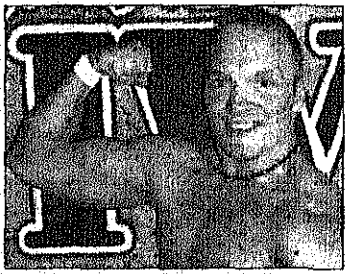


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Our deadlines have been altered for the upcoming holiday weeks.
Our offices will be closed Dec. 25 and 26 for the Christmas holiday. We will reopen on Dec. 29.
For our final issue of 2008 will be published on Dec. 31, a Wednesday. Deadlines for that issue are:
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• Letters, Dec. 24, noon.
• News, 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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Cohen charged; faces jail time, fines

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer
UNION COUNTY — Former state Assemblyman Neil Cohen was charged with reproducing, possessing and distributing child pornography months after he was accused of printing images of an nude adolescent girl from a computer he used in the Union Township legislative offices.
The former 20th District lawmaker also faces an official mis-

conduct charge, state Attorney General Anne Milgram said.
If all charges are combined, Cohen, 57, faces a maximum sentence of more than 30 years in prison and fines of approximately \$500,000.
“We charge...Cohen used the computer equipment in his taxpayer-funded legislative office to view child pornography, printing out copies, which were accessible to others in the office,” said Attorney General Milgram. “In doing so, he abused his office and, like all who seek out child pornography, he supported the suppliers who exploit and sexually abuse children.”
In July, Assemblymen Joseph Cryan and Sen. Raymond Lesniak, who also worked in the offices on Stuyvesant Avenue, were alerted a staff member found a photo of a nude child that may have been printed from Cohen’s computer.
Cryan and Lesniak confronted Cohen and notified authorities. Cohen resigned his post on July 28 and checked into a local psychiatric facility.
Lesniak and Cryan did not wish to see Cohen, Page 8



Cohen

Earning 'Point'

Teen accepted to military academy
By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer
UNION — Union High School officials use the same word to describe Cadet Lt. Colonel Orlando Sonza: leader.
Like many of his classmates, the Union High School senior is preparing for college. But days filled with classes sandwiched between longer naps and evenings drenched in parties are not what he is thinking about, rather it is marches, salutes and drill sergeants.
Sonza, the battalion commander of Union High's Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program, was accepted to the West Point Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., in November.
“Attending West Point has always been a dream of mine, since a young age,” said Sonza, whose grandfather was in the Navy.
The fact that the nation is currently at war does not frighten Sonza, rather it encourages him. “I look at this as a great opportunity to serve my country in a time when it really needs it,” he said.
According to Major Paul Island of the West Point Admissions Office, more than 10,000 hopefuls See STUDENT Page 8

Best wishes

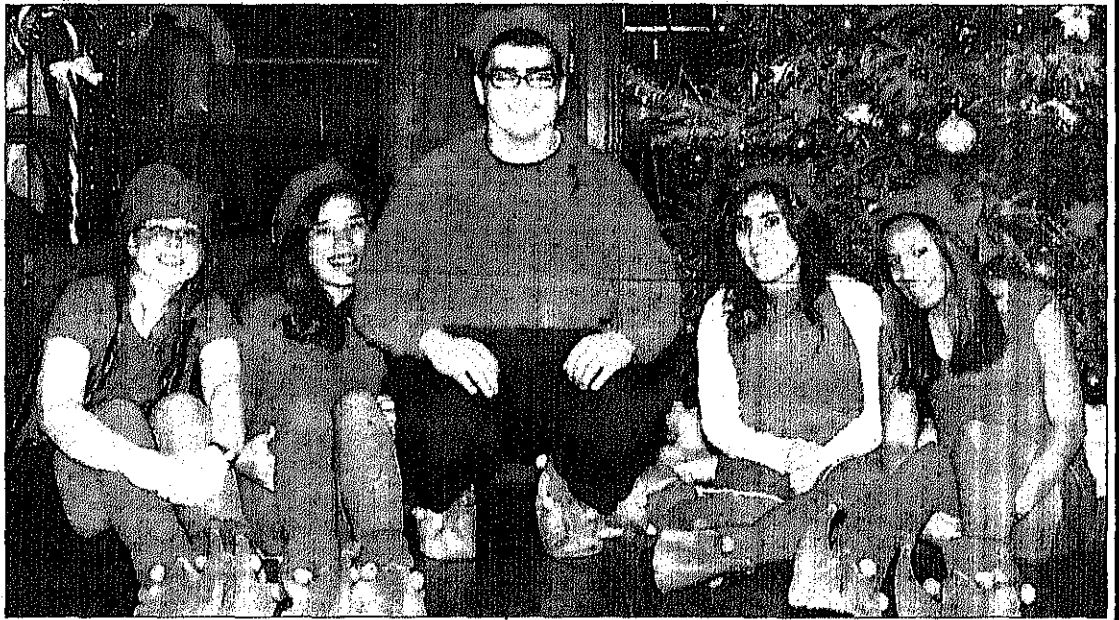


Photo by Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools
Linden High School ROTC cadets, from left, Maria Gabryszewska, Keila Maldonado, Jaun German, Jessica Burgos and Mitchel Quinones have been recruited by Santa. LHS wishes everyone a happy holiday and happy new year.

Plane crashes, two survive

By Joseph M. D'Alise
John O'Reilly
LINDEN — A Virginia couple is recovering from serious injuries at University Hospital in Newark after their small plane crashed in an industrial area near Linden Airport and, soon after, burst into flames, according to authorities.
The pilot, Jason Snyder, 33, and the passenger, his wife Jennifer, 34, were listed in stable condition at the Newark hospital Monday afternoon, according to public relations spokesperson Tiffany Smith.
The pair from Hampton, Va., crawled out of the single-engine plane, a Beechcraft Sundowner Model 23, and were found lying next to it when paramedics from nearby Merck & Co.'s Fire Department arrived on the scene.
Merck's Fire Department was followed by Linden police and fire crews, as well as emergency management and hazardous materials teams.
The couple had spent two days on layover at the small, general aviation airport.
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Rahway woman, 92, struck, killed on Kline Place

Rahway

A 92-year-old woman died Dec. 17 from injuries she sustained when a vehicle hit her as she was walking along Kline Place at 2:22 p.m. on Dec. 15.

Maria Juhasz, of Rahway sustained the fatal head injuries after a 2007 Nissan Murano, driven by Patrick Romano of Watchung, pulled out of the driveway of a Kline Place residence and struck her. Romano was not injured and no charges were filed against him by late last week. It was not immediately known whether Romano had passengers in his car. City medics transported Juhasz to University Hospital in Newark for treatment, but she succumbed to her injuries.

POLICE BLOTTER

Anyone with information for investigators can call officer Joseph Kostick at the Rahway Police Traffic Unit at 732-827-2074.

Clark

• Matthew DiMarco, 21, of Cranford was arrested at 5:48 a.m. on Dec. 15 on Valley Road and was charged with weapons related offenses. He was detained on a Union County warrant.

• Michael Katz, 29, of Edison was arrested at 4:31 a.m. on Dec. 14 on Central Avenue and charged with possession of narcotics and paraphernalia.

• On Dec. 13, at 9:36 a.m., police responded to a report of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle parked on Dawn Drive.

The incident is under investigation.

• Dharmesh Patel, 32, of North Brunswick was arrested at 2:16 p.m. on Dec. 12 at a Central Avenue grocery store and charged with shoplifting.

• Michael D'Alessandro, 60, of Philadelphia, Pa., was arrested at 2:35 p.m. on Dec. 10 on Westfield Avenue and charged with having an outstanding warrant from Egg Harbor Township in the amount of \$700 for contempt of court on motor vehicle charges.

• Eduardo Arce, 22, of Newark was arrested at 11:56 a.m. on Dec. 10 at the Essex County Jail and

charged with having an outstanding warrant in the amount of \$1,109 for contempt of court on motor vehicle charges.

• Samantha Pugliese, 20, of Roselle Park was arrested at 4:35 p.m. on Dec. 9 at a Central Avenue grocery store and charged with shoplifting.

Roselle Park

• Nicholas Vivas, 24, of Kenilworth was arrested at 12:56 a.m. on Dec. 12 after damaging a sign outside Roselle Park police station immediately after he was released from a previous traffic arrest. He was charged with criminal mischief and released.

• Oleg Yarish, 42, of Wayne was arrested at 2:27 p.m. on Dec. 12 for pepper spraying an employee at the Park Car Wash on Westfield

Avenue after an argument. He was charged with possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and assault.

• Santos Rodriquez, 44, of Bloomfield was arrested at 1:20 a.m. on Dec. 13 by officer Joshua Medrano on the 10 block of East Westfield Avenue and charged with eluding police, criminal trespassing, driving with a suspended license, driving an unregistered vehicle, uninsured vehicle, careless driving and two counts of failure to observe a traffic signal.

• Enrique Saloma, 27, of Kenilworth was arrested at 2:23 a.m. on Dec. 15 on the 600 block of Faitoute Avenue for speeding and charged with possession of under 50 grams of marijuana.

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That's the spirit!



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Matthew Jaeger, Michael Szczesniak and Mohammed Hossain give Soehl Middle School in Linden a little holiday spirit.

'Mad Dawg' wrestling to the top

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — By day, he leads an ordinary life. When night falls, he transforms into a high-flying, body-slamming wrestler striving to be the World Wrestling Entertainment's next superstar.

"Mad Dawg" Mike Jenkins of Springfield graduated from New Providence High School, where he played football and, of course, wrestled. He continued his football career at Villanova University. Mad Dawg has been training at the Independent Wrestling Federation in West Paterson for the past two years. He said wrestling has become the biggest part of his life.

Q: When did you realize you wanted to be a professional wrestler?

A: It's something I've always wanted to do, since a young age. I grew up a huge wrestling fan, following guys like Rowdy Piper and Rick Flare. Back in the day, the only way to break into the business would be to carry a wrestler's bags for a year, then hopefully get your big break. It's a lot tougher now. I'm lucky to be involved with IWF, one of the best training facilities in the country.

Q: What does it take to make it in the business?

A: Wrestling is something everyone thinks they can do, but it really does require a lot of athletic ability. Only the elite can make it. It's like

going pro in any other sport. It's just as difficult as the National Football League or Major League Baseball. It's something you have in you or you don't.

Q: Have you ever been involved in a national event?

A: I was scheduled for a Smack-Down event last year, but ended up not wrestling. In this business you can get a call up to four hours before an event.

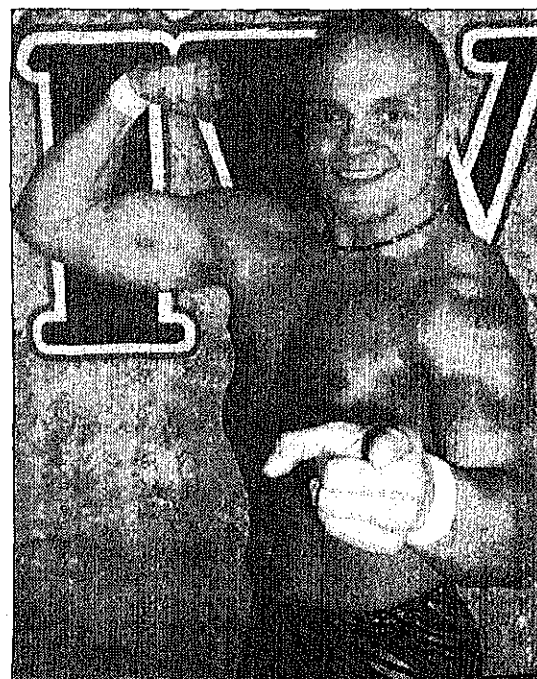
Q: Can you describe your character or moves?

A: I do a lot of high-flying moves. I'm crazy in the ring.

I'll do a little barking and yelling, maybe even some biting. It's wild and crazy; I'm nuts. I've been known to head butt, but my finishing move is called the "Running Bulldog." It's a good outlet for me.

Q: I think every wrestling fan has asked themselves this question at some point. Is it real? Are the matches predetermined?

A: I always wrestle to win. I've had plenty of concussions and injuries. The pain is real. I'm always hurt.



'Mad Dawg' Mike Jenkins

Q: What is your ultimate goal in this business?

A: I'm happy where I'm at right now. I aspire to be as good as the guys I grew up watching, and given that opportunity, it's something that would be hard to pass on. The things I've done in the last two years, I never thought I'd do. I'm having fun with it.

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Rahway Essex Street Park funding increased \$175K

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — The Essex Street Park project is getting a boost.

The City Council voted to increase funding Dec. 8 to \$1,225,000 to support construction changes.

The governing body had approved up to \$1,050,000 for the project, which included a \$500,000 Green Acres state loan acquired in March. The rest of the project has been funded through county bonds.

The amended ordinance approving the change was passed unanimously on second reading.

Construction began on the park, located behind the Town Hall com-

plex along the Rahway River, in October. An exercise trail included in the plan is partially constructed, with several pieces of exercise equipment markers, meant to direct the public, already standing. The site will also include a gazebo and a cobblestone sitting area. The entire project is expected to be completed next spring.

Dennis Miranda, director of the Rahway River Association, said he is pleased with the city's commitment to providing open space. "Parks anchor property values and are a symbol of our quality of life. Without parks, we wouldn't have thriving communities," he said.

There have been some com-

plaints about the project from city residents.

Republican Chairman Patrick Cassio complained the additional funding for the park project comes at a bad time. "Why is it being increased under the economic crisis we are going to be in the next couple of years?" he asked.

City officials did not comment as to the new costs incurred during construction. According to the amended ordinance, the extra funding would be available "to make such other conforming changes as necessary" to the project.

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Plans for Village Green reviewed

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — Officials and residents took the first look at plans for the city's green centerpiece, a 6.7-acre park in the center of town, divided by Broad Street and Elm Street, known as Village Green.

Renderings were unveiled at a public forum held at City Hall Dec. 12. Those in attendance, including Councilman Thomas Getzendanner, offered the city's planner, Rhodeside and Harwell of Virginia, feedback on the project. Rhodeside and Harwell was hired by the city's Department of Community Development.

During the meeting, Elliot Rhodeside outlined two alternatives for the green, both of which involved the addition of kiosks and concession stands, as well as

benches, picnic tables and chessboards. A second, more extensive plan, called for the expansion of a playground currently at the end of the green near Summit Avenue and the relocation of bocce courts.

The site is currently home to walking paths, picnic benches and the Mabie Memorial.

Department of Community Development Director, Beth Kinney, said there are no cost estimates for the project, stressing it would be funded entirely through private donations. "We don't intend to use city capital," she said.

Residents, most of whom appeared excited about the plan, said they hope the changes will improve safety and decrease jaywalking on Broad Street.

Elliot Rhodeside admitted that where the property is concerned,

there's not a great deal of room for improvement. "We've tried to...be respectful of the...green," he said.

Most of the changes are expected to involve adding small furnishings, like bike racks, trash cans and lighting.

Resident Carolyn Lydon said Rhodeside's presentation was interesting. "The village green is good, but the upgrades Rhodeside suggested were excellent," she said.

Lydon noted she liked the idea of the work being done in phases, as private funds become available, an idea discussed during the meeting.

Next up: Officials plan to meet with landscape architects on the project in February.

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HPD hopes crackdown has sobering affect on drivers

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE — For intoxicated drivers passing through the area this winter, Hillside police have a message: there's no place like prison for the holidays.

Local law enforcement officials received a \$5,000 grant to use for their "Over the Limit, Under Arrest," holiday crackdown on drunk drivers.

The campaign, funded by the state Division of Highway Traffic Safety, runs through Jan. 2. There will be several checkpoints and patrols targeting drunk drivers, said Hillside police chief Robert Quinlan.

Authorities estimate 28 percent of motor vehicle fatalities that occur each year in the state involve alcohol, including 205 deaths last year. Economic costs can be steep as well. A 2000 Department of Transportation report shows accidents caused \$60 billion in property damages across the country.

While spending time with friends and family during the holidays is a common tradition, the risk to drink and drive rises. "[It's] a time...when impaired driving traditionally increases by 10 percent," said Pam Fischer, director of the NJDHTS.

There are options for partygoers who choose to indulge in the spirits. The Hillside Police Department offers free rides home to residents who cannot make it home from a party or bar. Those in need can call police headquarters at 973-926-5800.

According to Quinlan, no warnings will be issued to drinkers who choose to hit the roads. They can add jail time, a suspended license, towed vehicle, heavy fines and court costs to their Christmas list.

Agent sentenced in bribery case

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — The business agent for Springfield-based Local 825 Union of Operating Engineers has been sentenced to one-year house arrest and handed a \$10,000 fine for accepting bribes from a contractor in exchange for allowing non-union labor to be used at a construction site.

Arthur Heimall, 70, of Sussex was sentenced Dec. 15 by U.S. District Judge Stanley Chesler, who announced his verdict, saying Heimall "sold out the members of the union." Heimall must also serve

five years probation.

He had pleaded guilty in May to allowing Cerra Construction of Newton to use the non-union labor construction workers at a Fairfield site in 2006. In exchange, owner Alan Cerra provided partial payment of a \$5,000 bribe to Heimall, according to his testimony in court.

Heimall had faced a maximum sentence of five years in jail and a \$250,000 fine. His cooperation during the trial was the reason for his light sentence, Chesler said.

Heimall represented the union's more than 7,000 construction equipment operators, mechanics

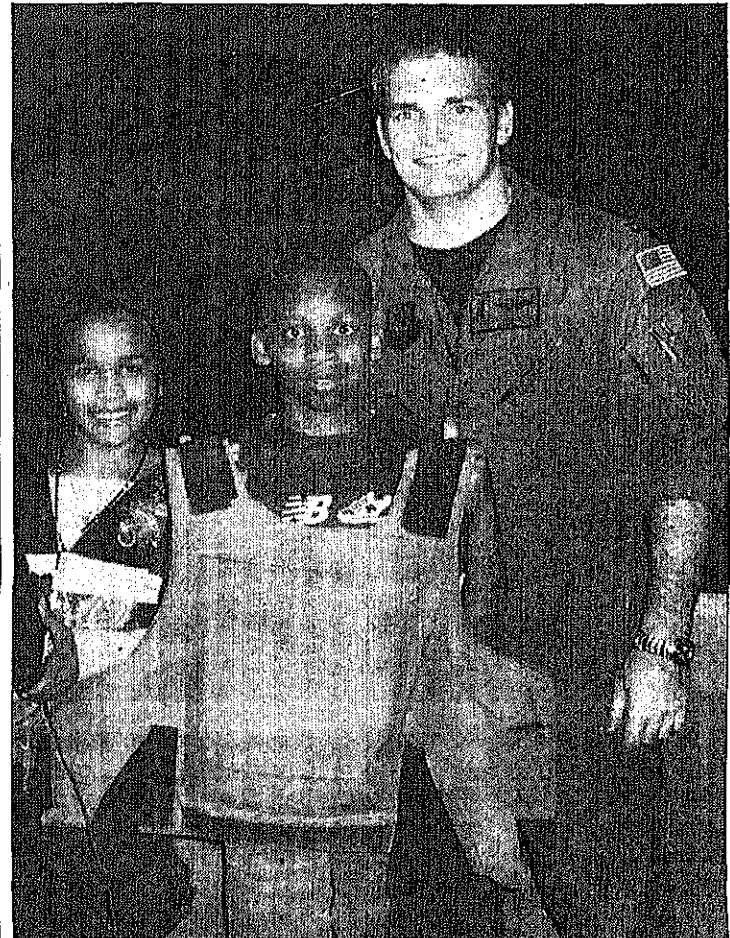
and surveyors. At press time, he did not return calls for comment.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony Moscato Jr. told the court during sentencing that Heimall's actions were indicative of a corrupt union, saying he was a "byproduct of...systematic corruption."

