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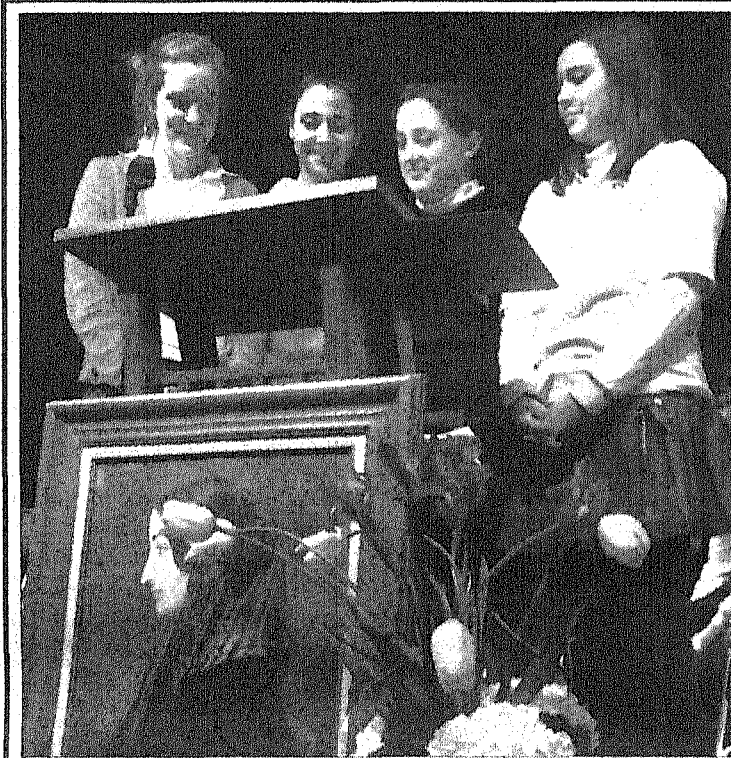
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Students recognized Cornelia Connelly's life and work at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit. Connelly founded the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. From left: Grace Ragold, Catherine Verdic, Madeleine Lawler and Elizabeth Topping.

'One person can make a difference'

Oak Knoll honors founder's bicentennial

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — Cornelia Connelly died more than 130 years ago, but her spirit was alive at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit Jan. 15.

Classes were cancelled that day in recognition of the 200th

birthday of Connelly, the founder of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus — an international religious community of women that emerged in England in 1846 and was approved in 1887 by Pope Leo XIII. There are 415 Holy Child sisters in service world-

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City salary freeze to effect management

Rahway officials anticipate freeze by July

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — The city joins many of its neighboring municipalities in declaring a salary freeze to limit spending in 2009.

The freeze, proposed by mayor James Kennedy in his State of the City Address, will take effect in July, when the budget is expected to be voted on by officials and raises are typically handed out.

"The national economy is in the tank," Kennedy said. "People are hurting, and we're trying to lead by example and slow things down."

The freeze will affect employees in management positions who are not represented by a bargaining union, such as the city's police and fire chiefs, health officer, construction code official, recreation specialists, judge, public defender and prosecutor.

Fire Chief William Young and Police Chief John Rodger were not available for comment.

"Public employees...need to be part of the solution," Kennedy urged.

Business Administrator Peter Pelissier said the freeze could save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Despite the freeze, there could be salary increases for those at the lower end of the pay range this year, depending on revenue figures, Pelissier noted. "Or course there are some contingencies the mayor would consider," Pelissier said.

While Kennedy said he does not anticipate making exceptions at this point, Rahway Republican Committee Chair Patrick Casio expects they are on the way.

"The mayor's been in power over 18 years," Casio said, suggesting "cronyism" could cause exceptions to be made.

In addition to the salary freeze, city officials are pursuing a number of other strategies aimed at saving money in 2009, Pelissier said.

An ordinance will soon be presented to the council requiring those in management positions to contribute to their health benefits.

Police officers, public works employee and the fire department's clerical unit and superior officers have already agreed to make contributions to their health benefits, Pelissier said.

City departments heads will also be working to identify strategies to reduce their budget or increase revenue that can help avoid the need for reductions in staff.

"This is an opportunity for people to step up to the plate and serve the community," Kennedy said about city employees seeking ways to cut spending.

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Morris Ave. bank robbed; suspect caught

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

UNION — A bagful of cash and a change of clothes weren't enough for one thief to escape lawmen after allegedly robbing a township bank

last week. Brock Sanders, 44, of Newark was arrested Jan. 28 and charged with robbing an undisclosed amount of money from the Synergy Bank branch at 1887 Morris Ave. earlier the same day,

according to Sgt. Scott Breslow.

Sanders will be charged with armed bank robbery and is currently being held in Union County Jail on \$150,000 bail, police said late last week.

At 9:21 a.m. Wednesday, police responded to the bank after an employee reported the robbery. A teller said no weapon was seen during the heist, but the suspect

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Pit bull quarantined after attacking two

Linden

• On Jan. 24, at 5:45 a.m., police responded to reports of a loose pit bull chasing newspaper delivery people in the area of Morristown Road and Myrtle Terrace. When officers arrived, one was attacked by the pit bull, biting the policeman in his abdomen.

The officer was treated and released from Linden Multi-Care Center for abrasions to his stomach. The dog was given food with a sedative in it and is being held in quarantine at Linden Animal Shelter.

• Clyde Douglas McBryde, 18, of Linden, and Omar Carter-Nadir and Brandon Farrell Smith, both 20 and from Roselle, along with a 17-year-old minor from Roselle, were arrested at 8:45 p.m. Jan. 23, following a routine traffic stop on East St. Georges Avenue. Police allegedly discovered marijuana and heroin hidden in their vehicle.

All were charged with possession of marijuana, possession of heroin and possession with intent to distribute. Later last week, three adults were being held in Union County Jail on \$40,000 bail and the driver, Carter-Nadir, was also charged with several motor vehicle violations.

Clark

• Jean Lithus, 31, of Irvington was arrested at 7:37 a.m. on Jan. 10 near the intersection of Westfield and Terminal avenues on outstanding contempt of court and motor vehicle violation warrants.

• Daniel Paola, 46, of Plainfield was arrested at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 12 by officer Antonio Manata near Madison Hill Road on an outstanding warrant for contempt of court from the Union County Sheriff's Department. He was turned over to the county Sheriff's Department.

• Nicole Razzano, 20, of Old Bridge was arrested at 6:45 p.m. Jan. 12 by officer Alex Yanes for shoplifting from the Target Department Store at 45 Central Ave. She was also issued a summons for possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

• Ignazio Calella, 58, of Elizabeth was arrested at 2:22 a.m. Jan. 13 by officer John Doherty on outstanding warrants from Metuchen, Newark and Union, totaling \$694, for contempt of court/motor vehicle violations.

He was released after posting bail.

• Neejay Manley, 26, of Rahway was arrested at 10:37 a.m. Jan. 13 by officer Antonio Manata on an outstanding warrant from Newark for \$250 for contempt of

court/motor vehicle violations. She was released after posting bail.

Kenilworth

• On Jan. 19, at 6:10 p.m., a vehicle struck a pedestrian near 567 Boulevard and the driver fled the scene. The victim did not suffer serious injuries, according to police reports.

Roselle

• Jamie Fassett, 45, of East Ninth Avenue, was arrested at 3:04 p.m. Jan. 22 after being caught burglarizing a Harrison Avenue home. He was charged with burglary, possession of burglary tool and criminal mischief.

• Steven McIntyre, 45, of East Fifth Avenue was arrested at 5:09 p.m. Jan. 17, at the intersection of Poplar Street and East 4th Avenue after allegedly stealing a car left idling in a resident's driveway. Police also found several pieces of jewelry and three, \$100 gift cards in his possession that had been reported missing after other burglaries in the borough.

Springfield

• On Jan. 8, at 6:55 p.m., police responded to a report of \$1,360 in cash being stolen from a locker at Bally's Total Fitness gym on Route 22 East.

• Heather Gear, 21, of Kenilworth was arrested at 7:16 p.m. Jan. 7, on Morris Avenue on an

outstanding warrant.

• Joaquin Moreira, 53, of Newark was arrested at 10:02 a.m. Jan. 17 on South Springfield Avenue on an outstanding warrant.

• Reinaldo Cotto, 39, of Newark was arrested at 2:18 a.m. Jan. 24, on Morris Avenue, and charged with driving while intoxicated.

• Kelvin Redd, 43, of Newark was arrested at 10:35 p.m. Jan. 23, on Mountain Avenue, on warrants from Neptune and Howell.

Summit

• Johan Rojas, 23, of Warren was arrested at 4:06 p.m. on Jan. 6 at Summit Police Station and charged with contempt of court.

• Cassandra Stokes, 22, of Scotch Plains was arrested at 7:08 p.m. on Jan. 7 at Broad Street and Denman Place and charged with driving with a suspended license and expired registration.

• Caitlin J. Morey, 27, of Berkeley Heights was arrested at 3:39 p.m. Jan. 20, at Summit police headquarters, and charged with issuing bad checks, theft by deception and contempt of court.

Union

• Orlando Bond, 41, of Union was arrested at 9:41 a.m. on Jan. 24 on South Maple Avenue in Springfield on an outstanding warrant.

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.

Hear tales with 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.

The program will be followed by 30 minutes of open play and reading time. Registration is required. Call 732-388-5999.

Want to play games?

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Sgt. Susan Ricci was sworn-in during a Township Council meeting Jan. 20 in Clark. She is the first female sergeant and only female officer in town. Left to right: Public safety director John Desimone, Sgt. Ricci and Mayor Sal Bonacorso.

First female officer promoted

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

CLARK — Twenty years ago, Susan Ricci made history, becoming the township's first female police officer. She's done it again.

Jan. 20, the 42-year-old of Raritan Township was sworn in as the first female sergeant on the police force.

"It's a proud moment for everyone involved," Ricci said a week after the ceremony.

Currently, she is the only female on the force. Several years after Ricci was originally sworn in, another officer, Cathy Mitchell, became the township's second female patrolwoman, but she was forced to retire early for health reasons.

"It's definitely an honor, and a credit to the administration for being so forward thinking," Ricci said.

Police Chief Dennis Connell regards Ricci as an important member of the staff, noting one of her most significant achievements, a Life Saving Medal she received early in her career for performing CPR and reviving a heart attack victim. She also received several Platoon Awards for major arrests and retrieving several stolen cars throughout the years.

"She is more than qualified for the position and is an important asset to the community," Connell said of Ricci.

Ricci served as a patrol officer in Clark from 1988 to 1996 and again from 1999 to 2009 before being promoted to the rank of sergeant.

During her three year hiatus from police work, Ricci tried her hand in the restaurant business, opening Van Gogh's Ear Cafe on

Stuyvesant Avenue in Union with a friend and her mother.

She enjoyed the new challenge, but her love for policing remained. "I always tried to keep in touch," she admitted.

Ricci sold her portion of the cafe and returned to her first passion. "I feel like I never really left," she said about going back to work.

A week into her new job, Ricci said she is still in transition.

She will need to learn a lot about being a police sergeant, but has high expectations for her future.

"There will be lots to learn," Ricci said. "More responsibility and accountability, but I am looking forward to the challenge."

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Man faces charges in 12-year-old stabbing

By Stacey Eaton
Managing Editor

UNION — A Union man who fled to the Philippine Islands after he was accused of trying to murder a township woman in Lightning Brook Park more than a decade ago returned to the United States Jan. 30.

Nelson Marquez, 44, faces first-degree attempted murder charges, among others, according to the Union County Prosecutor Theodore J. Romankow.

The attempted murder of the township woman, Connie Ardon, 26, occurred Sept. 27, 1995. The two had been arguing in Marquez's car when he allegedly stabbed her nearly a dozen times.

Following the incident, Marquez, fled to the Philippine Islands, where he was arrested on an unre-

lated charge, police said.

He completed his sentence before being extradited under the Welcome Home program.

"This case should serve as a warning to other criminals. No matter how long you may be away from the state, we will find a way to bring you back and will be waiting to prosecute," Romankow said.

Marquez was indicted by a county grand jury in February 1996 for first-degree attempted murder, second-degree aggravated assault, third-degree aggravated assault, third-degree making terroristic threats and third-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

He is being held without bail at the Union County Jail.

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CRANFORD BRIEFS

Make bead bracelets

The Applied Arts/Home Life Department of the Wednesday Club will make beaded bracelets 10 a.m. today at the Community Center, Craft Room.

Thursdays, Feb. 12 through April 2 with siblings, at 10:15 a.m. Register Saturday.

Story hours beginning

Pre-school story hours will soon begin at Cranford library.

Eight-week sessions are as follows:

- Sessions for three-, four- and five-year-olds at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, through March 31, and at 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, through April 1. Children must be three before the first session and not yet be in kindergarten. No registration.

- There will be two sessions for two-year-olds and their caregivers Wednesdays, through April 1, and

Presentation on state environment changes

There will be a free presentation entitled "NJ and the Environment — Small Changes / Big Results" at 7:30 p.m. Monday. For information, call 908-337-6456.

Talk on voting history

Local historian Betty Crawley will present a lecture/PowerPoint presentation, entitled "Milestones in African-American Voting History," to celebrate Black History Month at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The event will be held at Cranford Community Center.

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Kiki: Search ongoing

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

LINDEN — Months after the 30-pound Australian cattle dog, known as Kiki Lacey, was separated from a New Hampshire couple stranded on the New Jersey Turnpike around Thanksgiving time, she has not been found.

A 200 reward is still being offered for the pup.

While odds of finding the pup grow slimmer each day, the owners, Sylvia and Archie Lacey, have not given up hope, they say.

"They desperately want her back," said Robin Tomko, who works for Linden Public Works.

Tomko and Diana Fratello, who also works for Public Works, acted as the Lacey's contacts in town after they returned to New Hampshire, several weeks after Kiki disappeared.

Tomko helped spearhead the search for the dog and stays in weekly contact with Sylvia, even now. "It's so sad. All they care about is finding out if their dog is OK," Tomko said.

The two women organized volunteers at the Linden Animal Shelter to look for Kiki, shortly after she chewed through her leash and ran while her owners were getting help after their car broke down. They say dozens of residents have helped and frequently call for updates.

Tomko said it's been months since she received new information, aside from a few false alarms, but she is hopeful. "I think there's still a possibility of somebody having the dog, or even a shelter," she said.

Linden police have also pledged to stay on the trail.

Lt. James Sarnicki said he took a personal interest in the search because of a fondness for animals, and has kept the case open.

A picture of Kiki hangs on the police bulletin board at headquar-



Kiki

ters. Authorities have sent notices to owner's of cemeteries and other open property in the area to look out for the dog, who was wearing a bright red leash when she ran away.

Still, there are no leads, Sarnicki said.

Nevertheless, Linden Animal Control experts believe the dog is still in the area.

"[They] told me...if the dog is not from this area, he would stay and hope to get rescued by his people. Maybe somebody is caring for the dog and is not aware of the story," Sarnicki guessed.

He still keeps an eye out during his off hours, and, luckily, has not received reports of a dog matching Kiki's description being involved in any accidents.

"You see those Disney stories, where a dog travels through three states to get back to the owner, you just don't know," he said. "I hope there is going to be an ending...but my hopes are running slim."

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HILLSIDE BRIEFS

Try adult karobics

Free karobics classes for adults and teens are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the William H. Buie Community Center. Sign up at the Recreation Department or the Community Center. Registration is required.

For information, call the Recreation Department at 973-926-2219 or the Community Center at 973-923-1285.

Ask about Medicare

Free Medicare counseling will be offered at Hillside library today. Call 973-923-4413 for an appointment.

Make a Valentine

Story time and Valentine's Day crafts will be offered at Hillside library from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Monday.

Play Valentine Bingo

Participate in Valentine Bingo at Hillside library at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Train others in English

Adults can train to help English as a second language adults. Register for a tutor training class held at Hillside Public Library at 6 p.m. Wednesday. This training is designed for those who have never tutored before.

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Story Time for children ages 3 and up will be held at Kenilworth library, 548 Boulevard, on the Thursdays from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 3:30 to 4 p.m.: through Feb. 19. Registration is required. To register, call 908-276-2451.

Visit the library's Web site at www.kenilworthlibrary.org.

Bingo for tots open

Bingo for young children will be held at the Kenilworth library, 548 Boulevard, on the following Fridays from 3:30 to 4 p.m. for children ages 3 and up: Feb. 6 and Feb. 20. Parents must remain in the library during the program.

Make a Valentine

A Valentine's Day Craft will be held on Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon at Kenilworth library.

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Principal for a day



Brandon Krutzler, a fourth-grader at Franklin School in Rahway, recently got to be principal for a day. The reward is offered to students who promote responsible behavior and leadership abilities.

LINDEN BRIEFS

Want to start bowling?

Youth bowling programs for students in kindergarten through grade 6 will be held at 3:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Linden Lanes, Stiles Street. The new special bumper division for boys and girls ages 5 through 7 will be held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The adult/youth program will be held Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Each program includes two games of bowling, use of rental shoes and lightweight balls, instructional assistance and a trophy awards program. For information about the programs, call Linden Lanes at 908-925-3550.

Knitting, crocheting

Knitting and Crocheting for a Cause invites people of all ages who have a basic knowledge of knitting or crocheting and a set of knitting needles or a crochet hook to meet Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Keep on kickin'



The Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services offers soccer for boys and girls of all ages. For information, call 908-474-8600.

HBOE: Hunt for head continues; feedback sought

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE —The search for a new chief school administrator is underway.

Hillside's school board, along with the state School Board Association, is currently weighing the district's needs, but need help from the public, they say.

Community members can offer advice to school officials during an input session scheduled at 7 p.m. on Feb. 9 in the Hillside High School Library.

The session is intended to provide residents and local and school board officials a chance to meet and discuss issues within the district that should be considered before making the selection, according to Interim Superintendent Michael Roth.

Former Superintendent Raymond Bandlow left Hillside last

year to take the helm in Fort Lee School District. Roth has been serving as interim superintendent since August.

According to school board president Nagi Sileem, they will rely heavily on information gathered from the community when making their decision. "We are looking for a strong leader, who will focus on updating some of our curriculum and our facilities," Sileem said.

Roth said a new superintendent is expect to be in place by July.

The information gathered from the session will be used "to set criteria for the background, training and experience necessary for the new superintendent of schools," according to a statement released by the district.

At the session, the school board's search consultant — the NJSBA — will explain the search procedure, roles played by the

board, district staff, and public in the process, and the schedule for the actual search.

According to NJSBA spokesman, Mike Yaple, the association assists more than half the districts in the state with their superintendent searches. Currently, the NJSBA is assisting with 12.

"We hold focus groups with key stakeholders. We go out and gather information from the community, and then, we work with the board to advertise the position, collect applications, and assist in making what can be a very difficult decision," said Yaple.

Roth noted he will not apply for the position because he officially retired from the Chester School District in January 2008. He would need to rescind the retirement at the state level in order to apply.

"I did consider it, but I felt I would not do the district justice,"

Roth said. "They are looking for a full-time superintendent who will put in several years at the position. I've already done this for 45 years.

He offered encouragement to anyone who does consider the job. "Hillside is a wonderful district."

In the early stages of the search, Roth indicated the district has received several applications, but could not confirm an exact number.

Superintendent contracts typi-

cally run three to five years. According to statistics from the state Department of Education, the average superintendent's salary in Union County was \$158,946 in the 2006-2007 school year.

To apply for the position, visit NJSBA.org and click the "employment" link.

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Union woman admits stealing \$400K from boss

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

UNION — A township resident is facing jail time after financing a convertible, honeymoon to Fiji and new house with money stolen from her boss, authorities said.

Vilma Bello, 29, of Union pleaded guilty Monday to stealing \$408,000 from a Mountain Lakes building and contracting company by forging checks in her boss' name.

Bello, who worked at E.J. Peters Co., now faces up to six years in prison, according to Bill Swayze, spokesman for the Morris County Prosecutor's Office.

Sentencing is scheduled for March 20, he added.

Between January 2005 and August 2008, investigators said the administrative assistant forged the name of Edwin Peters, her employer, on multiple checks.

