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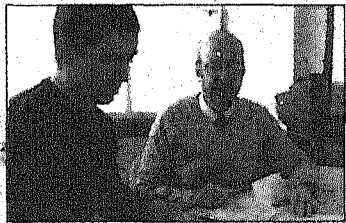
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Officials: Footbridge must be completed

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — The clock is ticking on what local officials say is Marvec Construction Company's "last chance" to replace High Street footbridge, a project some say is more than a year behind schedule.

The Verona-based company was expected to finish the project last fall, but Township Engineer Richard Marsden said little more than preparation work appears to have been done.

Engineering Commissioner Mark Smith said a meeting held

Jan. 21 brought Marvec owner Vincent Cestone and his attorney together with school and township officials to discuss the delays.

The talk resulted in a new timeline for the project, calling for the contractor to be fully mobilized today and the bridge and walkway

installed by Feb. 23.

"This is the last chance the contractor has to perform," Smith said. "Hopefully, this will be the resolution and we will have the bridge in place."

Marsden said inclement weather
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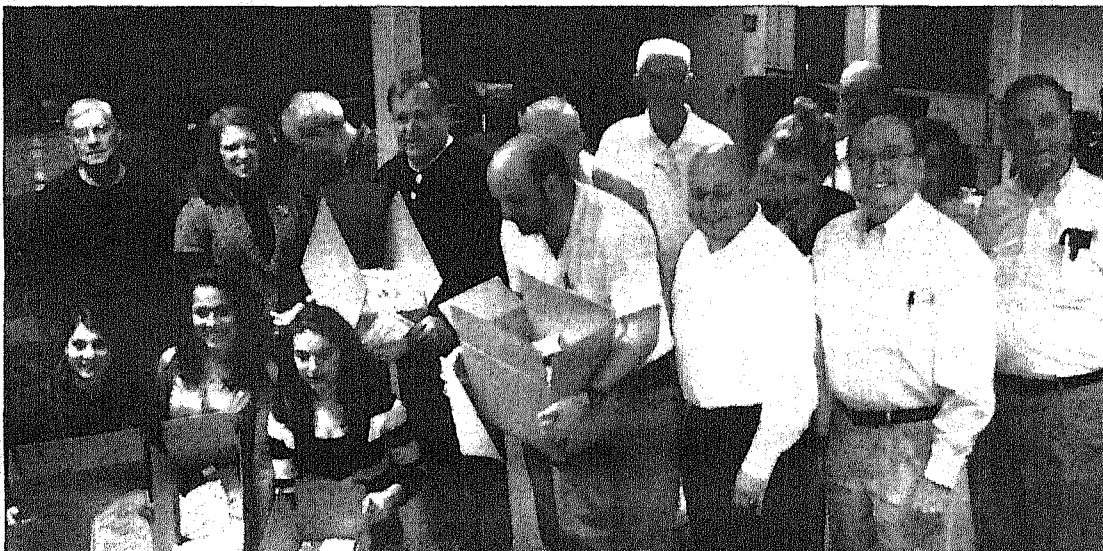


Photo By Susan M. Dougherty

Frank Light, top right, and Clark Kiwanis Club President James Dougherty, front right, oversee volunteers who packed 50 boxes for overseas troops. Peggy Monagle, second from top left, coordinated efforts for the volunteer activity in which members of the Clark Kiwanis Club and Arthur L. Johnson High School's Key Club gathered to pack boxes of toiletries, cookies and soup for soldiers in Iraq.

Capers: 40-year sentence

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

UNION — The Vauxhall resident convicted of slaying a friend and popular local businessman was sentenced to 40 years in state prison at the Union County court house last Friday.

Franklin Prather Jr., 39, was convicted in November for involvement in the shooting of family friend Paul Capers.

Capers was found dead in the basement of his home in the Vauxhall section shortly after midnight on July 3, 2006. He had been shot in the chest and killed during a botched robbery.

Prather must serve 34 years of his sentence before he is eligible for parole.

Capers was 70 years old at the time of his death. He owned a local paving company and was active in the Vauxhall Civic Association.

Maurice Knighton, also a Vauxhall resident and friend, was arrested in connection to the murder three days after Capers was found. He admitted to pulling the trigger, but implicated Prather Jr., saying he provided the .38 caliber revolver used in the murder and came up with the plan to rob Capers.

Prather Jr. confessed to providing Knighton with the murder weapon and admitted involved in

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Rt. 22: Construction kicks off, safety concerns remain

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE — Work is under way on a \$4.2 million project to alleviate flooding on a notoriously drenched stretch of Route 22.

Snarling traffic caused by flooding during heavy rainfalls is expected to end in the area bordering Hillside and Newark, but some

local officials and businesses, worry more serious safety concerns are being ignored.

According to according Stephen Dilts, commissioner for the state Department of Transportation, work on the drainage improvement project began nearly two weeks ago between mileposts 58.12 and 58.82, straddling the border of Union and

Essex counties. "This stretch is among the top 10 hot spots for flooding in the state," said DOT spokesperson Erin Phalon.

When work is completed on the state-funded project, the current draining system will include larger pipes, more inlets and a detention basin to catch excess water. These

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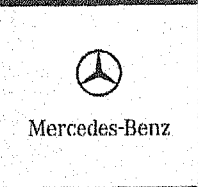
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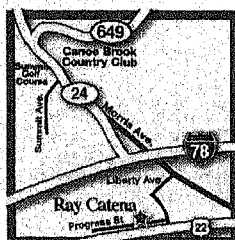
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CHS grad helps state college win national award

By Chris Neidenberg
Correspondent

CRANFORD — The American pharmaceutical industry has become a bit "greener," thanks to a local high school graduate's scholarly work. Chemical engineering major Kyle Lynch, 22, helped Rowan University in Glassboro win top honors last year during a national student competition. Lynch helped detail a new approach for reducing waste while making medicines. The award came at the 12th Annual Green Chemistry and Engineering Conference last June in Washington, D.C. Lynch and classmates, Tim Moroz and Anthony Furiato, were recognized for their research with the drug-making giant, Pfizer Inc.

The team's work spanned nine months and was documented in the competition, "Green Engineering Design for the Recovery of Solvents in API Manufacturing." "It was nice to be recognized for all the time and effort we put in," Lynch said. Rowan Professors C. Stewart Slater and Mariano Savelski helped the students, who shared a \$1,000 prize.

The trio was cited for helping improve "the environmental profile" of the manufacturing process for celecoxib — an active pharmaceutical ingredient in the top-selling arthritis medication, Celebrex. Lynch defined API as "the chemical in the pill that actually does the work."

The Rowan team helped Pfizer

scientists and engineers find ways to reuse more solvents, rather than simply discarding them in hazardous waste containers. Lynch cited isopropyl alcohol as "the main product the team attempted to recover."

His powers of persuasion were apparently key in winning the competition. He alone presented the 300-page paper, taking "a serious look at alternative methods to making a chemical process as green as possible," to the review committee. "I was the only junior on the team, I so I was the only person able to go to the conference," Lynch said.

The team's work took them to such locales as close as Pepack, where Pfizer's global engineering site is based, and Barceloneta, Puerto Rico. There, Pfizer maintains its manufacturing site.

The team also worked in the company's New York City global manufacturing division. While recycling chemicals used in making products was a major objective of the research, Lynch said the study will also improve Pfizer's bottom line.

"Many people think green engineering means making something better for the environment, but it is more than that," he stated. "It provides financial and environmental benefits."

Lynch's contribution entailed far more than writing an academic paper. He helped design a molecu-



Kyle Lynch, left, reviews his award-winning project detailing ways to reduce waste while making medicines.

lar sieve, which he described as "a big...filter that prevents certain material from passing through" the process and into waste collection.

"I began by developing some of my own designs, but eventually found a vendor to design a system and provide a price quote," he explained, adding he also spent considerable time helping Pfizer assess the costs/benefits of the team's different designs.

Among other things, Lynch

helped price all equipment and utilities needed for the process.

So, what has Lynch done with his share of the \$1,000 prize? "Ha ha," he replied. "I spent it on textbooks during the past two semesters. They're so expensive — even when buying them used."

Of course, such costs were never a worry at Cranford High School.

Well before reaching the national spotlight, Lynch shaped his interest in chemical engineering in the build-

ing off West End Place. He credits his former instructors, including math teachers Maureen Duganovic and Michael Schugel, for helping develop the intellectual curiosity needed to make him a success.

"I was good at math and science in high school, so I decided to become an engineer," recalled Lynch, who enjoys playing intramural soccer at Rowan.

"I loved growing up in Cranford," added the student, whose parents, Ed and Nancy, still live in town house where he was raised with his younger brother, John-Patrick, an engineering student at The College of New Jersey.

Yet career plans will require Lynch to bid farewell to his hometown — at least for now.

In this tough economy, the senior is fortunate to have a job lined up following graduation a short drive from Rowan's South Jersey campus. Lynch will join Dupont's process control group in Wilmington, Del. It's familiar territory; he interned there the past two summers. "I plan to stay in industry. Hopefully, I can apply green practices to what I do at work," he said.

Slater praised all three students for helping raise Rowan's profile nationally, in its continuing quest "to solve some of the real-world challenges faced by industry." "Savelski and I are quite impressed by the work of Kyle Lynch, and his team members," Slater said.

City OKs affordable housing

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — The governing body has agreed to work with Habitat for Humanity to build affordable housing following a Jan. 20 council meeting where residents, clergy with the city's Interfaith Council and former and present officials voiced their support for the plan.

The \$1.6 million project, approved in a 5-2 vote, calls for six affordable housing units to be built on a .25-acre site at the intersection of Morris Avenue and Orchard Street.

In total, three two-story duplexes will include four, two-bedroom units and two, three-bedroom units. One unit will be available for very low income families, while three would be for low income and two would be for moderate income households.

The site is two lots currently occupied by a multi-family home and Bob's Auto Top, an auto repair shop. City Administrator Chris Cotter said Alex and Ann Rosol, the owners of both properties have expressed an interest in working with the city to develop affordable housing.

While officials are at odds with the state Council on Affordable

Housing in regards to the exact number of units Summit is obligated to provide, council members and residents agreed the city has fallen behind on addressing the need.

Resident Jean Dylan said the time for delay was over. "I've seen Summit do a lot of good things, but I've seen them drag their feet with affordable housing," Dylan said.

Habitat for Humanity is partnering with Summit's Affordable Housing Corporation and the city to raise money for the project through grants and fundraisers.

The site's appraised value is \$770,000. The city plans to buy the Rosol properties with funds accumulated over a period of ten years through donations to the affordable housing trust fund, and funding both the county and local Interfaith Council have agreed to contribute by August 2009. "A number of things have to fall into place, and if they don't, the city has the option to not fulfill this agreement," Cotter said.

Habitat for Humanity formally presented the project to the governing in November. City officials had been exploring the possibility of building affordable housing at the site for approximately two years.

Councilwoman Diane Klaif, who

vote against the project, along with Councilman Michael Vernotico, said her concerns centered around financial factors, noting she might have supported the project had the vote come after the council reviewed the city's budget and what state aid might be available. "Until these numbers are in, we don't know what sort of painful cuts will have to be made, or what the ramifications will be," Klaif explained.

Other council members and residents called for Summit to embrace a spirit of change and diversity concurrent with the spirit of Barack Obama, who was sworn in as the 44th president of the United States the same day. "Let's not be inhibitors, let's be promoters of change," Councilman David Bomgaars said.

Linda Walker, a 37-year resident, agreed the city is in need of some change. "We need diversity," she said.

Morris County Habitat for Humanity's Director of Property Acquisitions Liz DeCoursey offered assurance to those supporting the project. "We're pretty confident it's going to move forward," she said.

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SPRINGFIELD BRIEFS

Learn about Y's camp

Springfield YMCA Summer Camp Open House and registration will be held Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Springfield Y, 100 South Springfield Ave. The camp runs from June 22 through Sept. 4. The Springfield Y offers a variety of camps for ages 2 ½ to grade 6. Camps meet both indoors at the Springfield Y and outdoors at Ruby Park. New this year: One-week specialty camps from June 29 through Aug. 14, featuring basketball, baseball and other sports.

For information about the Springfield Summer Camp, call

973-467-0838 or download a brochure at www.summitareaymca.org.

Mom's Club meets

The Mom's Club of Springfield & Mountainside meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Springfield YMCA.

Winter classes at Y

The Springfield YMCA, located at 100 South Springfield Ave., will offer new classes for pre-school-age children, youth and teens for its winter program session, which runs through Saturday.

HILLSIDE BRIEFS

Get to mask program

A Groundhog Mask program will be held at Hillside library from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Monday.

Learn to find health information on net

A free hands-on computer class for using the Internet to finding the best health information will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at the Hillside Public Library. Find out how to stay healthy, keep fit and research medical information. Sign up at the library or call 973-923-4413.

Hear exciting tales

The Hillside Public Library begins its celebration of Black History Month with Julie Pasqual, who will entertain all ages with her high-energy telling of African and African-American folk tales from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday. For information, call the library at 973-923-4413 or visit www.hillsidepl.org.

Like art and crafts?

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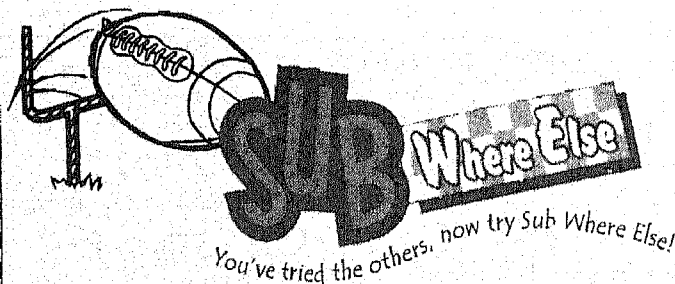
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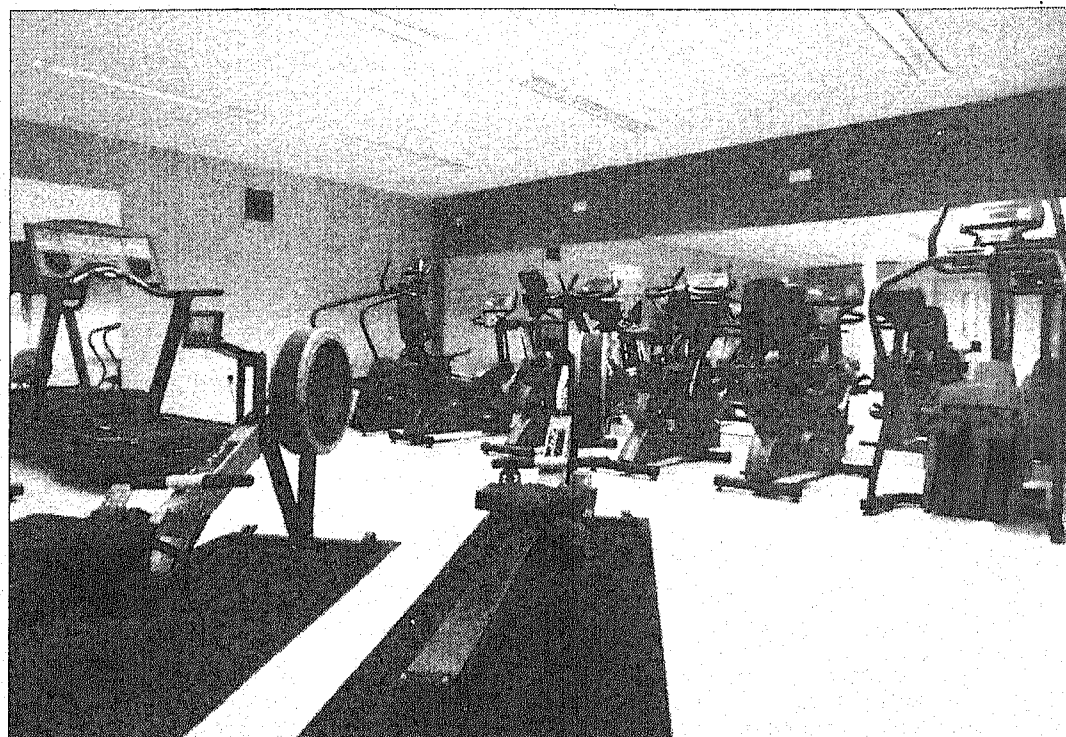
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A free fitness program at Summit YMCA targets making youngsters fit, now and as adults.

Free exercise program fosters healthier youths

By Chris Neidenberg
Correspondent

SUMMIT — The city YMCA's new seventh-grade fitness initiative seeks to instill the importance of maintaining a sound body in the adolescents of today so they'll be the happy and healthy adults of tomorrow.

The free program debuted Jan. 10 in the Maple Street building. It is open to all seventh-graders attending the Lawton C. Johnson Middle School, a short walk away. Other seventh-graders in the Summit Y's service area, including Springfield and Berkeley Heights, can also enroll free.

According to Kara Levy, senior wellness director, students attend programs three days a week — Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is ongoing. Participants are guided through specially-designed activities and exercise regimens while their progress is monitored.

The initiative finishes when school ends in June.

Levy said the "well-rounded program," which could become permanent, was carefully thought out and extensively promoted. Efforts included a recruitment drive at the local middle school.

She added the program is an extension of the national YMCA's "Activate America" initiative, which it describes as a "bold approach to directly address our nation's growing health crisis."

"Our mission compels us to transform the way we work, both internally and externally, to sup-

port all kids, adults, families and communities in their pursuit of well-being in spirit, mind and body," according to the national organization's Web site.

To keep the local program fun and challenging, youth participants can win prizes for meeting certain incentives.

"We've tailored this new program to seventh-graders because we feel seventh grade is such a pivotal time," explained Levy, who currently guides 20 children with the Y's staff.

"It's a period where sports become more competitive for youths," the instructor said. "We feel habits start in seventh grade, and are likely to continue into adulthood."

Thus, when children enter the facility to partake in the initiative, the city Y tries to ensure only good habits are instilled in terms of physical fitness. Participants have their progress monitored on badges they wear while moving through the different stages. These include activities in wellness, "strive circuit" and free weight rooms. A typical three-day period might see them playing basketball or dodge ball, working out on an exercise bike, using weights appropriate to their age/physical stature and doing calisthenics.

"The child's activities are tracked using an 'exercise card,'" Levy explained. "We work with each child individually, evaluate what they are doing and will review efforts with parents."

In terms of prizes, Levy explained the children can "cash

out 'fit bucks' from their 'fit box,'" redeeming them for meeting certain targets.

Levy said these youths will work with wellness instructors, such as former college basketball player Ethan Williams. They remain close at hand during activities. "Ethan is a great role model who really connects with the kids. They...look up to him," she pointed out. "The kids who love basketball...appreciate his expertise on the sport."

Summit resident Michael Facchinei, 13, said the program is set up so friends/classmates can work together in achieving goals. Group activities and exercise programs, such as in yoga and pilates, seek to encourage interaction among participants. "What makes it fun is that you're doing it with your friends, and the people teaching you are right there. This really encourages a lot of people to go to the Y," Facchinei said.

Michael's mother, Patty Facchinei, said the building's close proximity to the middle school encourages attendance among groups. "I'm really excited about this, because it's a great way to get kids...attuned to health care and fitness."

A child can sign up for the program by visiting the Summit Y, 67 Maple St., with a parent or guardian and school identification.

For information, contact Levy, at 908-273-3330, ext. 164, or Jozen Gibson, at 908-273-3330, ext. 132. To download a parent/guardian handbook and enrollment form, visit www.summitareaymca.org.

City contractor guilty of bribery

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

LINDEN — The Elizabeth contractor accused of bribing Linden officials in exchange for lucrative contracts was found guilty in federal court Friday, acting U.S. Attorney Ralph Marra Jr. announced last week.

Ray Vella, 33, who owns the Elizabeth-based Pavel Construction company, was convicted of paying bribes to city housing officials between January 1998 and December 2006. The bribes ranged between \$500 to \$3,000, according to Vella's testimony during the trial.

Vella, who is free on \$50,000 bail, is scheduled to be sentenced May 6.

He faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for each of the five counts of mail fraud and 10 years each for one count of providing corrupt payment and two counts of obtaining property by

fraud through bid-rigging.

Vella had offered the bribes to Frank Rose, the field representative for Linden's Neighborhood Redevelopment, a federally-funded program, which revitalized homes for low- to moderate-income families.

In exchange for cash, Rose rigged bidding to allow five contractors to illegitimately win contracts ranging from \$20,000 to \$60,000 each. Vella received 16 separate contracts worth about \$652,448, prosecutors said.

Frank and his brother, Anthony Rose, former director of the city's transportation and parking department, pleaded guilty to separate charges in early 2008 for accepting bribes and speeding up the process to attaining building permits for contractors offering money in return. Vella could not be reached for comment at press time.

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SUMMIT BRIEFS

Register to play golf

The Summit Department of Community Programs is accepting golf memberships to the Summit Municipal Golf Course for the 2009 season. The "Muni" will be open April 4 through Nov. 29.

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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 children between the ages 5 and 12 this fall, including lacrosse, basketball, art and social skills. All programs are held at Summit Recreation Center, 100 Morris Ave. Sign-up sheets are at the Department of Recreation, or send an e-mail request for information to summitcan@gmail.com.

YMCA seeks aids

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

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

Get to diversity forum

The Mayor's forum on diversity will be held at 8 a.m. on Feb. 5 at in the Whitman Community Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 512 Springfield Ave.

KENILWORTH BRIEFS

Nominate for BOE

The deadline to file a nomination to run for a position on the Kenilworth Board of Education is 4 p.m. March 2. Three full three-year terms, expiring in 2012, are open.

The election is April 21. Candidates can obtain a "Candidate Kit," along with their nominating petition.