In October, Local 825 business manager Kenneth Campbell pleaded guilty to taking in more than \$250,000 in bribes from contractors and using his union-issued card to buy big-screen televisions.

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The big give



Students at Franklin School in Rahway recently collected items for individuals serving in the armed forces and donated them to Give2TheTroops, a nationwide charitable organization. Fifth grade students Evans and Seiry show off some of Captain VanVeelan's equipment.

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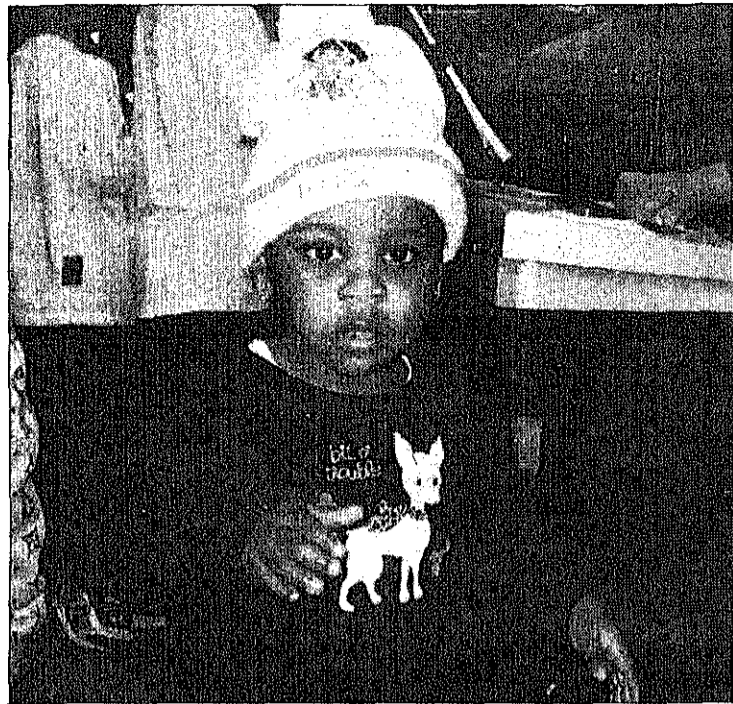


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Winter Ransom, 1, dances to holiday music at the Borough of Roselle's annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 12. The celebration featured musical entertainment, free cookies, an outdoor train ride and a visit from Santa.

'Wonderful' donation helps KPL recoup loss from theft

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

KENILWORTH — It was like something out of the holiday film "It's a Wonderful Life," said Kenilworth Library Director Dale Spindel.

On Dec. 15, township police Sergeant Timothy Dowd and Robert Schielke of the PBA Silver Card Association showed up at the library unexpectedly and presented Spindel with an oversized check worth \$500 to set a fundraising effort that had been derailed back on track. "We were totally shocked and thrilled," Spindel said, indicating that due to this donation, the fundraising efforts have restarted.

Approximately \$450 in coins, collected in a five-gallon jug near the front check-out desk in the library on Boulevard, were taken during the early afternoon hours of Nov. 13.

The collection to update the Children's Room in the library began three years ago.

"We expect improvements to begin sometime in early 2009," Spindel said.

Dowd explained the Silver Card Association; a non-profit, charitable group associated with the local PBA, was alerted to the theft several weeks ago through an article published in *Union County Local Source*.

"I was floored and made the call immediately," Schielke said, who serves on the Board of Directors for Silver Card Association. The decision was unanimously approved by the board.

Every year, Silver Card Association hosts a fundraising dinner at Garlic Rose Bistro in Cranford. Last year the association raised \$15,000, from which the donation to the

library was taken. The association felt helping the library in their time of need was the responsible thing to do. "I think Dale thought she was getting arrested when we came in," Dowd joked.

"The library is an important part of everyone's life in the community," Dowd added about his desire to help the library replenish their funds.

Once Spindel realized she had not broken the law, she was touched. "I've always considered myself fortunate to be working in a community that is as nice as Kenilworth. When something like this happens, it just reinforces my appreciation," Spindel added.

The library is trying to raise at least \$2,000 to purchase climbing equipment for the Children's Room. To make a donation, visit the library at 548 Kenilworth Boulevard or call Spindel at 908-276-2451.



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The centerpiece of the Red Bank antique market is aptly named "The Antique Center of Red Bank". Housed in what seems to be an enormous two story red barn, this continues to be the focal point of much attention for day-trippers visiting the area. In business now for over 43 years, this is the place to be if you want that certain something that's not to be found in any strip mall. In fact, you would have to go to garage sales from sun up to sun down for the next twenty years before you could begin to have the same sort of selection that they have there.

Can't find what you're looking for? The long time owner, Guy Johnson, can usually be found behind the counter and he is happy to assist any and all people in need. His ability and knowledge of the current antique market is amazing. It is obvious that he really enjoys his job. In fact, his success has also given him two more antique markets that are both just right across the street.

While many people, have gone through a phase of antique hunting in online auction sites, nothing will ever replace the joy and satisfaction of holding a treasured antique or collectible in your hands. The thriving antique markets of Red Bank are proof of this. We highly recommend spending an afternoon here, but remember to bring some extra money because you will surely find something that you can't live without, even if you plan on "just looking".

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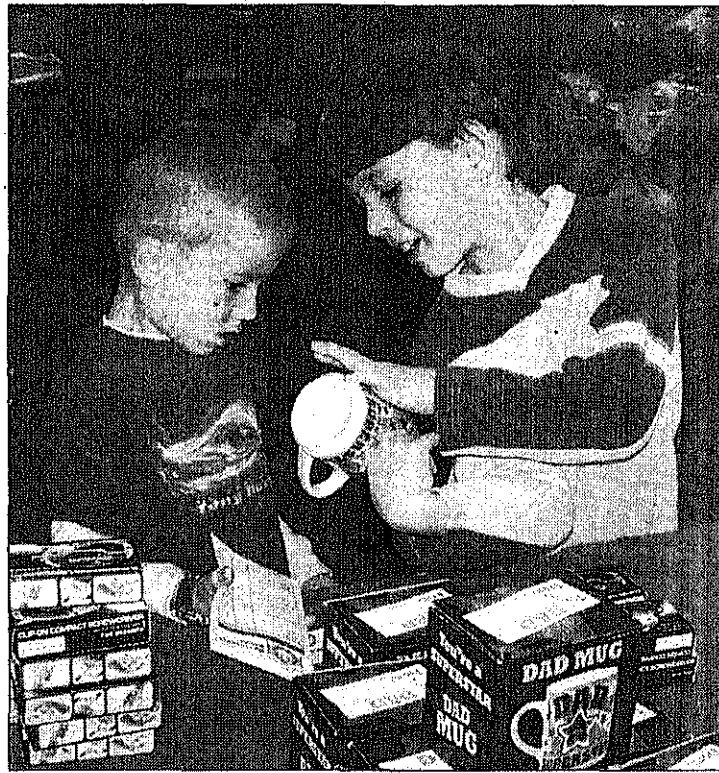


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First-graders Luke Pachkowski and Connor Galoway of Brookside Place School in Cranford check out the gifts at their school's Holiday Boutique.

Robberies at gas stations continue

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

LINDEN — A violent robbery at a Linden gas station last week is the third in the city in two weeks.

Three suspects were still being sought by police Monday.

At around 9:56 p.m. on Dec. 17, three armed men reportedly entered an office at Linden Gas Service on West St. Georges Avenue and attacked a 50-year-old attendant, snatching an unknown amount of cash, police said.

The attendant was struck in the head with a black handgun, causing him to fall to the floor. The men allegedly kicked the victim while he was on the ground before grabbing an unknown amount of cash from the register. They were last seen fleeing south on DeWitt Street, according to police reports.

Linden paramedics took the victim to University Hospital in Newark, where he was treated and released the same day.

There were no other employees or customers present during the robbery.

Police are still investigating whether this robbery is connected to a flurry of other gas station assaults. "It's hard to say whether it's the same [suspects] or copycats, because it is hard to identify these people," said Linden Police Lt. James Sarnicki, who noted the suspects were seen wearing masks.

On Dec. 13, the U.S. Gas and Exxon stations on Route 1 & 9 were

robbed within three minutes by two armed men wearing ski masks. The suspects in those robberies escaped with a total of \$900 and several cartons of cigarettes and cigars. During the second of two robberies on Dec. 13, a 60-year-old clerk was struck in the head with a handgun, causing a 3-inch gash.

Investigators had suspected a robbery Dec. 14 at a Gulf Station on Route 22 in Hillside was connected to the Dec. 13 incident, until a 17-year-old suspect was arrested in the case.

Local gas stations are on high alert for the time being. Employees at several local stations said they have changed operating procedures, such as allowing attendants to carry no more than \$50 at night.

"We are very worried," Ravinder Singh, manager of the Shell Gas Station on Routes 1 & 9, said when asked if gas station employees are more concerned than usual by the spate of violent robberies. "There have been problems before, but not as often as this."

Authorities said extra patrols are keeping tabs on gas stations in town. "People are...preying on gas stations because they're easy targets. It's quick cash," Sarnicki said.

Anyone with information about the robberies can contact Linden Detective John Johnston at 908-474-8550.

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

UNION BRIEFS

Pajama reading party

Celebrate the New Year at a pajama reading party, starring singer Rosi, at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave.

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 during 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.

Color, shape Bingo

Color and shape Bingo for preschool age children and their caregivers will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

The event will be held at the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave. No registration is required.

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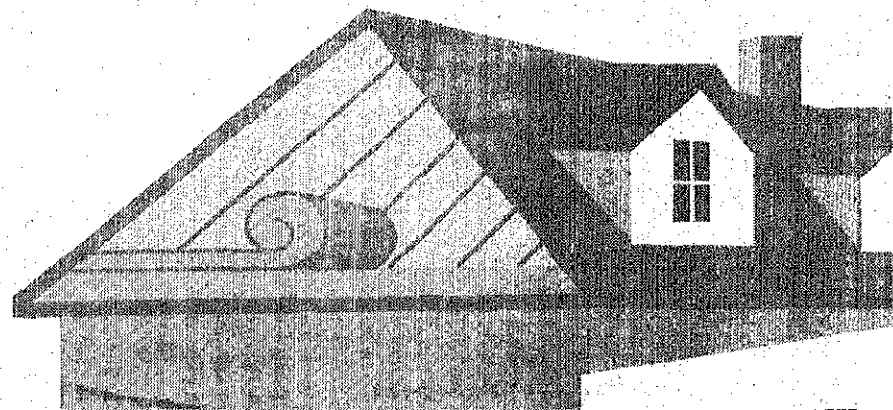
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Warm hearts



Kris Robbins, far left, back row, basic skills teacher and Student Council advisor at Summit's Jefferson School, joins Student Council homeroom representatives, displaying donations to the school's 'Warm Hands, Warm Feet' clothing drive.

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Charges in Cohen case revealed

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 to comment on the charges, according to a spokesperson for the 20th Legislative District offices.

During an investigation into the matter, state police uncovered numerous images of child pornography on Cohen's hard drive and determined he had viewed and printed the images. "It is particularly disturbing when a government official uses public resources to commit such a crime," said state Criminal Justice Director

Deborah L. Gramiccioni.

Cohen's case is scheduled to be heard by Superior Court Judge Linda Feinberg in Mercer County on an undermined date.

The unmarried lawyer, who practiced in Montclair with Sen. Nia Gill, represented the 20th District for more than 16 years. In 2002, he sponsored the creation of a hot line to report computer crimes, including child pornography.

Student accepted to West Point

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 apply to the military academy each year and approximately 1,300 are accepted.

Sonza has been involved with the now 180-member JROTC since his freshman year and earned the "Order of the Purple Heart" award, which is given to students who rank in the top 10 percent of their grade.

JROTC Commander, Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Davis described Sonza as "the number one guy in the program."

Sonza explained his instructors have had quite an affect on him.

Davis said Sonza, who he described as "dedicated" and "devoted," has influenced him as well.

"In my 28 years of military service, I have not seen anyone like him," Davis explained. "There aren't enough adjectives to describe him."

Davis first met Sonza when he was eight years old, when his sister, April, was a member of the JROTC. "Even as an eight year old, he was second-to-none," he said.

UHS Principal Edward Gibbons knows what it takes to suc-

ceed at West Point, having sent his son through the academy several years ago. "Sonza...leads by example. He will succeed," he said.

Union School District Superintendent Theodore Jakubowski, congratulated Sonza for his achievement at the Dec. 16 Board of Education meeting.

"Sonza...has been an excellent student and leader during his four years at the high school," Jakubowski said. "I wish him the best."

After graduating from West Point, Sonza plans to join the Army.



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Two recovering after plane crash

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 ation airport, stranded by the winter storms that swept through the area. They decided to take off shortly before 5 p.m. on Dec. 21, headed back to Virginia.

According to Linden Mayor Richard Gerbounka, the plane cleared a 12-foot fence surrounding the Merck property, but crashed before it was able to clear a second 12-foot fence surrounding the General Motors property.

"If they cleared the GM fence, they probably would have been able to land in the GM parking lot," Gerbounka said.

The plane crashed in a wooded area next to the Norfolk Southern Railroad, between the Merck and GM lots, Linden Police Capt. Raymond Tyra explained.

After the crash, the two were airlifted to the Newark hospital. Jason suffered a broken leg and possible internal injuries, while Jennifer suffered possible internal injuries and burns, Tyra said.

"It is needless to say this is a tragedy," said Gerbounka, who went to the scene to view the wreckage. "Fortunately, they are alive and currently conscience. It could have been a lot worse."

Witnesses, who told authorities that the plane appeared to turn back shortly after taking off, believe the crash was caused by mechanical problems within the plane, but it has not yet been confirmed, according to Tyra.

After the Snyders climbed out of the plane, it continued burning and was nearly destroyed before

Linden fire fighters could put out the flames. "All that was left was a small, charred piece of the tail," Tyra said. "At least three quarters of the plane is gone."

Linden Avenue and Pleasant Street were closed for six hours while the wreckage was cleared.

Tyra said he has seen several plane crashes through the years around Linden Airport, with the last one coming approximately two years ago. "This crash was pretty tame, because of how lucky the pilot and passenger were," he said.

Several hours after the crash, investigators made their way through the snow and mud to inspect the charred pieces of the plane in nearby tree branches. Both federal and state officials are currently handling the investigation.

Lounge loses license

Action prompted by complaints

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE — A local bar considered a nuisance by many residents won't be serving alcohol when the new year rolls around.

The owner(s) of Carl's Lounge, located at 1555 Summit Ave., accepted a 35-day suspension of the bar's liquor license at an Alcohol Beverage Control Board hearing held last week.

Hillside Police leveled a complaint against the lounge after receiving numerous complaints from residents. "Those charges stem from several incidents," said Hillside police Lt. Vincent Ricciardi.

The penalty, which will last from Jan. 1 at 3:01 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. on Feb. 4, was the result of complaints police received of disorderly patrons, late night noise and uncooperative employees, like one incident in April, when an employee refused to aid police investigating a disturbance at the bar.

According to Ricciardi, when police attempted to investigate complaints at the bar, they were not provided a list of employees or a copy of the liquor license, both of which should be readily available.

State law requires bar or tavern employees to have clean records and that they report any crimes or disturbances to police immediately, said Hillside police chief Robert Quinlan.

A number of other Hillside bars had their liquor licenses suspended this year, police reports show.

In November, five other establishments were suspended as the result of charges stemming from a police sting targeting underaged drinking.

Suspended bars included Regional Bar & Restaurant, 30-day suspension; Long Avenue Liquors & Tavern, 30 days; Mayfair Liquors, seven days; Tanky's Tavern, seven days, and New Blue Ribbon Restaurant & Catering, 45 days.

Also in November, the Half Time Sports Bar on Bloy and Leo streets had its license suspended for 15 days due to a fight in June. It was not their first offense, police said.

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EDITORIALS

How are we doing?

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Some may have found the transition from their former community newspapers — *The Progress*, *Union Leader*, *The Observer* or *The Eagle* — to a regional product difficult. We've heard your concerns, along with a lot of positive feedback as well.

We're always in the process of improving upon the newspaper, whether it is planning exciting new content, such as the "What a Character" section celebrating community members, or perfecting the old, such as creating "School Zone," "Senior Spotlight" and "Health" sections, making the information much easier for loyal readers to locate.

In 2009, the *Union County Local Source*, now six months old, will keep developing.

But we'd like to be sure we're planning the right content based on what you, the reader, would like to see from us.

Give us your feedback. Got an idea on how we can improve our content? What do you think of the design? Any thoughts on what you'd like to see more or less of? Got a story idea we may have missed? What types of stories would you like to read? Whatever your thoughts, if you've got opinions, we're listening. So go ahead, jot down a few ideas and pass them along to us at editorial@thelocalsource.com.

Thank you for the continued support.

Merry Christmas

Tomorrow is Dec. 25, and tonight, children across the nation and throughout the world will be nestled all snug in their beds, perhaps not with visions of sugar-plums dancing in their heads, but certainly with dreams of piles of presents under their Christmas tree. Times may be difficult, especially with the foundering economy and growing recession, but this holiday above all others is one of hope. And watching our children race downstairs to tear open the presents can bring joy to even the hardest of hearts.

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ to Mary in the city of Bethlehem, where she was traveling with her husband, Joseph. In the two millennia since his birth, much has been added to the holiday we now know as Christmas. Whatever has been added to the birth of Jesus in no way detracts from the story. However Christ's birthday is celebrated, it is not unique to any one country. This is the birth of the only son of God, the father of all humanity. This inclusiveness helps unite the world on this holiday. This is Jesus Christ, born to save us all. Rejoice. Merry Christmas.



GOOD FRIENDS AND HOLIDAY CHEER — The Linden Senior Citizens Club gather at the Gregorio Recreation Center for their annual holiday party. Santa arrived to have pictures taken with everyone while singers, Dara and Frank, performed songs for the season.

'Hunkering down' in hard times

By the third conversation with Hugo Pfaltz Jr., I was comfortable enough to ask if he considered himself a blue blood.

After all, there are his sizeable real estate holdings in Summit, two terms served in the State Legislature with Tom Kean Sr., the Ivy League education, the dizzying array of charitable endeavors, the impeccable dress suits. He quipped, "What's a blue blood? Aren't we all blue bloods?"

The real goal all along was to scope out the views of the respected Summit lawyer and charitable benefactor on the economic woes we face. Pfaltz has vivid childhood memories of the depression. He describes life in Newark after his family moved in with his grandfather during the bad days. He readily agrees when I lay out the premise that by 1937-38 the country was actually spinning backwards after some gains by the New Deal. He also agrees that the end of the depression only came with the start of World War II.

