gave up," said fifth-year GL head coach Terry Hanratty, who has guided GL to the playoffs every year he has been at the helm.

Caldwell, which needed to win on the cutoff date to qualify, finished an 8-4 season with five consecutive wins, the last four coming on the road — including all three playoff triumphs and a Thanksgiving eve victory over Butler.

GL, which was appearing in only its second playoff championship game and first since a 24-0 loss at New Providence in the 1989 North 2, Group 1 final, finished 7-5.

The Highlanders are one of three teams from the Mountain Division of the Mountain Valley Conference that reached sectional finals, with Johnson facing Manasquan Saturday in Central Jersey, Group 2 and Rahway playing Phillipsburg Sunday in North 2, Group 3. Both of those afternoon games will take place in Piscataway at Rutgers Stadium.

Caldwell and GL both bounced back from three-game losing streaks in the middle of the season to reach the championship contest.

Caldwell's journey began with a late home victory over West Orange on the cutoff date. It was a game that the Chiefs came back to win 23-20, scoring the winning points in the final minutes to down a 6-2 Group 4 Mountaineer squad in Northern Hills Conference play.

That not only got Caldwell in the North 2, Group 2 field, but put it as the fifth seed. Then playoff wins followed in Jersey City over fourth-seeded Lincoln 42-26 and in Union over top-seeded Hillside 28-21.

Before beating GL, Caldwell kept its momentum going by winning at Butler 32-13 eight days ago.

The New York Giants won four games away from Giants Stadium last year to win the Super Bowl for the third time in their history.

Caldwell won three games away from its Bonnell Field grass field to win its first state championship in 10 years, doing so at — of all places — Giants Stadium.

"Jessie Armstead (former New York Giants player) came to our field house last night and gave us an inspirational speech," Trimmer said.

Caldwell practiced on Millburn's field turf field yesterday and then returned to school to see Armstead, who played for the Giants and Washington Redskins from 1993-2003, there in a show of support.

"These kids have been so dedicated, I couldn't get them off the practice field last night," Trimmer said.

Ironically, Caldwell gave up more points than they scored this year — 249 for and 262 against.

However, they went 7-1 on the road, which is quite an accomplishment because high school teams rarely get on a bus and come back home with as many as seven victories that way in one season.

GL was also outscored this year — by a 237-220 margin — although the Highlanders did come away with two shutout victories and went 5-1 at home.

GL stopped Caldwell at the Highlander 30 to prevent the Chiefs from scoring on their first possession. Then GL went to work on offense.

Reavey gained 13, 17, one and four yards before being stopped for no gain. Then junior quarterback Max Machado — one of the true Union County and Mountain Valley Conference MVPs this season — completed a nine-yard pass to Reavey to give GL a first down at the Caldwell 26.

GL got to the nine for first-and-goal, but was moved back eight yards on a solo quarterback sack by Zaorski.

In the second half, Caldwell senior tackle Nick Delisanti recorded solo sacks on plays before and after an incomplete pass. His second sack of Machado went for a 25-yard loss.

GL was eventually faced with a fourth-and-goal from the Caldwell 17 after incomplete passes on second and third downs.

Machado then rolled left and threw the ball to junior end Rob Ingebretsen, who used his 6-2 height to jump higher than the 5-9 Caldwell defender.

Ingebretsen took the ball away with two hands, coming down with a touchdown reception that put GL on the scoreboard first. Reavey's extra point gave GL a 7-0 lead.

Then to the surprise of many, GL attempted an onside kick and it worked. It was reported on the GL sideline that freshman Andrew Romeo (No. 33) recovered the kick once it went beyond the required 10 yards it needed to.

GL's drive, however, was thwarted when freshman defensive back Robert Petoia intercepted a Machado pass at his own 35 and returned it 13 yards.

Caldwell didn't score on that possession or its next.

Before its fifth possession, the Chiefs had just 36 yards of offense, 26 rushing and eight passing.

With 3:40 left in the half and a first-and-10 on its own 34, Caldwell had to open up its offense a bit.

The play was Ace Left Wrist (or Risk — the cheerleaders were screaming in the background), Go Go — as described by junior tight end Anthony Fiumefreddo, who got open on the left flank and caught a pass from sophomore quarterback Chris Lawshe that went for a 33-yard gain to the GL 28.

The play matched almost all of Caldwell's previous offensive production.

"What happened was, we knew they were going to pick up Fess because he's our best player," Fiumefreddo said. "I then just snuck out of the line and I was wide open."

"It was a huge momentum change in our favor," Trimmer said.

"Momentum is so important in high school football and that got Caldwell going," Hanratty said.

• See complete story, agate and team results at [www.localsource.com](http://www.localsource.com).

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## Rahway football among the best

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

Rahway, like fellow Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division football schools Governor Livingston Friday night at Giants Stadium and Johnson Saturday afternoon at Rutgers Stadium, scored first and jumped out to a one-touchdown lead on its sectional final opponent.

However, like GL and Johnson, Rahway's opponent more than answered the Indians' challenge.

That foe was fourth-seeded Phillipsburg Sunday at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway as the Stateliners defeated sixth-seeded Rahway 20-6 in the North 2, Group 3 championship game.

Both teams finished 10-2, with Rahway having a nine-game winning streak snapped.

Phillipsburg won its fourth playoff championship and second in this section. P-Burg won its first playoff championship in this section back in 1977 and then captured North 2, Group 4 on two other occasions, the most recent in 2005.

Rahway is now 3-4 in playoff championship games and was playing in its first since reaching the N2, G3 final in 1999. Rahway's last playoff championship came in 1984 when the Indians won North 2, Group 3 for the third time, beating Morris Hills 8-7 in the final played in Rockaway.

The first two times Rahway won N2, G3, the Indians defeated Phillipsburg in the 1978 and 1979 finals.

Rahway and Phillipsburg have now split four playoff games. P-Burg won the first matchup in the 1977 N2, G3 semifinals.

Taking advantage of a turnover by fumble recovery, Rahway jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter on a 60-yard touchdown run by junior running back Giovanni Smith.

Phillipsburg tied the game at 6-6 in the first half and tacked on 14 more points in the second quarter for a 20-6 halftime advantage.

There was no scoring in the second half.

Rahway finished as Union County's highest scoring team, totaling 354 points in 12 games for a 29.5 average.

Although the Indians lost to Phillipsburg, they still had a fine season. Rahway won 10 games and reached a sectional championship game both for the first time in nine years.

**NOTES:** Both teams entered Sunday's game with three playoff championships.

Rahway won North 2, Group 3 in 1978, 1979 and 1984.

Phillipsburg won North 2, Group 3 in 1977 and North 2, Group 4 in 2001 and 2005.

Rahway was 3-3 in playoff championship games and Phillipsburg had a record of 3-5.

Here's a look at Rahway vs. Phillipsburg playoff matchups:

**2008:** North 2, Group 3 final at Rutgers — P-Burg 20, Rahway 6  
**1979:** North 2, Group 3 final at Giants Stadium — Rahway 14, P-Burg 6  
**1978:** North 2, Group 3 final at Phillipsburg — Rahway 23, P-Burg 10  
**1977:** North 2, Group 3 semis at Phillipsburg — P-Burg 34, Rahway 0

### Union bowlers top Newark East Side

The Union High School bowling team opened with a 3-0 Watchung Conference victory over Newark East Side last Thursday at Hy-Way Bowl in Union.

Here are Union's scores:

Sharif Warden: 201-174-176-551. Andre Leverett: 207-141-161-509.  
 John Stifall: 154-164-158-481. Anthony Wachter: 115-121-146-381.  
 Pete Kuziola bowled a 124, Jasmine McDuffie a 120 and Brian Fischer a 104.  
 Union competed in the Bishop Ahr Tournament at Carolier Lanes in North Brunswick last Saturday.

Here are Union's scores:

Sharif Warden: 198-189-220-607. Anthony Wachter: 178-165-189-532.  
 Andre Leverett: 148-147-189-484. John Stifall: 168-168-146-482.  
 Pete Kuziola bowled games of 177 and 170 and Brian Fischer 113.  
 Union had a pin total of 2,565.



