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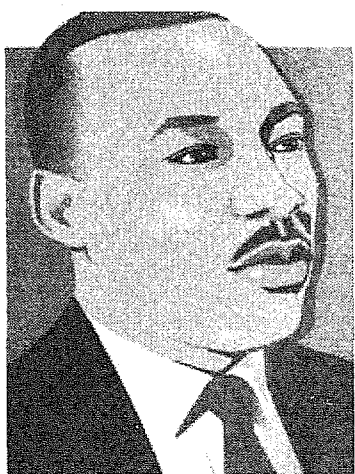
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## Celebration will honor Martin Luther King Jr.

On Monday, the United Community Center, Inc., will host its annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in Union.

The event will take place at the Hannah Caldwell School, 1120 Commerce Ave., from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

The celebration will feature choirs/praise dancers from local area churches, the Rev. H. Bryant from Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church and the Daddies Little Girls Production Company from Princeton.

## Petitions for board seats due next month

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the board of education in Kenilworth, Union, Hillside and Roselle Park is Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. The election is scheduled for April 15.

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a "School Board Candidate Kit" at the local school district office.

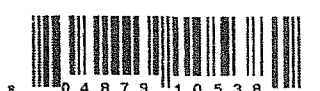
Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes a sample nominating petition and information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy and the role of the school board member.

## Celebrate Rotary

The Roselle-RosellePark Rotary Club will celebrate Rotary Day on Feb. 23.

The national celebration is being held to recognize the Rotary Club, which is a national service organization dedicated to various charitable causes.

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## Hope is on the way

Students sending supplies to soldiers

By Jackie Leon  
Staff Writer

UNION — While people did their holiday shopping and prepared for winter breaks, 130 seventh and eighth grade students at Kawameeh Middle School collected supplies for troops in Iraq.

In total, 22 boxes of items collected in the months of November and December were packed Jan. 10 by the students and sent directly to Iraq. The shipment was staggered to avoid possible interception by insurgents.

Within each box, students placed toiletries and non-perishable goods as well as letters and photos for the soldiers. Each letter and card written by the students shared a message of hope and perseverance intended to help boost morale overseas.

Last year, a soldier who fought in Iraq visited Kawameeh. He was one of several soldiers who received special messages from students as part of the ongoing letter writing campaign at the school.

Ed Graff, seventh and eighth grade social studies teacher, spearheaded the in-school campaign to collect supplies for the soldiers. Graff served in the Army during the late 1990s as an infantry soldier stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.

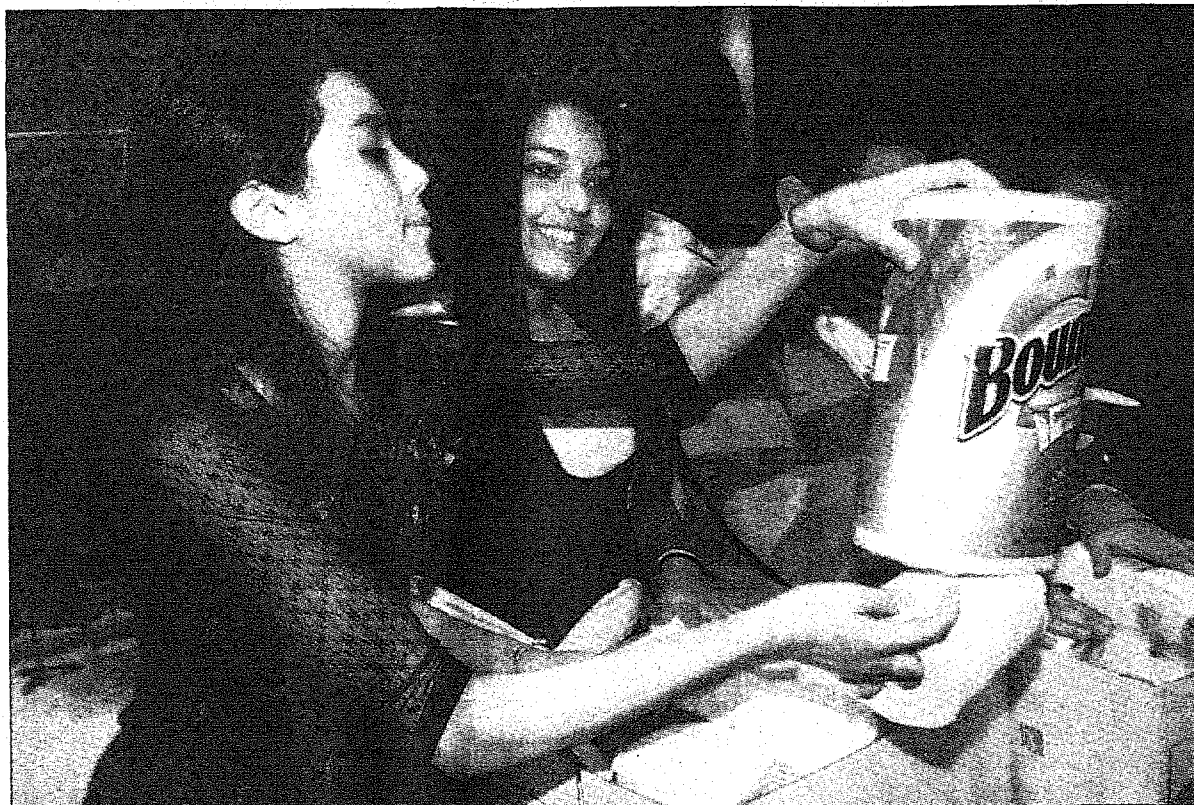


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Students Marlene Preta and Emily Dacosta pack supplies at Kawameeh Middle School. The items, which include toiletries, pictures and letters from students, are being sent to soldiers serving in the Middle East.

Graff recalled how difficult it can be for a soldier to do what is required and not be in constant communication with loved ones. Training is rigorous as soldiers are taught to survive harsh conditions, eat little and sleep less.

"And I served in peace time so I can only imagine how difficult it can be for our troops now," he said.

Graff has friends currently serving in Iraq. He explained that now more than ever, our military needs our unwavering support and by sending necessary supplies and heartfelt letters, everyone can do their part.

"They don't do this for the money, so our help is needed to see

they get the everyday things they need," Graff said. "The students and those that donated the items really do have a huge impact on the morale of our soldiers."

Kawameeh Principal Harold Bell assisted with the collection and urged students on Jan. 10 to continue being altruistic.

"Get involved, be caring and worry about other people, and it will bring you far in your life. You are all proving that is a motto to live by daily," Bell said that day.

The students were genuinely excited and beamed as they busily placed the items they collected into boxes.

"I wanted to do my part," seventh-grader Brianna Creagan said. "It makes me feel like I have helped someone that is trying to help me."

As one eighth grade student explained, the collection would not have been possible without the assistance of families and friends.

"We asked our parents and friends to donate, because the soldiers can't get these things in Iraq," Marlene Preta said. "We need these things everyday, they do too, but they can't do it on their own, so we are helping them from here."

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## State bill apologizes for slavery

By Chris Sykes  
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE — The fact that New Jersey has officially become the first state north of the old Mason-Dixon line to formally apologize for slavery was overlooked last week during the recent hustle and bustle of legislative sessions and the passage of Gov. Jon Corzine's new public school funding formula.

"We introduced this back in November before the governor put forward his new funding formula plan," former Assemblyman William Payne, D-29, said. "We introduced it because we felt that the people of New Jersey should know that there were slaves here in this 'northern' state, and the state and

body politic was complicit in supporting it and allowing this heinous offense against humanity to go on."

Payne, who represented Hillside, said he and Assemblyman Craig Stanley introduced the apology bill.

Payne added that this is nothing new for him since he was also instrumental in passing the Amistad bill that calls for more education in the state about slavery and its lingering effects.

The apology bill, Assembly Concurrent Resolution 270, expresses New Jersey's "profound regret" for its role in slavery and apologizes for wrongs inflicted by slavery and its after effects in the United States.

Payne said some people have been critical of the timing of the bill.

Detractors have asked why the co-sponsors waited until they were lame ducks, poised to leave state government before they proposed legislation as "ambitious" as the apology. Despite the criticism, Payne said he doesn't give any thought or credence to their questions.

"The only people who were against this legislation even being proposed in the first place are the ones who will be complaining now that it has been passed," he said. "Everybody is not happy that this bill was written and passed."

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## Student shows care for canine

Union girl raises funds for injured dog

By Jackie Leon  
Staff Writer

UNION — While most 10-year-olds spend their free time playing video games or watching television, Central Five Elementary School student, Vanessa Leite, raised more than \$400 for an abused dog several states away.

Vanessa was roused to action after she read a heartbreaking story online about a pit bull that was intentionally set on fire last year.

According to reports, a young man in Montgomery, Ala. chained his mother's pit bull to a tree, doused him with lighter fluid and then set him on fire because he was not allowed to use the family car. The dog miraculously survived, but more than 60 percent of his body was severely burned.

Vanessa was so disturbed by the gruesome act, that she decided to do something to help the animal. The dog, now named Louis Vuitton by volunteers at the Montgomery Humane Society where he was treated, is still recovering there. Vanessa understood that Louis would need several expensive burn treatments to fully recover and wanted to help by sending dona-

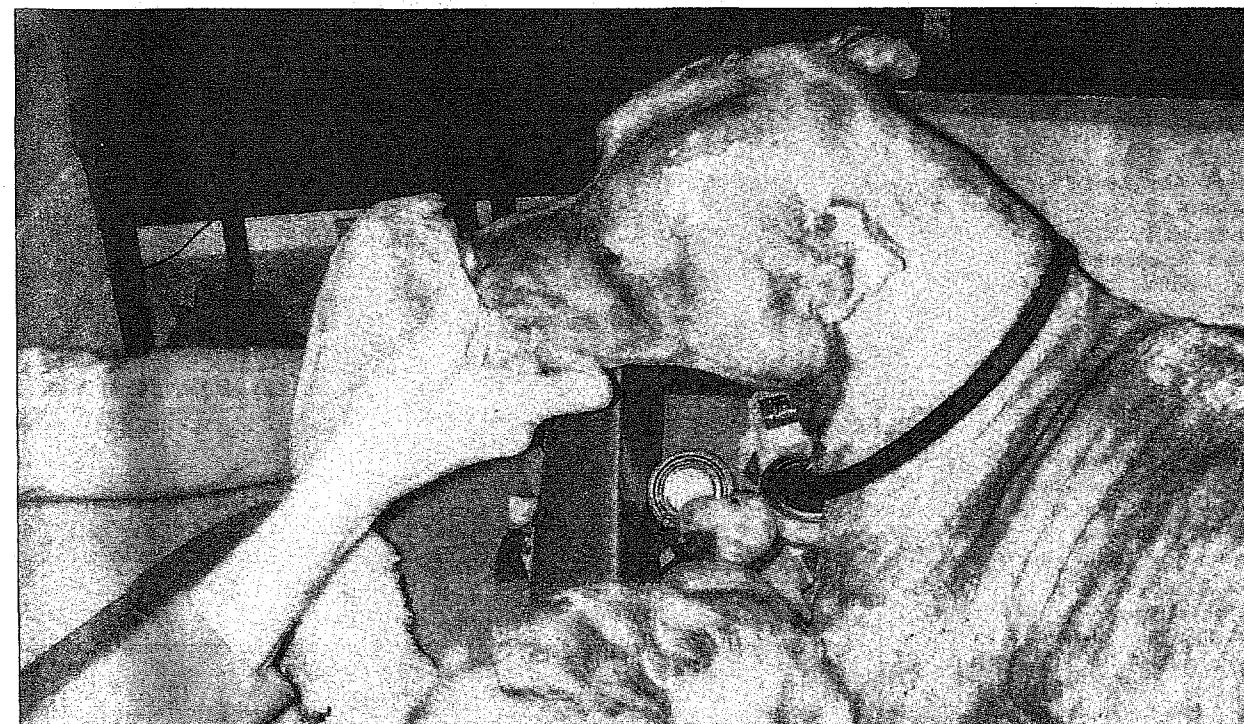
tions. "I love dogs and I don't like this kind of tragedy to happen so I knew I needed to do something to help," Vanessa said.

Donation cans were set up in the classrooms and posters were placed along the hallways of the school to garner support. The posters were made with the assistance of Maplewood resident Arlene Krampetz. Krampetz was the art teacher for the school until she retired in December. According to peers, Arlene was very involved in animal rights activism and was innately motivated to help Vanessa, a blossoming activist, with her endeavors.

Donna Quadrel, a resource center teacher at Central Five, said she knew Krampetz very well and worked with her for a number of years.

"Arlene organized the stray rescue organization, the People for Animals Center in Hillside, and started a spaying and neutering clinic there," Donna said. "She saw that Vanessa had a common interest in animals and it just seemed natural to her to help her out with her collection by making posters with her."

Currently, the new art teacher,



Louis Vuitton, a dog in Montgomery, Ala. that was set on fire by his owner's daughter, unwraps a Christmas present as he recovers at an animal shelter. Union student Vanessa Leite was touched by the story and raised funds to cover the dog's medical expenses.

Brian Toscano, has been assisting by continuing the effort. In order to commence the collection, Vanessa wrote a letter in November seeking permission from the school principal, Thomas Tsirikos.

"I've worked in the middle schools and high school and never has a student come to me with such a wonderful idea," he said. "She was moved by this dog, developed a plan and with

the support of teachers and students, was able to make a difference."

He explained that the collection is continuing and is proud of Vanessa, who has been the major driving force for the initiative. Vanessa and five other students from Central Five were selected to receive a public service award on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Each of the schools in the district are asked to nominate six students to

receive recognition for efforts in the area of public service.

Vanessa received letters and photos from the Montgomery Humane Society. She said she was invited to visit Louis anytime.

"Maybe I'll be able to visit him in the summer," Vanessa said smiling.

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## Above the surface

A diver resurfaces after making underwater repairs to the Morris Avenue bridge in Union, near the Springfield border. Page 10

## Cancer study planned

Registration to take place in borough

By Toniann Antonelli  
Managing Editor

ROSELLE PARK — This year, Roselle Park will play a pivotal role in the fight to prevent cancer.

When the borough plays host to the annual American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in June, volunteers will be on hand to enroll willing participants in the ACS's Cancer Prevention Study III.

In the past, ACS studies have resulted in the discovery of key findings, such as the link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer.

Among other risk factors, the cancer prevention study "will show what habits cause cancer," according to Relay for Life Director Robin Kraft, who is helping to organize the Roselle Park relay and to facilitate CPS-III recruitment locally.

The ACS Web site indicates that "the purpose of CPS-III is to better understand the lifestyle, behavioral, environmental and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer and to ultimately eliminate cancer as a major health problem for this and future generations."

Julie Sullivan, from the ACS Department of Epidemiology and Surveillance in Georgia, said the ultimate goal is to remove the word "cancer" from our vocabulary.

Sullivan said the borough was selected to serve as a registration location for CPS-III primarily due to the diversity of the people who are expected to participate in the Roselle Park relay event on June 7-8. The borough is one of only 12 sites throughout New York and New Jersey where volunteers can register to participate in the study.

Based on the theory that "you can't study someone who's not in your study," the ACS is seeking a diverse group of participants from communities such as Roselle Park, where residents rally behind the relay and cancer prevention efforts.

"(It's about) being part of something that can potentially have a positive impact on future generations."

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## Helping the community get healthy

As millions of Americans tackle the annual ritual of making New Year's resolutions, the YMCA of Eastern Union County's Five Points Branch is encouraging the local community by offering free health screenings and educational seminars on various health-related topics.

The YMCA is providing these services in conjunction with the Union Department of Health and Overlook Hospital.

These services will take place at the Five Points Branch and are free and open to the community.

Below is the schedule of these events. Health screenings will be provided by Overlook Hospital.

• Feb. 7 — Blood Pressure and

body fat test from 10 a.m. to noon.

• March 6 — Hearing test, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The following educational seminars will be provided by the Union Department of Health:

• Smoking — Wednesday at 6 p.m.  
• "Is it Magic or Public Health?" — Feb. 5 at 6 p.m.

• Dark side of sun: skin cancer — Feb. 12 at 10 a.m.

• Holistic healing and medicine — Feb. 26 at 6 p.m.

• Hepatitis A: a case history — Feb. 29 at 10 a.m.

• Prostate cancer — March 6 at 10 a.m.

To kick-off the New Year, the Five Point Branch is also offering members

a free, eight-week fitness program, called "Mission Meltdown," which will run until March 2. This program is designed to help those seeking a healthier life successfully begin their fitness journey. Members will have the opportunity to meet with a certified personal trainer to develop personalized fitness goals for the eight week session. They will then track their progress throughout the eight weeks and will follow-up with a trainer at the end of the program to discuss their achievements.

"Many 'health seekers' are apprehensive about starting a fitness regimen because they have little support or guidance," said Sherisha Hills, health and wellness director.

## Writers invited to join workshop

The Kenilworth Public Library recently announced that it will conduct the fifth session of its recently established Writers' Workshop, a forum for local writers to share and critique each other's work, at 7 p.m. on Jan. 29, in the library's activity room.

In order to register, each participant must submit to the library a sample of his or her writing, no more than five pages in length, no later than Tuesday.

Writers of fiction, non-fiction, memoir, and poetry are all welcome. Between Jan. 24 and 28, each registered participant may stop at the library to pick up a packet which will contain copies of all submitted writing samples.

Each participant will then be expected to read all of the samples and be prepared to discuss them at the Jan. 29 meeting. This program is free and open to all members of the general public, including people who did not participate in previous sessions.

Because space is limited, preregistration for the upcoming workshop is required and can be done in person at the library or by calling 908-276-2451.

## Borough will be registration location for national study

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There are a lot of wonderful people who are committed to the Relay for Life and they've raised a lot of funds and this is a way for them to do even more," said Sullivan, who is a study participant, herself. "It's very much a grassroots effort."

The ACS is looking for CPS-III participants who are between the ages of 30 and 65, who have never had cancer. The goal is to register at least 500,000 people nationwide, from all walks of life.

ACS cancer prevention follow-up studies began in the 1950s and have played a major role in national and international cancer prevention efforts. As a result of the studies, a number of key findings have been discovered including the link between smoking and cancer, which was part of the earliest contributions of the CPS-III study.

In addition, ACS studies were the first to show the impact of obesity on the risk of dying from cancer as well

as a link between aspirin use and lower risk of colon cancer. The ACS has also indicated that the studies have demonstrated the impact of diet, exercise and the use of hormones, vitamins and medications on cancer risk.

In conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency, these studies have also shown that air pollution has an impact on heart and lung conditions. This particular finding led the EPA to propose more stringent limits on air pollution.

"Our second study began in 1982 and is still ongoing," Sullivan said.

The second study involved about 1.2 million participants nationwide.

"We are still following up with these individuals," she added.

Since the second study began however, many of the participants have aged and several have been diagnosed with cancer. In addition, Sullivan said, the environment has changed, lifestyles and habits have changed and new medications have been developed to treat cancer. These factors illustrate

the need for another study with new participants.

Those who register for the study during the Relay for Life must be between the ages of 30 and 65 years old, who are willing to commit to the long-term study. The registration process, Kraft said, takes about 30 minutes, during which time trained phlebotomists will draw small blood samples from participants.

Those who register will also be asked to complete a brief survey and provide waist measurements, since studies have shown correlations between obesity, cancer and other illnesses, such as diabetes.

About three or four months after the initial registration, participants will receive a more comprehensive "baseline questionnaire" which will ask a variety of health questions, from family history of the participant and smoking history of the individual, to details about sun exposure. Every two years after that, participants will receive additional surveys. The blood

samples will be "broken down" and stored cryogenically until they're needed. Sullivan said years from now, if a large number of participants develops a certain type of cancer, the blood samples and surveys will be analyzed to determine if there are any similarities in lifestyle, medical history of medication that might be linked to that specific type of cancer.

"We know, statistically, that there will be cancer cases among that population," Sullivan added. "It's a long-term follow-up study."

"This is the first time it's ever been in Union County and to be where it's at, it's a great thing for Union County," said Christina Ianco, the co-chair of the local CRS-III study committee for the relay. Ianco, a Clark resident, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2003, and continues to battle the disease.

