



ALL'S FAIR

Paige Kelly, 9, plays one of the games set up at the annual Kenilworth Fire Department carnival last week.

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TO TOP IT OFF...

The finishing touch was added to Trinity Episcopal Church's \$2 million renovation when the new spire was installed.

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Early deadline for Labor Day holiday

The offices of this newspaper will close Sept. 6 in observance of Labor Day. Our offices will reopen at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Deadlines for the issue of Sept. 9 are:

- Legal ads, Sept. 2, noon.
- Advertisements, Sept. 3, at noon.
- Classified ads, Sept. 7, at 3 p.m.
- Letters, Sept. 3, noon.
- News, Sept. 3, noon.
- Groups, Sept. 3, noon.
- Calendar, Sept. 3, noon.

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Planting roots, growing love



Photos By Toniann Antonelli

HOW DOES HIS GARDEN GROW? — Since he arrived in the United States from Italy, Sal Zotti has cultivated a sprawling garden in the backyard of his Springfield home. Clockwise from top: Zotti sets aside a few vegetables that he will use to harvest seeds for next year's garden; blackberries grow in abundance along a backyard fence; flowers grow throughout Zotti's backyard; pear trees overflow with fruit that will soon be harvested.

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — When Salvatore Zotti came to this country from Italy in 1966, he brought his wife Rosa, two small children and \$300 in his wallet. Although at first he refused to let his wife unpack, as time went on, their roots here became as firmly planted as the garden he began in his backyard in 1972.

It was not easy for Zotti and wife Rosa to leave the little town of Paupisi in the region of Benevento outside Naples to come to a country where they did not even know the language. In fact, even though Zotti's father and mother were here, America was a world away from Italy and everything familiar. Nothing would be easy for this young family, but as time went on they adjusted.



Zotti's oldest daughter, Maria, just 4 years old when they arrived here, could not speak a word of English when she started school but Jake, just an infant at the time, was

Eventually he was offered a job in the maintenance department at Brayton Elementary School in Summit. While he admits working inside was not something he was fond of at first, given his love of the outdoors, Zotti immediately saw that his green thumb could be put to very good use.

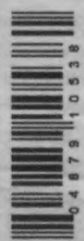
"When I came there to the school, the grounds were like a forest and I made them beautiful," he explains, his thick Italian accent dancing off each word.

In 1972, Zotti and Rosa bought their first home on Marion Street in Springfield. More importantly, this former tiller of the land saw an opportunity to turn a simple backyard into a Garden of Eden.

"First I had to have three gigantic trees cut down and that cost me \$3,000," Zotti explains, adding See **SPRINGFIELD**, Page 4

lucky to learn both English and Italian as he grew.

The first few years Zotti, a farmer by trade, worked as a painter and a construction worker.



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Cynthia Allen holds a plaque honoring her late father, former Commissioner of the Summit Housing Authority Wilson Allen. The plaque was presented July 28 by the Summit Housing Authority and the Summit Area Civic Foundation. Allen served on the authority from 1978 to 1996.

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Town will switch to state health benefits

By Cheryl Hehl
 Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — The township will tighten its budget belt a few more notches this fall by switching to a health benefits plan that could save taxpayers \$1 million.

Mayor Ziad Shehady said this week the township has been investigating ways to cut additional costs and joining the state health benefits plan is one way to accomplish that goal.

"The state plan is a great health plan, it has wonderful coverage and by going with it we can give taxpayers more property tax relief," the mayor said, adding that township retiree's are on the plan and they are happy with it.

The change from Oxford, the township's current provider, to the state plan will affect all 137 township employees, including union members. But, while this could present a problem with negotiations, Shehady said the township is putting \$100,000 in reserve so there is no gap in health coverage.

The gap in coverage, the mayor explained, is due to the fact that the state plan only covers up to 80 percent of the cost to see doctors outside the coverage network. Shehady said he understood that many employees might want to stay with physicians they have been going to who are not in the network, but the township had to make choices that overall are cost effective and provide employees with additional benefits that Oxford offered, but at a very high cost. For instance, the state plan provides more extensive coverage for catastrophic illnesses while the Oxford plan has a \$1 million cap on bills.

"We want the best coverage for our township employees while keeping it cost effective for our taxpayers and the state plan does that for us," Shehady said.

Township Administrator Anthony Cancro agreed completely, pointing to the fact that the township is in the process of negotiating new contracts with police fire and public works unions and the township has to be able to provide comparable health benefit coverage.

"We have to balance things so we provide excellent benefits to our employees and save our residents money at the same time," Cancro said.

The new plan will be effective Nov. 1, Cancro said, but unionized employees will be entitled to their existing coverage through the end of the year because of their contracts.

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Firefighter loved life, cherished family

By **Toniann Antonelli**
Regional Editor

MOUNTAINSIDE — Smiling, happy, helpful, a hero and extremely dedicated to his family. Those are just a few of the ways those who knew Firefighter James Pfeiffer described him as they struggled to cope with the shock of his sudden death Sunday night.

Less than two weeks after celebrating both his wedding anniversary and his 30th birthday, Pfeiffer succumbed to injuries he suffered during a freak accident outside his Mountainside home Sunday morning. A Westfield firefighter and former member of the Cranford First Aid Squad, Pfeiffer was

reportedly cutting branches from a tree in his yard when a large tree limb fell, knocking the ladder out from under him. He was transported to University Hospital in Newark, where he died Sunday evening at about 9:30 p.m.

A funeral for Pfeiffer, accompanied by a fire department honor guard, is scheduled for this morning at 10:30 a.m. at St. James the Apostle Church, 45 South Springfield Avenue in Springfield.

A 1998 graduate of Cranford high school, Pfeiffer is survived by his wife Christine and their 1-year-old daughter, Carly as well as his parents, James and June, and a younger sis-

ter, Lynzy Pfeiffer.

"Family was everything to him. Jimmy was all about family," said Amy Davidowitch Widdows, a longtime friend who went to high school with Pfeiffer, worked with him on the Cranford First Aid Squad and remained close to the family. "He was an all-around great guy who would do anything for anyone. He loved life and he loved people."

Widdows described how the mention of Pfeiffer's name would "make people's faces light up."

"Jim was a great man and he will be missed by many people," said Kevin Bohnenberger, who also worked with Pfeif-

fer on the Cranford First Aid Squad.

As word of his death spread, dozens of friends and co-workers posted messages of support to Pfeiffer's family on his Facebook page. On Tuesday, Christine Pfeiffer said she would keep the memory of her husband alive through their "baby girl."

"I will do my best to tell her what a wonderful father, friend, and hero he truly was," she said in a Facebook post.

Pfeiffer, often teased by fellow firefighters for his slender build, gained national recognition in August, 1995, when he rescued a 16-month-old boy who had fallen nine

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Mayor: Linden municipal budget 'extremely late'

By **Paul Greulich**
Staff Writer

LINDEN — The city's long-awaited 2010 budget hit another roadblock last week at a meeting that saw the rejection of the \$95.1 million spending plan by council members concerned about a tax increase of more than 15 percent.

The 7-4 vote sent the budget back to the Finance Committee, which was criticized by Mayor Richard Gerbounka.

"Extremely late is an understatement," said Gerbounka of the budget, which is traditionally adopted in April.

Council President Robert Bunk, who sits on the Finance Committee and voted in favor of the budget, said it had seen drastic cuts.

"This budget that we have now is a 2004 budget," Bunk said. "We've cut everything we can possibly cut out of that budget."

The proposed budget calls for \$48.6 million to be raised in taxes, up from \$42 million last year. If approved at that amount, the budget will result in a municipal property tax increase of \$344 for the owner of a home assessed at the city's \$140,600 average.

Finance officials cited reductions in state aid by almost \$3 million and increases in benefits and pensions by \$3.2 million as the biggest factors contributing to the tax increase.

Zack said the state aid to the city has decreased by \$4.3 million total since 2007 and all public employees except police and fire took no salary increase in 2009 and 2010.

Officials said significant tax relief can only be achieved by resorting to furloughs and layoffs — tactics being implemented by many other municipalities in the state. Councilman Robert Frazier,

who voted in favor of the budget, said there is no time remaining to implement such dramatic changes.

"To vote it down is ludicrous," Frazier said.

Gerbounka denounced the majority of the council for opposing a budget that is beyond help — a move he believes was taken to "make points with the electorate."

Frazier said he expects the Finance Committee to review the budget, but is unsure what action can be taken.

"I don't know if they can make further cuts on it, but I think it will be a total review on it and we'll see where we go from there," Frazier said.

Gerbounka said the state might fine the city or opt to take charge of the late budget itself, though at present nothing is certain.

Zack said the council members who voted against the spending plan could potentially be fined \$25 a day from their personal incomes until a budget is adopted.

"It's a wait and see attitude that we never should have allowed ourselves to be in," Gerbounka said. "We have to forget about the 2010 budget — we blew it."

The rocky budget process has led to discussion of changing the city's form of government to allow the mayor to play a greater role in financial matters. The city's Wildwood Act-based charter gives the mayor minimal involvement in preparing the budget compared to charters established under the Faulkner Act.

The council is divided on whether more involvement from the mayor might have averted the present situation.

Gerbounka supports the more common Faulkner Act charter, by which the mayor formulates and proposes the budget to the council.

"I will assume total responsibility," Gerbounka said. "The buck will stop with me. I will be accountable, not four people who can point fingers at each other."

Here we 'grow'



Girl Scouts from Clark volunteer their time to plant a flower garden under the town's Recreation Department sign on Westfield Avenue.

Linden's finance records evaluated by auditors

By **Paul Greulich**
Staff Writer

LINDEN — The annual audit report of Linden's finances during the period of 2008 to 2009 is complete and awaiting a vote from the governing body.

City Auditor Supplee Clooney, a Westfield-based firm of public accountants, has outlined a corrective action plan intended to improve local finances. Details of the plan include:

- That all Departmental receipts be deposited within 48 hours per NJSA 40A:5-15.

- That the balance in the neighborhood Preservation Escrow Account be analyzed and any uncompleted project funds be returned to the County of Union.

- That the Municipal Court: Investigate old reconciling items and take appropriate action to remove it from the bank reconciliations; investigate credit card charge backs and reopen the tickets as appropriate; reconcile the detailed list of open traffic and criminal bails to the amount on deposit; review all outstanding tickets and complaints for proper disposition. The audit did not include any review of the city budget. By law, the council must pass a resolution affirming that they have seen the audit and approving the corrective action plan.

Chief Financial Officer Alexis Zack said she worked with the auditor in crafting the corrective measures, which she said were not extensive.

"There were only a few minor recommendations. There were not many at all," Zack said.

MOUNTAINSIDE BRIEFS

Borough to host annual clean up day

The borough of Mountainside's annual Clean Communities Day will take place Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Anyone who would like to volunteer can call Pat Gilstrap at 908-232-2409 or e-mail her at pgilstrap@mountainside-nj.com.

Supplies will be provided and can be picked up at 9 a.m. at the Department of Public Works garage on Oct. 2. Lunch will be provided immediately after the event.

Clean Communities Day is for

litter pick-up only. A meeting will be conducted Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in the second floor lounge at the Municipal Building to discuss the details. You do not have to attend the meeting in order to participate.

Governing body hosts monthly meetings

The Mountainside Borough Council will meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 8 p.m.

All meetings take place at Mountainside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. Meetings are open to the public.

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KENILWORTH BRIEFS

Kenilworth Historians to host trips this fall

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Conn. on Oct. 23, and a trip to the Rockvale shopping outlets in Lancaster, Pa. on Nov. 4.

The Oct. 23 Mohegan Sun Casino trip will depart Kenilworth from St. Theresa's School parking lot at 8 a.m. and return to Kenilworth at approximately 9 p.m.

The Nov. 4 Rockvale shopping trip will depart Kenilworth from the South 21st Street municipal parking lot at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 7 p.m.

Rockvale features more than 100 outlet stores offering up to 75 percent off retail prices on popular

brand names, plus additional discounts daily. There is no sales tax on clothing and shoes.

There will be complimentary door prizes on both trips. For information and reservations, call 908-709-0391 or 908-709-0434.

As space is limited, it is suggested that reservations be made early.

Fall Program set to begin Sept. 13

Registration for the Fall Reading Program at the Kenilworth Public Library begins Sept. 13. The reading club begins on Sept. 27 and concludes Nov. 12. Children must be registered in one of the following programs in order to participate in any other Kenil-

worth Public Library special event:

- Mommy, Daddy and Me, a parent and child at home reading program for children ages 2 to 5.

- I Can Read, a reading program for children who are just starting to read on their own.

- Club Readsalot, a reading program for children ages 9 to 12.

Registration is required for:

- Toddler Time for 2-year-olds will be conducted on the following Wednesdays from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.: Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27 and Nov. 3 and 10.

- Story Time for children ages 3 and older will be held on the following Thursdays from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 3:30 to 4 p.m.: Monday, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 and Nov. 4.

Springfield resident turns his backyard into 'Garden of Eden'

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quickly that it was worth the money because it gave him a blank canvas to plant the garden of his dreams.

And so Zotti began to plant seeds and trees of all kinds. A peach tree there, a pear tree in that spot by the walkway, fig, quince and hazelnut trees toward the back of the yard and blackberries all along the side fence.

As the years went by, Zotti's garden grew and so did his family. He and Rosa welcomed their third child, a baby girl named Mina, to the fold and life in America was good. After work, Zotti tended his garden and Rosa marveled at her husband's gift for growing anything he planted. Year after year the trees grew more lush and full and the vegetable garden more bountiful. But it was the trees that left everyone in awe, his daughter Maria said.

All bear fruit, but some, like the pear trees, are so incredible that one can only gaze in wonderment at the size. The slight rosy hue that tinges each pear reminds one of a baby's cheek in the heat of summer while the blackberries are so huge they seem almost artificial.

Slightly more than halfway down the modest backyard, there is an area fenced where just vegetables are grown. There, succulent, sweet tomatoes like those in his native land grow year after year along with huge squash, hybrid cucumbers, corn and peppers of all kinds and a host of other garden delights.

In another area to the side of the vegetable garden, is the "tropical" area where lemons the size of baseballs hang from one tree while a few feet away a grapefruit tree is not bearing any fruit this year but Zotti is not worried in the least.

"She's resting this year; next year she will have fruit again," he said, pointing in the distance to a peach tree that is swollen with fruit.

Pots of lime-colored basil and oregano share space with other herbs, which Rosa uses in her special "gravy," that she makes with Zotti's tomatoes.

"My wife, she makes her gravy from these tomatoes, these herbs," Zotti said with pride for the woman he married 49 years ago last Friday.

But Zotti also has a knack for making something on his own and that is a rich, red wine that he takes pride in serving for special visitors to their home. Each year in October, he explains, he makes wine in a sideroom of the garage. But first, Zotti stresses, the grapes must be pressed and set aside to ferment until "it is time to make the wine."

Retired now after 27 years working for the Summit School District, Zotti admits it was difficult to leave. But, like so many things, he said, change is inevitable.

"Everybody changed but me," he quips, pointing out that the kids grow up, the teachers leave for various reasons and not much stays the same except for the school itself.

Zotti is proud that there is a bench on the grounds of the school with his name on it.

"That way they will never forget that I was there," he adds with a chuckle and twinkle of the eye.

"Yes, this was a good life here in America, the vegetables and the fruit trees grow good here," Zotti said, adding that it is the soil in New Jersey that makes everything grow bigger and better. It's not long before he is up and headed toward one of his trees to pull a few more pieces of perfect fruit.

"I love my garden and my family," Zotti says, gazing at his wife. Rosa smiles at her husband, nodding her head in agreement, loving eyes a testament to everything they have sowed together over the years.

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Local firefighter dies in accident outside his Mountainside home

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feet into a narrow gap at Tamaques Park in Westfield. At 6-feet, 1-inch tall and weighing about 160 pounds, Pfeiffer was the only firefighter slim enough to be lowered down the 10-inch gap to grab the child by the shoulders, saving his

life. Flags outside Pfeiffer's fire station in Westfield flew at half-staff in his honor as those who have worked with him recalled his work ethic and upbeat personality.

"I knew him from his days on the Cranford Squad and I can honestly say I worked some rough jobs with him but he never stopped

smiling and never lost his cool," Elizabeth Firefighter Louis Zelekovic said earlier this week. "He was truly one of the best people you could ever be blessed to know and an excellent EMT."

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Nine arrested at local checkpoint

An Aug. 21 operation to crack down on impaired driving in the borough kept local police officers busy working a checkpoint on Westfield Avenue.

Throughout the operation more than 270 vehicles were stopped, resulting in a total of 56 summonses and eight vehicle impoundment offenses.

Seven people were arrested for driving while intoxicated, one was charged with possession of marijuana and two more arrests stemmed from a car chase down the Garden State Parkway. At 3:20 a.m., a Ford Explorer approached the checkpoint, initially obeying police instructions to stop. When Patrolman Richard Gaylord approached the vehicle, the driver, later identified as Oscar Osorto, 30, of Bloomfield, accelerated suddenly, almost striking the officer. As Osorto fled the scene, Gaylord leapt into Patrolman Nicholas Vaughan's patrol car.

Police activated their sirens and attempted to stop the vehicle, which accelerated from the scene and onto the Garden State Parkway. Police pursued the suspect southbound through the Sayreville toll plaza. Osorto stopped just past exit 125, where he and his passenger were apprehended without incident.

Osorto was charged with aggravated assault with a weapon, eluding police, obstruction of the administration of the law, and 13 motor vehicle offenses including reckless driving, driving while intoxicated and refusal to submit to breath test.

Layner Garcia, 31, of Bloomfield, a passenger in his vehicle, was charged with obstruction of the administration of law. The arrests were made by Gaylord and Patrolman Nicholas Vaughan, with assistance from New Jersey State Troopers.

Clark

• Luciano Sarno, 46, of Elizabeth, was arrested on Aug. 10 at 1:13 p.m. at Union Police Headquarters for an outstanding warrant from Clark for contempt of court. The arrest was made by Officer Terrance Harrison.

• Rose Watson, 56, was arrested on Aug. 11 at 1:06 a.m. on Central Avenue for driving while intoxicated. The arrest was made by Officer George Marmarou.

• Police are investigating a case of theft reported on Aug. 11 at 5:31 a.m. A motorcycle was stolen from a resident on Goodman's Crossing.

• Donell Branch, 37, of Newark was arrested on Aug. 13 at 4:26

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p.m. on Westfield Avenue for an outstanding warrant from Irvington. The arrest was made by Officer Antonio Manata.

Cranford

• Robert John Warner, 21, of Garwood was arrested on Aug. 10 at 4 p.m. after being pulled over on South Avenue at High Street for having an inoperable brake light. Allegedly, police detected an odor of marijuana and located a sandwich bag containing suspected marijuana on Warner's person. Warner was charged with possession of paraphernalia and improper maintenance of lamps. The arrest was made by Patrolman Timothy O'Brien.

• Luis Munoz, 28, of Roselle, was arrested on Aug. 14 at 12:56 a.m. after the vehicle in which he was a passenger was pulled over on South Avenue East at High Street for seat belt violations and improper display of a license plate. Munoz allegedly provided police with a false name and birth date, and was charged with hindering apprehension. He was also found to have outstanding warrants from Roselle Park and Newark. The arrest was made by Patrolman Gene Perrotta.

• Benjamin Carter Jr., 23, of Newark and Autumn Dietrich, 18, of Edison were arrested on Aug. 15 at 3:45 a.m. after being pulled over on South Avenue at Elise Street for having an inoperable brake light. Police allegedly detected an odor of burnt marijuana and located a bag of suspected marijuana in the vehicle. Carter was arrested for possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was also issued a summons for improper maintenance of lamps.

Dietrich, a passenger in the vehicle, was arrested for an unrelated traffic warrant from Irvington. She was also issued a summons for failure to wear a seatbelt. The arrests were made by Patrolman Gene Perrotta.

• Dustin Hanna, 30, of Linden was arrested on Aug. 16 at 11:48 p.m. after being pulled over on Centennial Avenue at Raritan Road for seatbelt violations involving passengers.

During the stop, police allegedly detected an odor of marijuana and located a pipe and suspected marijuana inside the vehicle. Hanna was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. A passenger from Clark was issued a summons for failure to wear a seatbelt. The arrest was made by Patrolman Brian Lopez.

Hillside

• Ahmad J. Ford, 19, and Jahyde L. Easterling, 20, both of East Orange, and a juvenile from Newark were arrested on Aug. 19 at 1:50 a.m. on Maple Terrace in East

Orange after leading police in a pursuit while allegedly driving a stolen vehicle.

Police observed a blue 2002 Dodge Caravan pass them at a high rate of speed at the intersection of North Broad Street and Bailey Avenue. The officers followed the vehicle into Newark and used a computer check of the license plate to determine the minivan had been stolen in the City of Orange on August 18.

Police activated their sirens and attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver accelerated and led police on a pursuit through various streets in Newark, Irvington, and into East Orange. On Maple Terrace the suspect vehicle struck a curb and stopped. Three subjects opened the doors and fled on foot but were apprehended immediately.

At police headquarters the juvenile was found to be in possession of nine small bags of suspected marijuana. Ford and Easterling were each charged with receiving stolen property and possession of burglary tools. The juvenile driver of the minivan was charged with eluding police, receiving stolen property, resisting arrest, possession of burglary tools and possession of marijuana.

The arrest was made by Detectives Jaime Howell and Peter Corvelli.

Linden

• James T. Anderson, 41, of Westfield, and Marcus B. McDuffie, 24, of Linden, were arrested on Aug. 17 at 6:25 p.m. after being pulled over on West Elizabeth Avenue for speeding, having been clocked by police as traveling 44 miles per hour in a 25-mile per hour zone.

Officer Chris Guenther observed a small, plastic bag on the floor of the vehicle. Further investigation revealed the bag to contain a white rock-like substance believed to be crack cocaine. Anderson, the driver, and, McDuffie, the passenger, were asked to exit the vehicle, and police called for assistance from a Union County Sheriff's Office narcotics detection dog. While waiting for the dog to respond, McDuffie allegedly bolted from the scene and ran into nearby backyards. A foot pursuit followed. McDuffie was apprehended in a driveway on North Stiles Street by Officer Pedro Abad, who injured his right arm and left knee while tackling the fleeing McDuffie. Abad also cut his hand chasing McDuffie over a fence.

With the aid of a drug-sniffing dog, police were able to locate 12 small, plastic bags under a bush in the rear yard of a home on Lindegard Street, apparently discarded by McDuffie during his flight. The bags were similar to the bag seized from the vehicle and contained suspected crack cocaine.

McDuffie was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, distribution within 500 feet of Knosky Park, distribution within 1,000 feet of a school, resisting arrest and aggravated assault on a police officer. McDuffie was also found to have an outstanding warrant from Middlesex County.

Anderson was charged with loitering to commit a drug offense and speeding. Abad was treated and released from Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

• James Lamar Carter, 44, of Rahway was arrested on Aug. 19 at 9:55 p.m. on Rose Parkway after crashing into a marked police vehicle on East Saint Georges Avenue.

Sgt. Alvaro Goncalves suffered minor injuries when his vehicle was struck from behind by a 1995 Ford Contour. The Ford also struck an illuminated yellow arrow board prior to striking the police vehicle.

A second officer working further down the street heard the impact and observed the Ford, with fresh body damage, fleeing the site of the accident. Police pursued the suspect vehicle through several stop signs before it turned onto Rose Parkway, a dead-end street, and was trapped.

