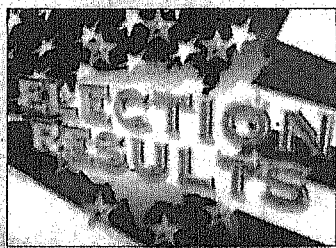


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RESULTS ARE IN

The results of the Board of Education elections are in. Check out our coverage of the local races.

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Linden's School 4 students and community recently had an eclectic tour of the world by celebrating unique and diverse culinary traditions.

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Unsolved but not forgotten

By Paul Greulich and Cheryl Hehl

In New Jersey, a violent crime occurs every 10 minutes and 50 seconds; a murder, every 22 hours. Some remain cold cases but the memory of these heinous crimes lives on.

Although the majority of murders in Union County are solved eventually, there are those that defy even the most persistent of police and detective investigation. They are the cold cases, the ones that time and even technology fail to resolve.

The murder in 1978 of 30-year-old Cranford resident Christine Iorio, in the home where she was raised and lived with her husband, stunned the quiet, well-to-do community.

Still reeling from the the shocking murder just a few months before, of 17-year-old Michelle De Marzo, whose mutilated body was left at the Conservation Center by her spurned boyfriend Neil Costanzo, news of yet another murder sent shock waves through Cranford.

But unlike the De Marzo murder, the Iorio slaying would turn into a cold case that would haunt not only her family but a former police chief long into retirement.

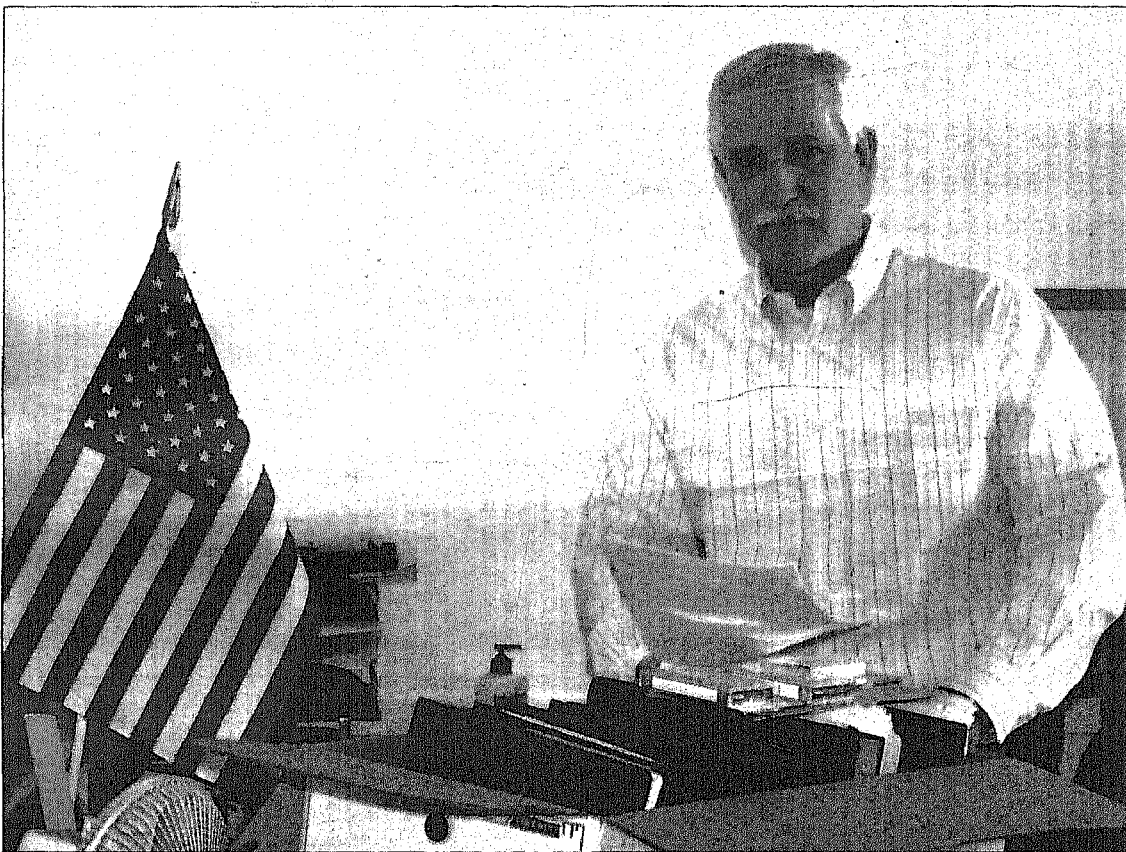
Not a day goes by that former chief Harry Wilde does not think about how Iorio was discovered by her husband late on a weekday evening in December.

Her partially-clad body — found in the bedroom, wrists tied, adhesive tape covering her mouth, shot twice in the head — is something that investigators say is hard to forget.

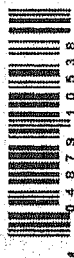
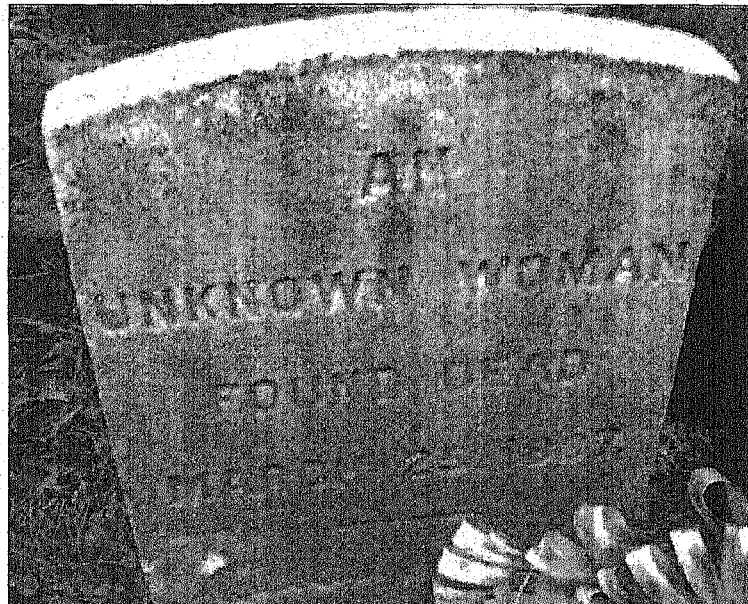
Some called it an obsessive quest to find the murderer, but for Wilde it went much deeper.

“Someone took a human life in a calculating fashion,” the former chief said in 1993, some 15 years after the crime occurred.

“They should not enjoy a moment of freedom,” Wilde said See KEEPING, Page 9



Hillside Detective John Shust, above, reviews paperwork pertaining to an unsolved murder that took place Feb. 4, 2006. Below, a headstone labeled 'Unknown Woman' marks the spot where an unidentified murder victim was laid to rest in Rahway Cemetary in 1887. A poster offering a \$250 reward was circulated following the homicide.



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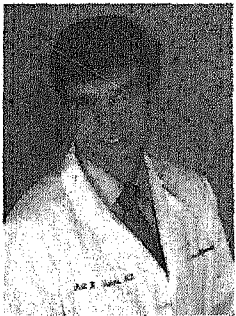
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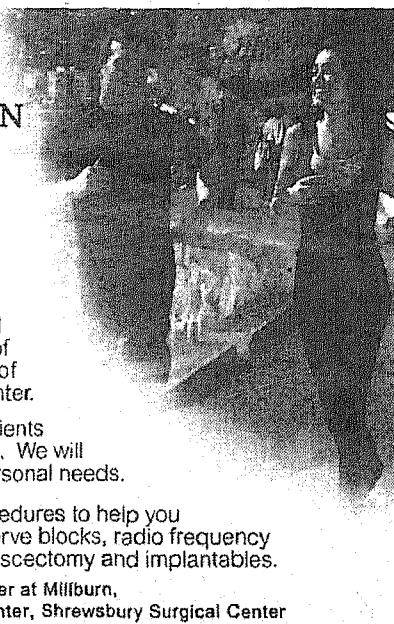
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Pet of the week



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Flood victims can find help in Cranford

Union County residents and businesses affected by the storms and floods of mid-March may now go to Cranford town hall for assistance in the recovery process.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has opened a Disaster Recovery Center located at 8 Springfield Ave. in Cranford. The center will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The DRC is staffed with FEMA, U.S. Small Business Administration and state agency disaster recovery specialists who are ready to help survivors through the recovery process. Residents affected by the flooding are encouraged to register with FEMA before visiting the center.

At the Disaster Recovery Center, visitors can:

- Receive information about different types of state and federal disaster assistance.
- Get help completing low-interest loan applications from the U.S. Small Business Administration for homeowners, renters and business owners.
- Inquire about the status of

applications for federal assistance. • May receive referrals to voluntary organizations to help with immediate unmet needs.

• Learn cost-effective mitigation measures to reduce the impact of future disaster losses.

"Residents who have questions regarding what type of relief is available to them now have a place in the county to talk face to face with representatives qualified to help them through this difficult process," said Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan. "With all the information available this center will be very helpful in servicing the many people affected by recent flooding."

To register for assistance, residents should call FEMA's toll-free number, 800-621-3362 or TTY/TDD 800-462-7585 for people with speech and hearing disabilities. Assistance will be available between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., seven days a week. Multi-lingual operators are available to answer calls during this time.

Residents may also register online anytime at www.disasterassistance.gov.

UC elections see high voter turnout

By Paul Greulich
and Cheryl Hehl

In a heavier turnout than usual, voters in Union County came out to cast their votes for board of education candidates and the controversial school budget issue.

Overall school budgets either passed or failed by a close margin, with one town's unofficial vote tally a deciding factor by just two votes.

Clark

In Clark's uncontested election, voters approved the school district budget by a vote of 1,224 to 1,071. The budget carries a 1 percent tax increase.

Cranford

In Cranford, where three incumbents enjoyed an uncontested race, the school budget passed 2,593 to 2,240. The budget represents a 3.2 percent tax increase, which amounts to \$209 for the average home assessed at \$181,740.

Hillside

Voters did not have to worry about casting ballots for their favorite candidate because there was no contest, but voters did approve the budget 637 to 532.

Kenilworth

While there was no contest in Kenilworth when it came to candidates, 805 voters came

out to cast ballots against the budget, while 655 voted in favor.

In Linden where three, three-year seats were up for grabs, three incumbents took back their seats, with Dawn Beviano garnering 1,612 votes, Lisa Ormond, 1,594 and Susan Hudak coming in third with 1,594.

However, the budget did not fair as well with 1,670 voters casting ballots against and 1,442 for the measure.

Linden

In Linden, the top vote-getter was Incumbent Dawn Beviano with 1,612 votes followed by Incumbent Lisa Ormond with 1,595 and Susan Hudak with 1,409 votes. One two-

year seat was captured by Manuel Donelson, who received 1,657 votes in an uncontested race.

The budget, with a 5 percent tax increase, was defeated by voters with 1,670 votes against the spending plan and 1,442 in favor.

Mountainside

In Mountainside where three, three-year seats were up for grabs, Incumbent Carmine Venes, and newcomers Christopher Minks and Jim Ruban defeated Lauren Elmbld and Marilyn Atlas-Berney.

The budget passed narrowly, 284 votes to 256.

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Battalion returns from duty in Iraq

Residents celebrate safe return of the 1-150th Air Assault Helicopter Battalion

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — The Cranford Elks Club lodge was the site of a long-awaited homecoming last weekend for the members of the 1-150th Air Assault Helicopter Battalion, a National Guard Unit based in New Jersey that has recently completed its second deployment to Iraq.

The celebration, featuring music, food and drink, was organized by the commanding officer of the battalion, Cranford native and Lt. Col. Rob Vicci.

Vicci served as battalion commander from 2002 to 2004. The unit's work centers on transporting people and supplies throughout the battlefield by way of Blackhawk helicopters.

"We get to fly over a country at very high speeds and low altitude," he said. "We love what we do."

Vicci, a graduate of West Point Military Academy and Cranford High School who now lives in Rahway, retired in May of 2009, but delayed a celebration until his unit returned from their second tour.

"I wanted to have a retirement party but I didn't want to have it without them here," Vicci said.

Ricci said his unit was comprised of many residents of New

Jersey as well as New York and Pennsylvania. Fanwood resident Major Fred Walz, who is among those who served through two deployments, was happy to put Iraq behind him.

"It feels outstanding to be back home," Walz said.

Walz said his second trip to the war-torn nation was less demanding than his first, but still hazardous.

"It was a little bit more subdued than the first one," Walz said. "They've started withdrawing the troops. But its still very dangerous. Still losing troops left and right."

Vicci's mother, Joan, who helped organize the event, said it was nice to have her son and all his comrades home safe.

"He is so proud of them," she said. "They came back in one piece, all of them. Thank God."

Joan Vicci said the National Guard does not always get the recognition it deserves.

"The New Jersey National Guard should be honored," she said. "They do their job and no one knows about them."

The ongoing military occupation of Iraq by the United States has lasted since the 2003 invasion.

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Members of the 1-150th Air Assault Helicopter Battalion. Above, 1st Sgt. John Hicks, Lt. Col. Robert Vicci, Maj. Bruce Rodriguez, Maj. Jon Lapidow, Maj. Mike LaPoint, Sgt. 1st Class Albert Colon, Maj. Fred Walz, Sgt. Maj. Ken Boudreau, CW3 George Anglim and Lt. Col. LTC Mark Preston. Below, The Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore Shillelaghs perform.

Rahway school teacher charged with sexual assault

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — A Roosevelt Elementary school gym teacher was arrested and charged last week with repeated sexual assault on two girls under the age of 13.

Scott Karaman, 50, a former student of the school, was teaching a

third grade gym class April 14 in the schoolyard when he was arrested, officials said.

Until a few years ago, the teacher had coached football, girls' softball and a co-ed swim team in Rahway. The teacher, who has taught at Roosevelt School for the last 20 years, faces charges in

Pennsylvania including rape of a child, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse with a child younger than 13 years old, aggravated indecent assault, indecent exposure and corruption of minors, according to Pennsylvania State Police.

Karaman is being held in Union County Jail in Elizabeth until he is

extradited to Pennsylvania. Authorities said the sexual assaults took place between 1997 and 1994 when one of the girls was between the ages of 4 and 7 years old and the other was between the ages of 7 and 12.

Although Karaman listed his current address as Polk Township,

Pa., he previously had lived in Rahway. Rahway School officials said the teacher has been suspended from his position in Roosevelt school pending the outcome of the investigation.

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Council severs ties with SVFD

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — After 104 years of service to the township, the governing body has severed all ties with the Springfield Volunteer Fire Department and is forming one of its own.

The resolution designating the change was approved by the Township Committee last week and officially it is the end of the line for the handful of volunteer firefighters who have tried to keep the division from going under. The move allows the township to legally "dissociate itself" from the SVFD and create one unified Fire Division consisting of both paid and volunteer members. The volunteer division will serve under the direct supervision of the township's fire chief.

SVFD firefighters can no longer respond to fire or emergency situations within the township, and as of last week, were asked to turn in their keys to the fire chief. This came out of nowhere for the remaining handful of volunteers who thought their help was appreciated.

"They never reached out to us either by calling or letter," said Connor Hamilton, secretary for the SVFD. "All of a sudden our members are locked out, we can't even go in the firehouse and they said they don't need our services anymore."

Although *Union County LocalSource* attempted multiple times to contact Mayor Ziad Shehady for comment, he did not respond to any calls or e-mails.

According to the resolution, the committee made this decision because active membership decreased to the point the SVFD could no longer provide "beneficial fire protection services to the township and its residents."

The move followed several years of the township doing battle both in court and the media with the few remaining members of the volunteer corps which had serious issues concerning the department.

Among the issues that raised the ire of these volunteers was low staffing levels in the paid firefighter division, which they said could endanger the safety and welfare of both residents and firefighters.

Also at issue has been the township not giving hiring preference to volunteer firefighters when there is an opening in the paid division.

This problem escalated last year when volunteer firefighters Dino D'Angelo and Hamilton claimed they had been cheated out of a spot on the Fire Department's paid division because the ex-fire chief Wayne Masiello attempted to rig the department's hiring exam to ensure a job for his son. Adding fuel to the fire last year was when the township appointed two volunteer firefighters to the paid division, bypassing D'Angelo and Hamilton in the process. At the time, former mayor Bart Fraenkel said the decision as to which two volunteer firefighters deserved a shot at the paid division was as "objective and fair as possible."

Union County Assignment Judge Walter Barisonok took on the issue last year in an attempt to end the ongoing controversy. But, he threw the ball back in the township's court. Volunteerism within the SVFD has been an ongoing problem for several years but in part this had to do with their by-laws which said volunteers had to respond to at least 30 percent of calls. Recently that number was changed to 25 percent to draw more volunteers to the department. In a related matter, last week the Township Committee also introduced an ordinance that removes all references from a previous ordinance referring to the number of firefighter positions within the paid department. The number of firefighters in the paid division became the subject of contention earlier this year when Hamilton and D'Angelo brought out that the township fire department had firefighter staffing levels below 19, which was a direct violation of the township's own ordinance.

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RP man arrested for steroids

David Borges, 28, of Roselle Park was arrested by Roselle Park police on April 13 at 2:54 a.m. on Westfield Avenue following an investigation by Officer Edward Nortrup, Robert Harms and Sgt. Peter Picarelli. Borges was arrested at his residence after allegedly being found in possession of numerous controlled dangerous substances that were not legally prescribed to him.

Discovered by police were 90 50mg tablets of clomiphene citrate, an anabolic steroid; four 10ml glass vials of decaplex, an anabolic steroid; eight 10ml vials of sustaplex 325, an anabolic steroid; two 100ml vials of humalog insulin, a human insulin analog used for the treatment of diabetes. Ten pills of Arimidex, a drug used in conjunction with steroids and 424 pills of Dianabol, an anabolic steroid with no legally prescribed use in the United States. Also discovered by authorities were 10 xanax pills, 10 valium pills, one ounce of suspected marijuana and 74 sterile syringes. In addition, \$10,506 in U.S. currency was seized as evidence.

Borges was arrested for possession, manufacture and distribution of controlled dangerous substances by Officer Edward Nortrup.

POLICE BLOTTER

Cranford

• Erick Lewis, 38, of Cranford was arrested on April 2 at 4:44 a.m. after being pulled over on McClellan Street for driving backward down the road. After a brief investigation, Lewis was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving while suspended, careless driving and operating an uninsured vehicle.

Hillside

• Christopher Williams, 44, of Irvington was arrested on April 13 at 9:12 a.m. after police responded to a report that a man was breaking into vehicles in a parking lot on Ramsey Avenue. Police arrived at the scene and located Williams attempting to climb a fence near Hoffman Place. Williams was subdued and apprehended before he could get over the top of the fence. Police discovered that Williams had forced entry to and damaged a tractor and an SUV looking for valuables. Williams was charged with burglary to two vehicles, theft, criminal mischief, and resisting arrest.

Linden

• Alyssa Aponte, 21, Stephanie A. Feliciano, 19, both of Rahway, and Camille N. Parker, 19, of Linden were arrested on April 13 at

4:23 p.m. after officers responded to the Kohl's department store on East Linden Avenue on a report of shoplifters fleeing in a vehicle. The vehicle was subsequently stopped in Elizabeth with the assistance of the Elizabeth Police. The merchandise, valued at \$256, was recovered from the suspects. The three suspected were charged with shoplifting.

Rahway

• Police are investigating a case of robbery reported April 12 at 12:41 a.m. on Route 1.

Springfield

• Allen Cooper Jr., 42, of Plainfield, was arrested on April 12 at 11 p.m. after being pulled over on Route 22 West for allegedly having a broken tail light. Cooper was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with a suspended license. He was also found to have an outstanding warrant from Newark.

Summit

• Daniel Palma, 19, of Roselle was arrested on April 17 at 1 a.m. on Tulip Street at Springfield Avenue and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, manufacturing distributing and dispensing a controlled dangerous substance. He was additionally charged with distribution of a controlled dangerous substance near school property.

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The gift of math!



Anne Pandolfo's kindergarten students at the F.K. Hehny School in Clark are enjoying the new Math Centers provided to them by the Clark Education Fund. The class received a grant to purchase nine different learning centers as well as clip-boards to use at their writing center.

Clark Recreation Department offers summer sports, classes

Registration now open for youth and adult programs

Clark Recreation has introduced programs being offered this spring and summer.

Information is available at the recreation center for all of the new and existing courses and programs.

Registration forms for each program or class are available at the Recreation Center and can be dropped off at the Recreation office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily or mailed to Clark Recreation, 430 Westfield Ave., attention: Ralph Bernardo.

Preschool programs include the following:

- First Base Kiddie Baseball, Tuesdays, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 3 to 5.
- Kiddie Tennis: Thursdays, from 10 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. for children ages 3 to 5. Program begins April 22.
- Strollersize: Fridays, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Esposito Park. Program begins April 9.
- Sport Squirts: Mondays, from 11 a.m. to noon for children ages 3 to 5. Program begins Monday.
- Recreation Summer Camp: Begins July 6 through Aug. 12.

Youth programs include the following:

- Spring into Volleyball: Mondays, from 3:30 to

4:30 p.m. for grades four to six or Tuesdays, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. for grades seven and eight.

The program is set to begin Monday.

- Skateboard Clinic: two sessions: May 3 and 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Esposito Park.

- Golf for Juniors: Wednesdays, from 4 to 5 p.m. for grades two and three; Wednesdays, from 5 to 6 p.m. for grades four and five or Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. for grades six through eight at Hyatt Hills Golf Course, beginning April 21.

- Field Hockey: Sundays, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Arthur L. Johnson High School turf field, beginning April 24 for four Sundays.

The following adult programs are available:

- Zumba: Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Recreation Center front gym, beginning May 4.

- Women's Softball: Tuesday and/or Wednesday evenings, games are played at ALJ or Clark Recreation fields, beginning May 25.

- Adult Tennis: Tuesday and Thursdays, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., beginning June 22.

- Coed Volleyball: Tuesdays, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Recreation Center gym, beginning April 27.

Flagship team sets sights on Relay goal

By the end of 2010, it is estimated that nearly 48,000 more New Jersey residents will be diagnosed with cancer. In Union County alone, 53 people are diagnosed each week, totaling 2,756 individuals annually, right here in our own community.

These staggering figures were seen as a call to action by a group of friends who call themselves "Kiss Away Cancer." Robin Brown, a seven-year cancer survivor and Relay for Life team captain decided to turn these shocking statistics into something positive. She and those close to her joined forces to volunteer as a team for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in Union County.

In the past six years, Kiss Away Cancer has risen to the level of "flagship team" by collectively raising close to \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society, a portion of which goes directly to patient services within Union County. The remainder of the funds go to cancer prevention, disease control, medical research, and advocacy efforts to insure that everyone has equal access to health care.

Not only does the team fight the disease through fundraising efforts, they educate the public regarding programs and services available through the American Cancer Society, thereby making a significant difference in the fight against cancer within their own community.

In the weeks prior to Relay For Life, Kiss Away Cancer will be hosting a number of "mini-fundraisers" to benefit ACS, including their annual tricky tray and auction.

On April 30, ACS staff and volunteers will "Paint The Mall Purple" at Jersey Gardens Mall on Kapkowski Road, Elizabeth. Jersey Gardens will donate \$1 to ACS for each person who is wearing purple that day. One hundred Relay gift bags will be distributed to donors who visit the ACS-Relay For Life information table.

On May 7 the annual Team Kiss Away Cancer Tricky Tray and Auction co-sponsored by Clark UNICO will take place at Rahway American Legion Post 5, 581 Maple Avenue. Doors open at 5 p.m., admission is free and there will be a cash bar. Drawing for prizes and auction begins at 9 p.m., but winners do not

need to be present at the time of the drawing.

This festive gathering will feature more than 100 different items including a big screen television, digital camera, GPS system, tickets and sports memorabilia. Individual gift baskets will be raffled off containing everything from designer items, gourmet food baskets, collectables, toys, and even baskets appealing to motorcycle enthusiasts.

On May 15 from noon to 6 p.m., all are invited to visit the Kiss Away Cancer/ACS table at Rahway's Hot Rods & Harleys Street Festival. Team members will be there to promote Relay For Life of Clark and to explain the upcoming event to potential new participants. Information on American Cancer Society resources and programs will be available. The table will be located in front of The Waiting Room, 66 E. Cherry St., Rahway. There will be fun items such as purple Relay bracelets available for those who make a donation that day.

On May 20, the team has organized a bus trip to see the Broadway show, "Rock of Ages." This interactive musical comedy currently starring American Idol finalist Constantine Maroulis features rock music from the 1980s. "Rock of Ages" was nominated for Five Tony Awards, including best musical.

The third annual Relay For Life of Clark will take place June 11 at Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave. beginning 6 p.m., and continuing throughout the night until 6 a.m. the following morning.

Like all ACS volunteers, Kiss Away Cancer hopes to unite the community in support of this very worthy cause. Relay For Life supports the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives by helping people stay well, by helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back.

To learn more about Kiss Away Cancer events and Relay For Life of Clark, contact Stephen Frost at 908-986-4048, or e-mail him at frost4acure@yahoo.com. To make a donation to the American Cancer Society in support of Team Kiss Away Cancer, visit the Web at www.relayforlife.org/clarknj, then click the "Kiss Away Cancer" link under "Top Teams."

CLARK BRIEFS

Support Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society urges local companies to help support the fight against cancer in the community by becoming a sponsor of Relay For Life of Clark.

Many options for corporate sponsorship are available including forming a team; providing in-kind donations of goods; encouraging employees to volunteer at the

event; and collecting donations for the American Cancer Society at their place of business. Other levels of sponsorship include purchasing event sponsor signs to be displayed on the track for the duration of the event, or a print ad to be included in the Program Recognition Book.

Relay For Life of Clark take place overnight on June 11, starting at 6 p.m. at the Arthur L. Johnson

High School athletic track.

For information call Beatriz Newborn, at 908-354-7373, opt. 3, ext. 244, e-mail: Clark.Relay@cancer.org or visit www.RelayForLife.org/clarknj.

Stories and more planned for children

Theme-based stories, movement, songs and a craft for active

listeners each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Clark Public Library for children ages 3 to 5 years old.

Registration is required. Call 732-388-5999 or register at www.clarklibrary.org.

Hyatt Hills will host golf camp this year

Hyatt Hills Golf Complex in Clark is taking applications for its

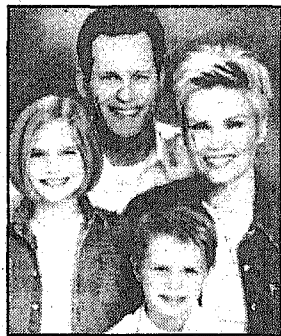
popular Junior Golf Camp.

The camps consist of Monday through Friday classes and are broken into three different levels.

The prices of the three levels have remained the same during the past two years, but this year additional lunch choices will be available for each child. All levels include a snack and lunch, as well as a golf shirt and hat.

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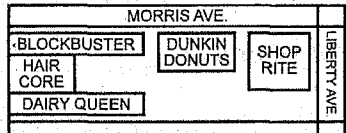
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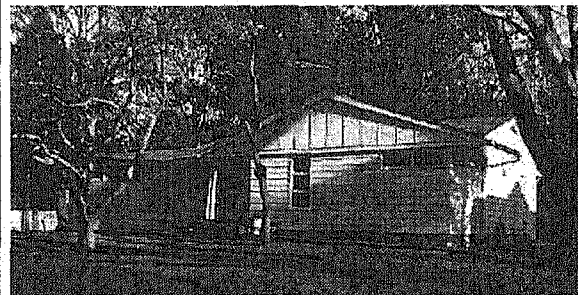
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Residents cast votes

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Rahway

Three open seats on the city Board of Education were won by incumbents Roy Eastman, Justin Tupik and Richard Trocciola, defeating newcomer Bryan Des Rochers, who won by 1,218, 1,142 and 932 votes, respectively. The budget, which included a 5.16 percent tax increase, passed by a total of 1,075 votes to 1,023.

Roselle

In Roselle, where three, three-year seats were up for grabs, Incumbent Carla Walker and newcomers Reginald Atkins and Celeste Sitarski defeated Denise Edwards and challengers Jessica Perez and Deauward Thomas. Edwards, who gathered the next-highest votes, trailed Atkins by about 200 votes. The borough budget passed by 654 votes to 449.

Roselle Park

In Roselle Park where there were three open seats, only two candidates were in the running. But the upset was in the budget failing by just two votes. Voter cast 872 votes against the measure, while there 870 votes in favor. Superintendent of Schools Patrick Spagnoletti said Tuesday night that the results could change after provisional ballots were counted Wednesday morning. Write-in ballots were not available as of press time.

Springfield

Despite there being no contest in Springfield, voters turned out to approve the budget 1,217 to 847.

Union

In Union where there were three, three year seats open, incumbents won across the board. New comer Richard Galante was the top vote getter with 2,715, while incumbents Versie McNeil received 2,234 and Linda Gaglione 2,035. The budget passed b 2,224 to 1,855, which pleased Acting Superintendent Gregory Tatum.