Suzanne Kinloch, a 27-year cancer survivor and the leader of the Roselle

Park Pink Panthers relay team, stressed the importance of cancer prevention studies such as CPS-III.

"The more people that sign up for the study, the better prospects we have for working toward a cure," said Kinloch, a native of Roselle Park.

"As a cancer survivor, I believe all studies are fantastic because they can help us better understand what causes cancer," Kinloch said. The team leader is currently suffering from two "unstable" brain tumors. "I'm working through it. I don't let anything hold me back."

A two-time participant in the ACS Celebration on the Hill in Washington D.C., Kinloch said the study and the results of the study are instrumental in lobbying legislators for more stringent laws to limit elements that can lead to cancer, such as air pollution.

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## Century of life and love

Woman celebrates her 100th birthday

By Jackeline Leon  
Staff Writer

UNION — Birthdays come and go but for one local resident, her most recent birthday was one to remember because she reached her 100th year of life.

The youngest of four sisters, Irvina Hartjen celebrated her 100th birthday on Dec. 15 with friends and family. Loved ones from Michigan, Ohio, New Hampshire and Maine were all in attendance as Irvina reached a new milestone.

The birthday celebration took place in The Westwood in Garwood in the presence of approximately 85 people who wished to acknowledge Irvina's legacy.

"The whole night was wonderful and really just took my breath away," Hartjen said grinning.

Hartjen revealed that she was never hospitalized for anything serious and always enjoyed good health. She attributes her longevity to her healthy diet and lively nature.

The centenarian remains strong and self-sufficient and says that although her circle of friends has greatly diminished over the years, she still enjoys the company of family and friends who visit her often.

Hartjen was born and raised in Maine and remembers her hometown of Biddeford with fondness.

"We lived near the Bush family of Kennebunk," she said.

As a young woman, Hartjen worked at the Biddeford Pool Country Club where several notable people, including United States presidents, visited.

Her family later moved to the New York City area when her sisters decided to attend school in the city.

Her husband, who was originally from upstate New York, lived in Brooklyn for a short time and met her there.

They soon married and purchased



As a young girl, Union resident Irvina Hartjen, front, spends a vacation in Maine with her family. The township woman recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

a home in Union after his business required his presence in the area.

"I love living in Union and there was a time when we could have moved elsewhere but I did not want to," Hartjen said.

One difference in the town that she has noticed in recent years is the lack of activity of children in the area.

"You would see kids playing in the streets all the time back then but now they come home and go watch TV," she said.

The Hartjen family was very involved in the township, according to the centenarian.

Hartjen assisted the former township welfare director, Saddle Sachs, for 27 years when the department existed in Union before it was outsourced to Elizabeth.

"That kind of work required that you understand and keep work confi-

dential," Hartjen explained. "The things we saw then were not publicly known but nowadays you think nothing of it."

She said she first took the job as a way of helping Sachs get caught up with her work, but the part-time job developed into a full-time position.

In her younger years, Hartjen was very involved in scholastic affairs. She was once the president of the Parent Teacher Association for Connecticut Farms School and Union High School, while her two children, Richard and Bettes, were in attendance there.

Richard, who currently lives in Florida, is a retired Union police officer.

Hartjen said her husband's last job before retiring was working the night shift at the Union Post Office.

Hartjen said her husband had once worked as a teacher and then a

businessman later in life.

The change in profession, however, was a positive one.

"He was happiest when he worked at the post office because he was a nighttime kind of man," Hartjen recalled.

Bettes, a 65-year-old Cranford resident, said she is in awe of her mother's long and full life.

"I'm just amazed with her because her sisters all died young and yet she is still strong and full of energy," she said.

Bettes says her mother loves to keep active by gardening at her home and performing other favorite activities.

"She also loves her bourbon Manhattans every now and then," she said, laughing.

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## Car chase ends with juvenile arrest

Kenilworth

A high-speed chase, which began in neighboring Union, ended with an arrest at South Michigan Avenue Friday at 6:25 p.m.

The 17-year-old Newark resident was being pursued by police from Union for driving a stolen vehicle. The juvenile drove the stolen Mazda 3 from the eastbound side of Route 22 to South Michigan Avenue in Kenilworth.

As the vehicle came to a stop on the 100-block of South Michigan Avenue, the car reportedly plowed down street signs and caused landscaping damage. The juvenile then fled on foot and was found 30 minutes later attempting to hide behind the bushes in a residential backyard on the 200-block of North 24th Street.

The juvenile was turned over to the Union Police Department and charged with juvenile complaints.

An employee's limb was severed while he worked at the Blue Blade Steel Corp. Friday night.

The 52-year-old man arrived at University Hospital in Newark at 12:30 p.m. for emergency treatment.

Union

Two armed, masked men robbed the Larchmont Liquor store on Morris Avenue Sunday shortly before 10 p.m. Both men were described as wearing black gloves, masks and grey pants. One is said to have been wearing a black vest.

Both men, who were allegedly carrying handguns at the time, pulled money from the register and fled. It is unknown whether they left on foot or

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in a vehicle and it is also unknown in which direction they headed.

Police canvassed the area with negative results.

Copper pipes were stolen from a home on the 1700-block of Manor Drive Saturday and Sunday. No suspect information is available and the suspect is being sought for burglary and theft of copper pipes.

On Saturday, a vehicle was burglarized at the 900-block of Springfield Road at 8 p.m.

Entry was gained by prying open the door lock. A briefcase with identification cards and clothing were reported stolen.

A box truck struck a pole near Connecticut Farms Elementary School on Stuyvesant Avenue Friday at 8:44 a.m.

No one was injured in the accident. PSE&G was notified and responded to fix the damaged pole.

A shopper's wallet was stolen at the Pathmark Supermarket on Route 22 Friday at 3:26 p.m.

The wallet was reportedly taken from the shopper's purse, which she placed in a shopping cart and left unattended. There is no suspect information available.

A two-car accident Friday night resulted in injuries on Route 22 in front of the Rio Restaurant. Both victims stated that they would seek medical attention on their own. One was given a summons for driving a vehicle with an expired driver's license.

## 'Wild' discussion planned

The book discussion group of the Kenilworth Public Library will meet on Tuesday, at 7:15 p.m. in the library's activity room to discuss "Into the Wild," by Jon Krakauer.

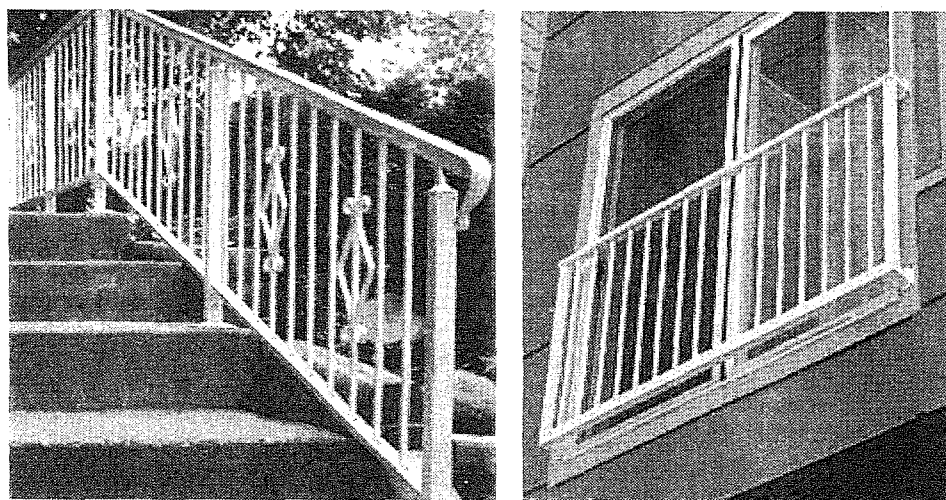
This book tells the true story of Chris McCandless, a 24-year-old from the Washington, D.C. suburbs who headed into the Alaska wilderness near Mount McKinley with not much more than a 10-pound bag of rice and a small-caliber rifle, only to be found dead at his camp site four months later. A feature film based on this story recently played in local theaters.

Participation in the book discussion is free and open to all members of the general public, including people who reside in communities other than Kenilworth, and new members are always welcome. However, because space is limited, preregistration is recommended and can be done at the library or by calling 908-276-2451. Copies of "Into the Wild" are available at the library's circulation desk. The Kenilworth Public Library is located at 548 Boulevard.

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# COMMUNITY FORUM

## EDITORIALS

### County comes through in the end

The Union County Jail and county officials definitely had egg on their face last month as a pair of prisoners found their way out of the new Union County Jail.

Every day that they were on the run put a bad light on the Union County Jail officials and Union County. The initial national exposure of the Hollywood-style escape was scaled down as the eyes of the national media went to other stories like individual disappearances throughout the U.S. and the Presidential primaries.

While there was a shakeup at the top of the jail in the aftermath of the great escape, the county became sort of a joke on a national proportion for the escape.

And every day that both Jose Espinosa and Otis Blunt were gone was a painful day for the jail and the county's reputation.

But fortunately, there is Al Sharpton, and his entry into the jail escapade and Union County's rejection of his inclusion into the search for the pair has reinvigorated the reputation for the officials.

As Sharpton started his ongoing media campaign to get involved with the return of Blunt, the Union County prosecutor's office slammed the door on any meddling of Sharpton into the case.

In other cases, Sharpton's meddling in official business of police work has sort of made a mockery of the process.

In addition to the work of the Union Prosecutor's office, the FBI and the Union County Police and New Jersey State Police, the county should heap praise on the television show, "America's Most Wanted." Just days after the show was televised, both Espinosa and Blunt were recaptured.

Unfortunately, the story's ending is not entirely happy because of the suicide of Rudolph Zurick, a corrections officer, who became the subject of the note that Blunt left before he and Espinosa escaped from the jail.

While the county is taking pats on the back for its recapture of the prisoners, there is much to do to make sure that another escape does not happen.

### We must keep the dream alive

Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a holiday in honor of the slain civil rights leader. A federal holiday since 1983, this day was originally celebrated on Jan. 15, King's birthday, but Congress felt this was too close to New Year's Day, so the holiday was moved to the third Monday of January.

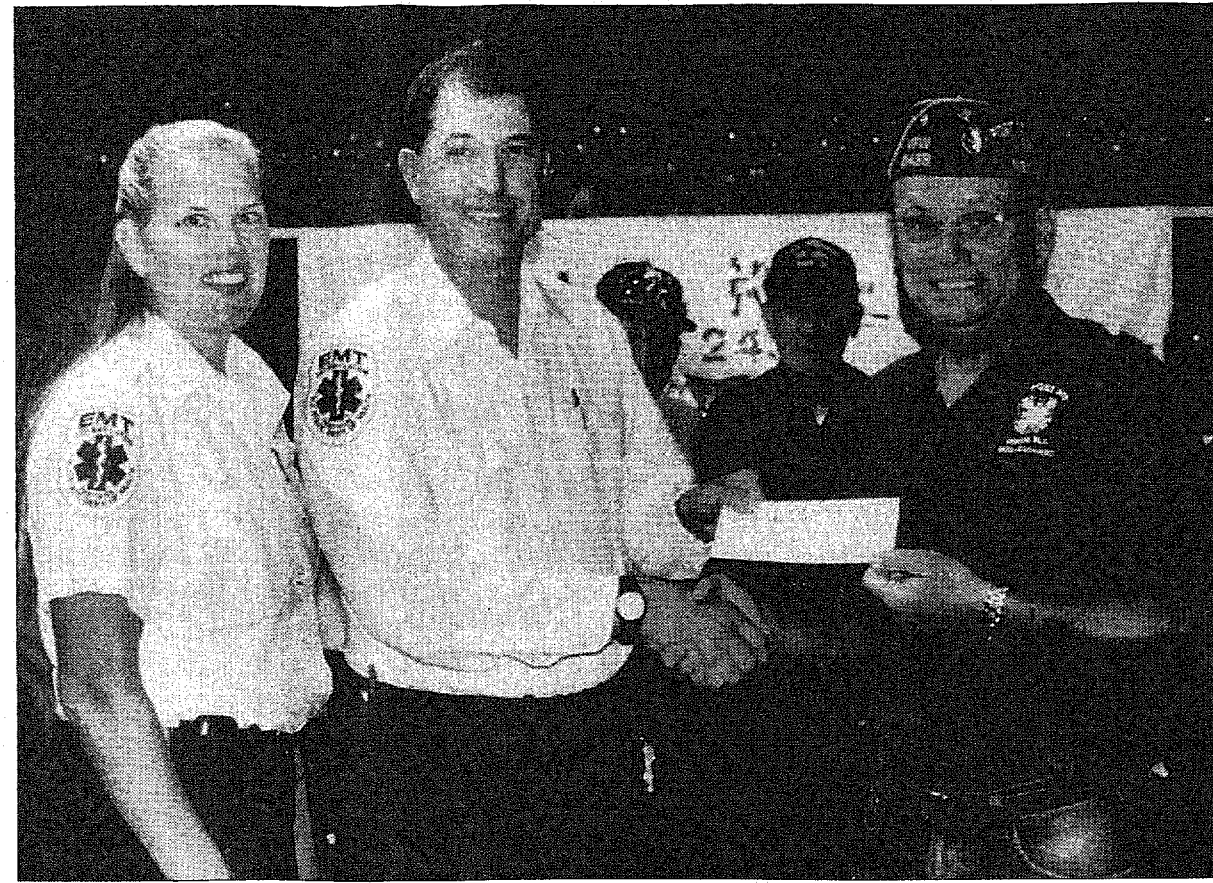
Born in Atlanta, Ga., King began a path far different than the one he ended on. After he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees and a doctorate, this son of an Atlanta pastor became minister of a Baptist church in Montgomery, Ala. However, civil unrest would soon alter his life forever.

Seeing the disparity in the way blacks were treated, King led the black boycott in 1955 and 1956 of segregated city bus lines and, in 1956, gained a major victory and prestige as a civil-rights leader when Montgomery buses began to operate on a desegregated basis. His efforts culminated in August of 1963 with the March on Washington, involving more than 200,000 people in a peaceful demonstration, for which he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

King's leadership in the civil-rights movement was challenged in the mid-1960s, as other advocates of black civil rights grew more militant, but he didn't let this stop him from addressing poverty or criticizing the Vietnam War. Tragically, his plans for a Poor People's March to Washington were never carried out, as he was assassinated on April 4, 1968, during a trip to Memphis, Tenn., in support of striking sanitation workers.

Nearly 40 years later, King's dream of a nation where people "will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character" is still alive and much has been accomplished, as reflected by the prevalence of blacks in universities and higher-paying jobs. However, there is much to be done. In prisons nationwide, blacks and Hispanics far outnumber their white counterparts, a reflection on both the culture of crime and the poverty that leads so many to it. Until these problems are solved, King's dream will continue to be just that.

On this holiday, we need to remember the sacrifices of men such as King to reach the levels of parity we've achieved today. We cannot shut our eyes and pretend things will get better. We must make the changes ourselves because, in King's own words, "Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."



**GIVING SUPPORT** — Commander Robert Johnsen of the VFW post in Union presents a check for \$500 to past chief, Ross Karlin and Christie Warsoe of the Union Emergency Medical Unit, the not-for-profit volunteer ambulance service in Union. The squad relies on donations from the community to operate Union EMU. To make a contribution to Union EMU, call Vice President Marty Karlin or EMU President James DeVico at 908-687-3373.

### A time of need reminds you what's important

When my stomach was still acting up after a couple of weeks, I started to get a little concerned. I'd always considered myself in possession of a cast-iron stomach, like my father, and didn't like to admit there could be any rust in my armor. However, when I had difficulty keeping my meals down during the Christmas holiday, I knew it was time to own up that there was a problem.

I'm not sure if my aversion to visiting doctors is necessarily a fear or phobia as much as dreaded resignation there might be problems I couldn't handle by myself. If I was sick, I'd much rather visit the pharmacy and purchase some over-the-counter medication for the quick fix at home. Well, it's certainly a cheaper solution.

On the other hand, my wife is quick to take herself or our son to a doctor. This is not to say that the problems she entrusts to him aren't worthy of his attention, but I've always felt we place too much reliance on the ability of others to heal before first exploring what we can do for ourselves. Ah yes, I'm the last of the independent men.

But there comes a time when even my thick skull is penetrated with the logic that I might need professional help, and this was it. Placing my trust in my wife, Lisa, I let her arrange an appointment with her doctor. I had just visited a doctor myself and he had prescribed what amounted to antacid tablets with a recommendation that I visit a gastroenterologist but, when I called the phone number he gave me, they wouldn't be able to see me for a month! Needless to say, my faith in medical professionals was very low.

Luckily for me, my wife's assessment of her doctor was right on the money. He told me to stop taking the

### Point Of View

By David Jablonski

medication I'd been prescribed and recommended I see a different gastroenterologist and get a colonoscopy. His confidence in his diagnosis did wonders for me, although the thought of a colonoscopy made me nervous. I called the doctor he'd recommended, one Chatargy S. Kaza, and, fortunately, he arranged for the procedure the following week.

I should mention that my father has had ulcerative colitis for 30 years and, consequently, I have a fear that this might be passed on to me genetically. I can't think of anyone else in my family who has this ailment but, when you're looking at genetics, you can't get much closer than your father. Crohn's disease was another possibility as well, one that would be even worse than ulcerative colitis because, whereas colitis is sporadic and can have months or even years between episodes, Crohn's disease is a lifelong affliction.

The next six days I ate nothing but yogurt, pudding, the occasional dry toast or banana, and Gatorade. Yes, Gatorade. As my wife informed me, Gatorade would replenish the carbohydrates I'd be missing during my "diet". The positive was that, in two weeks, I lost 10 pounds, during the holiday season, no less. The negative was that I couldn't drink for New Year's, but I'm not much of a drinker anyway, so I coped.

On the day before the procedure, my diet was reduced to water, clear broth, clear juice or clear soda, green or yellow Jello, Popsicles, coffee or tea. To make it simple, I just had water. I have enough body fat that one day of fasting isn't that big a deal. Then, at night, I had a mixture called Halflytely and, let's just say it cleaned me out and leave it at that.

The next day, I walked over to Easton Hospital for the procedure. It's across the street from where I live which, I'll admit, can be very convenient. The paperwork was easy, the waiting didn't take too long and, before I knew it, I was on the table awaiting the beginning of the procedure. Dr. Kaza walked into the room and spoke in a calm, reassuring way, telling me the procedure would take only 15 or 20 minutes and I'd be awake in less than an hour.

Dr. Kaza decided to also perform another procedure on me called an esophagogastroduodenoscopy, or upper endoscopy. This is done orally down the throat to look at the stomach and he told me it only takes 3 to 5 minutes. Dr. Kaza asked me to bite on this ring which the tube was going to be inserted through, and that didn't give me a very reassuring feeling. They'd hooked up an IV to my arm and I could feel the anesthetic that was being administered starting to take effect by the popping of my ears. However, it was still happening too slowly. I wanted to tell them to wait until the anesthesia kicked in before they used the oral probe, and then I was waking up in another room. I'd gone under and the procedure had taken place without complications, just like that.

As it turned out, my fears were unfounded. Dr. Kaza showed me the

photos of my colon and stomach and told me the biopsies he'd performed had found nothing. He'd have to examine my blood work and stool sample, but he believed it was nothing more than an intestinal infection and prescribed me an over-the-counter antacid. The procedure had shown no sign of ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease, my stomach and colon looked great and it looks like I'll be fine in no time.

So what have I learned from this? To begin with, it's OK to take care of yourself for minor problems, but when they persist or grow complicated, see a medical professional. Doctors are very skilled and well-trained and, while you might read about horror stories in the newspapers, these incidents are not the rule.

Unfortunately, fear is so prevalent in today's society that doctors are finding it increasingly difficult to afford insurance for their medical practice. This is leading to a shortage of doctors and nurses and forcing those available to be overworked. Mistakes are inevitable in this vicious cycle, and the medical profession bears a black eye it doesn't deserve.

