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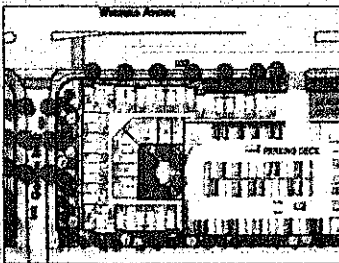
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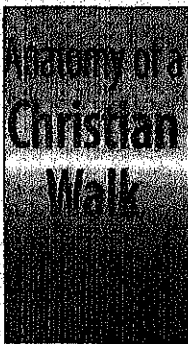
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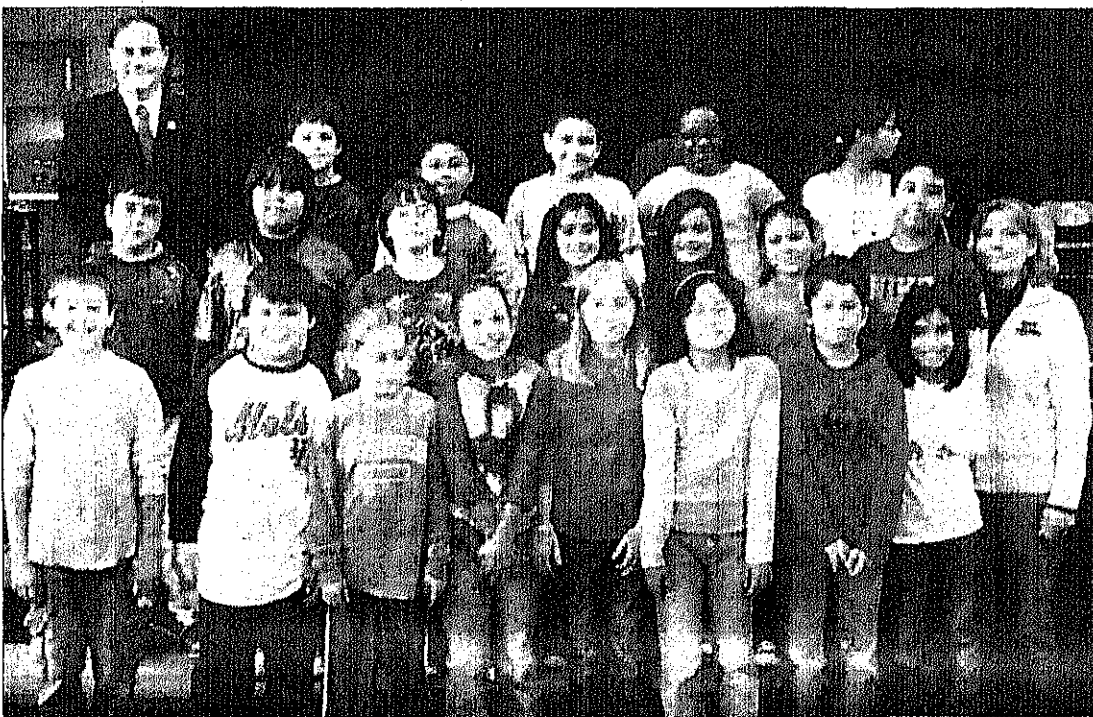
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## Business of bills



Assemblyman Jon Bramnick spoke to fourth-grade children at Washington Elementary School in Union on Nov. 26. During the visit, children learned how bills become laws.

## COAH concerns mounting

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — Now burdened by two builder's remedy lawsuits, the township has passed a resolution opposing the state Council on Affordable Housing's most recent round of regulations.

Cranford was already embroiled in a lawsuit with Lehigh Acquisitions, a developer seeking to build age-restricted housing at 555 South Ave., when another lawsuit was filed in superior court Nov. 12 by the S. Hekemian Group, a Paramus-based developer seeking to build 400 residential units on Birchwood Avenue.

"The township intends to fully comply with its obligations under the Fair Housing Act," said attorney Carl Woodward. "However, there is an inherent conflict...I see between policies that encourage preservation of open space and COAH policies encouraging the development of housing on open space to satisfy a perceived need for affordable housing."

Woodward said the resolution, adopted at the Dec. 9 meeting urges the legislature to address and resolve this policy conflict. Many other towns have adopted similar resolutions.

COAH assigns towns to provide varying levels of affordable housing. Some developers have filed lawsuits against municipalities, claiming they are not meeting their obligations, despite the obligations existing in a near-constant state of flux and revision.

Hekemian Vice President, Peter Hekemian, could not be reached for comment at press time.

Woodward said the township has until Dec. 5 to file a response to the Hekemian's lawsuit and will continue its review of the development. **See OFFICIALS, Page 7**

## Skate 22 shut down in wake of fatal shooting

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

UNION — In the wake of a fatal shooting outside of Union's Skate 22 rink in the early morning hours of Dec. 26, the Township Committee unanimously decided to revoke the facility's entertainment license.

"This was an unfortunate incident that called for immediate action," said Mayor Clifton People Jr.

Township officials voted on Dec. 28 during an emergency hearing, after noting the skating rink's owner allowed security problems to escalate in the months leading up to the shooting death of a 16-year-old boy in the parking lot of the facility.

Skate 22's license was only days away from expiring on New Year's Eve, according to township records.

The death of teenager Jean D'Haiti came after a series of violent incidents at Skate 22, including fighting and several crowd-control problems, according to authorities.

The Elizabeth High School student was one of 700 people, ages 13 to 25, who attended the Skate 22 Christmas roller-skating party, when several fights erupted between two groups of people in attendance, culminating in gun shots outside the facility at about 12:15 a.m.

"We shut down a business that

attracted the wrong type of business," Committeeman Peter Capodice said.

He said there have been issues with Skate 22 in the past.

According to Capodice, private parties the rink hosted until 2 a.m. were the source of the problems at the facility.

"We tried to regulate their business hours in 2006, but a judge told us we could not," Capodice said. "Because of their late...hours, they agreed to provide protection inside and outside of the building."

In 1997, a judge ordered Skate 22 to close after dozens of fights were reported at the facility. A year **See COMMITTEE, Page 7**



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# Crime reports: Unforgettable moments

Union County Local Source editors reviewed dozens of police blotters from our archives to present the most outrageous crime-related incidents this year.

### Cranford

• Timothy Marsden, 40, of Cranford was arrested at the intersection of Centennial Avenue and South Avenue after jumping in front of a moving police car and shouting obscenities, then banging on a nearby pay phone. He was charged with disorderly conduct.

### Kenilworth

• 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.

He was charged with criminal mischief and released again.

### Linden

• On Jan. 12, police were called to a Washington Avenue pub to remove a man accused of being disorderly. Martin Matis, 32, of Linden left the bar quietly with police, but later demanded they drive him home, yelling "All I want is one more beer!" Police offered to call a cab, but Matis took a "karate-like" fighting stance, smacked the bottom of his shoe, pointed at an officer and threatened, "It's me and you now." He was charged with disorderly conduct.

### Mountainside

• On Oct. 7, at 9:31 a.m., police responded to Force Drive on a

report of disorderly conduct. The victim told police they saw the suspect walking around their backyard carrying a chainsaw and threatening to cut down shrubbery.

### Rahway

• Rachel Stack, 25, of Rahway was arrested at the Sheraton Hotel in Hauppauge in Long Island on July 11 for prostitution after offering her services on *craigslist.com*.

### Roselle

• On Jan. 9, police responded to a report a suspect broke into a lot at Victor Containers at 645 West 1st Ave. and loaded \$53,000 worth of equipment into the truck, including several forklifts, before fleeing.

### Roselle Park

• Sasha Manic, 41, of Williams

Street was arrested on Sept. 13 after he was seen shooting squirrels with an air rifle from his backyard. The carcasses of five squirrels were found in the nearby Wachovia Bank parking lot on East Westfield Avenue. Manic told officers he shot the squirrels because, "he wasn't happy with them eating his tomatoes," according to police.

### Summit

• Marco Cruz, 31, of Scotch Plains was arrested on Feb. 18 for stealing appliances from a vacant home. Cruz took a dish washer, microwave, stove, bathroom counter-tops, a sink and several bicycles, valued at \$2,000. He was charged with criminal trespass and ordered to return and re-install the items.

## UNION BRIEFS

### Children's programs at Union library open

The Children's Department at the Union Main Library will hold the following events this week.

Monday: Bedtime Story Time at 7 p.m. Tuesday: Mother Goose Time at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Pre-school Story Time at 10:30 a.m.

### Book group to meet

The Union Book Discussion Group will meet at the Main Library to talk about "Three Cups of Tea," by Greg Mortenson, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. For copies of the book, call the Reference Dept. at 908-851-5450, ext. 2.

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## SPRINGFIELD BRIEFS

### Get computer training

The Springfield library holds its drop-in computer training program on Wednesdays. Visit the library between 10:30 a.m. and noon for training in using the Internet and searching online databases and the library catalog.

### Join book talk

The Springfield Public Library's Great Books Discussion Group will

meet to discuss "Of Friendship and Solitude," by Michel de Montaigne at 10 a.m. on Jan. 15. The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave.

### Meet, discuss novel

The Springfield Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion will meet to discuss "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society," by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Bar-

rows at 7 p.m. on Saturday. The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave.

### Aid squad needs help

The Springfield First Aid Squad seeks volunteers. If you are interested in joining, a membership application is available online. Visit [springfieldfas.org/volunteer.html](http://springfieldfas.org/volunteer.html) for the application.

## District programs take shape

By John O'Reilly  
Staff Writer

ROSELLE — By the end of the 2007-08 school year, Roselle had failed the state Quality Single Accountability Continuum, an evaluation of a district's operation, falling short in government and instruction, personnel and fiscal management.

With the new school year, came a slew of fresh academic initiatives, along with a few old ones aimed at moving the district forward.

Officials say changing the identity of the schools may take time, but they are taking steps in the right direction. "As we turn our thoughts toward 2009, I...assure...we will continue to work tirelessly to turn Roselle into an Institute of Excel-

lence," Superintendent of Schools Elnardo Webster said in a recent progress report sent to parents.

### Seven to seven summer program

For the second summer, the district offered free day camp to approximately 475 students between the ages of 7 and 18.

The 12-hour day wasn't all fun and games. At the camp, teachers were used as counselors and campers participated in mandatory reading time, along with other educational activities.

### Fathers first workshops

The school year opened with a "Walk Dad to School Day." School officials said they intend to provide other workshops that can show fathers and mothers the importance of getting involved and how it can have a positive impact

on a child's education.

### Video conferencing in class

Administrators believing technology is the first step towards reaching teens, made it a priority at Abraham Clark High School, recently offering video conferencing "Science in the Cinema" classes to connect local youths with students across the country, including in Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

"It provides...students with an opportunity most other students don't have," said Abraham Clark High School Health Occupations Teacher Diana Lobo, who noted she hopes to have students connecting with classes in England by the end of the school year.

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## HEROES AMONG US LOCALS MAKE BOLD MOVES

This year was rich with priceless moments, none more heartwarming than those when valiant locals, including a school teacher, police officer, high school student and concerned passerby, stepped in to aid fellow community members, in most cases, saving their lives.

### John Ciborowski

The 58-year-old David Brearley High School teacher took the road less traveled to work Dec. 9 and ended up saving a man whose car was on fire in the Watchung Reservation.

Ciborowski broke into the vehicle and dragged out the victim, who was asleep inside. He patted down the man, whose clothing was on fire. Both men were treated for burns at a nearby hospital and survived.

### Robert Weck

The Summit police Lt. rescued a 9-year-old boy and his father from drowning July 17. The pair in danger had been swept away from shore by a strong rip tide at a 14th Street beach in Surf City.

The married father of two, was awarded the "Chiefs Exceptional Duty Award" by Summit Mayor Jordan Glatt and police chief Robert Lucid Oct. 7.

### Joe Puerari

The Kenilworth student rescued a 41-year-old Pennsylvania girl from drowning Long Beach Island July 13. The victim was being dragged under water by a rip tide in the Beach Haven section when Puerari, then 17, swam out to her.

In August, the sea lover received a lifeguard merit award from Beach Haven Mayor Thomas Stewart.

### Harold Williams

The 30-year-old Linden man was sitting in front of his home one day in early November when a 1995 Ford Taurus rolled past him, hitting his parked car. Williams acted quickly, chasing down the vehicle and diving through the open window to find the driver's brakes had failed. In minutes, Williams managed to turn off the car's ignition as it traveled south on South Stiles Street, heading toward Routes 1&9.

Compiled by Stacey Eaton, managing editor.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

From Union Bicentennial to local centenarians welcoming another year of life, 2008 was packed with celebrations honoring significant anniversaries and birthdays.

- The Township of Union's year was filled with ceremonies and events highlighting its 200th year of existence.

- The City of Rahway held a year-long bash to recognize its 150th year. Key events included a Gala 150th Anniversary Celebration in June.

- Robert Gordon Elementary School on West Grant Avenue in Roselle Park celebrated its 100th anniversary. The school opened in 1908 and has served as both an elementary and high school.

- Roselle Catholic High School on Raritan Road in Roselle celebrated its 50th birthday in September, with staff and students burying five time capsules that can be opened in 50 years.

- The Rotary Club of Springfield turned 60 in June. More than 150 people attended the party observing the milestone Sept. 10.

- Americus Jeter of Union turned 106 June 25. She celebrated her birthday with the township in October, participating in the Bicentennial Parade.

- Josephine Lewis of Rahway celebrated her 100th birthday among friends and staff at Riverton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Rahway Nov. 22.

- The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in Mountainside celebrated its 50th anniversary on Dec. 13. Rev. John McCrone invited the congregation to a birthday dinner at L'Affaire restaurant.

- St. John's Lutheran Church in Summit celebrated its 100th anniversary on Dec. 7 with special events and programs, which included an anniversary luncheon at Grand Summit Hotel.

Compiled by Stacey Eaton, managing editor.

## CLARK BRIEFS

### Library to closing

The Wednesday afternoon movie scheduled for today at the Clark Public Library has been cancelled. The library will close at 2 p.m.

### Gaming afternoon

The Clark Public Library, located at 303 Westfield Ave., will hold afternoon games for youth Fridays at 3 p.m.

Snacks and soda will be available.

### Teen dance party

The Clark Public Library, located at 303 Westfield Ave., will hold Dance Dance Revolution for teens.

Teens meet Wednesdays at 3

p.m. For information, call 732-388-5999.

### Teen's advice wanted

Teens can get involved by joining the Teen Advisory Group at the Clark Public Library, located at 303 Westfield Ave.

Teens can help plan programs and activities, as well as choose books, CDs and movies for the library.

### Pack 145 seeks cubs

Clark Cub Scout Pack 145 is seeking new members to join their ranks.

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

## Borough recognized as one of best, again Mountainside ranks in top 100

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

MOUNTAINSIDE — When *New Jersey Monthly* magazine released its list of the top 100 places to live in the state on Feb. 21, Mountainside was on it.

The borough ranked 16th out of 100 municipalities that made the list. It was also the highest ranking Union County town on the list, which also included Union in 75th place. The second highest ranked municipality was Summit, in 29th place.

