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Colorful fireworks exploded in Union July 4.

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Wrestler fights for, wins shot at WWE

By Chris Neidenberg
Correspondent

UNION — As a young boy, Fred Rosser III's dreamed of reaching professional wrestling's "big leagues." At 25, the pursuit is nearly over.

The journeyman has won an audition with one of World Wrestling Entertainment's premier talent-development groups, Florida Championship Wrestling. He also looks forward to working with some of wrestling's top teachers and television exposure.

Previously, Rosser entertained crowds in venues primarily in the Northeast. He was known as "Fred Sampson" or "Frederick of Hollywood" while performing on smaller circuits, such as the East Coast Wrestling Association and Chaotic Wrestling Inc. of Massachusetts.

Since winning his FCW contract, following tryouts for 65 competitors May 1-4 in Tampa, the former Russell Street resident's life has undergone major change.

He has moved to Florida city, and promises to focus solely on making the WWE. Before the

move, he had been working at Image Planet health spa on West Chestnut Street.

Rosser said he still has a ways to go to achieve the success of Hulk Hogan or Shawn Michaels — his two major idols.

But for now, the Union High School wrestler and graduate is taking being one of two aspirants, initially selected from a field of 65 competitors, as a sign of better things to come.

"It's a major organization in the sport, which serves as 'a feeder' for television," said Rosser, who developed a fanatical interest in professional wrestling while in his youth accompanying his father to matches at venues such as the Dunn Center in Elizabeth. "It's the equivalent of the Arena Football League to the NFL, or Triple A to Major League Baseball."

In explaining the term, "feeder," Rosser said FCW is often the next step to becoming a big player on the WWE's stage — host to wrestling matches shown on the popular television shows "Raw" and "Smackdown."

With the FCW, Rosser hopes to perform each Thursday night on



Rosser

its local television program. "You have to get noticed," he pointed out.

While competing with peers sprouting impressive physiques, Rosser suggested his key to success was displaying as much brain as brawn. After all, professional wrestlers are entertainers first, he explained. "Having the right personality and persona are a very

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City fails programs evaluation

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — District officials surprised by a failing score on the instruction/programs portion of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum say they are already implementing a plan to improve.

The QSAC report, which is administered to a district every three years, is a five-part of evaluation of the school board. Other evaluations include governance, fiscal, operations and personnel sections. The school board must receive a grade of at least 80 percent on all five sections of the QSAC report in order to pass.

The district received a score of 58 on instruction/programs.

Superintendent of Schools Frank Buglione said Rahway was notified of its results in April and may have failed the instruction portion due to a technicality in the paperwork, not for lack of quality. The district has also taken several measures to improve test scores, such as implementing summer programs for grades 6, 7, and 8, as well as starting an enrichment program

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Mayor, council clash at reorganization meeting

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE — Different council, same troubles?

Last week's reorganization meeting witnessed the reformed Township Council struggling to find common ground with new Mayor Joseph Menza, while a throng of residents expressed frustration at the familiar rift between the council and its chief executive.

The July 1 meeting also saw the swearing in of incumbent Councilman Frank Deo and newcomers Angela Garretson and President Carlisle.

Menza, who was sworn in earlier that afternoon, came to the meeting with concerns

regarding a number of resolutions on the agenda, concerns Council President Edward Brewer requested the mayor express at the end of the meeting, after the council had approved most of the items. Menza described the council's first meeting since the elections as "not a good start."

The municipal conference seemed to confuse council members Shelley-Ann Bates and Gerald Freedman, who abstained or voted against nearly every item on the night's agenda, which included resolutions to make several appointments to boards and committees and appoint Bank of America as one of the township's depositories.

Freedman argued the mayor's comments

should be heard before moving forward. "Once I hear Mayor Menza's...and point of view, I will be in a much better position to make an educated vote. Until then, I must abstain," Freedman explained.

Bates claimed she had not seen the agenda until late that same afternoon and was not prepared to vote on items without reviewing them in detail. "Any item on the agenda cannot be voted on because we did not get time to review it," she said.

Following the passage of the resolutions, Menza informed the council that Bank of America is under investigation by the FBI and may

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Union gets the 'works'

By Don E. Smith Jr.
Correspondent

UNION — On a sunny Saturday afternoon, James Mulligan and Lake Dobes stood in the middle of the diamond unloading their rented truck. They were ready to light up the sky July 4.

"I say between him and me, we have about thirty years of experience," said Mulligan, an employee with Millington-based Garden State Fireworks.

This year, economic concerns prevented many towns from celebrating Independence Day fireworks. Union was nearly victim to the same trouble.

"Many towns have cut budgets, and they ended up cutting...fireworks out," Dobes said, as he set up the fireworks at the baseball diamond, across from Biertuempfel Park on Winslow Avenue.

He added many towns were rescued this year by local businesses. "These local sponsors have stepped in to assist with covering the cost," said Dobes.

According to the township's Web site, the fireworks show went off thanks to sponsorship from Investors Savings Bank and Union Center Business District.

Mulligan and Dobes said last year's display was nearly ruined by rain — both men recalled huddling beneath tarps to help pull off the show. But this year, as they unloaded pipes that housed fireworks, they foresaw a night of fun ahead for area residents.

Mulligan mulled the work that goes into producing the show. "When you start planning something like this, it takes months," he said.

It is particularly important to be aware of wind conditions to avoid a disaster when fireworks blast off.

"Sometimes we have had to

move our fireworks rigging to a whole new location because of the houses," he said. "You have to watch for the safety of the nearby houses, nearby trees and people watching. Every show we work with the local fire officials and they mark out where we can load the rigs up."

What goes into lighting up the sky? It's like playing with crayons, Mulligan said of streaking the sky with brilliant flashes of light.

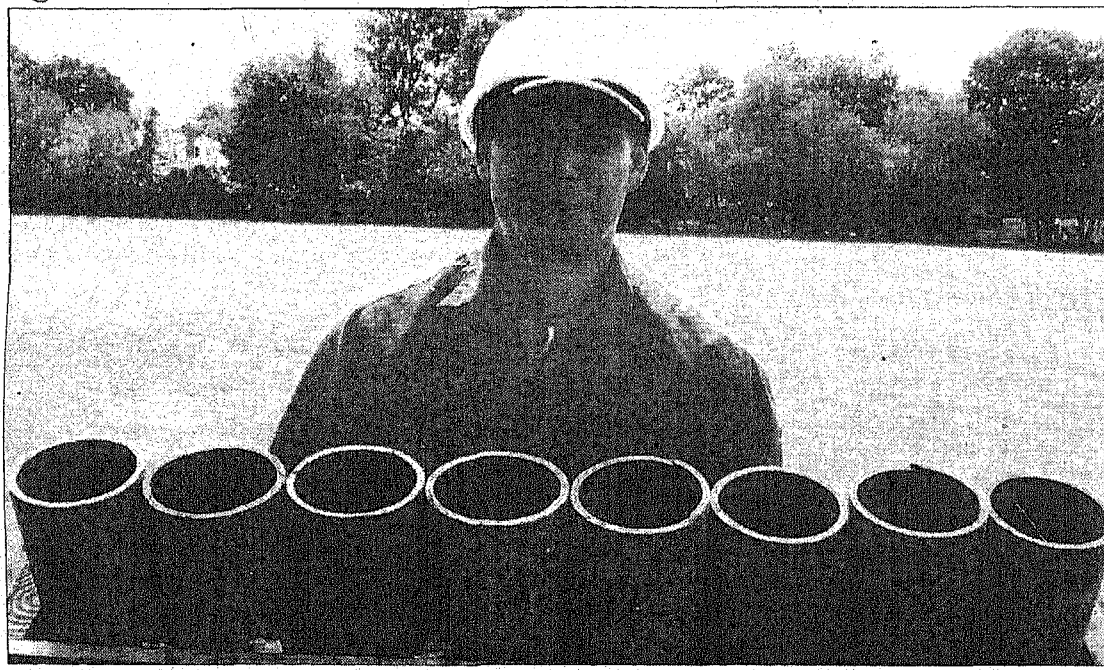
"You experiment with colors," he said. Before fireworks are added in with the explosives, different color chemicals are combined. "For instance if you want gray, you mix a black chemical with a white one," he explained.

Between 2,000 to 3,000 people typically attend the Union show, and this year's crowd was hearty. "When we heard that crowd erupt after the show, it made it all worthwhile for us," Dobes said.

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Above: Fireworks exploded across from Biertuempfel Park, Union, July 4. Below: James Mulligan of Garden State Fireworks sets up pipes that house fireworks.



UNION BRIEFS

Plenty of programs at libraries through July

The Children's Department of the Union Public Library has scheduled the following programs at the Main Library and Vauxhall Branch during the month of July:

Main Library

- Today: Creative Dramatics will be held at 11 a.m. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend.

- Friday: "Name that Tune" Music Contest will be held at 11 a.m. This program is for children in grades 2 and up.

- Mondays: Pre-school Story Time and Craft program for kids and their caregivers will be held through July 27, at 11 a.m.

- Bedtime Story time will be held through July 27, at 7 p.m.

- Tuesday: Magician Mark Zacharia entertains at 11 a.m.

- Wednesday: Make a "Summery Starburst Wall Decoration" at School-Age Craft program at 11 a.m. This program is for children in grades 1 through 6.

Vauxhall Branch

- Today: Drop-In Sand Art Craft will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. while supplies last. This program is for children ages 4 and up and their caregivers.

- Friday: How good are you at puzzles? "All Things Puzzles @ your Library" will be held at 1 p.m. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend.

- Wednesday: "Creative Dramatics Workshop," with Dave DeVito from Stagestruck Performing Arts, will be held at 2 p.m. Sign-up is required.

Airplane club meets

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

Affordable housing plan complete; town awaits approval

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

UNION — Local officials hope their updated affordable housing plan will fulfill the latest state requirements and win the approval of the state Council on Affordable Housing.

At a brief June 30 Township Committee meeting, officials OK'd a resolution to submit the plan to COAH for third round approval.

Township Administrator Frank Bradley said it has already been accepted by the Planning Board.

According to committee member Brenda Restivo, the application took nearly three months to craft and cost about \$50,000, which was paid to planner Rich Cramer of T&M Associates.

Restivo said the new plan has reduced the township's affordable housing requirement by determin-

ing the actual number of buildable spaces in Union, as opposed to those sites identified as vacant by COAH. Other municipalities, such as Cranford, have found the state's aerial survey of buildable space to be inaccurate. Working from aerial photographs of Cranford, state planners managed to identify more than 200 "developable" acres of space in the town. Cranford officials estimate that number to be

closer to 11 acres. Restivo said she could not recall what the most recent COAH requirements are.

Bradley said local officials are confident the town's plan will win COAH's approval. "It meets all the third round requirements," he explained.

"COAH will review the plan and advise us whether it is acceptable," Bradley said.

Restivo noted she is not sure

how long it may take COAH to process the plan. "We're hoping...it's soon, maybe by the end of August," she said.

If approved, there will be subsequent ordinances established, stipulating the requirements developers and local government must follow.

Rich Cramer of T&M Associates was not available for comment.

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Union native seeks professional wrestling contract

(Continued from Page 1) important part of making it," noted Rosser, who lost weight and altered his hairstyle for the challenge. "You have to make yourself presentable to a national audience. To be accepted into FCW, I had to

cut a 60-second promotional piece about me, and was also tested on my microphone and organizational skills."

The six-foot, 230-pound Rosser said the judges took note of "many fundamentals," including "promo

skills — how you speak and how you organize yourself going into character," he explained.

He promised to spend many weeks ahead "refining" and "perfecting" his character, which will need a new name Rosser said he

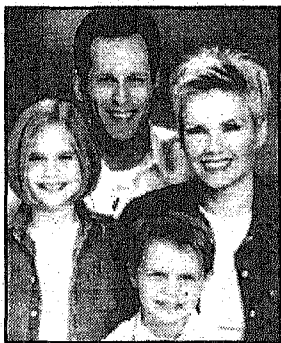
has been advised. Rosser was not an unknown to the WWE prior to the recent competition.

He had occasionally performed at some of its bigger venues. Jim Kettner, a Delaware promoter who organized cards featuring the

wrestler the last five years with the ECWA, is cheering for Rosser. "He's worked hard in achieving his success and is a very good talent," said Kettner.

She added, "moving into a bigger league is a great achievement."

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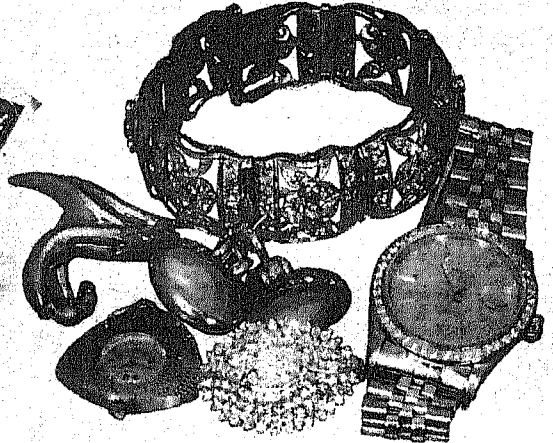
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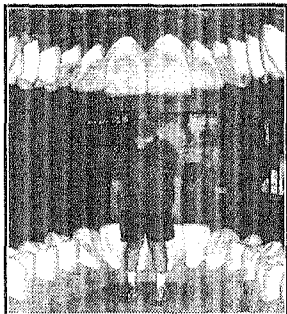
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Skating by



Clark Recreation Department offered a beginner skateboard program for the first time this spring. Classes was taught by Al Battagliotti, owner of the Edison Skate, and held at the new skate park at Esposito Park.

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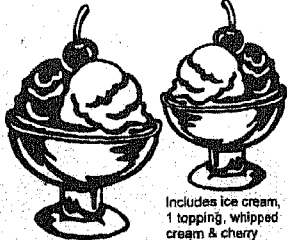
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New Hillside council meets

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lose its charter. Menza also objected to the council making committee and board appointments that are usually handled by the mayor. He indicated the council's execution of the mayor's duties, as employed during former Mayor Karen McCoy Oliver's tenure, is no longer needed nor appreciated. "There are duties...the mayor has and duties...the council has, and they have to learn the difference," Menza said.

He told the council he was willing to work with them. "We need to have dialogue," Menza said. "We need to cooperate to move this township forward."

Residents applauded Menza

and voiced support for him.

Former Mayor Barbara Rowen was among those who took to the lectern to criticize the council. "You have far exceeded your powers on tonight's agenda," Rowen said.

But council members said they are willing to work with Menza, and contended they only took the action necessary to move the town forward.

"We're not looking to stymie the mayor or his rights," Kulish said. "I hope this year gets better."

Kulish said Menza had been "poorly advised" of the workings of the agenda, and that better cooperation will be needed to ensure a temporary budget is passed as soon

as possible. Former Mayor Karen McCoy Oliver did not attend council meetings and many of her appointments to local boards and committees were repeatedly rejected by the Township Council, leaving some of those committees unable to function. The council eventually assumed some of the mayors' duties. McCoy Oliver did not run for reelection in 2009. Menza narrowly defeated Councilman Jerome Jewell, although Jewell's slate of council candidates defeated Menza's ticket.

The next council meeting will be held July 7.

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HILLSIDE BRIEFS

Library activities set

Hillside Public Library will hold the following free upcoming events:

- Thursday: Outdoor Fun Fair for all ages from 1 to 3 p.m.
- Thursday: Adult computer class, Word One, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Register by calling 973-923-4413.
- Friday: Movie, "Inkheart," and popcorn at 1 p.m.

- Monday-Friday: Video gaming from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Monday: "Name That Tune" at 6:30 p.m.

- Tuesday: Make your own sundae at 1 p.m.

- Tuesday: Computer class, Word One, from 11 to 12:30 p.m. Register by calling 973-923-4413.

- Wednesday: "Garden Gun" at 11 a.m.

- Wednesday: Chess lessons, for ages 6 and up at 6 p.m.

- Wednesday: Free adult computer class, Excel Two, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Register by calling 973-923-4413. Unless otherwise specified, programs are for all ages.

HPL trustees meeting

The Hillside Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 16. Meetings are held in the Zisman Room at the library.

For information, call 973-686-4169.

ROSELLE PARK BRIEFS

Monthly trips to AC

The Casano Community Center sponsors a trip to Showboat casino in Atlantic City the first Thursday of every month. The bus pick-up times are 8:45 a.m. at 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. For information, call 908-245-0666, or visit the center.

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Police cuts avoided

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — A series of negotiations between the local Policeman's Benevolent Association and governing body have avoided layoffs and furloughs for city police.

Business Administrator Peter Pelissier said he was satisfied with the outcome of the three-month talks.

"They helped the city in a considerable way by agreeing to defer their four percent raise until retirement," Pelissier said. "In addition to that, they gave up the ability to sell back sick time in 2009."

Two clerical positions in the police department were also altered from full time to part time.

As city officials work on the 2010 budget, they are looking into pay waivers and the elimination of positions to save more money.

Pelissier said every city employee, except those retiring this year, have given up 15 days worth of pay, which will be deferred until the time of their retirement. In the economic development department, one position was eliminated, while another is being reduced to part time. One position was also eliminated in the finance department and three were eliminated in the recreation department. Already, a total of about \$1.2 million has been saved. About \$400,000 of the \$1.2 million came from the police department negotiations.

Rahway PBA representative Christopher Danielle did not return repeated calls for comment.

Council President James Baker said the concessions city police made are reasonable, considering the difficult economic times and the compromises other local departments have made. "The concessions were consistent with those made by other unions," Baker said. "I don't think they were anything exceptional."

The recently-adopted 2009 municipal budget totaled \$42.3 million; down from \$44.4 in 2008. Property taxes per average household increased to \$107 due to a loss of about \$3.3 million in revenue from 2008 to 2009. The budget also saw a reduction in state aid of \$73,000, while budget appropriations were decreased by \$1.6 million.

Local Republican Chair Patrick Cassio said he was not familiar with the specifics of the police contracts but said financial disagreements between the city and Riverwalk Developer were partly responsible for necessitating the layoffs and pay waivers. "If the redeveloper would only pay what money was owed to us, we wouldn't have to do any of this," Cassio said of the negotiations and concessions.

City officials hope to introduce the 2010 budget in the next few months.

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CRANFORD BRIEFS

CPL: Sat. hours shift

Cranford Public Library will be open Saturdays in the summer. Hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Regular Saturday hours, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., will resume Sept. 8. The library will be closed Sept. 5 and Sept. 7, for Labor Day weekend. For information, visit cranford.com/library or call 908-709-7272.

'Express Yourself'

Cranford teens are invited to participate in the Cranford Public Library's Teen Summer Reading Program, "Express Yourself @ Your Library," through Aug. 22. Teens can register and read for prizes. They can also take part in special events offered throughout the summer, including handwriting analysis workshop, makeover, caricatures, movies, games and craft events. The season ends with a pizza party Aug. 27.

Programs for locals

There are still openings in the following Cranford Recreation & Parks Department's summer programs:

- Basketball Clinic: through Aug. 10 through Aug. 14, 9 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 7 through 10, and 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for ages 11 through 13
 - Golf for Juniors Summer Camp: Monday through Friday, July 27 through July 31 or Aug. 3 through Aug. 7, 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 8 through 14
 - Lights! Camera! Kids! Action!: July 22, 29 and Aug. 5, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for grades K through 2
 - Registration for fall basketball has begun for boys and girls in grades 3 through 8 and high school grades 9 through 12.
- There is a fee for all programs, available to Cranford residents only. For information, call 908-709-7283.

Book drive-up open

Cranford Public Library recently installed a drive-up book return for patrons. The book return, which also accepts audio-visual materials, is located at the rear of the building at 224 Walnut Ave., and is open 24 hours. The unit was acquired with financial support from Friends of the Cranford Public Library.

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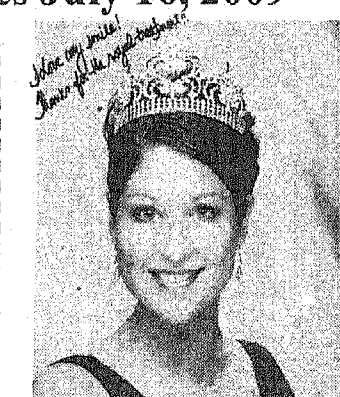
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On June 19, at 12:57 a.m., police responded to a report a Prospect Hill home was struck with eggs during the night.

On June 23, at 2:53 p.m., police responded to a report of malicious mischief to a vehicle in the Park and Shop parking lot. Several smashed eggs and slices of cheese were found on the vehicle.

On June 25, police responded to three reports of malicious mischief to a vehicle. The first response was at 12:44 a.m. The vehicle was parked at the Glenside Recreation Field, and its rear window was smashed. Police responded to the second call at 12:46 a.m. The vehicle was parked at a residence on Baltusrol Street, and a rock was allegedly thrown through one of its windows. The third occurrence was reported at 12:44 a.m. The vehicle was parked on Glenside Avenue, and its rear window was smashed, possibly by a large rock found nearby, according to police.

On June 28, at 12:11 a.m., police responded to a report of malicious mischief to a residence on Ascot Way. Two large rocks were reportedly thrown through the residence's front window at approximately 12 a.m.

On June 28 at 1:10 a.m., police responded to a report of malicious mischief to a vehicle parked at a Morris Avenue residence. A large rock was reportedly thrown at the vehicle around 12:45 a.m., which caused a large scrape on the rear windshield and trunk.

On June 28, at 1:07 a.m., police responded to a report of malicious mischief to a vehicle parked on Edison Drive. The rear windshield was broken.

On June 28, at 1:09 a.m., police responded to a report of malicious mischief to a vehicle parked on Ashwood Avenue. The occurrence took place sometime between 9 p.m. on June 27 and 12:52 a.m. on June 28. The rear window of the vehicle was reportedly smashed by a large rock.

• Hamza Knox, 26, of Summit was arrested by Springfield police at 11:34 p.m. June 19, on an outstanding warrant from Union Township.

• Nenita B. Mereria, 44, of Westfield was arrested at Broad Street at 3:29 p.m. June 25, for failure to yield and driving with a suspended license.

• On June 25, at 2:09 p.m., police responded to a report of theft at a Prospect Street hospi-

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tal. The incidence reportedly occurred sometime between June 16 and June 23. A 14-karat yellow gold diamond ankle bracelet, valued at approximately \$2,000, toiletries, sneakers, and sandals were reported stolen.

• On June 25, at 3:11 p.m., police responded to a report of forced entry and theft from a vehicle that was parked in a Morris Avenue tavern parking lot. The occurrence allegedly took place between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. According to a police report, the side window was broken and a Magellan GPS unit was stolen.

• On June 25, at 3:23 p.m., police responded to a report of forced entry and theft from a vehicle that was parked in a Broad Street bakery parking lot. According to a police report, a window of the vehicle was broken, and an envelope containing \$180 was taken from the vehicle.

• On June 25, at 7:08 p.m., police responded to a report of theft on Union Place. A black, 10-speed Schwinn mountain bike, valued at approximately \$100, was stolen, according to a police report.

• On June 26, at 1:55 p.m., police responded to a report of burglary and theft at a Wade Drive residence. The occurrence reportedly took place sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Items reported missing include: \$200 in cash and jewelry, a phone set and a radio/CD/tape player, which, in total, were valued at approximately \$8,000.

Linden

• Guilherme Tavares, 19, of Elizabeth was arrested by officers Robert Sanchez and John Mekovetz at 5:09 a.m. June 26, after a car and foot chase winding from Routes 1&9 to Route 278 East. Police responded to reports of a theft on the 1000 block of West Elizabeth Avenue when the officer noticed the alleged suspect fleeing north, near South Wood Avenue and Routes 1&9.

The officers pursued Tavares until he lost control of his vehicle as he attempted to pass a truck on the Route 278 exit ramp, and crashed into a guardrail. The driver attempted to flee on foot, but was quickly apprehended by the arresting officers. Tavares was charged with burglary, theft and eluding police.

• On June 26, at 3:36 a.m., officer Scott Jones arrested two Elizabeth juveniles for burglary and theft, when he found them sitting

in a vehicle with a screwdriver, wrench and pry bar. The owner of the vehicle told police he did not know the boys, ages 16 and 17. Police also found presumably stolen electronic items, money, sneakers, sunglasses and a flashlight in the minors' backpacks. The two were transported to Union County Juvenile Detention Center.

