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EARLY DEADLINES

Our deadlines have been altered for the upcoming holiday weeks. For our next issue, to be published on Dec. 24, a Wednesday, deadlines are:

- Legal ads, Dec. 18, noon.
- Display ads, Dec. 19, noon.
- Classifieds, Dec. 22, 3 p.m.
- Letters Dec. 18, noon.
- News, Dec. 18, noon.
- News from clubs, churches and schools, Dec. 18, noon. Our offices will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 for Christmas. We will reopen on Dec. 29.
- For the next week, our final issue of 2008 will be published on Dec. 31. Deadlines for that issue are:
- Legal ads, Dec. 22, noon.
- Display ads, Dec. 24, noon.
- Classifieds, Dec. 29, 3 p.m.
- Letters, Dec. 24, noon.
- News releases, Dec. 24, noon.
- News from clubs, churches and schools, Dec. 24, noon.
- Our offices will be closed on New Year's Day, Jan. 1. We will reopen on Jan. 2.

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Police vet appointed UPD director

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

UNION — He may be receiving a paycheck from the township for the first time, but it isn't the first time the newly hired police director has lent a helping hand to Union police.

Dan Zieser, 53, was looking through his old files after retiring in June as Newark's Police Deputy

Chief, when he came across a forgotten 1986 commendation from Union police.

He went above and beyond to earn the award, stopping his car on the Garden State Parkway and chasing a burglar into Hollywood Cemetery on Stuyvesant Avenue to help a pursuing officer — all with his year-and-a-half-old daughter in the car.

"My wife wasn't too happy after that one," he said, laughing. There won't be many chances for foot chases in his new post, where he will review policy and handle the budget for Union Police Department.

A township Search Committee narrowed its probe to a field of 40 applicants before making their decision last week. "I have no

doubt the police director will research and secure all the necessary information and technology needed to keep us among the safest cities in the United States," said Councilman Anthony Terrezza in a press release issued Dec. 10.

The township's ordinance sets the annual salary in the position between \$125,000 and \$140,000.

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Residents rally to help child

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

CLARK — Three weeks ago, Jason Greenbush was diagnosed with a rare form of pancreatic cancer.

The four-year-old has already undergone two traumatic surgeries — a 12-hour procedure at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City on Nov. 25 to remove a malignant tumor from his pancreas, and another surgery on Dec. 11 to install a feeding tube due to complications from the first procedure.

A group of concerned Clark mothers want to make sure The Greenbush Family, Christine and Mike and their two children besides Jason, James, 8, and Joe, 6, have one less thing to worry about.

The group, led by Nicole Campbell, Cheryl Duffy and Susan Sloan, held a spaghetti dinner at Zion Lutheran Church in Clark on Dec. 11 and has solicited donations from local businesses, to raise money to help offset the cost of some of the Greenbush's medical bills and the family's daily travel expenses to and from New York City. The exact cost of the Greenbush's bills, thus far, are unknown.

Zion's Pastor, Rev. Andrew J. Dzurovcik donated the Meeting

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Happy holidays!



Photo By Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools

Linden School 4 pre-K and the entire School 4 family wishes everyone a happy holiday.

Cell tower rejected

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — A cell tower will not have a home on the Cranford Swimming Club grounds, officials agreed after more than a year reviewing the application.

The township Zoning Board rejected the project in a unanimous vote at its Dec. 8 hearing on the application, which drew dozens of community members eager to voice their concerns during a block reserved for public comments.

Residents applauded the decision.

Officials opposed the plan on the basis that there might not be a gap in coverage and that the tower would have a negative affect on the surrounding parkland and residences. "Cell towers can be located anywhere, but you can't move a park," Zoning Board member Jeffrey Pistol said.

The applicant, Verizon, sought height and setback variances to erect the pole at the site in a residential area, near the county-owned Lenape Park and the historic Rahway River Park district. The tower would have been 120-foot-tall.

Resident Steve Cohen said con- See CRANFORD, Page 12

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One arrested, second suspect sought in carjacking

Hillside

Rashon Brown, 18, of East Orange was arrested on Dec. 11 after allegedly carjacking a vehicle near Winans Avenue and Schley Street and shooting at pursuing officers.

Police had spotted the stolen car on St. James Place in Newark. The men drove onto a nearby sidewalk to get away, but struck the police car, then fled on foot. Brown allegedly fired a shot at a pursuing officer, who in turn shot him in the foot and apprehended him. The other suspect was not located.

Brown was treated at an area hospital. He was later charged with carjacking, unlawful possession of a weapon, aggravated assault of a police officer, receiving stolen property and bail jumping by Hillside and Newark police. He was being held in Essex County Jail on \$250,000 bail.

Clark

• Brian Gray, 26, of Clark was arrested at 10:54 p.m. on Dec 1 by officer George Marmarou for an outstanding warrant from Elizabeth.

• On Dec. 3, a patient was transported to Rahway Hospital after police responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident at Central Avenue near Terminal Avenue. Officer Thomas Samecki was the investigating officer.

POLICE BLOTTER

• On Dec. 4, police received a report of criminal mischief at Bartell Place. The incident is being investigated by officer Joseph Teston.

• Jose Torres, 34, of Rahway was arrested at 9:21 p.m. on Dec. 5 by officer Antonio Manata for outstanding warrants from the Somerset County Sheriff's Department, the City of North Plainfield, and the City of Camden totalling \$49,965 for contempt of court violations.

• Camell Chase, 50, of Rahway was arrested at 9:13 p.m. on Dec. 6 by officer Antonio Manata for outstanding warrants from East Orange, Linden, Union and West Orange. He was turned over to the Linden Police Department.

• Clauvens Alcuis, 20, of Irvington was arrested at 11:50 p.m. on Dec. 6 by officer George Marmarou for an outstanding warrant from Livingston. He was turned over to the Livingston Police Department.

• Police are investigating a case of criminal mischief reported on Dec. 7. The incident, which involved a residence on Madison Hill Road, is being investigated by officer Gary Yoffredo.

• Police are investigating a motor vehicle burglary reported on Dec. 7. The incident, which

involved a vehicle parked at a Glenwood Terrace residence, is being investigated by officer Gary Yoffredo.

• Police are investigating a motor vehicle burglary reported on Dec. 7. The incident involved a vehicle parked at a Ridgeview Terrace residence

Roselle Park

• Terence Davis, 18, of Elizabeth was arrested by officer John Deegan at 2:31 p.m. on Dec. 5 after running a red light at the intersection of Westfield Avenue and Linden Road, failure to provide documents and possession of marijuana.

• Richard Marino, 39, of East Westfield Ave., Roselle, was arrested at 9:46 a.m. on Dec. 9 by officer Edward Nortrup after he was seen sleeping inside a parked, running vehicle on the 200 block of East Westfield Ave.

Marino was in the driver seat with the vehicle still in gear and his foot on the brake pedal, according to police reports.

A piece of wax paper allegedly containing a substance believed to be heroin and a straw were found in Marino's possession. He was charged with possession of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving under the influence of drugs, and released pending a court hearing.

• Raymond Rouland, 40, of Elizabeth was arrested on Dec. 10 after a month-long investigation

into his alleged involvement in a Nov. 6 burglary on West Westfield Avenue and subsequent credit card fraud. He was charged with two counts of fraud and theft by deception. He was released to the Essex County Jail and was being held on \$100,000 bail.

• David Ocena, 22, of Roselle was arrested by officer Keith Wintemute on Dec. 8 after allegedly stealing a Honda convertible parked on the 400 block of East Westfield Avenue on Oct. 4. He was charged with burglary to a motor vehicle and was being held in Union County Jail on \$60,000 bail.

Springfield

• Ernest Reedy, of 15 Mapes Avenue was arrested by officer Joseph Cieri at 8:19 p.m. on Dec. 3 at his home. He was charged with assault, harassment, resisting arrest and possession of a weapon.

Summit

• Eric J. Gruber, 28, of Colonia was arrested at 9:26 p.m. on Nov. 5 at Broad Street and Middle Avenue and charged with the improper maintenance of lights, driving with a suspended license and contempt of court.

• Eduardo Barajas, 28, of Summit was arrested at 12:15 a.m. on Nov. 9 in Overlook Hospital and charged with attempted murder, unlawful use of a weapon and possession of a weapon.

• Javier Herrera-Bello, 29, of

Summit was arrested at 3:57 a.m. on Nov. 9, on Broad Street and charged with attempted murder.

• Phillip A. Gwathmey, 49, of Summit was arrested at 2:02 p.m. on Nov. 18, on Springfield Avenue and Edgewood Road. Police did not disclose the charges.

• Darryl Mitchell, 41, of Summit was arrested at 2:02 p.m. on Nov. 18, on Springfield Avenue and charged with failure to wear a seat-belt and contempt of court.

• Anyili Erica Renteria-Paz, 34, of Cranford was arrested at 10:51 a.m. on Nov. 19, on Summit Avenue and charged with driving with a suspended license and having an expired registration.

• Paul J. Pellicano, 40, of Florham Park was arrested at 2:05 p.m. on Nov. 19, on Springfield Avenue and charged with forgery, fraud and contempt of court.

• Salvatore Rapisarda, 29, of Linden was arrested at 2:46 p.m. on Nov. 19 in the Essex County Jail and charged with contempt of court.

• Jeffrey S. Zimmerman, 44, of Union was arrested at 12:39 a.m. on Nov. 21 at Broad Street and Cedar Street and charged with contempt of court.

• Victorina Pablo Pangyarihan, 40, of Durham, N.C., was arrested at 10:03 a.m. on Nov. 21, on Hobart Avenue and charged with driving with a suspended license and speeding.

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Voting highlight of woman's long life

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — She has lived through six wars, the Great Depression, civil rights movements and the Cold War. She saw the first "Model-T" car built and was able to vote for the first time in 1932, a moment that stands out against all others in her life.

On Nov. 22, Josephine Lewis, celebrated her 100th birthday and received 100 roses from her only family, nieces Joan and Ann Kisner who live in California.

She said she has lived a humble life.

Born an orphan in Manhattan in 1908, Lewis lived at the New York Foundling Home for orphans until age 7. After that, she moved to St. Mary's Orphanage in Newark, where she stayed until she was 17 years old.

"I lived a very quiet life," she said. "I liked to read books and I enjoyed classical music."

Lewis remembers as a young girl she often played the piano, which then may have been a large, vertically strung wooden instrument, most likely handmade.

Lewis worked several jobs during her life, including holding a position as a saleswoman at a Rahway department store in the 1920s, a typical job for woman at that time. She has also worked as a bookkeeper, a cashier and as a nurse's aid at St. Michael's Hospital and later at the Woodbridge State School, neither of which exist today, before retiring in 1968.

Despite her heavy work schedule, Lewis recalls she was never too busy to lend a hand. "I always made time to volunteer," said Lewis, who met her late husband, Leroy, at a young age and was married at 20.

Memories of harder times, such as the Great Depression, do not come back to Lewis as easily. "I was too young to know and understand the significance of it," she said.

She said her greatest thrill was



Josephine Lewis voting for the first time. "I was so proud to be able to vote and help elect...Roosevelt in 1932," Lewis explained. "I was frightened, though, the first time I voted. I didn't know if I was doing it right."

Women gained the right to vote on Aug. 26, 1920. The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was signed into law by Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby. At that time, voting required pulling a lever, which would mark a sheet of paper with the desired candidate.

After her husband died in 1959, Lewis moved from her home in Colonia to an apartment in Rahway. In February 2007, she moved across the street to the Riverton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where she could be close to friends while being cared for.

"She has many friends," said Riverton nurse Rosa Engle. "She always has visitors."

Lewis now passes her bright life on to others, according to Engle. "We all love Josephine," she said.

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While on the way to work Dec. 9, David Brearley High School science teacher, John Ciborowski, saved a man's life, pulling him from a burning car parked in the Watchung Reservation.

DBH school teacher saves man from burning vehicle

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

KENILWORTH — Webster's Dictionary defines a hero as "one that shows great courage." John Ciborowski certainly meets every letter of that definition.

At 6:25 a.m. on Dec. 9, the 58-year-old David Brearley High School science teacher was making his usual drive to work from his home in Pittstown, when he decided to take the scenic route through the Watchung Reservation, rather than driving along Route 22.

The beautiful scenery turned tragic when he happened upon a car ablaze in the Scotch Plains area of the reservation on Sky Top Drive.

"I saw a glowing light ahead of me," Ciborowski said. "At first, I thought it was a police siren, maybe doing a traffic stop. When I got closer, I saw a car was burning through the hood and the wheel wells, and I saw there was someone in the driver's seat."

The sight pushed Ciborowski into action, though now, he said he is unsure where he got his confidence.

Ciborowski pulled his truck over and approached the burning vehicle.

He began banging on the windows, but it appeared the man, later identified as "Ron" by police, was sleeping. He attempted to open each door but the fire had created a vacuum in the car and the doors would not open. After some determination, however, he was able to open one of the doors, which caused the fire to spread inside the car.

Ciborowski pulled the sleeping man to safety, patting out the fire that had spread to the man's jacket and sweater and walking him to his pick-up truck to wait for police and paramedics.

Ciborowski credited his quick reaction, in part, to his experience as an assistant scout master of Troop 187 of Holland Township. "I ripped off his coat and noticed his sweater was on fire and remembered 'stop, drop and roll' from the scouts, so I jumped on him and smothered the fire," Ciborowski said.

The victim was brought to St. Barnabas Hospital's Burn Unit in Livingston, while Ciborowski

was treated for second-degree burns to his face and fingers at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Police did not comment on how the fire began.

Ciborowski's wife, Marlene, feared the worst when she first received the phone call relating her husband's actions.

"When you hear the phone ring that early, you know it's not good news. I was relieved to hear he was OK, though," she said.

The father of an 18-year-old, Daniel, said he isn't surprised what a little adrenaline can do. "I didn't even think until well after, 'what if the car exploded with me in it?'"

David Brearley High School Principal Charles Cappello explained Ciborowski will be recognized as the school's "Teacher of the Month" by both the school and the Kenilworth Board of Education at the end of the month.

"Heroic, heroic, heroic," Cappello said referring to Ciborowski. "He saved a life. Without him, that man would not be alive today."

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UNION BRIEFS

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.

Story, craft program

The story time and craft program will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Union Public Library,

1980 Morris Ave. Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome.

No registration required.

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 Saturday at 11 a.m. Children of all ages and their

caregivers are invited to attend. No registration is required.

Give gifts to needy

The Union Police Department PBA Local 69 is conducting "Santa in Blue" program, during which toys are collected throughout the township and are wrapped by the PTA.

The toys are delivered to needy families by officers on patrol dur-

ing their break periods. Toys will be donated to local charities and the United State Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. Donate toys until Monday 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.

Pajama reading party

Celebrate the New Year at a pajama reading party, starring singer Rosi, at 7 p.m. on Dec. 29 at the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave. Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome. No registration is required.

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Congressman-elect offers insight into district's future

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — Congressman-elect Leonard Lance was on-hand during the recent Board of Education/Township Committee Alliance meeting to discuss how upcoming challenges at the state and federal level could impact Cranford schools.

While few community members attended the Dec. 10 forum, there was no shortage of questions and comments from the Alliance, comprised of township and school officials, as well as residents.

Lance, a Republican and Hunterdon County-native, steps into the seat vacated by Mike Ferguson, who opted not to run again after four terms. Lance is concluding a seven-year run as a state senator.

The topics raised by school and town officials included the possible reauthorization of the federal No Child Left Behind program, which was proposed in 2000 by President W. Bush. The law increased the standards of accountability for states, school districts and schools.

Lance expressed his uncertainty regarding this possibility. "It needs...modification, and I will not vote for a reauthorization unless there is a major modification," he said.

The most heated discussion surrounded state mandates, such as the state's unfulfilled obligation to fund Special Education and the upcoming full-day preschool requirement educators in Cranford and throughout the state have criticized for not being properly funded.

District Superintendent Gayle Carrick told Lance the mandates reflect a lack of input from local school districts. "We don't...have local control. We're told what to do and told to go out and find money for them," Carrick said.

Carrick could not be reached for further comment by press time.

Board member Camille Widdows said many state mandates are being handed down in rapid succession and then virtually forgotten by state officials who created them.

Widdows said what's worse, is no one is monitoring the long-term affect of these mandates to determine if they are effective or if they need revisions.

Mayor Robert Puhak said the Alliance has a responsibility to question state policies impacting schools and municipalities. "Our job is to look at areas of disparity and see how we can correct them," Puhak said.

Lance expressed sympathy with the plight of local educators and assured them he intends to practice "common sense and middle-of-the-road government."

Still, he painted a grim picture of what's to come. "We have difficult challenges in Trenton, as I'm sure you do in Cranford and Union County," Lance told officials, noting the recession has damaged the country's financial stability and is likely to complicate the 2009 school funding situation.

Lance noted he is doing what he can, saying he supported a freeze on all new state programs in light of the recession.



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PD finds link between armed robberies in Hillside, Linden

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE — A 17-year-old Hillside boy was arrested Sunday after he allegedly robbed a gas station attendant at knifepoint, police say.

The minor, who may have been involved in recent burglaries at two Linden gas stations, was charged with robbery, possession of a weapon and obstruction Monday. He was being held at the Union County Juvenile Detention Center in Linden.

Authorities said the attendant at the Gulf station on Route 22 East was approached by the teen after pumping his gas at approximately 4:20 a.m. The teen waved a knife at the attendant and demanded cash.

The gas station employee handed over \$200 dollars, leading the suspect to poke him in the chest with the knife, demanding more cash. The attendant was not injured, according to police.

The victim told police the teen fled west on Route 22.

Hillside law enforcement officials have been in contact with Linden police regarding armed robberies at two different gas stations the day before. "It is still under investigation whether the crimes are related," said Lt. Vincent Ricciardi.

He added there have not been similar incidents in Hillside in the past few weeks.

At approximately 8:10 a.m. on Saturday, two men, wearing ski

masks and carrying handguns, stormed into the U.S. Gas Station on Route 1&9 in Linden, demanding cash. They grabbed \$500 in cash, according to police reports.

Three minutes later, two men, also wearing ski masks, hit the nearby Exxon Station on Route 1&9, collecting a total of \$400 and several cartons of cigarettes and cigars. During the incident, a 60-year-old store clerk was struck with a weapon, causing a 3-inch cut across his forehead, according to police reports. He denied medical attention.

Linden police said they believe the two robberies are related.

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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.

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Bus driver attacked

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

ROSELLE PARK — A New Jersey Transit bus driver is recovering since being punched in the face by a passenger at a bus stop two weeks ago.

The alleged assailant fled and has not been located by police, local law enforcement officials say.

The victim could not provide a description of the suspect and no witnesses were present.

The incident at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 occurred after the 94 bus line stopped at Chestnut Street and West Grant Avenue, near Borough Hall. The bus line travels between Bloomfield and Linden and makes stops in East Orange, Newark, Union and Roselle.

The driver was struck in the right eye by the suspect, according to NJ Transit spokesman John Dee. He would not speculate on the reason for the assault. "The operator was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital, in Livingston...he received non-life-threatening injuries," Dee said.

Both Roselle Park and NJ Transit police responded to the scene, but the suspect was gone.

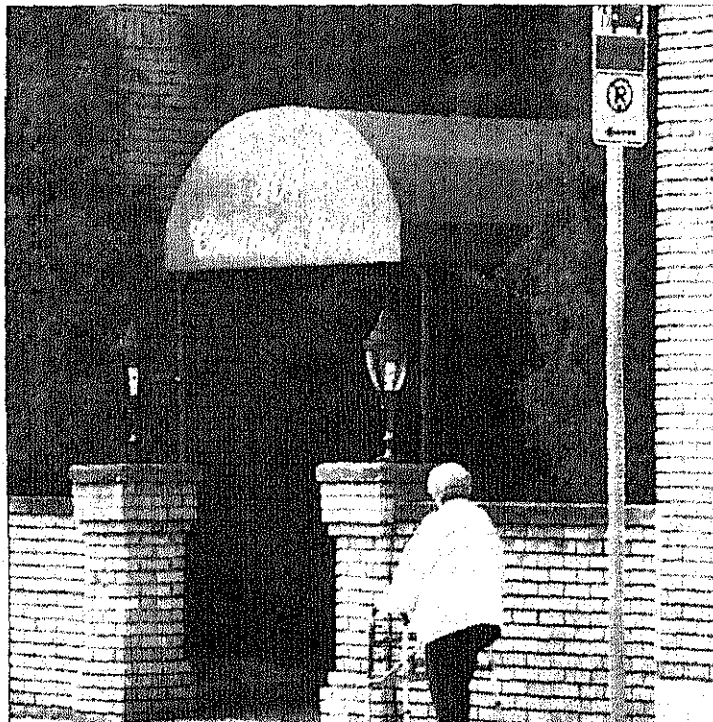


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

A bus driver assaulted Dec. 3 at a Roselle Park bus stop is doing well, police say.

Dee said he was not aware of any trends in transit attacks, noting he is unaware of many attacks in New Jersey.

Roselle Park is not the only area where public transportation workers are experiencing violence.

Two days prior to the borough incident, a New York City bus driver was fatally stabbed in Brooklyn. Edwin Thomas, 46, was punched in the head and stabbed in the chest and stomach after he confronted a man who was trying skip

out on paying his fare.

Another assault took place in Queens on Dec. 10. A female bus driver sustained a cut to her hand after a passenger attempted to steal her ring. Suspects in both of those incidents have not been caught.

NJ Transit officials said their police department will be looking into the incident and that they do not expect attacks to continue.

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Ring in the holidays

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

ROSELLE — Councilman Jamel Holley, along with the Roselle Democratic Committee, wants borough residents to connect with loved ones this season.

From Saturday through Jan. 4, Holley and the committee are offering five pre-paid cell phones to those in need to make free local and long-distance calls.

"There are some residents who do not have the ability to contact the people they love for the holidays," said Holley.

Holley feels people need the assistance more than ever. "When you look at the economy and the state of everyone's finances, you really need to start providing services that will help people," he said.