Mountainside's spot on the top 100 rose from 2007, when it was ranked 20th. "This is a tribute to the borough," Mayor Robert Vigilanti said at the time the list was published. "It's a tribute to the municipal employees, the governing body and the residents themselves."

Though municipal employees were honored, the results did not shock most.

"I'm not surprised," Police Chief and Business Administrator James Debbie said.

Debbie saw the designation as a complement — not only to Mountainside, but to all smaller municipalities. He said it should serve as an eye-opener to state officials who attempted to cut aid to municipalities with smaller populations.

"Ten of the top 16 towns had populations of under 10,000," Debbie said.

*New Jersey Monthly* considered population, population growth, median home sales price for 2007, median property taxes, open space, crime rate and the number of hospitals and theaters within a 10-mile radius, among other criteria, when ranking municipalities.

Mountainside's population at the time of its ranking was 6,644.

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## Events mark Union Bicentennial

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

UNION — The township celebrated its 200th anniversary with a bevy of well-attended events for all ages.

"The activities...were marvelous and spirit is high," said Michael Yesenko, president of the Union Historical Society and member of the Bicentennial Committee, which organized the events.

The year-long party kicked off Jan. 1, after the township reorganization meeting. About 350 community members went to Kean University to hear proclamations read by county and the state officials. "Kean students were dressed in

colonial garb," Brenda Restivo, chair of the Bicentennial Committee, said about what made the day special for her.

The celebration continued in May, with Heritage Day. The day served as a reminder of the many different cultures living together in the township and included cultural food, singing and dancing in front of Town Hall.

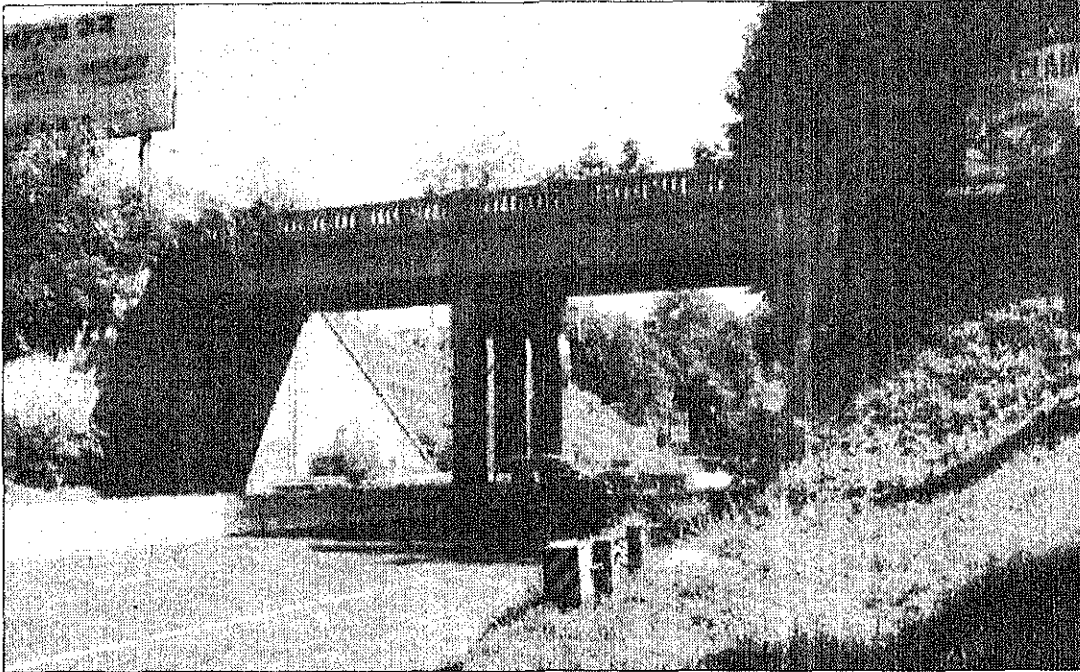
The festivities spilled into the the June 6 weekend, when the community celebrated Hannah Caldwell Day with a tour of Caldwell Parsonage. A "Kids" party held Fourth of July weekend got youngsters into the act of thinking about their town's history.

The bicentennial bash culminated with a parade Oct. 12. "The effort of the people who...built floats...renewed my faith in what I always believed: when asked to step forward, the community rallies around the cause," Restivo said.

The celebration concluded with the unearthing of a 50-year-old time capsule and "Bicentennial Ball" at Galloping Hill Caterers Nov. 23. Pictures, video tapes, letters and newspaper clippings from 1983 were revealed after years of storage in a container buried at the foot of Town Hall steps.

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## Striking fear



Several incidents involving chunks of stones being thrown at vehicles traveling on Route 22, resulting in damages to cars and injuries to occupants, terrified motorists in June. A large-scale police probe was launched and four Newark men were eventually arrested in July in connection with the crimes.

## City launches into solar system

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — Keeping pace with the city's ongoing drive to "go green," Brent Saunders, president of consumer health care at Schering-Plough Corp., along with Summit Mayor Jordan Glatt, announced May 10 during the city's first annual "Green Fest," that, in partnership with PPL Renewable Energy, a 1.7 megawatt solar system would be designed and installed on the roof of Schering-Plough's Summit site.

One megawatt is enough energy to power 800 average homes. The green energy project, which was completed several months ago, is the largest rooftop solar power

installation in the United States and one of the largest of its kind in North America.

The rooftop system was constructed on eight buildings throughout the Summit campus. Paul Champagne, president of PPL, said at the time that PPL will own, operate and completely maintain the system and supply power to Schering-Plough.

The power generated by the facility has been purchased by Schering-Plough and the renewable energy credits are then purchased by PPL EnergyPlus as part of a coordinated effort to increase development of renewable energy projects. Glatt, who leads one of New Jersey's most

environmentally conscious cities, described the decision as "one of the most exciting announcements in Summit in a long while."

Council President Andrew Lark noted the city can't take credit for the solar panels at Schering-Plough, but feels the company has provided a good model for all to follow. "What Schering-Plough has done is exemplary," Lark said.

Glatt said the city's Environmental Committee is working with officials from Schering-Plough to see if similar projects can work on some city-owned buildings.

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## SFD troubles take center stage

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
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SPRINGFIELD — The Fire Department couldn't stay out of the spotlight in 2008.

One small scandal flared up after another following complaints in February from two volunteer firefighters, Dino D'Angelo and Connor Hamilton, who claimed there was video evidence showing former Fire Chief Wayne Masiello's son, Adam, botching part of his physical exam and that his high score on the oral exam may be false.

D'Angelo also alleged former Fire Captain Michael Bilotti had tried to secure a place for his nephew, Jeremy, at the department by making sure his oral test scores were boosted.

The two volunteers acted by filing a lawsuit against the fire depart-

ment. This controversy ignited another.

The lawsuit led Springfield Mayor Bart Fraenkel to request the county Prosecutor's Office investigate the Fire Department. During their probe, a photocopy of Bilotti's General Educational Development diploma was found. When asked for the original copy, Bilotti could not produce it, claiming it was lost in a house fire several years earlier.

"All we've ever required from our township departments is accountability and respect," Fraenkel said in reflection. "People make mistakes, but a learned experience is a growing experience, and we've grown as a municipality."

After several hearings to determine the validity of the diploma, it was determined Bilotti did not have a valid GED and the governing body voted to fire him on Oct. 14.

Masiello, 56, who had retired in March after 25 years of service, did not escape unscathed by the mess.

In late October, the Union County Prosecutor's Office charged Masiello with forgery for allegedly altering a firefighters entrance exam taken in November 2007.

If convicted on the two counts of fourth-degree forgery, Masiello faced three years in prison. The county offered Masiello Pre-Trial Intervention, which provides defendants, generally first-time offenders, with alternatives to the traditional criminal justice process.

Hamilton hopes 2009 will be a better year. "We have a good, new chief (James Sanford), and the department is...moving forward," he said.

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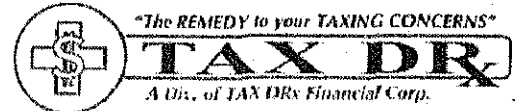
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## The AMT gets another "patch"



Exemption thresholds were supposed to protect middle-income taxpayers from the alternative minimum tax (AMT), but these amounts are not adjusted for inflation. In recent years, Congress has "patched" the AMT problem by increasing the exemption amount one year at a time. The 2008 AMT patch raised the exemption for 2008 to \$46,200 for single filers and to \$69,950 for joint filers.



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**Rescue effort**

The theft of \$450 in coins from the Kenilworth library alarmed residents in November. The funds had been collected for three years to buy equipment for the Children's Room. The effort was revived Dec. 15, when the PBA 135 Silver Card Association donated \$500. From Left: Police Sgt. Timothy Dowd, library director Dale Spindel and Silver Card Association member Robert Schielke display the check given to the library.

**City saw 'green' in 2008**

By John O'Reilly  
Staff Writer

LINDEN — This year's news was overgrown with environmental issues, and the city's garden had more than its share of blossoms and weeds.

**The Good**

One of Linden's best efforts to go green began with garbage. In March, City Council passed a resolution to transform the landfill on Lower Road into an energy farm. Officials hope to use the 55-acre landfill to harness energy in the future. They're planning solar panels, windmills and methane gas mining as ways of utilizing untapped or renewable resources. Officials also hope to add nature trails and a boardwalk along the Rahway River as well. The plan is no white elephant, though; at a time when gas and electricity prices are skyrocketing, harvested energy could power thousands of homes, according to officials.

Industries became involved as well. After purchasing the General Motors property for \$76.5 million earlier this year, developer Duke Realty pledged to build its proposed retail and industrial warehouse space with recycled asphalt, metal and debris salvaged from the site. The property is set to be completed by spring, 2010.

**The Bad**

Despite the positives, local land lovers couldn't escape some pollution scares. This summer, an oil tanker spilled 2,000 gallons of a gasoline-oil mixture into the Arthur Kill. The huge ship was unloading at the ConocoPhillips Bayway Refinery.

Not to be outdone, the site's former owner, ExxonMobil, was fined an undisclosed amount by the Department of Environmental Protection for extensive damages caused by accidental spills and active dumping prior to them selling the facility in 1993.

**...And the Ugly**

Infinium USA's Bayway chemical plant isn't actively doing anything wrong, but a national study found that things could get really ugly in case of an accident or terrorist attack. The plant, which uses chlorine gas to create oil and fuel additives, was listed as one of the 101 most dangerous sites in the nation by a Center for American Progress study, a Washington D.C. think tank with political connections to Barack Obama.

**Villa exits, senior housing enters**

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

CLARK — A long legal struggle came to a close in 2008, as did the story of the township's most prominent local company, the Villa Corporation.

This family-owned company, originally a construction contracting business, was founded by Joseph Villa in the 1930s. The company flourished, expanding in size through the 1970s.

Troubling times hit in the late 1990s, when relations between the township and the corporation began to fall apart, according to both parties.

The tension stemmed from the town's desire for a senior housing facility, proposed to be built in the center of the Villa-owned industrial area on Terminal Avenue.

Although the Villa Corporation had sued to block the rezoning associated with the project in 2002, in 2008 company owners abandoned the battle and the town, selling all its holdings — about 75 acres — to the Feil Organization, a New York-based real estate firm.

Villa Corporation owner Robert Villa said the conflict with the town took a toll and the company's leaders, who were getting older. "We...weren't in a position to go on dealing with what we were being made to deal with," Villa said.

Plans to build the senior housing facility had moved forward, but currently, are stalled, as the developer, Garden Homes, is awaiting state permits to break ground.

Bill Caruso, president of the Clark Senior Housing Corporation, said work may begin on the project in the spring. "I...won't be relieved until I see the mayor cutting the ribbon to enter the building," he said.

Feil representatives declined to comment on their plans for the properties, leaving some municipal officials uneasy about the future of the industrial area.

Council President Brian Toal described the current situation as a "crossroads," similar to one the town was at 50 years ago, when the industrial area first took shape.

"These parcels are the gateway of Clark. Working with the mayor, council and citizens, we'll get through this," Toal said.

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## Committee votes to close rink

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earlier, a teenager was brutally beaten at the site.

The rink re-opened several months after being shut down.

"The two overwhelming issues are a lack of security and a lack of cooperation with the township," said Deputy Mayor Anthony Terrezza.

Phillip Walker, the attorney for Skate 22's owner, Darren Gelber, told the Township Committee Christmas party had been planned by a promoter, but he did not recall the name of the promoter and said it was likely his client would sue to reinstate his license.

"It would be a travesty for a judge to open up that place again," Capodice said.

Spokesman for the Union County Prosecutor's Office, John Holl, said an investigation is under way.

Detectives have been interviewing the 700 people who attended the party and the office has made significant progress, but there were no suspects Monday.

"With each new interview, we are getting a clearer picture of what happened before, during and after the shooting," Holl said.

Township Police Chief Thomas Kraemer could not comment due to the ongoing investigation.

Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow said the initial homicide probe indicates D'Haiti was the target in the shooting, not a bystander. Investigators believe the victim was involved in one of the disputes that began inside the roller rink and continued outside.

"We know there were at least two groups. Both groups, to our knowledge, were out of Elizabeth and they were factions of an organized group. We believe...there were gangs involved in this," Romankow said.

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## Officials oppose COAH regulations

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er's proposal.

"We want the matter heard thoroughly before the Planning Board," Woodward said.

Planning Board Chair Robert Hoeffler said the developer has not approached the board.

"The procedure for submitting any-thing...requires a lot of information and data and they

haven't even done that," Hoeffler said.

According to planner Stan Slachetka of T&M Associates, many communities feel the COAH regulations are based on a "flawed" and "unrealistic" methodology.

"This backdrop of changing statues and regulations makes it difficult for municipalities to come up with practical and reasonable

plans when the foundations for those plans may change," Slachetka said.

Slachetka noted the hazy nature of these obligations also puts municipalities at a disadvantage in terms of defending themselves in litigation.

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### LINDEN BRIEFS

#### Volunteer: Tax aids

The John T. Gregorio Recreation Center is seeking volunteers to assist with the 2009 Income Tax Program. Volunteers aid low- to middle-income Linden residents with their tax returns.

Volunteers will be expected to attend a three-day training session at the Gregorio Center on Jan. 13 to Jan. 16.

Upon completion of classes, volunteers will assist area residents.

For information, call the Gregorio Recreation Center at 908-474-8627 or visit [www.linden-nj.org](http://www.linden-nj.org).

#### Knitting, crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting for a Cause invites people of all ages who have a basic knowledge of

knitting or crocheting and a set of knitting needles or a crochet hook to meet Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Meetings are held at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. Projects are distributed to charitable causes.

For information, call 908-474-8627 or visit [www.linden-nj.org](http://www.linden-nj.org).

#### Learn yoga, tai-chi, qi gong on Thursdays

Linden Department of Recreation and Community Services is sponsoring yoga/tai-chi/qi gong classes for adults.

Classes will be held Thursdays, Jan. 8 through March 19, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., Linden.

There is a fee for the program.