"I'm elated, the people in Union really came out in support of this budget and pulled together for the children," he said.

All results are unofficial until certified by the Union County Clerk's Office.

Can you top this?



The Human Pyramid was one of the many acts performed by Summit's Lincoln-Hubbard School students in their Circus Around the World. Students conducted two performances on March 26, giving them an opportunity to develop a 'can do' attitude about facing challenges.

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Keeping the heat on county's cold cases

Municipal detectives maintain files of local unsolved murder cases

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back in 1993. Unfortunately, even though Wilde did all he could to not let the case become cold, no one was ever apprehended, and the perpetrator remains at large.

But murders happen in every town, in all types of situations. For example, on Jan. 22, 1973 when a customer walked into Charlie's Men's Shop at 122 N. Wood Ave., Linden at approximately 3:53 p.m., she was planning on buying a pair of pants for her husband. She never expected to find the proprietor gone and blood spots leading to the back room. Too afraid to follow the trail of blood, the woman ran outside and flagged down a passing police cruiser for help.

What police found in the back room was the owner, face up, lying in a pool of blood. He was dead but it was evident the crime had just been committed within the hour.

Detective Lt. James Sarnicki explained that although this case was investigated, and determined to be a robbery, it remains a cold case in the Linden Police Department files.

In other towns, like Rahway, there are murders that become infamous, such as the one that occurred in the city in March 25, 1887.

The victim, a young woman in her early 20s with light brown hair and blue eyes, was found frozen in the mud on Central Avenue in the early morning hours, her throat slashed and body badly beaten. No one came forward to identify the woman dressed in finery and carrying a basket of eggs.

Since her jewelry was not taken, police ruled out robbery as a motive and assumed the mystery woman had fallen prey to a drifter. Despite a \$250 reward, no one came forward to provide information or claim the woman's body so she was buried in Rahway Cemetery with a headstone that betrayed nothing more than the fact she was an "unknown woman, found dead."

Interestingly, because the woman was not known in the area and her virtue was uncertain, her grave was dug "at a discreet distance from family plots," according to records.

Springfield Detective Judd Levenson explained that homicide cases are never considered "closed" unless a conviction is made. Furthermore, they are only considered "cold" once all leads are exhausted and no new evidence presents itself. This includes cases dating back centuries.

The first murder on record in

Springfield occurred in 1831, according to Levenson, and actually helped name one of the town's most well-known assets.

Baltus Roll, a modest farmer at the time, was discovered lying dead in front of his farmhouse with fatal stab wounds. The murder was never solved, but it affected residents and township decision-maker so deeply that years later a golf course was built on that very lot and named, appropriately "Baltus-rol Golf Club."

Hillside Police Chief Robert Quinlan said there have been "very few" homicides in the township in recent memory. Quinlan noted that sometimes murder victims are themselves criminals, a factor that can hinder investigations.

"When you're not dealing with innocent victims, it's sometimes very difficult to get cooperation from witnesses," Quinlan said. "For instance, if a drug dealer gets shot:"

Those unsolved cases that stand out in the memory of law enforcement professionals tend to involve innocent victims, such as a Hillside case involving Richard Plinio, a Wilder Street resident shot in his driveway after coming home to his family on Feb. 4, 2006.

He suffered two gunshot wounds at about 9:20 p.m. and died later at a hospital, leaving behind a wife and two young children.

"This particular one on Wilder Street was an innocent victim," Quinlan said.

Detective John Shust, who is handling the investigation, declined to comment on the caliber of the weapon used or any possible leads, but said he continues to research the case and believes it can one day be solved.

"We've developed a few theories," he said. "We continue to research it and keep looking for new angles."

Shust noted that the ballistics lab utilized by the Union County Homicide Task Force continues to use state-of-the-art technology to link weapons and criminals to previously unsolved crimes.

"The continuing updating of the labs and the investigative tools are closing the gap," Shust explained. "A few more things could fall in place and we'd be right there."

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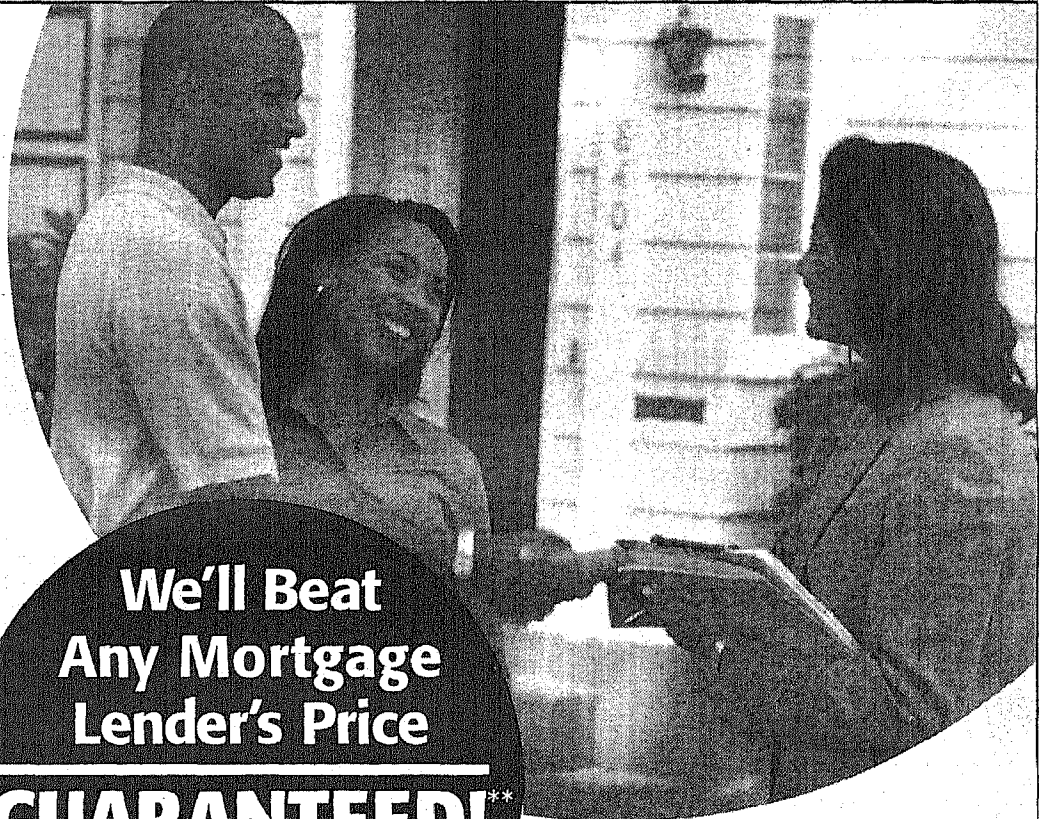
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Hits and misses

We like to give credit where it's due, but by the same token, there are times when less-than-stellar behavior or situations must be noted as well. The following are just a few of the "hits" and "misses" we've noticed in the past month:

Hit — Union's Acting Chief School Administrator Gregory A. Tatum and Roselle Park Superintendent of Schools Patrick Spagnoletti for being cooperative and forthcoming with budget and salary information.

Miss — Former Assemblyman Neil Cohen in the wake of his decision to plead guilty to charges that he distributed child pornography. There seems to be a trend in Roselle — Cohen's hometown — of elected officials being accused of criminal activity.

Hit — The contested races for the June Democratic Primary election. The crowded ballot will include contested races for nearly every major office including county clerk and sheriff, courtesy of a slate of contenders running as "Democrats for Change."

Miss — The New Jersey teachers' unions that are refusing to accept the governor's proposed salary freeze.

Hit — Township of Union Department of Public Works for filling more than 4,000 potholes in one month.

Hit — Roselle Park High School students for the maturity they showed in organizing the April 1 sit-in at the high school to protest Gov. Chris Christie's slashes in state aid, which could see 18 teachers cut.

Miss — The Roselle Park students who missed class to participate in the April 1 protest, which ideally, should have taken place when school was not in session.

Miss — Former Hillside Construction Official Larry Ditzel for spending four years signing off on construction permits and projects in town without being properly certified to do so. For that matter, shame on the township officials who hired him.

Hit — Union County Child Advocacy Center, for its admirable work helping children and families that have been affected by horrific crimes.

Miss — Springfield Mayor Ziad Shehady for going into hiding as soon as the heat was turned up in the wake of reports showing low firefighter staffing levels in the township.

Miss — Shehady again for not responding to press inquiries. He will only communicate with the local media via e-mail, which at times makes it hard to conduct a proper interview. We have to wonder — how does he respond to his constituents? Doesn't the mayor realize that when he accepted the role of mayor part of his job is to respond to the press and residents. How about it mayor?



Photo by Jim Lowney, county of Union

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK — A Union County Sheriff Officer supervises members of a Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program detail landscaping a hill at the Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth. The SLAP program is an alternative to incarceration where judges have the latitude of sentencing non-violent offenders to work details supervised by the Sheriff's Office.

Just a little touch 'out of sync'

The last televised local Cranford Township Committee meeting was a bit out of sync. The audio portion was running a split second or so behind the visual. It reminded of the same problem with the early talkies as parodied in a scene from the movie "Singing in the Rain."

It's not a criticism. If anything, TV 35 may become a victim of its own success. The snow storm updates, political debates, televising local meetings and sporting events make it the star of local access programming.

Last week, the relatively minor task of readopting the local cable TV Advisory Committee bylaws set off a bit of a flap on the Township Committee. Setting aside the pings and pongs, one commissioner questioned the accuracy of a program permitted which reviews county spendings at freeholder meetings.

Meanwhile, the county's public information officer questioned the decision of Program Director Ed Davenport. He wrote, "In addition, the play books I did review also indicated the station played freeholder meetings only two times from July 29, 2009 to Jan. 8, 2010. Additionally logs also indicate your station stopped playing Freeholder Forum as of April 2009."

It's an interesting point. Neither the FCC nor the cable television section at the Board of Public Utilities have effective oversight or any so called equal time authority on

Left Out

By Frank Capece

local access. Those decisions rest with the affable, though sometimes self-promoting, station manager Ed Davenport.

The by-laws adopted seem somewhat staid. They state, "TV 35 equipment and facilities are owned by the township of Cranford and are reserved primarily for use by Cranford residents." I could think of some Cranford residents whose own show with their observations of local business would be pretty interesting.

Significantly, "It is the policy of TV 35 to provide coverage of political issues of public importance that is adequate and fairly reflects differing viewpoints." They add the provision, "No such provision will be made if the televised appearance of the Cranford public official is limited to the exposure of the officials in the business of the township of Cranford."

Finally, just like at the end of game shows about the decision of the judges being final, in the case of TV 35 the final decision rests "in its sole discretion as may be necessary from time to time."

Davenport has the support of the

township officials two of whom praised him last week. It's been a long, profitable gig in his role as program director for over twenty years.

Watchers know that no equal time requirement can stop an elected official from running off both in the beginning and end of the meeting telling us their sterling qualities and how effective their efforts have been. Elected officials also use their position on occasion to take off with indignation on an opponent.

The line has been: if you don't like the programming, just shut it off. Hardly a fair answer to the question of exactly what is fair and balanced local access programming. The question deserves a better review and answer than just relying on Davenport's judgment. That seems to be a little out of sync.

The return of Corp Double Speak

It looks like corp double speak is at it again. Take Summit Council President Dave Bongaars. In his reelection announcement he claims he wants to cut "your 6 percent property tax trajectory." I can see the Bongaars bumper sticker — "he will cut the trajectory."

Bongaars adds that it can't happen without "digitize manual work flow." Heck, if it will cut the trajectory, digitize away.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make small changes

To the Editor:

For the past 40 years, Earth Day celebrations big and small, have taken place in Rahway.

This year, Covanta Energy energy-from-waste facility in Rahway, is encouraging residents and businesses alike to add one environmentally-friendly activity to their daily routine.

It could be as simple as reusing or recycling more of your waste before sending the remainder to the EfW facility for the production of clean energy. Or it could be remembering to turn off appliances not in use to conserve that energy. Or it could be planting trees in your neighborhood like Covanta is doing wherever we own or operate facilities. Our community is already on the forefront by recovering energy from waste. For each ton of waste processed we off-set approximately one ton of greenhouse gases, the equivalent of the carbon sequestered in 10 years by planting 23 tree seedlings. But, we can all do more to help preserve Earth's resources. Whatever you choose, each small change, if made by many people, can result in huge progress. Happy Earth Day.

Alan Harleston, facility manager
Lorenzo Rizzi, business manager
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Recognizing dedication

To the Editor:

Many, many volunteers, mostly seniors, stood outside in the freezing weather, manning the Salvation Army kettle at the exit doors of the Kenilworth A&P.

This year, due to their dedication and due to the many people who gave generously, we took in over \$2,000 to help the needy in our community.

Due to the successful collection, we will be able to make a donation from our local fund to the Haiti Relief Fund in honor and memory of Joe Maturro and Patsy Potente. These men have helped with the Salvation Army Kettle Fund for many years.

This donation will go directly to the Salvation Army in Haiti that has been there for more than 60 years operating schools, clinics and many other programs. As you can imagine, they are in dire need of assistance.

We wish to thank our volunteers, many who are there year after year, giving their time to help those in need. In addition, I wish to thank the wonderful, generous people who donated to the Salvation Army and, the A&P management, who allows us to use their property. God bless you.

Pauline Drogon
Kenilworth

Work to restore the river

To the Editor:

If Cranford truly loved its river, as many residents claim, the town would direct its efforts toward restoring it as a healthy, viable river and not at engineering it into a better drainage canal.

Any hope of even attempting to restore Cranford's river would be futile without first addressing the incredible volumes of filthy storm water runoff that are responsible for the flooding, pollution, stream bank erosion, and silt accumulation. Generating an impetus for the support and cooperation required to begin tackling some of the Rahway River watershed's "big picture" problems is infinitely more difficult than arranging for bulldozers and cranes to carve out the river in your own little stretch of the stream. Cranford's long-term strategy of dredging the stream bed into a canal, and the construction of express sewers and pumping stations has only compounded the river's bigger problems and serves as an ill-founded incentive for other towns along the river to follow suit.

Probably few people remember Cranford's river when it still resembled a river, before it was Sgroi-ed in the mid-1970s. That's when Cranford decided that, when given a choice between working for a healthy scenic river or an efficient engineered storm drain, we would take the drain. Many Cranford residents, particularly those in the flood-prone northeast quadrant, persistently confuse love of a river with the desire for a well-managed storm sewer.

James Loderstedt
Cranford

Seniors are taking the hit

To the Editor:

Poverty, poverty, poverty. There are many senior citizens on fixed incomes that are already under the poverty level.

We, senior citizens, will be losing our \$1,250 homestead rebate this year 2010 and next year, 2011. One thousand dollars. Two hundred and fifty dollars will be credited by the state of New Jersey to our 2011 tax bill. We do not know how much in taxes will be for county, municipal and board of education.

In 2010 there will be a \$1,250 loss of rebate. Senior citizens will lose \$2,250, especially those senior citizens who have not had children in the school system for 20 to 30 or 40 years. The big losers are the senior citizens. Senior citizens, middle class and children will be subsidizing the richest two percent of the wealthy taxpayers in New Jersey who are earning \$400,000.

Renters will see their rates go up. The state of New Jersey is putting the burden on us, forcing the counties, municipalities and board of education to raise our taxes.

In the early 1990s, we had a governor that cut taxes 30 percent, but borrowed \$2.5 billion dollars to pay into the state of New Jersey pension fund. Took away from the residents over \$500 Homestead Rebates and took away for the residents of Roselle Park \$1,500,000 which was for Densely Populated Community and Quality Education. That was a tax increase. Gov. Chris Christie should not put the skewers into the Senior Citizens of New Jersey. He broke his campaign promise.

Losing the \$2,250 in Homestead Rebates means our taxes for the senior citizens will go up 30 percent. The governor states we should all sacrifice and feel the pain so to be fair, all elected officials, appointed officials and bureaucrats should take a 30 percent cut in pay and pay 30 percent of their health benefits.

May God bless the United States of America and the state of New Jersey.

Jacob Magiera
Roselle Park

Commitment is the key

To the Editor:

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, I would like to thank the many tutors, board members, and office volunteers who donate their valuable time to Literacy Volunteers of Union County.

Together with the Literacy Volunteers of Plainfield Public Library, our volunteers provided 623 adult learners with 16,293 hours of instruction and trained 110 new tutors in our fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. Our students' lives continue to improve as a result of their hard work and the dedication of volunteer tutors. Adult learners in our community have been able to get a driver's license, earn their G.E.D., get better jobs and become more productive members of the community.

Literacy really does change lives. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers. We are proud of your great work and of the accomplishments your adult learners achieve because of your commitment.

Elizabeth Gloeggler, executive director
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SCHOOL ZONE

Burnet nominations are submitted for PTA

Burnet Middle School PTA, in Union, has announced their nominations for officer for the upcoming school year. The nominations are as follows: President, Ana Miranda; Vice President, Noreen Bohse; Treasurer, Lidia Arrietta and Secretary, Evangeline Croix.

The election will be held May 19 at Burnet Middle School at 7 p.m. Nominations from the floor shall be given 20 days notice before the general membership meeting, of their intent to run. Notification must be in writing to the PTA President, Secretary and Nominating Committee Chairman.

New nursery school programs at Osceola

Osceola Church Nursery School, located at 1689 Raritan Road, Clark, will be offering a new program for 4-year-olds in September. The class will meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The children will bring their own lunch and will enjoy an afternoon of enrichment activities in math, science and literacy. The school continues to offer morning and afternoon classes for 3 and 4-year olds.

For information about these programs, call the school at 908-272-3668.

College prep class at Mountainside library

Attention high school students and parents. The American Education Foundation will have an informative presentation called "Everything you Need to Know to Better Prepare for College" at Mountainside Public Library on April 29 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The program provides a comprehensive overview of the entire college preparation process, including financial strategies that may save thousands off of even the most expensive colleges. Registration is free.

Call the American Education Foundation directly to sign up at 877-702-6333, ext. 102. Mountainside library is located on Constitution Plaza in Mountainside.

Hearing Society offers college scholarships

The Hearing Society, a local not-for-profit organization that has been in existence since 1932, is

currently accepting applications to its Sarah H. McGee Memorial Scholarship fund for the school year 2010-11.

These annual grants are awarded to students with substantial hearing loss who are pursuing an education at the college or university level. Requirements include a documented hearing loss, satisfactory academic achievement, school activities, financial need and rec-

ommendation. Application forms are available on request by writing to P. Hanigan, Scholarship Chairperson, 1213 Wyoming Ave., Mountainside, or by calling her at 908-232-4512. Applications must be submitted no later than May 15.

Register for Summit JCC summer camps

The Summit JCC Summer Fun Program is for children ages 16

months to five-years old.

Each day, children will participate in a variety of fun-filled activities which include arts and crafts, water play, stories, music and sports. Each week will focus on a new, exciting theme.

Snacks will be provided daily and includes a pizza lunch once a week.

The program will be for 6 weeks, from June 21 through July 29. The 2 year-old group will meet

2 days per week from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. The 3, 4, and 5-year-old groups will meet four days per week from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with the option to extend to 1:30 p.m.

Applications are currently being accepted and early enrollment is recommended.

For information, call Summer Fun Program Directors at 908-273-2015 or visit www.summitjcc.org.

ASK: what you can do for your school



Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools

Linden School 1 went the extra mile to encourage and prepare students to do their best. The school hosted an 'NJ ASK Pep Rally' to motivate the students of School 1 to excel on the state ASK test. One class of Linden School 1 motivated the entire student body. Holding the letter N: Alexis Candia, Holding the letter J: Danetta Smith, Holding the letter A: Jose Alvarez, Holding the letter S: Savion Wright, Holding the letter K: Dane Doyle. Standing in front: Gerald Lee.

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Summit special needs programs

Children with special needs in the Summit area have a wide variety of programs to consider this spring.

Thanks to a collaborative effort of the communities of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights, there is a wide variety of programs available without any resident restrictions. Each of these programs has one on one mentors for each of the children who participate. Some of the areas most accomplished teachers and behaviorists are instructors in the programs. Teen Mentors receive sensitivity training and assist the children in each of the activities.

The latest classes available include a very exciting program called, "Digital Drama." It's a social skills class that harnesses the technology that kids love to help teach life and social skills. Children will take turns as writers, directors and actors to create social story presentations and mini movies.

Children will gain experience using computer technology for writing, planning, presentation and movies. Instructor for the program is Eileen Wotanowski, a Certified Behaviorist. Children ages 8 to 12 are welcome.

Another social skills program for older children called, "Project Adventure" is new this spring. Chil-

dren in grades 5 to 8 will be learning social skills through trust activities, teamwork and games that will target non verbal communication, cooperation, compromise and communication skills while building self confidence.

"Reading Rhythms" returns for yet another session. The first goal of this class is to encourage a love of reading in young readers.

Susan Tarashuk, the Instructor is a Certified Teacher. The program runs for 10 weeks from 4 to 4:45 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

"It's time for Tennis" is a tennis skills program especially designed for children with special needs to prepare them for the upcoming tennis season.

The sessions will focus on basic drills, correct form and footwork and provide a one on one experience for each participant. Coaches will also stress having fun, listening to instructions, safe play, working with partners, court etiquette and good sportsmanship. Volunteers from the Summit Tennis Association and trained Teen Mentors will provide the instruction. The program is for children ages 6 to 10 years of age. It will start on April 24 and run for five weeks. Two sessions are planned for different age groups. For details, call 908-277-2932.

Culinary world tour



Photo by Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools

Linden's School 4 students and community recently had an eclectic tour of the world by celebrating unique and diverse culinary traditions through the annual School 4 Cultural Food Festival. The students from School 4 invited guests that included parents and senior citizens from the Ann Ferguson Towers. From left: Sarah Bastos, Alex Yucra and Rachel Garcia represent the many countries of School No. 4.

St. Theresa's School honors

St. Theresa's School in Kenilworth presented the following students who have made the honor roll for the second trimester.

Eighth Grade

First Honors: Michael Batkiw, Pete Bogus, Michael Cuppari, Stephanie Cabrera, Jennifer Fagan, Jenny George, Katelyn McCarthy, Brianna McClave, Pujan Patel, Kirstie Patindol, Jenalyn Rembish, Calli Scheuermann, Andrew Suri and Timothy Welman

Second Honors: Ryan Carbone, Molly Dillon, Sarah Ferreira, Britany Gaviria, Angelica Grova, Monique Krakowski, Megan Mabene, Natasha Relovskiy, Leslie

Seby, Melissa Sheehan, Shannon Thomas and Alysandra Zuber.

Seventh Grade

First Honors: Analis Arocho, Marie Bui, Jane Castro, Emily Ogura and Ashley Skrec

Second Honors: Stephanie Frantz, Kristen Lian, Cynthia Liberal, Joshua Riley and Caitlin Speers.

Sixth Grade

First Honors: Conchetta Aronowitz, Mark Bokoske, Rajiv Dave, Mark Liberal, Katrina McCarthy, Pavan Patel and Gabriel Reis.

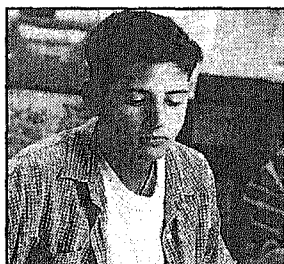
Second Honors: Nicholas Cuppari, Kyle Gniadzowski, Ulysses

Reyes, Ariana Rodriguez and Nicholas Suri

Fifth Grade

First Honors: Tyler Harris, Molly Hughes, Carly Pompei and Deanna Vagueiro.

Second Honors: Kristen Carpenter, Michelle Hunter, Skyler Huss, Aleza Karp, Jennifer McClave and Bridget Velez.



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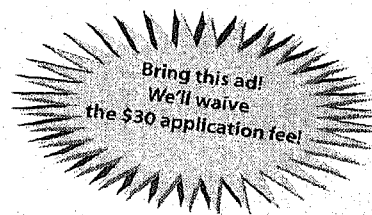
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'Democrats for Change' emerge in Union County

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

Primary elections around Union County this year show Democrat candidates around Union County facing opposition from an unusual source — other Democrats.

A new slate connected by the slogan "Democrats for Change" is offering what local officials say is the first significant intra-party challengers in at least 10 years. Contesting nominations will take place in such Democrat strongholds as Elizabeth, Rahway, Union, Roselle and Linden.

Roselle Mayor Garrett Smith is assisting in the effort but is not serving in any position of leadership. Smith described the campaigns as a grassroots movement to lower cost and increase government efficiency.

"We're working to reform the political structure within Union

County," Smith said. "For too long regular citizens have not been involved in the process. It's being run by an old, outdated machine."

On the county level, "Democrats for Change" include Union County Sheriff candidate Charles E. Mitchell Sr., with Lisa McCormick of Rahway seeking the Democratic nomination for County Clerk. They are challenging Sheriff Ralph Froehlich and County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, who have been in elected offices since 1977.

Three freeholder candidates, Carmen Southward of Linden, Janet V. Reynolds of Roselle and Ely Castillo-Ospina, will challenge incumbent Freeholders Daniel Sullivan, who is serving as chairman this year, and Bette Jane Kowalski as well as Plainfield Councilwoman Linda Carter who is running for the seat being vacated by Freeholder Rick Proctor.

Kowalski could not be reached for comment.

County Democrat Chair Charlotte DeFillippo said this opposition is nothing new. "They've tried before," DeFillippo said. "This particular group failed to make the deadline last year."

DeFillippo said Democrats for Change is not a grassroots movement but is orchestrated by newspaper publisher James Devine, a Democrat who fell out of favor with the county organization in 2006. "He has a personal axe to grind," she said.

In Rahway, Renee G. Thrash is vying with Freeholder Rick Proctor for the Democrat nomination for mayor. Joining Thrash in contesting the nominations for City Council are "Democrats for Change" Yvonne Wesley, Grace Jacquet and Lynn Parker. They are challenging incumbent council members at-large James Baker,

Nancy Saliga and Salvatore Mione.

"It's unusual in the sense that in the last period of approximately 20 years there really hasn't been an opposing slate in the primary," he said.

Baker said the withdrawal of longtime Mayor James Kennedy may have presented an opportunity for an opposing slate to form on the local level, but noted it could also be indicative of a broader trend emerging since the election of Governor Chris Christie, last November.

Smith said the Democrat-on-Democrat competition represents an effort to address the shortcomings of government officials around the county.

"We feel they're not connecting with the citizens of Union County," Smith said. "They've set up a patronage machine that costs taxpayers more money."

Baker noted that incumbents

may be facing more opposition across the board, but said the established track record of seasoned candidates is important to successful future development.

"The experience of leadership and the continuity of city government is important to maintain," Baker said.

In Linden, incumbent Councilman Derek Armstead is challenging Council President Robert Bunk for the Democratic nomination for mayor.

In Roselle, James Moore is challenging incumbent Council President Jamel Holley.

In the township of Union, Angel Salcedo and Eduardo Espinal are the "Democrats for Change" candidates challenging incumbents Clifton People Jr. and Suzette Cavadas.

"We are focused on winning the primary election," Smith said. "That is our main goal."

Kean receives grant

Kean University recently received the Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation Community Seed Grant in support of Project Excel, an ongoing initiative that assists students with learning disabilities.

The program helps support and advocate programs that enrich the lives of those with Autism Spectrum Disorders, or ASD.

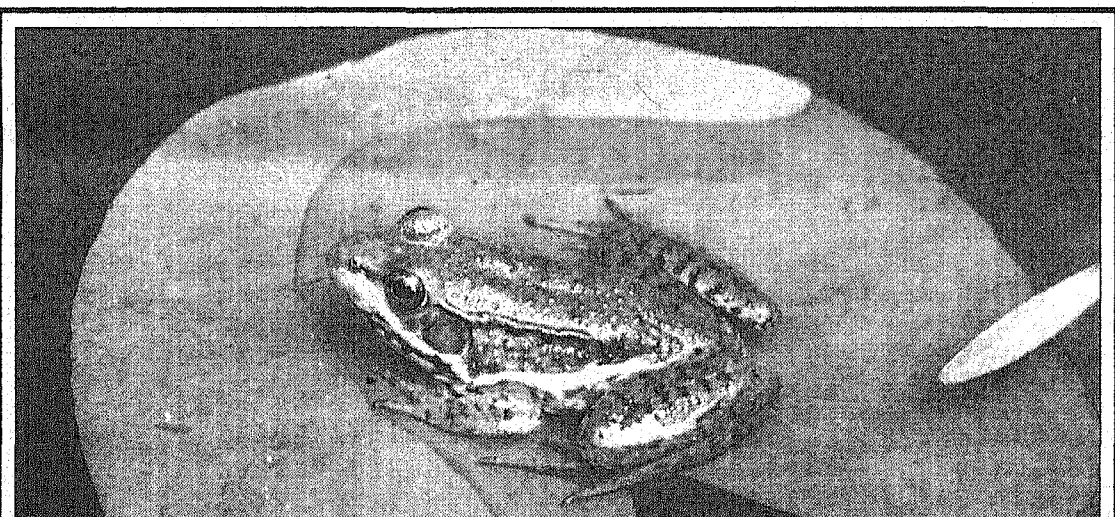
The grant totals \$2,000, and will go toward further enhancing Project Excel in the area of providing special attention to Kean students with high-functioning autism and Asperger's Syndrome. It is the goal of the program to progressively remove these students from a structured support environment, and allow them to achieve an independence.