# Johnson football has stellar season

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

**PISCATAWAY** - The problem with state championship games when you lose is that the season you just worked so hard for ends in defeat.

Initially, all you think about is that loss and forget about all the good things you did to get to the championship game.

That was the case for Johnson of Clark Saturday afternoon as the Crusaders were oh so close to winning their first playoff title since 2002 and third overall.

In the first half, Johnson did a good job of containing Manasquan standout junior tailback Lorenzo Venable, limiting him to 50 yards on 15 carries.

However, the second-seeded Crusaders did not have the same success of catching him and bringing him down in the third and fourth quarters.

Venable - in a Franco Harris-Emmit Smith type of performance - carried 15 times for 150 yards in the second half, including touchdown runs of 17 and 68 yards, to lead

top-seeded Manasquan to a 19-14 come-from-behind victory in Saturday afternoon's Central Jersey, Group 2 championship game before 3,000 at Rutgers Stadium.

Venable, a 5-8, 184-pound junior with some speed and adequate moves, scored all three Manasquan touchdowns, including the first one on a five-yard run in the second quarter immediately after the Big Blue Warriors recovered a fumble at the Johnson five.

He finished with an even 200 yards on 31 attempts. Venable had Manasquan's first 15 carries.

Manasquan finished with a five-game winning streak for a final record of 10-2.

The Warriors captured their 11th playoff championship in its 16th appearance in a final.

Manasquan previously won this section in 2005 and its last sectional championship before Saturday came in 2006 when they captured South Jersey, Group 2 with a 12-0 record.

Vic Kubu's last season as the head coach was in 2006. Pete Cahill took over in 2007,

leading last year's playoff team to a 6-4 final record.

Johnson lost its second straight to finish 8-4. The Crusaders lost four games by a total of 10 points, including two one-point setbacks, one of which came in overtime.

Johnson appeared in its third playoff final and lost its first one. The Crusaders previously captured the North 2, Group 2 playoff titles in 1995 and 2002.

Johnson led 14-7 at the half, scoring the first and third touchdowns of the first half. Johnson's first score was the result of capitalizing on a turnover.

Its second score was a nice drive engineered by senior quarterback Dan Dugan.

On the third play of the game, Johnson senior linebacker Lou Caporaso was alert enough to catch a tipped pass for an interception at the Manasquan 27.

Seven plays later, Caporaso scored the first points of the game on a three-yard touchdown run. Senior placekicker Matt

Klimchak added the extra point and Johnson led 7-0. Manasquan also fumbled the ball away on its next possession, with Johnson sophomore lineman Jay Nivar recovering at the Manasquan 42.

However, Johnson was stopped on third-and-one at the Manasquan 33 when junior defensive back Ryland McTighe produced a solo sack for an eight-yard loss.

After Johnson stopped Manasquan on its fourth possession, Warriors senior punter John Otchy did well to place his kick where hit could be downed at the Johnson four-yard line.

On third down, Dugan was hit hard and the ball was jarred loose from him. Manasquan senior lineman Rich Dulski promptly fell on the ball, giving the Warriors possession at the Johnson five.

Venable easily sneaked into the end zone on the next play. CJ Davis kicked the extra point and suddenly the game was tied at 7-7 with 7:19 to go in the second quarter.

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**PLAINFIELD**

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS**

Docket No. : F-32979-08  
Superior Court of New Jersey  
Chancery Division  
Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Miguel A. Lopez, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Amended Complaint 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-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WM4 is plaintiff, and Miguel A. Lopez, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-32979-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/11/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/11/2008, (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 07/27/2006 made by Miguel A. Lopez as mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for WMC Mortgage Corp., recorded on 08/10/2006 in Book M11806 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 842 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, 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-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WM4, by Assignment of Mortgage dated 09/11/2008; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 121 Elmwood Place, Plainfield, NJ 07060, also being Lot 15 in Block 236.

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, MIGUEL A. LOPEZ, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, 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 may be liable for any deficiency, 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.

JENNIFER M. PEREZ, CLERK  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.  
U227476 WCN Dec. 11, 2008 (\$49.98)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**HILLSIDE**

**TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance has been introduced on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council held Tuesday evening, December 2, 2008 and will be considered for adoption at a meeting of the Township Council to be held at the Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues on December 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Township of Hillside and a copy is available up to including the time of said meeting to the members of the general public of the Township who shall request same, at the Township Clerk's Office, Liberty & Hillside Avenues, Hillside, New Jersey.

By Direction of the Township Council  
Janet Vlaisavljevic, RMC  
Township Clerk

0-08-036  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #426-78 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF RECLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN PREPARED BY THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL COVERING THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE"

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE that ordinance #L-426-78 entitled "An Ordinance to Provide for the Adoption of Reclassification and Compensation Plan Prepared by the New Jersey Civil Service Commissioner Covering the Officers and Employees of the Township of Hillside adopted March 21, 1978, be amended as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The salary ranges for the following positions set forth in said ordinance is hereby modified to read as follows:

	Effective July 1, 2008
	to June 30, 2009
Mayor's Salary	\$ 5,500.00

**SECTION 2:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3:** This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and publication as provided by law.  
U227482 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$37.24)

**HILLSIDE**

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08006799  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F230408  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.  
VS  
Defendant: DANNY DIAZ; MRS.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

DANNY DIAZ, HIS WIFE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK N.A.; STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND MONIQUE SANCHEZ, TENANT

Sale Date: 01/07/2009  
Writ of Execution: 09/11/2008

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 TOWNSHIP 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.

The property to be sold is located in the TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, County of Union and State of NJ. It is commonly known as 547 PLYMOUTH ROAD, HILLSIDE, NJ. It is known and designated as Block 919, Lot 48.

The dimensions are approximately 89 feet wide by 120 feet long (irregular).  
Nearest Cross Street: CONANT STREET

Prior lien(s): SUBJECT TO UNPAID TAXES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS.

AS OF 6/24/2008 TAXES ARE PAID THROUGH 2ND QUARTER 2008. TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AS OF 7/14/2008 FOR UNPAID SEWER CHARGES IS THE AGGREGATE SUM OF \$120.12.

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY WILL INSURE WITHOUT EXCEPTION OR ISSUE LETTER OF INDEMNIFICATION AS TO NUMEROUS PRIOR JUDGMENTS AGAINST DANNY DIAZ DOCKETED PRIOR TO THE DATE OF POLICY WHICH CAN BE FURTHER PROVIDED.

THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION. SURPLUS MONEY: IF AFTER THE SALE AND SATISFACTION OF THE MORTGAGE DEBT, INCLUDING COSTS AND EXPENSES THERE REMAINS ANY SURPLUS MONEY, THE MONEY WILL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE SUPERIOR COURT TRUST FUND AND ANY PERSON CLAIMING THE SURPLUS, OR ANY PART THEREOF, MAY FILE A MOTION PURSUANT TO COURT RULES 4:64-3 AND 4:57-2 STATING THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THAT PERSON'S CLAIM AND ASKING FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING PAYMENT OF THE SURPLUS MONEY. THE SHERIFF OR OTHER PERSON CONDUCTING THE SALE WILL HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE SURPLUS, IF ANY. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$370,216.71\*\*\* Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen and 71/100\*\*\*

Attorney:  
STERN, LAVINTHAL, FRANKENBERG & NORGAARD, LLC  
293 EISENHOWER PARKWAY  
SUITE 300 - P.O. BOX 1660  
LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039-1660  
(973) 740-0700  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$415,361.12  
\*\*\*Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-One and 12/100\*\*\*  
December 11, 18, 24, 31, 2008  
U227002 UNL (\$196.00)

**UNION**

**NOTICE**  
**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**  
Take notice that application has been made to the Township Committee of

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

the Township of Union to transfer to Abuja International Restaurant LLC and G&W Clear Enterprises LLC trading as Abuja International Restaurant for premises located at 1784 Burnet Avenue, Union, New Jersey, the Planetary Retail Consumption License #2019-33-046-008 heretofore issued to Joey Cadillac Foundation, LLC and Maria J. Passafaro, formerly known as Maria J. Almeida and Gregory Passafaro trading as The Bar Room for the premises located at 1784 Burnet Avenue, Union, New Jersey.