• On June 15, at 12:52 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of South Stiles Street on a report of a suspicious event. The victim, an 89-year-old woman, told police a man came to her home and told her he needed to survey her property for the city tax office. He was described as having an olive complexion, being in his late 40s and 5-foot-9 inches tall. The victim refused to let the unknown man into her home, and upon further investigation, it was determined the tax office had not sent anyone to visit the victim's residence and would not make a house call without advanced notice.

• On June 13, at 6:50 p.m., police responded to a reported theft.

The victim, 45, of New York reported that on June 1, he parked a 1991 open flat-bed trailer — with two Harley Davidson motorcycles on it — on McGillvray Place, near East Edgar Road. When he returned June 13, the trailer with both motorcycles were gone.

• On June 15, at 9:16 a.m., the manager of El Monte RV Rentals reported the theft of a catalytic converter from a 2009 Chateau Sport RV parked in the company's fenced lot.

• On June 17, at 10:30 p.m., police responded to Citgo gas station, 2000 East Edgar Road, on a report of a robbery.

An employee told police an unknown man entered the station store, brandishing a shotgun. The suspect demanded cash. The employee handed him \$300. The suspect is described as 5-foot-8 inches tall and wearing a gray sweatshirt with a hood. The victim told police he noticed two other possible accomplices standing outside the store during the robbery. All three suspects fled on foot.

Hillside

• On June 29, at 9:55 a.m., three men were arrested after a officer in an unmarked car allegedly watched them carry stolen copper pipes from an Aldine Street residence.

Tracy Rogers, 43, and George Combs, 41, both of Hillside and Douglas Smith, 36, of Orange were arrested by Detective Jamie Howell, who followed the men to a Newark house and called in backup after witnessing the theft. They were charged with burglary, theft, criminal mischief and pos-

session of burglary tools and were being held at police headquarters pending a bail hearing.

Rahway

• On June 18, at 5:56 p.m., police responded to a report of a burglary on East Hazelwood Avenue. The incident is under investigation by officers Jeffrey Kosty and Eric Seiden.

• On June 19, at 5:48 p.m., police responded to a report of a stolen motor vehicle on East Milton Avenue. The incident is still under investigation by officer Edward O'Donnell.

• On June 29, at 4:09 p.m., officers Christopher Daniele and Richard Stefanick responded to a reported burglary on Egolf Drive.

• On July 2, at 10:46 a.m., officer John Pitts Jr. responded to a report of a motor vehicle theft on Paterson Street.

• On Jul 4, at 5:26 p.m., officers Thomas McComb and Mark Okane responded to a reported Burglary on Stone Street.

• On July 4, at 11:32 p.m., officer Jeffrey Urban responded to a reported robbery on West Grand Avenue.

• On July 5, at 1:57 a.m., officers Philip Withers, Thomas McComb, Jeffrey Urban, Robert Zarzycki, Andre Tkach and James Guinta responded to a reported robbery on Main Street. A police K-9 called to the scene arrived at 2:23 a.m.

Roselle

• Dorothe Boice, of Elizabeth was arrested at 2:35 a.m. June 4, after police allegedly found her intoxicated at the scene of a hit-and-run accident.

Boice told police her vehicle was struck at the intersection of East Highland and Cavell streets by an unknown vehicle that fled after impact. Her front bumper had severe damage, with pieces of another car stuck between the front panel and passenger side door. A missing tire was found on Chestnut Street.

Police determined Boice was allegedly under the influence of alcohol and found several prescription drugs, which were not legally prescribed to her, in her possession.

Springfield

• On June 22, at 2:58 p.m., police responded to the reported theft of a credit card number. A unknown suspect purchased three half-gallon containers of Hennessy Liquor using a fraudulent credit card number, according to police.

• David Roberts, 42, of Kissimmee, Fla., was arrested at 12:22 p.m. June 24, and charged with driving while intoxicated, careless driving, possession of narcotics in a motor vehicle, possession of a hypodermic needle and being under the influence of narcotics.

SUMMIT BRIEFS

Spend Saturdays at Y

Family Event Saturdays at Summit Y are open to the community. Y membership is not required.

There is a fee, per family, for non-members. Summit YMCA is located at 67 Maple St. For information, contact Member Services or visit www.summitareaymca.org.

Old Guard meeting

All area 50 plus active men can attend Summit area Old Guard meetings on Tuesdays. Meetings are held at the New Providence Municipal Center, 360 Elkwood Ave. They begin at 9:15 a.m. For information, call Emil Butchko at 908-665-0678 or visit www.summitoldguard.homestead.com.

Golf toumey for SARA

Spots are still available to participate in the SARA golf tournament, dinner and auction at noon Sept. 12, at Mattawang Golf Club, Belle Mead. The event will benefit Summit Animal Rescue. The registration deadline is Aug. 1. For information or to sign-up, call Daniel Roland at 732-360-9797 or e-mail at daroland@live.com.

Camps, facilities open

The Department of Community Programs still has bargains available for summer fun. In addition to the traditional Summer Recreation Camp, several new camps are offered. Pony Share gives children a chance to learn about horses, while Actor's Garage may inspire a rising star. Sports camps of all varieties are offered including football, basketball, soccer and lacrosse. Golf Camp and Golf Clinics are offered for adults and children, along with tennis instruction and karate. Pre-school children can learn sports at Harding Kids camp. Lifeguard instruction will be available on multiple dates through July and August. Guardstart Camp is offered for pre-teens who aspire to be lifeguards. Some programs are also available for non-residents and scholarship aid is available for those involved with the Federal Free or Reduced Lunch programs.

Memberships are currently available to Summit Municipal Golf Course and Family Aquatic Center. While the golf course does have limited non-resident slots available, spaces fill quickly. Summit Family Aquatic Center is open only to residents. Memberships are still available. To register, www.register.communitypass.net/summit or call DCP offices at 908-277-2932.

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I was training for the New York City Marathon when I developed low back and right leg pain. An MRI showed a herniated disk in my low back. After 6 weeks of spinal decompression treatments I am back to running and couldn't be happier with the results. Thanks Performance Rehab!! — *Amy Drylewicz, Metuchen, NJ*

"...I was told I had degenerative disc disease and there was nothing that could be done..."

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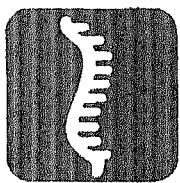
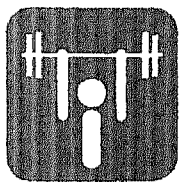
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Congress OKs grant for police equipment

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — Funds may be secured to help the city build a state-of-the-art dispatch and emergency management operations center, utilizing current radio, computer, Internet and supplement communications equipment.

City Police Chief Robert Lucid said he first applied for this grant three years ago and the upgrade is overdue.

Congressman Leonard Lance made a special trip to Summit's police headquarters last week to publicly announce the congressional approval of the \$1 million request for communication improvements.

Mayor Jordan Glatt expressed his gratitude. "I believe this is the largest grant Summit has ever received and one of the most important projects," he said.

Lance agreed keeping police equipment up-to-date is a safety measure that cannot be overlooked.

"Summit first responders are dedicated individuals who work day and night keeping the public safe," Lance said. "Making sure they have the right tools and resources to carry out their important jobs in public safety is a win-win for everybody."

Glatt described the department's current equipment, all of which is at least 20 years old, as "archaic" and "being held together by tape and chewing gum."

Councilman Andrew Lark also noted the system has broken down several times in the last few years, resulting in several \$40,000 allocations for screens and gear repairs. The cost of repairs has been steep because few companies even have the tools to service the equipment.

According to Lucid, the new equipment would provide emergency service to a full-time population of nearly 50,000 city residents.

Currently, when a 9-1-1 call is placed in the city, it first goes to the fire department, and then transferred to the police department. The new equipment will avoid this step.

"Seconds and minutes make a huge difference in emergency situations, and with the new equipment emergency call will be directed more proficiently," Lark explained.

Lucid emphasized the need for new equipment. "We've been pursuing this project for nearly three years, and this is clearly something we needed, not only in this town but all over the state," he said.

The new digital equipment will help better coordinate the city's three



Photo By Joseph M. D'Alise

Summit police dispatcher Gayle Tesman shows off the department's current police radio equipment that may soon be replaced.

dispatch centers at the police department, fire department and emergency services. "This is the wave of the future," Lance said.

He noted the funding bill approved by congress must also gain approval from the Senate and president, but that he is unsure how long this process may take.

"We are optimistic...we will receive these funds," said Lark who sits on the council's Finance Committee. "If we do not receive it, we need to bite the bullet and proceed with updating...equipment by means of the capital budget."

RAHWAY NEWS

YMCA offers camps

Registration for the 2009 Summer Camp at the YMCA of Eastern Union County, Rahway Branch, has begun. Camps are 10 weeks, ending Sept. 4.

The YMCA has the following camps:

- Discovery Camp for ages 5 through 7
- Explorer Camp for ages 8 through 10
- Adventure Camp for ages 11 through 14
- Square Foot Gardening camps will be available during July and August.

Additional volunteers will be needed to assist the staff during the mornings. Previous experience is not required.

Additional camps include: Splash and Sports camps, and Cheer and Tumbling. Extended care is also offered before and after camp hours.

For information, contact Lindsay Sudia at 732-388-0057, ext 239.

Parking group meets

The Parking Authority of the City of Rahway will hold its regular meeting at 67 Lewis St., Rahway, at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 5. A reorganization meeting will be followed immediately by the regular meeting.

LINDEN BRIEFS

Farmers market open

Linden Farmers Market is held from 3 to 7 p.m. Mondays, through Oct. 26, at Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade, Wood Avenue. Various goods are available.

Fall soccer planned

Linden Department of Public Property and Community Service's Little Kickers fall soccer clinic has been planned for city girls and boys, ages 4 and 5. The clinic will

be held five consecutive Saturdays: Sept. 19, 26 and Oct. 3, 10, 17, at Al Kalla Park from 10 to 11 a.m. The registration deadline is Sept. 11. There is a fee per child. Payment may be made by cash, check,

money order, Visa or Master Card. Sign-ups are on a first come, first served basis as the clinic is limited to 60 youngsters. Register at the Community Center Building, 605 South Wood Ave.; John T. Gregorio

Center, 330 Helen St., or Linden Multi-purpose Center, 1025 John St. Register online at www.linden-nj.org. All youngsters will be provided with a T-shirt and must wear shin guards at all times.

Foxx to perform

Jeff Foxx, a WBLS radio disc jockey and rhythm and soul artist, will perform at the first Roselle Urban Enterprise Zone Summer Concert Series event Friday, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Roselle Shopping Center, 500-600 Raritan Road.

"The Summer Concert Series is a great way to showcase the town and for the Roselle business community to give something back to the residents," said UEZ Coordinator Harry Wyatt. "We're looking forward to Jeff Foxx getting us off to a strong start this Friday."

The series is free and performances are outdoors. Seats are provided, but concert-goers are encouraged to bring chairs, as the seating fills up fast. For information, visit www.uezroselle.com or call 908-259-3001.

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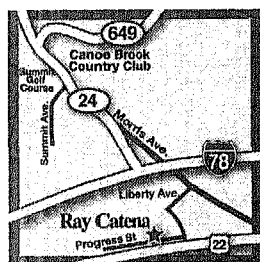
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OPINION PAGE

EDITORIAL

More of the same

Something is horribly the same in Hillside.

Today, while the mayor's seat as well as many of the council seats are occupied by completely different people as they were two or three years ago, something else, unfortunately, has not changed. Hillside's elected officials still can't seem to work harmoniously.

This was evident almost as soon as the township's recent re-organization meeting began last week, when newly-elected Mayor Joseph Menza stood to share his concerns regarding agenda items, only to be gavelled by newly-appointed Council President Edward Brewer, who told "Mr. Menza" that he would have an opportunity to speak during the public portion of the meeting.

The council then went on to pass a number of appointments that traditionally fall under the responsibility of the mayor, such as those that name new members of local boards. The Township Council's assumption of the mayor's duties during former Mayor Karen McCoy Oliver's turbulent tenure was a questionable course of action, and any honest elected official should be eager to now dispense with such methods and welcome Menza's more involved execution of the office of mayor.

Yet in statements that could have been lifted verbatim from the minutes of a 2007 council meeting, Councilman John Kulish insisted that Menza had failed to appear on time, failed to answer faxes and had not been properly advised on the workings of local government. The ongoing efforts on the part of the council's majority to justify their inability to resolve simple issues and delegate responsibility went on to reach uncharted levels of desperation during the meeting. One of the newest members of the governing body, Councilman President Carlisle, advised outraged residents to abandon any notion that those with more power than themselves might have a hand in creating what, at this point, can only be considered a permanent phenomenon surrounding the mayor's office. This enigma apparently prevents basic communication from taking place among elected officials, and seems to have been in existence for years. Carlisle insisted that the residents themselves are partly to blame for the discord. "Stop blaming others. Blame yourselves," Carlisle told the assembled citizens. "You're the people. It's your responsibility." We have to agree with that statement. The people are responsible — and the people elected Joe Menza in the hope of resolving the issues that have plagued the Hillside Township Council for years. By the same token, the residents have also put their faith in the council members who must now find a way to — finally — put their petty differences aside and just do their jobs. We can only hope the phrase "the more things change, the more they stay the same" will not apply to Hillside in the coming years.



Photo by Jim Lowney, county of Union

'OUTSTANDING' — Union County Freeholder Chairman Al Mirabella, left, and Scotch Plains Battalion Chief John Lestrachick, right, president of the Union County Fire Chiefs' Association, present new Clark Firefighter Fred Illg, second from right, with an award for outstanding performance at the Union County Fire Training Academy. They are joined by Clark Assistant Fire Chief Timothy Wierzbinski during the June 14 graduation ceremony at Union County College.

A choice between layoffs, fireworks

Peter Pelissiere's close-up — The often unavailable Peter Pelissiere had suddenly become very accessible. Rahway's business administrator became a celebrity symbol. The decision by Rahway to eliminate fireworks from last week's July 4 celebration was in the news parlance — a story with legs.

Pelissiere granted interviews to the local press and television. Stations explained the obvious choice between layoffs and fireworks. The networks got hold of the story and Pelissiere was more than accommodating in telling Rahway's story nationwide.

Critics and bridges — Rahway's loss became Cranford's gain. The county funneled money slated for Rahway's show to Cranford fireworks. Coupled with aggressive fundraising by some ex-mayors, the fireworks show went on in Cranford at Nomahagen Park.

A whole lot of people got to the event walking across the bridge onsite, constructed last year as part of the county's MusicFest event. The band of frequent critics of County Manager George Devaney used the construction of the bridge, which was part of the original park plan, to unleash a barrage of criticism.

The whole matter lends itself to

Left Out

By Frank Capece

reminding that instant criticism should be tempered with the long term results of a project.

Park sewerage — Whatever happens ultimately with the Avalon Bay project in Roselle Park, it will probably be remembered for their threats of litigation which accompany the project. Last week, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority in a rare split vote, approved to accept 20,000 gallons daily of sewage from the project. With the ever present threat of litigation even with two Commissioners voting no, and two others abstaining by a slim margin, Avalon Bay got the needed approval for sewage treated.

A very big question for the little borough to face down the road is, if refined measuring systems find the borough is in an excess capacity of treatment, it may lead to a very costly hit in scrambling to buy more capacity.

Summit's job market — The decision by Schering Plough Corp. to construct new buildings in Sum-

mit is pretty amazing. In this lousy economy the pharmaceutical giant has been approved for 50,000 new square feet of construction. It's estimated that within a few years the company will house 3,000 employees in Summit.

The congressman's job — Seventh District Rep. Leonard Lance wasn't posing for smiling pictures with kids and soldiers last week. His first real controversial vote saw him side with the Democratic majority in the House on the subject of CAP and trade. The concept supported by environmentalist sets tough standards for emissions controls and trading of available slots. Conservatives oppose the measure and a group decked out in Revolutionary War clothing let their displeasure with Lance be known with a demonstration in front of Lance's office.

Rahway games — The crowds are getting bigger on Friday evenings at the Rahway Middle School. The competition and high level of soccer playing in an adult league at the site is impressive. The real winner is the Rita's Italian Ice stand across the street which does a bang-up business during breaks.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

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Invaders of the Rahway River

Japanese Stilt Grass pervades throughout the Rahway River watershed parks and natural areas capitalizing upon the low density of native plants over browsed by the white-tailed deer.

Inhabiting the entire habitat types from moist to dry soils in low light and direct sun, Japanese stilt grass is an annual herb that creates an effective mat that is dense. Generating thousands of seeds per year, the stilt grass can spread dramatically in a few short years. Native plants such as wildflowers and grasses cannot compete, therefore, leading to the local extinction of many species. Even worse, there is a growing body of evidence that the Japanese Stilt Grass changes the chemistry of the soil to facilitate its existence at the expense of local flora.

Controlling Japanese stilt grass is relatively easy if you hand-pull since it has a shallow root system. Hand-pulling should be done only in late summer or early fall. Other methods to control this invasive plant include chemical applications such as Roundup and Rodeo which contains the systemic herbicide glyphosate.

Another Japanese invader, knotweed is the only plant growing along the shores of the Rahway River and its tributaries for miles around.

This tall bamboo-like perennial that quickly forms dense mats of nearly 10-foot shoots that grows quickly; easily outcompetes native herbs, shrubs and tree saplings. Preferring moist soils but persisting in dry landscapes, Knotweed can grow in direct sun and light shade, even the sidewalk cracks of our streetscapes.

Eliminating knotweed is not easy once established. Chemical treatment in combination with cutting is the most effective method way of culling this public nuisance. Cutting at two inches above the

Eye On the Environment

By Dennis Miranda

ground and then treating with Round Up or Rodeo on the cut stem is effective. This practice may be necessary two or three times in one growing season to exhaust the energy reserves of the targeted plant until it inevitably dies. For controlling large populations, a foliar method is practiced. This application of glyphosate to moisten all foliage will poison the plant. Great care must be taken in avoiding polluting wetlands and killing nearby native plants.

Garlic mustard is the bane of native wildflowers and grasses. This invader from Europe is a conspicuous plant that grows in early spring, often ahead of our own native ephemerals just about anywhere.

Garlic mustard will more aggressively capitalize on moisture, nutrients, soils and space. Where garlic mustard is on the march in the region's natural areas and parks of the Rahway River watershed it quickly establish itself as the dominant spring wildflower.

Eradication of garlic mustard on a landscape basis is not practicable unless using Round Up. Hand-pulling remains the most expedient method of removal. Employing fire is effective but it will create fertile ground for germinating dormant seeds.

Multiflora rose has become the most common understory and successional shrub of the watershed's parkland. Neither new nor as noxious as the aforementioned plants, the multiflora rose has supplanted our native roses, swamp rose or

Carolina rose as the most common rose in the wild.

Removal of multiflora rose is unrealistic except in limited areas because of what it would cost. Replacing it with our own native roses in would be beneficial but deer would eat that too.

Japanese barberry is the one plant that most benefits from the white-tailed deer herbivory which is excessive at the South Branch Preserve.

This dense, globular, thorny shrub is a generalist plant growing under the canopy of forests, fields, wetland edges and in waste areas. Changing the soil ph, nutrient levels, and reducing leaf litter are all advantageous consequences of spreading barberry.

While providing limiting food sources and shelter for nesting birds, the negative factors far outweigh the positives. Fortunately, barberry has a shallow root system, making them vulnerable to hand pulling. Chemical treatment on a large scale is impractical like the multiflora rose; however, they can be eliminated by using Round Up and Garlon.

Oriental bittersweet is a terrible invasive vine that can destroy 40-foot tall trees by vigorously growing and smothering it. Often the tightening vise of the vine will force a tree to snap which is apparent and die off. While the plants are not eaten by native animals, the seeds of oriental bittersweet are readily eaten by birds and mammals.

Manual, chemical and mechanical methods to eradicate the vine are quite effective.

Rodeo, Garlon and Accord contain Glyphosate which will kill the plant within a week after application.

Dennis Miranda is the executive director of the Rahway River Association.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help grant a child's wish

To the Editor:

I am a Firefighter with the township of Irvington and each year we host a golf outing in memory of one of our firefighters. This year's outing will benefit the Make-A-Wish foundation of New Jersey.

We would like your help in finding a local child in which we could grant their wish. The event takes place Sept. 14, so we have some time finding one or more children.

Please contact the Make-A-Wish Foundation's Director of External Affairs Stacy Kreizman at skreizman@wish.org to make a suggestion.

Andy Zwirko
Union

Ready for the Fair Tax


To the Editor:

A Rasmussen Poll from May 29 suggests that

Americans may be more ready for the Fair Tax than one may think. Unlike some add-on VAT proposals, the Fair Tax is a national retail sales tax to replace income, payroll and estate, gift and generation-skipping taxes.

According to that poll, just 18 percent of Americans nationwide favor a national sales tax to raise additional money for the government, and 68 percent oppose such a tax. But the numbers change when Americans are asked to support a sales tax, if it would mean getting rid of the income tax. There a plurality of Americans, 43 percent, favor the trade-off, while 38 percent are opposed. Forty-eight percent say a sales tax is fairer than an income tax — and that is with no mention of a pre-bate — while only 26 percent hold the opposite view. Urge your senator and congressman to co-sponsor the Fair Tax. There is no longer a political risk to co-sponsorship of the Fair Tax.

Jim Bennett
Summit



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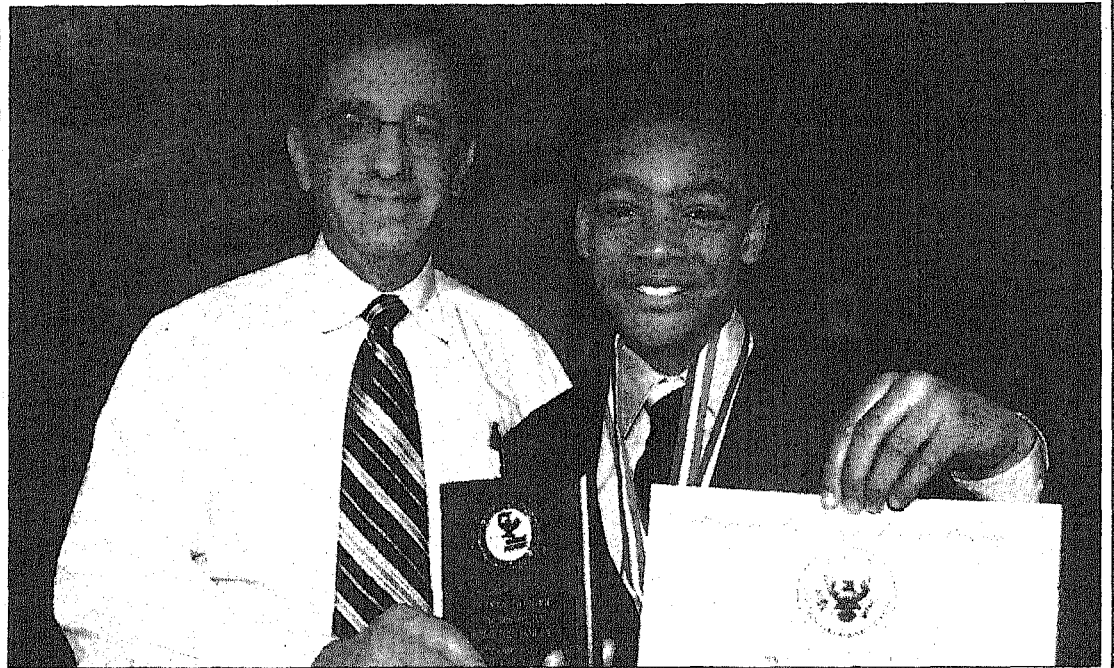


Photo By Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools

Linden School 9 student Dimetre Bailey earned the gold certificate for the Presidential Academic Award, which is presented to all students who receive A's in all subjects. He also earned two gold medals — one for being the top math student and the second for reading. Principal James Iozzi presents Bailey with his academic awards.

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Residents argue fee increases

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — Some residents are furious about \$20 sewerage and minimum \$10 water fee increases.