Registration deadline is Jan. 8. For information, call 908-474-8627.

#### Join karate class

Linden Department of Recreation and Community Services is sponsoring karate classes for Linden students ages 5 to 15 Fridays, 4 to 5 p.m. through Feb. 27, at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. Grand Master Ralph Chirico will teach the class. There is a fee. Registration deadline is Jan. 9.

Register at John T. Gregorio Center, 330 Helen St.; Community Center Building, 605 South Wood Ave.; or Linden Multi-Purpose Center, 1025 John St., or online at [www.linden-nj.org](http://www.linden-nj.org).

For information, call 908-474-8627.

### SUMMIT BRIEFS

#### Old Guard meeting

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

For information, call Emil Butchko at 908-665-0678 or visit [www.summitoldguard.homestead.com](http://www.summitoldguard.homestead.com).

#### Music DVDs at SPL

The Summit Public Library's newest collection of music DVDs is on display. The music DVDs can

be borrowed by anyone with a valid library card from Summit or from one of the seven local libraries that have a reciprocal borrowing agreement with Summit. The library is located at 75 Maple St. For information, call 908-273-0350.

#### Programs for special needs youth available

In cooperation with the Summit Department of Community Programs, Pathways for Exceptional Children will be offering four new programs for special needs chil-

dren between the ages 5 and 12 this fall, including lacrosse, basketball, art and social skills.

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

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

#### YMCA seeks aids

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## Baby steps



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Even the youngest community members hit the streets to march in the Township of Union's Bicentennial Parade Oct. 12.

## 'Crew' collapses

By John O'Reilly  
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — They may have robbed banks like the gangs from Wild West days, but one of the biggest burglary rings to hit Union and Middlesex counties didn't go out in a blaze of glory.

The Rahway-based Route 35 Crew, which took at least \$288,000 in cash during 11 bank robberies in two years, was caught this year. All members pleaded guilty to charges and await sentencing.

### Crimes

- Aug. 15, 2006 - Home robbery in Allentown, Pa. Crew members broke into the apartment of a man who owed them money and pointed gun at a woman's head, demanding payment.

- Nov. 27, 2006 - Robbed CardSmart employee in Cranford.

- Dec. 27, 2006 - Robbery at Speedy Check Cashing in Linden.

- Jan. 10, 2007 - Robbery at

Rahway Savings Bank in Rahway.

- Nov. 10, 2007 - Robbery at Investor Savings Bank in Piscataway.

### Convictions

- Ruben Rosado, 31, of Rahway: Charged with conspiracy to commit bank robbery, armed bank robbery and possessing a firearm.

- Michael Green, 30, of Linden: Charged with conspiracy to commit bank robbery, armed bank robbery and possessing a firearm.

- Sandy Hart, 29, of Rahway: Charged with interstate travel in aid of racketeering.

- Andre Billups, 24, of Rahway: Charged with conspiracy to commit robbery.

- Brandon Thomas, 27, of Rahway: Charged with receipt and possession of stolen property.

- Andria Yarborough, 24, of Roselle: Charged with lying to police and failure to report a robbery to police.

## RAHWAY BRIEFS

### Parking group meets

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

A re-organization meeting will be followed immediately by the regular meeting.

### RCP board to meet

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

## CRANFORD BRIEFS

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### Club's calendar here

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The calendar runs through September 2009.

There is a fee for a calendar. They can be purchased from any College Club member or from the following Cranford businesses: Maddie's Hallmark at 117 North Union Ave., Perrotti's Quality Meats and Groceries at 23 South Union Ave., Periwinkle's Fine Gifts at 17 North Union Ave. and the Cranford Library at 224 Walnut Ave.

### HPC group meeting

Historical Preservation Committee will meet April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, Walnut Ave.

## INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE

### TOP EIGHT OF '08

- **Kenneth Ham**, an astronaut since 1988, took a bit of Clark with him when his shuttle took off from Florida June 2. The 1983 graduate of Arthur L. Johnson High School was a key part of the Discovery Space Shuttle's seven-member crew on the STS-124 mission to deliver parts and supplies needed to expand research into space medicine and biology at the International Space Station.

- **August Villanti** lost his battle with neuroblastoma, a form of brain cancer, two months after celebrating his second birthday. Though he had endured numerous surgeries and several chemotherapy treatments, his energy managed to win the hearts of Kenilworth police, who planned to dedicate the proceeds of their annual motorcycle run to help pay his medical bills.

- **William Motley**, a Linden School Board member, became one of 188 board members in the country and nine in the state to attain the Master Board Member accreditation. Motley is being regarded as the "dean" of the school board.

- **Beverly Johnson**, a former Roselle Park resident and graduate of Rutgers Business School in Newark, created a scholarship fund — starting with \$10,000 — for graduating high school seniors who plan to attend her alma mater. The first award was presented to Roselle Park High School graduate, Daniel Heiss, who now studies at Rutgers University.

- **Michael Antolino**, the principal at Thelma L. Sandmeier Elementary School in Springfield, was awarded the Outstanding School Administrator of the Year award Nov. 14 by the New Jersey Association of School Librarians for his effort to effort to develop an "exemplary" school library media program.

- **Dr. Frederick Pine**, a chiropractor at Pine Chiropractic Associates of Springfield, announced in October his office would join a national effort, offering free chiropractic services to all military personnel for one year upon the completion of their tour of duty.

- **Dariany Santana**, an 18-year-old senior attending David Brearley High School in Kenilworth, jumped at the chance to be a "role model" by appearing on "Model Latina," a reality series that premiered on *Si TV* in July. The show, which spotlighted young Latinas with aspirations to succeed in their personal and public lives, offered the winner \$10,000, a contract with Q Model Management and a chance to be featured in "Latina Magazine."

- **Barbara Trueger**, coordinator of the Springfield School District's Gifted and Talented program for the past five years, earned a doctorate from Rutgers after participating in the school's South Africa Initiative, a program that attempts to create connections between U.S. and South African educators. While working with the SAI, Trueger taught a fourth-grade class in Paarl, South Africa, and offered teaching staff a developmental workshop to help them relate to parents.

Compiled by Stacey Eaton, managing editor.

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**HHS class gives back**

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**Scholarship offered**

The Joseph E. Enright Foundation is offering scholarships for students pursuing a career in health care. Students who reside in central

to northern New Jersey can apply. Each scholarship is \$1,000. A short essay stating what the applicant is studying and why they chose a career in health care should accompany each application. The deadline is Wednesday.

**Learn about recruiting policies, procedures**

The Kent Place Boosters will present a panel discussion focused on the demands of college athletics for women and the current policies and procedures of recruiting on Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in Hauser Hall on the Kent Place campus.

**STUDENT UPDATE**

**Students inducted into honor societies**

The World Language Department of Roselle Park High School recently held its 10th induction ceremony into the French and Spanish National Honor societies. Thirty-five students were inducted into "La Vida Es Sueno," the RPHS chapter of the Spanish honor society.

Seventeen students were inducted into the local chapter of the National French Honor society.

To qualify for membership, students must be enrolled in the third, fourth- or fifth-year of their chosen language.

**Dawe on dean's list**

Kenneth Dawe of Roselle Park was named to the dean's list for the

spring semester at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Mass.


**Ring gets scholarship**

Matthew J. Ring of Springfield recently received the Terence "Tex" Haran Memorial TAU scholarship at Binghamton University, N.Y. This scholarship is awarded to students in their junior or senior year.

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## EDITORIALS

## Happy New Year

Tonight is New Year's Eve, when people across the nation watch the ball drop in Times Square and make resolutions they'll break the following week. Although many use New Year's more as an excuse to celebrate and have a day off from work, it is actually the oldest of all holidays, dating back to ancient Babylon about 4,000 B.C. Around 2,000 B.C., the Babylonian New Year began with the first new moon after the Vernal Equinox, or the first day of spring. This made sense, as spring was a season of rebirth.

The Romans continued to observe the new year in late March, although emperors began altering the calendar, resulting in Jan. 1, an arbitrary date, being declared New Year's Day. Julius Caesar continued this practice when he established the Julian calendar in 46 B.C. At first, the Catholic church viewed New Year's festivities as pagan. However, when Christianity became more widespread, it was observed as the Feast of Christ's Circumcision by some denominations.

Many traditions have been established for New Year's most notably, making resolutions. The tradition dates back to early Babylonians, when the most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment. That has been replaced today with promises to lose weight or give up smoking.

Football games are also popular on New Year's Day, dating back to the Rose Bowl football game first played as a part of the Tournament of Roses in 1902. Today, there are dozens of bowls, not only on New Year's Day, but on the days before and after the holiday.

Even using a baby to signify the new year has ancient roots, first begun in Greece around 600 B.C. to represent the annual birth of the spirit of fertility. Egyptians also used a baby as a symbol of rebirth. Christians use it to symbolize the birth of the baby Jesus.

We still celebrate New Year's Day with festivities, although, as wild as we may think we get, they still pale in comparison to the 11-day-long fetes of the ancient Babylonians. Regardless, spend some time with family and friends, rejoicing in what was accomplished in the past year and what the new year has to offer. Make a resolution you can accomplish, even it takes the whole year. The feeling of accomplishment will be one you treasure.

Finally, remember that this is time to celebrate, not regret. So eat, drink and be merry, but know your limitations and always have a designated driver.

We wish everyone a happy new year.



**WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION** — Union County Freeholder Rayland Van Blake, second from right, Union County Alliance Steering Subcommittee Chairman Herb Levitt, left, and Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Chairwoman Carol Berger congratulate Hillside Police D.A.R.E. Officer Brian Wilson on being named the Union County Volunteer of the Year by the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

## Seeing 'candor and leadership'

Maybe it's the quick response of Joe Cryan which makes an interview seem, at times, to be like catching a train at the Townley Station in his hometown of Union. The answers come quick, concise and usually with little variation in tone.

For the man wearing hats as both the New Jersey Democratic chairman and an assemblyman in Union County, I asked for some predictions about 2009.

The Cryan crystal ball predicts 2009 will be a "difficult year." No sugar-coating here for a person who will also be seeking re-election to his legislative seat. His words include, "belt tightening" and laying out "priorities."

Much of the future of his party will rise and fall on the shoulders of Gov. Jon Corzine who, in seeking re-election, will lead the Democratic Party ticket. Cryan speaks about "a man who has played the tough economic hand dealt him." But Cryan predicts a re-election celebration for Corzine come November.

"The governor is doing what he knows best — being governor." Cryan predicts the citizens will see the "candor and leadership" of Corzine in the tough times and reward him with their vote.

The career in politics hasn't seen Cryan lacking in counter-punching. He predicts that the opponent Republicans will have a tough primary in selecting an opponent to face Corzine.

In terms of potential opponent

## Left Out

By Frank Capece

Chris Christie, Cryan says, "After eight years of glamorous press, 70 percent of New Jerseyans still don't know him."

Cryan says, "I believe I can read polls as good as most people, and right now as many as six out of 10 votes will vote for the governor." He acknowledges the issue of the economy is overwhelming all other issues. "It's been a thrill to be state chairman, but the real highlight remains helping constituents in these hard times," he adds.

Cryan praises the skill of the Obama campaign in predicting that this will be the "peoples' inaugural." That may be a problem for Cryan, with the pressure for a small number of seats far outpaced by demand.

"I get a call a few weeks ago from a man claiming to be my cousin who says we haven't spoken in three years. He warmly congratulated me on the party's big win in November. He added that he really would appreciate two seats to the inaugural. The problem was I have no idea who the guy was."

Cryan had a pretty good year on his own. He has a statistic handy that 68 percent of the state is represented by Democrats. He picked up a Congressional seat, giving the

Democrats an 8-5 margin in the delegation. Monmouth County went Democratic for the first time in a generation. Union County remains solidly Democratic.

Cryan sees a real struggle in higher education. While a strong supporter of Robert Mulcahy in the recent battle over the athletic director at Rutgers, he sees a far greater problem.

Cryan says recent numbers show that less than 50 percent of Rutgers freshman will have a degree come the end of four years. In terms of Kean University, 16 percent graduate in the four-year period.

In a rare flash of anger, Cryan pointed out that some college presidents who appeared before the Education Committee he chairs didn't know their own graduation rates. "This is like a CEO not knowing the value of his stock," he sarcastically quips.

Another bit of candor comes out when I ask Cryan how he balances the traditional Democratic Party idea of promoting programs to assist the communities he represents with budget cuts. "It is very tough, but I do believe people have elected us to make hard choices."

The hard choices and priorities don't leave a lot of good cheer for 2009. Still, Cryan is banking that a strong dose of candor and making tough choices will win the day for his party, his governor and himself.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A 'thank you' to voters

To the Editor:

We want to express our sincere gratitude to all who helped or otherwise supported us during this past campaign. It was a new experience for both of us, and that assistance, and the friendships that it fostered, made the endeavor enjoyable.

Having the opportunity to serve and give back to the community we live in is truly an honor. The residents that we met, and all of the issues brought forth to us, gave us great insight into the tasks at hand. We are confident that the information provided to us will enhance our ability to continue to make sound decisions in the future on a variety of difficult issues facing our township in the coming years.

We also want to thank our opponents, Daniel Aschenbach and Kevin Illing, for remaining focused on the issues. Civility is, in our view, the cornerstone of productive debate. We are most proud that this past campaign was marked by substantive dialogue.

Finally, we both look forward to continuing to serve the people of Cranford to the best of our abilities. We trust that even our humble efforts will be of benefit. We wish you all the happiest of holidays.

Christopher Drew  
Mark Dugan  
Cranford

### Girl Scouts 'brought joy'

To the Editor:

It was 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 21st and to our surprise, the doorbell rang on such a cold and icy night, and lo and behold, it was seven carolers from the Girl Scouts of Washington Elementary School in Union.

Especially nice was that one of them was our granddaughter Jean-marie, and they sang "Oh Tannenbaum" for her great-grandmother, who is a native of Germany. Much joy was brought to all of us.

Lil and Clif Detjen  
Union

### Bill should be sponsored

To the Editor:

"In peace the sons bury their fathers, but in war the fathers bury their sons." — Croesus, 595-547 B.C. They came to defend America, when her need was profound.

The young, the brave, the gallant responded to their nation's call, from the ranks of auto mechanics, bakers, students and retail workers. They were transformed into fighter pilots, paratroopers, helicopter pilots, Marines and Special Forces members. They fought and died for America in B-17s in the skies over Europe, in B-29s over Japan, in B-52s over North Vietnam, in a helicopter over Korea or Iraq. They made the ultimate sacrifice for America, over, on and under the waters of the Pacific Ocean, over the frigid waters of the North Atlantic.

The young, the brave, the gallant met death on the sands of Normandy, on the beaches of a forgotten Pacific Atoll, on the sands of an enemy village in Iraq or Afghanistan. It matters not if they were drafted or enlisted to safeguard America, to safeguard her freedoms, her liberty, her ideals.

However, Sen. Nicholas Scutari, D-Union, since June 5, has yet to sponsor S-1890, the Gold Star License Plates (bill) to honor the enduring sacrifices for those in New Jersey who have presented their lives for the defense of America. Perhaps Sen. Scutari can advise the nearly 150 Linden families, who have lost families members defending America, that their incalculable family sacrifice is not worthy of Statewide Gold Star License Plate recognition, that 35 other American States have provided for.