The phones will be available

at the Roselle Fire Department Multi-Purpose Community Room, at 725 Chestnut St., or by contacting Vice Chair of the Roselle Democratic Committee Barbara Cochran at 908-241-0392.

Residents interested in taking advantage of the offer must call and make reservation to use one of the cell phones. "They can talk as long as they need to," Cochran said.

Approximately seven reservations have already been made to use the phones and Cochran believes many others will take advantage of the holiday gift.

The Jamel Holley Civic Association donated the phones and the 500 minutes of air time currently available to residents. More will be provided if minutes are used up, Holley said.

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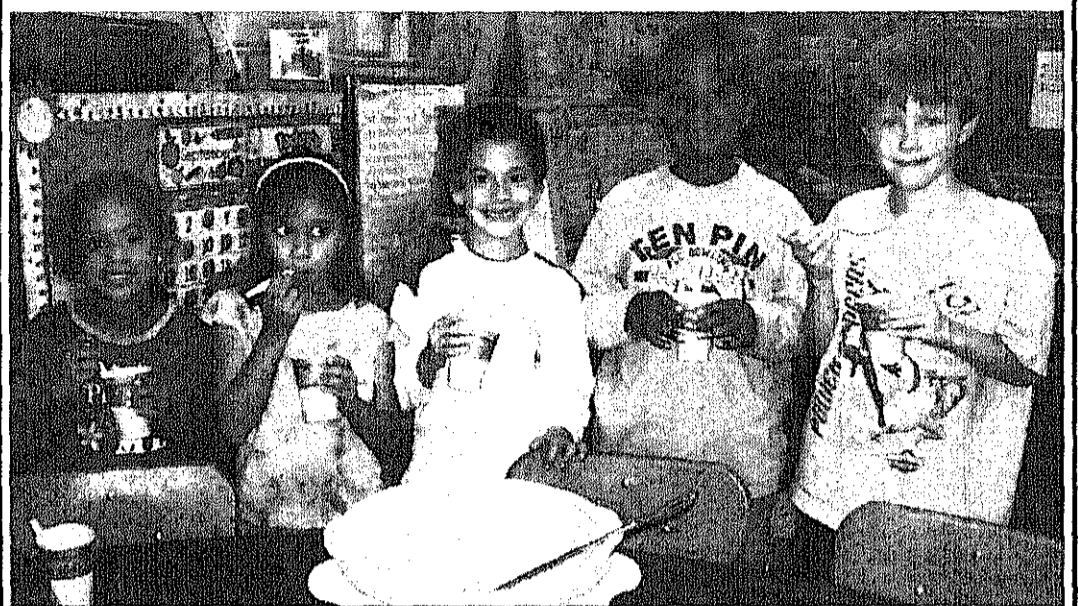
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Councilman sued by city employee for harassment

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

LINDEN — A former city Clerk's Office employee has accused a councilman of sexual harassment and blocking her possible promotion, according to court documents.

Agnes Lizaeska, 34, had worked in the Clerk's Office since 2002 until transferring to an unknown position within the municipality recently.

In her Union County Superior Court complaint filed Oct. 9, Lizaeska claims 4th Ward Councilman

Derek Armstead made several inappropriate sexual comments towards her and withheld promotion when she denied his advances.

Armstead was serving as chairman of the City Council's Personnel and Financial Committee at the time.

Lizaeska said the incidents took place roughly over the course of a year, starting in late 2007.

City of Linden, City Clerk, City Council and five unnamed individuals were also named in the civil lawsuit as defendants.

The municipality is accused of not having an adequate sexual harassment policy in place.

Armstead has strongly denied all the charges, which include asking for several dates, singing sexually suggestive songs and offering raises and promotions for sex. City officials have not commented on the case, although Mayor Richard Gerbounka said the administration "acted accordingly" when they became aware of the charges.

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Clark, Villa lawsuit winding down

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

CLARK — A lawsuit against the township appears to be winding down, four years after the Villa Corporation filed suit over an ordinance to rezone about 300 parcels of township land containing various businesses for residential use.

The rezoning was in accordance with the town's master plan, which was revised in 2003. The lawsuit claimed property owners in the area had not been properly notified of this change.

The case, which is currently in the Appellate Division, had been defeated in Superior Court by Judge Ross Anzaldi, who struck down the ordinance in December 2007.

Clark's attorney, Thomas Carroll, who also represented the corporation in a separate lawsuit against the town, is handling the "Realty Sites" case.

The Villa Corporation sold its property and left Clark in Spring 2008.

Township Attorney Joseph Triarsi had indicated to the council that court hearings have continued, although Carroll has since ceased to appear.

Triarsi also told council members this case represents the first time in his career he has gone to court, only to find the opposing attorney absent.

"We're kind of fighting the ghost of Villa," Mayor Sal Bonaccorso said.

Triarsi and Carroll did not return repeated calls for comment.

Among those properties set to be rezoned for residential use are several businesses, including Clark Power Equipment on Westfield Avenue. Owner Al Bonney said the rezoning does not sit well with him.

"It wouldn't help me at all," Bonney said. "The value of the property is probably less, being that it's a residential zone. I don't know what effect it has on all the new people who bought the Villa property."


Bonaccorso said he thinks the case should be dismissed, but he wants the court to be comfortable with the resolution. "I want to make sure things are done properly," he said.

Council members noted with a mixture of dismay and humor that by the time this matter is settled, yet another master plan review will be due.


Bonaccorso said the intended rezoning, which was stalled by the lawsuit, will probably be put into place as part of the 2009 review. "That's the funny part about it," he said.

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Impaired drivers targeted

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — Cranford Police Department is again stepping up driving enforcement.

"Existing patrols will focus their attention on apprehending drunk drivers," Detective Sgt. Gerard Quinn said.

The program is in effect from from Dec. 8 to Jan. 2.

Police Chief Eric Mason said the department will continue the campaign police have participated in during the holiday season for years, because it is effective in the community.

Impaired driving kills nearly 18,000 people in the U.S. each year, according to the New Jersey Department of Highway Traffic Safety.

The "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" campaign is part of a national effort launched in 1999 to remove drivers under the influence of narcotics and alcohol from roadways, as well as raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving during the busiest travel times of the year, during holiday seasons.

"This ...program...can save lives during a time of the year when impaired driving traditionally increases by nearly 10 percent," said Director of the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, Pam Fischer. "This initiative brings attention to not only the serious fines and penalties drunk drivers can face, but the grave dangers these motorists pose to all individuals on the road."

Local law enforcement officials made nine drunk driving arrests in December 2006 and 10 such arrests in December 2007, according to the Traffic Division.

Mason said police will not pay special attention to specific areas in town. "We include all the roadways in our enforcement," he said.

Cranford Police advise individuals who are planning to drink to choose a designated driver, spend the night where the activity involving drinking is held or take advantage of public transportation.

Those convicted on drunk driving charges face fines ranging from \$250 to \$1,000, suspension of a driver's license, community service or jail time. Motorists on the road can protect themselves against impaired drivers by wearing their seat belts and reporting questionable behavior, to law enforcement.

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EDITORIALS

Festival of Lights

The Jewish festival of rededication, also known as Hanukkah or the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day festival that begins at sundown on Sunday and celebrates the miracle of the candles.

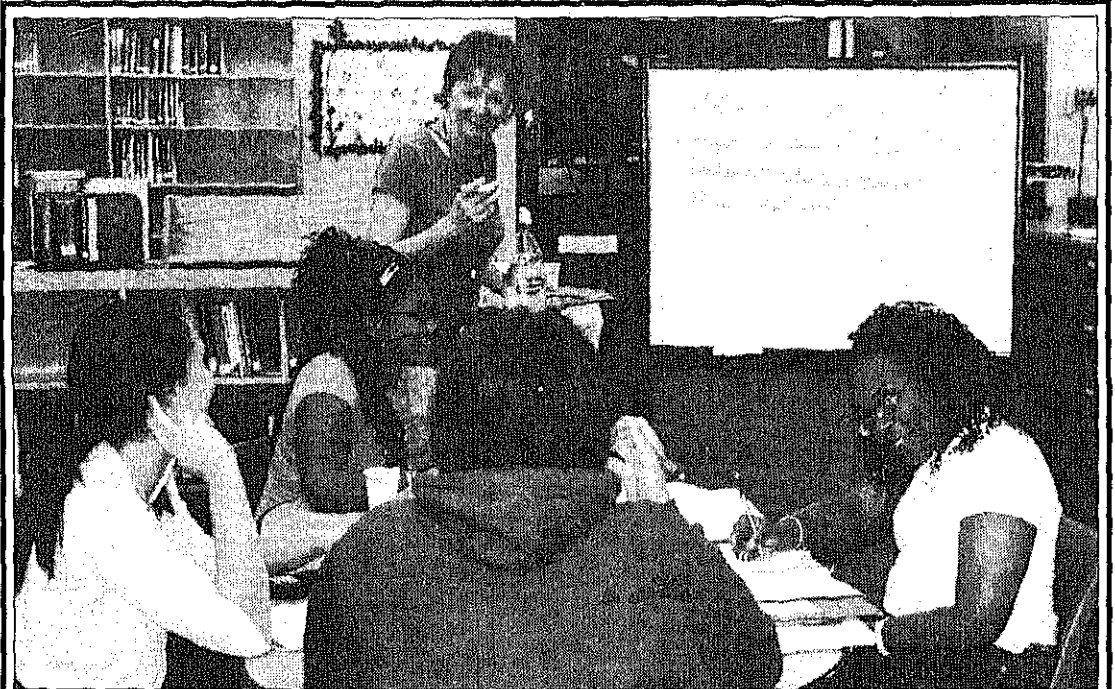
Around 200 B.C., Jews lived as an autonomous people in the land of Israel, also referred to as Judea, which at that time was controlled by the Seleucid king of Syria. By 175 B.C., Antiochus IV Epiphanes ascended to the Seleucid throne. At first little changed but, under his reign, the Temple in Jerusalem was looted, Jews were massacred and Judaism was effectively outlawed. In 167 B.C., Antiochus ordered an altar to Zeus erected in the temple.

Antiochus' actions provoked a large-scale revolt and, by 165 B.C., the Jewish revolt was successful. The temple was liberated and rededicated. After recovering Jerusalem and the temple, Judah ordered the temple to be cleansed, a new altar to be built in place of the polluted one and new holy vessels to be made. According to the Talmud, olive oil was needed for the menorah in the temple, which was required to burn throughout the night every night, but there was only enough oil to burn for one day. Miraculously, it burned for eight days, the time needed to prepare a fresh supply of oil for the menorah. An eight-day festival was declared by the Jewish sages to commemorate this miracle.

Although Hanukkah doesn't have the religious significance of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur or Passover, more emphasis is placed on what the rabbi teaches for this holiday and it actually carries a great deal of importance. For this holiday, there are nine candles lit on the menorah: the shammas or servant candle, which lights the others, and one candle for each day of the miracle. Fried foods are eaten because of the significance of oil, usually latkes or potato pancakes. And, while gift-giving is not a traditional part of the holiday, it has become customary in the United States, especially with younger children. The only traditional gift of the holiday is "gelt," small amounts of money.

The reason for the Hanukkah lights is not for the "lighting of the house within," but rather for the "illumination of the house without," so that passers-by should see it and be reminded of the holiday's miracle. For the Festival of Lights, celebrate the miracles God provides in our lives every day. Big or small, these miracles are a testament to our faith and the participation of God in our lives.

We wish everyone a happy Hanukkah.



HITTING THE BOOKS — Rahway High School mathematics teacher, Pamela Cook, provides after-school tutoring to a group of precalculus students as part of the Advanced Placement Incentive Program at RHS. The APIP provides monetary incentive for high scores on AP exams to students who receive scores of 3, 4 or 5.

Greetings and Humbugs, 2008

Here we go.

Greetings to Mountainside Court Clerk Vivian Hoff. In a heavy traffic court with the Route 22 summons, Ms. Hoff still finds time to be considerate and understanding. For many, the court experience can be scary. Ms. Hoff with a smile and the goal of helping people is indeed refreshing.

Humbug to Roselle Park Councilman Richard Matarante. His attendance at meetings is abysmal. Evidently, he believes that job traveling justifies missing three and four meetings at a clip. It doesn't. During the summer, before a meeting he flippantly regaled members with tales of his trips to Texas.

Greetings to Nancy Terrezza from Union. Her planning and efforts made the township's Bicentennial a wonderful success.

Humbug to the Union County League of Woman Voters. They seem to go out of their way to find discourteous rude moderators. At this year's freeholder debates, Moderator Jane Sailer was opinionated and in terms of Freeholder Rick Proctor from Rahway, her attitude was flat out offensive.

Greetings to Principal Belinda Abruzzese and her staff at George Washington School in Elizabeth. They have hit the mix of caring and tough love to a T with their kids. Also, you can eat off the floors in her school.

Humbug to Frank Krause from Cranford. This year, even when he was right on the issue, the loquacious Krause deserves a loud "humbug." He opposed the proposed change in government which would have permitted a four-year

Left Out

By Frank Capece

mayor. His reasoning was to look at "James in Newark and Gregorio in Linden" as examples of the terrible things that a four-year mayor would bring. The fact that convicted officials in Monmouth County were one-year terms were obviously not part of his logic.

Greetings to Commissioner Mark Smith of Cranford. He has taken his lumps from this corner. On the subject of the change of government, his written remarks were articulate and thoughtful. He explained why he was originally in favor of the change but why he changed his mind.

Humbug to each and every representative of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority. Last week, they held a Christmas party for all members past and present at the swanky Echo Lake Country Club. The choice for dinner included filet mignon or lobster. Oh yes, they have a debt of \$13.9 million and rates have jumped this year for some towns as much as 40 percent.

Greetings to Corrina Krauskopf of Union. The marketing officer for The Red Cross has spearheaded a wonderful toy drive in this very tough economic year.

Greetings to Rita LaBrutto of Cranford. Intense and feisty, this pint size advocate was painfully right in her predictions regarding the disastrous impact of the Cranford Crossing project. Hopefully,

the town fathers will listen carefully about her views on affordable housing. Plus, she bugs Commissioner Dan Aschenbach, which should also be viewed as a plus.

Humbug to the New Jersey American Water Company. They have now drummed up a plan to increase bills via a surcharge to avoid scrutiny by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Greetings to Michelle Cesan of Summit. This Oak Knoll senior field hockey player is a prolific scorer with amazing skills.

Humbug to Ralph Marra Jr. the career Federal Prosecutor who is acting U.S. Attorney for New Jersey. Regarding his service he said, "The U.S. Attorney's Office has never been more effective in all areas of prosecution. It's a record and reputation I intend to continue." No lack of ego there.

Greetings to Judge Carol Cohen. The former freeholder, county counsel and Office of Administrative Law Judge has been named assignment judge of the Newark Office of Administrative Law.

Greetings to Sgt. Frank Williams of the Cranford Police Department. Good cop, great person. His work at the Police Athletic League is noteworthy. On his own time, he even pitched in to cook at a local eatery when an emergency developed.

Greetings to Donna Hayden the county honcho running the ice rink in Warinanco Park in Roselle. As was said, sometimes we just take for granted the wonderful facility she operates.

Greetings to Councilwoman
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OP ED

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Diane Klaif from Summit. She seems to be the most concerned with finally deciding the issue of how to sell the youth center and meet the growing demands for these services.

Humbug to Assemblywoman Joan Quigley who is trying to stop the brave efforts of people like Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi to certify all voting machines immediately to insure a fair count.

Greetings to Salena Carroll of Linden. A nice person who, tenaciously, each year through the group "Democrats for the Soul" provides some Christmas cheer for kids in foster homes.

Humbug that Marcus Daniels, who directs the chorus at Abraham Clark High School, doesn't have enough money for his wonderful efforts.

Greetings to Sharif Warden, the superstar bowler at Union High School.

Humbug to all the police departments who make such a big deal over the "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" campaign. Drunk

driving is never funny, but the \$29 million in federal funds earmarked for the program makes it not a cost effective program.

Greetings to Kathleen DiChiara of Summit. She is the CEO of the community food bank. She spends her day raising money to feed the hungry. Think her spot in heaven has been reserved?

Greetings to Cranford Police Chief Eric Mason Chief. While he's off my Christmas card list because of the activities of "Scooter" and the "Multi-tasker" — Cranford's dynamic duo of ticket-writing — in all fairness, this chief spent a very hot summer day working on Cranford's Special Olympics. He could have smiled and left, rather he patiently made certain to take a picture with each and every kid.

Humbug to Judith Joseph of Summit. The city's director of community progress dismissed criticism by residents who boarder Memorial Field and were concerned about new sheds.

She said, "We wanted to make it convenient to clean up by having storage nearby. But we are lovers

not fighters. Nothing has been purchased, nothing is on its way."

Greetings to Joanne Shapiro of Clark. The president of the Roselle-Cranford Chapter of Hadassah has been amazing in the interesting programs and leadership she provides.

Greetings to Dr. Scott Schaffer, the dentist from Clark who lead the anti-cavity efforts of giving \$1 for each pound of candy brought to his office rather than consumed.

Greetings big time to Ed Saunders of Union. For 30 years, he has led the efforts for blood drives through the Union Elks Club.

Greetings to the Kenilworth Public Library for the presentation two weeks ago of "Colonial and Victorian Christmas Customs." Maybe it's prejudicial, but this little library does more with less than any other in the county.

Greetings to Luke Ginoocchio of Clark. Super athlete, super student. This Union County Magnet High School student has been named a presidential scholar.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Article left out information

To the Editor:

I read the article (about the Bayway Refinery) with interest but was disappointed by the lack of information on who is the "Center for American Progress."

Who funds them? Are they left wing, right wing or a totally anti-industry group of 1960s hippies. The fact that they are from Washington, D.C. indicates to me a lobbying group with an agenda. I feel it is incumbent upon you to identify that agenda when you present their conclusions.

I Googled it and found their policy statement to include the following: "We combine bold policy ideas with a modern communications platform to help shape the national debate, expose the hollowness of conservative governing philosophy, and challenge the media to cover the issues that truly matter."

It was founded by Bill Clinton's former chief of staff. I believe that this information should have been included or referred to in the article.

Clark A. Beebe
Springfield

Is it 'payback time?'

To the Editor:

Is it "payback time" to the taxpayers for the 2008 presidential candidates and President George W. Bush?

I am primarily speaking of those office-holders in Washington, who traversed the United States for about two years campaigning for the presidential nomination — Sens. Hillary Clinton, John McCain and Barack Obama.

They did not resign their offices. Did they refuse their paychecks of \$166,000 per year, which also include stipends for an office and some employees to staff it in Washington as well as in their home states, travel expenses perhaps for pending legislation for orientation trips to Iraq and other foreign countries, complete with money for security and other personnel, plus health benefits and other perks?

Worst of all, were the monies spent by Pres. George W. Bush for his many trips during his White House residence on Air Force One, for which the take-off

price is \$100,000 each time? Were all his trips necessary, particularly during his campaign for his 2004 presidential nomination?

In the case of President Bush, the cost of his total trips on Air Force One would probably add up to millions of dollars, which could be spent on building or renovating Veterans Administration hospitals for the returning veterans for the wars now in progress, or similar projects.

I doubt that a worker in private business would be allowed to have a prolonged absence and still receive his salary and all benefits. There should be a rule for all of our elected officials as well as appointed and regular government employees, stating that they cannot take long absences for campaigning and other reasons or bring their office staffs and other personnel with them beyond a specified period of time.

Hazel Hardgrove
Springfield

Taxes at an all-time high

To the editor

Recently, the *Star-Ledger* reported that property taxes hit five figures in the towns of Summit, Westfield, New Providence and Scotch Plains. The average homeowner's tax bill in these towns has now crossed the \$10,000 mark, according to county tax officials.

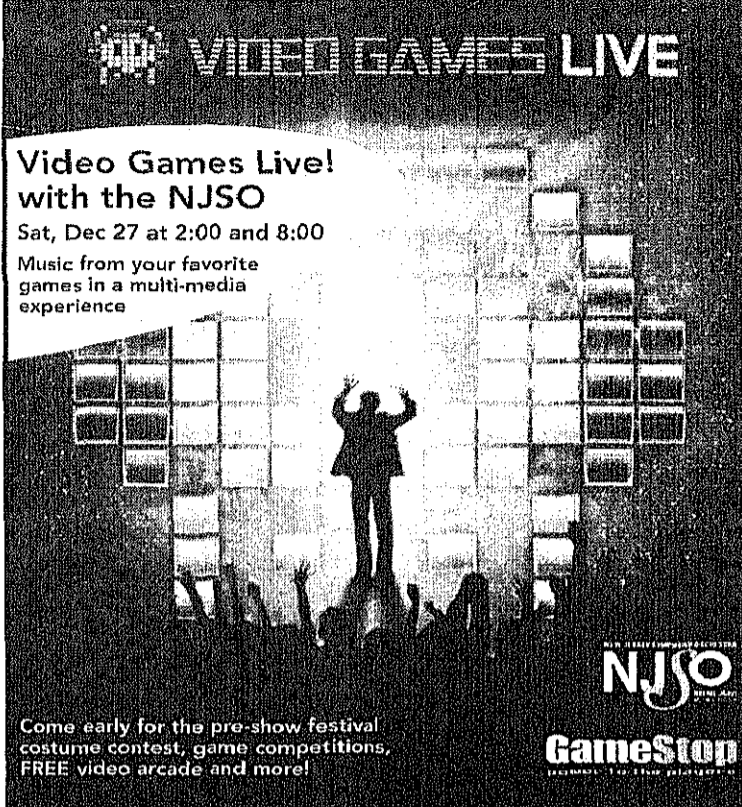
What the article failed to mention is that these 4 towns pay higher taxes to the county of Union than their municipalities.

The Tax Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit, non-partisan group that monitors fiscal policy reported that seven counties in New Jersey ranked in the top 10 for high property taxes in the nation. Union County is listed at number nine. This is up from number 10 a year earlier.