We might criticize medical policy or procedure, as well as what we perceive as inflated salaries and expenses that play havoc with our enfeebled insurance system, but these are life-savers who deserve better. They are an essential link in the fabric of our society, like police officers and firefighters, and without them, our nation would collapse.

To medical professionals: Thank you for time and effort, and thank you for taking care of me when I needed your help.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Time and dollars helped local families

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Kenilworth Social Service/Welfare Department I wish to thank the following agencies for their donations and support to the families and children of Kenilworth that you helped this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

With your help we were able to help 28 families: Kenilworth Rotary, Ed Miller, Bobby Jeans and the Kenilworth Veterans Center volunteers, C.K.I. Corp., The Union Elks, The Salvation Army and St. Theresa's Social Concerns.

Thank God for these agencies and their volunteers who give their time and dollars to help others.

Paulette Drogon  
Welfare director  
Kenilworth

#### Obama's record speaks to his ability

To the Editor:

Democratic primary voters need to decide whether they want 2008 to be a time of change or a nostalgic election.

Recently, the Obama campaign announced the formation of Women for Obama Leadership Committees in important primary states, including New Jersey. I am proud to be a member of the New Jersey Women for Obama Leadership Committee because at this time in our history, America needs Barack Obama.

Many people may not be aware that Obama has an impressive record over many years, standing up for issues of importance to women even when others in Washington, D.C., have not. As a community organizer, Barack worked with mothers in their neighborhoods to improve living conditions for many families.

As a state legislator, he brought healthcare to 150,000 Illinois children, passed a working families' tax cut, and lead the effort to create the nation's model employment protections for victims of sexual assault. As a U.S. Senator, he has been an articulate advocate for pay equity, paid sick days and reproduc-

tive justice. But that is not the sole reason I support Obama for president. I support him because I believe only Obama can bring the type of change needed at this critical time in our nation's history.

As the son of a single mother, Obama values families and, as president, he would provide needed after-school programs, paid leave and flexible working conditions. As a candidate for the Senate, he had the judgment and political courage to oppose the war in Iraq when most public officials feared to oppose it, and today he has a plan to end the war as president.

Barack has championed ethics reform throughout his public life, and, in the U.S. Senate, he challenged the congressional leadership to pass the most sweeping ethics reform package in history. Also, he has taken tough stands on energy independence, reducing healthcare costs, tax cuts for working families and education reform. I am a proud supporter of Barack Obama and believe of all the candidates, he is best able to turn political promises into concrete change.

Yvonne Wesley  
Railway

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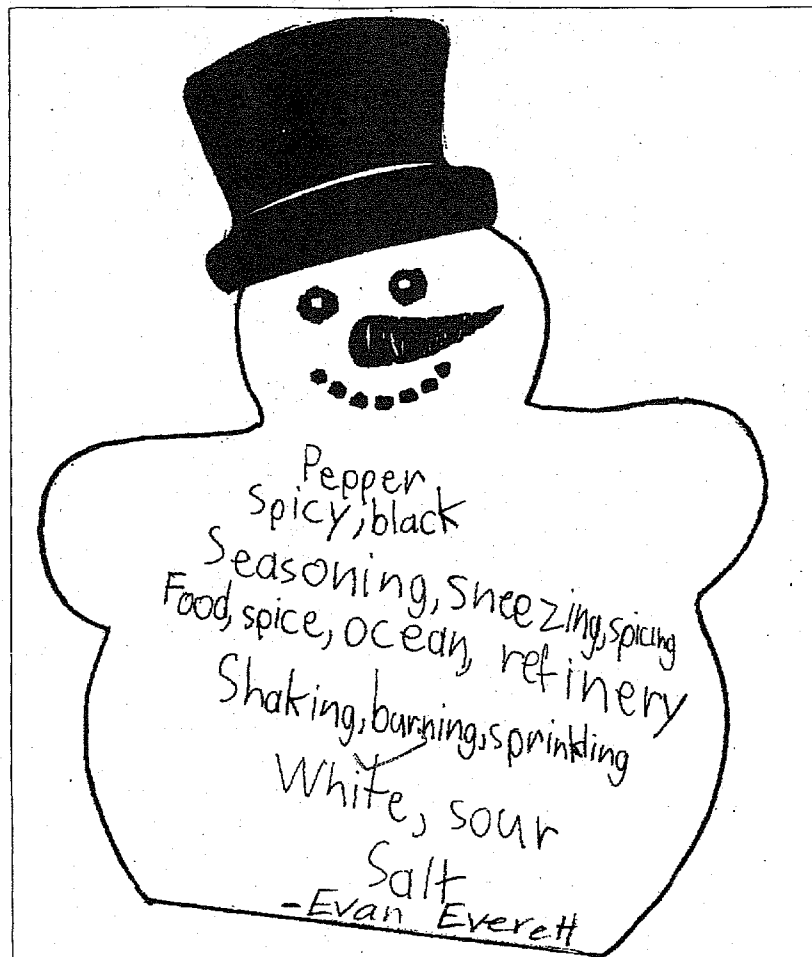
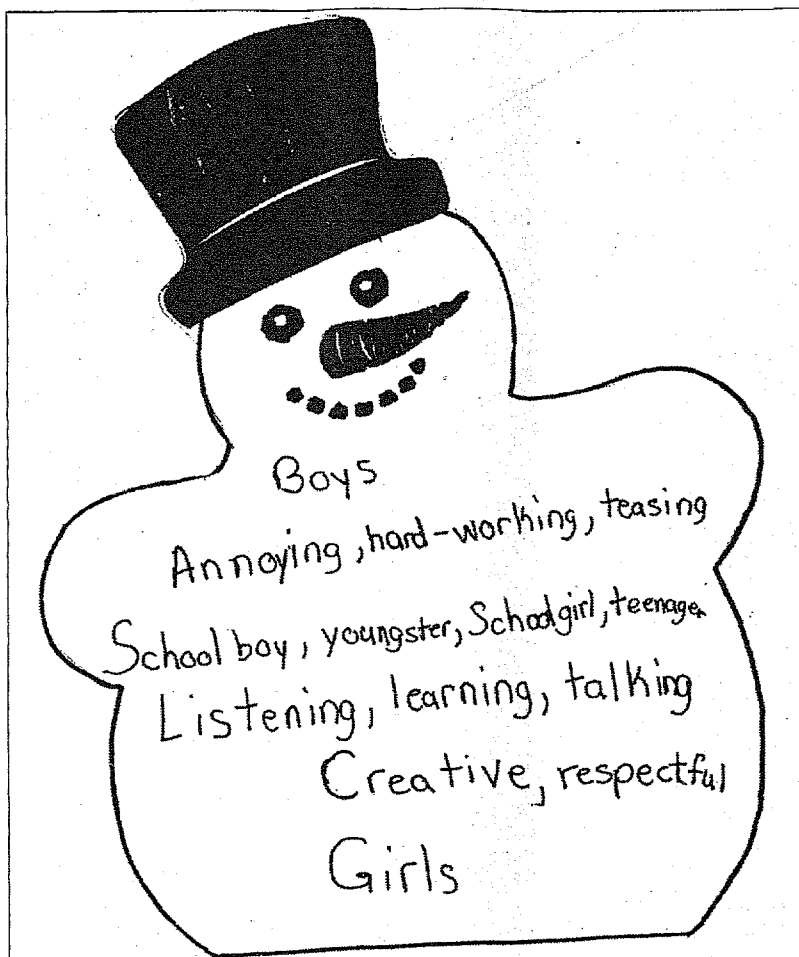
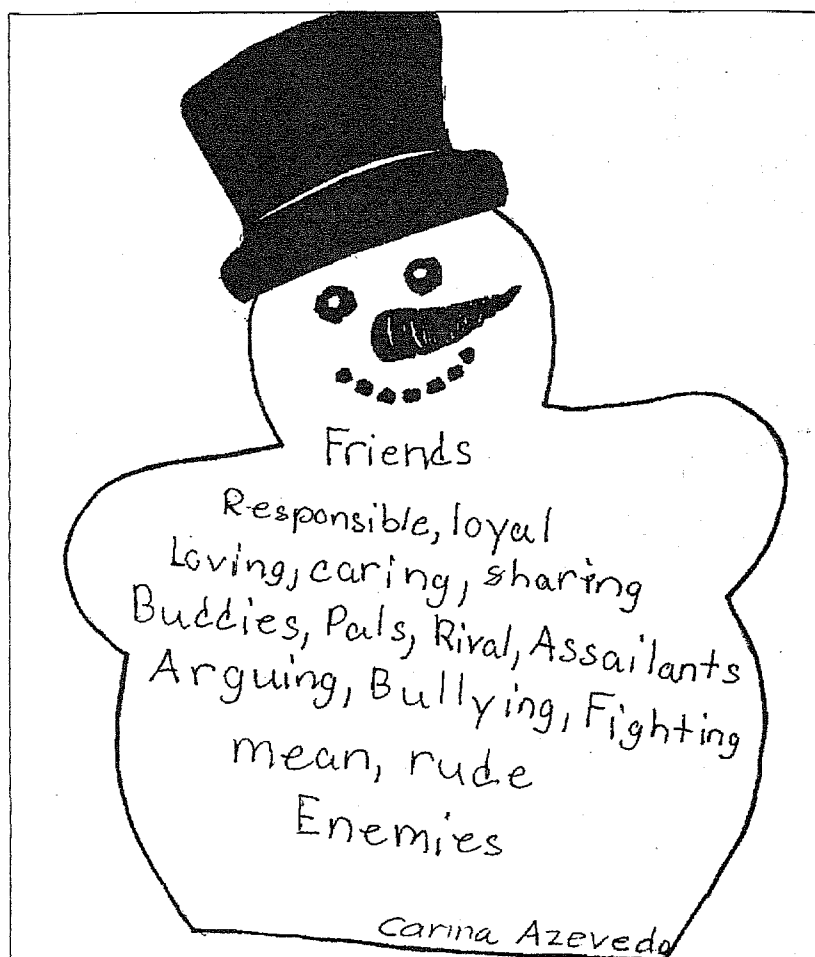
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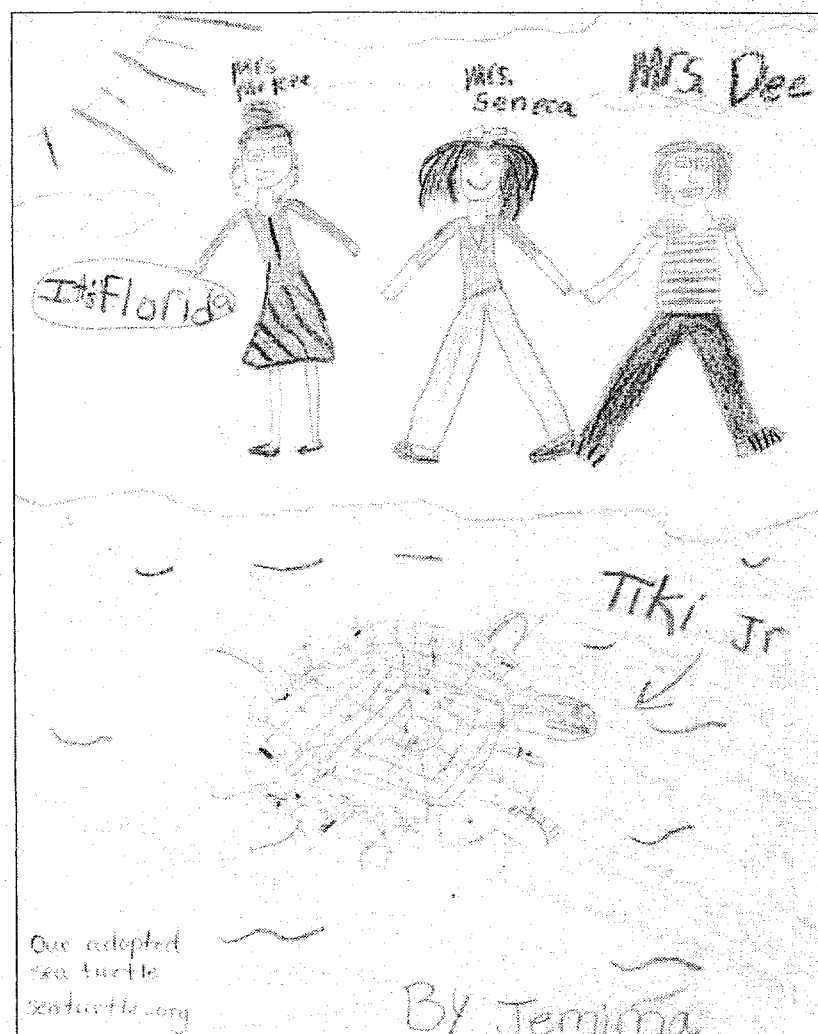
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# EDUCATION PAGE



**USING DIAMONDS IN CLASS** — Students at Central Five-Jefferson Elementary School in Union recently completed an assignment in which they were asked to write 'diamante' poems. Written in the shape of a diamond, these poems don't necessarily rhyme, but each line utilizes a different part of speech. The fifth-graders who composed the diamante poems wrote about a variety of subjects, from spices to close friends.



**UNDER THE SEA** — Students at Central Five-Jefferson School in Union drew pictures of Tiki Jr., the female green turtle they 'adopted' through the Web site, [www.sea-turtle.org](http://www.sea-turtle.org). The students are able to track their adult turtle via satellite. Tiki Jr. was found by a vacationing kayaker on a beach in Virginia on July 25. She was rescued and her injuries were healed before her release on Oct. 20 from Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia Beach.

## A few of Central Five school's favorite things

Fifth grade students at Central Five-Jefferson Elementary School wrote the following essays about some of their favorite things for a recent class assignment.

### The football season

The football season started in December. My favorite team is the New England Patriots.

They are undefeated because Tom Brady, the quarterback, is playing his hardest. They have this new player, Randy Moss, and he is a wide receiver on the Patriots. Randy Moss is the best WR because everytime Tom Brady throws the ball to him, he always catches it. Mostly when catches it, he gets hit hard but he never gets hurt; he gets up like he didn't even feel anything.

Jeffrey Scott

### Why I like living in Union

Why is Union a great place to live? Well, I have lived in Union almost all my life and I can honestly say I don't want to leave.

Union has great job opportunities, fine restaurants, and one of the best school systems. Union has great job opportunities. Then are a lot of big companies to work for. If you are a teenager, there are many fast food places to work at. You can always find a job in Union and even get a decent salary.

Union also has fine restaurants. If you like food on the go, there are places like Wendy McDonald's and Checkers. If you like waitress to service you, there are places like IHOP and Applebees. There is always a place to eat in Union. Finally, Union has one of the best school systems around! We have many elementary schools that offer pre-school through fourth grade, an all fifth grade school, two middle schools, and one great big high school offers us the finest education.

Now, as you can see Union is a great town. I'm going to live here all my life. There are jobs restaurants, and schools. Wouldn't you want to move to Union?

Kimber Jennin

### Legend of a snowboarder

Once long ago, a person named mysteriously didn't want to say her name, so she wanted to snowboard all her life just to beat a person named Rodney, but also she wanted to be a legend.

Back since 1999, she was competing against him so close to the finish line that once, she saw Rodney come in too fast for her to beat. Ever since 2005, she could never be close to beating him so that's why she lives on the highest mountain.

For six years, she has been living up there by herself and nobody knows where she could be except Rodney. But then that one day, the only day she came down slipping and sliding on that snow was to break a record of snowboarding down a 3,900-foot mountain.

Once she slid down to where people were turned around and saw her come down.

The people were quiet and then they awarded her with a

silver medal for being a legend to jump snowboarding down a 3,900-foot mountain. Still, nobody knew her name, but she became a legend of snowboarding.

Alanna Smith

### Our best performance yet

My concert was amazing. I thought we were going to do bad but we were good. The violins, base and cello were good too.

The band was also good. But the chorus was the best part of the show. At practices we didn't sound good, we didn't sing loud enough and we got the words mixed up. But when we did the show all of a sudden we sung loud and we didn't get the parts mixed up. Everyone was clapping for us and we enjoyed it. I think the crowd did to.

Monique Bingham

### Winter is a fun time of year

Winter is the time of the year, where you ski, sled and build snowmen.

You play in the snow and when it is cold, drink hot cocoa. It's fun when you have snowball fights, because you can throw it at your friends. Be careful, before you get hit in the head. Almost everybody hates to stay inside, because there is plentiful of snow. Winter is the time of the year, when you play and play all day.

Sharen Bartholomew

### My favorite snowball fight

Once, long ago, I had my favorite snowball fight ever because me and my family actually spent time together.

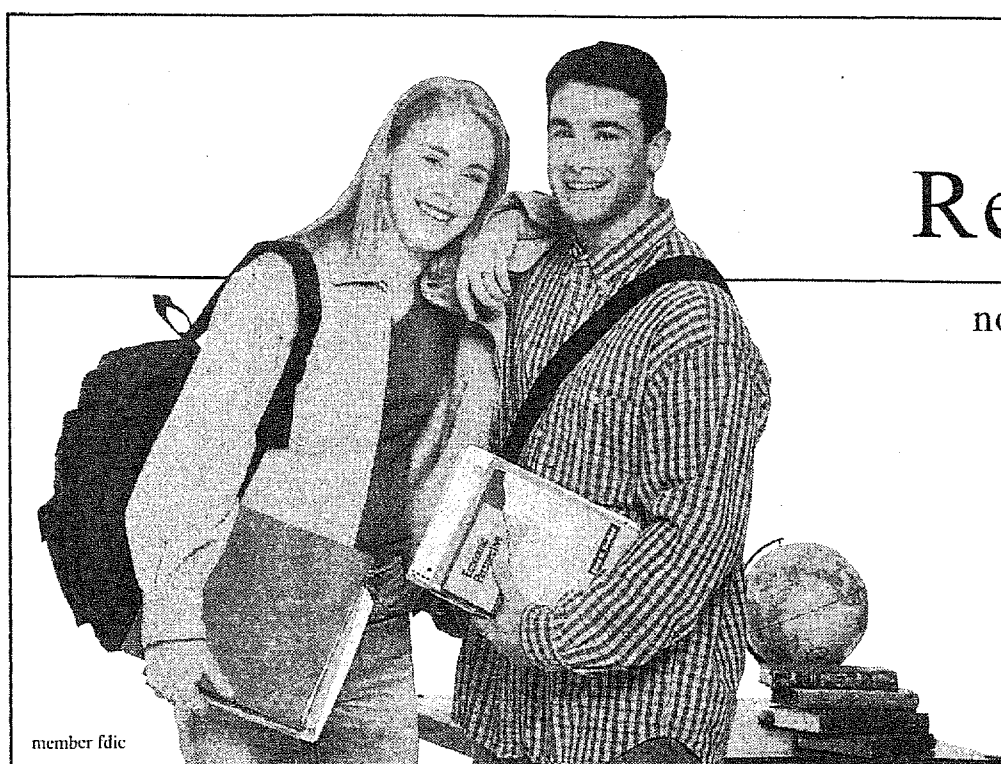
Me, my dad and my sister were having the best snowball fight ever. First, I threw a snowball at my dad and then he threw a snowball at me. Then I made a fort and my sister came and threw a snowball at my dad and went behind my fort. Then, my mother came outside with her hot chocolate and I threw a snowball at her and she said "Oh my God, it's cold here." Then she said, "Does anyone want some hot chocolate?" Then everybody ran to the house and drank hot chocolate. Then we went outside and played a lot more snowball fights.

Samantha

### Football is the best

Winter is a time to rest. Slay rides and skiing. Snowmen and snowballs. Bells at Christmas. Now it's X-mas. Valentine day is coming. It's almost time for running. It's almost time for jumping. Winter is coming to close. It's almost time for spring to grow. It is not going to be cold. What road will spring take us to? We will find out when the flowers grow.

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# Community gathers to show support for Union family

By Jacqueline Leon  
Staff Writer

UNION — As a family rebuilds their lives following a tragic house fire, Kawameeh Middle School, local business owners and residents joined together and were able to raise almost \$3000 to help the victims.