As to the current economic status, Pfaltz refers to it being time to "hunker down" in terms of spending and saving. The term may have been picked up in his time in the Navy during the Korean conflict before enrolling in Harvard Law School. He started practicing law in Summit about the time John Kennedy was announcing his plans to run for president. During his career, he has served as editor of the *New Jersey Law Journal*. He is considered an expert in the areas of trusts and estates.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

His has an open, polite, engaging style. On tough times, he questions "How many of us have more suits, more shoes than we really can use." He recalls the view of his father in the 30's when the goal was to have a house, a car, a radio, a refrigerator and a suit with two pairs of pants.

The subtly of Pfaltz is hammered home when he starts speaking about the positive aspects of people who lived within their means and did not jump into the credit frenzy of the past decade.

His voice gets stronger when he speaks about his charitable efforts. His leadership on a range that runs from participation on a hospital board, education functions and environmental efforts is amazing. On Jan. 28 he will address the Summit Old Guard on another passion — developing a walking path on the old CNJ Rail Lines that run from Summit to Roselle Park.

Pfaltz has taken his hits. His ambitious plan for redevelopment in downtown Summit was rejected. He quips, "With the downturn in the economy, they actually did me a favor." Pfaltz had argued that except for fire, the last new development in Summit occurred in 1929.

A trip to his office is just that — a trip. There are the framed auto-

graphed pictures with warm notes of governors from Hughes to Corzine. An autographed picture of then President Herbert Hoover is indicative of his status in the Republican Party. The elder statesman's role allows him to even praise Democrats like Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi for her efficiency.

A large statue of appreciation for his efforts on behalf of the Vietnam War Veteran's Memorial also maintains a prominent position.

Pfaltz is not optimistic in the short term. He points out that consumers aren't buying. He is not alone in this position. It may be that the real danger is something unheard of to the younger generation — deflation. The danger is a collapse in consumer spending after Christmas means everything from income to home prices will continue to shrink. A United States labor report showed wholesale prices dropped 2.2 percent in November, the fourth consecutive monthly drop. They had fallen 2.8 percent in October — a record.

Pfaltz describes the "major sea changes" as the Global Markets adjust to changing and hard times. While we continue to look forward, it might also be helpful to hear from those who had suffered through a previous portion of hard times and economic challenges. It might be helpful advice for the hunkering down for which we may all have to participate.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A 'strong leader'

To the Editor:

It was a pleasure to see the majority of citizens supported through the leadership of Chris Drew on the Zoning Board, as the motion was made to deny approval of the cell tower at the Cranford Swim Club.

Mr. Drew pledged during the recent campaign he would strive to maintain and enhance our small town character.

He kept his intention to that campaign promise by standing up to Verizon and voicing his opposition to the proposed change in use of the subject property.

My gratitude is extended to the entire Zoning Board membership who voted in favor of Chris Drew's motion.

This episode was a lesson of the importance of having discerning, strong leaders like Chris Drew on our town boards. Cranford needs citizens who are strong-willed and capable of making tough decisions that represent a consensus for the good for the town and our environment.

Rosanne Barone
Cranford

Support was appreciated

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Walton Playground Fund, I want to thank all of the Walton students, parents, teachers and staff members that made our Buck-a-Book month such a huge success again this year.

Throughout November Walton's nearly 600 students read an amazing 13,173 books! Thanks to the following sponsors who helped make Buck-a-Book a success.

We celebrated the end of Buck-a-Book month with two well-attended concerts by children's musician Kenny Woods on Dec. 5. For the fourth year in a row, the generous support of our presenting sponsor, Autoland, allowed all proceeds from ticket sales to go directly to the Playground Fund. We truly couldn't do it without them. All together, Buck-a-Book and the concerts raised almost \$14,000.

While we appreciate the publicity from the article in last week's newspaper titled "Book report: Initiative brings second playground to Walton," I'd like to make clear that we're not through with fundraising yet. At this point, although we are getting closer to being able to break ground on Phase II of the playground — which will be in the back of the school, not adjacent to Phase I as suggested in the article — this spring, we are still about \$25,000 short of our goal.

With the continued support of the community and generous sponsors like these, we hope to fill that gap in the new year. Anyone interested in donating to the Walton Playground Fund can contact me care of the Walton School or at schick1027@aol.com.

Stay tuned in early 2009 for our Comedy Night and Cabin Fever Game Day. Thanks again to the whole community for your continued support.

Jodi Silverstein, chairwoman
Walton Playground Fund
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Support Project Grad '09

To the Editor:

The Cranford High School Class of 2009 has kicked off a year of activities designed to offset the cost of Project Graduation.

The annual event offers a safe alternative for students to celebrate their accomplishments. Project Graduation is a drug- and alcohol-free party that follows the June graduation ceremony.

On Nov. 15, Project Graduation for the Cranford Class of 2009 hosted an adult social at the Union Elks with music by Mush Mouth, food catered by Tim French, and included a tricky tray with items donated by families and local businesses. It was a sold-out event and a big thank-you goes out to all involved in this successful start-up project.

Please support Project Graduation and the wonder-

ful local businesses who have our canisters displayed in their stores. Your support is truly appreciated.

Please mark your calendars for March 20, which is the date of our Fashion Show.

Carol Yacik
Cranford Project Graduation Committee 2009
Cranford

Time to forgive and forget

To the Editor:

Recently a copy of *Union County LocalSource* came into my possession. On it's cover is the old Bayway Refinery.

If you ever noticed, the refinery would wait until the winds were blowing towards Elizabeth before the smokestacks were lit and churning out the billows of smoke. But that's not why I write.

I betcha that the Iraqi journalist would've never threw his shoes at President Bush if they were Jimmy Choo "Premier" slingback snakeskin pumps for \$840, or a pair of Diora Maya straw-heel pumps for a mere \$1,120. Never would he have tossed a pair of Christian Louboutin pedal sandals that fetch \$995. But maybe a pair of Prada stitch buckle dress shoes at \$445, because it's only "chump" change.

Though in all fairness, and in keeping with the season at hand, I would suggest for the president to pardon the man.

And in all fairness, I have to do the same. For I do owe quite a few apologies, especially to the public relations department at the Bayway Refinery.

My Lord Jesus has shown me to forgive all, even my enemies.

Vincent Lehotsky
Allsbrook, S.C.

Protect casino workers

To the Editor:

During Thanksgiving, I was grateful I live and work in a state that protects my health in the workplace. Surprisingly, this is not the case for all New Jersey workers.

Atlantic City's City Council recently revoked their decision to restrict smoking in casinos, forcing casino workers to continue to risk their health while earning a living.

The dangers of second-hand smoke are clear. The American Heart Association strongly supports the rights of all individuals to work in a safe and healthy environment free from the dangers of second-hand smoke.

We cannot continue to allow casino workers to face these dangers and risk their lives, while every other New Jersey workers are protected from second-hand smoke in the workplace.

Casino workers are not alone in supporting smoke free gaming floors. The New Jersey Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey shows that 93 percent of New Jersey adults support restricting smoking in casinos, including three out of four smokers.

Today, I along with many New Jerseyans, will enter my workplace, take a deep breath and be thankful that I do not have to risk my life to work in New Jersey. I hope that in the very near future I will be able to thank my elected officials for their work to protect Atlantic City's casino workers in the same way.

Poonam Alaigh, M.D.
Regional Board Member
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Group proposes 'green corridor' in UC

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

How green grows the banks of the Rahway River?

Not green enough, says a local environmental group hoping to provide an eco-friendly escape for urban dwellers along the local waterway.

At a presentation hosted by the Rahway River Association, local Rutgers environ-

mental and engineering students explained recommendations for a proposed Greenway Plan for the Rahway River Watershed area.

The plan to create a unified greenway across the 24-mile river would provide pedestrian and bike paths, fishing and boating opportunities as well as protect wildlife habitats and prevent flood-causing erosion.

"It refocuses old development issues of how we view urban lands and how they

should be treated," said Rahway River Association director Dennis Miranda, who blamed overdevelopment and erosion for vanishing wetlands.

Bio-blitzes by local scientists have found endangered plant species in the Red Hills site in Scotch Plains and the barred owl, a state endangered species, in Cranford.

And developed wetlands that are lost can cause extensive flooding, like at the flood

plain in Cranford, Miranda said.

There are already numerous parks and open spaces along the river that have a good "green infrastructure," presenters indicated.

They offered strategies to build on current publicly-owned properties to fill in the blanks and create a park system that would run unimpeded throughout the entire Rahway River Watershed.

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Freeze follows storm

By Paul Greulich
and John O'Reilly

A cold snap following two days of wintery weather that dumped snow, ice and freezing rain on Union County and made driving conditions hazardous.

The snow had only been falling for a few hours Friday morning, but by early afternoon, reports of roadway accidents were flooding local police stations across the county as drivers struggle to rediscover some of the finer points of operating their vehicles in adverse conditions.

In Union, almost a dozen accidents occurred Friday morning alone. No injuries were reported.

Union Police Lt. Sean Henry said the accidents were not isolated to one particular area and urged people not to travel until the roads were cleared. Smaller towns with less dense roads saw fewer accidents, but the risks remained as the snow continued to fall, according to law enforcement officials.

In Cranford, Police Detective Sgt. Gerard Quinn reported six accidents since the snow began to fall. Quinn said only one accident resulted in minor injuries. Quinn said, as of Friday afternoon, the snow had not caused serious problems aside from logistical issues related to the early closure of schools.

"We have not had any major impact on our ability to deliver services," Quinn said.

In Springfield, police estimated five or six accidents occurred during the early snowfall both on Route 22 and side roads. None were serious and no injuries were reported, authorities said. In Mountainside, Police Capt. Richard Osieka reported one three-car accident without injuries as a result of the snowfall. The accident occurred on Rt. 22 East.

Second class mail



Students in Lori Talbot's second-grade class, above, at Hillside Avenue School are participating in a "gingerbread man exchange" this holiday season. This project has been designed to enhance the instruction of U.S. geography in a seasonal way. They have coordinated with 25 other second grades from across the United States.

Y gets new director

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — As the Summit Area YMCA welcomes a new leader, its focus remains on fundraising and strengthening the area's children, both physically and mentally.

The YMCA recently promoted Terri Clinton to executive director of its Summit branch. Among the five-year YMCA employee's new responsibilities are overseeing day-to-day operations and kicking off the organization's annual Strong Kids Campaign, which raises funds and uses volunteers to support subsidized child care, after-school programs and other YMCA activities for local families.



Clinton

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Kean earns award for 'green' efforts

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

Kean University was recently honored for its role as a public complex that exemplified environmental excellence.

The school was presented with the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award on Dec. 4, marking it as one of 12 recipients across the state.

The university, located in Union, is working to complete the mapping of stormwater outfalls, which are locations where water in storm sewers discharges into a river or lake, and labeling of storm drain inlets ahead of schedule.

The university has also implemented quarterly inspections of drains in its vehicle maintenance yard and monthly inspections of fueling areas.

The costs of the initiatives were absorbed entirely by the school.

According to Kean University Spokesperson Stephen Hudik, many of these programs have been implemented with support and assistance from university students.

"Kean students are taking an active role in the Blue Goes Green campaign by working with campus planning to conduct energy assessments of various campus facilities, including evaluating the efficiency of current heating and cooling systems," said Hudik. "Students assisted in a cleanup of the stream, constructed a pergola in the Martin Luther King Jr. pavilion, calculated the environmental footprint and labeled the storm drains on campus."

Hudik said Kean University is dedicated to limiting its environmental impact well into the future and is planning projects involving geothermal energy, composting food waste and constructing environmentally sound campus facilities.

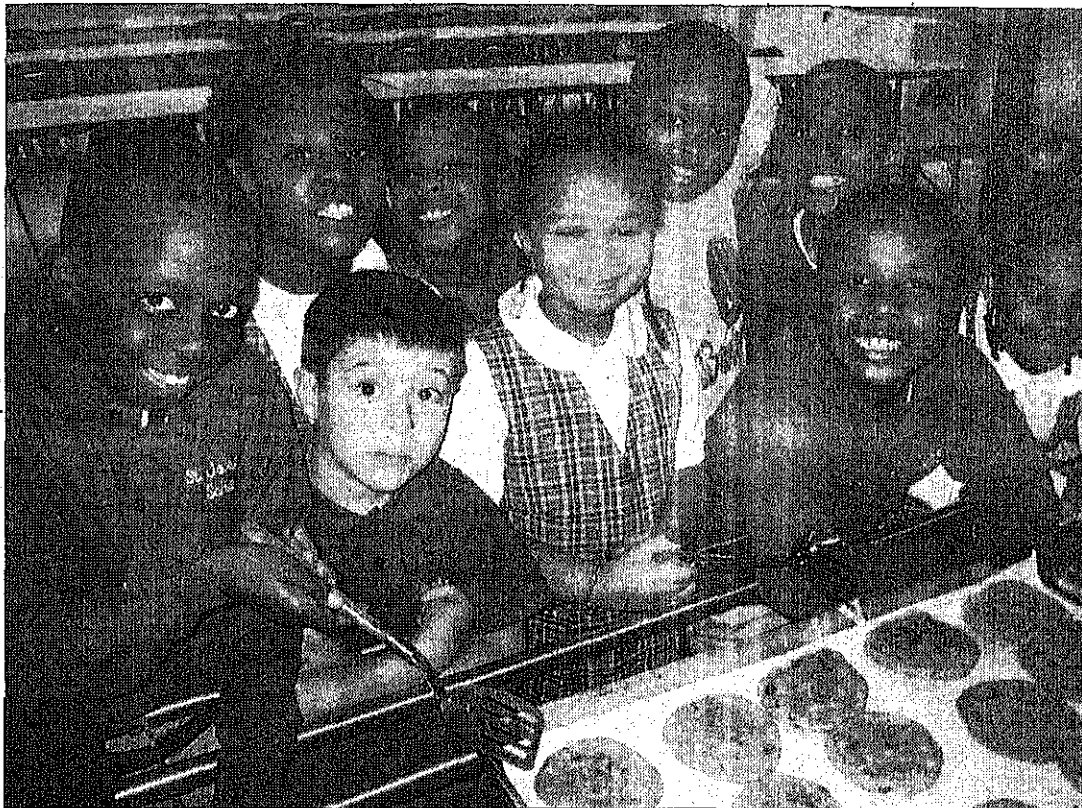
Other recipients of the award included townships, companies, and schools that took strong steps to implement environmentally-friendly practices such as solar power use, park and river cleanup programs and energy-efficient lighting.

"These award-winners are putting into practice the idea of thinking globally but acting locally," said newly-nominated Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Mark Mauriello. "Their hard work and dedication should serve as inspiration to all of New Jersey as we face the complex challenges of protecting our environment in the 21st Century."

The DEP coordinates the program: A panel of judges comprised of a variety of DEP officials evaluated the nominees based on the long-term benefits their work has achieved as well as innovation.

The process is very competitive, with approximately 70 nominees each year.

Sweet holiday wishes



Students from St. Joseph the Carpenter School in Roselle continue their 'Spotlight on Service' school year initiative by baking cookies for parishioners of St. Joseph's Church who are currently serving in the military.

County coordinates 'Code Blue'

When Union County residents are in need of emergency shelter, services are available to help. The 24-hour Homeless Assistance Hotline takes calls at 908-756-6061, every day of the week.

The Homeless Assistance Hotline is a service of the Union County Division of Human Services. It provides referral and assistance for

all Union County residents and families, including single men and women, two-parent families with children, single parents with children, and childless couples.

During especially cold weather, all 21 municipalities coordinate a "Code Blue" alert with the Department of Human Services and other Union County resources, in order to

respond swiftly to residents seeking shelter and to provide transportation if needed.

The two main homeless shelters in Union County are the Plainfield Area YMCA, 908-756-6061, and the Salvation Army - Elizabeth Emergency Shelter at 1018 East Grand St. in Elizabeth, 908-352-2886.

Environmentalists seek improvements

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The wetlands include three tributaries of the river that pass through three counties and 24 municipalities that contain approximately 340,000 residents.

Rutgers graduate student Kelly O'Brien led the seven-student research team and pointed to many local sites that can be easily connected and helped to flourish such as the Linden Landfill site, areas in Springfield near Baltustrol Golf Course and Jonathan Dayton High School, and Lenape Park, both in Cranford.

"A lot of it is solutions that can be done right away, but it will take a lot of cooperation among the counties and towns," O'Brien said.

Yet organizers admit that the complete vision must be done one small step at a time, from getting municipal support to fighting off land-hungry developers.

"It is not going to take us one year or two years to do this," Miranda said. "It takes a generation to make these changes."

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

Summit YMCA welcomes new director

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In May, Clinton, the Springfield YMCA's former child care, camp director and executive director, moved to the Summit branch, the largest of four branches in the area, also including a location in Berkeley Heights and the Learning Circle in Summit.

Clinton feels the difference between her new job and the last is a larger membership base. Her biggest fear: the economy may begin to hinder donations for the Strong Kids Campaign.

"We need to...focus on

fundraising," Clinton said.

According to the Summit Area YMCA's Vice President of Financial Development, Lucinda Mercer, the Strong Kids Campaign runs from February through April, although the YMCA accepts donations year round. "Most of the donations we receive...come from individual donors and members of the Y," Mercer said.

In 2008, the campaign raised \$430,000 and was used to assist more than 525 individuals and about 300 families.

The 2009 goal is \$500,000,

according to Mercer.

Campaign veteran, Peter Loeser of Maplewood is looking forward to his third year volunteering for the Strong Kids Campaign.

"As a father of two, I find it rewarding to help children succeed," Loeser said.

Clinton looks forward to her new position, as well as getting to know and help a new, larger group of members and volunteers.

"It's great to think that you can help shape children's future or possibly even create a future for them," Clinton said.

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The Clark Health Department reminds all Clark residents that anyone who owns, keeps and/or harbors any dogs and/or cats, must obtain a license during the month of January.

Renewal applications were mailed on Dec. 8. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Health Department at 732-388-3600, ext. 3045.

Applications and appropriate fees must be received no later than Feb. 6. After that date, a late fee will be assessed. Proof of rabies vaccination valid through Oct. 2009 must accompany the application.

Licenses will be processed through the mail only. Only money orders and/or checks will be accepted as forms of payment. No cash transactions will be accepted.

The Health Department will be open on Feb. 3 between 9 a.m. and noon for those who plan to license their animal or animals in person.

Get control of anxiety

Programs geared toward helping anyone suffering from panic, anxiety and agoraphobia to cope with these disorders will be conducted in the Roselle Park and Clark areas, Wednesdays, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Learn to control panic attacks and anticipatory anxiety. Learn

how attitudes and current thoughts affect panic and anxiety.

If you are interested in attending these meetings, call 732-940-9658.

Lioy recognized as distinguished lecturer

Cranford resident Paul J. Lioy, professor and vice chairman of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Medicine at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School has been recognized as a distinguished lecturer in exposure science by the International Society of Exposure Science.

Lioy will join a group of professionals chosen by ISES to promote exposure science to scientific and

policy audiences. Lioy is currently the deputy director for government relations at the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute, a joint program of

UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Rutgers University and is the director of the Institute's program in Exposure Science.