Carter was charged with eluding police, assault with a motor vehicle, driving while intoxicated, leaving the scene of an accident, reckless driving, and failure to stop at a stop sign. The arrest was made by Officer Ian Conk.

Sgt. Goncalves was treated at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway for pain to his back and neck, and released.

Rahway

• Police are investigating a case of theft reported on Aug. 16 at 8:56 a.m. on Seminary Avenue.

• Police are investigating a case of theft reported on Aug. 16 at 12:27 p.m. on Capobianco Place.

• Police are investigating a case of robbery reported on Aug. 17 at 12:47 a.m. on Mayfair Drive.

Summit

• Besin Kuyatsemi, 25, of Staten Island, NY, was arrested on Aug. 13 at 10:20 p.m. on River Road and Iris Road for possession of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and distributing a controlled dangerous substance.

• Craig C. Semper, 23, of Brooklyn, NY, was arrested on Aug. 13 at 8:22 p.m. on River Road and Iris Road for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and distributing a controlled dangerous substance.

• Kirsten Crawford, 21, of Summit was arrested on Aug. 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bridgewater Police Headquarters for an outstanding Summit warrant.

• Ahmad Manley, 24, of Newark was arrested on Aug. 16 at 12:45 a.m. on Springfield Avenue for driving while suspended.

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IT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES — Residents from all over Union County attended the Kenilworth Fire Department's annual carnival last week. Clockwise, from top, left: Makai Miller, 3, loves fire engines and was especially excited to take a spin in the fire engine ride; Paige Kelly, 9, daughter of Kenilworth Firefighter Shawn Kelly, plays one of the many games that were set up for the event; Jess Pace and Sydney Elliott hold onto their seat as they enjoy one of the adult rides at the carnival.

Union explores new alert system

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

UNION — If the township agrees to sign on to a new alert system, your next text message could be from local police.

The township is exploring using Nixle, a new information system that provides critical information to subscribing residents through text messaging and e-mail. Towns like Cranford and Hillside are already using Nixle, while others, like Union are in the early stages of discussing the merits of the program.

According to Township Assistant Business Administrator Ron Manzella, the township had a presentation on Nixle and met with the county to discuss moving forward with this latest technology.

"This would get information to residents in a timely manner," he explained, adding that in addition to Nixle being used to notify residents of emergencies and events in the township, it also will be a boon for municipal government.

"We can use it as part of our infrastructure notification, for example, if we need to call back DPW trucks," the business administrator explained.

Although the township is interested in moving forward with this type of technology, Manzella said they were waiting until after September when children are back in school and vacations are over.

"The best time for the Township Committee to discuss this is when the kids are back in school, this way residents can watch it on TV34 and the information can get out to a broader audience," he said, adding that the township administrator will be briefing the governing body on the entire program very shortly.

Nixle is calling their alert system "America's new community information service," and a way to connect communities. Police departments and municipalities alike are using social networking and mobile phone technology to keep residents informed about school closing to

flooding emergencies and community events.

The way Nixle works is all about changing technology, Manzella said, pointing out that because people are using cell phones and text messaging more often, this service keeps pace with the changing landscape of communication.

Nixle is a free service that was founded in 2007 and based in Mt. Laurel. More than 3,500 police departments, including New York City, now use the service. While Hillside just began using the service in February, other towns like Madison and Chatham are finding it difficult to get residents to sign on to the service.

Residents will have to register for Nixle if they want to receive alerts or information about township events, but the company only distributes messages posted by authorized users. Subscribers also will have the option of selecting what agencies contact them, and how those alerts are received, either through text messaging or e-mail. Standard text messaging rates, however, will apply when users receive alerts.

RAHWAY BRIEF

Rahway MVC agency to close next month

Motor Vehicle Commission customers are advised that the closing date for the Rahway Agency, located at 1140 Woodbridge Road and East Hazelwood Avenue, has been changed. This agency building will permanently close at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 30.

On Oct. 5 at 8 a.m., the MVC will open a new Rahway Agency on the same site as the existing agency.

Customers who require motor vehicle services on Oct. 1 and Oct. 2 may visit the Springfield Agency at 34 Center St., the Elizabeth Agency at 65 Jefferson Ave. or check www.njmvc.gov for alternate locations.

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Administrator takes district 'back to basics'

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

UNION — Students returning to school are in for more work as new Superintendent Patrick Martin prepares to implement two major initiatives.

Each grade level will be assigned a simple, one-page list of proficiencies for math and language arts. These items are non-negotiable standards the students must meet in order to progress to the next grade. Students will be tested at the middle and end of each year to make sure they have qualified to move ahead.

A second initiative involves more rigorous reading and writing. Students will be

given continuous reading assignments, moving up to classics by Mark Twain and George Orwell in middle school.

"They're going to have to read every night, write and face tough proficiency tests to prove they know their stuff," Martin said.

Students will also be taught cursive handwriting.

Martin, formerly of the Ringwood school district in Passaic County, has the support of the Board of Education. Board of Education President Anthony Manochio said the board intentionally sought out a superintendent willing to tackle these issues.

"He wants to go back to the days when Union was selected as one of the best school

districts in the county," Manochio said of Martin. "He's going in that direction."

Martin said many school districts have shown a tendency to be lured away from the basics of education by high-speed computers, science equipment and gymnasiums.

"The trick is the basics," Martin said. "We forget about the all-encompassing power of children who just know their facts."

Martin does not anticipate a lot of students being held back by the stricter standards he proposes.

"Frankly I think they're going to rise to the stricter standards," Martin said.

Martin said a low graduation rate is more

likely to arise from too much flexibility, which can lead to kids being pushed ahead through the schools before they are ready.

"I'm not so keen on guaranteeing every student graduates from our high school," Martin said. "I'm more interested in making sure our students have the necessary foundation and are reading and writing at their grade levels."

Martin said if these basic goals are met year to year, graduation will follow naturally.

School officials do not expect resistance from the community, noting that teachers and parents are supportive of the initiatives. Martin said parents are welcome to contact him about these subjects.

Up close and personal



Youngsters learn about the habits of Box Turtles from Shuli Rank, a summer naturalist at Union County's Trailside Nature and Science Center in the Watchung Reservation. While the turtles, most of which were rescued, normally live in the science center, Rank explained to the youngsters that by bringing the turtles back to the woods, they would exhibit some of their behavior in the wild.

Union students will be on camera

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

UNION — When Union High School students head back to class next month, they better be ready to smile because they will be on camera wherever they go inside the school.

Thanks to the COPS Secure Our Schools federal grant program, the Union Police Department was able to qualify for a \$138,000 grant to install state-of-the-art cameras throughout the high school. But this is no ordinary camera system, according to Union Deputy Police Chief Rick Landolfi.

"If there is an incident at the high school, this is a web-based camera system that is hooked up to our police car laptops," the deputy chief said.

But while the new camera system installed this summer provides an added measure of safety, Landolfi points out that other than minor scuffles, the high school usually does not have major incidents that require police aid.

"We always have a resource officer inside the school to handle any problems that do come up, but this new camera system is just another way to ensure that if something does happen, we will know about it in seconds," the deputy chief, who has been on the force 32 years, said.

It was no easy feat to acquire the grant, Landolfi said, but getting all those cameras in the high school was a monumental task.

"There are tons of cameras everywhere," he said, mentioning that positioning the cameras throughout the school so every nook and cranny was covered took time.

"We just want the kids to be safe and know when something is going wrong, if it does," Landolfi said.

The COPS Secure Our Schools program encourages law enforcement agencies and school districts to partner together to improve school security and safety. Township police had to conduct a school safety assessment and request funding for specific safety improvement on school grounds. In turn, the federally-funded \$16 million grant program provided police departments across the country who qualified for the grant with up to 50 percent of the total cost to put in place security or safety measures in schools.

"We just want to keep our kids safe and be there quickly if something should happen at the high school," Landolfi said.

UNION BRIEFS

Sept. 12

• **United Methodist Church** in Union will open its doors to neighbors and friends for a picnic.

On Sept. 12, beginning at 12:30 p.m., the church has its last summer fling and wants to enjoy it with the people in the neighborhood who have been so good to them.

Join church members from 12:30 to about 4 p.m. for a picnic. There will be grilled items such as hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken along with a buffet of dishes made by the church's multi-ethnic mem-

bers. The event is free and open to the public. The picnic will take place at the church, 2095 Berwyn St. in Union at the corner of Overlook Terrace. For information, call 908 687-8077.

Sept. 16

• President Rose Partesi has announced that **Union AARP Chapter 4026** will have its next monthly meeting on Sept. 16, the third Thursday of the month, at the Union Senior Center, 968 Bonnell Court, Union at 12:30 p.m.

The featured speaker will be

Beverly Anderson, who will speak about financial freedom.

After the meeting, there will be cake and coffee, which is served after each meeting.

Sept. 18

• The **Union Health Department's free domestic dog/cat rabies clinic** is scheduled for Sept. 18 at the township of Union Animal Shelter, 980 Jefferson Ave., behind Home Depot on Route 22 East, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Proof of residency is required and all pets must be accompanied

by an adult, leashed, or contained in carrying cases. Residents that need a 2010 license for a new pet may obtain applications through the township clerk's office.

Only healthy dogs and cats will be vaccinated. Residents can contact the Health Department through the township website www.union-township.com or by phone at 908-851-8507 with any questions.

Ongoing

• **The Michael A. Kelly Post 2433**, Veterans of Foreign Wars of Union, and its Auxiliary, have

announced that the Program Committee has prepared its agenda for 2010-2011.

Beginning with the Auxiliary's annual birthday luncheon in September and ending with the VFW of N.J. Convention in June, it includes many patriotic and community activities. The traditional Nov. 11 Veteran's Day celebration will be expanded to include a special program for hospitalized vets. Pearl Harbor Day and Memorial Day will all be dedicated to recognizing the service of veterans and community honorees.

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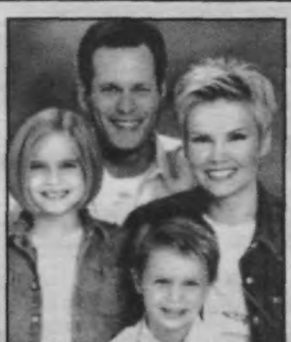
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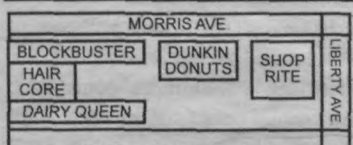
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EDITORIAL

Money pit

Your tax dollars are quietly being flushed right down the drain by an authority that few residents even know exists.

From the construction of a \$30 million cogeneration plant that has been dubbed “worthless” to elaborately catered dinners for its commissioners, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority has turned into, what Clark Mayor Sal Bonnacorso fears is a “money pit” funded by taxpayers dollars. As of right now, his assessment is spot-on. But the wasteful spending is just the beginning. Last month, the 11 member towns that use the wastewater sewerage service learned that rates could increase by 17 percent next year. And that’s just one drop in the bucket. The RVSA’s over-spending has also resulted in a surplus that is being hoarded by the authority, rather than being returned to the municipalities. But, wait, there’s more.

Draining taxpayers’ wallets further are bills in excess of \$1 million from the auditing firm that was hired to find out why the cogen plant was dubbed “worthless.” Cipolla & Co., a certified public accounting and litigation firm was charged with looking into what went wrong before, during and after the costly and inoperable cogen plant was built. So, residents are paying more than \$1 million to get told what many people already suspected about the cogen plant — that it may never be operable.

But what’s almost as disturbing as the wasteful spending is the lack of protest on the part of the local mayors whose towns pay fees to the RVSA. There are, of course, exceptions such as Sal Bonnacorso in Clark, James Kennedy in Rahway and Woodbridge Mayor John McCormac. Otherwise, local leaders have shown little dissension regarding the RVSA’s failure to act with fiduciary responsibility.

We’ve heard even less from the commissioners who represent the member towns on the RVSA board. Whether they’re failing to attend RVSA meetings or report back to their towns about the way the authority is spending taxpayer dollars, one thing is clear: the majority of these commissioners are not adequately doing what they were appointed to by their mayors, which is to represent their communities and act as watchdogs on the RVSA board.

Next month, a bill proposed by Assemblywoman Linda Stender, D-Union, to regulate authorities throughout the state, will go before the state legislature for approval. It may help stabilize the high fees paid by municipalities but it will do little to stop the arrogance of the RVSA. If more action isn’t taken by mayors and commissioners, the authority will continue to be a drain on local coffers.



HONORING ‘BUTCHIE’ — The Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services sponsored the third annual George ‘Butchie’ Scoles Fishing Derby at the Pond in Wilson Park. George Scoles was a maintenance worker for the Linden Department of Public Property who died in June of 2008. Front row, from left: Christian Burns, Shannon Clark, Felix Lettini and Kaitlin Frees-Kroboth. Second row, from left: Judith Scoles, Cheyenne Pochopin, Jamar Green and Dorian Scoles, Butchie’s wife.

A legend and ‘always a friend’

Anthony Russo lost a good friend last week. The Union Township political patriarch got the call from Georgia that baseball legend Bobby Thompson had passed. “I hadn’t spoken to him in two weeks and I had noticed recently the weakness in his voice,” Russo said.

Over the past 25 years, a friendship had developed between the men including frequent visits and weekly calls. Initially Russo, an avid follower of 40s and 50s baseball and the man who hit the most famous home-run in the sport — the “shot heard ‘round the world” giving the Giants the 1951 National League Pennant — spoke about old times.

Russo can reel off amazing facts about New York baseball which amazed Thompson. The ex-Union mayor and state senator last week, for example, said that fire brand Leo Durocher was a “great manager but an average ball player.”

For the rest of his life after Oct. 3, 1951, Thompson rarely went a day without someone describing where they were when he hit the home run to left field at the Polo Grounds. Recent articles in the *Wall Street Journal* that the Giants used a military telescope to steal signals and a book last year using forensic skills to determine who caught the sacred ball only added to the allure. It turned out a nun from Buffalo caught the ball. The best bet is she gave it to a grade school student in New Mexico where she retired. If the ball had been recovered in today’s memorabilia market it would be worth a cool million dollars.

The Thompson-Russo friendship was more than baseball. Russo was an advisor and source of comfort when the ex-ballplayer buried his son, the victim of heart disease. The painful arthritis which plagued Thompson was a frequent point of discussion.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

“He was always a polite gentleman, always a friend,” Russo said last week. A few years ago, Russo sat in the Watchung living room as Thompson packed up and prepared to move near his daughter in Georgia. The two men reminisced.

Thompson was active at the Plainfield County Club and hospital charities in Union County. He was partial to La Catena in Roselle Park. One night, I got up the nerve to ask him about the sign stealing. He denied stealing a sign that day, saying the broken ankle of teammate Don Mueller just before he came to the plate, along with the pressure of the moment were the only two things on his mind before he swung the bat that day. He also helped me impress a client in Colorado with a personalized autograph.

This past week from the famous to the just plain average, the homerun become secondary to the consistent remembrance of a very good man. Quite an obituary in deed.

Ease restrictions, save money

The state’s Sewerage Authority Association — there really is such a thing — has banded together to cut costs. The group has filed a petition with the State Department of Environmental Protection to ease off on what they consider unnecessary regulations.

In English, they want pollution to be measured at the intake point not where the pollution is committed. The change could significantly limit the further construction costs at sewerage authorities which get mandated

by the courts and passed on to taxpayers.

Ellen Gulbinsky, the impressive executive director of the Association of Environmental Authorities said, “We’re asking that sewer authorities can only have relief if they can show there’s no impact on drinking water.”

This measure deserves some serious consideration for support by our municipal leaders.

The clean up begins

State Department of Transportation officials stopped at exit 49B on Route 78 in Springfield last week. They picked the spot to highlight the “Clean up New Jersey” program.

In the fight against vegetation growth spokesman Tim Greeley said, “Instead of having one crew cover a half-mile section, we’re bringing in four to six crews in a concentrated attack on areas recommended to us. We get the most out of our resources without any added burden to taxpayers.” Definitely sounds like a plan.

Tom Kean Jr. told us so

State Sen. Thomas Kean Jr. had every right to say he told us so. An alarming report by the State Comptroller last week highlighted the pitfalls in so called development “PILOTS.” PILOT stands for “payment in lieu of taxes.” The result of these deals is that developers avoid paying taxes to schools and counties as part of a construction deal.

Kean said it quite well. “The current arrangement has the impact of starving urban school systems of local funding and leaving state taxpayers to pick up the tab through an unfair school funding formula that short changes many communities.”

Kean has pending legislation requiring that schools and counties get their fair share of the revenue.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

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'It's not discrimination, it's natural'**Point
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By Len Deo

Several weeks have passed since the Perry v. Schwarzenegger decision in which Judge Vaughan Walker's rhetoric and arguments overturned the votes of 6.8 million California voters. This case has the potential to have great magnitude on the underpinnings of our Republic. This is judicial tyranny in its highest form. The starkness of Judge Walker's departure from the rule of law, in this case, is deeply disconcerting.

"The evidence shows that, by every available metric, opposite-sex couples are not better than their same-sex counterparts; instead, as partners, parents and citizens, opposite-sex couples and same-sex couples are equal," Walker wrote in his exacting, 136-page opinion. What planet is this judge living on?

Let me give the judge one readily available metric, biology. No, opposite sex couples are not and do not claim to be "superior" as Judge Walker suggested, but heterosexual couples sure are different than same-sex couples. In fact, many social science studies have indicated that children, on average, have better outcomes, in a healthy family consisting of their biological mom and dad. Does this indict single parents, adopted families, divorced homes, or same-sex couple homes? No it does not for there are in all cases exceptions to the rule. But, when it comes to public policy, we should for the benefit of the common good, hold up the Gold Standard. For this issue that is marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

One of the core issues put forth by those seeking to radically redefine marriage is that the law has taken away from them the right to marry. Quite the contrary, all homosexuals and lesbians still have that

right. It has not been taken away from them. But, there is one qualification that they choose not to meet and that is to marry a person of the opposite sex. So in essence what they want is a "special" right to do so with a person of the same gender. Seeing their plight, legislators in New Jersey have given them 100 percent of rights and responsibilities that the state grants to married couples though the Civil Union law.

Since the enactment of the Civil Union law, same-sex activists have claimed the law is not working, that it is not providing the rights that they believe they are entitled to. Let's look at the facts, which are very revealing. In New Jersey, with a current population of 8.6 million, about 250,000 of that number self identify as lesbians, gay, bi-sexual and trans-gendered — LGBT — citizens. As of Aug. 8 in New Jersey there were 4,742 civil unions recorded by the state. As of the same ending date, only 12 official complaints to the NJ Civil Rights Division have been filed. Nine of those complaints were resolved. This notion that civil unions are not working cannot be factually substantiated by anyone.

Tom Moran states in one of his *Star-Ledger* editorials that "at its core, opposition to gay marriage is rooted in the ugly notion that gay unions are inferior." That assertion is dead wrong. The core of opposi-

tion to gay "marriage" is rooted in the notion that gay unions are different. There is no way that two men or two women can bring to a relationship the same emotional, mental, biological and spiritual aspects that the joining of male and female in marriage brings.

As Paul Mulshine, who also writes for the *Star-Ledger* pointed out in his column, the proper extension of where this is heading would be to allow those who claim to be bi-sexual to "marry" two people. Then what about polygamists, wouldn't their right to marry include multiple people as well. We can see where this is going and it is not good!

I believe at the root of what is happening here is a deep anxiety and deep longing for total acceptance of one's behavior. That longing to be the same has led us to where we are today, to the point of an activist group of people who now desire to radically redefine the word "marriage" and attach to it an arrangement that can never be marriage.

Words do have meaning, and to us who believe marriage to mean what it has since the dawn of creation, we are passionately dedicated to fight for marriage to remain as the exclusive union of one man and one woman. That is not discrimination, it is natural. Finally, I close on this thought: "to those who say as enlightened people we must open marriage to all sorts of combinations, I say you cannot redefine that which you did not create." Ultimately, God has something to do with this, and all of the world's major religious give credence to that.

Len Deo is the president of the New Jersey Family Policy Council.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Make three changes**

To the Editor:

Abraham Lincoln said, "It often requires more courage to dare to do right, than fear to do wrong."

There are three things the city of Linden must accomplish to avoid another budget debacle.

1. During Linden City Council meetings, multiple agencies are available for questioning from both Council members and private citizens. Examples are the Linden Fire Department, Linden Police Department, Department of Public Works, among others. Lacking though are any members from the current nine-member Linden Board of Education. Since the Linden educational costs consume a majority of the city's budget, it is imperative for a Linden Board of Education member to appear at City Council meetings, to field questions. It is suggested a Board of Education member give up one night per year for such questions, with the exception of the summer months of June, July and August.

2. Establish a non-binding public referendum to run concurrent with the annual School Budget Referendum; where thousands of Linden citizens, can openly express their opinion. Resolved, should there be a combined total salary and benefit cap of \$100,000, per

year for any member of Linden government, or a party employed by the city of Linden?

3. Those individuals running for mayor for the year 2011, namely Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka and Councilman Derek Armstead, should mutually consent to nominate Councilman Richard Koziol as chairman of the Finance and Personnel Department. Mr. Koziol's successful elevation to that position would introduce professionalism, leadership and reliability, commodities that have not been fully pronounced by the current chairman of that position.

Michael Smith
Linden

Information was 'skewed'

To the Editor:

I recently read a well-written article in *Union County LocalSource* titled "Gov. Christie may reduce the cost for OPRA requests," Aug. 5, by Cheryl Hehl about lowering the cost of OPRA. In the last paragraph, Cranford Republican Committeewoman Tina Renna says she is grateful to "one" former freeholder, Adrian Mapp, for helping to lower OPRA fees in Union County.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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By deliberately singling Mr. Mapp out, and ignoring the work of the measure's sponsor, Freeholder Deborah Scanlon and the six other freeholders who were in attendance that night and supported the measure, Ms. Renna — whose husband is a dismissed county employee — once again provides the public with skewed information about county government.

Sebastian D'Elia, spokesman
Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Happy centennial, CPL

To the Editor:

The Cranford Public Library first opened for business on Aug. 15, 1910, thus making 2010 the library's centennial year.

Earlier in the year, the Friends of the Cranford Public Library hosted a formal celebration that featured guest speakers, among them, Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, Union County Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, Cranford Mayor Mark Smith, Cranford Library Board President Patricia Pavlak, Cranford Historical Society Trustee and former Cranford Library Board President Robert Fridlington, and Friends of the Cranford Public Library President Gerard Paradiso.

The celebration also featured entertainment by the Cranford High School Madrigal Choir and the Cranford High School Jazz Ensemble. It was surely a wonderful afternoon, but probably more enjoyable for adults than for children. In order to strike a balance, the Friends of the Library were good enough to sponsor yet another celebration on Aug. 14 — a library birthday party for the younger set and their families. The party, which featured a balloon sculptor, a face painter and cupcakes galore, went from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and the turnout was stupendous.

We owe a great deal of thanks to a number of people for making the birthday party so much fun for one and all. First and foremost, we would like to thank the Friends of the Library for their generous sponsorship of the party.