While taxpayers may hold their local municipalities and school boards accountable for rising property taxes, county government, which accounts for approximately one-fourth of property tax bills, largely enjoys being an invisible layer of government.

It's little wonder that we are inching up the top 10 list for paying the highest property taxes in the nation.

Tina Renna, president
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Union police director named

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Zieser, the father of three college-aged children, was part of the Newark Police Department between 1973 and 2008. The 18-year veteran had been the youngest officer in the country when he was hired by the NPD. He had lived in Union for several years before moving to Clark.

He last served as Newark's chief of operations, reducing a \$14 million over-time budget to \$8 million by the end of his career as chief of operations — at the time, 900 officers reported to him.

Zieser said his main goals now include getting Union's 170-staff department involved with surrounding towns' law enforcement agencies, streamlining communication with the township administration and, most importantly, maintaining a budget that won't cost any jobs in the current economic crisis.

He was victim to budget-related layoffs twice during his first few years on the Newark force, including the year he was married. "When you experience it personally and have to turn in your gun and badge, it's a heartbreaker," he said.

Zieser pointed to numerous shared services with other departments that could cost little and get a big

return in terms of staff. He hopes to send officers to joint task forces, like the Union County Homicide unit, where one Union officer is current working, and Essex/Union County Auto Task force.

"Union PD historically has been considered an island. They haven't really gotten involved with county or state police," he said. "But, if you donate one guy to the [task force], on certain nights, I may get 15 guys in return."

He also hopes to add new technology, like dashboard cameras, expand the tactical anti-crime unit and possibly change the number of officers on duty in a given shift based on the township's crime statistics per time of day.

Zieser said he is aware of political disputes surrounding the police director position, which translated into a morale problem for the department, but noted he is confident his background in law enforcement will rally his new charges.

"As long as you show you are behind them 100 percent, that means a lot," Zieser said.

Zieser begins work as police director Jan. 1.

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Town fundraisers support child

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Room to the group, to host the fundraising dinner. Approximately 150 people attended the dinner and the group earned \$7,100, according to Sloan.

"The Greenbush's are not parishioners here," said Dzuravik, who noted that fact did not affect the churches desire to help out in any way possible.

After considering the Greenbush's situation, Campbell said she understood how lucky her family is. "The way I see it, I don't have a sick child, so I have everything," she said.

Sloan suggested the whole

community has been generous and understanding of the hardships faced by the Greenbush's.

Businesses, including Shop Rite, CVS and Target, all of Clark, and Michelino's Restaurant in Elizabeth, along with Federico's Meat Market in Clark and Pinho Bakery in Roselle donated money and food to the family.

Julie Pinho, owner of Pinho Bakery, donated several sheet cakes and cookies to the fundraising effort. "I worry when my boys have a cold, I can't even imagine what that family is going through. If giving a few cakes will help in any way, I'm happy to do it,"

Pinho said. Sloan said she is thankful for the community support shown toward her family friends.

"It's heartwarming to see the community pull together for a family that is in need of help," Sloan said.

Mike and Christine could not be reached for comment on Jason's recovery.

To make a donation to help the The Greenbush Family, visit www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=1519771

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Cranford cell tower blocked

(Continued from Page 1) cerned community members have spent money, missed trips and lost time with families while battling this application. "All of our lives have been disrupted by this proposal," Cohen said.

He suggested the Swim Club broke its promise to be a good neighbor to surrounding residents by allowing Verizon to erect the pole.

Another resident, Tom Graham, said the tower and maintenance equipment also proposed in the plan would have been too close to residential properties.

"I...can't believe it's coming to this point where we would consider this," Graham said, noting the township failed to consider the affect the project would have on neighboring towns, such as Westfield.

The potential impact on the County-owned Lenape Park, as

well as nearby Westfield residents, drew Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski and Westfield's Second Ward Councilwoman Vicki Kimmins to the hearing.

Kimmins sympathized with the Zoning Board, saying she understood the difficulties it faced.

An attorney for the group of local residents who opposed the plan, John Schmidt of Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook and Cooper, said Verizon did not provide thorough information or the coverage the tower would provide.

"This applicant failed to show not only a significant gap in coverage but any gap in coverage," said Schmidt.

Verizon's attorney, Greg Meese of Price, Meese, Shulman and D'Arminio based in Woodcliff Lake, said the proposal was based not on everyday usage, but on the maximum usage that could be expected in the future.

"You don't base your building codes on withstanding the average wind, you base them on a strong wind," Meese said.

Cranford may not have seen the last of this proposal.

Once the Zoning Board passes a formal resolution denying the application, the applicant has 45 days to appeal the decision in court, which Schmidt said is the likely course of action for Verizon. "With the amount of litigation that has gone on in the past involving cell towers, I am confident this will be appealed by the carriers," he said.

Meese and representatives from the Cranford Swim Club could not be reached for comment.

Norman Albert had represented Union County's interest with regard to Lenape Park.

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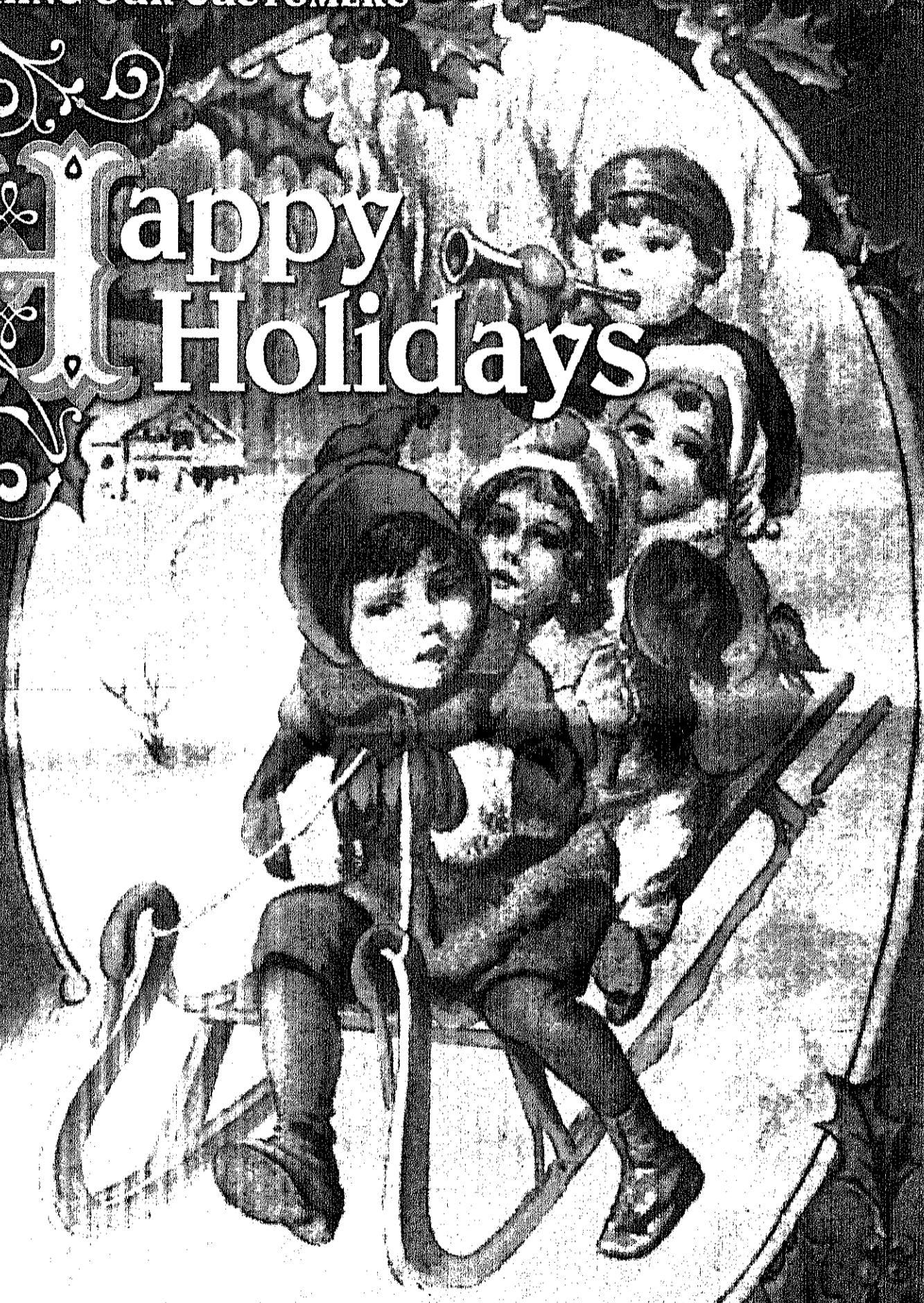
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Live Trees: Water the tree daily. A 6 foot tree will absorb 1 or more quarts of water per day. When you purchase the tree, ask the merchant to give the tree a fresh cut and then as soon as possible, place the tree in a secured stand with water. Trees can absorb as much as 1 gallon of water over the 1st day.

Artificial Trees: Make sure the tree is "fire resistant" and never use electric lights on a metallic tree. Place the tree in a secure stand capable of keeping the tree upright.

All Trees: Secure all types of trees to the wall or ceiling and keep them away from heat sources, sparks or flames. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways. never use candles on any type of tree.

Use only noncombustible or flame resistant materials to trim any tree type.

Be sure to periodically check the lights on the tree to insure that they do not get too hot. Unplug and remove any set that feel hot to the touch.

These are just a few suggestions on how to avoid Holiday Tree Fires and should not be considered an all inclusive list.

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Twice is nice



Gabe Chesman, center, with, from left, Emil Rufolo, Dan Rufolo, Leo Sherman and Nick Fevelo, members of the Lenox Underground, on Nov. 29 at the second 'Concert for Gabe.' Gabe suffered a spinal stroke more than a year ago, while attending Drexel University. To make a donation, send checks payable to 'NTAF,' with 'Gabe Chesman' in the memo field to 12 Prospect Place, Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD BRIEFS

Book talk at SPL

The Great Books Discussion Group will discuss "Prometheus Bound" by Aeschylus at 10 a.m. today. For information, visit www.sfphj.org.

time between 10:30 a.m. and noon for training in using the Internet and searching online databases and the library catalog.

For information, call the public library at 973-376-2040.

Join book talk

The Springfield Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion will meet to discuss "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society," by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows at 7 p.m. on Jan. 3.

The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave.

Aid squad needs help

The Springfield First Aid Squad seeks volunteers. If you are interested in joining, a membership application is available online.

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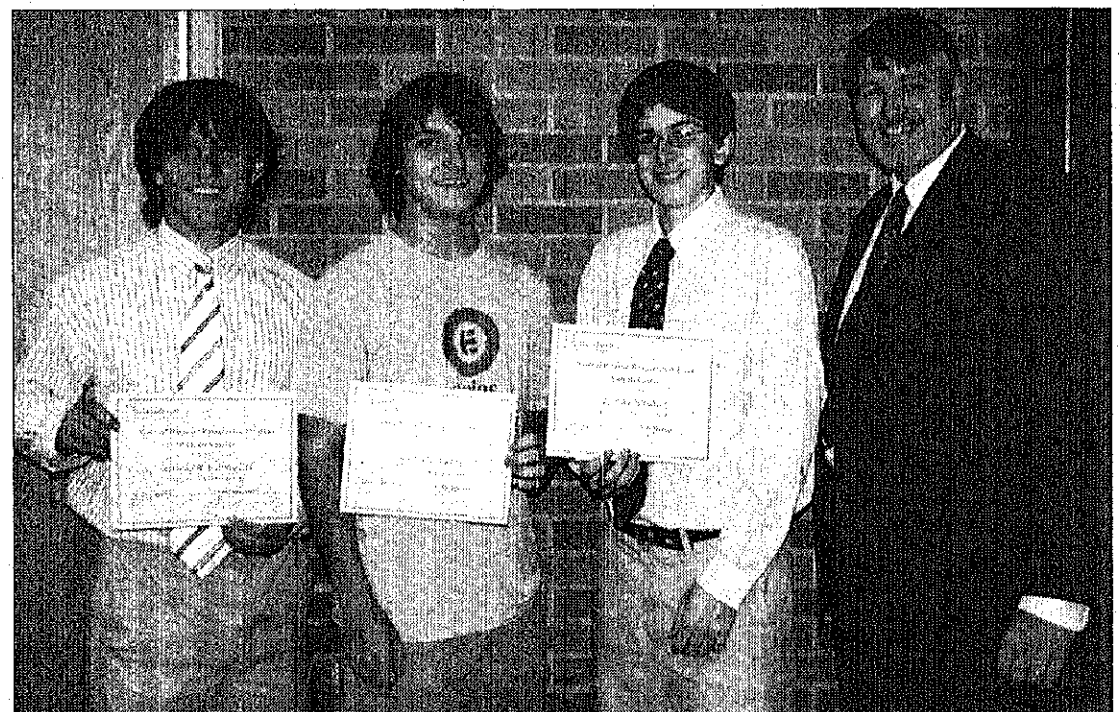


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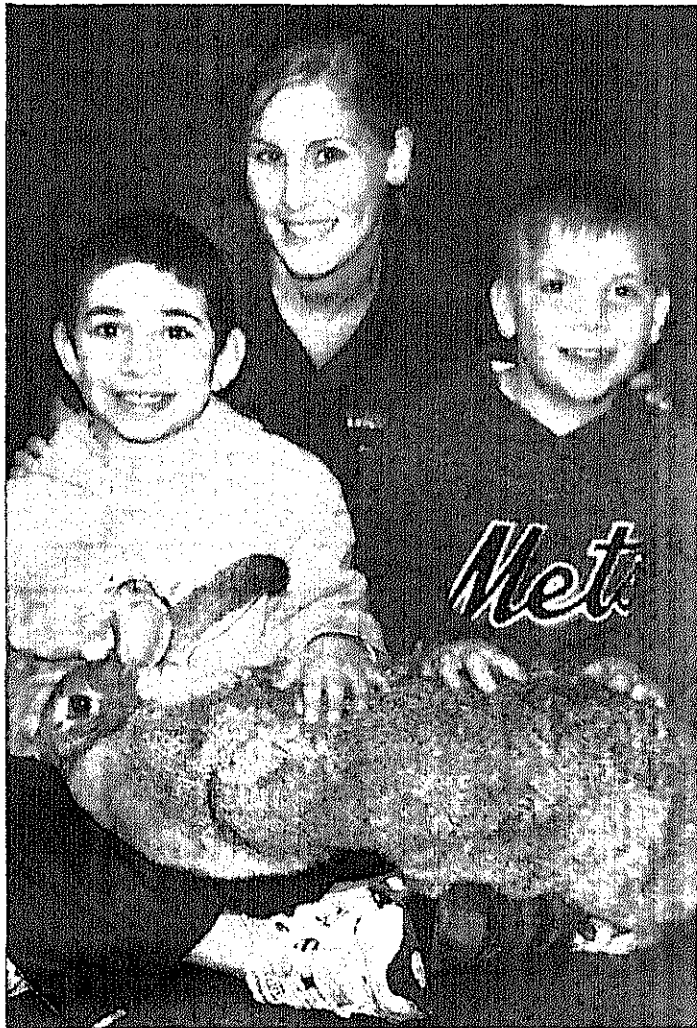
Job well done



Summit High School Principal Paul Sears, right, congratulates seniors who were named Hispanic Scholars by the National Merit Scholarship Competition, from left, Edward Espinoza, Michael Velez and Tomas Salazar.

SCHOOL ZONE

Great adventure!



The students at Valley Road School in Clark experienced a great adventure as they were able to touch and learn about animals. Juliann Jones, center, from Six Flags Wild Encounters and students Nicholas Shapiro, left, and Nicholas Serpe, right, with a 20 pound flemish rabbit.

SCHOOL NEWS

Catch puppet show

Summit students will present a puppet show at the Board of Education meeting today, at 8 p.m., at Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School, 272 Morris Ave.

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 Friday.

CHS winter concert

Cranford High School Winter Concert, featuring the CHS Orchestra, Concert Choir, Madrigals, Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus, Women's Ensemble and Noteworthy Gentlemen, will be held today at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Scholarship offered

The Joseph E. Enright Foundation is offering scholarships for students who are pursuing a field in health care. Students who reside in Central to Northern New Jersey are encouraged to apply. Each scholarship award is \$1,000. A short essay stating what the applicant is studying and why the applicant chose a career in health care should accompany each application. The deadline is Dec. 31.

For information, call 908-464-0277 or visit www.josephenright-foundation.org or request

Hot cakes



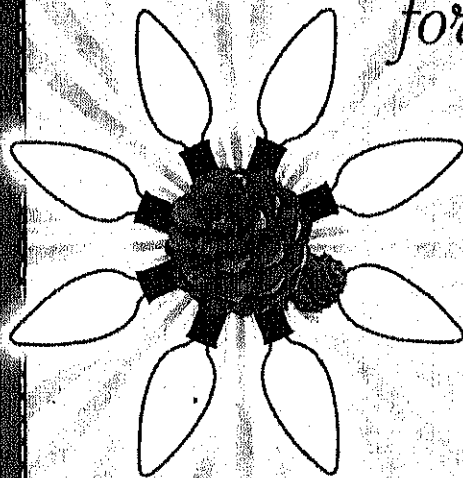
What is Nate the Great's favorite food? Pancakes of course! Third grade students at Franklin Elementary School in Rahway learned that lesson first hand. After reading the story 'Nate the Great, San Francisco Detective,' students Nicole Guardado, left, and Kimberly Twerdak, right, connect to the story by having a pancake breakfast.

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HILLSIDE BRIEFS

Adult computer class

The Hillside Library will hold an after-school craft event for kids, featuring a Christmas craft, today at 3:30 p.m.

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 Sat-

urday. "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.

Join book discussion

The Hillside Library will hold a Pageturners book discussion on "I Heard That Song Before," by Mary

Higgins Clark, today at 6 p.m. New members are welcome.

Adult computer class

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

Adult computer class

The Hillside Library will hold an adult computer class, "Digital Photos and Your Computer," today

from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The event is free but registration is required. For information, call 973-923-4413.

Read to a dog event

The Hillside Library will hold its "Read to a Dog" event on Monday at 2 p.m. The event is free.

Adult computer class

The Hillside Library will show a movie for children ages 5 and up, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," on Tuesday from 2 p.m.

Try adult karobics

Free karobics classes for adults and teens are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the William H. Buie Community Center.

Sign up at the Recreation Department or the Community Center.

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Teen steals car, injures police officer

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

LINDEN — A 17-year-old Linden man was jailed Saturday after he allegedly stole a car, then smashed into a police vehicle, injuring one officer.

The incident began when authorities received reports of a suspicious vehicle parked on the 900 block of McCandless Place. According to reports, two males and a female exited the car — later determine to be stolen from the

area earlier that morning — and walked north of the scene, according to police reports.

A short time later, around 3:30 p.m., an off duty police lieutenant saw three suspects re-enter the car. The officer alerted a nearby patrolman, who stopped the vehicle on Bedle Place — parking in front of the car. Another patrol officer also responded — parking behind the car.

When the officer exited his car, the suspect put his car in reverse

and sped backwards, striking the second officer's vehicle while he was inside. The officer in the car sustained injuries to his neck and right wrist. He was treated at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in Rahway and released the same day.

The driver then attempted to speed away, heading toward the pursuing officer. The officer was forced to jump out of the way and pointed his gun at the speeding car.

The driver surrendered, but the second male passenger fled. The

female passenger, Crystal McCann, of Arthur Street remained at the scene and was later released on a summons.

The 17-year-old driver was charged with aggravated assault, receiving stolen property and hindering arrest. He is being held in Linden's Juvenile Detention center.

Authorities said they are still searching for the missing suspect.

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

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 Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program.

Drop off locations throughout the month are at the Clark Public 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 or e-mail Scott McCabe at cub-pack145@aol.com.

MOUNTAINSIDE BRIEFS

Cuddle story time

The Mountainside Public Library will hold a Cuddle Story Time, for ages 12 to 23 months, on Thursdays.

The events will be held Thursdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. and is open to the public.

For information, call the library

at 908-233-0115 or visit www.mountainsidelibrary.org.

Toddler story time

The Mountainside library will hold a Toddler Story Time, just for 2-year-olds, on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Call 908-233-0115.

Waters at Rec. Dept.

Lindsey Waters has joined Mountainside Recreation Department as assistant director.

Pre-school story time

The Mountainside Public Library will hold a Pre-school Story Time, for kids ages 3, 4 and 5,

on Wednesdays from 2 to 2:30 p.m. Call 908-233-0115 or visit www.mountainsidelibrary.org.

Story time theater

The Mountainside Public Library will hold a Story Time Theatre for four Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.

Gaming afternoon

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

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Each year, Clark youth, through their school organiza-

tions, athletic groups and community associations, "make a wish" and "take a chance" in hoping their wish will come true.

The Clark Benefit Fund donated more than \$11,000 this year to organizations, athletic and school programs within the Clark Board of Education, in addition to \$3,000 in scholarships awarded

to three ALJ seniors. Township organizations, facilities and clubs received a total of \$9,800.

The Clark Benefit Fund is an independent, non-profit organization that focuses on providing funds that enhance the quality of all programs within the township. The benefit's centralized source of funds is its annual Winter Ben-

efit Ball, which is hosted in February at The Gran Centurions. Everyone is welcome to be a part of the event.

To make a contribution or for information regarding the upcoming sixteenth annual Winter Benefit Ball on Feb. 7, contact Kim Carnovale at 732-382-1556 or Henrietta Pozyc at 732-882-0446.

ROSELLE BRIEFS

Gift certificates at RPL

The Roselle Public Library is offering gift certificates to its patrons.

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For information, call 908-245-5809 or visit the library at Chestnut Street and West Fourth Avenue.

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If you notice a new scent when you walk into the Roselle Public Library, it is because the Friends of the Roselle Library are selling scented candles as a fundraiser.

SUMMIT BRIEFS

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All programs will be held at the Summit Recreation Center, 100 Morris Ave.