Keeping things moving



Summit Mayor Jordan Glatt, far left, presents the Summit YMCA with an official proclamation to kick off America On the Move Week, which took place in September. Pictured with Glatt, from left, are Andrew Bobbitt, vice president of operations at the YMCA and Sue Fieseler, community wellness director. Back row, from left: Lisa Kievit, Summit Y membership director and William Brown, informational technology director.

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Coat of many colors



Longtime Cranford resident Jonathan Schwartz, 20, will play the main role in the Plays-in-the-Park production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' at the State Theater in New Brunswick on Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. The performance is directed and choreographed by Cranford resident, Michelle Massa.

UCPAC to host Emmy winner

Wanda Sykes has been called, "one of the funniest stand up comedians," by her peers and ranks among Entertainment Weekly's 25 Funniest People in America. Her smart-witted stand up has sent her career in many different areas, and will soon make its way to the stage at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway on March 19.



Wanda Sykes

Known for her comical voice Wanda Sykes has appeared on many motion picture films. She was in "Evan Almighty," the sequel to "Bruce Almighty," in which she co-starred with Steve Carell. She also starred in the New Line feature "Monster-In-Law" starring opposite Jennifer Lopez and Jane Fonda,

was heard in the animated feature "Over The Hedge" for Dream-works as well as "The Barnyard" for Paramount Pictures, and seen co-starring with Luke Wilson and Uma Thurman in the romantic comedy "My Super Ex-Girlfriend."

Sykes can also currently be seen on the CBS comedy "The New Adventures of Old Christine."

Sykes starred and produced the Comedy Central show "Wanda Does It" where she tried various non-showbiz jobs. Her first book titled "Yeah, I Said It," published by Simon and Schuster, hit bookstores in September of 2004. For tickets and information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

'Kitchen' offers tasteful interpretation of love, business

The kitchen, large or small, can have different meanings to different people.

To Roslyn Curry of Union — writer, musician and actress, it is the basis for a novel and the title of her latest book, "The Kitchen." In her book, Curry's interpretation of the kitchen is a unique site in a highly successful business and the concurrent ultimate, personal relationship between the proprietors and their employees.

According to her book, the author surrounds herself, in the first person — as a waitress — with a disparate conglomeration of types of people, who depend on the company's kitchen for their livelihood. From a family member of the owner of the business, to the top chef, to his assistants, to the cooks and to the waiters and waitresses, the kitchen appears to be the most important part of the building.

Curry begins her book with a history of Ionia and Claudia Bein's real estate company, Ion Industries. It originated in the small town of Klocos, where the Beins already began luring their clients to their dinner tables for attractive and ultra delicious, culinary preparations. And as they created towns into

On The Shelf

By Bea Smith



Hosting Villages, which served quality foods to world leaders and rich diplomats, they became even more prosperous.

Eventually, they brought their business to New York City, and the Beins family thrived on the reputation of their unique kitchen. They continued to cater to the personal dining desires of international royalty, the creme de la creme of flourishing business executives and world leaders. Their incomparable menus in their penthouse and executive dining halls became known throughout the world.

Claudia Bein had once confided in her children many years ago that "what enters the belly, enters the soul."

Within "The Kitchen," Curry offers small revelations about the Beins, the children of the Beins, and those employees, whose worlds have revolved around their invaluable

jobs in the company's kitchen. She considered Ion Industries as "the greatest company one could work for in a lifetime," and the work practices "ensured longevity" of the workers; a "blue-collar world with white-collar attributes."

The drama of the lives of the many employees, uncovered throughout the book, sometimes read like soap operas. The aspirations, innovations, marriages, love affairs, are too numerous to mention. But they make for interesting reading.

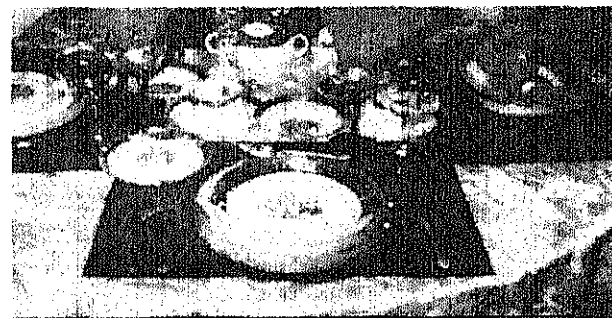
Curry self-published "The Kitchen," and she is donating the the proceeds of the book's sales to her personal fundraiser, The Random Act of Kindness Foundation.

Although the print in the body of the book appears to have come from a computer, rather than a printing press, it does not deviate from a reader's curiosity. It is well written, and the author is to be commended.

"The Kitchen" will certainly find a place on the shelf of this reviewer's bookcase.

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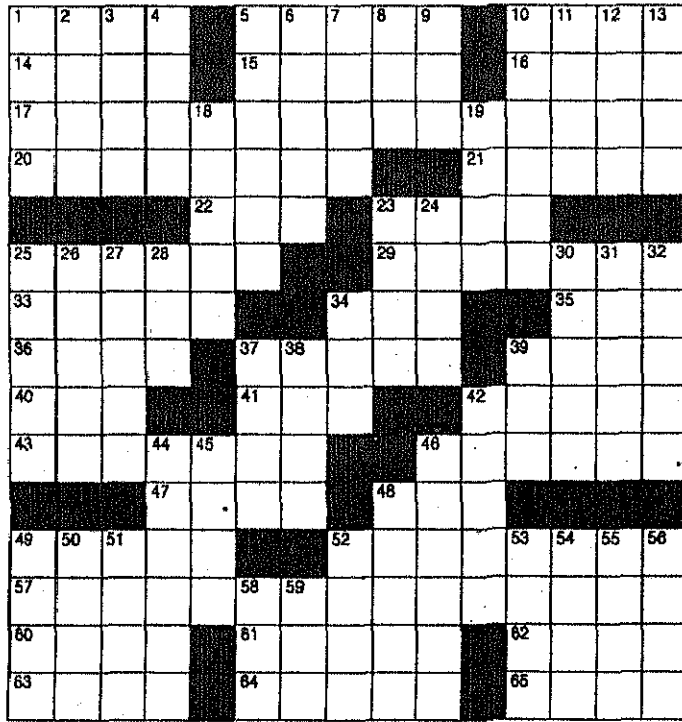
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16. Brood of pheasant
17. Anthony Hope novel
20. Immoral
21. R____ National Airport
22. Date regularly
23. Car rental giant
25. Natural scientist
29. Origin or beginning
33. Saudi inhabitants
34. Wager
35. Coach Parseghian
36. De_____: fiends
37. Goods for money
39. Without slope
40. The 23rd Greek letter
41. Deep ground opening
42. Shiloh author Shelby
43. Anesthetized
46. Hotel California group
47. Gnawing animals
48. Single Lens Reflex
49. Pol_____: revolutionary film
52. Phalangers
57. Popular pre-school song
60. Totes up
61. _____us: son of Gaia & Poseidon
62. Pi_____: killer fish
63. F_____: surface ice crystals
64. Ceases activity
65. Mongol dynasty

CLUES DOWN

1. Tragulus mouse deer
2. Acquire by one's efforts
3. Musician Clapton
4. Screening material
5. Chemistry burner
6. Ridgeline
7. Fraught with danger
8. Crunches federal numbers
9. Pixy or imp
10. Disquiet
11. Utter with musical intonation
12. Taro root
13. Crooner Martin
18. Green region of desert
19. Corn protein
23. Phil_____, former CIA
24. Animal doctors
25. Cuts off a fire's air supply
26. Got up
27. True frog
28. Point one point S of due W
30. Phenyl salicylate
31. Extremely mad
32. Satisfies with food
34. Popular sandwich
37. Detailed design criteria for a piece of work
38. Acts as military assistant
39. Water vapor near the ground
42. Iranian language
44. Amongst
45. Neat and orderly
46. Runs off to marry
48. Lean rhyme character Jack
49. Essential oil obtained from plants
50. Make over
51. _____ and ends
52. Popular cereal grain*
53. Devine by gazing into crystals
54. Two-toed sloth
55. Tropical Asian starlings
56. Move an electron beam over
58. Block admittance
59. Point midway between NE and E

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TAURUS, April 21 to May 21: While you are searching for a romantic match, Taurus, there may be someone close by who is exactly what you're looking for. Keep your eyes peeled.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21: Obstacles are no match for you, Gemini, especially when you have some help in your corner. The realization that you can achieve anything hits hard.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Cancer, family is your focus the entire week. Don't plan on too many activities outside of the house. Someone steps forward who needs a little extra attention.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23: A

foul mood will only carry over to those around you, Leo. It's best if you keep to yourself until your disposition brightens a bit. Sunnier days are ahead.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22: Explore, explore, explore, Virgo. This is the week to try new things, including new foods, new roads and new friends. It may be challenging to break out of your routine.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Libra, you're growing closer to a friend or family member with whom you drifted apart. The rekindling of the relationship will benefit both parties greatly.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22: Scorpio, indelibility will be your downfall this week.

You can't be right all of the time, and this week you certainly are off target. Allow Cancer to set you straight.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21: Your ideas are well received by all, save for one

person in particular. You'll just have to try a little harder with this person, Sagittarius.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20: Capricorn, nervous energy could get you into trouble. Channel that energy into something productive and harmless, like a little winter cleaning.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18: Take the time to re-evaluate your financial portfolio in light of a changing financial landscape. While you're often giving advice, now is the time to take some, Aquarius.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: Pisces, it's time to scrub away misperceptions about someone. Look at things in a new light and you'll be surprised at what you see.

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ART SHOWS

Roselle Park resident **LEONA M. SEUFERT**, will be exhibiting her digital prints through Tuesday 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

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Roiphe, Monday. 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 **CALDERONE SCHOOL OF MUSIC** of Springfield welcomes the public to attend its annual Winter Concerts on Jan. 7, 9, 16, and 23 in the Charles Librizzi Recital Hall, at 34 Ridgedale Ave., East Hanover. All concerts will begin at 8 p.m. For more information, go to www.calderoneschoolofmusic.com.

The Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway will present "THE MUSIC OF ABBA," with original musicians from the group, on Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. For tickets and information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

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 folkmusiccafe@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. Hehly 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

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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, or to make arrangements for a group tour, call 908-687-7977.

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

SINGLES

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

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.

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

LIFESTYLE

Nitche weds Germond

Alyson Nitche, daughter of Albert and June Nitche of Roselle Park, was married to David Germond, son of Stanley and Marilyn Germond of Mahwah, on July 26.

The matron of honor was Allison Gallo. Her bridesmaids were Danielle Garrick, Staci Hutchinson, Kimberly Molinaro, Tracy Nitche, Wendy Nitche and Kathryn Morrison. The flower girl was Madison Molinaro. The best man was Matthew Germond. The groom's ushers were Douglas Gillespie, Brian Kelly, Jason Nitche, Jonathan Nitche, Michael Rooney and Ryne Morrison.

The bride is a graduate of Marywood College and the University of



Alyson and David Germond

Vermont and is employed by the Summit School District as a speech pathologist. The groom is a graduate of Boston College in Massachusetts, and is employed by Tishman Speyer, New York City, as the director of equity capital markets.

Following the ceremony at St.

Joseph the Carpenter Church, Roselle, where the Rev. George Gillen officiated, the couple celebrated with a reception at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club in Far Hills.

They spent their honeymoon in Hawaii for two weeks. The couple will reside in Chatham.



Dina Taylor West and Nicholas Morley

West, Morley to wed in '09

Scott and Cynthia West of Mountainside have announced the engagement of their daughter, Dina Taylor West, to Nicholas Morley, son of Rosemary Morley of Surrey, England.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station. She is currently finishing her master's degree at New York University in clinical social work.

Her fiance is a graduate of the University of Nottingham in England, where he received a degree in engineering.

A 2009 wedding is planned.

Wedding, birthday announcements

Down the aisle

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Forms can be found and submitted online at www.local-source.com. Digital photos can also be submitted online.

Announcements sent via regular mail should be typed, doubled spaced and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise.

Information requested for engagements are parents names, date of wedding and information about the bride and groom, including education and occupation. Information for weddings should also include where the wedding took place, who officiated, and

where the couple honeymooned and will reside.

When sending a picture with the announcement, a check for \$10 is required. If the picture is sent via e-mail, there is no charge. Black and white or clear color pictures are acceptable. Pictures of the couple sitting or standing together are preferred. For information, call 908-686-7700 or send an e-mail to editorial@thelocalsource.com.

Make a wish

They say it's your birthday, so alert the press. Wish a friend, family member, spouse or even yourself a "Happy Birthday" with an announcement and celebrate the special day with the whole community. Submit announcements about upcoming birthdays to editorial@thelocalsource.com.

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With Christmas coming up, the idea of getting a new pet for a loved one, or perhaps for your self becomes more likely! At T.L.C. PET DOCTOR, we urge you to seriously consider what pet would be right for the potential receiver of the gift. Animal ownership can be a wonderful experience for the new pet owner, and if thought is given to the situation it can also be a safe and happy experience for the pet. Come to 1326 Stuyvesant Ave., Union or call 908.686.7080 to schedule a pet consultation today. We provide exotic pet and bird medicine, as well as diagnostic services offered on site.

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RELIGION

Holy Hour for Life

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

Holy Cross Church welcomes families

Holy Cross Church, Springfield, welcomes all families and friends to celebrate Christmas.

Christmas Eve celebrations will

include a family service at 4 p.m. today 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.holycrossnj.org.

Grace prepares for Christmas services

Grace Lutheran Church and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of the Deaf, 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union,

will celebrate the Christmas season with the following schedule of special services in celebration of Jesus' birthday.

- Christmas Eve Children's Worship Service at 4:30 p.m.
- 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 serv-

ices 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.

Christmas Eve service planned in Linden

The Church of St. John the Baptist, formerly known as Grace Episcopal Church, located at 2018 DeWitt Terrace, Linden, has announced its Christmas Eve serv-

ices. Tonight at 10:30 p.m., the church choir will present a special musical program of traditional Christmas music with audience participation. Christmas mass will begin at 11 p.m. with the choir and additional Christmas music.

Mazel tov to all

The following children recently took part in their bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah celebrations at Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim in Cranford:

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Happy birthday!



Mary Hilla of the Tremely Point Seniors Club of Linden celebrated her 90th birthday with family of friends.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Friday Club schedule

The Cranford Seniors Friday Club meets at 1 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

The group will host a St. Patrick's Day trip to Mt. Haven Country Resort, Milford, Pa., on March 17, 2009. Call for reservations.

No meeting Monday

The Union Township Active Retirees-Monday Club has announced that there will be no meeting on Monday or Jan. 5.

Nominations, election and installation of officers will take place Jan. 12. The latest newsletter will be distributed at that time listing upcoming events.

Try your luck in AC

The Senior Men's Club of the YM-YWHA of Union will sponsor a trip to Showboat Casino in

Atlantic City on Jan. 9.

The bus will leave from the YM-YWHA, 501 Green Lane, Union. Participants will receive cash back and a food voucher, as well as a box lunch on the return trip, plus snacks on the bus.

The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. To reserve a seat, contact Bobbi or Max Barth as soon as possible. Future trips will take place on Feb. 2 and March 2.

Register for New Year's Eve lunch

The Union Township Active Retirees-Monday Club will sponsor a New Year's Eve at noon luncheon from noon to 4 p.m. on Dec. 31 at the Galloping Hill Caterers, Five Points, Union. The sit-down luncheon is open to the community. Each meal will receive one glass of wine. There will be live dancing, with a disc jockey providing music for the afternoon.

Advance reservations are required. Sign up by Monday by calling Stella at 908-687-2418 or Marianna at 908-688-0816.

AC trips postponed

The Rahway AARP bus trips to Atlantic City have been postponed and will resume again in March, 2009.

A reminder will be sent out in February for those who are interested in the March trip. If you have any questions, call Wally at 908-272-7534.

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Gary Bollaro



at home.

He was previously employed by Flying Tigers, Ladinski Siding and Robbins Roofing companies. Mr. Bollaro was a member of the Disabled Veterans Association. He served as a lance corporal in the Marines. Mr. Bollaro's unit, "Charlie Company" recon division, and his active ground duties in Vietnam awarded him five medals of honor for his service.

Surviving are a daughter, Nicole Rocha-Bollaro; his mother, Edith Bollaro, and four grandchildren.

James Devereaux III

James C.T. Devereaux III, 53, of Linden died Dec. 16 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Devereaux lived in Elizabeth before moving to Linden 24 years ago. He was employed as a maintenance man for the Linden Housing Authority from 1995 to 1999 and previously, he worked for the Linderest Apartments in Linden and the Pingry School in Hillside.

Surviving are his wife, Katharina; a son, Brian; two brothers, Robert and Andrew; three sisters, Margaret DeRose, Denise Wha and AnnMarie Vaniska, and three grandchildren.

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

Grace Duffy

Grace Duffy, 88, lifelong resident of Union, died Dec. 16 at home.

Mrs. Duffy was born in East Orange. She was an assembler for Sterling Plastics, Mountainside, for 40 years and retired in 1985. Mrs. Duffy was a member of the Union Senior Citizens.

Surviving is a daughter, Linda Duffy.

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

Demeter Faryna

Demeter Faryna, 88, of Rahway died Dec. 15 in Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth.

Born in Caro, Mich., Mr. Faryna came to Rahway many years ago. He was employed as a book binder for Quinn and Bowden, Rahway, for 40 years before retiring.

Surviving are two daughters, Diane Allen and Julia Yeates; four sons, Edward, Demeter, Gregory and Mark; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Patricia Fennimore

Patricia H. Fennimore, 82, of Springfield, a children's librarian and elementary school teacher, died Dec. 13 in the Manor Care, Mountainside.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Fenni-

more lived in Union before moving to Springfield in 1995. She was the children's librarian at the Springfield Public Library for 14 years before retiring in 1991. Prior to that, Mrs. Fennimore was a second grade teacher in the Cranford public schools. She was a member of the Springfield Seniors. Mrs. Fennimore received a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and a master's degree in behavioral science, both from Kean University, Union. She received a library certificate from Caldwell College.

Surviving are a daughter, Jo Ellen O'Shea; a son, Eugene, and a grandchild.

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

Lucinda Freitas

Lucinda Freitas, 75, of Union died Dec. 16 at home.

Born in Murtosa, Portugal, Mrs. Freitas came to the United States at the age of 11 and lived in Newark before moving to Union two years ago. She was a member of Club Maritimo Murtoense of Newark.

Surviving are a son, Fernando, and a grandchild.

The Buyus Funeral Home, Newark, handled the arrangements.

Matthew Gallagher

Matthew E. Gallagher, 44, of Fanwood, formerly of Mountainside, died Dec. 14 at home.

Born in New York, Mr. Gallagher lived in Mountainside before recently moving to Fanwood. He worked for iPower Solutions, Parsippany.

Surviving are his wife of six years, Cheryl; a daughter, Jessica Ann; a son, Brenden Reed; his parents, Gerald and Madeline Gallagher; two brothers, Stephen and Andrew, and two sisters, Sally Pires and Joanna Gallagher.

The Dooley Funeral Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

Julie Ann Grillo

Julie Ann Grillo, 26, of Cranford died Dec. 16 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Miss Grillo moved to Cranford many years ago. She graduated from Cranford High School in 2001 and from Bloomsburg University in 2005. Miss Grillo did postgraduate work in Kean University, Union, in 2007. She was a teacher at the Far Brook School, Short Hills.