She was discovered when Peters



Bello No one from the company returned calls for comment, and a female employee answering

began noticing costly withdrawals that were not in the company's business records, authorities said.

No one from the company returned calls for comment, and a female employee answering

phones at the business said she had never worked with Bello.

Bello used the money to pay off credit card bills, in addition to buying luxury items and expensive vacations.

According to county prosecutors, Bello spent \$20,000 paying off a blue 2007 Honda S2000, \$10,000 in a check to herself and spent \$95,000 on a down payment for a \$320,000 home on Cranbrook Road in Union.

She spent another \$20,000 on a marriage and honeymoon in Fiji, but was arrested three days before departing.

Her fiancé was not charged in the case, law enforcement officials said.

Bello, who had no prior criminal history, is currently free on \$175,000 bail.

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Second-grade classes were responsible for counting quarters collected through the 'Read to Feed' program. Students donated a quarter for every book read during a four-week period and purchased goods for the Cranford Family Care.

'Read to Feed' whets children's appetites for giving, knowledge

By Chris Neidenberg
Correspondent

CRANFORD — The goal was to feed needy township families and feed young minds. Both tasks were accomplished during the "Read to Feed" drive held recently in Bloomingdale Avenue School.

According to Principal Regina Gavin, approximately 240 pupils, in kindergarten through second grade, took part in the recent reading/fundraising initiative.

For every book read during the four-week campaign, children donated a quarter toward buying goods for Cranford Family Care — the township community chest, founded in 1936.

Approximately 3,000 quarters were collected, raising \$750 for the drive.

"We have done community service-oriented class projects in the past, but this was the first time all three grade levels were involved," explained Gavin, noting that past efforts only involved

older pupils, in the second grade.

Children capable of reading on their own picked books from the school library. Those not yet able to read, such as kindergartners, were read books by their parents.

The idea for the fundraiser was developed by teachers at the school.

"The project also required our second-graders to put their math skills to good use," the principal explained. "They had to count the money in tallying the proceeds."

After the coins were redeemed for bills, Gavin said, a teacher purchased gift certificates from an area supermarket.

Kathy Willis, executive director of the township charity, said those certificates have since reached the hands of needy families.

The project made an impression on even the school's youngest pupils. "Aside from the fact that it directly benefited their neighbors, the fundraiser was an appropriate way for our younger children to

develop a sense of helping those in need," Gavin said.

"At every (grade) level, children learned not everyone in their community has what they have and that many...need help," Gavin pointed out. "It's something they need to think about."

Willis praised all the children and teachers who took part, citing the drive as a continuation of the school system's strong relationship with her non-profit organization. "The entire district — the teachers and students — have been so...supportive through the years," said Willis, whose group runs a food pantry, provides usable second-hand clothes and will help pay utility bills when township residents face shut offs. "The teachers take on programs really emphasizing the need to live with one another and to care for each other."

For the kids who get involved, Willis makes a point to tell them they are capable of changing the world as tomorrow's adults. "Pro-

February fundraisers at town library begin

February is a short but important month, especially for the Friends of the Cranford Public Library.

During the month, in addition to their 2009 membership drive, the Friends are staging two fundraisers to benefit the library.

The first program is the "Sweethearts of the Library" campaign, which invites residents to replace worn copies of classics. The books may be donated to either honor or to remember a special person. There is a display in the library of all the available book titles. After making a selection and a donation, each benefactor will be given a card upon which to write a dedication to the honoree. It is a way to

honor someone, since a book donation lasts longer than flowers or candy, and it benefits the entire town.

The second fundraiser is a penny collection in honor of the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birthday. There is a box at the main desk of the library ready to receive coins. But one needn't stop at pennies — Friends will accept any change. This is a way to get even young children involved in their community.

For those interested in becoming a member of the Friends of the Library, applications are available at the main desk and online at www.cranford.com/library/friends/applicationform.asp.

PEOPLE IN SERVICE

Quezada graduates

Air Force Airman Luis G. Quezada graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Quezada earned distinction as an honor graduate.

He is the son of Giovanna Campos of John Glenn Drive, Hillside. In 2005, the airman graduated from Elizabeth High School.

Pvt. Gaviria through basic infantry training

Army National Guard Pvt. Joseph T. Gaviria graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

Gaviria is the son of Isabel Lopez of West Scott Ave., Rahway.

In 2001, the private graduated from Elizabeth High School.

Stockl in D.C. parade

Midshipman Steven F. Stockl of Springfield was one of 191 U.S. Merchant Marine Academy students who marched in the inauguration parade for President Barack Obama in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20.

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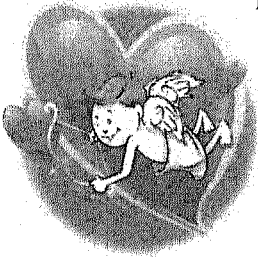
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Appointments can be made through the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center by calling 908-474-8627. Bring statements of income at the time of the appointment, including W-2 forms, 1099 Forms for interest, dividends, stocks and bonds, social security and railroad retirement, brokerage statements, IRA letters, last years income tax, property tax bills from 2007 and 2008, and booklets received from IRS and state.

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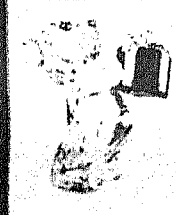
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'Hole' new winner, name



The Summit Department of Community Programs unveiled their new 'Muni' logo for the Municipal Golf Course and recognized the winners of their 2008 Summit Liberty Open Golf Championship, which was won by Matt Mitchell. From left in the first row: Dotti Zotti, Justin Chae and Matthew Sinunu. From left in the back row: Harold "Red" Ahern, assistant director of Community Programs Mark Ozoroski, Golf Course employee Mark Cise and Mitchell.



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Fund's game night to help Walton playground project

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — The Walton Playground Fund, which raises money for a new playground at Walton Early Childhood Center, is at it again.

On Feb. 21, the fund will hold a "Cabin Fever Game Day." Proceeds will benefit Phase II of the Walton playground project.

Phase I of the Walton playground project, which involved replacing the playground removed when the school was expanded three years ago, was completed last year.

Phase II of the project is nearly underway, with the help of approximately \$85,000 already collected through the Walton Playground Fund's efforts. The ground breaking is expected to take place next spring, with the laying of a synthetic material for the playground to rest on.

So far the community's support has been "unbelievable," according to Jodi Silverstein, chair of the Walton Playground Fund.

She hopes area residents will get to yet another fundraiser to show their support of the project they made come to fruition.

"This whole program was truly built by the community, not by

grant money, but sweat, blood and tears, roll your sleeves up money," Silverstein said.

According to Superintendent Michael Davino, no plans have been made for the new playground, and no construction company has been hired.

"We are waiting until the fundraising is completed, so we know exactly how much money we are dealing with," Davino said.

The vision Silverstein has for the new playground is a small, handicap-accessible area complete with ramps and a wheelchair accessible surface called "Pour and Play," which is easier for wheelchairs to roll over than woodchips. The addition will be located next to the new playground.

Silverstein began the fund when her son was in pre-K four years ago.

"The board told the parents that because of Walton's expansion, they were forced to knock down the playground, and that they had no budget money to rebuild it," Silverstein explained.

She added, "I thought that was ridiculous, so I decided to try to raise the money myself, with the help of my family and plenty of community volunteers."

The entire project took about

four years to come together, according to Silverstein.

Phase II of the Walton playground is expected to cost approximately \$100,000, and according to Silverstein, the group is currently only \$15,000 short of that figure. Silverstein hopes the event will raise approximately \$3,000.

Davino said he drew some inspiration from Silverstein's commitment to the cause.

"When a parent fills in a void that a governmental agency cannot fill in, the community should rally around them and revel in their success," Davino said. "Silverstein really has done an outstanding job. Phenomenal is just an understatement."

"Cabin Fever Game Day" will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School cafeteria. Admission is free and participants can stay and play games as long as they want.

Next up: The Walton Playground Fund will host a comedy night on March 6, starring local comedian Doug Carpf.

To donate to the Walton Playground Fund, contact Silverstein at 908-522-1442.

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Court: Ex-union manager must pay \$300K in fines

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — A former member of Local 825 has been hit with nearly \$300,000 in fines for his involvement in a bribery and embezzlement scandal drawing attention to the township-based labor union.

Kenneth Campbell, 57, of Basking Ridge pleaded guilty in October to several counts of embezzlement. Campbell — a business manager who ran day-to-day union operations at the Springfield-based branch of the International Union of Operating Engineers — admitted demanding and receiving around \$256,000 in illegal payoffs from contractors in exchange for using cheaper non-union workers, according to Acting U.S. Attorney Ralph J. Marra.

U.S. District Court Judge Stanley Chesler ordered Campbell to pay nearly \$250,000 in restitution to the union and fined him \$40,000 during sentencing Jan. 22.

Campbell accepted bribes between May 2001 and July 2003 from steel erector, plumbing, window and backhoe service companies on a Goldman Sachs project in Jersey City. He also admitted using a union-issued American Express credit card to purchase luxury items for personal use between September 2004 and October 2005.

According to authorities, some, but not all of the items he purchased included: 50- and 43-inch Sam-

sung televisions with warranties, 26-inch Sharp Aquos television, home theater system, Toshiba DVD/VCR player, television stand and a smart video cell phone service.

In February 2005, Local 825 purchased a 2004 Lincoln Town Car, complete with "LoJack" security system, for Campbell's father, Patrick, who retired from the union in 1999.

During his plea hearing, Campbell implicated several other union members in the scheme, saying they divvied up the cash he accepted from the contractors' bribes.

Campbell fingered the union's ex-president Peter Strannemar, business agent Craig Wask and engineer Anthony Mann as co-conspirators in the scheme. Strannemar was sentenced last year to 27 months in prison and a \$20,000 fine, while Wask and Mann await sentencing.

A female employee who answered calls at the union's main office on Springfield Avenue said no one at the company is commenting on any of the cases.

In a separate case in December, local 825 business agent Arthur Heimall, 70, of Sussex was sentenced to one-year house arrest and a \$10,000 fine for accepting a \$5,000 bribe in 2006 from a construction company using no-union labor.

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Driver in fatal racing accident sentenced to probation, fined

County Prosecutor's Office drops charges against passenger

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

MOUNTAINSIDE — The teen driver who fled the scene of a fatal accident on Route 22 has been sentenced to two years probation in the case, according to the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

In addition to probation, John Mannarino, 19, of Springfield was also fined "a couple hundred dollars" and given 200 hours of community service for his involvement in the July 11, 2007 street race that resulted in the deaths of Konstantinos Potouridis, 18, of New Providence and Paul Carbone, 20, of Millburn.

Superior Court Judge Joseph Donohue suggested Mannarino give talks to high schoolers about the dangers of street racing, according to John Holl, spokesman for the

county Prosecutor's Office.

Holl said the Prosecutor's Office would support the judge's recommendation.

Mannarino had faced second-degree charges of leaving the scene of a fatal accident and hindering apprehension. Charges against his passenger at the time of the accident, James Cavallaro, 21, for hindering arrest, were dropped, according to Holl.

In 2007, Mannarino and Potouridis were racing down Route 22 East in two separate cars when Potouridis lost control of his Camaro while in the right lane and slid across the roadway, hitting a telephone pole and landing several feet from the highway.

Instead of stopping to help, Mannarino and Cavallaro immediately fled the scene, changed vehi-

cles and returned to the scene of the accident later with friends. Initially, they attempted to hide their involvement, but eventually turned themselves in to law enforcement officials.

Both Potouridis and Carbone were pronounced dead at the scene.

At the time of the accident, the victims' parents told *Union County Local Source* their sons' lives may have been saved by action on Mannarino's and Cavallaro's parts.

"Perhaps if these two men had cared to help authorities, things might have turned out different. We will never know," said Paul's mother, Cynthia Carbone.

Konstantinos' mother, Michelle Potouridis, said her family had been punished with "a life sentence of sadness" after losing their children to a "risky decision."

SPRINGFIELD BRIEFS

Discuss Hardy novel

The Springfield Public Library's (Really Good!) Book Discussion Group will discuss "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," by Thomas Hardy at 7 p.m. today. Listening devices are available upon request. The library is located on Mountain Ave.

Like to play Scrabble?

The Springfield library will hold Scrabble nights Mondays at 7 p.m.

Patrons who want to play meet at the library, 66 Mountain Ave.

Bring a friend or meet new opponents.

Watch Newman films

The Springfield Public Library continues its Tuesday lunchtime film program with another installment in the six-film series, entitled "Paul Newman Retrospective," at noon on Tuesday. Patrons can bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee and

cookies will be served at 11:30 a.m. Listening devices are available upon request. The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave.

For information, call the library at 973-376-4930 or visit www.sfplnj.org.

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Celebrate diversity

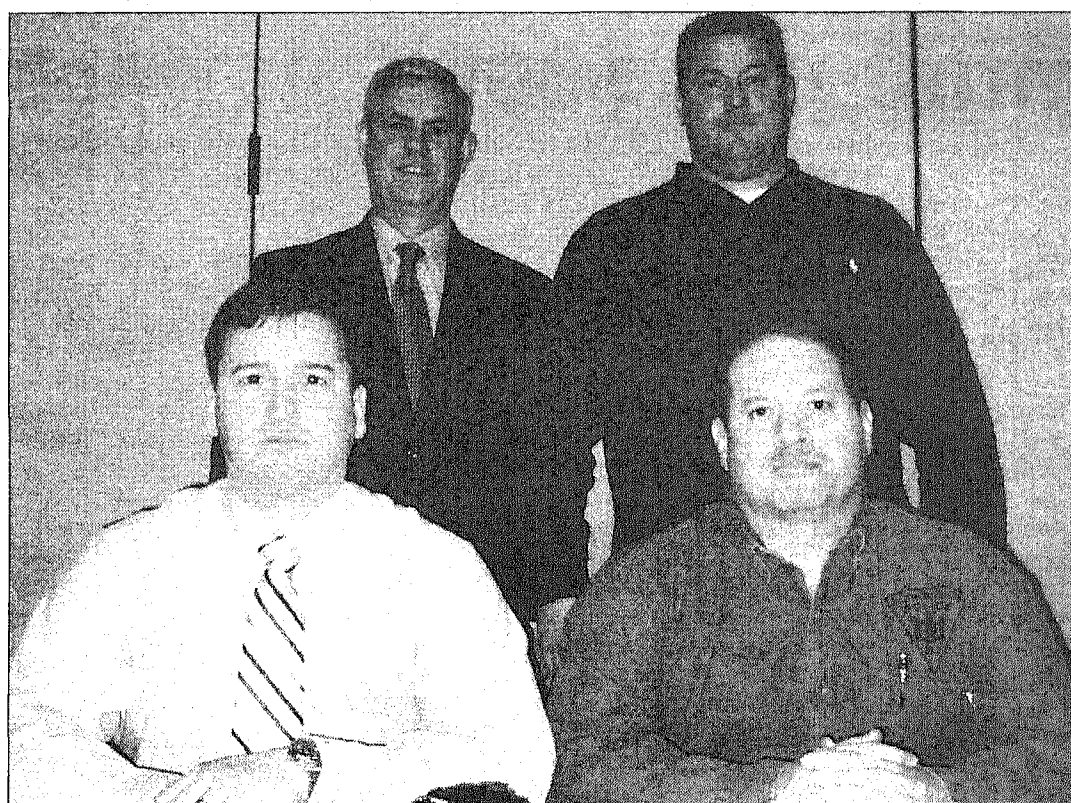
February is Black History Month, when the United States celebrates the heritage and accomplishments of blacks and the part they played in the creation and growth of our great nation. Although the important role of blacks in our country has been pushed to the forefront in recent years, there was a time when black history was barely acknowledged in most history books. While blacks have been in America at least as far back as Colonial times, it wasn't until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in history books.

The celebration of Black History Month and the study of black history as it exists today owes much to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in Kentucky coal mines and didn't enroll in high school until he was 20. Woodson graduated in two years and later earned a doctorate from Harvard. However, as a scholar, he was disturbed to find that history books largely ignored the black American population and, when blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

In response to this, Woodson took on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation's history. He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, in 1915 and, a year later, founded the widely respected Journal of Negro History. In 1926, Woodson launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history.

Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it marked the birthdays of two men who figured so prominently in black history: Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. February also has other significant dates important in black heritage, such as the birth of civil rights leader W.E.B. DuBois and the passage of the 15th Amendment in 1870, giving blacks the right to vote. In 1976, Black History Week was extended to Black History Month.

While some people, including prominent blacks, have argued that having a month dedicated to a race marginalizes them, Black History Month is important for bringing attention to people who were neglected for far too long. Black History Month is not an apology or a form of penance; rather, it is an opportunity to celebrate every aspect of a race which helped shape our culture, as well as our nation.



DIGITAL SAFETY — Traffic Safety Specialist Ed Baginski, back row, left, of AAA New Jersey Automobile Club, congratulates Detective Michael Jackson, front row, left, Cpl. Kenneth Capobianco, front row, right, and Detective Thomas Norton, back row, right, of the Mountainside Police Department for recently completing the Digital Photography for Traffic Crash Investigators course, sponsored by the AAA New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety and Education and the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

A new chapter for Judge Triarsi

The criminal courtroom on the third floor in the Union County Courthouse looked the same. The plastic bins of disposition cases were set on the desks of the assistant prosecutors.

The public defenders searched for their clients and a sheriff's officer was ever vigilant, maybe obsessive, about turned-on cell phones. A group of 15 or so minorities sat in the courtroom — some defendants, others just friends. All were waiting for the end of a lunch break and one of the final days for Judge John Triarsi to sit on the bench in criminal court. One assistant prosecutor listened half attentively as a defense counsel mixed compliments with legal arguments. An older prosecutor appeared uninterested until the subject of his vacation arose for discussion.

Criminal procedure is not the exciting, sexy adventures shown on television shows like Law & Order. All the more reason the retirement of Triarsi last week is a loss for all of us.

Decidedly soft-spoken, pleasant and patient, Triarsi has, for more than 20 years, dealt with the difficulty and human frailties of the criminal system.

Sitting in his chambers last week, he remarked that "time really has gone quickly." He sees the service as "ending a chapter of his life." The Union resident had previously served in private practice

Left Out

By Frank Capece

representing public entities including a stint as the township of Union municipal judge. He graduated from Seton Hall University as an undergraduate and from Seton Hall Law School.

He gave no indication of future plans though he smiles broadly when talking about two of his passions — photography and traveling. Ever the pragmatist he adds, "The two hobbies go well together."

A few years ago he went through some bypass surgery. This was amazing since his low-key, patient style made him something less than a Type A personality. He now works out more and states that there are "no guarantees in life."

Something close to a guarantee is the high regard in which this judge is held. Robert Norton, a prominent criminal lawyer who tried seven cases before Triarsi, praised the temperament saying, "As a defendant's attorney, I was given every opportunity to present my arguments."

Triarsi liked the complex trials. He liked the well-prepared attorneys and even the research. Over the 20 years, he saw former clerks turn into excellent lawyers. Even

the stress and difficulty in trying the homicide cases didn't dim his enthusiasm for the law.

He liked briefs from counsel and he read them. His skills at communicating with hard-bitten criminals, dopey criminals and others were evident watching him in the courtroom. He estimates 25 to 30 homicides came his way. But there were also illegal liquor sales, illegal cigarette sales and a host of other issues that he ruled upon.

Triarsi cites a former law secretary who trained him to read the science sections of newspapers. With a little grin, he adds that the vertical learning curve he experienced on forensic matters was substantial.

It turns out, like his father Jacob Triarsi, also a former Union County judge, he was decidedly a people person. He enjoyed interviewing the vast member of potential jurors each week.

He is being honored along with Assistant Judge Walter Barisonek, who is also retiring. But on this day, he entered the courtroom where the participants looking up at him from behind the plastic bins were processing the matters that would come before him for consideration. Cases 4445, 4320 and 4309 were called as another day in the criminal justice process continued.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor:

The fourth-grade at Aviston Elementary, located in Southern Illinois, is collecting postcards, souvenirs, resources or any other information from all over the country.

Mail items pertaining to New Jersey: Fourth Grade at Aviston Elementary, 350 Hull St., Aviston, Illinois 62216.