Many thanks, also, to Friends members, Madeline and Ted Spitz and to Jennifer Musillo for their help at the party. We also want to thank Cranford's Vanilla Bean Creamery for its donation of a gorgeous and absolutely delicious ice cream cake. Greg, the balloon sculptor, provided by the Mad Hatters, was a true artist, and the children who attended were absolutely delighted with his creations. In addition, we are especially thankful to face painter Bea Tobolewski, a Cranford mom, who, along with her daughters, is a frequent visitor to the library. Bea's paintings were awesome, as the kids say. Bea's daughters, Maya and Olivia, also helped out, so, many thanks to them as well. We can safely say that, owing to the efforts of all those mentioned above, the library experienced a truly happy birthday.

John Malar, director
Judy Klimowicz, assistant director
Cranford Public Library

A positive experience

To the Editor:

With the start of the school year and with National Grandparents Day coming up on Sept. 12, we, at Sage Eldercare thought it would be a good time to thank our friends at Lincoln-Hubbard Elementary School in Summit for their ongoing commitment to helping seniors, and to encourage other young people, families and organizations to enjoy and learn from the company of our senior citizens.

Sage has had a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the Lincoln-Hubbard community. From school food drives for Sage's Portable Pantry, to girl scouts putting on a talent show for Sage's Spend-A-Day clients and donating and delivering cookies to Meals-On-Wheels clients, to a fun and educational sensitivity training program, Lincoln-Hubbard students, administrators and parents have brightened the lives of many seniors.

The development of the sensitivity training pro-

gram is a perfect example of how a bright idea followed by a collaborative effort can result in an innovative program. Lincoln-Hubbard parents wanted to give the fifth graders a community service experience that would allow them to interact with seniors. In discussions with us at SAGE, the idea of a sensitivity training program emerged.

The fifth-graders came to Sage and engaged in two activities: interacting with our Spend-A-Day clients and an activity during which the students tried to accomplish everyday tasks while wearing glasses smeared with petroleum jelly to mimic visual deterioration, wearing plastic gloves with fingers taped together to mimic arthritis and having cotton balls in their ears to mimic hearing loss. The students learned to better understand the effects of aging and how much fun talking to and interacting with seniors can be and the seniors enjoyed the enthusiasm and energy of their young friends.

The staff at SAGE would be delighted to offer the sensitivity program to other schools. We would also love to hear other ideas for more ways in which intergenerational activities could be implemented.

Once again, many thanks to the Lincoln-Hubbard community. We look forward to seeing even more of you this year, and to expanding our intergenerational programs to include others. To learn more about Sage Eldercare's programs and services, please call 908-273-5550 or e-mail contactus@sageeldercare.org.

Marianne Kranz
Sage Eldercare

Challenge the board

To the Editor:

After considerable study to protect and develop Cranford's charm and character, in 1985, under Mayor Edward Force's leadership, the Township Committee created an SID and established a Downtown Management Corporation. The designated SID was planned to be in the best interest of the township and its residents promoting economic growth, employment and general welfare.

The intention and purpose of this ordinance, also incorporated in to the Cranford Land Development Ordinance, was to encourage and endeavor to have the exteriors of all structures in the district to be represented of the design of structures in existence during the Victoria Era. To assure compliance, a strict application protocol was outlined. The ordinance specified that only the Township Planning Board was to be awarded certification and jurisdiction to take action on plans for development and renovation in the SID.

Nevertheless, currently on the Gas Port — 105 North Avenue West site — the zoning coordinator assigned the Investor Savings Bank application to the Board of Adjustment. Persuaded by a cadre of the applicants, professional experts and lawyers, the Board of Adjustment on July 12, unanimously approved a disturbing non-conforming "Prototypical" modern design structure. Objectors asked for a SID ordinance conforming design. What was approved, the objectors characterized as resembling a large two-story mausoleum.

Subsequent to assignment of this land development application in the SID to the Board of Adjustment, we have been witnessing and reporting on a wholesale violation of Cranford's governing legislative authority over the zoning scheme of our municipality and its SID district.

By exceeding the scope of its authority, the Board of Adjustment action clearly threatens private interest, public interest, safety and enforcement of the Municipal Land Use Law and SID district ordinances and the future of the SID district.

Therefore, I respectfully urge that the Township Committee carefully study the legal issues and institute a challenge to the Board of Adjustment approval in the Superior Court of New Jersey as soon as possible.

Dr. Frank W. Krause
Cranford

SPD captain plans to retire

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Police Capt. Peter Davis has once again put the township on notice that he is retiring.

Davis notified township officials last week that he will be retiring as of Sept. 1. This is the second time in two months that Davis said he would be retiring. But this week, according to two township officials, Davis said he would stay if the governing body moved him into the acting chief position for one year, with a contract and \$120,000 salary.

Mayor Ziad Shehady said Monday in a telephone interview that he preferred not to discuss the issue because it involved personnel issues, but did confirm that he was notified last week that Davis again said he would be retiring by Sept. 1. The mayor, however, would not confirm or deny that Davis had changed his mind again this week, or if the township was considering the captain's proposal.

At the end of the Aug. 10 Township Committee meeting, Deputy Mayor Bart Frankel made a motion to appoint Davis the acting chief. However, the motion failed because the other four members of the governing body did not support Davis in this position.

On June 23, Davis abruptly resigned from the officer in charge position that he assumed April 1 when former police chief William Chisholm retired after a litigious and turbulent few years. That move came after the governing body did not give Davis the nod as acting chief. This left the department without any leadership command because no other officer was qualified at the time to move into the officer in charge position. That same day, Davis changed his mind, reversing this decision and notifying the township that he would be using terminal

leave and vacation until Sept. 1, when he would officially retire.

At the time, Shehady said the township previously supported Davis as the officer in charge of the police division, but the officer's actions left him and many on the governing body confused.

Although the mayor said he asked Davis to consider resuming his duties as officer in charge, Shehady said Davis "turned the offer down." Davis, though, later agreed to stay on temporarily.

The mayor would not comment at that time on why the Township Committee decided not to appoint Davis as acting chief. Using the Open Public Records Act, *Union County LocalSource* obtained 2009 attendance records for Davis. According to this information, Davis took 139 sick days during that year-long period.

The governing body was also not swayed by the PBA voting 33 to 1 in favor of Davis's ability to run the department. At the time, Davis maintained that the township's decision was retaliation for his part in the 2007 lawsuit brought against former chief Chisholm. Davis, who gave deposition in favor of former

patrolman Walter Brooks, a black officer who maintained Chisholm mistreated him because of his race, felt the entire issue was politically based. The only captain in the Springfield Police Department at the time, Davis took over as officer in charge on April 1 when the former chief, William Chisholm, retired. As a result of Davis resigning June 23 and then deciding the next day to retire, township Administrator Anthony Cancro said the Police Department was on very shaky ground without a command leadership structure in place.

The following day Cancro asked the Union County Prosecutor's office to step in to oversee the police department until a leadership command could be established, which they did. Two weeks later, Prosecutor Theodore Romankow recommended the township designate Davis as acting chief. Although appreciative of the prosecutor's efforts, Shehady said he preferred not to rush to judgement on the matter. A few weeks later, the mayor said the township had hired Richard Rosell as public safety director overseeing the police, fire and emergency services.

CRANFORD BRIEFS

Tour the world with library film series

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite you to tour the world via their ongoing International Film Series. Shows are at 2 and 7 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Upcoming features include: "Waiting List," Cuba, 2000, on Sept. 27; "My Mother's Castle," France, 1990, on Oct. 18 and "North Face," Germany, 2008, on Nov. 15. The schedule can also be found online at www.cranford.com/library and clicking on events and programs.

New Scout troop forming at temple

There is a Girl Scout troop currently being organized under the direction of Jacki Cheslow and Marla Cordero at Temple Beth-El Meyor Chayim in Cranford this fall.

Cheslow and Cordero have a combined 18 years experience as Scout leaders. Girls who join the

Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to experience field trips, sports, skill-building clinics, community service projects and new cultural exchanges

For information, contact Jacki Cheslow at 732-382-3956 or jajchez2@yahoo.com.

Library launches 18th book group

The Readers' Forum, the book discussion group of Cranford Public Library, will begin its 18th year with a discussion of "The Patron March," by E.L. Doctorow on Sept. 27. The novel tells the story of Sherman's march from Atlanta to Savannah during the Civil War and how the destruction his forces wrought transformed and transfigured the South.

Subsequent titles and dates are: "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," by Mark Twain, Oct. 25; "The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story," by Diane Ackerman, Nov. 22; "One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd," by Jim Fergus, Dec. 20.

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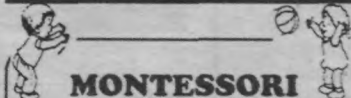


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Burnet announces homerooms

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Grade Six

6-123, Jasmine Abdur-Rauf to Diana Alvarez; 6-201, Jose Alvarez to Treyvon Bennett; 6-255, Elvin Bernales to Devon Carreira; 6-239, Talia Casas to Samantha Cruz; 6-263, Janiaya Culler to Maria Emmanouilidis; 6-203, Jayce Emonyon to Tiajahlyn Furr; 6-207, Miguel Galvao to Diego Hernandez; 6-205, Tihany Herrera to Kibugi Joram; 6-121, Ashley Jorge to Katarinia Lopes; 6-245, Andresh Louis to Anderson Moise; 6-211, Joshua Monica to Akwasi Nti-amoa; 6-131, Chioma Nwanonyiri to Chalai Parker; 6-238, Eisha Pascual to Elisha Rene; 6-251, Catresa Richards to Dominick Schulz; 6-225, Kiara Seale to Loveline Sterling; 6-229, Khaleel Subhan-Kahn

to Marcus Van Gronigen, 6-219, Sebastian Vasauetz to Daniel Zablocki.

Grade Seven

7-305, Leandro Abrantes to Bhavin Amin; 7-217, Jocelynn Andrade to Jasmin Boukhadcha; 7-125, Kyle Boyd to Hasan Choudhry; 7-304, Katherine Christian to Damian Dalancourt; 7-311, Faith Daniels to Samuel Edmond; 7-218, Alyssa Edwards to Patrick Garcon; 7-204, Nicholas Garry to Derrick Hall; 7-301, Camerun Hannah to Charles James; 7-135, Christopher Jean-Marie to Deneeya Lewis; 7-137, Na-Kayla Lewis to Britney McMillan; 7-221, Matthew McPherson to Jenny Nguyen; 7-302, Austin Nosike to Cristian Pereira; 7-208, Matthew Perez to Isaiah Richardson; 7-202, Tiannah Rigsby to Marcos Santana; 7-303, Brandon Santos to Erick Sullivan;

7-237, Mariam Syed to Marckenson Vincent; 7-241, Matthew Voltolin to Joseph Zelenenki.

Grade Eight

8-265, Kamelia Abdalla to Jessica Amoako; 8-247, Peter Amponsah to Quierand Bentley; 8-203, Joshua Bernal to Lineker Cajuste; 8-117, Marco Camargo to Omari Dawud; 8-224, Matthew De Jesus to Evan Everette; 8-307, Michele Faraone to Melissa Hamidullah; 8-310, Victoria Hamilton to Issac Jackson; 8-223, Ethan James to Ja'el Keyes; 8-209, Dominica Kileen to Brittany Mason; 8-101, Mame Mbacke to Isabel Morais; 8-138, Osvaldo Morales to Israel Olayinka; 8-133, Bryan Oliveira to Allison Quay; 8-213, Elijah Rainford to Merna Saad; 8-127, Frederick Saint Ange to Isaiah Spicer; 8-249, Kyle Standard to Innidarah Udoyen; 8-105, Anthony Vaca to Catalina Zuniga.

Playgrounds become safer



Playground areas in three Union County parks underwent renovations recently and now are ready for summertime fun. The playgrounds at Warinanco Park in Roselle, pictured, Mattano Park in Elizabeth, and Phil Rizzuto Park in Union all have new bonded rubber safety surfaces and innovative kid-friendly equipment.



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SCHOOL ZONE

New nursery program opens in Cranford

The "Watch Me Grow" Early Childhood Center at 338 Walnut St. in Cranford has opened a 2 to 5-years-old nursery program. Surrounded with well trained and experienced teaching staff, the school is starting a Kindergarten Enrichment program to provide great social, and educational opportunities to all kindergartners, with fun activities such as science, cooking, and lots of play time.

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sary. For information call Mrs. Ruben at 908-276-5437.

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difficulties with speech, behavior, coordination or getting along with others may be eligible for our preschool program. In addition to the preschool program, the district offers a full continuum of special education programs and services.

All children who are considered to be 'at risk' will be evaluated by district personnel to determine eligibility for special education and related services.

If you have concerns about your child and would like to have him/her evaluated, contact the Department of Special Services at 732-388-6200.

STUDENT UPDATE

Hillside resident earns New England degree

Yolanda Chambers of Hillside received a master's degree in management with a concentration in real estate management upon graduation from New England College in Henniker, N.H., on May 15.

Locals earn spring dean's list honors

The following local residents were among more than 2,500 students from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University who made the spring 2010 dean's list.

Sean Brown, of Hillside is a construction management major; Quanna Inman, of Hillside, is a tech ed major; Keuan Roper, of Roselle, is a marketing major; Shantel Fletcher, of Roselle, is an elementary education major and Shanea Phillips, of Roselle, is a public relations major.

CHS senior finalist for national scholarship

A senior at Cranford High School was named as a Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist. Kimberly La Fronz was selected on June 25 by the staff of the NJ Girls State program at Georgian Court College, Lakewood.

In making the announcement, the selection officials said La Fronz was named a Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist on the basis of academics, school activities, and community involvement.

La Fronz is a Cranford High School University Program participant excelling in academics, having completed nine advanced placement exams and numerous honors level courses. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Math Honor Society. In 2010, she was awarded the University of Penn Book Award as well as the CHS AP Biology award. A member of the CHS volleyball team, her off the court activities include Model UN, Mock Trial, Science League, Girl Scouts, Dance and Band. She volunteers as a tutor to her high school peers in math and history as well as a tutor to senior citizens in computers and game systems.

As a Samsung American Legion Scholarship National Finalist, La Fronz will join 99 other National Finalists from around the United States in competing for one of 12 scholarships, each worth \$20,000. Academics, extracurricular activities, community service, and financial need will be the basis of the national award.

Kaplan announced list of summer graduates

Kaplan University in Chicago celebrated the graduation of its summer 2010 class during a live ceremony on Aug. 7 in Chicago. The following local students were awarded degrees:

Shateda Davidson of Hillside was awarded an associate's degree, Jose Esparra of Rahway was awarded an associate's degree, Bridgett Firsichbaum of Kenilworth was awarded an associate's degree, Tunisia Lipford of Union was awarded an associate's degree and Toni Medina of Rahway was awarded an associate's degree.

Union resident earns a degree in fashion

Marcelle Ceide of Union, a graduate of Union High School, was among the students of The Art Institute of New York City to be

awarded a degree on June 21. Ceide graduated with an associate of occupational studies degree in fashion design.

Springfield resident graduates from SUNY

Allison D. Dmiszewicki, of Springfield, graduated with honors from the School of Management at Binghamton University, State University of New York with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

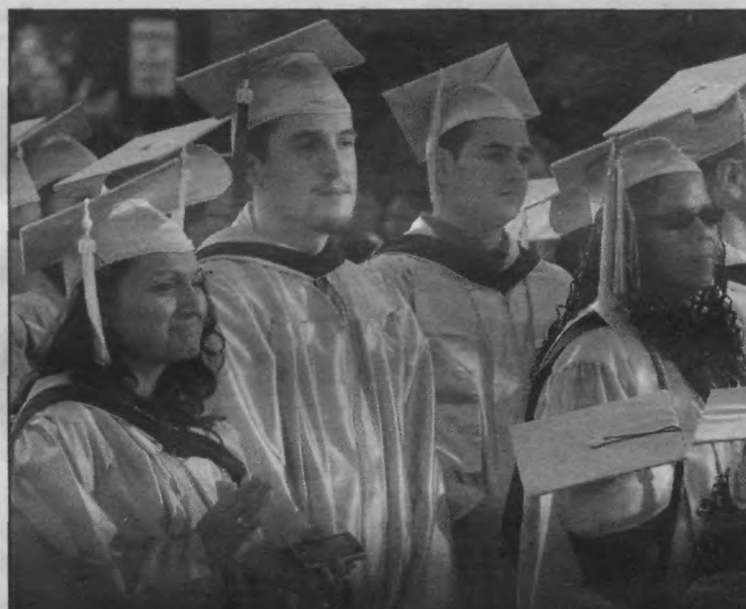
Local UD students named to dean's list

The following University of Delaware students made the 2010 spring semester dean's list. Named to the Dean's List are full-time students with grade point averages of 3.33 or above for the semester.

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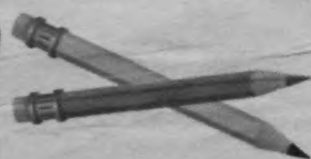
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Back to School!



'Christopher' inspires new gang prevention program

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

Brutally tortured by a gang of men and teenagers, dumped in a vacant field and left by his murderers to die alone, Christopher Booker was a young man who had a promising future ahead of him.

This may have been the tragic end to his story, but this young man's struggle became the inspiration for a new Union County program that will hopefully support and inspire teenagers to make positive choices in their lives.

Freeholder Nancy Ward knew Booker and his struggle between the bright life he had as a Marine Corps reservist who set up youth programs, and the darker life that drew him to the Blood's gang that eventually led to his death. However, Ward also was well aware that Booker's untimely death and the lesson it held could be used to help others who were about to walk that same road.

"I chose to become involved," Ward said softly, adding that Booker's story "weighed heavily on my mind and had a profound impact on me." In fact, a few days before he died, Ward spoke with the young man and she knew that he wanted so much more from his life. Recalling this moment, the freeholder decided she had to find out "why his life was taken away by other human beings." Like so many journeys in life, she would discover that the answers to some questions do

not come easily. Still, she refused to give up because this, the freeholder said, was a matter of life and death.

"We can't wait to save kids' lives," she said, pointing out that "we have teenagers that are suffering." And that is the reason Ward believes Booker's story stayed with her.

"I had to understand who these people were and why they did this to Christopher," Ward said. "When I would analyze it, it seemed as though the gang would take over their free will through intimidation and they would lose their power to step away."

She came to the conclusion that teens who gravitate towards gangs have no direction in life and they do not believe they have a future.

A recent violence study, Ward said, concluded that if teens had someone in front of them trying to help, they would listen. Putting that conclusion to work would not be easy, but Ward had a mission: to ensure that Christopher Booker's life was not in vain.

"I know that if Christopher had lived, he would have wanted to reach out in positive ways to all young people who are under continuous pressure to join a gang," the freeholder explained. "It is left to all who knew Christopher to speak for him and to speak to other victims of gang violence whose voices have been silenced."

For Ward, that meant stepping out of the

mainstream and initiating a program that would help spare other youths the same fate as Booker. As a result of her effort the Union County Freeholders partnered with New Jersey Superior Court to introduce Christopher's Program, an intensive effort to help prevent gang violence in Union County.

Spearheaded by Ward, the program was designed to provide tools for helping teens 14 to 18 avoid gangs and prevent further involvement in the court system. The freeholders agreed the program was worth the effort, contributing \$80,000 to start the program.

Teens will mainly be referred from the family division of Superior Court, where judges decide if a youth can benefit from the program that will be administered by the Union County Department of Human Services. In turn, this department will reach out to community groups, public safety agencies, schools and other stakeholders so they can take part in educational and professional development sessions focusing on youth violence, gangs and adolescent issues.

"Christopher's Program works from the perspective that youth violence related to gang membership is a public health issue," Ward said, explaining that "there is no simple cure, but one effective approach is to ensure that younger people have the support and insight they need to make positive, healthful choices about their lives."

Ward explained that changing the conversation youths have with one another is the first step in helping them realize that they have a future.

One of the speakers will ask teens who have had some interaction with gangs to go back to when they were 8 or 9-years-old.

From there, teens and older youths can hopefully believe once again in the future they dreamed of as a child.

"When these kids realize that you can still be sitting in a detention center and reclaim your life, we are halfway there," said Ward. "They need to know that we all care about them and they are not alone. With motivation and incentive, they can take another path, one that is away from gangs."

The four-week program has already started in detention centers once a week for two hours, Ward said, and has already gained recognition for its potential impact in Union County, as well as its use throughout the state.

The program is being nominated for the 2010 Community Change Project, a New Jersey Black Issues Leadership Convention initiative that highlight programs and activities promoting positive change.

For information about Christopher's Program or to request a session, contact Bonnie Hermann at the Union County Department of Human Services at 908-527-4808 or bhermann@ucnj.org.

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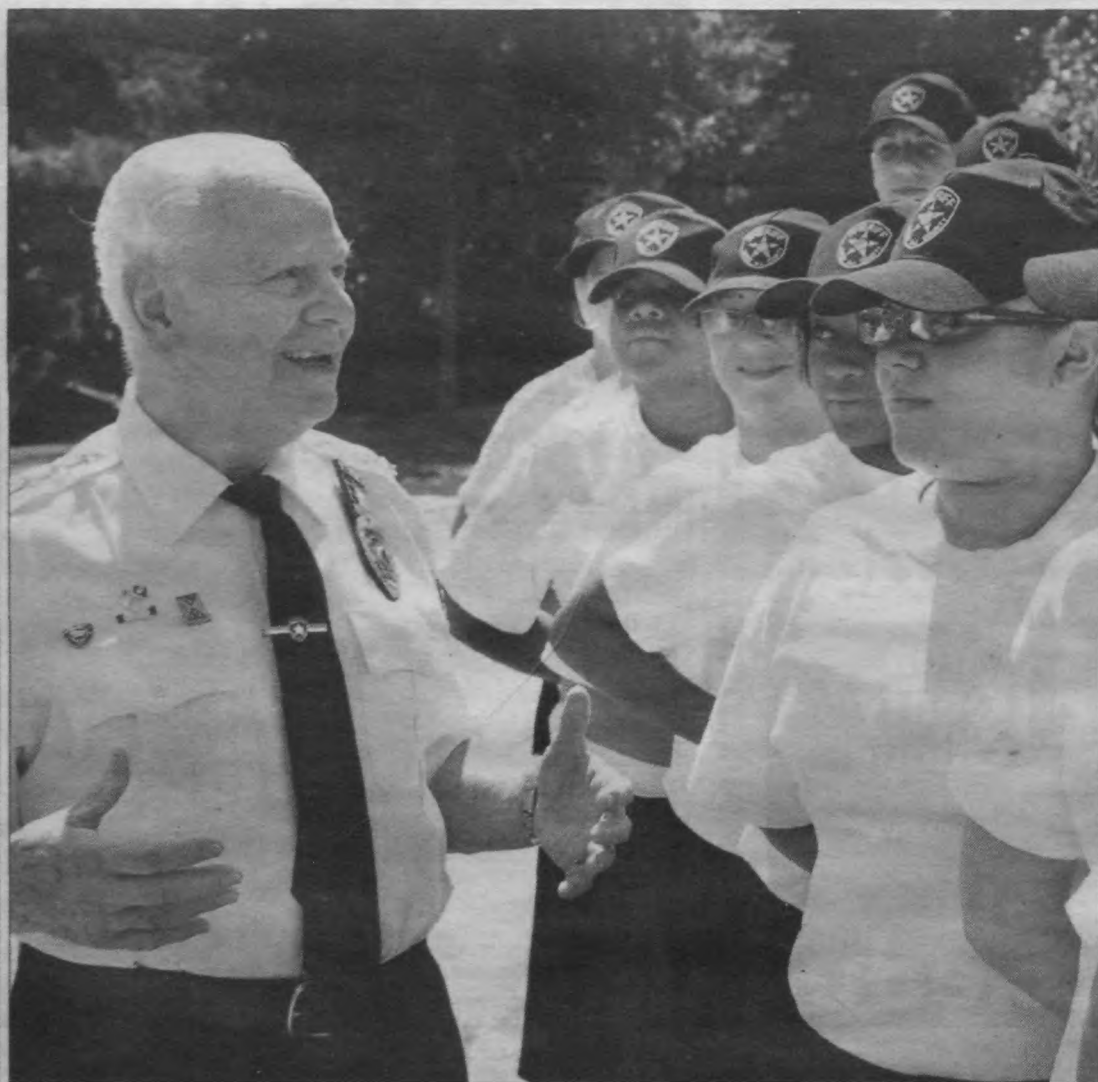


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Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich speaks with participants in the Sheriff's Youth Academy at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains. This summer three dozen teens from across Union County took part in the program designed to familiarize young people with the role of a Sheriff's Officer.