A benefit spaghetti dinner, which took place at Kawameeh Middle School, was organized by faculty, staff and the Parent Teacher Association of the school to raise money for the Taylor family, who's Clark Place home was destroyed in a devastating fire on Nov. 23.

The dinner was prepared in the cafeteria by the school principal, vice principal and physical education teachers. Students assisted by serving dinner and selling tickets for a 50/50 raffle and tricky tray. Local businesses supplied the food and teachers from each department at the school provided the tricky tray prizes.

The Union Fire Department made a donation of \$500 to the Taylor family. Members of the Fire Department unit that responded to the Nov. 23 fire were present at the benefit to show support to the victims. Firefighter Randy Poole said his unit was happy to make the donation and felt it was the crew's duty to extend their help.

"When it's your fire, it becomes personal and we knew this was the right thing to do," Poole said.

Patriarch of the family, the Rev. Chris Taylor of Townley Presbyterian Church, said he was ecstatic to see the generosity of the community and the school.

"It's overwhelming because I never expected it," Chris said. "It is so gratifying to live in a community that cares so

much." Although the family safely escaped the blaze during that tragic November night, they lost two family pets and all their personal possessions.

Chris' wife, Kathie, is a painter and was expected to present her life's work at the Les Malamut Art Gallery at the Union Public Library in late November. She said that losing her 80 paintings was a devastating loss. "But luckily, we are all alive and that's what matters most," Kathie said.

Her two children, Colin and Erin are Kawameeh students.

"It's like something that you think will happen to someone else and it would never happen to you," Colin said as he recalled the day of the fire.

Both he and his sister were happy to see how quickly their school rallied together to assist in their time of need.

"It's really overwhelming to have everyone to help us like this," he added.

Theodore Jakubowski, the Union Superintendent of Schools, said the efforts of everyone at the school is typical of the giving nature of the faculty and staff.

Kawameeh Principal Howard Bell said he was especially proud of everyone at the school who gave up their free time to assist in the collection of donations.

"Everyone, from teachers to secretaries, pitched in," he said. He explained that most of the money collected was donated by faculty and staff during several school fundraisers.

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## Bringing a little music to Union



Third and fourth grade students from Battle Hill Elementary School in Union perform for teachers, friends and family members during the school's annual musical. Members of the flute section concentrate as they play of the songs featured in the show.

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Sale Date: 02/22/2008  
Writ of Execution: 11/19/2007  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed, I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.  
The property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, and is commonly known as: 44 Looker Street, Hillside, NJ 07035  
Tax Lot No.: 10 in Block 1713  
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 35 ft x 100 ft  
Nearest Cross Street: Salem Avenue  
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due, Subject to the extended right of redemption afforded to the United States of America.  
Note: The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$388,501.01  
\*\*\*Three Hundred Eight Thousand Five Hundred One and 01/100\*\*\*  
Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, L.L.C.  
200 SHEFFIELD STREET  
SUITE 301  
MOUNTAINVIEW, NJ 07092  
(908)233-8500  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$345,629.87  
\*\*\*Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Nine and 87/100\*\*\*  
January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 2008  
U201356 UNL (\$115.32)

#### UNION

Resolution No. 2008-8  
Township Meeting 1/1/08

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township - Owned Property Committee meet in conjunction with the Conference Meeting of the Township Committee held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, and  
BE IT RESOLVED, that all such meetings of said Township-Owned Property Committee shall be held in the Conference Room adjacent to the Meeting Room at the Municipal Building, Friburger Park, Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey at 6:00 p.m.  
The schedule of the Township-Owned Property Committee Meetings to be as follows:

#### 2008

January 22  
February 26  
March 25  
April 22  
May 27  
June 24  
July 22  
August 26  
September 23  
October 28  
November 25  
December 23

BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be posted in at least one public place where ordinances scheduled for consideration by the Township Committee are usually posted and that a copy of this Resolution be likewise forwarded to the Union Leader for publication therein.  
I, EILEEN BIRCH, Township Clerk of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of RESOLUTION NO. 2008-8 and that a SPECIAL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE meeting of said Township, held on the 1st day of January, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Township of Union this 1st day of January, 2008.  
EILEEN BIRCH, Township Clerk  
Approved as to form by:  
Daniel Antonelli, Township Attorney  
U201505 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$28.37)

#### BOROUGH OF ROSSELLE PARK NOTICE TO BIDDERS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that sealed proposals for the furnishing of BULK WASTE REMOVAL SERVICE within the Borough of Roselle Park for a period of one and/or three and/or five pickups in accordance with specifications on file at the Office of the Borough Clerk, 110 East Westfield Avenue, on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 11:00 AM Local Prevailing Time at which time and place they shall be publicly opened and read aloud. No bids will be received after the date and time above specified. All bids must be made on complete proposal forms available from the Office of the Borough Clerk, and enclosed in an envelope clearly marked "BULK WASTE REMOVAL SERVICE". Each bid must be accompanied by a bid guarantee in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond at the bidders option for not less than ten (10) percent of the proposed contract price.  
However the bid guarantee need not be more than \$20,000 and be made payable to the Borough of Roselle Park. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond of an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after the date and time specified except in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.1(a).

BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF P.L. 1975, C. 127, (NJAC 17:27).  
Bidders are required to comply with the provisions set forth in the N.J. Public Law 1977, Ch. 33.  
The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, N.J. reserve the right to reject any and all bids.  
Bidding documents and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Borough Clerk, 110 East Westfield Avenue, between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.  
By order of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, New Jersey:  
Doreen Call, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk  
U201331 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$25.58)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### UNION

#### NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Township Committee of the Township of Union has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.1(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: January 1, 2008

Awarded to: Housing & Community Development Services  
4 Sloan Street  
South Orange, New Jersey 07079

Services: To provide technical advice and assistance and staffing for the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program.

Costs: not to exceed \$141,703

Duration: January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

Approved as to form by:  
Daniel Antonelli, Township Attorney  
U201500 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$16.74)

#### UNION

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: January 1, 2008

Awarded to: Business & Governmental Insurance Agency, Inc.  
900 Route 8 North  
Suite 503  
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

Services: To be Official Broker of Record for all Insurance Policies for the Township of Union

Costs: No compensation

Duration: January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

Approved as to form by:  
Daniel Antonelli, Township Attorney  
U201503 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$16.74)

#### UNION

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: January 1, 2008

Awarded to: Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy  
25 Independence Blvd.  
P.O. Box 112  
Liberty Corner, New Jersey 07938

Services: Labor Counsel

Costs: not to exceed \$75,000.00

Duration: January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

Approved as to form by:  
Daniel Antonelli, Township Attorney  
U201493 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$16.28)

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: January 1, 2008

Awarded to: Union Township Community Action Organization  
2410 Springfield Avenue  
Vauxhall, New Jersey 07088

Services: Day Care Program for Children 2 1/2 - 5 Year olds

Costs: not to exceed \$75,408.00

Duration: January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

Approved as to form by:  
Daniel Antonelli, Township Attorney  
U201499 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$16.28)

#### UNION

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: January 1, 2008

Awarded to: LaGuardia & Associates  
271 Grove Ave., Building E  
Verona, NJ 07044

Services: Entertainment - Summer Concert Series

Costs: Note to exceed \$37,500.00

Duration: January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

Approved as to form by:  
Daniel Antonelli, Township Attorney  
U201470 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$15.35)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### UNION

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: January 1, 2008

Awarded to: T & M Associates  
Eleven Tindall Road  
Middletown, New Jersey 07066

Services: To provide Professional Engineering & Land Surveying and Planning Services for the Township of Union

Costs: Monthly fee of \$22,077.75, not to exceed \$284,533.00

Duration: January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

Approved as to form by:  
Daniel Antonelli, Township Attorney  
U201501 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$16.28)

#### UNION

#### NOTICE

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: January 1, 2008

Awarded to: Rogut McCarthy Troy, LLC  
37 Alden Street  
Cranford, New Jersey 07006

Services: General Litigation - Planning Board

Costs: \$150.00/hr.

Duration: January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

Approved as to form by:  
Daniel Antonelli, Township Attorney  
U201471 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$15.81)

#### UNION

#### NOTICE

The Township Committee of the Township of Union has awarded a contract pursuant to the Fair and Open Process of Pay-to-Play Law (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20a, et seq.) This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: January 1, 2008

Awarded to: McManimon & Scotland,  
One Riverfront Plaza  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Services: To represent the Township in all Township Redevelopment Matters for 2008

Costs: not to exceed \$75,000.00

Duration: Until completion

Approved as to form by:  
Daniel Antonelli, Township Attorney  
U201472 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$15.81)

#### UNION

The Township Committee of the Township of Union has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.1(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: January 1, 2008

Awarded to: Robert Varady, Esq., 989 Central Court, Union, New Jersey 07083, Fishman & Callahan, P.C., 120 Eagle Rock Ave., East Hanover, NJ 07936, Meyer & Lane LLP, 1 Gateway Center, Suite 2500, Newark, NJ 07102, Edward J. Kolog, Esq., 923 North Wood Ave., Linden, NJ 07036

Services: To represent the Township in general litigation matters.

Duration: January 1, 2008 - December 31, 2008

Approved as to form by:  
Daniel Antonelli, Township Attorney  
U201477 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$15.81)

#### UNION

#### NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: January 1, 2008

Awarded to: DeCottis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Wisler LLP  
50 West 5th Street  
Trenton, N.J. 08608

Services: Bond Counsel

Costs: According to fee schedule

Duration: January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

Approved as to form by:  
Daniel Antonelli, Township Attorney  
U201492 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$15.35)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### UNION

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that an application has been made by Jennie M. Berlinski, Esq. for a variance from the requirements of the Township of Union Land Development Ordinance (and for sub-division/site plan approval) as to permit the enclosure of the existing front porch and modification of the front porch steps located at 2523 Linn Avenue, Union, New Jersey which is in violation of section(s) 170-50 of the Land Development Ordinance. Any person or persons affected by this application may have the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing to be held by the Board of Adjustment on February 6, 2008 at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey.

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

S/ Harish K. Mehta  
U201328 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$14.88)

#### UNION

#### NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: January 1, 2008

Awarded to: Multi-Care  
100 Commerce Place  
Clark, New Jersey 07066

Services: Providing health care services for the Township

TIME PERIOD: January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

COSTS: Not to exceed \$20,000.00

U201464 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$14.88)

#### UNION

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that the place of the regular meeting scheduled on Tuesday, February 12th, 2008 will be changed from the Union High School Library to James J. Field Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will not be televised.  
JAMES J. DAMATO  
BOARD SECRETARY  
U201328 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$6.05)

#### UNION

#### NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Township Committee of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.1(a). This contract and the Resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: December 18, 2007

Awarded to: T & M Associates

Services: Construction, Administration & Inspection - Balmoral Avenue Retaining Wall Replacement

Time Period: December 19, 2007 through April 19, 2008

Costs: Not to exceed \$34,900.00

U201456 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$14.42)

#### UNION

#### NOTICE

The Township Committee of the Township of Union has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.1(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: January 1, 2008

Awarded to: Robert Pansulla, Esq., 624 Union Ave., Belleville, New Jersey 07109

Services: General Litigation - Board of Adjustment

Duration: January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

Approved as to form by:  
Daniel Antonelli, Township Attorney  
U201468 UNL Jan. 17, 2008 (\$14.88)

#### UNION

#### NOTICE

The Township Committee of the Township of Union has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.1(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

BY ORDER OF THE TOW



## OBITUARIES

## Angelo DeMicco

Angelo P. DeMicco, 92, of Roselle Park died Jan. 8 at home.

Born in Naples, Italy, Mr. DeMicco came to the United States as a small child and settled in New York City. He lived in Elizabeth before moving to Roselle Park 45 years ago. Mr. DeMicco was an auto lathe machinist with American Smelting and Refining Co., Bound Brook, for 25 years and retired 27 years ago. Previously, Mr. DeMicco owned and operated his own brake business, Big Bear Brake Shop,

Linden, for 10 years. He also owned and operated his own Gulf gas station in Colonia. During the war, Mr. DeMicco made wings for aircraft in Newark. He was a member and past president of the New Jersey Fraternal Association for the Deaf. Mr. DeMicco also was a volunteer at a camp for the deaf in upstate New York.

Surviving are a son, Patrick A.; a daughter, Lucille DeMicco; three sisters, Gloria Pasquale, Connie DeRose and Irene DeRose, and two grandchildren.

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

## MaryAnn Tango

MaryAnn Tango, 87, a lifelong resident of Roselle Park, died Dec. 28 in the Cranford Health and Extended Care Center, Cranford.

Mrs. Tango was born in Roselle Park.

Surviving are a son, Donald J., and two sisters, Helen Cangliosi and Theresa Reeves.

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

## Spyros Sikaras

Spyros Sikaras of Union died Dec. 27 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Kastorion Laconias, Greece, Mr. Sikaras lived in Union for 30 years. He was employed by Wiss & Co., Newark, for 25 years before retiring 22 years ago. Mr. Sikaras was past president of the Kastorion Society of New Jersey.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Helen; a son, Dennis; a daughter, Stephanie Sikaras, and two grandchildren.

The Galante Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

## Paul Ruschmann

Paul A. Ruschmann, 88, of Union died Dec. 27 in the South Mountain Rehabilitation Center in the Vauxhall section of Union.

Born in Quakertown, Pa., Mr. Ruschmann lived in Union for 56 years. He served in the Army during World War II as a staff sergeant from 1942 until 1945 and was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal. Mr. Ruschmann owned Easton Auto Salvage, Easton, Pa., a salvage yard, from 1953 until his retirement in 1987. He was a member of St. Joseph's Church and the VFW Post 10120, both of Maplewood.

Surviving are his wife, Vivian; two sons, Paul and James; a daughter, Jeanne Buchanan; a sister, Mildred Osborn; a brother, Harold, and three grandchildren.

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

## Mary Ann Koenig

Mary Ann Koenig, 78, of Union died on Dec. 29.

Born in Newark, where she resided for 40 years, Mrs. Koenig moved to Union in 1970. She was employed by The Star-Ledger Newspaper in Newark in the accounting department for 25 years before retiring in 1997. Earlier, Mrs. Koenig worked for the Newark Recreation Department at the Wilson Avenue School, where she also was president of the PTA.

Surviving are a son, Walter O. Jr.; a daughter, Marleen K. Rivera, and four grandchildren.

The Werson Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

## Patricia Henwood

Patricia "Pat" Henwood, 64, of Elmer, Salem County, formerly of Union, a former employee of the Union Leader, died Jan. 5 in the Elmer Hospital.

Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. Henwood lived in Union before moving to Elmer in 1992. For many years, she had been the owner of Elmer Town Cleaners and prior to purchasing the business, she had worked there for several years. Mrs. Henwood had worked for the Elmer Times for many years, was a member of the Elmer Republican Club and St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church.

Prior to moving to Elmer, she and her late husband, Earl, were owners of a graphic business in Montclair called Wood Gra Fica, which they operated for many years together. Mrs. Henwood started working in the newspa-

per business with the Union Leader, where she started as a typesetter and quickly rose through the ranks. She and her husband were very involved in politics. Mrs. Henwood served as a legislative aide to Louis Bassano in Union. She had attended the Republican National Convention in Detroit for Ronald Reagan.

Surviving are a sister, Sandra Sternberg, and two brothers, Edward Jr. and Thomas D. Bradley.

The Adama Funeral Home, Elmer, handled the arrangements.

## William Brumbaugh

William Brumbaugh, 56, of Union died Dec. 31 in the Compassionate Care Hospice, Jersey City.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Brumbaugh lived in Hillside for 20 years before moving to Union six years ago. He graduated from Hillside High School. Mr. Brumbaugh attended New Jersey State University, where he participated in Concert Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir and College Community Orchestra. Mr. Brumbaugh also served his parish Boy Scout Troop and was an assistant scoutmaster for several years. In addition, he was a member of the Hillside Council of the Knights of Columbus and was an avid bird watcher. Mr. Brumbaugh was employed as a railroad conductor with the Port Authority Trans-Hudson, Jersey City, for more than 25 years.

Surviving are his wife of 27 years, Donna; a son, Charles; a daughter, Robin Brumbaugh; three sisters, Rosemary Campion, Carolyn Gougeon and Patricia Cameron, and a brother, Robert.

## Neil Sellers

Neil Sellers of Union died Dec. 27 in Berkeley Heights.

Surviving are two sons, Lawrence and Franchot Francis; two daughters, Linda Jones and Vanessa Sellers; three brothers, Jim, Harold and Vernon Howell; a sister, Octavia Burnett; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Woody "Home For Services," Orange, handled the arrangements.

## Gertrude Held

Gertrude W. "Trudy" Held, 91, of Union died Jan. 5 at home.

Miss Held lived most of her life in Irvington before moving to Union about 35 years ago. She was a secretary for RCA, Harrison and New York, for many years and retired in 1982. Miss Held was a member of the Union Seniors Monday Club and the Union Garden Club. More recently, Miss Held was a member of the Faith United Church of Christ, Union. In her youth, she was a member of a bowling league.

In recent years, Miss Held was a prolific poet and had a book of her poetry published to give to her friends on her 90th birthday.

## WORSHIP CALENDAR

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

Sunday Services:  
Sunday School - 10:05am  
Morning Worship - 8:45am, 11:00am  
Evening Service - 6:30pm  
Wednesday Services:  
Ladies Bible Study (HeartHome) - 10am  
Family Night 7:30pm with -  
Royal Rangers boys program (ages 3-14)  
Missionaries girls program (ages 3-17)  
Adult School of the Bible  
Friday Services:  
Youth Night - 7:30pm  
College & Career - 7:30pm

In addition there are monthly meetings of Women's Joy Ministries and Men's Breakfast Fellowship. For directions call 908-964-1133 and press 4.

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

## BAPTIST

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

**CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE**  
ORCHARD PARK CHURCH  
1264 Victor Avenue, Union  
(908) 687-0364

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

## EPISCOPAL

**ST. LUKE AND ALL SAINTS'**  
398 Chestnut Street, Union NJ 07083  
Rev. James Kallin  
Rev. Peter Nelson  
908-688-7253  
www.geocities.com/stlukeallsaints  
SUNDAY 9:00 AM  
The Holy Eucharist Rite II

Healing service on first Sunday of each Month  
Nursery and Sunday School  
A Christian community supporting our neighbors in Union  
Visitors Welcomed

## JEWISH-TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

**CONGREGATION B'NAI AHAVATH SHALOM**, 2035 Vauxhall Road (corner of Plane Street), Union, Tel. (908) 686-6773. Dr. Leon J. Yagol, Rabbi Emeritus, Oscar Newman, Cantor; David Gelband, President. Congregation B'Nai Ahavath Shalom is a traditional conservative congregation with a full range of programs. DAILY SERVICES: Sun: 8:30am; Mon-Fri: 7:30am; Friday evening: 8pm; SATURDAY: 9:00am. Torah class half hour before each service. Hebrew School: Sundays 9:30am.

## LUTHERAN

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

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL; ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR THE DEAF** 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, Rev. Donald L. Brand, Pastor. 908-686-3965. (Voice) (TTY) 908-851-2004 e-mail: grace4u@yahoo.com; Family Bible Hr. \*9:15 Family Worship Hr. 8 & \*10:30 (Summer \*9:30) \*Interpreted for Deaf, Barrier-Free; Various Choirs & Bible Studies; Visitors Expected; Free Information Packet. www.gracelutheranunion.org

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A.**  
301 Tucker Avenue,  
Union N.J. 07083  
All Baptized Christians are welcome to our Communion Table on 1st and 3rd Sundays.  
Regular Sunday Services  
9:00 a.m. Slovak Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Coffee Hour  
11:00 a.m. English Worship  
ACTIVITIES FOR:  
YOUTH: Sunday School; Youth Groups; Summer Bible School  
ADULT: Variety of groups offering opportunities for ministry and fellowship  
BAPTIST FREE  
(908) 688-0714

## METHODIST

**COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Grant Ave & Chestnut St.,  
Roselle Park, NJ 07064  
Phone: 908-245-2237  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. David K. Ravinder  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
Sunday School Available

**KENILWORTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 455 Boulevard, Kenilworth 908-276-1956, Rev. Jim Wook

Jeong, Pastor; Mr. Johnathan Schneider, Music Director. Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. Followed by Fellowship & Bible Study. Join us in Joyous Celebration of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

**KOREAN CENTRAL CHURCH (UMC)**, 455 Boulevard, Kenilworth 908-272-1995, Pastor: Rev. Jim Wook Jeong. Worship Service at 11:30 A.M. Web. www.koreancentral.org.