Perhaps Sen. Scutari can inform the over 100 New Jersey families who may have lost a gallant brother, father, sister or mother, defending America in Iraq or Afghanistan, that their singular immeasurable and individual heroic sacrifice is insufficient

justification to be so honored.

Perhaps Sen. Scutari can one day pause at Linden's multiple Veteran's war memorials, to ascertain the humble identities of those who contributed their lives, so that Sen. Scutari can pursue his inalienable right to ascend into political office.

Sen. Scutari, please do not continue to fail to honor, the sacrifice, the gallantry and courage of those men and women, who did not return from America's wars.

Michael Smith  
Linden

### 'Breach of contract'

To the Editor,

A Morristown & Erie Railway Inc. article in a Nov. 23 local Sunday paper titled "Tying One On," could have been labeled "Take Your Marbles and Play Elsewhere! We Can't Afford Your Games!"

Six years, six months and 16 days have passed since the signing of the contract between the Morristown & Erie Railway and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. The score: M&E, \$14.9 million plus; Union County-\$0 minus.

This obviously wealthy, money-making, privately-owned company did what it had to do to suit a local client in Bayway who was in need of storage and rotation of railcars crowding their Bayway refinery property. M&E is using residential neighborhoods to play checkers with their storage of hopper cars for a mere pittance, \$20 for a 10-year lease. Our public funds have been used to support this company that doesn't need a government bailout.

Fifteen million dollars is an outrageous overcharge for intermittent weed-whacking, toxic spraying, replacing a few tracks with creosote ties — that many states have outlawed — and some ballast upgrades. None of these public funds were used to do safety tests on this 130-year old rail bed which runs within feet of residential housing, schools, a temple, Girl Scout camp, a firehouse, as well as the Sun Gas pipeline.

None of these public funds were used to study security risks in light of incidents in Union County of multi-million dollar freight hijackings, nor the threats of being so close to "the most dangerous two miles in America," according to an Anderson Cooper CNN report.

There are at least a dozen grade level crossings through these eight Union County towns where M&E leased the right of way.

M&E did not spend any of our public funds to insure residents' safety, security or the economic benefits of their deal with the Freeholders.

Two years ago, Union County spent \$95,679.44 to study "Freight Access" in our towns. Why didn't the county use the money for this study before they signed a contract in May of 2002? They permitted M&E to spend a fortune of our money before they did the "Freight Access" study.

Where does our money go? It is used to subsidize a company who caters to a local high-end client and who also runs very expensive train excursions described by Gordon Fuller, Morristown & Erie's CEO, as "\$6,500 weekend train trips to Canada, \$30,000 trips to Seattle, and \$27,000 trips to Miami."

Why should over-burdened taxpayers be forced to support this drain on sorely needed public funds? Our county freeholders have to make M&E give an accounting of the \$15 million Union County gave them. This was required by their contract with M&E as well as the NJ state contract giving Union County Freeholders oversight responsibility.

The county has breached its contracts with New Jersey and with M&E by not fulfilling its clearly stated responsibilities of "monitoring and supervising" this runaway freight train project. Copies of these contracts can be seen by visiting [www.stophetrain.org](http://www.stophetrain.org).

Richard Lenihan  
Roselle

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## Combining discipline, education



Officials tour the county's new Juvenile Detention Center, which opened in the spring. The new facility, designed to appear more like a school than a detention center, is made of masonry and steel construction and boasts of nearly an acre of outdoor courtyard space.

## Cohen scandal stuns county

By John O'Reilly  
Staff Writer

This summer, county residents were shocked when 20th District Assemblyman Neil Cohen, 57, resigned his post amid allegations he viewed child pornography on a computer in his Union office.

Dec. 17, he was charged with reproducing, possessing and distributing child pornography and official misconduct. He faces a maximum combined sentence of more than 30 years in prison and fines of approximately \$500,000.

The police probe into the matter came after a staff member told legislators who

share the offices with Cohen on Stuyvesant Avenue, Joseph Cryan and Raymond Lesniak, they had found at least one photograph of a nude adolescent girl Cohen may have printed. Assemblyman Cryan and Sen. Lesniak contacted authorities and confronted Cohen, who was quickly admitted into a psychiatric facility.

"We knew (Mr. Cohen) as a compassionate, caring individual, but...clearly there was a side to him neither of us knew," Cryan and Lesniak said in a joint statement

after going to authorities with the information they were given.

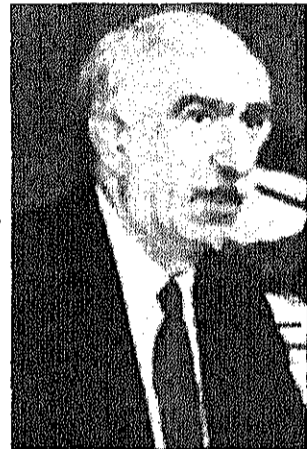
During his career, Cohen had worked on measures aimed at protecting children, including sponsoring Judy and Nikki's law, a bill that mandates life imprisonment without parole for anyone who murders

a child younger than age 16. The bill was created following the deaths of Judy Cajuste, 14, of Roselle and Nicole Giovanni, also 14, of Roselle Park. Cajuste disappeared Jan. 11, 2006. Her body was later found in Weequahic Park in Newark. Nicole was murdered by her mother, Lynn Giovanni on Feb. 4, 2005. Cohen had attended both

the arraignment and sentencing in that case and had been in frequent contact with Nicole's father, John Giovanni.

"I'm beyond words. I'm in shock right now," Giovanni said when told of the charges. "I've known Neil for three-and-a-half years, I find it hard to believe."

On Aug. 19, Annette Quijano of Elizabeth was chosen to fill Cohen's Assembly seat. She won a special election in November to complete his term, which ends in 2009.



Cohen

## Concerned Citizens hope for further compromise

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

ROSELLE PARK — Although tensions continued throughout 2008 as officials vied with developers to decide the fate of the Romerovski Corp. site, October saw the emergence of a possible compromise between the borough and the developer, Avalon Bay.

Progress in the redevelopment of the textile recycling facility on Westfield Avenue has been imped-

ed since 2007 when the developer filed a builder's remedy lawsuit.

Borough officials had initially made an agreement with the property owner, Israel Braunstein, in 2006 to work together in an effort to find a suitable developer. The Romerovski site is of considerable historic and economic value to the borough, and is the borough's largest ratable.

However, bitterness grew as the interests of owner and borough

diverged and Braunstein opted instead to work with Avalon Bay, a developer more focused on residential apartments than mixed use or senior housing.

The town opposed the developer's proposal, and in January 2007, Avalon Bay representative Ron Ladell filed a lawsuit against the borough for failing to meet its affordable housing obligation.

However, recent negotiations See GROUP, Page 13

## UC faced tough economy in '08

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

The national economic instability that buffeted all levels of government in 2008 also paid a visit to Union County, bringing increases in crime, unemployment and housing concerns.

Reports from government and financial entities concerned with the economic stability of Union County have illustrated both strengths and weaknesses in the region that will likely play a role as the financial tumult continues.

Several Wall Street financial rating agencies gave the county outstanding bond ratings, citing the county's prudent fiscal practices

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and diversified economy as a whole.

"Now, more than ever through this period of great economic uncertainty, it is comfortable to know that Union County's finances are in sound condition," Freeholder Alexander Mirabella said.

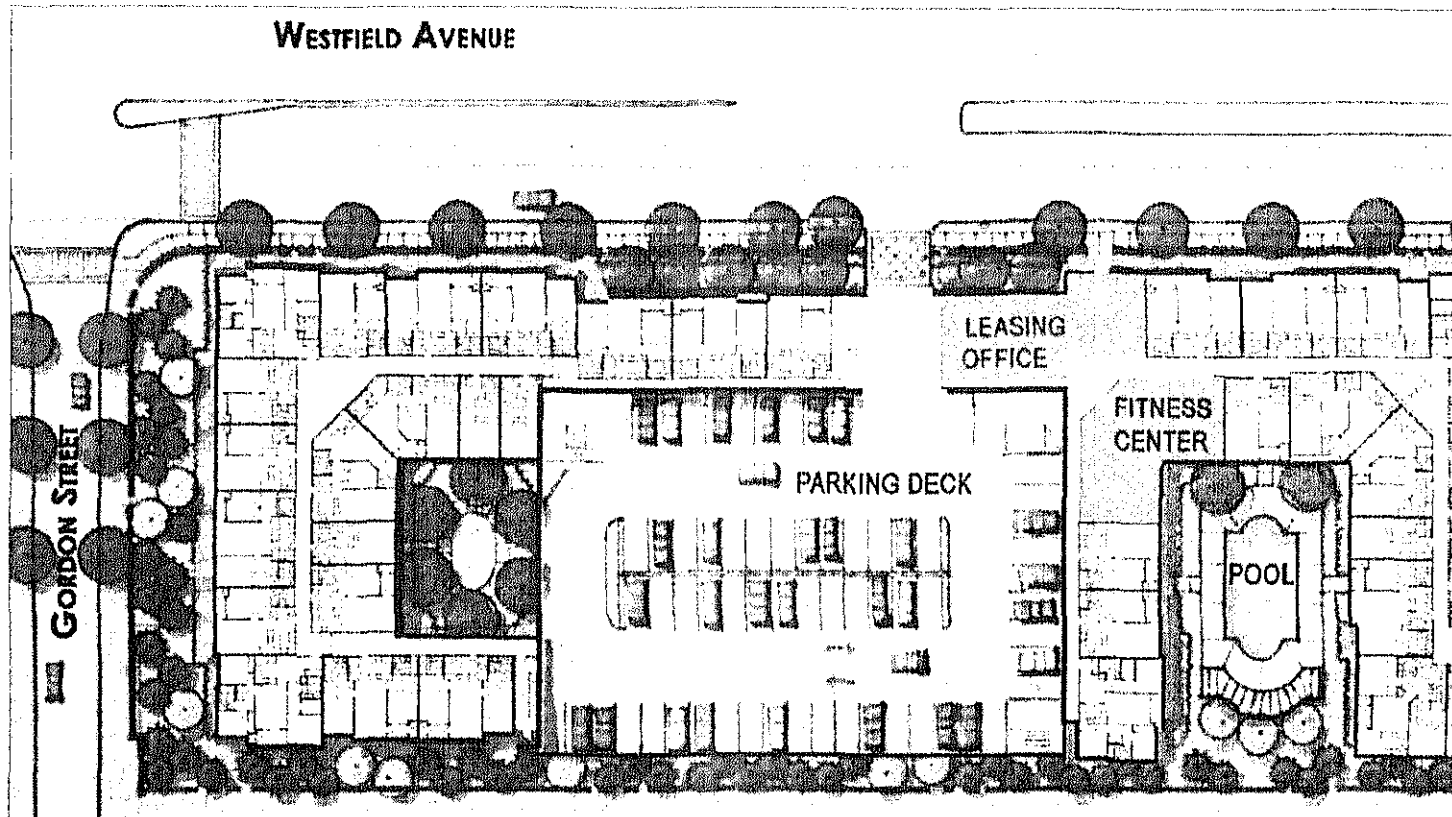
While the county's financial operations remained relatively solid, the finances of individual residents are a different matter, especially for the many people who work outside the county in less stable regions.

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## Talking taxes in Union County



Gov. Jon Corzine visits Union County College in Cranford earlier this year to discuss his plans for the state's budget, including his 'Financial Restructuring and Debt Reduction' plan.



**NOTICE OF INSPECTION OF ASSESSMENTS**

The undersigned does hereby give Public Notice that the Assessment List for the Borough of Kenilworth for the Year 2009 may be inspected by any taxpayer on January 6, 2009 at the office of the Municipal Tax Assessor, Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ.

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Earlier plans by Avalon Bay to redevelop the Romerovski Corp. property on Westfield Avenue in Roselle Park include apartments as well as parking, a swimming pool and fitness center.

## Group to discuss Romerovski property

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between the borough and the developer have brought hope that 2009 could see the matter resolved. According to Mayor Joseph Delorio, Avalon Bay has made some concessions such as reducing the number of apartments in the proposed plan, and allowing the Roselle Park Historical Society to maintain a space in the building for a nominal rent. Delorio could not be reached for comment.

Joseph Accardi, a resident involved in the group Roselle Park Concerned Citizens, which is dedicated to the issue, said the year has seen positive changes regarding the Romerovski

case and redevelopment efforts in the borough.

"There's definitely positive progress," Accardi said. "The town was really fighting with its back up against the wall."

Another member of the group, former Councilman Jacob Magiera, said residents are eager to learn more about the specifics of the new agreement with Avalon Bay.

"Within the last three council meetings, more information has come out from the residents in doing research and discovering more things we did not know in the past," Magiera said.

Specifically, Magiera said he wanted to

know more about the tax programs that could be applied to the property.

Accardi said he thinks negotiators performed admirably and that Avalon Bay has a lot to offer the town. However, he hoped negotiations will continue.

"I think there's still room for the town to get additional concessions," Accardi said.

The next meeting of the Concerned Citizens' group will be Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Casano Community Center on Chestnut Street.

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## Unemployment rises as economy struggles

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By September, various government and public service departments were reporting changes likely tied to the national economic decline.

In October, Union County Public Information Director Sebastian D'Elia noted an increase in people who are out of work across many

job sectors. "There's a spike up in people looking for training and employment opportunities," D'Elia said. "We're seeing all kinds of people coming in."

In October, the United Way of United County's Chief Executive Officer James Horne reported that the tracking of calls made to the organization's help lines revealed

10 percent increases in the number of people seeking housing and mental health care.

"What we're finding is calls for temporary financial assistance is up 46 percent from a-month and a half ago," Horne said.

Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich said crime and public safety may be affected by the eco-

nomie situation. Froehlich said that as more residents lose their homes to foreclosures, younger people anticipating difficult times in the future may be swayed toward gangs and violence as an alternative means of surviving.

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## Slow down, save money, keep kids safe

Has this ever happened to you? After rushing from one store to another, you arrive home with a heavy load of shopping bags, but your wallet is lighter than it should be.

Some bills might have fallen out, or you received the wrong change. Maybe you left a bag behind, or someone's sticky fingers latched on to your money.

A few simple tips can help avoid mishaps like these.

"It's easy to feel overwhelmed by holiday shopping. Everyone is in a hurry," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "Take it one step at a time, and don't let yourself be rushed."

Estrada reminded shoppers that the Union County Office of Consumer Affairs is on hand to answer questions about consumer products

and services. The number to call is 908-654-9840. All voice messages are answered promptly. Consumer Affairs staff is also available to speak about consumer issues at senior residences and community centers throughout Union County. To schedule a speaker, call 908-654-9840. Shopping tips:

- Plan to shop with a friend or family member when possible, and shop during daylight hours.

- Before you leave home, organize your wallet or purse, and count your cash.

- Stay by the cash register long enough to check your receipt and change. Be sure your wallet is tucked securely back in place, and be sure you have all of your purchases in hand.