Register for pre-K

Pre-registration for pre-K at Harding School, 426 Boulevard, Kenilworth, is available until April 1. Students registering after April 1 will be admitted only if space is available in the pre-school program. Kinder-

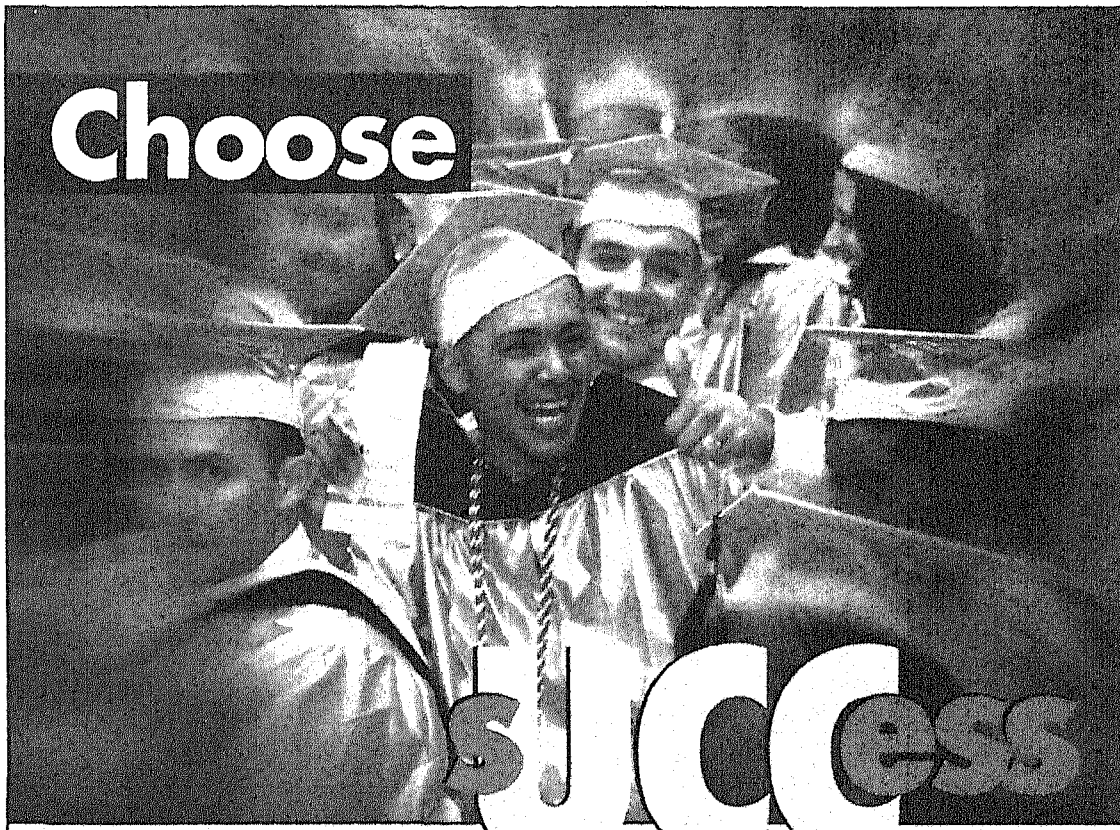
garten students must be five years old on or before Oct. 1 and pre-K students must be four years old on or before Oct. 1. Parents or guardians must bring registration paperwork, immunization records, proof of residency and the child's birth certificate.

For information, call 908-276-5936, ext. 512.

Story time for kids

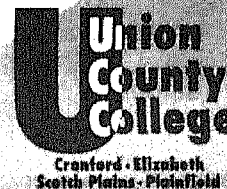
Story Time for children ages 3 and up will be held at Kenilworth library, 548 Boulevard, on the following Thursdays from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 3:30 to 4 p.m.: through Feb. 19. Registration is required.

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Kathleen A. Gaylord
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

On the right track



Bear Cub Den 3 of the Patriot's Path Council Pack 30 in Clark completed their Pinewood Derby race at a pack event held at St. John the Apostle school in Clark Jan. 17. The winning car, raced by Kevin Orcutt, was built in the shape of a Wii remote.

Borough readies for 'Relay'

The American Cancer Society will hold a kick off for its annual Relay for Life event at La Casa Di Martino, 301 Clay Ave., at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The Roselle Park community is invited to learn about how participation benefits American Cancer Society research, programs and services. This year, Relay For Life will be held June 6 and June 7 at Roselle Park High School.

"Our hope is...as many people as possible will come out to learn about this event. And more importantly, our guests will leave this event energized and empowered to move forward and start a team or

generate a sponsorship that will help us raise...much needed funds," said Maria del Rio, kick off chair and Roselle Park resident.

Last year, 45 teams and more than 500 people joined the fight, raising more than \$130,000. This year, the committee set its sights on and even higher goal — \$150,000.

"Last year's Relay was wonderful," said Sarah Costello, event chair. "We want to grow this year. We want more teams of friends, families, churches, temples, organizations, schools, neighborhoods, businesses and co-workers to join the fight."

Relay For Life is an overnight event, whereby teams of friends, families, co-workers, churches and organizations join together to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember those lost and fight back against the disease. There will be music, food, contests, awards and prizes. The event occurs overnight because cancer never sleeps, and neither will we.

For information on this year's kick off, forming a team or becoming a sponsor, call Chrissy Andrasik, manager of Relay For Life, American Cancer Society, at 973-736-7771, ext. 2008, or send e-mail to christina.andrasik@cancer.org.

UNION BRIEFS

Classes begin a Y

The YM-YWHA of Union, 01 Green Lane, will start the winter session of the following classes the first week of February:

- Girls' Dance - Mondays at 5:30 p.m.
- Computers - Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
- Watercolors - Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.
- Kickboxing for Women ongoing - Mondays and Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. For information, call 908-289-8112.

Tots can hear tales

Toddler time, for children 2 ½ - 3 ½ and their caregivers, will be

held at Union Public Main Library at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, through Feb. 26. No registration required.

Join basketball game

The Recreation Department basketball league for men meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The league will meet at Kawameeh Middle School through March. The Recreation Center is located at 1120 Commerce Ave.

Sing, read in pajamas

Come in your pajamas for songs, stories and games at Bed-time story time at 7 p.m. Mondays, through Feb 9, at Union Public Main Library. Children of all ages

and their caregivers are invited to attend.

See Tyler Perry film

"Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys" will be shown from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Union Library's Vauxhall Branch, 123 Hilton Av. There will be free popcorn and beverage.

Airplane club meets

The Union Recreation Department Model Airplane Club meets Thursdays, at 7:30 p.m. The club will meet at the Recreation Center, 1120 Commerce Ave.

For information, contact Mike Luciano at 908-273-4764.

Youths taking flight

Fifteen at LHS prep for trip to China

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

LINDEN — In the spirit of Chinese New Year — The Year of the Ox — Linden Public Schools is partnering with the far east nation in an effort to broaden students' knowledge of different cultures.

During a visit to China in June, Superintendent of Schools Rocco Tomazic learned the Foreign Language School in Xiamen had recently opened the Sino U.S. International Program, a smaller school within its facility where students prepare for entrance into U.S. colleges.

The Linden High School staff agreed to assist with college prep work by explaining to the administration at the Sino Program what Chinese students should expect, as well as providing them with study materials. In return, the ICI Education Group, which runs the Sino Program, agreed to finance trips to Xiamen, China, for approximately 15 juniors and seniors studying Mandarin at the high school.

"Anytime we teach a language, we try to send kids to the appropriate country," Tomazic said. "To fully communicate in another language, you have to immerse yourself in that language and experience life and culture in that country."

The group is set to leave April 9. Each student is only responsible for paying \$1,000 to cover the cost their airfare.

Tomazic is sure the twelve-day excursion will be quite an experience for the young travelers. "They will be studying conversational Chinese," he explained.

Students will get a break from testing their verbal skills, of course.

Tomazic said time for tours, calligraphy, ping pong, cooking, martial arts and painting crowd the list of things to do and see. Students might even get a chance to peek into a few households to see how they live.

The superintendent expects the youngsters to return with more than a lesson in culture. "We want them...to understand how people halfway around the world view us."

While there have been student trips to Italy, France and Spain in the past, district Supervisor of World Language, Alphonsina Paternostro, said she is most proud of the current offering. "The other programs have been a great success, but Chinese is totally different from any other language," Paternostro said. "This will surely be an experience of a lifetime."

Joseph M. D'Alise can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 124, or editorial@thelocalsource.com.

Strip club patron found with bombs

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

LINDEN — A Millburn man tried to make a bang at a local go-go bar last week by flashing a live explosive to nervous patrons.

Taras Lyashkevich, 41, was arrested at 7 p.m. Friday after bringing the explosive device into Cheques Lounge at 1230 East Linden Ave.

He was charged with possession of a destructive device, causing public inconvenience or alarm and resisting arrest, according to Linden Police Capt. Raymond Tyra.

Tuesday, Lyashkevich was being held in Union County Jail on \$60,000 bail.

The incident occurred after the suspect was seen bringing what police described as a rocket-propelled grenade, or live mortar shell, into the club.

"Bar employees said the suspect was inside and was showing off the device," Tyra explained.

Not impressed, bar employees called police and, "from a safe distance," pointed Lyashkevich out to

authorities when officers arrived.

After evacuating patrons, officers approached the suspect, who refused to take his hands out of his pockets or leave the bar.

Officers grabbed him, causing the explosive device to fall out of the suspect's pocket onto the ground.

After police wrestled a struggling Lyashkevich to the ground and away from the device, the county Bomb Squad was able to dispose of it safely.

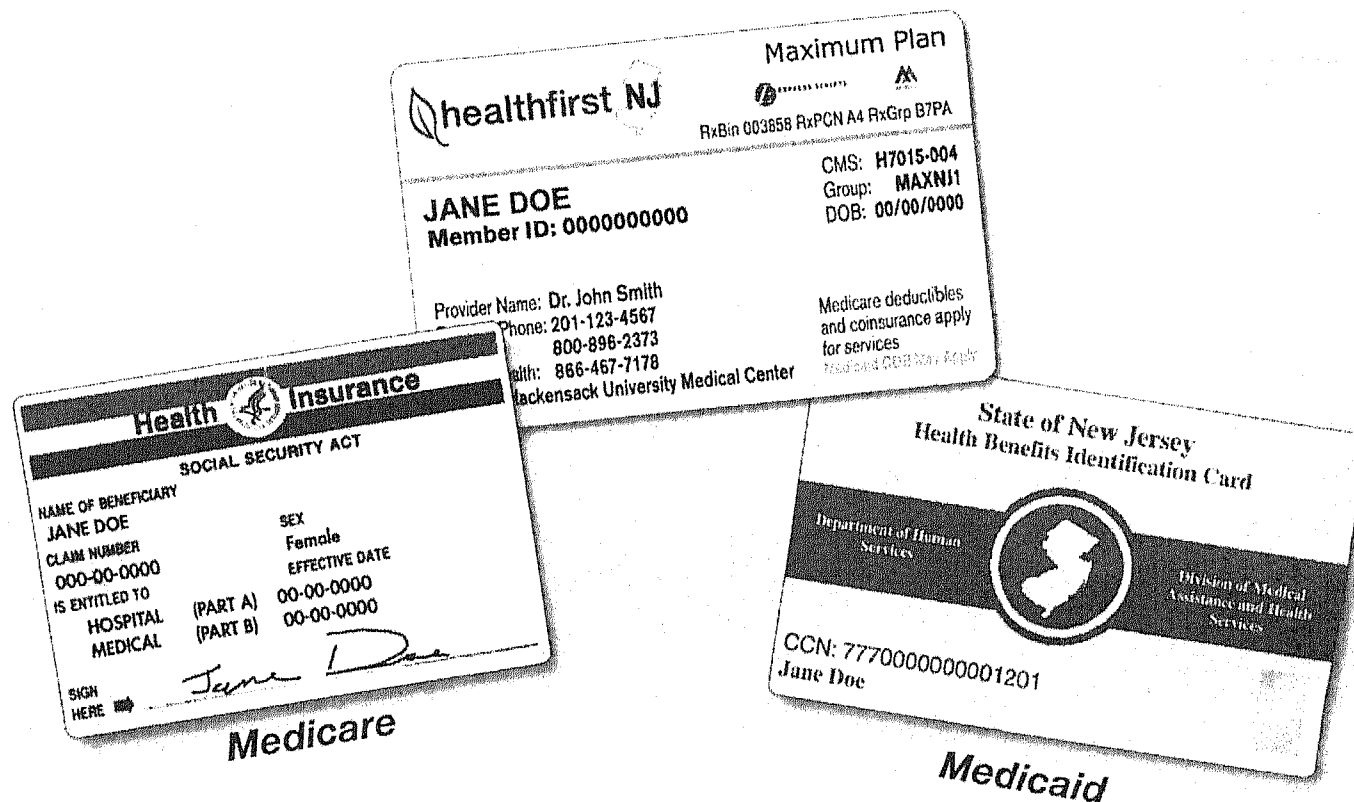
The suspect continued to struggle as he was handcuffed and transported to prison.

A Union County Sheriff's K-9 dog found no other bombs in the building, but did discover another mortar shell in the suspect's vehicle, which was also removed by the squad.

Investigators said neither explosive had markings or lettering identification. Authorities are attempting to find the source of the bombs, they say.

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Teen admits lying to protect chase suspect

Roselle Park

Mariana Paez and Giovanni A. Garcia, both 19 and of Elizabeth were arrested Jan. 21 following a police probe into a car chase Jan. 5.

Roselle Park police had tried to pull over a Nissan Altima on East Westfield Avenue occupied by two men, one of which was not wearing a seatbelt, when the driver sped away, driving erratically through Roselle Park and into Elizabeth. Police were forced to abandon the chase for safety reasons, but the car was located a week later in Elizabeth.

Paez, later identified as the owner of the car and Garcia's girlfriend, had reported the car stolen following the incident, but later told police she had lied to protect her boyfriend. She was

POLICE BLOTTER

charged with obstruction of the administration of law and released.

Garcia was charged with eluding police and obstruction of the administration of law. He posted \$25,000 bond and was released. Motor vehicle charges included failure to stop at a stop sign, observe a signal and wear a seatbelt, and for speeding and reckless driving.

The second occupant in the car had not been located last week.

Clark

• John McInerney, 22, of Keyport was arrested at 3:18 p.m. on

Jan. 6 at the Shop-Rite Supermarket on Central Avenue and charged with shoplifting.

Kenilworth

• Barthelmy Wolf of South Orange was arrested at 4:40 p.m. Jan. 20, on an outstanding warrant from Cranford for \$120 and driving with a suspended license.

Linden

• Bhupinder Singh, 50, of Linden was arrested at 9:55 p.m. Jan. 17, in front of the Cavalier Diner after an off-duty police officer saw him urinating in front of the open diner. Singh ran from the officer and threw a whiskey bottle at him before being caught and charged with aggravated assault, possession of a weapon, resisting arrest and urinating in public.

Roselle

• Gerasimos Spanos, 32, of

Elizabeth was arrested at 10:42 p.m. Jan. 18, in the West First Avenue Wendy's parking lot and charged with possession of 50 grams or less of marijuana.

• Elton Lopes, 23, of Newark was arrested at 2:23 a.m. Jan. 17, outside Studio Allzone bar on St. Georges Avenue for disorderly conduct.

Springfield

• Caandon Hudson, 20, of Summit was arrested at 1:02 a.m. on Jan. 8, on Summit Road for an outstanding warrant.

Summit

• Evelyn Jackson, 52, of Jersey City was arrested at 8:42 a.m. on Jan. 6 at the intersection of Broad and South streets and charged with improper display of front plates and driving with a suspended license.

CRANFORD BRIEF

Tax counseling open

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department, in conjunction with the American Association of Retired Persons, will take appointments for free tax assistance. Cranford and Garwood tax payers only, age 60 and older, can call the Recreation and Parks Department at 908-709-7283 to reserve a time slot with a tax practitioner. Hourly appointments are being made for either Mondays or Fridays, beginning Monday at noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. All appointments will be at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., in Room 204. The last appointment to receive tax assistance will be April 13. No appointments will be made on Feb. 16 or April 10, as the Community Center will be closed.

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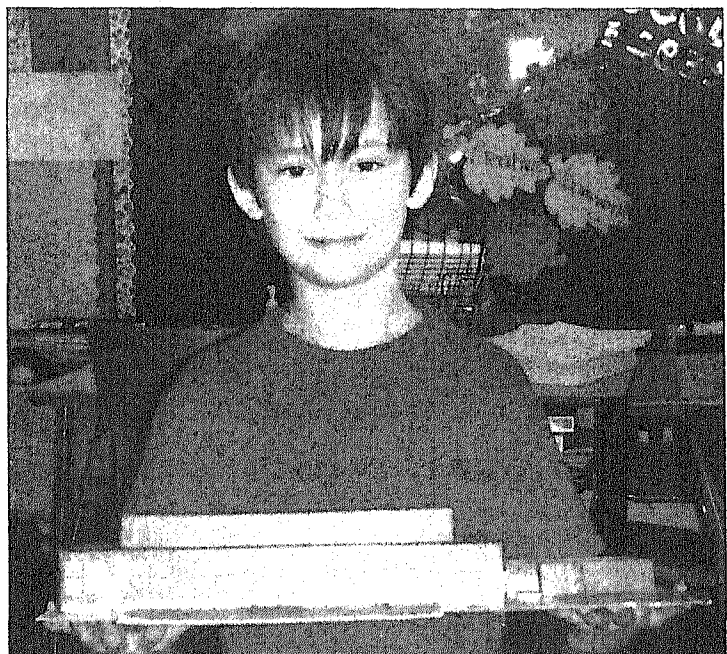
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New heights



The second grade at Roosevelt School in Rahway recently studied communities. As a culminating activity the students built buildings in Rahway. Chris Sanders, from Dyan McMillen's class, shows his building, Roosevelt School.

RPD: Burglaries, arrests on the rise

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

ROSELLE — Authorities believe five different men arrested within the last two weeks on theft charges may be connected to burglaries in the borough during the last two months.

The arrest of Jamie Fassett, 45, of East 9th Avenue was the latest, occurring Jan. 22, after a Harrison Avenue homeowner caught him leaving his basement around 3 p.m., according to Roselle police.

The resident and a contractor had been looking around the house, which was undergoing construction, when they noticed footprints in the snow leading to the backyard. There they spotted Fassett crawling out of the basement.

Fassett attempted to flee, running into nearby woods, where he was later located by officers.

A large duffel bag allegedly left behind by Fassett, containing a hacksaw, screwdriver, and hammer, along with pieces of copper pipe, were found in the victim's basement.

Police officer Barry Laraway said, like other homes burglarized recently, it appeared vacant. He noted steps can be taken to deter burglars, including shoveling snow from the sidewalk. "[Snow-filled] sidewalks are like leaving 15 old newspapers on the doorstep," Laraway warned.

With the cost of metal escalating in recent years, stealing and reselling copper piping has also been on the rise. Copper piping is used in most homes. Buildings that have been abandoned or are under-construction are easy targets, according to local police.

The going rate for the metal is \$1 a pound, down from \$4 at its height a few months ago, an Elizabeth scrap yard employee told Roselle police.

Communities across the county have seen a rise in property crimes as the economic crisis has worsened. "Traditionally the economy plays a role in increased burglaries," Roselle police chief Jerry Orlando said about the hike in town.

In the borough, 24 burglaries were reported in December, which police said is a noticeable spike. January saw a rise as well, although an official number is not yet available, according to police.

The police department has responded with more patrols checking hot spots for crime in Roselle, like the St. Georges Avenue area bordering Linden.

Police said the extra patrols have been effective, despite the recent burglaries, because no robberies — a more violent crime — were reported in December. Roselle police offer free home security surveys and vacation checks for community members. Interested residents can call the RPD at 908-259-4006.

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EDITORIALS

Consider crime, budget wisely

Following 31 car thefts in Summit Jan. 13, city Police Chief Robert Lucid made a crucial statement in a press advisory issued about the incidents: "It is not enough simply to lock your vehicles, although that is certainly the first step to take."

The chief went on to say motorists should "remove any valuables from the vehicle or, at the very least, put them completely out of sight, including cables and mounts that indicate the presence of electronic items."

In the Summit incidents, many victims left doors unlocked. But, what of the many who've suffered the same crime, though they took the proper precautions — locking doors, setting alarms and tucking away important items — they still arrived at their vehicles parked in retail lots and driveways to find punched locks and smashed windows? What can they do? Not much alone.

Prior to the 2000s, stolen vehicles were used primarily for transportation, according National Insurance Crime Bureau. Things have changed. Less than 18 percent of stolen cars recovered are found undamaged — most are found stripped for parts and vandalized, then wrecked, burned or flooded, NICB reports. While nationally, car theft dropped in 2007, through the decades, it has risen significantly. Locally, there is a car theft force tasked with patrolling Essex and Union counties, on the lookout for thieves.

The news of the Summit car theft spree, coupled with the knowledge locking up is simply not enough, is frightening, especially at a time when most municipalities are either implementing hiring freezes or preparing to make further cut backs on spending for departments, which could include police.

Nationally, consolidating jobs is huge, cutting over overtime is huge, but crime, including car theft, is big business too during this waning economy — people are trying to get ahead, in some cases, by any means necessary.

Officials should take note when mulling where they will make budget cuts this year.

What is your opinion about this subject?

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FLAG DAY — East Central Americanism Committee of the B.P.O. Elks Organization, represented by Chairman Stephen E. Kozlovich, right, presented a POW/MIA flag, donated by the VFW of Kenilworth, to principal Thomas Tsirikos, left, of Central Five-Jefferson School in Union. Students display the flag, from left, Ashley Figueiredo, Ronald Brangman, Andrea Ignacio, Matthew Perez, Zari-na Zakee and Jamie Ferreira.

Juggling needs and cost locally

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Wanted: experienced jugglers to run for, win elections and make everything better. Let's get to the examples. The Newark Elizabeth Port continues to be a wonderful economic engine that benefits our area. Now, it turns out there is a down side.

Ten thousand trucks pass through the port picking up and delivering commerce. There is also something of a bottleneck. As a result, the state Department of Environmental Protection estimates 42 tons of diesel pollution yearly spits out of the trucks. As a result, it's estimated 1,000 premature deaths and 68,000 asthma attacks hit us each year.

Here's where the money rears its ugly head. Independent truckers, who make up the lion's share of the drivers already facing rising fuel costs, will be hard pressed to come up with the additional \$7,000 required to retrofit their trucks.

Another part of the problem is the overwhelming amount of our pollution comes from the Midwest coal plants dirty air and trucks from outside the region.

Voting Integrity: People like county Clerk Joanne Rajoppi led the change to protect the integrity of the voting process. They thought the battle was over when the state passed a law mandating printers on all voting machines to

insure an accurate count. Now, it turns out the state budget crunch means there is not enough funds to complete the project. The Legislature may actually delay the project.

Emergency back up needed: Never did one group operate in such obscurity and continue to cause problems like the Rahway Valley Sewage Authority. It was reported last week the \$200 million expansion project does not include emergency power back up. As a result, some experts predict a brief power outage could end up flooding the whole plant.

Pre-school delay: State Education Commissioner Lucille Davy delivered the bad news last week. The much touted plan to enroll low income kids in a pre-school program was about to be eliminated. The poor kids in non-Abbott District Schools have been a special cause of Governor Jon Corzine. The plan drew national praise to expand intelligence through a program including exposure to books, numbers and screening for disabilities.

Like so many other programs, public officials are placing their hopes on the federal stimulus pro-

gram. The hard reality is an economic stimulus program, while needed, may not have room for the long term but worthy needs of a kid's pre-school education.

Towing and storage: The last two weeks have seen a saturation of news regarding the sunken U.S. Airways Flight 1549. It turns out New Jersey guys played a dramatic, if unheralded role.

It was actually New Jersey State Police, using techniques intended for finding underwater terrorist bombs, who actually found the engine. The New Jersey State Police Special Marine Services Unit based in Newark Bay were big players.

Also, the towing of the jet and its engine and storage in Jersey City were all the works of Weeks Marine — the Cranford based Marine Dredging Services. The Weeks boys lifted the plane after drivers attached under water cables and hooks to the frame and attached hooks to the engine.