Approximately two dozen residents shared their ire at a special City Council meeting June 30, which saw the total annual sewer fee jump from \$245 to \$265, a \$1.67 increase on the monthly bill.

The change was unanimously approved by the City Council.

Rahway Business Administrator Peter Pelissier said the rate hike was necessary for pump replacements at the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority site. He noted that several pumps have failed recently,

causing sewage backups for residents. Baker added that aside from improvements to the water plant filtration system, a water consumption decrease in Rahway is also inflating the fee. As residents pay based on usage, the sudden lack of revenue stream made it necessary to raise the fees, Baker explained.

Members of Rahway's Republican Committee criticized the all-Democratic council, saying the increase is a tax being disguised as a fee.

"It's not a fee if it's not based on the water you use," said former council candidate Brian DesRochers. He also complained the "socialist tax" will benefit peo-

ple with larger families that use more utilities.

Other residents also pointed to a letter mailed to residents last year, in which the council assured there would be no fee increases in the future. Some residents at the meeting said they felt the money was being used to assist the municipal budget.

Baker said the fee is not a tax. "There is no secret slush fund," he contended. "[In regards to the letter], we probably should have said we don't expect the fee to increase. But then again the economy wasn't in the state it is in now, things happened that were above and beyond our control."

City administrator selected for Argentine exchange program

Sheila Cole, principal of Summit's Franklin School, has been selected to participate in the 2009-10 Argentina Principal Exchange Program. The program provides the opportunity for U. S. and Argentine school principals to work together on issues of mutual interest to their communities, schools and students. Argentine principals will travel to the United States for a three-week program with the U.S. partner principal in October or November 2009, and then U.S. principals will participate in a reciprocal program in Argentina during June or July, 2010.



Cole

The U. S. principal, in collaboration with his/her Argentine partner principal, will design and

implement a program for the Argentine partner during their U.S. visit, and will arrange a home-stay. Exchanges may focus on the areas of personnel administration, school management,

instruction, curriculum development, student affairs and educational policy.

"I am very excited about this program," said Cole. "We will be planning activities during the entire school year for our students and teachers to interact and learn from this enriching experience."

In October 2009, approximately 40 U.S. and Argentine principals will participate in a joint orientation program in Washington, D.C. The U.S. principals will host an Argentine principal for approximately three weeks following this orientation.

U.S. principals will travel to Buenos Aires and Cordoba for a pre-program orientation in the summer of 2010.

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E. Edgar Rd. crash leads to one death

By Spencer Reiss
Correspondent

LINDEN — East Edgar Road is the site of yet another fatal car crash, police said early last week.

At 11:50 p.m. June 29, police responded to the deadly collision, involving a car struck by a tractor trailer south of Park Avenue.

The victim, Cibley Borges, 23, of Rahway was traveling in the right lane on the westbound side, when her 1993 Nissan Altima struck the curb. She lost control of the vehicle, which careened from the center of the road across all lanes of traffic, jumped the concrete median and headed into oncoming traffic. Borges vehicle was struck on the passenger side by a 2002 Peterbilt driven by Miklos Magyar, 37, of Effort, Pa., according to police reports.

Investigators believe Borges was text messaging on her cellular phone and speeding when she lost control of the vehicle. She was taken to University Hospital in Newark, where she was pronounced dead due to blunt force trauma resulting from the crash. Magyar was not seriously injured, and no charges will be filed against him, police said.

There have been several accidents in the area during the past year, as well as another fatal accident a few years ago, according to city Detective Lt. James Sarnicki.

He said the accidents are likely the result of two factors — few traffic lights are mounted along the road that includes many curves. "There is no traffic light for a long stretch," Sarnicki said.

Though steps had been taken to prevent accidents in the area, including the installation of higher concrete barriers added in several locations, sadly, barriers were not been put into place where the accident occurred.

Calls made to the state Department of Transportation were not returned.

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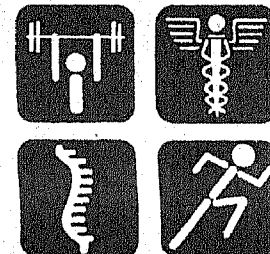


Chemistry classes taught by Martin Goldman and Stephen Valentine at Rahway High School lightened things up with an experiment outdoors, combining Mentos candy and different kinds of soda. Valentine, left, and Goldman, right, conduct the experiment.



IS NON SURGICAL SPINAL DECOMPRESSION THERAPY RIGHT FOR YOU?

By: Dr. Ron Spiaggia



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Our clinic has addressed the growing problems of spinal pain and dysfunction and the lack of non-surgical conservative treatment options that were previously available. We are pleased to announce the acquisition of two DRX 9000C spinal decompression therapy systems. This FDA cleared medical equipment, works by reducing disc pressure within the spine thus, causing a "vacuum effect" within the disc. It is theorized that this effect will draw herniated or bulging material into the center of the disc and will also cause rehydration of disc fluids. Subsequent to successful treatment on the DRX 9000C, post MRI observations have shown significant reductions in herniated or bulging discs.

The DRX 9000C has been proven to be an effective treatment for low back and neck pain associated with acute or chronic back pain, failed back surgery, spinal arthritis, spinal stenosis, sciatica, posterior facet syndrome, herniated discs, bulging discs and degenerative disc disease. Spinal decompression therapy is not recommended for pregnant women, patients who have severe osteoporosis, spinal surgery with instrumentation (screws, metal plates or O "cages"), unstable spondylolisthesis or severe progressive neurological symptoms are also contraindicated. However, spinal decompression therapy after non-fusion spinal surgery can be performed.

Clinical studies demonstrate that decompression therapy does indeed cause disc pressure to decrease, generally by producing and sustaining negative intradiscal pressure. One such study looking at patients with herniated and degenerative disc disease found that 86% of 219 subjects who completed decompression therapy reported significant improvement of symptoms, while 84% of the total maintained clinical improvements for 3 months afterward. The specific treatment plan will be determined by the doctor after your examination. However, based on current research and our clinical experience, the best results have been achieved utilizing 12-24 sessions over a 4-6 week period when coupled with physical therapy and anti-inflammatory medications. Feel free to contact our office with any questions and please visit our web site www.performancerehabnj.com to review patient testimonials and the most current research supporting Spinal Decompression Therapy.

UNION BRIEFS

Register for camps

Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, is offering a summer sports camps for girls, ages 10 to 18. Offerings include: Tennis Camp Monday through July 16, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Softball Camp, Monday through July 16, from 5 to 8 p.m.; Volleyball Camp, July 20 to July 24, beginner and J.V. from 10 a.m. to noon and varsity level from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m.; Basketball Camp, July 27 to July 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Soccer Camp Aug. 17 to Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. There is a fee for each camp.

Obtain an application by visiting the school Web site at www.motherseton.org or call Mother Seton at 732-382-1952.

Access to audiobooks expands for residents

For users or potential users of Clark library's downloadable audiobooks, a new version of Overdrive media console must be downloaded.

This new software will enable users with iPods and Zune to use WMA files instead of only MP3 files. Since the library's collection is primarily WMA files, iPod users now have access to many more titles.

Downloadable book titles are listed in the library catalog and through the ListenNJ site. You must have a valid Clark Library Card to use this service.

For information, call 732-388-5999 or -mai.reference@clarklibrary.org.

Want to play games?

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



TAKING A SEAT — Michael A. Kelly Post 2433, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Union, have appointed their officers for the 2009-10 program. Above: Kelly Post officers Bud Norton, Dick Rembert, Phil Bozulus, Dan Sickels, Ed McElroy, Leo Graf, Bob Johnsen, Joe Barbella and Bob Knecht. Below: Kelly Post Auxiliary officers Jane Winter, Betty Bober, Janet Cain, Jeanne Schwartz, Paula Wojtczak, Selma Fein, Terry Hauser, Marion Bozulus, Anne Barbella, Marie Corvasce, Jane Graf and Pat Schleck.



School officials announce plan to improve scores

(Continued from Page 1)
for grades three, four and five and a high school transition program for grade 8. "We lost 28 points because our curriculum guides were out of date," Buglione explained.

Every four years the state updates its core curriculum standards. Though Buglione claims Rahway teachers were using 2004

standards, paperwork noted that certain programs were unitizing 2000 standards.

"We have so many courses at the high school, it can be difficult to update everything we need to," Buglione explained. "They incorrectly inferred that all our programs were out of date. They are hurting us on a technicality."

The district appealed the decision soon after the results were released, but in June, the appeal denied. The district approved a plan to update its core curriculum standards at its June 30 meeting, and now must wait for the county superintendent to approve the plan before moving forward. Buglione is confident that by September, the entire dis-

trict should be updated with the new, 2009 standards.

Executive Union County Superintendent Carmen Centuolo and a state Department of Education representative did not return calls for comment.

Joseph M. D'Alise can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 124.

KENILWORTH BRIEFS

Library activities set

The following events will be held at Kenilworth library:

- Thursdays: Toddler Time for 2 year olds will be held from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. through Aug. 5. Stories, puppets and music for the youngest listeners will be introduced.

- Tuesdays: Bingo For Young Children will be held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. through July 28 for chil-

dren ages 3 and up

- Wednesdays: Story Time for children ages 3 and up will be held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. through Aug. 6.

- Fridays: Funtastic Crafts will be held from 11 a.m. to noon through July 31.

Children ages 4 through 6 must be accompanied by an assisting adult.

- July 16: Be Creative With

Books will be held from 7 to 7:45 p.m.

- July 20: Glue N' Go Costumes will be held From 7 to 7:45 p.m.

- July 22: Story Time Stage will be held from 7 to 7:45 p.m.

- July 29: Jugglin' Jen will present a a juggling program from 7 to 7:45 p.m. To register for programs or for information, visit Kenilworth Public Library at 548 Boulevard or call 908-276-2451. Visit

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

Trustees meeting

A special meeting of Kenilworth Public Library Board of Trustees will be held at 6 p.m. July 21. Meet in the Activity Room.

'Tricky Tray' for kids

The Kenilworth Public Library will present its 8th annual cash-

free Tricky Tray For Children and Teens, ages 2 through 18 years old, starting at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 13, in Schering Plough Corporation's corporate cafeteria. Registration has begun. All donations are greatly appreciated. All donated prizes must be dropped off at the Kenilworth Public Library no later than July 24.

For information, call the library at 908-276-2451.

Thanks for the help!



Matt Calo, a senior at Arthur L. Johnson High School, Clark, recently won the Helping Hands Home Care DECA Scholarship Award. He received a \$1,000 check from Robert D'Arienzo, a graduate of high school and former state DECA winner in 1992 and 1993.

Summer reading hot at Roselle Public Library

A glass of lemonade, some shade and a good book – what better way to spend the summer? The Roselle Public Library has reads for all ages, as well as programs for children and young adults. Plus, it's all free with your library card, except for the DVDs.

Adults wanting to catch up on reading best sellers will find new novels and mysteries. Biographies from Lena Horne to Lorenzo the Magnificent, cookbooks of every flavor, how-to tomes for projects – the library has them all.

If you want to go paperless, there are books on tape and CD, for download to iPods, or on video or DVD, if you want to watch the movie version.

The Children's Department is presenting "Be Creative At Your Library" from through Aug. 15. In July, Monday mornings are for "Lots of Tots." Parents need to join their tots for this.

Tuesdays, at 11 a.m., "Club Creation Station," for youth in kindergarten through grade 3, will meet. The Club features reading activities and others.

Wednesdays, at 1 p.m., will be

the "Express Yourself Club" for fourth- and fifth-graders.

Registration is needed for these programs. Special events will be scheduled for the first half of August, including a Saturday program.

For teens and tweens, the Leadership program has begun. Students will participate in health and fitness activities. Monday evenings, there will be a book discussion group, and Tuesday and Wednesday the discussions will look to education, careers and other topics related to becoming an adult.

Students in Roselle Public Schools will also be able to pick up summer reading books at the library. In order to serve everyone, there is a limit of two reading list books per library card, and no renewals or reservations. The library will also have copies of the reading assignments, which can be copied. It also supports the reading lists of Roselle Catholic High School and St. Joseph's.

Roselle Public Library is located at the corner of Chestnut Street and West Fourth Avenue. For information, call 908-245-5809.

SPRINGFIELD BRIEFS

Like to play Scrabble?

Springfield library will hold Scrabble nights Mondays at 7 p.m. Patrons who want to play will meet at the library, 66 Mountain Ave.

Mom's Club meeting

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

Get computer training

Springfield library holds its drop-in computer training program

Wednesdays. Visit the library between 10:30 a.m. and noon for training in how to use the Internet.

Hepburn films playing

Springfield Public Library continues its lunch time film series "An Audrey Hepburn Retrospective," with the third film in the series at noon Tuesday. Patrons can bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Coffee and cookies will be served at 11:30 a.m. Assistive listening devices are available upon request. The library is located at 66 Moun-

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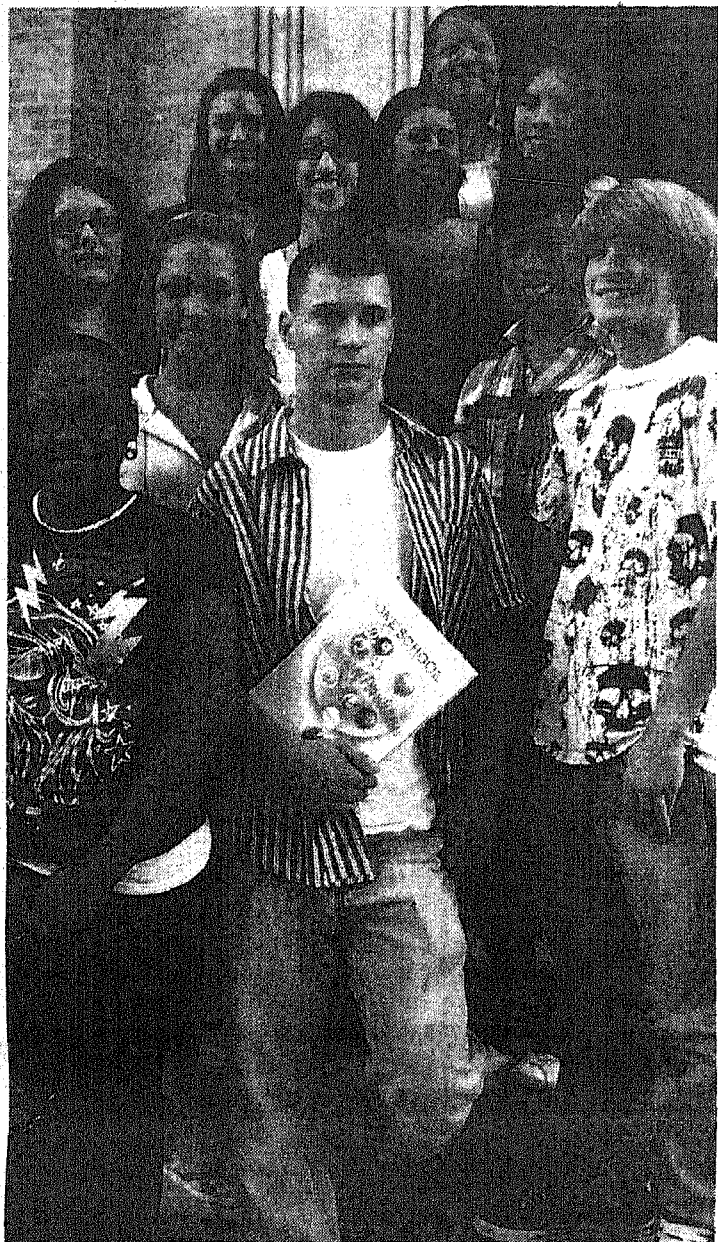
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Top ten



Rahway High School Principal Paula Braxton, at top, joins the top ten graduates of the Class of 2009 during the senior luncheon June 19. The top ten include, front row, from left: Valedictorian Jennifer Cadestin, Jarrad Fiorito, and Christopher Vansco; center row, Carly Dehmer, salutatorian Tiffany Daggett and Daphne Lee. Back row, from left: Carly Romeo, Amy Geis, Michelle Gil and Telima Plowman.

Learning plan hits Roselle

By Ryan O'Reilly
Correspondent

ROSELLE — Ninety school districts applied to take part in the state's Personalized Student Learning Plans pilot program; 16 made it. Among the lot is one Union County institution — Abraham Clark High School.

Roselle Superintendent, Elnardo Webster, said the program will help follow the academic progress of participating students. "The program gives...an opportunity to take a customized and individualized approach to the educational advancement of the students," he explained.

The program, which will kick off during the 2009-10 school year, will be implemented in the sixth and ninth grades.

Roselle Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Tamika Bauknight, said ninth-graders were targeted by school officials. "One of our goals is to advance the curriculum at the high school level and to be in line with upcoming high school requirements," she said. "There are a lot of

the changes going on in the high school during the next four years, and we're looking at what the guidelines for the next high school reform will be."

With New Jersey guideline changes looming, Bauknight said the district is already ahead in terms of advanced requirements for graduation.

The purpose of the program is to create a career portfolio for each student, detailing both academic and career goals. As the pupils progress through high school, advisors will track whether they are doing the necessary work to be successful in whatever career path they choose.

"What has happened in the past is students start talking about career paths in eleventh grade, but realize they should have done something else when they were younger," Bauknight said. "Once they identify their interests, they set their path goals."

Three years ago, the school began implementing some form of a personalized learning plan with its

High Schools that Work program. The current advisory program in Roselle is similar to the pilot program being launched. The main difference is advisors have not implemented a formalized student learning plan.

Marie Barry, state director of the Office of Career and Technical Education for the Department of Education, said the districts' High Schools that Works program set Roselle apart during the selection process. Another nearby school that made the cut was Bloomfield High School in Essex County.

"Abraham Clark was what we called one of our 'Level 2' schools, because they're a little further along in implementing personalized student plans. It had some plans, community involvement and a strong leadership team," Barry said.

The school will receive a \$15,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Education as part of its acceptance into the program.

According to Bauknight, the grant will be used to support workshops and training advisors.

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Welcome rewards



Cranford College Women's Club granted \$10,000 in scholarships and other awards to township students during a recent awards ceremony at Roselle Golf Club, from left: College Women's Club President Judy Minitelli, award winners Marta Wolfshordl and Ryan Cathcart, as well as three of the four scholarship recipients, Kelli Bruno, Shannon Rasmussen and Scott Sigl. Not pictured is Stephanie Walls, another scholarship recipient.

STUDENT UPDATE

Three from UC named to Villanova dean's list

Massimo Arpino of Mountainside, T. Kern of Summit and Raymond Stochel of Clark have been named to the dean's list at Villanova for the 2009 spring semester.

Marist grads named

Oghogho Igbinosun and Michael John Cladek, both of Rahway, Anna Katherine Matthews of Cranford, Jessica Leigh Schindler of Kenilworth, and Brian Stovall of Hillside graduated May 23 from Marist College.

Summit pair achieve

Alexander George and Hannah Sherman, both of Summit earned honors for the spring 2009 semester at Skidmore College.

Hillside, Union natives make dean's list at NU

Andrea Tavares of Hillside and Phoebe Oliverio and Stephanie Calefati, both of Union, were named to the dean's list for the 2009 spring semester at Northeastern University.

Two on UC dean's list

Samantha Leigh Garber of Mountainside and Katelyn Mary Sileo of Union have been named to the dean's list for the 2009 spring semester at the University of Connecticut.

Three graduate at SU

Scott R. Burkholder of Springfield, JoAnn Mannix of Kenilworth and Patricia A. Simpson of Cran-

ford, all earned master's degrees from Scranton University during a commencement ceremony May 30.

Carro awarded BA

Jessica Carro of Linden graduated with a bachelor's degree in Spanish and international affairs from Wagner College.

Saladino, Nasadiuk graduate Winston

Michael Saladino of Springfield and Ryan Nasadiuk of Clark both graduated from The Winston School in Short Hills.

UC locals named to dean's list at Drew U

Domenica Papatatto of Mountainside, Kimy Yeung of Rahway, Richard Villa of Roselle Park, Ashley

Walker of Hillside, Jessica Moore of Summit, Amy Guffey of Kenilworth, Alyssa Stockl of Springfield and Laure D'Angelo of Springfield, James Roche of Union, Andrew Obergfell of Cranford, and Melinda Norelli, Ann Mularz and Kristen Shubeck of Linden, were all named to the dean's list at Drew University.

Schvarcz, Blum on Emory U dean's list

Ariel Schvarcz and Alex Blum, both of Springfield were named to the dean's list in the undergraduate college for liberal arts at Emory University.

Kulinski earns PhD

Julie Ann Kulinski earned her doctorate in Physical Therapy from

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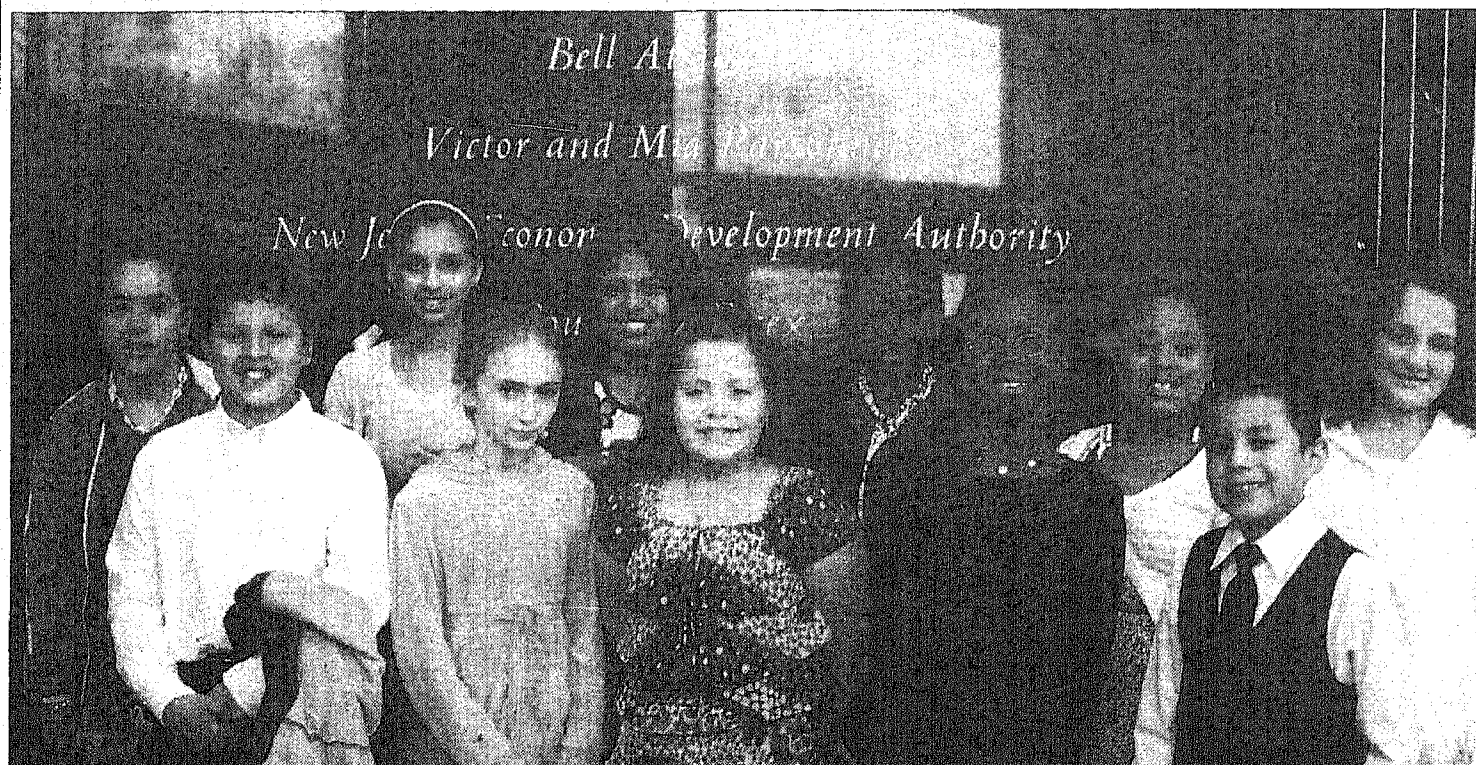
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SCHOOL ZONE

Walking the halls



Fourth- and fifth-grade Gifted and Talented students from Roosevelt School in Rahway are accompanied by their teachers, Susan Rubino, Margaret Cilia, and Debby Geis, at the second New Jersey Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony May 3, at NJPAC in Newark. Students learned about the accomplishments of New Jersey citizens who have made contributions to society.