- Before going to your car, take your keys

out. If you feel that you are being followed, or if someone appears to be hanging around your car, ask a store clerk or security officer for help.

Toy safety is another holiday shopping issue to keep an eye on. When choosing gifts for youngsters, stick to the age-appropriate labels.

"The label is there to help protect young children from choking hazards," said Estrada. "Even a very smart toddler can pop a small object in their mouth. It only takes a second."

Shoppers should also be aware of any restrictions attached to gift cards.

Before purchasing a gift card, find out if there are any administrative fees, and ask about the expiration date. Gift cards sold in New Jersey are required to stay active for at least two years.

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A dog communicates with sounds and with body language such as the tail wag. A wagging tail has a variety of meanings, depending on the position and speed of the tail. The tail wag is a means of communication because dogs wag their tails only at other dogs, other animals, or people, and never at inanimate objects. The most familiar tail wag is a broad, medium to fast sweeping motion. This indicates happiness and submission. The faster the tail, the more excited the dog. The tail position can also telegraph interest, challenge, dominance, confidence, relaxation, fright, confusion, or aggression. A tail that is held high and stiff and is wagging fast is a telltale sign not to mess with that dog.

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## Book takes 'spiritual journey' Small 'work of fiction' can have big impact on Christians

An infinitely brief spiritual acknowledgement of the path one must follow to allow God's presence in one's life is presented in the Rev. Clarence Price's new book, "Anatomy of a Christian Walk."

The book, all 41 pages of it, is more than a series of sermons; it is an inspirational and spiritual journey offered by the minister from Rahway.

Price also is a singer, a pastor, a preacher, a barber, a poet and a comedian. But most of all, he is a man of God, and as such, has written a miniature book that can change the life of a Christian.

And although Price considers this book "a work of fiction," his messages reflect his beliefs on taking a Christian walk with God in one's heart and highlight the history of the church, its true mission and spiritual value, the Holy Spirit, sin and salvation.

In his introduction, the author explores circles of Christianity and presents a scenario of Christianity's full potential.

His chapter on "The Church" emphasizes the existence of the beliefs of Christians and brief histories of other religions. Price talks

### On The Shelf

By Bea Smith

about his recent experiences in Ethiopia and its inhabitants' beliefs.

In his chapter on "God," he discusses institutionalism and movement and the boundaries that surround religious decisions in accepting God.

The "Holy Spirit" segment of "Anatomy of a Christian Walk" covers the gift of God and God's promise never to forsake His followers.

In the chapter, "The Mission of the Church," one "is given a prospective view of "Christ versus the role of the Church."

There is a brief chapter on "The Church and the Mission of Jesus," which Price considers "inseparable." And in the chapter immediately following, "Discipleship and Worship," Price mentions that they, too, are "inseparable."

He also identifies the "six ele-

ments of the Christian Walk: God, the Church, Holy Spirit, Discipleship, Worship and the Mission of the Church."

In the "Sin" chapter, Price categorizes the argument of various sins as "age-old issues." And he quotes Biblical distinctions.

The chapter on "Salvation" is identified as "a byproduct of God's grace," and its concept, Price explains, "is expressed in a number of Hebrew words: delivered, redeem, ransom, remnant and savior."

His final chapter, "Making the Connection," in one's walk with Christ, the pastor addresses some of his own personal issues.

This is truly a book of inspiration, knowledge and Biblical quotes. It takes one through a journey of the Christian religion, and Price, as pastor of a Christian church, is the man to lead followers on a Christian Walk.

It will take its ultimate place among the books with religious subjects on the shelf of this reviewer.

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## Anatomy of a Christian Walk

'Anatomy of a Christian Walk' by the Rev. Clarence Price takes readers on a spiritual journey.

### Strong start; soggy ending



While several people huddle under umbrellas, a local child splashes in a puddle left by the heavy rain that drenched the annual Union County MusicFest in early September. The two-day festival in Cranford included bands such as the B-52s.

## Pilgrimage inspires author's first book

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

The Rev. Clarence Price of Rahway has run the gamut of professions throughout his life and concluded with the ministry of a Baptist Church in St. Albans, N.Y.

He even wrote an inspirational book called "Anatomy of a Christian Walk," and it contains invaluable information from ideas and sermons and quotations from the Bible itself — both the old and new testaments.

"The idea of a book came to me after my pilgrimage to Ethiopia," Price explained. "I've always done some writing throughout my life, mostly poetry, however. I wrote a book of poems called 'Unspoken Words.' This book, 'Anatomy of a Christian Walk,' is my first book, and it took about a year to write," he said. "Some of the material came from my visit to Ethiopia; others I just drew from different experiences and my religious studies."

Price mentioned that "what really inspired me was the fact that I learned that there were three religions surviving in Ethiopia: Islam, Judaism and Christianity, and they

are co-existent in peace. There seems to be no conflict in their coming together in what they believe in and not divided by the things that they don't agree on. I was very inspired, and even though I just spent five days there, they were five very important days to me."

Price was born in Chatham, Va. He and his "formal education," moved to Asbury Park in 1963, then New York City before settling in Rahway.

"I worked for New York University as a supervisor in the culinary department. "I think I'm a cook," Price quipped. "I'm kind of an experimentalist. My favorite food? Pretty much all foods are my favorites."

After five years, Price left to work at ITT in East Brunswick for 30 years as a supervisor for the receiving department.

"Then I began writing poetry and personalized them for anniversaries. I just sat down and wrote the book of poems, 'Unspoken Words.' I do believe it's a gift," he said.

Eleven years ago, he said, "I was

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# Rahway author plans to write new self-help book

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called by God. It wasn't one of my vocations that I had set out to do. I went to Philadelphia Bible University, earned my associate's degree, bachelor's degree and in May 2006, was honored to have New York Theological Seminary confer a master of divinity degree upon me. I learned the value of my Christian walk; it was a real personal, challenging relationship with Christ. It is to this end this work was brought to life...the writ-

ing is synchronous in its origin, and my prayer is that it will sustain its life in order that it might bring remembrance and joy to others' lives."

Price serves as pastor in the Tiberian Baptist Church, St. Albans, N.Y. He resides with his wife of 46 years, Evon. They have three daughters, Lisa, Netanis and Clarethia, and five grandchildren. "All," he said proudly, "are as religious as I am."

Does Price have another book in the works?

"Actually," he admitted, "I do. I'm currently working on a self-help book, which is a little different

from the other one."

But, he reflected, perhaps not quite that different.

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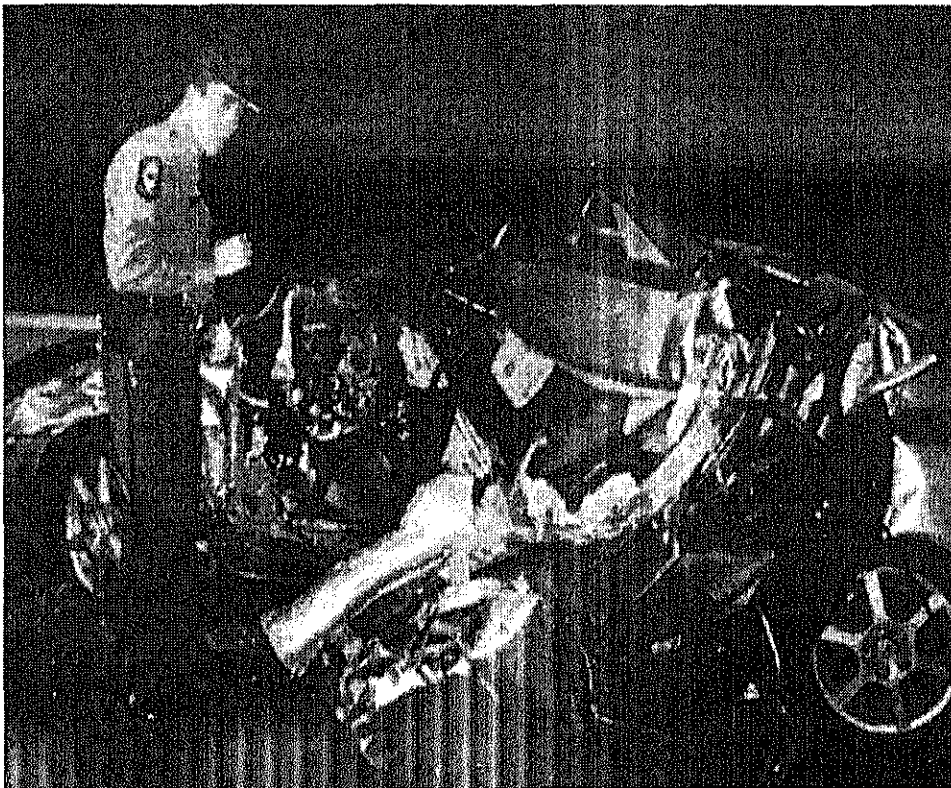
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# STAY ALIVE! DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!

Find a designated driver, and leave your  at home  
Don't become a statistic. *Think* before you drink and drive.



### How does alcohol affect a person's ability to drive?

The more a person drinks, the more their ability to make crucial driving decisions becomes impaired. After just one drink, a driver can begin to lose their ability to perform the tasks necessary to drive a car: Braking, steering, changing lanes, and using judgment to adjust to changing road conditions. At a certain point, a driver will become legally intoxicated and can be arrested for attempting to operate a motor vehicle.

### What does DUI and DWI mean?

DUI means "Driving under the Influence" of alcohol or drugs. DWI means "Driving While Intoxicated". These are terms used by police. In every state in our country there is a legal limit to how much alcohol you can have in your body if you are driving. If you drink and drive you can lose your driver's license and even go to jail.

### How do you Measure how much Alcohol is in the Blood?

A driver's Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) is measured by the weight of the alcohol in a certain volume of blood. Police test breath to measure a driver's BAC. It can also be tested in blood, urine or saliva.

### What can you do about drunk driving?

- Follow these suggestions from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).
- Your best defense against a drunk driver is to wear your safety belt, make sure any children in the car are in child safety seats.
- Never ride in a car operated by someone who has been drinking - call a cab or ask a friend to drive you home.
- Report drunk drivers to law enforcement from a car phone or pay phone.
- Keep a safe distance from anyone driving erratically.

No matter how many times you've heard it, there are people who just don't get it. In fact, every 30 minutes, someone in this country dies in an alcohol related crash. Every 30 minutes!

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## ART SHOWS

**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.

The Arts Guild of Rahway will present **"FROM THE GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS,"** an art exhibit about food, which will run from Jan. 9 through Feb. 1 at The Arts Guild of Rahway, located at 1670 Irving St.

The opening reception will be Jan. 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Gallery hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., or by appointment. For information call 732-381-7511, e-mail [arts-guild1670@verizon.net](mailto:arts-guild1670@verizon.net) or visit the Web site at [www.rahwayartsguild.org](http://www.rahwayartsguild.org). The exhibit includes prints, paintings, photography, sculpture and collaborative works by the following artists: Erika Diamond, Chanan Delivuk, Jesse Farber, Randy Ford, Gerry Heydt, Robert Kogge, Neal Korn/Leonard Merlo, Hiroshi Kumagai, Namoi Leibowitz, Kevan Lunney, Chris Mateer, Nao Matsumoto, Monika Malewska, Jim McKeon, Gina Minichino, Beth Morrison, Lauren Schiller and Joe Waks.

## 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 Saturday at 10 a.m. Auditions for adults will be Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. Those auditioning should be prepared to sing any-

# Stepping Out

thing that shows off your singing voice. Please bring sheet music an accompaniment will be provided. The show will be directed by John Menter with choreography by Macada Brandl, and under the musical direction of Mark McGee. Rehearsals will begin the last weekend of February. The performances will run weekends from May 1 to 17.

## BOOKS

**THE READERS' FORUM**, the book discussion group of the **CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**, will discuss the following books: "Uncommon Arrangements" by Katie Roiphe, 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](mailto: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 information, go to [www.calderoneschoolofmusic.com](http://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](http://www.ucac.org).

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

**LANA'S RESTAURANT**, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark, will offer dinner

and live reggae with Exodus Supreme every Wednesday, beginning at 7 p.m. For information, call 732-669-9024.

## DANCE

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

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

## HOBBIES

The **MODEL RAILROAD CLUB INC.**, a tax-exempt public charity, affiliated with the Union County New Jersey Department of Parks and Recreation, has announced that discount advance tickets for its 2008 annual light and sound show and open house are now on sale. Tickets will be available at the club ticket window on Saturdays between 1 and 4 p.m. Ticket ordering information also is available on the club's Web site, [www.tmrcl.org](http://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](http://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. For information, call Jim at 908-245-4744.

## JAZZ

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

## KIDS

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

## MOVIES

The **MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY** will host the **"BROWN BAG MOVIES"** series for adults on Mondays at noon. Bring your lunch and enjoy a classic movie and a cartoon short. The library will provide the drinks and dessert. "Wednesday Night at the Movies" continues through the fall, with feature films beginning at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.mountainsidelibrary.org](http://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](http://www.clarkhistoricalsociety.org).

**THE CALDWELL PARSONAGE**, 909 Caldwell Ave., Union, is a museum dedicated to the history and culture of the township of Union. The site is on the National Register of Historic Places and the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. 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.woodruff-house.org](http://www.woodruff-house.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 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](http://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

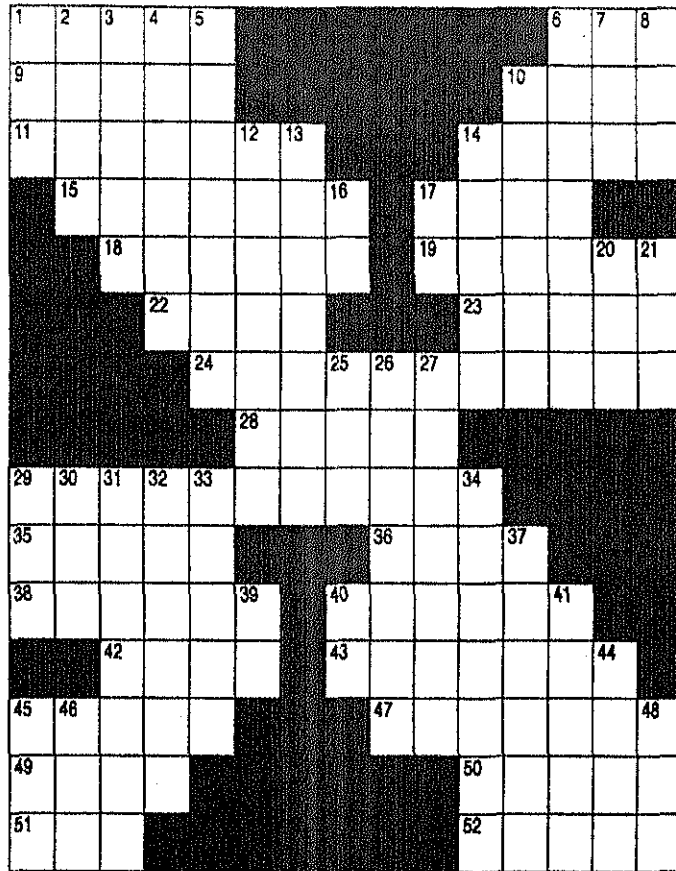
A trip to see **"WICKED"** on Broadway on Jan. 14 at 8 p.m. and another trip to see **"MAMMA MIA!"** on Broadway on March 12 at 8 p.m. will both benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. For information or to purchase tickets, contact Stephen Frost at 732-986-4048 or e-mail him at [frost4acure@yahoo.com](mailto:frost4acure@yahoo.com).