The person(s) who will hold an interest in this license is/are:  
Efeti Teckla Kange  
Gwendolyn Monangai

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to:  
Eileen Birch, Municipal Clerk  
Township of Union  
Municipal Building  
1978 Morris Avenue  
Union, NJ 07083

Efeti Teckla Kange  
567 E. Passaic Ave  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
Applicant

December 4, 11, 2008  
U227029 UNL (\$49.30)

**UNION**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Township of Union**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education of the Township of Union, County of Union, New Jersey on Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in the office of the Secretary, Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083 for the following items:

Vocational Education re-bid #09-29  
Family & Consumer Science re-bid #09-30

Instructions to Bidders, Proposal Form and Specifications may be examined at the office of the Secretary, Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083 and each bidder thereof may obtain one copy.

For each bid totaling \$1,000.00 or more, a deposit payable to the "Union Township Board of Education" in the form of a certified or cashier's check or bid bond issued by a surety company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey shall accompany each proposal. The amount of the deposit shall be 10% of the total amount of the bid, but in no case in excess of \$20,000.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept the bid, which in its judgment will be for the best interest of the Union Township Board of Education. The Board also reserves the right to renew any award in accordance with New Jersey Public Contracts Law 18A:18A-42.

Bidders are required to comply with the Affirmative Action requirements of P.L. 1975, C.127 and N.J.A.C. 17:27 and any other applicable Federal, State, County or Municipal laws, rules, regulations or codes.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

James J. Damato  
Board Secretary  
U227597 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$30.38)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**UNION**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinance set forth below was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, held on December 9, 2008 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1978 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on December 23, 2008 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

EILEEN BIRCH  
Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF RESTRICTED PARKING SPACES FOR USE BY PERSONS WITH SPECIAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND FIXING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF", adopted on June 12, 1984 and identified as Ordinance No. 3729, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, as follows:

Section 1. Section 2, subparagraph of the above entitled ordinance is hereby amended to add the following:

(cn) A handicap parking spot directly in front of 1029 Woolley Avenue  
(co) A handicap parking spot directly in front of 1433 Burnet Avenue.

Section 2. Section 2, subparagraph of the above entitled ordinance is hereby amended to delete the following:

A handicap parking spot directly in front of 1078 Woodland Avenue.  
A handicap parking spot directly in front of 964 Park Terrace.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after publication in the manner provided by law.  
U227592 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$28.42)

**UNION**

**NOTICE**

The Township Committee of the Township of Union has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
EILEEN BIRCH, Township Clerk

Dated: November 10, 2008

Awarded to: John Carbone, Esq.  
Carbone and Faasse,  
401 Goffe Road  
Ridgewood, New Jersey  
07450

Services: Legal representation for a Municipal Employee

Duration: January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

Costs: Increase of \$7,000.00 not to exceed \$32,000.00  
U227565 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$17.15)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance has been introduced on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council held Tuesday evening, December 2, 2008 and will be considered for adoption at a meeting of the Township Council to be held at the Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues on December 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered.

All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Township of Hillside and a copy is available up to including the time of said meeting to the members of the general public of the Township who shall request same, at the Township Clerk's Office, Liberty & Hillside Avenues, Hillside, New Jersey.

By Direction of the Township Council Janet Vlaisavljevic, RMC Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Ordinance Number 0-08-034

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT NORTH BROAD STREET AT MERTZ AVENUE.

WHEREAS, based upon the information provided and recommendations made by the Township of Hillside Township Engineer, the Township of Hillside's participation is necessary to enable the County of Union to complete certain improvements, including the installation of a traffic control signal, at the intersection of North Broad Street with Hillside Avenue and Mertz Avenue within the Township of Hillside.

WHEREAS, the Township of Hillside Township Council believes the said improvements are in the best interest of the welfare of the Township residents, visitors and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the following Traffic Control Signal installation(s) shall be installed and operated per the designated plan(s):

Table with 2 columns: LOCATION, DESIGNATED PLAN. Row 1: North Broad Street At Hillside Avenue, LTS-5811, As-built April 15, 2008 and timing directive dated April 15, 2008.

2. That the Traffic Control Signal shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and Title 39 of the Revised Statutes; shall conform to the design and shall be maintained in operation as authorized by the NJ Department of Transportation.

3. Severability. Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase. If any portion of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstances, shall be adjudged or otherwise determined to be invalid, unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason, such determination shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and the application of such remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

4. All Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

5. Upon final passage, the Clerk shall send a certified copy of this Ordinance to Thomas O. Mineo, P.E. Union County Engineer, 2325 South Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 and Douglas R. Bartlett, Manager Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Investigations, NJ Department of Transportation, PO Box 873, Trenton, NJ 08625-0613.

This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and publication as provided by law. U227477 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$61.25)

ROSELLE PARK

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

NOTICE OF AWARD

- 1. CONTRACTOR: Associates Humane Societies Newark, NJ
2. NATURE: Animal Control Services
3. DURATION: One Year
4. COMPENSATION: \$33,205.50 per annum
Dated: December 4, 2008

Doreen Cali, Borough Clerk U227606 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$10.29)

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on December 9, 2008. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey, in the Municipal Building, on December 23, 2008 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF CAR MOUNTED VIDEO CAMERAS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING \$175,000 THEREFOR AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$166,250 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION TO FINANCE THE SAME

Purpose(s): acquisition and installation of thirty (30) car mounted video cameras for the police department, and including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

Appropriation: \$175,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$166,250
Grants (if any) Appropriated: \$0.00
Section 20 Costs: \$5,000
Useful Life: 7 Years

Eileen Birch, Township Clerk U227585 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$27.93)

ROSELLE PARK

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, New Jersey, at a public meeting held on December 4, 2008 and that said ordinance will be taken up for passage, and public hearing on December 18, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at the regular meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held at the Borough Hall in said Borough of Roselle Park, and that all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

By order of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park.

INTRODUCED ORDINANCE NO. 2255

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 60 SECTIONS 60-2 AND 60-3 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK REGARDING SALARIES FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK FOR 2009, 2010 AND 2011.

Doreen Cali Borough Clerk U227595 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$20.09)

HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its public meeting held on November 12, 2008 the Zoning Board of the Township of Hillside adopted the following resolution(s):

The application of Neil Hunt and Sharon Yobound-Hunt seeking a use variance, major sub-division and related bulk variances to convert an existing parking lot into residential use at the property more commonly known as Long Avenue and New York Place (block 703, lot(s) 1, 2 and 3) was denied.

A copy of the aforesaid resolution is on file at the Township of Hillside Municipal Building, John F. Kennedy Plaza, Hillside, New Jersey, and may be reviewed by any interested party during normal business hours.

Richard Johnson Secretary, Hillside Zoning Board U227474 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$15.68)

ROSELLE PARK

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ordinance, title of which is set forth below, was finally passed and approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park at a public meeting held in the Borough of Roselle Park, 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey on December 4, 2008.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PASSED ORDINANCE NO. 2253

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER III, SECTION 3.1 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK REGARDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC PLACES

Doreen Cali Borough Clerk U227594 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$13.23)

UNION

TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on December 9, 2008.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 93, ENTITLED "OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES" AND CHAPTER 102 ENTITLED "PERSONNEL BENEFITS" BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (This ordinance creates the position of police director and benefits associated with the position)

U227578 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$12.74)

UNION

TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on December 9, 2008.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 109, ENTITLED "PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT OF" BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (This ordinance changes the "appropriate authority" from the administrator to the police director)

U227571 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$12.25)

UNION

TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on December 9, 2008.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 286-65 ENTITLED "SCHEDULE XIV: PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES" IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (This Ordinance creates parking restrictions on Robinson Terrace).