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## MORAVIAN

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## Hillside girls' are winning

By Jeff Cummins  
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE – Spotswood came into last Saturday's non-conference girls' basketball game against Hillside with a 6-3 record and was ranked No. 10 in Middlesex County. However, once the visiting Chargers stepped on Hillside's court, their ranking meant nothing.

Right from the beginning, Hillside's defense harassed Spotswood relentlessly. The Chargers went more than 10 minutes before finally scoring their first points with a layup with 5:27 left in the second quarter.

Hillside scored the first 10 points of the game and never trailed en route to an impressive 39-28 triumph.

Hillside's third straight victory evened its record at 5-5 as of last Saturday.

Sophomore guard Jamika Parsons paced all scorers with a 20-point performance, but it was sophomore point guard Ashley Bogar who directed Hillside's attack.

Bogar finished with seven points, after netting 13 in Hillside's 50-42 overtime road win against Roselle last Friday, which came after a game-high 17-point effort in Hillside's 36-35 triumph at Union Catholic on Jan. 8.

The key for Bogar last Saturday was her ability to control the Comet offense like a seasoned veteran, enabling her to lead Hillside to its fifth victory. That's pretty good when you consider that Bogar is a converted shooting guard who was forced to take over the point guard role due to an injury to junior point guard Aika Emanuel.

"Her play was very important because Aika was injured against Roselle in the third quarter," Hillside head coach Rahim Graham said. "It took away from her scoring a little bit, but for a natural 2, she did a pretty good job at the point."

Emanuel scored nine points in the Roselle win and had five vs. Union Catholic.

"I had to start Jamika Parsons against Spotswood and she gave us 20," Graham said. "She usually comes off the bench, but she started and gave us a lot."

The other side of the story is that Hillside suffocated a strong Spotswood offense by stepping into passing lanes and fighting for rebounds.

However, Hillside almost lost control of the game as Spotswood cut a Comet lead to 22-21 heading into the fourth quarter. Hillside then re-established control, outscoring Spotswood 17-7 in the final eight minutes.

In the first quarter, Hillside used its defense to create scoring opportunities for its offense. In the fourth quarter, the Comets' defense, led by senior center Keyanna Goss, who finished with a team-high five rebounds, stopped a rallying Spotswood offense, forcing the Chargers to shoot wild 3-point field goal attempts in the final two minutes.

"We win with defense," Graham said. "We miss a lot of layups on offense and, sometimes, we don't make good decisions with the ball because our guards are sophomores and they're still learning the game. "When we have a difficult day scoring, we have to always compete on defense."

Hillside sets up in a 1-2-2 zone that uses a lot of principles found in man-to-man, which forces the girls to match up with their opponents.

"It almost looks like man, but we match up with whoever is in the area," Graham said.

**NOTES:** Hillside was scheduled to host an 0-7 Rahway team Tuesday afternoon and is scheduled to host Governor Livingston tomorrow at 4 p.m.

The Highlanders began the week at 6-2. They were 5-0 and the last undefeated girls' team remaining in Union County until they lost at Johnson Jan. 8 and then at Roselle Catholic last Saturday after beating Union Catholic last Thursday.

Hillside opened with a 41-36 loss at GL back on Dec. 14.

What once looked like a rebuilding season for Hillside now shows plenty of promise.

### HILLSIDE COMETS 2007-2008:

Ashley Bogar, sophomore guard  
Aika Emanuel, junior guard  
Jenaya Abernathy, sophomore guard  
Marija Ulic, senior forward  
Daphne Capellan, senior forward  
Keyanna Goss, senior center  
Mecca Asturias, sophomore forward  
Jamika Parsons, sophomore guard  
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Adilah Shakir, junior forward

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## Brearley seeks bounce back

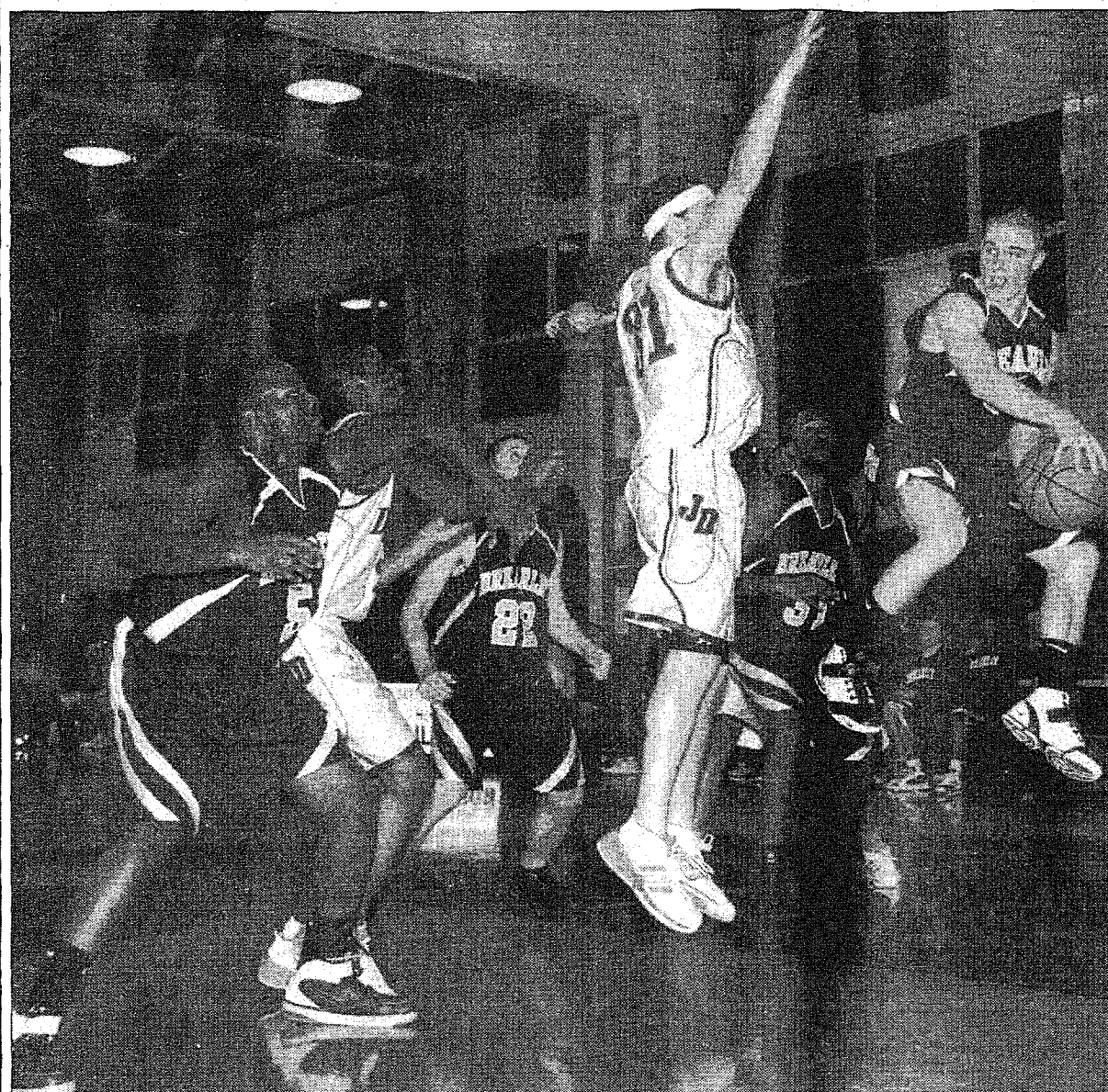


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The Brearley boys' basketball team - in the darker uniforms - is shown here in action during last Thursday night's Mountain Valley Conference game at Dayton, which was a 52-38 Bears victory. Brearley enters today's scheduled 4:30 p.m. game at Solomon Schechter of West Orange with a 7-3 record and is seeking to bounce back from last Friday's 78-46 setback at Newark Central, which snapped a four-game winning streak. Brearley is also scheduled to play at Oratory Prep tomorrow night at 7 in Summit.

## RP grapplers top Cranford in a battle of undefeateds

### Ranieri likes the way his team is wrestling

By Jeff Cummins  
Staff Writer

ROSELLE PARK – Last Friday night's wrestling match between undefeated Mountain Valley Conference and neighboring rivals Cranford and Roselle Park offered a glimpse of several potential county tournament contenders.

The best bout occurred at 103 between a pair of freshmen. In overtime, Joe Giaccio of Cranford scored the takedown to defeat Danny Pisauro by a 4-2 decision in a match that featured some of the toughest wrestling of the season.

The next bout, between Anthony Casselli of Roselle Park and Kyle Markovitch of Cranford (5-1) went along in much the same manner. Each wrestler attempted a number of shots and there were times in the second and third periods when the two wrestlers would roll from a situation where one was about to be pinned into a position where the other was about to. When the dust finally settled, Casselli was in control for a 9-5 decision.

The poise showed by Giaccio and Markovitch was part of the reason that Cranford head coach Darren Torsone is optimistic heading toward the Union County Tournament, which will be completed Jan. 16 at Union.

"Joe wrestled excellent," Torsone said. "That's the best we've seen him wrestle. We knew that he has that in him and he showed it tonight."

"I think we have some young kids who are going to wrestle very tough in the county tournament and I think we have some upperclassmen who are going to wrestle tough. I think in the early tournaments, we didn't get a fair shake at wrestling tough because our guys didn't have credentials off of last year, so they got the low seeds, the eighth and ninth seeds, and ended up wrestling the top seeds in the tournament."

"Now, as the season progresses, I think our chances are a lot better."

Every team's stamina will be tested in the UCT, which will be held all in one day this year for the first time in several years, resulting in more matches in a single day. That could cause a lot of fatigue if a wrestler isn't prepared for it.

"They're going to have to wrestle a lot tougher," Torsone said. "They're going to have to wrestle four matches in one day, so it's going to be tougher on them, but the playing field is even for everybody."

"I think it's a good gauge to see where your kids will be in the post-season," said Roselle Park head coach John Ranieri, referring to the fact that the tournament will be held in one day. "When you get into the districts, regions and states, you're competing quite a few times in a day, so it's a good gauge for future competition."

"Our kids are in good shape. They'll wrestle the full six minutes, or 8½, if needed."

### Union Suffragettes registration upcoming

Union Suffragettes Softball League new players only registration - for Union Township residents only - will take place on Saturdays Jan. 26 and Feb. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Union Recreation Department at 1120 Commerce Ave., behind Hannah Caldwell School. Those in grades 3-6 are eligible for the Junior Division and those in grades 7-12 for the Senior Division. A parent or guardian must register new players in person. Returning players will receive a separate mailing. The registration fee is \$40 for one player and \$30 for each additional player in the same family. Checks are to be made payable to: Union Suffragettes.

All players will receive a team shirt and visor. Player placement is determined by opening son given teams. Siblings are placed together.

More information may be obtained by calling Bill Jereb at 908-688-8578 or by e-mailing him at billj@unionsuffragettes.org. Additional information may be obtained by visiting the league's website at www.unionsuffragettes.org.

The Suffragettes have 18 teams comprised of two divisions, nine in the Junior and nine in the Senior. Games are played on Saturdays at 8:45 and 11 a.m., beginning in April and until June. Sundays may have to be used to accommodate rainouts. Practice times will be determined at the coaches meeting in late March.

Ranieri was reluctant to address his team's outlook for the county tournament, citing the fact that it was too far in the future to think about.

Roselle Park has finished second in the past four UCTs after winning a record seven straight from 1997-2003.

With a large contingent of Roselle Park wrestling alumni on hand, sophomore Dennis Carroll showed exactly what Roselle Park wants from its wrestlers when he opened the dual match by shooting first and getting a critical single leg takedown of freshman J.T. Vicci at 140 pounds. Carroll used the takedown to take permanent control of the match, leading to a pin in 1:55.

Roselle Park scored pins in four of the first five bouts en route to a convincing 56-12 triumph. The Panthers improved to 7-0, while handing Cranford its first defeat as the Cougars slipped to 5-1.

"Dennis Carroll has been wrestling well," Ranieri said. "We have five sophomores in this lineup and there will always be growing pains and there's definitely going to be a learning curve there."

"I think they're responding really well. Anytime you have five sophomores in the lineup they're going to need to pick up some steam and for all five of them, that's exactly what they're doing."

Ranieri credited his coaching staff for much of the team's success.

"Our wrestling is a direct reflection of the staff we have, with Craig Frost on board, as well as Keith Appello and Nick Florio, and in the middle school with Kevin Carroll and Lou Riggi," Ranieri said. "They do a nice job. I think the way we're wrestling now reflects the time and commitment that our staff puts in."

**NOTES:** Roselle Park defeated Buena 56-17 and Walkill Valley 40-33 last Saturday at home. The Panthers were also supposed to wrestle West Essex, but a score was not reported.

Cranford's Jan. 9 match at Newark Central was postponed.

Roselle Park was scheduled to host Hasbrouck Heights Tuesday night, tomorrow is to host Caldwell at 7 p.m. and then Saturday wrestle at Matawan at 10 a.m.

The big home match against Brearley before the UCT is Wednesday night at 7.

According to Cranford's schedule, the Cougars were to host New Providence last night, wrestle at Bound Brook today at 7 p.m. and then tangle with Union and Carteret at home Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., respectively.

Cranford is scheduled to host Rahway Wednesday night at 7 before the UCT.

The UCT will be seeded Thursday night at Union.

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## Union halts SP to clinch state berth

### Boys' basketball is now 9-2

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

UNION – Although the Union boys' may have not played their best 32 minutes of basketball Monday afternoon, the Farmers played just well enough to get past Scotch Plains 60-55 in a battle of Watchung Conference teams squaring off at the Louis J. Rettino Gymnasium.

The news Monday is that Union clinched a North 2, Group 4 playoff berth with its ninth victory of the season, qualifying for the states for the first time since the 2002-2003 season. The cutoff date is Feb. 2.

"That was the first goal we all set, to qualify for the state tournament, so that's great," said Union second-year head coach Tony DiGiovanni, who played at Union for Ted Zawacki and is a 1995 UHS grad. "With that goal now, we'll be trying to get a couple of more wins and improve our seed."

Union is slowly proving to be a legitimate threat to challenge for its first sectional championship since last winning North 2, Group 4 for the second time in three years in 1999 under Zawacki.

At 9-2 and on a two-game winning streak, the Farmers have already captured one more victory than last year's 8-15 finish. And it's only Jan. 14!

Union previously lost at Scotch Plains 61-51 back on Dec. 18. The Farmers' only other loss was at an 8-1 Watchung Hills team 60-54 Thursday, the defeat snapping a seven-game Union winning streak.

The Raiders had a four-game winning streak snapped, fell to 9-3 and lost for the first time to a Union County and Watchung Conference opponent.

"We escaped, that's about the best thing you could say," DiGiovanni said.

Union was able to get the ball inside to its 6-6 senior forwards Travis Taylor and Thomas Goubadia, who combined for 25 points, with Taylor netting 15 and Goubadia 10, including the game's final two on free throws.

"I think everyone played hard and we really worked together as a team," said Goubadia, who netted six of his 10 points in the fourth quarter. "If you do that, you can accomplish a lot and win."

Union led 43-40 going into the final eight minutes after leading 27-26 at the half and 19-13 at the end of the first period.

"We felt we had to box out better this time against them," Goubadia said. "Coaches had us do a lot of drills in practice that made us go harder and be more physical."

Scotch Plains also able to get the ball to standout senior shooting guard Bryan Dougher, who finished with a game-high 22 points, netting four 3-pointers.

However, it wasn't the most smoothly played game by either team. Both committed more turnovers than either coach would have liked.

There were a few lead changes in the first half, but Union managed to hold on to the lead from the early part of the third quarter on. The last tie was at 29-29 with 5:14 remaining in the third.

Scotch Plains valiantly battled back to get the game to 54-53 with 1:35 left and then to 56-55 with 52 seconds remaining after it appeared that Union might win going away after the Farmers took their biggest lead of 10 points at 52-42 with 4:44 remaining in the fourth quarter.

After pulling to within one again for the final time on two free throws made by senior guard Greg Zabel, Scotch Plains was able to wrestle the ball away from Union with its fullcourt defense and, after calling a timeout with 49 seconds remaining, had a chance to take the lead.

Union junior guard Javon Moore, who finished with seven important points, was guarding Dougher in Union's man-to-man defense. Before a play could be set up, Taylor was able to get hold of a loose ball and he quickly fed Moore for a layup that gave Union a 58-55 lead with 25 seconds left.

With 19 seconds left, Scotch Plains called its final timeout.

The Raiders then worked the ball to Dougher, who let a 3-point attempt fly from a few feet behind the line. His shot banked off the left side of the glass with five seconds remaining. Scotch Plains committed a foul with 4.8 seconds to go, with Moore shooting a 1-and-1.

Moore missed the first shot, but Goubadia was they to grab a key rebound and get fouled. He then hit two free throws to give Union its 60-55 advantage.

"I really didn't want to go up for the rebound," said Goubadia, who as a senior has been through the bad times with Union basketball and is now experiencing the much better times. "Then I saw it pop out and my first thought was to go up, get it and secure it."

Scotch Plains missed a 3-pointer right before the final buzzer.

"Their shots were falling a little bit more and they made some plays at the end," Scotch Plains head coach Dan Doherty said. "We made a strong run at the end and that's the way these games go in this conference."

"It's going to come down to a couple of points and making some plays at the end. They made some plays."

Another key performer for the Farmers who made some pretty good plays was talented guard Aishon White. The sophomore finished with 14 points, scoring his final basket in the fourth quarter to give Union its widest margin. He drove to the basket with authority, stuck a 3-pointer late in the first quarter and also made three free throws.

"He shot real well," DiGiovanni said. "He's super accurate and makes a lot of plays. He's got a nice shooting touch and can get to the rim and go up with it, so he's got a good upside."

"He's still trying to work and improve his skills, working on things like when he gets into a triple threat. He came up as a freshman last year and just dominated where things were very easy. He's just trying to improve on everything, overall."

**NOTES:** Scotch Plains shot 10-for-21 from the field in the first half and 8-for-16 in the second half - for 49 percent. The Raiders made 3-of-6 free throw attempts in the first 16 minutes and 11-of-16 in the final 16, including 8-of-10 in the fourth quarter. They shot 64 percent from the line.

Dougher, who will continue at Division 1 Stony Brook, made 5-of-10 field goals and was a perfect 8-for-8 from the charity stripe, including making two technical free throws at the end of the third quarter that pulled Scotch Plains to within 41-40.

"They were really denying Bryan the ball," Doherty said. "They really denied him, strongly, getting the ball. At that point we need a couple of players to step up. They did the same thing the last game and we had other players score."

"We wish we could have held Dougher to even less shots than what he had," DiGiovanni said.

Union will get that opportunity, should the teams match up against each other in next month's Union County Tournament.

Junior forward Kevin Maroney had a nice game for the Raiders, netting 13 points, while senior guard Greg Zabel did well to add 11. Off the bench, tall senior Rob Zekunde scored all five of his points in the first half.

Union shot 11-of-21 from the field in the first half and 13-of-25 in the second - for 52 percent total. The Farmers made 3-of-4 free throw attempts in the first half and 7-of-9 in the second - for 77 percent.

The rest of the week for Scotch Plains was Kearny home Tuesday afternoon, at Irvington today at 4 and then Saturday home at 1 p.m. against Mariana Bracetti Academy, a charter school from Philadelphia, Pa.

Union will continue at Shabazz today at 4 and then play Mount Vernon Saturday at 6:15 p.m. in the Dan Finn Classic at the Jersey City Armory in Hudson County.