SCHOOL NEWS

Register for Pre-K, Head Start programs

Registration for enrolling children in Union's pre-kindergarten program for September has begun.

Children must be four-years-old by Sept. 30. Children who will be 3 1/2 years old by Sept. 30, and meet income or other guidelines, can qualify for the Head Start program. For a registration packet, call the Pre-kindergarten/Head Start Office at 908-851-6564.

OK adventure awaits

Oak Knoll Adventures in Summit will hold the Summer of Discovery program, for sixth- through eighth-grade girls, during the week of July 20. The program combines academic and wellness activities.

Participants will take part in activities between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The morning will be devoted to core curriculum courses: math, science, engineering and writing in the humanities. The afternoon portion will provide an
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Scholarship Fund distributes \$6,500 to students

Clark Scholarship Fund presented five scholarships, with a total value of \$6,500 to outstanding Arthur L. Johnson and Union County Magnet High School seniors at an awards ceremony held at the Knights of Columbus May 18.

Colleen Tracey was awarded the \$2,000 Charles E. Driesens Scholarship, named in honor of one of the co-founders of Clark Scholarship Fund. Tracey attends Union

County Magnet High School and will be attending Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. She will study physics.

Lance Wildorf, who will be attending Tufts University in Massachusetts, was awarded the Henry Staeger Scholarship, named in honor of another co-founder of CSF. The Staeger award has a value of \$2,000. He plans to major in English.

Harrison Haney was presented the \$1,000 William Sanguiliano Scholarship, also named after a deceased member. Haney will attend the University of Connecticut and major in theatre and puppetry.

Nicole Ferrentino was awarded the Toal Stipend, named in honor of James J. Toal, the Fund's 17th president, in the amount of \$1,000. Ferrentino will major in elementary

education at Ramapo College.

Amber Hewko was presented the Elks Scholarship of \$500, sponsored by Clark/Mountainside Elks Lodge and administered by the Scholarship Fund. Hewko will attend Kean University to become a mathematics teacher.

The 2009 year marked the 56th year the Scholarship Fund has honored outstanding students with such awards. In this time, the fund has

presented awards in excess of \$288,000. Clark Scholarship Fund is supported entirely by contributions from many businesses and individual citizens in area communities.

The fund welcomes anyone who would like to get involved in its work.

Meetings are held five times a year. Interested parties should call 732-388-6720.

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the University of Medicine and Dentistry. Kulinski was a 2003 graduate of Cranford High School and a 2007 graduate of Ramapo College of New Jersey.

School 9: Best named

The following students were chosen by their classroom teacher as "Student of the Month" at School 9, Linden: Julia Steiner, Valerie Sanglay, Justin Loftus, Ethan Salazar, Branden Van Allen, Endrick Theodore, Lussevikueno Gomes, Jayden Farese, Gianni Principato, Natalia Gabryzewski, Nelly Thebaud, Rameek Blake, Kervens Gillot, Shellbie Etienne, Bethany Parrillo, David Augustyn, Giovanni Principato, Dawid Zieba, Hailey Galvez, Nicole Fragoso, Abby Nemeck-Merwede, Monique Hawkins, Thomas Wall, Jaclyn Beviano, Sebastian Staskiewicz,

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...And they're off



Linden soccer playoffs are off and running in the Public Property and Community Services League. Games are played at Al Kalla Sports Complex. A corner kick comes in from the left as players prepare for action and parents dodge the raindrops.

Photo By Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools

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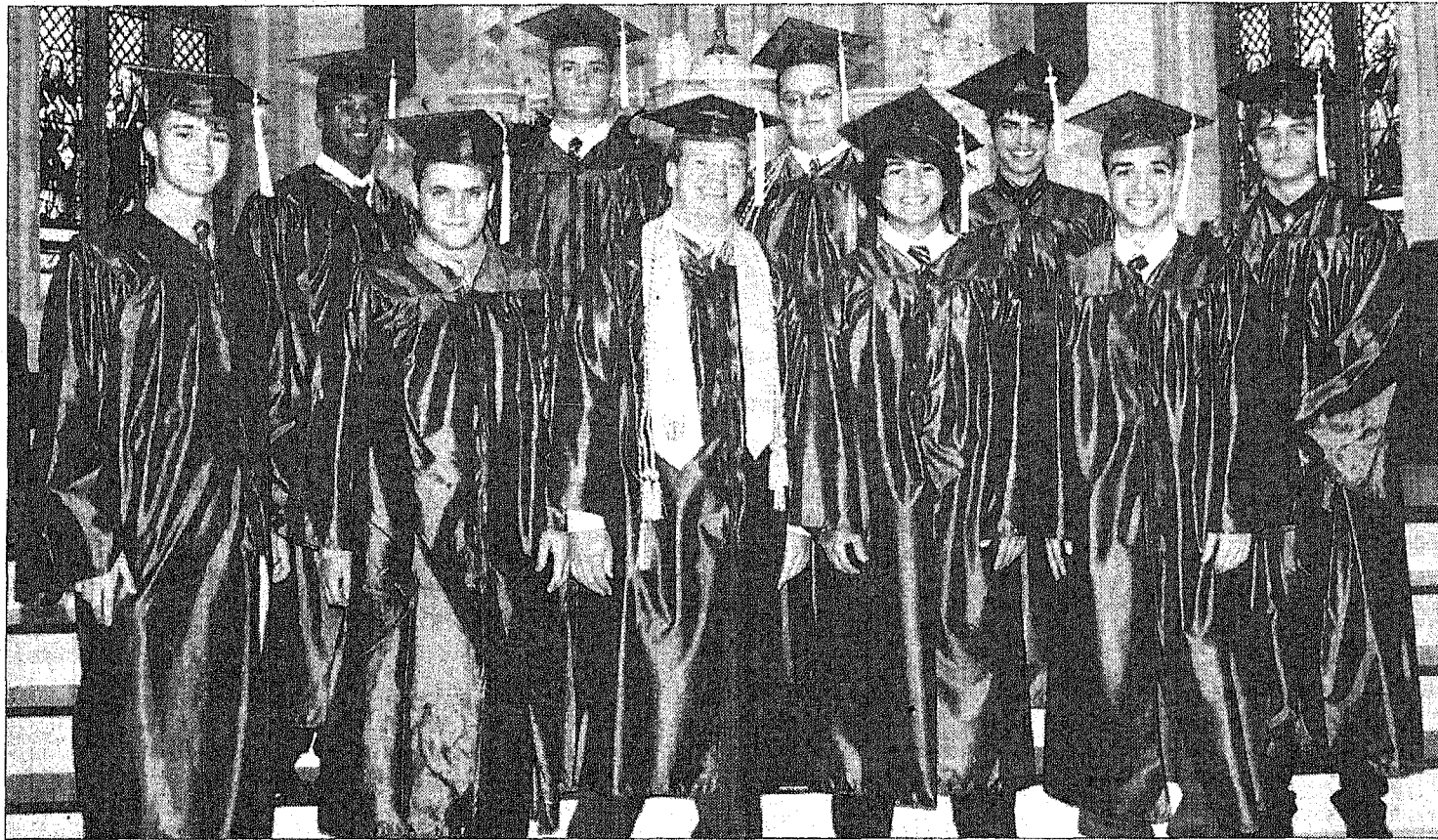
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Looking toward to future



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Register for KP camp

Registration for summer camp and enrichment programs at Kent Place School is in full swing. Camp runs through Aug. 8. Two enrichment classes, "Excel" for grades 3 through 5 and "Success for Girls in Middle School" will be held the week of Aug. 10.

Schools encouraged to submit releases

Union County Local Source encourages local schools to send press releases and pictures of school events. The deadline for submissions is Friday afternoon. Submissions can be sent by e-mail to editorial@thelocalsource.com.

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Prep pupils graduate

Christopher J. Osnato and Michael A. Skrelja, both of Clark;

Jan J. Olechowski of Linden; Christian S. Glover, Robert A. Peters II, and Lazaro A. Tiant, all of Roselle; Michael A. Minio, Malcolm D. Philogene, Jonathan Salomon, Charles T. Tengwall, Liford Pasteur, Ronald A. DeAn-

gelus III and David E. Gedeon, all of Union; Matthew L. Pallis and Brandon J. Bujnowski, both of Springfield, and Michael R. McGetrick of Summit received diplomas at Seton Hall Preparatory School's 149th commencement.

New day, new look



Carl H. Kumpf Middle School students, who are members of Builders Club, explore giant trees at the reservoir by the dam in Clark. These boys joined forces recently, with members of the Arthur L. Johnson High School Key Club, parent organization and Kiwanis Club, to clean up the area. They spread mulch supplied by Union County Parks.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD INTERNATIONAL. A Pentecostal church seeking the face of God, 953 W. Chestnut St., Union. Church/964-1133, Fax/964-1153. Rev. John W. Bechtel, Pastor.

Sunday Services:
 Sunday School - 10:05am
 Morning Worship - 8:45am, 11:00am
 Evening Service - 6:30pm
 Wednesday Services:
 Ladies Bible Study (Heart&Home) - 10am
 Family Night 7:30pm with -
 Royal Rangers boys program (ages 3-14)
 Missionettes girls program (ages 3-17)
 Adult School of the Bible
 Friday Services:
 Youth Night - 7:30pm
 College & Career - 7:30pm
 In addition there are monthly meetings of Women's Joy Ministries and Men's Breakfast Fellowship. For directions call 908-964-1133 and press 4.

UKRAINIAN EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
 2208 Stanley Terrace, Union (908) 686-8171
 Rev. Walter Cebula, Pastor
 **Note: All services are in English.
 (Ukrainian & Spanish translation available)
 Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
 Sunday Evening: 6:30 PM
 Food Pantry (Wednesday) 5-6:45 PM
 Wednesday Family Night: 7:00 PM
 Spanish Service (Saturday): 7 PM

BAPTIST

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 640 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield. Rev. Clarence Alston, Pastor. Church phone (973) 379-1465. SUNDAY: 9:30 A.M. Family Bible School; 11:00 A.M. Worship Service. WEDNESDAY: 7:30 P.M. Mid-Week Service. Holy Communion every First Sunday. Nursery Care available every Sunday. If transportation is needed call the church office. Everyone is Welcome at Antioch.

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

ORCHARD PARK CHURCH
 1264 Victor Avenue, Union
 (908) 687-0364
 e-mail: orchardparkchurch@juno.com
 We have ministry geared toward ALL age groups and more: Men, Women, Teenagers, Pre-teens, Children's Church, Couples, Visitation, Hospital, etc. Our goal is to be a **BB** (Bible Believing), **BK** (Bible Knowing), **BC** (Bible Committed), **BL** (Bible Living) church. A **SWEPT** Church Serving/Worshipping/Evangelizing/Praying/Testifying
 Sunday: Bible Classes @ 9:30am; Sunday: Worship Service @ 11am; Wednesday: Prayer @ 7pm; Pastor: Rev. Jerry Jay Olivo.

JEWISH-TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

CONGREGATION B'NAI AHAVATH SHALOM, 2035 Vauxhall Road (corner of Plane Street), Union, Tel: (908) 686-6773. Dr. Leon J. Yagod, Rabbi Emeritus; Oscar Newman, Cantor; David Gelband, President. Congregation B'Nai Ahavath Shalom is a traditional conservative congregation with a

full range of programs. DAILY SERVICES: Sun: 8:30am; Mon-Fri.: 7:30am; Friday evening: 8pm; SATURDAY: 9:00am. Torah class half hour before each service. Hebrew School: Sundays 9:30am.

JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. 973-376-0539 - a Conservative Egalitarian inclusive congregation, welcoming to the broader community of mature couples, singles, "traditional" Jewish families, gay and lesbian Jews, and interfaith families. We are dedicated to enriching the lives of our congregational family by providing an inviting environment for spiritual education and social interaction and growth, with an NAEYC certified Early Childhood Program and first rate Religious School, an active Men's Club, Women's League, Hazak (Seniors), Teen Institute (Hebrew High School), USY, Keruv (Interfaith), LGBT, and Adult Education programs. PLEASE JOIN US! Services: Daily on Sunday at 8:55 am, Monday-Friday at 7:00 am, and Sunday-Thursday at 7:45 pm. Friday Shabbat Evening at 8:00 pm (1st Friday of month at 6:30 pm) and Shabbat morning at 9:30 am. Shabbat afternoon times are available by phone. Contact Rabbi Mark Mallach (x15) (ridinrebbe@aol.com) or Executive Director, Shiri Haines (x13) (execdirector@templebethahmyisrael.com) and plan on visiting us soon.

JEWISH - REFORM

TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM
 Springfield, NJ (973) 379-5387
 visit www.shaarey.org
 Rabbi: Joshua Goldstein
 Cantor: Amy Daniels
 Religious School, PreSchool, Senior group (Renaissance)

LUTHERAN

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, E.L.C.A.
 1359 Morris Ave. at Sterling Road Union
 908-686-0188
 Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.
 THE REV. JOHN D. LARSON
 INTERIM PASTOR
 We invite you to become a part of our family and to share with us in ministry. Everyone is welcomed.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
 639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-379-4525, Fax 973-379-8887. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A.
 301 Tucker Avenue,
 Union N.J. 07083
 Pastor Rev. Romana Abelova
 All Baptized Christians are welcome to our

Communion Table on 1st and 3rd Sundays.
 Regular Sunday Services
 9:00 a.m. Slovak Worship
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 Coffee Hour
 11:00 a.m. English Worship
ACTIVITIES FOR:
YOUTH: Sunday School; Youth Groups; Summer Bible School
ADULT: Variety of groups offering opportunities for ministry and fellowship.
BARRIER FREE
 (908) 688-0714

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL, 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kritsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible

METHODIST

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 301 Chestnut St.,
 Roselle Park, NJ 07204
 Phone: 908-245-2237
 Pastor: Rev. Glenn A. Scheyhing
 10:30 AM Worship Service
 Sunday School Available

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF UNION. Berwyn Street at Overlook Terrace, Union. Rev. Ferdinand Llenado, Pastor. Jonathan Schneider, Music Director. Church Office 687-8077. Parsonage 686-2412. Worship Service 11:00 A.M., Sunday worship includes a children's sermon, followed by Sunday School, and communion on the first Sunday of each month. All welcome. United Methodist Men's, Women's and Youth groups. Home Bible Studies 3rd Saturday each month.

MORAVIAN

BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH, 77 Liberty Ave., Union, 908-686-LAMB. Rev. Percival Gordon, Pastor. Sunday Worship 10:30 am. Sunday School 9:15 am. Women's Group meets first Wednesday of every month 1:30 pm. Men's Group meets every other Wednesday 9:00 am. Wednesday, Bible study and Prayer Group 7:00 pm.

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

KENILWORTH GOSPEL CHAPEL
 Newark and 23rd Street, Kenilworth, 908-272-6131, Pastor Donald Dunkerton. Sunday 9:15 am Communion, 11:00 am Family Bible Hour and Sunday School for all ages, Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer and Bible Study, (childcare provided), Friday 7:00 pm Youth Activities for Grade School age, Jr. High and Sr. High. kenilworthgospel.org

CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
 2815 Morris Avenue
 Union, NJ 07083
 Phone/fax: (908) 687-9440
 E-Mail: Crossroads@ccfou.org
 Dr. Tom Sigley, Pastor-Teacher
SERVICES ON SUNDAY:
 9:45 A.M. Bible School for all ages
 8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Celebration Worship Services
 Children's Church & Nursery
 Care is provided.
 Wednesday:
 7:30 P.M. Addiction/Compulsion Discussion Group
 Youth activities during the week: children of all ages.
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 Call for more information or check us out on the web.
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 "Where the Bible Comes ALIVE!"

VICTORY CHURCH, 950 Raritan Road, Cranford, NJ. 732-407-1543. Pastor Terry Hicoek. Sunday Service 1pm Worship and Praise, Teaching and prayer for healing. Wednesday night 7pm. Bible study and prayer for healing.

PRESBYTERIAN

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1459 Deer Path, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092. You are invited to join us in Worship Services on Sundays at 10:30 am. This is a place for you to enjoy uplifting music and relevant messages that will energize and inspire you. We offer a warm and friendly environment with Bible study, Sunday school and active adult and youth groups. For further information, please contact Dr. Christopher Belden, Pastor at 908-232-9490.

CONNECTICUT FARMS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 888 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union. Rev. Roberta Arrowsmith, Pastor. Sunday Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation Class and "For Adults Only Education" at 10:00 a.m. Child care provided. Sound system for the hearing impaired. Coffee hour follows the service. Ample parking is provided. New contemporary worship service the "First Friday" of the month at 7:30 p.m. Men's, women's, and youth groups provide a variety of opportunities for participation. Church actively involved with the community through Vacation Bible School, "Friday Night Happening" for middle school youth, CF Food Pantry, weekday Nursery School, and Cub and Boy Scout Troops. Serving the community since 1730, Connecticut Farms is a vibrant, caring congregation committed to renewal and growth. We welcome all to join us for worship and fellowship. For additional information, call the church office at 908-688-3164 or log on to www.ctfarm.org.

TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 829 Salem Road, Union. Worship and Church School Sundays at 10:00 A.M. Nursery Care during all services. Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. We offer opportunities for personal growth and development for children, youth, and adults. We have two children's choirs and an adult Chancel Choir. We also have a youth fellowship, regular adult Bible Study, a Book Club and Summer Vacation Bible School. Come and worship with friends and neighbors this Sunday. Townley Church is a growing congregation of caring people. Church Office 686-1028. Rev. Christopher Taylor, Pastor.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD 210 Morris Ave. at Church

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC

THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, 300 Central Avenue, Mountainside, 908-232-1162. Celebrate the Lord's Day: Anticipated Mass 5:00pm, Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am. Weekdays: Monday-Friday 7:30am, Saturday 8:00am, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturday at 1pm. Perpetual Adoration Chapel for personal prayer and devotion. www.ollmountainside.org, office@ollmountainside.org.

St. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH COMMUNITY, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081, 973-376-3044. www.saintjamesparish.org. SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 5:00pm (anticipated), Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am and 12:00 noon. WEEKDAY MASS: Monday-Friday 7:30am, Saturday 8:00am. RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11:00am (any time by appointment).

St. JOSEPH PARISH, 767 Prospect Street, Maplewood (1 blk. S. of Springfield Ave.), 973-761-5933, since 1914 serving Maplewood and adjacent areas of Union and Millburn. Our faith community welcomes you to join us for worship, service opportunities and spiritual support. Varied activities for adults, youth group, K-8 religious education classes, and a Catholic school for age 3 to grade 8. Mass celebrated in our beautiful church, Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:30 a.m.; Saturday 5:30 p.m.

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST

UNITARIAN CHURCH IN SUMMIT, 4 Waldron Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. 908-273-3245. www.ucsummit.org. A member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, minister. Our church draws members from various religious and cultural backgrounds who join together in their individual quests for truth and meaning. There is no creed or test of membership, but the community is bound together by principles, shared values and a desire to serve. Sunday Service at 10:00 am in summer. One-Room Schoolhouse Sunday School for per-K to 5th Grade. Children 0-2 with their parents in the nursery with live video feed.

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OBITUARIES

Gerald Boyle

Gerald E. "Jerry" Boyle, 57, a lifelong resident of Cranford, died June 30 at home.

Mr. Boyle was born in Elizabeth. He was a graduate of Roselle Catholic High School. He became a member of the Elizabeth Fire Department in his 20s and served for 25 years. Mr. Boyle was a captain for 21 years. He was a member of the Firemen's Benevolent Association, the Elizabeth Exempt Firefighters and the IAFF. During his lifetime, Mr. Boyle was involved in many of his children's activities, including coaching in the Cranford Little League and softball league. He also was a committee chair for Boy Scout Troop 80 in Cranford.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Pamela; a son, Brian; a daughter, Kaiflyn, and a sister, Patricia Boyle Horvat.

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

Joseph Carvalho

Joseph F. Carvalho, 77, of Cranford died June 28 at home.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Anita; four sons, James, Thomas, Ronald and Robert; three brothers, Sebastian, John and Frank, and three grandchildren.

The Gray Memorial Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

Jeffrey Cohen

Jeffrey I. Cohen, 52, a lifelong resident of Union, died June 30 in Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown.

Mr. Cohen was born in Newark. He was the owner and operator of Jeffrey Cohen LLC, an automobile customizing service, in Union for 31 years. Mr. Cohen was a member of the Union Little League. He served on its board of directors. Mr. Cohen also was a member of Union Youth Baseball, served as a coach and umpire and was on the board of directors.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanne; two sons, Jason and Joshua, and two brothers, Fred and Stuart.

Ted Contoleon Sr.

Ted Contoleon Sr., 69, of Kenilworth died July 5 at home.

Born in Chios, Greece, Mr. Contoleon came to the United States in 1957 residing in Newark before moving to Kenilworth many years ago.

He was employed by Overlook Hospital, Summit, as an environmental specialist for 20 years and retired in 2009.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Segunda; two daughters, Thelma Contoleon-Hunsberger and Jeannie DeStefano; a son, Ted Jr., and three grandchildren.

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

Michael Czar



Michael Czar, 75, of Linden died July 1 in the Barbara E. Cheung

Memorial Hospice, Edison.

Born in Sebastol, Pa., Mr. Czar had resided in Linden for the past 50 years. He was employed by Public Service Electric & Gas Co. as a maintenance mechanic for 37 years and retired in 1992. Mr. Czar served in the Air Force during the Korean War as a staff sergeant. He was a member of the VFW John Russell Wheeler Post 1397, a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus Elizabeth Council 3310 and a member of St. George Byzantine Catholic Church, Linden, where he served as its custodian. Mr. Czar was a member of the Greek Catholic Union.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Anna V.; three daughters, Anna-Marie Rudick, Karen Czar and Michele Palumbo; a brother, Thomas, and two grandchildren.

The Werson Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

Anthony D'Angelo

Anthony T. D'Angelo, 78, of Union died on June 26.

Born in Newark, Mr. D'Angelo lived in Union for 42 years. He owned Tony's Service Center, Newark, for many years and retired 11 years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Anthony D. and Teddy Scott.

The Galante Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

Frank Ederer



Frank Leland Ederer, 83, of Rahway died July 2 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Ederer lived in the Bronx, N.Y., and Roselle before moving to Rahway in 1963. He worked as a warehouse distribution specialist for J.C. Penny, Manhattan, N.Y., for 41 years before retiring in 1990. During this time, Mr. Ederer also received a bachelor's degree and master's degree from New York University. He served in the 3rd Marine division as a Marine in both World War II and the Korean War.

Mr. Ederer was a 45-year member of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Rahway. He also was involved with the Boy Scouts for 50 years, serving as a Lifescout, an assistant scoutmaster for Troop 47 in Rahway and assistant district commissioner for the Watchung Council. Mr. Ederer was the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. He also was a member of the Masons New York Lodge. Mr. Ederer was a watercolor painter.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Mildred; two sons, Steven Richard and Christopher Frank; a

daughter, Pamela Jane Gabel, and five grandchildren.

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

Eugene Geldhauser



Eugene "Gene" Geldhauser, 93, of Hillside died July 3 in the

Country Arch Care Center, Pittstown.

Born in Newark, Mr. Geldhauser moved to Hillside. He taught himself electrical theory and radio repair as a teenager in the 1920s and became a certified Philco repairman. Mr. Geldhauser served in the Army during World War II in the 9th Infantry Division and later the 154th Armored Signal Co., where he kept the lights on and communications functioning for his group across Africa to Sicily, then on the last push across Europe following D-Day. He was designated as "essential" and kept in the service past his term until the conclusion of the war in 1945. Mr. Geldhauser worked for his uncle Tommy Geldhauser's roofing company in Newark. He then was employed by Ballantine Brewing Co., Newark, where he worked his entire career. Mr. Geldhauser retired in 1970 as shipping supervisor and Teamsters' shop steward. He also taught himself the art of fine watch repair. Mr. Geldhauser was a community volunteer.