U227582 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$11.76)

UNION

TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on December 9, 2008.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2008 SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION IN THE COUNTY OF UNION (This ordinance sets the salary range for Police Director)

U227576 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$11.27)

UNION

TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on December 9, 2008.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES.

U227579 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$9.80)

ROSELLE PARK

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

The Reorganization Meeting of Mayor and Council, Borough of Roselle Park, will be held on January 7, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Governing Body will meet at 6:00 p.m. on January 7th in the Conference Room of Borough Hall, at which time consent agenda resolutions will be reviewed.

Doreen Cali, RMC/CMC Borough Clerk U227473 UNL Dec. 11, 2008 (\$9.31)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. : F-21461-08 Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: ANA C. NAVIDAD, RAFAEL M. NAVIDAD, MELISSA PECORARO, DMD, 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, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Amended Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas formerly known as Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian for IXIS 2006-HE2 by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc. f/k/a Meritech Mortgage Services, Inc. as its attorney-in-fact is plaintiff, and ANA C. NAVIDAD, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-21461-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/11/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/11/2008, (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 03/10/2006 made by Rafael M. Navidad & Ana C. Navidad, his wife as mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. recorded on 05/23/2006 in Book M11697 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0486 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas formerly known as Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian for IXIS 2006-HE2 by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc. f/k/a Meritech Mortgage Services, Inc. as its attorney-in-fact, by Assignment of Mortgage dated 06/19/2008; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 9-11 Raymond Terrace, Elizabeth, NJ 07208, also being Lot 1259 in Block 13.

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, ANA C. NAVIDAD, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and 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 may be liable for any deficiency, 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, RAFAEL M. NAVIDAD, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, 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.

YOU, MELISSA PECORARO, DMD, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and 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 may be liable for any deficiency, 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.

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. U227484 PRO Dec. 11, 2008 (\$65.17)

ELIZABETH

POWERS KIRN, LLC 728 Marne Highway, Suite 200 Moorestown, NJ 08057 (856) 802-1000 Attorneys for Plaintiff (2008-2633)

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County Docket No. F-43907-08

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Alberto Nuno Novo-Da Cruz, his 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 the Attorneys for Plaintiff, Powers Kirn, LLC, 728 Marne Highway, P.O. Box 848 Moorestown, NJ 08057, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a Civil Action in which SunTrust Mortgage, Inc. is Plaintiff and Alberto Nuno Novo-Da Cruz, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after December 11th 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 governing the courts. 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 April 28, 2008, recorded on May 2, 2008, in Book M12478 at Page 828& made by Alberto Nuno Novo-Da Cruz to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. as nominee for SunTrust Mortgage Inc. and duly assigned to plaintiff, SunTrust Mortgage, Inc. and concerns real estate located at 756-760 Thomas Street, Elizabeth City, NJ 07202 - Block 1579 Lot 4.

YOU, Alberto Nuno Novo-Da Cruz, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a defendant because you are the maker of the bond/note and mortgage and/or an owner thereof and Plaintiff is unable to determine the whereabouts of the defendant, and therefore, does not know whether he/she is living or dead, and therefore, names as defendants Alberto Nuno Novo-Da Cruz, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest. You are further advised that an individual who is unable to obtain an attorney may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling toll free 800-752-8315 (from out of state) or 609-394-1101 (within New Jersey) or 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 #2008-2633

Jennifer M. Peraz, Acting Clerk of the Superior Court U227600 PRO Dec. 11, 2008 (\$48.55)

RAHWAY

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

December 3, 2008

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Under the terms of the "Open Public Meetings Act" P.L. 1975, c. 231 there will be a Special Meeting of the Union County Utilities Authority on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The Special Meeting will be held at the UCUA, 1499 Route 1 & 9, North, Rahway, NJ.

The Purpose of the special Meeting is as follows:

The UCUA shall Host the Annual Public Meeting regarding the Union County Resource Recovery Facility, to be conducted by Covanta Union, Inc. (Formerly Ogen Marlin of Union, Inc.) as the Solid Waste Facility permittee. In accordance with the Solid Waste Facility Permit, this open meeting is to provide local officials and the general public with an annual forum to allow public input and exchange of ideas relating to the Union County Resource Recovery Facility.

Following Special Meeting, the UCUA's regular meeting scheduled for 6:30 PM, will be held.

BY ORDER OF THE UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Joseph C. Bodek, Clerk of the Authority U227485 PRO Dec. 11, 2008 (\$22.05)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**LINDEN**

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08006824  
 Division: CHANCERY  
 Docket Number: F935007B  
 County: Union  
 Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY LOAN TRUST 2006-HE2  
 VS  
 Defendant: EDWARD EDDINGS, JANET EDDINGS  
 Sale Date: 01/07/2009  
 Writ of Execution: 10/23/2008  
 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 ELIZABETHTOWN 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.  
 Property to be sold is located in the City of Linden, County of Union, State of New Jersey.  
 Premises commonly known as: 3106 Tremley Point Road, Linden NJ 07036

**BEING KNOWN as LOT 8.01, BLOCK 572**, on the official Tax Map of the City of Linden  
 Dimensions: 28.52 feet x 21.63 feet x 111.07 feet x 50.00 feet x 114.75 feet  
 Nearest Cross Street: Irene Street  
 The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.

Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.  
 \*\*If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.  
 \*\*If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
**JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$459,434.43\*\*\***  
 Four Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Four and 43/100\*\*\*

Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC  
 400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD  
 SUITE 100  
 MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054  
 (856) 813-5500  
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
 Total Upset: \$537,947.25  
 \*\*Five Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Seven and 25/100\*\*\*  
 December 11, 18, 24, 31, 2008  
 U227014 PRO (\$182.28)

**ROSELLE**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY**  
 CHANCERY DIVISION  
 UNION COUNTY  
 DOCKET NO. F-19569-08

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS**  
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:  
 ELISA L. RODRIGUEZ

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Parker McCay P.A., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Three Greentree Centre, 7001 Lincoln Drive West, P.O. Box 974, Marlton, New Jersey 08053-0974, an Answer to the Complaint and any Amended Complaints filed thereafter in a civil action, in which The Bank of New York as Trustee For The Certificate Holders CWALT, Inc. Alternative Loan Trust 2006-0A7 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-0A7 is Plaintiff, and Frank Rivera, et al. are Defendants pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey within 35 days after THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008, exclusive of said 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 governing the courts.

You are further advised that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services office in the county where you live. If you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling the Lawyer Referral Services. The names and telephone numbers of such agencies in the county of venue are as follows:  
 Lawyer Referral Services: 908-353-

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

4715  
 Legal Services: 908-354-4340

The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage and recovering possession of the lands and premises described in a mortgage dated March 27, 2006, recorded in the Union County Clerk's Office on April 4, 2006, in Book 11632, page 0149, made by Frank Rivera a/k/a Francisco Rivera to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. as nominee for Franklin First Financial, LTD and subsequently assigned to Plaintiff, and covers real estate located at 402 East 2nd Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey, Tax Lot 1, Block 801.

You, Elisa L. Rodriguez, have been made a Defendant because hold a Child Support Judgment, #J-083614-2007 against Francisco Rivera and your lien or encumbrance on the mortgaged premises is subject to Plaintiff's mortgage.  
 File #14149-0247  
 Dated: December 1, 2008

Jennifer M. Perez, Acting Clerk  
 Superior Court of New Jersey  
 U227483 PRO Dec. 11, 2008 (\$41.16)

**ELIZABETH**

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08006802  
 Division: CHANCERY  
 Docket Number: F2379007B  
 County: Union  
 Plaintiff: PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.  
 VS  
 Defendant: LAMENGA FORD; MR. FORD, HUSBAND OF LAMENGA FORD

Sale Date: 01/07/2009  
 Writ of Execution: 10/14/2008  
 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 ELIZABETHTOWN 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.  
 Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey.  
 Premises commonly known as: 561-5 Westminister Ave, Elizabeth NJ 07208

**BEING KNOWN as LOT 1812 W11, BLOCK 11**, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth  
 Dimensions: 60.00 feet x 125.00 feet x 60.00 feet x 125.00 feet  
 Nearest Cross Street: Pingry Place  
 The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.

Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.  
 \*\*If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.  
 \*\*If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
**JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$447,124.72\*\*\***  
 Four Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four and 72/100\*\*\*

Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC  
 400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD  
 SUITE 100  
 MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054  
 (856) 813-5500  
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
 Total Upset: \$509,290.10  
 \*\*Five Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety and 10/100\*\*\*  
 December 11, 18, 24, 31, 2008  
 U227015 PRO (\$178.36)

**LINDEN**

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08006814  
 Division: CHANCERY  
 Docket Number: F799508  
 County: Union  
 Plaintiff: CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,  
 VS  
 Defendant: ANTONIO AFONSO; MARIA TUPINAMBA A/K/A MARIA TUPINAMBA

Sale Date: 01/07/2009  
 Writ of Execution: 09/29/2008  
 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 ELIZABETHTOWN 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.  
 All that certain land and premises situated in the City of Linden, County of Union, State of New Jersey, being more particularly described as follows:  
 Lot: 16, Block: 562  
 on the Tax Map of the City of Linden.  
 Nearest Cross Street: Mopsick Avenue  
 Approximate Dimensions: 100.00 feet x 33.17 feet x 100.00 feet x 33.17 feet  
 Being more commonly known as:  
 214 West 15th Street  
 Linden, NJ 07036  
 Pursuant to a municipal tax search dated October 17, 2008,  
 Subject to: 4th quarter 2008 taxes  
 Sewer: 01/01/2008-12/31/2008  
**\$75.00 open + penalty**  
**\$75.00 open + penalty owed in arrears**  
 Lien:  
 The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.  
**JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$289,044.22\*\*\***  
 Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Forty-Four and 22/100\*\*\*

Attorney: HILL WALLACK LLP  
 202 CARNegie CENTER  
 CN 5226  
 PRINCETON, NJ 08543-5226  
 (609) 924-8088  
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
 Total Upset: \$328,518.45  
 \*\*\*Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen and 45/100\*\*\*  
 December 11, 18, 24, 31, 2008  
 U227016 PRO (\$133.28)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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 202 CARNegie CENTER  
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 December 11, 18, 24, 31, 2008  
 U227016 PRO (\$133.28)

**RAHWAY**

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS**  
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
 UNION COUNTY  
 Docket No. F-44607-08

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to: GORDON SCOTT REID

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to serve upon Plusee, Becker, & Saltzman, LLC, whose address is 20000 Horizon Way, Suite 900, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, an Answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action in which Beneficial New Jersey Inc. d/b/a Beneficial Mortgage Co., is Plaintiff and Denielle Jerome, et al. are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, bearing Docket No. F-44607-08, within thirty-five days (35) after December 11, 2008 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for 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 foreclosing the mortgage dated April 22, 2006, and made by Denielle Jerome and Gordon Scott Reid, to Champion Mortgage, a Division of Key Bank National Association recorded in the Union County Clerk's Office, on May 5, 2006 Book 11674, at Page 0001; to recover possession of and concerning real estate located at 1033 Madison Hill Road, Rahway, New Jersey 07065, and being also known as Lot 25, and Block 130 on the tax map of the City of Rahway, County of Union and State of New Jersey.  
 By written assignment dated January 11, 2007, Champion Mortgage a Division of Key Bank National Association assigned its mortgage and bond/note to Beneficial New Jersey Inc. d/b/a Beneficial Mortgage Co. which was recorded on March 01, 2007 in Book 1354 Page 0286.  
 You, Gordon Scott Reid, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the owner of record of the mortgaged premises and because you signed Plaintiffs Note and Mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency and/or any lien, claim or interest you or they may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises being foreclosed herein by the Plaintiff.  
 You may contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-354-4340.  
 File #63293  
 DATED: December 1, 2008

JENNIFER M. PEREZ,  
 CLERK Superior Court  
 of New Jersey  
 U227928 PRO Dec. 11, 2008 (\$40.67)

**ROSELLE**

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS**  
 Docket No. : F-40585-08  
 Superior Court of New Jersey  
 Chancery Division  
 Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:  
 GERARDO GUMA  
 JOSE PEREZ  
 IRMA PEREZ A/K/A IRMA COLON  
 PEREZ  
 PAULA COSINE  
 PAUL COSINE  
 GRISEL PIERREZ INFANT BY G/A/L  
 MARIA PIERREZ

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**WILLIAM MATOS**  
**NOHELIA MALDONADO**  
**ROBERTA A. MOGAR**, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest.  
**ALLSTATE INDEMNITY COMPANY**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountinside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Wells Fargo Bank, NA is plaintiff, and GERARDO GUMA, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-40585-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/11/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/11/2008 (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 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 08/08/2006 made by Gerardo Guma (Unmarried) and Jose Perez (Unmarried) as mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Security Atlantic Mortgage Co. Inc. recorded on 08/13/2006 in Book 11728 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 583 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Wells Fargo Bank, NA, by Assignment of Mortgage, dated 10/10/2008; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 611 SPRUCE STREET, ROSELLE, NJ 07203, also being Lot 40 in Block 2004.

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, GERARDO GUMA**, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, 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, JOSE PEREZ**, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, 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, IRMA PEREZ A/K/A IRMA COLON PEREZ**, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and 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.

**YOU, PAULA COSINE**, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and 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.

**YOU, PAUL COSINE**, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, 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.

**YOU, GRISEL PIERREZ INFANT BY G/A/L**, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and 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.

**YOU, MARIA PIERREZ**, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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.

**YOU, WILLIAM MATOS**, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, 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.

**YOU, NOHELIA MALDONADO**, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and 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.

**YOU, ROBERTA A. MOGAR**, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and 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.

**ALLSTATE INDEMNITY COMPANY**, 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.

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.  
 U227480 PRO Dec. 11, 2008 (\$114.17)

**ELIZABETH**

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08006812  
 Division: CHANCERY  
 Docket Number: F935906B  
 County: Union  
 Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE  
 VS  
 Defendant: DONITA MAYNARD, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 Sale Date: 01/07/2009  
 Writ of Execution: 10/24/2008

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 ELIZABETHTOWN 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.  
 MUNICIPALITY: ELIZABETH  
 COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.  
 STREET & STREET NO: 132 Burnett Street  
**TAX BLOCK AND LOT:**  
**BLOCK: 6 LOT: 83**  
**DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 165.09' x 25.33'**  
**NEAREST CROSS STREET: 225' from South Street**  
**SUPERIOR INTERESTS (IF ANY):**  
 Elizabeth City holds a claim for taxes due and/or other municipal utilities such as water and/or sewer in the amount of \$848.96 as of 04/03/2008. The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.  
**JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$112,701.41\*\*\***  
 One Hundred Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred One and 41/100\*\*\*

Attorney: POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS  
 728 MARNE HIGHWAY  
 P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200  
 MOORESTOWN, NJ 08057  
 (856) 802-1000  
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
 Total Upset: \$137,158.56  
 \*\*\*One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Eight and 55/100\*\*\*  
 December 11, 18, 24, 31, 2008  
 U227020 PRO (\$119.56)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SUMMIT**

**CITY OF SUMMIT**  
**FINAL PASSAGE**  
**ORDINANCE 08-2833**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-8, PARKING, SUBSECTION 7-26.2, MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AREAS. (Quarterly rate \$216 to \$228)**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Dated: December 2, 2008
Approved: December 2, 2008
Jordan Glatt, Mayor

I, David L. Hughes, City Clerk of Summit, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly passed by the Common Council of said City at a regular meeting held on Tuesday evening, December 2, 2008.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: December 2, 2008
U227488 OBS Dec. 11, 2008 (\$13.23)

SPRINGFIELD

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD CHARTERED ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF ACTING TAX COLLECTOR BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD COUNTY OF UNION STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT OBTAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I - AMENDMENT

The Code of the Township of Springfield is amended to establish Section 2-17.5 Acting Tax Collector, as follows.