Surviving are her mother, Judith Baginski Halleck; her husband, George; her father, Vincent Grillo; her stepmother, Tammy Grillo; four brothers, Vincent and Joseph Grillo and Gregg and Robert Halleck, and a sister, Catherine Grillo.

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

Freda Krowne

Freda Krowne, 93, of Great Neck, Fla., formerly of Springfield,

died on Dec. 16.

Mrs. Krowne was active in charities and her community. She was a distinguished "Crazy 8s" champion.

Surviving are three sons, Kenneth, Perry and Ronald, and six grandchildren.

Maria Juhasz

Maria Juhasz, 93, of Rahway died Dec. 17 in University Hospital, Newark.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Juhasz moved to Rahway in 1922. She was employed by Prudential Insurance Co., Linden, as an office manager for many years before retiring many years ago. Mrs. Juhasz was a communicant of St. Mark's Church, Rahway. She was a member of the American Hungarian Club, Clark.

Surviving is a brother, Laszlo Szabo.

Pasquale Maro

Pasquale P. Maro, 72, of Roselle Park died Dec. 17 at home.

Born in Nesquehoning, Pa., Mr. Maro lived in Roselle and New Port Richey, Fla., for 16 years before moving to Roselle Park in July. He was a supervisor and bus driver for New Jersey Transit, Maplewood, where he worked for more than 30 years before retiring in 1991. Mr. Maro served in the Navy during peacetime.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Patricia Ann Dudek and Kim Marie Maro; a brother, Anthony, and three grandchildren.

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

Sam Naimo

Sam Anthony Naimo, 56, of Linden died Dec. 12 in Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Naimo resided there for nine years prior to moving to Linden 48 years ago. He was an automobile salesman with C&J Auto Center, Linden. Previously, Mr. Naimo was employed by the former Soltice Products For Wellness Co., Union, for 15 years.

Surviving is a sister, Sandra Iozzi.

Philip Reilly



Philip P. Reilly, 56, a lifelong resident of Cranford, died Dec. 17 in the New Jersey Veterans Home, Edison.

Mr. Reilly was a baker for Pathmark. He was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of the Msgr. Walsh Council of the Knights of Columbus, Garwood.

Surviving are his wife, Maureen; a son, Philip P. Jr.; a daughter, Catherine Pizzella; his parents, Thomas V. and Elsie M., four sis-

OBITUARY LIST

BOLLARO — Gary, of Union; Nov. 16.
CRINCOLI — Giuseppina, of Linden; Dec. 16.
DEVEREAUX — James C.T. III, of Linden; Dec. 16.
DUFFY — Grace, of Union; Dec. 16.
FARYNA — Demeter, of Rahway; Dec. 15.
FENNIMORE — Patricia H., of Springfield; Dec. 13.
FREITAS — Lucinda, of Union; Dec. 16.
GALLAGHER — Matthew E., of Mountainside; Dec. 14.
GRILLO — Julie Ann, of Cranford; Dec. 16.
GUECI — Joseph A., of Union; Dec. 17.
HUTERA — Marie, of Linden; Dec. 18.
JUHASZ — Maria, of Rahway; Dec. 17.
KROWNE — Freda, formerly of Springfield; Dec. 16.
MARO — Pasquale P., of Roselle Park; Dec. 17.
MORTON — Carrol, of Rahway; Dec. 12.
NAIMO — Sam Anthony, of Linden; Dec. 12.
PETTIFORD — Yvonne, of Union; Dec. 17.
PINKO — Irene M., of Union; Dec. 16.
POKOL — Anna M., of Linden; Dec. 18.
REILLY — Philip P., of Cranford; Dec. 17.
RILE — Joseph B., of Springfield; Dec. 14.
SMITH — Evelyn, of Rahway; Dec. 15.
STERANKA — Aileen D., of Union; Dec. 18.
THOMAS — Louis K., of Linden; Dec. 14.
VIRCIK — Anna, of Linden; Dec. 15.
WALSH — James Joseph, of Cranford; Dec. 13.

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

ters, Elsie C. Reilly, Aggie Kurzwell, Kathleen Pingor and Mary Jane Mercadante, and a brother, Thomas V.

Joseph Rile

Joseph B. Rile, 79, of Springfield died Dec. 14 at home.

Born in Orange, Mr. Rile had lived in Springfield for most of his life. He was a general foreman for the Laborers International Union of North America Local 593 in Hillsborough since 1961 before his retirement. Mr. Rile was an Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, El; three daughters, Lynn Rile, Maria Adriance and Gina Faenza; a brother, Thomas, and two grandchildren.

Evelyn Smith

Evelyn Smith, 76, of Rahway died Dec. 15 at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mrs. Smith lived in Irvington before moving to Rahway 50 years ago.

She was a volunteer at a local thrift store in town. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Eastern Star and the First Presbyterian Church, Rahway. Surviving are two sons, Daniel and William, and five grandchildren.

Anna Vircik

Anna Vircik, 81, of Linden died Dec. 15 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Mrs. Vircik came to the United States in 1976, settling in Linden. She was a member of the Tremley Point Senior Citizens, the Calvin Presbyterian Church and the United Presbyterian Women.

Surviving are a son, Miroslav; three daughters, Vera Hudak, whose husband had been the late Mayor George Hudak, Kristina Jankovich and Anna Ruziacka; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

James Walsh

James Joseph Walsh, 91, of Cranford died on Dec. 13.

Born in Manhattan, Mr. Walsh lived in Cranford for 57 years. He received a bachelor of science degree from Fordham University in 1937.

In 1942, Mr. Walsh joined the Army Signal Corps as one of 21 officers in a construction battalion of 515 African American soldiers and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Upon his return, he received a master's degree in transportation from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1946.

Mr. Walsh spent most of his career with Nabisco Brands Corp., New York City, and helped pioneer containerization in the international shipping industry.

He and his wife of 66 years, Arleen, had four assignments with the International Executive Service Corps, ranging from six weeks to three months long, in the Philippines, Jamaica and Zimbabwe. Locally, Mr. Walsh volunteered at St. Michael's Church, Cranford.

Also surviving are five daughters, Isabelle, Julie, Ellen, Frances and Arleen; three sons, James, Vincent and Christopher; 21 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

The Union girls' basketball team was to open its season at Scotch Plains yesterday against an 0-1 Raiders squad. The Farmers' next scheduled home game is Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. vs. non-conference foe J.P. Stevens of North Edison.

Union girls' basketball has the talent to be successful

Farmers perform with great deal of heart

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Despite losing high profile players Charmaine Tay and Tatiana Javis to Bloomfield Tech, last year's Union girls' basketball team still proved to be a highly-competitive unit.

Don't let the 4-16 finish fool you.

"Last year was one of the most rewarding years I've ever had in coaching," said Union head coach Justin Meyer, a Bloomfield graduate who is in his seventh season at the helm of the Farmers.

Union defeated a team from Washington in Florida for its first win and then downed Kearny, Newark East Side and Union Catholic.

The Farmers lost to a 7-6 Scotch Plains team 38-36 on the road and fell at home to Linden 37-29 after leading 17-5 after the first quarter and 19-18 at the half.

The first time Union played Kearny it lost 61-37 on the road in its season-opener.

Union then downed the Cardinals 53-38 at home one month later.

Union lost at home to Scotch Plains 58-29 in its second game of the year before almost knocking off the Raiders on the road six weeks later.

Linden and Scotch Plains reached the Union County Tournament semifinals.

"The kids went out there and played their hearts out," Meyer said.

"They never gave up and fought for everything. That showed a lot of character on their part."

After being snowed out Friday at home against Kearny in its scheduled season-opener, Union was to play at Scotch Plains yesterday afternoon.

Union's next scheduled home game is Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. vs. J.P. Stevens of North Edison.

Meyer hopes to have returning starter and team captain Ashley Foster back right before the Jan. 10 non-conference contest. The 5-5 senior 2 guard broke her pinky during pre-season practice.

"The cast comes off Jan. 7, so, hopefully, she will miss no more than six games," Meyer said.

Union is next scheduled to participate in the Freehold Tournament over the holidays and then play Shabazz and Irvington back-to-back on the road on Jan. 6 and 8.

Union's other four starters include junior point guard Kyarah Fousee (5-3), senior guard Rina Barotac (5-6) at the 3, freshman forward Jamiyah Bethune (5-10) at the 4 and senior center Synthea Reed (6-0) at the 5.

Senior Danielle Aliparo (5-3) starts at the 2 guard in place of Foster.

Other team captains along with Foster are Foushee and Aliparo.

Bethune is the lone freshman on the varsity roster.

"We're expecting big things from Jamiyah," Meyer said. "She's a hard worker and a good kid."

Union's last scrimmage was against Johnson, which has been one of the top teams in Union County the past several seasons and the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division champion the last two. The Farmers also hosted Bloomfield.

"We played pretty well in the pre-season," Meyer said. "The kids have stepped up."

Foushee, Foster and Reed are returning starters, with Angela Nascondiglio — now a student at Penn State — and I. Silas 2008 graduates.

"Our low post game is strong as we'll try to get the ball to Synthea and Jamiyah," Meyer said.

"Defensively, our communication has been great and we've been playing much more aggressively. We've really improved there."

Reed progressed last season as a player who could fill up the hoop and grab a big rebound, averaging 11.2 points and 7.3 boards.

"Maturity-wise, Synthea has made great progress," Meyer said. "She has much more confidence and feels like she belongs. She knows what's expected of her."

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Johnson girls' basketball is sparked by Trani effort

Fish and Huey fill the hoop for Rahway

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

CLARK - Just as fast as the snow began to accumulate Friday morning was the start the Johnson girls' basketball team got out to against visiting Rahway Saturday afternoon.

You could say it was a sweet 43-31 victory for the Crusaders since Johnson got out to a 16-1 start, never looked back, and was paced by a game-high 16-point effort from junior forward Gina Trani.

"We're just trying to settle in and get comfortable because we're a really young team," said Trani, who is only one of three returning Johnson players who saw significant time last year, including sophomore center Kate Matthews and senior guard Monica Slodowski.

Trani scored six of her points in the first quarter to help stake the Crusaders out to an 18-6 lead after the first eight minutes. Johnson led 8-0 before Rahway scored, with four different players scoring baskets.

Seven Johnson players scored in the first quarter, which made first-year head coach Tom Chmiel happy.

"We spread the ball around, which was good, but we want to be able to get the ball inside more," said Chmiel, who was hired just two weeks before the start of the season.

Chmiel, who takes over the coaching reigns from Chris Raguseo, spent the last 16 seasons as the head coach at Colonia.

This was the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division season-opener for both, with each team getting snowed out Friday night. Johnson was supposed to host Hillside, while Rahway was scheduled to play at Governor Livingston. Those games will be made up later in the season.

Johnson has won the Mountain Division championship the past two seasons and is coming off a 17-5 campaign in which it reached the Union County Tournament quarterfinals as the third seed and the Central Jersey, Group 2 semifinals as the top seed.

Rahway is coming off a 1-18 season that was not helped by Rayven Johnson transferring to Bloomfield Tech.

While Johnson lost starters Sondra Parin, Jordanna Trani, Kathleen Sullivan, Brittany Murray and Marissa DiCosmo to graduation, Rahway has all five starters back, including senior guard Brittany Casares, senior guard-forward Al-Nisha Fish, junior forward Asia Huey, senior guard Siobhan Ford and junior center Kiara Tate.

Fish paced the Indians with 13 points, making nine free throws. Huey also finished in double digits in scoring, totaling 10.

"We have to learn to finish better in the first half of games," said Rahway head coach Jo-Ann Zweibel, who is now in her 15th year total as the head coach after coming back for a second stint beginning in 2004.

To Rahway's credit, the Indians outscored Johnson 30-27 after falling behind 16-1 in the first quarter.

NOTES: Last year in conference play, Johnson defeated Rahway 48-20 at home and then 39-14 on the road.

Rahway's lone win last year, in its 10th game, was a 43-31 conference home triumph over Roselle. Fish scored 14, Tate 10 and Huey eight.

RAHWAY (0-1)	6	4	10	11	31
JOHNSON (1-0)	18	12	5	8	43

RAHWAY: Asia Huey 3-0-4-10, Al-Nisha Fish 2-0-9-13, Brittany Casares 0-1-0-3, Adjie Currie 1-0-0-2, Siobhan Ford 1-0-0-2, Kiara Tate 0-0-1-1. **Totals:** 7-1-14-31.

JOHNSON: Gina Trani 6-0-4-16, Kristy Pflug 3-0-1-7, Monica Slodowski 2-0-0-4, 15-Cyndi Wilson 1-0-1-3, Kate Matthews 3-0-0-6, Catarina Pereira 0-1-0-3, Victoria Martin 1-0-0-2, Jules Juzefyk 1-0-0-2. **Totals:** 17-1-6-43.

RAHWAY INDIANS
2008-2009 ROSTER:

3-Brittany Casares, senior guard
25-Al-Nisha Fish, senior guard-forward
15-Asia Huey, junior forward
11-Maureen Morris, junior forward
22-Kiara Tate, junior center
21-Siobhan Ford, senior guard
10-Adjie Currie, junior
12-Chantelle Lewis, senior
13-Enijah Warren, freshman
1-Christina Batson, junior
20-Daa'iyah Harris, freshman
Head coach: Jo-Ann Zweibel, 15th year
Starters vs. Johnson: Casares, Fish, Huey, Morris, Tate.
Returning starters: Casares, Fish, Huey, Tate, Ford.

RAHWAY INDIANS (0-1)

2008-2009 results/upcoming schedule:
Dec. 19 at Gov. Livingston, 7 p.m. - PPD., SNOW
Dec. 20 (A) Johnson 43, Rahway 31
Dec. 23 at Roselle Catholic
Jan. 8 at Cranford, 4 p.m.
Jan. 9 Hillside, 4 p.m.
Jan. 15 Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
Jan. 22 Johnson, 4 p.m.
Jan. 22 Governor Livingston, 4 p.m.
Jan. 27 Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.
Jan. 29 Cranford, 4 p.m.
Jan. 30 at Hillside, 4 p.m.
Feb. 3 Roselle, 4 p.m.

JOHNSON CRUSADERS

2008-2009 ROSTER:
4-Jules Juzefyk, sophomore guard
3-Kristy Pflug, sophomore guard
55-Kate Matthews, sophomore center
13-Gina Trani, junior forward
12-Monica Slodowski, senior guard
22- Jess Schurtz, sophomore
24-Lauren Saracen, sophomore
21-Dana Russo, junior
10-Cat Hanley, sophomore
15-Cyndi Wilson, freshman
11-Catarina Pereira, junior
1-Victoria Martin, sophomore
5-Nicole Marzano, sophomore
Head coach: Tom Chmiel, first year
Starters vs. Rahway: Juzefyk, Pflug, Matthews, Trani, Slodowski.
Key returning players: Trani, Slodowski, Matthews.

JOHNSON CRUSADERS (1-0)

2008-2009 results/upcoming schedule:
Dec. 19 Hillside, 7 p.m. - PPD, SNOW
Dec. 20 (H) Johnson 43, Rahway 31
Dec. 23 at Governor Livingston
Dec. 26-29 Roselle Park Tournament
Jan. 6 Roselle, 7 p.m.
Jan. 8 at Union Catholic, 7 p.m.
Jan. 9 Roselle Catholic, 7 p.m.
Jan. 13 Brearley, 7 p.m.
Jan. 15 at Roselle, 7 p.m.
Jan. 16 Cranford, 7 p.m.
Jan. 20 Scotch Plains, 7 p.m.
Jan. 22 at Rahway, 4 p.m.
Jan. 23 at Hillside, 7 p.m.
Jan. 27 Governor Livingston, 7 p.m.
Jan. 29 Union Catholic, 7 p.m.
Jan. 30 at Roselle Catholic, 7 p.m.
Feb. 3 at Cranford, 7 p.m.

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Up next are contests in Freehold Tourney

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Meyer says that Foushee is one of the best defensive players in the Watchung Conference.

"She's so strong and quick," Meyer said.

Foushee also starred on the soccer pitch for Union head coach Eric Shaw and was Union's leading goal scorer and also among the leaders in all of Union County. She finished with 19 goals, third-best in the county.

Meyer said that Foster is the team's best shooter. She averaged 8.6 points and was the team's leading 3-point shooter in 2007-2008.

Foushee averaged 5.3 points and 2.3 steals last season.

UNION GIRLS' BASKETBALL
2008-2009 ROSTER:

SENIORS (4)

Synthea Reed (6-0) center
Rina Barotac (5-6) guard
Tolutope Arowosaye (5-11) center
Danielle Aliparo (5-3) guard

JUNIORS (3)

Kyarah Foushee (5-3) guard
Ashley Foster (5-5) guard
Meshia Laguerre (5-7) G-F

SOPHOMORES (3)

Voney Ragin (5-7) guard-forward
Katheryn Maldonado (5-6) forward
Alexandra DePena (5-3) guard

FRESHMAN (1)

Jamiyah Bethune (5-10) forward

UNION FARMERS'

2008-2009 SCHEDULE

Dec. 19 Kearny, 4 p.m. - PPD., snow / Dec. 23 at Scotch Plains
Dec. 27 Freehold Township, 12:45 p.m.
in Freehold Tournament
Dec. 29 Colts Neck, TBA,
in Freehold Tournament
Dec. 30 Freehold Tournament, TBA
Jan. 6 at Shabazz, 4 p.m. / Jan. 8 at Irvington, 4 p.m.
Jan. 10 J.P. Stevens, 1 p.m. / Jan. 13 Plainfield, 4 p.m.
Jan. 15 at Kearny, 4 p.m. / Jan. 20 at Westfield, 4 p.m.
Jan. 22 Newark East Side, 4 p.m. / Jan. 23 Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.
Jan. 27 East Brunswick, 4 p.m. / Jan. 29 Irvington, 4 p.m.
Jan. 31 at Newark West Side, 4 p.m. / Feb. 3 at Linden, 4 p.m.
Feb. 5 Monroe Township, 4 p.m. / Feb. 7 at Elizabeth, 4 p.m.
Feb. 9 Woodbridge, 4 p.m. / Feb. 17 Shabazz, 4 p.m.

Panther wrestlers grab RP Tournament crown

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The Roselle Park wrestling team got off to a fine start by capturing the Roselle Park Tournament at home Saturday.

Behind five champions, the Panthers finished first with a total of 232.5 points. Winning titles were Dan Pisauro at 112, Jon Acosta at 125, Dennis Carroll at 152, Alex Aravena at 160 and Frank Yuro at 171.

Roselle Park finished second in last year's tournament, with Rancocas Valley - the alma mater of Pittsburgh Steelers Hall of Fame running back Franco Harris - placing first.

Roselle Park is coming off a record-setting 20-2 season in which it captured Central Jersey, Group 1. The Panthers set the school mark for wins in a season with 20 and once again have a strong team returning.

Roselle Park defeated Delran 36-27 at home in last year's CJ, G1 final, which was the first sectional title for the Panthers in four years.

Roselle Park was then downed by Collingswood 39-25 in a Group 1 semifinal at the Ritacco Center in Toms River.