Surviving are two daughters, Kathleen Tuttle and Janice Bollmann, and four grandchildren.

The Growney Funeral Home, Hillside, handled the arrangements.

Raymond Grunwald



Raymond Grunwald, 99, of Union died July 4 at the

Cranford Health

and Extended Care. Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Grunwald lived in Kenilworth before moving to Union. He was an assistant purchasing agent for the Linde Division of Union Carbide and retired in 1969 after 42 years of service. Mr. Grunwald was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving aboard the Battleship USS Indiana of the third fleet, as a machinist mate in the Pacific.

He was a member of the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department for 18 years.

Mr. Grunwald played baseball in the 1920s and fast-pitched softball in the 1930s in Union and Essex counties. He was an officer and member for many years in the Old Guard of Elizabeth, Chapter 4. Mr. Grunwald also was a member of the Old Guard Interchapter Council of New Jersey, the Old Guard of Elizabeth Bowling League, the Galloping Hill Men's Golf Association, the Kenilworth

OBITUARY LIST

ABRUSIA — Clorinda "Clara," formerly of Union; July 1.
 BAYNES — Mildred, of Roselle; July 4.
 BISHOP — Spencer, of Union; June 30.
 CARVALHO — Joseph F., of Cranford; June 28.
 BOYLE — Gerard E., of Cranford; June 30.
 COHEN — Jeffrey I., of Union; June 30.
 CONFORTI — Katherine T., of Linden; July 5.
 CONTOLEON — Ted Sr., of Kenilworth; July 5.
 CZAR — Michael, of Linden; July 1.
 D'ANGELO — Anthony T., of Union; June 26.
 EDERER — Frank Leland, of Rahway; July 2.
 GARRARD — Mildred, of Hillside; June 30.
 GELDHAUSER — Eugene, of Hillside; July 3.
 GELOSO — Concetta, formerly of Union; June 30.
 GRUNWALD — Raymond, of Union; July 4.
 HARVEY — Arlene, of Linden; June 27.
 HENNON — Thomas Joseph, formerly of Summit; June 27.
 HONARA — Charles, of Linden; July 3.
 KING — Jimmie Lee, aka James Truley, of Hillside; June 30.
 KRAWEC — Michael, of Clark; June 27.
 JACOBS — Estelle, formerly of Springfield; July 3.
 KRANZ — Robert Peter, formerly of Union; July 2.
 LeFANTE — Anthony A., of Summit; July 1.
 LEGETTE — Clara, of Linden; June 24.
 MASSIMO — Fred F., of Mountainside; July 3.
 MUSACCHIO — Beatrice L., of Rahway; July 2.
 NAPURANO — Joan J., of Mountainside; July 2.
 PALERMO — Leonard, of Clark; July 1.
 PAJEWSKI — Gerald E., of Roselle; July 3.
 RATKIEWICZ — John D., formerly of Hillside; June 27.
 RILEY — Nancy A., of Rahway; July 1.
 SCHULMAN — Bernice, formerly of Mountainside; June 29.
 SIMMONS — Edward J., of Mountainside; June 29.
 SLOAN — James F., formerly of Cranford; June 24.
 SMITH — Ida Mae, formerly of Roselle; June 30.
 VALENTI — Joseph R., of Summit; July 2.
 WALKER — Walter Sr., of Linden; July 4.
 WENTZEK — Anna, of Clark; June 29.
 WILBOR — Mary L., of Roselle; June 26.
 WITTYE — Bertha Csernyik, of Roselle; June 27.
 ZAVODNY — Patricia A., of Mountainside; June 28.

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

Senior Citizens Club and the Kenilworth AARP Chapter 3469.

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

Estelle Jacobs

Estelle Jacobs, 91, of Swampscott, Mass., formerly of Springfield, died July 3 in the Jewish Rehabilitation Center, Swampscott.

Mrs. Jacobs was a longtime resident of Springfield and had previously lived in Peabody, Mass. She was employed as a bookkeeper for several businesses in the Springfield area. Mrs. Jacobs also conducted her own estate sale and appraisal business. She supported two organizations, the Sierra Club and Planned Parenthood.

Surviving are a brother, Milton Rapoport; a sister, Dorothy Fromer; her children, Laurie, Neal and Larry, and 11 grandchildren.

The Menorah Cemetery, Clifton, handled the arrangements.

Jimmie King

Jimmie Lee King, aka James Truley, 82, of Hillside died June 30 in the Forest Hill Healthcare Facility, Newark.

Mr. King was a long distance truck driver and worked for Brantley Brothers Moving and Storage Co. Inc., Newark. He was a master

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Charles Honara



Charles Honara, 94, of Linden died July 3 at home.

Born in Coplay, Pa., Mr. Honara lived in Roselle and in Linden for more than 40 years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving as technical sergeant. Mr. Honara was a member of the American Legion of Elizabeth and the Retired Men's Club of Linden.

He was a coil spring operator for Simmons Manufacturing, Linden, for 40 years and retired in 1979.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Helen; two sons, Charles J. and Steven M.; a brother, Michael; three sisters, Mary Gottshall, Helen Weidner and Anna Demsko.

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

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harmonica player.

Surviving are his wife, Louise Truley; three sons, Jeffrey, Jonathan and James; two daughters, Jeanell and Jessie Truley, and 10 grandchildren.

The Cushnie-Houston Funeral Home, East Orange, handled the arrangements.

Michael Krawec

Michael Krawec, 89, of Clark died June 27 at home.

Born in Ukraine, Mr. Krawec came to the United States in 1950 and settled in Elizabeth. He resided in Clark for the past 42 years. Mr. Krawec was employed by the Township of Clark Board of Education as its head custodian for 15 years and retired in 1985. He was a member of St. Vladimir U.C. Church, Elizabeth, and was a member of its Senior Citizens Club. Mr. Krawec also was a member of the Clark Senior Citizens.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda M. Frame and Ann D'Maggio, and five grandchildren.

The Werson Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

Anthony LeFante



Anthony A. LeFante, 86, of Summit died July 1 in Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. LeFante also lived in Newark and Irvington before moving to Summit 30 years ago. He was a technical sergeant with the 868th Bomber Squadron in the Army Air Force during World War II. Mr. LeFante worked as a foreman for Schiabo Corp., Newark, for many years. He was a longtime parishioner of St. Teresa's Church, Summit, and an active member of AARP of Summit and the Summit Senior Citizens. Mr. LeFante also was a member of the WPA of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountainside.

Surviving are two daughters, Jean Petoia and Trudy Vespucci; two sisters, Annette Mingola and Tina Romanelli; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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

Clara Legette

Clara Legette of Linden died June 24 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Surviving are a sister, Darcas Mason-Davis; a brother, Robert Mason; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Beatrice Musacchio

Beatrice L. Musacchio, 88, of Bridgewater, formerly of Rahway, died on July 2.

Born in Florence, Pa., Mrs. Musacchio lived most of her life in Rahway before moving to Bridgewater in 2007. She was a member of the senior choir at First Presbyterian Church, Rahway, for many years.

Surviving are a son, James, a public school music educator, and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Sunday at the Mary E. Wilson Memorial Union Church, Watchung.

Gerald Pajewski

Gerald E. "Jerry" Pajewski, 76, of Roselle died July 3 in Trinity Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Pajewski resided in Jersey City before moving to Roselle 37 years ago. He was a member of the Roselle American Legion Post 229. Mr. Pajewski participated in the Roselle Active Seniors.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Francine; a daughter, Michele Pajewski, and a brother, Stanley.

The Sullivan Funeral Home, Roselle, handled the arrangements.

Leonard Palermo

Leonard "Lenny" Palermo, 51, of Clark died July 1 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Palermo resided in Clark for the past 22 years. He was self-employed.

Surviving are his wife, Paula; a son, Lenny; his mother, Mary Palermo; two brothers, Donny and Jimmy, and a sister, Margie Palermo.

The Parkway Wozniak Memorial Home, Clark, handled the arrangements.

John Ratkiewicz

John D. Ratkiewicz, 90, of Scarborough, Maine, formerly of Hillside, died June 27 in the Maine Veterans Home, Scarborough.

Mr. Ratkiewicz resided in Hillside for most of his life until 2002, when he was brought to Scarborough. He was known as "Rocky" by his school mates and was graduated from Hillside High School in 1936, where he played basketball and other sports. Mr. Ratkiewicz's first job was as an electrical machine operator at Hatfield Wire and Cable Co., Hillside. He was a member of the Employees Security Fund of the Electrical Products Industries, Union. Before retirement, Mr. Ratkiewicz worked in the shipping department of Poly-Plastics, Clark.

He served in the Army from 1940 until 1945. As squad leader, Mr. Ratkiewicz was assigned to the Japanese Relocation Center in California, where he supervised a squad of military policemen and kept records of the Japanese enter-

ing and leaving the center. He participated in many bowling leagues and spent weekends and vacations in Point Pleasant at the house he, his father and brother built. Mr. Ratkiewicz had a small boat, fished and water skied on the Manasquan River.

The Union Funeral Home, Lytwyn & Lytwyn, Union, handled the arrangements.

Nancy Riley

Nancy A. Riley, 50, of Rahway died July 1 at home.

Born in Teaneck, Mrs. Riley lived in Old Bridge and for the past 22 years in Rahway. She was an executive assistant for National Discount Brokers, Jersey City, for 13 years and retired in 2003. Mrs. Riley received a bachelor's degree from Upsala College, East Orange. She was a communicant of St. John the Apostle Church, Linden, where she was the coach of the volleyball team and assistant basketball coach. Mrs. Riley played on the Rahway Recreational volleyball team and tennis team.

Surviving are her husband of 22 years, Thomas; three daughters, Stephanie, Samantha and Suzanne Riley; a stepson, Michael Riley; her mother, Jane Pascale; a twin sister, Mary Jane Hood, and a brother, George Pascale.

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

Bernice Schulman

Bernice Schulman, 88, of Westfield, formerly of Mountainside, died June 29 in the Sunrise Assisted Living, Westfield.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Schulman resided in Newark, Hillside and Mountainside before moving to Westfield in 2006.

Surviving are her husband of 69 years, Hyman; two daughters, Lois Wasserman and Judy Girshon; a sister, Sande Wishee; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union handled the arrangements.

Edward Simmons



Edward J. Simmons, 90, of Mountainside died June 29 at home.

Born in Queens, N.Y., Mr. Simmons lived in Westfield from 1953 to 2000 before moving to Mountainside. He was the president of Triangle Industries in New Brunswick and Holmdel before retiring. Mr. Simmons served in the military during World War II as a medic.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Hughes; a son, Don; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Dooley Colonial Home,

Westfield, handled the arrangements.

James Sloan

James F. Sloan, 62, of Annapolis, Md., formerly of Cranford, died June 24 at home.

Born in Cranford, Mr. Sloan moved to Annapolis. He retired on Feb. 27 as assistant commandant for intelligence, United States Coast Guard, and had held that position since Nov. 17, 2003. Mr. Sloan was responsible for directing, coordinating and overseeing intelligence and investigative operations that supported the Coast Guard mission. Previously, he was the director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, FinCEN, where he oversaw policies to prevent and detect money laundering and the financing of terrorism. During 2001, Mr. Sloan served as (acting) under secretary (enforcement), Department of the Treasury for nine months.

He served with the United States Secret Service for 21 years before his time at the Treasury Department. Mr. Sloan was most recently the Secret Service's deputy assistant director for protective operations, responsible for the management of the service's protective mission, which included the protection of the president of the United States. Prior to his career with the Secret Service, Mr. Sloan began his public service in New Jersey in 1970, where he served for eight years as a Cranford police officer, and then as homicide investigator and polygraph examiner with the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

He received a bachelor of arts in political science, magna cum laude, from Kean University, Union, and was a senior executive fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Mr. Sloan had received numerous achievement and performance awards throughout his law enforcement and intelligence career, including, on July 25, 2008, an honorary Doctorate of Strategic Intelligence, Honors Causa, from the National Defense Intelligence College, in recognition of his support of the U.S. Intelligence Community and intelligence education.

Surviving are his wife, Cynthia; a son, Owen; two brothers, Thomas and Robert, and three sisters, Noreen, Ann McGovern and Betsy Power.

Joseph Valenti

Joseph R. Valenti, 105, of Summit died July 2 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Valenti moved to Summit in 1952. He was a mechanical engineer and had received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Cooper Union University, New York, in 1926. Mr. Valenti practiced his profession for 83

years. He worked for his son's company, Valairco Inc. of Manville up until the time of his death. Mr. Valenti was a member of the Old Guard of Summit and a former member of the Summit Knights of Columbus and the Senior Citizens of Summit.

Surviving are a son, Richard; a daughter, Gloria Valenti, and a grandchild.

The Paul Ippolito Berkeley Memorial, Berkeley Heights, handled the arrangements.

Anna Wentzek

Anna Wentzek, 103, of Clark died on June 29.

Born in Hosbach, Germany, Mrs. Wentzek resided in Union for 53 years before moving to Clark. She and late husband, Richard, were deep sea fishers.

Surviving are two sons, George and Fritz; a daughter, Elsie Kauker; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mary Wilbor

Mary L. Wilbor, 56, of Roselle died June 26 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Illinois, Mrs. Wilbor moved to Roselle many years ago. She was a graduate of Seton Hall University. Mrs. Wilbor was employed by the federal government in the Department of Labor, Division of Wage and Hour, as a senior investigator for many years. She was a published author and was active with many theater groups throughout Union County.

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

Bertha Wittye

Bertha Cseryik Wittye, 98, of Roselle died on June 27.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Wittye lived in Roselle for more than 40 years. She was a seamstress for Manheim Manufacturing, Elizabeth, for many years. Mrs. Wittye was a member of the Young at Heart Club and a parishioner of Evangel Church, both in Scotch Plains.

Surviving is a son, Loren.

The Dooley Colonia Home, Westfield, handled the arrangements.

Patricia Zavodny

Patricia A. Zavodny, 65, of Mountainside died June 28 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Markleysburg, Pa., Mrs. Zavodny lived in Cranford and Springfield before moving to Mountainside 23 years ago. She was an office administrator at various companies in the Union County area for 20 years before retiring 20 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Pica; a son, Lawrence A. Jr., and three grandchildren.

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Suspects plead 'not guilty' to murder

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

Two men charged with murdering an Elizabeth firefighter earlier this year pleaded not guilty at their June 15 hearing.

Emilio Vasquez and Jose Flores, both homeless, were arrested Jan. 1 after allegedly setting fire to a house on Marshall Street. The two men's attorneys both claim their clients lit the fire, which later spread to the vacant building, to keep warm and that they did not intend to kill firefighter Gary

Stephens, who died responding to the blaze when a fire truck backed over him. Stephens was a 28-year member of the EFD. The driver of the fire truck was not charged.

The suspects have been charged with murder, burglary, arson and failure to report a fire. A pre-trial date is set for July 20 and both men are expected to be tried together.

"We will vigorously contest the charges," said Union-based attorney Roy Greenman, who represents Flores.

Vasquez's lawyer, Assistant Deputy Pub-

lic Defender Douglas Kabak, indicated that he feels the his client will be cleared of the murder charge.

"He denies his guilt as to the homicide," Kabak said. "In our opinion, it was a tragic accident. We believe he'll be vindicated."

The maximum sentence the suspects could receive if convicted is life in prison. Both men are being held at Union County Jail in Elizabeth while awaiting trial.

Prosecutor's Office Spokesman John Holl declined to comment on the case at this time.

"It wouldn't be fair to comment while a trial is pending," Holl said.

Elizabeth Fire Department Director Onofrio Vitullo declined to comment on the trial or whether the department may be called upon to participate in the proceedings.

Onofrio said until the Jan. 2 incident, there had not been a member killed in the line of duty since the 1980s.

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Woman killed in crash

Victim was 2008 LHS graduate

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

A fatal accident left two lanes of the Garden State Parkway closed for more than two hours early Tuesday morning as authorities cleared the scene and investigated the collision that left one woman dead.

According to State Police Sgt. Stephen Jones, the accident occurred on the Garden State Parkway's Southbound lane just North of Exit 141 at 4:48 a.m. when an empty NJ Transit bus crashed into a 2008 Hyundai Elantra.

The bus driver, Michael Graham, 59, of Irvington was not injured, but the driver of the Hyundai, Christina Pinto, 19, of Linden was pronounced dead at scene at about 5:30 a.m.

Jones declined to comment on the nature of her injuries. Pinto was a 2008 graduate of Linden High School.

The right and center lanes were closed as a result of the crash.

"Two lanes were closed for accident investigation for sometime, but the roadway was open around 7:30 a.m.," Jones said.

Traffic remained affected by the closure for more than an hour after the crash, which created tie-ups throughout the morning rush hour.

The Union Fire Department responded to the scene. Fire Chief Frederic Fretz could not be reached for comment. No local police were on the scene.

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Kick up your heels



Union County residents enjoy last year's outdoor barbecue and barn dance sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Trailside Nature and Science Center. This year's event will take place July 25 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Watchung Stable in Mountainside.

Police investigate series of robberies at gas stations

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

Gas stations in Linden and Roselle are dealing with a frightening trend; men armed with shotguns have allegedly been robbing locations along St. Georges Avenue and Routes 1 & 9.

Linden Police Lt. James Sarnicki said his department is investigating three similar incidents that occurred within two weeks.

On June 5, two gas stations along St. Georges Avenue — the BP gas station and Exxon Station — were robbed within one hour. At 9:45 a.m. two suspects, one carrying a shotgun and the other a handgun, stole \$250, a few packs of Newport cigarettes and several cigars from the BP station. About 50 minutes later, one suspect with a shotgun allegedly took \$600 and two packs of Newport cigarettes from the Exxon. No witnesses were injured, according to police.

Authorities said the third robbery took place on June 17 at 10:30 p.m., when a man carrying a shotgun allegedly robbed \$300 from the Citgo gas station on

East Edgar Road. He was seen fleeing with two other accomplices. Linden police believe these three incidents were perpetrated by the same suspects.

Authorities are also investigating whether those same suspects could be responsible for a botched hold-up at a Roselle gas station. The incident took place at 9:50 p.m. on June 20 at the Lukoil Gas Station on West First Avenue, said Roselle Police Capt. Gary Ricardelli. Two suspects approached an attendant demanding money, authorities said.

"A toy shotgun was produced (during the robbery). The attendant grabbed the shotgun out of one suspect's hands and they all took off running," he said, noting there were three suspects. No arrests were made in the Roselle attempted robbery.

Linden investigators say they are trying to determine if the crimes are connected. Earlier reports said the Linden suspects were thought to be teenagers.

"It is an active investigation, and one thing we are looking at is whether these people are tied to our robberies," Sarnicki said.

Police capture escapee

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

The inmate who escaped from Union County Jail while on garbage duty last week was finally captured Monday after the escapee's father alerted police to his whereabouts.

Phillip Ruddy, 21, of Rahway, was found just after 5 p.m. hiding in the basement of a house on Eagle Street in Newark, said Union County prosecutor Theodore Romankow.

Investigators say Ruddy's father, who is currently on parole, notified his own parole officer of his son's location.

Ruddy was charged with third degree escape and is being held without bail at Union County Jail. No court date has been set.

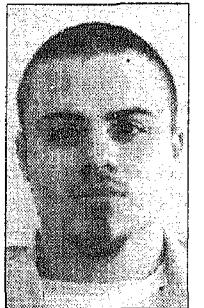
Ruddy fled the prison shortly after midnight on June 29 while he and another inmate were emptying trash in Elizabethtown Plaza, in Elizabeth.

The officer guarding the men secured the other prisoner and called for backup, said UCPO spokesman John Holl.

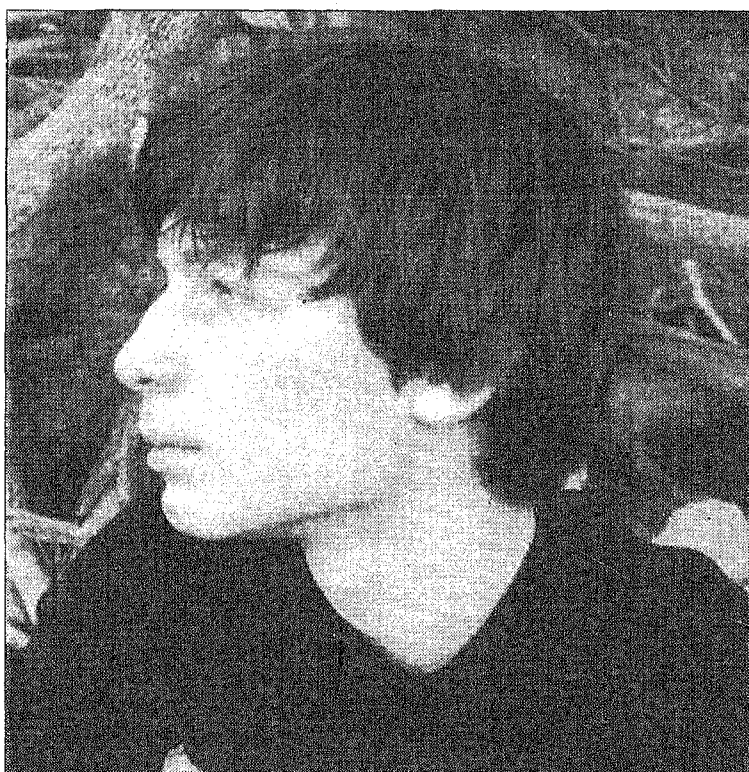
Ruddy was allowed to work outside the prison because he was granted "trustee status," meaning he was deemed a low risk to escape.

He was first admitted to the jail on June 1 for a parole violation, said Romankow. No motive on why he escaped has been revealed.

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Ruddy



Mark Vander Schaaf

UC Magnet student earns scholar award

Mark Vander Schaaf, a senior at Union County Magnet High School, has become one of only 141 high school seniors nationwide to receive the prestigious Presidential Scholar award.

The student was selected from a pool of 3,000 qualified candidates, out of three million high school graduates.

"On behalf of the Freeholder Board, I'd like to express our respect and admiration for Mark's achievement, and our appreciation for the support and guidance he received from teachers, administration, and fellow students at Magnet High School," said Freeholder Angel G. Estrada.

The Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology is located at the county's Vo-Tech Schools campus in Scotch Plains.

"Everyone on the Union County Vocational-Technical School District campus is extremely proud of Mark, his accomplishments while in high school and this extraordinary recognition," said Dr. Thomas J. Bistocchi, Vo-Tech Schools Superintendent. "What is even more extraordinary to us is that this is the second year in a row that a Magnet High School senior has been recognized as a Presidential Scholar."

UC names management company for golf services

As another step in its golf operations turnaround plan, Union County today announced it has selected KemperSports, a golf management company, to manage all golf services, except maintenance services, at its golf courses at Galloping Hill in Kenilworth and Ash Brook in Scotch Plains.

The county has authorized the execution of a five-year contract to KemperSports, with the goal of managing and enhancing its clubhouse services, including food and beverage, providing golf programming, community outreach, sales and marketing, merchandising, while improving profits and providing fiscal control.

Overall, the goal is to provide the public with an affordable, enjoyable golf experience from tee-time at the course to leisure time in the clubhouse with modernized amenities, while increasing attendance, and improving the County's fiscal bottom line, Union County Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella said.

"We chose KemperSports because of the company's outstanding record of enhancing clubhouse facilities, increasing community outreach, and developing golf programs," Mirabella said. "They have a national reputation for providing outstanding customer service, and excellent financial management with the goal of achieving long-term success."

The Northbrook, Illinois-based company operates and manages golf facilities as well as athletic clubs, lodging venues and major sporting events, including nationally ranked courses and tournament

venues, including Chambers Bay — a county-owned course — in Washington State, host of the 2010 U.S. Amateur and the 2015 U.S. Open tournaments.

"We are excited at the opportunity to partner with Union County in developing both Galloping Hill and Ash Brook into premier courses," said Steve Skinner, chief executive officer of KemperSports. "We are pleased to start our relationship with Union County and look forward to delivering area golfers an enhanced experience."

The Galloping Hill golf facility contains a 27-hole course, 18-hole championship course, and a newly revamped nine-hole executive course. The course opened in 1927. A driving range and learning center is currently under construction. The Ash Brook facility opened in 1953 and has an 18-hole course as well as a nine-hole pitch and putt.