Come May 1, the new look Newark Bears open their home season. In addition to new manager Tim Raines, ex-White Sox, the hitting coach is Ron Karkovice, also an ex-White Sox, who was born in Union and still has strong family ties in Winfield Township.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

OP ED

We need to do more to recover

I'm certain we Americans wish our newly elected president, Barack Obama, much success, respect and good health. He is about to assume one of the world's most difficult positions, not only as the 44th president, but also as the leader of the most powerful nation in the world. Need we add to his responsibilities at home and abroad? The preceding is compounded by a terrible economy, war on two fronts and signs of a decaying monetary crisis. We all hope and pray Obama is up for the challenge.

There are a few important issues, however, that Obama hardly mentioned in the campaign that need to be addressed quickly, if not sooner.

First, help seniors now with the horrible Medicare and prescription benefit programs that are the pits. Medicare doesn't pay the full amount of any medical bills. The program has a \$130 deductible, while taking an annual charge of both the Medicare and the drug program of approximately \$1,300. This requires seniors to buy supplemental insurance at a cost of approximately \$2,000 annually; otherwise they go without coverage, making them subject to tremendous medical bills. Even with the supplemental coverage, they are still subject to medical bills, which seem never to be completely covered.

Also, all seniors are told at some time their drugs are not covered. Is this the medical coverage seniors need to deal with in their retirement life?

The second of these issues is to stop giving federal, state or whatever benefits, such as unemployment, welfare and other benefits, without getting some value for the tax dollar received. How about having people give back by working to keep our cities and public right of ways clean,

Point Of View

By Livio Mancino

helping at the schools and hospitals or doing wherever is needed, at least two or three days a week?

The third is the immigration issue, which our newly elected president addressed briefly in the campaign. I recommend we write a new law. The law will require that all immigrants have 120 days to register at a cost of \$100. Then, they have two years from their date of birth to become a United States citizen. They should know the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. The cost per person to become a citizen is \$2,500. Any immigrant not registered is deported, and anyone employing an unregistered immigrant, one without a registration card, is fined \$2,500 for the first offense, double for each subsequent violation. Any immigrant who does not exercise his or her right to become a citizen in two years, loses his or her right and is deported. This will prevent future illegal immigrants, and those here will be subject to all our laws and rights, including paying taxes. The cost assessed will more than cover implementing and running the program by having more taxes paid by legal working immigrants. If this is done right, I challenge anyone to show me why it won't work, or why our state senators can't sponsor a law/bill.

Finally, I would hope some immediate positive action would take place on our present fiscal crisis. Surely, no one believes it just started six or eight weeks ago. The reality is the abuse and complacency of all types of financial institutions started

years ago. These institutions tried desperately to appear sound, but they knew they were doomed or heading in that direction regardless of cause. How could these financial institutions' CEOs get large salaries and bonuses, along with their immediate subordinates, knowing the firms were on the edge of collapsing? And, what happened to the accounting firm auditors? Didn't they see the trouble in their reviews, and didn't they tell anyone?

The federal government, the president and congress should create an investigatory committee, made up of independent professional people, to investigate the present terrible financial mess. Obviously, there are many who have been and still exist as the primary participants who allowed this fiscal debacle, who should be punished, be it the CEO, subordinates, accounting firms, etc., even politicians who received big contributions. No one is to be excused; all financial damages inflicted on the American public should be recovered wherever possible and the culprits put in jail. This will bring some sanity and justice to the honest hard-working American taxpayers who ultimately will pay the bill.

We can really recover if the American people want, by readjusting our life style, avoiding foolish credit pitfalls, doing some personal savings, buying only those items that are needed and affordable, electing politicians who work for the people, not for personal gains, and by the government creating a new, strong check and balance system, with harsh penalties for violators. Wouldn't this be great if it were sponsored and implemented by our newly elected president?

Livio Mancino is a resident of Kenilworth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Accountability is needed

To the Editor:

Union County Manager George Devaney has proposed a \$449.3 million budget for 2009 that predicts cost reductions through at least 28 layoffs.

In a letter to the freeholders dated Jan. 22, Devaney writes, "We have implemented a hiring freeze on all non-essential positions."

Sound familiar? The hiring freeze was implemented in January 2006 with much fanfare. Since then, 493 employees have been hired including 112 in 2006.

Four employees were hired in January alone. Seven employees were hired in December; 17 employees were hired in November and nine in October.

Recent hires are: clerk typist, \$31,000; data processor programmer "trainee," \$40,000 and on Dec. 20, a new "parking attendant" was hired for the Sheriff's Department (at a salary of) \$31,529.

Union County accounts for approximately one-fourth of our property tax bills and with this proposed budget, the freeholders will be spending \$1,370,000 property tax dollars per day — every single day, including Sunday — in 2009. That is up from spending \$1,199,000 every single day in 2008. It's long past

due for every single citizen, including elected municipal officials no matter their party affiliation, to start holding the freeholders accountable. A proposed budget offering these gimmicks is insulting to our collective intelligence and is a direct result of the public's apathy. We have the government we deserve.

Tina Renna, president
Union County Watchdog Association Inc.
Cranford

Thanks for the donations

To the Editor:

To the Class of 2012 parents: Thank you for all the donations for the forensic tournament lunch.

The day was very successful due to the generosity of many of you. We would also like to thank our class officers, Cara Costa, Victoria Treboschi and Silvana Paradiso, for giving up their Saturday to help with the sales. Our fourth officer, Aleta Nadolny, was involved in the tournament. If she had not been, I am sure she too would have assisted us. Thanks again!

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Mitten madness



Children had an opportunity to create decorative mittens and a mitten wreath during Kenilworth Public Library's recent winter craft program. Emma Kessler, 5, and Joseph Triano, 6, assemble and decorate wreaths.

ROSELLE PARK BRIEFS

Nominate for BOE

The annual school election will be held April 21. Nominating petitions are available at the Board of Education Business Office, 510 Chestnut St., Roselle Park. All petitions must be filed with business administrator Susan Guercio on or

before 4 p.m. March 2. There are three, three year seats available.

For information, call Guercio at 908-245-2103.

Adults can crochet

Roselle Park Veterans Memorial Library will hold a Warm up Ameri-

ca with Estelle! for adults on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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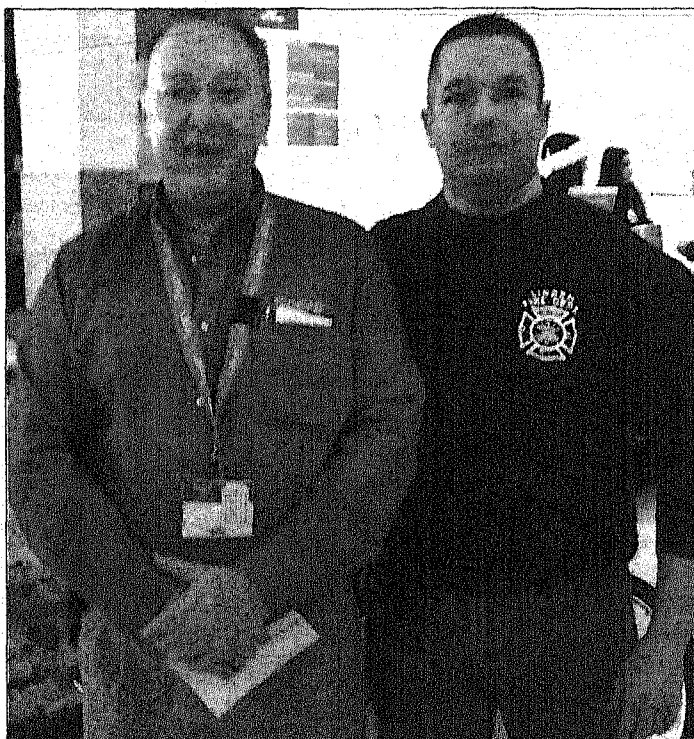
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Sears donated toys to the Marine Corps and Linden Fire Department Toys for Tots drive. From left: Jeffrey O'Kane, Sears manager, and firefighter Jeff Jackson, toy drive coordinator.

CLARK BRIEFS

Register for language classes at foundation

The Studies Program of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark is accepting registration for its language classes, which begins March 2. Classes, Beginner's Polish II and III and Intermediate Polish, meet Thursday evenings.

English class is scheduled for Wednesday evenings. All classes meet from 7 to 9 p.m. and run for twelve weeks. Early registration is suggested.

For information, call the foundation office at a 732-382-7197. The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark.

Tales for tots

Tales for Tots, stories, finger plays and song for active listeners, 2 to 5 year olds, will be held Thursdays 10 to 10:30 a.m., through Feb. 26 and on from 3:30 to 4 p.m. Sundays: this weekend, Feb. 22, March 8 and March 22.

Footbridge delays blasted

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will likely alter this schedule somewhat, but he is hopeful work will move forward.

While the delays have not resulted in additional costs, concerns over safety have resulted in mounting frustration for area residents who use the bridge, like school children walking to and from Walnut Avenue and Hillside Avenue schools.

Police have increased patrols in the area to discourage students from taking alternate shortcuts — either crossing the railroad tracks or fording the river on foot.

Walnut school Principal Angelo Paternoster said the bridge's continued absence does not affect the kindergarten through second-grade students attending the school because most are shuttled by car, but he has heard parents complaining of the "inconvenience" experienced by older children who attend Hillside Avenue School. "It increases the amount of time they have to invest in walking to school," Paternoster said.

He suspects' kids are continuing to cross the river in unsafe ways.

District Superintendent Gayle Carriek said the bridge's absence has resulted in more students being late to school and increased traffic on the roads. "We've noticed additional congestion as a result of more students being driven

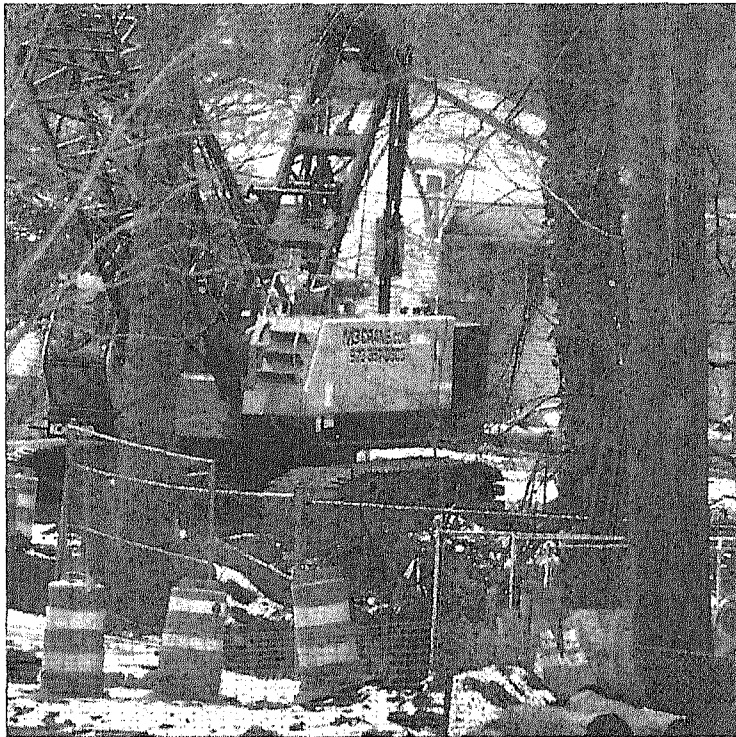


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Construction equipment sits ready to be used at the site of the footbridge that once connected High Street to Baldwin Court. Township officials are pushing for the delayed project to be completed quickly.

to school," she said.

Hillside Avenue School Principal Curt Fogas and Marvec owner Vincent Cestone were not immediately available for comment.

A performance bond is in place to ensure the project is completed, according to Smith, who noted the township has informed the bond

company of its concerns. Should delays persist, the company could intervene to see the job completed. "Speaking hypothetically, they would get another contractor to step in and complete it," Smith said.

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Safety updates sought for Rt. 22

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improvements, coupled with other minor upgrades at the adjacent Weequahic Park, are designed to eliminate flooding for a 10-year storm, Dilts explained.

New guardrails, curbs and repaving will also be added before construction wraps up this fall, Dilts noted.

Officials from both Newark and Hillside praised the proposed construction, as well as Gov. Jon Corzine, who lauded the project for reducing "flooding and increase safety on the heavily-traveled Route 22."

Still, many residents and local officials feel there are more pressing issues for the state to deal with, rather than traffic in this zone.

Hillside Police Chief Robert Quinlan said the DOT is not focussing its energy where it should.

"The...flooding problem is

mostly a Newark problem. The priority should be on safety issues in Hillside," Quinlan said.

He added the DOT ignores the issue.

In August 2008, the Township Council passed a resolution urging DOT to add warning signals before S-curves on Route 22 East, near the Newark border, where there have been several fatal accidents and improvements to "structurally deficient" overpasses at Bloy Street, North Broad Street, Hilldale Place and Liberty Avenue — roads built in the early 1900s.

Jack Gomes, manager of Hillside Auto Imports on Route 22 East, said he knows how dangerous the road can be.

He guessed there is an accident in front of his shop at least once a month, sometimes causing thousands of dollars worth of damage.

"I understand traffic causes inconveniences for people travel-

ing...the highway, but how about families losing loved ones?" Gomes asked.

Phalon said several projects for the Hillside area of Route 22 are in the design phases, but they are not expected to begin until at least 2012. They include bridge reconstructions and some road improvements to North Broad and Bloy streets and Liberty Avenue overpasses. She did not note whether plans for warning signals are on the horizon.

Until the flood prevention project is completed, motorists can expect single-lane closures on nights and weekends. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained each weekday from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For real-time travel, construction and emergency information, visit www.nj511.info.

Union man gets 40 years in jail

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drug-dealing. In the courtroom before the verdict was read, Prather told the Capers Family he prayed for them, but the victim's son Paul Capers Jr. called Prather a "coward" for robbing his elderly father, according to reports.

Further court reports showed Superior Court Judge Stuart Peim was equally disturbed by the act. He chastised Prather for giving a loaded weapon to Knighton, a "drug addict who needed money."

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Magnet for good will



Union County Freeholders Bette Jane Kowalski, fourth from left, and Angel G. Estrada, left, present a check from the county's Green Grant program to Union County Magnet High School Principal Gwen Seneschal, second from right, advisor Debra LaBrun, second from left, and students Dina Kapengut, third from left, of Springfield and Grace Lawrence, fourth from right, of Union. They are joined by Thomas Bistocchi, right, Superintendent of Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, and Carmen Centuolo, third from right, Union County Superintendent of Schools. The school was awarded \$1,000 to start a sneaker recycling project.

Students study history

Local youths make trek to inauguration

By Paul Greulich and Joseph M. D'Alise

UNION COUNTY — More than 60 students, alumni, faculty and staff from Kean University, along with a Union teen, traveled miles last week to witness the swearing-in of the nation's 44th president, Barack Obama.

Jonathan Mercantini, an associate professor in Kean's history department, coordinated the Jan. 20 trip to Washington, D.C., which took shape after students at the college voiced an interest in attending the inauguration of the nation's first black president.

The professor said about 60 people took advantage of the opportunity. "A third of the students attending were history majors," Mercantini explained about the Kean crowd that made the trek.

The trip cost about \$4,000. It was funded by University President Dawood Farahi and the Department of Student Organizations. The money went primarily toward transportation.

Kean travelers got up early to arrive on time for the ceremonies. They cut through the icy air with dedication, walking to the National Mall in freezing temperatures. There, they found like crowds — large, wrapped in the spirit of the moment, as they inched closer to watching the historical moment, even if from a distance.

"There was such a positive buzz," Mercantini said.

Enormous television screens displayed footage of Obama's inaugural speech.

Timothy Hulme Jr., a Union resident majoring in history and education at Kean, described the pulsing mass he encountered at the nation's capitol. "It was insanely crowded, a traffic jam of humans," he said.

Hulme Jr. wants to share his experience in Washington with students at Woodrow Wilson Middle School, where he works as a student teacher.

Aruna Mathura, a history and education major from Hillside, who also helped coordinate the trip called the experience "incredible."

"It was the first inauguration
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Dental volunteers after bright smiles

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

UNION COUNTY — Children past-due for a trip to the dentist, but don't have insurance, can once again get their teeth examined for free, thanks to Give Kids a Smile Day.

The upcoming program offers dental care to youths younger than 12.

This year, seven Union County dentists will participate in the Feb. 6 program sponsored by the New Jersey Dental Association. Those taking advantage of the service can visit participating dental offices for exams and cleanings. Appointments must be made ahead of time, as with a normal dental check-up.

To often, financial strains on

families lead to children's dental needs going unaddressed, according to Theresa Alves, school nurse at Grace Wilday Junior High School in Roselle. The program is necessary for this reason, she explained.

Eric Elmore, NJDA statewide coordinator for Give Kids a Smile concurred, noting when families cut back on medical costs, dental care is often the first thing to go.

"People don't ordinarily go for regular dental checkups, and when money is tight and you have to choose between a regular physician and a dentist, people usually set the dentist aside," Elmore said.

Alves does her part to address the issue by distributing flyers encouraging parents and students to

take advantage of the free service.

The program has grown in attendance steadily since it began in the county in 2003, but Alves wishes it could reach more.

"The only drawback is it only covers kids 12 and under. I wish the age limit went up a little higher," Alves said.

Elmore said participating dentists are not compensated in any way for the time they put in on this day. Among those volunteering their time again this year is Rahway dentist, Dr. Alyssa Bernstein, whose office is located on St. Georges Avenue in Rahway.

Bernstein's assistant, Gina Baginsky, said Give Kids a Smile Day has provided a valuable opportunity for children.

"It's a great event," Baginsky said. "We've had a very good turnout in our office."

Other facilities participating are the offices of Dr. Norman Schwartz on Westfield Avenue in Roselle Park, Neighborhood Health Center at 250 Second St. in Elizabeth, Neighborhood Health Center on Myrtle Avenue in Plainfield, UMDNJ School of Health-related professions on Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, and Young Family Dentistry on Park Avenue in Plainfield.

For information about the New Jersey Dental Association and Give Kids a Smile can be found at www.njda.org.

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How does your rain garden grow?

Landscapers searching for new ways to grow their business can take a free course in rain garden installation offered by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension in conjunction with Union County.

Rain gardens are designed to filter stormwater runoff from rooftops, driveways and parking lots. They feature native plants that thrive in wet and dry conditions. The plants help keep pollutants out of the runoff.

The benefits of gardens include reducing utility bills; reducing the use of herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizer; adding curb appeal with

attractive shrubs and flowers, and enhancing natural storm drainage to help prevent local flooding.

"Rain gardens are a great example of how the emerging green economy can benefit our local business owners, conserve natural resources, keep toxic chemicals out of our neighborhoods and help property owners manage their costs," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

Municipal and county personnel are also invited to attend the two-day program. The first day is Feb. 27 at Union County's Trailside

Nature and Science Center in Mountainside. The full day of workshops will cover all aspects of rain garden planning, installation, and maintenance.

The second workshop is March 26. It will consist of a hands-on rain garden installation at a Union County site. Participants will receive a certificate upon completing the course. They will also be listed in a Rutgers Extension online directory of certified landscapers. The directory will be posted at www.water.rutgers.edu. To register, call Union County Rutgers Extension at 908-654-9854, ext. 2240.

COUNTY NEWS

Donate food for needy

The legislative office of Assemblyman John Bramnick will sponsor a winter food drive to benefit local food pantries in Union County. Non-perishable food items needed include oatmeal, cereal, canned soup, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, tea, meals in a can, rice, pasta and powdered milk. Donations can be dropped off at Bramnick's office, 251 North Ave., Westfield.

For information, call 908-232-2073.

Support the seals

The second N.J. Walk for Seals, coinciding with the International Day of Protest Against the Canadian Seal Hunt, March 15, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Nomahagan Park in Cranford.

For information, send e-mail to Marcelo Hoynowski, a 15 years resident of Clark in the ninth grade at Academy for Information and Technology in the Magnet School campus in Scotch Plains, at chelo93nj@aol.com.

County Arc accredited

The Arc of Union County has been accredited for a period of three years for its Vocational, Resi-

dential and Family Support Respite services and programs, according to the Union County CARF International. The latest accreditation is the fifth consecutive three-year accreditation the international accrediting body has awarded to The Arc of Union County.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the CARF standards.

An organization receiving a three-year accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable and accountable.

Feeding the children

The YM-YWHA of Union County, located in Union, will be the sponsor the Child Care Food Program. This program is designed to provide meals to children in child care centers, recreation programs, etc. Meals are available to children 12 years old and younger who are enrolled in the Child Care Food Program. They will be served

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GOP Committee seeks candidates

The Union County Republican Committee is seeking candidates for state Assembly for Legislative District 22 in 2009.

The committee seeks individuals who say "yes" to fiscal-responsibility, reform-mindedness, keeping Muhlenberg Hospital open as a full service hospital and a willingness to represent the residents of the district instead of special interests.

The committee seeks individuals who say "no" to spenders, truth benders and double-dipping pension-padders.

The 22nd District represents the following municipalities in the New Jersey Legislature: Clark, Fanwood, Scotch Plains, Plainfield, Rahway, Linden and Winfield in Union County, North Plainfield and Green Brook in Somerset County, and Middlesex and Dunellen in Middlesex County.

For information on becoming a candidate for state Assembly, contact Phil Morin, Union County Republican chairman, at 908-789-0200 or e-mail a note of interest to him at unioncountygop@comcast.net

Teens visit Wash., D.C.

(Continued from Page 14) most of us have been to," Mathura said, noting the significance.

Claudia Torres, a sixth-grader at Burnett Middle School in Union, was invited to the inauguration through the Junior Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference.

Torres established a relationship with the youth group two years ago, when she was chosen to visit Washington, D.C., with its partner, the National Youth

Scholars Program.

The trip cost \$3,400, but through fundraising efforts, The Torres Family raised more than half of the money needed for Claudia's tickets and meals while in Washington.

"I loved it," Torres said of the experience. "Being there and hearing President Obama speak was amazing."