Participating students are eligible for a minimum of one session per week of individual contact time with Project Excel support staff. These sessions include preferential registration for each semester; referral to campus services for tutoring and training for learning

strategies.

Mentors develop a plan that includes all reasonable accommodations required to have success at the college level. Academic, career and personal advisement/counseling are also part of the package. No additional fees are charged for this program.

The Daniel Jordan Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, is an entirely volunteer-run organization. It is the guiding principle of the organization to honor the individuality of each person with ASD, so that each may participate throughout their lifetime in vocational, recreational, educational and residential opportunities that are suitable, stimulating and sustainable and allow for maximum integration in the community.



HOP TO IT! — Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside is offering 'Dusk to Dark' family programs that explore the Watchung Reservation at night. Call Trailside at 908-789-3670 for information about the 'Dusk Hike' offered on April 28 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Families also are invited to enjoy 'Fun with Frogs' on June 2, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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COUNTY NEWS

UC Fiscal Committee open hearing date set

Union County Freeholder Fiscal Committee Chairman Alexander Mirabella announced that an open public hearing date for capital requests in the 2010 executive budget is scheduled for today at 6 p.m.

The hearing location will be the Freeholder Chambers, County Administration Building, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza in Elizabeth. The public hearing will be followed by the regularly scheduled Freeholder meeting at 7 p.m.

The 2010 Executive Budget was presented in February by County Manager George W. Devaney, who noted this year's budget narrative "reflects our proactive efforts in overcoming extraordinary challenges over the past year, and stabilizing Union County's current budgetary picture despite one of the toughest recessionary cycles in a generation, which adversely impacted many of our residents as well."

ARC honors longtime senior vice president

James Lape, Senior Vice President at Trinitas Regional Medical Center and President of the Board of Directors of The ARC of Union County, has recently announced that Frank Caragher will be honored at The ARC's 46th Annual Candlelight Ball on Saturday.

Caragher's 20th anniversary as The Arc's executive director will be recognized and celebrated.

During his 20 years at the helm, The ARC has grown from a \$7 million to \$20 million budget, offering over 30 programs and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Under Caragher's leadership, The ARC has thrived in its delivery of services to individuals with developmental disabilities enhancing their quality of life, while supporting the needs of the family.

Union County Red Cross needs help

When disasters strike and people are forced from their homes, the Red Cross responds by opening shelters and providing food, clothing and comfort.

During the past several weeks shelters have been opened throughout the country as weather condi-

tions have stranded motorists and power outages have forced people from their homes.

The Tri-County Red Cross, through a county grant, is recruiting and training volunteers to staff local chapters during a disaster.

Volunteers are given free classes of just nine hours to become certified shelter volunteers, and then are entered into a nationwide database to be called on if disaster strikes.

Additional classes are being scheduled throughout Union County through the end of May. Upcoming training classes are scheduled for the month of March at the Ralph G. Froehlich Public Safety Building, 300 North Avenue, 2nd floor, Westfield; and Union County Vocational Technical School, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains.

To register or for information visit tricityredcross.org/disaster/dc.html or call the Red Cross at 908-756-6414, ext. 21.

County going green at Union County College

On April 29, the Union County College Green Revolution Club, in conjunction with the Cranford Township Green Team, will be hosting a Green Fair in the Victor M. Richel Commons at UCC's Cranford campus from 3 to 7 p.m. The College's Cranford campus is located at 1033 Springfield Ave.

Vendors and corporations are being sought to host a table at the fair, along with musical entertainment for the evening.

For information, or to participate in the fair, contact Jennifer

Ebert at 908-889-3800 ext. 221 or e-mail her at ebert@ucc.edu.

UCC hosts job fair

On Wednesday, Union County College's Division of Counseling Services will be hosting a Job Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on its Cranford Campus in the Victor Richel Student Commons. The Cranford campus is located at 1033 Springfield Ave.

This fair is open to all those currently seeking employment, including students and members of the public. Anyone planning on attending should dress in the proper business attire and have a resume available that is complete and ready to distribute.

For information, contact May Kortbaoui at kortbaoui@ucc.edu.

Ready for his close-up...



Jake the Opossum needed a little coaxing to leave his nesting box and see the youngsters who came to visit him recently at Union County's Trailside Museum and Science Center in Mountainside. Fortunately, naturalist Becky Novorro knew Jake's hankering for baby food, for which Jake was more than willing to emerge and let the children pet him. The youngsters learned all about how possums have opposable thumbs and how they try to protect themselves, including their ability to 'play dead.'

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Springfield Board of Health meeting times

The remainder of the Springfield Board of Health's 2010 meeting schedule is as follows: May 12, June 9, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8. Note that no meetings have been scheduled in the months of July, August or September. The listed meetings are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month.

Bereavement group forming in Rahway

A bereavement group in Rahway will be providing support for those who have recently lost a spouse. The group will continue to meet for seven consecutive Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Registration is required.

For information or to register, call 732-499-6169.

Join the Summit YMCA Dance Party!

Join your friends at the Summit YMCA on the last Friday of every month for a Dance Party Workout from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. YMCA membership is not required.

This class is a fun freestyle workout, with a mix of funky dance moves guaranteed to make you sweat. The class is free for Y members. The Summit YMCA is located at 67 Maple St. For information, visit www.summitareaymca.org or call 908-273-3330.



DANCE YOUR WAY TO HEALTH — Grover Cleveland School third-graders in Rahway are participating in a Dancing for Your Health Program. Alminda D'Agostino, a Horizon Health Educator is visiting the school for four weeks to get students up and moving. They are learning about healthy eating and exercising. The students and their teachers had a great time Line Dancing.

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The Senior Art Show is from early June to late July in the atrium of the Elizabethtown Gas Company building, 1085 Morris Ave., Union.

Any person who meets at least two of the following criteria is considered a professional: sold the type of art entered in the exhibition through commercial channels; exhibited in a professional gallery; and held professional membership in a guild or association.

Following are the 11 categories of eligible work: oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, print, drawing, mixed media (combines two or more media, no one of which clearly predominates; includes collage and assemblage), sculpture, craft, computer imagery (artwork created by computer only, using a pixel-based painting or graphics program, such as Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator or Corel Painter) and photography.

Please note: photos taken by a digital camera, digitally-altered pho-

tos, and images made using a scanner must be entered in the photography category.

New guidelines require that hanging artwork, craft and photos must be no more than 36 inches and no less than 11 inches in height and width, including matting and outside-edge frame dimension. Standing sculptures or 3-D crafts may not exceed 18 inches in height, width or depth, including the base.

All works must be properly labeled and delivered "show-ready" with screw eyes and wire ready for hanging. No saw-tooth. Where necessary, pictures must be protected with glass, Plexiglas, Mylar or other clear material. Plexiglas is strongly recommended on pieces over 24 inches.

Three professional artists will judge the entries. Awards will go to first, second, third place and honorable mention winners in each category. First place winners in all categories go on to compete in October at the statewide New Jersey Senior Citizens Art Show which will take place at the Meadow Lakes retirement community in East Windsor.

For an application, call the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-558-2550; fax your name and

Crocheting for a cause



This group of volunteers for the Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services Program recently surpassed their goal of knitting 600 lap blankets. They knit and crochet items such as lap blankets for hospitals, Veteran's Homes, Day Car Facilities and Hospice Centers. Standing from left: Augustine Jackson, Nancy Micenko, Helen Kaplan, Fran Niemczyk, Maria Majerwicz, Helen Kenny, Ceil Kotalik, Jo Beninato and Helen Klutkowski. Bottom row from left: Evelyn Marchione, Ann Besiada, Mildred Llasher and Carol Lenzian.

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OBITUARIES

Madelyn Brown

Madelyn L. Brown, 87, of Westfield, formerly of Roselle Park, died April 16 in the Sunrise Senior Living, Westfield.

Born in Meaford, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Brown moved to New Jersey in 1947 as a bride. She was an active member of the Community United Methodist Church of Roselle Park, the Clio Club of Roselle and was a volunteer for the Visiting Nurse association.

Surviving are two sons, Paul and Chuck; a daughter, Carolyn Brown; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The Dooley Funeral Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

Robert Cicchetto

Robert V. Cicchetto, 67, of Roselle died April 13 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Cicchetto lived in Roselle Park and in Fairfield, Calif., for 25 years before settling in Roselle 25 years ago. He was a production manager with PIC Corp., Orange, for 10 years and retired six years ago. Before that, Mr. Cicchetto worked for White Castle Bakery in Carteret and Rondo Bakery. He was a 28-member of the New Jersey Bass Federation and its affiliates, KOBA, Greenback and Raritan Valley. Mr. Cicchetto also belonged to the Castaways Bass Masters. He was a senior advisor and mentor for the Riggins' and Jiggins' Junior Bass Masters.

Surviving are his wife, Jacquellen; a daughter, Theresa Cicchetto Peebles; his mother, Theresa Cicchetto; three sisters, Mary Ann Korenki, Helen Fischel, Marlene Cicchetto; two brothers, Terry and Patrick, and a grandchild.

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

Geraldine Clark

Geraldine Mae Clark, 76, of Summit died April 11 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Willsboro, N.Y., Mrs. Clark resided in Summit. She attended schools in upstate New York. Mrs. Clark worked for AT&T Long Lines, Springfield, Mass., until 1961. She went to work for Kemper Insurance Co. in Summit and Berkeley Heights in 1990 and

retired in 2004. Mrs. Clark was a communicant of Calvary Episcopal Church, Summit, and was a former director of the Altar Guild. She also was a former president of the Brayton School PTA and Summit Band Parents Association.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas N. Clark Jr.; two sons, Tom and Don; a daughter, Tara; two brothers, Douglass and Maurice Garrand, and three grandchildren.

The Dangler Funeral Home of Summit handled the arrangements.

Margaret Halleck

Margaret E. Halleck, 90, of Cranford died on April 11.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Halleck lived in Lawrence Harbor, Matawan and Newark before moving to Cranford. She was the first woman to be deputy clerk of the court for the Superior Court of New Jersey in Newark and retired in 1985. Mrs. Halleck worked for Essex County for more than 30 years, starting as department manager in small claims, then Essex County clerk in the special civil section.

Surviving are two daughters, Evelyn J. Tarantino and Lori Halleck; a sister, Mildred McTernan; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Levandoski Funeral Home, Bloomfield, handled the arrangements.

Danny Hopkins

Danny "Ricky" Hopkins, 57, of Rahway died April 13 in St. Michael's Medical Center, Newark.

Born in Jefferson County, Tenn., Mr. Hopkins moved to Rahway in 1962. He was a warehouse employee for Harrison Warehouse, Harrison, for many years.

Surviving are a son, Derick; a brother, Ronnie; four sisters, Brenda Maxwell, Janie Hopkins Holder, Robyn Quinn and Claudia Sadowski, and two grandchildren.

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

Marjorie Jann

Marjorie C. Jann, a lifelong resident of Clark, died April 16 at home.

Mrs. Jann was born in Port Reading and lived in Clark for 62 years. She founded the Clark Duplicate Bridge Club, directing

and managing it over the past 35 years. An accomplished bridge player, Mrs. Jann competed in numerous national, regional and local tournaments, obtaining life master status.

Surviving are two sons, Arthur R. and Eric; a daughter, Susan Krumm; a brother, Robert Ahlering; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

Thomas Kennedy

Thomas James Kennedy, 57, of Roselle Park died April 15 in the Peggy House Center for Hope Hospice, Scotch Plains.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Kennedy lived in Roselle Park for 10 years. He was a customer service representative for Toys 'R Us in Union. Prior to that, Mr. Kennedy worked for Caldor's in Linden and Verizon in Cranford in the customer billing department. He was a member of the Holy Name Society, an usher and a volunteer bingo worker at St. Mary's Church, Elizabeth. Mr. Kennedy was a member of the Dean Gessner Council Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his mother, June D. Kennedy, and two sisters, Elizabeth M. Kennedy and Ellen Tavormina.

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

Isaiah Opara

Isaiah Ugochukwu Opara, 57, of Roselle died April 1 in Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth.

Born in Portharcourt, Migeria, Mr. Opara lived in Jersey City for 23 years before moving to Roselle in 2003. He was a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses, Roselle Congregation. Mr. Opara was employed as a social services investigator for the Division of Youth and Family Services in Cranford for 10 years. He also was employed as a security officer for the Newark Museum for 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, Joy Maureen; four children, Ike, Jason U., Ijeoma and Jasine Opara, and three sisters, Chinyere Onuoha, Edna Ezeadi and Joan Opara.

Lucia Pascale

Lucia E. Pascale, 96, of Rahway died April 14 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in New York City, Miss Pascale lived in Rahway since infancy. She was a graduate of Rutgers University, where she received a master's degree in English literature. Miss Pascale was employed by Middlesex General Hospital, New Brunswick, as the assistant to the hospital administrator for many years before retiring in 1975. She was a member of the Middlesex

Hospital Women's Auxiliary and the Zonta Organization for executive women. Miss Pascale was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Rahway, where she was a former elder. She was a member of the Clark Historical Society.

Surviving is a sister, Viola Pascale.

Herbert Phifer

Herbert "Herbie" Phifer, 70, a lifelong resident of Roselle, died April 15 at home.

Mr. Phifer was born in Elizabeth. He was a Marine veteran. Mr. Phifer was employed as the head nutritionist for the Grand Avenue Community Center Head Start Program, Plainfield, for many years.

Surviving are four sisters, Inez Jones, Lois P. Betts, Elizabeth Phifer and Victoria Smith.

The G. G. Woody Funeral Home LLC, Roselle, handled the arrangements.

Michalina Pugliese

Michalina F. Pugliese, 34, of Kenilworth died April 18 in Newark Beth Israel Medical Center.

Born in Italy, Miss Pugliese lived in Kenilworth.

Surviving are her parents, Domenico and Angelina Pugliese, and a brother, Domenico Pugliese

OBITUARY LIST

BROWN — Madelyn L., formerly of Roselle Park; April 16.
 CICCETTO — Robert V., of Roselle; April 13.
 CLARK — Geraldine Mae, of Summit; April 11.
 GABRIEL — Marie P., formerly of Roselle Park; April 14.
 HALLECK — Margaret E., of Cranford; April 11.
 HOPKINS — Danny, of Rahway; April 13.
 JANN — Marjorie C., of Clark; April 16.
 KENNEDY — Thomas James, of Roselle Park; April 15.
 KHANMOHAMADI — Dr. Mehdi, formerly of Linden; April 6.
 KOSTE — Margaret M. Dunn, formerly of Mountainside; April 12.
 LANG — Patricia Ann, formerly of Summit; April 15.
 LEEDY — Phoebe Anna, formerly of Springfield; April 17.
 MAZZA — Patrick, formerly of Linden; April 14.
 McLENDON — Arthur, of Rahway; April 15.
 OPARA — Isaiah Ugochukwu, of Roselle; April 1.
 PASCALE — Lucia E., of Rahway; April 14.
 PETTI — Anna Marie R., formerly of Union; April 17.
 PFEIFFER — F. Val, formerly of Rahway; April 15.
 PHIFER — Herbert "Herbie," of Roselle; April 15.
 PIEGARO — Catherine, of Hillside; died.
 PUGLIESE — Michelina F., of Kenilworth; April 18.
 RAMACCIO — Dominic J., of Mountainside; April 9.
 REALE — Julia K., formerly of Clark; April 14.
 ROGERS — Diane, of Union; April 14.
 RYGIEL — Richard C., formerly of Cranford; April 10.
 SIEGALOVSKY — Sonia, of Springfield; April 16.
 SIMON — Martin Stanley, formerly of Mountainside; Jan. 31.
 SOLOMON — Anne, of Union; April 14.
 STOCKLEY — Margaret Lucas, of Rahway; April 11.
 STRASLE — Henry T., of Hillside; April 13.
 TOMIE — Helen J., of Springfield; April 14.
 VOYTASEK — Lucy Skubish, of Linden; April 12.
 WAGNER — Charles E., of Springfield; April 13.
 WOODBURY — Alice B., of Summit; April 10.
 WOJCIO — Michael P., of Kenilworth; April 14.

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

Jr. The Galante Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

Dominic Ramaccio

Dominic J. Ramaccio, 80, of Mountainside died April 9 in the Veterans Affairs New Jersey Health Care Facility in East Orange.

Born in Bernardsville, Mr. Ramaccio had resided in Berkeley Heights before moving to Mountainside 40 years ago. He served in the Army during the Korean War. Mr. Ramaccio had been employed as a custodian and maintenance worker with the Mountainside Board of Education for many years and retired 18 years ago.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Theresa; a son, Dominic J. Jr.; a brother, John, and a sister, Mary Perrillo.

Diane Rogers

Diane Rogers of Union died April 14 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mrs. Rogers lived in Union for most of her life. She worked for the Union Board of Education as a secretary for the Athletic Department.

Surviving are her mother, Lorraine Quigley; a daughter, Victoria Sheets; a sister, Nancy Polisin, and a brother, Robert Lisowski.

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Hadassah to host several speakers

Larry Jeffrey Rudolph, Senior Vice President of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, will be the featured speaker at the general meeting of Springfield Hadassah, today.

The group will meet at 12:30 p.m. in Springfield Library and a light lunch will be served.

Rudolph began his career with Glickenhaus and Company in 1984. He earned his bachelor's degree

from the University of Hartford with a dual degree in finance and insurance. He later went on to the College of Financial Planning and earned his CRPC designation.

He is active in the non profit community serving on the Executive Board of the Union County Crimestoppers and the Union County Child Advocacy Center.

For this program, Rudolph will be joined by Marc A. Maiorella, CFP, of Mountain Lakes. Maiorella

has 29 years experience in the financial services industry and specializes in helping financial advisors find solutions to clients' retirement needs. He is a member of Nationwide's Presidents Council and holds a BA in accounting and economics from Rutgers University.

Harriet Singer of West Orange, is in charge of this program. Non Hadassah members should call Singer at 973-669-4808 to make a reservation.

Central Presbyterian hosts spring concert

The Central Presbyterian Church in Summit will host a spring concert on Sunday at 3 p.m. The concert is called "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord," and are choral works based on Magnificat by Mozart, Pergolesi and Vivaldi.

The concert is free and open to the public. For information, call 908 273-0441.

Two local churches host dinner theater

On Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the deaf, 2222 Vauxhall Rd., Union, will be having another dinner theater called "Jerusalem P.D." The dynamic detective duo of Joe Thursday and Frank Cannon are assigned the case. The body of a recently executed criminal is missing and the man's followers are suspects.

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9:45am Sunday School for all ages

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:00pm Kids Klubs (ages 5-16)

SATURDAY NIGHT

7:00pm Youth group (middle & high School)

Home Group Bibles Studies

Meet during the week throughout the county
VICTORY CHURCH, 950 Raritan Road, Cranford, NJ. 732-407-1543. Pastor Terry

Hicock. 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 Arowsmith, 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. 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.

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Office at 973-379-4320, or visit our website: SpringfieldPresbyterian.org.

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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.sainjamesparish.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).

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Enjoy spring with Baker's Cherry Blossom book

The sweet smell of spring is especially inherent this season with a book about cherry blossoms. In conjunction with the Essex County Cherry Blossom Festival, which will run through April 25 at Branch Brook Park in Newark, Christine Baker of South Orange, has commemorated the event by writing a beautiful book.

The book is called "Cherry Blossom Land at Branch Brook Park: A Bamberger Fuld Legacy," and contains even more beautiful pictures, which Baker had lovingly taken to enhance her text.

Published by AuthorHouse, Bloomington, Ind., on March 24, "Cherry Blossom Land" is endowed by 26 pages of history, photographs and tender, loving care. Actually, it doesn't really matter how large or small a book is, it's the quality and presentation that gives it its appeal.

For someone like Baker, a psychologist and clinical assistant professor of pediatrics, who trains pediatric residents at the New Jer-

On The Shelf

By Bea Smith



sey Medical School, at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, she has encouraged her young physicians to appreciate the beauty of "the short life of the April blooms," in addition to the other residents of New Jersey, including those at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, where she is director of the Family Life Education Center.

Her need to share in the "wonderful treasure that is Newark's Cherry Blossom Land," is evident in her absolutely colorful picture book.

Baker delves into the history of the cherry blossoms and the annual festivals in Japan, "home to more than 400 varieties of cherry trees."

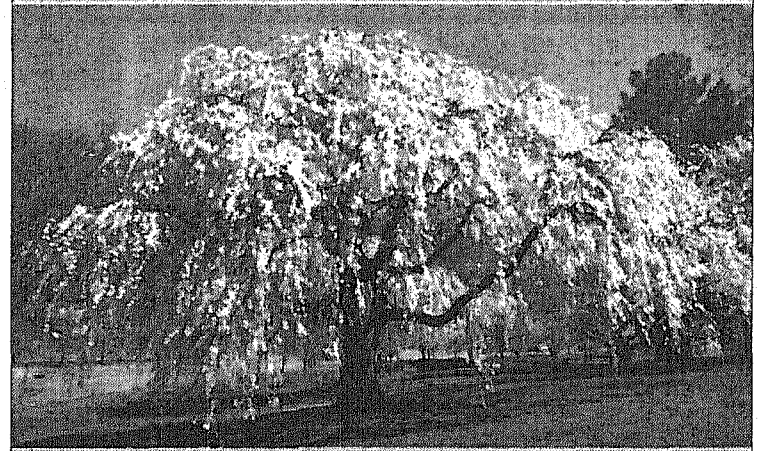
She mentions the fact that Japan offered Japanese cherry trees to the United States in 1912. She discusses at length how the Bamberger Fuld family offered the gift of cherry blossoms to Newark's Cherry Blossom Land as a public service.

Her brief history of Branch Brook Park, which featured cherry trees since 1927 and was the first county park in the state, offers an invitation to all gardeners and those who have a deep feeling for the love of flowers, particularly cherry blossoms, to visit this magical park, witness its glorious flowers and inhale its sweet atmosphere. The park has been acknowledged as "the largest collector of Japanese cherry trees in the nation."

"Cherry Blossom Land" is an enormously entertaining book, to read, to peruse, to absorb some local history — or just to look at the precious pictures. It can be used as a coffee table book for guests to enjoy.

The author's dedication says it all: "To Newark residents who have

Cherry Blossom Land at Branch Brook Park: A Bamberger Fuld Legacy

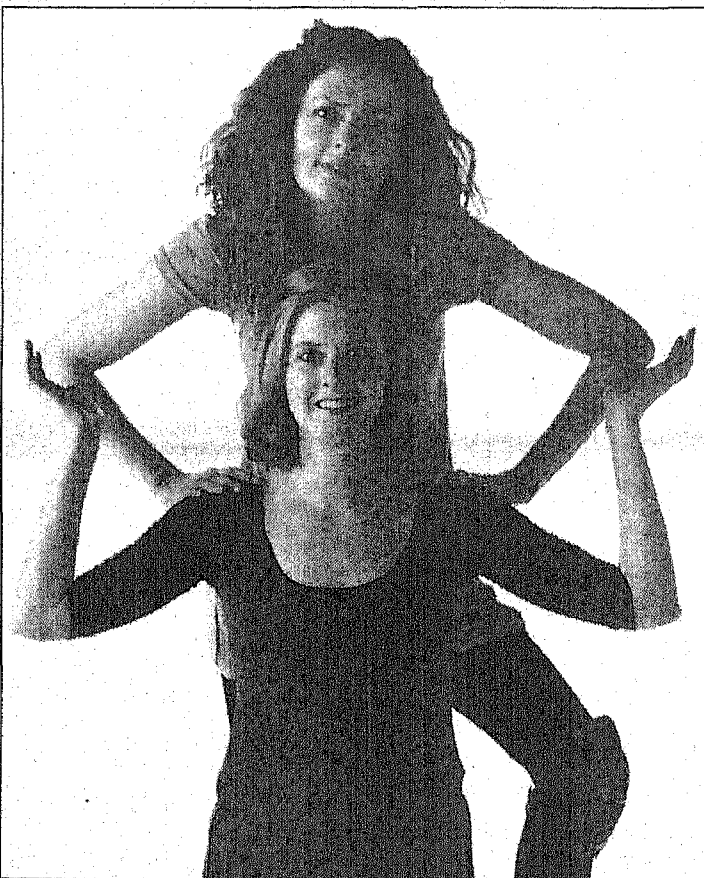


Text and Photographs by Christine Baker

yet to discover the exquisite beauty of the Japanese Cherry Blossoms and to the many international visitors who cherish them."

This book has a legacy all its own, and as such, will be placed on the shelf of this author's special picture book bookcase.

'Sylvia'



The Summit Playhouse presents, 'Sylvia,' at 10 New England Ave., Summit, on Friday, Saturday, April 29, 30, May 1, 2, 7, 8. For information, call 908-273-2192 or visit summitplayhouse.org. Katherine Briggs of Summit, top, and Elise Jones of Chatham, bottom are both dancers and scenery changers in 'Sylvia.'

Author brings spring to readers

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

It all began with a birthday present of digital photographs of cherry blossoms.

And the result was a full-fledged book about cherry blossoms of which the author can be proud.

Christine Baker of South Orange, a psychologist at two Newark hospitals, who just happened to take photographs last year of the short lived cherry blossom trees in Branch Brook Park, Newark, offered them as a gift to her husband, Matthew Johnson. Soon after, there was so much enthusiasm about the photos, Baker did some research on cherry blossoms and before long, was gratified with the birth of a book: "Cherry Blossoms Land at Branch Brook Park: A Bamberger Fuld Legacy."

"I really love cherry blossoms," admitted Baker the other afternoon. "My husband, Matthew Johnson, is really the gardener in the family — as well as his own mother. He actually took me down to the Cherry Blossoms Festival in Branch Brook Park...and I fell in love with the blossoms."

Baker, who has a doctorate in child clinical psychology from Seton Hall University, South Orange, is employed by Newark Beth Israel Medical Center as director of the Family Life Education Center, and at the University of

Medicine and Dentistry Medical School's Department of Pediatrics as a clinical assistant professor.

Perhaps the fact that she sends pediatric residents from UMDNJ into the community "to provide services to youth at local agencies," Baker has been intent on sharing her love and knowledge of cherry blossoms with her students.

"Part of my work is my desire to increase awareness of the wonderful resources in Newark to the pediatric residents that I teach," she said. "Because cherry blossoms have such a short life, I wanted to be able to show the residents what they are like."

"The more I researched the rich history of the trees, the more I found that I wanted to share this with others," Baker added. "I really wanted to share with others the rich history of the beginning of the cherry blossoms in Branch Brook Park. I could only do it by writing a book. So, I began working on a book for about a year after my visit at the last Cherry Blossom Festival."

She mentioned that it was important to unveil the contribution



Baker

made by Caroline and Louis Bamberger, founder of the Bamberger Department Store in Newark, and his sister, Bamberger Fuld, all of whom "contributed to Newark's legacy with their philanthropy." The book also tells a story of Fuld's gift of the first Japanese cherry trees, which are seeds to Newark's Cherry Blossom Land.

Her book is on the market and in bookstores — they were on sale on April 18 at the park's "Bloomfest," where the author signed her books. She was also available for a "Meet and Greet the Author" at the Maplewood Book Store April 17.

The clinical psychologist and professor has "material for two other books, which I've been writing in my head for quite a while. They're kind of memoirs," she explained, "you know, life's experiences. I've written short stories as well."

The Norfolk, Va., born author, was "reared in Paterson." She attended Upsala College in East Orange before attending Seton Hall University in South Orange. She lived in Maplewood for seven years and 12 years in South Orange. She and her husband have two sons, Kali Baker-Johnson and Jay Baker-Johnson.

"My husband," she said, "is a professor at John Jay College. And remember," Baker mused, "he's also the gardener."



From left: Chris, played by Sean McIntyre; Elizabeth, played by Rebecca Moore and David, played by Daniel Pietruszko peruse a 'mysterious' manuscript they find, which later leads to an exciting adventure that keeps the audience on the edge of its seat.

'Manuscript' leaves audience guessing

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

"Manuscript" may be a far cry from Paul Grellong's award-nominated "Law and Order: Special Victim's Unit," but it has its moments as a dark and a questionable, especially intriguing, mystery. Grellong has a special talent that gives his audience enlightenment and at the same time, keeps everyone in the dark with a reason to contemplate what is really going on.

"Manuscript," which is being staged by the Theater Project — Union County's Professional Theater in the Roy Smith Theater on the Cranford campus of Union County College — on weekends through May 2, boasts of three fine actors, who know how to keep an audience on the edge of its seat.

The play is an exceptional piece of work that played off-Broadway in 2005 and 2007, and in celebration of the Theater Project's 2010 opening, Director Mark Spina has revealed his artistic talents to make "Manuscript" an appealing, yet frightening, certainly mysterious, vehicle. If the audience, which practically shares the stage with the performers, can get past much of the profanity, spewed in moments of frustration, it can settle back and attempt to sneak out of the dark remnants of the how's and why's.