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(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 56/100
December 11, 18, 24, 31, 2008
U227020 PRO (\$119.56)

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 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 Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 561-5 Westminster Ave, Elizabeth NJ 07208

BEING KNOWN as LOT 1812 W11, BLOCK 11, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth
Dimensions: 80.00 feet x 125.00 feet x 60.00 feet x 125.00 feet
Nearest Cross Street: Pingry Place
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.

*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

**If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.

***If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$447,124.72***
Four Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four and 72/100***
Attorney:

PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
SUITE 100
MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054
(856) 813-5500
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$509,290.10
Five Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Ninety and 10/100
December 11, 18, 24, 31, 2008
U227015 PRO (\$178.36)

PUBLIC NOTICE

MOUNTAINSIDE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ on Wednesday, January 7,

PUBLIC NOTICE

2008 at 7:30 p.m. on the following applications
Sinisi, 260 Central Avenue, Block 5, U, Lot 15 & 16 - Continuation of a preliminary and final major subdivision, contrary to Sections 1009(c)(5) lot width under 100 feet, 1009(c)(5) lot area under 15,000 square feet, 1009(c)(5) lot area within 150 feet, 1003(h) existing garage, 1003(d) existing front yard under 35 feet. If required by the Board, additional variances and waiver relief may be requested.

Play All Day (Camp Bow Wow) 280 Sheffield Street, Block 7, M, Lot 20 - Site Plan and development of occupying a portion of an existing building to operate a boarding kennel and dog care facility, contrary to Sections 1013(b) use variance, 1013(c)(3) existing side yard under 15 ft., 1013(c)(6) existing foundation area over 35%, 1013(c)(7) existing lot coverage over 75%, 1013(c)(5) existing lot area under 26,000 s.f., 1013(c)(3) existing side yard parking, 1013(d) violation of performance standards, 914 (b)(2) insufficient parking spaces, 250 parking space size, 1013(c)(8) buffer abutting residential zone. If required by the Board, additional variances and waiver relief may be requested.

Cornerstone Day School, 1101 Bristol Road, Block 7, D, Lot 42 - Discussion of approved resolution by Mayor and Council on "No Parking" restrictions on Bristol Road in front of school.

All applications are subject to the Mountainside Land Use Ordinance and are subject to any bulk variances, if required.

Other issues may be discussed and formal action may be taken.

Ruth M. Rees
Secretary
U228854 OBS Dec. 24, 2008 (\$30.87)

SUMMIT

2009 PLANNING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

As approved by the Planning Board

Meetings of the Planning Board of the City of Summit for the year 2009 shall be held at Summit City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Council Chambers, Summit, NJ at 7:30 p.m., according to the following schedule:

- January 26
February 23
March 23
April 27
May 18**
June 22
July 27
August 24*
September 21**
October 26
November 23
December 28
January 25, 2010

*Board does not meet in regular session - however, will entertain emergent applications.

** The Planning Board meetings in May and September are not the fourth (4th) Monday due to legal holidays or religious observances. The filing dates and TRC meeting dates have been rescheduled accordingly.

U228838 OBS Dec. 24, 2008 (\$19.11)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

As approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment Annual Notice of Regular Meetings and Notice of Second Session Meetings for the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit

Regular and Second Session Meetings - 7:30 P.M.
City Hall, Council Chambers*, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit
(All meetings on Mondays except as noted)

- Regular Meeting 1: Second Session (**):
January 5 January 27 (Tuesday)
February 2 February 24* (Tuesday)
March 2 March 16 (Tuesday)
April 6 April 20 (Tuesday)
May 4 May 19* (Tuesday)
June 1 June 15 (Tuesday)
July 6 July 20 (Tuesday)
August 3 August 17 (Tuesday)
September 14 September 22* (Tuesday)
October 5 October 19 (Tuesday)
November 2 November 16* (Tuesday)
December 7 December 21* (Tuesday)
January 4, 2010 January 25, 2010*
February 1, 2010 February 22, 2010*

(*) Meeting to be held in the Janet Whitman Community Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor

(**) If necessary.

(***) Site plan and subdivision applications follow Technical Review Committee track
U228846 OBS Dec. 24, 2008 (\$24.50)

SPRINGFIELD

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 in Springfield Town Hall, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ.

Application #2008-4

Applicant: PARVIN REMOLINA

Site Location: 875 SOUTH SPRINGFIELD AVENUE

Block 3003 Lot(s) 68

FOR: A USE VARIANCE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN FROM 10 TO 30 AT THE CHILD CARE CENTER OPERATED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND FOR VARIANCES AS TO SIZE AND FRONT YARD SETBACK REGARDING A PROPOSED FREE-STANDING SIGN.

Was DENIED

All documents and plans related to this application, including but not limited to the memorialized Resolution are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment, Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Avenue, Township of Springfield, New Jersey and are available for public inspection.

Robert C. Kirkpatrick
Board Secretary
U228826 OBS Dec. 24, 2008 (\$21.07)

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.

Table with 3 columns: Unit, Occupant, Description. Includes units 70, 80, 2080, 2145, 3089.

UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the following applications were heard by the Township of Union Planning Board on December 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, N.J.

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Number, Name and Address of Applicant, Premises Affected, Action Requested, Decision of the Planning Board.

Philip A. Haderer, P.E., C.M.E.
Administrative Officer
U228468 UNL December 24, 2008 (\$33.81)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 232 Oak Ridge Ave., Block 5106, Lot 12-15.

The conditions affecting this property and the reason for the application being heard are as follows: A two story addition on the left side is proposed. A variance for total side yard percentage is required.

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.

Veronica Bonnet
Applicant
U228849 OBS Dec. 24, 2008 (\$17.15)

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF CHANGE ORDER

The Common Council, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-4 et. seq., has authorized a change order for the project named below.

The authorizing resolution is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Project: Aubrey Street Improvement
Contractor: A & J Contractors Group, Inc.

Additional Work and its Necessity: Installation of additional drainage improvements

Original Price: \$261,918.00

Total of Change Order #1: 13,300.00

Total of Previous Change Orders: \$0.00

Total Contract to Date: \$275,218.00

David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: 12/16/08
U228567 OBS Dec. 24, 2008 (\$16.66)

SPRINGFIELD

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

In compliance with N.J.A.C. 18:12A-1.3 Please be advised that the Tax Assessor and members of the assessor's staff in the Township of Springfield are available to tax payers and members of the general public, Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m.

Edward Neil Galante
Springfield Tax Assessor
U228843 OBS Dec. 24, 2008 (\$7.84)

ROSELLE

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL NOTICE OF CALENDAR YEAR 2009 MEETINGS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-18 that for the period beginning on January 1, 2009 and ending on December 31, 2009, the Mayor and Borough Council plan to conduct the following Workshop Sessions, Pre-Agenda Meetings and Regular Meetings, in the Baker Room on the second floor and in the Council Chambers on the first floor, at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey as follows:

Table with 5 columns: DATE, DAY, TIME, TYPE OF MEETING, ROOM. Lists meetings from Jan 2 to Dec 16.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 31 Park Avenue, Block 4002, Lot 13.

The conditions affecting this property and the reason for the application being heard are as follows: (d) use variance to park a recreational vehicle in a residential 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.

Mario Argenziano
Applicant
U228851 OBS Dec. 24, 2008 (\$16.66)

MOUNTAINSIDE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held for the year 2009 by the Construction Board of Appeals of the Borough of Mountainside, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ. The following meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the courtroom on the first floor. The Construction Board of Appeals will meet only if required.

- January 15 - Reorganization Meeting
February 19
March 19
April 16
May 21
June 18
July 16
August 20
September 17
October 15
November 18
December 17

*Note day/date change

Ruth M. Rees
Secretary
U228467 OBS Dec. 24, 2008 (\$16.17)

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Jeffrey R. Suranlan & Associates, LLC

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PUBLIC NOTICE

For the Period: January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

Services: Affordable Housing Counsel

Cost: Per Agreement - Not to Exceed \$20,000.00

David L. Hughes
City Clerk

Dated: 12/16/08
U228562 OBS Dec. 24, 2008 (\$13.72)

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unascertainable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Bollinger Group, Inc.

For the Period: January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Services: Risk Management Consultant

Cost: Maximum amount of contract is equal to 6% of the city's annual assessment as promulgated by the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: 12/16/08
U228564 OBS Dec. 24, 2008 (\$15.68)

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF CHANGE ORDER

The Common Council, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-4 et. seq., has authorized a change order for the project named below.

The authorizing resolution is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Project: Library Roof Improvements

Contractor: Glenn Roofing Co., LLC

Additional Work and its Necessity: Deletion of two (2) drains

Original Price: \$169,333.00

Total of Change Order #1: (\$1,000.00)

Total of Previous Change Orders: \$0.00

Total Contract to Date: \$168,333.00

David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: 12/16/08
U228566 OBS Dec. 24, 2008 (\$15.68)

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT FINAL PASSAGE ORDINANCE #08-2836

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE, CHAPTER XXXV, ARTICLE 4 - ZONING, SECTION 4.3 ZONING REGULATIONS, SUBSECTION 1.6, DEFINITIONS AND SUBSECTION 4.3-9, CRBD CENTRAL RETAIL BUSINESS DISTRICT ZONE (Permit Personal training and tutoring in CRBD but not located on the first floor facing the street)

Dated: December 16, 2008
Approved: December 16, 2008

Jordan Glatt, Mayor

I, David L. Hughes, City Clerk of Summit, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly passed by the Common Council of said City at a regular meeting held on Tuesday evening, December 16, 2008.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: December 16, 2008
U228561 OBS Dec. 24, 2008 (\$15.68)

MOUNTAINSIDE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held for the year 2009 by the Planning Board of the Borough of MountainSide, 1385 Route 22, MountainSide, NJ. The following meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the first floor courtroom.

January 7 - Reorganization Meeting*
February 12
March 12
April 15
May 14
June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10

*NOTE: Date and day change

Ruth M. Rees
Secretary
U228464 OBS Dec. 24, 2008 (\$15.19)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT FINAL PASSAGE ORDINANCE #08-2834

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE 2009 SALARIES, WAGES OR COMPENSATIONS OF AND FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT, as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

Salaries, wages, incentive, longevity payments and other compensation as set forth in Schedules A, B, C, D, and E, which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby fixed for the respective officers and employees of the City of Summit at the respective rates and sums shown therein, effective as of January 1, 2009.

SECTION 2. PAYMENT

All salaries, wages, incentive, longevity payments and other compensation for full-time and regular part-time employees shall be paid in bi-weekly installments within the ranges and according to the conditions herein set forth.

Other part-time employees shall be paid in bi-weekly installments within the specified ranges. School Crossing Guards shall be paid in bi-weekly installments from October 1 to June 30.

SECTION 3. SALARIES

Salaries for the various positions of employment in the City of Summit shall be at or within the range of the minimum or maximum amounts as delineated on Schedules A, B, C, D, and E, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

All individuals hired by the City of Summit or its Boards and Departments will be hired at the minimum step level in the position classification. Under exceptional circumstances, approval may be given to consider credit for experience outside of the City of Summit in the same position or type of work as his employment with the City of Summit. In such instances, upon approval of the Board or Common Council, an individual may be hired on a step level above the minimum.

Regular part-time employees whose positions have been listed within the normal system of job group classifications will be paid at the level of the appropriate job group, with their salaries pro-rated according to their hours of work.

SECTION 4. LONGEVITY

In addition to the compensation provided for in Section 3 of this ordinance, there shall be longevity payments provided for all officers and employees of the City who shall have sufficient years of full-time consecutive employment with the City, shall in accordance with Section 9 receive the following longevity payments:

- Upon completion of 5 years service - 2% of base salary
- Upon completion of 10 years service - 4% of base salary
- Upon completion of 15 years service - 6% of base salary
- Upon completion of 21 years service - 8% of base salary
- Upon completion of 24 years service - 10% of base salary

Any officer or employee of the City who resigns and subsequently is re-employed loses prior service credits for longevity purposes.

Employees not represented by a bargaining unit, hired after July 1, 1999, are not eligible for longevity.

Employees represented by contracts with the City of Summit shall comply with the provisions contained in those agreements.

SECTION 5. HOLIDAY PAY

Police Officers, Sergeants, Lieutenants, Deputy Chief and Chief in the Police Department and Firefighters, Lieutenants, Battalion Chiefs, Deputy Chief and Chief in the Fire Department, holiday pay shall be incorporated into base salary so that it will be part of the regular pay received as wages every two (2) weeks. Alarm Room Attendants/Radio Officers, in the Police and Fire Departments will be granted twelve paid holidays per year at straight time of base salary, with this amount to be paid in one lump sum payment prior to November 30th of each year.

All other Departments will be granted twelve (12) paid holidays. City offices will be closed in accordance with State Law or schedule established by the Director of Administration.

SECTION 6. OVERTIME

1. **Police Department:**

Provisions shall be in accordance with the current contract between the City of Summit and P.B.A. Local #55.

Any member of the Police Department assigned to the Detective Bureau, Traffic Bureau or as Juvenile Officer on an annual basis shall receive according to their rank the following in addition to his regular annual salary:

Police Officer First Grade	\$ 850.00
Detective	\$1,550.00
Detective Sergeant	\$ 700.00

2. **Fire Department:**

Provisions shall be in accordance with the current contract between the City of Summit and F.M.B.A. Local #54

3. **Other Departments:**

Provisions shall be in accordance with the current contract between the City of Summit and Local 469 (IBT).

4. **Municipal Court:**

The Deputy Municipal Court Administrator will be paid a flat rate of \$70.00. The Violations Bureau Clerk will be paid a flat rate of \$60.00 and the Secretary Clerk will be paid a flat rate of \$50.00 for each Night Court duty assignment.

The Deputy Municipal Court Administrator shall be paid a minimum of two hours at one and one-half times salary for recall compensation.

Night Court assignment and recall overtime shall be paid upon the certification of the Municipal Court Administrator to the City Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer.

5. **Fire Dispatchers (Alarm Room Attendants/Radio Officers):**

Fire Dispatchers shall be paid one and one-half times their base salary in excess of their work schedule. Firefighters who volunteer for dispatching duty during their time off shall be paid at one and one-half times the maximum base salary paid to Fire Dispatchers, and will be paid upon the certification of the Fire Director to the City Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer.

6. **Fair Labor Standards Act:**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance, overtime compensation shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act as they apply to units of local government. If any provisions of this ordinance are administratively found to be in conflict with provisions of FLSA, the Director of Administration shall ensure that the requirements of federal law and regulations, when issued, are met.

SECTION 7. HEALTH INSURANCE, GROUP LIFE INSURANCE AND DENTAL PLAN

The City shall provide for each full-time regular employee the following:

- Basic health insurance as provided by the State Health Benefits Program or such other program as may be chosen by the Common Council.
- Group Life Insurance and Accidental Benefits (AD&D) for full-time employees only.
- Employees eligible for basic health insurance shall be allowed to enroll their dependents for the same coverage, subject to payroll deduction of the following biweekly contributions:

Single	\$0.00
Parent and Child	\$0.70
Husband and Wife	\$1.00
Family	\$1.40
- Employees hired as of July 1, 2008 shall have the option of participating in any of the options provided under the State Health Benefits Plan as those options become available April 1, 2008. However, employees who elect to join a plan other than Direct 15 shall pay the difference in premium cost on a monthly basis by way of payroll deduction. In addition, the employee will contribute \$25.00 per month to the cost of health insurance provided in the employee's behalf by way of payroll deduction.

PUBLIC NOTICE

e. The City shall reimburse retirees for the cost of their health and major medical insurance for themselves and their spouse dependents upon retirement, subject to the following conditions:

- After 25 years full-time service with the City or upon a work-related total disability retirement as approved by the Police and Fire Retirement System or the Public Employees Retirement System, whichever is applicable.
- If the individual is employed after retirement from the City and is eligible to receive benefits from such subsequent employer, or if said retiree's spouse is employed and equivalent coverage is thereby provided to the retiree, then the City may require appropriate documentation.
- The insurance cost will be set at \$1,400.00 with any cost over that amount to be paid by the employee.
- If the individual is covered by Medicare, the City coverage will decrease accordingly.
- Upon proper documentation to the City Treasurer, the City will reimburse the retiree in accordance with Section c. above on a semi-annual basis.
- Employees covered by the terms of labor agreements between the City and PBA Local #55 or FMBA Local #54 are not eligible for this reimbursement.
- The City shall provide family Dental Insurance Coverage for full-time regular employees. The maximum contribution for each employee paid by the City shall be \$39.00 per month or as provided by current labor agreements with unions. Any cost above that limit shall be borne by the employee through a program of payroll deductions.

SECTION 8. INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

- School Guards:**
 - Sick day incentive pay of two days will be paid to each guard who is not absent during the school year.
 - If and when school is closed for inclement weather, payment for up to four (4) days. The amount will be paid in one lump sum upon the completion of the school year.

SECTION 9. SALARY INCREMENTS

Any employee whose performance review shows acceptable performance shall receive an increment in accordance with the step level of the position classification until the maximum for the position is reached.

Unless prohibited under the terms of a union agreement, a department head may withhold all or part of a salary increase from an employee for reasons of poor performance. This will be limited to situations in which the employee has received prior written notice of a performance problem and has failed to correct the problem. This action may be taken only with the approval of the city administrator.

Monthly anniversary dates for step increases and longevity shall be as follows:

- All anniversary dates will be January 1 and July 1.
- Any employee hired after January or July will be moved forward for their increases in accordance with Section 22 of the City's personnel policies.

SECTION 10. STEP LEVELS AND JOB CLASSIFICATIONS

All City employees, (except members of the Police and Fire Department who will be governed by Schedules C and D, Police and Fire Dispatchers who will be covered under Schedule F and certain Library employees who will be covered under Schedule G) will be eligible to have salary adjustments within the ranges of Schedule B or E, as appropriate, listed below:

Performance Rating	Salary Increment
Unsatisfactory. The employee's performance is unsatisfactory, job standards are not being met, and major improvement is required.	0 steps; base increase may also be withheld
Needs Improvement. The employee is making acceptable progress but needs improvement to meet the performance standards and criteria for the position. Progress is slower than would normally be expected.	0-2 steps
Meets Standards. The employee meets the job standards for the position. Progress in developing skills is at an acceptable pace. The employee exhibits no significant problems.	3 steps
Exceeds Standards. The employee performs well above expected standards, exceeding normal performance standards and expectations in most areas.	4 steps

SECTION 11. CITY PERSONNEL OFFICER

The City Administrator is hereby appointed as City Personnel Officer. The City Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to administer the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 12.

For budget purposes, the salaries and wages of employees of the Board of Health and Library Board are included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 13.

All ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall take effect 20 days after date of publication in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165.