Parents can pick up flyers and sign-up sheets at the Summit Department of Recreation or send an e-mail request for information to summitcan@gmail.com.

Library closings

The Summit Public Library, located at 75 Maple St., will be closed on Dec. 21, will close early, at 1 p.m., on Dec. 24 and will be closed on Dec. 25 for Christmas.

The library is currently operating on winter hours — Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

For information, call 908-273-0350 or visit www.sumlib.org.

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.

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

YMCA seeks aids

The Summit YMCA, located at 67 Maple St., has volunteer opportunities available.

For information, call Terri Clinton at 908-273-3330, ext. 126.

Music DVDs at SPL

The Summit Public Library's newest collection of music DVDs is on display. The music DVDs can be borrowed by anyone with a valid library card from Summit or from

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The library is located at 75 Maple St. For information, call 908-273-0350.



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may be some temporary redness. Microdermabrasion is a popular non-surgical cosmetic procedure. This treatment is effective in reducing fine lines, such as "crow's feet," age spots and acne scars. When you require the care of a dermatologist, call 908-925-8877. I am conveniently located at 822 North Wood Ave., Linden.

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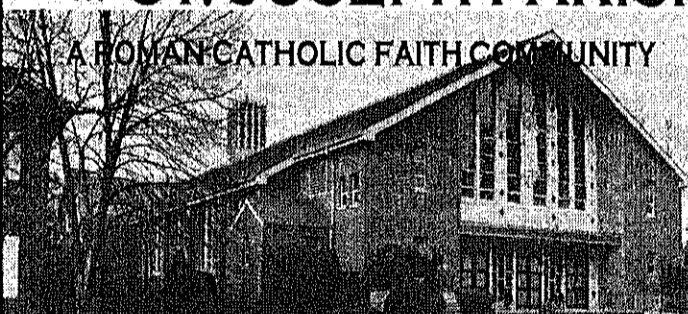


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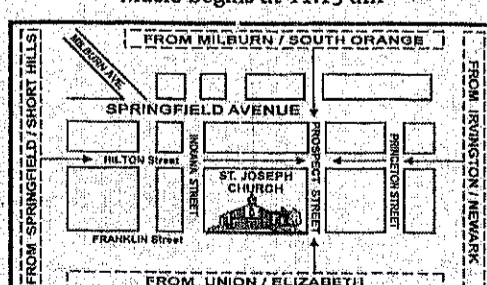
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Prelude Music at 6:00 pm
- 12:00 am Midnight Mass with Choir & Trumpet
Prelude Music at 11:30 pm

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OBITUARIES

John Bieszczak

 John Thomas Bieszczak, 84, of Union, formerly of Mountainside, died Dec. 12 in the Manor Care, Mountainside.

Born in North Bergen, Mr. Bieszczak lived in Mountainside for 56 years before moving to Autumn Ridge in Union last year. He was the owner of Diamond Auto Electric Service Inc. for 50 years before retiring in 1995.

Mr. Bieszczak was an Army Air Force veteran of World War II and served in the Burma/China Theater, attaining the rank of master sergeant. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and was a member of the VFW Post 226, Bayonne.

Surviving are his wife, Joan B.; three daughters, Donna Marie Bieszczak, Gail P. Brennan and Pamela B. Humienny; a son, Christian; a sister, Marge Dabrowski, and two grandchildren.

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

Gertrude Burger

Gertrude Flynn Burger, 87, a lifelong resident of Linden, died Dec. 8 in the Peggy Colony Hope House, Center for Hope Hospice, Scotch Plains.

Mrs. Burger worked in Sweet Arts and Crafts Shop, Linden, for many years and retired in 1985. She was a member of the Rosary Altar Society of St. Elizabeth Church, Linden, and of the Ladies Auxiliary Linden Knights of Columbus Council 2859.

Surviving are two daughters, Avia Burger and Christine Juba; a son, Peter; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The Leonard-Lee Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

Loretta Buschmann

Loretta V. Buschmann, 82, of Mountainside died Dec. 3 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mrs. Buschmann lived in Newark before moving to Mountainside 43 years ago. She retired in 1989 as a librarian at North Plainfield High School. Mrs. Buschmann was a member of the New Jersey Education Association. She received a Ph.D. from Rutgers University.

Surviving are a son, John Carl; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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

Michael Connelly

Michael P. Connelly, 61, of Linden died on Dec. 9.

Born in Plainfield, Mr. Connelly lived in Piscataway before moving

to Linden 22 years ago. He was a member of the Neo-Catechumenate Way. Mr. Connelly was a communicant of St. John the Apostle Church, Clark, and a member of its Charismatic Prayer Group.

Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Sylvia; two daughters, Sylvia Mary Hofer and Caroline Cortez; two sons, Anthony and Kenneth; his father, Edward; three brothers, Thomas, Paul and Matthew; a sister, Kathleen Alelynas, and two grandchildren.

The Werson Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

Michael Denora

Michael C. Denora, 23, of Clark died Dec. 4 in the Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital, New Brunswick.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Denora moved to Clark in 1993. He graduated from St. Agnes Grammar School in 1999 and Arthur L. Johnson High School in 2003. Mr. Denora was a junior at Kean University, Union, where he majored in management science. Previously, he was employed at Citibank, Westfield, as the head teller.

Surviving are his parents, Tom and Kathy Denora; a brother, Bryan, and his grandmother, Antoinette Denora.

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

Thomas Gesner

Thomas F. Gesner, 55, of Rahway died Dec. 12 in JFK Medical Center, Edison.

Born in Staten Island, N.Y., Mr. Gesner lived in Cliffwood Beach for many years before moving to Rahway in 1997. He was a machinist for NJ Transit for many years. Mr. Gesner was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, Rahway.

Surviving are his wife, Sally A.; a son, Thomas F. Jr.; a daughter, Lorie A. Marchiano; his parents, Leroy A. and Margaret M. Gesner; two brothers, Leroy Jr. and William; a sister, Christine Vankner, and four grandchildren.

The Pettit-Davis Funeral Home, Rahway, handled the arrangements.

Judith Hamilton

Judith Sullivan Hamilton, 65, of Toms River, formerly of Kenilworth, died Dec. 3 in the Arbors Care Center, Toms River.


Born in Newark, Mrs. Hamilton lived in North Arlington and Kenilworth before moving to Toms River four years ago. She worked in the banking business for many years. Mrs. Hamilton was a member of St. Theresa Church, Kenilworth, where she served as a eucharistic minister and lector.

Surviving are a son, John "Jack" Jr.; a daughter, Donna Stevens; a brother, John Sullivan, and four grandchildren.

The Campbell Funeral Home,

Toms River, handled the funeral arrangements.

Alador Jackson


 Alador Jackson, 89, of Clark died Dec. 11 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Jackson resided in Clark for the past 60 years. He was a sheet metal worker with the Sheet Metal Workers Union Local 22 of Cranford for 20 years. He served in the Navy and Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945 during World War II. Mr. Jackson was a member of the American Legion Post 328 in Clark.

Surviving are two sons, William and Roger, and two grandchildren.

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

John Kurdyla

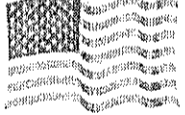
 John Paul Kurdyla, 73, of Rahway died Dec. 6 at home.

Born in Poland, Mr. Kurdyla lived in Rahway for 61 years. He was a warehouse worker for A & M Industrial Co., Rahway, for eight years. Mr. Kurdyla was an Army veteran and served from 1955 to 1957.

Surviving are his wife, Susan; a son, Jonathan; two stepdaughters, Liz Blewitt and Heather McEnery, and two grandchildren.

The Funeral Service of New Jersey Inc., Hillside, handled the arrangements.

George Lamm

 George W. Lamm of Summit died Dec. 11 in Runnells Specialized

Hospital of Union County, Berkeley Heights.

Mr. Lamm was a World War II veteran. He was a member of the 45th Evacuation Hospital that landed on the shores of Normandy after the initial D-Day invasion. Mr. Lamm's unit eventually went on to support the 83rd Infantry Division in the liberation of the Buchenwald Concentration Camp near Weima, Thuringia, Germany. He had been married for 61 years to the late Myra Witt of The Myra Witt Dance Studios, which he managed the business end of the studio and was the creative force behind the set designs for the studio's annual productions.

Surviving are two sons, Todd and Scott; a daughter, Wendy Leonard; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Luber

Mary G. Luber, 89, of Springfield died Nov. 28 in Caritas Holy Family Hospital, Methuen, Mass.

Born in Stratford, Conn., Mrs.

OBITUARY LIST

BARTH — James T. Sr., of Clark; Dec. 13.
 BIESZCZAK — John Thomas, of Union; Dec. 12.
 BURGER — Gertrude Flynn, of Linden; Dec. 8.
 BUSCHMANN — Loretta V., of Mountainside; Dec. 3.
 CONNELLY — Michael P., of Linden; Dec. 9.
 CYRUS — Ruby, of Linden; Dec. 8.
 DENORA — Michael C., of Clark; Dec. 4.
 EISENBUD — Ben, formerly of Linden; Dec. 11.
 GAZEK — Adele S., formerly of Linden; Dec. 9.
 GESNER — Thomas F., of Rahway; Dec. 12.
 HAMILTON — Judith Sullivan; formerly of Kenilworth; Dec. 3.
 JACKSON — Alador, of Clark; Dec. 11.
 KURDYLA — John Paul, of Rahway; Dec. 6.
 LAMM — George W., of Summit; Dec. 11.
 LUBER — Mary G., of Springfield; Nov. 28.
 LUTZ — Willie Lee, of Union; Dec. 9.
 MARQUES — Armando, of Union; Dec. 10.
 MATERA — Stanley A. Sr., of Linden; Dec. 10.
 MATYSEK — William J., of Springfield; Dec. 11.
 MC KENZIE — Camille C., of Roselle; Dec. 11.
 MENKIN — Leo, of Hillside; Dec. 7.
 MILLER — Carrie B., formerly of Roselle; Nov. 28.
 MILLER — Keith Lee, of Linden; Dec. 8.
 MILLER — Mary E., of Mountainside; Dec. 13.
 O'DONNELL — Cristina, formerly of Cranford; Dec. 5.
 PEPE — Phyllis L., formerly of Union; Dec. 10.
 RUSSOMANNO — Anthony, of Springfield; Dec. 10.
 SASHEN — Mary, formerly of Rahway; Dec. 9.
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 SUMTER — Minnie Onita, of Rahway; Dec. 12.
 SWANLUND — Philomena J., of Union; Dec. 7.
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 TRAMER — Edward J., of Kenilworth; Dec. 10.
 VOLOSIN — John F., formerly of Linden; Dec. 6.
 WILLIS — Anthony, of Linden; Dec. 5.
 WISNIEWSKI — Leo, of Linden; Dec. 8.
 ZAWACKI — Theodora, formerly of Linden; Dec. 7.
 ZIEMBA — Gladys, of Cranford; Dec. 8.


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

Luber moved to Springfield 54 years ago. She was a graduate of Central High School, Bridgeport, Conn., the Junior College of Connecticut and the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing. Mrs. Luber began her nursing career in Bridgeport Hospital and went on to become director at pediatrics at Norwegian Lutheran Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y. She worked at Orange Memorial Hospital in East Orange and later at the Colonial Rest Nursing Home, Springfield. Mrs. Luber continued her career as a pediatric nurse for Dr. Fox and the Pediatric Medical Group of Union until her retirement in 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen L. Allen; a brother, Richard W. Gunn, and a grandchild.

The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, Methuen, handled the arrangements.

William Matysek

 William J. Matysek, 83, of Springfield died Dec. 11 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Matysek lived in Springfield since 1950. He was a first lieutenant with "C" Company 13th Constabulary

Squadron 6th Regiment, Army, during World War II. Mr. Matysek was a graduate of Lehigh University. He was a teacher with the Scotch Plains and Perth Amboy board of education for seven years. Mr. Matysek owned the restaurant Epicurean Chick, Springfield, with his cousin Aleks Niwa, for 12 years until his retirement in 1985. He was one of the founding members of the Polish Cultural Foundation, Clark.

Also surviving are a sister, Lorraine Clark, and two brothers, Joseph and Theodore.

Camille McKenzie

Camille C. McKenzie, a lifelong resident of Roselle, died Dec. 11 in Rahway.

Mrs. McKenzie was a member of Heard AME Church and the Star of Bethlehem Chapter 26-Order of the Eastern Star PHA, both of Roselle.

Surviving are her husband, Henry Roy; a son, H. Roy; three daughters, Karen Boyd, Carolann Stansberry and Casmille Hester; two brothers, Thomas and Kenneth Sumner; three sisters, Shirley Jones, Brenda Austin and Laverne Forbes, and five grandchildren.

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

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Tax relief for UC towns

Towns can defer pension payments

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

UNION COUNTY — Local municipal governments are receiving an early Christmas present from Gov. Jon Corzine that may temporarily save millions of dollars over the next four years.

In an effort to ease the tax burden for local governments during the current economic troubles, the state, through the proposed Economic Assistance and Recovery Plan, will allow towns to defer some of their annual pension payments until 2012. Businesses will also benefit as the state is awarding grants to help pay for newly hired employees or business repairs.

"As much as I prefer another course, I proposed this deferral simply as a practical bridge over today's economic circumstances while reflecting the state's reduced fiscal capacity for direct aid," Gov. Corzine said in a news release announcing his plan. "Given the unprecedented nature of the deferral, this action must translate into property tax relief, not business-as-

Proposed Economic Assistance and Recovery Plan Deferment eligibility

Berkeley Heights Board of Education: \$148,713
Berkeley Heights Township: \$121,885
Berkeley Township Municipal Council: \$267,947
City of Rahway Redevelopment Agency: \$5,919
Clark Township: \$119,632
Clark Board of Education: \$80,710
Cranford Township: \$192,292
Cranford Board of Education: \$179,723
Elizabeth Board of Education: \$1,867,353
Elizabeth City Council: \$974,594
Elizabeth Housing Authority: \$127,196
Elizabeth Parking Authority: \$30,888
Elizabeth Public Library: \$53,814
Garwood Borough Council: \$37,865
Garwood Board of Education: \$20,764
Hillside Township Council: \$173,872
Linden City Council: \$651,311
Linden Board of Education: \$344,421
Linden Housing Authority: \$41,936
Linden Free Public Library: \$34,536
Linden-Roselle Sewerage Authority: \$86,937
Linden Police and Fire Department: \$2,523,084
Union County Freeholders: \$2,695,791

Under Gov. Jon Corzine's proposed Economic Assistance and Recovery Plan, municipalities in Union County may be able to defer their pension payments until 2012. Above is a list of the amount of money that towns can defer if the bill is approved.

usual tax increases."

Linden will benefit the most in Union County. The city is eligible to defer a total of almost \$3.7 million in pensions between the city, school board, Linden Housing Authority, library, police and fire departments and the Linden-Roselle Sewerage Authority.

Other local beneficiaries include: Clark, which can defer approximately \$200,000; Cranford which can defer \$372,000; Hillside, \$174,000; Elizabeth, which can defer \$3 million in pensions; Rahway, \$6,000 in payments and Union County, which is eligible to

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Cranford man earns top job

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — Local resident Ralph J. Marra was recently appointed New Jersey's leading lawyer after serving as a top aid in the state's U.S. Attorney's Office.

Marra, 55, is serving as acting U.S. Attorney, temporarily filling the vacancy left after the popular Christopher Christie resigned on Dec. 1.

Christie leaves behind a legacy of high profile prosecutions that often put corrupt politicians in the state's crosshairs. He has convicted more than 130 elected or appointed officials.

During his tenure, there were also numerous convictions in violent crimes and several large child exploitation rings.

"It has been the greatest professional experience of my life to serve in the Department of Justice, to serve with the dedicated people in this office and to serve the people of New Jersey," he wrote in a letter of resignation to the Attorney General.

He did not give a reason for stepping down as the U.S. attorney, but many are speculating he is preparing a run for governor in the next election.

Marra had been Christie's first assistant prosecutor since March of 2002, a few months after he was first appointed U.S. attorney.

Prior to that, the longtime civil servant worked in the U.S. Attorney's Office as an assistant prosecutor since 1985 and has taken on many high profile cases. Marra was the lead attorney against former state Sen. Wayne Bryant, who was found guilty in November of getting paid for a no-show job from New Jersey's School of Osteopathic Medicine in return for securing the school more than \$10 million dollars of state funding.

"The U.S. Attorney's Office has never been more effective in all areas of prosecution. It's a record and reputation I intend to continue," Marra vowed during the announcement of Christie's resignation.

He will remain in the position until June 28, 2009, or until a presidential appointment is made and the U.S. Senate confirms it. If no federal appointment is made by June 28, the Attorney General may appoint an interim U.S. Attorney.

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

'Marijuana bill' heads to Senate

By Toniann Antonelli
Regional Editor

New Jersey has moved a step closer to becoming one of a handful of states to allow the use of medical marijuana, under certain circumstances.

After hearing testimony Monday morning from several people who believe they would benefit from the use of medical marijuana, the Senate Health Committee agreed to advance S119, The New Jersey Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Act.

The bill's primary sponsor is Democratic Sen. Nicholas Scutari, who represents the 22nd Legislative District. Sen. Raymond Lesniak, D-20, co-sponsored the measure. He could not be reached for comment as of press time Tuesday. Both districts include towns in Union County.

"When all other avenues of cur-

rently-approved pain relief have been exhausted, we need to give doctors the freedom to prescribe medical marijuana to give their patients a measure of comfort and dignity in the face of their debilitating diseases," Scutari said in a press release Monday.

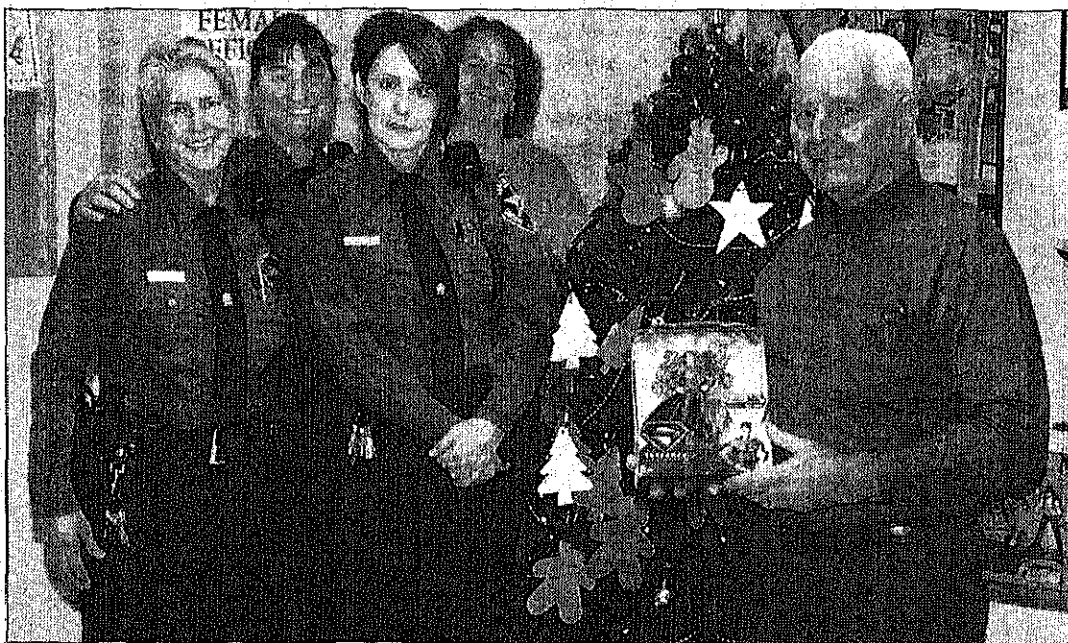
Currently, Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada, Oregon, Vermont, Washington and Montana are among the states that permit marijuana to be used for medical purposes. Arizona doctors are also allowed to prescribe marijuana to certain patients, according to the bill.

"This bill attempts to balance public safety and legality with dignity and respect for suffering patients in the Garden State," said Sen. Jim Whelan, D-Atlantic.

Republican Sen. Thomas Kean Jr., a member of the Senate Health

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'Hope' for the holidays



Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, far right, visits the "Tree of Hope" with, from left, MaryBeth Gray, Marianne Hopko, Kim Weber and Linda Balog in the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth. Through the Tree of Hope, donations of toys and clothing are collected for needy children throughout the county. This year, Froehlich is asking donations to be made in the name of Sheriff's Officer Chris Coon, who was critically injured in the line of duty earlier this month.

Woman pleads guilty in carjacking case

A Newark woman pled guilty to first degree carjacking earlier this week, admitting her role in an October 2007 incident during which she briefly abducted an 8-week old girl, said Union County Prosecutor Theodore J. Romankow.

Tiyana Beckom, 19, could face a 12-year prison term when she is sentenced on Feb. 13 before Union County Superior Court Judge Douglas M. Fasciale.

According to the investigation, in October 2007 Beckom was at the Jersey Gardens Mall in Elizabeth and approached the victim, who was with her 8-week-old child. Beckom continued to follow and attempted to engage the victim in conversation.

Beckom followed the victim to her car and after the mother had strapped the infant into a car seat and began to make her way to the driver's seat, Beckom attacked the woman, grabbed her keys and took off with the car and child, said Assistant Prosecutor Colleen Ruppert, who handled the case.

Beckom was arrested within 10 minutes on the mall property by members of the Elizabeth Police Department and security guards from Jersey Gardens, said Ruppert. The victim did not suffer any serious injuries and the infant was not harmed.

Beckom must serve 85 percent of her sentence before she is eligible for parole.

Tax relief plan proposed

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defer \$2.7 million. Information about municipalities throughout the state and their eligibility through the program is available at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/epbam/exhibits/pdf/2009-pers-billing-50revised.pdf>. Corzine proposed his Economic Assistance and Recovery Plan to the New Jersey Legislature in October. The bill is facing stiff opposition in Trenton. Some critics have called it fiscally irresponsible and the state Senate delayed the voting until next month in order to secure its passage.