SCOTCH PLAINS (9-3)	13	13	14	15 - 55
UNION (9-2)	19	8	16	17 - 60

**SCOTCH PLAINS:** Greg Zabel 2-1-4-11, Bryan Dougher 1-4-8-22, Kevin Maroney 6-0-1-13, No. 3 1-0-0-2, Lordley Okator 1-0-0-2, Rob Zekunde 2-0-1-5, Danny DeCataldo 0-0-0-0, Reggie Solomon 0-0-0-0, Melvin Hanciles 0-0-0-0, Ishmil Raymond 0-0-0-0. No. 31 was listed in the book as Brandon Boyd. Totals: 13-5-14-55.

**UNION:** Thomas Goubadia 3-0-4-10, Javon Moore 2-1-0-7, Travis Taylor 7-0-1-15, David Jackson 2-0-2-6, Aishon White 4-1-3-14, James Daniels 2-0-0-4, Dion Nesmith 1-0-0-2, Michael Walker 1-0-0-2, Troy Hill 0-0-0-0, Vladimir Laguerre 0-0-0-0. Totals: 22-2-10-60.

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## Hillside school to host open house this month

Hillside Catholic Academy will conduct an open house on Jan. 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. for all prospective students.

The open house will take place at the school, located at 397 Columbia Ave. in Hillside.

Information sessions about the school will be conducted on the following dates: Jan. 26, from 2 to 4 p.m.; Jan. 27, from 12 to 2 p.m. and Jan. 29 and 30, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Hillside Catholic Academy is a co-educational Catholic elementary school including preschool through

grade eight. Since opening in 2004, 25 Hillside Catholic Academy students have been admitted to the Union County Magnet High School.

More than \$100,000 in scholarship funds have been awarded to Hillside Catholic Academy graduates over the years.

Hillside Catholic Academy offers, "a quality education in a faith-based environment."

For more information or to make an appointment, call 908-686-6740 or e-mail the school at [admin@hillside-catholicacademy.org](mailto:admin@hillside-catholicacademy.org).

## Learn to watercolor

The YM-YWHA of Union County is offering a beginning watercolor class on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 29.

Enjoy learning the relaxing experience of watercolor painting. Begin by learning the fundamentals of drawing, allowing you to advance to applied watercolor techniques. Students will learn basics, washes, gradation of washes and dry brush techniques. This eight-week session will emphasize landscapes paintings.

Barbara Morano is the instructor. She specializes in watercolor painting. She taught art in the Bayonne Public Schools for more than 30 years and has continued developing her technique in watercolors through various art studios and classes. Morano is a member of the National Art Educators Association, and the New Jersey Art Education Association.

Students should bring drawing pencils and pads to class, as these materials will be suggested. For more information, call Susan at 908-289-8112.

## You don't see this everyday...

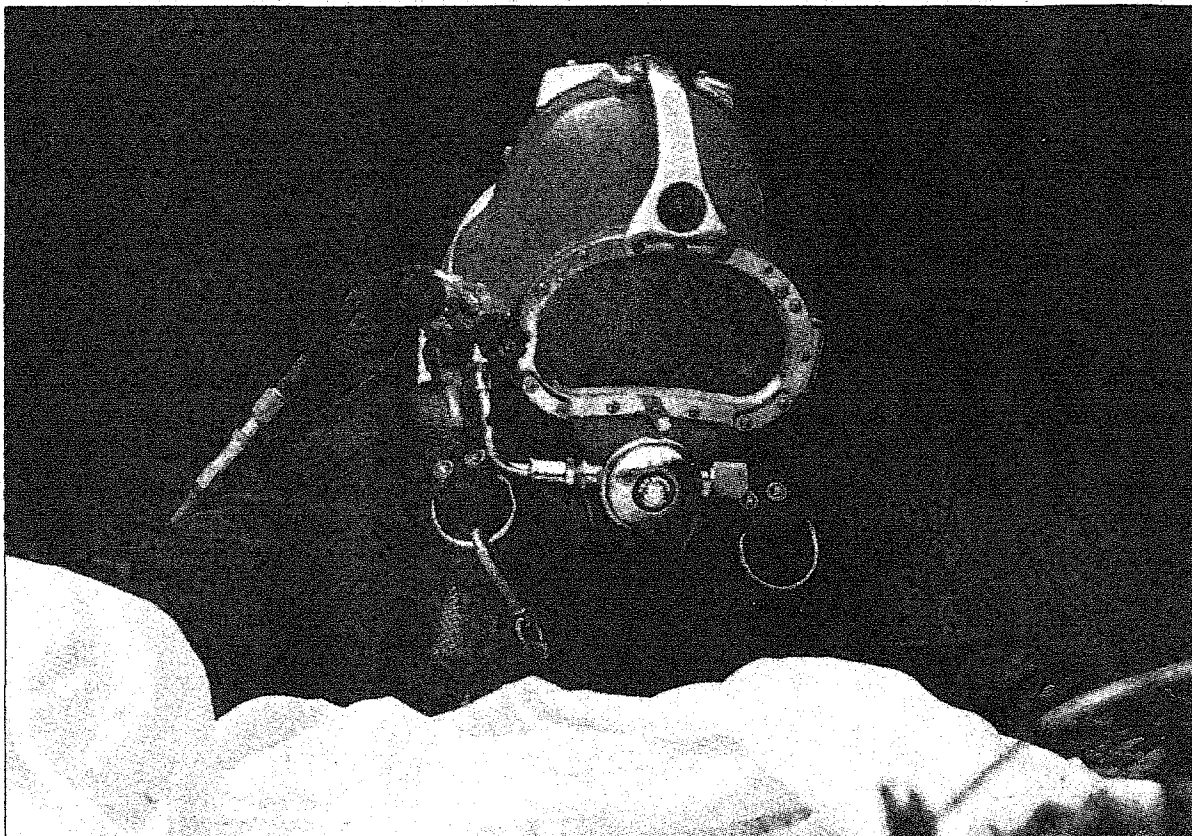


Photo By Peter J. Cook

Lou Ericsson of the Dryden Diving Company surfaces after diving below the water to make repairs to the Morris Avenue bridge on the border of Union and Springfield. On Jan. 7, Ericsson and other members of his crew did work on the bridge, which required bags of concrete to be placed under water against the abutment of the bridge to counter water erosion of the bridge supports.

## 'Toe Jam Band' will perform

Tony Melendez and the "Toe Jam Band" will be coming to St. Theresa's Church for a concert titled "Celebrate Life" on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Tony Melendez is a very well-known Catholic musician that has performed for the Pope, past presidents, and many other world leaders in more than 27 countries.

Due to a drug prescribed to his mother during her pregnancy with Melendez, he was born without arms. Overcoming this incredible disability is one thing. But learning to play the guitar — with his feet — and touring around the world bringing the message of hope and love to others is seen as quite an accomplishment by his fans.

"For the past few years now, Tony has been performing in a show close to seven times a week in Missouri. Here, thousands of people witness his story and hear his music and his band the Toe Jam Band," said Rich Donovan, St. Theresa's Youth Minister. "Tony is given short breaks during the year where he can either take a break from the grind of shows, or travel and continue on bringing his message and music all over."

Melendez and his band recently performed at the National Catholic Youth Conference that was conducted in November in Columbus, Ohio.

Tickets for this concert can be purchased by calling the Youth Ministry office at 908-709-1930. All tickets must be reserved. Tickets will also be available at the door, starting at 6:45 p.m.

St. Theresa's is located at 541 Washington Ave. in Kenilworth..

## Legislation apologizes for New Jersey's role in slavery

(Continued from Page 1)

And to those who say why didn't I do more while I was in office, I say that I was only one person and the issues that I took on were problems long before I ever got elected."

Stanley said there is only so much any individual legislator can do in the state Senate or Assembly because it is necessary to get the cooperation and support of others to get anything done in the first place.

Stanley added that anyone questioning the apology bill should know that it was harder to get passed because they were "lame ducks" without the "political clout" they would have otherwise had as experienced, veteran members of the Assembly.

Stanley pointed out that he and his co-sponsor were able to get the slavery apology through the legislature, and it was a matter of the right bill coming along at the right time. He said there is no guarantee that it would have been successful had it been proposed during an earlier session. The proof of that, he said, is that it never happened before now.

Nevertheless, both Payne and Stanley said they hope that the apology can serve as a starting point for a serious discussion of race and the lingering, longstanding social and economic problems affecting minorities.

"While they were apologizing for slavery in one chamber, they were re-instituting it in another," said James Harris, the president of the New Jersey chapter of the National Association for

the Advancement of Colored People. "On one hand, this new legislation will be met by much fanfare, but on the other hand, they are proof that the elimination of slavery is not complete. The new school funding formula will further promote the vestiges of slavery

by undercutting the state Supreme Court decision that expressly combated the educational and economic disparities that are a direct result of slavery and its history of injustice and oppression."

Harris said the fact that every black

member of the Senate and Assembly voted against the new school funding formula is proof that Corzine has created a racial divide in the state. In light of that, he said he has mixed feelings about the apology.

The bill "issues a formal apology

on behalf of the state of New Jersey for its role in slavery and discusses the history of racism and inhumane treatment toward African-Americans.

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## Off the target list

The Congressional Committee with the long name—The Workforce Protection Subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee, came to Linden on Monday.

## Left Out

By Frank Capece

They came to review the circumstances of the tragic death of Victor and Carlos Diaz who suffocated last month while cleaning a 20,000 gallon tank containing dry cleaning chemicals at the Northeast Linen facility in the City.

The committee members from South Carolina, California, and three New Jersey representatives Donald Payne, Robert Andrews, and Rush Holt listened attentively to five witnesses advocating changes in the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration commonly known as OSHA.

The experts who testified were pro-union, pro-OSHA changes, and in tune with the prevailing view on the committee who were sitting in the chairs of the Linden City Council. OSHA and any changes are complicated subjects.

What wasn't complicated was the committee's disdain for the North East Linen operation in Linden. Congressman Payne, whose district includes the operation called the tragedy "preventive circumstances" and poignantly added, the two workers, "they should be here today."

Charles Wolkanech, president of the state's AFL-CIO, laid it out when he said of the two men, they were "asked by their employer to perform job functions that they were not trained in or evaluated for."

No representatives from North East Linen testified. The City Council Chambers were peppered with pinstriped types who had a keen interest in the testimony.

Congressional speakers honed in on the preventable nature of the tragedy. Eric Furman an OSHA change advocate said of the Linden operation: "It was dangerous conditions and bad management."

The union advocates, pressed that union shop operations were better. Furman detailed that in an employment at-will situation there is a decided incentive not to rock the boat on safety issues. He added in this field "employers don't worry about OSHA, they are off the target list."

A prevailing position was the need to mandate a joint labor-management committee to establish safety standards. Wolkanech testified that when such committees are established, "There was a 40-percent reduction in injuries and 20-percent increase in production."

Besides direct savings...there is an increased in-worker productivity and morale." Congressman Rush Holt, who really was a rocket scientist, bluntly asked why any business would oppose such an operation.

Sitting in the back, one of the so-called government representatives for a county petro-chemical business had quietly slipped out of the room before Holt's questions. He probably could have answered that those in the laundry cleaning operation aren't inclined to embrace their employees in such an operation.

Even a federal requirement loses steam in the global economy where a business can pick up and leave the country. David Socolow, the Harvard-educated state Commissioner of Labor, broadly proclaimed that the cooperative effect is "good for business."

Unfortunately the business for which the change would be so good chose not to participate on Monday.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

## Two UC Jail escapees back in custody

By Katherine Paster  
Staff Writer

One month after two criminals made a daring, Hollywood-style escape from the Union County Jail, both escaped criminals are now back in custody in Trenton State Prison, and facing additional criminal charges for their escape.

The pair were transferred to Trenton because it is a maximum security jail.

Union County Jail escapee Otis Blunt was returned to New Jersey at 3 p.m. on Monday afternoon, after having been flown in from his refuge in Mexico City and brought into custody at Union County Police headquarters in Westfield.

Blunt's arrest came less than 24 hours after the capture of Union County jail escapee and illegal immigrant Jose Espinosa, who was arrested shortly after 9 p.m. Tuesday night, in an apartment on Summer Street in Elizabeth, just six blocks away from the Union County Jail.

"We got 'em back to back," Union County Police Chief Daniel Vaniska said at the afternoon news conference. "Twenty-four hours, and they're both in custody. It's a home run for us."

Escorted by armed law enforcement officials, Blunt, 32 was brought into custody shortly after 3 p.m. on Thursday afternoon dressed in blue jeans, a striped shirt and handcuffs.

When asked about his escape as he entered police headquarters, Blunt told reporters, "Ain't nobody was trying to get away, I could have gotten away if I wanted to."

Law enforcement officials also released new details into how Blunt made his escape to Mexico City after his Hollywood-style escape from the Union County Jail on December 15th with fellow captured escapee Jose Espinosa.

After jumping 30 feet over razor wire fencing to his freedom, Blunt took a bus to Laredo, Texas, where he transferred to another bus that carried him across the border and into Mexico City.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mexican authorities spotted Blunt peaking through a window in his motel-room hideaway. Upon entering Blunt's room on the third floor of what John Cuff, chief of the U.S. Marshals Investigative Service Division called a "flop house," an underwear-clad Blunt put his hands in the air and surrendered without protest.

Authorities claim that Blunt was not alone in his room, but the American woman who was staying with him had been brought into custody and later released.

This latest capture comes just one day after the capture of Jose Espinosa, a 20-year old illegal Mexican immigrant and Bloods gang member who was found shortly after 9 p.m. on Tuesday night in an apartment on Summer Street in Elizabeth.

Espinosa's hideout was located just six blocks away from the Union County Jail.

Bail was set for the two criminals by Judge Douglas Fasciale last Friday. Espinosa's bail was set for \$750,000 for the escape, and Blunt's was set for \$300,000 for the escape, and \$550,000 in bail set prior to escape for the pending robbery and weapons charges.

The two captured criminals were apprehended four weeks after they made their daring, Hollywood-style escape from the "maximum security" unit of the Union County Jail.

The pair made their escape by burrowing a hole in the cinder-block wall between their adjoining cells, carving another hole in the concrete wall leading to the outside of the jail, then jumping 25-feet over a razor wire fence and running to freedom.

The arrest of Blunt and Espinosa brings an end to the month-long manhunt for the two dangerous criminals, which has rendered a series of consequences within the Union County Jail, including the ousting of the top two jail officials, the suicide of the corrections officer on duty at the time of the escape, and an ongoing investigation into what security enhancements need to be made at the jail facility.

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## Espinosa, Blunt: An anatomy of a jail break

By Katherine Paster  
Staff Writer

Outraged and concerned by the ease with which Jose Espinosa and Otis Blunt were able to escape from the Union County Jail on December 14th, Prosecutor Theodore Romankow launched a full scale investigation into escape.

Romankow's probe into the events shed light on just how the two Union County Jail fugitives managed to break out of the county facility, and how they spent their four weeks of freedom.

### With No one watching...

Blunt and Espinosa banged on cinder blocks in the high-security third-floor unit for more than two weeks without arousing suspicion from corrections officers on duty.

The inmates used sharpened razor-wire and a wrought-iron pipe valve taken from a nearby steam-room to hammer through the concrete cinder blocks that separated their cells and Espinosa's cell and the outside.

The pair kept the broken pieces of concrete in a small foot locker inside their cells which are supposed to be routinely checked by corrections officers. While they dug, Blunt and Espinosa covered the holes in their walls with pictures of bikini-clad women, which they were not allowed to have in their jail.

### One foot out the door

Investigators have learned that despite initial beliefs, the pair did not escape at the same time. It has been learned that Espinosa escaped first, squeezing through a hole in his cell wall at approximately 9 p.m. on December 14. From a rooftop ledge outside of his cell, Espinosa was able to make a running jump, clearing razor-wire fencing and falling over 25 feet to freedom.

Espinosa injured his leg on the landing.

Blunt escaped the same way at 4 a.m. the next day, uninjured.

### Not in their beds

It had been 20 hours since Espinosa's escape and 13 since Blunt followed before anyone within the jail noticed that the pair were missing, giving both criminals a head start in their escape to freedom.

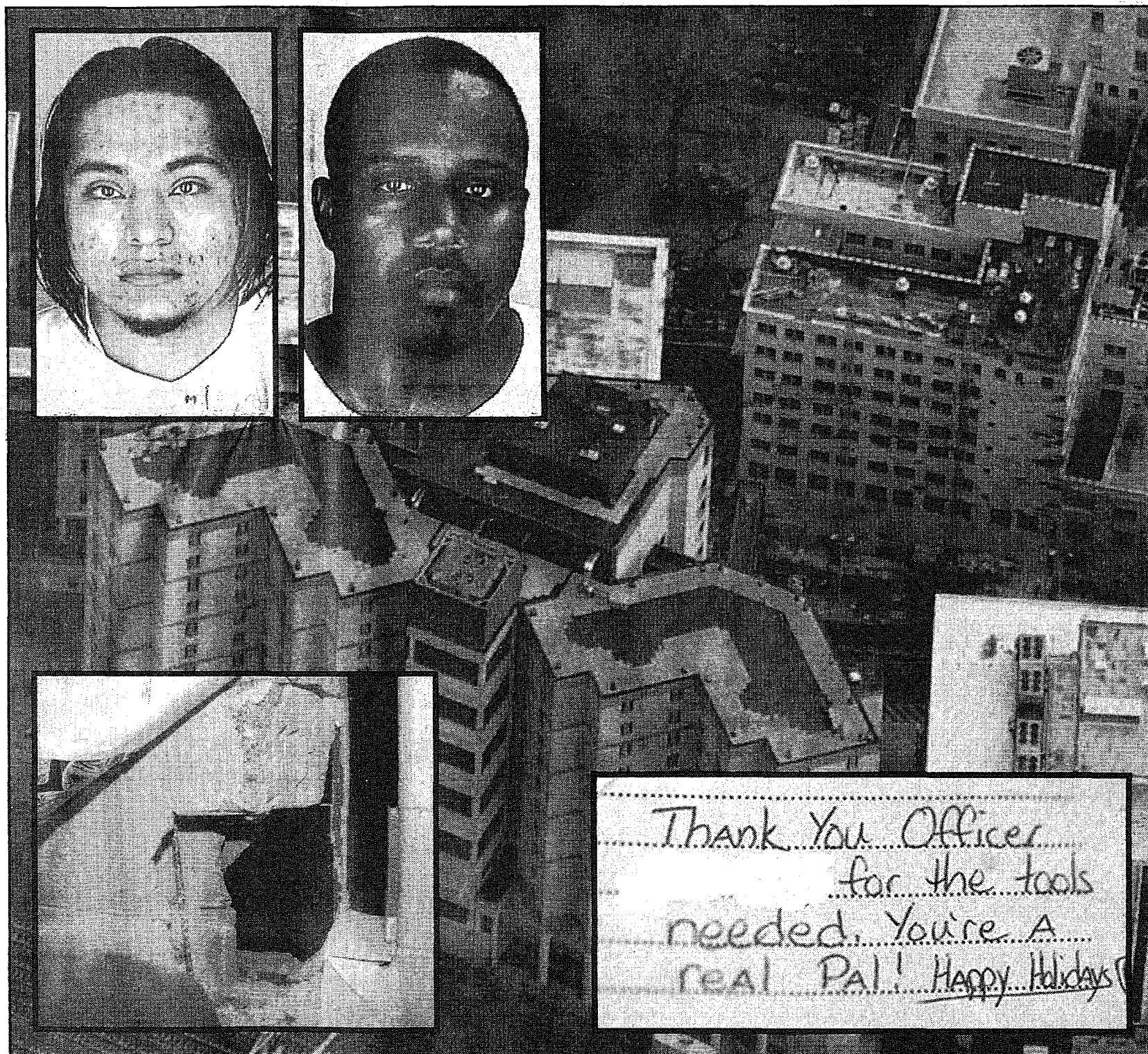
At 5:15 p.m. on December 15, Corrections Officer Rudolph Zurick found the two inmates unresponsive when he called them for dinner. When he checked their cells, Zurick allegedly found that the inmates beds had been stuffed with bed sheets to appear as though the pair were each sleeping in their respective, adjacent cells. The holes they had burrowed in their cell walls had been covered with pin-up photos of bikini-clad women.