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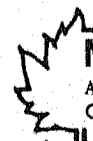
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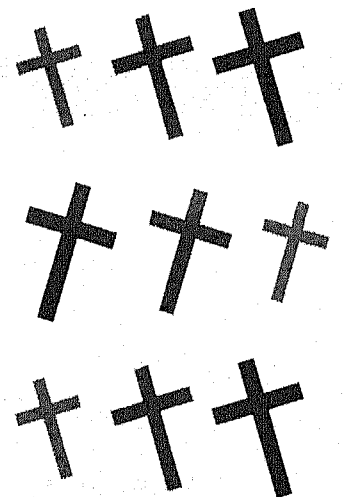
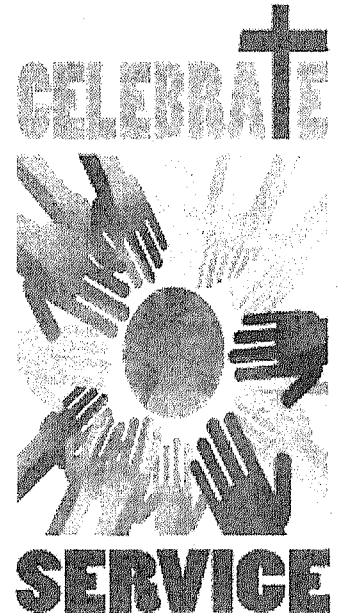


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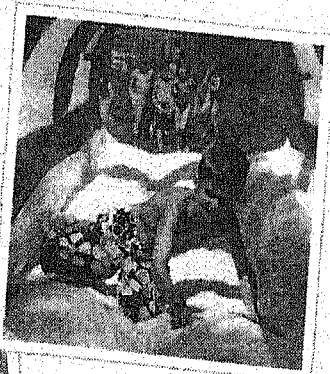
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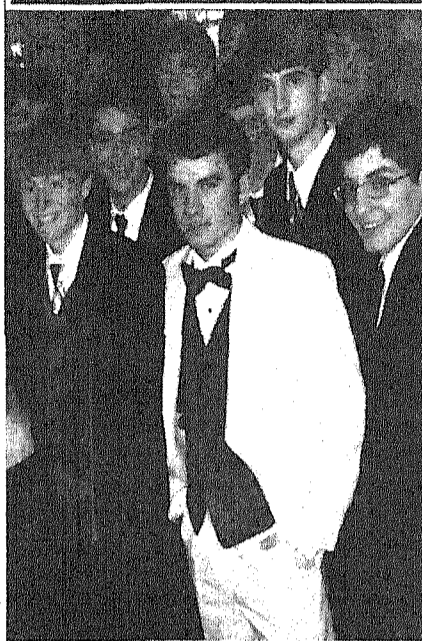
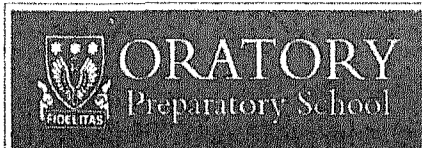
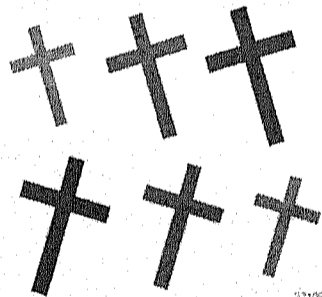
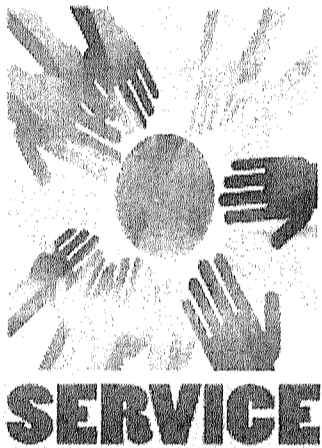
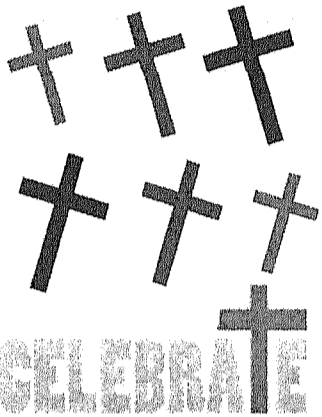
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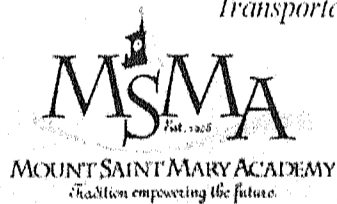
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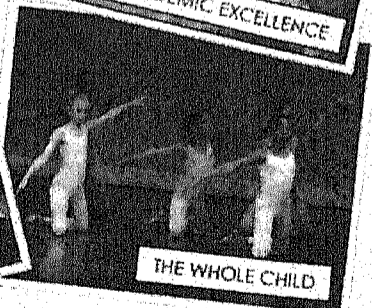
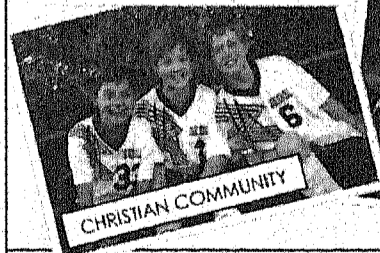
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SCHOOL ZONE

Registration open for pre-school in Summit

Summit Public Schools are accepting applications for the 2009-10 pre-school program. Applicants must be Summit residents and have birth dates between Oct. 1, 2004 and Sept. 30, 2006. General education students will be selected for this program by lottery. Children entering the program via the lottery must be toilet trained by the time school opens in September.

Applications for the lottery are available on the district Web site at www.summit.k12.nj.us or may be obtained in person at the Primary Centers and the Office of Special Education Services, 14 Beekman Terrace, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. All applications must be returned to the Office of Special Education Services no later than 4 p.m. Feb. 11.

The lottery drawing will be held at Wilson Primary Center Feb. 12 at 2:30 p.m. Children who are not selected will be placed on a waiting list. Special education students will also be included in the pre-school program as determined by the District Child Study Team.

Pre-school classes may include both three- and four-year-old children. Classes meet four days per week, Monday through Thursday, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. for the morning session or from 12:30 to 3 p.m. for the afternoon session.

A birth certificate and proof of residency will be required for those students admitted to the program. There is a tuition fee.

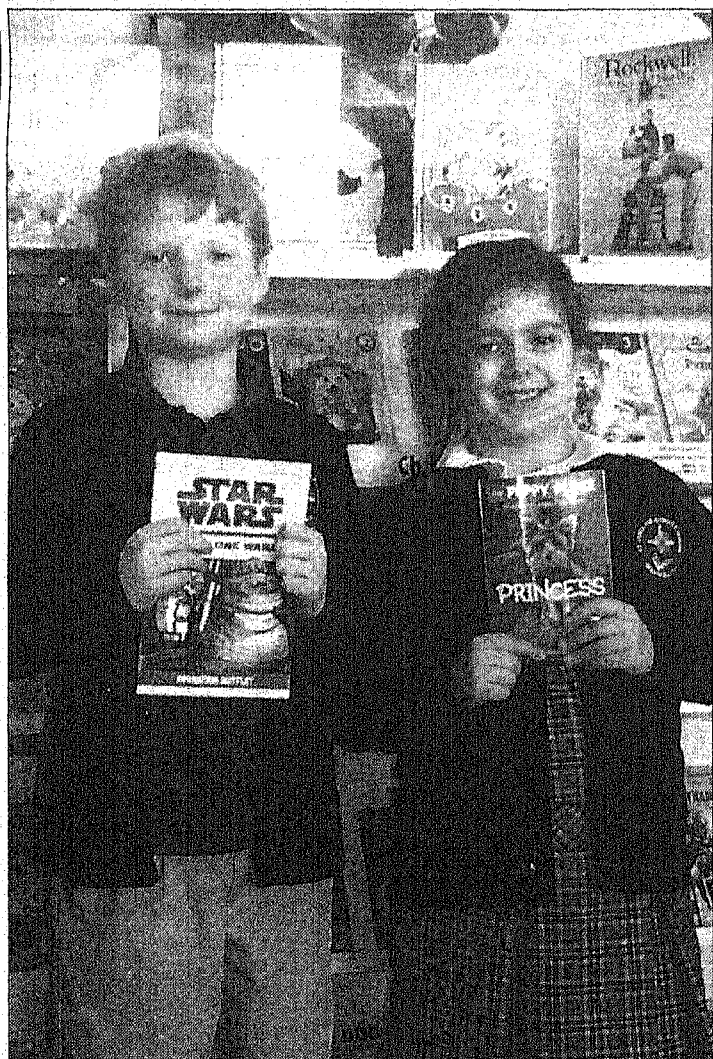
Students who qualify under the income eligibility guidelines set forth under the Federal Child Nutrition Program may be eligible for a reduced charge. For information, call the Office of Special Education Services at 908-273-6658.

Seeing green



Roselle Park High School students Ashley Gomes and Shaina Santiago admire decorated trees that raised funds for Casano Center food pantry in Roselle Park.

Chip in for chapters



St. James the Apostle School HSA in Springfield recently held its annual book fair. The Home School Association arranged for students from all grades, pre-K through 8, to shop for books that interest them. Funds collected in a donation jar near the cashier table were matched by Scholastics Inc. Second-graders Kevin and Alba show off their purchases.

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Left to right: Renie Garlick and Dan White, of Wantage, NJ, examine a gift basket being prepared by George Delgado for the Mill's Valentine's Day special event.

2nd Annual Wine-Tasting at the Lafayette Mill

The Lafayette Mill Antiques Center will present its 2nd Annual Wine-Tasting Event in concert with George's Wine and Spirits of Branchville NJ on Saturday and Sunday, February 7th and 8th.

Each day, from 1PM- 4PM, George and Francis Delgado will offer samplings of specially-selected wines and cheese. George, formerly the sommalier at Windows on the World in NYC, is well-known for his ability to search out unique and unusual offerings in the wine world.

Four drawings each afternoon will provide lucky winners with a bottle of wine and a gift certificate which be used to top off a perfect Valentine's experience with a gift from the Mill's 23,000 sq feet of quality antiques and collectibles.

ARTS & LEISURE

Five Play to take stage at county arts center

The Arts Guild of Rahway Jazz Series will continue in February at Union County Performing Arts Center as the DownFront Jazz Series.

This partnership program will be bringing jazz performers in the tradition that patrons of the Rahway Arts Guild Series have enjoyed for the last 10 years. Tickets buyers for DownFront Jazz will be seated in the 200 seat center orchestra section directly in front of the stage in the newly renovated Union County Performing Arts Center.

The DownFront Jazz Series presents Five Play, the sister group of Diva Jazz Orchestra on Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. at UCPAC, located at 1601 Irving St. in downtown Rahway. To purchase tickets, call the UCPAC Box Office at 732-499-8226 Monday through Saturday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. To learn more about the DownFront Jazz Series program, call The Arts Guild of Rahway at 732-381-7511, e-mail the guild at artsguild1670@verizon.net or go to the Web site at www.rahwayartsguild.org.

Five Play was created from the world-renowned Diva Jazz Orchestra as a means to feature some of its foremost players. Five Play is Tomoko Ohno on piano, Janelle Reichman on tenor saxophone and clarinet, Jami Dauber on trumpet and flugelhorn, Noriko

Ueda on bass and Sherrie Maricle on drums.

Formed in January 1999, the quintet has performed at many of the most prestigious concert halls, music festivals, universities and jazz clubs throughout the United States such as Carnegie Hall and The Kennedy Center. The group has also performed at major festivals in Israel, France, Spain and Portugal. In 2004 the quintet and its members were highly ranked in Downbeat Magazine's Annual Reader's Poll.

The DownFront Jazz Series is a collaborative effort between The Arts Guild of Rahway and Union County Performing Arts Center. Since 1999, The Arts Guild of Rahway has presented a yearly series of jazz concerts featuring metro-area musicians of the highest caliber on the club and festival circuit. The great artists who perform there are veterans of the jazz scene and most have extensive national and international performance and recording credits.

They are in demand to perform at large and small venues across the United States, Europe and Asia. In this time concerts have been held in the gallery of the Arts Guild which can accommodate up to 80 patrons.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a non-profit center for the Arts located at 1670 Irving St. in the downtown Arts District of the city of Rahway.



Members of the jazz ensemble, Five Play — Tomoko Ohno on piano, Janelle Reichman on tenor saxophone and clarinet, Jami Dauber on trumpet and flugelhorn, Noriko Ueda on bass and Sherrie Maricle on drums — will perform at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway next month.

Wanted: Volunteers for annual teen arts festival

Do you like working with artists, teachers and students? The Union County Teen Arts Festival provides an opportunity for volunteers to get involved.

The Union County Teen Arts

Festival is a two-day celebration of the arts held annually at Union County College in Cranford. The event, scheduled for March 19 and 20, is open to all middle and high schools students in Union County.

"Nearly 3,000 students participate in performances, critiquing seminars, master classes and workshops with a staff of 50 professional artists in every discipline — visual art, music, creative writ-

ing, theater and dance," said Freeholder Chairman Al Mirabella. "Volunteers are needed to assist artists with workshops, manage performance sites and staff information stations. We appreciate the

invaluable assistance of our county residents with this exciting program."

For information, call the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550.

Puppet masters



The Puppets Club from Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, under the direction of their teacher Sandra Hasselman, performed at the kick-off assembly of the No Bullying Association for the students at Valley Road Elementary School. Students meet the puppet masters.

Catch soul singers on Valentine's Day

The stars of "Doo-Wop Volume III" will be at Union County Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. Feb. 14. There will be performances by Lou Christie, Kenny Vance & The Planotones, Earl Speedo & The Cadillacs and Duke Chandler. There is a fee.

Lou Christie

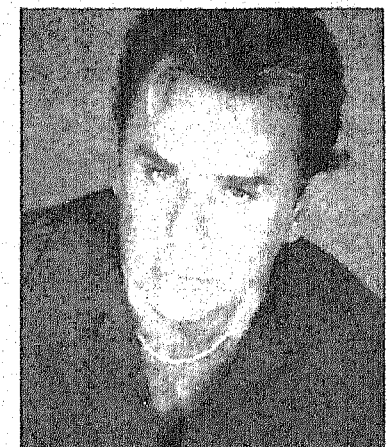
Lou Christie's career as a songwriter, recording artist and performer started in a two-track studio in Glenwillard, Pa. Christie's first million-dollar selling song was "The Gypsy Cried."

Kenny Vance and The Planotones

New York, Kenny Vance was captivated by the magic of rock'n roll. He formed the group Jay and The Americans, which opened for The Beatles and The Rolling Stones for each of their first U.S. performances.

Earl Speedo & The Cadillacs

Earl Speedo & The Cadillacs were an American rock and roll and doo-wop group from Harlem, N.Y.,



Lou Christie

active from 1953 to 1962. The group was noted for their 1955 hit "Speedoo."

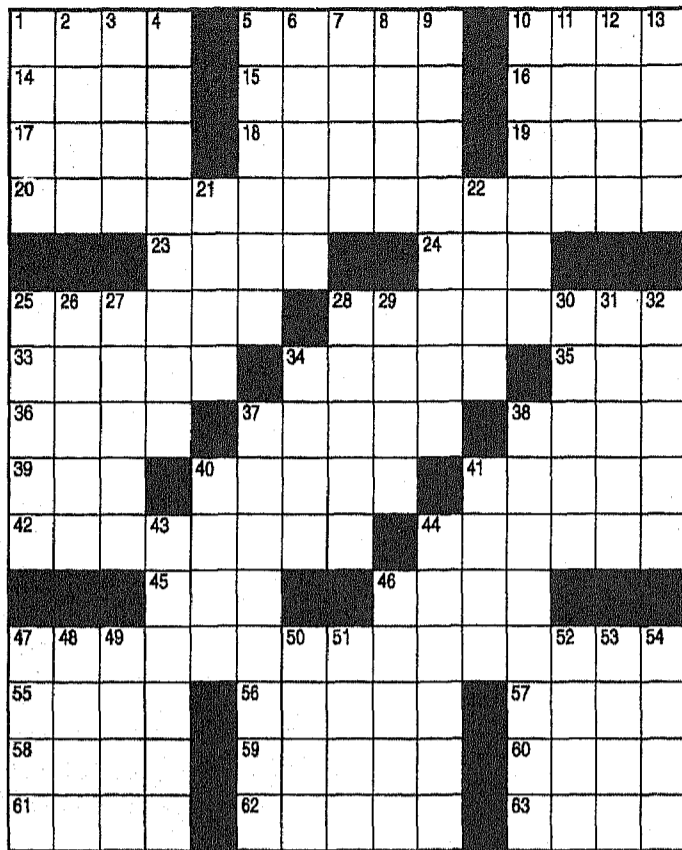
Duke Chandler

Gene Chandler esteemed by soul fans as one of the leading exponents of the 1960s Chicago soul scene, along with Curtis Mayfield and Jerry Butler. His signature hit is the #1 Billboard Hot 100 chart song, "Duke of Earl," 1962.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Syrian massacre 1982
5. Hoard
10. Cowbarn (British)
14. Nerve fiber
15. Lightweight triangular scarf
16. Enlarge hole
17. A thorny Eurasian bush with plum-like fruits
18. Sweetheart (archaic)
19. Hybrid fruit with thick wrinkled skin
20. Harry Potter heroine
23. Organization of Central American States
24. Water in the solid state
25. Large stinging paper wasp
28. Provencal verses
33. Covered with ivy
34. Stacks
35. Brew
36. Dunks
37. The City of Light
38. Liberal rights organization
39. Point midway between NE and E
40. Minute tissue opening
41. Japanese deer
42. Alter original state (as in alcohol)
44. Makes a raid
45. Provide with staff
46. Swiss river
47. Headmaster of Hogwarts
55. Gentlemen
56. Co. Buff _____; U of C teams
57. _____ iginal; native person
58. Algonquian language
59. SE Sri Lankan seaport
60. Queen of Sparta
61. Popular avocado
62. Get into
63. Sight organs



CLUES DOWN

1. Corned beef left over
2. Wheel shaft
3. Secure to a dock
4. Windflowers
5. Suspended in a liquid
6. Dignified bearings
7. Fictional Looney Tunes Corp.
8. 1920's swing dance
9. Dawnings
10. Sultanate in NE Borneo
11. Safebreaker (slang)
12. Abnormal breathing
13. Mid-East prince or chieftan
21. Frosted
22. Plays a role
25. Removed an animal's skin
26. Like sheep
27. Undergo maturation
28. Yes _____ Bob
29. Ancient Olympic site
30. Municipality in Sweden
31. Quench
32. Dr. _____, children's author
34. Young salmon
37. Rate based on weight
38. Large wiry-coated terrier
40. Parent school organizations
41. An open skin infection
43. Makes someone laugh
44. More fake
46. Aspen poplar
47. "The Ax Fight" filmmaker Tim
48. Maltese monetary unit
49. La _____ Tar Pits, Hollywood
50. Rom _____; Star Trek alien enemy
51. liquefied lava is _____ en
52. Be obedient to
53. Traveled on a horse
54. Spans of time

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HOROSCOPE

Feb. 1 to 7

ARIES, March 21 to April 20: Don't put all of your eggs in one basket this week, Aries. Otherwise, you'll end up with a lot of broken shells. It's a bumpy ride ahead, so be prepared.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21: Romantic interests flourish this week, Taurus. You may rekindle some much-needed passion with a current flame or find a new companion in the days to come.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21: Feeling like a workaholic lately, Gemini? It could be time to scale back at work a bit. However, in this economy, you may want to phrase your request with some finesse.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Cancer, you can change what seems like a no-win situation into a win-win situation with just an adjustment in your way of thinking. When Pisces offers advice, take it.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23: It

won't be an easy ride this week, Leo, but it will be a fulfilling one. You'll be the center of attention for more than one reason, which suits you just fine.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22: Virgo, think with your head and not with your heart when making financial decisions this week. Unfortunately, emotion can cloud better judgement.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Make the most of time spent with a loved one this week, because it won't last forever. Libra, he or she needs to head home and it could be some time before you connect once more.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22: Scorpio, the finish line of a specific goal is within sight. Now you just need to have the patience to make it the last few laps. Don't worry — it will take less time than you think.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21: Sagittarius, some financial

difficulties are on the horizon. But with some advice from an unexpected source, you'll get back on an even keel. Aquarius is your go-to person this week.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20: Capricorn, just when you thought you had everything worked out, something pops up to put a wrench in your plans. A level head will help you find a work-around.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18: It is the time to take that financial plunge you've been nervous about, Aquarius. Once you dive in with both feet, you'll find it's really not as nerve-racking as you thought.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: Pisces, health concerns leave you looking for more answers. With a strong spirit, you can overcome anything.

Also born this week: Marie Presley, Shakira, Morgan Fairchild, Alice Cooper, Barbara Hershey, Natalie Cole and Tina Majorino.

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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.

ART SHOWS

The Arts Guild of Rahway will present "FROM THE GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS," an art exhibit about food, which will run through Sunday at The Arts Guild of Rahway, located at 1670 Irving St. 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 artsguild1670@verizon.net or visit the Web site at 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 Rahway Recreation Department is looking for talented individuals ages 8 through adults to participate in the REC Talent Show on April 2 at the Union County Performing Arts Center. Singers, dancers, rappers, bands, comedians and any other acts are welcome. Auditions for the show will be Jan. 30 at the Rahway Recreation Center, 275 Milton Ave., located behind Rahway City Hall, starting at 6 p.m. There is no fee to participate. To obtain an application call 732-669-3600 or stop by at the Recreation Center 3 City Hall Plaza. Selected individuals and groups will work with professional coaches to help them polish their skills before the show. At the show, groups will be judged by professional judges, including record label owners and other judges who have been in the music and talent business for many years. For information about the talent show, call 732-669-3600 or visit www.cityofrahway.com.

BOOKS

THE READERS' FORUM, the book discussion group of the CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY, will discuss the following books: "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.

CONCERTS

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.

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DANCE

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

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

HOBBIES

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

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

THE NORTH JERSEY CAR CLUB meets at the Anthony Amalfe Community Center, 1268 Sheaffer Ave., Roselle, on the first Saturday of each month. Meetings start at 9:30

a.m. Free refreshments are served to members and guests before the meeting. For information, call Jim at 908-245-4744.

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MOVIES

CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY is continuing its ongoing CLASSIC FILM NIGHT, with a new night. Beginning this month, films will be shown on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. The films run the gamut from mystery, comedy, and romance, to thrillers and melodramas. Upcoming films are: today, "Father of the Bride," directed by Vincente Minelli, starring Spencer Tracy, Joan Bennet, and Elizabeth Taylor. To review the list of films in the series, visit the library Web site at www.cranford.com/library and click on "Events." The films will be shown at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. Admission is free and all are welcome. For information about the series, call the library at 908-709-7272 and ask for Fran Hosten or email cranfordlibrary@gmail.com

The MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY will host the "BROWN BAG MOVIES" series for adults on Mondays at noon. Bring your lunch and enjoy a classic movie and a cartoon short. The library will provide the drinks and dessert. "Wednesday Night at the Movies" continues through the fall, with feature films beginning at 6:30 p.m. Visit www.mountainsidelibrary.org or call 233-0115 for a list of what's being shown.

MUSEUMS

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

THE CALDWELL PARSONAGE, 909 Caldwell Ave., Union, is a museum dedicated to the history and culture of the township of Union. The site is on the National Register of Historic Places and the

New Jersey Register of Historic Places. The scene depicted in the center of the Union County Seal occurred at this site. The museum is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily and by appointment. Open house is from 1 to 5 p.m. every third Sunday of the month. For information, or to make arrangements for a group tour, call 908-687-7977.

THE WOODRUFF HOUSE/EATON STORE MUSEUM & PHIL RIZZUTO BASEBALL HALL OF FAME SPORTS EXHIBIT located at 111 Conant St., Hillside includes a 1735 Farm House, a 1900s general store, privy, well, water pump, mini apple orchard, barn, farm equipment and a display of memorabilia from the late Baseball Hall of Famer, Phil Rizzuto, who was a short stop for the New York Yankees, in the Phil Rizzuto Sports Exhibit Room. The museum is open every third Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. and by appointment. For information call 908-353-8828 or visit www.woodruffhouse.org. This museum is operated by the Hillside Historical Society.