Across the state, the deferrals will save property taxpayers a total of \$540 million next year, said Corzine's spokeswoman, Gloria Montealegre. The plan allows governments to pay 50 percent of their required contributions for 2009, 60 percent in 2010 and 80 percent in 2011. Full payments will resume in 2012 and will be larger to compensate for the lost payments during the prior three years. Montealegre compared the plan to the restructuring of a home mortgage.

"Absent this temporary deferral, some communities would have to raise local taxes to unbearably high levels at the precisely wrong time, or make unacceptable sacrifices to the public in the delivery of critical municipal services in such areas as public safety, public health and education," she said.

Some officials are not fully sold on the plan however, saying taxpayers will have to pay the same, whether its charged next year or in three.

"It's the usual pay me now or pay me later," said Linden mayor Richard Gerbounka, who said the only benefit would be putting the amount saved in the bank and accruing some interest.

Aside from municipal governments, local business owners can expect help as well from the state. The governor has implemented Invest NJ as a way to save local jobs. The plan provides businesses with a \$3,000 grant for each new job they create. The proposed initiative also provides a grant equal to 7 percent of any qualified capital investment of more than \$5,000 — including business upgrades such as a new computer system — through Jan. 1, 2011.

Panel supports legislation

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Committee, voted against the proposed bill. Kean, who represents the 21st Legislative District, which includes parts of Union County, could not be reached for comment as of press time.

The pending legislation states that "compassion dictates that a distinction be made between medical and non-medical uses of marijuana."

Under the bill, the use of medical marijuana, as prescribed by a physician under strict guidelines, would be permitted for patients with "debilitating medical conditions" such as cancer, glaucoma

and chronic pain associated with illnesses such as multiple sclerosis or Crohn's disease.

"When we talk about medical marijuana, we're not talking about hardened criminals looking to get a buzz," Scutari said. "We're talking about otherwise-law-abiding citizens who have no other treatment options, and who have found some measure of relief and comfort from the smoking of marijuana. We should not treat these folks as criminals, and should take some of the stigma off taking marijuana for medicinal purposes."

The bill now heads to the full Senate for consideration.

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Find the perfect gift for your co-worker

Fewer things are harder come the holiday season than shopping for the perfect gift. Whether you're shopping for your spouse, child, or distant cousin, chances are you want to get a thoughtful gift that expresses your love and appreciation.

While shopping for relatives is challenging, things may seem a bit tougher when shopping for coworkers or colleagues. If you happen to be friends with a coworker or colleague, finding a gift may be easier. But if you want to do something thoughtful for

those you simply work with, the following guidelines should help you keep things pleasant and professional.

- Consider religion: There's a good chance your office includes people from diverse backgrounds. Certain gifts are taboo in some cultures, but perfectly acceptable as gifts in others.

If there's any doubt as to a coworker's religion or other preferences, steer clear of gifts that might raise an eyebrow or possibly be seen as offensive. In addition, if you're not sure whether a client or

colleague drinks alcohol, avoid giving a bottle of wine or champagne as a gift.


- Give a gift that's office ready: If you're really stuck, give a gift that can help brighten a coworker's office or cubicle. For example, give a plant, a small radio, or something to make them more comfortable, such as a seat cushion or padded mouse pad. Avoid wall hangings, as there's no accounting for another person's taste, and you don't want to put a coworker in the position of having to hang something on their wall that they don't like simply

because they feel obligated.


- Go the gift certificate route: To some, gift certificates might seem to indicate little effort on your part. To others, they're the perfect gift and one they're sure to use. Don't worry about which group a coworker falls into. If you really can't find a gift, a gift certificate is perfectly acceptable. If you're unaware of a coworker or colleague's interests, give a mall gift card that's accepted by many of the stores in the mall. Chances are, they'll find at least one store that matches an interest.



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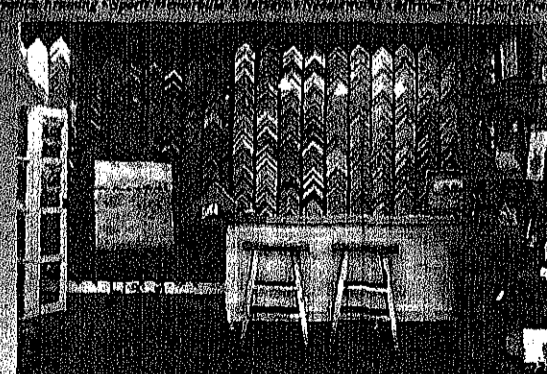


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LAST MINUTE HOLIDAY GUIDE

Managing stress during the holidays and beyond

As Thanksgiving wraps up and the next wave of holidays rolls in, our thoughts turn to decorations, gift giving, more family gatherings, elaborate meal preparations and many celebrations, from holiday parties to New Year's Eve bashes. Ah, the happy days of December are upon us!

Yet, for many, the festive wrappings of the holidays only serve to mask the many stressful facets of the season. It is during times of undue stress that regular exercise becomes even more critical. It is a habit that no one can afford to break and a critical habit to develop if you have not already adapted a fitness routine. But how do you fit in regular

exercise into a packed day? How can you afford it on a tight budget in uncertain times? How do you know that your gym will be there for you if you do sign up? Have you noticed how many businesses are closing down around you?

Ladies Workout Express of Garwood suggests a "fitness success" formula for the holidays and beyond — 30 minutes, three times a week, at the lowest promotional prices of 2008 and 2009. As a business approaching its six-year anniversary in 2009, the owners of Ladies Workout Express are committed to their mission of "helping women of all ages in Union County achieve and maintain

healthy lifestyles, one woman at a time"

"Countless women have come through our doors over the years and have stayed for the affordability, balance, convenience and success of our workout routines," said Joan, senior fitness consultant.

To ease the stress of this holiday season and make fitness accessible to women of all ages, Ladies Workout Express of Garwood has proclaimed the month of December to be "Free Friends and Family Month." It's the owners' way of saying Happy Holidays, stay healthy and safe and thanks for the past 6 years — here's to many more!

Anyone who has been thinking of joining

a gym or been wondering where to go because their gym has closed or will be closing is invited to visit Ladies Workout Express and get an unlimited VIP pass for the remainder of the month. December is free, courtesy of Ladies Workout Express.

As a free VIP guest you are entitled to full use of the gym, all cardio-equipment and unlimited access to all fitness classes throughout the month.

Ladies Workout Express is located at 311 North Ave, in Garwood, near the CVS. Visit or call 908-889-7600 to take advantage of December's "Free Friends and Family" holiday celebration.

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GPS helps keep you on track and makes holiday travel easy

There's no better way to enjoy the holiday season than to visit with family and friends, or hit the road seeking new adventures. And having one of the latest BlackBerry smartphones with you will not only keep you connected to the information and people that matter most, but can help you get where you're going.

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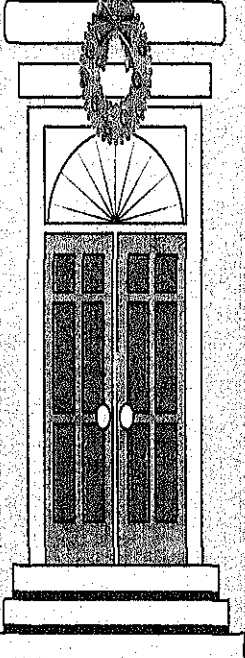
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'Pirates' give audience the royal treatment

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

The auditorium at the YM-YWHA of Union County in Union on Sunday afternoon was magically transformed into an opera house and its audience was treated royally to a concert version of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance."

The size of the stage undoubtedly would not accommodate the operetta in its entirety, so the next best thing was to place four microphones and about 25 chairs on stage for the exceptionally talented, professional and non-professional volunteers of the Ridgewood Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Co. — Susan LaFever at the piano, and music director and conductor, James A. Biddlecome on a chair below the stage. And lo and behold, "The Pirates of Penzance" comes alive in all of its glory, and with all of its riotous fun and musical nonsense.

Actually, all of it is due to the creative excellence of W.S. Gilbert, who wrote the book, and Arthur Sullivan, who wrote the music. No two people could entertain an audience so expertly and still joyously turn everyone upside down, including its cast, so effortlessly. And it seems as if Gilbert and Sullivan had personally chosen every member of this Ridgewood crowd to



Cast members of the Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company's stage a scene from their recent production of 'The Pirates of Penzance' at the Union YM-YWHA. From left: Bill Cantor, as The Major General, Rachel Francavillo as one of the Major General's daughters and Peter O'Malley as the Pirate King.

perform with little more than hats and props and have an audience actually believing that it is watching a full production of "Pirates."

The tongue-in-cheek story, set on a rocky seashore on the coast of Cornwall, primarily concerns a young man, Frederic, who is a pirate apprentice, contracted until

age 21, and his nurse, Ruth, who aims to marry him. Frederic, however, boards a pirate ship and meets the many daughters of a major general, one of whom, the exquisite Mabel, who has become attracted to him with ideas of marriage.

One ridiculous problem leads to another, and before long, the pirate

king and his fellow pirates make plans to marry the general's daughters. In between, Frederic is reaching the age of 21 and is ready to leave his piratehood and marry Mabel. The problem is that since he was born a leap year baby, in the eyes of the pirates, he is only 5 years old, and must complete his

contract at the leap year age of 21.

Frederic is aptly played by Eric Blank and his fine voice is convincing. Eileen Karlson White as Ruth has a characteristic beautiful voice, and three of the major general's daughters — played by Marina Vornonia, Rebecca Martin and Donna Plaumbo — have lovely operatic voices that actually charmed the audience. But it was the beautiful Elizabeth Begnoche, as Mabel whose fantastic, magnificent, resounding voice had the audience gasping with pleasure, leaving no doubt that the Y had truly become an opera house on this day.

It seemed that the audience chuckled, chortled, laughed and applauded and couldn't get enough of the marvelously funny musical numbers. Carol Ciancia, the stage director and narrator, is to be congratulated for her major work in a complicated, 25 or more character operetta.

The company will be back at the Y in the spring with Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Sorcerer," and in the fall with "The Mikado."

And if these two operettas are as eloquently funny and retain the same delightful cast, folks in Union County and the surrounding areas will rush to attend in droves. At least, this reviewer is making a reservation at this very moment.

Artist's exhibit explores food, figures, monsters

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will present an exhibit of paintings by Westfield artist Gina Minichino in the gallery space at the Union County Office

of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St. in Elizabeth.

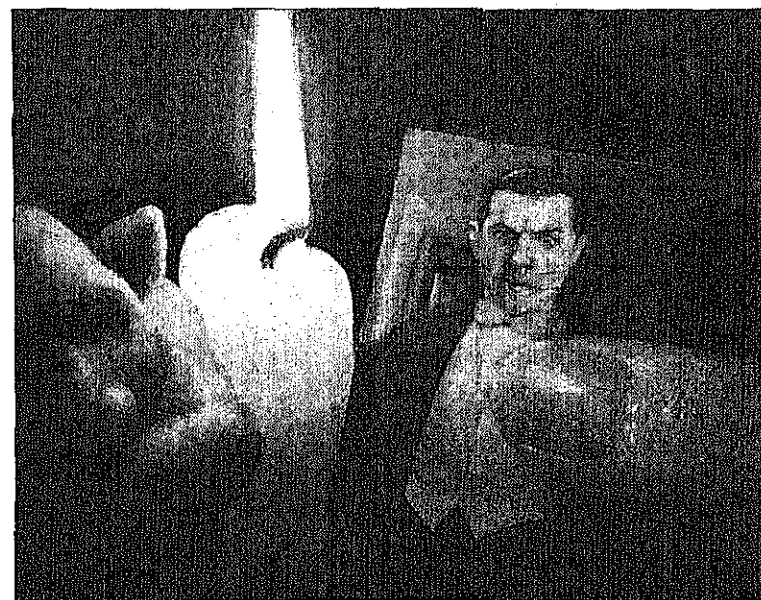
A selection of her paintings entitled "Monsters, Food and the Figure" is on display at the Pearl Street

Gallery until Jan. 30.

Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

"I grew up with a pencil, pen or marker in my hand," Minichino said, adding that she attended the School of Visual Arts and studied with cartoonists such as Harvey Kurtzman, Will Eisner and Sam Viviano. "After graduation, I took a painting class and found a new passion. I loved exploring light and color and learning how it all worked."

Minichino was awarded first place at "Celebrating Excellence, The Merck 2005 Union County Juried Art Show." Her paintings were featured in the April 2008 issue of NJ Savvy Living Magazine. She has exhibited her work in many galleries in New Jersey and New York including the Staten Island Museum, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey in Summit, the Renee Foosner Gallery in Millburn, Maxwell's in Hoboken,



'The Vampire' is one of the paintings by artist Gina Minichino that will be on display at the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs gallery in Elizabeth through Jan. 20.

the Artist's Gallery in Ridgewood, and the Braunsdorf Gallery in Westfield. Minichino's illustrations have appeared in Weird NJ magazine, Chiller Theater Magazine, Wicked Mystic Magazine and Dark Muse Publications.

Minichino received her bache-

lor's degree in fine arts from the School of Visual Arts in New York City in 1990. She teaches Comic Art for Children at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey in Summit.

For information about the gallery and her exhibit, call 908-558-2550.



Artist Gina Minichino explores light and color to create her whimsical painting of a fast food meal.

Something old, something new



Roselle Park High School students in Nick Florio's advanced art class showcase the old wooden stools they revitalized by painting favorite works of art on the worn tops. From left: Lynneanne Heinrich, Olena Lysenko, Florio, Peter Bonacci, Natalia Pas and Samantha Ricci.

Principal encourages creativity with improv

"Improv" is a term usually associated with a comedy routine or a musical performance. Short for "improvisation," improv relies on the use of what's at hand, audience involvement, and performing without a script.

And now, thanks to the efforts of an enthusiastic elementary school principal, the captivating, imaginative and adventurous energy of improv is being introduced into classes in the Summit Public Schools.

Matt Carlin, principal of Lincoln-Hubbard School in Summit, became intrigued with the concept of classroom improv during a graduate course in "Play and Learning Development," taught by Carrie Lobman at Rutgers University.

"This was by far the best course I took during my graduate work," said Carlin. "I took a lot back to the classroom from this experience."

Lobman is an Improv comedian in New York City and also works with teachers on how to bring improvisation into the classroom.

"The fundamentals of Improv are about taking risks, building an ensemble or a team — in this case the teacher and students, building on each person's contributions, and not negating any of those contributions," Carlin said.

Inspired to share his enthusiasm with his Summit colleagues, Carlin offered a series of after-school workshops for teachers. Ten teachers enrolled in the course and classes are being held weekly. With a Summit Educational Foundation grant, Carlin purchased for each teacher in the course a copy Lobman's book on "Unscripted Learning," co-authored by Matthew Lundquist.

"The book explains the fundamentals of the concept, explaining the research that's been done on play and learning development," said Carlin. "It also includes many activities and exercises teachers can do in the kindergarten through eighth grade classroom and across all subject areas."

Carlin explained that by using the suggested techniques in the classroom an "ensemble" begins to develop among the students and teachers.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

See a holiday show

Abraham Clark High School Music Department will present its Annual Holiday Concert tonight at 7 p.m. in the Abraham Clark High School auditorium, located at Chestnut Street at Sixth Avenue. Both instrumental and vocal music students will participate.

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Skate with Santa

Santa Claus will visit the ice skating rink at Warinanco Park in Roselle from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

"Skate with Santa" offers families an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon together during the holidays.

The Warinanco Ice Skating Center is located in Warinanco Park off Thompson Avenue in Roselle and can also be accessed off St. Georges Avenue or Park Street near the Roselle/Elizabeth border. For information, call 908-298-7850.

Musical celebration

The Morning Star Community Christmas Center will present "Christmas With The Stars VII

Concert," at Union County Performing Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway, on Sunday. a.m. and the Christmas concert at 5 p.m.

Worship service will be at 10 For information, call 908-925-7979, ext. 6.

CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDING FOR UNION TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY PUBLIC MEETING AND HEARING NOTICE

The Township of Union, New Jersey will hold a series of meetings/hearings in the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on the following dates:

- December 18, 2008 at 8:00 pm
- January 15, 2009 at 8:00 pm
- February 19, 2009 at 8:00 pm
- March 19, 2009 at 8:00 pm
- April 16, 2009 at 8:00 pm

The purpose of the meetings/hearings will be to review prior program progress consider amendments to prior programs and proposals for a Community Development Program, Five-Year Consolidated Plan, and Annual Action Plan. Procedures to be followed will be (1) explain Federal Regulations, (2) review eligible and proposed program activities, and (3) receive citizen comments and recommendations.

The program to be considered is a Community Development program wherein Federal funds will be requested for activities designed to meet the primary objectives of the development of viable urban communities, decent housing and suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

An Annual Action Program will be prepared and submitted in conformance with, and at times established in, Federal Regulations. Current information indicates the Consolidated Plan will be submitted to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development in June 2009.

The meetings/hearings are held for the purpose of developing a Community Development Program. The Annual Action Plan is being prepared in cooperation with Union County, New Jersey while Union Township, New Jersey is a member of the County Housing Consortium. All citizens are invited to attend and participate in these meetings/hearings.

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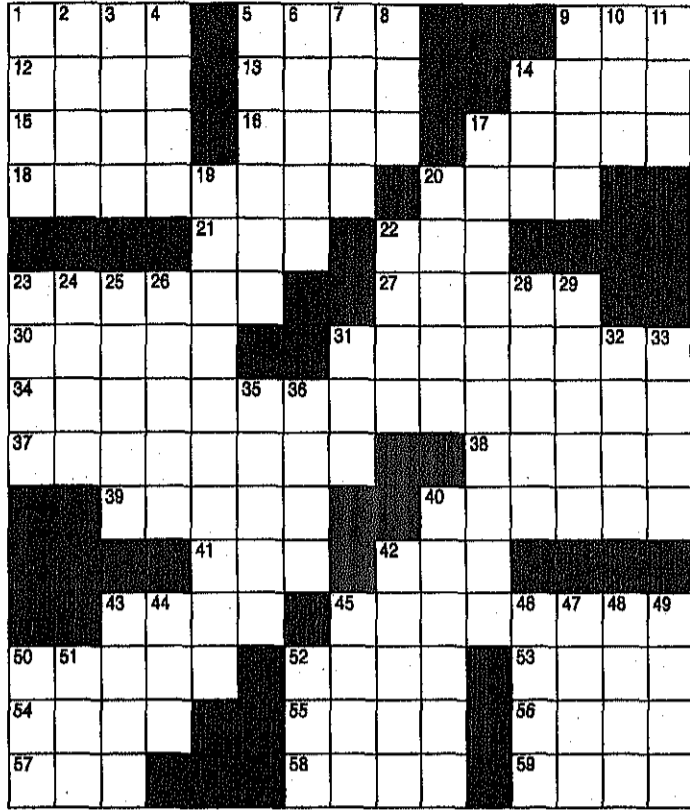
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- 21. A single unit
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- 27. "16 Candles" actress Curtis
- 30. Haywire
- 31. Relating to endocrine secretions
- 34. Lake Champlain Fort
- 37. Spiced hot milk with rum
- 38. Small children
- 39. Sound practical judgment
- 40. Next to
- 41. CNN's founder Turner
- 42. Pitch
- 43. Cologne
- 45. Short sections of music
- 50. Full of conversation
- 52. Blats
- 53. Scarlett's home
- 54. La _____ Tar Pits, Hollywood
- 55. Stare at
- 56. Not closed
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- 59. Blend gradually

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- 19. Incessantly
- 20. '93 failed Attny. Gen. nominee Zoe
- 22. _____ gate, lengthen
- 23. Early female flyers
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- 25. Female children
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- 28. Edible red algae
- 29. Japanese mushroom
- 31. _____goblin: Mischievous elf
- 32. Made older
- 33. Emit coherent radiation
- 35. Norwegian playwright
- 36. Prompted
- 40. Lowest singers
- 42. Afrikaans
- 43. One of the Blue Four artists
- 44. Oxalis tuberosa
- 45. One leaf of a book
- 46. Unit of matter
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TAURUS, April 21 to May 21: If you're looking for more privacy in your life this week, Taurus, you simply have to ask for it. Others cannot read your mind. Energy is high on Wednesday.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21: Gemini, follow your instincts to stay at home or work rather than follow your friends out for recreational activities. Your nose-to-the-grindstone mentality will pay off.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: You need to lay down the law with others, Cancer. Don't expect your edict to be well received, however. But things need to be said and you're the only one to say them.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23: Leo, you can feel restrictions easing up and you're ready to take some positive action. These next few days will be inspirational and ones full of exciting changes.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22: This is a good time to branch out into the aesthetics, Virgo. Find an activity that fuels your passion and explore all the options surrounding it. You may find Gemini shares your vision.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: It's time to get serious with your romantic partner, family or kids, Libra. There's something important you have to discuss and you need to set the tone for that conversation.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov 22: Scorpio, this week your heightened sense of intuition enables you to help a friend. While you are generally self-reliant, you may have to ask a friend for some assistance.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec 21: This week people are harder to deal with than usual and you're working double-time to get them back on your side, Sagittarius. Don't be disappointed if your efforts wane.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20: You're as smart as you feel, Capricorn. Sometimes intelligence is more about life experiences than book learning. It pays to remember that this week.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18: You need to surround yourself with people who think like you do this week, Aquarius. You can benefit from the companionship and sharing of ideas.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: A friend's emotions could get in your way this week, Pisces, but only if you let them. Tune out when it gets too much.

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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: *Worral Community Newspapers*, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109, Union, NJ 07083 or editorial@thelocal-source.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.

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.