Blunt had left a note in his cell for Zurick, reading: "Thank you, Officer Zurick, for the tools needed. You're a real pal, Happy Holidays."

### The manhunt begins

Local law enforcement immediately launched a full-out manhunt for Blunt and Espinosa. Union County Police Chief Daniel Vaniska assembled a search team consisting of local law enforcement officials and U.S. Marshals.

Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich sent out his canine-unit to sniff out the tracks at the scene of the escape, discovering that the inmates ran in opposite directions after they hit the ground. Surveillance was set up in the homes of the escapees' friends and relatives as a 40-man task force was divided in two to sweep the area



Some photographs from the jail break at the Union County Jail last month that led to a four-week search for both Jose Espinosa, top left, and Otis Blunt, top right. The journey finally ended in Mexico City where Mexican and U.S. federal authorities arrested Blunt in a flop-house. Also pictured is the back of one of the jail cells, lower left, and also the letter from Blunt to Corrections Officer Rudolph Zurick who would commit suicide on the day when he was expected to be interviewed by county officials about the escape.

for Blunt and Espinosa.

On December 28, the Espinosa search team unsuccessfully searched in Newark. Meanwhile, the Blunt search team followed reported sightings of the escapee in Essex and Hudson counties, but also had no luck.

### Changes in Management

On the managerial end of the Union County Jail, Prosecutor Romankow took matters into his own hands, taking over the internal investigation of the county facility.

Within the walls of the jail, Romankow found that yet another inmate was plotting his escape and was in position of numerous bed sheets which he planned to tie together and lower himself down to freedom.

Frank Crose, the director of the Union County Jail, was reassigned as an aide to the Prosecutor to assist in his investigation. Crose was temporarily replaced by Gary Hilton, a seasoned veteran of the New Jersey Department of Corrections.

James Dougherty, Crose's deputy jail director, was fired.

### Down to Mexico

Two days after his escape, Blunt boarded a bus to Laredo, Texas. Authorities claim that Blunt met a woman along the way, who traveled with him into Mexico. Though it remains unclear where or how Blunt

crossed the Mexican border, he managed to do so successfully.

On January 2, Blunt and the unnamed woman checked into the Hotel Zamora, a \$10 dollar-a-night "flop house" located on the Cinco de Mayo Strip in Mexico City. Under the alias of Jonathan Walter, Blunt and his female companion paid in cash to stay in a third-floor room that had no bathroom.

### Suicide

On the morning of January 2, Zurick committed suicide in his home in Middlesex County. Zurick was scheduled to report to the Union County Police Headquarters that afternoon to answer questions regarding the break-out.

Zurick, 40, left behind a wife and four-year-old daughter.

### Elizabeth Hideaway

Back in New Jersey, Espinosa barely made it a mile away from the Union County Jail due to his injured leg.

After his jump, Espinosa — an illegal Mexican immigrant and known Bloods gang member — hailed a car from the Elizabeth train station, where he paid the driver \$5 to use his cell phone before being dropped off at an Elizabeth motel.

After a short one-night stay, Romankow says that Espinosa made

his way to the basement apartment of a four-story yellow building located at the end of Summer Street in Elizabeth. Espinosa was holed up in the apartment with his girlfriend, Odalys Cortes, 19.

### Calling Reverend Sharpton

In Mexico City, Blunt began reaching out to family friends back in New Jersey to orchestrate his surrender.

Harboring under the assumption that Blunt was still in New Jersey, Brian Major, the confidant who received Blunt's initial phone call contacted the New Jersey State Police. Blunt allegedly told Major to have prosecutors look at the surveillance tape of the convenience store shooting that landed him in the Union County Jail in the first place, believing that it would prove his innocence.

Major then contacted famed civil rights activist Al Sharpton's National Action Network, and the two flew to Mexico City on January 8, all the while keeping in touch with Blunt to assure that he had not fled yet again.

Blunt never called Major and Sharpton with his location, and lost his opportunity to surrender.

### Captured

Acting on a tip from an informant in an unrelated drug case, police were alerted of Espinosa's location. Police surrounded the Summer Street house

at approximately 10 p.m. on January 8, ready to make their move.

As armed officers broke through the apartment doors, Espinosa and girlfriend Cortes hit the floor with their arms stretched out in surrender.

Espinosa was returned to jail, and Cortes was cited for obstruction of justice and later released.

### A Mexican standoff?

Less than 24 hours later, three U.S. Marshals dressed as hotel workmen armed with binoculars were conducting surveillance from their car in parking lot of the Hotel Zamora, after a call from Blunt had been traced to a payphone near the hotel.

At approximately 4:15 p.m., after six hours of waiting, Blunt peaked out the window of his third floor room.

Clad in only his underwear, Blunt threw his arms up in surrender as police stormed his room.

### Upgraded Security

Under newly appointed management, numerous changes have been implemented at the Union County Jail.

Armed guards are patrolling the perimeter of the jail. More razor wire has been installed, and better surveillance equipment will be used inside and outside the jail.

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## Tips for winter safety

Colonel Rick Fuentes and the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management have created the Winter Weather Safety guide.

The Winter Weather Safety guide is the all encompassing interactive one stop information station provided by the NJSP for winter topics ranging from emergency notification/alert systems in the event of a storm to home, road, personal and vehicle safety/preparedness.

To access the Winter Weather Safety guide, please log on to: <http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/plan/winter.html>.

Logging on will allow individuals to access, download, and printout valuable winter storm related information from the State's foremost emergency management site free of charge and available anytime day or night.

## COUNTY NEWS

### Women's book club meets Saturday

The Women's Book Club will meet 10 a.m. on Saturday in the lounge of the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm Street, Westfield, for a general discussion of "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen. Newcomers are welcome.

For more information, phone Bette at 908-575-8637 or e-mail [elzsv@netscape.net](mailto:elzsv@netscape.net).

### Center's Hope Chest slates clothing sale

The Hope Chest Thrift Shop at 26 Prospect Street, Westfield, will be holding a half-price clothing sale on all women, men and children's clothing from Jan. 26 through Feb. 2.

Also available at very reasonable prices are a great selection of fine jewelry, handbags and accessories.

The Hope Chest is operated by volunteers from the Center for Hope Auxiliary, managed by Helga Thomas.

All proceeds help the Center provide a special way of caring for families dealing with end-of-life issues.

The Center for Hope has been the Community Hospice serving Union, Middlesex, Essex and Somerset counties for more than 25 years.

The Center recently held the Grand Opening of the "Peggy Coloney's House of Hope Village", 1900 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, a new state of the art facility with 30 beds to further serve the community.

The Hope Chest is opened Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For directions call the shop at 908-233-9973.

### Help Boys, Girls Clubs with a car

The Boys and Girls Clubs in New Jersey are running a car campaign to support their programs.

The clubs are requested that people with unwanted cars to remember them. Boys and Girls Clubs will now accept any car with no restrictions. Cars will be sold at auction, and the proceeds will be used to help the local clubs.

A call to 1-800-246-0493 will get the process underway. The 800 number can be called at any time.

### Learning about Islam at church

The First Baptist Church of Westfield, 170 Elm St., will sponsor a two-week lecture series on Islam—January 27 and February 3 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Professor Chris Taylor, chair of religious studies at Drew University, will be the speaker, and is an expert on the study of Islam. The topics are as follows:

January 27: "Introduction to Islam."

February 3: "Impact of Radical Muslims."

Christopher S. Taylor is professor of religion and Islamic studies at Drew University in Madison.

He has also been recently named as the director of Drew University's Center on Religion, Culture and Conflict.

A specialist in Islamic studies, Taylor earned his B.A. in History from the Johns Hopkins University and his master's degree and doctorate in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton.

## LIFESTYLE

### Nitche to wed Germond

Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Nitche of Roselle Park announce the engagement of their daughter Jill Alyson Nitche to David Germond son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Germond of Mahwah, NJ.

The bride to be is a graduate of Marywood University and University of Vermont and is employed by The Summit School District as a Speech Pathologist.

The future groom is a graduate of Boston College, Mass., and is employed by Tishman Speyer of New York City as a Director of Equity Capital Markets.

A July 2008 wedding is planned.

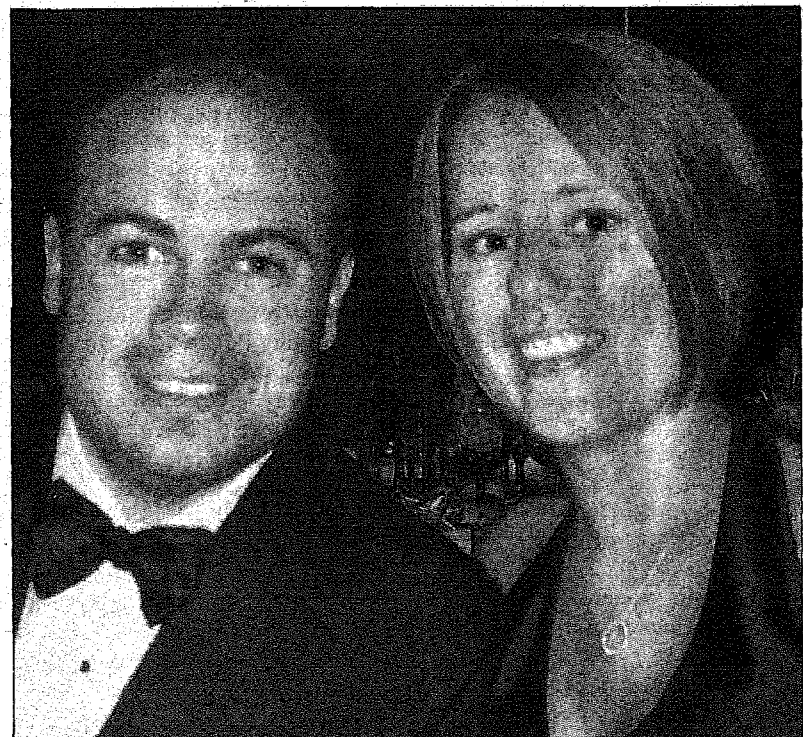


Mr. and Mrs. Frizzell Lewis Sr.

### Lewis rejoice 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Frizzell Lewis Sr. of Union celebrated 50 years of marriage at a dinner with family and friends at the Chestnut Chateau Restaurant in Union on Oct. 26.

Virginia Lewis retired from Overlook Hospital in Summit after 23 years. Her husband retired from the liquor and food industry after more than 30 years of service. The couple are the parents of three children, grandparents of two and have one daughter-in-law.



David Germond-Jill Alyson Nitche

## Cohen bill on firearms moves forward

A bill sponsored by state Assemblyman Neil M. Cohen that would make it illegal to transport firearms into New Jersey for the purposes of making unlawful firearms sales or transfers was released recently from committee.

"A disproportionate number of gun-related crimes in New Jersey are committed with weapons purchased outside the state, yet we have no law

on the books specifically against gun trafficking," said Cohen D-Union. "That needs to change before more lives are needlessly lost."

New Jersey currently has no laws that specifically makes gun trafficking illegal. Under current statute, gun trafficking is usually prosecuted as a violation of the state's licensing and permitting statutes, which carries penalties of up to \$10,000 in fine

and 18 months in jail.

Under Cohen's measure—A-2697, anyone who knowingly transports, ships, or otherwise brings firearms into New Jersey with the intent to illegally sell or give them to another individual would be guilty of gun trafficking and would face penalties of up to \$150,000 in fines and 10 years in jail.

"Cracking down on gun traffick-

ing will make it that much harder to put weapons in the hands of violent criminals," said Cohen. "This safeguard is something that will make all of us just a little bit safer."

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee released the bill—a portion of Governor Jon S. Corzine's three-part crime prevention strategy, first unveiled last month—by a vote of 6 to 0.

# OCCASIONS

## A Special Events Feature

### Wedding planning tips, survey says...

With a twinkle in her eye and sparkle on her finger, it's no wonder the bride-to-be has a contagious glow. For the bevy of brides who became engaged during the holiday season, it's time to begin the exciting, yet sometimes hectic task of planning their special day.

To better understand the preferences and attitudes of today's brides and offer the most relevant wedding planning advice, the second annual "What's on Bride's Minds?" survey was conducted by Leflein Associates Inc. for David's Bridal, the nation's leading bridal authority. Following are some up-to-the-minute planning tips to help each woman achieve her own wedding unique style, without breaking the bank:

- Keep an eye on the bottom line. First and foremost, establish a budget. Determine which aspects of the wedding are most important, and scale back on items that are not a top priority. Almost two-thirds of survey respondents said that the wedding dresses they found were too expensive. To keep finances in check without sacrificing quality or style, shop at a store that offers a wide selection of designer looks and matches your budget.

- Online oasis The Internet is a wonderful planning tool and a great time-saver, so it's no surprise that 53 percent of brides-to-be ranked wedding Web sites as a top resource for useful wedding planning advice, tips and ideas. Today's brides shop for a variety of wedding products online; invitations were cited as the most popular item, followed by favors, bridal accessories and jewelry and bridal gowns. Among the top Web sites catering to brides, is [davidbridal.com](http://davidbridal.com), which offers more than 4,000 unique wedding-related items and services. Check out the new Online Collections featuring stylish bridal and bridesmaid dresses to suit any size, budget and timeline. Or, use the unique Dress Your Wedding tool to create your own virtual wedding party online.

- Consult the experts. When searching for that dream dress, take advantage of bridal consultants' advice, as they

provide great insight into the gowns' quality, fit and construction. In fact, more than four out of five brides agreed that their consultant positively affected their shopping experience. In addition to these gown gurus, it's a good idea to bring along a trusted friend or family member to provide honest feedback.

- Time is on your side. Sixty-three percent of recently engaged women give themselves less than six months before their wedding to purchase their gown, while 38 percent wait until the final three months. If you are planning on getting married under a tight timetable, visit a bridal shop where you can try on the dress in your own size and take it home that day. David's Bridal stocks a wide array of affordable bridal gowns at \$299 to \$1,200, including designer collections from Oleg Cassini, Monique Luo and Galina, in sizes 0 to 26W, as well as select styles in petite sizes, so you can tell exactly how your dream dress looks and feels on you.

- Obliging bridesmaids. Searching for the perfect bridesmaid dress? The top issue brides found with dressing their bridal party was agreeing on one

style to fit all different body types. Coordination remains in vogue, with almost three-quarters of respondents wanting their bridal party to wear the same color or color scheme, and 34 percent planning to have their bridesmaids wear the same dress in the same color. It's a good idea to select a national retailer that carries a large assortment of bridesmaid styles, in a wide range of sizes and colors, for ease of shopping and to ensure everyone looks and feels their best.

- Customization is key. If you're looking for ways to personalize your look without paying a hefty custom price tag, you're not alone. More than 60 percent of brides said they would like to customize their gown to reflect their personality, but 40 percent felt it would be difficult to do so without costing a fortune. To solve this all-too-common dilemma, look for cost-effective solutions for personalizing your wedding dress. Try adding optional sleeves, a colorful sash that matches your wedding color scheme or a sparkling brooch. Don't forget to ask your consultant about coordinating accessories, such as tiaras, veils, handbags, shoes

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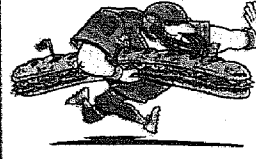
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Eleven-year-old explains her path to *Miracle Worker*

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

Meredith Lipson, one of the two children sharing the controversial, difficult and sometimes dangerous role of the thoroughly handicapped child, Helen Keller, in "The Miracle Worker," has found the auditions and rehearsals "a lot of fun."

Meredith, who will be 11-years-old on Feb. 22, will be sharing the role with Lily Maketansky, also 11, four performances each, in the highly dramatic play, which will open Jan. 23 at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn.

The youngster, a fifth grader in an Allentown, Pa., school, started her career at the age of five-and-a-half, and already has Broadway, national and regional theater performances, plus national television commercials, print ads and a movie under her little sash. She finds the role of Helen Keller, "a challenging role."

With the attitude of a real pro and the sweetness of the little girl, she explained, during a recent chat, "It's so much fun; I really love it. And it's fun not hurting myself during some of those fight scenes with Annie Sullivan, the part which Annika Boras plays, I find that is a good thing. And Annie is nice. The whole cast is so nice. That's important."

She admitted that she had seen the movie of the same title with Patty Duke as Helen Keller and Anne Bancroft as Annie Sullivan, "to get a general idea of what it was all about. They really were great!"

How did such an important role come about?

"Well," Meredith said thoughtfully, "My agent took me over for auditions. At the first audition, I read a poem by Edgar Allen Poe, called 'Alone.' There were a bunch of girls auditioning for Helen, including Lily."

She added that both of them were called for the callback. "And this time, there were 13 girls. We met Steve Wright, a fight choreographer.



Meredith Lipson is Helen Keller—left photo and right on the right photo—in the production of "The Miracle Worker" coming to the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn. "The Miracle Worker" will be at the Paper Mill from Jan. 23 to Feb. 24. For more information call 973-376-4343 or go to the Paper Mill Web site at [www.papermill.org](http://www.papermill.org).

And he gave us a kind of demonstration of a little fight. At the third callback, which narrowed us down to five people, we had to do some improvisations. And then I got it," she said. "And the funny thing was that they kept me, and they kept Lily, too."

Rehearsals began the day after Christmas. And while Meredith is in the process of perfecting the role of a blind, deaf mute, she is learning more and more about the personality of Helen Keller, as a child. The youngster explained that getting to know the



is trying to convince the audience that she is blind and cannot express herself.

"For example," Meredith said, "trying to crochet without looking down, or trying to swing a haymaker at Annie without looking at her, and what makes it doubly hard, is not being able to hear, so you can't tell where she went. It's all really exciting."

What were Meredith's ambitions as a child to perform on stage?

"Well," she mused, "a long time ago, when I was very young, three years old, everybody stopped mom to tell her she should get me into modeling. Mom knew somebody in Allentown, who was a manager, for a magazine. She took me to her, and the manager asked me to sing the alphabet, 'ABC.' I began to sing, and all of a sudden, her telephone rang, and I ran out. And that was that. But when I was five-and-a-half, I kept begging my mom to go back to her. 'I know I can do it,' I told her. And she finally took me to the manager. And that was the beginning."

On Broadway, Meredith played in "Festen," had a national tour of "Annie," in the role of Molly, and also played the title role in "Annie," at the Wall Street Theater. Her Regional Theater experience includes the role of Scout in "To Kill a Mockingbird," the role Cindy Lou Who in "Seussical," as Liz Cratchit in "A Christmas Carol," and Thea in "Pippin." She also appeared in the movie, "Let America Laugh" with David Cross.

Meredith has had no trouble remembering lines. "I think I have a pretty good memory," she said.

The first time she visited the Paper Mill Playhouse was to see "Meet Me in St. Louis," and for a photo shoot. "I really liked the photo shoot so much,"

Meredith admitted that she and her counterpart, Lily, get along very well. "We learn apart and together," she said, "and we learn from each other. Absolutely!"

## Guitarists to dazzle Maplewood

By Jeff Cummins  
Staff Writer

On successive weekends, two of the best guitarists in the Oranges will dazzle Maplewood.

South Orange resident Steve Girardi comes to Maplewood VFW, formerly Here's to the Arts, for one show Saturday at 8 p.m. The following weekend, Dave Stryker of West Orange brings his trio, featuring Jared Gold on organ and Tony Regis on drums, for two shows at 9 and 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 25. With two shows like that in successive weekends, the winter blues will be finished before they ever really get a chance to start.

Girardi's music is perfect for a small venue. He specializes in modern jazz, folk and blues, and his music has a tendency to just get better and better the more you hear it. Girardi's music appeals to a jazz fan with some maturity. You won't find any rowdy fans at his performances, just listeners intent on soaking up every note and vibe his performance delivers. Most people at a Girardi performance will be relatively silent, appreciating the music and the feeling that comes with it. Girardi plays both the electric and the acoustic guitar and his band includes a cello, which adds some feeling to the music.