UC fundraisers try to 'Kiss Away Cancer'

Group raises money to fund cancer research, programs through ACS

By the end of 2010, it is estimated that in Union County alone, 53 people are diagnosed each week with cancer, totaling 2,756 individuals annually. This staggering figure was seen as a call to action by a group of friends who call themselves "Kiss Away Cancer."

Over the past seven years, "Kiss Away Cancer" has risen to the level of "Flagship Team" by collectively raising more than \$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.

From September to November, Kiss Away Cancer has set up three fundraisers with hopes of raising \$10,000 by the end of 2010.

To kick off the fundraisers, a Gold Party and Vendor Fair will be hosted on Sept. 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. The event will be in the Clark Municipal Building Cafeteria, 430

Westfield Ave., Clark.

Anyone can trade-in gold and receive a cash payment on the spot. The first 15 people to trade in at least \$200 worth of gold will receive a deluxe gift. Nearly a dozen vendors, ranging from jewelry and deluxe handbags to Tupperware and Discovery toys, will also be present. The first 100 people to purchase \$50 worth of products from any single vendor will receive a free gift bag. Light refreshments will be provided for free all night.

On Oct. 21, the team has organized a bus trip to see the Broadway show, "Million Dollar Quartet", the new smash-hit musical inspired by the famed recording session that brought together rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time. Show time is at 8 p.m. The bus will depart from the township of Clark.

On Nov. 13, the "Fabulous 50s Dance" will tentatively take place at Rahway American Legion Post #5, 581 Maple Ave., Rahway. The event will run from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Attendees can also take part in a tricky tray auction, 50/50, door prizes and more. To learn about these events, contact Stephen Frost at 732-986-4048, e-mail frost4acure@yahoo.com, or visit www.kissawaycancer.org.

COUNTY NEWS

Volunteers needed at UC Rape Crisis Center

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The advocates provide a calming, reassuring presence during a time of crisis and they provide information about legal options. All volunteers receive a thorough training course that prepares them to be effective advocates.

For information on volunteering, call the Rape Crisis Center at 908-233-7273. Interviews for prospective volunteers will be this summer and the next training session will begin on Sept. 21.

Become a Master Tree Steward with UC 4-H

Union County residents can take a series of free guided learning tours in some of the region's most beautiful conservation areas this fall, then share their knowledge with fourth grade students.

It's all part of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension's 4-H Union County Master Tree Steward Program, which certifies adult volunteers to help

youngsters learn about the importance of trees in the environment.

To become a certified Master Tree Steward, no teaching experience is needed. Simply sign up for a series of training sessions guided by experts from the Extension, which is supported in part by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Most of the training consists of field trips to The Great Swamp, Rutgers Helyar Woods and other nearby conservation areas. Transportation is provided for the field trips. The next series of Master Tree Steward training classes begins on Sept. 15. The entire series is free of charge, including trips, transportation and classroom materials. For information, contact 4-H Agent James Nichnadowicz at 908-654-9854.

UCC seeking alumni information new site

The Union County College Alumni Association wants to hear from its alumni members. The Alumni Association is looking to update its database with the careers of its alumni members and also wants to feature alumni on the College's new website, which is currently in production.

Several towns mull going solar

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

Public buildings around the county are lining up to have their rooftops adorned with energy-saving solar panels as part of the Renewable Energy Initiative sponsored by the Union County Improvement Authority.

The UCIA bonded \$45 million to install the panels on public buildings with the goal of helping local entities reduce their dependence on retail electricity. According to the UCIA's website, participating entities will not incur out-of-pocket costs and the financing is structured through the UCIA in a manner that will have all debt issued through the UCIA.

The UCIA lists 49 buildings in 19 Union County municipalities that have been selected to be part of the initiative, including Cranford Public Library, the Hillside Board of Education offices and municipal building; Linden Firehouses, one, two and three; Linden Public Library and Deerfield School in Mountainside. In Roselle Park, all five of the borough's schools will be equipped with panels.

"We're the only school district in the county that had all its schools qualify," Superintendent Patrick Spagnoletti said. "It's anticipated that

when its fully operational we will be saving approximately 20 percent on electrical costs."

For a building to qualify for the program, experts have to inspect the rooftops of local structures to make sure they have at least 15 years of life remaining. Another requirement was that the roofs had ample access to the sun.

Not all municipalities are comfortable with the program. In Summit, city officials tabled the subject until September so they could have time to further examine the issue.

Councilwoman Ellen Dickson said local officials interested in learning more about the program encountered a lack in specifics about how much money would be saved. "Frankly I wanted to have a debate about solar panels in general," Dickson said. "Some people think that in five years they'll be an outdated technology. I want to know this is a good use of resources."

A recent release from the UCIA seeking to clarify the initiative, states the debt will be paid off by the solar panel developer to be selected through the public bidding process. The contractor that installs the panels is also required to bear the cost and work of maintaining them. The pan-

els and associated equipment remains the property of the contractor, but is guaranteed to remain in place for 15 years.

In Cranford, where a resolution approving participation in the program was passed on Aug. 17, officials are laying to rest some initial misgivings they had about the initiative. "The town can still opt out, but right now we're part of the initiative," Library Director John Malar said.

Malar was excited about the project, which is estimated to save 10 percent or more from what the library normally pays for electricity. The actual savings will not be known for certain until the county selects a vendor, Malar said.

Spagnoletti said he was initially concerned that the addition of solar panels may compromise the roof warranty. However, the program utilizes non-penetrating panels that are secured to the roof surface using ballasts such as sandbags so as not to violate the roof warranty.

Spagnoletti said he is not concerned about potentially having the panels removed in 15 years.

"The reality is that in 15 years technology will probably have evolved significantly," Spagnoletti said.

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BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

Over the next few weeks, the sound of school bells will signal the end of summer vacation. For parents this means reminding students about the importance of safety. Kindergartners through college students need to change some of their summer behaviors to protect themselves as well as their possessions. The insurance information institute reminds everyone to think safety first and offers the following tips for parents to discuss with their children:

Young Students: Pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional death among children ages 5 to 14.

Children who walk to school or to a bus stop must be reminded to:

Look left, right, then left again before crossing the street.

Always try to cross a street where a crossing guard is present.

Walk 10 giant steps away from the front of the school bus.

Cross in front of the bus only after the driver signals its okay to do so.

High School Students: Statistics show that teen drivers are four times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash. In fact 6,000 young people are killed each year in fatal crashes. If your son or daughter drives to school:

Teach them to always buckle up and require everyone else in the car to buckle as well.

Remind them to always obey the speed limit.

Choose a safe car for teens to drive - remember large cars are safer than small ones.

Enforce no-drinking-and-driving rules.

College Students: The number one crime on college campuses is theft. One out of every 10-college students will be robbed while away at school. Most students belongings are covered under their parent's homeowner policies, but expensive computer equipment and other items may not be. Parents should check their policies to be sure and also:

Remind students always lock dormitory doors, even if they are just down the hall.

Tell Students not to keep large amounts of money or jewelry in their rooms.

Have students mark personal property, such as book-bags and CD's with identifiable marks.

Check auto insurance if your child takes a car to school to be sure no additional coverage is needed.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Senior task force host 16th annual health fair

The Minority Task Force on Aging of Union County and the Union County Department of Human Services will host its 16th annual health fair at the Rahway Senior Citizens Center on Sept. 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Speakers will be available to discuss many areas of interest. Professionals will be on

hand to administer hearing tests and to perform blood pressure screenings. A podiatrist will be available to answer questions on foot care. Exhibit tables will provide information for seniors to take home. A light lunch will be served. Members of the older adult community are encouraged to attend this informational seminar. The Rahway Senior Citizens Center is located at 1306 Esterbrook Ave., Rahway.

For information about this health fair, call Mary McLeod, Publicity Chair at 732-381-3584.

Computer classes

The Investors Savings Bank Foundation has awarded a charitable grant of \$5,000 to the Senior Citizens Council of Union County, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of older Americans living in the region.

The council offers a variety of services that include medical and dental referral services, residential maintenance and sponsored day trips, health fairs and educational events.

A newly expanded program is the Computer Connection for Seniors, a classroom-based training series designed to help senior citizens become more computer literate. The grant funds will be put

toward costs associated with the program, such as equipment and instructor fees.

"Helping seniors become more comfortable with computer technology will make their lives easier in numerous areas," said Richard E. Stone, executive director of the Senior Citizens Council. "For example, it can improve the way they communicate with family and friends."

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UCPO finding the living in order to honor the fallen

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials have announced a memorial ceremony honoring the 30 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty dating back to the 19th century and are doing their best to reach out to the families of all Union County's fallen officers.

Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow recently announced the event, titled In The Line of Duty memorial ceremony, will be on Oct. 9 at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains, where a monument stands featuring the names of the deceased. The public, including the friends and family of the deceased are invited to attend.

Union County formed in 1857 and the first documented death of an officer occurred in 1895 with the slaying of Special Police Officer Albert Jewell of Rahway. The city of Rahway accounted for seven of the 30 slain officers.

Rahway Police Chief John Rodger did not return repeated calls for comment.

City Historian Al Shipley explained that during the first half of the 20th century Rahway was one of the most active Union County towns outside Elizabeth, with a busy police force.

"A lot of the towns around here were still country," Shipley said. "Rahway was already a nice-sized town."

Shipley said records indicate Officer Jewell was chasing after a fleeing woman who turned and shot him with a pistol.

Jewell is among 13 police officers whose living family members have not yet been located and informed of the ceremony honoring their lost kin.

The prosecutor's office indicated that organizers are encountering difficulty finding ties to the families of those who died many decades ago.

Shipley said that while researching long-past events and persons can be challenging; he expects the Prosecutor's Office stands a good chance of finding the families of at least some of the officers in time for the ceremony.

"In 2010 its probably a little easier than

it would have ever been with all the web-sites available. Without all these search devises you couldn't think of doing this," Shipley said. "They have a better chance than they might have ever had of finding family members."

Though many of these officers come from a time outside living memory, local police still make a point to honor brother officers who met their end during the days of tommy guns and six-shooters.

"We would be honored to have these family members present as we remember the county's fallen officers and keep their memory alive," Romankow said.

Shipley said he understands the need to keep the events and sacrifices of the past alive.

"I think its a wonderful thing," Shipley said. "If young kids especially learn history its very helpful for them. And when its local history its even better."

Organizers have invited the family members of 17 of the fallen officers to attend the memorial. The specifics of the ceremony itself are still being planned.

Fallen officers whose friends and family remain out of touch are as follows.

From Elizabeth: Officer Frank Carine died in 1934, Captain John J. Hiney died in 1918, Officer William J. Kroeschel died in 1936, Officer John F. McGann died in 1930 and Officer Robert Paton died in 1918.

From Hillside: Patrolman Thomas W. England died in 1932.

From Rahway: Officer John James Burns died in 1971, Special Policeman Albert E. Jewell died in 1895, Officer Jacob Kraus died in 1919 and Officer James Lynch died in 1919.

From Plainfield: Officer Maurice P. Higgins died in 1925.

From Westfield: Patrolman Edgar B. "Doc" Wright died in 1928.

From the Union County Park Police: Patrolman Edwin B. Fitzpatrick died in 1928.

Police officials are asking that anyone related to these officers contact Karen Positan at the John H. Stamler Police Academy at 908-889-9028 or by e-mail at kpositan@ucnj.org.

Summer science



Photo by Jim Lowney, county of Union

Union County Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski watches students work on an experiment during the Rutgers 4-H Club's Summer Youth Science Program at the Rahway Housing Authority Community Center.

Union County extends contract with Covanta, taxpayers will save

The county of Union announced it will enter into a lease extension with Covanta, the operator of the Union County Resource Recovery Facility that, once finalized, will result in at least \$276 million in tax relief as well as waste disposal rate savings for all of Union County and its municipalities during the lifetime of the agreement.

"At a time when all governmental authorities are suffering from a dramatic drop in revenues, it is more important than ever that we seek to maximize an asset that has reached peak value and can help deliver tax relief to our taxpayers," Freeholder Chairman Daniel P. Sullivan said. "This action would do that while guaranteeing that our municipalities and residents maintain low disposal rates at the Union County Resource Recovery Facility."

Under the lease extension terms, the County and its taxpayers will realize an additional \$276 million in revenues and tax relief over the life of the proposed contract, and there will also be an immediate rate reduction in the disposal fee from \$64.44 to \$61 per ton providing relief to Union County municipalities, private haulers and resi-

dents. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders voted to unanimously pass a resolution of a Memorandum of Understanding entering into a 20-year lease extension until 2045 with Covanta, which currently leases and operates the Union County Resource Recovery Facility located in Rahway.

The lease extension also gives Covanta the option to extend the lease an additional five years to 2050 at the end of the term.

The lease extension would also give Union County a 10 percent revenue share of proceeds from the sale of energy generated at the facility beginning in 2029.

As part of the Memorandum of Understanding, the Freeholder Board also authorized representatives of the Union County Utilities Authority to begin the process of finalizing various agreements, including obtaining an approval of the extension from several state agencies. As negotiations are ongoing, final details will be released later.

The UCRRF currently generates electricity while disposing of all municipal solid waste generated in Union County at rates which are

already among the lowest in the region. The State originally mandated all 21 of New Jersey's County governmental entities to build their own incinerators during the early 90s, a mandate Union County reluctantly complied with at the time.

The UCRRF, which originally began operation in 1994, has delivered significant economic value to the county.

The average cost of municipal solid waste disposal in the county in 1995 was around \$120 per ton. In 2008, the average cost was only around \$75 per ton.

The taxpayers of the county have already realized well in excess of \$100 million in savings when compared with other waste disposal options in the 16 years Union County Resource Recovery Facility has been in operation, Sullivan said.

At the Union County Resource Recovery Facility, municipal solid waste is burned at high temperatures in combustion chambers, and the heat is used to generate steam which drives a turbine to produce 45 mega watts of clean, renewable electricity enough to satisfy energy needs of 35,000 homes annually.

UC probation officers honored

Six Union Vicinage Probation Division staff members received awards from the Chief Probation Officers of New Jersey at a ceremony at the Probation Services building in Trenton.

Anne Carolan, Shirley Houston and Keisha Friday received outstanding achievement awards for

their dedicated service and accomplishments in probation. Carolan serves as the supervisor of the probation division's collections and enforcement team. Houston is a supervisor in child support enforcement. Senior Probation Officer Friday serves as the senior officer in the adult supervision intake unit.

Lawrence Haman, known as "Mr. Probation" in the Union Vicinage, received the Career Achievement Award.

He has been a member of the juvenile supervision team for more than 36 years. Audrey Butler and Helibert Hernandez received meritorious service awards.

Donate blood, save Union County lives

New Jersey Blood Services, a division of the New York Blood Center, is calling upon the communities it serves to remember those in need of blood during this slow, late summer period and to schedule an appointment to donate, or consider sponsoring a blood drive, because patients' needs do not take a summer break.

The need for blood is constant due its shelf life of just 42 days, and the only place to get this precious resource is from volunteer blood donors. Summer is the busiest time of year for emergency rooms and trauma centers, but with schools closed and people off for travel, there are fewer people available to donate blood at this time.

Hospital use of blood products remains high during the summer — due to surgeries, emergencies and care of cancer patients. Type O-negative blood, in particular, is used in exchange transfusions for newborn babies and pregnant women, and for premature babies in intensive care units.

People with Rh-negative blood, including A-, B- and O-, comprise just 15% of the population, yet their blood can be safely transfused to the remaining 85%. People with O-negative blood are known as "universal donors" because their blood can be transfused into anyone. Type O-negative blood is found in just 6 percent of the population, but is used more often by patients with other blood types, especially in emergency rooms and trauma situations.

Please consider becoming a blood donor. If you have given blood in the past, please make an

appointment to return and donate blood again this season. You can also help patients in need by organizing a blood drive in your community, house of worship, or place of work. NYBC and its regions thank every individual blood donor and the wide variety of organizations that sponsor blood drives throughout the year.

Union County residents can donate blood in September on:

- Sept. 1 at Scotch Plains Donor Center, 2279 South Ave., Scotch Plains, from 2 to 8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 2 at Elizabeth PBA #4, One Police Plaza, Elizabeth, from 1 to 7 p.m.
- Sept. 2 at ILA c/o Maher Terminal, 1210 Corbin St., Elizabeth, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sept. 3 at Scotch Plains Donor Center, 2279 South Ave., Scotch Plains, from 2 to 8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 4 at Jersey Gardens Outlet Mall, 651 Kapkowski Rd., Elizabeth from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 4 at Scotch Plains Donor Center from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sept. 5 at Jersey Gardens Outlet Mall from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 8 at Scotch Plains Donor Center from 2 to 8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 10 at Scotch Plains Donor Center from 2 to 8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 11 at Scotch Plains Donor Center from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sept. 13 at Kean University in Downs Hall on Morris Ave., Union, from 11:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
- Sept. 13 at Scotch Plains Donor Center from 2 to 8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 15 at Scotch Plains Donor Center from 2 to 8:30 p.m.

One month, two volunteers

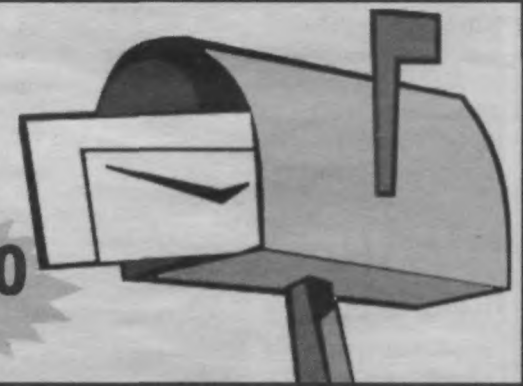


Sage Eldercare's Volunteer of the Month for August is being shared by two eighteen-year-olds from Scotch Plains. From left: Jeff Kranz and Marissa Sacca have been volunteering at Sage, a major community resource for the elderly in Summit, since Jeff was six and Marissa was ten-years-old. Together they've have been featured in the non-profit organization's newsletters as far back as 2001 when they assembled baskets for the annual 'Brunch a la Sage' event.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Kenilworth health fair

The Michael L. Vitale, Sr. Health Fair will be on Sept. 25, at St. Theresa's Elementary School, 540 Washington Ave., Kenilworth, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Health Professionals will be providing screenings services and educational materials for the following health concerns: vision, hypertension, respiratory ailments, dental, colorectal cancer, hearing, vascular educator, prostate cancer, posture, scoliosis, breast self-exam,

podiatry, diabetes and other blood abnormalities.

Learn to avoid stroke

A Health Education Seminar called "Be Stroke Smart" will be hosted at Trinitas Regional Medical Center on Sept. 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. The seminar will teach the audience how to recognize signs of stroke and how to prevent one. The seminar will take place in the Administrative Services Building. To register, call 908-994-8939.

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A new spire was installed at Trinity Episcopal Church at the corner of North and Forest avenues in Cranford.

Renovation complete as steeple was raised

Recently, a new spire was installed at Trinity Episcopal Church at the corner of North and Forest avenues in Cranford.

"It is an exciting milestone in Trinity's \$2 million renovation project which began last fall," said John Zebrowski, Trinity's project manager for the renovation.

Siano Brothers Contracting of Cranford is the general contractor for the project. "We have used some innovative solutions to re-create a building that will be low maintenance, energy efficient and last for generations to come," said Christian Siano, owner and president of Siano Brothers Contracting of Cranford.

"Our design goals have been to give the building the look and feel of the original 1875 Trinity church, while incorporating modern convenience and durability," said Thomas DiGiorgio, Owner of Thomas DiGiorgio Architecture. "Working with the Trinity Building Committee and all the Contractors on the project, we have been able to achieve those goals," he added.

The foundation has been stabilized by pouring a concrete grade beam which now helps support the main roof trusses as well as the upgraded floor system. The system now sits independently on a series of girders and columns. "The floor

is rock solid now," Zebrowski said. The exterior walls have been upgraded with insulation, HVAC ductwork, electrical and plumbing improvements. The main roof support trusses have been stabilized and will now support the weight of the newly installed structural insulated panel and triple layer roofing shingle which allows the cathedral roof of the building to breathe while still maintaining an R-Value.

Following the installation of the new spire, new fiber cement exterior siding and closed-cell PVC millwork has been installed, returning to the original clapboard with board and batten finish.

After the stained glass windows are re-installed and all the interior carpentry is completed, the refurbished and expanded organ will be re-installed. The renovations are scheduled to be complete in December 2010.

Sunday services are being conducted at 9 a.m. in air-conditioned Sherlock Hall this summer during the renovations, located behind the church building. Services are celebrated by The Rev. Gina Walsh-Minor, Rector Trinity Episcopal Church.

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Malvina Arkus

Malvina Arkus, 82, of Mountainside died Aug. 15 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Arkus resided in Mountainside since 1966. She was employed as a counselor at Union County Shelter for more than 30 years. Mrs. Arkus was a member of Temple Emanuel, Westfield, Hadassah, First Baptist Church, Widow & Widowers, Mountainside Swim Club, Kean University Alumni and Pace University Coffee and Conversation. She did undergraduate and graduate studies at Kean University, Union, and New York University in psychology and social work. Mrs. Arkus was a regular poll worker at the voting booths in Mountainside. Later, she became an usher at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn.

Surviving are a son, Greg, and a grandchild.

Temple Emanuel handled the arrangements.

Charles Chapman III

Charles Chapman III, 59, of Roselle died on Aug. 15.

Surviving are his father, Charles, and three sisters, Debra Battle, Lynn Page and April Chapman.

The Cotton Funeral Service, Roselle, handled the arrangements.

Claire Daffner

Claire Daffner, 70, of Mountainside died Aug. 22 at home.

Born in Queens, N.Y., Mrs. Daffner lived in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Manalapan, before moving to Mountainside, where she lived for the past 20 years. A lifelong learner and teacher, she received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Queens College, New York, a certificate in occupational therapy and a master's degree in motor learning from Columbia University. In 2007, Mrs. Daffner obtained a Ph.D. in health sciences from Touro University International.

She served on the faculty of the occupational therapy and occupational therapy assistant programs at Touro College, New York City, from 1997 to 2009. In addition to teaching, Mrs. Daffner practiced occupational therapy for 35 years, specializing in pediatrics. She also was the director of occupational therapy at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside for 23 years. Mrs. Daffner served as president of the New Jersey Occupational Therapy Association. She was honored by the American Occupational Therapy Association with membership on the Roster of Fellows of the American Occupational Therapy Association.