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

The MILLER-CORY HOUSE MUSEUM, 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield, takes visitors on a trip back in time to the period between 1740 and 1820. For information on the museum, its programs or volunteering, call the museum weekday mornings at 908-298-9481.

POETRY

THE CLARK POETRY CLUB meets the first Thursday of every

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

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

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to MOHEGAN SUN CASINO in Uncasville, Conn. on Feb. 21 and a trip to the PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW on March 5. The Feb. 21 Mohegan Sun Casino trip bus will depart Kenilworth from St. Theresa's School parking lot at 8 a.m. and return to Kenilworth at approximately 9 p.m.

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The community service will take place Fridays from 6:30 to 7 p.m. in Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael. An Oneg Shabbat will follow with light refreshments. The child-friendly service will include blessings with Rabbi Mark Mallach,

singing and an instrumental parade for the children. The 2008-09 Community Kid's Shabbat will be held on the following Fridays: March 20, April 24, May 15 and June 19. For information, call the temple office at 973-376-0539.

'Island' service for all

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, 60 Temple Drive in Springfield, will hold its "Shabbat Island in Time Service" at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 6.

All are welcome. The service will include traditional blessings, songs and dances. Dinner will be served and there is a fee. RSVP by Friday, to the Temple Office.

For information, call Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael at 973-376-0539.

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.

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OBITUARIES

Marie Amend

Marie C. Amend, 98, of Springfield died Jan. 19 in St. Vincent's Nursing Home, Cedar Grove.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Amend lived in Springfield since 1952. She worked at Bamberger's, Newark, for many years. Mrs. Amend was active in St. James the Apostle Church, Springfield, over the years and was a member of the Rosary Society.

The Bradley, Smith & Smith Funeral Home, Springfield, handled the arrangements.

School. Mr. Carr served in the Army from 1953 to 1955 as a corporal.

Surviving are a brother, Joseph P., and a sister, Mary A. Cryan.

The Jacob A. Holle Funeral Home, Maplewood, handled the arrangements.

Capt. Fred Cassel



Capt. Fred J. Cassel, 76, of Linden, a retired 34-year veteran of the Linden

Fire Department, died Jan. 23 in the Center for Hope Hospice, Scotch Plains.

Born in the South Bronx, N.Y., Mr. Cassel moved to Linden when he was 10 years old. He graduated from Linden High School in 1950 and entered the New Jersey National Guard before being drafted into the Army. Mr. Cassel served during the Korean War, and upon being discharged, enrolled in the engineering curriculum at Newark College of Engineering. He was an apprentice machinist and tool and die maker before joining the Linden Fire Department in 1958. Mr. Cassel attained the rank of captain in 1969 and retired in 1992 after 34 years of service to the department. He was a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association, Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association Local 234, Knights of Columbus,

Clark, Council 5503, and the Linden AARP. Mr. Cassel was a parishioner of St. John the Apostle Church in Clark-Linden since its founding in 1950.

Surviving are his wife of 46 years, Marion; a son, Capt. Fred G. Cassel, also of the Linden Fire Department; a daughter, Renee Davis, and three grandchildren.

The Werson Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

Berneida Charles

Berneida Charles of Kenilworth died on Jan. 18.

She was a retired registered nurse at the New Jersey University of Medical and Dentistry.

Surviving are four children, Daniel, Christy, Darrin and Mark; three sisters, Amelia, Myrtle and Alice; four brothers, Richard, Bobby, Lawrence and Rudolph, and 11 grandchildren.

The Cotton Funeral Service, Newark, handled the arrangements.

Lillian Garbus

Lillian G. "Nanny" DeWitt Garbus, 92, of Roselle died Jan. 22 in JFK Medical Center, Edison.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Garbus lived in Roselle since 1967, but for the past year, she lived with her great-grandson, Kyle. She was a member of the 50-Plus years of the Daughters of America, Rebecca's Club and the Linden Lioness and

Lions Club. Surviving are two daughters, Katherine Phillips and Carolyn Kirsten; a sister, Mary Carolyn; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Krowicki McCracken Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

Alan Gardiner

Alan M. Gardiner, 84, of Linden died on Jan. 21.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Gardiner lived in Linden for 59 years. He graduated from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, where he received a master's degree in chemical engineering. Mr. Gardiner retired from Merck in 1989 after a 40-year career. His last position at Merck was as director of public affairs. Mr. Gardiner was active on the boards of many civic associations, including Linden Planning Board, Linden Industrial Association, Chemical Industry Council and Temple Beth El Mekor Chayim, Linden.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Trudi; three sons, Harlan, Mitchell and Eric; a daughter, Hope, and six grandchildren.

The Goldstein Funeral Chapel Inc., Edison, handled the arrangements.

Mildred Gatti

Mildred Ann Gatti, 82, of Union died Jan. 19 in the Old Bridge

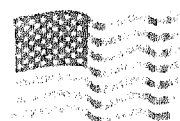
home of her son, Don.

Born in Huntington, W. Va., Mrs. Gatti resided in Union for 61 years. She was a graduate of Marshall University, where she received a bachelor's degree in education. Mrs. Gatti taught home economics to local homebound school children. She was a Cub Scout den mother and a member of the Union Kiwanis Club.

Also surviving is another son, David, and four grandchildren.

The McCracken Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

Moe Goldberg



*Moe Goldberg, 93, of Monroe Township, formerly of Hillside, New

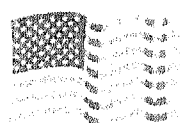
Jersey, died on Jan. 21.

Mr. Goldberg was a longtime resident of Hillside. He was a combat veteran of World War II and a Purple Heart recipient. Mr. Goldberg served in the Army and fought in the Rhineland Campaign in France in 1944. He was an active community member. Mr. Goldberg was instrumental in building a Little League field in Hillside. He served on the recreation committee and was pool commissioner for many years.

Mr. Goldberg belonged to B'nai B'rith of Hillside, Jewish War Vet-

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Edward Carr



*Edward James Carr, 76, of Union died Jan. 24 in Overlook Hospital,

Summit, New Jersey.

Born in Newark, Mr. Carr lived in Newark before moving to Union. He was an operating engineer with Local 68, West Caldwell, for 30 years before retiring 11 years ago. Mr. Carr was a past district leader of the Democratic Committee of Union Township. He was a member of the John F. Cryan Association of South Orange, the John J. Giblin Association of West Caldwell, St. Benedict's Alumni Association of Newark and a regular attendee and volunteer at the Loyola Retreat House, Morristown. He was a graduate of St. Benedict's Preparatory

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 Parsonage: 908-272-1995

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Mall, Springfield, NJ 07081, 973-379-4320. Rev. Victoria Ney, Pastor. Sunday Worship begins at 10:15am. Fellowship Hour immediately follows the service. Church time nursery and Sunday School for infant to Pre-K avail. Sunday School for K-12th grade begins at 9:00am in the Parish House @ 37 Church Mall. For more information about Church groups and community activities or to contact Pastor Ney, please call the Church Office at 973-379-4320, or visit our website: SpringfieldPresbyterian.org.

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OBITUARIES

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 erans and Disabled Veterans of America. Surviving are his wife, Jean; a daughter, Sande Mand; two stepdaughters, Lynn Miller and Carol McCarthy; a grandchild; two great-grandchildren, and four step-grandchildren.

The Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union handled the arrangements.

James McElroy

James "Coach Jim" McElroy, 45, of Springfield died Jan. 23 in the Center for Hope Hospice, Scotch Plains.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. McElroy lived in New Jersey since 1988 and was a Springfield resident for the past 18 years. He was a graduate of Polytechnic University and Stevens Institute of Technology. Mr. McElroy was employed by Linde Group, Murray Hill, formerly Airco and BOC Gasses, for more than 20 years. He worked in many facets of the industrial gas business, most recently as technology manager in the special projects division. During this time, Mr. McElroy had the responsibility of overseeing the inflation of the helium balloons for the Macy's Day Thanksgiving Parade.

He was coach of Springfield youth sports and built from the ground up the current St. James Catholic Youth Organization Basketball Program.

Surviving are his wife of 20 years, Mary; three sons, Matthew, James and John; a daughter, Deidre, and his parents, Joan and Jim McElroy Jr.

The Bradley, Smith & Smith Funeral Home, Springfield, handled the arrangements.

Virginia McDonough

Virginia "Ginny" Ehrhart McDonough, 82, of Cranford, with summer homes Marco Polo Island, Fla., Cape Cod, Mass., and Manasquan, died Jan. 22 in the Center for Hope Hospice, Scotch Plains.

Born in Bayonne, Mrs. McDonough lived in Elizabeth and Linden before moving to Cranford 50 years ago.

She worked as a secretary for seven years before retiring in 1989, for the late Peggy Coloney, former president of the Center for Hope Hospice in Roselle.

Before her marriage in 1953, Mrs. McDonough worked as a secretary for Tidewater Oil Co., now Getty, in New York City for nine years. She was a volunteer for many years with Helping Hands and Hearts soup kitchen of St. Helen's Church in Westfield. Mrs. McDonough had been a volunteer at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, now Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, for two years and worked 2,000 hours in the crisis office.

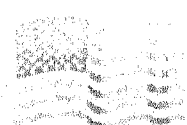
She also was an active volunteer at the Center of Hope Hospice from 1989 until her death and volunteered at the Child Replacement Board of Union County. Mrs. McDonough was a former council member of St. John the Apostle Church, Clark, and was involved in many CYO and school activities at St. John's School.

She and her husband of 55 years, Bill, were honored in 1959 by Archbishop Thomas Boland for outstanding service as members of the Joint Cana and Pre-Cana Board of the Newark Archdiocese.

They worked for five years as chairmen of the Pre-Cana Couple's Panel. Mrs. McDonough was a member of the Sunny Acres Civic Association, Cranford Historical Society and was a lifetime member of the Auxiliary of the Trinitas. Also surviving are two sons, Paul and Christopher, a twin of daughter, Laurie McDonough; two other daughters, Jane McDonough Daily and Kathleen McDonough; a sister, Mary VanBuskirk; two brothers, Thomas and James Joseph Ehrhart, and three grandchildren.

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

James Kernan



James Francis Kernan, 84, of Cranford died Jan. 24 at home.

Born in Clearfield, Pa., Mr. Kernan lived in Philadelphia, Pa., before moving to New Jersey many years ago. He lived in Roselle, Rahway and Clark before moving to Cranford five years ago. Mr. Kernan was a veteran of World War II. He completed training at the Army Air Force Navigation School, San Marcos, Texas, and was a navigator on a B-17 bomber in the 96th bomb group of the Eighth Air Force, based on Snetterton, England. Mr. Kernan flew 35 missions, primarily over the industrial Rhineland in late 1944, including three missions to Merseburg, Germany.

He was awarded the Air Medal with five Oak Leaf clusters, the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal for meritorious service.

Mr. Kernan founded his own consulting firm, Kernan Consultants, in 1980, and did work for the supermarket industry before starting a resume service in 1984. He wrote more than 2,000 resumes for clients over a 20-year period.

Mr. Kernan was an electrical engineer and worked in the construction industry for Austin Co., Lumus Co. and Joslyn Co. beginning in the 1950s. He moved to the supermarket industry in 1965 at Grand Union Co., where he was director of mechanical engineering

and utilities, maintenance and new construction for the 1,000-store chain.

Recognized widely in the supermarket industry for his expertise on energy conservation, Mr. Kernan was sought as a speaker for seminars, sponsored by the Food Marketing Institute and other industry bodies. He was chairman of the energy conservation committees of the New Jersey Food Council and the National Association of Food Chains. Mr. Kernan was co-author of the Super Market Institute's energy management guide.

He received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y., in 1950 and pursued a master's degree in business administration from New York University. Mr. Kernan received a professional engineer's license in 1950. He was elected to the Rahway Board of Education in 1972 and served one term. Mr. Kernan was a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers and a member of the Professional Association of Resume Writers. He coached CYO girls' basketball at St. Mary's Church, Rahway, and coached baseball in the Clark Little League and the Clark Pony League.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Joan; four daughters, Mary, Joan, Rita and Kathleen; a son, Brian; three brothers, John "Jack," William "Billy" and Edward "Ned"; a sister, Rita Marie; three grandchildren and three stepchildren.

The Gray Funeral Home, Westfield, handled the arrangements.

Patricia Kontra

Patricia Meluski Kontra, 72, of Mountainside died on Jan. 23.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Mrs. Kontra moved to New Jersey and lived in Mountainside since 1971. She graduated from Roselle Park High School in 1954. Mrs. Kontra graduated from Elizabeth General School of Nursing in 1957 and received an associate degree from Union County College. She worked as a nurse at Elizabeth General Hospital, now Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, for 10 years and at Rahway Hospital, now Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway, as head nurse of many departments for 35 years.

Mrs. Kontra retired in 2002. She also served as the treasurer of the family business, United Die Co., Kearny.

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, John; two sons, James and Richard; three sisters, Nadia Sekel, Judy Walker and Lenord Meluski, and three grandchildren.

The Dooley Colonial Home, Westfield, handled the arrangements.

OBITUARY LIST

AMEND — Marie C., of Springfield; Jan. 19.
 BATE — Lena, of Springfield; Jan. 20.
 CARR — Edward James, of Union; Jan. 24.
 CASSEL — Capt. Fred J., of Linden; Jan. 23.
 CARRAJAT — Wesley J., formerly of Cranford; Jan. 21.
 CHARLES — Berneida, of Kenilworth; Jan. 18.
 DUNBAR — John, formerly of Union; Jan. 22.
 FENELON — Jocelyne, of Union; Jan. 13.
 GARBUS — Lillian G. DeWitt, formerly of Roselle; Jan. 22.
 GARDINER — Alan M., of Linden; Jan. 21.
 GATTI — Mildred Ann, of Union; Jan. 19.
 GOLDBERG — Moe, formerly of Hillside; Jan. 21.
 HELLER — Seymour, formerly of Hillside; Jan. 20.
 HOFFART — John R., of Union; Jan. 24.
 JORDAN — Mary M., of Cranford; Jan. 20.
 KARAMITSIOS — Grammato, of Union; Jan. 23.
 KERNAN — James Francis, of Cranford; Jan. 24.
 KONTRA — Patricia Meluski, of Mountainside; Jan. 23.
 LASKI — Anna, of Summit; Jan. 23.
 MAKOMASKI — Joyce Julia, of Union; Jan. 23.
 MALANGA — Marie J., formerly of Cranford; Jan. 20.
 McELROY — James, of Springfield; Jan. 23.
 McEWEN — Elizabeth, of Clark; Jan. 22.
 McGURK — Francis, formerly of Cranford; Jan. 24.
 MEAGHER — Alice Marie, formerly of Cranford; Jan. 17.
 METZ — Dorothy L., of Clark; Jan. 21.
 METZGER — Harry S., of Mountainside; Jan. 21.
 NARINGI — Edward, of Cranford; Jan. 20.
 NEWELL — Nannie Leola, of Hillside; Jan. 17.
 NOZZA — Maureen, of Kenilworth; Jan. 21.
 OAKES — Marianne R., of Springfield; Jan. 17.
 O'SULLIVAN — Gordon A., of Hillside; Jan. 22.
 O'HARA — Edith Irene, of Mountainside; Jan. 21.
 PATRONE — Frank M., of Roselle Park; Jan. 17.
 PAVICS — Anton P., of Cranford; Jan. 19.
 PLASKON — Wladyslawa, of Linden; Jan. 22.
 PSUEY — Harry, of Hillside; Jan. 21.
 RADZINSKI — Stanley W., of Hillside; Jan. 22.
 REID — Barbara L., of Rahway; Jan. 22.
 RICCIO — Jerome, formerly of Rahway; Jan. 23.
 RIVERA — Raquel A., of Linden; Jan. 19.
 URUIOLI — Bettie Anne, of Summit; Jan. 19.
 VENA — Melanie A., of Linden; Jan. 22.
 WARNER — Frances, of Clark; Jan. 19.
 WILLIAMS — Allen Preston, of Roselle Park; Jan. 22.
 WISHART — Judith A., of Cranford; Jan. 21.
 WOLFF — Margaret, of Union; Jan. 21.

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

Anna Laski

Anna Laski, 98, of Summit died on Jan. 23.

Born in Johnstown, Pa., Mrs. Laski lived in Jersey City for more than 50 years before moving to Summit in 1981. She worked for 37 years at Western Union, New York City, before retiring. Mrs. Laski was a member of the Downtown St. Mary's Sisterhood of St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Jersey City. She also was a member of the Lafayette Seniors of Jersey City.

Surviving are two daughters, Eleanor Cinurchin and Marie Laski; a sister, Julia Zorn, and two grandchildren.

The Riggio Funeral Home, Jersey City, handled the arrangements.

Elizabeth McEwen

Elizabeth McEwen, 92, of

Clark died Jan. 22 in the Center for Hope Hospice, Scotch Plains.

Born in East Orange, Mrs. McEwen lived in Rahway and Brick before moving to Clark in 1968.

She was a member of St. Mary's Church, Rahway, where she was active with the Catholic Youth Organization program for many years. During World War II, Mrs. McEwen contributed to the war effort by inspecting fighter planes at the General Motors plant in Linden. She was known for her contributions to religious and children's charities.

Surviving are three daughters, Joyce Allmer, Janice McEwen and Kathy Summerer; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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

Brearley has 9 win UCT titles Union's Alvarez excels at 125

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

UNION - Christian Alvarez was hopeful of getting a chance to wrestle for the 125-pound championship at last Saturday's 34th annual Union County Tournament at Union High School's Louis J. Rettino Gymnasium.

The Union senior grappler had to beat top-seeded Brandon Santos of Johnson in the semifinals to get there.

Alvarez led the Crusader grappler 4-1 after the first two periods, with Santos closing to within 4-3 with 1:10 remaining in the third.

Alvarez then scored two more points and then three more in the final minute to pull away with an impressive 9-5 triumph.

"This is outstanding," said Union head coach Ron Bubnowski, who was a standout wrestler himself at Union for coach Al Lilley in the 1990s. "For Christian Alvarez this is his third year of wrestling, he has a judo background, but he's come such a long way wrestling-wise in three years. I'm just so proud of him."

Alvarez almost won the championship, falling to Brearley junior Allen Phillips 5-4 in the final later Saturday.

"He's the hardest worker in the room, he's a team captain this year and I'm just very happy for him," Bubnowski said.

Santos complained of a head injury in the third period, but it was not enough to prevent the match from continuing.

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Steelers starting right guard Darnell Stapleton (No. 72 on the left) celebrates with a teammate on Heinz Field after Pittsburgh defeated Baltimore 23-14 in the Jan. 18 AFC championship game to advance to Super Bowl XLIII. Stapleton was a two-way lineman for the Union Farmers in 2001 and 2002 and then played in junior college and at Rutgers before making the Steelers last year as an undrafted free agent.

34TH UNION COUNTY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT AT THE LOUIS J. RETTINO GYMNASIUM IN UNION SATURDAY, JAN. 24, 2009

TEAM SCORES: 1-Brearley 270. 2-Roselle Park 228.5. 3-Gov. Livingston 141.5. 4-Westfield 139. 5-Rahway 124.5. 6-Cranford 119. 7-Scotch Plains 71. 8-Union 58. 9-Johnson 55. 10-Linden 53. 11-New Providence 39. 12-Plainfield 32.5. 13-Elizabeth 31.

FINALS:

103: Anthony Madonia, Brearley, pinned Anthony DeFranco, Governor Livingston, 1:58.

112: Joe Giaccio, Cranford, dec. Dan Pisauro, Roselle Park, 5-1.

119: Danny Ries, Brearley, dec. Mike Stepien, GL, 5-1.

125: Allen Phillips, Brearley, dec. Christian Alvarez, Union, 5-4.

130: Kenny Knapp, Brearley, maj. dec. John Barnes, Westfield, 9-1.

135: Joe Lospinoso, Brearley, dec. Anthony Casselli, Roselle Park, 3-1.

140: Devin Geoghegan, Brearley, dec. Russell Benner, Roselle Park, 6-5 (3OT).

145: Mike Ridge, Scotch Plains, pinned J.P. Christiano, Cranford, 3:55.

152: Dennis Carroll, Roselle Park, dec. Mike Ferrera, Scotch Plains, 6-3.

160: Umar Taramov, Brearley, pinned Dawud Hicks, Plainfield, 4:58.

171: Khusein Taramov, Brearley, dec. Alex Aravena, Roselle Park, 14-6.

189: Frank Yuro, Roselle Park, dec. John Manganiello, Gov. Livingston, 7-2.

215: Travis Dilts, Brearley, dec. Gary Pyrus, Rahway, 7-4.

HWT: Joe Brady, Cranford, dec. Matt Tansey, Gov. Livingston, 8-2.

THIRD-PLACE BOUTS:

103: Jovani Ramirez, Roselle Park, pinned Ian Henry, Cranford, 3:10.

112: Troy Skibitsky, Westfield, maj. dec. Tim Scherer, Johnson, 9-0.

119: Tristan Bundy, Scotch Plains, dec. Rochelle Hinton, Rahway, 10-3.

125: Vin DeFreitas, Westfield, dec. Jon Acosta, Roselle Park, 12-9.

130: Matt Krynicki, Roselle Park, dec. Chris Roberts, Johnson, 5-1.

135: Christian Barber, Westfield, dec. Matt DiGiovanni, Cranford, 8-3.

140: Octavio Bent, Rahway, dec. Joe Panarese, Westfield, 4-2.

145: Dillon Geoghegan, Brearley, dec. Nick Longo, Roselle Park, 4-2.

152: Brian Gilligan, Brearley, dec. T.J. Disney, Rahway, 3-0.

160: Frank Colder, Governor Livingston, dec. Connor Gabriel, Roselle Park, 9-3.

171: Jeff Homere, Union, pinned Connor Leahy, Cranford, 5:21.

189: Adas Anjukstis, Linden, dec. Khasan Taramov, Brearley, 5-1.

215: Zack Troutman, New Providence, pinned Julian Campo, Cranford, 3:00.

HWT: Joe Kania, Westfield, dec. Ben Carroll, New Providence, 4-0.

Stapleton is representing UHS football in big game Pittsburgh Steelers right guard to play in Super Bowl this Sunday vs. Arizona

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Sometimes in sports you just don't know.

That can be especially true for high school athletics.

You send kids out on the playing field and — maybe, just maybe — you might get someone who could someday represent his family, represent the school and represent the town by making it all the way to the pros.

Darnell Stapleton of Union is one of those gifted athletes.

When you think of the town of Union, football many times comes to mind.

The Fighting Farmers!

Union has produced one of the most successful public school football programs in New Jersey and has had players go on to play professionally, including standouts like Dave D'Addio in the National Football League and Tony Stewart in the Canadian Football League.

Stapleton, a second-year player with Pittsburgh and the Steelers' starting right guard who dons No. 72, is now part of that elite list of players from Union who were good enough to go on and make it all the way to the pros.