AUDITIONS

THE CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, announces auditions for the classic musical "PETER PAN." The musical is an adaptation of J. M. Barrie's renowned play with music by Moose Charlap and Jule Styne and lyrics by Carolyn Leigh, Betty Comden and Adolph Green. This is an excellent opportunity for a talented male performer as the role of Peter will be cast male after years of traditionally portrayed by a female. Actors auditioning for Peter should be teenagers to young adult males, be an excellent actor who is a strong tenor with wide range, energetic and small in stature. Must not be afraid of heights or "flying." All other roles are open. Auditions for children, ages 7 to 13 will be Jan. 3 at 10 a.m. Auditions for adults will be Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. Those auditioning should be prepared to sing anything that shows off your singing voice. Please bring sheet music an accompaniment will be provided. The show will be directed by John Menter with choreography by Macada Brandl, and under the musical direction of Mark McGee. Rehearsals will begin the last weekend of February. The performances will run weekends from May 1 to 17.

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.

The Springfield Free Public Library's **REALLY GOOD! BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. to discuss "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Discussions take place at 7 p.m. in the Palmer Museum. Refreshments will be served. To reserve a copy of the book, call 973-376-4930, ext. 229. New members are welcome. Assistive listening devices for the hearing impaired are available. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

CONCERTS

THE FOLK MUSIC CAFE will debut this season at the Mountainside Library. Enjoy live music, games, coffee and dessert and maybe even perform your own music. The event will take place today, from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. For information, e-mail folkmusic-cafe@yahoo.com.

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

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

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.

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

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

HOBBIES

THE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC., a tax-exempt public charity, affiliated with the Union County New Jersey Department of Parks and Recreation, has announced that discount advance tickets for its 2008 annual light and sound show and open house are now on sale. Tickets will be available at the club ticket window on Saturdays between 1 and 4 p.m. Ticket ordering information also is available on the club's Web site, www.tmrcl.org. For information, contact the club at 908-964-9724 on Saturdays between 1 and 5 p.m. or 908-964-8808 for a recorded message, or by visiting the club's Web site at www.tmrcl.org.

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**; never a cover charge or minimum.

KIDS

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 and problem solvers. 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 or call 233-0115 for a list of what's being shown.

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.

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. The scene depicted in the center of the Union County Seal occurred at this site. The museum is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily and by appointment. Open house is from 1 to 5 p.m. every third Sunday of the month. For information 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 information call 908-353-8828 or visit www.woodruffhouse.org. This museum is operated by the Hillside Historical Society.

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

The **MILLER-CORY HOUSE MUSEUM**, 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield, takes visitors on a trip back in time to the period between 1740 and 1820.

For information on the museum, its programs or volunteering, call the museum weekday mornings at 908-298-9481.

POETRY

THE CLARK POETRY CLUB meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The club is open to all ages and is a good way to give and receive feedback. Poets and lovers of poetry are invited to join. For information or to register call 732-388-5999 or go to www.clarklibrary.org.

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

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.

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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 -
Royal Rangers boys program (ages 3-14)
Missionettes girls program (ages 3-17)
Adult School of the Bible
Friday Services:
Youth Night - 7:30pm
College & Career - 7:30pm

In addition there are monthly meetings of Women's Joy Ministries and Men's Breakfast Fellowship. For directions call 908-964-1133 and press 4.

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2208 Stanley Terrace, Union (908) 686-8171
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

BAPTIST

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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HILLSIDE, 166 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, 973-926-1244, Pastor Christopher M. Jones. Sunday 9:35 a.m. Sunday School and new Servants classes for all ages. 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Nursery and Children's Church. Mid-week: Wonderful Wednesdays in the Word 7:00-8:00 p.m. Youth activities for children and teens. Men and Women's Fellowships 1st and 2nd Saturdays. office@fbc-hillside.org.

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e-mail: orchardparkchurch@juno.com
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JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

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JEWISH-TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

CONGREGATION B'NAI AHAVATH SHALOM, 2035 Vauxhall Road (corner of Plane Street), Union, Tel: (908) 686-6773. Dr. Leon J. Yagod, Rabbi Emeritus; Oscar Newman, Cantor; David Gelband, President. Congregation B'Nai Ahavath Shalom is a traditional conservative congregation with a full range of programs. DAILY SERVICES: Sun: 8:30am; Mon-Fri.: 7:30am; Friday evening: 8pm; SATURDAY: 9:00am. Torah class half hour before each service. Hebrew School: Sundays 9:30am.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/Education Director; Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director; Mindy Schreff, Family Life Educator; Jeri Greenberg and Chris Grey Co-Presidents. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family and Alternative Worship. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Pre-school, classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Renaissance Senior Group and Youth Group. A wide range of activities is offered for all interest levels and age groups. For more information, call the Temple office, (973) 379-5387 or visit www.shaarey.org.

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455 Boulevard
Kenilworth, NJ 07033
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Parsonage: 908-272-1995
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Fellowship: 10:30 - 11:00
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MORAVIAN

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.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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Newark and 23rd Street, Kenilworth, 908-272-6131, Pastor Donald Dunkerton. Sunday 9:15 am Communion, 11:00 am Family

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CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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ORTHODOX

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PRESBYTERIAN

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688-3164 or log on to www.cfarm.org.
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ROMAN CATHOLIC

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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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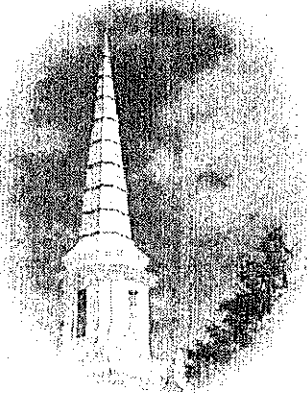
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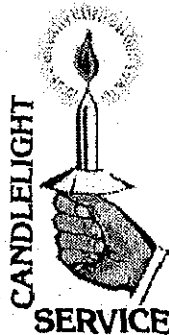
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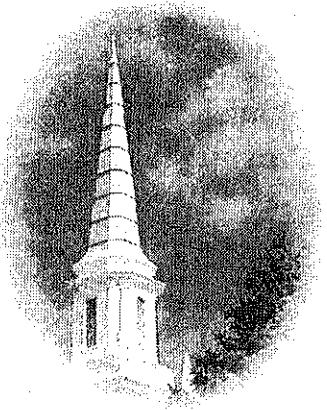
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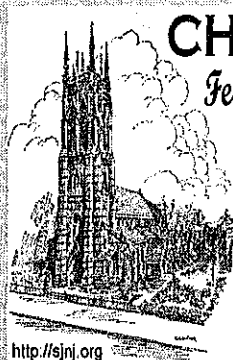
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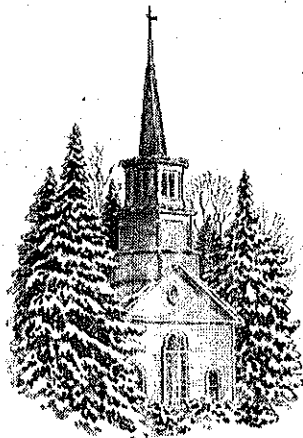
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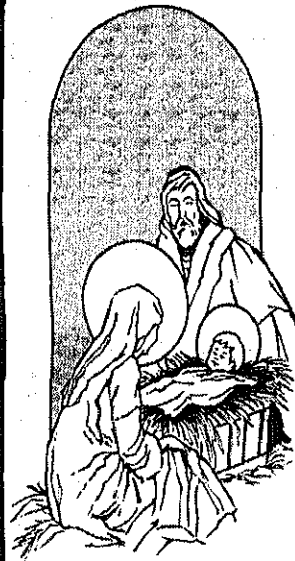
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Temple honored for 'excellence'

Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim Religious School in Cranford is the recipient of the Norman Gilkin Synagogues of Excellence Awards, which recognizes outstanding programs from all areas of congregational life.

We received the gold award for creating an "Israel Museum," where congregants were asked ahead of time to bring items that they brought from Israel and that are meaningful to them. On the day of the event, each "exhibitor" prepared a display in a large hall that was decorated with Israeli posters and flags. The sound of Israeli music added to the festivities of the day.

As the children walked through the exhibit hall, they interviewed the various "exhibitors" to find the

answers to their questions.

Also present was a "Wax Museum" with pretend wax figures of famous Israelis. The roles of these important heroes were performed by the teens of our synagogue who studied the background of each hero and dressed up as that person.

A second gold award was given to the temple for its weekend long festivities which celebrated the temple's 90th anniversary.

The awards were presented to Tamara Ruben, director of education, and past and present presidents, Bruce Solomon and Elliot Ballen, at the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism New Jersey Region's Biennial convention which took place Nov. 16.

RELIGION

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Christmas Eve celebrations will include a family service at 4 p.m. and a Christmas Eve candlelight worship service and communion at 7 p.m. All gatherings are at the church, 639 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

For information, call the church at 973-379-4525 or go to www.holy-crossnj.org.

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- Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship at 7:30 p.m.
- Christmas Day Communion Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
- News Year's Eve Communion Worship at 7:30 p.m.

Grace Lutheran has also extended an invitation to the community to join these special worship services and its regular Sunday morning worship services at 8 or 10:30 a.m. All of these worship services, including the Sunday morning 10:30 a.m. worship service, are interpreted for the deaf.

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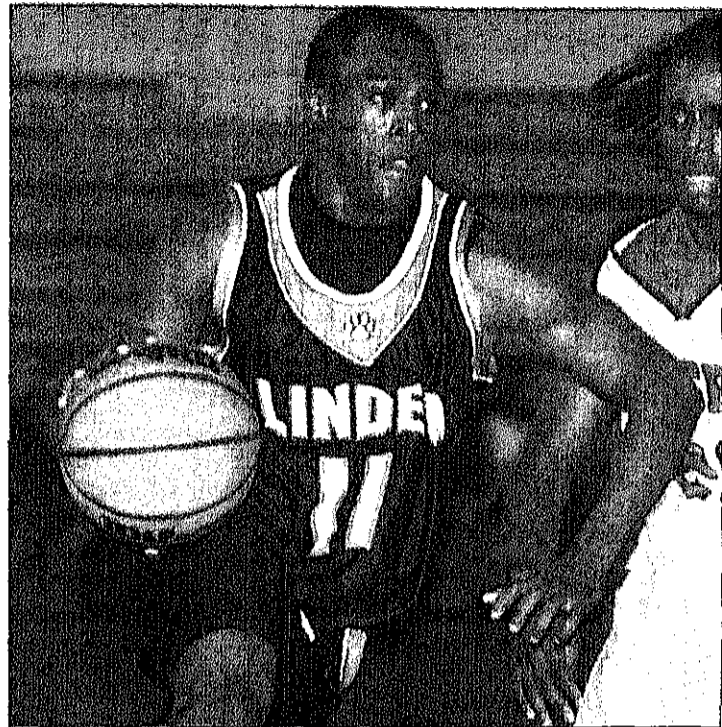
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Wade's No. 11 special



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Desmond Wade, now a starting freshman guard at the University of Houston, will have his No. 11 retired at Linden High School Tuesday before the Tigers' 4 p.m. game vs. Irvington. Wade's number will be the first one retired at Linden. Wade helped lead Linden to its second and third state titles.

2008 Hoop Group Tip-Off Classic at Union High School Saturday, Dec. 20

Hun vs. St. Joseph's, Montvale, 3:20 p.m.

Don Bosco Prep vs. Bloomfield Tech, 5 p.m.

Science Park vs. Linden, 7 p.m.

CBA vs. Union, 8:40 p.m.

Cranford boys' basketball has a deep team this year *Fanelli is only returning starter*

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The future appears bright for the Cranford boys' basketball team.

The present will be a learning experience.

The Cougars are working hard and getting along without the presence of 2008 graduate Simon Smith, a 6-4 forward who took with him his more than 1,000 points and 1,006 rebounds to Hudson County and Stevens Tech.

"Not many players in the state score 1,000 points and grab 1,000 rebounds," third-year head coach Ryan Huber said of Smith's accomplishments as a talented Cranford player.

Senior guard Adam Fanelli (6-1) is the only returning starter and junior forward Will Green (6-4) is the only other player who participated in every game last season.

"A lot will fall on Adam's shoulders," Huber said. "He's a shooter, but he has developed his game to go the basket a bit more."

Fanelli averaged 8.3 points and Green 6.4 and 3.5 rebounds in a 14-9 playoff season last year.

"We only have 14 points a game coming back," Huber said. "We'll need Adam to get 15-16 points a game for us to be successful."

Green is the No. 1 big man now and will also be expected to step up his production.

"Will has a tough act to follow in Simon," Huber said. "We're not expecting him to give us the same kind of numbers as Simon did, but the majority."

Key backcourt players include junior Alex Porter (5-11), junior Nick Pace (5-10) and sophomores Sean Trotter and Joe Papandrea, both 5-10.

"We feel like we have four guards in Porter, Pace, Trotter and Papandrea and hope they will be able to handle the pressure," Huber said.

"They are all first-time varsity players and a lot will be expected of them."

Other key players lost to graduation included Chad Faulcon, Mike Tubelli and Chris Pilger. Last year Smith was the go-to guy. This year it could be anyone at anytime.

"We're a very deep team," Huber said. "Anybody can play on any given night."

"I think this is the deepest team since I've been here, even as an assistant."

Huber's first team went 11-12 two years ago, just missing qualifying for the state playoffs.

"We will be a more balanced team this year," Huber said.

"We don't have a go-to guy yet. Now teams will have to defend all five guys. It could be anybody."

The lone freshman on the varsity roster is 6-4 forward Chris Gross, who has a lot of potential.

"He has the ability to be one of the very good ones in Union County before he graduates," Huber said.

"He's a very talented player, but he has to work hard to get to the next level."

Cranford won five in a row to get to 11-6 in early February last year, qualifying in North 2, Group 3. This year the Cougars will seek to make the grade in Central Jersey, Group 2 - with Saturday, Feb. 7 being the cutoff date.

Other Union County teams in CJ, G2 include Governor Livingston, Hillside, Johnson and Roselle.

"It's a bit of a break from North 2, Group 3," Huber said.

In last year's quarterfinals, seventh-seeded Cranford fell at second-seeded Mendham 71-57.

"It's (CJ, G2) a better section for us because it's more to our level of competition," Huber said.

"These schools have our type of player. We're not really battling the big boys per say."

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Union boys' basketball will be led by guard play

Nesmith, Lewis, Moore, White lead way

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Making the Watchung Conference even more challenging with its first real success in five years last season, the Union boys' basketball team seeks continued excellence with a smaller and - perhaps - quicker lineup this season.

The starting five to begin the season includes senior guards Dion Nesmith (6-0), Bryce Lewis (5-9) and Javon Moore (5-11), junior guard Aishon White (6-2) and junior forward James Daniel (6-5).

"We have a lot of returning experience with our starting five," third-year head coach Tony DiGiovanni said. "Dion and Bryce have been starting since sophomore year and Aishon began playing varsity as a freshman. All four guards started at least a dozen games last year."

Key players lost to graduation include big bodies Travis Taylor - now playing at Monmouth University - and Thomas Goubadia and guard David Jackson.

They played a key role in Union posting a 21-7 finish that included a Watchung Conference-American Division title and appearances in the semifinals of the Union County Tournament and North 2, Group 4 playoffs.

"Last year was last year and this year we have a very different team," said DiGiovanni, whose first Union team finished the 2006-2007 season at 8-15. "There is confidence carried over from last year and the players back understand what it takes to win and compete at this level."

This year's squad will compensate for the loss of 6-6 players Taylor and Goubadia by attempting to up the tempo a bit more and use its speed to its advantage.

"Everyone has a lot of confidence," said DiGiovanni, a 1995 UHS graduate who played for the Farmers under the guidance of head coach Ted Zawacki. "We will try to wear some teams out. Our guards have been in the program for some time now and at this point are, essentially, coaches on the floor."

DiGiovanni likes to get as many as of his players involved as he can.

"We have 12-13 kids we would like to try to get in the game and will have to find a way to do so," DiGiovanni said.

Union's sixth consecutive win last year was an 81-74 overtime home triumph over Linden which improved the Farmers' record to 16-3. White nailed a three-point shot at the fourth-quarter buzzer from nearly halfcourt to send the game to overtime. Union prevailed 81-27, with Taylor leading the way with a game-high 27 points, while White finished with a career-high 24.

The game before, Union defeated Elizabeth 86-79 at home in overtime.

"Our guys lead by example and have a good grasp of what to expect so far," DiGiovanni said.

Union lost to Linden in the UCT semifinals and to Piscataway in the North 2, Group 4 semifinals. St. Patrick's defeated Linden in the UCT final and Piscataway defeated Linden in the North 2, Group 4 title game.

Union's final scrimmage was at Bloomfield Tech on Monday.

The Farmers are scheduled to open at Kearny tomorrow at 4 p.m.

Union's Louis J. Rettino Gymnasium will play host to four 2008 Hoop Group Tip-Off Classic games Saturday, with Union playing the fourth and final one against Christian Brothers Academy of Lincroft at 8:40 p.m.

"We got invited over the summer to play in the Tip-Off Classic," DiGiovanni said. "It's really exciting to be involved in the premier opening event in the state."

Five Tip-Off Classic games will take place Sunday, Dec. 21 at Seton Hall University's Walsh Gym.

"We were expecting to play a game at Seton Hall, but there were some logistical problems," DiGiovanni said. "The next thing I knew was that we were going to play a game at our place."

"It would have been nice to play at Seton Hall, but it's also nice to get a home game and it's good for the school to be able to host games in an event like this. It's a win-win situation for us."

Union will then host Scotch Plains Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 4 p.m. before continuing in the Freehold Tournament over the holidays, playing Manasquan, Saturday, Dec. 27 at 2:30 p.m. at Howell High School in its first tournament contest.

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Cougars to host UC in tomorrow opener

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CRANFORD BOYS' BASKETBALL 2008-2009 ROSTER:

SENIORS (4)

Adam Fanelli (6-1) guard
Gedas Pliura (6-5) forward
Joe Diaz (6-1) forward
Mike Morgese (5-9) guard

SOPHOMORES (4)

Sean Trotter (5-10) guard
Joe Papandrea (5-10) guard
Mark Osofky (6-0) forward
Brian Fitzsimmons (6-1) forward

JUNIORS (7)

Greg Goode (6-1) guard
Will Green (6-4) forward
Kendall Grier (6-0) guard
Alex Porter (5-11) guard
Nick Pace (5-10) guard
Nick Cook (6-3) forward
Spencer Frieri (6-2) forward

FRESHMAN (1)

Chris Gross (6-4) forward

NOTES: Kendall Grier is the younger brother of Terence Grier (5-11, 180), who is now a sophomore guard for the Fairleigh Dickinson University Knights.

Terence played in 28 games in his freshman season, dishing out 19 assists and grabbing nine steals.

Grier set the Cranford record with 1,809 points and helped the Cougars win North 2, Group 3 and reach the Group 3 state championship game during his sophomore season of 2002-2003 under head coach Tom Johnstone.

Grier, who wears No. 1, previously played at St. Thomas More Prep (URI).

"Pound for pound, he is the best athlete on the team in terms of speed, quickness and jumping ability," FDU head coach Tom Green said. "Through the practice season, I couldn't be more pleased with his improvement."

"We are hoping he is going to be a defensive stopper for us, someone we can put on their one or two to slow them down."

CRANFORD COUGARS 2008-2009 SCHEDULE:

Dec. 19 Union Catholic, 7 p.m. / Dec. 23 at Roselle, 4 p.m.

Dec. 29 at Middlesex, 6 p.m. / Dec. 30 Middlesex Tournament

Jan. 6 at Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m. / Jan. 8 at Rahway, 4 p.m.

Jan. 9 Governor Livingston, 7 p.m. / Jan. 13 Hillside, 4 p.m.

Jan. 15 Roselle Catholic, 7 p.m. / Jan. 20 St. Mary's, Elizabeth, 7 p.m.

Jan. 22 at Hillside, 4 p.m. / Jan. 23 at Union Catholic, 4 p.m.

Jan. 27 Roselle, 4 p.m. / Jan. 29 Rahway, 7 p.m.

Jan. 30 at Governor Livingston, 7 p.m. / Feb. 3 at St. Mary's, 7 p.m.

Feb. 5 at Bernards, 7 p.m. / Feb. 6 at Johnson, 4 p.m.

Feb. 10 Oratory Prep, 4 p.m. / Feb. 13 Newark Central, 4 p.m.

Feb. 14 at Westfield, 4 p.m. / Feb. 17 at Brearley, 4 p.m.

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John Stigall 203-213-190-606
Andre Leverett 179-201-201-581
Anthony Wachter 144-162-167-473
Pete Kuziola 144-102-137-383

Team 2, Westfield Tournament
Andrew Guillen 115-159-214-488
Brian Fischer 143-159-158-460
Taheera Griffin 162-146-104-412
Chris Borja 103-122-111-336
Nick DiPetrello 81-120
Amber Boulware 110

Dec. 11: Union 3, Plainfield 0
Andre Leverett 162-166-221-549
John Stigall 188-198-158-544
Sharif Warden 146-155-221-522
Anthony Wachter 151-137-158-446
Brian Fischer 116-172-126-414

Dec. 9: Elizabeth 2, Union 1
Anthony Wachter 179-144-220-543
Sharif Warden 147-187-196-530
John Stigall 192-183-125-500
Andre Leverett 166-184-145-495
Pete Kuziola 163-115

Linden boys' basketball, led by Bruce, big up front

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Although the Linden boys' basketball team lost the services of a First Team All-State player in Desmond Wade to graduation, the Tigers may have another one in 6-10, 205 pound senior forward David Bruce.

It's now up to Bruce - who has given a verbal commitment to attend St. Joseph's, Pa. - to prove he is good enough to merit such lofty praise.

"He's finally starting to see the light," Linden head coach Phil Colicchio said. "Perhaps it was getting his college commitment out of the way.

"He had his ups and downs this summer and he suffered for it. He's better for it too."

Bruce had signature games last year - such as his career-high 34-point, 18-rebound effort in a 74-57 home win over Irvington and led Linden with 16 points and eight rebounds in its 47-38 Union County Tournament semifinal win over Union at the Dunn Center and also paced the Tigers with 18 points in their 49-44 home win over Plainfield in the North 2, Group 4 semifinals.