The three performers appear glued to their roles and are splendid in convincing an audience of one idea, while conjuring up shadowy secrets that place folks in a dither — wondering about that idea.

For example, Daniel Pietruszka portrays David, one of three college

freshmen, who has written the first draft of a second manuscript and is frustrated and apprehensive about its future. He and his two friends, Chris, played by Sean McIntyre, and Elizabeth, played by Rebecca Moore, visit him in his family home during summer break from college. Chris, who hails from a wealthy family, and Elizabeth, who has had a book published, are presumed lovers, and visit David before going on to a formal ball.

What happens within this brief visit — especially after the audience is informed, rather dubiously, that David and Elizabeth had had a brief affair, unbeknownst to Chris — has one wondering whether or not these characters are what they seem to be. There are interesting emotional moments in which the three appear to be involved in the

possibility of murder, deception, plagiarism, pretension, passions and questionable sexuality.

A frustrated, bewildered, yet satisfied audience, introduced itself to the fine director and the three promising actors at the end of the one-act play, which had no intermission.

Spina is to be congratulated for his selections of unusual productions, and marvelous actors, who give their all to their director and play. He always brings to New Jerseyans, top quality talent and wonderful productions.

A reviewer, after witnessing "Manuscript" Sunday afternoon in Cranford, wouldn't be surprised to discover Alfred Hitchcock, hidden in the shadows — while nodding his head in appreciation and approval.

'Painting with Words' during Poetry Month

Celebrate National Poetry Month with an evening of Poetry and Art at Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union on April 29, at 7 p.m. This event is free to the public.

Back by popular demand after last year's success, this poetry event is part of an ongoing series of events taking place inside the gallery. This evening presents the opportunity to hear six New Jersey poets read their work.

Barbara Wirkus has had her poems published in various poetry magazines, including "Exit 13," "Poet Magazine," "Albatross Literary Magazine," as well as a chapbook, "Poems for Unpretentious People."

Leona M. Seufert has published a chapbook, "From Here to There and Back Again — A Commuter's Journey," which grew from being a commuter into New York for 11 months and spending two hours a day riding trains. She has also published *The 9/11 Year*, a signed, limited edition, hand bound book of poems and essays about the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001 that came from a journal she kept during the year following the World Trade Center tragedy.

Chris McIntyre is a co-founder of the Walking English poetry collective and it's Web site, *walkingenglish.com*. His work has also been

published in "The Idiom Magazine" and "Upstage Magazine."

He was an assistant editor for the "Idiom Anthology" in 2008. His poetry has been featured as part of the 2009 Long Branch Poetry Festival, the River Read Poetry Series and the Barron Arts Center's Poets Wednesday.

Joy Ann Lara is an artist whose works celebrate the synergy of painting, poetry, dance and music. Her poems have appeared in "Exit 13 Magazine." She creates and presents art lectures for children and adults.

Deborah LaVeglia, is well known as the director of the "PoetsWednesday" poetry series at the Barron Arts

Center in Woodbridge. She is also the creator of a helpful Web site "PoetsWednesday & More," that gives listings of many poetry events and venues. She has been published in numerous poetry journals including the "Paterson Literary Review," "American Poetry Journal," "Exit 13 Magazine" and the "Edison Literary Review."

Harriet Swan Barkei enjoys writing whimsical verses and an occasional essay. She has petted the backs of bumblebees dozing at dawn in the dazzling dahlias dangling from her garden fence. She marvels at the infinite beauty of God's creation.

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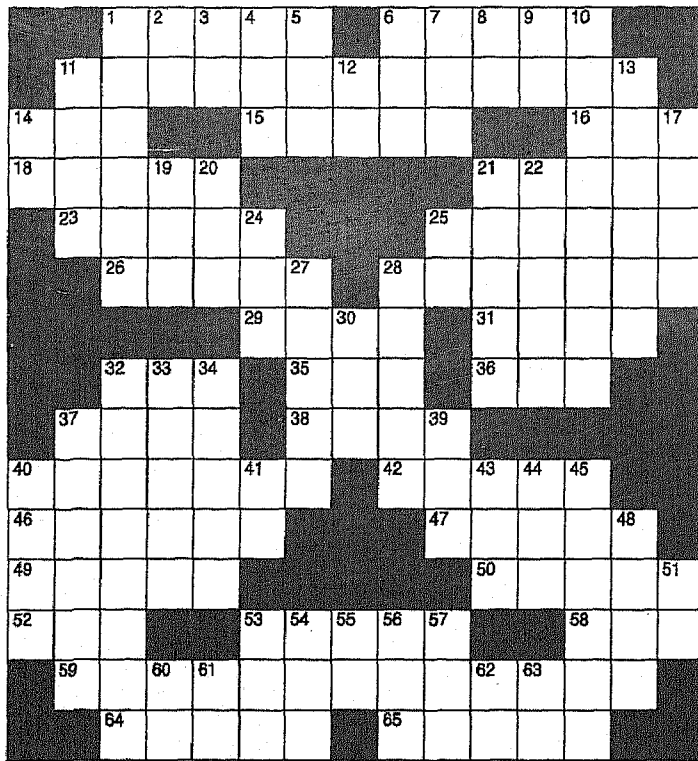


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April 25 to May 1

ARIES, March 21 to April 20: You are feeling a big scattered, Aries, and it's because of the high-energy, high-intensity type of week that is coming up. You may need to find a place to decompress.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21: You feel like you want to do something out of the ordinary this week, Taurus. But it could be better to stick to the status quo. Otherwise, you may ruffle a few feathers.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21: Gemini, you have more options than you first realized. It's time you put your plan into action and get busy. Pisces proves to be a big help on Thursday. You can use the assistance.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Cancer, your mind is full of ideas, but you have no plan of attack. You can't just go in without a few ideas on how to proceed. Think it over a little more and have patience.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23: Although you feel confident and have a lot of energy behind you, Leo, now is not the time to take the next step. That's because you need some more financial backing.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22: This week's circumstances test your ability to multi-task, Virgo. If you look at it as a game, it could be easier to make it through the week unscathed. Avoid stress.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Your lighthearted attitude enables you to sail through stressful situations without much anxiety, Libra. Teach this technique to high-strung relatives that can use some calming.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22: You give off an air of casualness this week, Scorpio, but inside your feelings are rumbling beneath the surface. That's because you have a lot on your mind.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21: EXPECT a complete lack of

concentration this week, Sagittarius. That's because you have a financial situation to deal with and it's taking up all of your brain activity.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20: Capricorn, you are feeling a bit irresponsible, even if you have pressing items to handle. That's because you have been taking on too much and your mind is saying it needs a break.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18: You won't make a lot of sense to others this week, Aquarius, but that's OK, since you know what you need to get done. Real estate plans are in full force.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: You don't know when to stop talking, Pisces, and others are tired of the "it's all about you" attitude. Be more humble.

Also born this week: Jason Lee, Michael Damian, Sheena Easton, Jay Leno, Michelle Pfeiffer, Kirsten Dunst and Tim McGraw.

What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
April 22, 23, & 24, 2010
EVENT: Vintage Jewelry Sale
PLACE: Springfield Public Library Meeting Room, 66 Mountain Avenue Springfield
TIME: 10am- 4pm; Sunday 1pm - 4pm
PRICE: Free Admission
DETAILS: Call for info (973)376-4930
On annual sale, donations accepted all year.
ORGANIZATION: Friends of the Springfield Public Library

GARAGE / YARD SALES

SATURDAY
May 1, 2010
EVENT: Garage Sale to Benefit The Relief effort in Haiti
PLACE: Kent Place School, Dining Hall, 42 Norwood Avenue, Summit.
TIME: 9am-12noon
DETAILS: Clothes, Kids items, Household and more. Info call 908-273-0900
ORGANIZATION: Kent Place Middle School Community Service.

OTHER

SATURDAY

May 1, 2010
EVENT: Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market
PLACE: Elizabeth-Linden Elks Lodge 228 East Elm Street, Linden, N.J. 07036 (across from Soehl Middle School)
TIME: 9am - 4pm
PRICE: \$20 per space if you have your own table.
\$30 if we need to supply you with one.
DETAILS: The Elizabeth-Linden Elks Lodge is looking for vendors for an indoor/ outdoor flea market. Reserve your space now, please contact Vicki Circelli via email at ElizabethLindenElks289@yahoo.com or leave a message at (908)925-3433
ORGANIZATION: Elizabeth-Linden Elks Lodge #289.

FRIDAY

April 30, 2010
EVENT: VENDOR NIGHT
PLACE: Central Five- Jefferson School, 155 Hilton Avenue, Vauxhall
TIME: 5:00pm - 9:00pm.
PRICE: FREE.
DETAILS: Vendors include, Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, PartyLite, Longaberger, Pampered Chef, Avon, Silpada Jewelry, Crafters and More. Raffles & Food Available.
ORGANIZATION: Central Five- Jefferson School PTA

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The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to: Worrall Community Newspapers, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109, Union, NJ 07083 or at editorial@thelocal-source.com.

Stepping Out

pizza dinner and informational meeting in the library's activity room at 6 p.m. on Monday. Anyone wishing to sign up for the LibraryFest informational meeting must preregister and can do so at the library or by calling 908-276-2451 during regular library hours. The Kenilworth library is located at 548 Kenilworth Blvd., Kenilworth.

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.

Nov. 26, from 7 to 11 p.m., at Somerset Hills Hotel, 200 Liberty Corner Road, Warren. Visit jonathandaytonregiona176.com or contact Nancy Marsillo at njmcpa@optonline.net for information.

ES" is a new smart and sexy musical, starring Sean Hayes and Kristen Chenoweth at the Broadway Theatre on Broadway. The bus will depart from the parking lot next to the firehouse in Cranford at 11:30 a.m. with the show starting at 3 p.m. The bus will leave from in front of the theater and return to Cranford by approximately 7 p.m.

For six exhilarating evenings experience Jonathan Larson's RENT, THE MUSICAL, as South Mountain TheaterWorks brings this rock and roll masterpiece to New Jersey audiences at The Oakes Center, 120 Morris Ave., Summit. Rent, The Musical can be seen live on-stage Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All shows at 8 p.m. Call the box office at 973-275-9836 or buy tickets online at SouthMountainTheater-Works.org.

ART SHOWS

ARTS GUILD NEW JERSEY IN RAHWAY will present BABYDOLL, an exhibition of art by women artists whose work comments on the contemporary perception and image of women, curated by the Executive Director of Arts Guild New Jersey, Lawrence Cappiello. The exhibit will run from Friday to May 20, at Arts Guild New Jersey, 1670 Irving Street in Rahway. The public is invited to attend the opening reception on Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Admission to the exhibit and reception is free. This exhibit is handicap accessible. For directions, visit www.rahwayarts-guild.org. For information, call us at 732-381-7511 or email us at arts-guild1670@verizon.net.

THE LES MALAMUT ART GALLERY IN UNION will host the annual exhibit of "UNION'S YOUNGEST ARTISTS" from May 3 to May 14. A reception is planned for May 8 from noon to 2 p.m. Under the guidance of Art Teacher Leslie Jenkins, who has been teaching art in Union for 17 years, the children will exhibit both two and three dimensional art work, including drawings, paintings, pottery and fiber. Ranging from kindergarten to fourth grade the students attend Hannah Caldwell and Livingston School in Union. Les Malamut Art Gallery is located on the lower level of Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave., and is handicapped accessible. The event is free and open to the public. For information call 908-851-5450 or visit lesmalamutartgallery.web.officelive.com

THE LES MALAMUT ART GALLERY will present a photography exhibit titled "COWBOYS AND HORSES OF THE WILD WEST" BY UNION RESIDENT WALT JARKO until April 30. The photos in this collection were shot at the Filtnier Ranch in Shell, Wyo., using both film and digital techniques. All photographs are for sale and may be purchased directly from Walt Jarko. The Les Malamut Art Gallery is located in the lower level of Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Ave. It is handicapped accessible, free and open to the public during regular library hours. For information, visit the Gallery's Web site, lesmalamutartgallery.web.officelive.com or call 980-851-5450.

AUDITIONS

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS has announced auditions for ELTON JOHN & TIM RICE'S MUSICAL "AIDA" on Monday and Tuesday. Sign in is from 6:45 to 9 p.m. at the John T. Gregorio Center, 330 Helen St., Linden. Come prepared to sing at least 16 bars of your own sheet music in pop or rock Broadway style. Wear dance attire to learn a short routine. Callbacks will be as needed on May 1 from noon to 4 p.m. The show dates are July 23, 24, 25, 29, 30 and 31. For information, visit mysticvisionplayers.com or email us at aida_mysticvp@yahoo.com.

BOOKS

KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY is seeking volunteers for the library's first annual LibraryFest, which is scheduled on Aug. 4, in celebration of the conclusion of the library's summer reading program. Adult volunteers wishing to learn about how they can help at this event are invited to join library staff members for a

CONCERTS

THE TORPEDOES, a local band, will be playing classic rock tunes "unplugged," at Salem Roadhouse Cafe, 829 Salem Rd., Union. This group has performed at many large, well known places, but at THE ROADHOUSE CAFE they are at home. For information, call 908-686-1028 or e-mail salemroadhouse@gmail.com.

THE SOMERSET JAZZ CONSORTIUM will be having jazz performances at RAHWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY on Saturday's during the months of May and June. During these performances listeners will hear samples from many styles of jazz from wide selection of musicians. The Somerset Jazz Consortium has played in many venues across New Jersey and other locations. The May performances are on May 8, 15 and 22. The June performances are on June 5, 12, 19 and 26. All performances are from 2 to 4 p.m. and will take place in the Café Area of Rahway Public Library. For information, call 732-340-1551, ext. 212.

The DOWNFRONT JAZZ series, a partnership of ARTS GUILD NEW JERSEY AND THE UNION COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, will present the Stryker/Stagle Band on May 14, at 8 p.m. at UCPAC, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. Tickets purchased in advance for multiple concerts at once are further discounted. Group rates are available for parties of five or more for the same concert.

The SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFE, 829 Salem Road, Union, has announced its 2010 show lineup. Local and area artists will perform each month at the Roadhouse Cafe, which features live music and artwork on display by local artists at the Roadhouse Gallery. Admission includes music, art, gourmet coffees, teas, beverages, hot and cold snacks and desserts. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. Portions of proceeds benefit local charities. The 2010 show lineup consists of: May 8, Christine Santelli Band; June 19, Mike Pek; July 10, Eldad Tarmu; Aug. 14, Bradford Hayes; Sept. 11, Red Reyne; Oct. 9, Pam Purvis and the Blue Skies Band and Nov. 13 - Trysette.

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

Summit Department of Community Programs will sponsor CHESS CLUB for chess players from beginner to the most experienced players. Classes are available on Monday evenings for youth ages 7 to 17, from 6 to 7 p.m. and adults from 6 to 7 p.m. Classes are at the Field House at 5 Myrtle Ave. For online registration and credit card payment go to <https://register.communitypass.net/summit>. THE NORTH JERSEY CAR CLUB meets at Anthony Amalfi Community Center, 1268 Sheaffer Ave., Roselle, on

MOVIES

"HERB AND DOROTHY," an award winning documentary film, will be shown at UNION PUBLIC LIBRARY on Wednesday at 2 and 7 p.m. It tells the extraordinary story of a postal clerk and a librarian who managed to build one of the most important contemporary art collections in history with very modest means. The library is located at 1980 Morris Ave., Union. Admission is free and light refreshments are provided. For information, call 908-851-5452.

CLARK PUBLIC LIBRARY will offer free movies each week. Watch movies that have just been released to DVD each Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Additional movies are shown each Monday and Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. For information, visit clarklibrary.org and click on the calendar tab or call 732-388-5999.

CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY is continuing its ongoing CLASSIC FILM NIGHT every Thursday at 7 p.m. The films run the gamut from mystery, comedy and romance to thrillers and melodramas. To review the list of films in the series, visit www.cranford.com/library and click on "Events." The films will be shown at Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. Admission is free and all are welcome. For information about the series, call 908-709-7272 and ask for Fran Houston or e-mail cranfordlibrary@gmail.com.

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MUSEUMS

Clark Historical Society invites the public to visit DR. WILLIAM ROBINSON PLANTATION, 593 Madison Hill Road, throughout the year as well. It was built in 1690 and is Clark's first farm and homestead and is listed on the National and State registers of Historic Places. The Plantation House was closed in 2002 for renovations and recently reopened its doors to the public. For information, visit www.clarkhistorical-society.org.

POETRY

In celebration of NATIONAL POETRY MONTH, MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY is excited to present MAD JAZZ as they perform "Frostiana," seven poems by Robert Frost set for mixed voices by American composer Randall Thompson. The performance will be in the library on Monday beginning at 7 p.m. The accompanist for this evening's performance will be Joseph W. Hill. Admission is free. For information about the Mountainside library and its many programs and services, call the library at 908-233-0115 or visit the library Web site at www.mountainsidelibrary.org.

REUNIONS

JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Springfield, Class of 1976 will be holding its 34th reunion on

THEATER

Steve Solomon's hilarious, multi-award winning, long-running off Broadway hit, "MY MOTHER'S ITALIAN, MY FATHER'S JEWISH AND I'M IN THERAPY," takes the stage at UNION COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER at Rahway on April 30 at 8 p.m. for one performance only. Written by and starring Steve Solomon, who combines comic voices, sound effects and astounding characterizations to tell stories of the wacky side of the human condition.

STONY HILL PLAYERS WILL PRESENT THEIR PRODUCTION OF "THERE GOES THE BRIDE", an English comedy by Ray Cooney and John Chapman and, directed by Naomi Yablonsky of Springfield. Performances take place at the OAKES CENTER, 120 Morris Ave., Summit. Dates are May 14 to 16 and May 21 to 23. For information and reservations, call 908-277-1732.

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE'S PROFESSIONAL THEATRE COMPANY is hosting monthly staged readings of original plays from playwrights in the Theatre Project, followed by a discussion with the author. The readings are held once a month, May 8. Admission is free. For information visit TheTheaterProject.org, or call 908-659-5189.

On April 29, at 7:30 p.m., SUMMIT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY will host a lecture on "PORGY & BESS: AMERICA'S GREATEST OPERA." Seventy-five years ago, George and Ira Gershwin created a uniquely American opera portraying African American life in 1920s Charleston, S.C. Jason C. Tramm, artistic director of the New Jersey State Opera, and conductor of the company's upcoming production of "Porgy & Bess," will give a talk about this great work and its place in American musical history. The program will be held in the Ernest S. Hickok Meeting Room at the library. It is free and open to all. Seating is limited. First come, first seated. Doors open 15 minutes before the beginning of the program. The library is located at 75 Maple St., Summit. For information, visit www.summitlibrary.org.

THE THEATER PROJECT, Union County's Professional Theater Company in Cranford, will kick off its 2010 season with a three-weekend run of Paul Grelong's dark comedy "MANUSCRIPT" opening today and running through May 2. Performances will take place in the Roy Smith Theater at the Cranford campus of Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave. Performance times are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m.

The Shakespeare comedy, "THE TAMING OF THE SHREW" will kick off KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY's 2010 season of "THE BARD ON THE BOULEVARD." Live Shakespeare performances on April 30 at 7:30 p.m., will take place in the library's main reading room. Performed by members of the Hudson Shakespeare Company, The Taming of the Shrew tells the story of Kate, a headstrong young woman and her eventual marriage to Petruchio, the suitor who sets out to court her in spite of her difficult temperament. Upcoming performances in "The Bard on the Boulevard" include the following Thursday evening performances: King Lear on June 17, "Much Ado about Nothing" on July 15 and The Tempest on Aug. 5. For information or to become a sponsor of "The Bard on the Boulevard," call Dale Spindel, library director, at 908-276-2451.

THE CRANFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is running one of their popular bus trips to New York City to see a new Broadway show on May 16. "PROMIS-

TRIPS

CASANO COMMUNITY CENTER of Roselle Park sponsors a trip to SHOWBOAT IN ATLANTIC CITY the first Thursday of every month. The bus pickup times are 8:45 a.m. at the Michael Mauri Gazebo Park located on the corner of Grant Avenue and Chestnut Street at 9 a.m. at the Church of the Assumption on Westfield Avenue. For details about the trip, fees and how to sign up, call 908-245-0666, or visit Casano Community Center, 314 Chestnut St., Roselle Park.

On Sunday, DEBORAH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION will sponsor a trip to the new SANDS CASINO in Bethlehem, Pa. Pick up time is 10:30 a.m. from the back lot of St. Theresa school, located between Washington Avenue and Monroe Avenue in Kenilworth. The bus will leave the Sands Casino at 5 p.m. for the return trip to Kenilworth. For information and tickets, contact Rosemary Palmer at 908-272-1705 or Polly Tassitano at 908-276-3850. This is a fundraiser for Deborah Hospital Foundation; your support is greatly needed and much appreciated.

VARIETY

THE LINDEN FARMER'S MARKET will be on Mondays from June 7 through October 25 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade, Wood Avenue at Knopf Street in Linden. Fresh-grown vegetables and fruits, gourmet items including ravioli, sauces, cheese, baked goods, pickles and olives, nuts, desserts and flowers. For information, call 908-474-8493 or visit linden-nj.org/cultural_committee/farmers_market.htm.

LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL WILL PRESENT AIDA on July 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31 at 8 p.m., and July 25 at 3 p.m. at the high school, 121 W. St. George Ave., Linden. For information, visit <http://www.mysticvisionplayers.com/>.

On Sept. 4 at 11:00 a.m. at Wood Ave., Linden, a STREET FESTIVAL, CLASSIC CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW, live entertainment, dozens of vendors, food, games, music, face painting, kids' activities and lots more. Admission is free. For information, visit linden-nj.org/cultural_committee/september_to_remember.htm.

A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION will be on Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at Linden City Hall on 301 N. Wood Ave. Live entertainment and tree lighting outside city hall, a gift raffle for children, refreshments and photos with Santa will be at 7 p.m. in the J.T. Gregorio Center, 330 Helen St., Linden. For information regarding any of these events, call 908-474-8493 or visit the events calendar at www.linden-nj.org.

Are you interested in PERFORMING, SINGING, WRITING? If you are in grades six and up, mark your calendar to come to HILLSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY every Tuesday and Thursday in April from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. to "express yourself in words and music." These programs are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. The series will culminate in a special "open mic" night on April 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. when participants will have a chance to showcase their talents to an appreciative audience at a free performance for the public. For information, call the library at 973-923-4413.

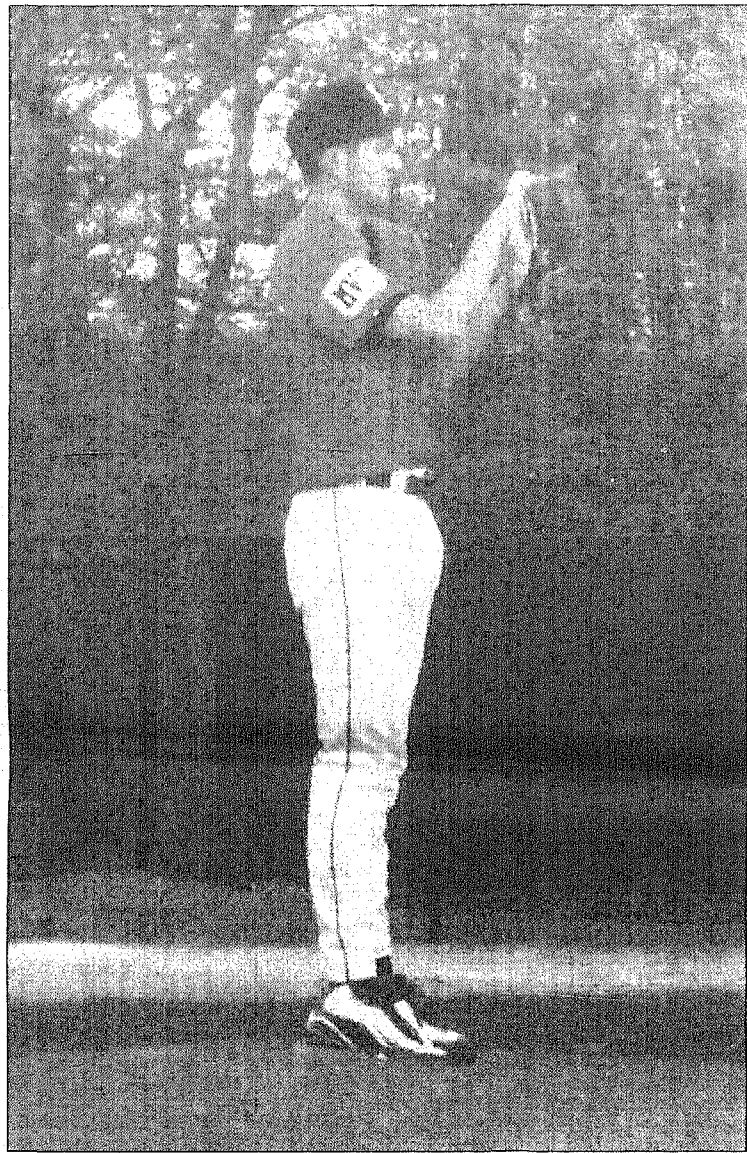


Photo by JR Parachini

GL senior right hander Mike Rielly pitched the first six innings to get the win in his team's 12-3 home victory over Union Catholic last Thursday.

Summit lacrosse teams extend impressive play

The Summit varsity lacrosse teams continued to extend their impressive play last weekend, with the boys' squad beginning the week 6-0 and the girls' 5-3.

The boys' defeated West Morris 6-2 in Long Valley, which was their first game in five days after dominating Union County rival Johnson 16-2 at home back April 12.

The Hilltoppers received one goal each from Dan Feeney, Jules Godino, Nick Kilkowski, Terry McKenna, Tim Yager and Nick Kitsos.

Feeney, David Kalin and Kilkowski earned assists, while goalie Brian Feeney made eight saves.

On April 7, Summit defeated St. Joseph Prep of Pennsylvania 8-4 in a road contest. Mike Round, Kilkowski and Sonny Round scored two goals each in that triumph.

In the win against Johnson, Michael Ford scored a team-high four goals. In a 9-7 win at Westfield three days before, Marcel Godino paced the Hilltoppers with a four-goal performance.

Summit was scheduled to play at Columbia Monday and was to host Seton Hall Prep yesterday. The Hilltoppers will next play at Madison Saturday morning at 11.

The girls' defeated Ravenwood, TN 14-9 at Milton, Ga. Friday and then downed Milton 16-2 Saturday to extend a winning streak to three games. Caroline Cordrey and Claire O'Malley scored three goals each vs. Ravenwood, while Cordrey and Megan Paytas paced the Hilltoppers with five goals apiece against Milton.

Summit was scheduled to host Madison Monday and Union Catholic Tuesday. The Hilltoppers are scheduled to host Gov. Livingston Saturday morning at 11.

GL baseball belts 19 hits, plays flawless defensively Union Catholic executes 4 double plays

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

BERKELEY HEIGHTS - Visiting Union Catholic and host Governor Livingston had different agendas last Thursday for their Union County Conference-Mountain Division baseball clash.

The Vikings sought to back up a respectable effort they put forth at Cranford two days before in a 5-3 setback to the team that won the Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division title the last three years.

The Highlanders - on the other hand - wanted to bounce back from a sub-par effort they delivered in last Wednesday's 6-4 home setback to a struggling 2-4 Elizabeth squad that had lost four straight.

While Thursday's final score may not reflect it, Union Catholic hit the ball hard against one of the top senior right handers in the county, banged out 10 hits in all and made several outstanding plays in the field.

Governor Livingston - despite hitting into double plays in four straight innings, with the first three being inning-ending - scored in five of its six at-bats, slugged 19 hits and did not commit an error.

GL scored two runs in the bottom of the first to take the lead for good en route to a commanding 12-3 win.

It appeared at times that the Highlanders might win by the 10-run mercy rule, but the Vikings hung in there right until the very end, did not let that happen, and as a result fans of both teams were treated to a seven-inning contest.

After having a six-game winning streak snapped by Elizabeth, GL improved to 7-2 overall and 4-1 in the UCC's Mountain Division. In conference play, the Highlanders had previously lost at Cranford and had won at Summit, at home against Roselle Catholic, at Roselle and at home against Union Catholic.

Owners of an overall record of 3-5 up to that point, Union Catholic slipped to 2-3 in the Mountain Division. In conference play, the Vikings had won at Roselle, defeated Hillside at home, lost at home to Summit, lost at Cranford and lost at GL.

There were many outstanding performances in a game that included 15 runs and 29 hits total. Three that stand out were provided by Union Catholic senior third baseman Rey Lopez, GL senior third baseman Jake Skinner and Highlander leadoff batter Billy Workwick.

Lopez had a solid game at the plate, going 3-for-4 from the No. 3 spot in the batting order. He singled twice and doubled.

However, a play he made in the field overshadowed what he accomplished at the plate.

In the bottom of the fourth with one out and GL already ahead by a comfortable margin of 7-1, a ground ball went underneath the glove of Lopez at third for an error. After a stolen base and walk, the Highlanders had runners on first and second with one out and were threatening again.