On Sunday against the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., Stapleton will become — I believe — just the second player from Union to play in a Super Bowl and will be the first starter to do so.

"Words still can't describe all of it," Stapleton, 23, said Saturday morning from Pittsburgh after the Steelers had a pep rally in town Friday night.

"Growing up, you dream of moments like this. To be able to put on an AFC championship hat on the field right after winning the game that got you to the Super Bowl and to do it in front of our home fans, it's just incredible."

The first player from Union to play in a Super Bowl was 1977 graduate Larry Kubin, who competed as a substitute player for the Washington Redskins in Super Bowls XVII and XVIII.

Kubin, who just missed playing for Lou Rettino by one year at Union, but who went on to star for Joe Paterno at Penn State and was then a sixth round draft choice of the Redskins in 1981, also made it to the Super Bowl in the second year of a career that lasted four seasons as a backup linebacker.

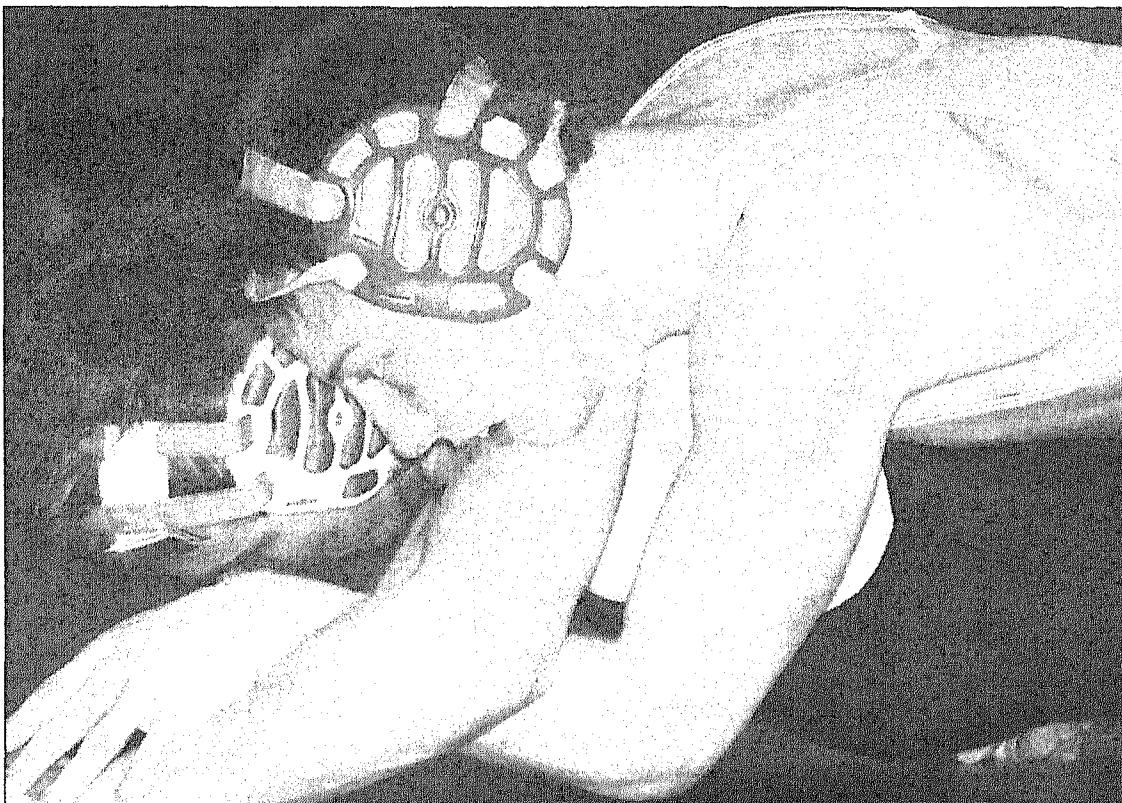
Stapleton, who stands 6-foot-3 and weighs 285, did not go directly to a Division I-A school and after he played at one — Rutgers — for two years did not get drafted.

Not quite as heralded coming out of high school as Kubin was, Stapleton took a different path to the NFL than the one Kubin did.

After starting on both the offensive and defensive lines for Union and new head coach Marc Crisafi during his junior and senior seasons of 2001 and 2002, Stapleton — a 2003 UHS graduate — went the junior college route first and played two seasons at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, N.Y.

In his first season at Hudson in 2003 Stapleton played center first and was then moved to right tackle, where he remained for the 2004 season.

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File photo

Brearley senior Kenny Knapp, top, became the seventh wrestler to capture four UCT championships and is only the second from his school to do so. Knapp won the 130-pound title for the first time at last Saturday's competition at Union.

Bears win 4th straight county wrestling crown

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Alvarez had a pretty good hold of Santos for the entire match and was able to outscore him 5-4 in the all-important third period to seal the victory.

"He wrestled dynamite," Bubnowski said. "He stayed on his feet and he just keeps going after you and ties you up."

"He throws in a few judo kicks to get him down. He's real smart, he knows how to use the clock wisely and I'm real proud of the way he wrestled."

Alvarez came down a weight this season after wrestling at 130 last season. Union had senior Calvin LeMatty in the 125 slot 12 months ago, with LeMatty finishing third in last year's UCT at 125 and Alvarez fourth at 130.

"I knew that he (Santos) was a good wrestler," Alvarez said. "The only chance I had was to wrestle aggressively."

Alvarez and Santos met for the first time this season in a scrimmage.

"I learned a lot about him," Alvarez said. "When I went to the floor I knew he was going to ride and use his legs against me. I learned how to stop him and fight back."

"That was all. He didn't get anything else."

As a team in last year's event, Union finished seventh with 109 points. In 2007, Union was ninth with 74 points and LeMatty was second at 119.

Roselle Park 2nd for 6th straight year: Brearley won the team title for the fourth straight year with 270 points, while Roselle Park finished second for the sixth straight year with 228.5.

Brearley had nine wrestlers reach the finals and all nine grapplers won championships, which is the most the Bears have ever had.

Brearley had four champions for the first time in 2006, five for the first time in 2007 and six for the first time in 2008. They have now had 24 champions total in the past four tournaments.

Kenny Knapp won at 130 for the first time and became only the seventh grappler overall and second from Brearley to win four titles. He defeated John Barnes of Westfield in the final 9-1. Knapp won at 103 as a freshman and sophomore and at 119 last year.

Rutgers freshman Jesse Boyden became the first Brearley wrestler to win four UCT titles last year.

Joe Lospinosa, second in the state at 135 last year as a junior, won his third county crown. He edged Anthony Casselli of Roselle Park 3-1 in the final. Lospinosa also won at 119 as a freshman and at 135 as a junior.

Brearley senior Umar Taramov won his second county crown and repeated at 160. He pinned Dawud Hicks of Plainfield in 4:58 in the final.

Knapp was named the Outstanding Wrestler for the lower weights (103-140) and Umar Taramov for the upper weights (145-HWT).

Knapp, winning his fourth title, Lospinosa, winning his third, and Taramov, winning his second, were the only returning champions that won again.

The other two returning champions - Governor Livingston sophomore Mike Stepien and Roselle Park junior Russell Benner - lost in the finals.

Stepien, who won at 103 last year, lost to sophomore Danny Ries of Brearley 5-1 in the 119 final.

Benner, who won at 130 last year, lost to sophomore Devon Geoghegan of Brearley 6-5 in triple OT in the 140 final.

First-time Brearley champions included sophomore Anthony Madonia at 103, sophomore Ries at 119, junior Phillips at 125, sophomore Devin Geoghegan at 140, junior Khusen Taramov at 171 and senior Travis Dilts at 215.

Knapp, Lospinosa, Umar Taramov and Dilts are part of the first-time Brearley team to win four consecutive UCT championships.

In four years of UCT competition, Knapp never lost a match. He won by pin in his first three championship bouts.

Roselle Park and Cranford, which finished sixth with 119 points, both had two first-time champions. Winning for the Panthers were juniors Dennis Carroll at 152 and Frank Yuro at 189 and for the Cougars were Joe Giacchio at 112 and junior Joe Brady at heavyweight.

Scotch Plains had the other champion, which was Mike Ridge winning for the first time at 145. Ridge was second at 145 last year.

Governor Livingston, third with 141.5 points, has three grapplers place second - Anthony DeFranco at 103, John Manganiello at 189 and Matt Tansey at heavyweight.

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4-TIME UCT WRESTLING CHAMPIONS (7):

Larry Guarino, Union, class of 1988

1985 - won championship at 158

1986 - won championship at 158

1987 - won championship at 170

1988 - won championship at 171

Dave Bubnowski, Union, class of 1996

1993 - won championship at 103

1994 - won championship at 103

1995 - won championship at 121

1996 - won championship at 135

Craig Frost, Roselle Park, class of 1999

1996: 103 final: decisioned Shawn Stueber of Rahway 10-4.

1997: 112 final: maj. dec. Rich Sachsel of New Providence, 21-8.

1998: 130 final: decisioned Shawn Stueber of Rahway, 6-0.

1999: 135 final: pinned Jeff Bubnowski of Union in 2:48.

Dan Appello, Roselle Park, class of 2002

1999: 103 final: decisioned Dare Ajibade of Union, 8-3

2000: 112 final: dec. Tom McDermott of Johnson 21-6 (tech. fall 3:08).

2001: 119 final: maj. dec. William Banks of Elizabeth, 17-5.

2002: 125 final: decisioned William Banks of Elizabeth 11-4.

Darrion Caldwell, Rahway, class of 2006

2003: 103 final: pinned Rob Mench of Westfield in 1:05.

2004: 119 final: pinned Ross Baldwin of New Providence in 2:44.

2005: 135 final: pinned Steve Mineo of Scotch Plains in :54.

2006: 160 final: pinned Hany Elshiekh of Brearley in 1:26.

Jesse Boyden, Brearley, class of 2008

2005: 215 final: decisioned Julio Loperena of Linden, 10-4.

2006: 215 final: pinned Trevor Martin of New Providence in :43.

2007: 215 final: major dec. Richard Tabor of Elizabeth, 12-3.

2008: 215 final: decisioned Mike Lefano of Roselle Park, 5-2.

Kenny Knapp, Brearley, class of 2009

2006: 103 final: pinned Juan Herrera of Rahway, 3:46.

2007: 103 final: pinned Anthony Casselli of Roselle Park, 4:23.

2008: 119 final: pinned Anthony Zangari of Roselle Park, 3:40.

2009: 130 final: maj. dec. John Barnes of Westfield, 9-1.

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Dream comes true for local gridder

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When Stapleton transferred to Rutgers for the 2005 season, the Scarlet Knights had just lost their starting center to graduation.

"The coaches gave me an opportunity to play center and I liked it, I liked being able to be the leader of the offense," Stapleton said. "I felt like I was smart enough to be in control of the offensive line."

Rutgers football, with Stapleton a key offensive player as the starting center, reached new heights in 2006 as the Scarlet Knights went on to post an 11-2 record that included their first-ever bowl victory. Stapleton helped lead the 2005 team to its second bowl appearance and first since 1978.

"The success the team had really helped me, because nobody is going to want to draft guys from teams that are 0-11," said Stapleton, who in 2006 was a finalist for the Rimington Trophy as top collegiate center.

Stapleton's younger brother Desmond, a 2007 UHS graduate and also a lineman, is now playing at Rutgers.

Darnell Stapleton was not invited to the annual combines that take place in February and did not get drafted in April of 2007.

However, he was being pursued by more than one NFL team as a free agent.

"I was a priority free agent, who is considered a person that could have been drafted late, didn't, but could get signed," Stapleton said. "There were a handful of teams that I could have signed with, including Pittsburgh, Cleveland, San Francisco and the Jets."

"At Pittsburgh, there was an opportunity because they just had a center (Jeff Hartings) who retired. There were contract issues with other guys, so if I could do the job, they could pay me cheaper than someone else, which is the business aspect of it."

Stapleton, who wore No. 74 at Union and then No. 53 at Rutgers, was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Pittsburgh Steelers prior to the 2007 season. After the trade of Sean Mahan, Stapleton became the backup center for the 2008 season.

After starting guard Kendall Simmons was placed on Injured Reserve after a Monday Night game against the Baltimore Ravens, Stapleton became the starting right guard for the rest of the season.

After not playing in any games for Pittsburgh last year — the Steelers went 10-6, won the AFC's North Division and were eliminated from the first round of the playoffs at home by the Jacksonville Jaguars 31-29 — Stapleton played in 14 regular season games this year and started 12. He has also started both playoff games.

His first-ever start was in Jacksonville — a 26-21 Pittsburgh win on Oct. 5.

"It was a Sunday Night Football game," Stapleton said. "I was kind of relaxed that night, but then right before the game I realized that this was it. After the first play you realize it's just football and then you start moving around and start playing football."

Pittsburgh, like the town of Union, enjoys seeing its football team win very much.

"This is a great time for Steeler football and Steeler nation," Stapleton said. "It's hard to describe how great the fans are. Even at many road games there's evidence of that."

"When we played at Washington on Monday Night Football, when we looked at the films the next day all we saw were Pittsburgh Steelers terrible towels."

This journey to the Super Bowl began to take form when Stapleton's junior season at Union commenced in August of 2001.

Crisafi, a 1983 UHS graduate, moved up to be the head coach after Gary Zakovic stepped down after a four-season stint.

Stapleton did not start at Union until his junior season.

"Going through the process there really helped me as a player," Stapleton said. "All the coaches were great, teaching me the fundamentals of the game."

"They taught me new things and how to carry myself. Coach Crisafi and all the coaches I had in high school, junior college and college really helped me a great deal. They all had a love of the game."

While Stapleton might not be the person you bet on to win the Super Bowl MVP, he is part of a group — the guys that get the job done in the trenches — that make things happen for the skill players who get all the glory.

Crisafi was there in person last Sunday night in Pittsburgh to witness Darnell being an integral part of a Steeler team that needed to beat a very tough and physical Baltimore Ravens squad a third time in order to get to the Super Bowl.

"It was pretty awesome and amazing," Crisafi said. "To see Darnell playing in that setting and wearing the black and gold, it was surreal."

"Darnell uses his strengths to his advantage. He's a little shorter than most guys, but has a real thick lower half."

"He has great hands and uses them to get under to block guys. He uses his leverage well and was always good at that."

"He can get off the ball and crush people and his hand placement is unbelievable. He does a great job. Playing center and guard in college, his marketability went up. He's a tremendous athlete and is smart, making calls on the line already. His football IQ is off the charts."

The Steelers, 5-1 in Super Bowls, are now 60 minutes away from being the first team to win six Super Bowls. They are the first team with an opportunity to do so.

The San Francisco 49ers — who won their last Super Bowl after the 1994 season — and the Dallas Cowboys — who won their last after the 1995 season, which was the only year Pittsburgh lost the Super Bowl — have not been back to the Super Bowl after winning their fifth trophies.

"The Cardinals are going to be tough," Stapleton said. "They have a great team, their offense is explosive and their defense does a great job of getting turnovers and then allowing their offense to use a short field. They will be a tough team to play."

"If we do our job this week and prepare well, we will be in good shape. Willie Parker (Steelers running back) is the key for us."

"When he's healthy he gets our running game going. He runs hard and is tough to bring down. If we can control the ball by running it like we did against San Diego (in Pittsburgh's first playoff win), then that will help a lot."

Stapleton was given two free tickets to the Super Bowl and was allowed to purchase up to 13 more so that family and friends could see him play in person.

"My family, it's big to have them there (in Tampa) and support me in one of the biggest games of my life," Stapleton said. "It's great that they will be able to be there for this one."

Stapleton's family was also in Pittsburgh for last week's AFC championship game.

"Words can't describe how really proud we are of Darnell," his mom Michelle said from her home Friday night. "We tell Darnell that often. He made myself, our family and the whole town of Union proud."

Banners are being put up in town in recognition of Stapleton playing for the Steelers in the Super Bowl.

"Darnell was always committed and dedicated and thank God it worked out for him," Michelle Stapleton said. "He's worked hard for all of it."

Former Pittsburgh Steeler head coaches Chuck Noll (1969-1991) and Bill Cowher (1992-2006) lost their first AFC championship games and lost them both at home.

Noll's 1972 team lost to the perfect Miami Dolphins 21-17 at Three Rivers Stadium in a game it was winning 10-7 before a fake punt by Larry Seiple.

Cowher's 1994 squad lost to an inferior San Diego Chargers team 17-13 in a game it was winning 13-3 in the third quarter before a tight end from Hawaii was left wide open down the right side of the field.

Second-year Steeler head coach Mike Tomlin was his first AFC championship game last weekend and won it at home as the Steelers held on for a hard-fought 23-14 win over the Baltimore Ravens.

It was Pittsburgh's first AFC championship game victory at Heinz Field.

Tomlin will attempt to become only the second African-American head coach to win a Super Bowl. Tony Dungy, a former Pittsburgh player who won a Super Bowl ring with the Steelers in the late 1970s, was the first to do so two years ago when he coached the Indianapolis Colts to the title.

"Mike is a player's coach," Stapleton said. "He's doing a great job of keeping us focused."

Kubin played on a Super Bowl winning team and then a losing squad. The first Super Bowl team he played on was the 1982 Redskin team went 8-1 in a strike year and then won three playoff games to get to the Super Bowl. That team came back to defeat the Miami Dolphins 27-17 to win Super Bowl XVII at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. That was the first of three Super Bowls the Redskins have won.

The second Super Bowl team he played on was the 1983 Redskin squad that went 14-2.

Washington both of its games by one point — at home to Dallas 31-30 on the first Monday Night Game of the season and at Green Bay 48-47 — set the NFL record for points in a season at the time with 541 and had the top-rated defense against the run in the league.

None of that mattered, however, as the Los Angeles Raiders went to defeat Washington 38-9 for their third Super Bowl championship. Ironically, the 38 points scored by the Raiders were the most for a Super Bowl team at that time.

Some of the greatest players in NFL history have played for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Hall of Fame players from the teams that won four Super Bowls in six years from the 1974-1979 seasons include — on offense — quarterback Terry Bradshaw, center Mike Webster, running back Franco Harris, wide receivers John Stallworth and Lynn Swann and — on defense — tackle "Mean" Joe Greene, linebackers Jack Ham and Jack Lambert and cornerback Mel Blount. Defensive end L.C. Greenwood should be in but is not.

Players on the Steelers now having Hall of Fame careers include wide receiver Hines Ward and safety Troy Polamalu.

Stapleton's job Sunday will be to protect fifth-year quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who has a chance to win a second Super Bowl.

Pittsburgh played the toughest schedule in the NFL this year and went 12-4 to win the AFC North again, going 6-2 at home and on the road.

The Steelers then beat the Chargers in the playoffs for the first time before beating the Ravens for the second time and first time since after the 2001 season.

"Week in and week out it seemed like we played the best of the best," Stapleton said.

"This past week we got the initial part of our game plan down. When we get to Tampa (they got there Monday) we'll just fine tune things."

Bradshaw, Harris, Greene, Lambert, Ward, Polamalu and now Stapleton.

For the Stapleton family, fans of Farmers football and the town of Union it has a nice "ring" to it.

"Hopefully I can bring a nice, beautiful ring back," Stapleton said.

"Right now I'm just living in the moment, day by day, and soaking it all up."

UHS bowlers roll past Scotch Plains

The Union bowling team defeated Scotch Plains 2-1 Jan. 20 at Hy-Way Bowl in Union and was then defeated by Westfield there 2-1 last Thursday, with Union's record moving to 6-5. The Farmers also excelled at last Saturday's Woodbridge Classic, finishing third among the top five teams with a pin total of 3,026. Sayreville was first at 3,122 and Westfield second at 3,113.

Union scores in victory vs. Scotch Plains:

John Stigall 192-233-227-652
Anthony Wachter 235-168-180-583
Sharif Warden 186-235-157-578
Andrew Gilligan 171-169-205-545
Andre Leverett 170-135-146-451
Sharif Warden had a team-high 513 series vs. Westfield.

Union Suffragettes registration Jan. 31, Feb. 7

The Union Suffragettes Girls Softball League's new player registration will be held on Saturdays Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at 1120 Commerce Ave. in Union, behind the Hannah Caldwell School. Resident girls in grades 3 to 12 are eligible. The league has 18 teams comprised of two divisions — nine junior teams for grades 3-6 and nine senior squads for grades 7-12. Games are played on Saturdays at 8:45 and 11 a.m. from April to June. More information may be obtained by visiting the league's website at www.unionsuffragettes.org.

ALJ's N. Villaverde nets 100th career goal

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Nick Villaverde has meant a lot to the Johnson ice hockey team since the beginning of his freshman season two years ago.

The junior left wing established early on that he has a knack for being in the right place at the right time and finishing his shots on goal.

Opposing goalies have had little success stopping his slapshots, backhanders and sliding stick efforts.

The Crusaders have benefitted greatly from his play so far and are enjoying their best season ever at the moment.

On Monday night, Villaverde's third goal was the 100th for his career.

The milestone tally provided Johnson with an insurance goal in a come-from-behind 6-4 Union County Ice Hockey League win over arch rival Cranford at Warinanco Ice Rink in Roselle.

Villaverde led Johnson in scoring as a freshman and sophomore.

He also leads by a large margin so far this year as a junior and became only the third Johnson player to reach 100 goals.

Jonathan Nudo, a 2003 graduate, finished with 105 goals and 87 assists.

Dan Kargus, a 2005 grad, scored 170 goals and had 99 assists.

Prior to last night's scheduled UCIHL game against Westfield at Warinanco, Villaverde had 37 goals and 23 assists in 17 games so far this year.

Johnson improved to 15-1-1 after beating Cranford a third time this year and won its second straight.

The game last night against Westfield - which could have been postponed because of an impending snowstorm - was a UCIHL contest.

The first league game between the Union County rivals ended in a 2-2 tie at Warinanco back on Jan. 14.

Johnson was 11-0 before that contest.

Johnson's only loss before last night's game was a 4-2 non-league setback to Bergen County foe Glen Rock Jan. 21 at Warinanco.

Yesterday's game was also the last one scheduled for the month of January for the Crusaders.

Michael Merfert scored two goals and Josef Kapel one against Cranford Monday, while senior goaltender Scott Klimchak did well to come up with 17 saves.

Johnson's 14th win was a 11-3 league triumph over Dayton last Friday at Union Sports Arena in Union.

In the setback to Glen Rock, Villaverde had one goal and one assist, while Merfert netted the other Johnson tally.

Johnson's February portion of its schedule begins with a league game Wednesday night, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m. against Governor Livingston at Warinanco.

The Crusaders defeated GL 8-2 at USA in league play on Jan. 17. Villaverde and Kopel both netted hat-tricks, while Sal DeMarzo added two goals.

Vin Ferdinandi and Joe Lanza excelled on defense, while Klimchak saved 27 shots on goal.

The Crusaders are then scheduled to play non-league Bergen County foe Northern Highlands of Allendale Feb. 9 at 6 p.m. at Sport-O-Rama in Montsey, N.Y.