However, there were clunkers at Union in the regular season and vs. Piscataway in the North 2, Group 4 final.

"He's improved an awful lot," Colicchio said. "Away from the basket he's facing up a little bit and has played some wing for us.

"His strengths are still his rebounding and blocking shots, which I think he does as well as anyone in the state. He may be the best big man in the state."

Colicchio said that in scrimmages Bruce has scored more, with the Tigers making a real good effort of trying to get the ball into him.

"He's now the focal point," Colicchio said. "Our kids realize that we need to get the ball to him in the low post. There he can be pretty unstoppable."

Sophomore Elijah Hodge (5-10) is the point guard, with Bruce joined in the front court by 6-5 senior forward Tevin Calhoun, 6-2 senior forward Romell Bateman and 6-4 junior forward Qadeer Lewis.

"Our strength is in the front court as we're as big as we've ever been," Colicchio said. "We're starting four bigs and one guard."

When asked what Linden basketball is like post Desmond Wade, Colicchio said: "We had to move on after players such as Jamaal Tate, Tony Wilson and Michael Henderson and we managed to do quite well."

"It's never easy when you lose a great player. It's a big adjustment for me moreso because we're so young in the backcourt. I've been blessed with seasoned guards. These kids are okay and Hodge is still only a sophomore and a lot will be placed on his shoulders this year. Some of the other guards we have coming back do not have a lot of playing time."

Bateman, who Colicchio says plays more like he's 6-8 with the way he goes after rebounds and gets them, led Linden with 10 boards in its UCT semifinal win over Union. You might see him filling up the hoop a bit more this season.

"He's really stepped up his game," Colicchio said. "His game has changed a lot. He's extremely powerful inside, a Charles Barkley type of player.

"He's handling the ball for us too and taking it out on the wing at times. He's been creating matchup problems for people in the pre-season. Since we have just one guard, it will be handling the ball by committee."

Lewis is a player that Colicchio will be counting on a lot more this season as well.

"He's scoring more and is playing better around the basket," Colicchio said. "He had a really good summer for us and has grown up since his sophomore year. He's a leader and a captain of our team."

Colicchio said the team captains for the upcoming season include Lewis and senior guard Billy Bourgoin.

"Our own expectations are the same," Colicchio said. "Players graduate, but we still try to go out and win titles.

"Each team, every year, is its own team. Last year we were fortunate enough to win the conference again. This team has not won anything yet. We will try to win another one."

Colicchio also feels that this might be the strongest the Watchung Conference has ever been.

"Talent wise, Plainfield has a bunch of veterans returning and a new coach (former South Plainfield coach Jeff Lubreski) who is very good and has been around," Colicchio said. "Elizabeth has a player like senior Raymond Graham, who competes and has been playing since he was a freshman. Irvington is so well-coached and you have teams like Shabazz and Newark East Side - night in and night out is very challenging."

"I see our conference this year as similar to the Big East - really good players and really good coaches. Union is another team on the uprise and has improved."

• See roster and schedule on JR's Sports Blog at www.localsource.com.

Farmers host CBA on Saturday night

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UNION BOYS' BASKETBALL 2008-2009 ROSTER:

SENIORS (6)

Dion Nesmith (6-0) guard
Bryce Lewis (5-9) guard
Javon Moore (5-11) guard
Steve Alee (6-3) forward
Bryan Morris (5-9) guard
Josh Kolas (6-4) forward

JUNIORS (9)

Aishon White (6-2) guard
James Daniels (6-5) forward
Jon Merceus (6-5) forward
Tony Gilchrist (5-10) guard
Hassan Purdie (6-4) forward
Joe Petrucelli (6-2) forward
Chris Petrucelli (6-2) forward
Tim Borja (5-6) guard
Isaiah Starling (5-9) guard

SOPHOMORES (2)

Nana Ansah (5-10) guard
Chidoziem Ikwuegbu (6-0) guard

A LOOK BACK AT LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS:

The Union boys' basketball team accomplished a lot during the 2007-2008 season and became a real player in Union County once again.

Union's 21-7 record, its best since a 20-5 finish in 1999-2000 and its first winning season since a 15-10 mark in 2002-2003, included the Farmers reaching the Union County Tournament and North 2, Group 4 semifinals for the first time since 2000.

Union also made the North 2, Group 4 playoffs for the first time in five years and captured the Watchung Conference-American Division title for the first time since 1998 and only the second time since 1980.

Leading the way for the Farmers was second-year player Travis Taylor, a 6-6 senior center who proved to be among the top 10 players in the county and made the Union County Basketball Coaches Association's Top 16 Team.

Union's season came to a close when it was defeated at Piscataway 54-51 in the North 2, Group 4 semifinals. Piscataway defeated Linden 58-47 in the final at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth, becoming the first team from the Greater Middlesex Conference to win the section.

UNION FARMERS 2008-2009 UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Dec. 19 at Kearny, 4 p.m.
Dec. 20 Christian Brothers Academy, 8:40 p.m.
Dec. 23 Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.
Dec. 27 vs. Manasquan, 2:30 p.m. at Howell High School in Freehold Tournament. Tournament continues Dec. 29 and concludes with title game on Dec. 30.

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728 Marne Highway, Suite 200
Moorestown, NJ 08057
(856) 802-1000
Attorneys for Plaintiff (2008-2931)

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT

Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County
Docket No. F-46646-08

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
Judith Childress

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon the Attorneys for Plaintiff, Powers Kirn, LLC, 728 Marne Highway, P.O. Box 848, Moorestown, NJ 08057, an Answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any) filed in a Civil Action in which Police and Firemen's Retirement System Board of Trustees by its Administrative Agent New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency is plaintiff and Judith Childress, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after December 18, 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 Superi-

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or 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 November 3, 2005, recorded on November 21, 2005, in Book 11452 at Page 890&c made by Kenneth Childress to Washington Mutual Bank, FA and duly assigned to plaintiff, Police and Firemen's Retirement System Board of Trustees by its Administrative Agent New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, and concerns real estate located at 34-36 Malmers Place, Plainfield, NJ 07060, Block 221 Lot 33.

YOU, Judith Childress, are made a defendant because you are a lien holder in the above matter and so have an interest in the property being foreclosed as your lien or encumbrance is subject to Plaintiff's mortgage.

You are further advised, an individual who is unable to obtain an attorney may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling toll free 800-792-8315 (within New Jersey) or 609-394-1101 (from out of state). You may also communicate with a Lawyer Referral Service, or if you cannot afford to pay an attorney you may call the Legal Services Office. The phone numbers for the county in which this action is pending are: Legal Services (908) 354-4340, Lawyer Referral (908) 353-4715. File #2008-2931

Jennifer M. Perez, Acting Clerk of the Superior Court
U227967 WCN Dec. 18, 2008 (\$42.63)

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PLAINFIELD

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. : F-24705-08
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

(I.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
JULIO GARCIA
HECTOR SERRANO
ANA TORRES
AIDER RIVERA
VIRGINIA NORMAN GARCIA
DIEGO PALACIOS, 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 Wells Fargo Bank, NA is plaintiff, and JULIO GARCIA, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-24705-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/18/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/18/2008, (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

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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 05/02/2006 made by Julio Garcia and Hector Serrano as mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Security Atlantic Mortgage Co., Inc. recorded on 05/12/2006 in Book 11685 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 718 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Wells Fargo Bank, NA, by Assignment of Mortgage dated 06/28/2008; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 208-10 GRANT AVENUE, PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060, also being Lot 14 in Block 116.

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, JULIO GARCIA, 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.

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YOU, HECTOR SERRANO, 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.

YOU, ANA TORRES, 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, AIDER RIVERA, 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, VIRGINIA NORMAN GARCIA, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest

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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.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Attorney: STERN, LAVINTHAL, FRANKENBERG & NORGAARD, LLC 293 EISENHOWER PARKWAY SUITE 300 - P.O. BOX 1880 LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039-1660 (973) 740-0700

HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its public meeting held on December 10, 2008

PUBLIC NOTICE

the Zoning Board of the Township of Hillside adopted the following resolution(s):

The application of Metro PCS New York, LLC seeking a preliminary and final site plan approval and a use variance to install 6 telecommunication antennas mounted to the side and top of an existing building and related equipment inside an existing penthouse at the property more commonly known as 1350 Liberty Avenue (block 604, lot(s) 26) was approved.

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 U228081 UNL Dec. 18, 2008 (\$16.17)

HILLSIDE

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-44237-08

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: ANTONIO OLIVEIRA

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number #(973) 538-9300, an Answer to the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, filed in a civil action, in which HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION (USA) is Plaintiff and ANTONIO OLIVEIRA, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-44237-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/18/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/18/2008, thirty-five (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated August 15, 2007 made by ANTONIO OLIVEIRA as mortgagor to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION (USA) recorded on August 20, 2007, in Book 12270 of Mortgages for UNION County, Page 402, et seq., which mortgage was duly assigned to the Plaintiff named above, who is the present holder of said Mortgage, and (2) to recover possession of, and certain premises commonly known as 398 FLORENCE AVENUE HILLSIDE, NJ 07205, Block 602, Lot 7.

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

YOU, ANTONIO OLIVEIRA are made party defendant(s) to this foreclosure action because you are one of the mortgagors and may be liable for any deficiency and for any lien, claim, or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises by reason of the Mortgage made by you, ANTONIO OLIVEIRA, as set forth above.

Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity. File #ZFHS 025 Dated: December 12, 2008

JENNIFER M. PEREZ Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey U228138 UNL Dec. 18, 2008 (\$45.08)

UNION

Township of Union

ANNUAL NOTICE Board of Health scheduled meetings for CY - 2009

- January 14th - Reorganization and Regular meeting
February 11th
March 11th
April 8th
May 3rd
June 10th
July - August (summer recess)
September 9th
October 4th
November 4th
December 9th

U228065 UNL Dec. 18, 2008 (\$11.76)

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE

The following ordinances published herewith have been passed by the Township Council at a meeting held at the Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, on Tuesday December 2, 2008 and approved by the Mayor on December 8, 2008.

0-08-029 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 (Police Officers)

0-08-030 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 (Superior Police Officers)

0-08-031 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 (Public Works)

0-08-032 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 (CLERICAL)

John G. Kullish Council President

Approved: December 8, 2008 Mayor Karen McCoy Oliver

Attest: Janet Vlasisavljevic Township Clerk U228080 UNL Dec. 18, 2008 (\$33.32)

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 30, 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:

Lighting Supplies #09-31

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 U228234 UNL Dec. 18, 2008 (\$29.40)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Board of Health of the Township of Union in the County 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 Secretary of the Board of Health.

AWARDED: Holy Redeemer Health Systems 354 Union Avenue

PUBLIC NOTICE

Elizabeth, NJ 07208

SERVICES: Child Health Conference Nursing Services

TIME PERIOD: Jan. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2008

COST: Not to exceed \$8,987.50

JOHN J. FERRAIOLI, SECRETARY Board of Health, Township of Union U228076 UNL Dec. 18, 2008 (\$15.19)

UNION

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TOWNSHIP OF UNION NOTICE OF DECISION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 3, 2008, the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union memorialized its grant of a d-1 (use) variance, a d-6 (height) variance, related variances, and site plan approval to install six telecommunication antennas onto the existing telecommunication monopole, along with related equipment at ground level, on property identified on the tax maps as Block 306, Lot 6, in the Township of Union, also known as 1000 Floral Avenue North, Township of Union. All documents, including the resolution of approval, applications and maps relating to this matter are currently on file and may be inspected by the public at the office of the Building Department, Municipal Building, 1876 Morris Avenue, Union, during normal business hours.

BROWN MOSKOWITZ & KALLEN, P.C. Attorneys for Applicant MetroPCS, New York, LLC By: RICHARD S. SCHKOLNICK

Dated: December 12, 2008 U228133 UNL Dec. 18, 2008 (\$18.13)

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 25, 2008

Awarded to: Robert Pansulla, Esq. 524 Union Avenue Belleville, NJ 07109

Services: To defend the Township of Union Planning Board in litigation with Village Supermarkets

Costs: Not to exceed \$5,000.00

Duration: Until completion U228135 UNL Dec. 18, 2008 (\$15.68)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Board of Health of the Township of Union in the County 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 Secretary of the Board of Health.

AWARDED: Holy Redeemer Health Systems 354 Union Avenue Elizabeth, NJ 07208

SERVICES: Older Adult Health Services

TIME PERIOD: Jan. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2008

COST: Not to exceed \$7,874.00

JOHN J. FERRAIOLI, SECRETARY Board of Health, Township of Union U228073 UNL Dec. 18, 2008 (\$15.19)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Board of Health of the Township of Union in the County 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 Secretary of the Board of Health.

AWARDED: Garden State Laboratories, Inc.

SERVICES: Public Health Laboratory Services

TIME PERIOD: Jan. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2008

COST: Not to exceed \$2,487.00

JOHN J. FERRAIOLI, SECRETARY Board of Health, Township of Union U228072 UNL Dec. 18, 2008 (\$14.21)

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Board of Health of the Township of Union in the County 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 Secretary of the Board of Health.

AWARDED: Holy Redeemer Health Systems 354 Union Avenue Elizabeth, NJ 07208

SERVICES: Public Health Nursing Services

TIME PERIOD: Jan. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2008

COST: Not to exceed \$39,458

JOHN J. FERRAIOLI, SECRETARY Board of Health, Township of Union U228074 UNL Dec. 18, 2008 (\$15.19)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Board of Health of the Township of Union in the County 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 Secretary of the Board of Health.

AWARDED: Tony Tavormina d/b/a VIP Animal Hospital 444 No. Broad Street Elizabeth, NJ 07208

SERVICES: Veterinary Public Health Services

TIME PERIOD: Jan. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2008

COST: Not to exceed \$12,000.00

John J. Ferraioli, Secretary Board of Health, Township of Union U228067 UNL Dec. 18, 2008 (\$15.19)

UNION

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Board of Health of the Township of Union in the County 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 Secretary of the Board of Health.

AWARDED: Holy Redeemer Health Systems 354 Union Avenue Elizabeth, NJ 07208

SERVICES: Community Health Education Services

TIME PERIOD: Jan. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2008

COST: Not to exceed \$15,436.00

JOHN J. FERRAIOLI, SECRETARY Board of Health, Township of Union U228077 UNL Dec. 18, 2008 (\$15.19)

HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

PLANNING BOARD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a meeting held on December 3, 2008 the Planning Board of the Township of Hillside adopted the following resolution(s):

The application of PFM Realty, LLC seeking a major sub-division (preliminary and final) approval with variances to construct four (4) new two-family dwellings at the property more commonly known as 200 Central Avenue (block 1211, lot(s) 18) was approved.

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.

Jeffrey Dykes Secretary, Hillside Planning Board U228082 UNL Dec. 18, 2008 (\$14.70)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08006824 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F395007B 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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

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)

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 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

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: 682

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) 924-0808

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

ELIZABETH NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No.: F-45027-08 Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Julian Torres, III Luz M. Cruz Audeliz Figueroa, a minor by g/a/l John Figueroa, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest MRI of Central Jersey

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, Mountaintop, 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 Julian Torres, III, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-45027-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/18/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/18/2008, (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 06/14/2005 made by Julian Torres, III a single person and Luz M. Cruz, a single person as mortgagors, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. recorded on 06/22/2005 in Book M11214 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 794; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1020 Anna Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201, also being Lot 151 in Block B.

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 908-363-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-364-4340.

YOU, JULIAN TORRES, III, 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.

YOU, LUZ M. CRUZ, her 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.

YOU, AUDELIZ FIGUEROA, A MINOR BY G/A/L JOHN FIGUEROA, 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, MRI OF CENTRAL JERSEY are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment/lien/mortgage which may be against the owner/mortgagor(s) and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity.

File #XRZ 83373-R1

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.

E228139 PRO Dec. 18, 2008 (\$64.19)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08006812

Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F262108

County: Union Plaintiff: COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. VS

Defendant: YSRAEL PAULINO; MRS. YSRAEL PAULINO HIS WIFE AND MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB

Sale Date: 01/14/2009 Writ of Execution: 09/04/2008

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of Union and State of NJ. It is commonly known as 146 SMITH STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ. It is known and designated as Block 7, Lot 1182.

The dimensions are approximately 27 feet wide by 60 feet long (irregular).

Nearest Cross Street: LAFAYETTE 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 6/6/2008 FOR UNPAID WATER/SEWER CHARGES IS THE AGGREGATE SUM OF \$674.09.

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: \$343,496.05*** Three Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Six and 05/100***

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: \$382,519.74

Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen and 74/100

Dec. 18, 24, 31, 2008, Jan. 8, 2009 U227947 PRO (\$178.36)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08006911

Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F211608

County: Union Plaintiff: LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I, LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AQ1 VS

Defendant: NAWAN BAILEY

Sale Date: 01/14/2009 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 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of Union and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 874 - 878 LIVINGSTON ST. ELIZABETH, NJ 07201. Tax Lot No. 745 in Block No. 7. Dimension of Lot Approximately: 58.48 X 93.26 X IRR

Nearest Cross Street: SMITH STREET BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE MOST SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LIVINGSTON STREET DISTANT NORTHERLY LINE OF SMITH STREET WITH THE MOST SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LIVINGSTON STREET

THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.

PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES TOTAL AS OF November 8, 2008: \$.00

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$339,524.18*** Three Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Four and 18/100***

Attorney: FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC SUITE 201 PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054 (973) 638-4700

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$383,054.01

Three Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Fifty-Four and 01/100

Dec. 18, 24, 31, 2008, Jan. 8, 2009 U227486 PRO (\$133.28)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ROSELLE NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No.: F-20824-08 Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Najacques Etienne Nadege Levine, 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, Mountaintop, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Amended Complaint filed in a civil action, in which U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2007-BC1 is plaintiff, and Najacques Etienne, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-20824-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/18/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/18/2008, (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 09/12/2006 made by Najacques Etienne, a married man and Nadege Levine as mortgagors to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Optimum Financial Services, LLC recorded on 09/25/2006 in Book M11864 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 206 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Specialty Underwriting and Residential Finance Trust Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series 2007-BC1, by Assignment of Mortgage dated 11/20/2008; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 410 West 6th Avenue, Roselle, NJ 07203, also being Lot 24 in Block 5603.

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 908-363-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-364-4340.

YOU, NAJACQUES ETIENNE, 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.

YOU, NADEGE LEVINE, 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

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

U228092 PRO Dec. 18, 2008 (\$56.35)

RAHWAY PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Laws 1975, the Housing Authority of the City of Rahway is herewith announcing its "Annual Meeting Notice" for all Regular Meetings to be held in 2009.

The meetings will be held in the Regular Meeting Room of the Housing Authority of the City of Rahway at 165 E. Grand Ave., Rahway at 7:00 p.m.:

Jan. 8th No Meeting; Feb. 12th, Mar. 12th, Apr. 9th; May 14th; June 11th; No meetings in July and Aug.; Sept. 10th; Oct. 8th; Nov. 12th, and Dec. 11th - Reorganization Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Kenneth Pushko Executive Director U228088 PRO Dec. 18, 2008 (\$11.76)

ELIZABETH

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION UNION COUNTY DOCKET NO. F-46222-08

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: YULIANA GOMEZ

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number #973) 538-9300, an Answer to the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, filed in a civil action, in which CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC is Plaintiff and DIEGO CORTES, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County and bearing Docket No. F-46222-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/18/08 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/18/08, thirty-five (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated February 22, 2007 made by DIEGO CORTES and YULIANA GOMEZ as mortgagors to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA recorded on March 5, 2007, in Book 12071 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0514, et seq., which mortgage was duly assigned to the Plaintiff named above who is the present holder of said Mortgage, and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 888 LIVINGSTON ROAD, ELIZABETH, NJ 07208-0000, Block 10, Lot 1283.

You are made a defendant because you are a mortgagor and your lien or encumbrance on the mortgaged premises is subject to plaintiff's mortgage. If you cannot afford or are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of venue by calling:

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

YOU, YULIANA GOMEZ are made party defendant(s) to this foreclosure action because you are one of the mortgagors and may be liable for any deficiency and for any lien, claim, or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises by reason of the Mortgage made by you, YULIANA GOMEZ, as set forth above.

Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity.