Lopez, who started at shortstop last year and is now playing third because of a hamstring injury he suffered when practice began, made sure that GL was not going to score in one of its at-bats for the first time.

Highlander senior left fielder Kevin Stumpf, on a 2-1 hitters' pitch, lined a shot that by all means should have gone past Lopez and into left field for at least an RBI-single.

However, Lopez dove - full body - and came up with the smash in his glove.

He quickly got up, stepped on third for the force there and practically in the same motion fired to second for the force out there.

The 5-4 inning-ending double play was a highlight reel kind of effort - a Brooks Robinson or Graig Nettles masterpiece if you will.

"I'm not really a third baseman, I'm a shortstop," said Lopez, who will continue playing at Division 2 Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, Fla. "All I saw was the ball to the right side, so my instincts told me to dive."

"I was on the base already. My arm is not as strong as it used to be, so I went straight to second and made a good throw."

Lopez said that he pulled his hamstring back in early March when pre-season practice commenced.

"I played, I think, in our last two scrimmages and started playing a little bit at second," said Lopez, who is a North Plainfield resident. "Then I moved on to third, with Dave Schanz, who is younger, playing short."

Schanz started on the varsity last year as a freshman, playing a solid third base and batting .350. He is now at shortstop, with Lopez the third baseman this season.

"He and I discussed some things and he's only a sophomore and he's going to be a great player," Lopez said. "I don't like playing third base as much as shortstop, but I can get used to it."

"I never made a play like that at third base."

The double play started by Lopez was the third of four in four consecutive innings by the Vikings. Union Catholic ended the second with a 6-4 double play on a line drive to Schanz at short and concluded the third on a 6-4-3 double play started by Schanz.

The fourth and final double play, which produced the first two outs of fifth, was a 4-6-3 double play started by junior second baseman Matt Nowicki.

Lopez also threw a runner out at the plate on a 5-2 fielder's choice in the second. He fielded a ground ball and made a nice throw to home, with freshman catcher Mike D'Antico applying the tag.

Skinner was 2-for-4, with one run, three RBI, his first home run of the season, a single and was hit by a pitch to reach base three times in five trips.

A Star-Ledger First Team All-County selection a year ago, Skinner also made a nice play at third on a ball that was hit foul at first.

Then the ball skipped into fair territory, hitting the third base bag.

Skinner picked up the ball off third base and then threw out the runner at first for the first of his two assists at third.

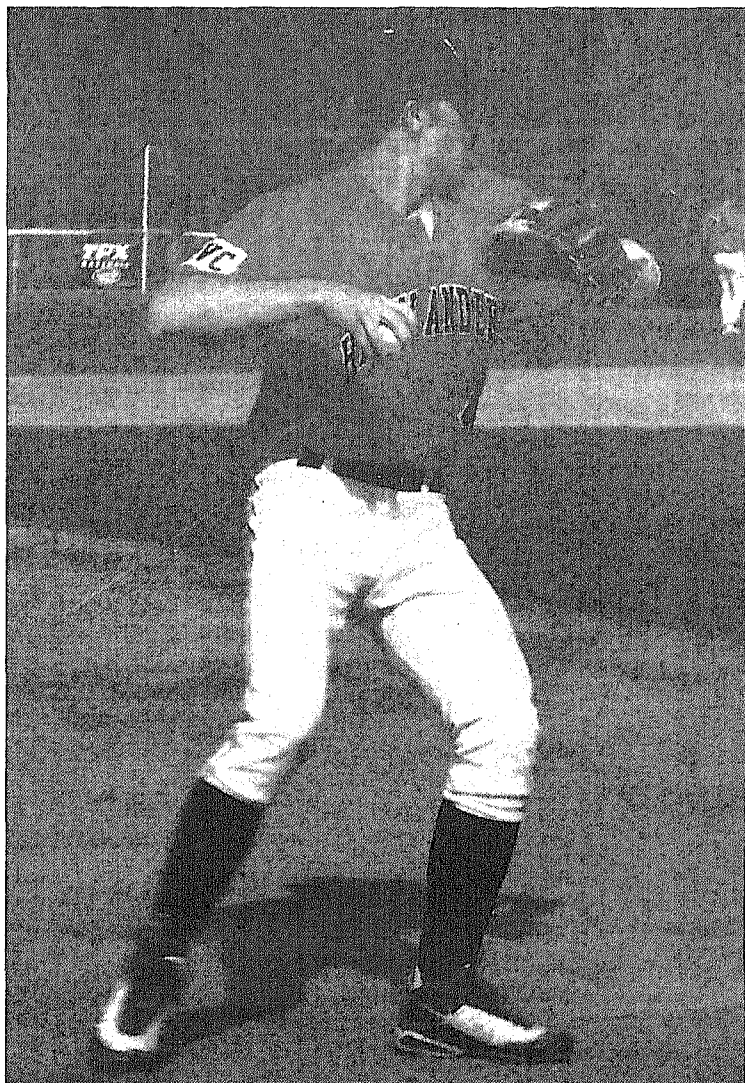
His two-run homer in the first gave GL the lead for good at 2-0 and was blasted over the center field fence, some 365 feet from home plate.

"Yesterday was definitely a tough loss and we needed to come out and play well," Skinner said. "This was almost like a bit of a statement game today."

Skinner slugged six home runs last year. He knows his team has played well at times this year, but there's still a lot more to prove.

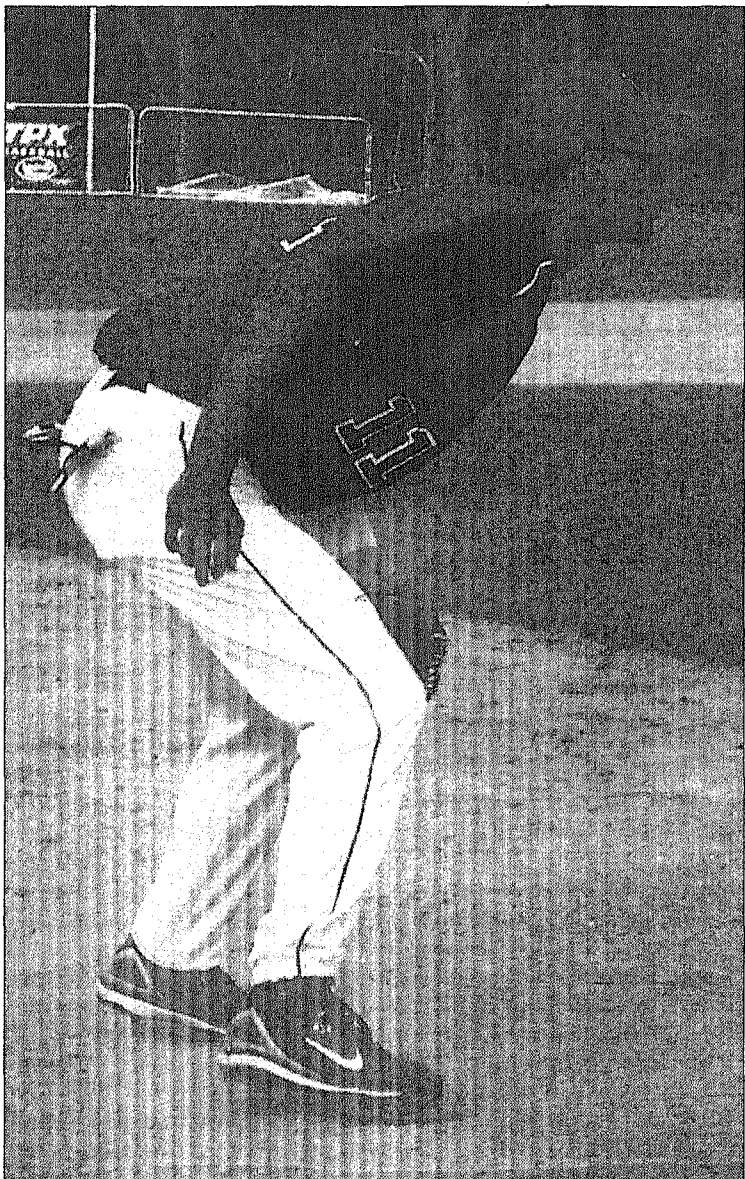
"Numbers-wise, 7-2 is a good start, but we still haven't beaten any top-level teams. The best teams we've played we've played were Elizabeth and Cranford and we fell just short."

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Photos by JR Parachini

Senior third basemen Jake Skinner of Governor Livingston, above, and Rey Lopez of Union Catholic, below, turned in fine performances in last Thursday's baseball game at GL.



Highlanders sparked by Rielly, Skinner, Worswick

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"This record doesn't really mean anything until we can beat teams of that caliber."

After Wednesday's loss to Elizabeth, GL seventh-year head coach Chris Roof thought it was time to shake things up a bit with his lineup.

"We moved some people around to try to get our offense going to where it's capable of going," Roof said.

One move was putting sophomore Billy Worswick at the top of the order after he previously batted second.

In his first game as GL's leadoff batter this year, Worswick went 4-for-5, banged out three singles and a triple, scored two runs, drove in two runs and also reached on a 5-2 fielder's choice. His on-base percentage was a perfect 5-for-5.

Worswick batted .377 as a freshman last year as GL's primary No. 6 batter. He did bat leadoff a couple of times.

After Thursday's outstanding performance, he may bat leadoff again.

"He's a confident, young player who has tremendous speed and is a good hitter," Roof said.

Tyler Martis, another standout sophomore, previously batted leadoff this year. He batted in the No. 9 slot against Union Catholic and went 2-for-3, with an RBI-double, a two-run single, a sacrifice fly RBI and scored two runs.

Designated hitter Chris Trimmer also had a fine day at the plate for GL, going 3-for-3, with three singles and three runs. He then came in to pitch the seventh in relief of starter Mike Rielly, who went the first six.

Rielly improved to 2-0 in three starts, allowing three earned runs on nine hits, while striking out two and walking two.

Union Catholic, despite scoring just three runs, hit the ball hard off Rielly and he acknowledged that.

"Yeah, they did," Rielly said. "I really didn't have my stuff today and my curveball wasn't moving like it normally does and I lost control of my fastball at points, but I was able to gut through it and my teammates picked me up in the field and by, definitely, swinging the bats."

Roof liked the way Rielly battled.

"He didn't have his best stuff, but that's what senior leaders do," Roof said. "They find a way to get it done and that's what Michael did, he gave us six strong."

"We hit the ball hard today, a lot of line drives, and we hit into four double plays. We've been playing some really good defense and that is definitely one of our strengths this year."

NOTES: These two conference foes are scheduled to meet in league play again on May 7 at 4 p.m. at Union Catholic's new field turf field at its high school in Scotch Plains.

UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE-MOUNTAIN DIVISION GAME

UC (3-5)	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	-	3	11	3
GL (7-2)	2	2	3	0	2	3	x	-	12	19	0

UNION CATHOLIC STARTING PITCHER:

Evan Dickerson, sophomore right hander (1-1)
 4 innings plus 2 batters:
 71 pitches (49 strikes, 22 balls), 9 runs (8 earned),
 13 hits (10 singles, 2 home runs, 1 double),
 0 strikeouts, 1 walk, 1 hit batter.
Pitch count: 1-17. 2-14. 3-13. 4-17. 5-10. **Total:** 71.

UNION CATHOLIC RELIEF PITCHER:

Andrew Woody, junior right hander
 2 innings: 46 pitches (28 strikes, 18 balls),
 3 runs (all earned),
 6 hits (4 singles, 1 double, 1 triple),
 1 strikeout (swinging), 1 walk, 1 hit batter.
Pitch count: 5-21. 6-25. **Total:** 46.

• GL wins its first Highlander Classic - see www.localsource.com for story about that.

GOV. LIVINGSTON STARTING PITCHER:

Mike Rielly, senior right hander (2-0)
 6 innings complete:
 82 pitches (54 strikes, 28 balls), 3 runs (all earned),
 9 hits (6 singles, 2 doubles, 1 home run),
 2 strikeouts (1 swinging, 1 looking), 2 walks.
Pitch count: 1-13. 2-14. 3-8. 4-11. 5-14. 6-22. **Total:** 82.

GOV. LIVINGSTON RELIEF PITCHER:

Chris Trimmer, senior right hander
 1 inning complete: 14 pitches (12 strikes, 2 balls),
 no runs, 2 hits (2 singles), 0 strikeouts, 0 walks.
Pitch count: 7-14. **Total:** 14.

UNION CATHOLIC LINEUP vs. GL:

9-Dave Schanz, sophomore shortstop: 3-for-4
 infield single to short in first,
 singled to CF in third and seventh
 5-Ryan Gerhart, junior designated hitter: 2-for-4, 1 run
 singled to center in first,
 reached on 6-4 FC and scored in third,
 infield single to short in fifth
 10-Evan Dickerson, soph. starting pitcher: did not bat
 14-Andrew Woody, junior relief pitcher: did not bat
 11-Rey Lopez, senior third baseman: 3-for-4
 infield singled in first -
 (ball hit runner, with shortstop also getting a putout),
 doubled to left in third, singled to left in fifth
 12-Vinnie LaRocca, junior 1B (bats left): 1-for-4
 RBI-ground out to short in third,
 opposite field bloop single to left in seventh
 20-Sean Siburn, junior left fielder: 0-for-4
 13-Robert Pons, sophomore right fielder: 0-for-2, 1 run
 walked and scored in sixth
 8-Matt Nowicki, junior second baseman: 0-for-2
 16-Brandon Suarez, junior pinch hitter: 1-for-1, 1 run
 2-run home run over left field fence on 2-2 count in sixth
 7-Mike D'Antico, freshman catcher: 1-for-3
 opposite field double to right field fence in second
 1-Christian Mora, soph. CF: 0-for-2 - walked in fifth

GOV. LIVINGSTON LINEUP vs. UC:

8-Billy Worswick, sophomore center fielder:
 4-for-5, 2 runs; singled to left and scored in first,
 reached on 5-2 fielder's choice in second,
 RBI-single to left in third, singled to right
 and scored in fifth
 opposite field RBI-triple off right field fence in sixth
 26-Paul Mirabelli, senior (bats left): 2-for-4
 RBI-single to right in second, singled to right in fifth
 44-Jake Skinner, senior third baseman: 2-for-4, 1 run
 2-run home run over center field fence in first,
 hit by pitch in second, RBI-single to center in fifth
 20-Joey DiSarno, junior first baseman: 1-for-4
 opposite field bloop single to right in first,
 reached on infield error and then stole second in fourth
 16-John Jennings, junior shortstop: 2-for-3, 2 runs
 2-run HR over LF fence in third, walked in fourth,
 doubled off left field fence and scored in sixth
 3-Kevin Stumpf, senior left fielder: 1-for-4, 1 run
 singled to left and scored in third
 14-Chris Trimmer, senior designated hitter-
 relief pitcher: 3-for-3, 3 runs
 singled to center and scored in second,
 bloop single to outfield on high pop up in third and scored,
 singled to left and scored in fifth, hit by pitch in sixth
 5-Rob Burns, senior pinch runner: 1 run
 ran for Trimmer in sixth and scored
 2-Mike Rielly, senior starting pitcher: did not bat
 4-Zach Worswick, senior catcher (bats left): 2-for-4
 reached on infield error in second,
 bunt single in front of 3B in third,
 RBI-single to right in fifth
 23-Tyler Martis, sophomore second baseman:
 2-for-3, 2 runs; RBI-double to left and scored in second,
 RBI-sac. fly to CF in third, 2-run single to center in sixth

Johnson, GL baseball win Dads Club games

ROSELLE PARK DADS CLUB INVITATIONAL
SECOND ANNUAL SCOREBOARD

FRIDAY, APRIL 16:

Roselle Park 8, Dunellen 0
Ridge at Somerville, postponed, rain,
could be played at a later date

SATURDAY, APRIL 17:

Bridgewater-Raritan vs. Morristown,
played as the first game on Sunday, April 18
Union Catholic vs. JP Stevens,
game was played at Union Catholic's
new field turf field, with JP Stevens winning 11-0.
Johnson 6, Holmdel 4
Steinert 6, Edison 0

SUNDAY, APRIL 18:

Morristown 6, Bridgewater-Raritan 4
Bloomfield 6, Scotch Plains 4
Jackson 5, Cranford 2
Gov. Livingston 8, Waldwick 0

WATCHUNG HILLS TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 25:

Wayne Hills vs. Watchung Hills, 10:30 a.m. - for third place
Cranford vs. South Plainfield, 3 p.m. - for first place

SATURDAY, APRIL 17:

Cranford 10, Wayne Hills 0
South Plainfield 3, Watchung Hills 2

57TH ANNUAL UNION COUNTY TOURNAMENT TO BE SEEDED MONDAY NIGHT

The 57th annual Union County Tournament will be seeded Monday night. Scotch Plains is the defending champion and trying to repeat for the first time.

After the top seed did not win the tournament for 12 straight seasons from 1996-2007, the top seed has now won the last two tournaments, with Elizabeth winning for the first time since 1991 two years ago and Scotch Plains winning for the fourth time overall and for the first time since 2004 last year.

Cranford was the last team to repeat as champions when the Cougars won their first three county titles in 1999, 2000 and 2001. Cranford won again in 2003 and 2007.

Union softball captures own 1-day tournament

Senior lefty Kardys fans 14 in both wins

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

A big week for the Union softball team - with the Union County Tournament seeding meeting looming - continues today with a conference home game against Scotch Plains at 4 p.m., followed by a non-conference home contest against Ridge tomorrow at 4.

Union was scheduled to play at Cranford Tuesday for the first time in their first meeting since the Cougars downed the Farmers 2-0 in the 2008 UCT championship game at Linden.

Union defeated Linden 3-1 in the 2009 title contest and is the defending champion for the first time since 2001.

On Sunday, Union again captured its own one-day, four-team tournament, defeating Passaic County foe Wayne Valley first by the score of 3-0 before edging Middlesex County opponent Sayreville 4-3.

Senior left hander Amanda Kardys was sharp in both contests for the Farmers, striking out 14 and allowing six hits in each game.

She did not walk a batter in the game against Wayne Valley and walked only one vs. Sayreville.

In last year's Union Tournament, Kardys blanked Bayonne 10-0 on a five-inning one-hitter, striking out nine and walking none.

She then shut out Bridgewater-Raritan 4-0 on a three-hitter that included 13 strikeouts and one walk.

Union entered Tuesday's non-conference game at Cranford with a 9-2 record and three-game winning streak.

The only losses up to that point were at Roxbury by the score of 3-2 on April 10 and at home to Montclair 7-3 last Thursday.

Union led the visiting Mounties 3-0 before Montclair rallied to score the game's final seven runs.

The Farmers begin next week's competition with two big games right off the bat - both at home.

First is a non-conference game vs. Governor Livingston Monday at 4 p.m., followed by a non-conference game against Middlesex County rival Iselin Kennedy Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Iselin Kennedy was the first team to beat Union last year after the Farmers began 10-0. Iselin Kennedy defeated Union 3-1 at home.

Union's second loss in a 27-5 season was by the score of 8-3 at GL.

The Farmers came back to beat the Highlanders 3-2 in the bottom of the seventh in a UCT semifinal at Linden.

Union began the season with a 2-1 Union County Conference win at Westfield, with Kardys tossing a four-hitter and senior third baseman Allie Davis providing the game-winning hit on an RBI-single.

Union then won at Watchung Hills 5-2, with senior second baseman Amanda Ruhl slugging a two-run homer and Lauren Lodato and Kristen Wilson adding RBI-singles.

Union then won at Brearley 6-3 before topping Linden 3-1 in its home-opener on April 8. Kardys threw a five-hitter against the Tigers, striking out 13, walking none and she did not allow an earned run.

After the Roxbury setback, Union rolled past a 2-1 Elizabeth team 11-0 in Elizabeth.

The Farmers then edged Morristown 2-1 at home on April 14, with Lodato driving in Ruhl with an RBI-single for the game-winning hit in the bottom of the seventh.

Ruhl reached on a single and was moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Megan Bohse.

Kardys tossed another five-hitter, this time striking out 12, walking none and allowing only one earned run.

In the setback to Montclair, Kardys gave up seven runs on seven hits, while striking out 12 and walking one. Heather Baumann went 2-for-4 for the Farmers.

Union bounced back again to blank conference foe Plainfield 11-0 in Plainfield last Friday.

Union will wrap the April portion of its schedule at Rahway next Thursday and home against Westfield the next day, which is April 30. Both are 4 p.m. starts.

Union has seven regular season games scheduled in May, which are at Linden May 4 at 4 p.m., Elizabeth home May 6 at 4 p.m., Plainfield home May 7 at 4 p.m., at Scotch Plains May 11 at 4 p.m., at Bishop Ahr May 13 at 4 p.m., Rahway home May 14 at 4 p.m. and at Summit May 18 at 4 p.m.

The cutoff date for the state playoffs is in two weeks - Friday, May 7.

This year, some teams will gain entry with records under .500, depending on the section.

Union is the defending champion in North 2, Group 4 for the first time since 1996.

Cutoff for baseball, softball is May 7

The cutoff date for baseball and softball is Friday, May 7, although this year certain teams will qualify for the states with records that are under .500.

For example, if a section has 12 teams with records of .500 or better, four teams with the next best records will be added to level it at 16. If a section has 16 or more teams with .500 records, then no teams with records under .500 will be added.

In Union County softball last year, Union captured North 2, Group 4 for the first time since 1995 and Cranford won Central Jersey, Group 2 for the first time.

In baseball, Brearley captured Central Jersey, Group 1 for the first time.

Union and Cranford softball and Brearley baseball all reached group finals.

Springfield Roadrunners boot Rockaway 2-1 and will next play at Summit this Sunday

The Springfield Roadrunners 14-and-under Flight 2 Division boys' soccer team will take momentum into this weekend's match after edging the Rockaway Running Rebels 2-1 in Rockaway one day last weekend.

The Roadrunners improved to 1-1 with the triumph. Asmar Johnson provided all of the scoring for Springfield, netting both Roadrunner goals.

Johnson scored first in the first half, reaching the net on a header after receiving a cross pass.

He scored again in the second half some 23 minutes from the conclusion of the match.

Springfield's defense was sparked by the outstanding play of Patrick Zahn, Arrington Joyner-Corniffe, Stephano Gonzaga and Danny Micolta.

That group limited Rockaway to eight shots.

Roadrunner goalie Ethan Siegel was up to the task in net, making eight saves.

Also playing well for Springfield were Jason Barreira, Austin Lopes, Kevin Casteblanca, Yosuf Salomon, Noah Guber, Andrew Maldonado, Johnny Chumbiauca and Tyler Citrin.

Springfield's next game is this Sunday at 5:15 p.m. at the Summit Swampdragons.

The pitch is Glenside Avenue Field, which is located at 196 Summit Ave. in Summit.

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Scorpions, Explorers youth softball triumph

The following are Union Suffragettes Week Two results of games played Sunday:

SENIOR DIVISION

Scorpions 14, Comets 13: Christine Supino led the six run rally in the final inning. Gerena Garrido blasted a grand slam and Amanda Torres drove in the winning run with a single. Sammy Kotatis had 4 RBI. Kaitlyn Bober hit a grand slam and Haley Warnock drove in a run for the Comets. Sasha Korn hit the ball in her every at-bat. Christina Melchionna and Angelica Miranda contributed with their pitching in an exciting game.

Aquarians 9, Libras 4: Samantha Krupa hit a grand slam and Tasia Redd batted and showed fine defense. Jessica Ludolph pitched great in relief for the Aquarians. Taylor Bedlivy and Kayla Keane both had great at-bats. Nicole Fuscaldo and Ally Sabogal demonstrated solid defense for the Libras.

Geminis 20, Leos 15: Adriana Belmonte had a double and 4 RBI. Heather Kearney also had a double and 3 RBI. Alexis Kearny, Maeve Forde, and Stephanie Creegen each scored three runs. Natalie DiPetrillo had three hits including a long double. Amanda Londino and Jen Puschak hit the ball hard for the win. The Leos played a very aggressive game. Grace Gelcius did amazing in her pitching debut. Paulina Silva brought in two runs with two doubles. Joyce Kalil made an amazing catch in the outfield. Alanna Jereb, Samantha Dusman, Katie Wachter and Jocelyn Jimenez all played well.

Capricorns 11, Virgos 5: Tatiana Blackwell had two hits and 4 RBI. Janai Ottey also had an RBI and two hits. Alanna Smith hit a home run and RBI and made an unassisted double play. The Virgos were led by Kellie Mendes and Krystle Vera who both pitched well and scored two runs each. Amanda Ferrigno made outstanding plays at shortstop and had 3 RBI.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Explorers 3, Farmers 1: Jackie Shulz struck out twelve in six innings. Jasmine Bonaparte hit three solo home runs and Tania Grissom contributed with two hits. Allison Pierce showed great defense in the field for the Explorers. Alyssa Steinmetz had three hits and an RBI. Kylie Queen had a great hit along with Ashley Inghilleir who pitched a great game.

Entertainers 16, Educators 3: Kelsey Krupa highlighted a five run inning with a grand slam. Katie Ruopp, Caryn Filippone, and Olivia Corveleyn combined for seven runs. Grace Corveleyn made a great play in the field. Jessie McDonough pitched a complete game and struck out six for the win. Daniela Santos pitched great and the Educators played well defensively.

Professionals 21, Scholars 5: Ciara Johnson led the Scholars' with a home run. Cassie Lamadieu, Brianna Aguiar, Amanda Mangan, and Jenna Anita contributed with great hits.

Cranford, R. Park, Johnson softball triumph

Three softball teams that will challenge for Union County supremacy - Cranford, Roselle Park and Johnson - all won last week.

Cranford improved to 5-1 and won its fifth straight after downing Union Catholic 7-0 April 13 in Scotch Plains.

Senior right hander Kelly Hardman tossed a one-hitter to improve to 3-1, striking out 14 and walking one.

Cranford then won at Roselle 10-0 last Thursday before falling to IHA 7-2 Saturday in the Black and Gold Invitational at Cedar Grove.

Roselle Park outslugged conference rival New Providence 10-3 April 14 for its seventh victory. Jennifer Fanelli went 3-for-4, with a triple, two runs and three RBI.

The Panthers lost at home to Westfield 3-2 Monday to slip to 3-2.

Johnson improved to 5-4 last Friday when it edged Roselle Park 2-1 at home. Junior right hander Cat Reichers upped her record to 5-3 after tossing a five-hitter that included eight strikeouts, three walks and just one earned run. Teammate Brielle Stigliano slugged a two-run single.



Photo by JR Parachini

The Cranford baseball team is sparked by the play of senior second baseman Rob Ghiretti (No. 10 at bat). Cranford entered Tuesday's scheduled game at Union with an 8-2 record and had not yet lost to a Union County opponent.

Roselle Park baseball feels better after 2 wins

By JR Parachini
 Sports Editor

Roselle Park has been one of the winningest baseball programs in Union County under head coach Nick Agoglia, who played for the Panthers before graduating in 1995.

This year's squad was an uncharacteristic 0-6 before finally winning last Wednesday at Union County Conference-Valley Division foe Oratory Prep 7-3 in Summit.

The Panthers then got back junior first baseman and three-year varsity performer Jeremy Montanez for Friday's second annual Roselle Park Dads Club Invitational game against Dunellen.

Montanez went 2-for-2 and produced the game-winning hit - a two-run single - to help lift Roselle Park to an 8-0 triumph.

Suddenly Roselle Park felt a lot better at 2-6 heading into this week's competition, which was to begin Tuesday with a big home game against conference foe St. Patrick.

"He boosts our lineup tremendously," Agoglia said.

Roselle Park struggled to score runs in its first six games, scoring only 14. The Panthers were shut out once, scored one run once and managed four in one game that went nine innings.

Senior right hander Tim Angus earned the mound victory against Oratory Prep, while fellow senior righty Devante Campbell tossed a three-hitter in shutting out Dunellen.

CRAFORD VS. SOUTH PLAINFIELD SUNDAY FOR WATCHUNG HILLS TITLE

Cranford's seventh straight win was a 10-0 victory over Passaic County squad Wayne Hills Saturday at Somerset County school Watchung Hills.

It came in one of two Watchung Hills Tournament games. In the other, South Plainfield edged Watchung Hills 3-2.

As a result, Cranford will play South Plainfield at 3 p.m. Sunday at Watchung Hills in the championship game. The 10:30 a.m. third-place game will pit Wayne Hills vs. Watchung Hills.

The games are Sunday because Watchung Hills has a county game Saturday.

Cranford senior right hander Pat Gilstrap improved to 2-0 after tossing a 65-pitch (41 strikes, 24 balls), five-inning, one-hitter against Wayne Hills. He struck out two and walked two and also helped his cause by driving in three runs.

In three starts, Gilstrap has thrown complete-game victories at Governor Livingston 5-3 on April 1 and vs. Wayne Hills and has a no-decision in a Cranford 5-3 conference win at home over Roselle Catholic on April 6. In that game, Gilstrap allowed three runs - two earned - in four complete innings, striking out one and walking one.

Against GL he tossed a four-hitter, allowing three earned runs, while striking out five and walking two.

Gilstrap has a 1.98 ERA and opponents are batting .188 against him. In 17.2 innings, he has allowed six runs - five of them earned - and 12 hits. He has 16 strikeouts and six walks.