Holy Comforter Church of Rahway will sponsor a trip to **COLORADO AND THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS** from May 29 to June 8, 2009. The trip will include motorcoach transportation, 10 nights of lodging including four consecutive nights in scenic Colorado, 18 meals; 10 breakfasts and eight dinners, a tour of The Garden of Gods, a visit to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

, seeing the Royal Gorge, a visit to historic Manitou Springs at the foot of famous Pike's Peak, gaming at Cripple Creek in a historic western setting and much more. For information and reservations, contact Dot Edwards at 732-396-0695.



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Athenian philosopher
- 6. Basics
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_d: praise greatly
- 10. Redirect
- 11. Angelic
- 14. Island in the Firth of Clyde
- 15. Public executioners
- 17. Cain and \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Mexican shawl
- 19. Large artillery
- 22. Gambling town
- 23. Source of chocolate
- 24. Trash container
- 28. Playful harassment
- 29. About an EMT
- 35. Seaport in Finland
- 36. 6th Jewish month
- 38. In an arched manner
- 40. The highest points
- 42. Dressed
- 43. Overhung
- 45. Soft and sticky
- 47. Of an empty sink
- 49. Float on the water
- 50. Reap (Spanish)
- 51. Grey sea eagle
- 52. Enlighten

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Public TV
- 2. Wife of Jacob
- 3. Assumed name
- 4. Processes leather
- 5. Matured beyond
- 6. Access to pressured air space
- 7. Women's undergarment
- 8. Co-tangent (abbr.)
- 10. Spectacle locations
- 12. Give forth
- 13. Removed from power
- 14. Manila hemp
- 16. Point midway between N and E
- 17. Atomic #89
- 20. No (Scottish)
- 21. Drunkard
- 25. A citizen of Thailand
- 26. Fled from confinement
- 27. More bead-like
- 29. Vinyl paint polymer
- 30. Jack P\_\_\_\_; talk show host
- 31. Nocturnal masked mammal
- 32. GWTW's Mr. Wilkes
- 33. S.E. Asian peninsula
- 34. Mammalian enzyme
- 37. Counted on
- 39. 36 inches (abbr.)
- 40. Blood group
- 41. Grey faced shrew
- 44. People who cannot hear
- 45. Gaborone airport code
- 46. Relevant to us
- 48. Not wet

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## HOROSCOPE

### Jan. 4 to 10

**ARIES**, March 21 to April 20: A change of attitude will help you sail through some choppy waters ahead. While no one can predict the outcome, rest assured you'll make it through.

**TAURUS**, April 21 to May 21: Now is the time to take the plunge and look seriously at that new career, Taurus. You've been considering a change for some time now and the timing is right.

**GEMINI**, May 22 to June 21: Gemini, it's slow-going early in the week. However, things turn around as the week progresses. Excitement on the weekend almost takes your breath away. Enjoy.

**CANCER**, June 22 to July 22: Cancer, doling out advice is easy, but accepting it is another thing. Listen with open ears to what others have to say. Then you can make informed decisions.

**LEO**, July 23 to Aug. 23: There's so much going on in your

life, Leo, that you have to schedule moments to actually slow down. Do yourself a favor and change the pace.

**VIRGO**, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22: Virgo, you have been making decisions based on emotions rather than thinking them through with common sense. This isn't the way to go about things. Aquarius offers advice.

**LIBRA**, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Your relationship takes on a new spin, Libra. It's certainly something to be excited about. Changes to your home life also occur at the same time. It's a whirlwind of activity.

**SCORPIO**, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22: You have to make some serious changes to your life, Scorpio, otherwise things are going to continue to turn out the way they have been. Talk to your partner.

**SAGITTARIUS**, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21: The reality of things is that you simply need to be more

frugal with your money, Sagittarius. Take some time to pour over your financial records and see what you can do.

**CAPRICORN**, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20: Capricorn, your life seems to be on a nice smooth path as of late. It's a good feeling having things now in order and under control. Others envy your skills.

**AQUARIUS**, Jan 21 to Feb. 18: Someone close to you is struggling with something he or she feels is out of control. Continue to support this person in as many ways as you can. You are providing a lot of help.

**PISCES**, Feb. 19 to March 20: Pisces, a bit of luck comes your way and you need to ride it out for all it's worth. Financial ups and downs leave you worried.

Also born this week: Michael Stipe, Diane Keaton, Nancy Lopez, Kenny Loggins, David Bowie, Dave Matthews and George Foreman.

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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Rec. Department to host movie days

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department will show movies on the first and second Mondays during the months of January and February.

Movies are shown in the Audio-Visual Room at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. at 11:15 a.m. The movie schedule is as follows:

- Jan. 12 — "Get Smart"
- Feb. 2 — "Mama Mia"
- Feb. 9 — "Ghost Town"

Senior movies are for Cranford residents only.

For information, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 908-709-7283.

### 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.

### No meeting Monday

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

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

### 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.

### 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.

### City seniors sought

Tired of sitting around? Do you want to meet new friends? You may want to give the Linden Senior Citizen Center a try.

The center is located at 330 Helen St., Linden.

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## Celebrating with song



Six members of Saint John the Apostle School in Clark recently sang in the Celebration Singers concert at the Harvest Center in Cranford. Pictured from left to right are Serena Rodriguez of Clark, Conor Flood of Scotch Plains, Isaiah Munoz of Roselle, Angelica Lettini, Michael Echeverria and Robert Gaudenzi all of Linden. Standing behind them is Tom Pedas, music director.

## 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 Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Holy Spirit Church, Suburban Avenue, Union.

Cranford, became a bar mitzvah on Nov. 8. Micah's father is the rabbi of Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim;

• Matthew Benjamin Kandl, son of Phyllis and Lance Kandl of Cranford, became a bar mitzvah on Nov. 15.

### Walks: pray, meditate

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

Walks will be held in Bates Hall in the First Presbyterian Church, 11 Springfield Ave. Participants can walk the Labyrinth any time between 1 and 4 p.m., but should begin by 3:30 p.m. Walks will be held the first Sunday of every month, unless otherwise specified.

Walking the Labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice of prayer and meditation that is experiencing a reawakening in our time. The 11-ringed pattern, painted on canvas, is modeled after the 13th Century Labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France.

### Mazel tov to all

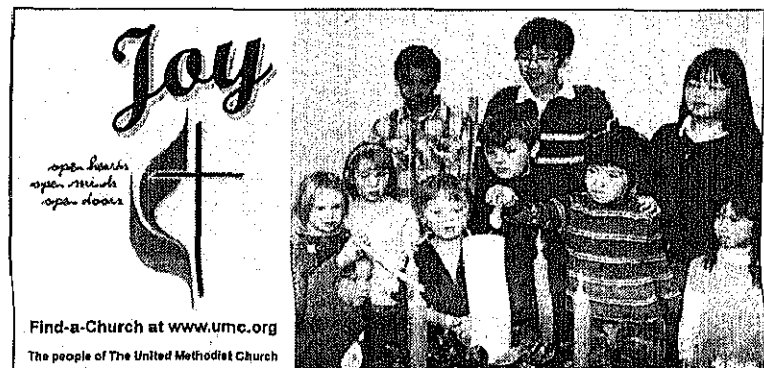
The following children recently took part in their bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah celebrations at Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim in Cranford:

• Rachael Barbara White, daughter of Garrett and Debbie White of Cranford, became a bat mitzvah on Oct. 11;

• Ethan Lloyd Kanig, son of Barry and Jane Kanig of Edison became a bar mitzvah on Oct. 25;

• Lya Esther Finston, daughter of Leo Finston and Joanne Levy of Cranford, became a bat mitzvah on Nov. 1;

• Micah Zev Lubow, son of Rabbi Akiba and Rahel Lubow of



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## OBITUARIES

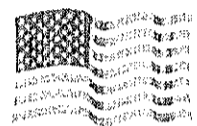
### Ruth Amsterdam

Ruth Amsterdam, 94, a longtime Cranford resident, died Dec. 20 in the Hunterdon Care Center, Flemington.

Born in the Bronx, N.Y., Mrs. Amsterdam lived in Union City, Newark and Irvington before moving to the Edward Gill Senior Apartments in Cranford. She was employed as a manicurist at many area salons before her retirement. Mrs. Amsterdam was active in charity work as past president of Charity Council, an officer in Sara Slifer and a member of REGM and the Cranford Seniors Club.

Surviving are two sisters, two brothers, two daughters, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

### Jack Barsky



Jack Barsky, 85, of Hillside died Dec. 18 in Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Barsky lived in Hillside for 50 years. He was an electroplater for Miller Tube Co., Flushing, Queens, N.Y., for many years before retiring 20 years ago. Mr. Barsky was a volunteer at the Community Food Bank in Hillside since his retirement. He was a Hadassah associate. Mr. Barsky was a veteran of World War II. He served as an Air Force bombardier for three-and-a-half years in South Pacific campaigns. Mr. Barsky received an Air Medal, two Oak Leaf clusters, the Purple Heart and a Distinguished Flying Cross.

Surviving are his wife, Lila; two daughters, Dona Preston and Lisa Firkser; two sisters, Shirley Barman and Ruth Kutner; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

### Norma Bizzaro

Norma G. Bizzaro, 85, of Roselle Park died Dec. 19 at home.

Born in Boonton, Mrs. Bizzaro lived in Parsippany for 41 years and in Spring Lake for eight years before moving to Roselle Park nine years ago. She was a member of the Rosary Society of St. Peter the Apostle Church, Parsippany.

Surviving are two sons, Frederick J. and John P.; a daughter, Judith Bizzaro; a sister, Florence Pallante; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

### Pasquale Cantalupo



Pasquale "Patsy" V. Cantalupo, 92, of Toms River, formerly of Linden, died Dec. 24 in Community Medical Center, Toms River.

Born in Newark, Mr. Cantalupo lived in Linden for 35 years before moving to Toms River a year ago. He worked for Wakefern Food Corp., Elizabeth, as a warehouseman for 30 years before retiring in

1986. Mr. Cantalupo was a World War II veteran.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Angelina; two daughters, Geraldine "Gerry" and Patricia Reighing; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The Werson Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

### Helen Daniels

Helen Gladys Daniels, 97, of Hillside died Dec. 21 in Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth.

Born in Big Island, Va., Mrs. Daniels resided in Hillside. She was a founding member of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Newark.

Surviving are a son, John Mulholland, and a daughter, Sheila "Terry" Paschall.

The Ledford Funeral Home, Trenton, handled the arrangements.

### Howard Daye

Howard M. Daye, 85, a lifelong resident of Rahway, died Dec. 17 in the Rahway Geriatrics.

Mr. Daye was born in Lynchburg, Va. He was a custodian at Brick Church Appliance Co., Rahway. Mr. Daye was a member of the Friendship Baptist Church, Rahway.

Surviving are two sisters, Thelma Perkins and Viola Mosby.

### Theresa DeMaio

Theresa Mary DeMaio, 96, a lifelong resident of Roselle Park, died Dec. 19 at home.

Mrs. DeMaio was a seamstress for Johann Bridal Shop, Edison, for more than six years before retiring 30 years ago. She was a charter member and past president of the Rosary Altar Society at the Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park, a Eucharistic minister at the church and former church trustee.

Surviving are a son, Alfred; a daughter, Frances R. Thompson; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

### Frank Fulop

Frank S. Fulop, 37, a lifelong resident of Linden, died Dec. 19.

Mr. Fulop was employed with his father, Frank I., at Frank Fulop & Son Masonry Contractors, Linden, for the past 20 years.

Also surviving are his mother, Loretta Gluck Fulop; a brother, Steven, and two sisters, Kimberly Fulop and Linda Ortiz.

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

### Frederick Furst



Frederick Furst, 89, of Mountainside, formerly of Clark, died Dec. 18 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in New York City, Mr.

Furst resided in Linden and then Clark for 47 years before moving to Mountainside six years ago. He served in the Merchant Marine during World War II. Mr. Furst was a member of the VFW Post 7363 in Clark. He was a driver for Anheuser-Busch, Newark, for 34 years and retired in 1985. Mr. Furst was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Linden, and served several terms on its Church Council. He also was on the Pastor Calling Committee and served for many years as head of the Property Committee.

Mr. Furst played slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball with the Braves, Budweiser Bombers, Clark Bombers, John's Tavern and others. He also was on over-60s and over-70s teams and played four games while he was in his 80s. Mr. Furst also organized a softball team in Clark called the Clark Bombers. He bowled with the Budweiser team, the Venditto team and the Linden Church Bowling League. Mr. Furst also was into woodworking and masonry landscaping.

Surviving are two daughters, Carolyn Roberti and Judith Biniaris, and two grandchildren.

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

### Joseph Latawiec Jr.



Joseph Latawiec Jr., 91, of Clark died Dec. 19 in Peggy's House at the Center for Hope Hospice, Scotch Plains.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Latawiec resided in Linden before moving to Clark 46 years ago. He served in the Army during World War II and was the recipient of the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal and the American Service Medal. Mr. Latawiec was a member of VFW Post 7363 of Clark. He was employed as a chemical technician for M&T Chemical of Carteret for 15 years and retired in 1981. Prior to that, Mr. Latawiec worked for Gordon Gin of Linden in the blending department, and before that, for General Motors of Linden as a set-up man.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Veronica; three sons, Robert J., Joseph H. and Richard; three brothers, Edward, Walter and Henry; three sisters, Stella Rynk, Helen Duchlinski and Francine Pilch; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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

### Shirley Levin

Shirley Levin, 78, of Concordia, Monroe Township, formerly of Union, died Dec. 15.