File #ZCH2182 Dated: December 5, 2008

JENNIFER M. PEREZ Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey U228095 PRO Dec. 18, 2008 (\$45.57)

LINDEN

A RESOLUTION FIXING THE REGULAR MEETING DATES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND PRESCRIBING THE RULES GOVERNING THE PROCEDURE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR 2009.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF LINDEN:

THAT, the Regular Meetings of the Board of Health will be held in the Board of Health Office, City Hall, North Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey. All meetings shall be held on the dates listed below and convened at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Board of Health assembles:

January 20, 2009 (Organization & Regular Meeting)

February 17, 2009

March 17, 2009

April 14, 2009

May 19, 2009

June 18, 2009

September 15, 2009

November 10, 2009

December 8, 2009

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the procedure of all meetings for the year 2009 shall be governed by the Robert's Rules of Order and the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

PASSED: December 9, 2008 APPROVED: December 9, 2008

Harry Hargenhan PRESIDENT

ATTEST: Sandra K. Darrar SECRETARY U228090 PRO Dec. 18, 2008 (\$23.52)

LINDEN

Storage Post, Inc., will sell at Public Auction under New Jersey Lien laws for cash only on January 14, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. and on such succeeding days and times as may be necessary at 401 S. Park Ave., Linden, NJ 07036 the property described herein as belonging to: Candice D. Brown

PUBLIC NOTICE

#3343: cartons, totes, furniture; Milton Gomez #1022: bags, totes, suitcase; Carlos L. Blakney #7047: totes, bags, suitcase; Tawanna Donaldson #2258: tires, cartons, luggage; Zakee Brown #1179: cartons, furniture; Cristian Cobo #6008: cartons, bags, furniture; Frank R. Farese #2074: cartons, TV, stereo; Rizal Gilmore #6013: jack, chairs, mattress; Monique Johnson #8044: bikes, toys, cartons; Lucilla Lema #5041: bedding, bed frame, headboard; Manuel N. Luna #2208: cartons, bags, mirror; Patricia Newman #3226: bags, cartons; Eduardo Perez #3023: fish tank, cartons, furniture; Doris Rooney #2054: totes, cartons, books; Nedra Walker #2202: cartons, cooler, furniture; Wanda E. Williams #2033: cartons, clock, furniture; Ian Carson #2232: desk, bed frame, furniture; Carolyn Bibbins #2165: cartons, tables, chairs; Clyde Butler II #1111: cartons, totes, furniture; Tamarrah Lyles #2097: TVs, cartons, furniture; Lisa M. Blalock #2128: bags; Joaquim Coelho #4021: furniture, heaters, cartons; Melby Coelho #3232: refrigerator, cartons, furniture; Jennifer DiGiusto #3225: cartons, TVs, furniture; Daniel & Donald Bader, Auctioneers as Agents. Storage Post reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel the auction for any reason. December 18, 24, 2008 U228089 PRO (\$45.08)

LINDEN

BOARD OF HEALTH CITY OF LINDEN PASSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CODE REGULATING RETAIL FOOD HANDLING ESTABLISHMENTS, REQUIRING PERMITS FOR THE OPERATION THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTION OF SUCH ESTABLISHMENTS AND FIXING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS," PASSED DECEMBER 18, 1984

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF LINDEN:

Section 1. That the above entitled ordinance shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

DELETE SECTION 4b in its entirety. ADD NEW SECTION 4b as follows:

(b) The following License Fees will be charged:

Table with 2 columns: License Type and Fee. Includes categories like LUNCH TRUCKS, ICE CREAM/ITALIAN ICE TRUCKS, RETAIL FOOD HANDLING ESTABLISHMENTS (NON-ITINERANT), and FOOD & BEVERAGE VENDING MACHINES.

Application for the license shall be made to the Board of Health and shall be submitted together with the required fee. When application is made for a license which will expire in less than a year, the fee shall not be prorated but shall be in the aforesaid amount.

ADD NEW SECTION 4g as follows:

(g) Late Fees. Any Retail Food Handling Establishment License (Non-Itinerant) not renewed by January 31st annually will be charged a late fee of \$25.00. Any Vending Machine License not renewed by January 31st will be charged a late fee of \$5.00.

Section 2. The remaining provisions of the ordinance hereby amended shall continue in full force and effect to the same extent as if herein fully repeated.

Section 3. If any section, paragraph, clause, sentence, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged by the Court to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part immediately involved in the controversy in which such judgment or decree shall be rendered.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect in the manner provided by law.

BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, UNION COUNTY By: HARRY BERGENHAN President, Board of Health

ATTEST: SANDRA K. BARRAR Secretary, Board of Health

PASSED: DECEMBER 9, 2008 APPROVED: DECEMBER 9, 2008 U228178 PRO Dec. 18, 2008 (\$37.92)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDEN

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. : F-24319-08 Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: MAREK GRZYMALA-DZIERZANOWSKI, 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., plaintiffs' attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Aurora Loan Services, LLC is plaintiff and MAREK GRZYMALA-DZIERZANOWSKI, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-24319-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/18/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/18/2008, (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 02/02/2007 made by Marek Grzymala-Dzierzanowski as mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for Homecomings Financial, LLC (fka Homecomings Financial Network, Inc.) recorded on 02/23/2007 in Book 12052 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 492 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Aurora Loan Services, LLC, by Assignment of Mortgage dated 06/09/2008; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 309 W STIMPSON AVE, LINDEN, NJ 07036, also being Lot 104 in Block 467.

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, MAREK GRZYMALA-DZIERZANOWSKI, 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. File #XCZ 103150

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. E228143 PRO Dec. 18, 2008 (\$47.04)

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING BY THE Council of the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on December 9, 2008, and will be presented for further consideration and hearing to be held on December 30, 2008, at 7:00 pm prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

Joseph C. Bodek City Clerk #62-71

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER XXXI, ZONING, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999", PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999 AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED

AMEND CHAPTER XXXI, ZONING, BLOCK 469, LOT 38.1, BLOCK 470, LOTS 9.1, 9.2, AND 9.3 AND BLOCK 471, LOT 7.1, DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE SITE OF THE FORMER GENERAL MOTORS MANUFACTURING FACILITY.

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036. U228087 PRO Dec. 18, 2008 (\$22.54)

PUBLIC NOTICE

RAHWAY

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. : F-43347-08 Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: WILLIAM P. SCHMAL, 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., plaintiffs' attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Lime Financial Services, LTD is plaintiff, and FANNY RIVERA-MOZON, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-43347-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/18/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/18/2008, (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 06/22/2007 made by Daniel Rivera and Fanny Rivera-Mozon, husband and wife as mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lime Financial Services, LTD recorded on 06/29/2007 in Book M12212 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0640; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 406 West Hazelwood Avenue, Rahway, NJ 07065, also being Lot 17 in Block 103.

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, WILLIAM P. SCHMAL, 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. File #XCZ 111496

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. E228141 PRO Dec. 18, 2008 (\$46.55)

LINDEN

RESOLUTION FIXING THE REGULAR MEETING DATES OF THE LINDEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE YEAR 2009

THAT the Regular Meetings of the City of Linden Economic Development Corporation will be held in the Council Caucus Room, City Hall, Linden, New Jersey. All meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month unless otherwise designated at 8:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the Board assembles.

REGULAR MEETING

- January 6, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.
February 3, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.
March 3, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.
April 7, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.
May 5, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.
June 2, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.
September 7, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.
October 6, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.
November 3, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

The Linden Economic Development Corporation does not have meetings in July, August and December.

Ron Stefanowicz, Director LEDC U228085 PRO Dec. 18, 2008 (\$18.13)

LINDEN

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. : F-27256-08 Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Edgar Vasco, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors

PUBLIC NOTICE

In right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiffs' 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 IndyMac Bank, FSB is plaintiff, and Edgar Vasco, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-27256-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/18/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/18/2008, (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 11/14/2005 made by Edgar Vasco as mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B. recorded on 11/30/2005 in Book 11464 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0938 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, IndyMac Bank, FSB, by Assignment of Mortgage dated 07/21/2008; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 233 WEST LINDEN AVENUE, LINDEN, NJ 07036, also being Lot 12 in Block 464.

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, EDGAR VASCO, 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. File #FCZ 108135

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. E228094 PRO Dec. 18, 2008 (\$45.08)

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: \$137,158.55 ***One Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Eight and 55/100*** December 11, 18, 24, 31, 2008 U227020 PRO (\$119.56)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. : F-34409-08 Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Magaly Vives, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and 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., plaintiffs' 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 Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2006-WMC1 is plaintiff and Magaly Vives, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-34409-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/18/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/18/2008, (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 09/23/2005 made by Magaly Vives as mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for East Coast Mtg. Corp., recorded on 10/21/2005 in Book 11406 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 985 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2006-WMC1, by Assignment of Mortgage dated 09/11/2008; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 846 Pennington Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202, also being Lot 1739 in Block 10.

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, MAGALY VIVES, 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. File #FCZ 108625

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. U228091 PRO Dec. 18, 2008 (\$46.55)

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: 561-6 Westminster 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

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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 Mortgagee, 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
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 MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054
 (856) 813-5500
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 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)

PUBLIC NOTICE

**SPRINGFIELD
 NOTICE OF HEARING
 PLANNING BOARD
 TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made to the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield by Sherman & Sherman, Esqs. (Max Sherman, Esq.) on behalf of Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC for preliminary and final major site plan approval and conditional use approval pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Springfield and for zoning variances as follows: (a) to seek an additional one (1) wall sign (2 permitted; 3 requested) Sec. 35-31.81(a)(1); (b) lot coverage-70% permitted, 96% proposed (Land Use Ordinance Schedule of Zoning Limitations, Highway Commercial, Page 193), all as detailed on plans and applications on file with the Clerk of the Planning Board; and (c) such other variances as may be required so as to permit the Applicant to operate a Chipotle Mexican Grill at premises located at Lot 3, Block 3106, 101 Route 22 (Center Island), Springfield, New Jersey. A public hearing has been ordered for Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. at the municipal building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, and 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 are on file in the office of the Administrative Office of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street, Springfield, New Jersey and are available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Max Sherman, Esq.
 SHERMAN & SHERMAN, ESQS.
 Attorneys for Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado LLC
 26 Linden Avenue
 Springfield, NJ 07081
 U228217 OBS Dec. 18, 2008 (\$26.95)

**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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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)

**SPRINGFIELD
 PUBLIC NOTICE
 PLANNING BOARD
 TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
 MEETING DATES FOR 2009**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular monthly Meetings of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield for the year 2009 will be held the first Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at 8:00 P.M. prevailing time.

Executive meetings will precede the regular meeting and will start at 7:00 P.M. prevailing time.

The following are the dates of the Planning Board meetings for the year 2009:

- Wednesday, January 7, 2009
- Wednesday, February 4, 2009
- Wednesday, March 4, 2009
- Wednesday, April 1, 2009
- Wednesday, May 6, 2009
- Wednesday, June 3, 2009
- Wednesday, July 1, 2009
- Wednesday, August 5, 2009
- Wednesday, September 2, 2009
- Wednesday, October 7, 2009
- Wednesday, November 4, 2009
- Wednesday, December 2, 2009

All Special Meetings of the Planning Board will be advertised separately.

Robert C. Kirkpatrick
 Planning Board Secretary
 U228096 OBS Dec. 18, 2008 (\$23.52)

**SPRINGFIELD
 PUBLIC NOTICE
 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
 COMMITTEE
 TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
 MEETING DATES FOR 2009**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the regular monthly meetings of the Development Review Committee of the Township of Springfield for the year 2009 will be held the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at 7:00 P.M. prevailing time.

The following are the dates of the meeting nights for the year 2009:

- Wednesday, January 21, 2009
- Wednesday, February 18, 2009
- Wednesday, March 18, 2009
- Wednesday, April 15, 2009
- Wednesday, May 20, 2009
- Wednesday, June 17, 2009
- Wednesday, July 15, 2009
- Wednesday, August 19, 2009
- Wednesday, September 16, 2009
- Wednesday, October 21, 2009
- Wednesday, November 18, 2009
- Wednesday, December 16, 2009

All special meetings of the Development Review Committee will be advertised separately.

Nancy Treiber
 Committee Secretary
 U228098 OBS Dec. 18, 2008 (\$22.54)

SUMMIT
 TAKE NOTICE THAT the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit, New Jersey, will hold a hearing on January 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, to consider an application affecting the property whose street address is known as 7 Malvern Drive, Block

PUBLIC NOTICE

4402, Lot 2.
 The conditions affecting this property and the reason for the application being heard are as follows: (c) variance to widen the driveway apron in the right of way to 18 feet.

Applicant requests any other waivers or variances as may be required by the Board or its professionals at the time of the hearing.

The application forms and supporting documents are on file in the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, and may be inspected on any workday during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any interested party may appear at the hearing and participate therein, subject to the rules of the Board.

Nicole Chyzowych
 Applicant
 U228219 OBS Dec. 18, 2008 (\$16.66)

**SPRINGFIELD
 PUBLIC NOTICE
 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
 TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
 MEETING DATES FOR 2009**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Springfield for the year 2009 will be held the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at 8:00 P.M. prevailing time.

Executive meetings will precede the regular meetings and will start at 7:30 P.M. prevailing time.

The following are the dates of the Board of Adjustment meetings for the year 2009:

- Tuesday, January 20, 2009
- Tuesday, February 17, 2009
- Tuesday, March 17, 2009
- Tuesday, April 21, 2009
- Tuesday, May 19, 2009
- Tuesday, June 16, 2009
- Tuesday, July 21, 2009
- Tuesday, August 18, 2009
- Tuesday, September 15, 2009
- Tuesday, October 20, 2009
- Tuesday, November 17, 2009
- Tuesday, December 15, 2009

All Special Meetings of the Board of Adjustment will be advertised separately.

Robert C. Kirkpatrick
 Board of Adjustment Secretary
 U228097 OBS Dec. 18, 2008 (\$22.05)

SUMMIT

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit, New Jersey, will hold a hearing on January 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, to consider an application affecting the property whose street address is known as 480 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ, Block 508, Lot 2.

The conditions affecting this property and the reason for the application being heard are as follows: Applicant seeks to erect a hanging building sign of six (6) square feet in area. Hanging building signs are not permitted in the B Zone.

Applicant requests any other waivers or variances as may be required by the Board or its professionals at the time of the hearing.

The application forms and supporting documents are on file in the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, and may be inspected on any workday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any interested party may appear at the hearing and participate therein, subject to the rules of the Board.

Ceconi & Cheifetz
 Applicant
 By: Brian Schwartz
 U228142 OBS Dec. 18, 2008 (\$18.13)

PUBLIC NOTICE

**CLARK
 TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
 CORPORATION NOTICE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ordinance was duly adopted and approved on final reading

PUBLIC NOTICE

at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council, Township of Clark on December 15, 2008.

ORDINANCE 08-15

AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT SECTION 7-20 OF CHAPTER VII ENTITLED STOP SIGNS

Edith L. Merkel, RMC
 Township Clerk
 U228099 EAG Dec. 18, 2008 (\$10.29)

**CRANFORD
 LEGAL NOTICE
 TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

TAKE NOTICE that on the 8th day of December, 2008, the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Township of Cranford, in the County of Union took the following actions:

1. Application #Z17-07: Denied approval to New York SMSA Limited Partnership, Applicant, to permit construction of a telecommunications tower with the following variances: lower than the maximum allowable height for a tower; less than the minimum required setback for a tower; less than the minimum required setback to a residential zone for a tower; to exceed the maximum allowable square footage for an equipment cabinet; less than the minimum required side yard setback; to exceed the maximum allowable height permitted in the R-1 zone and to allow two principal uses on one lot which is not permitted on Block 109, Lot 46 as designated on the Township Tax Map, also known as 201 County Park Drive, in the R-1 Zone.

Barbara Glnsberg
 Board Secretary
 U228100 EAG Dec. 18, 2008 (\$19.11)

PUBLIC NOTICE

CLARK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following action was adopted at the Public Meeting of the Clark Board of Adjustment, held on October 15, 2008.

Cal. # 8-08: The application of Anna and Pawel Purchla was granted permission for: construction of 2nd floor addition with 2nd floor overhang at the property located 19 Blake Drive, Clark, NJ.

The file papers for the above application are available for inspection at the Clark Township Building Department, Clark Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, N.J. for public review during 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Anna Purchla
 Pawel Purchla
 Applicants
 U228221 EAG Dec. 18, 2008 (\$11.76)

CLARK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following action was adopted at the Public Meeting of the Clark Board of Adjustment, held on Oct. 15, 2008:

Cal. #9-08: The application of Marcelino Sequelra was granted permission for: 2 1/2 story addition and covered porch at the property located 40 Brookside Terrace, Clark N.J.

The file papers for the above decision are available at the Clark Township Building Department, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, N.J. for public review during 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Marcelino Sequelra
 Applicant
 U228222 EAG Dec. 18, 2008 (\$10.78)

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CLARK

CLARK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL 2009 MEETING DATES
 Reorganization Meeting January 1, 2009
 315 Westfield Ave. 12:00 PM

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS 7:30 P.M.
 430 Westfield Avenue
 Room 16

- January 5
- February 2
- March 2
- April 6
- May 4
- June 1
- July 20 (7:00 p.m.)*
- August 17 (7:00 p.m.)*
- September 8 (Tuesday)
- October 5
- November 2
- December 7

* Council Chambers, 315 Westfield Ave.

PUBLIC MEETINGS 7:30 P.M.
 315 Westfield Avenue
 Council Chambers

- January 20 (Tuesday)
- February 17 (Tuesday)
- March 16
- April 20
- May 18
- June 15
- July 20
- August 17
- September 21
- October 19
- November 18
- December 21

CLARK PLANNING BOARD 2009 MEETING DATES

PUBLIC MEETINGS
 1st Thursday - 7:30 pm
 Council Chambers, 315 Westfield Ave.

- January 8 (2nd Thursday)
- February 5
- March 5
- April 2
- May 7
- June 4
- July 2
- August 6
- September 3
- October 1
- November 5
- December 3

CLARK ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2009 MEETING DATES
 Reorganization Meeting, Wednesday, January 7, 2009
 430 Westfield Ave., Room 16, 8:00 pm

PUBLIC MEETINGS
 Monday - 8:00 pm
 Council Chambers, 315 Westfield Ave.

- January 26
- February 23
- March 23
- April 27
- May 20 (Rm. 16)*
- June 22
- July 27
- August 24
- September 16 (Rm. 16)*
- October 26
- November 23
- December 16 (Rm. 16)*

*Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

Edith L. Merkel, RMC
 Township Clerk
 U228078 EAG December 18, 2008 (\$56.84)

MOUNTAINSIDE

PUBLIC AUCTION

On JANUARY 19, 2009 at 10:00 A.M.

Lackland Self Storage, 1229 Route 22 East, Mountainside, NJ 07092

The following merchandise will be sold at Public Auction. Listed below are the unit numbers along with the occupants name and a brief description of the contents.

Unit	Occupant	Description
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2080	Michael Bassillo	File boxes
2145	Derin Fenner	Boxes, table, chair
3089	Melissa-Ojeawere Lebron	Washer, furniture, boxes

U227968 OBS December 18, 24, 2008 (\$50.96)

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 10, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, N.J. Resolutions memorializing.

Calendar #	Name of Applicant & Premises Affected	Variances Requested	Decision of the Board of Adjustment
Cal. #3129	Galloping Hill Inn, LLC. 325 Chestnut Street Block- 1016 Lot- 1	Addition to 2nd floor of existing catering facility	Granted by Resolution
Cal. #3137	John DiCarlo 2130 Morris Avenue Block- 4114 Lot- 3	Seven space parking area for the existing retail building on property	Carried for Resolution of Approval on 12/17/08
Cal. #3138	Park Branch West Partnership 1229 & 1233 Magie Avenue Block- 404 Lots- 1 & 19	Lot line adjustment between lots 1 and 19 to eliminate encroachment	Carried for Resolution of Approval on 12/17/08

Richard Malanda, Board of Adjustment Secretary
 U228079 UNL December 18, 2008 (\$36.75)

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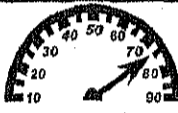
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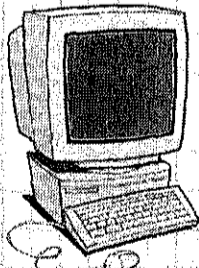
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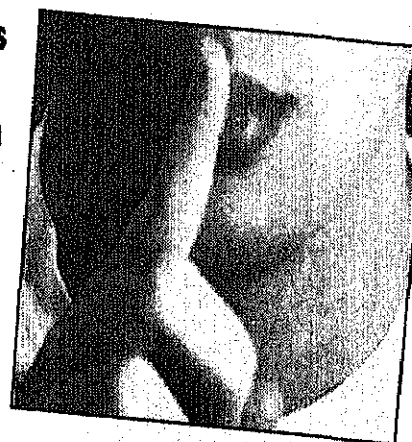
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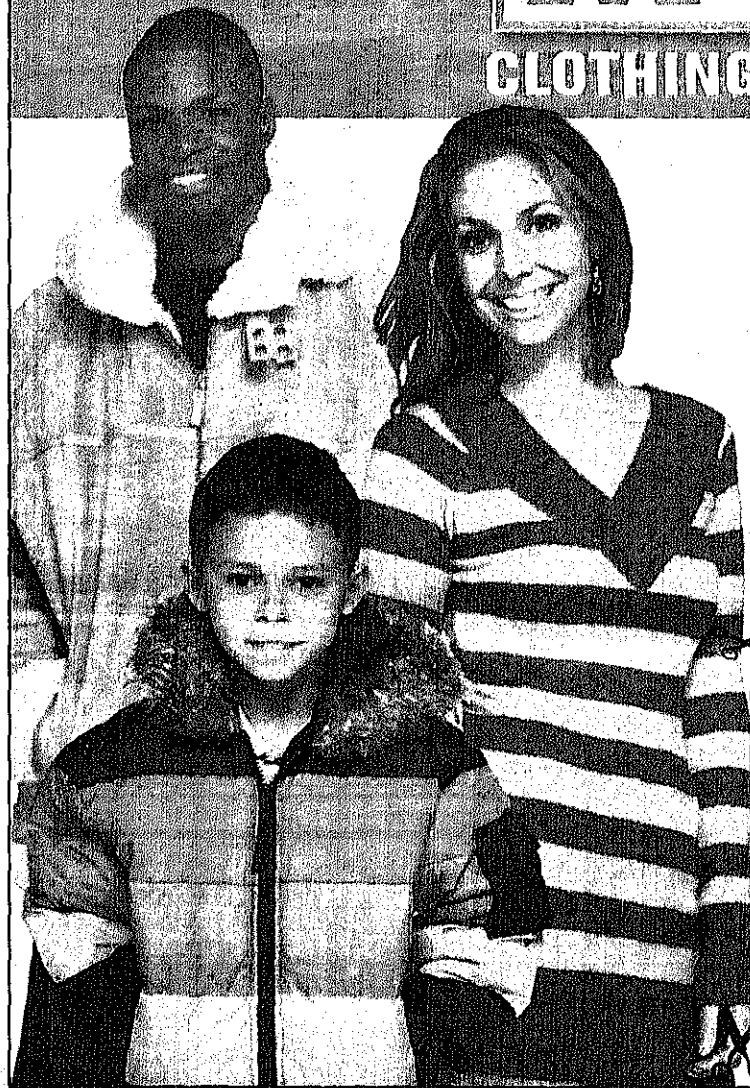
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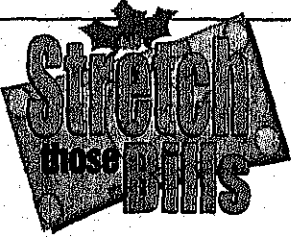
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