Mrs. Daffner was an active member of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Springfield, and served as president of the temple from 2002 to 2004. She was a talented artist and filled her home with handcrafted dolls, tapestry, needlework, pot-

tery and stained glass.

Surviving are two daughters, Adrienne Daffner and Beth Ricca; a sister, Bobby Shefts, and two grandchildren.

The Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union handled the arrangements.

Betty Ehrgott

Betty Ehrgott, 89, of Mountainside died Aug. 16 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Ehrgott was a resident of Mountainside since 1956. She was a graduate of New York University, where she received a bachelor of science degree in finance in 1948. Mrs. Ehrgott received a master's degree in counseling from Upsala University, East Orange, in 1980. She served as the director of student financial aid for Union County College and most recently worked for the Muhlenberg Hospital School of Nursing, Plainfield, before retiring in 1984. Mrs. Ehrgott was an active member of St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, New York City, and most recently, a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Westfield.

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Murlin C. "Mike;" two daughters, Mary Lou Pastore and Katherine Elizabeth Roche; two sons, Murlin "Charles" Jr. and Curtis Christian; a brother, Chuck Hoelzer; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The Memorial Funeral Home, Fanwood, handled the arrangements.

Raymond Fogel

Raymond J. Fogel, 61, of Kenilworth died July 14 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Rahway, Mr. Fogel lived in Kenilworth for most of his life. He was a maintenance mechanic for the United States Post Office in Jersey City and a member of the Kenilworth Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Surviving are two sisters, Margaret A. Gyenes and Rosemary Zednick.

Gail Friedman

Gail Friedman, 69, of Clark died Aug. 15 in New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Friedman lived in Union and had resided in Clark since 1964. She had been employed in the Westfield school system as a teacher for more than 30 years. Mrs. Friedman was a graduate of Newark Teachers College, now Kean University, Union, also also received two master's degrees, one as a reading specialist and the second in learning disabilities consulting. She was a member of the New Jersey Education Association and a certified Reiki master.

Surviving are a daughter, Beth Hopkins; a son, Jeffrey; a brother,

Richard Denby, and five grandchildren.

The Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union handled the arrangements.

Clara Kelly

Clara "Claire" Kelly, 86, of Rahway died Aug. 16 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Born in Perth Amboy, Mrs. Kelly resided in Sewaren before moving to Rahway 62 years ago. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church, Rahway.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen Authenreath; two sons, Jack and Patrick; two brothers, George and Harold Anderson, and two grandchildren.

The Corey Funeral Home, Rahway, handled the arrangements.

Jerome La Motta



Jerome J. La Motta, 85, of Union died on Aug. 17.

Born in Newark, Mr. La Motta was a resident of Union for 54 years. Before his retirement, he was the owner of Sector Tool-and-Die Manufacturing Co., Newark, for 26 years. Mr. La Motta was a member of St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council 4504, Union, and a parishioner of St. James the Apostle Church, Springfield. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Thelma; three daughters, Wendy Flood, Elizabeth Lorenzini and Nancy Dreszler; two sons, Alan and Thomas; a brother, Michael; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The McCracken Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

Andrea Lazzara

Andrea Lazzara, 58, of Summit died on Aug. 20.

Surviving are a sister, Maryann Mastrolacasa, and a brother, Carmelo Lazzara.

The Paul Ippolito Summit Memorial, Summit, handled the arrangements.

Joyce MacCoy

Joyce MacCoy, 77, of Union died Aug. 16 in the Manor Care Nursing Home, New Providence.

Born in Newark, Mrs. MacCoy resided in Union. She was a secretary with Industrial Previews Inc., Linden, from 1960 to 1970, and before that, for David Houston Real Estate, Newark, from 1953 to 1960.

Surviving are her husband, Donald W.; a daughter, Carol L. MacCoy, and a sister, Marlene Cababe.

Lawyer McLucas

Lawyer McLucas, 104, formerly of Roselle, died Aug. 17 in Elizabeth.

Mr. McLucas had worked in

OBITUARY LIST

ALFANO — Anne M., of Union; Aug. 21.
 ARKUS — Malvina, of Mountainside; Aug. 15.
 BEISLER — John A. III, of Union; Aug. 18.
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 CHAPMAN — Charles III, of Roselle; Aug. 15.
 COCCHIARELLA — Michael V., of Union; Aug. 14.
 DAFFNER — Claire, of Mountainside; Aug. 22.
 DAVID — Evangeline Palomares, of Union; Aug. 20.
 EHRGOTT — Betty H., of Mountainside; Aug. 16.
 FOGEL — Raymond J., of Kenilworth; July 14.
 FRIEDMAN — Gail, of Clark; Aug. 15.
 JACOBUS — Emma, formerly of Union; Aug. 19.
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 NOBLE — James L., formerly of Union; Aug. 3.
 NOLAN — Lovone L., formerly of Summit; Aug. 7.
 PALMER — Daisy M., of Cranford; Aug. 14.
 ROCHFORD — Elliot, of Springfield; has died.
 SALAY — Mary, of Rahway; Aug. 15.
 SALINARDO — Virginia M. "Gina," of Roselle Park; Aug. 18.
 SCHEIDEGGER — Pauline W., of Kenilworth; Aug. 19.
 SKWIRUT — Stanley Walter, of Kenilworth; Aug. 17.
 SPANN — Willie Jr., of Union; Aug. 12.
 VARCHO — Andrew, of Cranford; Aug. 16.
 VOLPE — Eleanore J., of Cranford; Aug. 16.
 WALKO — Barbara, formerly of Cranford; Aug. 14.
 WARREN — Richard Michael, of Cranford; Aug. 1.
 YORKE — William J., of Clark; Aug. 17.

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

Allen Carpet, Elizabeth. He was the oldest living member of both the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Roselle, and King William Grand Lodge AF&AM Solomon Lodge 2, Newark. Mr. McLucas was a foster grandparent at the Woodbridge State School.

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

James Noble



James L. Noble, 86, of Palm Springs, Calif., formerly of Union, a

retired Union police lieutenant, died Aug. 3 in Desert Hospital, Palm Springs.

Born in Newark, Mr. Noble lived in Union before moving to Palm Springs. He enlisted in the Marines in 1942 and received commendations for his actions while fighting in the Pacific Theater during World War II. A mason by trade, Mr. Noble joined the Union Police Department, where he served for 20 years. He became a lieutenant and was a member of the Police Benevolent Association Local 69 and retired in 1978. Mr. Noble later owned and operated a tavern in Irvington for many years before moving to Palm Springs.

Surviving are three daughters, June Slintak, Jacqueline Noble and Marie Goodman; two sons, James D. and Christian; a sister, Joan

Maring; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Wiefels Funeral Home, Palm Springs, handled the arrangements.

Lovone Nolan

Lovone L. Nolan, 76, of Irvington, formerly of Summit, died Aug. 7 at home.

Born in Sumerville, S.C., Miss Nolan lived in Summit for 15 years before recently moving to Irvington. She was an operating room technician for the cardiac unit for more than 40 years at the University of Medical & Dentistry, New Jersey and Beth Israel Hospital in Newark. Miss Nolan also worked at Nathan Swiser Meat Co., New York, N.Y., and was a former member of the Cleft Tones Singing Group. She was a member of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Summit.

Surviving are three sons, Dan, Jarret and William Nolan; a daughter, Cheryl Hasel, and a brother, John J. Nolan.

The Cotton Funeral Service, East Orange, handled the arrangements.

Daisy Palmer

Daisy M. Palmer, 82, of Cranford died Aug. 14 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in New Rochelle, N.Y., Mrs. Palmer lived in New York City and moved to Cranford 57 years ago. She graduated from

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Hunter College, New York, in 1949, where she received a degree in chemistry. Mrs. Palmer retired in 1997 after 30 years as a chemist laboratory instructor for Union County College, Cranford. She was a member of the College Club of Cranford and an active member of the Calvary Lutheran Church, Cranford. Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Carl Lennart "Len," two sons, Robert L. and Thomas J.; a daughter, Betsy Johnsrud, and four grandchildren.

Mary Salay

Mary Salay, 85, of Rahway died Aug. 15 in Care One at Highlands, Edison.

Born in Lansford, Pa., Mrs. Salay lived in Jersey City before moving to Rahway many years ago. She had been employed by the Rahway Board of Education as a cafeteria worker at the Roosevelt School from 1972 to 1986. Mrs. Salay was a member of St. Mary's Church, Rahway, and its Rosary Altar Society.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Ann Fitzharris and Karen Cumiskey; a sister, Anne Soyke; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a great-stepdaughter.

Virginia Salinardo

Virginia M. "Gina" Salinardo, 80, of Roselle Park died Aug. 18 in

Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Salinardo moved to Roselle Park in 1951. She was a bookkeeper for BCE Co., Union, for 15 years and retired in 1995. Mrs. Salinardo was a member of the Moms Club and the PTO, both of Roselle Park.

Surviving are two daughters, Jaime Coursen and Lori Palkovics; two sons, Robert and Timothy; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pauline Scheidegger

Pauline W. Scheidegger, 87, of Kenilworth died Aug. 19 in Genesis, Westfield. Born in Madison, Mrs. Scheidegger moved to Kenilworth in 1946.

Surviving are two sons, Harold and Mark; two daughters, Debbie Scheidegger and Lori Pantano, and seven grandchildren.

Stanley Skwirut

Stanley Walter Skwirut, 91, of Kenilworth died Aug. 17 in Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth.

Born in Newark, Mr. Skwirut was a longtime resident of Kenilworth. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, Kearny. Mr. Skwirut was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps and served as a sergeant in

North Africa from 1938 to 1945. Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Adele; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Eleanore Volpe

Eleanore J. Volpe, 87, of Cranford died Aug. 16 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Volpe lived in Springfield for many years before recently moving to Cranford. Prior to her retirement, she was a secretary for the Springfield Board of Education. Before that, Mrs. Volpe was an administrative assistant at Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, for many years.

Surviving are a son, Andrew C., and a sister, Julia G. DePasquale.

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'Resplendent' retains its splendor

Cristina Guarneri of Verona, an educator and clinical counselor, has written a most unusual, comprehensive series of 10 books, combined into one, called "Resplendent, the Invincible Series."

It is commendable, particularly since she is able to reach young teens and older teens who suffer with educational deficiencies. Guarneri had accomplished this with even younger people when she wrote several books with wonderful illustrations. It is so inspirational that even adults, who read this book, can come to terms with their own insecurities, shortcomings and inevitabilities.

Now, with "Resplendent," Guarneri has loosely based it on the real life of Wayne Oakley — she calls her character, Lewis Oaken — who is from Pequannock, a star wrestler in his high school who received a wrestling scholarship to Sacred Heart University in Connecticut. It appears that Oaken, a bright high school student, had been an extremely mischievous teenager, held accountable by his principal for his antics. Following a tragic automobile accident, in which he suffered a concussion and

On The Shelf

By Bea Smith



remained in a coma for some time, he recovered sufficiently after suffering from seeing bright blinding lights and equally blinding headaches. Oaken soon discovered that he was able to read people's minds and predict future events.

Much of the stories in Guarneri's book are fictitious — still, by using Oaken as a role model, she was able to tell interesting stories and, once more, reach out to troubled youngsters.

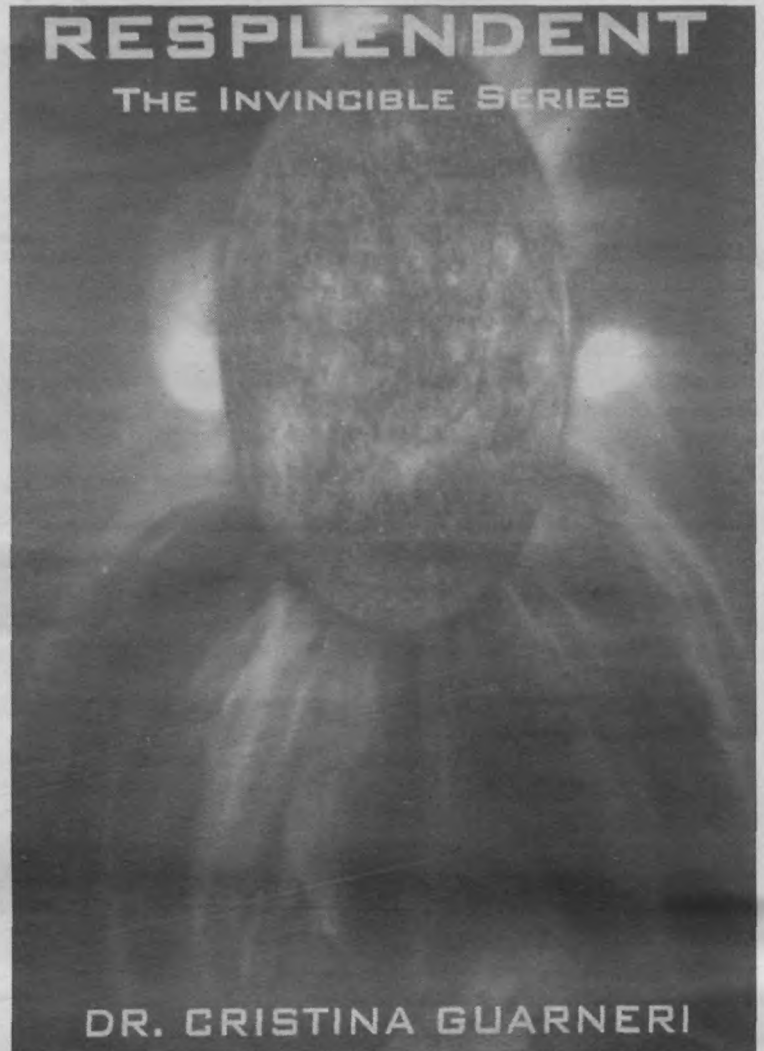
It appears that "Resplendent, The Invincible Series," was originally created as 10 books in the group. However, it has been changed into one book with the titles: "Invincible," "Irrepressible," "Transcending," "Seraphic," "Enlightenment," "Awakening," "Sovereignty," "Redeemer," "Eminent" and "Resplendent." And so, with each opening chapter, the

author tells the same beginning stories in the life of Lewis Oaken; in different ways, of course. After a while, it can become rather tedious.

Still, if a reader can get beyond that phase, one can still enjoy and learn from the lessons Oaken had to learn in his accomplishments. And these lessons actually help a young person to realize his full potentialities.

These tales come from a tried-and-true assistant principal, school counselor and special education teacher. Guarneri has a doctorate degree in educational leadership, management and policy, plus a post-master's degree in mental health counseling from Seton Hall University, South Orange, a master's degree in counseling and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Montclair University. She is now an adjunct professor at Berkeley College and teaches criminal justice. A reader couldn't ask for more.

"Resplendent" which has an invincibility of its own, has found a true home on the shelf of this reviewer's bookcase — alongside of the children's books Guarneri deemed to write.



America's pastime



The invitational exhibition entitled 'Six New Jersey Masters' will be at The Karl and Helen Burger Gallery at Kean University from Sept. 14 to Oct. 22. Gary T. Erbe of Nutley is one of the invited artists. He has been painting professionally for more than 40 years. This is one of his works entitled 'Subway Series.'

Novel combines series of books

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

It is rare to discover a person whose main goal in life is to help and guide people to their true potentials.

Such a person is Cristina Guarneri of Verona, a writer who is also a psychologist, professor and guidance counselor. When she talks about utilizing highest dreams and inspiring young people to have rich and useful lives, she is mesmerizing. Guarneri has written a number of children's books, and here, in her latest for teens to adults, "Resplendent, The Invincible Series," which has just been published, she has once more accomplished her goals.

"It took me a month to write the series," explained the dedicated author. "Every day, people inspire me," she said.

Guarneri, who based her book on the life of a real person, Wayne Oakley, whom she calls Lewis Oaken in the stories, said, "I worked with Wayne in my previous position. Back when I wrote the series, I was working in a different part of education as a guidance counselor. I'm currently an adjunct professor at Berkeley College. I teach criminal justice on all different campuses. I've worked so long in criminal justice," she admitted,



Guarneri

"where a lot of youngsters are at risk, that I was able to turn their lives around — and write this book."

Born in Belleville, Guarneri has served as educator, clinical counselor, assistant principal, school counselor and special education teacher at schools throughout northern New Jersey. Guarneri has earned a doctorate in educational leadership, management and policy, a post-master's degree in mental health counseling from Seton Hall University and received a master's degree in counseling and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Montclair University.

"My dad, Frank Guarneri, is a retired police chief in Bloomfield," she said. "My mom, Carmella, works as an administrative assistant in Mountainside Hospital in Montclair."

As far as the book is concerned, Guarneri said, "I've had very promising responses to it. I've noticed that not only do young people relate to it, but a lot of adults have read it and found it refreshing. This

book, if you're a young person, can (help you) relate to the character of Lewis Oaken by trying to figure out who you are and where you want to go. If you're an adult, definitely, a person can relate to super heroes."

The character of Lewis Oaken also was derived from "the countless numbers of incarcerated people I had met when I was doing my internship at Essex County jail in North Caldwell and Bergen County jail...In young people, I found there was a particular pattern, and I wanted to look into this. By the way, the book helped earn a scholarship to be developed for a young person, a tough guy, who changed to be a leader in his school."

Guarneri admitted, "Originally, I had planned the book as a series of books to be sold individually. However, I find that many people are quite pleased in having the series in one book."

The author said she was "in the process of working on a sequel to 'Resplendent.' And I'm really looking forward to continuing my career with Berkeley College."

In general, I have a philosophy that, if I can make a difference in one person's life, I will have accomplished what my career goal was. And that is — just to help people."



From left: Marc Pressel, Elizabeth Nowik and Kenneth Kalmanson, with Alan Du in the foreground, are all members of the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra.

NJIO has humble beginnings, but continues to grow every year

It started in a one-room schoolhouse — actually the choir room of a church in Summit. This was the humble beginning of the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra's introduction to Chamber Music Workshop in the summer of 2006.

With one coach, cellist Martin Steinberg and a dozen string players met every Thursday night for eight weeks and tried their hand at early Mozart string quartets.

With extremely limited funding and low fees, the program continued for the summer of 2007. Then, with the help of a grant from the Amateur Chamber Music Players Association, the workshop grew in 2008. More coaches were added and enrollment more than doubled. One challenge remained: the lack of a home base. The workshop had sessions in three different locations, Maplewood, Westfield and Cranford.

"Musically, with great coaches like Misha Kuchuk, Ruth Brons and Vincent Novellino, our students learned quite a bit, but naturally, there was some confusion about where we would meet each week," said Steinberg, who would bring five fans with him every

week to create breezes in the non-air conditioned spaces.

Fortunately, the nomadic experience ended in 2009 when the NJIO moved to the air-conditioned Judith G. Wharton Music Center in Berkeley Heights and added two more outstanding coaches, Elzbieta Winnicka and Elizabeth Nowik. A total of 60 workshop participants attended the two chamber music sessions that summer, as they did this June and July.

Designed for beginning and intermediate players, most of the participants have been string players until this year, when the accomplished flutist Diana Charos Reilly joined the faculty to lead a woodwind group. The workshop's goal is for players to learn about and play chamber music in a noncompetitive atmosphere. Coaching by professional musicians is a strong component.

This summer seven coaches, an increase from five in previous summers, were hired to coach students as young as 10 and as old as 70. NJIO's motto is "Bridging the Generations Through Music."

"Nurturing the talents of people of all ages typifies the type of

coaches we have," said Steinberg.

Playing in a chamber ensemble can be daunting for students who have taken only a few private lessons or have never played in a small group like a quartet. To ease the anxiety of less experienced players, 30 student musicians begin by playing a Mozart string quartet together as an orchestra, with coaches also playing. After the icebreaker, the players are assigned to smaller ensembles to work with their coach.

All three ensembles available are open to players of all ages. The Fall Open House is on Sept. 16 and 23 and the Judith G. Wharton Music Center in Berkeley Heights. For information visit www.njio.org, send an e-mail to info@njio.org or call 908-603-7691.

This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Sellman named board director

The Celebration Singers Board of Directors is pleased to announce Jennifer Sellman as our new director for our young people's choirs.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in music education from Montclair State University, Sellman began her teaching career at Kittatinny Regional High School. In 2000, Sellman began her tenure at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains, where she has taught Kindergarten through eighth grade. Since working in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District, Sellman earned her master's degree in music education from Rutgers University and her certification from New York University. During her ten years at Park Middle School, she has developed the choral program in grades five through eight; insti-

tuted the Blue Notes, an auditioned choir comprised of seventh and eighth grade chorus students; organized performances in the community as well as festivals; sponsored students in NJMEA Regional and State Choirs as well as ACDA Eastern and National Choirs; managed and accompanied Region II Intermediate Chorus and hosted the All-State Choirs rehearsal for three years.

She is a private piano and voice teacher in the immediate area. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Sellman continues developing her musical skills by performing with the Celebrations Singers since 2006, while singing at various churches throughout the state. In Celebration Singers, she is reminded that music is truly a com-

munity experience. She has had many roles within the Celebration Singers including assistant director for the adult choir, founder and director of the Young Women's Ensemble and accompanist for the various young people's choirs this past season. She is grateful for the many opportunities granted to her throughout the years and hopes to share her love of music with all of her students, colleagues, and friends.

Auditions for new members will be on Sept 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. First Rehearsal is Tuesday, Sept. 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Auditions and rehearsals will be at the Cranford United Methodist Church. For information, visit our website, celebration-singers.org, or call at 908-241-8200.

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It's almost always a draw when Salvia and Veronica square off

The Gardener's Apprentice

By Elisabeth Ginsburg

My father used to say that, back in the 1950s, you could watch just about anything on television, as long as it was either wrestling or a western. Westerns have gone the way of all things, but wrestling has made a huge comeback in the last 10 years. This makes me feel better, somehow, as I wrestle with stakes and tall plants in the garden.

I have a challenge right now that may or may not lead me to more wrestling with plant stakes. I need some blue, spiky plants to liven up the summer garden. This is the perfect time to order such things for the fall planting season. Because of that, I am also wrestling mentally with the choice between two worthy cultivars. The struggle — Salvia vs. Veronica — sounds like it could be a televised, World Wrestling Entertainment all-girl extravaganza.

In one corner, figuratively speaking, stands salvia, specifically Salvia x sylvestris "Mainacht" or "May Night," chosen as the Perennial Plant Association's "Plant of the Year" in 1997. Bred in Germany, this hybrid has at least one illustrious parent: Salvia pratensis, a European meadow sage that grows between 1 and 4 feet tall, with aromatic foliage and dramatic violet-blue flower spikes. "Mainacht" comes from a prolific genus and is kin to about 750 salvia species native to many parts of the world.

As if that didn't make for enough relatives, the salvias are members of the Labiatae or mint family, an enormous clan of useful and decorative herbs, with a justifiable reputation for being vigorous, sometimes to the point of invasiveness.

In the last couple of decades, German plant breeders have taken on genera like coreopsis, Sedum and goldenrod, creating hybrids that are more vigorous, floriferous and, sometimes,

more compact than their forbearers. After a lot of crosses, "Mainacht" emerged on the market with an even better and richer color than Salvia pratensis, but a slightly more compact growth habit. Reaching between 18 and 24 inches tall, "Mainacht" is generally a middle-of-the-border plant. No matter where you put it, the plant makes a colorful statement in the garden.