Section 2-17.5 Acting Tax Collector. The Township Committee may, upon notification that the incumbent Tax Collector will become unavailable to perform the duties of that office due to retirement leave, appoint an Acting Tax Collector to serve as the Springfield Tax Collector in anticipation of and during that unavailability. The Acting Tax Collector shall have all of the qualifications of the Tax Collector, have all of the powers, duties, obligations and responsibilities of the Tax Collector, and subject to a probationary period to be established upon hiring, automatically assume the position of Tax Collector upon the final retirement of the incumbent Tax Collector.

SECTION II - RATIFICATION

Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the Code of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III - REPEAL

Any ordinance or portion of any ordinance which is inconsistent with the modifications of this ordinance is repealed to the extent of its inconsistency.

SECTION IV - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

I, Kathleen D. Wisniewski, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on December 22, 2008, Springfield Municipal Building at 8:00 p.m., at which time and place any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk
U227639 OBS Dec. 11, 2008 (\$41.18)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 123

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE LINDEN AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield did by public bid award a contract for Linden Avenue Improvements to Cifelli & Son General Construction; and WHEREAS, in accordance with the specifications thereof there is a change in contract quantities, generating an increase; and WHEREAS, Change Order No. 1 to such contract in the net amount of \$1,565.63 has been recommended for approval; and WHEREAS, a certificate of available funding has been presented (funds to be encumbered under Capital Ordinance 2007-16A

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that they do hereby approve Change Order #1 in the net amount of \$1,565.63.

Bart Fraenkel, Chairman Township Committee

Adopted: October 28, 2008

Kathleen D. Wisniewski Township Clerk
U227632 OBS Dec. 11, 2008 (\$22.54)

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF DECISION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT TD BANK, N.A. APPLICANT

27 Summit Avenue Block 3309, Lot 14 City of Summit Union County, New Jersey

The Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit at its public meeting on the 18th day of November 2008 adopted a Resolution of Approval for TD Bank, N.A. for property known as 27 Summit Avenue in the City of Summit, Union County, also identified on the City of Summit Tax Map as Block 3309, Lot 14 to confirm the action taken by the Summit Board of Adjustment on October 20, 2008 for variance relief permitting signage on the existing bank to be revised to reflect TD Bank signage including the utilization of a TD Bank logo which will be green in color.

The Resolution of Approval is on file with the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit and is available for inspection by the public in the Board of Adjustment Office at City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, and may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

By: Douglas R. Henshaw, Esq., Porzio, Bromberg and Newman, PC 100 Southgate Parkway Morristown, NJ 07962-1997 Attorney for Applicant
U227508 OBS Dec. 11, 2008 (\$20.58)

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY CONTRACT AWARDED

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service); pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 (emergency contracts) due to emergency conditions for which the estimated cost is in excess of the statutory minimum bid threshold established in N.J.S.A.

PUBLIC NOTICE

40A:11-3(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: En Tech Corporation For the Period: Upon Completion of Scope of Services

Services: Sanitary Sewer Repairs on New Providence and Mt. Vernon Avenues - Installation of a cured-in-place liner

Cost: \$27,000.00 David L. Hughes City Clerk

Dated: December 2, 2008 U227494 OBS Dec. 11, 2008 (\$17.15)

SPRINGFIELD

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that on the 7th day of January, 2009, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Planning Board at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, on Application #3-2009-S regarding the application of 223 Mountain Investors, LLC for site plan approval and variance or variances for parking and front yard setback and any other variances that may be necessary as evidenced by the plans now on file or as may be modified at the request of the Planning Board so as to permit new basement entranceway.

This application is made for premises located at 223 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, known as Block 1401, Lot(s) 1 on the Township of Springfield Tax Map. When the calendar is called you may appear either in person or by agent or attorney and present any objections which you may have to the granting of this application. All papers pertaining to the application may be seen in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street, Springfield, New Jersey.

Levitt & Cerciello By: Lawrence Levitt Attorneys for Applicant
U227510 OBS Dec. 11, 2008 (\$20.09)

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF CONTRACT EXTENSION

The Common Council of the City of Summit has extended the following awarded contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This extended contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: YMCA

For the Period: Extended until June 30, 2009, and, if funding is included in the 2009 Operating Budget, then until December 31, 2009

Services: Operation of Youth Services

Cost: (\$22,500.00 for January - June 2009 and \$22,500.00 for July - December 2009)

David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: 11/17/08
U227489 OBS Dec. 11, 2008 (\$15.68)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING HOURLY RATE OF PAY FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS PURSUANT TO THE SPRINGFIELD SALARY ORDINANCE, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield desires to establish the rate of pay to school crossing guards; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to Township of Springfield Salary Ordinance, they do hereby establish the rate of pay for (part time) school crossing guards at \$15.00 per hour effective January 1, 2009.

TAKE NOTICE, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the Regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, December 9, 2008.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk
U227638 OBS Dec. 11, 2008 (\$18.62)

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT TAX ASSESSOR Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, the Deputy Tax Assessor for the City of Summit will have the proof book of the 2009 tax list available for inspection, in the Assessor's Office at City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey on Wednesday, December 31, 2008.

The Certified Final 2009 Tax List will be available after January 10, 2009.

The Assessor's Office is open from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Friday for inspection of the tax list.

Patricia Spychala, C.T.A. Deputy Tax Assessor

Dated: December 3, 2008

December 11, 18, 2008 U227487 OBS (\$29.40)

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy

For the Period: December 31, 2009

Services: Labor Counsel

Cost: Per Agreement - Not to Exceed \$40,000.00

David L. Hughes City Clerk
Dated: 12/2/08
U227492 OBS Dec. 11, 2008 (\$13.72)

SUMMIT

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF 2007 TAXES, SEWERS, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, Carolyn M. Brattlof, Collector of Taxes of the City of Summit, in the County of Union and State of New Jersey will on the 18th day of December 2008 at the City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave., Summit, NJ at the hour of 11:00 a.m. will sell the following described lands situated in the City of Summit to make the amount chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. as computed to the 18th day of December, 2008 with interest and costs, exclusive however, of the lien for taxes for the year 2008. Said lands will be struck off and sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, not to exceed 18%. Payment for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale. Properties for which there are no purchasers will be struck off and sold to the City of Summit at an interest rate of 18%.

Table with 4 columns: Bid, Lot, Property Location, Assessed To, Amount. Lists various parcels and their respective owners and assessed amounts.

Industrial Properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.), and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site.

ONLY CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER WILL BE ACCEPTED.

U227464 OBS December 11, 2008 (\$70.56)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: St. Hubert's Girarda

For the Period: January 1 - December 31, 2009

Services: Animal Control Services

Cost: \$60,420.00

David L. Hughes City Clerk

Dated: 12/2/08 U227491 OBS Dec. 11, 2008 (\$13.23)

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Town of Westfield

For the Period: January 1 to December 31, 2009

Services: Health Services

Cost: \$50,134.00

David L. Hughes City Clerk

Dated: 12/2/08 U227493 OBS Dec. 11, 2008 (\$13.23)

SUMMIT

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Zoning Board held a meeting on Monday, December 1, 2008 and memorialized the following resolution(s):

Michael Wagner 14 Shadyside Avenue Block 2001, Lot 27 ZB-08-1387 - (d) use variances to store a recreational vehicle on site

Charles and Stacy Allan 17 Plymouth Road Block 5101, Lot 6 ZB-08-1395 - (c) variances for an addition.

Dennis M. Galvin, Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment

DATED: December 2, 2008 U227495 OBS Dec. 11, 2008 (\$11.76)

MOUNTAINSIDE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

December 4, 2008

This Notice is being sent, for notification purposes, as per the Open Public Meetings Act Requirements, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 and N.J.S.A. 10:4-18.

A special meeting of the Governing Body has been scheduled on December 23, 2008 at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the Borough's Master Plan in

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LINDEN

LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT AUCTION NOTICE

The undersigned shall expose for sale in accordance with RS 39:10A-1 et. seq. at public auction on DECEMBER 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at Gabe's Towing Company, 228 South Stiles Street, Linden, New Jersey the following motor vehicles which came into possession of the Linden Police Department through abandonment or failure of owners to claim same. These motor vehicles may be examined at the aforementioned location at 9:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 17, 2008. All sales are "as is". Vehicles must be removed by a wrecker within two working days.