Aviston Elementary Fourth Grade
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'Enlightened' legislation

To the Editor:

Newly-proposed legislation, A-3625, to close five of New Jersey's seven institutions for people with developmental disabilities is both enlightened and cost-effective.

The legislation, introduced this month by Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, D-Camden, will more closely align New Jersey with the national trend of moving people with developmental disabilities out of institutions and into the community, while also more efficiently allocating scarce budget dollars. There is ample reason to applaud and support this bill, both financial and moral.

Nearly 3,000 New Jersey residents live in developmental centers at an annual cost of about \$225,000 each, or two to three times the average cost of community living.

For example, the cost for providing community housing for members of Community Access Unlimited runs just \$50,000 to \$80,000 annually. New Jersey's seven developmental centers consume 31 percent of the \$1.4 billion budget of the Division of Developmental Disabilities while serving less than 8 percent of the population served by the department.

While the rest of the nation recognizes the benefits of reducing their institutional populations, New Jersey lags far behind the national average. Since 1969, 140 institutions have been closed throughout the nation, yet only two of those were in New Jersey and the state is not one of the 40 states that plan additional closings.

Clearly, the numbers support closing New Jersey's developmental centers. So does our moral obligation to enable each member of society to live fulfilling lives.

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Sidney Blanchard
Executive Director
Community Access Unlimited

A double standard?

To the Editor:

The *Star-Ledger* recently reported that Senate President Richard Codey was disgusted by the latest example of Wall Street mismanagement and has asked NJ Attorney General Anne Milgram to investigate whether investment firms squandered New Jersey's pension funds on lavish bonuses and perks.

On Sept. 1, 2005 Richard Codey's brother, Robert, retired from his assignment as a deputy attorney general on loan to Union County. According to published reports, Robert Codey, a state prosecutor since 1988, reached an employment agreement with the county in September, 2004.

His state salary was set at \$93,268. Although they could have had him for free, Union County supplemented Codey's pay by \$46,731 — putting his total salary at \$140,000. This boosted his pension to about \$33,000 dollars more than what he would have been eligible for, had he retired a year earlier.

This deal was worked out shortly after former Gov. James E. McGreevey announced his resignation, setting the stage for Codey's brother to take over as acting governor.

The unusual salary adjustment for Codey, whose expertise was in organized crime, was requested by state Attorney General Peter Harvey and approved by then-acting Personnel Commissioner Marjorie Schwartz.

Title 4A of the New Jersey Administrative Code requires the personnel commissioner to establish and enforce pay rates and salary ranges for civil service jobs such as deputy attorney general. Codey's official state salary was \$140,000. The maximum for his position under state regulations was \$115,618.

To keep it "legal" the county had to reimburse the state for the pay increase. None of Codey's fellow 779 deputy attorneys general was granted similar permission to exceed that limit. His salary was more than \$20,000 above the salary of his direct supervisor and 136 other deputies ranking above him. Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow's salary was \$141,000.

Codey, 55, has more than 30 years in the public employment system, and under special pension rules for prosecutors, this entitles him to a pension that pays 70 percent of his highest annual salary.

Appointed Union County Manager George Devaney, who is State Sen. Raymond Lesniak's nephew, defended Codey's pay increase. "We are lucky to get a man like Bob with his knowledge and experience. Just because he is the acting governor's brother doesn't mean politics were involved in his hiring," Devaney said.

Tina Renna, president
Union County Watchdog Association

Bill honors our 'heroes'

To the Editor:

Throughout New Jersey, from farms, from schools, from tiny townships, they came to defend America.

They fought and died in combat, against our nation's enemies, with their M-1, or M-16 rifles, on board a B-17, or a B-52, perhaps they served and died on the aircraft carrier Intrepid. Their gravesites resonate throughout the landscapes of Europe, of Asia, scattered through the vastness of the Pacific Ocean, dispersed throughout the immense reservoir, that is America's military cemeteries, perhaps even that of Arlington cemetery itself.

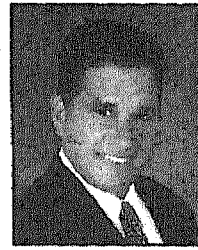
But those citizen soldiers who survived our nation's conflicts, while others fell, must utilize the electronic communications agendas to ensure the cherished memories of those who fought and died are memorialized indelibly throughout the fabric of American society.

By utilizing such formats as cell phones, writing e-mails and text-messaging, it is incumbent to insist that their local state representatives, to promptly provide the proper honor, respect and reverence that is currently absent from our New Jersey war dead. Currently, New Jersey is on track to be the final state to provide that quality of respect, of dignity and of honor to her fallen servicemen and servicewomen who presented their lives to defend America.

By quickly enabling "Gold Star License Plates," known as Assembly bill A2725 and Senate bill S1890, the state of New Jersey may finally insure those humble acts of homage, of reverence, of sympathy, be patriotically extended to these hero American families who have created such an incalculable sacrifice for New Jersey and for America.

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Kenilworth resident, Jackie Fidurski, took a cue from the PBA Silver Card Association, donating \$500 recently to help the library recoup money stolen from collection jars last year. Police Sgt. Tim Dowd, left, library director Dale Spindel, center, and Fidurski.

Another \$500 donated to KPL

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

KENILWORTH — A month after a collection jug gathering funds for new equipment was taken from Kenilworth library, Kenilworth PBA Silver Card Association pitched in to help, donating \$500 to replace \$450 in coins lost.

That generosity is spreading.

Two weeks ago, borough resident Jackie Fidurski chipped in another \$500 to help the library reach its original goal.

After reading about the theft and the donation made by the Silver Card Association in articles published in *Union County Local Source*, Jackie said she felt compelled to contribute and contacted the Kenilworth Police Department for direction.

"The library is such a vital part of this community," Jackie told Dale Spindel upon presenting the

director with the oversized check.

According to police Sgt. Tim Dowd, who presented the Silver Card Association's donation to the library in December, Jackie is no stranger to helping. She has made donations to several different community fundraisers, including the Kenilworth PBA and 9-11 World Trade Center Fund for the families of Kenilworth victims.

"Jackie should be proud of her continued support of this community and this borough should be very proud of her," Dowd said.

According to library officials, there are plans to use the now replenished funds to purchase a computer workstation, complete with bilingual software designed specifically for children between the ages of two and five.

Spindel said Jackie's check helped the library reach its \$4,000 goal — the amount it will cost to install the workstation.

Along with the money donated by the Kenilworth PBA and by Fidurski, the library reached its goal through money left over from the original collection, before the theft, as well as money taken from funds created in the memory of late patrons, Herman Forman, Patricia Waldvogel and Pat Malfetti.

"It was really disheartening when the donation jug was stolen," Spindel said. "However, it is remarkable...this unfortunate incident has been transformed into such a wonderful show of support for the library. The community is lucky to have residents like Jackie."

To make a donation, visit the library at 548 Kenilworth Boulevard or call 908-276-2451.

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

Fire Dept.: Extra cash to boost staff, safety

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE — The local fire department will be bolstered by new staff and equipment, thanks to two grants, totaling about \$600,000, from the Department of Homeland Security awarded Jan. 23.

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant, \$541,900, will pay salaries for five additional firefighters for five years. The township plans to pay the remaining portion of the new employee's annual salaries, contributing ten percent during the first year.

"The town has to put in their share," said fire chief Dominick Naples.

The department will begin interviewing candidates once the governing body passes a resolution authorizing the new employees, which should occur shortly, according to Brewer.

"The ability to hire five additional firefighters is valuable," Brewer said.

When federal funding to support the hires is depleted, the new firefighters will be kept on to fill potential vacancies. "We will have people already in place should some individuals retire," Brewer said.

Naples noted funding was provided because the Department of Homeland Security, as well as the town government, saw the need for more staff to provide greater service and reduce overtime.

The fire department's staff has dwindled to 48 firefighters from 65 when Naples joined approximately 30 years ago. "I'd love to have a 65 person staff again, but I understand economics," Naples said.

The second grant — \$60,000 obtained through the Assistance to Firefighters Grants program — will support new training and equipment, including the purchase of a specialized washer and dryer designed for washing gear and clothing that has been contaminated by smoke or other chemicals encountered in fires.

Equipment to support bailout procedures — when firefighters must beat a hasty, and if desperate, retreat, by jumping through the nearest window or off the edge of a roof — will also be purchased. This equipment includes special cables that hook quickly onto a window sill or ledge and allow a firefighter to rappel safely down the face of a building.

"When your gear is unable to protect you any further, you can feel heat through your clothing. You're literally starting to burn from the inside out. It doesn't happen all that often, but this system makes it much, much safer for the firefighter," Naples said.

Brewer pointed out the important role grants and other aid money play in towns and cities.

"It's really a plus," Brewer said. "It helps quite a bit."

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Do you have a photograph you would like to share from a recent trip, social event or that captures a joyful or interesting moment. Share the fun and the folly with the rest of the community by submitting the photos to Union County Local Source at editorial@thelocal-source.com. Submissions should include a brief description about the event and the names of all those in the photographs.

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Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Synergy Bank on Morris Avenue in Union was the scene of an armed robbery last week.

Newark man charged in robbery

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 motioned as if he were armed. Police officers searched the surrounding area and stopped an individual several blocks away who matched the suspect's description but was wearing dif-

ferent clothes, Breslow said. Authorities determined this man, Sanders, was indeed the suspect but had changed his clothing after leaving the bank, Breslow added. Police learned Sanders was in

possession of the stolen money, but he did not have a weapon. The threat of having a weapon is enough for a charge of armed robbery. *John O'Reilly can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 116.*

Oak Knoll celebrates founder

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 wide. "Cornelia Connelly Day...gave us all an opportunity to learn more about the woman and honor her life and work," said student body president Fiona Ismail. Throughout the day, Oak Knoll students in grades pre-K through 12, celebrated Connelly's legacy with PowerPoint presentations, debates, music and drawings detailing her history. According to Cheryl Werner, librarian at the Lower School, which includes grades kindergarten through 7, activities kicked off with an assembly and skit led by "Cornelia Connelly," played by French teacher, Lucille Savellano Remus, and "Henry," from the children's book "Henry Builds a Cabin," played by math teacher Philip Murphy. "We...devoted the day to critical thinking in the Lower School," Werner said. "It was a very different day, but we definitely achieved our goal of getting students to think on their own while having a great time." Keeping with the theme of "Henry Builds a Cabin," students were asked to "build" a school by first coming up with different ideas of what is needed to make it successful. Though games and theater were on the agenda for little ones, Upper School students took a more academic approach to celebrating Connelly's life. Students in grades 7 through 12 participated in cross-curriculum workshops and made posters representing historical moments in each decade of Connel-

ly's life. The posters were later used to create a collage and timeline of Connelly's life. Head of School, Timothy Saburn was impressed with how much one life seemed to unite everyone at Oak Knoll. "I saw members of our school community rejoicing in the simple gift of life," he said. "Wandered through the hallways, I saw students and faculty laughing, dancing, singing, speaking and sharing their gifts and talents." The Upper School gathered at 1 p.m. to sing "Happy Birthday" to Connelly as students lit 200 candles on individual cupcakes to make her birthday celebration more "real," according to Mary Sciarillo, principal of the Upper School. The school day closed with a prayer service in the auditorium. Each grade level read took turns reading key quotes from Connelly's philosophy, which was "seeking to meet the wants of the age through works of spiritual mercy." "They...made connections from Cornelia's life to today's world — their world," Sciarillo, explained about the readings. Saburn said a "powerful" lesson can be learned from the day, one students and staff at the school should take with them. "We were all reminded...one person can make a difference," he said. *Joseph M. D'Alise can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 124, or editorial@thelocalsource.com.*

Business tax breaks reinstated



Several expired business tax breaks were extended by the 2008 economic bailout law. The law extended and modified the research tax credit, 15-year depreciation for restaurant and leasehold improvements, and enhanced charitable deductions for donations of food, books, and computers. These breaks are available for 2008 and 2009.



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Successful six



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From left: Linden Soehl Middle School Principal Diana Braisted stands with Soehl Middle School students of the month Almajid Johnson, Valentina Sanchez, Michael Marquez, Chrysthel Jean-Louis, Shehroze Khan, Gabriel Morales and Kevin Thurston, vice principal of the middle school.

RAHWAY BRIEFS

Nominate for BOE

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for a position on the Rahway Board of Education is 4 p.m. March 2. Prospective candidates can obtain a candidate kit at the Board of Education Business Office. The kit includes information about legal qualifications for candidates, the role of board members, dates in the school election process and briefing sessions for board members, among other things.

RCP board to meet

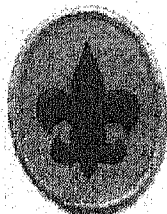
The Rahway Center Partnership Board of Trustees will meet Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Parking group meets

The Parking Authority of the City of Rahway will hold its regu-

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

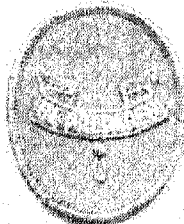
Celebrating 99 Years



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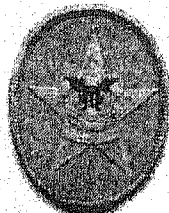
2: Tenderfoot



3: Second Class



4: First Class



5: Star Scout



6: Life Scout

FAMOUS SCOUTS

Famous former Scouts include President John F. Kennedy, Henry Fonda, Hank Aaron, James Stewart, astronaut Neil Armstrong, Senator E. Benjamin Nelson, Dem. Nebraska and astronaut / senator John Glenn.

Eagle Scout Paul Siple sailed to Antarctica with Commander Byrd in 1928.

Since 1926, Boy Scouts of America honored American adults for noteworthy service to the nation's youth by awarding them the silver Buffalo, the highest award in scouting. Recipients have included Charles Lindbergh, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Norman Rockwell, Walt Disney, and President Ronald Reagan.

HISTORY, THE EARLIEST DAYS

The Boy Scout movement was founded by British Lord Robert Baden-Powell.

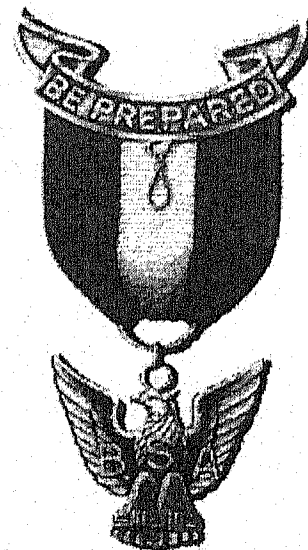
Scouting's first manual was both written and illustrated by Baden-Powell in 1908. Baden-Powell was a war hero because of his conduct at Mafeking, a strategic holding action during the South African war with the Dutch Boers in 1899.

The early American troops took their cues from Baden-Powell's Scouting for Boys because there was no semblance of a national movement in the United States. The YMCA men who started most of the early troops saw Boy Scouting merely as a promising adjunct to their programs for boys.

Millionaire Chicago publisher William Dickson Boyce became involved in Scouting in 1909. He was visiting London in August of that year. One afternoon, the city was enshrouded in pea-soup fog. Boyce lost his bearings in the murk and was approached by a boy of about 12 carrying a lantern who offered to guide him to the address he was seeking. When Boyce produced a shilling, the boy replied, "No, sir, I am a scout. Scouts do not accept tips for Good Turns."

The Unknown Scout took Boyce to British Scout headquarters. From that moment forward, Boyce's interest in Scouting grew. Boyce came home determined to start Boy Scouting in America. He apparently knew nothing of the troops already operating or of the YMCA's promotion of Scouting.

On February 8, 1910, Boyce filed incorporation papers for the Boy Scouts of America in the District of Columbia. The purpose, he said, "shall be to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods which are in common use by Boy Scouts."



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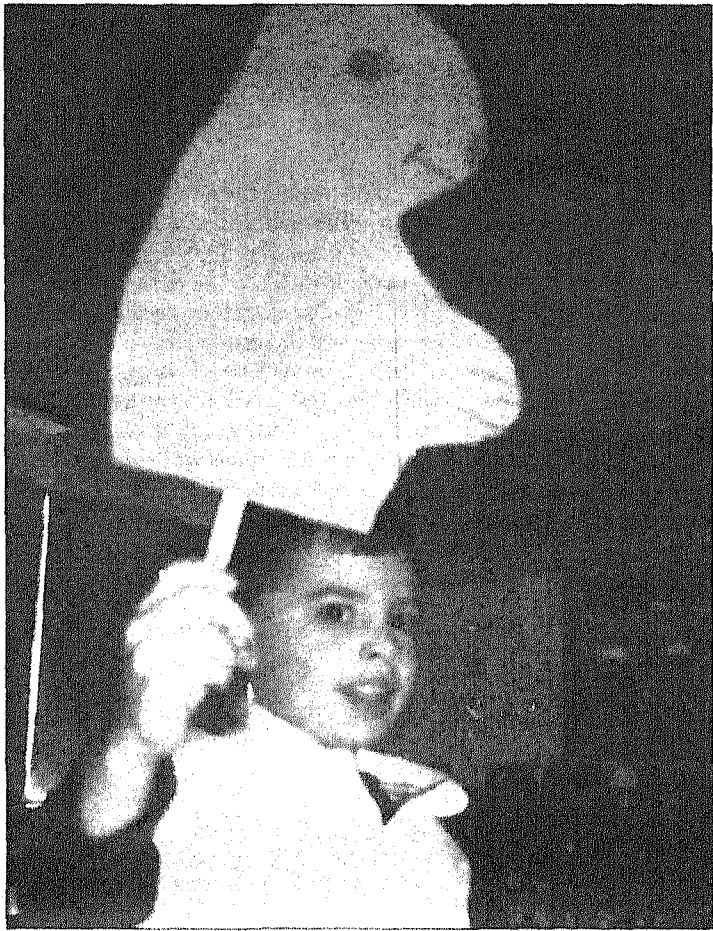


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Matthew Fragoso of Linden School No. 9 checks to see if his paper groundhog can see his shadow on Groundhog Day.

SCHOOL NEWS

Bid at silent auction

Union County Magnet High School Parent School Association and Project Graduation 2009 will hold their annual Goods and Services Silent Auction Friday, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the West Hall Cafeteria, Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Campus, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.

PSA is soliciting donations for auction items.

Tour Oak Knoll school

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child will hold an open house for 2009-10 school year applicants for the Lower School, grade 2 through 6, at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday.

Prepare for college

Cranford Public Library is hosting a series of College Preparation workshops and practice test events for high school students and their families.

The schedule of the college prep events is as follows:

- Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: SAT/ACT combo practice test - Students will gain exposure to both the SAT and ACT in a real test like experience. All participants receive results in two weeks.



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Review the owner's manuals to make sure that neither car requires any special attention. Move the 2nd car, which from here on is referred to as the jumper car, close to your car. Make sure that the 2 vehicles are not touching each other.

Turn the car off and set the parking brakes.

Follow the steps listed in the owners manual (if applicable) or as described below:

1. Connect 1 end of the positive booster cable to the positive post on the dead battery. Connect the other end to the positive post on the jumper car.

2. Connect the 2nd booster cable to the negative post on the jumper car. Connect the other end to your engine block.

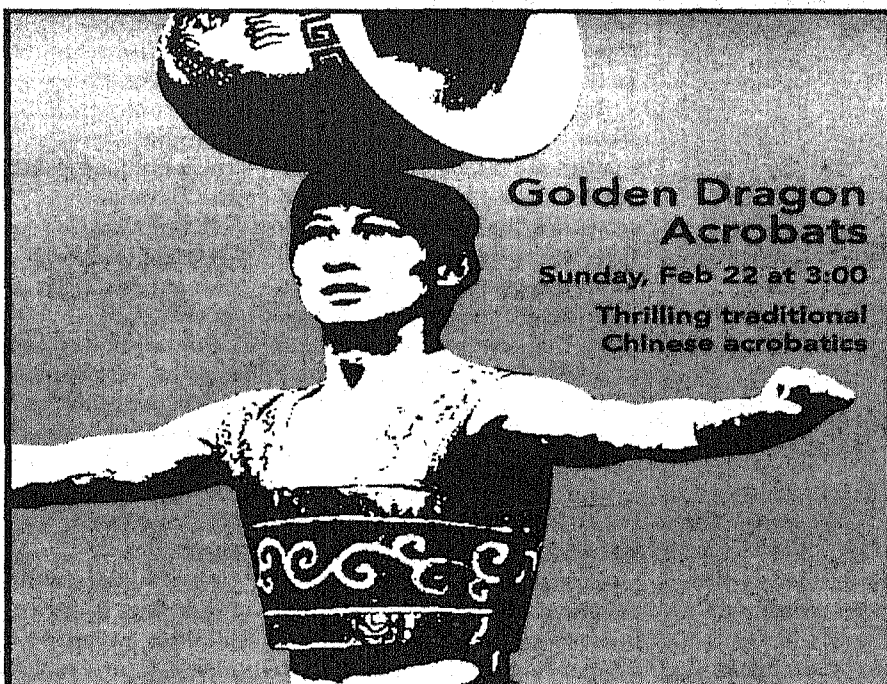
3. Start the jumper car, let it idle for a few minutes and then start your car. Wait a few minutes and disconnect the cables in the reverse order that you put them on.