The only real problem of "Mainacht" is floppiness. It blooms tall and straight in May, but as the season progresses, it tends to flop over, even with deadheading of spent flowerheads. This is fine in a cottage-type garden, where flopping is par for the course, but if you intended the plant to be a strong vertical accent, its value diminishes as its stems curve towards the ground. This can be counteracted by judicious staking, of course, or growing the salvia amidst other plants upon whom it can lean for support. You can also cut it back to the basal leaves after the first flush of bloom and it will rise again later in the summer in all its cerulean glory.

Or you can grow Veronica spicata, especially "Sunny Border Blue," the cultivar that was the Perennial Plant Association's Plant of the Year in 1993. Despite its resemblance to "Mainacht," it is a member of the Scrophulariaceae family, with relatives that include snapdragons and verbascum. The veronica is roughly the same height as Salvia "Mainacht" and has similar spikes of blue-purple flowers.

The advantage of "Sunny Border Blue" and some of its other Veronica spicata kin is that it tends to stay more upright through the season. As with other plants, you should remove spent flowers after the first flush of bloom to encourage rebloom. Both veronicas and salvias like sunny situations and can take a bit of drought. Salvia probably has a slight edge in drought-tolerance and reblooming capacity. Its aromatic leaves also make it more varmint-resistant than veronica. Veronica, on the other hand, generally makes a better cut flower.

So which should you choose? It depends on what kind of garden you have, where you locate your blue spiky flowers, whether you have a varmint problem and how much you like staking. My suggestion, which I am going to apply to my own plant purchasing, is to try both and see which works better for you. It will be that both plants look great in your garden and will perform equally well given the right situations. If you insert an unobtrusive bamboo or other stake next to your salvia when you install it, the plant may lean on it very naturally as it grows and never need tying. If you do have to tie it up, you won't have to search out an appropriate support at a time when you have a million other garden chores to do.

I would call the Salvia/Veronica smack-down a draw. If you want to purchase either cultivar or both, try Bluestone Perennials, 7211 Middle Ridge Road, Madison, OH 44057; call 800-852-5243; or visit www.bluestoneperennials.com. The catalog is free.

Elisabeth Ginsburg, a resident of Glen Ridge, is a frequent contributor to Worrall Community Newspapers. The writer archives past columns at <http://www.gardenersapprentice.com>.

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ART SHOWS

THE GALLERY ON THE BOULEVARD AT THE KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY will present "FOR THE LOVE OF WATER," a themed photography exhibit, during the months of September and October. Featuring the work of Union County residents Heather Cajamarca and Laverne Maxime, the exhibit will offer visitors a chance to contemplate the restful and restorative qualities of flowing water. Cajamarca, a Wisconsin native who moved to Roselle Park seven years ago. Cajamarca states, "there is something amazing about watching a sunset over a body of water, walking along the beach, or seeing a reflection in a puddle to make me appreciate nature and embrace the beauty." Maxime, a native of Trinidad came to the United States in 1991 and has lived in Scotch Plains since 2005. Regarding the exhibit she states, "From the soothing sounds of running water, to the crashing of waves, water calms the senses and brings me to a complete state of relaxation."

The VISUAL ARTS CENTER OF NEW JERSEY is partnering with PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE on a year long exhibition series in the theater's RENEE FOOSANER ART GALLERY. The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey will provide an exhibition for each of Paper Mill's five main-stage productions, each in a different medium. The gallery is open one hour prior to performances and during intermission.

SUMMIT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE VISUAL ARTS CENTER OF NEW JERSEY announce an exhibition of botanical illustrations and photographs by award-winning artist JUDITH SCILIA in THE GALLERY at the Summit library through Sept. 30. Her life-size illustrations of flowering plants are impeccably rendered in colored pencil giving her audience an intimate, detailed view of each specimen. The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours. The Summit library is located at 75 Maple St., and is open Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, go to www.summitlibrary.org or call 908-273-0350.

On the first Thursday of each month, the city of Rahway will host an ARTS DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE in the downtown area between The Arts Guild on Irving Street and Seminary Avenue, and Elm Street at Irving Street from 6 to 9 p.m. These First Thursday events include visual arts exhibits, live music, crafts, play readings, free dance lessons and other arts activities at several locations in the area.

Cranford resident KERRIE WANDLASS will be the featured artist during the month of August at the Gallery on the Boulevard, located at Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Blvd. Influenced by impressionists such as Cezanne and Prendergast, Wandlass' interest lies in shape, color and outline rather than in the effects of light and shadow on an object. In her pieces on display, viewers are encouraged to look for the dark, bold outlines that enhance the relationships and connectivity between the forms. Artwork on display at The Gallery on the Boule-

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vard will be available for purchase directly through the artist. For information regarding The Gallery on the Boulevard, contact Library Director Dale Spindel at 908-276-2451 or dale@lmxac.org.

AUDITIONS

THE CELEBRATION SINGERS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS announced that their fall and winter season will begin in August in preparation for the holiday concert. This annual event will take place on Dec. 3 and 4, at the Harvest Training Center, 69 Myrtle Street in Cranford. Coming off of a nearly sold out spring concert, "Music Memories," both ensembles are excited to regroup and start preparing for their winter performance. The adult choir will have auditions on Tuesday from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at Cranford United Methodist Church on Walnut Avenue, Cranford. Rehearsals for the adults begin on Tuesday, at 8 p.m., at the Cranford United Methodist Church. For information, visit celebration-singers.org, send an e-mail to celebrationsingers@hotmail.com, or call 908-241-8200.

BOOKS

AYN RAND'S MAGNUM OPUS "ATLAS SHRUGGED" was published in 1957, but its status as a bestseller is seeing another boost since last year's resurgence. "Atlas Shrugged" is now on the shelves of 1,100 Target stores, demonstrating impressive marketability for a 53-year-old novel. A segment of a recent Glenn Beck program dedicated to the novel has seen the book leap up the Amazon bestseller list. It is currently ranked in the top 20. "Atlas Shrugged" is a compelling mystery, but it is also a story with a profound and original philosophy that provides answers to the problems we're facing in our world right now.

CONCERTS

KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY will host a performance by jazz singer CAROL ERICKSON at 7 p.m. on Sept.

26 as the first in a series of four fall Friday evening musical programs. Erickson is an experienced performer who loves ballads but will experiment in any jazz genre. She has an affinity for the singing of Sarah Vaughn and also a special love for the songs of Cole Porter. This program is free and open to all members of the general public. Because space is limited, preregistration will be required and priority will be given to Kenilworth residents. If space permits, registration will open to residents of other communities on Sept. 24. Registration can be done in person at the library or by calling 908-276-2451 during regular library hours. For information about the library, visit its website at www.kenilworthlibrary.org.

HOBBIES

Girls of all ages will enjoy another night on the town when SUMMIT DOWNTOWN, INC. HOSTS A "GIRLS' NIGHT OUT" event on Sept. 30, from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Summit has hosted two Girls' Night Out events in October 2009 and April 2010, both were a huge success with participants and merchants alike. Admission is free and participants will enjoy a variety of discounts and special promotions from all of the participating retailers, restaurants and other downtown businesses. Participants are encouraged to pre-register for the event online so that they are eligible to win the Grand Prize as well as other prizes. Registration for the event can be found at summitdowntown.org and will be open through Sept. 28. The welcome tables will serve both pre-registered and walk-up participants and will be located at the Beechwood Promenade on Beechwood Road, the Summit Promenade on Springfield Avenue and in front of 335 Springfield Ave. A variety of musicians will be around the downtown to add to the ambiance of the evening. Details on the event, including a list of participating businesses will be continuously updated on the Summit Downtown, Inc. website at and made available by calling their office at 908-277-6100.

KENILWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY IS PARTNERING WITH THE MORRIS

MUSEUM to offer a series of noontime travel programs for those who are looking to get away, even if only vicariously. With the focus on popular travel destinations, the series launched with a program about the islands of the Caribbean. The series will conclude on Sept. 7 with a focus on sunny Italy. Each program will run for approximately one hour, with attendees encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch and the library providing coffee and dessert. A special surprise awaits those who attend the Sept. 2 finale. Attendees of these programs are also encouraged to bring any of their own travel photos from these destinations. Because space is limited, preregistration is required and priority sign-up will be given to Kenilworth residents. Those interested in attending are encouraged to sign up for all three sessions at the same time. Registration may be done in person at the library or by calling 908-276-2451 during regular library hours. The library is located at 548 Blvd.

MOVIES

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.

CLARK PUBLIC LIBRARY offers 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 at 1 p.m. For information, visit clarklibrary.org and click on the calendar tab or call 732-388-5999. This event is open to all ages, however, children younger than 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration can be done using their online calendar at www.clarklibrary.org, by phone at 732-388-5999 or in person.

SPRINGFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY will continue its lunchtime film series "HEAVEN SENT." The fifth film in the six-film series will be shown on Sept. 7 at noon. For specific titles and information about the series, visit the library's website, www.sfpnj.org, or call at 973-376-4930. Admission is free. Patrons can bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Coffee and cookies will be served at 11:30 a.m. Assistive listening devices are available upon request. Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Community Renewal are happy to announce that the "FAMILY FLIX" summer film series will continue in Meisel Park. "Family Flix begin at dusk, but come early to the park to enjoy interesting preview activities at 7:15 p.m. that are fun for the whole family," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Deborah Scanlon. "Bring a blanket or beach chair to claim your spot on the lawn or save a seat in the bleachers — either way, the early birds are sure to like the preview activity before each movie." The next film will be the 1979 musical comedy adventure, "The Muppet Movie," about Kermit the Frog, Fozzie Bear, Miss Piggy and an eccentric cast of characters who trek across America to find success in Hollywood. All movies start at dusk in nice weather only. For information, call the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal at 908-527-4900. For rain information in the parks, call 908-558-4079.

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.

THE CALDWELL PARSONAGE, 909 Caldwell Ave., Union, is a museum dedicated to the history and culture of the township of Union. The site is on the National Register of Historic Places and the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. The scene depicted in the center of the Union County Seal occurred at this site. The museum is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily and by appointment. Open house is from 1 to 5 p.m. every third Sunday of the month. For information, or to make arrangements for a group tour, call 908-687-7977.

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

REUNIONS

JONATHAN DAYTON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Springfield, Class of 1976 will be having its 34th reunion on Nov. 26, from 7 to 11 p.m., at Somerset Hills Hotel, 200 Liberty Corner Road, Warren. Visit jonathandaytonregional76.com or contact Nancy Marsillo at njmcpa@optonline.net for information.

UNION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1970 will have its 40th reunion on Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Crown Plaza Hotel, 2055 Lincoln Highway, Edison. For information, contact UHS Committee person Fran Whitney at franwg@hotmail.com.

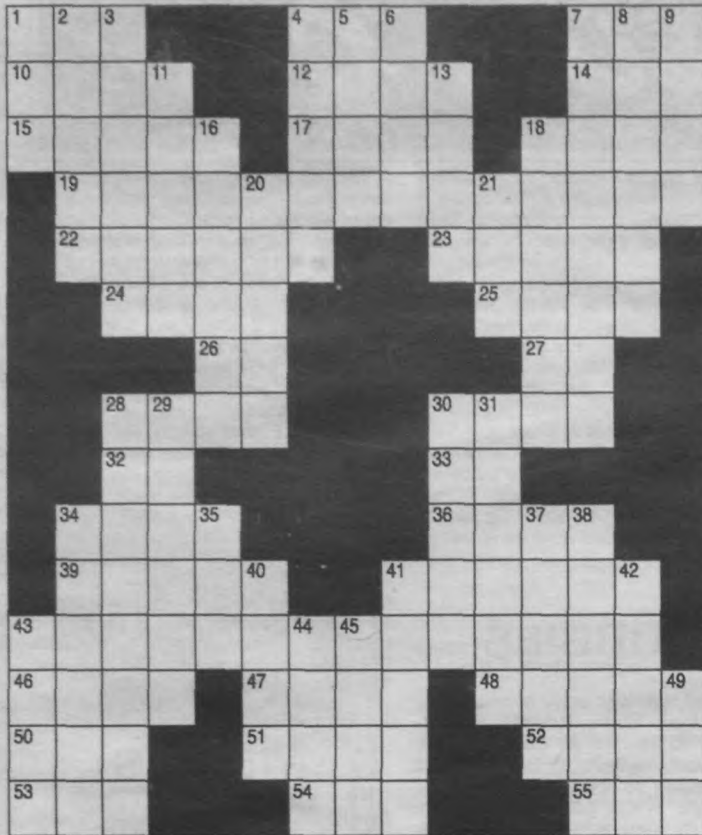
'For Love of the Water'



Laverne Maxime Photography

An example of Laverne Maxime's photography to be included in the art show 'For Love of the Water' at the gallery in Kenilworth Public Library.

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15. Prima donnas
17. Cereal grain
18. Member of an ancient Iranian people
19. Room cooler
22. Leave a union
23. Icelandic poems
24. Unit of sound loudness
25. Trim and stylish
26. And, Latin
27. The Ocean State
28. A military meal
30. Hand (Spanish)
32. Overdose
33. A public promotion
34. Hat part
36. Turfs
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Aug. 29 to Sept. 4

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TAURUS, April 21 to May 21: Make a move before someone beats you to it, Taurus. Otherwise, you may kick yourself for the lost opportunity. Pisces weighs in with an opinion.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21: Gemini, things have gone awry and you have to find a way to get them back on track. You may need a little help with this endeavor. Look to your most trusted friend.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Cancer, if you have been feeling you're ready for a change then maybe it's time to start putting out your resume and sampling the job market. You never know the results.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23: Leo, you have so much love to share, but it seems that others aren't so receptive to the offers lately. Maybe your presentation is in need of some fine tuning.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22: Virgo, apologies will only bandage the wounds but not completely heal them. Your actions will have to be stronger if you want to right a wrong that has occurred.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Be especially careful when assessing a risk, Libra. The risk might have a high reward, but you're more comfortable sticking to the straight and narrow.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22: Scorpio, others are constantly looking to you for support, but now is your time to seek a little extra help. The best fix for a troubled mind is talking things through.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21: Sagittarius, there's not

much time to tackle a project that you have been putting off. Procrastination won't win you any points and may only cause extra stress.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20: It's time you did some socializing, Capricorn. Whether you attend a party or throw one yourself, it is healthy to be in the good company of friends and family.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18: Arguments are inevitable, Aquarius. You see something one way, and an adversary sees things much differently. Will you learn to compromise?

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: Pisces, there is a fun adventure in store, but it won't be what you imagine. Chances are, if you overthink it you will ruin the surprise.

Also born this week: Lea Michele, Lisa Ling, Richard Gere, Gloria Estefan, Lennox Lewis, Charlie Sheen and Beyonce Knowles.

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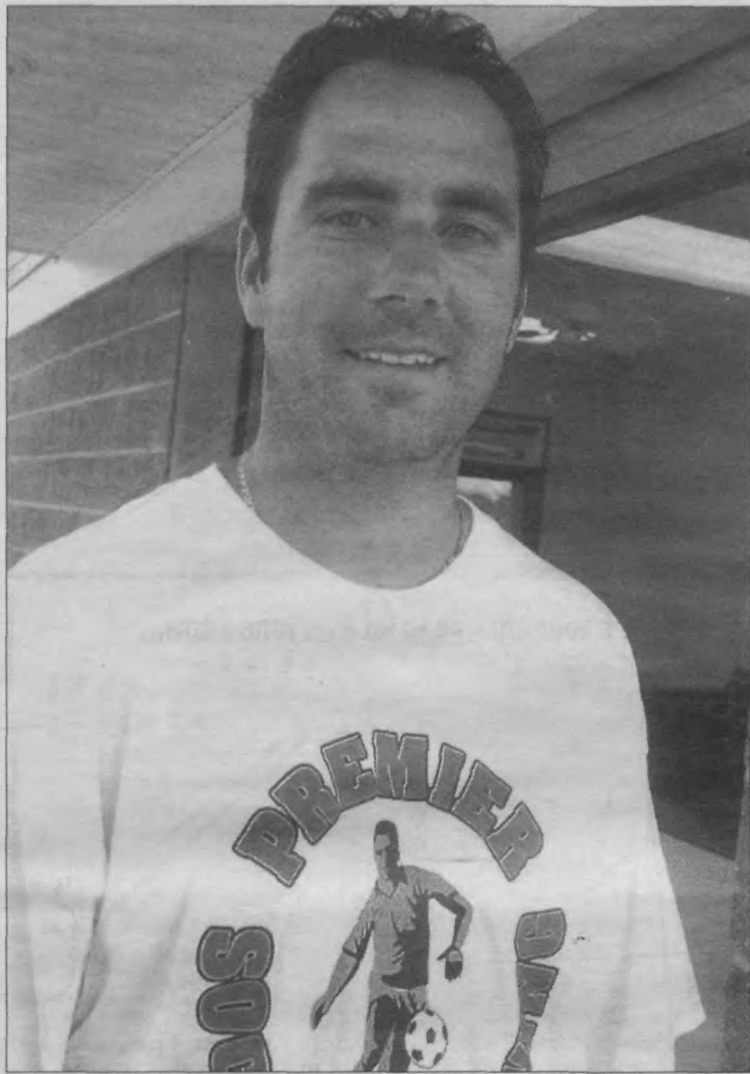


Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

Eric Shaw, a 1993 Union High School graduate, is in his fifth season as the head coach of the girls' soccer team. The Farmers are coming off a 8-11-1 season and have seven starters back, including four seniors and three juniors. Union opens at home Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. against conference rival Westfield.

Union girls' soccer sees competition get tougher *Farmers have talented players returning*

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The very best teams in Union County reside in the Watchung Division of the Union County Conference this season, which makes the girls' soccer competition even more challenging for the Union Farmers.

In the second year of the conference this season, the Watchung Division includes the following seven teams: Union, Westfield, Scotch Plains, Cranford, Johnson, Gov. Livingston and Summit.

Westfield won the Watchung Division and Cranford the Union County Tournament last season.

Union managed to tie Westfield 0-0 last year at home, handing the Blue Devils one of their two ties. Westfield reached the Group 4 final, finished 21-1-2 and was ranked No. 3 in the final Star-Ledger Top 20 poll. The Blue Devils also captured North 2, Group 4 for the first time since 2002 and finished as the No. 1 ranked team in Union County.

"We have our hands full, obviously, but it's a good thing," fifth-year head coach Eric Shaw said, referring to the constant upgrade in competition.

Moving down to the Mountain Division were Elizabeth, Linden and Plainfield, teams Union beat twice in conference competition last year en route to an 8-11-1 finish.

The UCC consists of the Watchung, Mountain and Valley divisions. Shaw said it was explained to him that teams could not drop down two divisions this year, but could next year.

Of the 15 returning players Shaw talked about Monday, seven started last year including all four seniors.

Those seniors include midfielders Molly Collins and Melinda Kieri and defenders Andrea Garcia and Alyssa Saraceno.

"Those four seniors will be the key to our success," Shaw said. "They will make sure everyone stays on board with them. They will all be leaders."

Returning junior starters include goalkeeper Anna Bandle, forward Dana Bergman and defender Brittany Boland. Bandle and Boland are three-year starters.

Bandle was one of the top goalies in Union County last year and one of only three to post a shutout over Westfield.

"Her communication has gotten a lot better," said Shaw, a 1993 UHS graduate who was a standout keeper for Union's boys' team in addition to starring for the men's squad at Seton Hall University. "She's more confident in directing the team."

Bandle only gave up one goal in two games against Westfield and posted several shutouts last season, including one over Rahway 1-0 in a first round UCT contest at home.

Her play in net helped Union qualify for the North 2, Group 4 playoffs, where the Farmers fell at Columbia 1-0 in the first round.

"Anna's shot blocking, in general, has improved," Shaw said.

Gridiron scrimmage season in full swing

UNION FARMERS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 28 at East Orange Campus (Robeson Stadium), 11 a.m. and Scotch Plains

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 2 at Monroe, 7 p.m.

ROSELLE PARK PANTHERS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 28 Wallington, Marist; 10:30 a.m.

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 2 Metuchen, 7 p.m.

BREARLEY BEARS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 28 Carteret, 11 a.m.

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 3 Iselin Kennedy, 7 p.m.

DAYTON BULLDOGS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 28 at Johnson, 10 a.m. and North Plainfield, Cedar Grove

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 2 at Robbinsville, 6 p.m.

GOV. LIV. HIGHLANDERS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 27 at Montgomery, quad; 10 a.m.

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 2 at North Plainfield, 7 p.m.

SUMMIT HILLTOPPERS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 28 Chatham, 10 a.m.

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 2 at Lakeland, 5 p.m.

ELIZABETH MINUTEMEN

Scrimmages schedules

to come.

HILLSIDE COMETS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 27 at Union City, 10 a.m.

Aug. 30 at West Orange, 10 a.m.

and Ridge, Bergen Tech

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 3 at Middlesex, 10:30 a.m.

LINDEN TIGERS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 27 Rumson-Fair Haven, 6 p.m.

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 3 at East Brunswick, 5 p.m.

RAHWAY INDIANS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 28 at Millburn, 10 a.m. and Roselle, Newark Central, Shabazz

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 3 at West Orange, noon

ROSELLE RAMS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 28 at Millburn, 10 a.m. and Rahway, Newark Central, Shabazz

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 3 at Columbia, 11 a.m.

CRANFORD COUGARS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 27 Mendham, 10 a.m.

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 2 at Somerville, 5 p.m.

JOHNSON CRUSADERS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 28 Dayton, North Plainfield, Cedar Grove; 10 a.m.

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 2 Hanover Park, 4 p.m.

WESTFIELD BLUE DEVILS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 28 at Somerville, 10 a.m.

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 3 Pascack Valley, 4 p.m.

SCOTCH PLAINS RAIDERS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 28 at East Orange Campus, 11 a.m. and Union

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 3 at Belleville, 10 a.m.

PLAINFIELD CARDINALS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 28 Bishop Ahr, 10 a.m.

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 3 Sayreville, 4 p.m.

NEW PROV. PIONEERS

Scrimmages:

Aug. 27 East Rutherford, noon

Aug. 31 at Caldwell, 4 p.m.

and River Dell

Game-scrimmage:

Sept. 3 at Cedar Grove, 6 p.m.

* The regular season begins the weekend of Sept. 10-11.

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Leaders of the team are 4 key returning seniors

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"She has a quick reaction. She's kept us in many games and we expect her to do the same."

Boland, who stands 6-1, can be a dominant defensive player at times. She also provides Union with a threat offensively - on head balls - because of her height.

"Her size is intimidating to a lot of girls," Shaw said.

"On corner kicks and free kicks, she can challenge in the air because of her height.

"For a big girl, she can also dribble out of the back and is good with her feet, which is another strength of hers.

Practice began for Union Saturday, with the team's first scrimmage scheduled for Monday, Aug. 30 at home at 11 a.m. vs. New Providence. The Pioneers reached the UCT semifinals last year and moved up to the Mountain Division this year.

Union will then host Clifton in its second scrimmage Sept. 1 at 4 p.m. and will host Oak Knoll in its final scrimmage Sept. 7 at 4 p.m.

Union will open at home against Westfield Sept. 11 at 10 a.m.