In his executive budget letter to the Board of Chosen Freeholders in January, County Manager George W. Devanney announced the county would seek a "public-private" partnership with a golf management company with the objective of attaining profitability at both courses. At the time, Devanney had noted the county's three golf courses were operating at 50 percent capacity, while operational costs are running as if they were at 100 percent.

Overall, the county's golf courses incurred an operational loss of \$690,000 in 2008. However, this was a \$500,000 revenue improvement over 2007. This improvement was due in part to operational efficiencies and an increase in fees.

The county manager and Freeholder Board embarked on a number of steps that could complete the return to profitability, which included the closure of one course at Oak Ridge in Clark, and the elimination of positions.

In addition, the county began the construction of a \$2.3 million driving range and learning center at Galloping Hill. The County's market studies have shown there is a lack of driving range facilities in the region. Such an attraction will bring a wider audience to golf at Galloping Hill, which also enjoys an outstanding location near regional transportation. The facility, which is expected to be completed by the end of the summer, could generate as much as \$600,000 in annual revenues.

As part of its final step in its golf operations turnaround plan, the county administered request for proposals for golf course management and operational services for its golf courses. A Blue Ribbon Review Committee was assembled by County Manager Devanney to review the proposals and make a recommendation. The committee included representatives of the county, special counsel to the county, and private sector representatives with backgrounds in golf course management, who evaluated the proposals and determined the proposal submitted by KemperSports was complete and responsive to the specifications, meeting the requirements for the qualifications and experience of the vendor and complying with the mandatory document submission requirements of the specifications.



ENHANCING OPERATIONS — Union County Emergency Management Director Chris Scaturo, center, speaks to U.S. Rep. Leonard Lance, left, and Union County Freeholder Chairman Al Mirabella about enhancements to Union County's Emergency Operations Center that are being made possible by a \$500,000 federal grant requested by Lance.

Inmate apprehended in Newark basement

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In the wake of this escape, Romankow said the county will take a look at the trustee status.

"We are doing a full review on the escape," said Holl. "We're also going to take a look at the trustee status going on at the jail, take a fresh look in light of the recent escape."

Two other convicts at the jail made national headlines in 2007 when they successfully engineered a more daring escape.

Otis Blunt, 32, of Toms River and Jose Espinosa, 21, of Elizabeth escaped from the Elizabeth jail between Dec. 14 and 15 of 2007, by crawling through holes chiseled in the walls of their cells and leaping over a barbed wire fence.

Within a month both escapees were recaptured. A prison guard

on duty subsequently killed himself after the men left a letter allegedly mocking him.

They were both given five-year sentences for the escape on June 26.

Holl said the two incidents were "very different cases and circumstances" and that the added security measures in the wake of that escape — additional cameras, barbed wire and training — are enough to prevent escapes from the actual jail like Blunt and Espinosa.

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Trailside mosaics reflect local wildlife

Consider it a modern day totem pole.

What was once a boring, gray, concrete column is now a mural of mosaic panels featuring butterflies, flowers and birds, greeting visitors to Union County's Trailside Science Museum and Nature Center in Watchung Reservation.

"We wanted it to be educational," said artist DeBorah Goletz,

who along with other members of the Potters Guild of New Jersey, donated hundreds of hours of their time and materials to make the panels that now cover the lower eight feet of the support column.

Goletz, whose professional work includes mosaic murals at New York City subway stations, designed a panel showing the metamorphosis of a monarch butterfly.

She was also responsible for overseeing the installation of the 12 panels and five decorative bands.

"For many of the members, this was their first time working with mosaics," Goletz said, noting that columns with mosaic inlays at a Barcelona opera house were the inspiration for the Trailside column.

In discussing the idea with Trailside Director Patricia Bertsch, the decision was made to have the panels reflect species indigenous to the area, she said.

Mountainside resident Judy Musicant was president of the guild when the project was first conceived.

"The idea was for a public mural," Musicant said. "This was the first place I thought of."

The guild used to hold its semi-annual pottery sales at the museum. But when the facility underwent a major renovation and expansion several years ago, the show was moved to a nearby church.

But that did not diminish the desire by guild members to create something for the museum, she said.

"I would lose track of time when I was working on this," said Mimi Stadler, whose panel featured a cardinal. "I would look up and hours



Artist DeBorah Goletz works on a section of mosaic tiles that were recently applied to a column at the Trailside Visitor Center. The mosaic panels depict some of the birds, butterflies and plant life that can be found at the Watchung Reservation.



Ritsuko Moore, of Summit, left, and Judy Musicant, of Mountainside, both members of the Potters Guild of New Jersey, check the mosaic tile recently applied to a column at the Trailside Visitor Center in the Watchung Reservation.

had passed. It's very engrossing."

As the artists carefully applied one panel after another, Bertsch would swing by to check on the progress.

"I love it. It's a beautiful work," Bertsch said.

Bertsch said she was also happy with the way the Trailside Museum Association was able to contribute \$600, which was then matched by the Union County Board of Freeholders, to fund the installation of the artwork.

Recreating a masterpiece



Oratory Preparatory School students Joe Altongy of Springfield, Dennis O'Brien of Summit, and Gerard Viola of Cedar Grove admire the work of Springfield artist Jean Canziani with their art teacher Susan Preston, a Springfield resident, far left. Canziani, the mother of Daniel, a junior at the all-boys school in Summit, was commissioned to replicate a painting of DaVinci's 'Last Supper' on the Roman Catholic school's cafeteria wall.

'Bard' continues with dark comedy

Ever wonder what would have happened if Romeo and Juliet had lived? Would their love have endured? Would they still be together or would things have fallen apart? William Shakespeare sought to answer these questions with another couple in his dark comedy "Troilus and Cressida," which will be performed at the David Brearley athletic field on July 23 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the library's The Bard on the Boulevard series.

Set during the Trojan war, Troilus, a prince of Troy, is passionately in love with the beautiful and mature minded Cressida. As an encounter is brokered by father figure, Unlus and Cressida became easily interwoven into the more familiar goings-on of Hector, Achilles, Paris and Helen.

For seven years, the Greeks and Trojans have been at war following the Trojan Prince Paris' abduction of Helen, the most beautiful woman in the world, from her Greek husband, Menelaus. The besieging Greek army is encamped under the walls of Troy and, at the point at which the play begins, the war has reached stalemate.

The Greeks are quarreling amongst themselves. Achilles, their greatest champion, refuses to fight and has withdrawn to his tent with his lover, Patroclus. Ulysses tries to entice Achilles back to the field by arousing his jealousy against Ajax, a rival warrior, whom he acclaims as their new hero and elects to meet Hector, the Trojan champion in single combat.

Equally at odds with themselves, the Trojans are debating the value of continuing the war merely for the sake of keeping Helen. Hector declares that she is not worth the lives she costs, but when his brother Troilus contends that honor demands they continue to fight for her, Hector is brought to understand his point of view. In case of rain, the show will be held at library, 546 Kenilworth Blvd., Kenilworth. For information, visit www.hudsonshakespeare.org or call the library at 908-276-2451.

'La Piccola Rosa'



'Medium Expression,' a solo exhibit of artwork by Roselle Park resident Rosalia Tignini Verdun will be on display at the Casano Community Center Gallery through Aug. 14. The exhibit will feature works including 'La Piccola Rosa.' The Gallery is located in the Casano Community Center, 314 Chestnut St. Roselle Park.

Arts Center seeks volunteers

Union County Performing Arts Center invites the public to join the UCPAC corps of theatre volunteers and give back to the arts in the community.

UCPAC is holding volunteer training on July 29 at 7 p.m. for those interested in becoming a volunteer at UCPAC.

Theatre volunteers are needed for evenings of events throughout the season to work as concession-

aires, ticket takers, ushers, parking assistants, theatre greeters and coat check assistants.

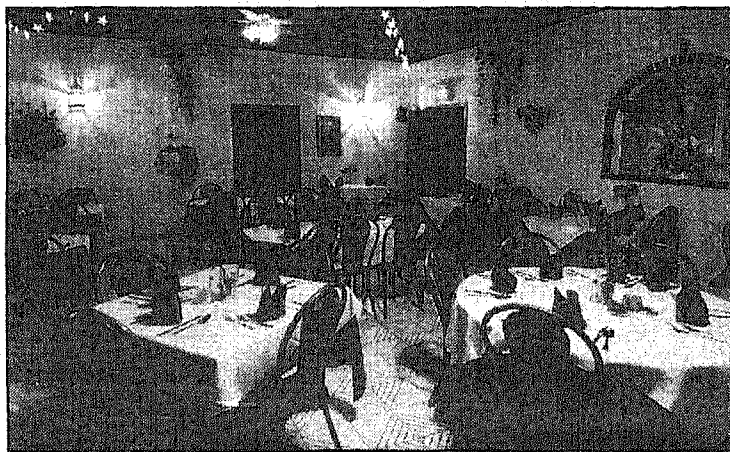
UCPAC can also use support in the following areas: ushers are needed to assist with taking tickets, seating guests and working at concessions; administrative work such as photocopying, assembling programs, stuffing mailings and other tasks need to be done during the week in our administration office.

In addition, street teams hang posters and distribute flyers and coupons to local businesses and restaurants in your own and other local towns. If you are interested in volunteering at UCPAC join the volunteer training session at the Arts Center in downtown Rahway.

For information call the UCPAC administration office at 732-499-0441 or visit the volunteer link at www.ucpac.org.

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Owners Tony and Stella Scuderi sure know how to prepare customers for the feast to come.

Selections abound the full dinner menu. About five specials change seasonally and anything can be cooked to order. None of the almost 20 appetizer and salad selections cost more than \$10, of which the best choices are the tender fried calamari, \$7, and the heaping stuffed mushrooms, \$6.

The Linguini ala Vodka offers the best of both poultry and seafood. This dish, \$14.95, combines chicken and butterfly shrimp in a creamy pink vodka sauce served over perfectly cooked linguini.

For those preferring more meat, the Veal Oscar, \$14.95, simmers in a very light cream sauce. The prosciutto, asparagus, and cheese accompaniments are just as plentiful as the veal anchor.

Hearty portions are the staple at IL Giardino and you won't leave hungry. With more than 15 pasta selections, and at least seven of each veal, poultry and seafood dishes, patrons can sure find reasons for frequent visits to this hidden gem of Italian eateries.

The most expensive entree is a seafood soup that costs \$15.95. Entrees, served with salad and a side of pasta, are mostly in the \$10 to \$15 range.

Not in the mood for a full course dinner? Enjoy one of IL Giardino's nine specialty pizzas or calzones. A seven item kids' menu ensures smiles on all faces.

No meal would be complete without at least a taste of one of their six desserts. The favorite is a creamy tartufo whose dark chocolate shell complements the ice cream and chocolate syrup in a way that's too sweet for words. In the summer months, the restaurant offers real fruit Italian ices.

IL Giardino not only allows patrons to enjoy their meals in their warm dining room, but by offering take out and free delivery, customers can savor these Italian flavors in their own homes.

An extensive catering menu offers selections for both on- and off-site functions.

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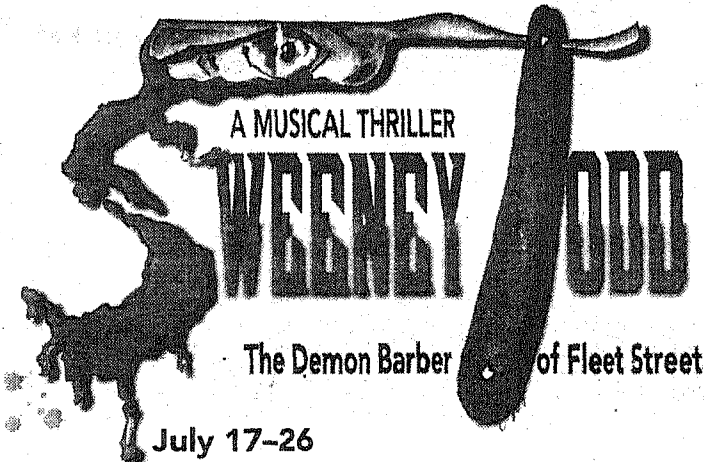
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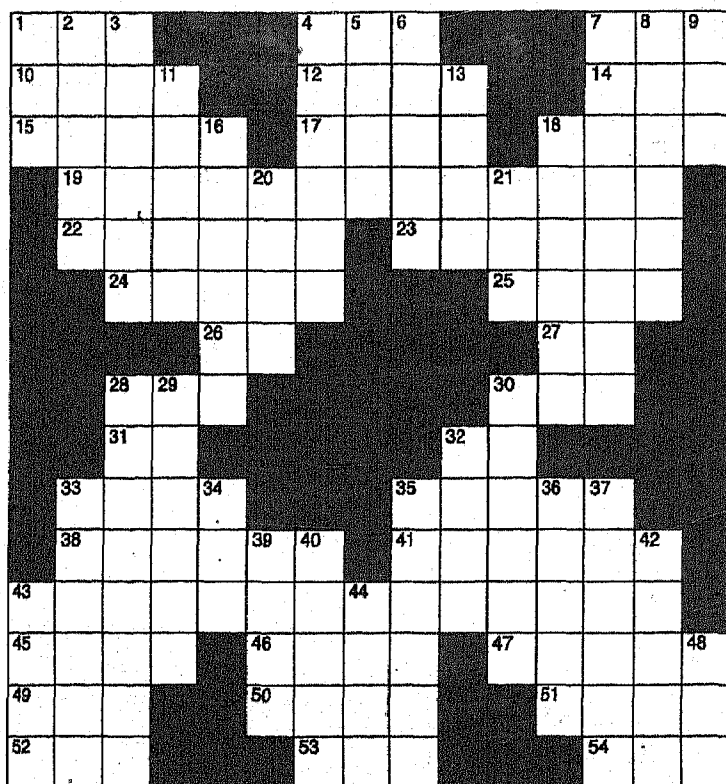


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- 10. Moonfish
- 12. Geological times
- 14. ___tose; milk sugar
- 15. Marks to omit print
- 17. Cat lives
- 18. Greasy
- 19. Portable TV button
- 22. A timepiece with hands
- 23. A meeting of spiritualists
- 24. Having the same characteristics
- 25. Bambi was one
- 26. 1st state (abbr.)
- 27. Atomic #86
- 28. Tooth caregiver
- 30. Yes vote
- 31. An alternative
- 32. 2009 losing VP's initials
- 33. Nazi alliance
- 35. Montevideo's river
- 38. Lively dances
- 41. Extreme self-absorbed behavior
- 43. A. Hepburn role
- 45. Selfs
- 46. ___ Ladd, actor
- 47. Farming production
- 49. Electric brain test
- 50. Not frequently used
- 51. Scorch
- 52. Partridge star Susan
- 53. Get free of
- 54. Be nosy

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cabinet level Dept.
- 2. Classical music for the stage
- 3. Principal ore of lead
- 4. Take back
- 5. Musician Clapton
- 6. Hands (Span.)
- 7. 2 to 13 million years ago
- 8. Not shorter
- 9. Atlantic City Airport code
- 11. Haemal
- 13. Samoan cent
- 16. Not liquids
- 18. Cantankerous
- 20. Take a puff
- 21. Small amount
- 28. Liturgical praise to God
- 29. Practices
- 30. Indifference
- 32. Fired from a gun
- 33. Furthest orbital point
- 34. Wild blue yonder
- 35. Anguished
- 36. Monkey trees
- 37. Slumbering
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THE NORTH JERSEY CAR CLUB meets at 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

The **SUMMIT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY** will continue the summer session of its **INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**. Each week through Aug. 10, an award-winning foreign film will be shown at 2 and 6:45 p.m. in the Library's Ernest S. Hickok Meeting Room. The following movies will be shown: Monday, "Tuya's Marriage"; July 20, "Under the Same Moon"; July 27, "Tell No One"; Aug. 3, "The Year My Parents Went on Vacation" and Aug. 10, "Slumdog Millionaire." All films are in the original languages, with English subtitles. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome. Seating is limited, and on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 15 minutes before the beginning of each showing. Summit Free Public Library is located at 75 Maple St. For information call 273-0350, or go to www.summitlibrary.org.

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MUSEUMS

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The Plantation House was closed in 2002 for renovations and recently re-opened its doors to the public. 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.

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RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at 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 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.

THEATER

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS of Linden will present "HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL" from July 17-18 and July 23-23 at 8 p.m. and July 19 at 3 p.m. at Linden High School, 121 West St. Georges Ave., Linden. For information and tickets, call 908-486-4144.

TRIPS

The **SPRINGFIELD AREA LODGE OF B'NAI BIRTH** is sponsoring a **BUS TRIP TO RESORTS** Casino Hotel in Atlantic City on July 19. The package includes breakfast at the Bagel Chateau, located at 222 Mountain Ave., Springfield. It is suggested that participants arrive at Bagel Chateau by 8:30 a.m. so that they will be on time for the bus that leaves from the Echo Plaza Mall parking lot, located at the junction of Mountain Avenue and Route 22. The time of departure will be 10:30 a.m. For information, contact Jerry Kamen at 908-277-1953. The deadline is Monday.

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CIRCE DUNNELL will be exhibiting her new work at the **PALMER MUSEUM** which is located in the Springfield Free Public Library. Her recent work combines giclee prints with pigment dyed encaustic. Glicée, by definition is "the process of making fine art prints from a digital source using ink-jet printing." Encaustic is a paint consisting of pigment mixed with melted beeswax; it is fixed with heat after application. Dunnell's particular series is texture driven, and she bases her construction on her interest in architectural, urban, and organic scenes. The exhibit will be available through July 16. Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Hours of the exhibit are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Museum is closed on Sunday. For information call 973-376-4930.

The **LINDEN** Department of Public Property and Community Services is **SEEKING LOCAL ARTISTS** who are willing to display their artwork to the public on Fridays during the summer at the Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade, 400 N. Wood Ave. in Linden. Those who are interested may call the Department of Public Property and Community Services at 908-474-8600 and ask for Gary Luciano or Rosemary Cherego.

Artist and teacher **ANGELITO A. DAVID** will exhibit at Bouras Properties with one of his students, Summit resident, **DEBORAH NICOLL**, and her daughter, Lauren Nicoll through the end of August. The galleries are open to the public by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Linda Cole at 908-277-6054. Bouras Galleries is located in Bouras Properties at 25 Deforest Ave., Summit.

The **SKULSKI ART GALLERY** of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark will present an exhibit of sculpture, relief and painting by Lubomir Tomaszewski through July 17. The public is welcome, admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

On the First Thursday of each month, the city of Rahway will host an **ARTS DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE** in the downtown area between The Arts Guild of on Irving Street and Seminary Avenue, and Elm Street at Irving Street from 6 to 9 p.m. These

CONCERTS

THE UNION COUNTY SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL 2009 concert series continues July 15, with a musical variety show performed by **JOEY ARMINIO AND "THE FAMILY"** at Echo Lake Park on the border of Mountainside and Westfield. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The **HOT SUMMER NIGHTS CONCERT SERIES** returns to **SUMMIT'S VILLAGE GREEN** for 2009. Tuesday nights in July, the Village Green will "rock" with great music, friendship and family fun. The concerts begin at 7 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. This year, a rain site has been secured at Summit High School at 125 Kent Place Blvd. Call the event weather hotline in the event of questionable weather at 908-277-2932, ext. 12. All events are free. All concerts are alcohol free. Snacks and light fare will be available.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders have announced that **Ronnie Brandt** will be performing his "THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND" **MUSICAL** presentation at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside on July 15, at 1:30 p.m. as part of Trailside's Summer Wednesday Matinee Series

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

DANCE

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

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

HOBBIES

Mayor Joseph Delorio and Roselle Park Borough Council will host the 2009 season of the **ROSELLE PARK "CRUISIN' NIGHT" CAR SHOWS AND SWAP MEETS**. The next event will be Sept. 19 from 4 to 7 p.m., with the rain date being the following day. The car shows and swap meets will take place at the Michael J. Mauri Gazebo Park, on the corner of Chestnut Street and

Union's Melody is making most of minor league stint *Seeks to learn from veteran teammates*

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Matt Melody did well to graduate from NJIT on time in May with a marketing degree and also pitched four years for the Highlander baseball team, which became Division 1-A when he was a sophomore in 2007.

The 6-3, 210 pound left hander and 2005 Union High School graduate then took part in a Newark Bears' tryout session in June.

Just when he was about to begin seriously looking for a job, he got a call from Newark Bears General Manager Mark Skeels.

"Other than to tell me that he was interested, he didn't really say much else," said Melody by way of phone last week.

Melody, who turned 22 on May 28, said he received the phone call from Skeels two weeks ago.

"I definitely didn't expect it," Melody said. "I was looking for a job. This is a great opportunity and I want to give it a shot."

Melody's father John was drafted by the Kansas City Royals, while his cousins Ed and Pat Collins — also UHS grads — played minor league ball as well.

Melody signed a contract with the independent minor league team two Thursdays ago and was on the mound as the starting pitcher for the July 28 home game against the Bridgeport Bluefish in Atlantic League professional action at Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium in Newark.

"On the first pitch I had some butterflies, but after that everything was the same," Melody said. "I played most of my home games there for NJIT, so the scenery was real similar."

Melody limited Bridgeport to one run through the first three innings of an eventual 12-5 Bluefish victory in which Melody received a no decision. He allowed the visitors to take a 4-1 lead in the top of the fourth inning on a three-run homer hit by Bridgeport shortstop Rayner Bautista.

NJIT coach Brian Callahan was a proud attendee at Sunday's game, as were about a dozen former Highlander teammates and numerous members of Melody's family and their friends.

"Matt threw the ball very well," Callahan said. "He made one bad pitch and that's the ball that went for a home run. Otherwise, he looked very good."

Melody, who dons No. 32, was scheduled to pitch again last Friday night vs. the Camden Riversharks at Campbell's Field in Camden.

Melody's final pitching line in his pro debut Sunday was: four innings, five hits, four runs (three earned), a walk and a strikeout. He lists his top pitches in this order — fastball, slider and changeup.

"In college I used my slider a lot, but on Sunday I threw a lot more changeups, which helped me," Melody said.

Melody is now one of only two lefties on the Bears' pitching staff, with the other being 6-2, 185-pounder Cory Willey, who is six years older and from Cambridge, MD.

"My goal is to learn as much as I can from these guys and try to compete," Melody said.

To go from a struggling Division 1 program that just completed a forgettable 4-33 season to getting called to play minor league baseball is a dream come true for anyone whoever put a baseball glove on and played America's national pastime.

"When I first walked in I was a little star struck," Melody said.

Former Montreal Expo and New York Yankee Tim Lincecum — one of the leading basestealers in MLB history — is the manager of the Newark Bears. The pitching coach is former Yankee right hander Mike Torrez, who after winning Game 6 of the 1977 World Series for the Bronx Bombers and earning a championship ring, he gave up Bucky Dent's home run 12 months later in the famous playoff game won by the Yankees 5-4 in Fenway Park.

Present Newark Bears players include notable former major leaguers Ramiro Mendoza, Carl Everett, Keith Foulke and Armando Benitez.

"I know who those guys are from playing baseball since growing up," Melody said. "I've started to get comfortable here over the past week."

Although Melody did not win a game in seven decisions and had a high ERA for a very young Highlander team this spring, he did have his moments after being limited somewhat by a pre-season back injury.

His season highlight was a school Division 1-record 12 strikeouts in seven innings against UMBC in Florida on March 19.

"I had a fracture in my lower back," said Melody, who was the starting quarterback at UHS during his senior season of 2004, leading the Farmer football team to a North 2, Group 4 playoff appearance.

"I wasn't going to throw for the first couple of weeks, but we lost a couple of guys for different reasons and since it was my last year I rushed back if I could throw," Melody continued. "It didn't plague me too bad. It wasn't terrible. Now I'm at 100 percent."

Melody was a tri-captain for the Highlanders this year after appearing in a team-leading 27 games — 26 out of the bullpen — last year.

Last year, he struck out 62 batters in 52 innings and fanned a career-high nine batters against St. Peter's on April 22, 2008.