Be careful throughout this procedure. Wear goggles if available. Keep your hands, clothing and the cables away from the cars electric fan. Be sure that the cable clamps do not touch each other.

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Suspects sought in raid on apartment

John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

Police are searching for a group of guitar anti-heroes who allegedly stole nearly \$8,000 worth of instruments from two homes in single day, and a total of 12 guitars and two basses since November.

In Union County alone, six guitars and one amplifier were taken during two separate burglaries in Roselle Park and Summit on Jan. 24, authorities said.

Authorities from those towns and Montclair, which also reported similar incidents,

are investigating whether the crimes are related and if the victims knew each other.

"We don't know if there is a connection yet," said Summit Police Lt. Steve Zagorsky, who noted there are similarities between the incidents.

A Midland Terrace residence was broken into at 7:50 a.m., while the homeowners were sleeping, according to Summit police reports. A \$500 Fender Musicmaster bass guitar, \$150 Squire Telecaster guitar and \$200 Fender amplifier were reportedly taken.

Later that day, in Roselle Park, a gang of

masked men allegedly barged into an apartment, beat a group of friends spending time at the residence, and fled with three guitars.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:34 p.m. at a residence on the 100-block of East Westfield Avenue. Police said the victims, five men, were sitting in the unlocked apartment when three to four men, wearing ski masks and dark clothing, forced their way through the door. The suspects assaulted two of the men by repeatedly striking them with their fists and kicking them, according to Roselle Park Lt. Anthony Scalea. The sus-

pects grabbed three "high-end" guitars — a Schecter Diamond Series, Gretsch Tennessee Rose and Gretsch Black Falcon — valued at more than \$7,000.

In the Roselle Park incident, burglars left other valuable electronic equipment behind, targeting just the instruments.

Montclair, in Essex County, was the first township to report six-strings being snatched. In November, a \$500 Fender Stratocaster electric guitar was stolen. The next month, five guitars and two basses valued at nearly \$3,200.



Trailside Naturalist Karen Inzillo, left, helps participants identify a pickerel fish caught using a seine net. Frogs, dragonfly larvae and snails were some of the other highlights participants caught, identified and released during one of Trailside's many summer offerings last year.

Trailside gets an early start

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Community Renewal announced a new season of summer programming at Trailside Nature and Science Center. A variety of camps and family programs will be offered throughout the summer months.

"Trailside summer programs offer the perfect opportunity for adults and children of all ages to explore the outdoors while learning all about nature," said Freeholder Chairman Al Mirabella. "These programs are very popular and we are doing what we can to make them available to as many people as possible."

Due to the enormous popularity of Trailside's programming, a lottery system will be used to determine placement in line for summer program registration. Union County residents may visit Trailside to draw a lottery number from Saturday through Feb. 20, from noon to 5 p.m. daily. The number drawn will indicate the registrant's position on line and time of arrival for registration day on March 7.

Proof of residency, such as a driver's license, will be required to draw a number and only one number

may be drawn per family/address. Registrants must pick their own lottery ticket for their family. The registrant's name, address, lottery number and arrival time will be recorded when the lottery number is chosen. A total of 520 numbers are included in the lottery system.

Summer registration will take place March 7, beginning at 8 a.m. for residents of Union County who have drawn a lottery ticket. Registrants must bring their lottery ticket with them to registration and must be present when their number is called or their position in line will be forfeited.

A person may register only their children/family with their lottery ticket. If a registrant arrives after their number is called, but within their designated registration hour indicated on the lottery ticket, they may register at the end of the one-hour time block. Registrants who miss their one-hour block may return at 4:30 p.m. to register. No exceptions will be made.

Due to the increased popularity of the Trailside Summer Camp programs and in order to accommodate as many registrants as possible,

Gas prices drop, but not in Summit

Exxon station blames zone pricing for gas prices exceeding \$4 per gallon

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — Ashwood Exxon Service Center in Summit has attracted some attention from the public by remaining exempt from the recent drop in gas prices, maintaining prices upwards of \$4 per gallon. As of Feb. 3, the station was charging \$4.88 per gallon of regular gasoline.

The station, located on Ashwood Avenue between Morris Avenue and Broad Street, is managed by Sung Eel Chang who says zone pricing is the cause of his station's higher costs. Chang said oil companies charge the same price to everyone except to meet competition.

Summit's Exxon stations are forced to keep their prices high for survival more than profit, Chang said.

"If I was making a profit at these prices, I would not have a problem with zone pricing," Chang said.

Chang said Jeffrey O'Connor, the manager of another Exxon station on River Road, has joined him in a pending lawsuit against Exxon that they hope will resolve the issue of zone pricing.

Assemblyman Jon Bramnick is sponsoring a bill that, if approved, would eliminate zone pricing.

Bramnick said the bill has been sitting in the Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee, which is chaired by Democrat Assemblywoman Nilsa Cruz-Perez, for three years without being posted for a vote.

"Oil companies are very powerful, so unless the media and public raise the issue, it's going to be very difficult," Bramnick said. Bramnick said zone pricing was

created by the New Jersey Legislature 40 years ago to take transportation costs into account and to allow individual stations to meet competition.

However, Bramnick said that currently there is "no rhyme or reason" for the zones that oil companies establish.

"They've never really released what the zones are or what the basis for their pricing is," Bramnick said.

Despite the cost, some consumers continue to fuel up at Ashwood Exxon.

"I'm not out here to intentionally hurt the consumer," Chang said. "The consumer has the ultimate choice."

One Summit resident who preferred to remain anonymous said she has patronized the station, but not on a regular basis.

"Even in a recession, everyone needs gas," she said. "Sometimes you can afford it and sometimes you can't."

As of Tuesday, the average price of gasoline in New Jersey was \$1.74 per gallon of regular gas, according to www.fuelgaugereport.com, a Web site hosted by AAA Auto Club, which compares daily gas prices throughout the country.

Chang speculated that there may be people in Summit who can spare the additional \$3 per gallon. Others just might not be looking at the price, he said.

"In a country where free competition is important, the people in Summit should be able to pay the same price for gas as people five miles away," Bramnick said.

Paul Greulich can be reached at 908-686-7700 ext. 121, or at editorial@thelocalsource.com.

A day of service



Union County College's Americorp students take a break from collecting and folding blankets they received during the ServiceNation Day of Action on Sept. 27. At the Bayway Center in Elizabeth, AmeriCorps collected 75 blankets, 200 pounds of food and 120 sweatsuits for the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless. The blankets and sweatsuits will be used in the 'Operation Warm Heart' program.

Kean Conference will focus on 'modern slavery'

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

The subject of modern slavery will be explored in a conference hosted by Kean University's Human Rights Institute on Modern Slavery on Feb. 13.

The all-day conference is open to the public and will feature eyewitness accounts and perspectives from leading experts on various aspects of modern slavery.

"Our university is committed to raising awareness of ongoing human rights violations taking place around the world," said Kean University President Dawood Farahi. "It is our responsibility to educate others about the reality of modern slavery and how we can mobilize to end these injustices and bonds affecting more than 27 million people today."

The keynote speaker will be Kevin Bales, president of Free the Slaves, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending slavery around the world.

According to Free the Slaves, more than 27 million individuals are enslaved throughout the world, with the majority in India and African countries. The book estimates that at least 14,500 slaves are brought into the United States each year.

Other speakers will be Ishmael Beah, a native of Sierra Leone in West Africa and a former child soldier.

Also, Nan Kennelly, deputy director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons for the U.S. Department of State, Kay Chernush, a leading U.S. photographer known for her exhibits featuring child slavery and Susan MacLaury, an associate professor at Kean University.

The University's Human Rights Institute aims to raise awareness of human rights violations worldwide among the general public, teachers and students through wide-ranging activities, including conferences, seminars, teacher training and curricula development for New Jersey school children.

"Slavery is alive today," said Keith Nunes, scholar-in-residence of Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights at Kean University. "A rise in expectations of human rights around the world has not ensured security for the most vulnerable human beings in the international community. We must continue to raise awareness of human rights issues locally and implement policies to bring about change."

The event will take place at Wilkins Theatre from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The conference is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and advanced registration is required at www.kean.edu/humanrightconference/.

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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.

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Municipal and county personnel

are also invited to attend the two-day program. The first day is scheduled for Feb. 27 at Union County's Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

The second day is scheduled for March 26.

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Hadassah will meet Tuesday

The Hillside-Union Chapter of Hadassah, Northern New Jersey Region, will conduct its next meeting Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m. in Bardy Hall at Congregation B'nai Ahavath Shalom, located on the corner of Vauxhall Road and Plane Street in Union.

President Dolores Lederman will chair the business portion of the meeting. Reports will be given by the fundraising chairpersons.

Irene Goldie-Petras, voucher committee person, has both Pathmark and Shop-Rite cards for sale. She can be reached at 908-964-0998.

Large Hadassah certificates that benefit the Hadassah Medical Organization are sent out by Lila Barsky and 80 percent is earned by the donor. Mother and Child Certificates are sent by Harriet Grossman as well as the Golden Book Tribute Cards that she will mail to the recipients. Toby Brooks has greeting cards for all occasions and she sells them in bulk. Donor credit is given for all cards.

Program Vice President Barbara Klinger, former member of the American Diabetic Association, has

announced that she will review the book, "Eating Well for Optimum Health," by Dr. Andrew Weil. Discussion will follow about how this diet can be adapted for use by the members, especially those who keep Kosher homes.

A regular board meeting will precede the general Hadassah meeting at noon and refreshments will be served.

Calendar chairperson Ilse Frank has mailed forms for all members to solicit ads, both personal and business. Included will be line listings for birthdays, anniversaries, Yahrzeits, Jewish New Year and a special "Peace for Israel" page. The calendars will be distributed at the annual donor dinner on May 19 at Exquisite Affairs Caterers in Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael that will be chaired by Irene Goldie-Petras.

The next Study Group will be March 17 at the home of a member. Education Co-Chairperson Miriam Levine has announced that Shirley Malamut-Judd will present a talk about "Advances in Agriculture by Israel Affecting the World."

RELIGION

Temple has special services for children

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, will host a monthly Community Kid's Kabbalat Shabbat Service.

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. Friday.

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.

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

In Medieval times, walking the Labyrinth symbolized the Christian pilgrimage to Jerusalem for those who could not personally make the journey. For information concerning the Labyrinth program or future walks, contact the Church at 908-276-8440.

New readers are given their very first Bible

The following children of Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, recently were given Bibles during one of the church's

worship services: Julianna Domicianno, Samuel Moorman and Jason Ramirez, all of Union; Teresa Neuberger of Roselle Park, and Keyona Reid of South Orange.

Each year, the Grace Lutheran congregation gives Bibles to its children who have entered first grade and are beginning to read. A guide to finding important passages in the Bible also were given to each child. The church offers a Sunday School program for children age 3 years old through grade eight on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

For information about the church, visit the web site at grace-lutheran.nj.org.

Tot Shabbat program to continue at temple

Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim of Cranford will continue its successful Tot Shabbat program for children ages 2 to 5 years old and their families.

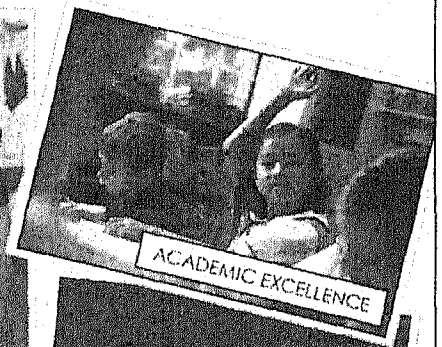
This popular interactive program includes Shabbat stories, holiday celebration, singing, dancing and snacks. Dates include Saturday and the 2009 dates include: Feb. 28, March 28, April 25 and May 9. The program takes place from 10 to 11 a.m. For information, call Tamara Ruben at 908-276-7351.



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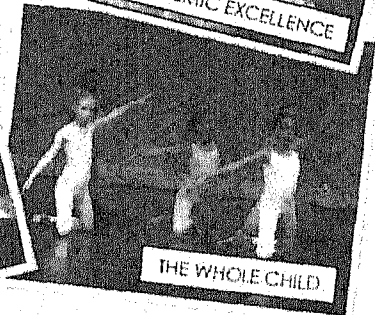
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Embracing art, poetry, education

Curator takes on tasks at gallery

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

A multi-talented personality with a heart of gold is pretty much what the members of the board of the Les Malamut Art Gallery think of Barbara Wirkus.

Wirkus, who now resides in Kenilworth after 38 years in Union, serves as curator for the gallery, located in the basement of the Union Public Library. She also is an award-winning photographer, a published poet, a short story writer, a tutor and has written a book about her voluntary eight-year experiences with the Union Emergency Medical Squad called "Received and Responding," for which she is still searching for a publisher.

In spite of all the complexities of her volunteer work with the gallery, Wirkus explained during a visit to this office, "the gallery, although not widely known, provides a wonderful venue for emerging artists to display their work."

She became involved in the gallery 12 years ago, "when I had a photo exhibit there. They wanted me to join the board, which at that time, had 20 members. Now the members have dwindled down to five," Wirkus said. "We are all volunteers. I also serve as treasurer

and publicity person."

The gallery, she indicated, was created about 20 years ago by the late Les Malamut, who had been managing editor of the *Union Leader* newspaper for many years, and Seymour Meskin through donations and grants.

"I had no formal training, running a gallery, but I learned much from my mentor, Jeannette Chubatsky, a former board member," Wirkus said. "When I'm getting a show together, I spend a lot of time finding the artist. Shows with multiple artists is a little like herding cats."

Despite the fact that she has had many intense and frustrating moments "to keep the gallery functioning," Wirkus has found working at the gallery "both exciting and gratifying. I've had the pleasure of meeting and working with many interesting artists and the satisfaction of watching an exhibit come together. After the work is done and the final details attended to, I can relax and enjoy the reception that is held for each show."

Born in New Haven, Conn., she lived in Houston, Texas, before moving to New Jersey in 1960. Wirkus began writing poetry at the age of 12. She then received a certificate as a medical



Barbara Wirkus, the curator of the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union, considers herself a 'jack of all trades.' Over the years she has honed her skills in writing, photography and made time to serve as a volunteer emergency medical technician.

technologist and worked in a hospital laboratory. She raised four sons, one of whom, William, passed away.

Her other sons are Patrick, a volunteer with the Roselle Park Fire Department; Timothy, a battalion chief with the Union Fire Department, and Lathey, a deputy chief with the Elizabeth Fire Department.

"Years ago, I suddenly discovered photography," she recalled. "I took a lot of classes. Now, I have my own darkroom, and I will not switch to digital. The famous Union artist, Hela Bailin, gave me

my first ribbon. Since three of my sons are firefighters, I take photos of real fires."

Wirkus returned to college and received a bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, in special and early childhood education. She also received an emergency medical technician certification and worked with her deputy chief son in the Union Emergency Medical Unit. One New Year's Eve, they delivered a baby together.

Whatever spare time she has, she said, she loves to garden. "I'm a jack of all trades. That's the story of my life."

'Picture America' at library

The Kenilworth Public Library has been accepted as one of 76,000 recipients nationwide of the National Endowment for the Humanities' "Picturing America" program for 2009.

The library was the recipient of 40, large, high-quality reproductions of selected masterpieces of American art which will be displayed on a rotating basis on the library's main floor between now and June, and which will be made part of the library's permanent collection.

The goal of "Picturing America" is to allow members of the public to learn about American culture and gain a deeper appreciation of our country's history by providing access to some of America's greatest artwork.

Images to be displayed include Gilbert Stuart's portrait of George Washington, Alexander Gardner's photograph of Abraham Lincoln, Emanuel Leutze's "Washington Crossing the Delaware," Norman Rockwell's "Freedom of Speech," and Robert Gould Shaw and the "Fifty-Fourth Regiment Memorial." The collection also includes examples of Native American heritage such as Black Hawk's "Sans Arc Lakota" Ledger Book.

For information on the exhibit, which will be open to the public, contact the library at 908-276-2451.

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Art appreciation



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UCPAC 'Friends' select new executive board members for '09

The annual reorganization meeting of the Friends of the Union County Performing Arts Center took place Jan. 5.

The newly elected officers for the year 2009 are: Dorothy Kelly, president; Bernadette Pryor, vice president, Anne Mc Darby, treasurer and Sally O'Brien, secretary.

It was announced that the fundraising 50/50 raffles have been very successful. Upcoming raffles will be conducted at the following shows; Feb. 6, The Music of ABBA with Arrival; Feb. 14 Kenny Vance and Friends Doo Wop show and March 19, during a stand-up comedy performance by Wanda Sykes.

Sandy Erwin, executive director of the UCPAC

presented the outgoing president, Marge Gray, with a plaque dedicating a theater seat in her honor. Gray was thanked for her many years as president, secretary and co-founder of the Friends of the Union County Performing Arts Center organization.

The Friends of the Union County Performing Arts Center meet in the arts center the first Monday of the month except July and August.

The meetings are held at the UCPAC, 1601 Irving St. in Rahway at 7 p.m. in the small theater located on the second floor.

The entrance is from the side door and parking is available in the Main Street lot in the rear of the arts center.

Townley 'Roadhouse' to host local performers, musicians

Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Road, Union, is presenting its lineup of talent for the Salem Roadhouse Café showcase series.

The Roadhouse Café features one or two artists per show in a warm, intimate atmosphere.

The artists perform on a platform stage with professional stage lighting, sound and mixing equipment and a side table for media sales. Attendees can enjoy gourmet coffee and tea, along with homemade desserts, which are included in a single, low admission price. A portion of all proceeds goes to various charities.

Artists who have performed at the Roadhouse this past fall were Melinda Davis and Friends, Mike Zuko and Friends, local musicians and Mark Cable, who is from York,

Pa. The lineup for the show on Jan. 17 included local vocal performer Cindy Manno and her husband Jeff, who accompanied her on piano. They performed a variety of tunes from the "American Songbook," featuring jazz, standards, pop and show tunes.

Following Cindy and Jeff was Jan Leder and Her Trio. Jan is a professional flutist whose work has been featured in films and has been recorded by other artists. Jan is well known in the New York City jazz scene and is heard on WBGO radio.

Upcoming shows will feature Pam Purvis and Bob Ackerman, local Jazz artists who play frequently in many Northern New Jersey jazz clubs, on Feb. 21.

On March 28, Lui Collins of

Massachusetts will be featured. Lui is a warm and engaging storyteller through her folk tunes, and has been well known for many years around the New England coffee-house scene.

On April 18, Roadhouse will feature Damn The Torpedoes, a local Union County Tom Petty tribute band that plays Tom Petty music, as well as a variety of other classic rock tunes.

Rounding out the winter/spring season will be Brian Fitzpatrick and The Band Of Brothers, a northern New Jersey group that performs Brian's eclectic and intelligently written lyrics and tunes.

The Roadhouse Café may be contacted at the church office at 908-686-1028 or via e-mail at salemroadhouse@gmail.com.