Born in Beaver Falls, Pa., Mrs. Levin lived in Union before moving to Concordia. She worked in

## OBITUARY LIST

AMSTERDAM — Ruth, of Cranford; Dec. 20.  
 BARSKY — Jack, of Hillside; Dec. 18.  
 BARTON — Shelly, of Union; Dec. 15.  
 BIZZARO — Norma G., of Roselle Park; Dec. 19.  
 CANTALUPO — Pasquale V., formerly of Linden; Dec. 24.  
 COYLE — Lois T., of Linden; Dec. 23.  
 DANIELS — Helen Gladys, of Hillside; Dec. 21.  
 DAYE — Howard M., of Rahway; Dec. 17.  
 DE MAIO — Theresa Mary, of Roselle Park; Dec. 19.  
 DOWDY — Donald E., of Linden; Dec. 18.  
 DURBIN — Regina, of Linden; Dec. 23.  
 FULOP — Frank S., of Linden; Dec. 19.  
 FURST — Frederick, of Mountainside; Dec. 18.  
 HAMENIA — Harry, of Roselle Park; Dec. 19.  
 HENDRICKS — Michele Lynette, of Linden; Dec. 20.  
 HUBBARD — Viola, of Union; Dec. 18.  
 LATAWIEC — Joseph Jr., of Clark; Dec. 19.  
 LEVIN — Shirley, formerly of Union; Dec. 15.  
 LO GIUDICE — Sebastiano, of Clark; Dec. 18.  
 MARQUARDT — Alma, of Roselle; Dec. 20.  
 MATZKIN — Lawrence, of Roselle; Dec. 21.  
 MILLITHALER — Ralph, of Union; Dec. 22.  
 MURPHY — Mary T., of Rahway; Dec. 23.  
 OSTROWSKI — Jozefa, formerly of Union; Dec. 19.  
 PALTO — Mary T., formerly of Union; Dec. 22.  
 PERRETTA — Marge J., formerly of Union; Dec. 24.  
 PIEKARZ — Emil, of Cranford; Dec. 22.  
 POLKOSNIK — Chester F. Jr., of Union; Dec. 19.  
 ROMAN — Eunice, formerly of Linden; Dec. 20.  
 SIMPSON — James B., of Hillside; Dec. 21.  
 TRELA — Edward, of Roselle Park; Dec. 20.  
 VILLA — Anthony L., of Union; Dec. 19.  
 VLAHAKES — Pauline G., of Union; Dec. 15.  
 WANESKO — Tessie, of Union; Dec. 19.

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

the family's grocery business. Mrs. Levin graduated from Pennsylvania State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in social work.

She was employed as a social worker, then worked with her late husband Elliot, in operating Lynn's Fashions, a retail clothing store in Elizabeth, for 35 years. Mrs. Levin then went on to establish a second career as an executive assistant, first with the American Cancer Society, Union, and then with Puerto Rico Marine Management Inc., Elizabeth.

She was a past president of the Union Chapter of the B'nai B'rith and was an active member of Temple Beth El, Elizabeth, Congregation Beth Shalom, Union, and Congregation Etz Chaim in Monroe Township Jewish Center.

Surviving are two sons, Stephen and Jeffrey; two daughters, Barbara and Joan Jefferson, and five grandchildren.

The Mount Sinai Memorial Chapels, East Brunswick, handled the arrangements.

### Sebastiano LoGiudice

Sebastiano LoGiudice of Clark died Dec. 18 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Ribera, Sicily, Italy, Mr. LoGiudice moved to Elizabeth in 1962 and then to Clark in 1983. He was the owner of EADW Woodworking Co., Elizabeth, before retiring in 1995. Mr. LoGiudice

was a member of the Carpenters Local 715 and the Ribera Club of Elizabeth.

Surviving are two sons, Michael and Eric; his wife, Sharon; a brother, Lillo, and three grandchildren.

The Corsentino Home For Funerals, Elizabeth, handled the arrangements.

### Alma Marquardt

Alma "Joan" Marquardt, 77, of Roselle died on Dec. 20.

Born in Irvington, Mrs. Marquardt moved to Roselle 49 years ago.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Roselle. Mrs. Marquardt was a payroll clerk for the Roselle Board of Education for more than 25 years.

Surviving are two sons, William R. and David A.; a brother, George Lachenauer, and three grandchildren.

### Lawrence Matzkin



Lawrence "Larry" Matzkin, 76, of Roselle died Dec. 21 at home. Born in Jersey City, Mr. Matzkin moved to Roselle 30 years ago.

He was an Army veteran and served during the Korean War. Mr. Matzkin worked for the United States Postal Service in Jersey City before retiring in 1991.

The Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union handled the arrangements.



## Godfrey honored



Don Godfrey of Rahway received the Humanitarian Award from the NAACP Rahway Branch on Nov. 7 at the Pines Manor at the 74th Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner. The Humanitarian Award has only been given out four times in their 74-year history. Godfrey is the Senior Vice President of Residential Lending and CRA & Fair Lending officer of RSI Bank in Rahway. Godfrey, the boys' and girls' volleyball coach at Roselle Catholic, is at right. Harold Hendricks, at left, presented Godfrey with the award.

## Classic girls' hoops game featured on holiday week

### GL battles New Providence to the very end

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

**MILLBURN** - In what can be considered an early-season classic between neighborhood rivals that could only possibly meet one more time this season in the Union County Tournament, New Providence and Governor Livingston played their hearts out Saturday afternoon in a first round Millburn Tournament girls' basketball clash.

A free throw by GL senior forward Alyssa Dilly - who led the Highlanders with 11 points - with 10.3 seconds left in the fourth quarter sent the game to overtime before New Providence senior guard Shelly Montagna missed a shot that hit the rim with one second left.

Then New Providence junior forward Nan Tucker came up with a huge offensive rebound after a second consecutive missed free throw and put the ball back up in for two points.

She followed with the first of two free throws she made in the game to give the Pioneers a three-point lead and the advantage for good.

New Providence ended up holding on for a more-than hard-fought 38-34 overtime victory over a tenacious GL team that was seeking to hand the Pioneers their first loss of the season.

The third-place and championship games were scheduled to be played yesterday afternoon. North Plainfield faced Millburn in Saturday's second game.

"I was really happy about it because we needed to score and I knew I was going to get fouled," Tucker said of her game-winning basket. "I had a feeling it was coming first and I knew I could beat the girl in front of me, so I had to box really hard."

Tucker scored four of her six points in overtime.

New Providence improved to 4-0 by winning the first close game it was in this year. The Pioneers went 21-5 last year and captured Central Jersey, Group 1 for the first time, which was their first sectional crown since winning North 2, Group 1 in 1985.

New Providence also captured the Mountain Valley Conference's Valley Division title, going a perfect 16-0 in league play.

The Pioneers are back in North 2, Group 1 this year. GL fell to 1-1, with its first game being a 45-41 home triumph over MVC-Mountain Division rival Johnson, which has won the Mountain Division the past two seasons. The Highlanders reached the Central Jersey, Group 2 quarterfinals last year, falling at Johnson 51-47 after splitting two regular season conference games with the Crusaders.

See **HIGHLANDERS**, Page 23

## RC boys' hoops seek right mix

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

It may be a bit too early in the season to get a handle on how well this year's Roselle Catholic boys' basketball team will mesh. However, there's plenty of promise with the players included in this year's rotation.

"Our only team goal right now is mixing a lot of new players with a lot of old and making sure everyone is on the same page," second-year head coach Dave Boff said last Monday afternoon, right before his team traveled to Essex County to face Newark Vocational High.

Roselle Catholic cruised to a 65-19 triumph, sparked by a 19-point, six-rebound effort from 6-6 freshman center Jameel Warney.

The Lions evened their record at 1-1 after falling at home to Roselle 43-35 Dec. 20 in the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division season-opener for both. Roselle is the defending CJ, Group 2 champion.

Roselle Catholic fell to defending MVC-Mountain Division champion Rahway 71-51 on Dec. 23 in the Lions Den in Roselle.

"We want to improve as a group every day," said Boff, whose first RC team finished 11-14 in a non-state playoff qualifying season.

Warney is one of the younger players with a great deal of upside.

Against the visiting Rams Saturday, Warney paced Roselle Catholic with 11 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in his varsity debut.

"He has tremendous potential," Boff said of the Plainfield resident. "He has a presence in the post and is a terrific rebounded and shot blocker."

The lone returning starter is 6-1 senior guard Ryan Sullivan.

"We're going to lean heavily on him," Boff said of the Roselle resident. "He's improved as an all-around player. Last year he was mainly a shooter. He will be the target of most teams; so he has to step up to that challenge. So far I'm pleased with where he is at."

Boff previously had success as the Governor Livingston girls' coach.

"It's a slow process, but I feel like we're making strides in the right direction," Boff said. "Everyone has to stick together. It will take time."

• See *Roselle Catholic's roster and schedule* on JR's Sports Blog at [www.localsource.com](http://www.localsource.com).

## Union winter track results from Dec. 20 Gardiner Holiday Relays at Drew

### VARSIITY BOYS'

**800 meters, 1st:** Ellison Lucien 23.9, Elijah Lee 24.7, Bayaan Oluyadi 23.8, Andre Highsmith 23.4 - 1:35.81.

**1,600 meters, 1st:** Isaiah McLean 57.7, Jon Jackson 53.4, Fazone Jones 55.9, Bayaan Oluyadi 53.9 - 3:40.93.

**3,200 meters, 2nd:** Jon Jackson 2:07.9, Fazone Jones, 2:16, Jerell White 2:12, Bayaan Oluyadi 2:07.9 - 8:43.78.

**Shot put, second:** Mike Larrow 41-6.25, George Osti 41-.75 - 82-7.

**Shuttle hurdles, 4th:** Stanley Pluviose 8.0, Dan Boateng 8.4, Jordan Guest 8.2, Wesley Arthur 9.5 - :34.08.

**High jump, 4th:** Stanley Pluviose 5-10, Jon Jackson 5-3 - 11-1.

### VARSIITY GIRLS'

**Shot put, 1st:** Cristina Vilsaint 34-10.25, Eboni Lee 31-7.25 - 66-5.5, which is UHS indoor record. Vilsaint wins trophy for Best Throw of the Day.

**800 meters, 2nd:** Kyra Kemp 28.9, Lara Animashaun 29.3, Ugonna Ndu 28.3, Azrael Ashley 28.2 - 1:54.66.

**1,600 meters, 3rd:** Christelle Hyppolite 64.7, Kayla Woolridge 69.9, Kyra Kemp 70.5, Ugonna Ndu 62.5 - 4:27.5.

**High jump, 3rd:** Ugonna Ndu 4-6, Azrael Ashley 4-6 - 9-0.

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# Highlanders are sparked by play of two Alyssas

(Continued from Page 22)

Montagna, who will continue at Franklin & Marshall, was limited to just five shots the entire game, including none in the third quarter and none in overtime and only one in the fourth quarter, which was the last shot of regulation.

An effective box-and-one designed by GL second-year head coach and former New Providence assistant Andy Silvagni - with GL senior Rachel Cook doing a great job of guarding Montagna - prevented New Providence's leading scorer from producing any kind of offense.

Montagna, who has already scored 1,000 points, averaged 14 last year and is averaging in double digits again this year, was limited to seven, just one 3-point basket and the final four points of the game - all on her only free throw attempts.

Stepping up offensively for the Pioneers was sophomore forward Kaitlyn Cresencia, who netted a game-high 16 points, including all seven of New Providence's point production in the fourth quarter. She was also all over the court grabbing rebounds, including four in the second quarter. It was after her second missed free throw that Tucker came through with the putback, was fouled and then made the ensuing free throw to give New Providence the lead for good.

New Providence sophomore guard Connie Haggerty also did well to score seven points and take the ball at the point.

GL freshman guard Alyssa Polimeni played more like a seasoned veteran and scored 10 points for the Highlanders, including their only two 3-point baskets. She made two free throws with 1:31 left to give her team a 28-26 lead.

## MILLBURN TOURNAMENT

Saturday, Dec. 27

New Providence 38, Governor Livingston 34 (OT)  
North Plainfield vs. Millburn

Tuesday, Dec. 30

Third-place game - played first  
Championship game - played second

NOTES: GL defeated Summit 47-45 and then North Plainfield 45-37 to win last year's tournament en route to a 4-0 start. Senior guard Lauren Munick helped the Highlanders win the title and is the team's biggest loss to graduation.

New Providence defeated Highland Park 41-40 in last year's Central Jersey, Group 1 final at West Windsor HS North. The Pioneers then fell to South Jersey, Group 1 champion Wildwood 46-30 in the Group 1 semifinal at Deptford.

GL (1-1) 10 8 5 6 5-34  
NEW PROV. (4-0) 9 9 4 7 9-38

GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON: Rachel Cook 2-0-1-5, Alyssa Dilly 2-0-7-11, Alyssa Polimeni 1-2-2-10, Debbie Kapilow 0-0-1-1, Melissa DiTommaso 1-0-0-2, Amanda Quaglia 1-0-1-3, Krissie Hague 1-0-0-2. Totals: 8-2-12-34.

NEW PROVIDENCE: Shelly Montagna 0-1-4-7, Kaitlyn Cresencia 6-0-4-16, Nan Tucker 2-0-2-6, Connie Haggerty 2-0-3-7, Alexa Morang 1-0-0-2, Laura Gregory 0-0-0-0. Totals: 11-1-13-38.

• See team rosters and schedules at end of story on the home page of [www.localsource.com](http://www.localsource.com).

# RC girls' basketball off to solid start

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

The Roselle Catholic girls' basketball team has high hopes for this season, especially with the talent the Lions have returning. RC sought to finish the December portion of its schedule perfect when the Lions faced Voorhees Monday night in the championship game of the Roselle Catholic Holiday Tournament. In first round play on Friday, Voorhees downed Roselle 46-27 and RC defeated North Brunswick 55-38.

The win over North Brunswick was the third in three games for the Lions, who opened with a 70-63 overtime triumph at Roselle on Dec. 20 and followed that up with a 47-25 home win over Rahway on Dec. 23.