This year, Melody allowed 82 hits in 57 innings, but struck out 47 and walked 38. He was 1-2 as NJIT's No. 5 starter in 2006, 1-2 last year and had a record of 0-6 as a sophomore in 2007, appearing in 11 games of which he started eight, striking out 31 in 33 innings.

"The past two years were real tough, but we continued to work hard," Melody said. "The whole team never stopped working."

"We had 14 guys transfer out the last two years and had only three seniors on the team this year, with mostly freshmen starting. It's tough to win in Division 1 with all new-guys."

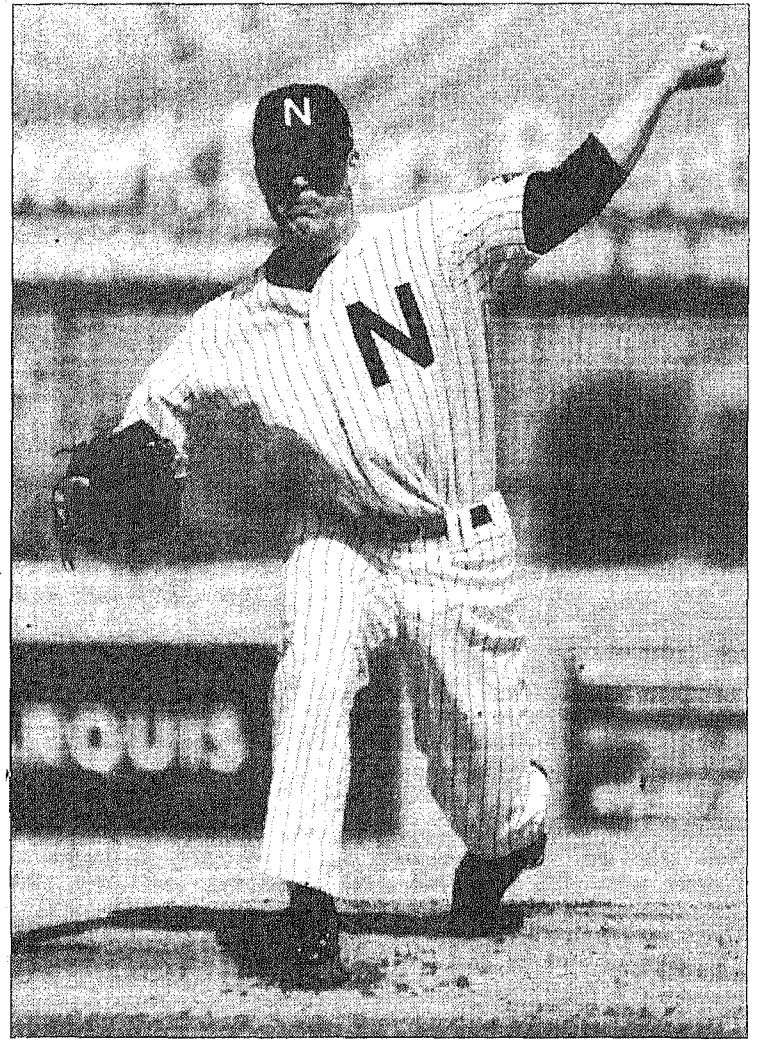
A Third Team All-Union County baseball selection by The Star-Ledger his senior season of 2005, Melody grew up a Yankee fan, with his favorite pitcher being Andy Pettitte.

"He always competes, even when he doesn't have his best stuff," Melody said. "He knows how to win."

Callahan said that Raines and Torrez gave Melody positive feedback following Sunday's game.

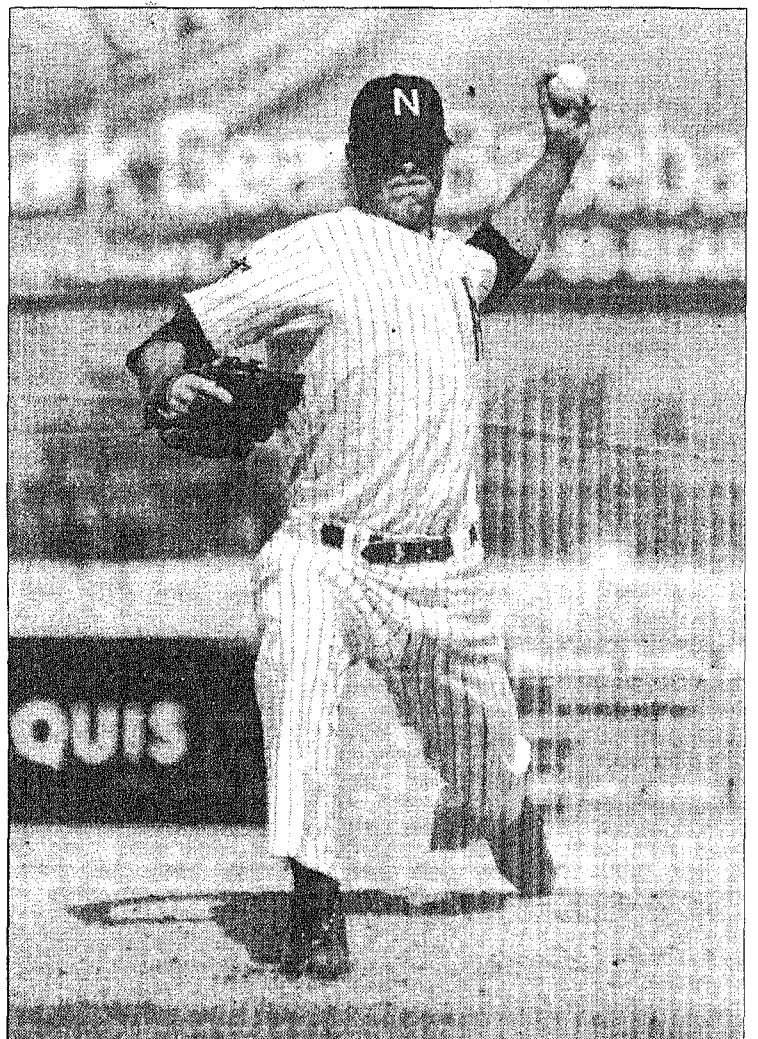
"This is a great thing for Matt and for our program," Callahan said. "It's a tribute to all the hard work he did in his four years with us for him to reach this point."

NOTES: Melody started last Friday's game at the Camden Riversharks and took the loss in a 7-6 defeat. He pitched 3 and 2/3 innings and was 0-1 with a no-decision in his first two starts as of Tuesday.



Photos courtesy of Newark Bears

Matt Melody, a 2005 Union High School graduate, is now a member of the Newark Bears independent minor league baseball team. He signed his pro contract two weeks ago.



Wood bats are a big hit for Union County legion

Positive feedback from coaches, officials

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

There used to be a saying in baseball that went something like this: "did he get good wood on it"?

That question may be getting asked again more and more these days.

Union County American Legion Baseball went to wood bats for the first time this summer for all three divisions - Senior, Junior and Sophomore.

That seems to be the trend in New Jersey, with Essex County making the move two years ago.

"Everybody has a different opinion on it, but I seem to like it because it's different," said Chris Roof, coach of the Berkeley Heights senior team and also the head coach at Governor Livingston. "I thought using wood bats in the pre-season helped me when I played at Montclair State. It gave us more confidence when we went to aluminum bats when the season started.

"The sweet spot is smaller on the wood bat. It was like a teaching aid. It helps you to try to hit the ball more square."

The main reason for the switch back to wood bats is for the safety of the players, particularly the pitchers. The smash off a wood bat is likely to be not quite as dangerous as that from an aluminum one.

There are other pluses.

"The games are going quicker so far this summer, which is a little neat," Roof said. "There's definitely more small ball, scores are down and there's a lot more sacrifice bunting, squeezes and bunting and running, stuff like that. You need to try to put more pressure on defenses. Pitchers also have more confidence pitching inside.

"The only negative thing I see is that, defensively, it can hurt infielders more than anybody. Infielders are used to the ball being hit quicker off an aluminum bat. You have to shorten the infielders up a bit."

What about the ball hit right back to the box?

"If you hit a ball good, it will get back to the pitcher pretty quickly," Roof said. "However, kids are not getting the bat heads out as quick with wooden bats as they would with aluminum."

There are metal wood bats and your traditional Louisville Slugger bats. The metal wood bats are wood composite bats that are - technically - stronger in that they don't break as easy and go for half the price of real aluminum bats, according to Roof. "They can last from 2-3 months and don't crack," Roof said.

The Louisville Slugger bats are your normal, typical wood bats. "The wood might be a little better, but if you get a jam job, you will break the bat," Roof said. "We're using both of them."

New York switched to wood bats for the high school season two years ago, but Roof, who has been a head coach since 2001, is not so sure it would be a good thing if New Jersey followed suit.

"I don't think we should change because kids don't play with wooden bats all the way up," Roof said. "I just wish there was some way to make aluminum bats safer.

"That would be the perfect combination."

Rich Biddulph, who has had a lot of success coaching the Roselle 229 senior squad, has seen mostly positives from the transition so far.

"The metal/wood bats are actually metal handles with wood barrels and the Louisvilles are all wood," Biddulph said. "Allegedly, the metal/wood last longer. We're using all wood so far."

Roselle began the week in second place in the senior standings behind Union Catholic.

"Going to wood has been an adjustment for us, but we're getting used to them," Biddulph said. "Of course, our pitches love them as all ERAs have plummeted.

"Our outfielders play much shallower than with aluminum and we're taking away the flares."

Chris Van Vliet, who played at Roselle Catholic and served as an assistant coach at Elizabeth the past two seasons, coaches the Elizabeth senior squad along with head coach Tom Urban.

"Using wood bats is the way baseball was meant to be played," Van Vliet said. "You can pitch inside now and stats are much more meaningful."

Union High School head coach Frank Napolitano doesn't mind seeing his players using wooden bats, but realizes that a less powerful stick might take away the occasional hit a youngster - who does not hit as well as the others - gets every now and then.

"Wood makes it real," Biddulph said. "We're getting low scoring games being decided by pitchers throwing strikes, the defense making plays and the offense putting the ball into play. There are no more Earl Weaver strategies of waiting for a three-run homer.

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Elizabeth, Linden, Union, Plainfield, Westfield, Scotch Plains

RARITAN DIVISION (6 schools)
Montgomery, Immaculata, Ridge, North Hunterdon, Voorhees, Warren Hills

MOUNTAIN DIVISION (6 schools)
Rahway, Governor Livingston, Summit, Cranford, Hillside, Johnson

VALLEY DIVISION (4 schools)
Somerville, Delaware Valley, North Plainfield, North Warren

UNION DIVISION (5 schools)
Roselle, New Providence, Roselle Park, Dayton, Brearley

HILLS DIVISION (6 schools)
Bernards, Belvidere, Pingry, Bound Brook, Manville, South Hunterdon

NOTES: Irvington, which won the Watchung Conference undefeated the past two seasons, is now situated in the Super Essex Conference's American Division. Hillside won the MVC's Mountain Division last year and Brearley captured the Valley Division.

Snapple Bowl XVI is next Thursday at Kean

The Home News Tribune Snapple Bowl XVI is scheduled for next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Kean University in Union.

Proceeds from the high school All Star football game pitting seniors from Union County vs. those from Middlesex County will go to the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and the Lakeview School for Cerebral Palsy in Edison.

Middlesex County won last year's game 14-7 at East Brunswick to take back the lead in the series at 8-7. Middlesex County has won the last three games in a row after Union County won three in a row from 2003-2005.

This will be the fourth game in the series played at Kean, with the Middlesex County team winning two of the first three contested there.

Neither team has won four straight.

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MVC All-Stars prevail



The Mountain Valley Conference All-Star Baseball Team, with Roselle Catholic head coach Joe Kropa at left and Johnson head coach Dave Kennedy at right, defeated the Watchung Conference squad 7-4 on June 10 in the second annual MVC vs. Watchung Seniors contest held at Elizabeth's Williams Field. Johnson's Rob Smorol, kneeling third from left, struck out six in three perfect innings as the MVC starting pitcher and earned the mound victory.

Games quicker, ERAs are down as result of change

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"In a non-league game earlier this season, one of our guys mashed a home run with wood - probably 380-400 foot. One of our assistant coaches said, 'I wish I had that crack of the bat on tape. I could listen to that sweet sound all day.'

"He was right on. What a beautiful sound it was!"

Jim Caffrey, Union County's 17-and-under chairman, is also pleased with the early results.

"Wood bats are working well in Union County," Caffrey said. "The change to wood bats has certainly changed the game and the quality of baseball games have drastically improved this year."

Union County is looking forward to hosting all three State Finals this year, as well as the Mid-Atlantic Regional for 17-and-under - which is junior legion.

"We've had very few 10-run games, keeping teams in games and raising the competitive nature of our leagues," Caffrey said. "Of the 15 games I've seen so far this summer, I've only noticed two broken bats, so the kids seem to be adjusting very well."

"It is my hope that National will follow our lead and convert all of American Legion baseball to wood bats, nationwide."

NOTES: The annual Union County American Legion Baseball (UCALB) Hall of Fame induction was July 1 at Roselle Park High School. This year's inductee was Roselle Park 17-and-under head coach Ken Iachio.

The Union County Senior Legion regular season has been extended from tomorrow to Tuesday because of all the rainouts.

"Like the entire state, we're struggling with rain, but our coaches are doing a terrific job re-scheduling," Caffrey said.

The first- and second-place teams will go to the states and the third- and fourth-place teams will play on Wednesday for the third state bid.

The Junior Legion regular season will conclude Saturday.

The All-Star Games are scheduled to be played at Teener Field in Union on Sunday, with the Junior Game at 3:30 p.m. and the Senior Game at 7 p.m.

The Junior Legion playoffs are scheduled to commence Tuesday and continue each day from the 15th to the 20th. The quarterfinals are July 18, the semifinals July 19 beginning at 10 a.m. and the championship game July 20 at 5 p.m. - all at Veterans Field in Rahway.

The states are scheduled to commence July 25.

The 15-and-under Union County Sophomore Legion schedule runs through July 18.

Updated standings for Union County Senior, Junior and Sophomore Legion can be found at unioncountyjuniorlegion.homestead.com.

More information about the Mid-Atlantic Regional for 17-and-under can be found at www.midatlanticrogional.org.

Grid teams switch sections

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

According to the Asbury Park Press, which disclosed the new high school football reclassifications for the 2009 season on a blog on June 24 - listing the sections Central Jersey and South Jersey only - Rahway, Brearley and Roselle Park have moved to different sections.

Rahway is back in Central Jersey, Group 2 - which is where it was in 2007.

Brearley and Roselle Park are back in Central Jersey, Group 1.

An official from the NJSIAA said on June 29 that the general classification and the football and wrestling classifications should be posted on its website by sometime this week. It was posted Tuesday.

That official also said that the information was originally set to be disclosed by late June, but was not because relevant information pertaining to determining school group size was not received from several schools.

Rahway was moved from North 2, Group 3 to Central Jersey, Group 2 during the first year of the NJSIAA's reclassification in 2003.

See RAHWAY, Page 33

Skipper to play volleyball at Post Rahway resident stars at RC

Brieonna Skipper, a three-year varsity volleyball starter for Roselle Catholic High School and a co-captain her senior season, will continue her athletic career at Post University in Connecticut.

Skipper, a Rahway resident, who graduated from Roselle Catholic on May 31, will join scholastic teammate Kelly Hayes on the volleyball court at Post University's 58-acre hilltop residential campus in the suburbs of Waterbury, Conn.

At Post, an NCAA Division 2 school and member of the Central Collegiate Athletic Conference (CACC), Skipper will play for coach Mike Brienza.

"I picked Post University because it's a small school and it's not too far from home," Skipper said. "I like the student-to-teacher ratio. The class sizes are very small compared to other colleges and universities."

"I also like that the volleyball team is very close knit and everyone gets time on the court."

Skipper was a sophomore starter when Roselle Catholic won the NJSIAA Parochial championship and earned a berth in the Tournament of Champions in 2006. She played her final two seasons at RC for coach Don Godfrey.

"The highlight of my RC athletics career would definitely have to be winning states my sophomore year," Skipper said. "It had to be the scariest moment of my life, starting varsity as a sophomore in a huge game. There was so much pressure."

One of Skipper's strengths on the volleyball court is her versatility, which enabled her to play a variety of positions for the Lions. Skipper was a consistent server for the Lions, who averaged five digs and four service points per game her senior season.

"My senior year was the biggest change," Skipper said. "I started as an outside hitter, but two games into the season I was switched to libero. It was a difficult switch, but I knew my team needed me, so I did what I had to do."

Skipper hopes to major in business administration/management at Post, with the goal of opening up her own hair salon. Skipper has a younger sister, Jayla, who she hopes will follow in her volleyball footsteps.

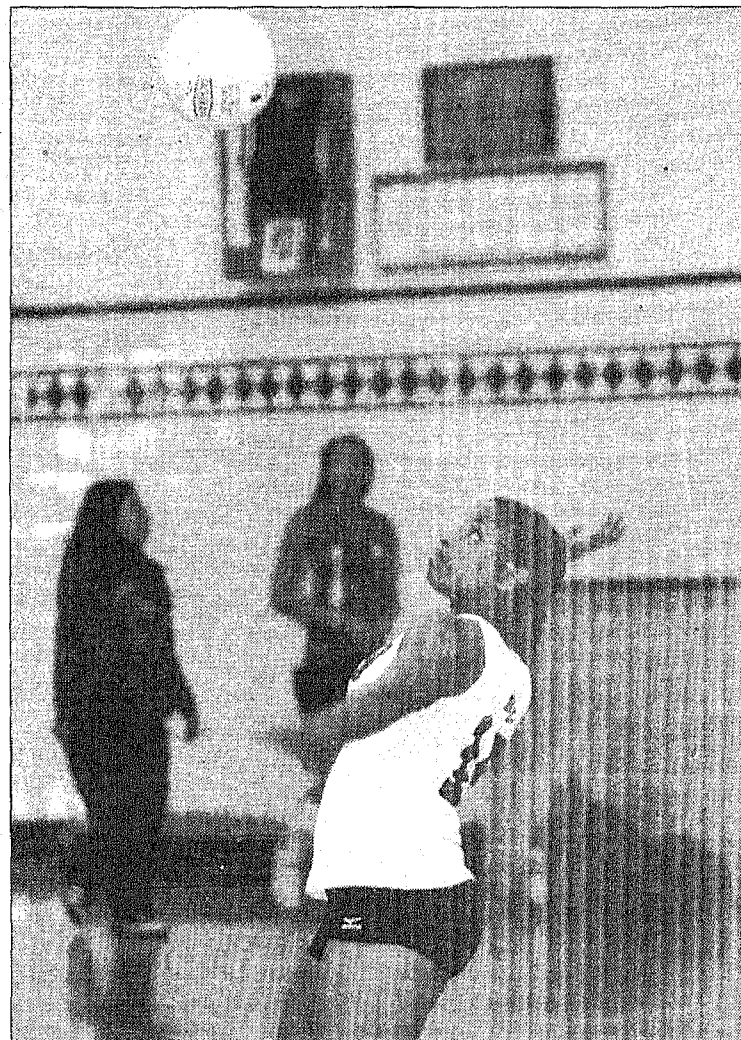


Photo courtesy of Roselle Catholic athletics

Brieonna Skipper was a standout volleyball player at Roselle Catholic. She will continue playing the sport at Post University in Waterbury, Conn.

Cranford latest school about to get FieldTurf

Memorial Field transformation under way

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The moment the Cranford High School athletic department has been waiting for is here.

The transformation of Memorial Field from grass to FieldTurf is about to begin.

Cranford Athletic Director Marc Taglieri said two weeks ago that the digging up of the field was to commence last week.

"It will take 6-8 weeks to put it down."

Right now, Cranford's first three football scrimmage dates are on the road - at New Brunswick Aug. 25, at Pompton Lakes Aug. 28 and at Mendham Aug. 31.

The Cougars are scheduled to host Somerville on Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. in their game-scrimmage - provided the FieldTurf will be ready by then.

"If it's not ready, then we will have the scrimmage at Somerville," Taglieri said.

Cranford's first three games are scheduled at home, with the first one Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. against Scotch Plains. Taglieri said there will be opening ceremonies to kick off Cranford's first game on its FieldTurf.

"We've not set any definite plans yet, but the first game against Scotch Plains is when we would do that," Taglieri said.

Cranford will then host Hillside Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. and North Plainfield Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. before going on the road for the first time to face Rahway on Oct. 3 at 2 p.m. at Veterans Field.

The game is listed as a 2 p.m. start on both schedules, although the first SAT Saturday of the football season is not until Oct. 10.

Cranford, which is the 10th school in Union County to get FieldTurf, has five of its nine scheduled regular season games at home this season.

Other home dates are Oct. 16 against Summit at 7 p.m. and Oct. 30 vs. Governor Livingston at 7 p.m.

Cranford will play nine straight weekends and not on Thanksgiving this year.

Cranford remains in Central Jersey, Group 2 for football this season.

The Cougars will play at Voorhees Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. on the state playoff cutoff date weekend, but their eighth and final game that counts toward attempting to qualify in CJ, G2 for the first time since 2004 will be their contest against GL the week before.

Voorhees is the team Cranford defeated 28-21 in the first round of the 2003 North 2, Group 2 playoffs for the Cougars' first-ever playoff victory.

The move to FieldTurf has been a long process for the Cranford athletic department.

"It was three-and-a-half years of meetings and negotiations between the town and FieldTurf," Taglieri said.

"Interest groups from Cranford came on board and it became a joint venture.

"I would like to thank the Cranford PAL, the Cranford Boosters Club, the Cranford Jaycees, the Cranford Soccer Club and the Cranford Lacrosse Club for their efforts."

Taglieri explained that the Cranford Board of Education committed to \$40,000 a year, with other groups providing funds to make up the balance on the bond issue.

"Several other private donations have been made by Cranford residents," Taglieri added.

After seeing how nearby towns such as Linden, Westfield, Clark and Scotch Plains have benefited from putting the FieldTurf down on their football fields, it was time for Cranford to make its move.

"We won't miss any practice time - for all of our sports - and it will certainly reduce the number of cancellations," Taglieri said. "It got to the point where we were in the minority for not having it."

"We want to give our kids the same opportunities. It was time for Cranford, the community, the school and the township to step up and everybody did."

NOTES: To learn more about the FieldTurf Cranford's Memorial Field is about to get, visit the website: cranfordcatfund.

In the new Mid-State 39 Football Conference for 2009, Cranford is one of six teams situated in the Mountain Division, with the others being Johnson, GL, Hillside, Rahway and Summit.

Rahway in CJ, G2; Brearley, RP CJ, G1

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The Indians were situated in CJ, G2 for five seasons in a row - 2003-2007 - before moving back to North 2, Group 3 last year.

Rahway reached the CJ, G2 semifinals four seasons in a row from 2004-2007 and then reached the N2, G3 final last year for the first time since 1999.

Brearley was previously in CJ, G1 for the 2003, 2004 and 2005 seasons, reaching the quarterfinals in 2003, the semifinals in 2004 and the final in 2005. Brearley then captured North 2, Group 1 in 2006 for the first time since 1991. Brearley lost in the N2, G1 quarterfinals in 2007 and semifinals in 2008.

Like Brearley, Roselle Park was in CJ, G1 for 2003, 2004 and 2005 and then went back to N2, G1 for 2006, 2007 and 2008.

Roselle Park last made the state playoffs in 2001, falling in the N2, G1 quarterfinals. The Panthers last won a state playoff game in 1993 when they repeated as N2, G1 champions.

Here's a look at the complete Group 2 and Group 1 football sections in Central Jersey, with enrollment figures:

- Central Jersey, Group 2**
(range: 815-566) (19 schools)
 Monmouth Regional (815) / New Brunswick (811)
 Holmdel (810) / Red Bank Regional (809)
 Cranford (801) / Carteret (794)
 Rahway (791) / Ewing (787)
 Long Branch (780) / Raritan (777)
 Matawan (750) / Manasquan (737)
 Delaware Valley (721) / Rumson-Fair Haven (714)
 Johnson (628) / North Plainfield (612)
 Bordentown (597) / Roselle (589)
 Keyport/Hudson, Henry (566)
NOTES: Cranford, Johnson and Roselle remain in Central Jersey, Group 2.