Johnson's final scheduled league game is against Scotch Plains Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. at Warinanco.

The Crusaders defeated Scotch Plains 7-2 in league play Feb. 20 at Warinanco.

After an 0-11-1 start, Scotch Plains edged Morris Hills 3-2 last Saturday at Mennen Arena in Morris Township for its first victory of the season.

Prior to last night's league game against Westfield, Johnson led the UCIHL standings with an 8-0-1 mark.

Johnson's last scheduled regular season game is vs. Morris County opponent Parsippany Hills Feb. 16 at 8:30 p.m. at Warinanco.

Johnson's first league win this year was a 4-0 win over Dayton Dec. 20 at USA. DeMarzo scored twice and assisted on the other two goals. George Bogner made 24 saves for the shutout.

Other non-league wins so far have come against Somerset County foe Hillsborough, Morris County rival Montville and Middlesex County opponent Monroe.

Johnson's fourth non-league win was a triumph over Bergen County foe Hackensack 8-2 Jan. 7 at Warinanco. Villaverde had three goals and two assists and Kopel two goals and three assists.

Kopel accumulated his 100th career point in the triumph.

According to the Johnson ice hockey schedule that is listed at www.highschoolsports.net, the Union County Tournament - believed to be the first - is scheduled to commence Feb. 23 at Warinanco during times still to be announced.

Then the semifinals are scheduled for the next night - Feb. 24 - at times still to be announced. The championship game is scheduled to commence at 6 p.m. on Feb. 28.

Johnson won the Cron Tournament at Warinanco for the first time this last month and in 2007 captured the Charles Housley Holiday Classic.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLAINFIELD

Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
UNION County
Docket No.: F-1801-09

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
CARLA SHEEHY

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon Mattleman, Weinroth & Miller, P.C., attorneys for plaintiff, whose address is 401 Route 70 East, Ste 100, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 (856) 429-5507, an answer to the Complaint in Foreclosure filed in a Civil Action, in which PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is plaintiff, and James K. Estabrook, executor of the Estate of Virginia Terrell, et al. are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, under Docket No. F-1801-09, within thirty-five (35) days after January 29, 2009, exclusive of such date. Judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint if you do not file a responsive pleading. You should file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been commenced and is pending to foreclose a mortgage and recover possession of certain lands and premises, as follows: The mortgage being foreclosed is dated August 19, 1992 and made by Virginia Terrell to PNC Bank, National Association, which Mortgage was recorded in the Union County Clerk/Register's Office on September 1, 1992 in Mortgage Book 4623 at Page 0126, et seq. The lands and premises affected by this action and for which possession is sought are commonly known as 846-54 Terrill Road, City of Plainfield, Union County and State of New Jersey.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may 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, Carla Sheehy, are made a party defendant in this foreclosure action to foreclose any interest you may have in the subject property by virtue of a Judgment entered in the Superior Court of New Jersey, against David Carl, under Judgment No J-034177-96, which judgment may be a lien against the mortgaged premises.
File 983.73861

JENNIFER M. PEREZ
Acting Clerk of the Superior Court
U230705 WCN Jan. 29, 2009 (\$36.75)

HILLSIDE

Public Auction at Devon Self Storage-625 Glenwood ave., Hillside, N.J. 07205 on Tuesday February 17, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Property contents in the

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following units, will be sold to the highest bidder to satisfy the owners' lien for rent under N.J. code section 2A44 - 187ET SEQ. Unit # A30 Gloria Velez containing Household Goods, Clothing, Unit # C37 Peter Baez containing Household Goods. Auction is with reserve. Devon Self Storage reserves the right to set minimum bids and to refuse bids. Cash only.
January 22, 29, 2009
U230208 WCN (\$18.62)

UNION COUNTY

Note complying with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6, application has been made to the Director of Motor Vehicles, NJ MVC, Trenton, N.J. to get title papers allowing the sale for a 2003 Lincoln vin#1LNHM87AX3Y648645. Any objections, should be in writing to the MVC, Special Title's, P.O.Box 017, Trenton, N.J. 08666.
January 22, 29 2009
U230185 WCN (\$12.74)

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION

2009
PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATES
CONFERENCE SESSION - 6:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 P.M.
4TH THURSDAY OF MONTH EXCEPT WHERE NOTED

- January 8, 2009 - Reorganization Meeting
- January 22, 2009
- February 26, 2009
- March 26, 2009
- April 23, 2009
- May 28, 2009
- June 25, 2009
- July 23, 2009
- August 27, 2009
- September 24, 2009
- October 22, 2009
- November 16, 2009 (3rd Monday)
- December 21, 2009 (3rd Monday)

U230716 UNL Jan. 29, 2009 (\$14.70)

UNION TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on January 27, 2009.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2009 SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION IN THE COUNTY OF UNION
U230790 UNL Jan. 29, 2009 (\$9.80)

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08007522
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3271907
County: Union
Plaintiff: COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
VS
Defendant: CLAUDIMIRO RODRIGUES
Sale Date: 02/11/2009
Writ of Execution: 12/08/2008

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

The property to be sold is located in the TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 15 DODD PLACE, HILLSIDE, NJ 07205. Tax Lot No. 5 in Block No. 1402. Dimensions of Lot Approximately: 40 X 120. Nearest Cross Street: PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE. BEGINNING IN THE NORTHEASTERLY LINE OF DODD PLACE, AT A POINT DISTANT 140.00 FEET NORTH-WESTERLY ALONG THE SAME FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, AND THENCE RUNNING

"THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION." PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES SEWER OPEN + PENALTY \$192.00 TOTAL AS OF DECEMBER 17, 2008: \$192.00

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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: \$498,060.90
Four Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Sixty and 90/100
Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 2009
U229659 UNL (\$133.28)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08007462
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2042507B
County: Union
Plaintiff: US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2006-AB1
VS
Defendant: IRIS HARGRAVE, STATE

PUBLIC NOTICE

OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 02/04/2009
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 TOWNSHIP PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 23 Bailey Avenue, Hillside NJ 07205. BEING KNOWN AS LOT 11, BLOCK 1002, on the official Tax Map of the Township of Hillside. Dimensions: 50.00 feet X 100.00 feet X 50.00 feet X 100.00 feet. Nearest Cross Street: Bergen 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: \$260,900.72***
Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred and 72/100***
Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC 400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD SUITE 100 MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054 (856) 813-5500
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$293,328.20
Two Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Eight and 20/100
January 8, 15, 22, 29, 2009
U229345 UNL (\$178.36)

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION NOTICE OF HEARING ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Please take notice that an application has been made by Alto Sign, Inc. for variances from the requirements of the Township of Union Land Development Ordinance to permit the installation of signage for a Petco retail store to be located at 2700 U.S. Highway 22 East, which signage is in violation of sections 170-154C1 and C4, and 170-154D1, D2 and E of the Land Development Ordinance. Specifically, the applicant seeks to install two wall signs where one is permitted; for a wall sign with an approximate height of 14 feet where a maximum height of 4 feet is permitted; for a ground sign with an approximate height of 8 feet where a maximum height of 4 feet is permitted; for a ground sign to be elevated 4 feet off the ground where a maximum elevation of 1 foot is permitted; and for a freestanding sign which is not permitted if there is a ground sign. The Building Inspector has refused the permit and referred the applicant to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The applicant seeks any and all additional relief which may be identified during the application and hearing process.

Any person or persons affected by this application may have the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing to be held by the Zoning Board of Adjustment on February 18, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey. The calendar number for this application is 31-45.

All documents relating to this application may be inspected by the public between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment in the Municipal Building, Building Department, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey.

James H. Gorman, Esq.
Attorney for Applicant
1129 Broad Street
Shrewsbury, NJ 07720
(732) 542-2200

U230807 UNL Jan. 29, 2009 (\$29.40)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08007474
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1830808
County: Union
Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SASCO MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-BC3 VS
Defendant: JEWEL A. JOHNSON; LESTER JOHNSON
Sale Date: 02/11/2009
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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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.

UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinance set forth below was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, held on January 27, 2009 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a Meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on February 10, 2009, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

EILEEN BIRCH Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 339 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, ENTITLED "LANDSCAPING," ARTICLE I, "PERMIT PROCEDURES," OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Chapter 339, entitled "Landscaping," Article I entitled "Permit Procedures," of the Code of the Township of Union requires Landscapers, as defined therein, to obtain an annual permit from the Township and to comply with the requirements of the Chapter in order to conduct landscaping services within the Township;

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Contractor Registration Act, N.J.S.A. § 56-8-136 requires Landscapers to annually register with the State of New Jersey as contractors and to comply with the requirements set forth in the Statute in order to do business within the State; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Contractor's Registration Act supersedes Chapter 339, Article I of the Township Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Township of UNION, in the County of UNION, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Chapter 339, entitled "Landscaping," Article I, entitled "Permit Procedures," of the Code of the Township of Union, is hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication according to law. U230795 UNL Jan. 29, 2009 (\$28.91)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-08007521 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F2616507B County: Union Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE RESIDENTIAL FUNDING COMPANY, LLC VS Defendant: CARLOS R. DE SOUZA; SANDRA OLIVER

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sale Date: 02/11/2009 Writ of Execution: 12/11/2008 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH 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.

UNION

CAL. NO. 3133 NOTICE OF HEARING TO PROPERTY OWNERS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In compliance with the Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Union, Union County, New Jersey, notice is hereby served upon you that the undersigned applied to the Building Inspector of said Township of Union for a permit to (1) Maintain partially constructed guard rails where they are presently located and maintain retaining wall where it is presently located on premises located at 965 Carteret Ave, 13017.

Said Building Inspector refused the application for a permit, being in violation of Section(s) 170-145 of the Land Development Ordinance by reason of front yard fence prohibited all zones.

The undersigned has applied to the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union for a variance from the requirements of the Land Development Ordinance (and for sub-division and site plan approval) and this notice is sent to you as an owner of property in the immediate vicinity.

Any person or persons affected by this application may have an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing to be held by the Board of Adjustment on February 11, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ.

All documents relating to this application may be inspected by the public between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment in the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ.

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000002 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F2753607 County: Union Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST VS Defendant: MARCOS TOMAZ A/K/A MARCUS LUIS TOMAZ AND ANA ISABEL MEDINA, HIS WIFE MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B., A FEDERAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

LY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK, AND JOHN DOE, TENANT, SAID NAME OF JOHN DOE BEING FICTITIOUS Sale Date: 02/18/2009 Writ of Execution: 12/10/2008 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.

HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE PLANNING BOARD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a meeting held on January 21, 2009 the Planning Board of the Township of Hillside adopted the following resolution(s):

The application of Scoots, LLC seeking a preliminary and final site plan approval for the replacement of a retaining wall, relocation of a fence and expansion of the parking area at the property more commonly known as 611 Route 22 (block 811, lot(s) 6) was approved with conditions.

A copy of the aforesaid resolution(s) is on file at the Township of Hillside Municipal Building, John F. Kennedy Plaza, Hillside, New Jersey, and may be reviewed by any interested party during normal business hours.

Jeffrey Dykes Secretary, Hillside Planning Board U230715 UNL Jan. 29, 2009 (\$14.70)

UNION

TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on January 27, 2009.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266-55 ENTITLED "SCHEDULE XIV: PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES," IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (This Ordinance creates parking restrictions on Lehigh Ave and Hunt Ave.) U230789 UNL Jan. 29, 2009 (\$11.27)

UNION

TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinance set forth below was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, held on January 27, 2009 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a Meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union,

UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinance set forth below was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, held on January 27, 2009 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a Meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union,

PUBLIC NOTICE

New Jersey on February 10, 2009, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. EILEEN BIRCH Township Clerk AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER §192-7, CHAPTER §192-8 AND CHAPTER §192-9 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) Storm Water Regulations were implemented to address storm water pollution; and WHEREAS, NJDEP's The Storm Water Regulations imposes on municipalities an obligation to manage lawn waste and debris in order to improve the quality of surface water drainage and storm water pollution; and WHEREAS, there is a need to amend Chapters §192-7 (Collection of leaves at curb) §192-8 (Use of plastic leaf bags) and §192-9 (Debris generated by landscapers) of the Township Code to manage lawn waste and debris in order to comply with the Storm Water Regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Chapter §192-7 (Collection of leaves at curb) of the Township Code is hereby amended to read as follows: A. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper bags or an open sturdy open container no larger than 32 gallons and no heavier than 50 pounds for pickup. B. Leaves must not contain plants, branches, shrub clippings or other foreign matter. C. Leaf bags or containers must not be placed at the curb not before 5:00 PM the day before a scheduled pickup. D. No Landscaper or resident shall blow, rake or place leaves curbside. E. Landscapers shall comply with the requirements of this section.

Chapter §192-8 (Use of plastic leaf bags) of the Township Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Use of plastic leaf bags is prohibited; only biodegradable paper bags or an open sturdy container no larger than 32 gallons must be used for leaf collection.

Chapter §192-9 (Debris generated by landscapers) of the Township Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Landscapers shall be responsible for the disposal of grass clippings, leaves and other yard debris which they have generated. Landscapers may place the leaves from residential premises which they are servicing for collection by placing said leaves in biodegradable bags or an open sturdy container no larger than 32 gallons no heavier than 50 pounds and place at the curb not before 5:00 PM the day before a scheduled pickup; said leaves must not contain plants, branches, shrub clippings or other foreign matter. B. Landscapers and residents may deposit grass clippings at the curb, not before 5:00 PM the day before a scheduled pickup for collection for recycling use as mulch or composting materials. The grass clippings must be placed out in a biodegradable paper bag or an open sturdy container no larger than 32 gallons no heavier than 50 pounds. No grass clippings will be collected in plastic bags.

This Amended Ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication according to law. U230801 UNL Jan. 29, 2009 (\$54.39)

UNION

TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on January 27, 2009.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266-49 ENTITLED "SCHEDULE VII: STOP INTERSECTION," IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (This Ordinance creates a stop sign on North Second Street at intersection with Gruber Ave.) U230787 UNL Jan. 29, 2009 (\$11.27)

UNION

TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on January 27, 2009.

AN ORDINANCE establishing amending chapter 28 entitled "municipal court" (this ordinance creates position of Municipal Judge) U230788 UNL Jan. 29, 2009 (\$9.31)

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000004 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F413008 County: Union Plaintiff: BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR ENCORE CREDIT RECEIVABLES TRUST 2005-1 VS Defendant: NORMAN BEMBRY; LEONARD BEMBRY; LILLIAN BEMBRY; LARA BEMBRY Sale Date: 02/18/2009 Writ of Execution: 12/08/2008

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

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 221 Hillside Avenue, Hillside NJ 07205 Tax Lot No.: 46 in Block 1106 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 159 ft x 90 ft x 42 ft x 52 ft x 80 ft x 62 ft

Nearest Cross Street: Boa Place Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available - You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$170,084.31*** One Hundred Seventy Thousand Eighty-Four and 31/100*** 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: \$188,053.31 ***One Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Fifty-Three and 31/100*** January 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 2009 U229656 UNL (\$178.36)

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$491,773.44*** Four Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Three and 44/100*** 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: \$526,968.43 ***Five Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight and 43/100*** January 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 2009 U229658 UNL (\$178.36)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ROSELLE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that proposals for the furnishing of TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE SERVICE within the Borough of Roselle, shall be received by the Borough Clerk at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey, February 25, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., at which time and place they shall be publicly opened and read aloud. The contract will be for a period of one year commencing immediately upon the award of the contract in accordance with specifications on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey. No bids will be accepted after the date and time above specified. All bids must be made on complete proposals forms available at the office of the Borough Clerk; and enclosed in an envelope clearly marked "TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE." An original and eight (8) copies are required. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond in an amount equal to One Hundred (100%) Percent of the contract price. No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after the date and time specified above, except in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-24.

BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF P.L. 1975, CH. 127 (N.J.S.A. 17:27) BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF P.L. 1977, CH. 33. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Bidding documents and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Borough Clerk, at the address listed above, between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday (except public holidays).

Cheryl G. Fuller Borough Administrator U230806 PRO Jan. 29, 2009 (\$27.44)

PUBLIC NOTICE

hereby directs the Authorized Officer to execute or acknowledge, and cause the Clerk of the City of Elizabeth to attest and affix the seal to such Closing Certificates, the authorization of which actions shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution or acknowledgment, attestation, affixation and delivery, as the case may be, thereof by such persons. Such Closing Certificates shall include, without limitation, (a) a determination that any information provided by the City in connection with the preparation and distribution of (i) any preliminary official statement or supplement with relation to the Bonds is "deemed final" for the purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Rule 15c2-12") and (ii) any official statement or supplement with relation to the Bonds constitutes a final Official Statement for the purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12, (b) a determination that the City's Continuing Disclosure Agreement complies with Rule 15c2-12, (c) a determination that any information provided by or on behalf of the City or relating to the City, the Project, the Financing Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby in connection with the preparation and distribution of any such Preliminary Official Statement or the Official Statement complies with Section 10 and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act, and (d) any representations, warranties, covenants, certificates or instruments required by any issuer of a municipal bond insurance policy or any other form of credit enhancement securing all or a portion of the Bonds, or the issuer of a rating on all or a portion of the Bonds.

EXHIBIT A CITY DEFICIENCY AGREEMENT

This deficiency agreement by and among the City of Elizabeth, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey (the "City"), the County of Union (the "County"), a body politic and corporate of the State of New Jersey (the "State"), the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") and (the "Trustee") dated as of the _____ day of _____ 2009 (the "City Deficiency Agreement").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "Board of Chosen Freeholders") of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State") pursuant to and in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Act"); and

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INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH (the "Bond Resolution"); and WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 13 ("Section 13") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-56), prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Authority shall make a detailed report with respect to such financing to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, which report shall include copies or a description of, without limitation, the various financing documents; and

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Agreement shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation", "the words 'agree', 'agreement', 'approval' and 'consent' which are used in this Agreement shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase 'which shall not be unreasonably withheld or unduly delayed' except as may otherwise be specified. Section 103. Short Title. This Agreement may hereafter be cited and is herein sometimes referred to as the "City Deficiency Agreement".

ARTICLE II PAYMENTS BY THE CITY

Section 201. The Authority intends to enter into a Trust Indenture and Mortgage with Community Investment Services, which is anticipated to provide funds at least equal to the sum of the amounts which are necessary in such Fiscal Year (to the extent not provided from other funds or revenues pledged to the payment of the Bonds, including proceeds of Bonds) (1) to pay the principal of, and interest on any of the initial Bonds, as the same become due, (2) to maintain such reserves or sinking funds as may be required by the terms of the Bond Resolution, any resolution supplemental thereto and the Trust Indenture and (3) to comply in all respects with the terms and provisions of the Bond Resolution, any resolution supplemental thereto and the Trust Indenture.

PUBLIC NOTICE

position of all or substantially all of the assets, marshaling of assets and liabilities. (continued on page 35)

ELIZABETH SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08007484 Division: CHANCERY Cocket Number: F1532607 County: Union Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION JPMAC 2007-CH3 VS Defendant: NIELSEN BRUNORO, PRISCILA COSTA BRUNORO, CHASE BANK USA, N.A. Sale Date: 02/11/2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08007517 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F810808 County: Union Plaintiff: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Defendant: JOAQUIM DE SOUZA Sale Date: 02/11/2009

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING BY THE Council of the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on January 20, 2009, and will be presented for further consideration and hearing to be held on February 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING BY THE Council of the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on January 20, 2009, and will be presented for further consideration and hearing to be held on February 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

LINDEN

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LINDEN APPOINTING A CITY ENGINEER, FIXING HIS TERM OF OFFICE AND SALARY AND DEFINING AND SETTING FORTH THE DUTIES OF THE SAID ENGINEER", APPROVED FEBRUARY 5, 1925, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED

LINDEN

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ELIZABETH FOR LICENSE INSPECTORS FOR TAXICABS AND LIMOUSINE ENFORCEMENT

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PUBLIC NOTICE

2-36.5 Acquisition by Commission.

The Commission, with approval of the Common Council, may from time to time acquire property, both real and personal, in the name of the City of Summit by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise or lease for any other purpose including but not limited to use as living museum, sites for scientific study, areas for teaching of natural history and conservation, places of historic or prehistoric interest and scenic beauty and a habitat for rare and endangered plants and animals, and shall administer the same for such purposes subject to the terms of the conveyance or gift. Such an acquisition may be to acquire the fee for any lesser interest, development rights, easements (including environmental easements), covenant or other contractual right (including a conveyance or conditions or with limitation of reversion), as may be necessary to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use of, or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas, in the name of the City of Summit, acquire, or make arrangements for the acquisition of property, both real and personal, in the name of the municipality by gift, purchase, grant, bequest, devise or lease for any of its purposes and shall administer the same for such purposes subject to the terms of the conveyance or gift. Such an acquisition may be to acquire the fee or any lesser interest, development right, easement (including conservation easement), covenant or other contractual right (including a conveyance on conditions or with limitations or reversions), as may be necessary to acquire, maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use of, or otherwise conserve and properly utilize open spaces and other land and water areas in the municipality.

2-36.6 Appropriations

The Common Council in its discretion may annually fix, determine and appropriate sums sufficient for the care, custody, keeping and maintenance of such land acquired for those uses and purposes herein stated, if necessary, and for the expenses of the Commission.

The Common Council may appropriate funds for the expenses incurred by the Commission. The Commission may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may from time to time require and as shall be within the limits of funds appropriated to it.

2-36.7 Records and Annual Report.

The Commission shall keep records of its meetings and activity and shall make an annual report to the Common Council and citizens of the City of Summit.

2-36.8 Studies and Recommendations

The Commission shall study and make recommendations concerning conservation of resources, open space preservation, water resources management, air pollution control, solid waste management, noise control, soil and landscape protection, environmental appearance, marine resources and protection of flora and fauna.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the City of Summit heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage.

(Last additions in text indicated by underline, deletions by strikeouts)

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Summit, in the County of Union, New Jersey held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a regular meeting of said Common Council in the Council Chamber at 512 Springfield Avenue in said City on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. During the weeks prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office in said City Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: 1/20/09
U230818 OBS Jan. 29, 2009 (\$159.25)

SPRINGFIELD

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM HOURS OF SERVICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

TAKE NOTICE, that the following Ordinance was passed and approved on second and final hearing at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield,

PUBLIC NOTICE

County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on January 26, 2009

Kathleen D. Wisniewski, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk
U230731 OBS Jan. 29, 2009 (\$11.76)

MOUNTAINSIDE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, New Jersey, held on the 20th day of January 2009 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 17th day of February 2009 at 8:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

Martha De Jesus
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1147-2009

A N ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$175,000) FOR THE RESURFACING OF GLEN ROAD

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside have decided to resurface Glen Road; and
WHEREAS, a grant award is now available from NJDOT in the amount of \$175,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Mountainside concurs that this resurfacing is necessary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside that the sum of \$175,000.00 be and is hereby appropriated for the resurfacing of Glen Road.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Borough of Mountainside shall be reimbursed by the State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation in the amount of \$175,000.00.
U230727 OBS Jan. 29, 2009 (\$28.42)

ROSELLE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Roselle Shade Tree Commission that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-18 that for the period beginning on January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009 the Roselle Shade Tree Commission plans to conduct the following meetings in the 3rd Floor Firehouse, conference room A, 725 Chestnut Street, Roselle, NJ as follows:

Table with columns: DATE, DAY, TIME, TYPE OF MEETING. Lists meetings from January 8 to December 3, 2009, including Re-Organization, Regular Stated Meeting, and various guest meetings.