In the triumph over North Brunswick, RC junior guard Allison Skrec poured in a game-high 19 points, while junior forward Meghan Faughnan added 13 rebounds and eight rebounds. Jenny Malone, another junior guard, finished with eight points, while teammate Melissa Tobie added seven.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### HILLSIDE

Public Auction at Devon Self Storage, 825 Glenwood Ave., Hillside N.J. 07205 on Monday January 19, 2009 at 11 a.m. Property contents in the following units, will be sold to the highest bidder to satisfy the owners' lien for rent under N.J. code section 2A44-187ETSEQ. Unit #C14 Charly Abranson, contains office and household goods, Unit #I23 Kareem Dillahunt, contains household, furniture and clothing goods, Unit #D19 Theresa Bey, contains household, furniture goods, Unit #A20 Carolyn Brooks, contains household goods and clothing, furniture, Unit #G18 Tameika Bullock, contains household goods, clothing goods, Unit #F4 Melissa Gibbons, contains household goods, furniture, clothing, Unit #D16 Paul Gomes, contains household goods, Unit #D15 Shareah Williams, contains clothing, Unit #C25 Shareah Wright, contains clothing, Unit #18 Joy Harris, contains household goods, furniture, clothing. Auction is with reserve. Devon Self Storage reserves the right to set minimum bids and to refuse bids. Cash only.  
December 24, 31, 2008  
U228469 WCN (\$32.34)

### UNION COUNTY

Note complying with N.J.S.A. 39:10A-8 et seq., application has been made to the Motor Vehicle Commission of N.J. "MVC of NJ" to get title papers allowing the sale of a 2005 Chevrolet vin# 1G1AK62F357605148. Any objections, if any, should be made in writing to the "MVC" Special Titles, POB 017, Trenton, NJ 08666.  
December 24, 31, 2008  
U228550 WCN (\$12.74)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### UNION COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2009 meeting schedule for the Union County Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) is: January 7, March 4, May 6, July 1, September 9 and November 4. The TAB will meet at 7:30 PM at the Multi-Purpose Room at the Union County Division of Engineering Facility, 1st Floor, 2325 South Avenue, Scotch Plains, N.J. Directions and information can be obtained through the Union County Bureau of Transportation Planning: (908) 527-4086.  
U228967 WCN Dec. 31, 2008 (\$8.82)

### PLAINFIELD

#### NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No.: F-19168-08  
Superior Court of New Jersey  
Chancery Division  
Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Felipe S. Montesdeoca, Ana Maria Montesdeoca, Ana Elizabeth Montesdeoca, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Amended Complaint filed in a civil action, in which U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Securitization Ser-

ving Agreement Dated as of December 1, 2005, Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-11 is plaintiff, and Felipe S. Montesdeoca, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-19168-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/31/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/31/2008, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 10/21/2005 made by Felipe S. Montesdeoca and Ana Maria Montesdeoca, husband and wife, and Ana Elizabeth Montesdeoca as mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for BNC Mortgage, Inc., recorded on 11/03/2005 in Book 11427 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0887 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Securitization Servicing Agreement Dated as of December 1, 2005, Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-11, by Assignment of Mortgage dated 10/24/2008; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 664 West Front Street aka 664-666 West Front Street,

## MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE GIRLS' TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS FOR 2008

### MOUNTAIN DIVISION

Team champion: Kent Place

#### FIRST TEAM

First singles: Allie Tierney, Governor Livingston  
Second singles: Geena DeRose, Kent Place  
Third singles: Amanda Kusnierz, Kent Place  
First doubles: Nellie Lindecke and Erin McDonnell, Kent Place  
Second doubles: Jenny Yia and Holly Ream, Governor Livingston

#### SECOND TEAM

First singles: Andrea Chu, Oak Knoll  
Second singles: Monica Soliz, Roselle Park;  
Laura Tierney, Governor Livingston;  
Lindsay Boyajian, Oak Knoll  
Third singles: Tori Roeck, Oak Knoll  
First doubles: Gioia Topazio and Christiana Pigott, Oak Knoll  
Second doubles: Courtney Alpaugh and Alexandra Alpaugh, Kent Place

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Singles: Alexandra Brierley, Kent Place;  
Rebecca Vera, Roselle Park;  
Chantel Le, Governor Livingston  
Doubles: Pam Samuels and Sophie Osborne, Governor Livingston;  
Kristy Daubert and Jill Feeney, Cranford  
Angela Renna and Becky Heucke, Cranford

### VALLEY DIVISION

Team champion: New Providence

#### FIRST TEAM

First singles: Hudrey Le, New Providence  
Second singles: Jolie Chan, New Providence  
Third singles: Carissa Chan, New Providence  
First doubles: Megan Carlotto and Karen Knauff, New Providence  
Second doubles: Jenna Cavanagh and Jackie Aresco, New Providence

#### SECOND TEAM

First singles: Caroline Egnatuck, Dayton  
Second singles: Sarah Surma, Union Catholic  
Third singles: Stephanie Gelband, Dayton  
First doubles: Mai-Linh Nuygen and Dana Feldman, Dayton  
Second doubles: Stacey Roth and Leah Cunningham, Dayton

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Singles: Kerlyne Gai, Roselle;  
Amina Dickson, Union Catholic;  
Jaclynn Lee, Union Catholic;  
Ermilyne Victor, Rahway

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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: 727-729 BAYWAY AVENUE, ELIZABETH NJ 07202 BEING KNOWN as LOT 221, BLOCK 4, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth. Dimensions: 68.02 feet x 8.66 feet x 167.71 feet x 131.95 feet x 68.00 feet x 44.85 feet. Nearest Cross Street: South Broad Street. The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication. \*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon. \*\*If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney. \*\*\*If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$311,231.11\*\*\* Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-One and 11/100\*\* 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: \$348,100.32 \*\*\*Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand One Hundred and 32/100\*\*\* Dec. 24, 31, 2008, Jan. 8, 15, 2009 U227961 PRO (\$188.16)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-08007300 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F2310407 County: Union Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1 VS Defendant: CELINA FERNANDEZ, THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY Sale Date: 01/28/2009 Writ of Execution: 12/01/2008 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 351-359 JERSEY AVE, ELIZABETH, NJ 07202. Tax Lot No. 613 in Block No. 13 Dimension of Lot Approximately: 160 X 102 X 190 TRI Nearest Cross Street: GROVE STREET BEGINNING IN THE MOST NORTHERLY LINE OF JERSEY AVENUE AT A POINT THEREIN DISTANT 60.00 FEET EASTERLY MEASURED ALONG THE AFORESAID MOST NORTHERLY LINE OF JERSEY AVENUE FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE MOST EASTERLY LINE OF GROVE STREET. \*THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.\* PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES TOTAL AS OF December 10, 2008: \$0.00 JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$377,401.87\*\*\* Three Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand One Hundred One and 87/100\*\*\* Attorney: FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC 7 CENTURY DRIVE SUITE 201 PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054 (973) 538-4700 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office Total Upset: \$434,517.83 \*\*\*Four Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen and 83/100\*\*\* Dec. 31, 2008, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 2009 U228977 PRO (\$139.16)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-08007182 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F256408 County: Union Plaintiff: INDYMAC BANK F.S.B. VS Defendant: MARY ROSAZZA, EDWIN ROSAZZA, HER HUSBAND Sale Date: 01/21/2009 Writ of Execution: 11/18/2008 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 230-232 FLORIDA STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ 07208. Tax Lot No. 599 in Block No. 5 Dimension of Lot Approximately: 50 X 100 Nearest Cross Street: THIRD STREET BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE SOUTHEASTERLY SIDELINE OF FLORIDA STREET (60 FEET WIDE) DISTANT 75.00 FEET NORTHEASTERLY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE SAME WITH THE NORTHEASTERLY SIDELINE LINE OF THIRD STREET. \*THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.\* PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES TOTAL AS OF November 25, 2008: \$0.00 JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$439,768.51\*\*\*

Four Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight and 51/100\*\*\* Attorney: FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC 7 CENTURY DRIVE SUITE 201 PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054 (973) 538-4700 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at

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the Union County Sheriff's Office Total Upset: \$494,215.83 \*\*\*Four Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen and 83/100\*\*\* Dec. 24, 31, 2008, Jan. 8, 15, 2009 U227954 PRO (\$131.32)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-08007279 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F1825908 County: Union Plaintiff: THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR EQUITY ONE, INC. MORTGAGE/PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATE SERIES #2005-C

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UNION PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the following applications for Zoning Variances were heard by the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union on Wednesday, December 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, N.J. Resolutions memorializing:

Table with 4 columns: Calendar #, Name of Applicant & Premises Affected, Variances Requested, Decision of the Board of Adjustment. Includes entries for Alassa Enterprises, Inc., DDR Southeast Union, LLC, John DiCarlo, Park Branch West Partnership, and Muthusamy Holdings, LLC.

Richard Malanda, Board of Adjustment Secretary U228950 UNL December 31, 2008 (\$48.51)

HILLSIDE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance has been introduced on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council held Tuesday evening, December 16, 2008 and will be considered for adoption at a meeting of the Township council to be held at the Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues on January 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the ordinance.

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

BY DIRECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL Janet Vlaisavljevic RMC Township Clerk

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

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

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

COMMUNICATION WORKERS SALARY ORD. - EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 30, 2012

Table with 6 columns: Title, Salary Range Effective 7-1-07 TO 6-30-08, Salary Range Effective 7-1-08 TO 6-30-09, Salary Range Effective 7-1-09 TO 6-30-10, Salary Range Effective 7-1-10 TO 6-30-11, Salary Range Effective 7-1-11 TO 6-30-12. Includes Communication Operators.

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

U228957 UNL December 31, 2008 (\$74.48)

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

Fire Deputy Chiefs Effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2012 Deputy Chiefs

Table with 9 columns: Title Range, Salary Range, Base Salary, 220 Ed, 440 Ed, 660 Ed, 990 Ed, 1200 Ed, 1500 Ed. Includes Deputy Chief positions.

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

U228952 UNL December 31, 2008 (\$111.72)

PUBLIC NOTICE

VS Defendant: ELBIN E. MOJICA AND WACHOVIA BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION... Sale Date: 01/28/2009... Writ of Execution: 11/26/2008... 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...

PUBLIC NOTICE

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Wells Fargo Bank, NA is plaintiff, and RAFAEL SANCHEZ, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-48494-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/31/2008 exclusive of such date...

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New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340. YOU, RAFAEL SANCHEZ, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property...

PUBLIC NOTICE

any, will be supplied to you for particularity. File #XRZ 113763 JENNIFER M. PEREZ, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. U228959 PRO Dec. 31, 2008 (\$61.74)

PUBLIC NOTICE

such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 02/14/2008 made by Eric Jones an Unmarried Man as mortgagor, to Washington Mutual Bank, FA recorded on 02/19/2008 in Book 12415 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 290, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, plaintiff herein, is successor by merger to Washington Mutual Bank, and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 135 S PARK ST, ELIZABETH, NJ 07206, also being Lot 888 in Block 2. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340. YOU, ERIC JONES, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.

ELIZABETH

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. : F-45812-08 Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County

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

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association is plaintiff, and ERIC JONES, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-45812-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 12/31/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 12/31/2008, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of

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HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance has been introduced on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council held Tuesday evening, December 16, 2008 and will be considered for adoption at a meeting of the Township Council to be held at the Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues on January 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the ordinance.

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

BY DIRECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL Janet Vlaisavljevic RMC Township Clerk

0-08-039

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

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

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

FMBA Local 35 Fire Fighters EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 30, 2012

Table with 10 columns: Title Range, Salary Range Effective 7-1-07, Base Salary, 220 Ed, 440 Ed, 660 Ed, 990 Ed, 1200 Ed, 1500 Ed. Rows include First Grade through Seventh Grade.

Table with 10 columns: Title Range, Salary Range Effective 7-1-08, Base Salary, 220 Ed, 440 Ed, 660 Ed, 990 Ed, 1200 Ed, 1500 Ed. Rows include First Grade through Seventh Grade.

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Table with 10 columns: Title Range, Salary Range Effective 7-1-10, Base Salary, 220 Ed, 440 Ed, 660 Ed, 990 Ed, 1200 Ed, 1500 Ed. Rows include First Grade through Seventh Grade.

Table with 10 columns: Title Range, Salary Range Effective 7-1-11, Base Salary, 220 Ed, 440 Ed, 660 Ed, 990 Ed, 1200 Ed, 1500 Ed. Rows include First Grade through Seventh Grade.

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

U228946 UNL December 31, 2008 (\$194.04)

ELIZABETH SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08006911 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F211608 County: Union Plaintiff: LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AQ1 VS Defendant: NAWAN BAILEY Sale Date: 01/14/2009 Writ of Execution: 10/24/2008 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 874 - 876 LIVINGSTON ST, ELIZABETH, NJ 07201. Tax Lot No. 745 in Block No. 7 Dimension of Lot Approximately: 58.48 X 93.26 X IRR Nearest Cross Street: SMITH STREET BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE MOST SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LIVINGSTON STREET DISTANT NORTHERLY LINE OF SMITH STREET WITH THE MOST SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF LIVINGSTON STREET THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION. PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES TOTAL AS OF November 6, 2008: \$339,524.18\*\*\* Three Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Four and 18/100\*\*\* Attorney FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC 7 CENTURY DRIVE SUITE 201 PARSHIPPANY, NJ 07054 (973)538-4700 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office Total Upset: \$383,054.01 \*\*\*Three Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Fifty-Four and 01/100\*\*\* Dec. 18, 24, 31, 2008, Jan. 8, 2009 U227486 PRO (\$133.28)

ROSELLE NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS Docket No. : F-48494-08 Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: RAFAEL SANCHEZ, MELISSA ROSE SANTIAGO BY HER G.A.L. MARILYN FUENTES SANTIAGO IRA Z. LALEL, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest



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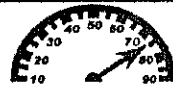
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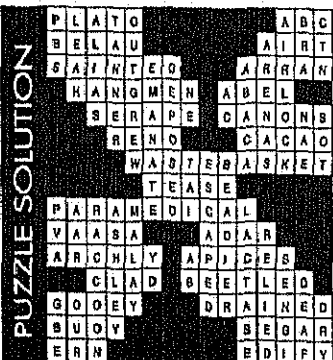
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## Chamber's golf outing benefits Union organizations

Jim Brody, executive director of the Union Township Chamber of Commerce recently had the privilege of presenting 12 township organizations with donations from the net proceeds of the Mayor's Day Bicentennial Charity Golf Outing which took place Sept. 22 at the Suburban Golf Club in Union.

Twelve other charities that did not have representatives present will be sent donations in the mail. Also, the Union EMU was already

awarded a \$2,500 donation on behalf of this event. In June, two graduating Union High School seniors will receive \$500 scholarships to help with their further education.

The chamber has been hosting this Charity Golf Outing for more than 30 years. Brody has been with the chamber since 1999 and during this time, he and the Golf Committees have raised approximately \$60,000 that has been donated to charities and used for scholarships.

He said the chamber, its officers, directors and members are proud to have the opportunity to give back to the township of Union's charities and young people.

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce's mission is to unite,

strengthen, represent and promote the growth of its member's businesses.

"This event is just one of the many ways Chamber Members and the township of Union have been served for over 54 years by our

organization," said Chamber President Toni Johnson of Roselle Glass.

For information regarding chamber membership, programs and services, call the chamber office at 908-688-2777 or e-mail the chamber at [info@unionchamber.com](mailto:info@unionchamber.com).

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Union CPA attends workshop in Philly

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

H.D. Vest, one of the oldest and largest independent financial service firms, specializing in training and supporting tax professionals, joined Lincoln Distributors to host the Achievers Academy. Delane, a local business owner since 1988, is an advisor with the firm.

During Achievers Academy, Delane learned how to put efficiencies in place, enabling him to spend more quality time with clients and assess their financial needs by focusing on the Eight Wealth Management Issues which Americans face today. Delane and other participants were then given many opportunities to network with peers and discuss best practices.

#### Union Chamber will honor businesses

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce will present the President's Award recognizing the chamber business who has made the most significant contribution to the Township of Union Business Community.

The purpose of the award is to recognize a Chamber Business for

significant contributions to the business community. The contribution or contributions should be documented as either a direct or indirect service to the township's business.

For information, contact Union Township Chamber of Commerce, 335 Chestnut St., Union, 908-688-2777 or e-mail [info@unionchamber.com](mailto:info@unionchamber.com).

#### 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 Rosefle resident and Our House Group Home Counselor, Sherley Hawkins "Employee of the Quarter" for her dedication and outstanding work with her residents.

#### Magic awarded

Magic Hands Skin Care Studio in Springfield won Best \$50 Treatment, a national award, during Spa Week.

#### Proceeds of sale will benefit ACS programs

This month, in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, dressbarn in Union, part of a leading retailer and authority on women's fashion, will contribute profits from the sale of Chloe, a plush dog, to the American Cancer Society's local and national breast cancer initiatives.

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