Linden Police Department Michael Boyle, Chief of Police

The following vehicles will be sold with a "JUNK TITLE" issued by the State of New Jersey, Department of Motor Vehicles and are for "PARTS" or "SCRAP" only and cannot be retitled.

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The following vehicles will be sold with an application for title from the N.J. Division of Motor Vehicles. The Linden Police Department does not guarantee title only the application. It is the responsibility of the public to inspect vehicles before sale.

Table with 4 columns: MAKE, YEAR, SERIAL#, COST OF REPOSSESSION. Lists vehicle details for FORD, HONDA, CADBY, FORD, VOLKS.

U227599 PRO December 11, 2008 (\$41.16)

PUBLIC NOTICE

regards to the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH).

Martha De Jesus Municipal Clerk

U227507 OBS Dec. 11, 2008 (\$11.76)

SPRINGFIELD

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on December 9, 2008.

Title: BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 4, 7, 8, 9, 11 AND 12 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 2007-16) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,986,200 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 11, 2007.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Purpose(s): To make the following amendments to Bond Ordinance No. 2007-16 adopted on September 11, 2007:

- 1. Amend Section 4 to (A)(i) increase the appropriation and estimated cost in Section 4.D. from \$1,750,000 to \$2,150,000 (an increase of \$400,000); (ii) increase the down payment appropriated in Section 4.D. from \$83,400 to \$103,400 (an increase of \$20,000); and (iii) increase the bonds and notes authorized in Section 4.D. from \$1,666,600 to \$2,046,600 (an increase of \$380,000); and (B)(i) increase the aggregate appropriation and estimated cost for Section 4 from \$3,986,200 to \$4,386,200 (an increase of \$400,000); (ii) increase the aggregate down payment appropriated for Section 4 from \$185,000 to \$205,000 (an increase of \$20,000); and (iii) increase the aggregate amount of bonds and notes authorized in Section 4 from \$3,691,200 to \$4,071,200 (an increase of \$380,000).

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

Kathleen D. Wisniewski, RMC/CMC Township Clerk Township of Springfield County of Union State of New Jersey U227631 OBS Dec. 11, 2008 (\$58.31)

PUBLIC NOTICE

CRANFORD

LEGAL NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE, that on Wednesday, December 3, 2008, the Planning Board of the Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey approved a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and amending the Cranford Master Plan to include the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

Kevin Illing Secretary U227642 EAG Dec. 11, 2008 (\$8.33)

CRANFORD

LEGAL NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board, Township of Cranford, County of Union, New Jersey has scheduled the reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 107 of the Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey with the following agenda:

- 1. Statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. Roll Call
3. Swearing In of Members
4. Election of Officers

PUBLIC NOTICE

- 5. Appointment of Board Attorney
6. Appointment of Scribe
7. Appointment of Planning Consultant
8. Designation of Official Newspapers
9. Time Schedule of Meetings
10. Adoption of By-Laws
11. Communications
12. Resolutions of Memorialization
13. Minutes
14. Old/New Business
15. Discussion: Goals and Objectives for year 2009

PUBLIC MEETING - ROOM 107 - 8:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. at the discretion of the Board

- 1. Application #SD4-08: Jose Matos Gafanhao, Applicant 3 Garden Place, Block 593, Lot 3, Zone R-4

Minor subdivision approving to permit two conforming lots and the construction of a single family home on each.

All maps and papers relative to said application are on file in the Zoning Office, Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey and are available for inspection Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Any interested party or person or persons affected by this application will have an opportunity to present objections to the proposed development. The Board does, however, have the right to exclude repetitious testimony in accordance with the rules of the Planning Board.

Kevin Illing Secretary U227909 EAG Dec. 11, 2008 (\$34.79)

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UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the following applications for Zoning Variances were heard by the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, N.J. Resolutions memorializing.

Table with 4 columns: Calendar #, Name of Applicant & Premises Affected, Variances Requested, Decision of the Board of Adjustment. Includes entries for R. Fidalgo, Metro PCS New York, LLC, W. Bailey, Alassa Enterprises, Inc., and DDR Southeast Union, LLC.

Richard Malanda, Board of Adjustment Secretary U227469 UNL December 11, 2008 (\$48.51)

ROSELLE PARK

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK NOTICE OF SALE FOR PROPERTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES ASSESSMENT AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, J. Rachel J. LaSpina, Tax Collector for the Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, New Jersey in accordance with N.J.S.A. 58:12-23.11 et seq., will sell at public auction on December 16, 2008 at the Municipal Building, in Council Chambers, 110 E. Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey at 10:00 AM, the lands hereinafter described.

Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of the municipal liens chargeable against each lowest rate of interest bid, not to exceed 18%. Payment for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check or money order, or parcels will be resold. Any parcel of real property for which there shall be no other purchases will be struck off to the municipality in fee for the redemption at 18%, and the municipality shall have the same remedies and rights as other purchasers, including the right to bar or foreclose the right of redemption.

Rachel J. LaSpina, CTC

UNION

LEGAL NOTICE

Take notice that the undersigned shall expose for sale, as salvage, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:10A-1 at public auction on MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008 in Office of Director of Public Safety, 1976 Morris Avenue, Township of Union, New Jersey, the below described motor vehicles which came into possession of the Township of Union through abandonment of owners to claim same.

The motor vehicles shall be examined at the following location: Seton Towing 31 Newark Way Maplewood NJ, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., 48 hours preceding the aforesaid date and time only.

As vehicles are sold on an "as is and where is" basis, failure to inspect will not be considered grounds for any claim or adjustment of bid offered. Bids will be accepted on a per vehicle basis, multiplied by the number of vehicles in a lot.

Cash or certified check, payable to The Township of Union, in the amount of 50% of the total bid price per lot must accompany each proposal. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid no later than 72 hours from the date of sale. In the event said vehicles are not removed within 5 days from the date of sale, namely MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008, they shall be readvertised and resold, and the original bidder shall have no claim. The cost of advertising and resale shall be charged to the purchaser.

No dismantling of vehicles is to be done by the bidder on the premises; they shall be moved in the condition in which they are at the time of the bidding. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof, as it may deem necessary in the best interest of the Township of Union, and shall reserve their right to place a minimum bid per lot to cover towing and storage due the Township's towing contractor.

The successful bidder will be responsible in that if the vehicles moved or delivered to an area within The Township of Union as junk vehicles, they shall be delivered or stored only at a duly licensed junkyard within The Township of Union.

TOWNSHIP OF UNION VEHICLE AUCTION

Table with 3 columns: YR., MAKE, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION #. Lists vehicle auction details for years 1988-1993 and 1996-2000.

U227475 UNL December 11, 2008 (\$80.36)

Table with 5 columns: BLK/LOT, NAME, LOCATION, TOTAL, and a vertical column with S, T, TS. Lists 2007 Tax Sale List details for various properties.