Cranford's 8-2 start includes six pitchers with at least one win. Gilstrap and sophomore right hander Kurt Rutmeyer have two each, with Rutmeyer also 2-0. With one win each are sophomore right hander Vincent Colineri, senior left hander Nick Cook, junior righty Justin VanOstenbridge and freshman lefty Ryan Williamson.

CRUSADERS GO 4-0 LAST WEEK AND HAVE FLAIR FOR THE DRAMATIC

This was Johnson's week:

On Monday, April 12, the Crusaders scored two runs in the top of the seventh to snap a 4-4 tie and win at Roselle Park 6-4.

On Tuesday the Crusaders scored three runs in the top of the seventh to tie host Summit 6-6. Then both teams score five runs in the eighth before Johnson scores three in the top of the ninth for an eventual 14-11, extra-inning conference triumph.

On Friday, the Crusaders scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to beat conference rival Roselle Catholic 5-4 at home.

Then on Saturday Johnson snapped another 4-4 tie by scoring two runs in the bottom of the sixth on a two-run double by Billy Gray to pull out a 6-4 triumph over Holmdel in the Roselle Park Dads Club Invitational.

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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$389,297.14***
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Docket Number: F259906
County: Union

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ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-10001680
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F104107B
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. FOR THE BENEFIT OF GREENWICH CAPITAL FINANCIAL PRODUCTS, INC.
 VS
 Defendant: ISABEL PORTE, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
 Sale Date: 04/28/2010
 Writ of Execution: 02/03/2010
 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 ELIZABETHOWN 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.

SCHEDULE A
 THE PROPERTY CONSISTS OF THE LAND AND ALL THE BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES ON THE LAND IN THE City of Elizabeth, COUNTY OF Union, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS:
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 FOR INFORMATION ONLY: Being known as Lot 1033 in Block 11 on the Current Tax Assessment Map of the above municipality.
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 (2) South 01 degree 45 minutes east 118.50 feet; thence
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 (4) North 01 degree 45 minutes west 118.38 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.
 The above description being drawn in accordance with a survey drawn by Pronesti Surveying, Inc. dated September 27, 2005.
 Being commonly known as 1456 Lower Road, Elizabeth, New Jersey
 Being designated on the tax maps of the City of Elizabeth as Block 11, Lot 1033
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$572,361.60
 Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-One and 60/100
 Attorney: FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP
 80 MAIN STREET
 FIFTH FLOOR - SUITE 560
 WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052
 (973)325-8800
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$717,503.10
 Seven Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Three and 10/100
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A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$315,424.09***
 Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Four and 09/100***
 April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010
 U257410 PRO (\$123.48)

RAHWAY
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-10002296
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F921409
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: NORTH FORK BANK
 VS
 Defendant: CRISTINA ROMAN-GUTIERREZ, DIEGO F. GUTIERREZ
 Sale Date: 05/19/2010
 Writ of Execution: 03/15/2010
 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 ELIZABETHOWN 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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 Premises commonly known as: 1879 HENRY STREET, CITY OF RAHWAY NJ 07065
BEING KNOWN as LOT 12, BLOCK 152, on the official Tax Map of the City of Rahway
 Dimensions: 24.18 feet x 26.15 feet x 100.00 feet x 50.00 feet x 103.46 feet
 Nearest Cross Street: Beacon Street
 The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
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 ***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: \$289,724.83
 Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Four and 83/100
 Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
 400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
 SUITE 100
 MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054
 (856) 813-5500
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$332,457.97
 Three Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Seven and 97/100
 April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2010
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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.
 Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): NONE
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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$391,330.81***
 Three Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty and 81/100***
 Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
 200 SHEFFIELD STREET
 SUITE 301
 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
 (908)233-8500 FCZ-97588-R1
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$425,398.07***
 Four Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Eight and 07/100***
 April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2010
 U258012 PRO (\$166.60)

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-10002237
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F2510808
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: BANK UNITED FSB
 VS
 Defendant: MARTIN ESTRADA, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 Sale Date: 05/19/2010
 Writ of Execution: 12/16/2009
 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 ELIZABETHOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey
 Premises commonly known as: 107 MARSHALL STREET, ELIZABETH NJ 07208
BEING KNOWN as LOT 707, BLOCK 2, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth
 Dimensions: 25.00ft x 74.25ft x 25.00 ft x 74.25ft
 Nearest Cross Street: First Street
 The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
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JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$379,445.18
 Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Five and 18/100
 Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
 400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
 SUITE 100
 MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054
 (856) 813-5500
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$421,659.35
 Four Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Nine and 35/100
 April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2010
 U258472 PRO (\$178.36)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 Prior Mortgages and Judgments (if any): NONE
 Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$272,529.86***
 Two Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Nine and 86/100***
 Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
 200 SHEFFIELD STREET
 SUITE 301
 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
 (908)233-8500 FRZ-114100
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$327,694.12***
 Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Four and 12/100***
 April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2010
 U258013 PRO (\$162.68)

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SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-10001912
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F1357608
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: CAPSTONE FUND FBA-1, LLC OF FIRST BANKAMERICANO
 VS
 Defendant: 2432 EAST LINDEN AVENUE, LLC, JUAN ELIZALDE, GUILLERMINA TORRES AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 Sale Date: 05/05/2010
 Writ of Execution: 01/28/2010
 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 ELIZABETHOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
 The property to be sold is located in the City of Linden, County of Union and State of New Jersey.
 It is commonly known as 2432 East Linden Avenue, Linden, New Jersey 07036.
 It is known and designated as Block 432, Lot 4.
 The dimensions are approximately 100 feet by 30 feet by 103.24 feet by 30.18 feet.
 Nearest Cross Street: Ashton Avenue
 Prior lien(s): SUBJECT TO UNPAID TAXES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS
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.
 The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$516,002.81***
 Five Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two and 81/100***
 Attorney: SCHATZMAN BAKER - LAW OFFICES
 731 ALEXANDER ROAD
 POST OFFICE BOX 2329 - SUITE 201
 PRINCETON, NJ 08543-2329
 (609)924-1199
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$558,571.23***
 Five Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-One and 23/100***
 April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010
 U257408 PRO (\$154.84)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LINDEN
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-10002280
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F2166808
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: EASTERN SAVINGS BANK, FSB
 VS
 Defendant: ELTRO B. NEWMAN AND ESTATE OF LOUISE NEWMAN
 Sale Date: 05/19/2010
 Writ of Execution: 02/25/2010
 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 ELIZABETHOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN: City of Linden, County of Union, in the State of New Jersey.
PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 160 Cleveland Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036
TAX LOT #16, BLOCK #150
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 45' x 100'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Roselle Street
Taxes:
 2nd Quarter of 2009 = \$1,295.11 (estimated)*
 3rd Quarter of 2009 = \$1,447.66 (estimated)*
 4th Quarter of 2009 = \$1,447.65 (estimated)*
 1st Quarter of 2010 = \$1,387.54 (estimated)*
 *Plus interest on these figures through date of payoff and any and all subsequent taxes, water and sewer amounts.
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.
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
A FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF UNION COUNTY.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$182,652.82
 One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Two and 82/100
 Attorney: PARKER MC CAY - ATTORNEYS
 7001 LINCOLN DRIVE WEST
 THREE GREENTREE CENTRE - P.O. BOX 974
 MARLTON, NJ 08053-0974
 (856)596-8900
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
 Total Upset: \$201,789.80
 Two Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine and 80/100
 April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2010
 U258489 PRO (\$178.36)

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-10001685
 Division: CHANCERY
 Docket Number: F1200307B
 County: Union
 Plaintiff: FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN
 VS
 Defendant: SUZETTE NEWBORN; STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 Sale Date: 04/28/2010
 Writ of Execution: 02/19/2010
 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 ELIZABETHOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
 The property to be sold is located in the City of ELIZABETH in the County of Union, and the State of New Jersey.
LOT 183 BLOCK 3
COMMONLY KNOWN AS 545 COURT STREET, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY 07208
 Dimensions of the Lot are (Approximately) 100 feet wide by 25 feet long.
 Nearest Cross Street: Situated on the NORTHEASTERLY side of COURT STREET, 225.00 feet from the SOUTHEASTERLY side of SIXTH AVENUE.
 The sale is subject to unpaid taxes and assessments, tax, water and sewer liens and other municipal assessments. The amount due can be obtained from the local taxing authority. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 46:8B-21 the sale may also be subject to the limited-lien priority of any condominium/homeowner association liens which may exist.
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

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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. The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$265,364.70*** Two Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Four and 70/100***

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-10001682 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F463308 County: Union Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. 2005-OPT2 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-OPT2 VS Defendant: VICTOR JARAMILLO, DIANA JARAMILLO, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Sale Date: 04/28/2010

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The property to be sold is located in the City of ELIZABETH, in the County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 47 GROVE ST, ELIZABETH, NJ 07202. Tax Lot No. 553 in Block No. 13 Dimension of Lot Approximately: 41 X 108 AVG

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-10001721 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F2824308 County: Union Plaintiff: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. VS Defendant: JULIO CALDAS; JAVAIR SEVERO, OCCUPANT Sale Date: 04/28/2010

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sey. Commonly known as: 734 SPRING STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ 07201 Tax Lot No. 1583, in Block No. 8 Dimensions of Lot (Approximately) 26 feet wide by 150 feet long. Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the Northwestern line of Spring Street (a/k/a Route 1), distant 345 feet from the Southwesterly line of North Avenue. THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$425,529.22 ***Four Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Nine and 22/100***

RAHWAY

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-10002298 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F3764808 County: Union Plaintiff: AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC VS Defendant: MARCIA A. DURAN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL, LLC (F/K/A HOMECOMINGS FINANCIAL NETWORK, INC.) Sale Date: 05/19/2010

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The property to be sold is located in the City of RAHWAY in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 661 LINDEN AVE., RAHWAY, NJ 07065 Tax Lot No.: 66 in Block 258 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 72 ft x 135 ft

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-10001696 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: UNNL292008 County: Union Plaintiff: SHORE COMMUNITY BANK VS Defendant: DOUGLAS E. TRAUTMAN Sale Date: 04/28/2010

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ship of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey. Said premises are also known as: Block 4, Lot 1141 Approximate dimensions of premises: 115 feet X 40 feet Located approximately 115 feet from the intersection of Myrtle Street and Fairbanks Street. A more complete legal description of said premises can be found in Deed Book 3619 at Page 634. The Sale is subject to outstanding real estate taxes due, estimated at \$5,804.09

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-10001954 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F3196108 County: Union Plaintiff: LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-2 VS Defendant: NORMA L. MOJICA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR NATIONAL CITY HOME LOAN SERVICES

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The property to be sold is located in the City of ELIZABETH in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 659 JEFFERSON AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NJ 07201 Tax Lot No.: 507 in Block 12 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 30 ft x 145 ft

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-10001684 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F4416208 County: Union Plaintiff: JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE VS Defendant: CELENIA BAEZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FRANKLIN CREDIT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION Sale Date: 04/28/2010

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expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The property to be sold is located in the City of ELIZABETH in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 35 JACQUES STREET, CITY OF ELIZABETH, NJ 07201

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-10001718 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F1891008 County: Union Plaintiff: SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. VS Defendant: JOHON M. GARCIA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. Sale Date: 04/28/2010

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 1050 Anna Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07050 Tax Lot No.: 131 in Block 12 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 100 ft x 25 ft

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ROSELLE SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-10001649 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F3816508 County: Union Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-WF2 VS Defendant: SABRINA K. BALL; TRACY A. BALL; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; Sale Date: 04/28/2010

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-10001652 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F3062307 County: Union Plaintiff: LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN FOR MORGAN STANLEY, MSAC 2007-HE1 VS Defendant: MELISSA SILVA; NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION Sale Date: 04/28/2010

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ning. THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION. PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES TOTAL AS OF March 11, 2010: \$ 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. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$340,571.27 ***Three Hundred Forty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-One and 27/100*** Attorney: FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC 7 CENTURY DRIVE SUITE 201 PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054 (973) 538-4700 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office Total Upset: \$377,365.69 ***Three Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Five and 69/100*** April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010 U257377 PRO (\$162.68)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-10002294 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F1469708 County: Union Plaintiff: AURORA LOAN SERVICES VS Defendant: ISAIAS DA SILVA; STATE OF NEW JERSEY Sale Date: 05/19/2010 Writ of Execution: 11/24/2009 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 PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. The property to be sold is located in the City of ELIZABETH in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 1091 MAGNOLIA AVE, ELIZABETH, NJ 07201 Tax Lot No.: 908 in Block 12 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 22.50 ft x 100 ft Nearest Cross Street: Jackson Avenue Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due. Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available. You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due. Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any. Note: The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$637,890.31*** Six Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and 31/100*** Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC 200 SHEFFIELD STREET SUITE 301 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092 (908)233-8500 FCZ-101024 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office Total Upset: \$735,755.25*** Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Five and 25/100*** April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2010 U258464 PRO (\$152.88)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the of the City of Summit Zoning Board will be held on Tuesday April 27, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Summit City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ in the Council Chambers. This meeting will be to hear the following application(s): Atlantic Health Systems, Inc. 99 Beauvoir Avenue Block 3307, Lot 1 ZB-09-1434 Major Site plan approval with (c) and (d) variances for a helipad Bambi Marchigano Planning and Zoning Office U258514 OBS April 22, 2010 (\$11.76)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Township of Springfield Planning Board County of Union, State of New Jersey Application # 4-2010-S

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Metro PCS New York, LLC ("Applicant") has filed an application for conditional use approval and preliminary and final site plan approval with the Township of Springfield Planning Board seeking permission to place an extension at the top of an existing previously approved 113' monopole with the placement of six (6) telecommunications antennas at 120', and to also place related equipment at the base of the monopole. The property which is the subject of this application is located at 102-120 Victory Road, Springfield, New Jersey which is located in the I-20 General Industrial Zoning District and is designated on the Tax Maps as Block 303, Lot 1 ("Property"). Applicant is seeking the following approvals:

- Conditional use approval
• Preliminary and Final Site Plan approval

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Applicant also seeks such other approvals, waivers and variances from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance as may be deemed necessary or required by the Township of Springfield Planning Board at the hearing in this matter.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township of Springfield Planning Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, Wednesday, May 5, 2010 in the Council Chambers, Township of Springfield Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at which time opportunity will be given to all those in interest to be heard and at which time the Board may approve, modify or deny the application. Any interested party may appear at the aforesaid hearing, either in person, or by their attorney, and be given the opportunity to be heard with respect to the aforesaid application.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the application for development and all supporting maps, site plans and documents are on file in the office of the Administrative Officer of the Planning Board of the Township of Springfield located in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Street, Springfield, New Jersey and are available for public inspection Monday through Friday during regular municipal business hours. This notice is given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.

Metro PCS New York, LLC DAY PITNEY LLP Judith A. Babinski, Esq. (973) 966-8253 Attorneys for the Applicant U258587 OBS April 22, 2010 (\$38.71)

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This ordinance amends Chapter XIV entitled, "Rent Leveling" by (i) amending section 14-3 entitled, "Rent Leveling Board" by increasing the membership of Rent Leveling Board and (ii) amending section 14-4 entitled, "Registration" by increasing the registration fee and providing for a late penalty fee.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP Amendment ORDINANCE NO. 2010-09

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey that Chapter XIV, entitled, "Rent Leveling" is hereby amended by amending section 14-3 entitled, "Rent Leveling Board" by increasing membership of Rent Leveling Board and (ii) amending section 14-4 entitled, "Registration" by increasing the registration fee and providing for a late penalty fee.

SECTION I. Section 14-3 entitled, "Rent Leveling Board" is hereby amended by amending subsection 14-3.1 entitled, "Membership" by increasing the membership of the Rent Leveling Board from five (5) members to seven (7). The entry shall read as follows: 14-3.1 Membership. The Rent Leveling Board of the Township of Springfield (hereinafter the "Board") shall consist of [five (5)] seven (7) members, of which, to the extent possible, at least one (1) may be a landlord of residential real estate and at least one (1) may be a tenant of residential real estate. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Township Committee and their terms of

MOUNTAINSIDE

Public Auction

On May 17, 2010 at 10:00 AM Lackland Self Storage, 1229 Route East, Mountainside, NJ 07092

The Following merchandise will be sold at Public Auction. Listed below are the unit numbers along with the occupants name and a brief description of the contents.

Table with 3 columns: Unit, Occupant, Description. Includes units 2045, 0116, 0132 and their respective occupants and descriptions.

office shall be for a period of three (3) years, which terms shall be staggered. All members shall serve without compensation. At the first meeting of each year, by majority vote, the Board shall choose one (1) of its members as Chairman, and another as Vice Chairman to act in the absence or unavailability of the Chairman, the term of each which shall run through December 31 of such year.

SECTION II. Section 14-4 entitled, "Registration" is hereby amended by (i) increasing the registration fee from four (\$4.00) dollars to five (\$5.00) dollars effective January 1, 2011, and (ii) adding a penalty provision of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for failure of a landlord to register a unit by May 1 of a given year. The entry shall read as follows 14-4 REGISTRATION.

Every landlord shall, no later than January 31st of each year, register with the Township Clerk pursuant to the following:

- a. The Board will create a form for the registration of all rental apartments.
b. The initial registration fee shall [be] increase from four (\$4.00) dollars to five (\$5.00) dollars per year per rental unit effective January 1, 2011. Until January 1, 2011, the registration fee per rental unit shall be four (\$4.00) dollars.
c. One-half (1/2) of the registration fee shall be paid by the landlord and the other half (1/2) shall be paid by the tenant residing in the apartment during the month of January of each year.
d. The registration fee is to be paid to the Township each year when the registration form is filed.

Registration fees are to be used by the Board for the operation of the Board including but not limited to experts, counsel fees, Board Secretary salary, and clerical expenses.

Failure of the landlord to register an individual unit by May 1 of a given year will result in Board issuing a monetary penalty in the amount of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per unit. The aforesaid twenty-five (\$25.00) dollar penalty amount shall continue to be imposed each month during which landlord non-compliance continues. Said accumulated penalty amount shall be a lien against the landlord's property collectible as taxes on said property.

SECTION III. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION IV. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION V. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the final publication, or as otherwise provided by law.

Kathleen D. Wisniewski, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on April 27, 2010, Springfield Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., at which time and place any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.

KATHLEEN D. WISNIEWSKI, RMC/CMC Township Clerk U258537 OBS April 22, 2010 (\$73.01)

MOUNTAINSIDE

NOTICE OF BID

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Mountainside for:

"CONTRACT 2010-1 - CONSTRUCTION OF BASKETBALL COURT AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH"

Plans and specifications will be available on April 22, 2010.

Bids will be opened and read in public at the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, N.J. on May 6, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. prevailing time.

Bids shall be in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the Borough Engineer. Proposal blanks, Specifications and Instructions

to Bidders may be obtained at the office of the Borough Clerk at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, 1st Floor, Mountainside, N.J.

Bidders will be furnished with a copy of the Plans and Specifications by the Engineer, upon proper notice and payment of a check for Fifty dollars (\$50.) payable to the Borough of Mountainside, said cost being the reproduction price of the documents and is not returnable.

Bids must be made on the Borough's form of bid and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Borough Clerk, Borough of Mountainside, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, N.J. and hand delivered or sent via certified mail at the place and hour named. Bids shall be endorsed on the outside of the envelope with the name and address "BID PROPOSAL FOR CONTRACT 2010-1 - CONSTRUCTION OF BASKETBALL COURT AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH".

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or a bid bond equal to ten percent (10%) of the full amount of the bid, not to exceed \$20,000.00 and made payable to the Borough of Mountainside as a Proposal Guaranty.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 C. 127 (NJAC 17:27).

The Borough of Mountainside hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the contract to any bidder whose proposal, in the Borough's judgement, best serves its interest.

Martha Lopez, Borough Clerk U258657 OBS April 22, 2010 (\$33.32)

PUBLIC NOTICE

CLARK

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK CORPORATION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ordinance was duly adopted and approved on final reading at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council, Township of Clark on April 19, 2010.

ORDINANCE 10-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13 SECTION 13-2 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK ENTITLED EMPLOYEE POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

Edith L. Merkel, RMC Township Clerk U258516 EAG April 22, 2010 (\$11.76)

CLARK

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK CORPORATION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ordinance was duly adopted and approved on final reading at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council, Township of Clark on April 19, 2010.

ORDINANCE 10-07

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Edith L. Merkel, RMC Township Clerk U258515 EAG April 22, 2010 (\$10.78)

LINDEN

LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT AUCTION NOTICE

The undersigned shall expose for sale in accordance with RS 39:10A-1 et. seq. at public auction on APRIL 29TH, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Gabe's Towing Company, 228 South Stiles Street, Linden, New Jersey the following motor vehicles which came into possession of the Linden Police Department through abandonment or failure of owners to claim same. These motor vehicles may be examined at the aforementioned location at 9:00 a.m. on APRIL 28TH, 2010. All sales are "as is". Vehicles must be removed by a wrecker within two working days.

Linden Police Department Michael Boyle, Chief of Police

The following vehicles will be sold with a "JUNK TITLE" issued by the State of New Jersey, Department of Motor Vehicles and are for "PARTS or SCRAP" only and cannot be retitled.

Table with 4 columns: MAKE, YEAR, SERIAL#, MINIMUM BID. Lists vehicles from PLYMOUTH, CHEVY, TOYOTA, FORD, ACURA, HONDA, HONDA.

The following vehicles will be sold with an application for title from the N.J. Division of Motor Vehicles. The Linden Police Department does not guarantee title only the application. It is the responsibility of the public to inspect vehicles before sale.

Table with 4 columns: MAKE, YEAR, SERIAL#, MINIMUM BID. Lists vehicles from OLDS, NISSAN, DODGE.

U258521 PRO April 22, 2010 (\$44.10)

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Display - Space reservation 5 PM Friday
Ad Copy 12 noon Monday
Business Directory 4 PM Thursday

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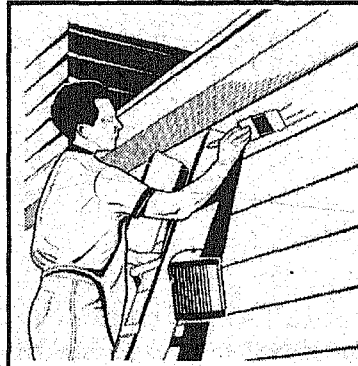
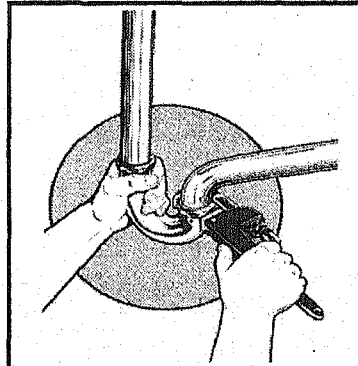
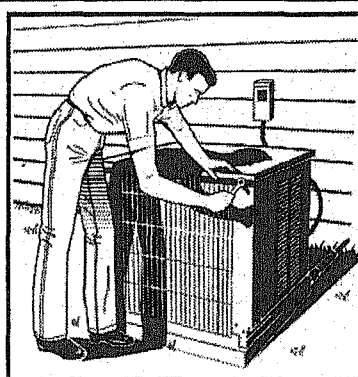
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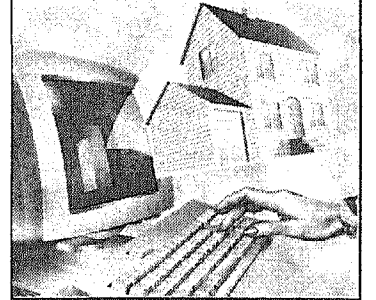
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Municipalities may face cuts to UEZ funding

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

Hillside and Roselle may not see the economic development funds they have in the past thanks to cuts in the state budget.

To help fund his \$28.3 billion spending plan for the 2011 fiscal year, Gov. Chris Christie recommended diverting all of the Urban Enterprise Zone tax to the state treasury.

For some towns, that will mean loss of jobs and putting off economic development projects already in the planning stages.

The governor's budget cuts off \$91.7 million in funding for UEZ areas such as Hillside and Roselle,

which provide tax breaks to businesses and consumers as well as funnel money into improvement projects. The UEZ program was created in 1983 to foster an economic climate that revitalizes designated urban communities and stimulates their growth by encouraging businesses to develop and create private sector jobs through public and private investment.

As it stands, consumers would still benefit from the 3.5 percent tax break they now receive in designated UEZ zones, however, the remaining 3.5 percent that was previously diverted for economic development purposes would be withheld by the state.

Each individual UEZ zone uses these funds differently. Some filter it for business loans, police and security cameras or downtown streetscape, facade and lighting projects. Also taking a major hit would be the 10 percent of these monies used for administering UEZ zones.

Hillside UEZ Administrator Yves Aubourg is concerned about the future of the UEZ, as well as his job. With the loss of his wife last year, and three children to raise, not knowing what June will bring is unnerving. Right now he has the promise of a job until the end of June, but after that, everything is in the state Legislature's hands. Until then, Aubourg is focusing on the

tasks at hand, completing projects already in the works.

"We have 80 businesses involved in programs," he explained, adding that Hillside UEZ has successfully brought about 51 projects in 10 years.

"The UEZ has been a great tool for economic development in Hillside and all UEZ towns and cities," said Aubourg, who feels funding should not be abruptly cut, but a transition period enacted so ongoing projects can be completed.

Governors and lawmakers have dipped into the UEZ money before, but unlike Christie's proposed budget, they repaid it.

While some UEZ zones, like

Newark or Elizabeth, are large enough to sustain themselves on surplus funds, smaller towns such as Roselle and Hillside do not have that option because any excess funds are loaned out right away.

Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage did not foresee a bright future for UEZ zones.

"This kills urban enterprise zones," he said, noting that there was no doubt this meant administrative layoffs starting in July.

Christie, on the other hand, said last week that he did not think the proposed budget cut would eliminate any jobs.

"I don't buy the idea," he said in a press release.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Alternate route open for police hopefuls

Union County Prosecutor Theodore J. Romankow announced that the John H. Stamler Police Academy will offer the Alternate Route Basic Police Program in the next police recruit class beginning on or about July 16, and that the application process is now open.

Anyone interested in applying for the Alternate Route program must apply in person at the John H. Stamler Police Academy, 1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, on the Union County Vo-Tech campus, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Alternate Route candidates demonstrating financial hardship will be given one year from the time they obtain a position in law enforcement to pay the tuition. For

information, contact the John H. Stamler Police Academy at 908-889-6112.

Annual golf outing to take place in June

The Cranford Chamber of Commerce is hosting their 12th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner on June 1 at Shickamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains.

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Prudential sponsored 'Shredding Day'

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Tackling reading



On March 11, three members of the Rutgers Football team visited St. Agnes School, Clark. In addition to reading several books to the lower grades, the players visited the middle school and signed autographs. The visit coincided with the Annual Book Fair to promote the school's 'March into Reading' program. So far the children of St. Agnes have read 1149 books this month. Rutgers football player Tyler Thomas, #91, reads a book to a class at St. Agnes.

HILLSIDE BRIEFS

Enjoy movies, poetry, songs at library

The following events are scheduled at Hillside Public Library for this month:

- Today, Express Yourself Through Poetry and Song, free program, ages 11 and older, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, free after school movie, from 4 to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, free chess lessons for

ages 7 and older, open to all, from 2 to 4 p.m., equipment will be supplied by the library.

- Monday, The Read to a Dog, program returns from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Express Yourself Through Poetry and Song, free program, for ages 11 and older, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, free arts and crafts, all ages, 4 to 5 p.m.
- April 29, Open Mic Night, free

and open to all, from 6 to 8 p.m.

- April 30, free after school movie, "New Moon," 4 to 6 p.m.

Hillside Public Library Trustees to meet

The Hillside Public Library Board of Trustees will meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates: May 19, June 16, Sept. 15 and Oct. 20.

Opposition to the helipad continues

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — Residents are continuing to air their feelings regarding the possibility of a helicopter landing pad being constructed atop Overlook Hospital as the application process approaches the one-year mark.

At the April 5 Zoning Board hearing, the board resolved to hire an independent acoustical engineer to help examine concerns about quality of life issues. Officials are not certain when this expert will be available to testify.

Zoning Board Attorney Dennis Galvin said it is not clear when this expert may be available to testify.

"It's a very challenging case and it takes its own twists and turns," he said. "We are doing our best to bring it to its conclusion."

The applicant, Atlantic Health Service Hospital Corporation, will require preliminary and final major site plan approval as well as approval for variances to move forward with the project.

Public attendance at the hearings has remained strong.

"I see a lot of cases where there's strong public sentiment, but I don't see many cases that go this long," said attorney John DeLaney, who represents several objecting residents. "This is like a trial and its been very interesting on all levels."

Medical Director of Neuroscience at Overlook John Halperin said the primary purposes of adding a helipad at the facility will be to reduce transport time as well as the

need for ground ambulance services. Most flights are expected to transport patients with serious neuroscience needs related to strokes and cranial bleeding. Halperin said that in treating strokes, time is of the essence, noting a motto, "time is brain."

"With each hour lost, the amount of brain matter damaged increases and the outcome is worse," Halperin said.