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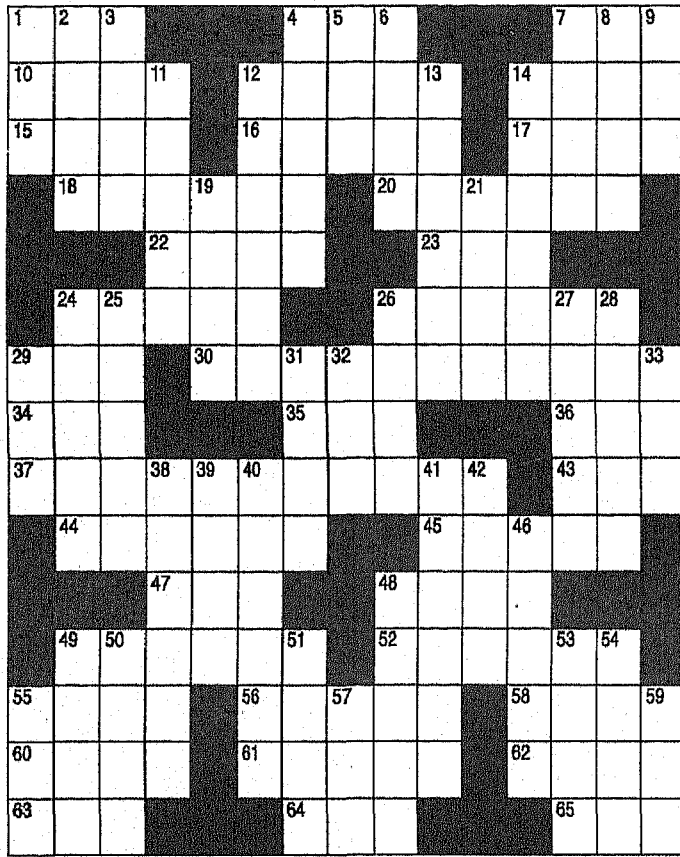
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TAURUS, April 21 to May 21: Taurus, do your best to avoid stressful situations this week. You are bound to explode and those around you will inevitably pay the price. Keep your cool.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21: You have to come to grips with the fact that you can't always be number one, Gemini. You must be ready to compromise if you want to get things done.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Partnership matters of all sorts will operate more smoothly over the next few days. That's good news for you and everyone involved, Cancer. You've learned to relax on issues.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23: You are a much more easy-going person this week, Leo. However, it's best if you're not too laid back at work because attention to detail is needed on all aspects of your job.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22: Virgo, flattery will take you a long way for the next several days. Hard work, however, will take you even further. You will find it easy to impress employers and others.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Libra, you will gain something you don't think you are entitled to this week. Don't think about giving it back. It may be a reward for something you have done in the past.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22: Change is a big aspect of the week, Scorpio. Expect things to be a little topsy-turvy. Go with the flow because things will calm in a few days.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21: Sagittarius, you'll save the day when you catch a big mistake

before it has the potential to be a problem. Your thorough approach is noticed and rewarded by higher-ups.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20: It's time to slow down, Capricorn. This week focus on those things that others often don't see. Catch up on chores, pay the bills and be a homebody for a change.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18: This week you'll find it difficult to concentrate on anything serious, Aquarius.

Even your infectious smile gives away your need for fun. You feel like a million bucks.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: If you find yourself fighting or struggling with your partner you may want to swallow your pride, Pisces, and just give in.

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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 Friday at 8 p.m. For tickets and information, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org.

The **RAHWAY VALLEY JERSEYAIRES BARBERSHOP CHORUS** will sponsor and host its 48th annual **NOVICE QUARTET CONTEST** on Feb. 21 at Roosevelt Elementary School, 811 St. Georges Ave., Rahway, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free to the public. The group hopes to have up to 15 quartets competing for the top spot in front of a panel of judges and a contest administrator who will tabulate a score sheet for the audience and competing quartets.

The winning quartet will also be awarded the Annual Ben Ackermann Memorial Trophy, which is then passed along to each year's subsequent winners.

Each quartet will sing two songs and the top three placing quartets are also awarded contest medals for their performance. No tickets are necessary.

For entry forms or additional information, visit www.jerseyaires.org or call Clint Crane at 908-276-0900.

CROSSROADS IN GARWOOD will feature: every Monday, Open Mic Night, every Tuesday, Jazz Jam, every Wednesday, karaoke night. The Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave., Garwood.

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

DANCE

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

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

HOBBIES

The **RAHWAY RECREATION SPORTS CARD COLLECTIBLE SHOW** will be held at the Rahway Senior Citizen Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave., Rahway on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information call 732-827-2094 or 732-827-2016

On Feb. 20, **AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS INC.** will conduct its monthly membership meeting at 8 p.m. in the Roy Smith Theater in the Campus Center Building at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Immediately following the business meeting at approximately 9 p.m. the club will present a lecture, "Dust in the Interstellar Medium," by David Joiner, an assistant professor of computational mathematics and physics in the New Jersey Center for Science Technology and Mathematics Education at Kean University in Union. Following the lecture, attendees will be invited to the William Miller Sperry Observatory on campus and will have the opportunity to speak with club members and tour the facility. Refreshments will be served. If weather permits a celestial viewing focusing on M42, the Orion Nebula, and the nebula's multiple star, Trapezium, will be conducted using the club's two large telescopes. All meetings and lectures have no admission fee and are open to the public. Free parking is provided. For more information on AAI and directions visit www.asterism.org or call 908-276-STAR.

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.

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 Houston 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 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.

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.

The cost includes motor coach transportation, an approximate six-hour visit to the casino, which additionally houses a wide range of distinctive shops and restaurants; a \$10 coupon for free bets; and a coupon for a \$10 food credit or complimentary buffet.

Participants will also have an opportunity to visit Mohegan Sun's most recent 64,000 square-foot addition, the Casino of the Wind, which opened in August and includes a 42-table poker room along with additional slot machines, table games and eateries. The March 5 Philadelphia Flower Show trip will depart Kenilworth from the South 21st Street municipal parking lot at 8 a.m. and return at 6 p.m.

For information and reservations, call 908-709-0391 or 908-709-0434. Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's project to restore the local 19th-century Oswald J. Nitschke House and transform it into a "living history" museum and cultural arts center.

The **CASANO COMMUNITY CENTER** of Roselle Park sponsors a trip to **SHOWBOAT IN ATLANTIC CITY** the first Thursday of every month. The bus pick-up times are 8:45 a.m. at the Michael Mauri Gazebo Park located on the corner of Grant Avenue and Chestnut Street and 9 a.m. at the Church of the Assumption on Westfield Avenue.

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OBITUARIES

Charles Anderson



Charles R. Anderson, 78, of the Vauxhall section of Union, a retired Union firefighter, died Jan. 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Anderson moved to Union. He served in the Army Air Force. Mr. Anderson was employed by the Union Fire Department for 25 years and retired in 1986.

Surviving are his wife, Betty; a son, Reginald; a daughter, Donna Taliaferro; a brother, Frank; a sister, Evelyn Anderson, and two grandchildren.

The Van Tassel Chickene-Brown Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

John Araneo



John P. Araneo, 79, of Rahway died Jan. 27 in the Haven Hospice, JFK Medical Center, Edison.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Araneo lived in Rahway since 1957. He was an assembler for Simmons Mattress Co., Elizabeth, for 48 years and retired in 1993. Mr. Araneo served in the Navy Reserve and then became a corporal in the Army, serving during the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Sandra; two daughters, Janiene Loseo and Johnna Alvarez; a sister, Mary; a brother, Anthony, and five grandchildren.

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

Carmen Borges

Carmen Borges, 83, of Roselle Park died Jan. 26 at home.

Born in Harrisburg, Pa., Mrs. Borges lived in Newark before moving to Roselle Park 57 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Manuel R. Jr.; three daughters, Elaine McGuire, Eileen Adams and Barbara Szoc; a brother, Al Pulido, and nine grandchildren.

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

Thomas Campagna



Thomas Campagna, 73, of Mountainside died Jan. 27 at home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Campagna lived in Elizabeth for 45 years before moving to Mountainside four years ago. He served in the Marine Corps. Mr. Campagna attended Rutgers University. He also was inducted into the Seton Hal Prep Hall of Fame in 2000.

Surviving are his wife, Sal-

lianne; a daughter, Cathy; five sons, Michael, John, Tim, Robert and Kurt, and 11 grandchildren.

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

Frank Cunningham

Frank Cunningham Sr. of Edison, formerly of Roselle, died on Jan. 23.

Born in Garnett, S.C., Mr. Cunningham lived in Elizabeth and Roselle before moving to Edison. He worked for Warren Plumbing Supply Co., Roselle, for 30 years. Mr. Cunningham also owned and operated his own produce business, where he was known as the "Vegetable Man."

Surviving are a daughter, Denise Woodyard; two sons, Frank Jr. and Darrell; two brothers, James and John, and three grandchildren.

The Nesbitt Funeral Home, Elizabeth, handled the arrangements.

Julia Cunningham

Julia James Cunningham of Cranford died on Jan. 25.

Born in Macon, Ga., Mrs. Cunningham moved to Elizabeth in 1922, and later to Cranford. She was a foster grandmother at the Woodbridge State School for 15 years and then worked at Colony Furniture Co., Linden, for 35 years. Mrs. Cunningham was the mother of the New Point Baptist Church, Newark.

Surviving are two sons, James and Clarence; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The Nesbitt Funeral Home, Elizabeth, handled the arrangements.

Ilya Fasman

Ilya Fasman, 60, of Springfield died on Jan. 22.

Born in Moscow, Mr. Fasman immigrated to the United States of America in 1980 and lived in New York City before moving to Springfield 16 years ago. He worked as a telecommunications engineer at MCI, IBM and AT&T. Mr. Fasman volunteered as a member of the Springfield First Aid Squad for more than eight years. As an emergency medical technician, he received an "Excellence in EMS" award from Overlook Hospital, Summit, for his service.

Surviving are his wife, Anna; a son, Rob; a daughter, Lillian, and a sister, Ida.

The Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union handled the arrangements.

Esther Hayeck

Esther V. Hayeck, 92, of Cranford died Jan. 26 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Hayeck lived in Kenilworth before moving to Cranford in 1944. She was a sales associate at Hahne's department store, Westfield, for

many years. Surviving are two sons, George Jr. and Fred; a daughter, Carole Brown; a brother, Hayden Infantino; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

The Dooley Funeral Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

Janice Jepsen

Janice L. Jepsen, 66, of Roselle Park, formerly of Hillside, died Jan. 25 in the Cranford Health and Extended Care, Cranford.

Miss Jepsen was a secretary for Automatic Sprinkler of America Co., Kenilworth, for 15 years.

Surviving is a sister, Nancy J. Belviso.

The Growney Funeral Home, Hillside, handled the arrangements.

Raymond Martin Sr.

Raymond J. Martin Sr., of Rahway died Jan. 28 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Homestead, Pa., Mr. Martin lived in Metuchen for 30 years before moving to Rahway in 1986. He retired from the Army in 1966 as a sergeant, first class officer. Mr. Martin spent his last seven Army years as a recruiting officer in Perth Amboy. After retiring from the Army, he worked for Rutgers University as assistant director of continuing education in New Brunswick and retired after 20 years of service. Mr. Martin was a parishioner at St. John's Church, Linden.

Surviving are six daughters, Mary L. Martin, Deborah Dennehy, Patricia Stevenson, Celeste Martin, Linda Neville and Patty Bell; three sons, Raymond J. Jr., Daniel N. Martin and Joseph Chiaravallo; four brothers, Clifford, Donald, Elmer and George; two sisters, Sister Gertrude and Verna May; 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Stella Pedicine

Stella M. Pedicine, 97, of Clark died Jan. 26 in the Ashbrook Nursing Home, Scotch Plains.

Born in Catskill, N.Y., Mrs. Pedicine resided in Belleville before moving to Clark 50 years ago. She was employed as the manager of the concession stand in the Clark Bowling Alley, Clark, for 20 years. Mrs. Pedicine retired in 1983.

Surviving are a son, Frank; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

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

Sean P. Reilly

Sean P. Reilly, 25, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Jan. 27 at

OBITUARY LIST

ANDERSON — Charles R., of Union; Jan. 23.
 ARANEO — John P., of Rahway; Jan. 27.
 ARNONE — Joseph, of Rahway; Jan. 26.
 BACKINOFF — Bertram, of Cranford; Jan. 25.
 BAILEY — Howard K., of Rahway; Jan. 28.
 BORGES — Carmen, of Roselle Park; Jan. 26.
 BOTULINSKI — Mary, formerly of Clark; Jan. 25.
 BYRNE — Lillian M., of Union; Jan. 29.
 CAMPAGNA — Thomas, of Mountainside; Jan. 27.
 CONSOLO — George J., of Union; Jan. 28.
 COWDEN — Dennis R., of Summit; Jan. 28.
 CUNNINGHAM — Frank Sr., formerly of Roselle; Jan. 23.
 CUNNINGHAM — Julia, of Cranford; Jan. 25.
 CZARKOWSKI — George, formerly of Union; Jan. 26.
 DEL TUFO — Anthony, formerly of Union; Jan. 26.
 DOHN — Deborah Ann, of Clark; Jan. 27.
 DORVILMAR — Charilla, of Union; Jan. 19.
 DuCASSE — Norine, of Summit; Jan. 24.
 FASMAN — Ilya, of Springfield; Jan. 22.
 GALLICCHIO — Nicholas C. Jr., of Union; Jan. 31.
 GREENE — Mamie L., of Linden; Jan. 21.
 HAYECK — Esther V., of Cranford; Jan. 26.
 HOFFMAN — Charles W., of Cranford; Jan. 26.
 JEPSON — Janice L., of Roselle Park; Jan. 25.
 KELLY — Bessie E., of Linden; Jan. 28.
 KEOGH — Gervase V., of Linden; Jan. 27.
 LEVY — Jerome, of Hillside; Jan. 31.
 LOPEZ — Jorge Berdiel, of Roselle Park; Jan. 23.
 LORE — Mildred J., of Rahway; Jan. 25.
 MARQUES — Zulmira D., of Union; Jan. 25.
 MARTIN — Raymond J. Sr., of Rahway; Jan. 28.
 MATTIS — Steven J., of Cranford; Jan. 28.
 MILLET — Frances Brandt, formerly of Hillside; Jan. 30.
 MOORE — Lula, of Union; Jan. 24.
 MORSE — Ogareta, of Summit; Jan. 24.
 NOVELLO — Elena C., of Clark; Jan. 29.
 PEDICINE — Stella M., of Clark; Jan. 26.
 PFEIFFER — Jane Diehl, of Summit; Jan. 25.
 REILLY — Sean P., of Summit; Jan. 27.
 SEASTROM — Olyana A., of Linden; Jan. 28.
 SILVEIRA — Maria Luisa, of Roselle; Jan. 26.
 SLACHETKA — Annette Baszak, formerly of Linden; Jan. 25.
 SLIVINSKI — Josephine A., formerly of Linden; Jan. 5.
 VAZ — Maria A., of Mountainside; Feb. 1.
 WITHERS — George H., of Springfield; Jan. 27.
 WYSS — Laura A., of Cranford; Jan. 29.
 ZELANKO — Mary A., of Clark; Jan. 22.

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

JFK Medical Center, Edison.

Mr. Reilly was born in Summit. In 2000, He was the Morris County Junior Golf Club champion. Mr. Reilly graduated from Summit High School, class of 2001.

He was the number one golfer as an individual, captain and MVP of the team that went undefeated in the Iron Hills Conference, where he was named to the All-Conference Team.

Mr. Reilly attended Fairfield University, Fairfield, Conn., where he majored in business and was on the dean's list.

He was in his junior year, studying abroad in Florence, Italy, and was traveling in Spain when his traumatic injury occurred.

Surviving are his parents, William and Susan Reilly, and a brother, Brendan.

The William R. Dangler Funeral Home, Summit, handled the arrangements.

Mary Zelanko

Mary A. Zelanko, 87, of Clark died Jan. 22 in Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Zelanko resided in Rahway before moving to Clark 53 years ago. She and her late husband, M. Walter Sr., were the owners of Walt's Auto Radiator Service, Kenilworth, where Mrs. Zelanko also served as the bookkeeper for 24 years. She retired in 1982. Mrs. Zelanko graduated from Union County College, where she received an associate's degree. She was a former Girl Scout leader and treasurer in Clark.

Mrs. Zelanko was a volunteer at Rahway Hospital, now Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Surviving are a son, Michael W. Jr.; a daughter, Margaret M. Tedesco; a brother, Harry C. Fadde Jr.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Larrow, Nesmith sign to play FB

UHS athletes take next step

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Michael Larrow is a defensive end who does his best to get to the quarterback and knock him down.

Dion Nesmith is a quarterback who can scramble out of the pocket, elude oncoming tacklers and make something out of nothing.

Both talented athletes made their mark at Union High School the past two football seasons, each with the necessary skills to advance to the next level.

On national signing day yesterday, Larrow officially became a member of the Rutgers Scarlet Knights, while Nesmith signed on the dotted line with 1-AA Northeastern.

Both signed their letters-of-intent at UHS.

Both also proved to be leaders of their units for second-year head coach Brian Sheridan.

Larrow (6-3, 250) gave Rutgers a verbal commitment prior to the 2008 football season.

"We put a lot on Michael this past season, including special teams, and asked him to do a lot because of the kind of athlete he is," Sheridan said. "It was a slow beginning for him, but as the season progressed he finished strong."

Although Union was upended at eventual champion Piscataway 27-3 in the North 2, Group 4 semifinals, Sheridan felt that Larrow's best performance of the season came in that game.

"They were a good running team and he was securing the gap, getting penetration and disrupting their blocking schemes," said Sheridan, a 1993 UHS graduate who went on to excel at Rutgers. "At 6-3, 250 pounds, he's good enough of an athlete to run verticle routs and he also has good hand-eye coordination.

"We found what he did well and utilized that more and more."

Sheridan nominated Larrow for the New York vs. New Jersey Classic All-Star Game.

"I don't think he's a first-year player at Rutgers," Sheridan said. "Not because of his ability, but because unless you are lights out now you are not going to play as a true freshman at Rutgers.

"Michael needs to understand the social change of college and the academic part of it. Football will take care of itself. His challenges will lie outside of football. It will take time for him like any freshman.

"I anticipate him being red-shirted, but, obviously, that's up to coach (Greg) Schiano."

Larrow also came up with many big plays in Union's first-ever back-to-back wins over Elizabeth, including several key stops of Pittsburgh-bound running back Raymond Graham.

Larrow may be out to tackle Graham again in a couple of years in Big East Conference play.

Sheridan lists his top three strengths as: "His first would be explosion. When he get's going he's tough to stop. The others would be athleticism and physicality. Those are those three great attributes to have as a defensive player."

After a weekend visit to Boston in January, Nesmith (6-0, 180) chose Northeastern over Holy Cross.

"Dion is one of the more intelligent athletes I've ever coached," Sheridan said. "He has handled everything mentally and made it easy on me.