T = Taxes S = Sewer TS = Taxes and Sewer U226032 UNL November 20, 27, December 4, 11, 2008 (\$441.00)

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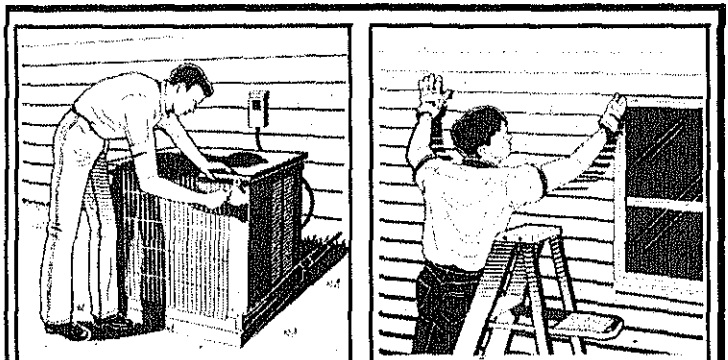
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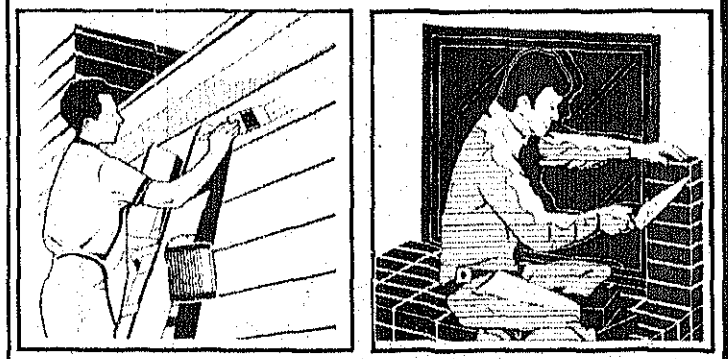
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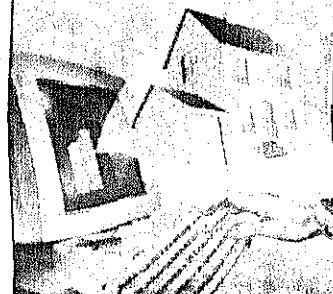
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## A new place to play



As part of its 10th annual United Way fundraising campaign, Infineum USA L.P. partnered with the United Way of Greater Union County for the construction and donation of a playhouse to the Rahway Day Care Center. The work was all completed on site by employee volunteers.

## Students explore accounting careers

Cranford High School students were given the inside scoop about one of today's best career opportunities on Nov. 12.

During the last several years, as career opportunities for certified public accountants have expanded dramatically, accounting has become one of the fastest growing majors in American colleges and universities.

This is what the students at Cranford High School discovered when Certified Public Accountant Lavinia Mears Ruby, an American veteran, and a Rutgers University accounting student employed by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, visited to discuss the well-paying career opportunities that are available to students who study accounting.

The presentation was part of the statewide Pay It Forward campaign initiated by the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants to alert students to the rewarding career opportunities available to those who pursue an accounting degree.

This fall, more than 100 CPAs are headed back to the classroom to discuss careers in accounting with more than 7,000 high school students.

As working professionals, these NJSCPA members are able to give students a realistic picture of what it takes to succeed in accounting and rewards accounting professionals can expect.

Even in today's worsening economy, there's still a strong demand for new accounting graduates. According to the September 2008 issue of Fast Company magazine, headhunters identify accounting as one of the few "safe" careers in today's turbulent job market.

As an increased benefit to encourage students to enter the accounting field, the NJSCPA operates New Jersey's largest professional scholarship fund. This year, the NJSCPA Scholarship Fund awarded more than \$375,000 in scholarships to 87 high school and college students to support their studies in accounting. To learn more about the Pay It Forward program or to watch a sneak presentation, visit the society's Web site at [www.njscpa.org/students/educators](http://www.njscpa.org/students/educators) and then click on high school.

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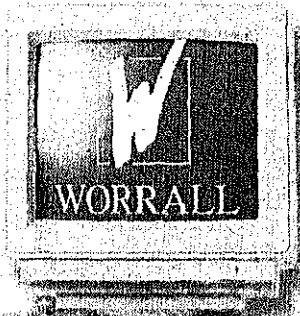
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**BUSINESS BRIEFS**

**Union CPA attends workshop in Philly**

Frank Delane, a Union-based accountant and financial planner, recently attended the H.D. Vest Achievers Academy — a workshop in Philadelphia focused on handling clients' wealth management issues.

H.D. Vest, one of the oldest and largest independent financial service firms, specializing in training and supporting tax professionals, joined Lincoln Distributors to host the Achievers Academy. Delane, a local business owner since 1988, is an advisor with the firm.

During Achievers Academy, Delane learned how to put efficiencies in place, enabling him to spend more quality time with clients and assess their financial needs by focusing on the Eight Wealth Management Issues which Americans face today. Delane and other participants were then given many opportunities to network with peers and discuss best practices.

**Hawkins named best employee of 'Quarter'**

Our House Inc., a non-profit that provides employment, recreational and residential services to adults with developmental disabilities in Murray Hill, named Roselle resident and Our House Group Home Counselor, Sherley Hawkins "Employee of the Quarter" for her dedication and outstanding work with her residents.

**Outstanding sales**

Vera Balugas of Elizabeth, Melissa Romelli and Karen Sues of Kenilworth and Deborah Mar-

chione and Maria Malang of Union have been honored for outstanding business accomplishments and professionalism at Lia Sophia, a jewelry company.

**Magic awarded**

Magic Hands Skin Care Studio in Springfield won Best \$50 Treatment, a national award, during Spa Week.

**Proceeds of sale will benefit ACS programs**

This month, in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, dressbarn in Union, part of a leading retailer and authority on women's fashion, will contribute profits from the sale of Chloe, a plush dog, to the American Cancer Society's local and national breast cancer initiatives.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of each dog will go to the American Cancer Society, targeting breast cancer research, and dressbarn will be selling Chloe through Monday or while supplies last. With more than 825 locations nationwide, dressbarn's goal is to raise more than \$100,000 through this year's campaign.

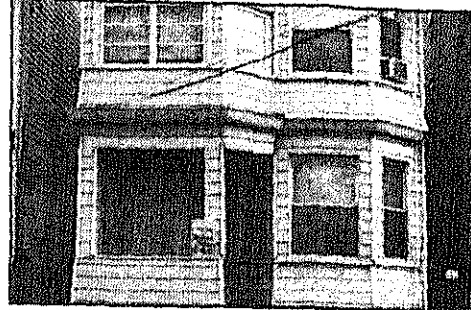
For information about dressbarn in Union and its breast cancer initiative, call 908 688-1092.

**New stores open**

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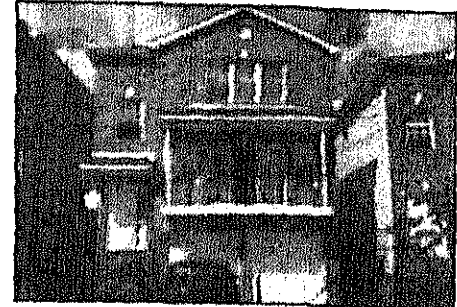
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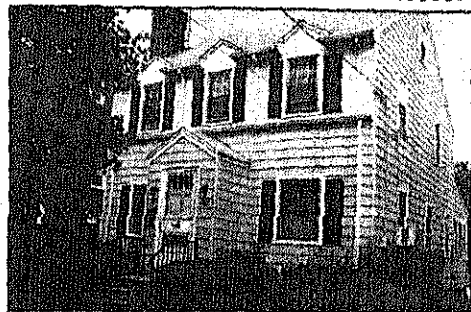
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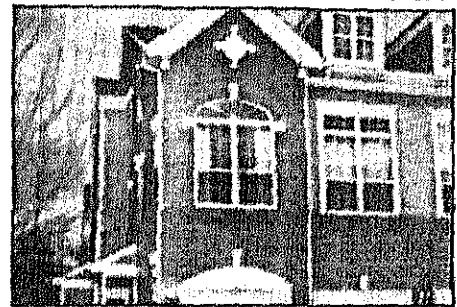
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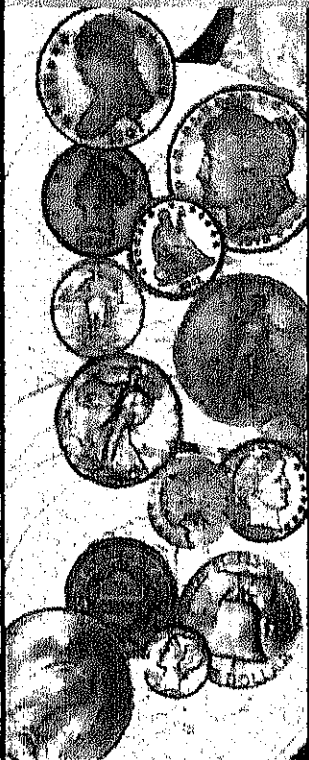
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