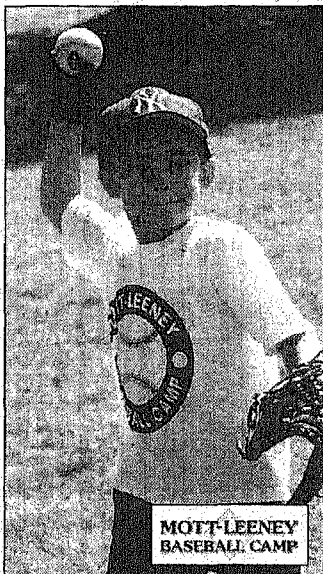
At present, helicopters bearing patients bound for the hospital are forced to use such improvised landing sites as Memorial Field or the parking lot of the municipal pool, where local police and fire personnel must work to safely clear the area. A report from City Planner Eileen Banyra indicates a minimum of two variances will be required if the application is approved — one for the proposed structure's height and a second for a conditional use as the application does not meet all of the conditional use requirements reflected in city ordinance. Objections to the proposal have come from citizens concerned about the impact of the helipad on their lives, particularly their property values and the noise disturbances associated with the aircraft.

Andy Gottesman, a resident of Oak Ridge Avenue, said he is hopeful that the board will turn down the application. He said most hospitals equipped with helipads are trauma centers or are located in non-residential areas.

Future hearings are set for Tuesday, May 3, May 11 and May 17.

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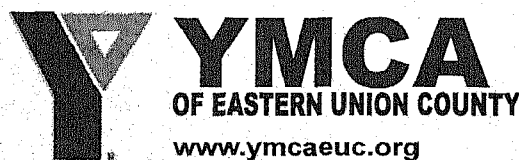
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1. True or False: Plastic can be found in carpeting and clothing.

True. Plastic goes beyond the traditional uses for this material. Plastic fibers are even used in clothing and carpeting, plus the dyes used to color these items. Therefore, recycling clothing and carpeting is just as important as putting your used plastic canisters in the recycling bin.

2. If you had to choose a type of "safe" plastic that does not transmit harmful chemicals into foods or beverages, what would it be: polycarbonate, polyethylene or polyvinyl chloride?

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3. True or False: All plastic resins can be recycled.

False. The number stamped on the bottom of the product tells you the type of resin, but unfortunately not all plastic can be recycled. Often municipal recycling programs will collect all plastics and then sort them at the recycling facility. Those that can't be recycled are discarded with the rest of the trash.

4. From what material is plastic made: petroleum, coal, or wood?

Petroleum. Plastics are largely made from the byproducts of petroleum refining. They

also can be made from natural gas.

5. True or False: There's now an all-natural plastic that can be grown.

True. Products can be made from polyactic acid, a material made from a variety of plants, such as sugar cane, corn and potatoes. The dextrose in these plants is separated, fermented, dehydrated and then crystallized to form polymers similar to plastic.

6. How long is it estimated to take plastic to decompose?

1,000 years. When sitting in a landfill, experts surmise that it can take 1,000 years or more for plastic to begin to decompose, but no one knows for certain. Plastic bags can take 10 to 20 years if exposed to adequate sunshine and air.

7. Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every: minute, hour, or day?

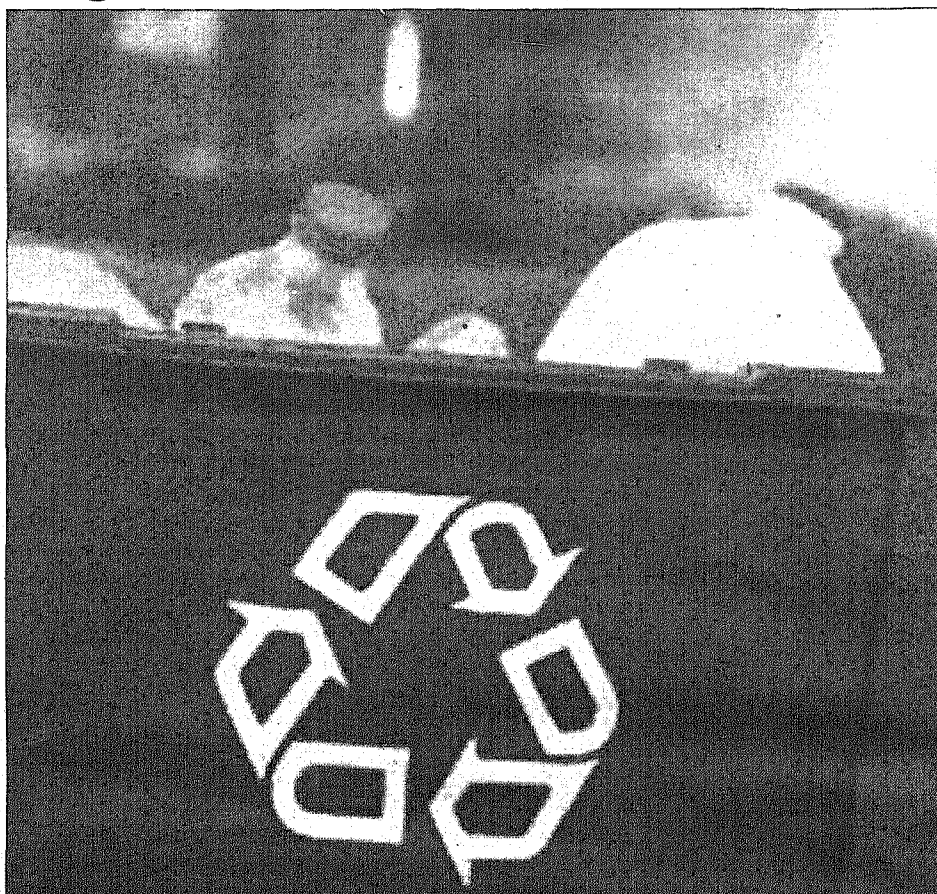
Hour. It's important to recycle those bottles because they may be able to be turned into things like trash cans, park benches, playground equipment, decks, and kayaks.

8. Plastic film or wraps are used in abundance. One could shrink wrap what state with the amount of plastic film made in one year?

Texas, the second largest state in the country.

9. True or False: Polystyrene foam, commonly known as Styrofoam, is recyclable.

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There are also "gifts" we can give to the environment every day — turning off the water while brushing teeth, running dishwashers only when full, reusing plastic bags, switching from single-use plastic water bottles to reusable stainless steel drinking containers; putting on a sweater rather than turning on the heat, unplugging appliances when they are not in use and replacing incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient, eco-friendly bulbs. Best of all, after several repetitions, these earth-saving actions can become habits that require no additional thought or effort.

Outside, replacing lawns with native, drought-resistant plants, or watering lawns less frequently saves large amounts of water,



Planting a tree is one way to give back to the environment during this season of giving.

reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and means that the lawn mower will be used less often. And when the lawn does need cutting, consider using electric mowers during off-peak hours.

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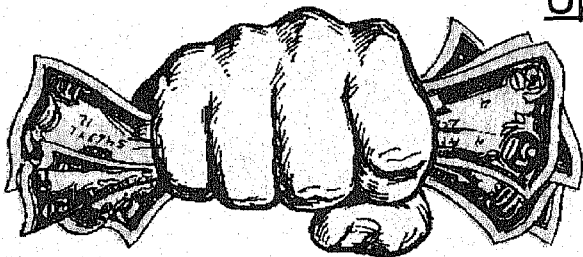
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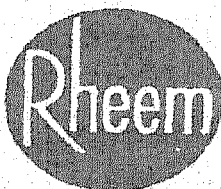
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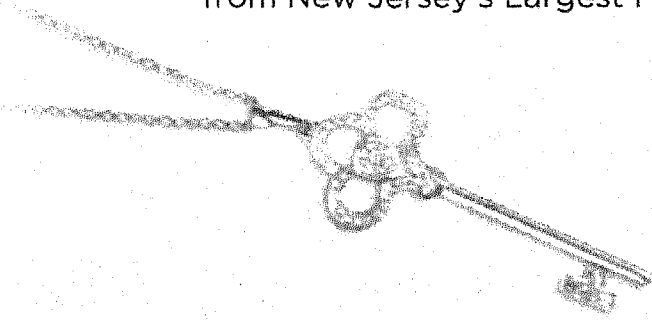




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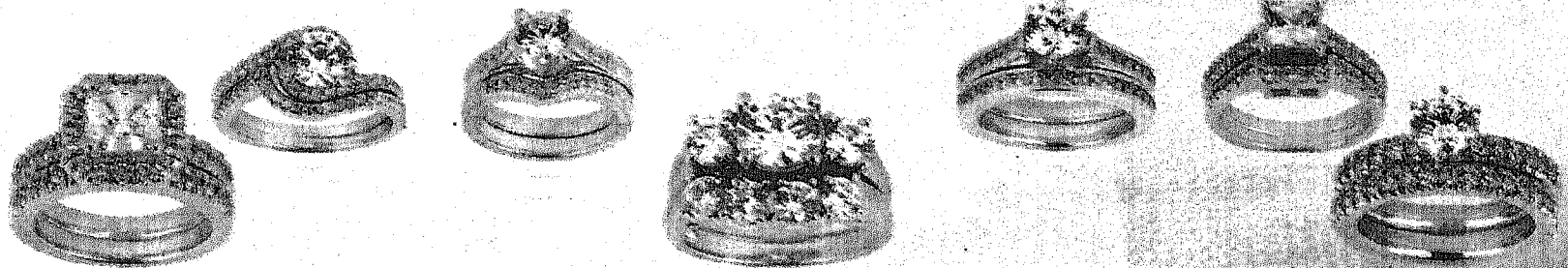
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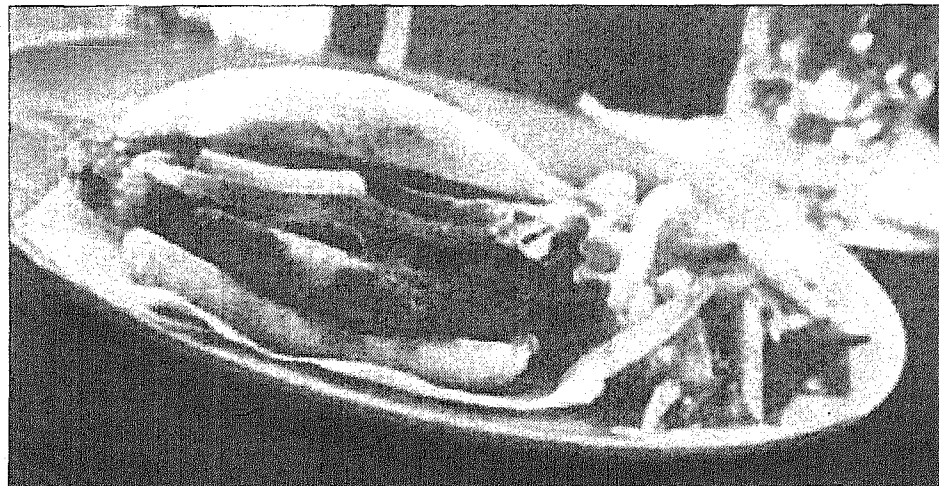


Taking a proactive approach to being Earth-friendly

Perhaps no issue has garnered more headlines in the 21st century than the environment. A cause celebre for years, the issues facing the environment were even documented by former Vice President Al Gore in the Academy Award-winning film "An Inconvenient Truth."

While there are several reactionary things people can do to help their environment, there are also preemptive actions concerned citizens can take to lessen their carbon footprint. Such actions are known as "pre-cycling," which allow us to reduce the amount of resources needed to manufacture goods. The following ways are some of the more effective means to pre-cycling and won't take much effort at all while still paying big dividends.

- **Reduce reliance on packaging.** Excess packaging produces significant and often unnecessary waste. When gifting, in lieu of wrapping paper, employ a reusable gift bag. If shopping, if two products are similar in quality, consider the packaging before making a purchase. If one has excess packaging, send an indirect message to manufacturers



Even if hosting a backyard barbecue, serving food on a reusable plate as opposed to throwaway paper plates can pay big dividends for the environment.

and avoid that one. Believe it or not, market research is done on such consumer decisions, and your voice will be heard if you routinely make such decisions.

- **Use cloth instead of plastic bags at the grocery store.** Many grocery stores now sell reusable cloth bags shoppers can use to reduce the production of plastic grocery bags.

If the local store doesn't sell them, simply purchase them online or at another store. People who have already done this often say they forget the bags when heading to the store. To combat this problem, simply place them in the trunk of your car once you've taken the groceries home and unloaded the bags.

- **Convenience isn't really convenient.** Nowadays, society is all about immediacy. The more convenient something is, the more popular it will likely become. However, many times what's billed as convenient is anything but. For instance, harming the environment is never convenient, so while those styrofoam cups at the coffee shop might be more immediately convenient than lugging a travel mug around each and every day, those styrofoam mugs are not convenient to the environment.

- **When hosting a party, don't opt for throwaway paper plates.** Instead, choose reusable plates. They don't have to be the fine china, but sturdy, reusable plates can be bought on the cheap at most home stores and will be far more beneficial to the environment than their paper counterparts.

You can green your laundry in eight simple steps

Most people equate doing laundry with getting things white and bright. But how about laundry that's green?

Everyone has to do laundry, and it turns out that in and around the laundry room there are ample opportunities to make some green changes.

1. Give clothes a cold bath. Reports from the U.S. Department of Energy state that 90 percent of energy usage involved with washing clothes is from heating the wash water. Simply switching to washing clothing in cold water can save a bundle.

2. Switch to powdered detergent. Liquid detergents are mostly water, and therefore require more packaging. Choosing concentrated liquids is better, but powders may offer more bang for your buck — and less waste.

3. Skip the fabric softener. Fabric softeners are often mostly chemicals, which end up being vented into the air. Natural fiber clothing won't be prone to static cling as much as

synthetic fibers, so you may be able to go without fabric softener if you wear cotton, wool and linen, for example.

4. Line dry when possible. On a nice day, hang your clothing out to dry in the fresh air and sunshine to save a lot of energy. Indoors, put clothes on a drying rack. Otherwise, invest in a dryer that has moisture sensors and will automatically shut off the dryer when the clothing is dried. This reduces energy waste.

5. Look for earth-friendly dry cleaners. Most dry cleaners use perchloroethylene, which is neither good for the environment nor people. Seek out ones that use carbon dioxide dry cleaning, which is safer for the environment. Consumer Reports has also stated that CO2 cleans better than perc.

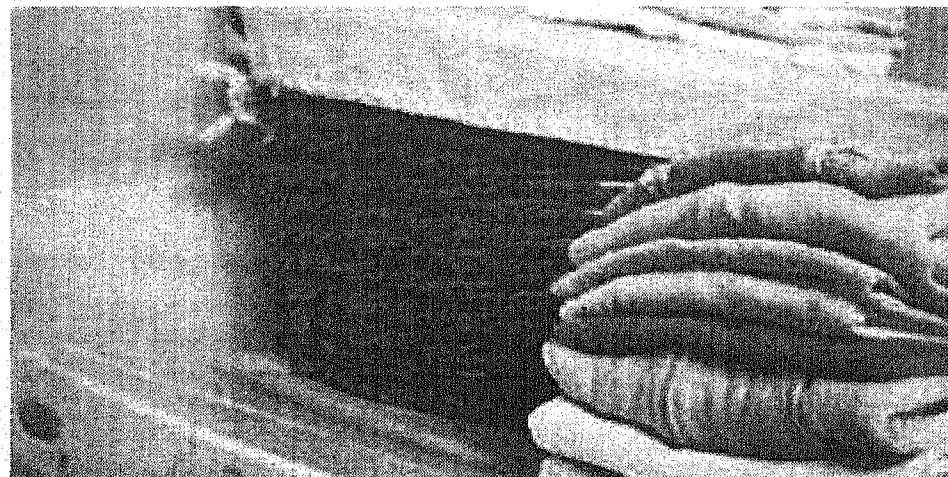
6. Only run your washer when there's a full load. This will cut down on wasted water and clean more efficiently.

7. When the dryer needs to be run, clean the lint screen frequently. Clean out the lint

trap after every load of clothes dried. This way you are sure that the dryer is running efficiently and won't be compromised by poor air flow from a clogged lint trap.

8. Choose Energy Star rated appliances.

Energy Star qualified washers use at least 40 percent less energy than standard washers and roughly half the water. If you're in the market for a new washer, look for the Energy Star label.



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If you have a hybrid car parked in your garage, recycle rain water to irrigate backyard plants and have replaced just about every bulb in your home with compact fluorescents, there's a good chance that you're environmentally conscious.

But what if you've just gotten engaged and want to impart some of these green ways of thinking to the wedding?

What can you do to be earth-friendly when tying the knot?

Wedding industry insiders say that the trend of going green with weddings is growing exponentially.

David Cooperrider, a business professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, says that going green is one of the great business opportunities of the 21st century, and there is much potential for the wedding industry.

He offers that wedding vendors that are not going green will be at a competitive disadvantage to those who do.

Going green for your wedding day

doesn't mean you have to compromise on the elements that will make the day special.

It just means you can take a look at the details and the bigger picture and develop strategies that will minimize the impact on the planet.

- Go local: From food to flowers, choose vendors that use locally grown and raised products.

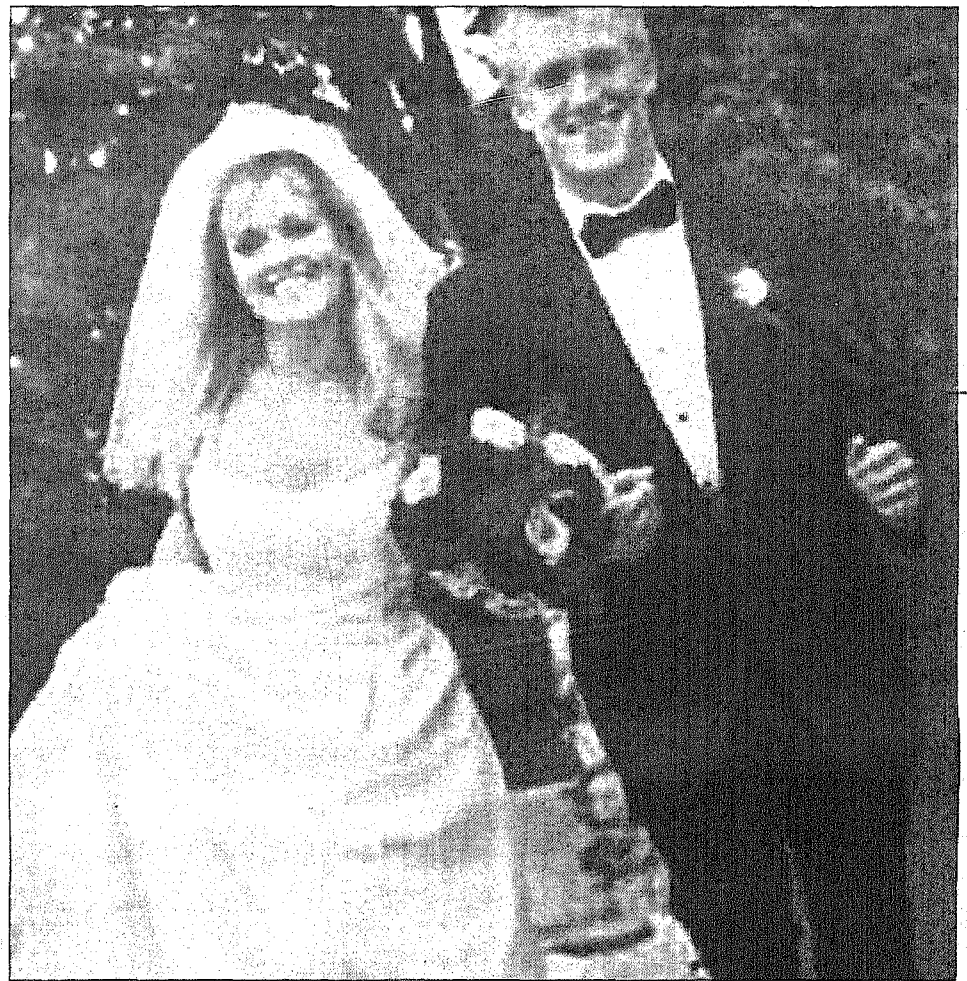
This reduces the amount of smog generated and fuel consumed to bring items in for your wedding.

Many caterers are now collaborating with local farms and other vendors to offer organic, locally grown menu items. It pays to ask about availability.

- Go to your guests: Figure out where the greatest number of your guests reside and then have the wedding nearby.

For example, a couple from the northeast who has relocated to the west coast, but has all of their family still in the east, may want to hold their wedding in the east.

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An outdoor wedding featuring locally grown flowers can save on the energy it would take to power a large reception hall.

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Weddings can be a good time to go green

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It is less expensive and more environmentally friendly for the couple to simply fly to the wedding, rather than for them to have hundreds of guests drive or fly west.

- Be mindful of wardrobe choices: Choose items that really can be worn again.

Skip the rented tuxes and ask grooms-men to wear a similar styled suit that they can add to their work wardrobe.

Bridesmaids can wear a simple black cocktail dress so that they're not left

with a taffeta creation that will only hang in the closet afterward.

If you decide to go more traditional with wardrobe, find out if gowns can be recycled or donated so that they can be reused in another way.

- Choose recycled materials for wedding invitations and announcements: There are an increasing number of suppliers creating invitations from recycled materials.

Some will do all the assembly for you; other less expensive items may be more hands-on.

Cut down on further use of paper by creating a wedding Web site where you post directions, maps, party times, and other essential information so you avoid extra slip-in sheets with your invitations.

- Create car-pool options: Bus guests to your venue to save on gas.

It is also a safer option for those who will be indulging in alcoholic beverages at the party since they won't have to drive on the return trip home.

- Investigate ecologically responsible wedding jewelry: According to

Greenkarat, purveyors of ecologically responsible engagement rings and wedding bands, 2,500 tons of gold are mined each year, even though there is enough gold above ground — already mined — to satisfy all demands of the jewelry industry for the next 50 years.

Much of it sits in bank vaults and in the form of old and unused jewelry.

See if you can recycle old jewelry into something new.

Or embrace the sentimental hand-me-down rings from a grandmother or other relative.

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Business Owners Speak Out on Christie's Budget

By Rod Hirsch

Business leaders throughout Union County concede the \$29.3 billion budget proposed by Gov. Chris Christie is lean and extreme but maintain that his predecessor's unwillingness to grapple with rampant spending, entitlements, high property taxes and ballooning debt service left the Republican governor with little choice.

They support Christie's no-nonsense approach. Sacrifice is both long overdue and needed.

Christie made it clear during his campaign against incumbent Jon Corzine that his top priority would be an all-out assault against the state's fiscal irresponsibility. When he took office he inherited a deficit of \$11 billion, a budget laden with fixed costs, mounting debt service and contractual obligations with state workers.

The governor crafted a no-frills budget that targets schools, government workers, entitlements and homeowner programs like the popular Homestead Rebate. The proposal also includes a proposed capped increase of 2.5 percent on all municipal spending.

In short order Christie's approval rating plummeted. A Fairleigh Dickinson University survey showed the governor's approval rating dipped by nine points to 43 percent following release of his budget.

Business experts from a variety of industries in Union County believe sound business practices found in the private sector which have allowed them to survive the recession will work in the public sector. They also are confident their businesses will benefit long term, having already taken steps to

ensure their future by trimming, condensing and cutting costs – steps they see needed at the state level.

"I think the governor is being very honest about the state's fiscal challenges," said Bruno Genova of Allegiance Title Agency. "He's making tough choices that need to be made and that have been neglected too long. His biggest challenge is persuading us it's good for business, but in general any time a state puts its fiscal house in order it's good for business."

One of the areas targeted for cuts by Christie is aid to public schools, where teachers historically have enjoyed generous benefits. The school boards in Scotch Plains and Berkeley Heights are clients of Ed Gunther, owner of Centric Benefits Consulting in New Providence.

"The one area where he's right on is the level of benefits on the health plans," Gunther said. "They are so unbelievably rich, it just has to change."

Christie's hard ball approach has already brought tangible results. Nearly 100 of the state's 600 school districts have been able to wrangle concessions from teachers' unions and to implement some form of wage freeze while some teachers have agreed to contribute more toward their health premiums. In return, Christie has agreed to increase levels of state aid to those districts, some of which have been cut upward of 25 percent.

"It will be interesting to watch the school district budget votes (statewide school board elections and budget votes were held April

20)," Gunther said. "How many of them will go down? School boards are faced with an impossible task. They're locked into benefit levels that are so rich. There's no way these medical plans are only going up 2.5 percent

and you can't waive that out of your budget. How do you manage that?"

Gunther recently received word from his health insurer that rates for Centric's health

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Union County business leaders such as Rose Bussiculo, president of Epicor in Linden, in her warehouse with plant manager John Griffiths (center) and production manager Paul Cavalchire, are reacting positively to the proposed budget of Gov. Chris Christie as needed medicine for a sick state.

State Budget Axe Draws Local Blood

By Gina Diorio

From High Point to Cape May, municipalities across New Jersey rely on state aid to support and complement their budgets. So it is no surprise that Gov. Chris Christie's proposal to reduce state aid to municipalities by \$359 million and to schools by \$819 million is forcing municipal and educational decision-makers statewide to re-construe budgets, reevaluate programs and services, and reorganize operations.

While the final impact of these cuts in town halls and schools will not be known for

some time, many questions are being asked by everyone from students to municipal business administrators. Are the changes towns and school boards are making going to be enough to offset the funding reductions without significant cuts in staffing and/or services? And what measures has the Christie administration proposed to help towns and school districts as they face this new budgetary road?

Union Township is facing a nearly \$1.3

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The Nomadic Salesperson

The Psychology of Surviving in the Sales Desert

By Andy Gole

Most of us enjoy a regular pattern in our work lives. We typically return daily to the same place, work with the same team. This structure reinforces our view of existence as reasonable and predictable. Division of labor and specialization of tasks allows us to be productive by applying our skills to a finite niche.

The salesperson wants the same structure and predictability in his life. This often leads him to return to familiar "watering holes" – visiting friendly faces who welcome him with open arms.

The problem is: Can these friendlies produce enough new business? If not, visiting them is akin to deliberately targeting a dry water hole in the desert when you are dying of thirst. It's a formula for disaster.

The unsuccessful salesperson is often engaged in social selling. He wants people to like him and all too often visits those who do indeed like him. While being liked is no crime and can actually help the sales process, it is secondary to meeting the prospect's urgent need. When we meet an urgent need, the prospect has a reason to form a relationship, to get to know us.

While being liked is no crime and can actually help the sales process, it is secondary to meeting the prospect's urgent need.

The successful salesperson is more nomadic, wandering from place to place in the sales desert, looking for the sales oasis. This process is fraught with uncertainty and inevitable rejection – the

psychological equivalent of extreme thirst and the price we must pay to find the sales oasis.

This oasis often initially appears as yet another dry water hole. After identifying a viable new prospect, the decision-maker typically remarks:

1. We are "all set" – happy with the incumbent vendor – or;
2. You are all the same; it's a matter of price; what is your best price?

Here the nomadic salesperson must face uncertainty again and challenge the prospect's decision-making paradigm. (As if it weren't hard enough to just find the prospect and get an appointment; we must also "activate" the prospect.)

There is so much uncertainty and potential failure in this process that the salesperson requires a high level of structure to survive as he wanders.

In effect, to find and manage new sales opportunity requires a yin and yang, a Hegelian combination of opposites:

1. On the one hand, the salesperson must explore and seek new horizons, often with limited guidance, to locate new wells of business.
2. On the other hand, without strict controls the salesperson will miss the next water hole in the desert and die of thirst.