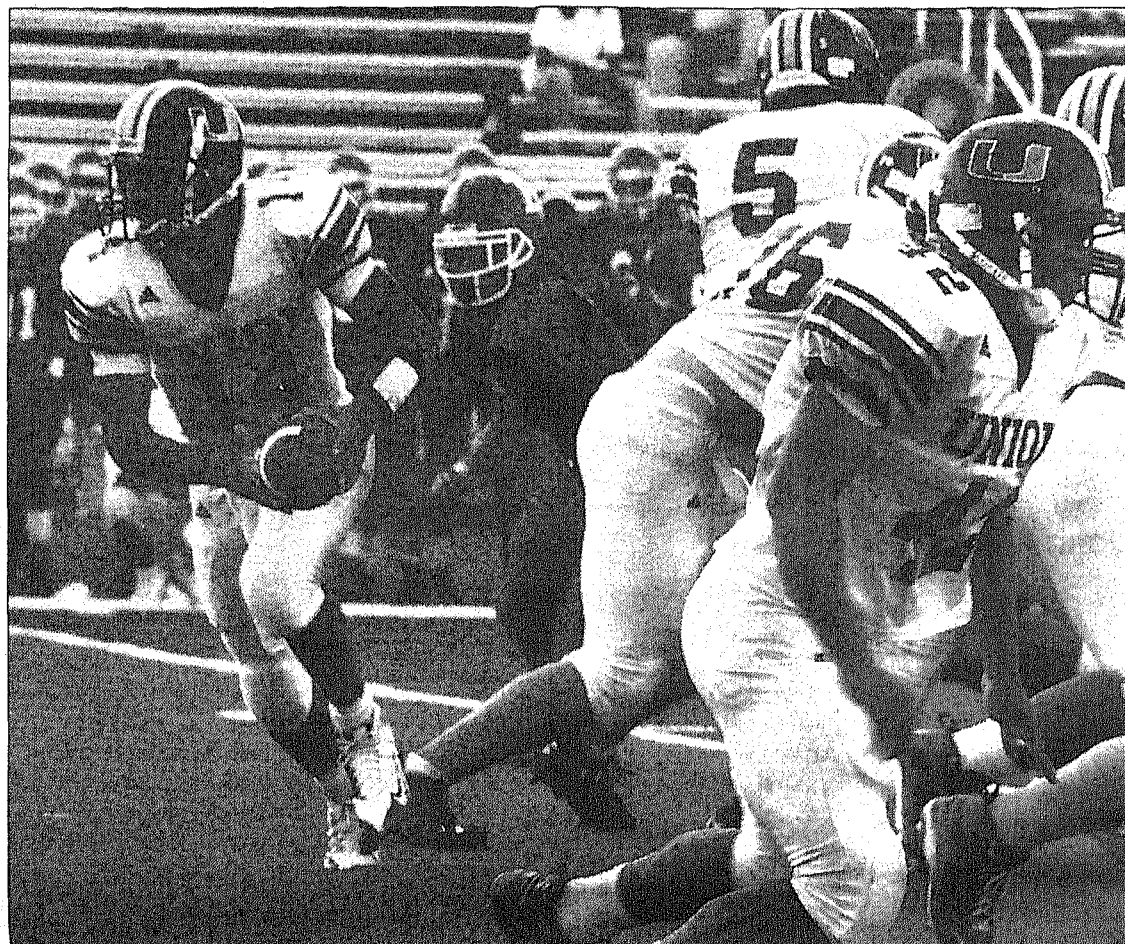
"With a whole new system and new coaches, he grasped it immediately and made that part of it easy for me. He's also an athlete like Michael is."

"I really fell in love with the campus and the school and the way players act with each other, it feels like being home," said Nesmith, who is also one of the top basketball players in Union County as a starting guard for the Farmers, who began the week at 14-5. "I was thinking about basketball and trying to do both, but when it came down to it I just didn't have anything for basketball, so I wanted to stick with football."

Nesmith was a two-year starter at quarterback - Sheridan's first signal-caller at Union - and helped lead the Farmers to the N2, G4 semifinals this past season.

"Northeastern came down to Union and coach (Chris) Ostrowsky - one of the coaches up there who is good friends with coach Sheridan - made me feel real comfortable about the school.

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File photo

Union quarterback Dion Nesmith (No. 14 at left) and tight end Michael Larrow (No. 5 at right) signed letters-of-intent yesterday to play in college. Larrow will continue at Rutgers as a defensive end and Nesmith at Northeastern as a QB.

Tonight's the night fans have been excited about *Brearley wrestlers host P-Burg for first time*

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

There have been many exciting sporting events that have taken place at Brearley High School in Kenilworth over the years.

Football games, soccer games, basketball games, baseball games, softball games for starters.

Many of those contests even had championships on the line.

Yet there might not be a bigger sporting event to take place in Kenilworth than the one that is scheduled for Thursday night.

That's right boys and girls, Phillipsburg is coming to town.

Perhaps no other wrestling team in the state has risen as much as Brearley has in the past four seasons.

The Bears being able to host and wrestle perennial and legendary state power Phillipsburg for the first time is abundant proof of that.

Brearley is scheduled to host Phillipsburg tonight at 6:30. If you want to see the match in person, you would be well advised to get there as early as you can.

If you thought Roselle Park at Brearley wrestling matches were intense, you may have not seen anything yet.

"The Phillipsburg match is going to be 10 times more exciting than this," Brearley senior 135-pounder Joe Lospinoso said moments after Brearley defeated Roselle Park 61-9 at home on Jan. 14 before a packed house.

Lospinoso continued, "This match is going to be rocking."

Phillipsburg, the top seed for the upcoming North 2, Group 3 team competition, was undefeated and ranked No. 1 in the state before falling at home to High Point 30-22 last Saturday.

The Stateliners fell to 16-1 and were most likely not be ranked No. 1 in the state in yesterday's new Star-Ledger Top 20 poll.

Regardless, this is a match that Brearley wrestlers and fans of Brearley wrestling have been looking forward to ever since it was placed on Brearley's schedule for this year.

"Phillipsburg is a storied program and to have them come here is an honor for us," Brearley head coach Brian Luciani said.

Brearley was scheduled to host Camden Catholic Monday, but the match was not wrestled for several reasons, including a snow day last week that affected Camden Catholic's schedule. Brearley made an attempt to wrestle the match at Camden Catholic Monday, but it just didn't work out for the Bears for a variety of reasons that were explained by Luciani.

"Everything that could have gone wrong at the same time for us - time-wise - did," Luciani said. "We tried to go there to wrestle the match, but it just didn't work out and Camden Catholic understood."

The Bears began the week 17-2 and had won 14 straight matches since falling to Toms River East 38-30 and Brick Memorial 33-30 on Jan. 3 at Brick Memorial.

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Hillside, Roselle girls' seeking state playoffs

Cutoff date to be .500 or better is Saturday

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

HILLSIDE - Roselle vs. Hillside athletic events are usually very intense, no matter what the sport.

The schools have one of the top rivalries in the Mountain Valley Conference and all of Union County and really go at it against one another.

With both girls' basketball teams seeking to be part of the state playoffs in Central Jersey, Group 2, Roselle and Hillside tangled in MVC-Mountain Division play last Thursday afternoon minus one key player.

That was Roselle junior Jakoya Duggan, who did not see action after netting a season-high 23 points in Roselle's 49-38 home win over the Comets back on Jan. 8.

Hillside took advantage of Roselle not having Duggan in the lineup and turned a nip-and-tuck game early in the second quarter into what became a rout, winning decisively by the final score of 47-26.

Roselle, which came off a second dominating conference triumph over Cranford two days earlier, fell to 7-8. The Rams improved to 8-8 after beating Union Catholic 35-33 last Friday night at home.

Roselle improved to 9-8 after beating Rahway by the score of 42-39 Monday at home.

Hillside won for the second straight time and for the third try in four games to improve to 6-9. The Comets followed up with a 46-19 home win over Rahway last Friday night to improve to 7-9.

Hillside won its third straight and for the fourth time in five games after a 3-8 start.

Here's a look at Roselle's path through Saturday's cutoff date:

Feb. 5 Benedictine Academy, 4 p.m.

Feb. 7 St. Patrick's, noon

Here's a look at Hillside's path:

Here's a look at Hillside's path through Saturday's cutoff date:

Feb. 6 Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.

Feb. 7 at Lindenwold, noon

Hillside defeated Lindenwold of Camden County 62-30 at home last year.

Duggan, Roselle's leading scorer, netted 12 points in Roselle's 54-34 home win over Cranford Jan. 27. She is also one of the top scorers in the MVC and Union County.

"We have some personal issues going on with a couple of girls that we're trying to resolve," Roselle head coach Kim Kenny said. "It doesn't take one person to make a team. We had a little bit of a crazy day and a lot of things were on the girls' minds besides basketball.

"Unfortunately, that's what happens in basketball. It's either who's mentally ready and who's not and we really didn't come into this game mentally ready. I'm not making excuses, that's just the way the ball bounces."

When Roselle beat Hillside at home on Jan. 8, the Rams led 25-9 at halftime. Last Thursday, Hillside led 25-9 at the half after putting together a 14-0 run following the only lead Roselle had at 7-6.

Hillside closed the second quarter with a 19-2 run. "They couldn't miss and we couldn't make," Kenny said.

A perfect example of that was Hillside junior guard Jameka Parsons scoring all nine of her points on her only three 3-point field goal attempts. The Hillside coaching staff reported that Parsons has a slim lead in the team scoring with an 11-point average, just ahead of senior guard Aika Emmanuel and junior forward Jenaya Abernathy.

"Even though we got a lot of our shots off, we were missing a couple of pieces of the puzzle and that kind of hurts," Kenny said. "We really didn't step up where I wanted us to. We've just got to keep battling."

After Hillside led 6-3 following a first quarter that only four shots total were made, Roselle scored the first two baskets of the second quarter for a 7-6 advantage. Sophomore forward Joye Hunter and sophomore point guard Bianca Partlow made back-to-back layups.

Then the roof caved in on the Rams. Hillside scored the game's next six baskets, with five different players filling the hoop and two of them with 3-point baskets.

Junior forward Mecca Asturias, who finished with six points off the bench, got things going with an inside basket to give Hillside what would be the lead for good at 8-7.

Sophomore forward Shanique Owens then grabbed an offensive rebound and scored inside for a 10-7 lead.

Junior forward Jenaya Abernathy, who finished with a team-high 12 points, scored on a layup to make it 12-7. Four of her six baskets were outside shots made from the left side, with her other two field goals being layups.

Emmanuel, who finished with nine points and 10 assists, then connected on her only 3-point field goal of the game, which was a shot from the right side that made it 14-7.

After Owens hit a jumper inside for a 16-7 edge, Parsons made the first of her three 3-point baskets to put Hillside up 20-7.

Abernathy and Owens were very strong on the boards as well for the Comets, each grabbing five rebounds.

Although junior center Lamira Wolfe did not score for Hillside, she did well to come up with five boards and two blocked shots. Abernathy also blocked two shots, while Asturias had three rebounds.

It was a total team effort that allowed Hillside to go on to the commanding victory.

"There were certain players that we wanted to key on and the girl (Duggan) that was out was, obviously, one of them, which made it a little bit easier for us," said Hillside's Rahim Graham, one of Hillside's two associate head coaches along with Bob Enda. "They were pretty much guard-orientated, so we wanted good help-defense on these girls.

"That's what we did and they had trouble moving the ball on offense and making the right decisions."

Partlow scored 19 of Roselle's 26 points, including all 11 of her team's output in the fourth quarter when the game had already been decided. She also hauled in six rebounds, dished out five assists and came up with two steals.

Hillside continued its dominance early on in the second half by going on an 11-0 run to start the third quarter which gave the Comets their biggest lead of 27 points at 36-9.

"Aika played really well at the point for us and was very patient and poised on offense," Graham said. "I looked at the film from our first game and we weren't patient at all. I don't think we played as hard as they played and that was the key. We matched their intensity today.

"After we were getting stop, after stop, after stop, we were scoring at the same time, which built up our big lead. We were consistent, because we have some good ball players."

NOTES: For the game, Roselle shot 9-for-44 from the field and 8-of-14 from the free throw line.

Hillside shot 20-of-51 from the field and 2-of-4 from the free throw line.

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College decisions made by standouts

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"I wanted to go away from home, but not too far away so my parents could come see me play. That was a big factor."

Ostrowsky coached with Sheridan at Newark East Side and Widener University in Chester, Pa. and played his high school football at Roselle Park for head coach John Wagner.

Ostrowsky just completed his second year at Northeastern where he is a recruiting coordinator and a running backs coach. Rocky Hager is the head coach and has been at the helm since 2004.

"They told me to come into camp ready and whoever's the best quarterback will start," Nesmith said.

Making plays outside of the pocket is one thing Nesmith felt he improved upon this past fall. He led Union to an 8-3 mark this past season and had a two-year record of 13-8. Union scored 306 points in 11 games this season for a 27.82 average.

"He really, really had a great senior season," Sheridan said. "He got into the off-season program with us and lifted weights and became very athletic by playing basketball during the summer with coach (Tony) DiGiovanni. That helped him have a great senior season.

"He's only 17, so he's young and he will grow and become a better athlete. I expect him to have an amazing college career."

Sheridan said that the Northeastern staff was at Union's home playoff game against Elizabeth to see Nesmith perform. In that game, he directed Union to a 15-7 triumph over the Minutemen in a North 2, Group 4 quarterfinal at Cooke Memorial Field.

"Coach Ostrowski also saw him play basketball and it helped that I have a good relationship with him," Sheridan said. "He knows me and knows that I trust him. He feels that we do the right thing here at Union."

Nesmith was also a big part of the success that the basketball team sustained last season for the first time in some years. His play as a starter helped Union finish 21-7 and reach the Union County Tournament and N2, G4 semis.

"Dion is one of my favorite kids I've coached," Sheridan said. "I have seen him grow. When you meet him and talk to him you see how articulate he is. When you see him play basketball you see what kind of a competitor he is. Like Michael, I anticipate him being red-shirted and getting used to the college scene. In year two he should see playing time."

Sheridan said that when all is said and done, Union should have three scholarship players from this class for the first time since 1986.

Two-way tackle Robert Lisowski - also a top-notch left-handed pitcher - just visited Rutgers. The 6-4, 280 pound athlete - who also proved to be quite a punter for Union - could go the prep school route first.

He was a First Team All-State selection on offense by The Star-Ledger.

"Monmouth just came in and wanted him to visit," Sheridan said. "We may not know for awhile with Bobby. We'll have to wait and see."

The three Class of 1986 scholarship players were Tony Stewart, Gary Mobley and Matt DeGennaro. Stewart went on to excel at Iowa, Mobley at Temple and DeGennaro at UConn.

Sheridan nominated Nesmith and Lisowski for this June's North-South All-Star Game at Rutgers.

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Union boys' basketball tops Westfield for 14th

Farmers could get decent state seed

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

UNION - When Union played at Westfield in Watchung Conference-interdivision boys' basketball action on Jan. 10, the Farmers were without the services of talented senior guard Dion Nesmith.

Also a standout quarterback, Nesmith was visiting Northeastern University on that day three weeks ago and was considering the Boston, Mass. Division I-AA school for football.

Yesterday he was to sign his letter-of-intent at Union High School to continue playing football at Northeastern, which he chose over Holy Cross.

While Union needed overtime to win at Westfield 67-58 earlier this month, the Farmers were a bit more dominant last Saturday afternoon at home against the Blue Devils. Nesmith's play was a big reason why.

He scored all of his game-high total of 21 points in the first three quarters in leading Union to a more-than-convincing 73-46 triumph.

Nesmith scored 18 points in the first half and for the game connected on five-of-six 3-point field goal attempts.

He also grabbed four rebounds, had one steal and dished out five assists.

Nesmith's ability to do many things on the court with a quiet consistency puts him right up there with the top players in Union County.

"He's very well-rounded," said Union third-year head coach Tony DiGiovanni, who after quarterbacking the 1994 Union team to an 8-1-1 record went on to play football at Colgate. "He scored a lot of points today, but in the games where he hasn't put up a lot of points he has been able to do a lot of other things for us, like being in the right position on the floor both offensively and defensively.

"He's a great leader. He doesn't necessarily jump out at you, but he does a lot more of the subtle things. He's as well-rounded as anybody I've seen, with the exception of DeMarcus Cousins (standout at LeFlore, Ala., which defeated Union 88-57 Jan. 24 at the Prudential Center in Newark.)"

Union bounced back from a tough 68-52 loss at Elizabeth last Thursday to improve to 14-5.

"We can't lose two games in a row," Nesmith said, which has happened only once to Union so far this year. "Coach (Tony) DiGiovanni has a saying that, 'good teams don't lose two games in a row.'"

Westfield, which lost at Irvington 57-35 last Thursday, fell for the second straight time and slipped to 6-8. The Blue Devils had to win at Elizabeth Tuesday, at Shabazz today and then beat Plainfield at home Saturday in order to qualify for the North 2, Group 4 playoffs, which is not likely.

After finishing 7-17 last year, a more realistic goal might be to surpass last season's win total.

The Blue Devils were paced by sophomore forward Ryan Hess's 16-point effort.

Union had Linden home (weather permitting) Tuesday afternoon and is at Irvington today at 4 p.m. for its final two games that count for its playoff positioning in North 2, Group 4. The Farmers, who finished 21-7 last year, reached the semifinals last season, falling at eventual first-time champion Piscataway.

Union has a talented enough team to make it back that far. This time the Farmers would like to be home if that is the case this year. Union's only home loss so far this year is a 62-59 setback to Shabazz on Jan. 15.

After Union was up by only two at 18-16 following the first quarter last Saturday against Westfield, the Farmers turned it on in the second quarter, going on a 21-0 run after Westfield senior forward Tony Dilorio made three consecutive free throws after being fouled in the act of attempting a 3-point field goal.

Nesmith began the run with two free throws, fellow senior guard Bryce Lewis continued it with a 3-point basket and a layup and then Nesmith hit two more quick 3s back-to-back. Lewis and Aishon White followed with baskets before Javon Moore came off the bench to make four consecutive free throws. He also had three steals during the surge.

Union also played a solid game defensively, with 6-5 junior forward Jon Merceus doing a great job against slightly taller Westfield junior center Pat Sabatino, who was held to seven points. Merceus, who started, immediately went to the hoop strong, grabbed his share of rebounds, and finished with nine points.

"Our game plan was to do a good job on him (Sabatino)," Nesmith said.

Union has had many different starting 5s this year, which is a testament to the depth that the Farmers have. In addition to Merceus starting, junior guard Tony Gilchrist was in the starting lineup and provided a key seven-point effort, including one 3-point basket.

"Our bench players are just as good as our starters," Nesmith said. "Every day in practice the coaches tell us that you earn your game time in practice."

A 3-point basket by Westfield senior guard Mike Lessner with 55 seconds left in the first half stopped Union's 21-0 run. Josh Kolas followed that up with a basket for Union to give the Farmers a 43-22 halftime cushion after they outscored the Blue Devils 25-6 in the decisive second quarter.

Union also put together an 8-0 run in the third quarter, which ended with Nesmith hitting his final 3-point basket with just four seconds left in the period. That hoop gave Union a 64-31 advantage.

The Farmers went on to build their biggest lead of 36 points in the fourth quarter on a free throw by Nana Ansah. Union led by 35 on four occasions in the fourth.

Westfield ended the game with an 8-0 run, with Hess making his final basket and then left-handed Max Fusaro and Joe Kacmarsky hit back-to-back 3s.

NOTES: Westfield shot 16-for-35 from the field and made 10-of-16 free throw attempts. Union shot 27-of-52 from the field and made 12-of-18 free throws.

WESTFIELD (6-8)	16	6	9	15 - 46
UNION (14-5)	18	25	21	9 - 73

WESTFIELD: Joe Kacmarsky 0-1-0-3, Max Fusaro 0-1-0-3, Ryan Hess 6-0-4-16, Mike Lessner 1-1-0-5, Pat Sabatino 3-0-1-7, Tony Dilorio 2-1-5-12, Chris Sheehan 0-0-0-0. **Totals:** 12-4-10-46.

UNION: Joe Petrucelli 1-0-0-2, Nana Ansah 0-0-1-1, Jon Merceus 3-0-3-9, Josh Kolas 2-0-0-4, Bryce Lewis 3-1-0-9, Nesmith 2-5-2-21, Steve Alce 1-0-1-3, James Daniels 3-0-0-6, Aishon White 2-0-1-5, Javon Moore 1-0-4-6, Tony Gilchrist 2-1-0-7. **Totals:** 20-7-12-73.

WESTFIELD STARTERS:

30-Chris Sheehan, senior guard
32-Mike Lessner, senior guard
33-Tony Dilorio, senior forward
22-Ryan Hess, sophomore forward
43-Pat Sabatino, junior center
Head coach: Kevin Everly

UNION STARTERS:

5-Bryce Lewis, senior guard
14-Dion Nesmith, senior guard
3-Aishon White, junior guard
12-Tony Gilchrist, junior guard
25-Jon Merceus, junior forward
Head coach: Tony DiGiovanni

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Union's Stapleton a Super Bowl winner

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

There will be no higher high on the football field for Union's Darnell Stapleton.

In only his second season in the NFL and at the young age of 23 he is a Super Bowl champion.

His performance at right offensive guard played a big part in helping Pittsburgh drive down the field for the game-winning touchdown after the Steelers gave up the lead to the Arizona Cardinals late Sunday night in Super Bowl XLIII at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla.