When Union and Westfield played to a 0-0 conference tie last year in Union on Oct. 7 it was the first time Westfield did not score a goal since the 2008 North 2, Group 4 quarterfinals when Union blanked Westfield 1-0, winning on penalty kicks.

Westfield defeated Union both times that season in conference play.

Bandley made 18 saves in last year's 0-0 tie against Westfield.

Collins had three assists in an 8-0 conference win at Elizabeth.

Bergman scored two goals and Kieri one in a 5-0 conference win at Linden.

Stephanie Narciso had two goals in an 8-0 conference home win over Elizabeth.

Nicole Bashford had two goals in a 7-0 conference win at Plainfield.

NOTES: Kyarah Foushee, a four-year starter at forward for Shaw who graduated from Union this past June, is now playing at Akron University, which is a Division 1-A school for women's soccer.

"Kyarah came in the same year I did and was one of our top forwards," Shaw said. "We looked to go to her as much as possible."

As a junior in 2008, Foushee was right up there with the leading scorers in Union County after netting 23 goals.

"Kyarah is very quick, can take on people and is able to hit balls with both of her feet," Shaw said. "We, obviously, as a product of Union High School hope that she does well out there."

UNION FARMERS GIRLS' SOCCER 2010 RETURNING PLAYERS

Seniors (4):

- * Molly Collins, midfielder
- * Andrea Garcia, defender
- * Alyssa Saraceno, defender
- * Melinda Kieri, midfielder

Juniors (8):

- * Anna Bandley, goalkeeper
- * Dana Bergman, forward
- * Brittany Boland, defender
- Tiana Calvache, defender
- Ashley Carriero, defender
- Alison Moretti, midfielder
- Stephanie Narciso, forward
- Nicole Rodriguez, midfielder

Sophomores (3):

- Andrea Goncalves, midfielder
- Jessica Braham, midfielder
- Nicole Bashford, forward

* Returning starters.

Union Boys' soccer

Scrimmages:

- Aug. 30 Wayne Hills, 1 p.m.
- Sept. 1 at Piscataway
- Sept. 3 Cliffside Park, 4:30 p.m.
- Sept. 7 at Columbia, 4 p.m.

Regular season:

- Sept. 11 at Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 14 Westfield, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 16 Elizabeth, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 20 at Plainfield, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 22 Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 24 Cranford, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 27 Seton Hall Prep, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 30 Linden, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 2 Watchung Hills, noon
- Oct. 4 Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 6 at Westfield, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 9 at Elizabeth, 5 p.m.
- Oct. 12 Plainfield, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 14 at Cranford, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 16 at Raritan, 2 p.m.
- Oct. 18 South Plainfield, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 21 at Linden, 6:45 p.m.
- Oct. 28 Rahway, 4 p.m.

Union Girls' soccer

Scrimmages:

- Aug. 30 New Providence, 11 a.m.
 - Sept. 1 Clifton, TBA
 - Sept. 7 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
- ### Regular season:
- Sept. 11 Westfield, 10 a.m.
 - Sept. 14 at Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 16 at Johnson, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 18 Mendham, 10 a.m.
 - Sept. 20 New Providence, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 22 at Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 24 at Summit, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 28 Scotch Plains, 7 p.m.
 - Sept. 30 at Cranford, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 2 Livingston, 10 a.m.
 - Oct. 4 at Westfield, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 6 Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 8 Johnson, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 14 Summit, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 19 at Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 21 Cranford, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 26 at Elizabeth, 3 p.m.
 - Oct. 28 at Woodbridge, 6:30 p.m.

Roselle Park Boys' soccer

Scrimmages:

- Aug. 30 at Cedar Grove, 11 a.m.
 - Sept. 8 at Wardlaw-Hartridge, 4 p.m.
- ### Regular season:
- Sept. 11 Brearley, 11 a.m.
 - Sept. 16 Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 20 at Dayton, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 22 at Roselle, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 24 Hillside, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 28 at Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 30 St. Patrick, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 1 at Metuchen, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 4 at Rahway, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 6 at Brearley, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 8 at Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 12 Dayton, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 14 Roselle, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 15 McNair Academic, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 19 at Hillside, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 21 at St. Patrick, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 25 Manville, 4 p.m.
 - Nov. 1 at New Providence, 4 p.m.

NOTES: The Panthers reached the North 2, Group 1 semifinals last year after beating Perth Amboy Tech 7-0 in the first round and Manville 3-0 in the quarterfinals.

Roselle Park Girls' soccer

Scrimmages:

- Sept. 7 at Gill St. Bernard's, 4 p.m.
- ### Regular season:
- Sept. 11 Hillside 11 a.m.
 - Sept. 14 at Brearley, 7 p.m.
 - Sept. 16 at Benedictine Academy, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 22 at Dayton, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 24 Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 28 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 30 at Kent Place, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 4 at Hillside, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 6 Brearley, 7 p.m.
 - Oct. 14 Dayton, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 15 at McNair Academic, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 18 at Rahway, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 19 at Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 21 Kent Place, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 25 at Manville, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 28 Plainfield, 4 p.m.

Brearley Boys' soccer

Scrimmages:

- Sept. 1 Ridgefield Memorial, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 4 Watchung Hills, 10 a.m.
- Sept. 8 Linden, 4 p.m.

Regular season:

- Sept. 11 at Roselle Park, 11 a.m.
- Sept. 14 at Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 16 at Roselle, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 20 Hillside, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 22 Ranney, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 24 Dayton, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 28 New Providence, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 30 at Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 4 at Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 6 Roselle Park, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 8 Roselle, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 12 at Hillside, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 14 Kinnelon, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Oratory Prep, TBA
- Oct. 19 Dayton, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 26 at Manville, 4 p.m.

NOTES: Brearley reached the North 2, Group 1 final last year after beating eighth-seeded Robbinville 8-0 on the road in the first round, top-seeded South River 2-1 on the road in the quarterfinals and fourth-seeded Roselle Park 5-4 on the road in the semifinals. Brearley, the ninth seed, lost at seventh-seeded Metuchen 2-0 in the championship match.

Brearley Girls' soccer

Scrimmages:

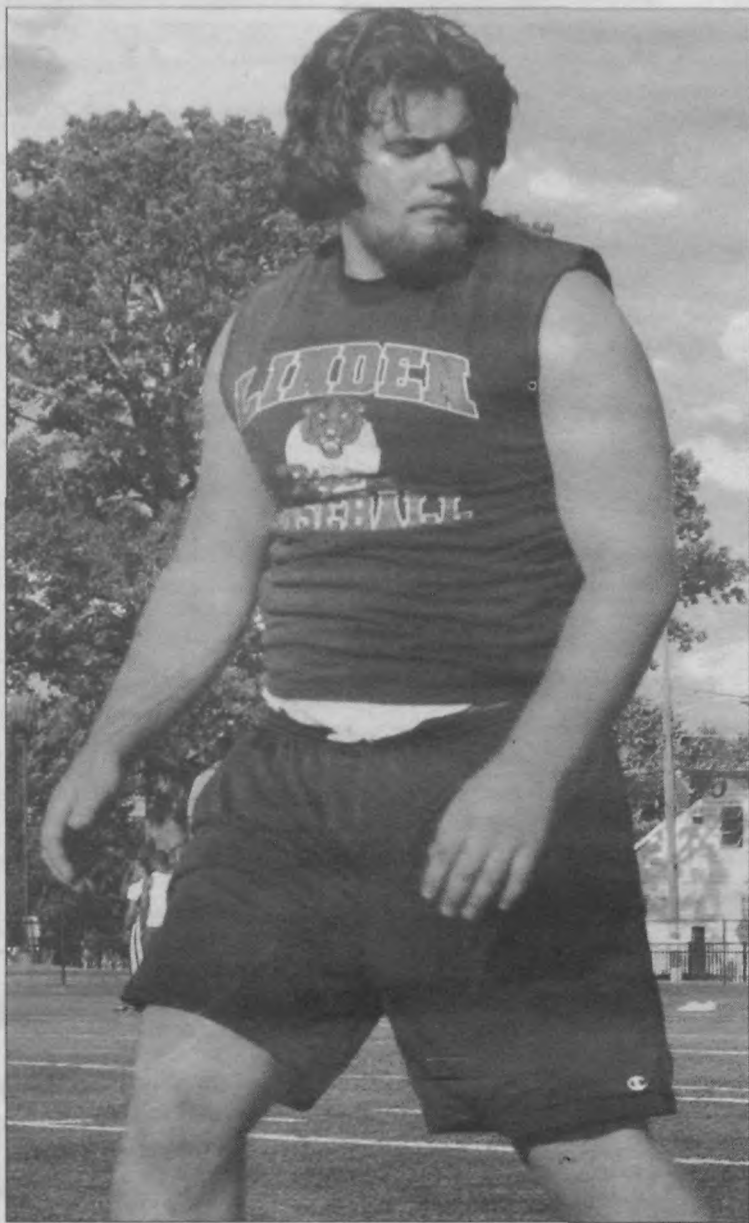
- Aug. 30 at Oak Knoll, 9 a.m.
 - Sept. 2 Cranford, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 8 at Johnson, 4 p.m.
- ### Regular season:
- Sept. 11 at Kent Place, 10 a.m.
 - Sept. 14 Roselle Park, 7 p.m.
 - Sept. 16 Hillside, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 20 at Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 22 Benedictine Academy, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 24 Linden, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 28 at New Providence, 4 p.m.
 - Sept. 30 Dayton, 7 p.m.
 - Oct. 4 Kent Place, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 6 at Roselle Park, 7 p.m.
 - Oct. 8 at Hillside, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 12 Roselle Catholic, 7 p.m.
 - Oct. 14 at Benedictine Academy, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 16 at Summit, 10 a.m.
 - Oct. 19 Gov. Livingston, 7 p.m.
 - Oct. 21 at Dayton, 4 p.m.
 - Oct. 26 Manville, 4 p.m.

That time of year again



Photo by JR Parachini

High school football practice commenced for Union County teams last week, with all schools having their first scrimmages this week and their game-scrimmages next week.



File photos

Above, two-way tackle Austin Frank is one of the top senior linemen in Union County. Below, senior Jaurice Jones will start at quarterback and safety for the Tigers.



Linden football dedicated to showing improvement

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

The Tigers are in a stage right now where they constantly have to prove themselves.

This is not a program that can just send out a team and easily expect to win eight, nine or 10 games.

After consecutive 5-5 finishes, third-year head coach Deon Candia — a 1991 Linden graduate — feels he has the Tigers on the right path.

"We have a good core of kids buying into our system here," Candia said. "It comes from the off season, with the kids in the weight room and focused."

Linden got out to a 4-0 start last year, but then lost five straight before ending its season with a 26-20 home triumph over Union.

"These are my kind of kids," Candia said. "They want to do the right thing on and off the field and they're learning to love football."

"They dedicated themselves off the field and that makes me feel good as a coach."

Jaurice Jones started four games at quarterback last year when Trell Myers was out and he is back for what he hopes will be an outstanding senior season.

"Jaurice has some experience and he's a great athlete for us," Candia said. "He gives us an option of running the ball as well as throwing. He's a super competitor."

Candia said that Jones has received an offer from 1-AA school Bryant University.

Backing him up will be sophomore Jeremy Stathum (6-3, 195), whom Candia described as more of a drop back signal-caller.

"He'll stay in the pocket and he's got a very strong arm," Candia said. "He's our future at quarterback."

After a stellar baseball season, senior Will Ingram returns as one of the top running backs in Union County this fall. He rushed for 1,100 yards and averaged five yards a carry last season.

"Will's a great leader for us and a very tough kid," Candia said. "He's also an honor roll student who already qualifies for a scholarship."

"He also performs well in the classroom and is a great, all-around kid."

Linden averaged 27.25 points in its 4-0 start last year before falling at a team that was under .500 at the time — North Hunterdon — by the score of 21-14. A 12-7 loss at home to Hunterdon Central followed and then came defeats at home to Westfield 24-7, at Immaculata 42-21 and at home to Franklin 28-21 in overtime in a sectional consolation game.

If Linden is to achieve its first winning season and playoff campaign since 2006, the Tigers must be more consistent on offense.

"We can throw the ball, but we want to build on our running game," Candia said. "We have a pretty experienced offensive line and running game."

Another returning senior running back is Kevin Rodriguez, while junior Ruhann Peele is back at wide receiver after starting in the secondary as a freshman two years ago.

"Ruhann is also our punt returner and kick returner and has super endurance," Candia said. "He can stay on the field all day. He's a true playmaker."

Candia also said that Peele received a verbal offer already from Rutgers, with the Scarlet Knights looking at him as a wide receiver.

"He has some work to do academically, but he has a plan and he's working hard at it," Candia said. "He went to camp at Rutgers over the summer and they were impressed with what they saw of him."

One of the top two-way linemen in the county is senior Austin Frank (6-1, 275), who was an All-County selection a year ago.

"He got bigger, had an excellent wrestling season and his working on his foot work right now," Candia said. "He's also very intelligent and has attracted looks from Holy Cross and Princeton."

"He's very competitive and we're looking for some big things from him this year."

Frank leads a 4-4 defensive scheme that is concentrating on better run coverage.

"We had some issues last year with the run, with some running backs gaining over 200 yards against us," Candia said. "We had some breakdowns and we really stressed that over camp."

"We need to swarm to the ball. We're working on our technique and tackling so that we can cut teams from making big plays."

LINDEN'S ONLY PLAYOFF CROWN CAME 25 YEARS AGO

Bucky McDonald, who Candia played for, guided Linden to its only playoff championship in 1985, which was his first year at the helm.

Linden was the second seed in North 2, Group 3. The Tigers defeated third-seeded Scotch Plains 17-0 at home in the semifinals and then went to Long Valley and came away with a 19-7 win over top-seeded West Morris in the final.

In an interview I did with McDonald five years ago, he felt that the 1986 team was even better. That Tiger squad was 8-0 and home as the top seed in North 2, Group 3, but was defeated by Summit 10-7 in the semifinals. Linden rebounded to beat Union on Thanksgiving to finish 9-1.

"I remember those times, 1985 and 1986," said Candia, whose freshman year at Linden was the fall of 1987, which was the year Linden lost at Union in overtime in a North 2, Group 4 semifinal that was played on one of the coldest days of the decade.

"A lot of the guys that played on those teams come to the field here to talk to the kids," Candia said. "They had a lot of attitude and worked as a unit."

"We tell the kids now what happened then and how it was able to be done. Our team goals are the same, which are to do what we can do as a team."

Snapping a five-game losing streak and ending 2009 with a big home win over conference rival Union was the first stepping stone for the 2010 campaign.

"We had a lot of young kids last year that didn't understand a full season of football," Candia said. "Now we have kids who are ready mentally and understand how to pace themselves and mature."

IS THE EAST A DIVISION OF THE MID-STATE 39 CONFERENCE THE TOUGHEST IN THE STATE?

If it's not, it's certainly right up there. The division consists of Immaculata, Watchung Hills and five Union County schools: Union, Elizabeth, Westfield, Linden and Plainfield. For the first time, Plainfield dropped to Group 3. Scotch Plains moved over to the West B Division.

"It's tough, the teams we play," Candia said. "We're preparing our kids for that by letting them know how tough the competition will be."

Last year's first Mid-State 39 Conference alignment, which consisted of seven divisions instead of the six that there are for this year, was a one-year format as far as scheduling. Also, not everyone played everyone within each division.

This will be the first season of two-year home and away schedules for each team in the conference, with everyone playing everyone within their division this season.

Linden had to play at Immaculata last year and will play at Immaculata again this year, but will host the Spartans next season.

Immaculata won last year's Raritan Division, while Westfield captured the Watchung Division.

"This is the old school way of thinking, but if we want to be the best, then to be the best is to play the best," Candia said.

Summit soccer to face the same foe

Both Summit varsity soccer teams are scheduled to host New Providence, but in different fashion. The boys' squad, still in the Mountain Division of the Union County Conference, is scheduled to host New Providence Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. in the season-opener for both.

The girls' team, which moved up to the UCC's Watchung Division, is scheduled to host New Providence Wednesday in a scrimmage that is set to commence 3:45 p.m. The final two Hilltopper scrimmages are at Union Catholic Thursday at 10 a.m. in Scotch Plains and at Rahway Sept. 7 at 4 p.m.

Summit Boys' soccer

- Regular season:**
 Sept. 11 New Providence, 10 a.m.
 Sept. 14 at Oratory Prep, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 16 at Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 20 Johnson, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 22 at Cranford, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 28 Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 30 at Rahway, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 4 at Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 6 at New Providence, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 9 Oratory Prep, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 12 Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 14 at Johnson, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 21 Rahway, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 26 Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 28 at Westfield, 4 p.m.

NOTES: Summit's boys' soccer team remains in the Mountain Division of the Union County Conference while the girls' soccer team moved up to the Watchung Division for the 2010 season.

Summit Girls' soccer

- Scrimmages:**
 Sept. 1 New Providence, 3:45 p.m.
 Sept. 2 at Union Catholic, 10 a.m.
 Sept. 7 at Rahway, 4 p.m.
Regular season:
 Sept. 11 Open, 10 a.m.
 Sept. 14 at Cranford, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 16 at Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 20 Westfield, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 24 Union, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 25 at Oak Knoll, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 28 Johnson, 4 p.m.
 Sept. 30 at Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 6 Cranford, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 7 Kent Place, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 9 Gov. Livingston, 11 a.m.
 Oct. 12 at Westfield, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 14 at Union, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 16 Brearley, 10 a.m.
 Oct. 19 at Johnson, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 21 Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.
 Oct. 26 Linden, 4 p.m.



Photo by JR Parachini

The Union Catholic girls' soccer team, sparked by senior goalkeeper Samantha Pauls who is shown here about to punt the ball, is scheduled to host Summit in a scrimmage Thursday at 10 a.m. The Vikings open their season at Elizabeth Sept. 11 at 11 a.m.

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 Date Adopted 8/19/2010

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-733 amending (Resolution No. 2009-1181)
AWARDED TO: KemperSport, North Brook, Illinois
SERVICES: for construction management related to design and construction management of the Learning Center Control Building at Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth, New Jersey
COSTS: for an additional amount of \$149,700 for a new total contract amount of \$1,149,700.
Period: September 20, 2010-December 31, 2010
Nicole DiRado - Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
 U265717 WCN Aug. 26, 2010 (\$15.68)

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010- 734 amending (Resolution No. 2010-394)
AWARDED TO: Harbor Consultants, Inc., Cranford, New Jersey
SERVICES: to provide professional land surveying services in conjunction with and for the Open Space, Recreation and Historical Preservation Trust Fund
COSTS: for an additional amount of \$50,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$75,000.
Nicole DiRado - Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-717
AWARDED TO: Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey
SERVICES: to provide group counseling to the Union County Youth Services Bureau clients, including consultation services to staff counselors
PERIOD: September 13, 2010-December 17, 2010
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$16,000
Nicole DiRado - Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
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RESOLUTION NO: 2010- 705
AWARDED TO: Erin Pojanowski, PA-C, Hospital Associates, Inc., Berkeley Heights, New Jersey
SERVICES: to provide professional medical services for the patients/residents of Rumlins Specialized Hospital
PERIOD: September 1, 2010- August 31, 2011
COSTS: this is a fee for service agreement at no cost to the County
Nicole DiRado - Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
 U265723 WCN Aug. 26, 2010 (\$14.21)

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-708 amending (Resolution No. 2010-223)
AWARDED TO: Holsman Healthcare, LLC, Belleville, New Jersey
SERVICES: due to unexpected staff leave
COSTS: for an additional amount of \$26,000 for a new total contract amount of \$46,000
Nicole DiRado - Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
 U265721 WCN Aug. 26, 2010 (\$13.23)

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-758 amending (Resolution No. 644-2007)
AWARDED TO: John Hudak, Esq., Linden, New Jersey
SERVICES: special counsel in the matter entitled City of Linden and the County of Union v. Devine Media Enterprises, et als
COSTS: for an additional amount of \$10,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$15,000
Nicole DiRado - Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
 U265718 WCN Aug. 26, 2010 (\$14.21)

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010- 709 amending (Resolution No. 2010-224)
AWARDED TO: InterStaff, Inc., Owings Mills, Maryland

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SERVICES: for additional weekend coverage to accommodate increased volume of patients
COSTS: in the amount of \$20,000 for a new total contract amount of \$245,500
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 U265720 WCN Aug. 26, 2010 (\$13.23)

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010- 732 amending (Resolution No. 210-74)
AWARDED TO: Michael Aromando, DVM, d/b/a Town and Country Veterinary House Calls, Chester, New Jersey
SERVICES: to provide routine care for the horses at the stables
COSTS: in an additional amount of \$4,000 for a new contract amount of \$25,000
Nicole DiRado - Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
 U265715 WCN Aug. 26, 2010 (\$14.21)

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010-754
AWARDED TO: Maser Consulting, PA, Red Bank, New Jersey
SERVICES: for the purpose of providing the hydro geological and permitting services required to obtain a water allocation permit for the irrigation system at Ashbrook Golf Course, Scotch Plains, New Jersey
COSTS: in the amount of \$50,760.
Nicole DiRado - Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
 U265716 WCN Aug. 26, 2010 (\$13.72)

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010- 707
AWARDED TO: Pharma-Care, Inc., Clark, New Jersey
SERVICES: to provide pharmacy consultant services to Rumlins Specialized Hospital
PERIOD: September 1, 2010- August 31, 2011
COSTS: in an amount not to exceed \$71,688
Nicole DiRado - Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
 U265714 WCN Aug. 26, 2010 (\$13.72)

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RESOLUTION NO: 2010- 757 amending (Resolution No. 2010-15)
AWARDED TO: Bauch, Zucker, Hatfield, LLC, Springfield, New Jersey
SERVICES: special counsel in the matter entitled Tyrone Hamilton v. UC, et als
COSTS: for an additional amount of \$1,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$46,000
Nicole DiRado - Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
 U265712 WCN Aug. 26, 2010 (\$13.72)

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 This contract and the resolution

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ELIZABETH
NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS
Docket No. : F-035079-10
Superior Court of New Jersey
Chancery Division
Union County

TAX LOT # 24.M BLOCK # 3
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 27.75' x 100'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: New Point Road
Taxes:
Current through 2nd Quarter of 2010*
*Plus interest on these figures through date of payoff and any and all subsequent taxes, water and sewer amounts.

LINDEN
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10004889
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2068508
County: Union

LINDEN
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10005007
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F4550008
County: Union

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10004781
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F890308
County: Union

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

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiffs' attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Deutsche Alt-A Securities Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2006-AR5 is plaintiff, and Luz Jimenez, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-035079-10 within thirty-five (35) days after 08/26/2010 exclusive of such date, or if published after 08/26/2010, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date.

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: \$499,614.23***
Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen and 23/100***

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

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This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 07/24/2006 made by Luz Jimenez as mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for IndyMac Bank, FSB recorded on 08/10/2006 in Book 11808 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 129 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Deutsche Alt-A Securities Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2006-AR5, by Assignment of Mortgage dated 07/02/2010, and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 104 Sayre Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202, also being Lot 1305 in Block 13.

ROSELLE
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10005129
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1164108
County: Union

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YOU, YVETTE GUADALUPE, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment/lien/mortgage which may be against the owner/mortgagor(s) and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.

Defendant: JORGE A GALO; SOCORRO DEL PILAR GALO, HIS WIFE HUDSON COUNTY DEPT. OF FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION OF WELFARE; LORETTA M GALO; CHRIS S ENRIQUEZ
Sale Date: 09/22/2010
Writ of Execution: 04/26/2010

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.