SCHEDULE A
CITY OF SUMMIT

POSITION CLASSIFICATION	SCHEDULE	JOB GROUP
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
City Administrator		21
City Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer		18
Secretary to Mayor and Council and City Clerk		17
Assessor		16
Assistant City Administrator		12
Collector of Taxes		14
Assistant City Treasurer		13
Assistant to the Assessor		12
Staff Assessor		11
Administrative Aide/Information Specialist		9
Administrative Assistant and Deputy Clerk		9
Public Information Officer		8
Administrative Assistant		8
Senior Account Clerk		7
Assessing Secretary		7
Secretary III/Assistant Deputy Clerk		7
Account Clerk/Deputy Collector of Taxes		6
Account Clerk		6
Secretary III		5
Secretary II		5
Assistant Account Clerk		4
Secretary I		4
Secretarial Assistant		3
Administrative Assistant to the City Administrator		8
PARKING SERVICES AGENCY		
Parking Manager/Assistant to the City Administrator		12
Administrative Assistant		8
Secretary II		5
Parking Enforcement Officer/Technician		8
Parking Enforcement Officer		5
Parking Enforcement Officer Trainee		4
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Administrative Assistant		8
Records Supervisor		8
Records Clerk		7
Alarm Room Attendant/Radio Officer		6
Police Radio Officer		7
Secretary III		7
Secretary II		5
COURT		
Municipal Court Administrator		14
Deputy Municipal Court Administrator		10
Violations Bureau Clerk		6
Secretarial Assistant		5
COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Director		19
Executive Assistant		10
Administrative Assistant		8
Secretary III		6
Secretary II		5
Engineering		17
City Engineer		16
Assistant City Engineer		13
Assistant Engineer		11
Engineering Assistant		9
Senior Engineering Aide		9
Code Enforcement		
Construction Official/Chief Inspector		16
Building Inspector/Subcode Official		12

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED
The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT
PUBLIC NOTICE
The Planning Board held it's regular meeting on Monday, December 15, 2008 and memorialized the following resolutions:

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT
CITY OF SUMMIT
FINAL PASSAGE
ORDINANCE #09-2834 (CONTINUED)
SCHEDULE A - POSITION CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)
Code Enforcement - continued
Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Officer 12

SCHEDULE B
CITY OF SUMMIT
SALARY AND WAGE PLAN

Table with 4 columns: Job Group, Minimum, Maximum, Job Group, Minimum, Maximum. Lists various job titles and their corresponding salary ranges.

PUBLIC NOTICE

MOUNTAINSIDE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions were made at a public meeting by the Mountainside Planning Board on November 13, 2008 at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

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SUMMIT
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FINAL PASSAGE
ORDINANCE #09-2834 (CONTINUED)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD
TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
ASSESSMENT LIST IS READY
Springfield Tax Assessor, Edward Neil Galante has announced that the assessment list for the 2009 tax year will be available for inspection by any taxpayer on Monday December 29, 2008 at the Assessor's Office, 100 Mountain Avenue between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Table listing various job titles and their rates: Pool Manager (Per Season) 6,700.00, Pool Assistant Manager (Per Season) 5,000.00, etc.

SCHEDULE C
CITY OF SUMMIT
2009 POLICE DEPARTMENT SALARY AND WAGE PLAN

Table showing salary and wage plans for Police Department, including Title, Academy, and Remainder of Year 1 for various ranks like Jan. 1, 2009 Deputy Chief, Chief, Sergeant, Lieutenant.

SCHEDULE D
CITY OF SUMMIT
2009 FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARY AND WAGE PLAN

Table showing salary and wage plans for Fire Department, including RANK, Jan. 1, 2009 Deputy Chief, Chief, and various ranks like Firefighter, Lieutenant, Battalion Chief.

SCHEDULE E
CITY OF SUMMIT
2009 BLUE-COLLAR SALARY AND WAGE PLAN

Table showing salary and wage plans for Blue-Collar employees, including Job Group, Minimum, and Maximum.

SCHEDULE F
CITY OF SUMMIT
2009 POLICE AND FIRE DISPATCHERS SALARY AND WAGE PLAN

Table showing salary and wage plans for Dispatchers, including Job Group, Minimum, and Maximum.

SCHEDULE G
CITY OF SUMMIT
2009 CERTAIN LIBRARY EMPLOYEES SALARY AND WAGE PLAN

Table showing salary and wage plans for Library employees, including Job Group, Minimum, and Maximum.

STATEMENT

The ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted on Tuesday, December 16, 2008, and the twenty-day period of limitation within which a petition questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

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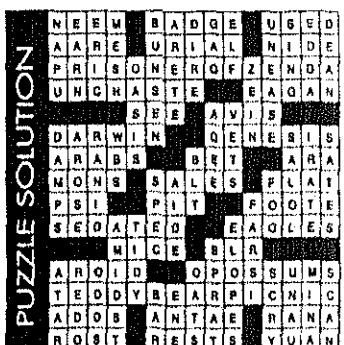
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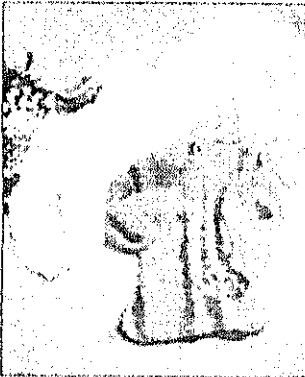
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"Baby, It's Cold Outside" is the name of a statewide hat, glove and scarf drive sponsored by the Association of the New Jersey Chiropractors, a non-profit state organization. There will be offices throughout the state that people can drop off hats, gloves and scarves for those in need. These items will be donated to the Salvation Army and local charities in the state.

The office in this local area is the Family Chiropractic Center of Kenilworth, Jay Gilden and Robert Brezinski, at 5:30 Washington Ave., Kenilworth. Information can be obtained by calling 908-276-8659.

Union CPA attends workshop in Philly

Frank Delane, a Union-based accountant and financial planner, recently attended the H.D. Vest Achievers Academy — a workshop in Philadelphia focused on handling clients' wealth management issues.

H.D. Vest, one of the oldest and largest independent financial service firms, specializing in training

and supporting tax professionals, joined Lincoln Distributors to host the Achievers Academy. Delane, a local business owner since 1988, is an advisor with the firm.

During Achievers Academy, Delane learned how to put efficiencies in place, enabling him to spend more quality time with clients and assess their financial needs by focusing on the Eight Wealth Management Issues which Americans face today.

Hawkins named best employee of 'Quarter'

Our House Inc., a non-profit that provides employment, recreational and residential services to adults with developmental disabilities in Murray Hill, named Roselle resident and Our House Group Home Counselor, Sherley Hawkins "Employee of the Quarter" for her dedication and outstanding work with her residents.

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Cyber Crime Draws Cyber Cops

By Rod Hirsch

The long arm of the law has gone cyber. As the 21st century criminal has moved into realms and dimensions never before dreamed of by yesterday's cop on the beat, law enforcement agencies are in hot pursuit.

The vast reach of the Internet continues to shrink the world – there are more than 200 million Internet users in the United States alone – increasing the likelihood that you or someone you know will become a victim of cyber crime.

The pervasive nature of crime committed with the use of computers runs the gamut from loss of proprietary corporate information to the loss of life and more commonly includes the theft of sensitive personal information – social security, bank account or driver's license numbers or the contents of a personal file.

No less hurtful or compromising is the loss of innocence and trust.

The Internet has provided millions of criminals worldwide with a platform to seek vengeance or riches at the expense of unsuspecting victims. From

predators exchanging child porn to scammers stealing identities, cyber crime does not discriminate, reaching into button-down corporate board rooms and the chat rooms of naïve teens around the clock and around the world. Cyber criminals are as likely to strike from a basement apartment in Elizabeth or Scotch Plains as a walk-up loft in London, Amsterdam or Montreal.

As cyber crime becomes more pervasive and more sophisticated, local law enforcement agencies are adapting and responding, according to Sgt. Michael Hoose, who heads the Union County Prosecutor's Office High-Tech Task Force, one of the first in New Jersey.

It is difficult to profile the cyber criminal, according to Hoose. He lists jilted lovers, disgruntled employees, jealous parents, thieves, con men, child molesters and other perverts, malcontents, miscreants and devious cyber junkies as the most common.

The high tech crime unit, created in 1999, has handled several thousand cases over the last few years,

everything from identity theft and child pornography cases to homicide investigations, insurance fraud and human trafficking, according to John Holl, public information officer for the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

"Computers have not only changed the every-day lives of citizens, but also the way criminals operate," said Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow. "As such, we have implemented a number of initiatives in recent years to monitor and apprehend people who use technology to commit crimes."

"When you think about it, there are no boundaries for computer crimes, they're pretty much involved in every facet of criminal investigations today," said State Police Det. Sgt. Stan Field, who heads the Cyber Crimes unit.

"More and more, we do work with the counties and local police departments," Field said. "There are more police departments better trained and equipped to handle this than there were four or five years ago. What we're starting to see is that when a crime comes in, the local

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Source: Internet Crime Complaint Center, FBI

departments are more apt to work it instead of calling for help."

Field and Hoose agree that child pornography and stalkers on the Internet are the most troubling.

"We're brought up and taught not to talk to strangers, and these kids don't understand or don't care," Hoose said. "They go on these social networks, MySpace, FaceBook, and they let them in their house everyday."

The unregulated nature of the Internet does little to discourage such activity.

"There are criminals out there who launch viruses, but there are anti-virus products we can install and firewalls to help protect against attacks," said Sara Peters, senior editor of the Computer Security Institute in New York City. "The trouble right now is that there are malicious people who can use legitimate functionalities like FaceBook, MySpace or Google, common components of our every day lives, in really bad ways.

"People can open themselves up for trouble without knowing that they are doing so. That's becoming a major concern; how do you protect against something that is legal without making

it impossible for good people to use the functionality the way they are intended to be used?"

Hoose, who presents a "Be Cyber Safe" class on cyber crime for schools, civic organizations and business groups in Union County, delivers a consistent message.

"Parents are not paying attention to what their kids are doing online," he said. "Don't let them have a computer in their bedrooms – put it in the family room where you can keep an eye on what they're doing."

In October, the Union County Prosecutor's Office arrested a Fanwood businessman and a Plainfield pastor, in separate, unrelated cases involving invasion of privacy, child endangerment and sexual assault on minors. Both cases involved contacts on the computer between the two men charged and their alleged victims, according to Hoose.

A third case still unfolding involves a Linden resident, a teacher at an unnamed Union County school who had attended one of the "Be Cyber Safe" presentations, according to Hoose. The teacher engaged in an

Businesses Find Safety in 21st Century Security

By Karen Miller

A burglary at a local deli, the theft of credit card information from a department store database, cyber terrorists or a bomb scare at a government building. The reports are so commonplace that planning for them has become standard strategy for businesses and organizations of all sizes and industries. Security is essential in

today's world.

"When my grandfather started this business security meant walking around a building and shaking the doors," said David Britton, chief technical officer and part of the third generation at Supreme Security Systems in Union, which has been in

the security business since 1929.

There has been a rapid expansion in the last few years in the technology available for securing businesses and homes, according to Britton. That means better security at a less expensive price.

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Recession Selling: Segmenting Prospects by Decision-Making Needs

By Andy Gole

Recently a new client said to me, "We are expecting a recession next year, times will be tough."

I reflected for a moment and realized that I have been working primarily in "declining markets" – markets in permanent recession – for the last 25 years. A short-term decline in economic activity is not novel.

Why do markets decline? Due to the product life cycle.

Products and services come to the end of their useful life. Innovative products take over. Every business leader is challenged with managing the product life cycle – knowing where they are in that cycle and how to extend it. Classic champion brands like Coca-Cola have extended the life cycle over 100 years through non-stop innovation. Often small businesses have more limited life cycles of three-to-seven years.

"Imagine the impact of increasing your closing ratio from 10 percent to 40 percent or more. Everything else held equal, you will see 'boom times,' not recession."

How long are your life cycles?

How long should they be?

From a cash flow perspective, leadership's fundamental task is extending the current life cycles to prepare the way for and finance new business life cycles. Life cycle management allows leaders to "time pace" change, to catalyze the necessary innovation.

In a recession, many more businesses face the "declining market" scenario. Are you prepared? You probably pare costs to the minimum and perhaps "buy business" by cutting prices.

What else should you be doing?

Having worked on more than a dozen declining life cycles, I have developed a tool kit for doing battle in brutal markets. One tool kit component is: repositioning your capabilities to more hospitable business environments – to a "blue ocean" of uncontested demand.

Coca-Cola performed a myriad of repositionings in extending its life cycle. In just one arena, distribution, Coca-Cola repositioned from the drug store to the supermarket and other retailers, to

outdoor vending machines and to office vending machines.

Another classic declining market strategy is acquiring more market share. This can be achieved by finer market segmentation, or product/service differentiation: targeting your offer to the newly defined segments. Product/service differentiation consumes cash and time. So does price-cutting to acquire market share, when it does not help us move down the experience curve.

What if you have neither substantial cash resources nor time?

There is a low cash/quick implementation repositioning strategy to build market share. Many, if not most, firms overlook it: repositioning by buyer decision-making needs. This entails a sales process change – what salespeople say, how they interact with prospects.

Most selling processes are geared to meeting the needs of "low hanging fruit" – prospects that are predisposed to buy. These methods appeal to only 1-15 percent of prospects, depending on the business.

These selling methods neglect the cornucopia of opportunity that exists by meeting deeper decision-making needs of prospects, which include:

- 1) Earning the right to be in a serious discussion with prospects (versus being a shopping exercise);
- 2) Addressing the needs of the skeptical decision-maker;
- 3) Helping new prospects make an unfamiliar decision.

Applying these tactics to a declining market – print advertising – helped my client increase sales more than 50 percent when the market demand declined 5 percent.

Imagine the impact of increasing your closing ratio from 10 percent to 40 percent or more. Everything else held equal, you will see "boom times," not recession, provided your product is not obsolete.

Segmenting prospects by decision-making needs is always a viable strategy – especially valuable in cash-constrained recessionary times.

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Andy Gole has taught selling skills for 13 years. He started three businesses and has made approximately 4,000 sales calls, selling both B2B and B2C. He invented a selling process, Urgency Based Selling™, with which he can typically help companies double their closing or conversion ratio. Learn more about Andy's method at www.bombadillic.com or by calling him at 201.415.3447.

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"Video cameras now have analytics built in and there are access control systems that make it possible for the owner of a business to monitor that business from his own home," he said. A basic four-camera system runs about \$3,500, Britton estimated, "considerably more technology for considerably less money" than a similar system 10 years ago.

New technology also has made it possible to efficiently protect remote locations. Copper theft has become a significant problem at remote cell phone tower locations, according to Britton. New cameras and motion sensors can instantly deliver information of a potential theft to a remote monitoring station.

"The new systems can tell the difference between a deer, a dog and a human, significantly reducing the number of false alarms that are turned in to law enforcement," he explained. Verified alarms receive higher priority and faster response from law enforcement.

The economy also plays a factor in the security industry, according to Anthony Marino of Alert Detection Technologies in Kenilworth.

"What often happens is that when the economy is bad people cut back on security, particularly systems that require monthly monitoring fees," says Marino. "But now is the time when people need to make sure that they have protection."

Recent terrorist attacks on hotels and restaurants in Mumbai, India, and several shopping mall shootings in the United States have reminded businesses they also need to be alert for other types of security problems beyond theft and burglary.

"High-rise and large capacity buildings are at risk today more than at any time in our history," according to Keith Flannigan, the executive director of an investigative and crisis management agency specializing in counter terrorism, communication and information security. A member of the American Society of Industrial Security, the largest security association in the world, he has performed investigative services for former President Jimmy Carter and Fortune 500 companies and counter-measures internationally.

Ensuring that a facility is secure takes time, money and effort on the part of everyone in a company, from the CEO down, and many business people are reluctant to spend the money to properly secure their facility, according to Flannigan.

"The biggest problem I have seen in my career of implementing security and safety programs has always been having the corporate executive approve the funds," Flannigan said. "No amount of money can be spent to prevent a problem that will come close to what you will spend afterward to clean up after one."

Veronica Jenkins, a certified identity theft risk-management specialist and a representative for Prepaid Legal Services, Inc., which offers credit identification theft services, agrees.

"Business owners need to be aware that there are legal requirements that they must meet to protect their customers and clients from identity theft," she said.

Many business owners unnecessarily retain old information on employees and customers, including social security numbers, credit card information, driver's license information and bank routing numbers, according to Jenkins.

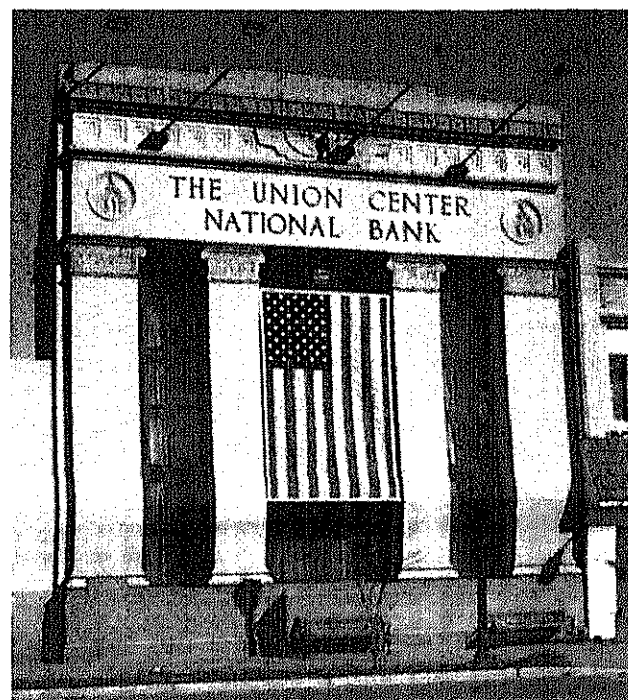
"The first thing I tell people is, if you don't need the information, don't keep it," she said.

Laptop computers and flash drives are particularly vulnerable to theft. Businesses should not keep sensitive information on these devices unless absolutely necessary, Jenkins advises. If they do keep sensitive information stored on a laptop or flash drive, they should make sure it is encrypted. In addition, laptops can now "phone home" if they are stolen and the hard drive can be remotely wiped clean.

While security cameras, encryption codes and other high tech devices are an important part of security in the 21st century, Jenkins believes the most important element is still the human one.

"So many people will buy the security camera or set up the encryption code and then never use it," she said. "Having the security devices isn't good enough. We have to use them — every time."

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"intense" e-mail exchange with a student and after a period of time, the teacher sent "inappropriate" photos to the student and was subsequently arrested, the sergeant said.

The Federal Trade Commission received 11,284 fraud complaints and 6,394 identity theft complaints in New Jersey in 2006, the latest year for which statistics are available, ranking 14th in the nation in the latter category.

The top five fraud complaints in New Jersey were: shop-at-home/catalog sales; Internet services and computer complaints; prizes/sweepstakes and lotteries; Internet auctions; and foreign money offers.

According to the 2007 Internet Crime Report, the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) received 206,884 complaints of crimes perpetrated over the Internet during 2007. Of the complaints received by IC3, more than 90,000 were referred to law enforcement agencies around the nation, amounting to nearly \$240 million in reported losses. This represents a \$40 million increase in reported losses from complaints referred to law enforcement in 2006.

"The Internet presents a wealth of opportunity for would-be criminals to prey on unsuspecting victims, and this report shows how extensive these types of crime have become," said FBI Cyber Division assistant director James Finch. "What this report does not show (is) how often this type of activity goes unreported. Filing a complaint through IC3 is the best way to alert law enforcement authorities of Internet crime."