He was there blocking for Ben Roethlisberger when Big Ben threw the game-winning touchdown pass to Santonio Holmes in the right corner of the end zone with just 35 seconds left.

Stapleton will always cherish Pittsburgh's 27-23 victory, which will be one that will be hard for him to top.

"It's unexplainable," Stapleton said. "You never know how you're going to feel when it happens."

Stapleton made the Steelers last year as an undrafted free agent out of Rutgers. Before that he started for the Scarlet Knights for two years, played in junior college for two and was a two-year starter at Union High School for the Farmers.

In the middle of his first year as a starter at Union in 2001, the Arizona Diamondbacks defeated the Yankees in Game 7 of the World Series on a Sunday night in Arizona for their first championship.

This time it wasn't in the cards for Arizona to win its first Super Bowl title on a Sunday night in Tampa.

"We knew that we had the capability to drive down the field and at least get three points," Stapleton said Monday night. "We had the proper mental focus in that last drive and knew that after all the penalties that were called that we had to be careful not to get caught holding anyone."

Arizona played well on defense, particularly in the second half when they were getting a lot more pressure on Roethlisberger, which resulted in a couple of sacks.

"On the last drive we thought they were going to blitz more," Stapleton said. "They wanted to defend the pass and that was their strategy."

Blocking for a quarterback like Roethlisberger, who can drop back and pass and also scramble east-to-west and across the grain and make a play, Stapleton and the rest of his offensive line teammates have grown accustomed to watching Big Ben pull games out of his helmet late in the fourth quarter.

That was a theme to the Pittsburgh season this year. Finishing with a record of 12-4 against the toughest schedule in the league, many Steeler victories were the product of Roethlisberger driving the team down the field for the winning score on the game's final drive.

"Ben's just a phenomenal athlete," Stapleton said. "He's a great competitor and when it comes down to crunch time he's a playmaker. He's a leader and puts together winning drives when necessary."

• See more of this story at www.localsource.com.

UHS bowlers compete at county tournament

The Union High School bowling team tied Linden for the sixth seed in last week's Union County Tournament, both with pin totals of 2,719.

In the playoff game, Linden won 836-799.

Here are Union scores:

Team 1 - Sharif Warden 212-212-192-614

John Stigall 214-212-179-605

Andrew Gilligan 171-208-148-515

Andre Leverett 199-162-144-505

Anthony Wachter 180-154-146-480

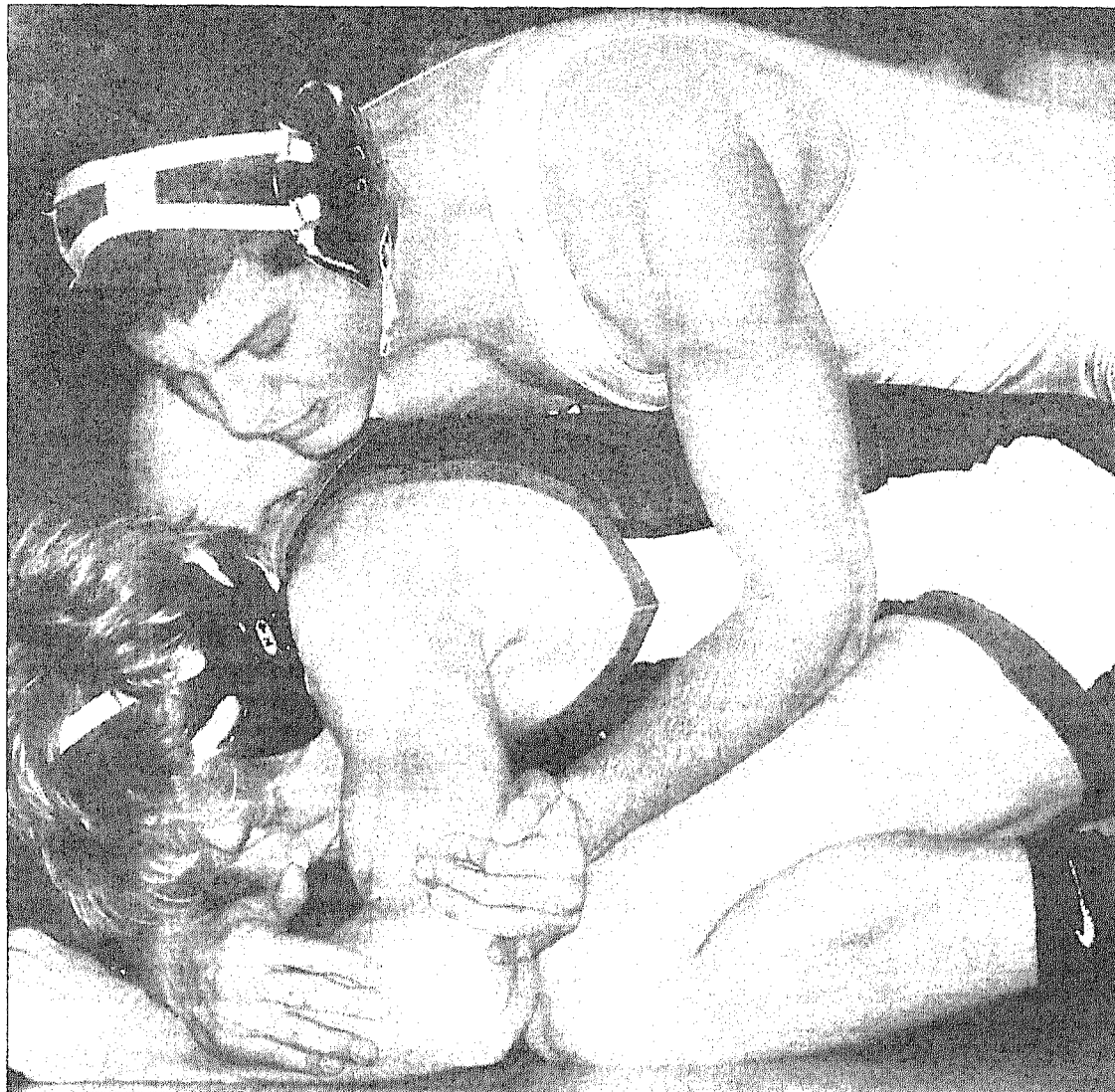
Team 2 - Jaron Holmes 112-202-135-449

Pete Kuziola 124-189-132

Taheera Griffin 137-92-177-406

Brian Fischer 132-141-122-395

Jasmine McDuffie 109-91-100-300



File photo

Brearley standout senior grappler Joe Lospinoso, top, is excited about wrestling Phillipsburg at home for the first time tonight. Lospinoso was second in the state at 135 last year and a favorite to win the crown this year.

Bears ready to tangle with Stateliners tonight

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The Star-Ledger ranked Brearley No. 10 in the state last week.

Last Saturday, Brearley defeated Kittatinny 34-33 and Toms River North 46-20 at Toms River North for its latest victories. Senior 130-pounder Kenny Knapp lost by injury default to Chris Burdge of Kittatinny after getting hit in the head.

"Kenny was winning 10-4 with about 40 seconds left when he took a good shot from the kid," Luciani said. "It was the kid's thigh that hit Kenny and he rolled out of bounds. The official felt he got knocked unconscious.

"Kenny looked tired to me. There wasn't a doctor there to say whether or not he could continue. Kenny didn't end up having a concussion and has been cleared to wrestle again."

Before Phillipsburg, the Bears were to wrestle at Johnson last night in Clark. Brearley will then wrap its regular season with a match against Jackson Saturday at 3 p.m. at Rutgers. As far as tonight's lineup at Brearley is concerned, there will be a lot of fans there.

Luciani said that the doors will open between 4 and 4:30 p.m. and that the junior varsity match is scheduled to commence at 5 p.m.

"This will be a tremendous night, absolutely," Luciani said. "We're going to try our best to start the varsity match on time at 6:30."

Luciani said Tuesday that people were coming to Brearley to buy tickets in advance. He also said that the gym is supposed to hold 800-950, with at least 700 to be allowed to watch the match in the gym.

"We'll let kids sit on the floor and have bleachers on both sides," Luciani said.

"As far as how many we will allow in the gym, we'll make that a game-time call."

Luciani also said that fans will be allowed to watch the match in the Brearley auditorium, which will include a big screen with sound. He said that the auditorium has a seating capacity of 917.

"This will be a different kind of excitement level," Luciani said. "Our kids understand that it will be Phillipsburg coming in. They're starting to figure it out."

Luciani attempted to have last year's Brearley squad wrestle Phillipsburg for the first time.

"Last year we tried to match up some dates and it just didn't work out," Luciani said. "This year we talked to P-Burg and they were talking to us and, basically, it's a Thursday night, which is an off-night and thank God we didn't have basketball.

"They had no problem coming here and next year we should have no problem going there."

Brearley's regular season schedule has been elevated a great deal, with foes such as Camden Catholic, Brick Memorial, Toms River South, Washington Township and Jackson to name a few.

Now it includes Phillipsburg for the first of, perhaps, many times.

"P-Burg is special," Luciani said. "When you think of wrestling in the state of New Jersey you think of P-Burg up north and Paulsboro down south."

Brearley is the top seed for North 2, Group 2 and will attempt to win that section for the second straight year. Last year the Bears went to South Plainfield and defeated the Middlesex County power in the championship bout. Matches against Phillipsburg and Jackson should serve the Bears well before state tournament competition commences.

Hoop teams hope to have late surge

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The Comets shot 8-of-12 in the second quarter and 6-of-12 in the third quarter from the field. Roselle freshman center Nyasia Davis did not score, but did well to grab seven rebounds, five of them on defense.

ROSELLE (7-8)	3	6	6	11 - 26
HILLSIDE (6-9)	6	19	13	9 - 47

ROSELLE: Bianca Partlow 7-0-5-19, Amber Gowans 0-0-2-2, Joye Hunter 1-0-1-3, Felicia Clairborne 1-0-0-2, Nyasia Davis 0-0-0-0, Patrice Cohen 0-0-0-0. Totals: 9-0-8-26.

HILLSIDE: Mecca Asturias 3-0-0-6, Kiana Fletcher 0-1-0-3, Aika Emmanuel 2-1-2-9, Shanique Owens 4-0-0-8, Jameka Parsons 0-3-0-9, Jenaya Abernathy 6-0-0-12, Lamira Wolfe 0-0-0-0, Nadiyah Langevine 0-0-0-0, Khadijah Callahan 0-0-0-0, Nkoli Agbazue 0-0-0-0. Totals: 15-5-2-47.

ROSELLE RAMS 2008-2009 roster:

21-Bianca Partlow, sophomore point guard
4-Patrice Cohen, freshman guard
30-Felicia Clairborne, junior forward
15-Joye Hunter, sophomore forward
13-Nyasia Davis, freshman center
11-Jakoya Duggan, junior guard
5-Elena Rivera, junior guard
14-Amber Gowans, freshman forward

Head coach: Kim Kenny

ROSELLE RAMS (9-8) results:

Dec. 20 (H) Roselle Catholic 70, Roselle 63 (OT)
Dec. 23 (A) Roselle 49, Cranford 30
Dec. 27 (A) Voorhees 46, Roselle 27
Roselle Catholic Holiday Tournament
Dec. 29 (A) North Brunswick 45, Roselle 36
Roselle Catholic Holiday Tournament
Jan. 3 (A) Roselle 49, Wardlaw-Hartridge 27
Jan. 6 (A) Johnson 61, Roselle 37
Jan. 8 (H) Roselle 49, Hillside 38
Jan. 9 (A) Roselle 44, Union Catholic 35
Jan. 13 (H) Roselle 46, Gov. Livingston 35
Jan. 15 (H) Johnson 44, Roselle 40
Jan. 17 (A) Roselle 45, Rahway 24
Jan. 22 (A) Gov. Livingston 47, Roselle 38
Jan. 24 (A) Roselle Catholic 52, Roselle 23
Jan. 27 (H) Roselle 54, Cranford 34
Jan. 29 (A) Hillside 47, Roselle 26
Jan. 30 (H) Roselle 35, Union Catholic 33
Feb. 2 (H) Roselle 42, Rahway 39

HILLSIDE COMETS 2008-2009 roster:

22-Aika Emmanuel, senior point guard
4-Jameka Parsons, junior guard
15-Jenaya Abernathy, junior forward
25-Shanique Owens, sophomore forward
20-Lamira Wolfe, junior center
1-Kiana Fletcher, guard
3-Mecca Asturias junior forward
5-Khadijah Callahan, freshman guard
10-Nkoli Agbazue, sophomore guard
21-Nadiyah Langevine, freshman guard
Associate head coaches: Bob Enda, Rahim Graham

HILLSIDE COMETS (7-9) results

Dec. 23 (H) Hillside 64, Union Catholic 29
Dec. 26 (A) Chatham 64, Hillside 43
Make A Wish Tournament at Chatham
Dec. 29 (A) Hillside 51, Jefferson 48
Make A Wish Tournament at Chatham
Dec. 30 Morristown 53, Hillside 29
Make A Wish Tournament at Chatham
Jan. 2 (A) Johnson 45, Hillside 37 / Jan. 8 (A) Roselle 49, Hillside 38
Jan. 9 (A) Hillside 51, Rahway 37 / Jan. 13 (H) Cranford 45, Hillside 32
Jan. 15 (A) Gov. Liv. 52, Hillside 43 / Jan. 20 (H) GL 44, Hillside 38
Jan. 22 (A) Cranford 42, Hillside 30
Jan. 23 (H) Hillside 50, Johnson 46 (2OT)
Jan. 26 (A) RC 55, Hillside 40 / Jan. 27 (A) Hillside 44, UC 35
Jan. 29 (H) Hillside 47, Roselle 26 / Jan. 30 (H) Hillside 46, Rahway 19
Feb. 6 Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m. / Feb. 7 at Lindenwold, noon

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS**

Docket No. : F-42155-08
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County
(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
Joffre Mayorga
Kathy Mayorga, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiffs' attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Amended Complaint filed in a civil action, in which The Bank of New York Mellon formerly known as The Bank of New York as successor Trustee to JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. as Trustee is plaintiff, and Joffre Mayorga, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-42155-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 02/05/2009 exclusive of such date, or if published after 02/05/2009, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 09/26/2005 made by Joffre Mayorga and Kathy Mayorga, Husband and Wife as mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Residential Mortgage Services Corporation recorded on 11/14/2005 in Book 11441 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 001, and re-recorded on 08/07/2006 in Book 11801, Page 857 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, The Bank of New York Mellon formerly known as The Bank of New York as successor Trustee to JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. as Trustee, by Assignment of Mortgage dated 01/14/2009; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1039 WEST FRONT STREET, PLAINFIELD, NJ 07063, also being Lot 27 in Block 227.

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Docket No. : F-41093-08
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Chancery Division
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(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
JAIME DE LA CRUZ, his/her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his/her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest

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This action has been instituted for

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS**

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**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 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, 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 NORTHWESTERLY 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
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$467,423.07***
Four Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Three and 07/100***
Attorney: FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC
7 CENTURY DRIVE
SUITE 201
PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054
(973) 538-4700
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$498,060.90
Four Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Sixty and 90/100
Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 2009
U229659 UNL (\$133.28)

HILLSIDE

The 2009 Tax List for the Township of Hillside, will be available for review February 10th from 9:00 - 4:00 at the Tax Assessor's office located at 1409 Liberty Ave., Hillside, NJ 07205.
U231067 UNL Feb. 5, 2009 (\$4.41)

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**HILLSIDE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Please take notice that the Hillside Board of Education shall hold the following meetings for the month of February 2009:

Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Calvin Coolidge School, 614 Tillman Street, Hillside, NJ.

Special Meetings on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 and Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 195 Virginia Street, Hillside, NJ for the purpose of considering applications for the position of superintendent of schools.

The board reserves the option of adjourning to executive session for these meetings.

HILLSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Kenneth R. Weinheimer
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary
U231198 UNL Feb. 5, 2009 (\$16.17)

**ROSELLE PARK
ROSELLE PARK BOARD
OF HEALTH**

The Re-Organization Meeting of the Roselle Park Board of Health was held on January 20, 2009 and the elections of officers were as follows:

President - Carole Lang
Vice President - Janet Landis
Secretary - Gail Bradley
Commissioners - Margaret Schaffer and Michelle Bodtmann

The following are the meeting dates for 2009:

March 17, June 16, September 15,
November 17, December 15
January 19, 2010.

All meetings take place at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of Borough Hall, 110 E. Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park.

Nancy A. Caliendo
Board Clerk
U231068 UNL Feb. 5, 2009 (\$14.70)

**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
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

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"Township") Code provisions regulating the licensing for the sale and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages within the Township, it is desirable that the Code be amended so as to enhance the public health, safety and welfare by incorporating additional reasonable restrictions, along with New Jersey statutorily mandated restrictions, upon the locations of premises upon which an applicant seeks to obtain a license for the sale and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 33:1-76, et seq., precludes the issuance of a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages within 200 feet of any church or school; and

WHEREAS, Township Council seeks to impose a similar restriction upon the sale of alcoholic beverages by precluding the issuance of a license for such sale and/or distribution within 500 feet of any Township buildings which are regularly open to the public for public gatherings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Hillside Code is hereby amended as follows:

1. Chapter 108 of the Code entitled "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES", shall be amended at Article I "Licensing", §108-5(D) "Regulation of Premises", to read as follows:

§ 108-5. Regulation of Premises

D. Location restrictions.

- (2) No license of any class shall be issued for any premises located within two hundred (200) feet of any church or school, as defined and to be measured in accordance with N.J.S.A. 33:1-76.
 - (3) No license of any class shall be issued for any premises located within five hundred (500) feet of any Hillside Township owned or occupied building, which building is regularly open to the public for public gatherings, to be measured in the same manner as is provided for in subsection § 108-5(D)(2) hereinabove.
 - (4) No license of any class shall be issued contrary to any Zoning Ordinance now existing or hereafter enacted in the Township.
2. Severability. Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase. If any portion of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstances, shall be adjudged or otherwise determined to be invalid, unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason, such determination shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and the application of such remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.
3. This Ordinance is not meant to repeal any provisions of the Code other than those designated herein, but to add to its requirements, and all Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.
- This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and publication as provided by law.

U231070 UNL Feb. 5, 2009 (\$72.52)

HILLSIDE

**TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance has been introduced on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council held Friday evening, January 23, 2009 and will be considered for adoption at a meeting of the Township Council to be held at the Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside on February 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. or a soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

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

BY DIRECTION OF THE
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
Janet Vlaisavljevic, RMC
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY

Ordinance Number -0-09-001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 232 OF THE CODE — "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING" AT ARTICLE III — "DONATION BINS", §§232-16 THROUGH §232-21

WHEREAS recent legislation, N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.60 et seq., has

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caused the Township the need to revise its existing ordinances governing the solicitation of donations via donation receptacles and bins; and

WHEREAS, the Building Department recommends amending and supplementing the Township Code as set forth herein to address the safety and aesthetic concerns attributed to the use of such containers as well as to address the aforementioned legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes that it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the Township's residents, businesses and visitors to amend and supplement the Township Code as set forth herein, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Hillside Code is hereby amended as follows:

1. Chapter 232 of the Code entitled "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING" shall be amended at ARTICLE III entitled "DONATION BINS", §§232-16 through §232-21, to read as follows:

ARTICLE III, DONATION BINS

§232-17. Permit required.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, partnership, corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, or other entity, to place or cause to be placed a receptacle and/or clothing/material donation bin within the Township of Hillside without having first obtained a permit from the Zoning Office. In no event shall a receptacle be placed on residential property or in a residential district.

§ 232-18. Application for Permit.

A. Any person desiring a license under this article shall file with the Township Zoning Officer an original and one copy of an application, under oath, on a form furnished by the Township of Hillside.