U230821 PRO January 29, 2009 (\$23.52)

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT
PENDING ORDINANCE #09-2839

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-8, PARKING, SUBSECTION 7-8.5, PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS (Evergreen Road 2-hour parking)

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

Section 1. That Section 7-8, PARKING, subsection 7-8.5, Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets, -- No person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit shown below at any time (except Sundays and holidays) between the hours listed upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets, -- of the Code shall be amended and supplemented as follows:

7-8.5 Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets.

a. Time Limit Parking.

Table with columns: Name of Street, Sides, Time Limit, Hours, Location. Lists Evergreen Road with 2-hour parking from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm on school days only.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

(Last additions in text indicated by underline; deletions by strikeouts)

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Summit, in the County of Union, New Jersey held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a regular meeting of said Common Council in the Council Chamber at 512 Springfield Avenue in said City on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. During the weeks prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office in said City Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: 1/20/09
U230814 OBS January 29, 2009 (\$48.02)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, CHAPTER XXXV, LAND USE REGULATIONS, TO ESTABLISH A NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

TAKE NOTICE, that the following Ordinance was passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Springfield Township Committee held on January 13, 2009. Said Ordinance was approved per a recent decision of the Council on Affordable Housing, a final and second hearing will be held at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, scheduled for February 10, 2009. A copy of the Ordinance is available and posted in the office of the Township Clerk.

Kathleen D. Wisniewski, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk
U230732 OBS Jan. 29, 2009 (\$16.66)

SPRINGFIELD

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on January 26, 2009. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held at its meeting room in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, on February 10, 2009 at 8:00 P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Township Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 4, 7, 8, 9, 11 AND 12 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO.

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2007-16) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,986,200 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS," ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 11, 2007.

Purpose(s): To make the following amendments to Bond Ordinance No. 2007-16 adopted on September 11, 2007:

- 1. Amend Section 4 to (A)(i) increase

the appropriation and estimated cost in Section 4.D. from \$1,750,000 to \$2,150,000 (an increase of \$400,000); (ii) increase the down payment appropriated in Section 4.D. from \$83,400 to \$103,400 (an increase of \$20,000); and (iii) increase the bonds and notes authorized in Section 4.D. from \$1,666,600 to \$2,046,600 (an increase of \$380,000); and (B)(i) increase the aggregate appropriation and estimated cost for Section 4 from \$3,986,200 to \$4,386,200 (an increase of \$400,000); (ii) increase the aggregate down payment appropriated for Section 4 from \$185,000 to \$205,000 (an increase of \$20,000); and (iii) increase the aggregate amount of bonds and notes authorized in Section 4 from \$3,691,200 to \$4,071,200 (an increase of \$380,000).
2. Amend Section 7 to increase the down payment appropriated from \$185,000 to \$205,000 (an increase of \$20,000).
3. Amend Section 8 to increase the amount of bonds authorized from \$185,000 to \$4,071,200 (an increase of \$380,000).
4. Amend Section 9 to increase the amount of bond anticipation notes authorized from \$3,691,200 to

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MOUNTAINSIDE

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE
COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, New Jersey, held on the 20th day of January 2009 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 17th day of February 2009 at 8:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

Martha De Jesus
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1148-2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER X, SECTION 1.14, SECTION a. AND b., OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY REGARDING MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR USE OF THE MOUNTAINSIDE COMMUNITY POOL

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Chapter X, Section 1.14-a. and Section 1.14-b. of the Borough Code be, and the same is amended and restated as follows:

10-1.14 Fees Established:
a. The resident and full time employee membership fees and guest fees shall be as follows:

Table with columns: Fee Category, Amount, Weekend/Holidays, Weekdays. Lists fees for Family Membership, Single Membership, Senior Citizen Membership, etc.

8. Individuals on active military duty who are residents shall be admitted free.
9. A family membership composed of only two persons shall be entitled to ten complimentary guests.
10. A single membership shall be entitled to five complimentary guests.
11. A senior Citizen membership shall be entitled to two complimentary guests.
12. A family or single membership shall receive two complimentary guest passes if the membership fees paid in full on or before April 15 of the membership year
b. Non resident membership fees and guest fees shall be as follows:

Table with columns: Fee Category, Amount, Weekend/Holidays, Weekdays. Lists fees for Family Membership, Single Membership, Senior Citizen Membership, etc.

8. Registration fee payable for first year membership only:
(i) Single Membership 25.00
(ii) Family Membership 50.00
9. A family membership composed of only two persons shall be entitled to ten complimentary guests.
10. A single membership shall be entitled to five complimentary guests.
11. A senior Citizen membership shall be entitled to two complimentary guests.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other sections of Chapter X shall remain unchanged. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication hereof after final passage.

U230725 OBS January 29, 2009 (\$111.72)

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\$4,071,200 (an increase of \$380,000).
 5. Amend Section 11 to decrease the average period of usefulness of the purposes authorized from 15.52 years to 15.47 years (a decrease of 0.05 years).
 6. Amend Section 12 to increase the amount of gross debt of the Township shown on the Supplemental Debt Statement filed for the ordinance, as amended, from \$3,691,200 to \$4,071,200 (an increase of \$380,000).

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

Kathleen D. Wisniewski, RMC/CMC
 Township Clerk
 Township of Springfield
 County of Union
 State of New Jersey
 U230736 OBS Jan. 29, 2009 (\$59.78)

SPRINGFIELD

ORDINANCE TO AMEND FEES AND SALARIES FOR POLICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I - AMENDMENT
 Section 2-40.11, Fees for Services from the Police Department, shall be amended to reflect the following changes:

| | |
|---|------------------|
| NJ Motor Vehicle Services post | \$40.00 per hour |
| Additional administrative fee for MVS jobs | 6.00 per hour |
| Additional administrative fee on all other jobs | 7.50 per hour |

SECTION II - RATIFICATION
 Except as expressly modified herein, all other provisions and terms of the Code of the Township of Springfield shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III - SEVERABILITY
 In case any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance, and to this end, the provisions of each section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

SECTION IV - REPEAL
 Any ordinance or portion of any ordinance which is inconsistent with the modifications of this ordinance is repealed to the extent of its inconsistency.

SECTION VI - EFFECTIVE DATE
 This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.
 I, Kathleen D. Wisniewski, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Monday, January 26, 2009, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on February 10, 2009, Springfield Municipal Building at 8:00 p.m., at which time and place any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC
 U230728 OBS Jan. 29, 2009 (\$40.67)

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CLARK

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey for the **Willow Way Improvements** to include work on Willow Way and Briar Heath Lane, and will be opened and read in public in Room 16, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey on **February 11, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.** prevailing time. Work generally consists of partial roadway reconstruction, road widening, milling, overlay, and Belgian block curb. The Township of Clark reserves the right to award in its best interest any, all, or none of the alternates.

Specifications for the proposed work are on file in the office of the Township Clerk, Room 28, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Specifications by request upon proper notice. Proposals must be made on the standard proposal forms in the manner designated in the Contract documents. Proposals must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the Bidder, and the name of the work on the outside; addressed to Mayor and Council, Township of Clark; and must be accompanied by a statement of Consent of Surety from a surety company

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authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the Township and either a Bid Bond or a Certified Check drawn to the order of Treasurer of the Township of Clark for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, except that the check need not exceed \$20,000.00.

The Township reserves the right to require a complete financial and experience statement from prospective bidders showing that they have satisfactorily completed work of the nature required before awarding the Contract. A **Valid Business Registration** issued by the State of New Jersey is to be provided with the Bid. Failure to provide proof of business registration with Bid shall result in rejection of Bid.

Proposals for this Contract will be accepted only from bidders who have properly qualified in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities where such informality is not detrimental to the best interest of the Township. The right is also reserved to increase or decrease the quantities specified in the manner designated in the Specifications.

The successful bidder shall be required to comply with the following:

- A. Anti-Kickback Regulations under Section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, known as the Copeland Act.
- B. The Affirmative Action requirement of P.L. 1975, c.127.
- C. The provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1963, effective January 1, 1964.
- D. All bidders are required to comply with the Regulations of P.L. 1999, c.238, "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act" when dealing with repair, maintenance or improvements to a public building.

All bids shall be binding upon the bidder for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of bids.
 BY ORDER OF THE Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey.

Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor
 U230740 EAG Jan. 29, 2009 (\$47.53)

CLARK

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
 Monday, February 2, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.
 430 Westfield Ave, Room 16
 Executive Council Meeting to Follow
 Official Action May Be Taken

Re: **ORDINANCE:**

1. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND COLLECT USER FEES FOR THE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OF WASTEWATER" ADOPTED APRIL 10TH, 2006 AS ORDINANCE 06-06. SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED BY AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 06-06 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND COLLECT USER FEES FOR THE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OF WASTEWATER" ADOPTED DECEMBER 18TH, 2006, AS ORDINANCE 06-22

RESOLUTION:

2. Directing the release of the 90% bond portion of the Performance Guarantees for 18 Brant Ave. in the amount of \$46,390.00 and authorizing the conversion of the 10% cash portion of the performance guaranty to a maintenance guaranty totaling \$5,060.99

Edith L. Merkel
 Township Clerk
 U230744 EAG Jan. 29, 2009 (\$20.09)

CLARK

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey for the **Willow Way Improvements** to include work on Willow Way and Briar Heath Lane, and will be opened and read in public in Room 16, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey on **February 11, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.** prevailing time. Work generally consists of partial roadway reconstruction, road widening, milling, overlay, and Belgian block curb. The Township of Clark reserves the right to award in its best interest any, all, or none of the alternates.

Specifications for the proposed work are on file in the office of the Township Clerk, Room 28, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Specifications by request upon proper notice. Proposals must be made on the standard proposal forms in the manner designated in the Contract documents. Proposals must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the Bidder, and the name of the work on the outside; addressed to Mayor and Council, Township of Clark; and must be accompanied by a statement of Consent of Surety from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the Township and either a Bid Bond or a Certified Check drawn to the order of Treasurer of the Township of Clark for

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not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, except that the check need not exceed \$20,000.00.

The Township reserves the right to require a complete financial and experience statement from prospective bidders showing that they have satisfactorily completed work of the nature required before awarding the Contract. A **Valid Business Registration** issued by the State of New Jersey is to be provided with the Bid. Failure to provide proof of business registration with Bid shall result in rejection of Bid.

Proposals for this Contract will be accepted only from bidders who have properly qualified in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities where such informality is not detrimental to the best interest of the Township. The right is also reserved to increase or decrease the quantities specified in the manner designated in the Specifications.

The successful bidder shall be required to comply with the following:

- A. Anti-Kickback Regulations under Section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, known as the Copeland Act.
- B. The Affirmative Action requirement of P.L. 1975, c.127.
- C. The provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1963, effective January 1, 1964.
- D. All bidders are required to comply with the Regulations of P.L. 1999, c.238, "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act" when dealing with repair, maintenance or improvements to a public building.

All bids shall be binding upon the bidder for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of bids.
 BY ORDER OF THE Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey.

Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor
 U230735 EAG Jan. 29, 2009 (\$49.00)

CLARK

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey for the **A.D.A. Curb and Ramp Improvements** at various locations within the Township, and opened and read in public by the Township Clerk and/or Business Administrator for the Township of Clark, Room 16, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey on **February 11, 2009 at 10:00 AM** prevailing time.

Specifications for the proposed work, prepared by Richard O' Connor, Township Engineer, are on file in the office of the Township Clerk, Room 28, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Specifications by request upon proper notice. Proposals must be made on the standard proposal forms in the manner designated in the Contract documents. Proposals must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the Bidder, and the name of the work on the outside; addressed to Mayor and Council, Township of Clark; and must be accompanied by a statement of Consent of Surety from a surety company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey and acceptable to the Township and either a Bid Bond or a Certified Check drawn to the order of Treasurer of the Township of Clark for not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid, except that the check need not exceed \$20,000.00.

The Township reserves the right to require a complete financial and experience statement from prospective bidders showing that they have satisfactorily completed work of the nature required before awarding the Contract. A **Valid Business Registration** issued by the State of New Jersey is to be provided with the Bid. Failure to provide proof of business registration with Bid shall result in rejection of Bid.

Proposals for this Contract will be accepted only from bidders who have properly qualified in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any

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informalities where such informality is not detrimental to the best interest of the Township. The right is also reserved to increase or decrease the quantities specified in the manner designated in the Specifications.

The successful bidder shall be required to comply with the following:

- A. Anti-Kickback Regulations under Section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, known as the Copeland Act.
- B. The Affirmative Action requirement of P.L. 1975, c.127.
- C. The provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1963, effective January 1, 1964.
- D. All bidders are required to comply with the Regulations of P.L. 1999, c.238, "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act" when dealing with repair, maintenance or improvements to a public building.

All bids shall be binding upon the bidder for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of bids.
 BY ORDER OF THE Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey.

Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor
 U230737 EAG Jan. 29, 2009 (\$47.53)

CLARK

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey for the **INSTALLATION OF SPORTS LIGHTING AT GIRLS SOFTBALL FIELD** and opened and read in public by the Township Clerk and/or Business Administrator for the Township of Clark, Room 16, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey on **February 11, 2009 at 10:00 am**, prevailing time.

Specifications for the proposed work are on file in the office of the Township Clerk, Room 28, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, and may be inspected by prospective bidders during normal business hours between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Contract documents by request. Proposals must be made on the standard colored proposal forms in the manner designated in the contract documents, must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the Bidder, and the name of the work on the outside, addressed to the Mayor and Council, Township of Clark.

The Township requires that prospective bidders show that they have satisfactorily completed similar work of the nature required before awarding the Contract. Proposals for this Contract will be accepted only from bidders who have properly qualified in accordance with the requirements of the Contract Documents.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27-1 et seq. (Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action rules in public contracts)

UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinance set forth below was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, held on January 27, 2009 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on February 10, 2009 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

EILEEN BIRCH
 Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5045 ESTABLISHING THE 2007 AND 2008 SALARIES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION IN THE COUNTY OF UNION.

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

Section 1. The salary for the years 2007 and 2008 for the Municipal personnel named herein shall be hereinafter set forth and, where applicable, at the ranges herein contained.

| Position | 2007 | | 2008 | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | Min | Max | Min | Max |
| Mechanic | \$10.58 | \$26.67 | \$9.33 | \$27.95 |
| Mechanic Diesel | \$24,000 | \$71,505 | \$24,000 | \$74,732 |
| Principal Clerk Typist | \$22,300 | \$66,869 | \$22,300 | \$69,934 |
| Records Manager | \$35,000 | \$50,000 | \$35,000 | \$52,475 |

Section 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
 Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage in the manner provided by law.

U230791 UNL January 29, 2009 (\$34.30)

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, January 21, 2009** at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, N.J. Resolutions memorializing.

| Calendar # | Name of Applicant & Premises Affected | Variances Requested | Decision of the Board of Adjustment |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| Cal. #3141 | M. St. Louis 942 Caldwell Avenue Block- 4107 Lot- 4 | Building addition connecting previous detached garage to home | Granted by Resolution |
| Cal. #3142 | Waseem Enterprises, LLC Route 22 & Greeley Avenue Block- 3403 Lot-3 | Continuation & expansion of gasoline dispensing facility; conversion of repair garage into a convenience store | Carried for Resolution of Approval on 2/4/09 |
| Cal. #3014-a | ARC Union, LLC. 2400 & 2446 Vauxhall Road Blocks- 5009 & 5001 Lots- 1 & 16 | Amended site plan for 172 multi families | Adjourned to 1/28/09 |

Richard Malanda, Board of Adjustment Secretary
 U230786 UNL January 29, 2009 (\$39.69)

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and with the requirements of P.L. 2004, Chapter 57, requiring bidders and all subcontractors to submit proof of business registration with the New Jersey Department of Treasury. A **Valid Business Registration** issued by the State of New Jersey is to be provided with the bid for each bidder and all subcontractors. Information on how a business can obtain the appropriate registration can be obtained on the internet at www.nj.gov/njbs or by phone at (609)292-1730. Failure to provide proof of business registration(s) with Bid shall result in rejection of bid.

Bidders are also required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.48 et seq. (Public Works Contractor Registration Act, or "PWCRA"). Bidders and all subcontractors must be registered with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJLWD) pursuant to the PWCRA at the time the bid is received.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities where such informality is not detrimental to the best interest of the Township.

The successful bidder shall be required to comply with the following:

- Anti-Kickback Regulations under Section 2 of the Act of June 13, 1934, known as the Copeland Act.
- The Affirmative Action requirement of P.L. 1975, c. 127.
- The provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1963, effective January 1, 1964.

(As of January 2007) the filing of a disclosure statement of political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.27, if bidder has received contracts in excess of \$50,000 from public entities in a calendar year. Additional information on this requirement is available from ELEC at 888-313-3532 or at www.elec.state.nj.us.

All bids shall be binding upon the bidder for a period of Sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids.

BY ORDER OF THE Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Clark, Union County, New Jersey.

Sal Bonaccorso, Mayor
 U230741 EAG Jan. 29, 2009 (\$55.37)

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Springfield resident new to Rotary Board

Springfield resident and Jersey City businessman Howard Guss, a construction consultant, has been appointed a member of the Rotary District 7490 Walter D. Head Foundation Board.

The Walter D. Head Foundation, founded in 1965, serves as Rotary District 7490's charitable clearinghouse for projects sponsored by rotary clubs within Bergen, Passaic and Hudson counties. The Foundation offers graduate scholarships to qualified students to study in any part of the world, including the U.S., as well as undergraduate scholarships to students in their third and fourth year of study in the areas of environmental studies, assisting people with disabilities and journalism. The Foundation also awards supplemental grants to rotary clubs throughout the Bergen, Passaic and Hudson areas, who are committed to making a difference in their communities. Projects the Walter D. Head Foundation has supported in the past include aid to victims of Hurricane Katrina, assistance to the families of soldiers stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan, assistance to organizations constructing local memorials to the victims of the World Trade Center disaster and sponsorship the construction of a garden at a regional mental health center.

Guss served as president of the Jersey City Noon Rotary Club in from 1996-97. He is vice president of New Jersey YMHA Camps and chairman of the senior adult programs for the Kislok Center. He also served as a past vice president for Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield.

As a construction consultant, Guss does house inspections for private parties and investigates warehouses and small commercial buildings for current and potential owners. He also advises attorneys and insurance companies, prepares reports and provides testimony as president of G. Lynne Construction homebuilders. He was the regional vice president of the National Lumberman's Association from 1983-1990.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Facility aims to boost athletic performance

Gabriele Fitness and Performance, a 6,000-square-foot state-of-the-art Fitness and Sports Training Facility, announced its Grand Opening in Berkeley Heights on Sept. 1.

The new Berkeley Heights fitness facility is fully equipped with a 2,000-sqar-foot turf field, complete weight training and fitness areas, flexibility and recovery rooms, 30-yard, outdoor sprint track, massage room, homework room for athletes, showers and

bathroom facilities and a welcoming reception area to check in.

New stores open

The Cranford Corner has opened shop in the space adjacent to the Porch Hair Salon, former Chari-Tea space at 35 Alden St. Stop by to welcome Mark and Marie Mayer and shop for sports and "Cranford" clothing. For information, call 908-276-1462. Santa Maria Hardwood Flooring has opened at 11 Eastman St.

For information, call 908-276-2300

Rogut leads market lending at Provident

Deborah Rogut of Springfield has joined Provident Bank's Woodbridge Center branch as vice president and portfolio manager of middle-market lending.

Rogut will be responsible for overseeing the monitoring of the middle-market portfolio, assuring the group is adhering to credit policy and credit decisions and assisting in the underwriting of new business transactions.

Before joining Provident, Rogut served as a vice president in the commercial finance segment of GMAC Financial Services in New York City. She has also previously served as a vice

president and relationship manager for factoring and ABL units of CIT Group in NYC.

Rogut holds a master's degree in business administration in finance and a bachelor's in economics from Rutgers University. She has actively continued her banking education, attending professional training workshops and classes. Rogut is also an advocate for the American Diabetes Association, helping organize a team for the Tour De Cure bike ride for the last eight years. She lives in Springfield with her husband, David, and two children, Kaitlyn and Jordyn.

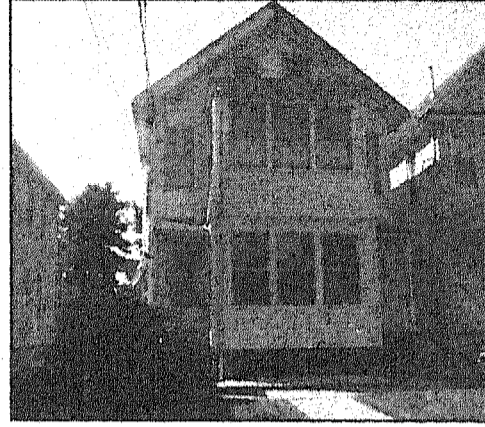
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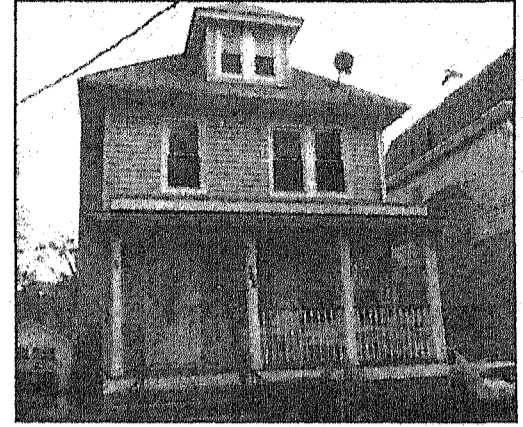
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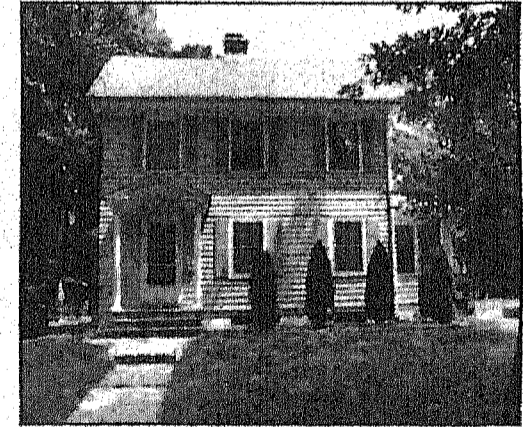
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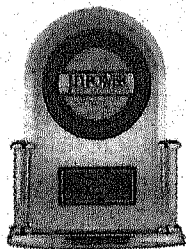
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