Consumerfraudreporting.org, an online clearinghouse of cyber crime information, lists the top 10 categories of computer-related criminal activity affecting consumers and businesses. These include: lottery scams; Internet auction frauds; confidence - Nigerian

advance fee frauds; phishing and pharming for identity theft; passive residual income scams; check frauds; work-at-home scams; matrix/multi-level marketing and pyramid schemes; property investment schemes; and 900 phone number scams

The annual Computer Crime and Security Survey conducted by the Computer Security Institute helps businesses and corporations increase their security awareness and helps determine the scope of computer crime in the United States.

The 2007 survey shows an increase in cyber crime for the first time in five years and a corresponding increase in losses for the 494 companies included in the survey, ranging from multi-billion dollar global corporations to companies employing less than 100 workers.

Some of the key findings of the survey include:

- The average annual loss shot up to \$350,424 from \$168,000 the previous year. Not since the 2004 report have average losses been this high;
- Financial fraud overtook virus attacks as the source of the greatest financial losses. If separate categories concerned with the loss of customer and proprietary data are lumped together, that combined category would be the second-worst cause of financial loss;
- Insider abuse of network access or e-mail (such as trafficking in pornography or pirated software) edged out virus incidents as the most prevalent security problem, with 59 and 52 percent of respondents reporting each, respectively;
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You Can Achieve Cost Savings through Property Tax Appeals?

By Frank Ferrugia

The subprime mortgage disaster and the implosion of the real estate market are by now well documented. There has been perhaps no better time in recent memory to consider filing a property tax appeal in order to reduce the tax burden on properties that may be losing market value.

Property taxes constitute a significant expense for both residential and commercial owners of real property. Minimization of this burden, by way of a tax appeal, can greatly influence the sale or development of real estate. By taking advantage of this unique opportunity, owners of real property and lessees responsible for property taxes can greatly reduce their expenses associated with the ownership and development of buildings and land.

A real property tax is a tax on the value of land and improvements. Real property is valued, for taxation purposes, at its fair market value. This value is one that a willing buyer would pay a willing seller, both with adequate knowledge, in an arms-length transaction in the open market. Municipal assessors formulate assessments based on this value as of the relevant assessment dates.

Methods of Valuation

There are three general methods of valuing real property: the sale approach, the cost approach and the income approach. Use of these three approaches to value depends on the type of property being valued.

The Sale Approach

The sale approach, or market approach, seeks to determine value by comparing sales of properties similar to the subject property. Of course, the probative value of this method depends on the availability of sales of properties that are truly comparable to the subject property.

Accordingly, adjustments are made to account for differences in the properties compared.

This method is predominant in the valuation of residential properties and other properties for which comparable sales are available. To the extent that comparable sales are available, this method will be most probative of fair market value.

The Cost Approach

The cost approach, or replacement cost approach, seeks to determine value based on what it would cost to recreate or replace the subject land and improvements. Various market indexes and references may be utilized to estimate the cost to recreate the subject improvements. Such costs are then reduced to take into account depreciation and obsolescence. Actual construction cost figures may also be utilized, and such figures can be trended to apply to specific valuation dates.

Because land is unique, the land component must still be valued under the market approach discussed above. This land value is then added to the cost determination to reach the fair market value under the cost approach. The cost approach to valuation is utilized where the subject property is specially designed for a specific purpose, for which no market readily exists. Such "special purpose property" includes power plants, refineries and specialized manufacturing plants.

The Income Approach

The income approach, or income capitalization method, is used to value income-producing property. This approach views the subject property as an investment from which a stream of income is the desired result.

First gross income is established, and this figure is reduced by a vacancy and loss allowance to arrive at a net income for the property. This figure is further reduced by expenses to produce net operating income. Net operating income is then capitalized by the appropriate rate to produce the property's true value, that is, the present value of the stream of income desired.

The income capitalization method is appropriate for the valuation of apartment buildings, hotels and other commercial property.

The Appeals Process

In New Jersey, appeals of real property tax assessments must be filed on or before April 1 of the current tax year, or within 45 days of the issuance of a Notice of Change in Assessment. This is done by filing a petition of appeal with the County Board of Taxation of the county in which the property is located. If the real property's assessed value is greater than \$750,000, the taxpayer may file an appeal directly to the Tax Court.

Taxpayers who are unhappy with their results at the County Board level may file an appeal to the Tax Court within 45 days of the County Board judgment. Appeals from Tax Court judgments may be brought to the Superior Court, Appellate Division. Such appeals must be filed within 45 days from the Tax Court judgment.

In accordance with New Jersey law, owners of income-producing property are required, upon written request, to provide municipal assessors with income information and title papers. Assessors utilize information obtained through these Chapter 91 requests in valuing real property. Failure to provide this information within the time prescribed bars the taxpayer from filing an appeal. In such instances, the taxpayer will only be entitled to a reasonableness hearing with respect to the property assessment.

Locking In Your Reduction - The Freeze Act

New Jersey legislation provides for the Freeze Act, which offers additional relief to taxpayers successful in appealing tax assessments. The Freeze Act provides that final judgments of the Tax Court are binding upon the taxing district for the assessment year, and for two years succeeding the judgment year.

The Freeze Act will not apply where there has been a change in value after the assessment date. The Freeze Act also will not apply where the property has been the subject of an addition qualifying as an added assessment, a condominium or cooperative conversion, a subdivision or a zoning change.

The binding effect of the Freeze Act will also terminate with the tax year immediately preceding the year in which a program for complete municipal revaluation has been put into effect. With the added benefits provided by the Freeze Act, taxpayers appealing their assessments may enjoy up to three years of relief.

In the right case, a property tax appeal offers an opportunity to achieve substantial savings. Potential appeals should be reviewed and evaluated carefully to ascertain that an appeal is appropriate.

Clients and cases handled by the law firm McCarter & English reflect the depth and diversity of property owners who can seek property tax appeal. The firm has tried cases and negotiated assessment reductions for a wide variety of classes of property, including manufacturing facilities, newspaper/printing press facilities, office buildings and complexes, hotel facilities, condominium and co-operative complexes, and vacant land, including wetlands properties. The firm has developed particular expertise with sites impacted by contamination, environmental regulations and stigma.

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The Chickens Have Come Home to Roost

Almost all of us have some kind of insurance or another. It can be car insurance or health insurance. Homeowners, workman's comp and life insurance are common. There are a myriad of types of insurance.

Now if you pay your premium you expect to get coverage when you file a claim. And if you find that the administrators of the insurance have used your claim money to pay something else, like their gambling debts, you'll be pretty mad. In fact, there are laws against misappropriating funds that have been put into the care of a trustee, and usually people who do this are liable to go to jail.

Except for the jail part, this is exactly what has happened with New Jersey's Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. This fund was set up to provide income for people when they lose their job. It is not charity, it is insurance, and employers and employees both make contributions.

Now that the economy is turning south and unemployment is skyrocketing, the need for the Unemployment Trust Fund has never been greater. Unfortunately its resources have never been more meager. It isn't that we haven't been paying our premiums; rather it is the governor and the Legislature who have been diverting our money for their own ends.

Over the last few years, more than \$4 billion has been diverted from the Unemployment Trust Fund. This has been over the vocal objections of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce and every other business group in the state.

Businesses and their employees pay about \$2 billion into the fund each year. In 2004, the fund was carrying a balance of \$3 billion, before it was raided. A couple of months ago, the fund balance had fallen to \$161 million. Last month, claims were \$169 million, up almost 25 percent from November 2007.

Right now, the Unemployment Trust Fund is barely self-sustaining. With claims expected to climb each month well into 2009, the only thing that will save it is a big increase in unemployment taxes. Nearly \$400 million, or a 20 percent increase in the total collections, will be necessary.

But, as the labor force contracts, because businesses close their doors or cut their workforce, the increased burden will fall on fewer people. So, whether we like it or not, we are looking at a major tax increase, all because the government diverted the surplus.

The money was taken from the fund to pay for the state's charity care program. While stealing from Peter (the unemployed) to pay Paul (the uninsured) may have seemed like a good idea, the fact is that being unemployed and uninsured tend to go hand in hand: the more people who lose their jobs, the more people who lose their insurance.

For years the Gateway Chamber has argued that the state's charity care program needs its own funding source. Charity Care is an important government policy. No one should be denied care because they don't have insurance.

However, if we as a state make this decision, we should also be cognizant that someone has to bear the cost, and that should not be the people who have just lost their jobs. The Legislature in its usual fashion has done what is expedient, not what is right.

Unfortunately government is not held to the same standard as business. Those in government make laws, but then do not apply them to themselves. If they did, a whole bunch of blackguards would be looking at jail time.



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Where the Chamber Stands...

This Well Is Dry

New Jersey's coffers are echoing like a stray penny turning in an empty dryer drum. Our pockets are turned inside out and the gold leafing on the state house dome is looking pretty tempting right about now.

In short, New Jersey is all but broke.

The Corzine administration has reported that the state budget shortfall is projected for \$1.2 billion and could reach \$5 billion for fiscal year 2010. October tax revenue came in \$211 million lower than the administration's projections; corporate business taxes were off by nearly 16 percent and income taxes by 14 percent from projected levels, according to the *Star Ledger*.

For the fiscal year starting in July, Corzine has said, "All things are on the table."

That willingness to consider all options – from renegotiating vendor contracts to reviewing state collective bargaining agreements – is both necessary and prudent. The New Jersey constitution requires the governor to submit to the state Legislature a balanced budget. Projected revenue and spending must match.

Past administrations have achieved this by borrowing from Peter to pay Paul, through slight of hand and by raising taxes, particularly on the business community. This last option is one that should not be on the table.

The Corzine administration has worked hard to rebuild New Jersey's tattered reputation as being one of the least business-friendly states in the nation. New Jersey's business environment had become so hostile that businesses have been leaving the state in droves for years. High commercial property taxes and burdensome fees and regulations have long made neighboring states attractive options for businesses of all sizes. Recent passage of paid time off was one more punch to the gut of a business community already gasping for air.

New Jersey has lost more than 14,000 private-sector jobs and today ranks near the bottom in the nation in rate of job creation, the New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA) recently reported. (A Rutgers study found New Jersey was 41st in the nation in its rate of private-sector employment growth in 2006 and 2007, NJBIA said.)

The association's 2009 Business Outlook Survey also revealed a gloomy outlook for the immediate future. The report showed that hiring plans of New Jersey employers for the coming year are at an 18-year low, with only 17 percent of respondents saying they plan to expand hiring in 2009. Only 12 percent identified New Jersey as a good place to expand operation, a 25-year low.

This is not entirely New Jersey's fault. The economic downturn is national and global and nearly 70 percent of the survey respondents report their industries are either in or entering a recession. That is beyond the control of Governor Corzine or anyone else in Trenton.

In those areas the governor and Legislature can control they have made great strides in helping the state's business community regain its footing. Most recently, for example, the Legislature passed and Governor Corzine signed legislation to allow for the deduction of corporate business taxes over a longer period of years, similar to other states, giving New Jersey another carrot for retaining businesses that might otherwise consider relocating.

Other bills being considered as part of the governor's stimulus plan include legislation to loosen credit for small and medium-sized businesses; simplify business taxes; and help create jobs.

This is a trend that must continue if New Jersey is to weather the storm and remain economically strong. New Jersey government leaders must resist the temptation to tax the business community as a way of avoiding other sacrifices that might seem more politically dangerous.

State labor leaders will claim betrayal if approached to help shoulder the load. Educators will decry delays in capital investments in schools as an abandonment of our youth. Commuters will attempt to roadblock curtailments in transportation, hikers will march against reductions in services at state parks and art lovers will draw the curtain at cuts in endowments. All will rally for their personal causes and demand cuts come from elsewhere.

Elsewhere cannot be New Jersey's old faithful – businesses with their supposed deep pockets and ability to take one for the team.

New Jersey's business community continues to contribute tax revenue to the state and employ vast numbers of residents, helping them pay their mortgages, buy goods and services and send their children to college. As the economy has worsened and margins have thinned, New Jersey's businesses have tightened their belts, worked longer hours and looked for innovative approaches for drawing customers.

They have not gone to Washington or Trenton seeking a bailout. They only ask not to be the bailout one more time.

Capital Page...

Assemblywoman Annette Quijano (D-20)

Securing New Jersey's Economic Future

I was honored to be sworn into the New Jersey Legislature on September 25, 2008, as Assemblywoman for New Jersey's 20th legislative district and proud when my role as the first Latina representative for the 20th legislative district was solidified on November 4, 2008, (Election Day) when I received 70 percent of the vote.

Yet in today's challenging economic environment, there is no time to waste in pursuing the interests of the state's residents and business community.

"As the daughter of small business owners myself, I understand the importance of creating a favorable environment for all businesses in New Jersey and will continue to advocate for expanded workforce training, favorable tax incentives for businesses, and investments in our infrastructure."

Shortly after joining the Assembly I was appointed to the Labor and Telecommunications and Utilities committees. I have wasted no time assimilating to the Legislature and have already sponsored a variety of bills geared toward securing a strong economic recovery for the Garden State.

To help small businesses, I co-sponsored legislation to broaden the exemption eligibility for small businesses under the Urban Enterprise Zone sales tax rebate program for businesses with

less than \$3,000,000 annual gross receipts to businesses with less than \$7,000,000 annual gross receipts.



To help families in the community avoid the nightmare of foreclosure and to help stabilize local housing markets, I co-sponsored the "New Jersey Homeownership Protection Act" - legislation that will fund counseling and intervention services, provide emergency loans, and restructure subprime loans for families in risk of foreclosure.

Sustained economic growth is a top priority for New Jersey and its business community and residents alike. It is important that we in the Legislature partner with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and non-governmental agencies throughout the region to expand job training opportunities in the community. Currently, I am working with the New Jersey State AFL-CIO and local unions in the region to establish Automotive/Diesel Mechanics and Stage Technician Apprenticeship linkage programs at schools in Elizabeth and Roselle.

As the daughter of small business owners myself, I understand the importance of creating a favorable environment for all businesses in New Jersey and will continue to advocate for expanded workforce training, favorable tax incentives for businesses, and investments in our infrastructure.

My short tenure in the Legislature has certainly been busy and there is much more I plan to do. I am excited to partner with the business community to improve the quality of life in New Jersey.

Assemblywoman Quijano can be contacted directly with comments or questions via email at aswquijano@njleg.org

What's Coming Up!

Date	Event	Times	Location
Jan 8	Networking Professionals of New Jersey Meeting	7:30 AM	Perkins of Green Brook, 297 US Highway 22 East, Green Brook
Jan 8	Workforce Education Committee	8:45 AM	Chamber Office, 135 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth
Jan 9	Local & County Affairs Committee	8:30 AM	City of Plainfield Municipal Building, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield
Jan 14	Kenilworth Chamber Meeting	TBD	Visit our website for location and time
Jan 15	Gateway Association of Business Women Luncheon Meeting Cost per person: Gateway Members \$25.00 - Non-Gateway Members \$35.00	11:45 AM	La Casa di Martino, 301 West Clay Avenue, Roselle Park
Jan 20	Irish Business Association (IBA) Meeting	6:00 PM	Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road (GSP exit 135), Clark
Jan 21	Employer Legislative Committee Meeting	8:00 AM	Lana's Fine Dining, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark
Jan 22	Springfield Chamber Group	8:30 AM	Springfield Firehouse, 200 Mountain Avenue
Jan 25	Somerset Hills Business Network Meeting	8:00 AM	Visit our website for location
Jan 27	Linden Chamber of Commerce Meeting	8:30 AM	Visit our website for location
Jan 27	Gateway Chamber 96th Annual Dinner	6:00 PM	Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel (formerly the DoubleTree Hotel) 1000 Spring Street (Route 1 South), Elizabeth
Jan 28	Clark Chamber Group	8:30 AM	Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Avenue, Clark

January 29 & 30 - 72nd State Chamber Annual Walk to Washington

**For additional event information call the Chamber office at 908-352-0900
or visit our website at www.gatewaychamber.com**

The Inside Look...

Capital One Bank recently announced that **Rob Anderson** has been named chief financial officer for commercial banking. A senior vice president in the bank's finance group, Anderson oversees financial management activities of the commercial banking segment. He joined Capital One from Bank of America. Anderson earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Ohio State University and a master's degree in business administration from Pepperdine University, California. He is a Certified Public Accountant.



degree in accounting. **Bennett** is a recent graduate of Saint Peter's College with a bachelor's degree in accounting. **Offer** is also a recent graduate, earning a bachelor's degree in accounting from Ramapo College of New Jersey. **Siqueira** is a graduate of Kean University with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Trinitas Comprehensive Cancer Center (Trinitas CCC) has announced it now offers High-Dose Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy within the center itself. Trinitas CCC was able to relocate this service to its building on the Trinitas Hospital campus through a generous contribution from **Henry Hill Carroll**, a now deceased donor who was an active volunteer at Elizabeth General Medical Center. By doing so, patients are able to receive treatment comfortably and conveniently within the cancer center.

WithumSmith + Brown (WS+B), Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, announced it has been named "Business of the Year" by NJBIZ magazine in the 101+ Employees category. The Business of the Year awards program is designed to recognize the state's most dynamic businesses who share a commitment to professional excellence, business growth and the community. Nominees are judged on such factors as company history, growth, leadership, accomplishments, challenges and community involvement.

WS+B also announced the addition of **David Camaroneiro** as semi-senior accountant, and **Daniel Bennett, Jessica Offer** and **Fabiana Costa Siqueira** as staff accountants.

Camaroneiro is a graduate of Baruch College-CUNY in New York with a master's

The Irish Business Association, the newest member organization of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce, has announced its officers for 2009. **Al Nunan** and **Neil Conlan** of **Capital One Bank** have been elected president and treasurer, respectively; **Bob Flanagan** of **Red Flannel** marketing design firm will serve as vice president; and **Christopher Reardon** of **Reardon Communications Group** was named secretary.

The IBA meets monthly on the third Tuesday to promote business relationships and personal interaction among Irish-born and Irish-Americans throughout New Jersey.

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The mission of Northfield goes beyond banking products and services. Northfield prides itself on supporting local organizations such as the Rahway Hospital Foundation, the Union County Arts Center and the Arts Guild of Rahway.

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50 years experience in management, pharmaceuticals marketing and credit management, most recently as president and a member of the board of directors of Taro Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd.

In this capacity I managed the Israeli company, acquired the Canadian company and grew the US marketing company from \$0-250,000,000, recruited staff, motivated them, built the company's image to one of the major generic pharmaceutical companies in the US. Also worked with the Canadians and then bought a company in the US and then in Ireland.

I was also in charge of growing the international division in the UK and South America and in the US made a close link with the NACDS and established a scholarship for pharmacy students.

The Salvation Army



Captain Sebastian Leonardi
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I was born in Rosario, Argentina, in 1971 where I first met the "Army" through my parents.

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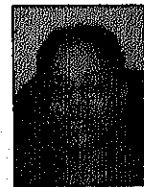
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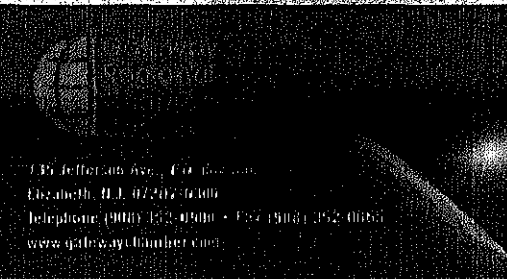
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