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YOU, SONIA GUADALUPE, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment/lien/mortgage which may be against the owner/mortgagor(s) and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.

Defendant: JORGE A GALO; SOCORRO DEL PILAR GALO, HIS WIFE HUDSON COUNTY DEPT. OF FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION OF WELFARE; LORETTA M GALO; CHRIS S ENRIQUEZ
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JENNIFER M PEREZ, CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
U265672 PRO Aug. 26, 2010 (\$56.35)

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10004824
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1142208
County: Union

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.

LINDEN
PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD
The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

LINDEN
PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD
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LINDEN
PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD
The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded an amendatory contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10004891
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1922808
County: Union
Plaintiff: COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP
VS
Defendant: JUAN PABLO GARCIA; MRS. JUAN PABLO GARCIA, HIS WIFE; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; ESSEX COUNTY WELFARE; MIDDLESEX COUNTY; COUNTY OF ESSEX; VERIZON NEW JERSEY INC.; ANTHONY LUBERTAZZI; ST JOSEPHS HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER; NORTH JERSEY DERMATOLOGY CENTER; ETC.
Sale Date: 09/08/2010
Writ of Execution: 06/02/2010
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, County of Union and State of New Jersey.
It is commonly known as 708 SOUTH PARK STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ.
It is known and designated as Block 7, Lot 1248.
The dimensions are approximately 25 feet wide by 100 feet long.
Nearest cross street: 7th Street
Prior lien(s):
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOIN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.
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: \$447,932.69***
Four Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Two and 69/100***
Attorney: STERN, LAVINTHAL, FRANKENBERG & NORGAARD, LLC
105 EISENHOWER PARKWAY SUITE 302
ROSELAND, NJ 07068
(973) 797-1100
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$508,237.86***
Five Hundred Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Seven and 86/100***
August 12, 19, 26, September 2, 2010
U264850 PRO (\$186.20)

LINDEN
CITY OF LINDEN
PASSED ORDINANCE
NO. 54-57
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND A SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN," PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED
Amend Chapter VII, Traffic, as follows:
7-33 Handicapped Parking Regulations
7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street
ADD: 223 E. Blancke Street, 1 Space; 811 Bachelier Avenue, 1 Space; 809 Bower Street, 1 Space
DELETE: 1101 East Blancke Street, 1 Space; 318 West Blancke Street, 1 Space.
The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ
PASSED: AUGUST 17, 2010
APPROVED: AUGUST 18, 2010
ROBERT F. BUNK
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
RICHARD J. GERBOUNKA
MAYOR
ATTEST:
JOSEPH C. BODEK
CITY CLERK
U265650 PRO Aug. 26, 2010 (\$24.01)

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10005090
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1021009
County: Union
Plaintiff: US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SG MORTGAGE SECURITIES ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FRE2
VS
Defendant: ROBERTO LOPEZ; WENDY LOPEZ; MARIA PERALTA; OCEAN COUNTY; STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 09/22/2010
Writ of Execution: 07/21/2010
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.
Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey
Premises commonly known as: 852 BOND STREET, ELIZABETH NJ 07201 BEING KNOWN AS LOT 256, BLOCK 8, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth
Dimensions: 102.33ft x 25.00ft x 102.33ft x 25.00ft
Nearest Cross Street: Henry Street
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.
**If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.
***If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$341,817.05
Three Hundred Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen and 05/100
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: \$375,870.09***
Three Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy and 09/100***
August 26, September 2, 9, 16, 2010
U265535 PRO (\$186.20)

LINDEN
CITY OF LINDEN
PASSED ORDINANCE
NO. 54-60
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999," PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED
Amend Chapter II, Administration, Article IV Department Established, as follows:
Amend 2-26 Department Construction and Inspections
DELETE: 2-26.6 Division of Weights and Measures in its entirety
The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036.
PASSED: AUGUST 17, 2010
APPROVED: AUGUST 18, 2010
ROBERT F. BUNK
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
RICHARD J. GERBOUNKA
MAYOR
ATTEST:
JOSEPH C. BODEK
CITY CLERK
U265648 PRO Aug. 26, 2010 (\$22.05)

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10004788
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F487309
County: Union
Plaintiff: BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP
VS
Defendant: EVANDRO RODRIGUEZ, CELESTINE ROMOND, JOHN BONNER, ALEXANDER PARCHUK A/K/A ALPARKS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 09/01/2010
Writ of Execution: 06/25/2010
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 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.
Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey
Premises commonly known as: 83 PINE STREET, ELIZABETH NJ 07206-1866
BEING KNOWN AS LOT 369-W01, BLOCK 1, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth
Dimensions: 25.00 feet x 46.50 feet x 25.04 feet x 45.00 feet
Nearest Cross Street: First Street
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.
**If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.
***If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$419,172.64
Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy Two and 64/100
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: \$479,957.32***
Four Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Seven and 32/100***
August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010
U264559 PRO (\$184.24)

LINDEN
PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD
The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. The contract was awarded pursuant to a "Non-Fair and Open Contract" as per N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
AWARDED: Kraig Dowd, Esq.
365 Rifle Camp Road
Woodland Park, NJ
07424
Lisa Perez, Esq.
465 Cranbury Road,
Suite 204
East Brunswick, NJ
08816
Eric M. Bernstein, Esq.
Two North Road
P.O. Box 4922
Warren, NJ 07059
SERVICE: To serve as Acting Public Defenders in a Linden Municipal Court Matter.
TIME PERIOD: The term of said contract shall be until the conclusion of the work to be performed, or until said amount has been exhausted, whichever occurs earlier.
COST: Each shall be paid a fee of \$350.00 per appearance.
DATED: August 18, 2010.
Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U265663 PRO Aug. 26, 2010 (\$25.48)

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10005078
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2658809
County: Union
Plaintiff: US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-HE1
VS
Defendant: MARIA AYALES; MANUEL AYALES
Sale Date: 09/22/2010
Writ of Execution: 07/26/2010
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.
Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey
Premises commonly known as: 315-317 STILES STREET, ELIZABETH NJ 07208
BEING KNOWN AS LOT 1362, BLOCK 13, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth
Dimensions: 50.00ft x 103.40ft x 50.06ft x 106.11ft
Nearest Cross Street: Magie Avenue
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.
**If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.
***If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$335,862.57
Three Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Two and 57/100
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: \$368,767.00***
Three Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven and 00/100***
August 26, September 2, 9, 16, 2010
U265538 PRO (\$184.24)

LINDEN
CITY OF LINDEN
PASSED ORDINANCE
NO. 54-55
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER XXVI, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999," PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED
Amend Chapter XXVI, Flood Damage Prevention, Article II, Stormwater Management, as follows: ADD NEW: Section 26-18 Refuse Containers/ Dumpsters
The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036.
PASSED: AUGUST 17, 2010
APPROVED: AUGUST 18, 2010
ROBERT F. BUNK
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
RICHARD J. GERBOUNKA
MAYOR
ATTEST:
JOSEPH C. BODEK
CITY CLERK
U265652 PRO Aug. 26, 2010 (\$21.56)

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10004822
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1067509
County: Union
Plaintiff: BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP
VS
Defendant: RUTH AMARTEEFIO
Sale Date: 09/01/2010
Writ of Execution: 07/09/2010
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.
Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey
Premises commonly known as: 84 EAST JERSEY STREET, ELIZABETH NJ 07206-1705
BEING KNOWN AS LOT 184, BLOCK 2, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth
Dimensions: 30.00 feet x 64.00 feet x 30.00 feet x 64.00 feet
Nearest Cross Street: First Street
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.
**If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.
***If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$364,855.97
Three Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Five and 97/100
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: \$423,912.85***
Four Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve and 85/100***
August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010
U264555 PRO (\$176.40)

LINDEN
PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN
NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the City of Linden, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on August 17, 2010. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Council Chambers, in the City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey 07036 on September 21, 2010 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:
Ordinance Number: # 54-65
BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AND FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$109,450 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$103,978 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF
Purpose(s): Acquisition of Computer Equipment for Police Department
Appropriation: \$109,450
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$103,978
Grants (if any) Appropriated: None
Section 20 Costs: \$10,945
Useful Life: 5 YEARS
Joseph C. Bodek, City Clerk
This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17
E265654 PRO Aug. 26, 2010 (\$29.89)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10004823
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F149109
County: Union
Plaintiff: US BANK NA, AS TRUSTEE OF GPMFT 2007-AR1 VS
Defendant: MARLENE DIAZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC AS A NOMINEE FOR CELEBRITY MORTGAGE ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Sale Date: 09/01/2010
Writ of Execution: 07/06/2010
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.
Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, and State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 132 CATHERINE STREET, CITY OF ELIZABETH NJ 07201
BEING KNOWN as LOT 141, BLOCK 9, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth
Dimensions: 95.01 feet x 25.67 feet x 95.00 feet x 26.58 feet
Nearest Cross Street: Lafayette Street
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.
**If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney.
***If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money.
The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$326,606.69
Three Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred Six and 69/100
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: \$359,407.52***
Three Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seven and 52/100***
August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010
U264558 PRO (\$184.24)
LINDEN
CITY OF LINDEN
PASSED ORDINANCE
NO. 54-56
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER XXVI, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, " AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999," PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED
Amend Chapter XXVI, Flood Damage Prevention, Article II, Stormwater Management, as follows: ADD NEW: Section 26-19 Private Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting
The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036.
PASSED: AUGUST 17, 2010
APPROVED: AUGUST 18, 2010
ROBERT F. BUNK
COUNCIL PRESIDENT
RICHARD J. GERBOUNKA
MAYOR
ATTEST:
JOSEPH C. BODEK
CITY CLERK
U265651 PRO Aug. 26, 2010 (\$21.56)
ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10004816
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F788709
County: Union

PUBLIC NOTICE

Plaintiff: CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC VS
Defendant: ALVARO WILFORD; ELSA D. RODRIGUEZ
Sale Date: 09/01/2010
Writ of Execution: 06/29/2010
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.
Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 426 ELIZABETH AVENUE, ELIZABETH NJ 07206
BEING KNOWN as LOT 354, BLOCK 5, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth
Dimensions: 136.71ft x 25.00ft x 136.71ft x 25.00ft
Nearest Cross Street: Fifth Street
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.
**If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney.
***If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money.
The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$336,843.05
Three Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Three and 05/100
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: \$385,955.31***
Three Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Five and 31/100***
August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010
U264553 PRO (\$176.40)
LINDEN
PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN
NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY
The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the City of Linden, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on August 17, 2010. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Council Chambers, in the City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey 07036 on September 21, 2010 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:
Ordinance Number: # 54-64
BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR FINANCE DEPARTMENT IN AND FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$44,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$41,800 BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF
Purpose(s): Acquisition of Computer Equipment for Finance Department
Appropriation: \$44,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$41,800
Grants (if any) Appropriated: None
Section 20 Costs: \$4,400
Useful Life: 5 YEARS
Joseph C. Bodek, City Clerk
This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17
U265655 PRO Aug. 26, 2010 (\$29.89)

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ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10005006
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F888109
County: Union
Plaintiff: E*TRADE BANK VS
Defendant: JESUS VILLEDA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC AS A NOMINEE FOR U.S. MORTGAGE CORP., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Sale Date: 09/15/2010
Writ of Execution: 07/23/2010
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.
Property to be sold is located in the Township of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 952 FLORA STREET, ELIZABETH NJ 07202
BEING KNOWN as LOT 717A, BLOCK 8, on the official Tax Map of the Township of Elizabeth
Dimensions: 25.00ft x 100.00ft x 25.00ft x 100.00ft
Nearest Cross Street: Spring Street
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.
**If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney.
***If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money.
The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$453,981.56
Four Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty One and 56/100
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: \$496,490.02***
Four Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety and 02/100***
August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 2010
U264858 PRO (\$182.28)
LINDEN
PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD
The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded an amendatory contract without Competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
AWARDED:
Appraisal Consultants Corp.
Presidential Center 293
Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 200
Livingston, New Jersey 07039
SERVICE: Retaining the services of a real estate appraiser for tax appeals for 2010.
TIME PERIOD: For the year 2010.
COST: Additional amount of \$30,000.00
DATED: August 18, 2010
Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U265664 PRO Aug. 26, 2010 (\$17.64)
ROSELLE
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10004908
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1244407
County: Union
Plaintiff: SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VS
Defendant: RAYMOND CHINN, JR.; JESSICA CHINN, HIS WIFE; STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 09/15/2010
Writ of Execution: 06/29/2010
By virtue of the above-stated writ of

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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 Borough of Roselle, County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 570 West 7th Avenue, Roselle, NJ 07203
Tax Lot No.: 19 in Block: 7105
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 203 ft x 50 ft x 200 ft x 50 ft
Nearest Cross Street: Wood 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: \$276,318.38***
Two Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen and 38/100***
Attorney:
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
200 SHEFFIELD STREET
SUITE 301
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
(908)233-8500 XVZ-85658
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$298,694.84***
Two Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Four and 84/100***
August 19, 26, September 2, 9, 2010
U264855 PRO (\$158.76)
ELIZABETH
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10004886
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F3945908
County: Union
Plaintiff: THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JP MORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE OF STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II INC., BEAR STEARNS ALT-A TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-10 VS
Defendant: ADDRESSA MATA A/K/A ANDRESSA REBOUCAS; FLAVIO REBOUCAS, HER HUSBAND; NYRELIE DOLBRICE, TENANT; PNC BANK A/K/A PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Sale Date: 09/08/2010
Writ of Execution: 06/29/2010
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.
Municipality: City of Elizabeth
Street Address: 625-627 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07201
Tax Lot: 766C
Tax Block: 12
Approximate dimensions: 150' x 33.33'
Nearest cross street: Fairmount Avenue
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.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$464,633.16***
Four Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three and 16/100***
Attorney:
PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC
20000 HORIZON WAY
SUITE 900
MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054-4318
(856)813-1700
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$521,165.23***
Five Hundred Twenty One Thousand One Hundred Sixty Five and 23/100***
August 12, 19, 26, September 2, 2010
U264847 PRO (\$158.76)

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ROSELLE
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10004820
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F6178609B
County: Union
Plaintiff: CITIMORTGAGE, INC. VS
Defendant: LUZ P. GALLEGO A/K/A PATRICIA GALLEGO; FERNANDO GALLEGO; STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 09/01/2010
Writ of Execution: 04/09/2010
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.
Property to be sold is located in the Borough of Roselle, County of Union and State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 233 AURORE STREET, ROSELLE NJ 07203
BEING KNOWN as LOT 14, BLOCK 6701, on the official Tax Map of the Borough of Roselle
Dimensions: 100.00 feet x 50.00 feet x 100.00 feet x 50.00 feet
Nearest Cross Street: Prosper Avenue
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.
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The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$334,972.44
Three Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Two and 44/100
Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
SUITE 100
MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054
(856) 813-5500
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$389,928.58***
Three Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Eight and 58/100***
August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010
U264550 PRO (\$182.28)
LINDEN
PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD
The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded an amendatory contract without Competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
AWARDED:
McManimon & Scotland, LLC
1 Riverfront Plaza
Newark, New Jersey 07102
SERVICE: To retain the services as Special Counsel to represent the City in the matter of Verge Properties V. UCIA and City of Linden.
TIME PERIOD: For the year 2010.
COST: Additional amount not to exceed \$10,000.00
DATED: August 18, 2010
Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U265661 PRO Aug. 26, 2010 (\$17.64)
LINDEN
SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-10004879
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F4423408
County: Union
Plaintiff: BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING LP F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP VS
Defendant: ST JACQUES MARDY AND RUTH MARDY, HIS WIFE.
Sale Date: 09/08/2010
Writ of Execution: 06/02/2010
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TAKE NOTICE that information has been filed with the State Treasurer of New Jersey concerning certain personal property in this State which has remained unclaimed or the whereabouts of the person or persons entitled to such personal property have been or remains unknown for statutory abandonment periods and that such personal property has been presumed abandoned and has been delivered to the State Treasurer pursuant to §N.J.S.A.46:30B-1et seq.

The name and the last known address of the owners of such personal property are as follows:

Table with columns: OWNER NAME, OWNER STREET 1, OWNER STREET 2, OWNER CITY, PROPERTY ID, OWNER NAME, OWNER STREET 1, OWNER STREET 2, OWNER CITY, PROPERTY ID. Lists numerous unclaimed properties and owners.

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Table with 10 columns: OWNER NAME, OWNER STREET 1, OWNER STREET 2, OWNER CITY, PROPERTY ID, OWNER NAME, OWNER STREET 1, OWNER STREET 2, OWNER CITY, PROPERTY ID. Contains public notice listings for various properties and owners.

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YOUNG MARY K.	331 SALEM ROAD		UNION	13068378	ZADICK LOUIS JR	459 ROSEHILL PL		ELIZABETH	13638656	ZACZEC LOUIS JR	1158 EAST 27TH ST		PLAINFIELD	13393951	ZEC JOSEPH T	20 DAYTON CT		SPRINGFIELD	13128096
YOUNG WILBERT	213 LEE PL		PLAINFIELD	13642600	ZELTSER MARINA	67 PRESCOTT TURN		CLARK	13274656	ZENG JIN D	238 BROWNING AVE		ELIZABETH	13110544	ZENHOZ MARIA T	121 COURT ST		ELIZABETH	13658761
YOUNGHANS IDA M	P O BOX 340		WESTFIELD	13720256	ZH HOLMES LLC	115 W. WESTFIELD AVE.		ROSELLE PARK	13274661	ZHENG YI H.	800 ST MARKS AVE		WESTFIELD	13365551	ZHONG MARIAN T	269 GERTRUDE ST		HILLSIDE	13550382
YOUNGMAN GERALD	305 NEW ENGLAND AVE APT D1		SUMMIT	13591825	ZIGARELLI LOUIS A	269 GERTRUDE ST		HILLSIDE	13550382	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		NORTH PLAINFIELD	13188411	ZITIS NICOS	128 E WEBSTER AVE		ROSELLE PARK	13211600
YOUTH AND FAMILY COU	233 PROSPECT STREET		WESTFIELD	13399868	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE	128 E WEBSTER AVE	ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		BERKELEY HEIGHTS	13130053
ZAGORSKI STEVEN G	1651 SPRINGFIELD AVE		NEW PROVIDENCE	13400250	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		BERKELEY HEIGHTS	13130053
ZAHARKO ELCIO	302 COURT STREET		ELIZABETH	13496377	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		BERKELEY HEIGHTS	13130053
ZAKLYNSKY A	215 RICHFORD TER		LINDEN	13388950	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		BERKELEY HEIGHTS	13130053
ZAMARRA ANTHONY ROBERT	349 MOUNTAIN AVE		SPRINGFIELD	13125064	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		BERKELEY HEIGHTS	13130053
ZAMORA DIEGO	233 HALSTEAD RD		ELIZABETH	13658759	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		BERKELEY HEIGHTS	13130053
ZAPATA IRIS	1348 FREMONT PL FL 2		ELIZABETH	13512809	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		BERKELEY HEIGHTS	13130053
ZAPATA VIVIANA	12 WASHINGTON AVENUE		LINDEN	13583652	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		BERKELEY HEIGHTS	13130053
ZAPHIRIN NELATON	1748 OAK HILL DR		UNION	13588706	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		BERKELEY HEIGHTS	13130053
ZARIKOS DIMITRIOS	45 W INMAN AVE 2ND FL		RAHWAY	13188557	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		BERKELEY HEIGHTS	13130053
ZARZECKI FRANK J JR	631 SNYDER AVE		BERKELEY HTS	13269204	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		BERKELEY HEIGHTS	13130053
ZASIMOVITCH BARBARA B	814 AINSWORTH ST		LINDEN	13365534	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		BERKELEY HEIGHTS	13130053
ZAVOLAS ATHANASIOS	762 MURRAY STREET		ELIZABETH	13658760	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		BERKELEY HEIGHTS	13130053
ZAYAS MIGUELA	400 LINDEN AVENUE 3RD FLGR		ELIZABETH	13550193	ZIGARELLI MARIE	270 WILLARD PLACE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		ROSELLE PARK	13365557	ZOELLER D J	128 E WEBSTER AVE		BERKELEY HEIGHTS	13130053

Information concerning the amount and description of the personal property referred to herein may be obtained by any person possessing a legal or beneficial interest in the aforesaid personal property by completing the claim form found at the end of this ad. Please carefully complete, cut out, and mail this form to Department of the Treasury, Unclaimed Property, PO Box 287, Trenton, New Jersey 08695-0287. You may also contact the New Jersey Division of Taxation Information Hotline at (609) 292-9200 for claim form information.

Any additional names regarding Personal Property can be obtained from the Division's website at:

www.unclaimedproperty.nj.gov

Stephen Harris
 Administrator, Unclaimed Property
 State of New Jersey
 Department of the Treasury

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Join us for our next New Tutor Training Workshop Series. This four-part series will be at St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church, 1407 St. George Ave., Rahway.

The first session of the four part series begins on Sept 21 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The remaining sessions are Sept. 23 from 7 to 9:30 p.m., and Sept. 25 and Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendance is required at all sessions to become a certified tutor.

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Cub Scouts from Pack 116, Roselle Park, recently attended a Somerset Patriots baseball game where they were able to take to the field with the team during the playing of the National Anthem. Scouts received autographs from various players including team manager Sparky Lyle.

NJ Diamond Gloves match set for Oct. 8

Linden will host 77th annual state finals for the 11th consecutive year

Linden Boxing Association President Alfred A. Volpe has announced that the only fight night in Linden this year will take place Oct. 8 when the Linden Boxing Association, in conjunction with the Linden Public Property and Community Services Department presents the 77th annual New Jersey State Finals of the Diamond Gloves Boxing Tournament.

The full night of championship boxing entertainment is being sponsored by the ConocoPhillips Bayway Refinery and will be at the Linden High School Gymnasium, located at 121 W. St. Georges Ave.

The first fight is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

According to Linden Boxing Association Founder Tony Orlando, "This is the 11th consecutive year that we are hosting the Diamond Glove Tournament state finals here in Linden and also the 11th consecutive year that our friends from the ConocoPhillips Bayway Refinery are sponsoring the event. Without their sponsorship, we wouldn't be able to have this successful night of amateur boxing that annually supports, through its proceeds, a varied amount of programs for our city's youth."

This year, the Linden Boxing Association will be honoring Michael Karlovich, the manager of Strategic Communication at Conoco Phillips Bayway Refinery in Linden for his exceptional commitment to the sport of boxing and the youth of Linden throughout the past eleven years. During this time, the Linden Boxing Association has donated in excess of \$329,000 to Linden Recreation supported youth programs and has sponsored three scholarships annually to graduating Linden High School students.

Expecting to be in attendance at this year's championship bouts are, Bobby Czyn, former world light heavyweight and cruiserweight champion; Emile Griffith, former world welterweight, junior middleweight and middleweight champion; Chuck Wepner, former heavyweight contender and Lou Duva, the Hall of Fame boxing trainer and manager, who has handled some of the greatest fighters in the world including 19 World Champions.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the Community Center Building, 605 S. Wood Ave., Linden until Oct. 7. For information on the Diamond Glove finals, call the Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services at 908-474-8600.



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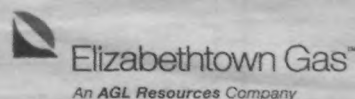
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