- Central Jersey, Group 1**
(range: 565-177) (19 schools)
 Spotswood (565) / Shore (539)
 Middlesex (516) / Metuchen (474)
 Robbinsville (474) / Roselle Park (454)
 South River (451) / Burlington City (434)
 New Egypt (412) / Brearley (347)
 Bound Brook (335) / Florence (332)
 Keansburg (329) / Asbury Park (310)
 Point Pleasant Beach (287) / Highland Park (280)
 Manville (275) / Dunellen (212)
 South Hunterdon (177)

PUBLIC NOTICE
NEW PROVIDENCE
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
 CHANCERY DIVISION
 UNION COUNTY
 DOCKET NO. F-20142-09

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: EVA WEISS

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number #(973) 538-9300, an Answer to the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, filed in a civil action, in which BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NA AS TRUSTEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES WMABS SERIES 2007-HE2 TRUST is Plaintiff and EVA WEISS, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County and bearing Docket No. F-20142-09 within thirty-five (35) days after 07/09/09 exclusive of such date or if published after 07/09/09, thirty-five (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Proce-

PUBLIC NOTICE
 dure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated October 18, 2006 made by EVA WEISS and as mortgagors to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR NATIONWIDE EQUITIES CORP. recorded on October 24, 2006, in Book 11904 of Mortgages for UNION County, Page 618, et seq., which mortgage was duly assigned to the Plaintiff named above, who is the present holder of said Mortgage, and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 200 PASSAIC ST., NEW PROVIDENCE, NJ 07974, Block 44, Lot 1.

You are made a defendant because you are a mortgagor and your lien or encumbrance on the mortgaged premises is subject to plaintiff's mortgage. If you cannot afford or are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of venue by calling:
UNION COUNTY LAWYER REFERRAL: (908)353-4715
UNION COUNTY LEGAL SERVICES: (908)354-4340

YOU, EVA WEISS are made party defendant(s) to this foreclosure action because you are one of the mortgagors and may be liable for any deficiency and for any lien, claim, or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises by reason of the Mortgage made by you, EVA WEISS, as set forth above.
Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for participation.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 File #FWM 2544
 Dated: June 29, 2009
 JENNIFER M. PEREZ
 Clerk of the Superior
 Court of New Jersey
 U241295 WCN July 8, 2009 (\$47.53)

PUBLIC NOTICE
ROSELLE PARK
BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
 TAKE NOTICE that on the 20th day of July, 2009 at 7:30 P.M., a hearing will be held before the Planning Board of the Borough of Roselle Park, 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey on the appeal or application of the undersigned for relief so as to permit: change of use from grocery store to miscellaneous services; picture framing; digital photography; graphic design on premises located at 231-A W. Westfield Avenue and designated as Block 3-11 Lot 2 on the Municipal Tax Map, located in a 4A Commercial zone or district.
 All documents relating to this application may be inspected by the public in the office of the Borough Clerk in the Borough Hall, 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey, between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.
 Any interested party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Board.
 Jaider Torres
 Applicant
 U241658 UNL July 9, 2009 (\$15.68)

PUBLIC NOTICE
ROSELLE PARK
 BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
 UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, New Jersey, at a public meeting held on July 1, 2009 and that said ordinance will be taken up for passage, and public hearing on July 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at the regular meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held at the Borough Hall in said Borough of Roselle Park, and that all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.
 By order of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park.
 INTRODUCED
 ORDINANCE NO. 2270
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XXVII, ARTICLE III, SECTION 27-6.3 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING RATE OF CHARGES FOR SEWER USERS IN THE BOROUGH
 Donna L. Corrigan
 Deputy Borough Clerk
 U241365 UNL July 9, 2009 (\$19.60)

PUBLIC NOTICE
ROSELLE PARK
 BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
 UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ordinance, title of which is set forth below, was finally passed and approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park at a public meeting held in the Borough of Roselle Park, 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey on July 1, 2009.
 PASSED
 ORDINANCE NO. 2269
 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR RESURFACING OF PINWOOD AVENUE FROM WEST COLFAX AVENUE TO WOODSIDE AVENUE FOR THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATELY \$73,000.00 FOR SUCH PURPOSE
 Donna L. Corrigan
 Deputy Borough Clerk
 U241364 UNL July 9, 2009 (\$14.70)

HILLSIDE
 SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-09002800
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F2347208
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE FERSWIN MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-7, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, TMTS SERIES 2006-7 WITHOUT RECOURSE

PUBLIC NOTICE

VS Defendant: AMELIA BETANCOURT; JUAN BETANCOURT; OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; CARLOS ROMEROS... Sale Date: 07/15/2009... Writ of Execution: 05/05/2009... [The text continues with details of the foreclosure sale, including the property address and terms of the sale.]

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-09003241... VS Defendant: RUI LOURENCO DA COSTA... Sale Date: 07/29/2009... [The text continues with details of the sheriff's sale, including the property address and terms of the sale.]

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. : F-25433-09 Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Maria R. Klein, Peter M. Klein, Karen Vanerhoof, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest... [The text continues with details of the notice to absent defendants, including the property address and terms of the sale.]

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey... [The text continues with details of the public notice, including the property address and terms of the sale.]

UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Township of Union is seeking proposals for the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The Community Development Director will service the Community Development Program on behalf of and at the direction of, and will be responsible to the Township Committee of the Township of Union and their Agent, the Township Administrator.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

The specific responsibilities and duties of the Community Development Director are as follows:

- 1. Provide for the supervision of Community Development Personnel
2. Provide for implementation of Housing and Community Development Program activities
3. Liaison with the Township Administrator and other Township Departments
4. Liaison with the Township Committee and attendance at all required meetings
5. Review work write-ups and cost estimates for inspected properties as prepared by the Housing Inspectors and Administrative Aide
6. Work with the Housing Inspector/Administrative Aide in preparation of recommendations for rehabilitation work priorities for each applicant
7. Consult with recognized specialist such as electrical, plumbing or related inspectors where necessary for proper and accurate discharge of property inspection responsibilities
8. Perform interim housing rehabilitation case inspection
9. Attend Citizen Advisory Rehabilitation Committee meetings as required
10. Provide such other services as may be required in connection with the administration of the Township's approved Community Development Program that the Township Committee and/or Administrator may direct.

ROSELLE PARK

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-09002823... VS Defendant: JOCELYN REYES; ROYCE REYES; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Sale Date: 07/15/2009... [The text continues with details of the sheriff's sale, including the property address and terms of the sale.]

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No. : F-16898-09 Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: BYRON CASTILLO, ROSALINA CASTILLO, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest... [The text continues with details of the notice to absent defendants, including the property address and terms of the sale.]

PUBLIC NOTICE

VS Defendant: ELZA HOFFMAN; MR. HOFFMAN; HUSBAND OF ELZA HOFFMAN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; AS NOMINEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC

Sale Date: 07/15/2009 Writ of Execution: 04/28/2009 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 text continues with details of the foreclosure sale, including the property address and terms of the sale.]

UNION

BOARD OF EDUCATION Township of Union

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education of the Township of Union, County of Union, New Jersey on Thursday July 23rd at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Secretary, Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083 for the following items:

Science Supplies Re-Bid #10-25

Instructions to Bidders, Proposal Form and Specifications may be examined at the office of the Secretary, Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083 and each bidder thereof may obtain one copy.

For each bid totaling \$1,000.00 or more, a deposit payable to the "Union Township Board of Education" in the form of a certified or cashier's check or bid bond issued by a surety company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey shall accompany each proposal. The amount of the deposit shall be 10% of the total amount of the bid, but in no case in excess of \$20,000.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening thereof. All bidders are required to submit along with their bid a copy of their current BRC (Business Registration Certificate and current Affirmative Action Certificate). The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept the bid, which in its judgment will be for the best interest of the Union Township Board of Education. The Board also reserves the right to renew any award in accordance with New Jersey Public Contracts Law 18A:18A-42.

Bidders are required to comply with the Affirmative Action requirements of P.L. 1975, C.127 and N.J.A.C. 17:27 and any other applicable Federal, State, County or Municipal laws, rules, regulations or codes.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY James J. Damato Board Secretary U241517 UNL July 9, 2009 (\$31.85)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-09002848... VS Defendant: 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. U241349 UNL July 9, 2009 (\$52.92) ROSELLE PARK BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK NOTICE OF AWARD 1. NAME: Neglia Engineering Lyndhurst, New Jersey 2. NATURE: For the preparation of plans and specifications for the Pinewood Avenue Road Resurfacing CDBG-R Project 3. DURATION: Until December 31, 2009 or until successor is appointed. 4. COMPENSATION: \$10,600.00 Dated: July 1, 2009 Donna L. Corrigan, Deputy Borough Clerk U241363 UNL July 9, 2009 (\$11.76)

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Sale Date: 07/15/2009
Writ of Execution: 05/04/2009
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.

ELIZABETH
NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
Docket No. : F-41857-08
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

Sale Date: 07/15/2009
Writ of Execution: 04/20/2009
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.

ROSELLE
NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
Docket No. : F-9391-09
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

VS
Defendant: DEYANIRA BENAVIDEZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., AS NOMINEE FOR INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B.
Sale Date: 07/15/2009
Writ of Execution: 05/04/2009

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09002958
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2892808
County: Union
Plaintiff: PUBLIC SAVINGS BANK

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
Zoilá P. Oliveira
Alexander Oliveira, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
PEDRO QUISPE
MILDRED FIGUEROA, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest

BEHAVIOR 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.

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 Bank of America, NA is plaintiff, and Zoila P. Oliveira, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-41857-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 07/09/2009 exclusive of such date, or if published after 07/09/2009, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date.

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09002953
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F268508
County: Union
Plaintiff: INDYMAC BANK F.S.B.

VS
Defendant: MILTON VILLA
Sale Date: 07/22/2009
Writ of Execution: 04/29/2009
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.

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.
U241354 PRO July 9, 2009 (\$53.90)

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

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09002820
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2116407
County: Union
Plaintiff: STEEL MOUNTAIN CAPITAL II LLC

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09002890
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2330708
County: Union
Plaintiff: INDYMAC MORTGAGE F.S.B.

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09002959
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1541708
County: Union

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2756307
County: Union
Plaintiff: BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS CWALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-64CB MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-64CB

ELIZABETH

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
UNION COUNTY
Docket No. F-24064-09
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to: ROBIN M. JOHNSON

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Pluuse, Becker, & Saltzman, LLC, whose address is 20000 Horizon Way, Suite 900, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054.

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of New Jersey.
By written assignment dated May 7, 2009, the said Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for HSBC Mortgage Corporation (USA) assigned its mortgage and bond/note to HSBC Mortgage Corporation (USA), plaintiff herein, which assignment is about to be recorded.

JENNIFER M. PEREZ, CLERK
Superior Court of New Jersey
U241388 PRO July 9, 2009 (\$40.18)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F555608
County: Union
Plaintiff: INDYMAC BANK F.S.B.

THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES
TOTAL AS OF MAY 18, 2009: \$0.00
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.

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1310608
County: Union
Plaintiff: COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Writ of Execution: 04/24/2009
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.

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2492108
County: Union
Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR JPMAC 2006-CH2 J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

BEING KNOWN as LOT 14 f/k/a Lot 8, BLOCK 1 F/K/A Block 1469, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth

Eligible 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.

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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: \$337,750.82
Three Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty and 82/100

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3069407
County: Union
Plaintiff: NOMURA CREDIT & CAPITAL, INC.

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.

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LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3131408
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, NA

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Union, State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 914 MACK PLACE, CITY OF LINDEN, NJ 07036
Tax Lot No.: 3 in Block 504
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 42 ft x 52 ft x 43 ft x 19 ft x 1 ft x 100 ft
Nearest Cross Street: Klem Avenue
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2760108
County: Union
Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL-AT TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-OP2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-OP2

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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-09003214 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F2483108B County: Union Plaintiff: INDIAMAC BANK, FSB VS Defendant: MOISES CASTILLO AND MILAGROS CASTILLO, HIS WIFE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR INDIAMAC BANK, F.S.B. A FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK; JAVIER CARBIO Sale Date: 07/29/2009

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Two Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Four and 70/100*** Attorney: SHAPIRO & PEREZ, LLP - ATTORNEYS 14000 COMMERCE PARKWAY SUITE B MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054 (856)793-3080 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-09002898 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F2167908 County: Union Plaintiff: FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORP. VS Defendant: JOSE A. VASQUEZ, LUZ HELENA DIAZ, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., MARIA SUSAN HORVATH, IND. DAVID HORVATH, INFANT, BY G/A/L MARIA SUSAN HORVATH, EDITH EZE, DAWN FUEL, INC. THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY Sale Date: 07/15/2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit, New Jersey, will hold a hearing on July 20, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, to consider an application affecting the property whose street address is known as 17 Montrose Avenue, Block 801, Lot 10.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HANDICAPPED CURB RAMPS CONTRACT SP 09-08 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids for the construction of new Handicapped Curb Ramps in the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY will be received at the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on Wednesday July 22, 2009 at 9:00 AM.

This project consists of the installation of new ADA compliant Handicapped Curb Ramp with detectable Warning surfaces at various locations; all in accordance with the form of proposal contract and specifications prepared by the Engineering Department of the Township of Springfield, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081.

Plans and Specifications have been filed in the office of the Clerk of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD and may be inspected by prospective bidders at the office of the Engineering Department of the Township of Springfield, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081. A non-refundable payment of \$25 per set is required payable to Township of Springfield.

Bidders are notified that they must comply with the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act (Chapter 150 of the Laws of 1963, as amended) and that award will not be made to any bidder whom the Commissioner of Labor and Industry does not certify.

Bids shall be submitted on the forms provided, in the manner designated therein and required by the Specifications. They must be enclosed in sealed envelopes, bearing the name and address of the bidder and the name of the project on the outside, addressed to the Municipal Clerk, TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, and must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond in the form provided of not less than 10% of the amount of bid.

PROPOSAL FORMS SHALL NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE FORM OF PROPOSAL PROPOSALS MUST BE MADE UPON THE BLANK FORMS PROVIDED AND SUBMITTED IN THE BOUND BOOK, WHICH SHALL BE LEFT WHOLE AND INTACT IN EVERY RESPECT.

Bidders must have at the time of bid, a Business Registration Certificate issued by the New Jersey Department of Treasury.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 Chapter 127 for an affirmative action program for equal employment opportunity.

If awarded a contract, your company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 C. 127 (NJAC 17:27).

Bidders must also comply with the requirements of P.L. 1977, Chapter 33 amending the Local Public Contracts Law. Bidders must submit a statement setting forth the names and addresses of all the stockholders in the corporation or members of the partnership who own ten percent (10%) or more of its stock, or have a ten percent (10%) or greater interest in the case of partnership.

No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after the opening of bids. A Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or all proposals will be rejected within sixty (60) days after the opening of bids.

The Mayor and Township Committee of the TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD reserves the right to reject all bids, to reject unbalanced bids, and to waive any informality in any bid.

Township Administrator Edward J. Fanning U241505 OBS July 9, 2009 (\$65.66) SUMMIT SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-09002891 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F1448307 County: Union Plaintiff: WACHOVIA MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS Defendant: MICHAEL S. KENNEDY AND KIM E. KENNEDY, HIS WIFE;

PUBLIC NOTICE

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HCME LOANS, INC. Sale Date: 07/15/2009 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT UNION COUNTY, NJ

Take notice that the Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit will conduct a public hearing at the Summit City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue Summit N.J. at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be called on July 20, 2009. The hearing will be continued on such dates thereafter as may be necessary in the judgment of the Board of Adjustment to complete the hearings and deliberations on an application for development by Elmer W. Heinel and Lori M. Heinel, regarding permission to improve their single family home by the construction of a detached garage, screened porch, back entry porch and the paving and redesign of the driveway on the property known as 9 Prospect Hill Avenue, Lot 22, Block 3501 on the Tax Maps of the City of Summit in the R-25 District.

The applicants request variance relief from the strict application of the Development Regulations Ordinance standards regulating combined side yard setback together with all other relief in the form of variances, waivers, interpretations, appeals, or exceptions in the strict application of the provisions of the Development Regulations Ordinance, and other relief, which may arise during the course of the hearings in this application, necessary to realize the development as set forth more specifically in the application for development on file or as may be amended during the course of hearings and available for inspection in connection herewith.

All maps and documents for which approval is sought are available for public inspection at the Department of Community Services at City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, N.J. during the business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. During the summer from July 6, 2009 through August 28, 2009, the hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This notice is given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-12 and Article 3.16 of the Development Regulations Ordinance of the City of Summit.

DEMPSEY, DEMPSEY & SHEEHAN Attorneys for Applicant By Hilary P. Ulz, Esq. Dated: July 1, 2009 U241389 OBS July 9, 2009 (\$33.32)

SPRINGFIELD

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TAKE NOTICE that on the 21st day of July 2009, at 8:00 P.M., a hearing will be held before the Springfield Board of Adjustment at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey on Application # 2009-16 regarding the appeal or application of Dorothy Sturcke for a variance or variances or other relief so as to permit placement of a fence on a corner lot having two front yards which requires a front yard variance on the premises located at 82 Tree Top Drive

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and designated as Block 2602, Lot(s) 1 on the Township of Springfield Tax Map. The application, plans and survey are on file in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Avenue and available for inspection. Any interested party may appear either in person, by agent or attorney and present any objections which you may have in granting of this Application. Dorothy Sturcke Applicant U241469 OBS July 9, 2009 (\$16.66)

SUMMIT

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-09003446 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F1161808 County: Union Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE VS Defendant: ANTHONY GASALBERTI, WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Sale Date: 08/05/2009 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$780,086.49*** Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight-Six and 49/100*** 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

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Weichert offers tips for improving credit

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To improve your credit score and qualify for better mortgage programs at better interest rates, Weichert Financial Services offers these tips:

- Check and review your credit report. Since a credit score, which is determined by a borrower's bill-paying history and debt profile, is the biggest factor a lender uses when considering a borrower, buyers should start by looking for problem areas and any errors on their report.

- Keep your credit card balances low. Since approximately 30 percent of a borrower's score is determined based on a ratio of the amount that is owed in relation to their available credit, a buyer should keep credit card balances as close to zero as possible. A great way to keep balances low is to make a payment right after any big purchases.

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out incurring high balances is to make small purchases a few times a year.

- Pay your bills on time. Timing is really everything. Lenders also consider when bills are paid. In fact, payment history counts for 35 percent of a borrower's credit score. If you anticipate having a problem paying on time, contact your credit-card company immediately. To avoid late payments, consider setting up a monthly email reminder or an automatic payment system.

- Avoid opening new cards. To improve their credit score a borrower should avoid applying for new cards. Having too many active cards can have a negative effect on your credit score in the short term and keeping track of purchases and bill due dates of several credit cards can be difficult.

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Company to assist with job placement

Snelling Staffing of Summit has announced the launch of its "Outplacement Initiative" to assist recently laid-off workers in New Jersey.

The initiative, which includes the establishment of an Outplacement Division, will call for Snelling to support displaced employees of downsizing companies by helping them find new employment. The decision to expand the service is attributed to the increasing amount of New Jersey companies cutting down their staff.

"Downsizing is an unfortunate circumstance that affects the entire company," said Marilyn Richards, executive vice president and Outplacement Division director of Snelling Staffing. "Our goal is to be proactive and offer assistance to all parties during an unpleasant situation."

The outplacement service ultimately aims to give laid-off workers the tools needed to find new positions in a competitive market. The program provides discussion groups, strategies and workshops for exiting employees. Additionally, cover letter revision, resume review, interview coaching and personalized marketing planning are all included in the service.

For information about Snelling Staffing Services, call 908-273-6500 or visit www.snelling.com/summit.

Safety stars



The Infineum Bayway Chemical Plant located in Linden was recently recertified as an Occupational Safety and Health Administration Voluntary Protection Program star site for its safety and health programs. Infineum's Linden Plant is one of only 56 sites in New Jersey to currently hold this prestigious certification.



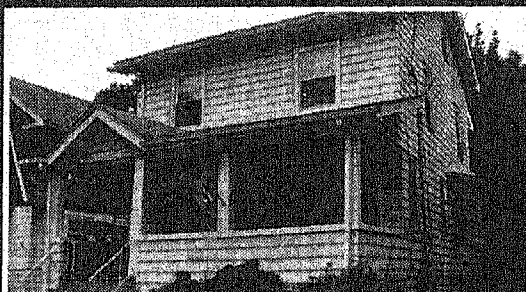
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Ribeiro joins Marcus PR team

The Marcus Group, www.marcusgroup.com, a full-service advertising, public relations and crisis management firm recently welcomed Sergio Ribeiro of Roselle Park as its newest production designer.

Ribeiro brings more than five years of graphic design experience to the agency's creative team.

Ribeiro most recently served as a production artist at ActionEmco, where he created and conceptualized print ads, posters, brochures and Web site designs. Earlier, he was a graphic designer at Investors Savings Bank, where he designed all advertising collateral, as well as Web pages, Web icons and billboards. Ribeiro was also a recipient of the American Graphic Design

Award, which is a major accolade in the graphic design industry.

At The Marcus Group, Ribeiro is responsible for designing print, Web and multimedia projects, including e-newsletters and Flash graphics for clients in the banking, healthcare and energy industries.

Ribeiro earned an associate's degree in visual communication from Gibbs College.

The Marcus Group Inc. is a full-service advertising, public relations and crisis management agency. Founded in 1970, The Marcus Group provides award-winning strategic communication services to a diverse group of commercial and not-for-profit clients.



From left, volunteers Rebecca Deczynski, Silvana Paradiso and Daniel Murphy work to restore a portion of Hanson Park in Cranford. The project was made possible by a \$3,000 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant.

Grant used to help beautify local park

Wikipedia alternatively describes Cranford as unfolding "from the banks of the meandering Rahway River," and as the "Venice of New Jersey." A \$3,000 Lowe's Toolbox for Education/PTO Today Grant is helping volunteers from Cranford Public School District and the Hanson Park Conservancy keep the Rahway River's "meandering" riverbanks healthy and "Venice" beautiful. Specifically, the grant, authored by Stephen F. Izzo, the district's instructional support specialist, is helping volunteers from Cranford High School and HPC to enhance and beautify two important areas adjacent to the

river: Hanson Park, located behind the Hanson House at 38 Springfield Ave., and the nearby Cranford Canoe Club.

On April 25, in celebration of Earth Day, volunteers from Cranford High School and the Conservancy worked side by side to help restore a portion of Hanson Park, a recreational area sitting on a beautiful stretch of the Rahway River across from the historic Cranford Canoe Club.

The property, once owned by Dr. Hanson, a notable Cranford physician, was neglected for more than a decade and reduced to a tangled mass of vines and trees.

Consumers can 'Ask' ERA about projects

ERA Village Green Realtors in Clark has announced that it is part of a year-long nationally sponsorship campaign with "do-it-yourself," home improvement icon, Ask This Old House.

This sponsorship gives ERA Village Green Realtors in Clark the ability to provide their consumers with information to guide them through all the stages of homeownership, from buying and maintaining to selling.

"This sponsorship brings two powerful brands together to provide consumers with the most trusted home improvement information out there," said Anthony J. D'Agostino, local ERA representative. "We are proud to be associated with such a respected, well-known name in the home improvement industry, and we believe this relationship will help raise awareness of both ERA Real Estate and Ask This Old House as trustworthy, dependable resources for homebuyers, homesellers and homeowners. ERA Village Green

Realtors in Clark is in a unique position to use this relationship to benefit our community with special initiatives throughout the year."

Through this sponsorship, ERA Village Green Realtors in Clark will help support the national broadcast portion of Ask This Old House programming on PBS. In addition, ERA Village Green Realtors in Clark will have the ability to offer their community unique and specialized content by leveraging the print and online outlets of Ask This Old House, including This Old House magazine and ThisOldHouse.com.

Broadcast programming aired on PBS beginning October of 2008. Check local listings for show broadcast dates and times in your area or visit

www.thisoldhouse.com/tvschedule. To find out information, visit www.ERA.com/ask or contact ERA Village Green Realtors in Clark, located at 35 Brant Ave., at 732-381-7477.

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