B. The application shall set forth the following information:

- (1) The applicant's name, business name and business address.
- (2) Whether the applicant is an individual, partnership, corporation or other entity and, if another entity, full explanation in description thereof.
- (3) If the applicant is an individual, the applicant's residence address.
- (4) If the applicant is a partnership, the full name and resident address of each partner.
- (5) If the applicant is a corporation or other entity, in the case of a corporation, the full name and residence, address of each major officer and each stockholder, the name and address of the registered agent and the address of the principal office (the term "stockholder" as used herein, means and includes any person owning or having an interest, either legal or equitable, and 10% or more of the stock issued in outstanding of the applicant of the corporation); in the case of another entity, the full name and the resident address of each person owning or having any interest, either legal or equitable, aggregating in value of 10% or more of the total capital of said entity, the name and address of the registered agent, if any, and the address of the principal office.
- (6) Whether the applicant or any partners, officers or stockholders thereof have ever been arrested or convicted of a crime, and if so, the name of the person arrested or convicted, the date of the arrest, the crime or charge involved and disposition thereof. The term "officers" as used here means and includes the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the corporate applicant.

- (7) A description of the receptacle and/or clothing/material donations bin to be covered by the license.
- (8) The manner in which the person anticipates any clothing or other donations collected via the receptacle would be used, sold, or dispersed, and the method by which the proceeds of collected donations would be allocated or spent.
- (9) The name and telephone number of the bona fide office required pursuant to subsection C. of this section, of any entity which may share or profit from any clothing or other donations collected via the receptacle.
- (10) If the applicant is not the owner of the property upon which the receptacle and/or clothing/material donation receptacle is to be located, the written consent of the owner of the property shall be attached to the application.
- (11) A sketch indicating the location in which the receptacle and/or clothing/material donations receptacle will be placed on the said property; and, if required, a copy of any approval by the Planning Board or Board of Adjustments from the Township of Hillside, shall be attached to the application.
- (12) The person, and any other entity which may share or profit from any clothing or other donations collected via the receptacle, shall maintain a bona fide office where a representative of the person or other entity, respectively, can be reached at a telephone information line during normal business hours for the purpose of offering information concerning the person or other entity. For the purposes of this subsection, an answering machine or service unrelated to the person does not constitute a bona fide office.

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§ 232-19. Renewal Application for Expiring Permit.

An expiring permit for a donation clothing bin/receptacle may be renewed upon application for renewal and payment of the applicable permit fee. Such application shall include all information set forth in §232-18 hereinabove, as well as the following additional information:

- A. The location where the receptacle is situated, as precisely as possible, and, if the person intends to move it, the new location where the receptacle would be situated after the renewal is granted and written consent from the property owner to place the receptacle on his property;
- B. The manner in which the person, during the term of the expiring permit (or, if after January 1st, the most recently expired permit), has used, sold, or dispersed any clothing or other donations collected via the receptacle, the method by which the proceeds of collected donations have been allocated or spent, and any changes the person anticipates it may make in these processes during the period covered by the renewal; and
- C. The name and telephone number of the bona fide office required by §232-18(C) herein above, of any entity which shared or profited from any clothing or other donations collected via the receptacle, and of any entities which may do so during the period covered by the renewal permit.

§ 232-20. Fees.

The fee for initial issuance and renewal of a permit to place a receptacle or clothing/material donations receptacle as described herein within the Township of Hillside shall be \$25.00 for each receptacle and/or clothing/material donations receptacle. The permit period for each receptacle and/or clothing/material donations receptacle shall be January 1 through December 31 of each year.

§ 232-21. Receptacle size, number and identification.

A. No more than three receptacles and/or clothing/material donations receptacles shall be located within any commercial complex and no more than one receptacle and/or clothing/material donations receptacle shall be located on any commercial property which contains only one establishment. When multiple receptacles and/or clothing/material donations receptacles are permitted in any commercial complex they shall be situated together with a separation distance not to exceed that necessary to move, place, empty or load the receptacles and/or clothing/material donations receptacles.

B. Each receptacle shall not exceed five feet in depth, eight feet in width and six feet in height.

C. The exterior of each receptacle shall clearly and conspicuously display the following information:

- (1) The permit number and its date of expiration.
- (2) The name and address of the registered person that owns the receptacle, and of any other entity which may share or profit from any clothing or other donations collected via the receptacle;
- (3) The telephone number of the person's bona fide office and, if applicable, the telephone number of the bona fide office of any other entity which may share or profit from any clothing or other donations collected via the receptacle;
- (4) In cases when any entity other than the person who owns the receptacle may share or profit from any clothing or other donations collected via the receptacle, a notice, written in a clear and easily understandable manner, indicating that clothing or other donations collected via the receptacle, their proceeds, or both, may be shared, or given entirely to, an entity other than the person who owns the receptacle, and identifying all such entities which may share or profit from such donations; and
- (5) A statement, consistent with the information provided to the Township of Hillside in the most recent permit or renewal application pursuant to §232-18(C) and §232-19(B), indicating the manner in which the person anticipates any clothing or other donations collected via the receptacle would be used, sold, or dispersed, and the method by which the proceeds of collected donations would be allocated or spent.

§ 232-22. Location of receptacles and/or clothing/materials donations receptacle.

A. The receptacle and/or clothing/material donations receptacle shall be located in such a manner that it will not be necessary for a donor to be parked in a driveway or on an access drive for parking stalls while depositing items into the said receptacle.

B. The receptacle shall not be placed in any parking spaces, roadways, sidewalks and/or walkways or in any buffer area and shall be no closer than three feet to any property line.

C. The areas adjacent to the containers shall be kept clear of all boxes and debris.

D. The receptacle shall be permitted in side and rear yards but not within front yard setbacks.

E. The receptacle shall not be located in any parking stall designated to meet

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the parking requirements of the on-site uses.

F. No receptacle shall be permitted in any residential or residential business zone.

G. No receptacle and/or clothing/material donations receptacle shall be placed on a corner lot so that it obstructs the line-of-sight triangle requirements of 25 feet.

H. No receptacle and/or clothing/material donations receptacle shall be placed within 1,000 feet of another receptacle and/or clothing/material donations receptacle location.

I. No receptacle and/or clothing/material donations receptacle shall be placed within 100 yards of any place which stores large amounts of, or sells, fuel or other flammable liquids or gases;

§ 232-23. Maintenance of receptacles.

The bins and/or clothing/material donations receptacle shall be maintained in a clean, sanitary condition, painted and in good working order. Each receptacle shall be emptied regularly at least once each month or sooner, as dictated by the amount of items placed inside of the receptacle. No items shall be permitted to remain in the area surrounding the receptacle.

§ 232-24. Investigations, Violations and Penalties.

A. Within 30 days of receipt, the Township of Hillside shall investigate any complaints from the public about a receptacle.

B. Whenever it appears that a person has engaged in, or is engaging in any act or practice in violation of this Ordinance and section 2 of N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.61 et seq. the person who placed the receptacle shall be issued a warning, stating that if the violation is not rectified or a hearing with the Township Building/Zoning Office is not requested within 45 days, the receptacle will be seized or removed at the expense of the person who placed the receptacle, and any clothing or other donations collected via the receptacle will be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of.

C. In addition to any other means used to notify the person who placed the receptacle, such warning shall be affixed to the exterior of the receptacle itself.

D. In the event that the person who placed the receptacle does not rectify the violation or request a hearing within 45 days of the posting of the warning, the appropriate municipal agency may seize the receptacle, remove it, or have it removed, at the expense of the person who placed the receptacle, and sell at public auction or otherwise dispose of any clothing or other donations collected via the receptacle. Any proceeds from the sale of the donations collected via the receptacle shall be paid to the chief financial officer of the Township of Hillside.

E. In addition to any other penalties or remedies authorized by the laws of this State, any person who violates any provision of N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.60 et seq. which results in seizure of the donation clothing receptacle shall be:

- (1) Subject to a penalty of up to \$20,000 for each violation. The Township of Hillside may bring this action in the municipal court or Superior Court as a summary proceeding under the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999," P.L.1999, c. 274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.), and any penalty monies collected shall be paid to the chief financial officer of the Township of Hillside; and
 - (2) Deemed ineligible to place, use, or employ a receptacle for solicitation purposes pursuant to section 2 of N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.61 et seq. A person disqualified from placing, using, or employing a receptacle by violating the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.60 et seq. may apply to the Township Building/Zoning Office to have that person's eligibility restored. The Township of Hillside may restore the eligibility of a person who:
 - (a) Acts within the public interest; and
 - (b) Demonstrates that he made a good faith effort to comply with the provisions of P.L.2007, c. 209 (C.40:48-2.60 et seq.) and all other applicable laws and regulations, or had no fraudulent intentions.
 - (3) In addition, any person, partnership, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this article shall, upon conviction, be punished by one or more of the following:
 - (a) Confinement admissible in jail or in the County Jail for a period not exceeding 90 days.
 - (b) A period of community service not to exceed 90 days.
- F. Each violation of any of the provisions of this article and each day that same is violated shall be deemed and taken to be a separate and distinct offense.

2. Severability. Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase. If any portion of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstances, shall be adjudged or otherwise determined to be invalid, unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause or reason, such determination shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, and the application of such remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are

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severable.

3. This Ordinance is not meant to repeal any provisions of the Code other than those designated herein, but to add to its requirements, and all Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage and publication as provided by law.

U231072 UNL Feb. 5, 2009 (\$245.00)

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ELIZABETH

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. : F-27972-08
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
Alberto Perez
Rajindar G. Sawhney, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest;
Diagnostic & Clinical

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Amended Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. is plaintiff, and Alberto Perez, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket # F-27972-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 02/05/2009 exclusive of such date, or if published after 02/05/2009, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 10/12/2006 made by Alberto Perez as mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Credit Suisse Financial Corporation recorded on 10/23/2006 in Book 11902 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 202 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. by Assignment of Mortgage dated 08/27/2008; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1036 GROVE ST. ELIZABETH, NJ 07202, also being Lot 474 in Block 6.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340.

YOU, ALBERTO PEREZ, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.

YOU, RAJINDAR G. SAWHNEY, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment/lien/mortgage which may be against the owner/mortgagor(s) and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity.

YOU, DIAGNOSTIC & CLINICAL, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment/lien/mortgage which may be against the owner/mortgagor(s) and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity.

File #FRZ106366

JENNIFER M. PEREZ, CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
U231077 PRO Feb. 5, 2009 (\$59.29)

PUBLIC NOTICE

T. CHAVEZ AND LILLIAN CHAVEZ
Sale Date: 02/25/2009
Writ of Execution: 12/04/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

RAHWAY

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. : F-44737-08
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

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

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiffs' attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation is plaintiff, and Daniel M. Docarmo, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-44737-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 02/05/2009 exclusive of such date, or if published after 02/05/2009, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 07/08/2005 made by Daniel M. Docarmo, a single person as mortgagor, to Wells Fargo Bank NA recorded on 07/13/2005 in Book 11246 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 437 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, by Assignment of Mortgage dated 11/07/2008; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1470 CAMPBELL STREET, UNIT F-107, BLDG. 1, CITY OF RAHWAY, NJ 07065, also being Lot 1, CF107 in Block 152.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340.

YOU, DANIEL M. DOCARMO, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency, and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.

JENNIFER M. PEREZ, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
U231063 PRO Feb. 5, 2009 (\$45.57)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08007484
Division: CHANCERY
Docket 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
Writ of Execution: 11/28/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey
Premises commonly known as: 1141 Anna Street, Elizabeth NJ 07201
BEING KNOWN AS LOT 163.F, BLOCK 12, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth
Dimensions: 22.08 feet x 65.50 feet x 22.08 feet x 65.50 feet
Nearest Cross Street: Jefferson Ave
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: \$228,995.94***
Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Five and 94/100***
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: \$253,002.61
Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Two and 61/100*
January 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 2009
U229667 PRO (\$180.32)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000336
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1353807
County: Union
Plaintiff: MORRIS AND IDA SMITH, INC. VS
Defendant: WAYE REAL ESTATE GROUP
Sale Date: 03/04/2009
Writ of Execution: 06/28/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The property to be sold is located in the City of Linden in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey.
Premises commonly known as: 812 East St. George Avenue
Tax Lot #: 3. In Block #: 38
Dimensions of Lot (Approximately): 100' by 40' by 100' by 40'
Nearest Cross Street: McCandless Street
*THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$143,017.12***
One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Seventeen and 12/100***
Attorney: PAUL W. GRZENDA - ATTORNEY 300 MAPLE AVENUE SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080 (908)754-8008
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$169,546.87
One Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Six and 87/100

PUBLIC NOTICE

February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2009
U231050 PRO (\$107.80)
ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08007525
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F158108
County: Union
Plaintiff: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. VS
Defendant: ROBERT CASTRO LAGONI
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 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey
Premises commonly known as: 526-528 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, ELIZABETH NJ 07206
BEING KNOWN AS LOT 753, BLOCK 3, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth
Dimensions: 100.00 feet x 31.25 feet x 100.00 feet x 31.25 feet
Nearest Cross Street: Fifth Ave.
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: \$550,328.40***
Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Eight and 40/100***
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: \$609,855.24
Six Hundred Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Five and 24/100*
January 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 2009
U229668 PRO (\$172.48)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000188
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F768708
County: Union
Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR JPMACC 2006-CH2 J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION VS
Defendant: DANTE QUISPE, CHASE BANK USA, N.A.
Sale Date: 03/04/2009
Writ of Execution: 12/19/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The property to be sold is located in the City of ELIZABETH, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 661 MADISON AVE, ELIZABETH, NJ 07201
Tax Lot No. 779 in Block No. 12
Dimensions of Lot Approximately: 27.50 X 150
Nearest Cross Street: LOUISA STREET
BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF MADISON AVENUE DISTANT 169.40 FEET SOUTHERLY FROM THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOUISA STREET
*THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES
TOTAL AS OF January 7, 2009: \$ 00
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$371,378.24***
Three Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Eight and 24/100***
Attorney:

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Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$416,105.73
Four Hundred Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Five and 73/100
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2009
U231049 PRO (\$129.36)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000186
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3107407
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE VS
Defendant: MICHELLE WILLIAMS-LEWIS; UNION COUNTY VOLKSWAGEN N/A WESTFIELD IMPORTED CARS, INC.; STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 03/04/2009
Writ of Execution: 12/17/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 1216 McCandless Street, Linden, NJ 07036
Tax Lot No.: 27 in Block 118
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 100 ft x 25 ft
Nearest Cross Street: Cleveland Avenue
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.

Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$278,211.74***
Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eleven and 74/100***
Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC 200 SHEFFIELD STREET SUITE 301 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092 (908)233-8500 FCZ-93904
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$311,819.18
Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Nineteen and 18/100
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2009
U231045 PRO (\$162.68)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000356
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1152606
County: Union
Plaintiff: JP MORGAN CHASE AS TRUSTEE, RESIDENTIAL FUNDING CORPORATION, ATTORNEY IN FACT VS
Defendant: AROL DORVIL; WORLDWIDE ASSET PURCHASING, LLC, ON BEHALF OF DIRECT MERCHANTS BANK, N.A.
Sale Date: 03/04/2009
Writ of Execution: 01/23/2007
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of UNION, State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 617 Marshall Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206
Tax Lot No.: 844 in Block 7
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 25 ft x 100 ft
Nearest Cross Street: Sixth Street
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.
Taxes, Sewer and Water may be delinquent - you must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.
Prior Mortgage and Judgments (if any):
Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$228,954.42***

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Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Four and 42/100***
Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC 200 SHEFFIELD STREET SUITE 301 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092 (908)233-8500 FCZ-77464
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$280,045.36
Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Forty-Five and 36/100
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2009
U231042 PRO (\$131.32)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000187
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1746107
County: Union
Plaintiff: GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC VS
Defendant: HERMEL CABEZAS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.
Sale Date: 03/04/2009
Writ of Execution: 12/18/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the City of ELIZABETH in the County of Union, State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 442-44 WEST GRAND STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ 07202
Tax Lot No.: 1790 in Block 13
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 125 ft x 34 ft x 135 ft x 33 ft
Nearest Cross Street: West End Avenue
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.

Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$410,101.59***
Four Hundred Ten Thousand One Hundred One and 59/100***
Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC 200 SHEFFIELD STREET SUITE 301 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092 (908)233-8500 XCZ-88437
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$472,400.59
Four Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Four Hundred and 59/100
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2009
U231046 PRO (\$160.72)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-08007477
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2162307
County: Union
Plaintiff: GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC VS
Defendant: LUZ TORRES; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.
Sale Date: 02/11/2009
Writ of Execution: 12/04/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 1057 Lafayette Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201
Tax Lot No.: 889 in Block 9
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 25 ft x 105 ft
Nearest Cross Street: Catherine Street
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.
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Stop & Shop announced the Food for Friends campaign against a backdrop of rising concern that a growing number of Americans

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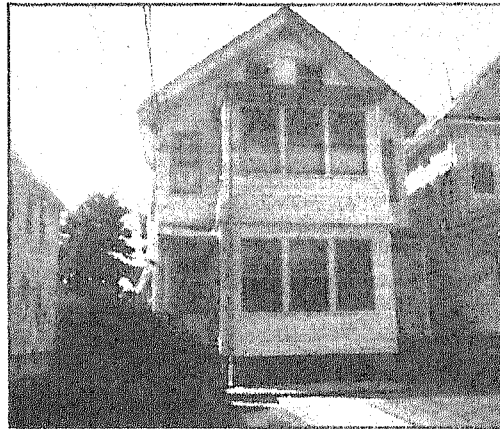
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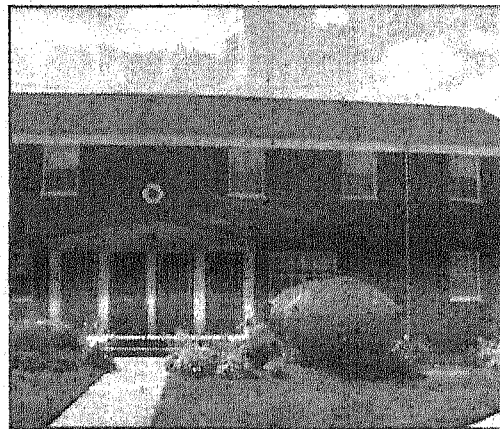
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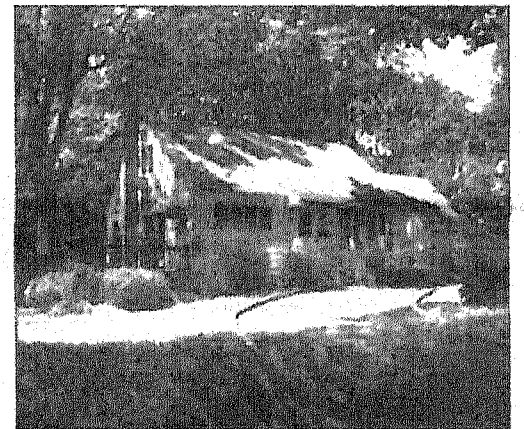
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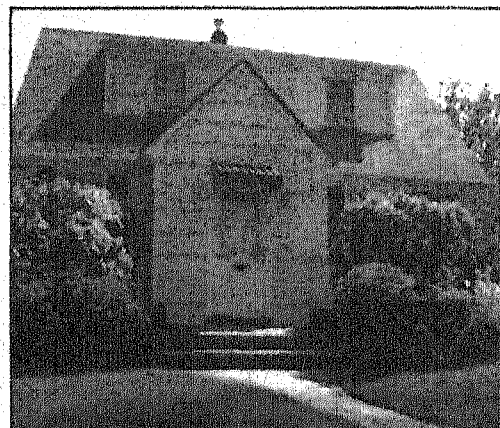
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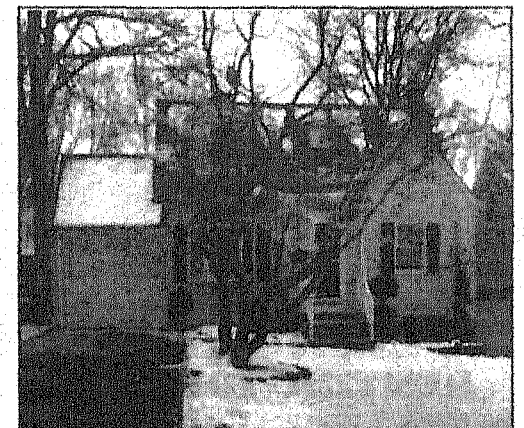
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