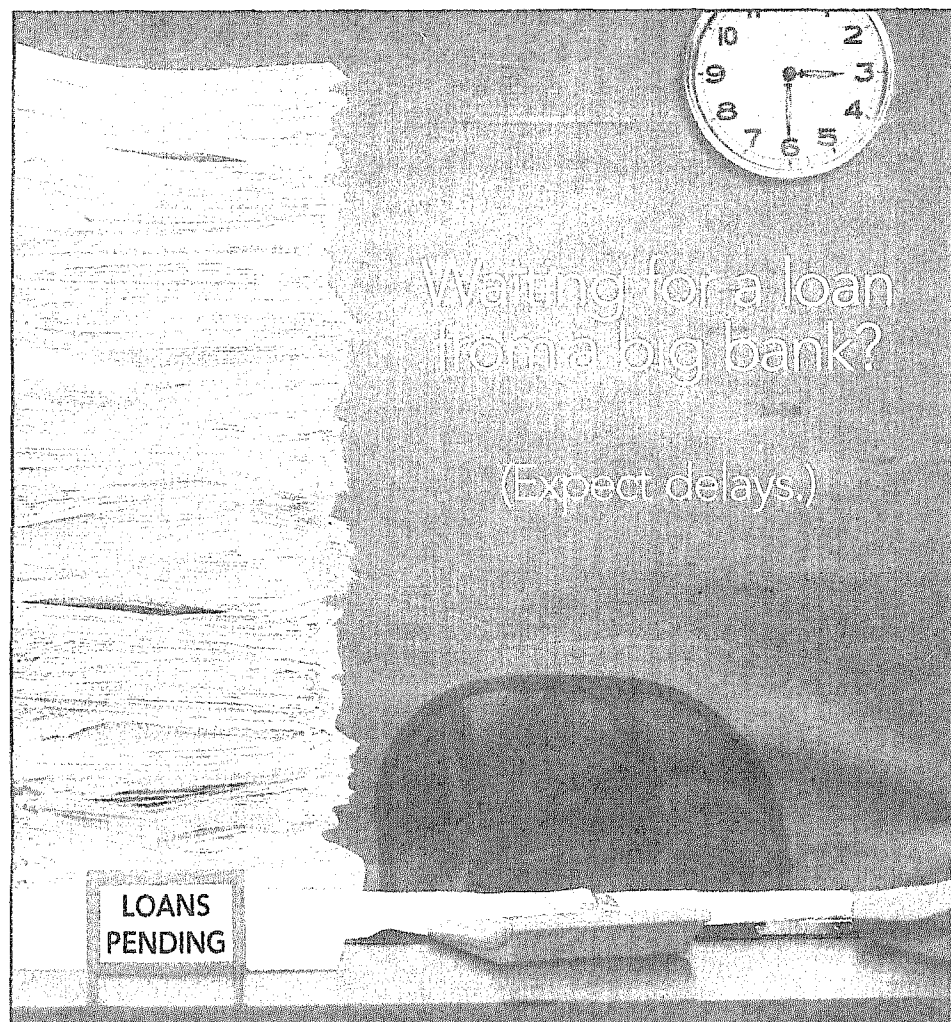
To maximize the salesperson's efficiency and productivity, controls are needed, including:

- A plan for systematically visiting new vistas.
- Strong messaging to break through inertia and resistance.
- A standard sales call for moving the prospect through the decision.
- A battle plan to follow-up opportunity and overcome the reversal curve – the tendency for a new prospect to forget we exist.

These opposite tugs – reaching out to explore, maintaining controls – require a very sophisticated approach for survival and thriving. Without mastering the yin and yang of new business development, the salesperson is doomed to die of thirst in the sales desert.

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million reduction in state aid, according to business administrator Frank Bradley.

"Obviously it has an impact on our budget," Bradley said. "When we got the news, we had to reformulate and restructure our entire budget.... We were ready to introduce the budget until we were notified of [the cuts] in state aid."

Union's calendar-based budget year was already well underway when news of the cuts hit and, according to Bradley, this left the township with only two options to make up for the reduction: raise taxes by the amount lost in state aid or use some surplus money.

"We're probably going to have to do a combination of both," Bradley said.

Bradley estimates the town's tax increase, previously pegged for approximately \$46 per household, will probably rise to the mid \$90s, helping the township to close the budget gap while not exceeding the 4 percent tax cap levy.

Furthermore, Bradley notes Union is cutting some luxury programs, such as concerts in the park, and reducing the summer help program that employed youth to work in township parks and other areas. Township leaders also are being creative, including looking at consolidating work and sharing services.

The good news amid the crunch is that the township will not be eliminating any jobs.

"We had settled our contracts prior to the cut in state aid," Bradley said. "We negotiated... a change in healthcare that saved us \$5 million... So we were able to retain [our] workforce and secure [a] contract with union employees until 2012."

In the Clark school district, the reduction in state aid translates into a \$1.7 million budget cut, or 5 percent, says Bill Muzio, business administrator for the Clark Board of Education. This means across-the-board modifications, he said. From personnel to athletics to maintenance, "everything down the line is being cut somewhat... nothing is being left alone," he said.

However, no programs will be eliminated and students will not be negatively impacted, Muzio stressed.

"There may be class-size increases, but that's not necessarily a bad impact," he said.

Potential job eliminations are still to be determined.

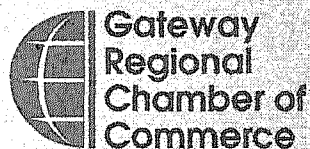
Like Union Township, the Clark board of education also is taking creative steps to reduce costs and/or increase revenue. For example, the district has outsourced its technology department and is taking back in-house the before-and-after-care program, which is currently run by the Scotch Plains YMCA. This will generate new revenue while utilizing existing staff.

Amid the talks of state aid cuts, Christie press secretary Michael Drewniak emphasizes the core issue is reform – including property tax, civil service and collective bargaining reform. To help municipalities adjust to current changes and ensure budgetary stability not just for the immediate future but also for the long-term, Christie has proposed a "tool kit" built around a constitutional amendment capping property taxes at 2.5 percent, with any increase higher than this requiring voter approval.

Christie also recommends collective bargaining reform that would prohibit labor contracts (benefits included) from going beyond the 2.5 percent proposed constitutional levy cap and requiring state-selected arbiters to examine the property-tax impact of any decisions.

Furthermore, Christie advocates changes in civil service rules that would open opportunities within the civil service system for expense-reducing shared services and furloughs while also allowing counties and municipalities to opt out of the system entirely.

From reductions and reforms to reevaluations and re-budgeting, the one constant of New Jersey's current financial landscape is change. Just as in science, where every action has an equal and opposite reaction, in budgeting, state changes require local changes. Municipalities are working to navigate these changes while sacrificing as few personnel and programs as possible.



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insurance plan, which covers six employees, is due for a 35 percent increase.

"We play by the same rules as everybody else," he said. "We've had to make massive changes to get it to a level where it's affordable. No one got pay raises last year and I had to shift one person from full- to part-time."

According to the governor, while the private sector lost 121,000 jobs in 2009, New Jersey's local governments added 11,300 new municipal and school employees.

Eric Segal of Security Business Solutions suggests both Christie and state lawmakers can learn a lesson from the pain and sacrifice suffered by the state's small business community in the economic downturn.

"They've all faced crisis before and those who have ignored it are no longer in business," Segal said. "Those who changed (and) adapted are the survivors and are those who will grow. We're in this for the long haul. The cuts he is proposing have to be made, we can't continue to operate the way we have before."

"Something has to be done. Christie is right in recognizing it but how we get there is the question. We can't correct everything overnight."

Woody Erhardt, regional vice president of Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Cranford, also views Christie's proposals as the proper route for the state.

"I've lived here my whole life and this is the most positive thing to come out of Trenton in my lifetime," Erhardt said. "Times are tough for business people right now but these cuts are necessary. It's not fun for any of us and it's tough on the auto business but you know what, it has to happen. Otherwise we won't be around too much longer."

"It's not a treat for me or my guys, but I'm glad to see the state jumping in here with the rest of us."

Rose Bussiculo, president and CEO of Epicor, Incorporated in Linden, a manufacturer of filtration chemicals for the power generation industry, is hopeful Christie can reduce property taxes, which she said would provide more incentives for businesses to stay in New Jersey and

invest in their operations.

"If they cut the aid to schools, thereby reducing property taxes, that will certainly help businesses," she said. "We have almost six acres here and we pay a significant amount of property taxes. If that were reduced it would help us."

"By reducing our expenses, that will ensure that businesses will not leave the state as readily as they have been. If they reduce the taxes, the companies (that) are here will be more inclined to stay and grow and expand in New Jersey. Tax cuts will improve business prospects. That will mean more available money for the businesses."

While Epicor would like to hire more employees, Bussiculo is restrained from doing so because she fears even bigger tax hikes.

"We have to be more conservative at this time even though we would like to hire," she said.

Members of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce, including Genova, traveled to Trenton to hear Christie deliver his budget address. Genova's title and insurance services agency has experienced several years of up and down business as the housing market has reacted to the erratic financial markets and lack of consumer confidence.

"The health of the economy is really critical to the housing market," he said. "By getting the state's fiscal house in order, it will contribute to the overall health of the economy and that will have a positive impact on the real estate market here in New Jersey. It is a step in the right direction."

Genova also applauds Christie's willingness to tackle the tough issues.

"To know what is right and not do something about it is to lack courage," Genova said. "This guy has courage. He's a leader. Ultimately we will measure him in these tough times by the results of the decisions he is making right now."

"He's not sweeping the state's problems under the rug. I think he's got the courage of his convictions. It's refreshing to see that in a governor. I'm glad to see he's doing what he said he was going to do. Ultimately it's for the good of the state and the good of everybody."

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Did You Know... Why we should care about "Green"?

By Nina Mon

"Green" in this conversation refers to reducing environmental impacts. So why should we care about this? Because the environment provides for the basic necessities of our lives – the air we breath, the water we drink, the food we eat, our shelters and clothes, as well as supporting our lifestyles. If we do not take care of the environment, it will not take care of us.

Do the "Green" math:

- 1 earth
- + 6.7 billion people
- + Decreasing land area with rising sea levels
- + Depleting natural resources and increasing loss of ecosystems
- + Increasing air and water pollution
- = Less environment to support life

Having grown up in cities where a large patch of green was an excursion away and clean rivers even further, the "Greener" environment was just a fairy tale for me. Transportation emissions, concrete, pavement and plastic products were my environment.

Life in the United States has been great. Now I live in a beautiful rural town with fresher air, sights of trees and green lawns overshadowing the concrete and pavements.

It is so easy to get used to living in this wonderful setting. It also would be easy to not care about where the garbage goes as long as it is out of our house, to not care where the oil comes from as long as it makes our car run, to not care about the carbon dioxide created by the power plants as long we can turn on the TV. It is so easy to feel safe in our own environment and unaffected by what's happening outside our towns, state or country.

But are we?

- Three grapefruits from Florida
- One gallon of Poland Spring water from Maine
- One half-gallon of organic milk from Wisconsin
- One gallon of oil from Saudi Arabia
- One pair of jeans from China

Sooner or later we all realize our own local environment is the earth.

Where do I start?

"If success or failure of this planet and of human beings depends on how I am and what I do, how would I be? What would I do?" – R. Buckminster Fuller

More than four decades ago the forefather of modern day sustainability, Buckminster Fuller, challenged the world to start creating a more sustainable planetary society. Five years ago I read his quote above and started examining my own life.

Many of us want to do the right thing environmentally and make a difference. Yet it is not easy when greener products and materials seem to be costly and limited in options. Getting away from a fossil fuel economy appears to be impossible when everything is run on or made with fossil fuel. Navigating through which materials are really recyclable and where to take them is equally confusing.

Power of choice

What I came to realize is that a more sustainable lifestyle is not just about purchasing products that are labeled as green or installing a solar panel on the roof. There are numerous opportunities in our daily lives that allow us to choose to act differently that will add up to making a big difference.

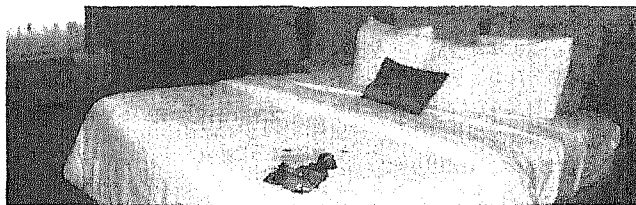
Each year the average American is responsible for one of the highest levels of consumption in the world when compared to other countries. For example:

- 32,000 gallons of potable water
- 8,600 kilowatt-hours of electricity
- 1,600 pounds of municipal solid waste

This means we can start to make a difference environmentally by changing how we live without it costing a dime. If anything, it will save us money in utility bills. We can brush our teeth without the water running, turn the lights off when we exit a room and think twice when pulling out the disposable tableware to be used just once and thrown out.

All it takes to live with the mindset of living more sustainably is to choose to do so. We can examine what we can do differently each day. When it is time to purchase new products, we should make our choices based on where they come from, how they are made and what kind of garbage will be created as a result of our choosing them.

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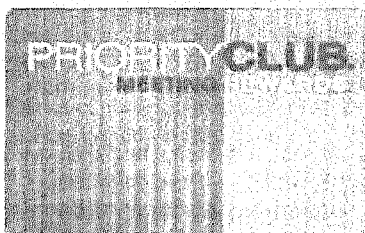
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Inside Views

Good Money Gone Bad

The Urban Enterprise Zone (UEZ) program is one of those really good ideas that didn't work out quite right.

A legislative act in 1983 created the UEZ program. Initially 10 municipal zones were created. In 1993 these were expanded to 20. Subsequently more zones were created and they now stand at 32 covering 37 municipalities. About two thirds of the UEZs also are Abbott School Districts.



Jim Coyle

The purpose of the legislation was to lure business and customers back to blighted urban areas by providing very specific incentives. For a qualified business that operates in a UEZ, the primary benefits are an exemption from paying sales tax on most products the company purchases, and for those engaged in retail operations, the ability to charge half the sales tax (currently 3.5 percent) on most products except food, alcohol, tobacco, vehicles and energy.

This 3.5 percent sales tax also is supposed to be the big draw to get wealthy suburban customers to come shop in the UEZs. However, given that most mall shopping is for clothing, which is already tax free, outside the occasional specialized, big purchase, few people have changed their shopping habits for the lower tax rate.

Thus we have not seen developments like Jersey Gardens and IKEA in Elizabeth spring up in other UEZs and their development in Elizabeth had less to do with tax rates and more to do with great location and really, really low prices, especially for visiting shoppers from New York and other points outside New Jersey.

The second aspect of the UEZ program is what really makes it popular with local mayors and councilmen, however. The 3.5 percent sales tax that is collected is returned by the state Treasury to the town to be used for broadly defined economic development. In the past decade or so, this has approached nearly a billion dollars given with almost no oversight to some of the most corrupt cities in New Jersey. What a slush fund!

For years I have expressed concern that these funds are, for the most part, wasted on patronage jobs and payback contracts to political contributors. The deal has been so sweet that even more recent pay-to-play regulations have not been applied to these funds. They also are not part of the municipal budget, so they receive negligible oversight from city council, and no public review or disclosure.

My office happens to be in the middle of one of the biggest UEZs, in the city of Elizabeth. After more than 15 years of being a close observer, I can see no difference that the millions and millions of dollars spent have made to the business climate or appeal of the city. It has been money wasted on buying political favors.

Gov. Christie, through necessity, has proposed a change to the UEZ program. Under his proposed budget, the tax benefits of the UEZ to both businesses and consumers would remain unchanged. However, the 3.5 percent sales tax collected in the UEZs would be used for the state general fund rather than as a slush fund for city mayors. In the FY 2011 budget, this is estimated to be \$91 million.

This is a very good idea. This money has been so misspent for so many years that there is little reason not to change the program. Though I have not come across any, I am sure there may be some programs out there that are worthwhile. If so, these towns should be willing to fund the project out of their own budgets, as do the other 600-odd municipalities around the state.

The governor also should conduct a complete review of all the projects that have been undertaken with UEZ funds. There are a lot of skeletons to be dug up.

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Where the Chamber Stands...

Bravo to a New Script for Growth

If the classic movie *Field of Dreams* were set in New Jersey instead of Iowa, the corn fields would have whispered, "If you can navigate the maze of state regulations on environmental protection, public notification, permitting, etc., and finally build it, they will come."

Producers would have renamed the film *Field of Horrors*.

For far too long New Jersey's regulatory environment has been a horror story that suffocates business growth and stifles job creation. Onerous regulations have overwhelmed the state and its business community like B-movie pods gone haywire until they no longer resemble their original intentions and take on powers unto themselves.

The saga of the runaway regulations began to change when Gov. Chris Christie took office and issued executive orders that froze all proposed new regulations; established a Red Tape Review Group; and ordered all state departments and agencies to alter the way they process permit applications and enforce existing regulations, with an eye toward balancing cost versus benefit.

The bipartisan Red Tape Review Group is chaired by Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno and includes Senate Majority Leader Barbara Buono (D-Middlesex), Sen. Steve Oroho (R-Sussex), Assemblyman John Burzichelli (D-Gloucester), Assemblyman Scott Rumana (R-Passaic), acting Community Affairs Commissioner Lori Grifa and acting Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Martin.

The group was tasked with assessing the impact on New Jersey's economy of 800 pages of proposed state rules, regulations and operative executive orders and "to determine whether their costs and other burdens on businesses, workers and local governments outweigh their intended benefits." The group also reviewed existing rules and regulations and was expected to issue opinions on those, as well.

The committee was scheduled to issue its findings April 19.

Now comes the suspense – what happens with the recommendations of the group and with the committee itself?

The Red Tape Review Group has no legislative or executive authority to enact recommendations. However, department and agency heads may withdraw proposed new rules and regulations and even change or rescind existing ones (through the Administrative Procedure Act that ensures the opportunity for public comment). Considering that these departments and agencies are now being directed in accordance with the philosophies of the Christie administration, it is likely that soon there will be some relief from these onerous regulations.

That is good news not only for the state's business community, but also for its employees and residents as well as its communities that benefit from a healthy business environment.

For example, the New Jersey Business & Industries Association (NJBIA) recently cited one New Jersey business that attempted for two years to get permitting for a new facility. Because state regulations kept changing, which in New Jersey mandates resubmission of applications after each change, the company gave up and built in Pennsylvania. NJBIA also compared acquiring air pollution permits in North Carolina – up to \$6,500 every five years and a 40-page application – with the same process in New Jersey – as much as \$60,000 and a 600-page application.

That is the kind of red tape the Red Tape Review Group must help eliminate if New Jersey is to claw its way out of its economic doldrums and budget crisis.

But unlike vampires slain by movie heroes who restore peace to the village, New Jersey's regulatory monster will need constant taming. While the public will always demand and deserve some oversight of business, the environment, health care and the like, regulation in New Jersey has turned into a Hydra – the mythological multi-headed snake that grew back two heads for every one cut off by Hercules.

The problem lies not with the intent of regulations enacted to protect the public but in the continued usefulness and applicability of those regulations going forward. Too often the departments and agencies charged with administering regulations are too close to sufficiently gauge their continued effectiveness.

There is no statutory mandate to make the Red Tape Review Group permanent and some would argue that introduction of more bureaucracy runs counter to Christie's call for more streamlined government.

However, this is one instance when more creates less. A permanent review board charged with evaluating the appropriateness of proposed rules and regulations and the continued effectiveness of existing ones is the best way to keep the monster of regulation from once again growing beyond control.

When initiating this review, Christie called for the use of common sense. Making the Red Tape Review Group a permanent entity is just common sense.

Only when the state is permanently relieved of this onerous regulatory environment will business – and jobs – return. If we build it, they will come.

Capital Page...

Sen. Stephen Sweeney (D-3), Senate President

Proposed Budget Not All Good News for Business

Shortly after Gov. Christie presented his proposed budget for the next fiscal year, some of New Jersey's business leaders were quick to jump on its bandwagon.

For one, the governor's proposed expiration of the 4 percent corporate business tax surcharge was a welcomed development, as it will help make us a more competitive and attractive state for business. So, too, will the total reduction in state spending. Couple these advances with the work of the governor's Red Tape Review Commission, which has its eye on streamlining the state's regulatory practices, and businesses can be optimistic.

But just below the surface are other issues which can cloud that optimism.

Topping that list is property taxes. Under law, there is no difference between residential and commercial property – the tax rate is applied equally to all. With the governor's slashing of both school and municipal aid, property taxes – including those for business – are going to continue to rise. Further, as a direct result of lost state aid, many municipalities are considering fee-based services, such as garbage pick-up, that also would directly increase costs on business.

The governor's budget would spell the end for several business tax credits. One of those is the tax credit for film and digital media production. Oddly, this tax benefit – which rewards productions that not only highlight New Jersey's locale, but also patronize our restaurants and hotels – is the type which other states have been practically falling over themselves to institute.

Tax credits available to high-tech industries would likewise be reduced. And the budget also would gut the Commission on Science and Technology, removing \$10 million in grants to facilitate science and technology start-ups. At a time when New Jersey is focused on retaining its core pharmaceutical industries while growing its portfolio of alternative energy and other new technologies, reducing these incentives for businesses is troubling.

The governor also is proposing cuts to programs that reward companies that create new jobs. Specifically, the InvestNJ program, which provided a \$3,000 per-job tax credit to expanding

businesses and offered tax breaks to companies making capital investments, is slated for elimination. Along the same line, \$19 million for the Business Employment Incentive Program that provides grants for companies that create new jobs would be cut.

At a time when New Jersey's unemployment rate continues to hover near the 10 percent mark, cutting back the potential for these programs to boost employment while helping businesses expand seems counterproductive. This is especially true for the endangered InvestNJ program, which actually had a backlog of companies eager to participate.

The budget also includes a \$20 million tax on insurers, with nothing prohibiting them from passing that cost on to their policyholders – including other businesses. Also buried in the budget's line-items is a 25 percent increase in business filing fees. Apparently not only will the cost of owning a business increase, so will the cost of opening one.

New Jersey's hospitals are one of the state's leading employers. Many of New Jersey's hospitals already exist on shaky financial ground, yet the administration has proposed nearly \$38 million in increased hospital taxes.

State tourism also would see its funding held flat. Tourism pumps nearly \$39 billion in total economic activity into the state. And with many families regionally and nationwide seeking less expensive, closer-to-home vacation opportunities, New Jersey should be expanding the draw to its hotels, restaurants, cultural and historic sites, and retail centers. This is one area of the budget where the state would actually make money by investing money.

New Jersey is facing its greatest fiscal challenge and a budget that benefits the business community will be key to economic growth and placing the state on solid fiscal ground. Surely tax cuts and lower overall spending are concepts that industry has long-championed. But a deeper analysis shows this budget is not a boon to New Jersey business, as some have argued.



Sen. Thomas Kean Jr. (R-21), Senate Majority Leader

Budget Targets Problems and Sets Stage For Bright Future

On March 16, Gov. Chris Christie delivered a budget address that lays a strong foundation for a better and more prosperous New Jersey. It was a watershed moment that fundamentally changes the way the state maintains its finances and provides an opportunity for long-term economic growth, job creation and a more affordable New Jersey.

A Look at the Numbers – New Jersey is required by our state's constitution to operate on a budget in which revenues and expenditures are in balance. If New Jersey were to maintain the status quo, we would need to spend \$38.4 billion during the next fiscal year. That is without adding any new programs, property tax relief or tax reductions.

New Jersey, however, is expected to take in only \$28.3 billion in revenue next year. That leaves a gap, or structural deficit, of over \$10 billion – a staggering amount of money that we do not have.

Past Practices – Over the past decade the state has papered over deficits and allowed itself to significantly increase spending one year after the next with a risky and unpredictable combination of tax increases, accounting gimmicks and outright money diversions.

Taxes were raised over 115 times on everything from income to home heating bills and cell phones to motor vehicle fees, leading to the affordability crisis we now face.

Billions of dollars in bonds were sold to fund excess spending. New Jersey's debt burden is now one of the top five in the country with 8.5 percent of the budget going toward debt service.

Billions more were raided from the Unemployment Insurance fund. Money that was sorely missed when unemployment in the state rose to the highest in the region.

Christie's Solutions – Gov. Christie and Republicans in the Legislature realize these past decisions were wrong and are preparing to take New Jersey in a better direction. The governor is committed to rebuilding our budget with a new foundation that is a smaller and smarter use of the people's money. Closing a deficit that is one-third of the entire state budget is tough work and requires shared sacrifice, but it can be done.

Each and every department of state government had their budgets reduced, some by up to 39 percent. This reflects the call for shared sacrifice.

Pension reform measures were passed and signed into law that will rein in a broken system and ensure that it is sustainable for rank and file workers while protecting taxpayers.

A constitutional amendment was proposed that would cap the growth of property taxes at no more than 2.5 percent per year. As state government needs to live within its means, so should every level of government.

The budget proposal also protects the most vulnerable. For the first time, the budget includes \$2.3 million to support day programs for young adults with developmental disabilities, increases funding for New Jersey's hospitals and ensures funding of all eligible children in New Jersey family care.

What Happens Next – Since Gov. Christie's election last November, citizens across New Jersey have become more optimistic that Trenton has gained the maturity to make reasonable decisions that enhance the long-term prosperity of our state.

The false choice advocated by the governor's opponents of surprisingly-permanent "temporary" tax increases versus long term affordability is a losing attempt to maintain the status quo – a status quo that would cripple the state we are proud to call home.

With a long list of tough choices, it is going to take cooperation and compromise to pass a balanced budget by the July 1 deadline. Actions and proposals to date have already put New Jersey on a new and better path. With a renewed sense of common purpose I am confident that Gov. Christie and the Legislature will meet the challenges ahead and move New Jersey forward.



The Inside Look...

Cranford accounting and consulting firm, **Fazio, Mannuzza, Roche, Tankel, LaPilusa, LLC (FMRTL)**, recently helped raise more than \$1,300 for Opportunity Project, which supports people whose lives have been changed irrevocably from brain injury. FMRTL was a BlueJean Star Sponsor for the 13th Annual BlueJean Day for Brain Injury Awareness.

Members of FMRTL also participated in their second Go Red Jean Day to raise awareness and help the American Heart Association support ongoing research and education about women and heart disease. Firm members were encouraged to wear red and denim in exchange for a \$5 donation to the American Heart Association.



Representatives of Opportunity Project accept a check for more than \$1,300 from members of FMRTL, which was a BlueJean Star Sponsor for the 13th Annual BlueJean Day for Brain Injury Awareness.

City Fire Equipment Company will be seen on "Construction Intervention," an all-new Discovery Channel series, May 2. The new series follows construction expert Charlie Frattini and a team of contractors and designers as they find businesses which are in danger of failing due to botched construction jobs and rescue them. City Fire Equipment Company was involved in the construction process for the story about a restaurant in East Rutherford, New Jersey, providing fire safety installation and inspection services, labor and materials. The episode will air May 2 at 10:00 p.m. eastern time. Check local listings for the channel.

The **Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Rahway Foundation** and the Rose Ball Committee recently announced that **Northfield Bank** is the 2010 recipient of the Order of the Rose and that the RWJ Rahway medical/dental staff is being inducted into the 2010 Guardians of the Rose. Northfield Bank was selected for its outstanding commitment through leadership and philanthropic support to RWJ Rahway. The foundation cited the RWJ Rahway medical/dental staff for their 93 years of service.

Berkeley College was recently named one of the Best Places to Work in New Jersey for 2010 by NJBIZ. It is the fifth year the college has received the honor. The award identifies, recognizes and honors the best places of employment in the state, those benefiting the state's economy, its workforce and businesses. The Best Places to Work in New Jersey program recognizes 55 companies in two groups, depending on number of employees.

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What's Coming Up!

Date	Event.....	Times	Location
May 3	36th Annual Golf Outing.....	10:30 AM	Suburban Golf Club, 1730 Morris Avenue, Union
May 4	Small Business Council.....	8:00 AM	Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & South 3 1st Street, Kenilworth
May 6	Networking Professionals of New Jersey.....	8:00 AM	Perkins of Green Brook, 297 Route 22 East, Green Brook
May 6	Workforce Education Committee.....	8:45 AM	Chamber Office, 135 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth
May 12	Kenilworth Chamber Meeting.....	8:30 AM	Visit our website for meeting location
May 12	Networking Outside the Box SUPER-SIZED!.....	5:00 PM	Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel, 1000 Spring Street, Elizabeth
May 13	New Jersey Real Estate Social Network Meeting.....	6:00 PM	The Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood
May 14	Local & County Affairs Committee.....	8:30 AM	Visit website for meeting location
May 18	Irish Business Association 2nd Annual Awards Dinner.....	6:00 PM	Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark
May 19	Employee Legislative Committee Meeting.....	8:00 AM	Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & 3 1st Street, Kenilworth
May 25	Linden Chamber Meeting.....	8:30 AM	Amphitheater at Raymond Bauer Promenade, North Wood Abenue, Linden
May 26	Legislative Breakfast.....	8:00 AM	Solar do Minho, 147 West Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park
May 27	Clark Chamber Group.....	8:30 AM	Clark Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 1213 Westfield Avenue, Clark
May 28	Somerset Hills Business Network Meeting.....	8:00 AM	Olde Mill Inn, 225 Route 202, Basking Ridge

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

Trinitas Regional Medical Center announced that Mary McTigue has been promoted to vice president of patient care services. McTigue currently serves as director of nursing. McTigue is a graduate of Elizabeth General Hospital and Dispensary School of Nursing. She earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Kean University and a master's degree in the delivery of nursing services from New York University.



The 21st Annual Mayor's Dinner of the **Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce** drew more than 400 people to celebrate the public servants of the county's municipalities and hear mayors or representatives from each provide a mini state-of-the-town address.

The winners were:

- Mayor Richard Gerbounka of Linden as Mayor of the Year
- Doug Marvin of New Providence as Business Administrator of the Year
- Denis Connell of Clark as Police Chief of the Year
- Renae LaPrete of Clark as School Superintendent of the Year
- Mayor Nancy Malool of Scotch Plains as Best Speaker of the Night
- Ben Laganga of the Union County Fire Investigation Task Force with the Special Recognition Award

Winners were chosen by the Gateway's Local and County Affairs Committee, chaired by Eric Segal.

The evening's keynote speaker was Union County Freeholder Dan Sullivan, who gave the annual county report.



Mayor Richard Gerbounka of Linden accepts the award for Mayor of the Year.



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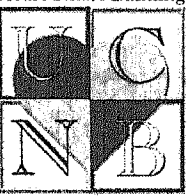
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