"We have a cellist who basically plays all the melodies and improvises, so it's a jazz thing, but with the cello, it is unique from that standpoint," said Girardi, in a telephone interview last year. "The cello is my favorite instrument and I've been a composer playing guitar some 40 years."

Stryker has been keeping himself busy, as he pretty much always has since moving east from Omaha, Neb., in 1980. Since arriving on the East Coast, Stryker has performed as a featured sideman with Stanley Turrentine, Jack McDuff and Kevin Mahogany.

His compact disc titled "Big City" has a light, energetic feel and was voted one of the top compact discs of 2005 in Downbeat magazine. Stryker was voted one of the Top Ten Guitarists in 2001 and 2006 by the Critics Poll and the Readers Poll of Downbeat. After years of playing as a sideman, Stryker now spends most of his time on his own projects.

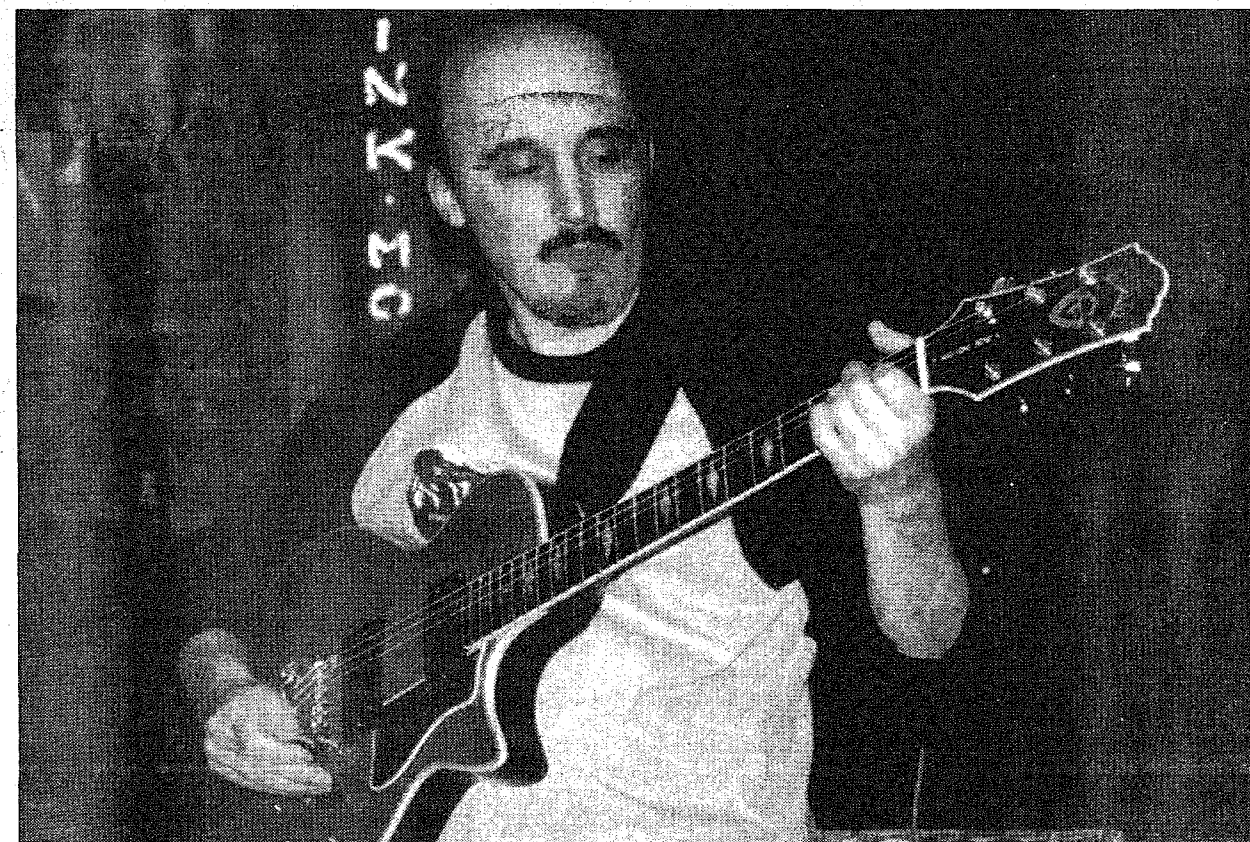
Stryker and saxophonist Steve Slagle joined forces to create the Stryker/Slagle Band. In February, Stryker will release a compact disc titled "Strike up the band" on Steeplechase Records. Stryker's band on the compact disc features an all-New Jersey roster: Billy Hart on drums, Xavier Davis on piano and Andy McKee on bass.

The most recent compact disc that Stryker produced with the trio he'll be performing with at Maplewood VFW was "The Chaser."

"This organ trip is going back to those roots of mine with Stanley Turrentine and Jack McDuff and it's a lot of fun," Stryker said.

Maplewood VFW is located at 97 Baker St., Maplewood. For more information, 973-762-6336.

Jeff Cummins may be reached at [jcummins@thelocal-source.com](mailto:jcummins@thelocal-source.com).



South Orange resident Steve Girardi comes to Maplewood VFW on Saturday. Dave Stryker of West Orange brings his trio for two shows on Jan. 25.

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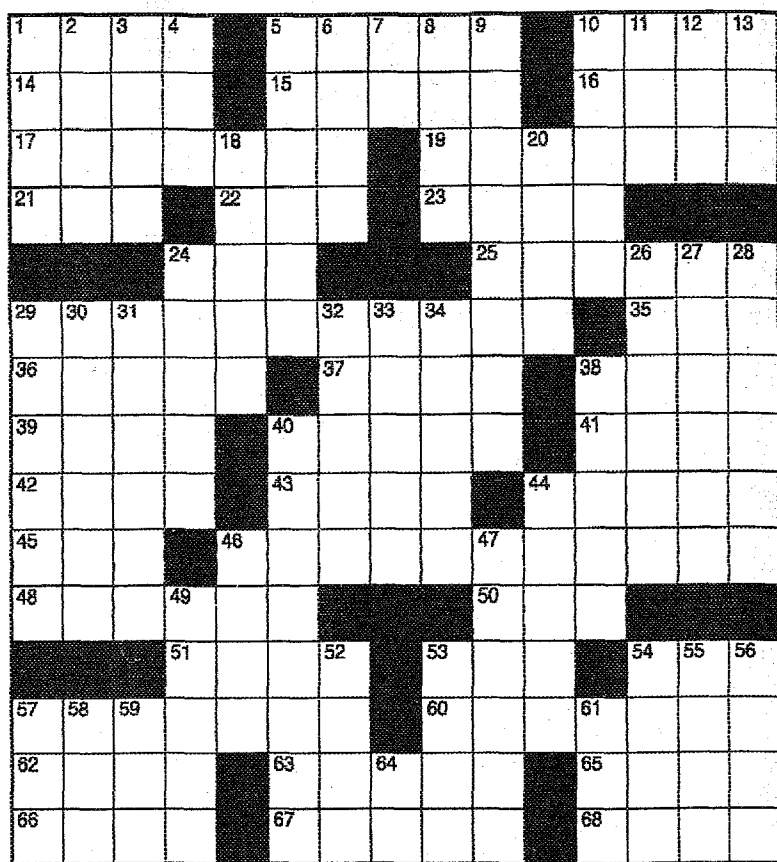
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19. So. American capital
21. Drunkard
22. Woolen cap of Scottish origin
23. Asian gulf
24. Have already done
25. Demented
29. Eternal
35. Express a supposition
36. Dormouse
37. Atmospheric moisture or dust
38. This (Spanish)
39. Equips with weaponry
40. Gladiolus bulbs
41. Thirteen
42. Storklike wading bird
43. Chinese Moslem
44. Brick artificer
45. Ling, Chinese mountain range
46. Engaging in reverie
48. Football team
50. Manuscripts (abbr.)
51. Basics
53. One point E of due S
54. Bar bill
57. One who receives counsel
60. Principal sums
62. Fleshy seed cover
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10. Members of Star Trek race
11. Insect secretion used in varnish
12. Agency insuring home mortgages
13. Autonomic nervous system
18. Canted
20. Resounded
24. Impurity
26. St. Francis of
27. Body politic
28. Perceive with attention
29. May, actress
30. Wordy
31. Shorttail weasel
32. Flamboyant
33. Deduced weight of
34. Turkish seaport
38. Tests
40. For public or ecclesiastic records
44. "Love Takes Time" Director Walter
46. Young women in society
47. A way to imprint
49. Doffs
52. A tight and perfect closure
53. Trickery
54. Type of jug
55. Previously Sultanabad
56. Military installation
57. Swiss river
58. Not wet
59. By way of
61. Mrs. Nixon
64. Parent of NBC

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## Jan. 20 - 26

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TAURUS, April 21-May 21

It's time to get started on a wild idea that you've been thinking of, Taurus. While others may think you're a bit odd, they'll soon come around to your way of thinking.

GEMINI, May 22-June 21

Gemini, this week you are feeling a block in creative energy. That just means that you should focus on analytical items instead of ones that harness your right brain.

CANCER, June 22-July 22

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VIRGO, Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Virgo, you may have to reign in your generosity this week. Your stretching yourself too thin and it's wearing on your nerves. Ask others to pitch in on your work.

LIBRA, Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Explore ways to make your life more interesting this week, Libra. Take on a new hobby, or surround yourself with a new group of people.

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SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Sagittarius, take advantage of the extra time you have now to tweak certain aspects of your life that aren't working out as well as you had hoped. Later things are going to get crazy.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22-Jan. 20

This is a good week for social interaction, Capricorn, because you're feeling like a people person. Make plenty of dates, whether romantic or just friendly get-togethers.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Aquarius, explore ways to become more focused, because this week there are a lot of things that will be thrown at you quickly.

PISCES, Feb. 19-March 20

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## ART SHOWS

The Montclair Art Museum announces the opening of the **2008 NEW JERSEY ARTS ANNUAL CRAFTS**. This exhibition will be on display from Feb. 24 through May 11 and is part of a unique series of state-wide exhibitions highlighting the work of visual artists and crafts people from New Jersey. The Montclair Art Museum is located at 3 South Mountain Ave. in Montclair. Information and directions are available at [www.montclairartmuseum.org](http://www.montclairartmuseum.org) or by calling 973-746-5555. MAM is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on Mondays and major holidays.

The Arts Guild of Rahway presents: **"MENAGERIE,"** an exhibit of recent art featuring animal imagery. The exhibit runs through Feb. 8. Admission is free. Call 732-381-7511 or e-mail at [artsguild1670@verizon.net](mailto:artsguild1670@verizon.net).

**ARTS UNBOUND** has opened its gallery at 544 Freeman St., Orange. The gallery will be open for the public to view and purchase works of art by artists with disabilities. Fine arts and crafts, large and small, including gifts for the holiday season, are available for sale. Arts Unbound is supported by grants from the United Way of Essex and West Hudson, The United Way of Summit, New Providence and Berkeley Heights, the Grotta Foundation for Senior Care, the Kessler Foundation, the Wallerstein Foundation, the Danie Jordan Fiddle Foundation, the NJ State Council on the Arts and the Newark Diocese. A portion of all items purchased is tax deductible. For more information and directions visit [www.artsunbound.org](http://www.artsunbound.org) or call 973-65-2787.

**BERKELEY HEIGHTS ARTIST NANCY ORI** is featured at a permanent exhibit at Berkeley Heights Public Library, 290 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call 90-464-9333.

## BOOKS

**THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN BOOK GROUP** meets at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

**THE "LORD OF THE RINGS" READING GROUP** meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

**KEAN UNIVERSITY'S OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY RELATIONS** and *The Star-Ledger* have partnered to publish a new book titled "World of Wonder: Exploring the Realm of History, Science, Nature and Technology." The book brings together 90 of the most fascinating subjects surveyed by the World of Wonder series. The book is now available for purchase in the Kean University book store and on The Star-Ledger Web site at <http://www.nj.com/worldofwonder>.

**WEEKLY CHILDREN'S STORY TIMES** will be Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., both usually with coloring and/or crafts, at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 west, Springfield.

**PAJAMA STORY TIME** is the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 west, Springfield.

## CLASSES

An open house will be held on Jan. 13 for **STARS OF TOMORROW PERFORMING ARTS CAMP** at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark. The open house will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The camp is held during the summer and offers campers, ages three through high school, the opportunity to experience theatre arts in a quality setting. The camp is where young performers learn how to work and create together in harmony. For more information call 908-276-5053 or check out the Web site, [www.starsof tomorrow.com](http://www.starsof tomorrow.com). The camp includes classes for dance, improv, voice, African dance, musical theater, dialects, drum circle, set design and creation, hip hop and stage along many others. Registration is now open for kids, teens and adult art classes at **THE**

**ARTS GUILD OF RAHWAY.** To register call 732-381-7511 or e-mail at [arts-guild1670@verizon.net](mailto:arts-guild1670@verizon.net). Classes begin this week. Children's classes include "3 Ways to Art," a class for children to use many materials in art-making; "Drawing, Patter for Kids;" and "Art with the Masters," an exciting class that introduces young artists to examples from the history of great art from around the world.

**THE DUCKET SCHOOL OF ART** is located at 1030 Central Ave. and is situated on a seven-acre campus in a

## DANCE

**SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS** will meet Friday at 8 p.m. at the Field House on Myrtle Avenue at Memorial Field, Summit. Learn ethnic dances of England, Greece, Israel, Romania, Scotland, etc. Partners are not needed. Beginners are welcome any session. Call 973-467-8278 for a calendar of sessions and directions.

**SOCIAL DANCING** is every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at The Bayway Polish Club,

before the meeting. For directions and more information, call Jim at 908-245-4744.

**THE HARVEST QUILTERS OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY** will meet the first Monday of each month at Cozy Corner Creations quilt shop, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

**KNITTING GROUP** meets every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. Knitters are encouraged to bring a favorite project to the Springfield Barnes & Noble Cafe. For more information, call 973-376-6581.

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## KIDS

**TALES FOR TOTS PRESCHOOL STORY TIME** will be offered at Barnes and Noble, Route 22 West, Springfield, Mondays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

## RADIO

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

## SCRIPTS

**PREMIERE STAGES**, the new Actors' Equity Association theater program at Kean University, is currently accepting play submissions for the Premiere Stages Play Festival from professional playwrights born or currently residing in New Jersey, as well as in the surrounding areas of New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. There is no fee required to submit a play to the Premiere Stages Play Festival. To request entry guidelines, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Laura Kelly, producing assistant, Premiere Stages is at Kean University, 1000 Morris Ave., Union 07083.

## SINGLES

**INTERFAITH SINGLES**, for single adults older than 45 years, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

**SOCIAL SINGLES DANCING**, for 45-year-olds and older, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at The Elks Lodge, 1193 Route 22 east, Mountainside. For information, call 908-232-9667 on Tuesdays after 5 p.m.

**SINGLES MIX AND MINGLE**, every Thursday, starting at 7 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment and free finger food at Cafe Vivace, 1370 South Ave., and Terrill Road, Fanwood. Admission is free. Call 908-753-4500 for details.

## THEATER

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey continues its new adult-education program titled **"MIDDAY WITH MASTERS"** on Thursday at 11 a.m. with "Bonnets, Bows, & Beehives" at The Shakespeare Theatre's Main Stage, the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theatre, 36 Madison Ave., at Lancaster Road in Madison. For tickets or more information, call 973-408-5600 or visit [www.ShakespeareNJ.org](http://www.ShakespeareNJ.org). Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, announces its mainstage production of Westfield Community Players continues the season with Beth Henley's

Pulitzer prize winning play **"CRIMES OF THE HEART"** Friday and Saturday evening.

Westfield Community Players (WCP) production of Beth Henley's Pulitzer prize winning play "Crimes of the Heart" continues Friday and Saturday evening at 8 p.m. in the theater at 1000 North Avenue West in Westfield. Call the box office at 908-232-1221 for further details.

**THE MIRACLE WORKER.** The Miracle Worker will run at the Millburn theatre from January 23 through February 24. There are three added student matinee performances on February 6, 13 and 14 at 11 a.m. The Miracle Worker is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts. Tickets may be purchased by calling 973-376-4343, or at the Paper Mill Box Office on Brookside Drive in Millburn, or on the Web at [www.papermill.org](http://www.papermill.org). For all performances from January 23 through anuary 27 buy an adult ticket and receive a children's ticket for half price.

The 4th Wall Musical Theatre announced that the original musical **"HEAVEN KNOWS"** will be the next production for the company's Musicals-in-Development Stage Series. M.I.D. Stage is a program designed to present musical theatre works-in-progress by up and coming composers and writers. "Heaven Knows" will play at the Westminster Center for the Arts on the campus of Bloomfield College in Bloomfield and runs for three evenings only at 7:30 p.m. on January 31 and February 1 and 2.

Tickets may be purchased by calling 973-748-9008 ext. 279. Additional information is available at [www.4thwalltheatre.com](http://www.4thwalltheatre.com).

The Playwrights Theatre season continues with PBS host Jim Lehrer's novel **"FLYING CROWS,"** adapted by Associate Artistic Director James Glossman. This world premiere marks Lehrer's third visit to Playwrights Theatre, previews on Jan. 31 and runs for three weeks through Feb. 17. From the author and adapter of 2002's "The Special Prisoner," "Flying Crows" is a moving, multi-layered story about old friendships, broken minds, and some vital loose ends from a massacre everyone thought was solved long ago. Check out Playwrights Theatre's Web site at [www.ptnj.org](http://www.ptnj.org). The theatre is located on 33 Green Village Road in Madison. For more information call 973-514-1787.

Auditions are being held in February and March for the **PINEDA SUMMER MUSICAL THEATER CONSERVATORY'S CENTER STAGE** program for outstanding high school age performers.

Students will take daily acting, dancing, and voice lessons and perform in a fully staged production of Les Miserables and a Cabaret performance of Broadway's greatest hits. All auditions are by appointment and interested candidates should call 908-731-1377. Scholarships awarded.

## VARIETY

Complimentary **WINE TASTINGS** are held every Tuesday and Friday at Coolvines from 5 to 8 p.m. 23 Elm St., Westfield. For more information and a complete listing of other events, call 908-232-0123 or visit [www.coolvines.com](http://www.coolvines.com).

**THE BACK PORCH** in Rahway will present Open Mic Night every Thursday night, and live bands perform on Friday and Saturday nights. Happy Hour is 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. Mondays are Mexican Mondays. Wednesdays are Ladies Nights and karaoke. The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6455.

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

## COMEDY

Comedy fans in Union County now have a new destination for great comedy. The Comedy Cove at Scotty's, in Springfield. Show times are Fridays at 9 p.m.; and Saturdays at 8 and 10 p.m. for patrons 21 years or older. **R.C. SMITH** and **LARRY DEFELICE** are featured this weekend. Known on the circuit for his hilarious crowd work and improvisational style, Smith is a much sought after and respected "warm-up comic" for many of the TV shows taped in New York. Currently, he is the "house comic" for the "Rachael Ray Show." He has also entertained audiences daily for shows such as "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," "The Tony Danza Show," "The Caroline Rhea Show," "The Ricki Lake Show" and several television pilots. Among his influences are Lenny Bruce and Don Rickles. The Comedy Cove at Scotty's is located at 595 Morris Ave. Call 973-376-3845, or visit [www.scottyssteakhouse.com](http://www.scottyssteakhouse.com).

## CONCERTS

**CROSSROADS IN GARWOOD** will feature: every Monday, Open Mic Night, every Tuesday, Jazz Jam, every Wednesday, Karaoke night.

The Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave., Garwood. For information, call Lee at 908-232-5666, or visit [www.xxroads.com](http://www.xxroads.com).

## HOBBIES

**THE NORTH JERSEY CAR CLUB** meets at the Anthony Amalfi Community Center, 1268 Sheaffer Ave., Roselle, on the first Saturday of each month to discuss driving experiences, auto maintenance tips, safe driving practices and to plan future social outings to places of cultural, historical and scenic interest in Northern New Jersey and the surrounding area. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. Free refreshments are served to members and guests

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## WCP slates Crimes of the Heart

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The play will be held each evening at 8 p.m. in the theater at 1000 North Avenue West in Westfield.

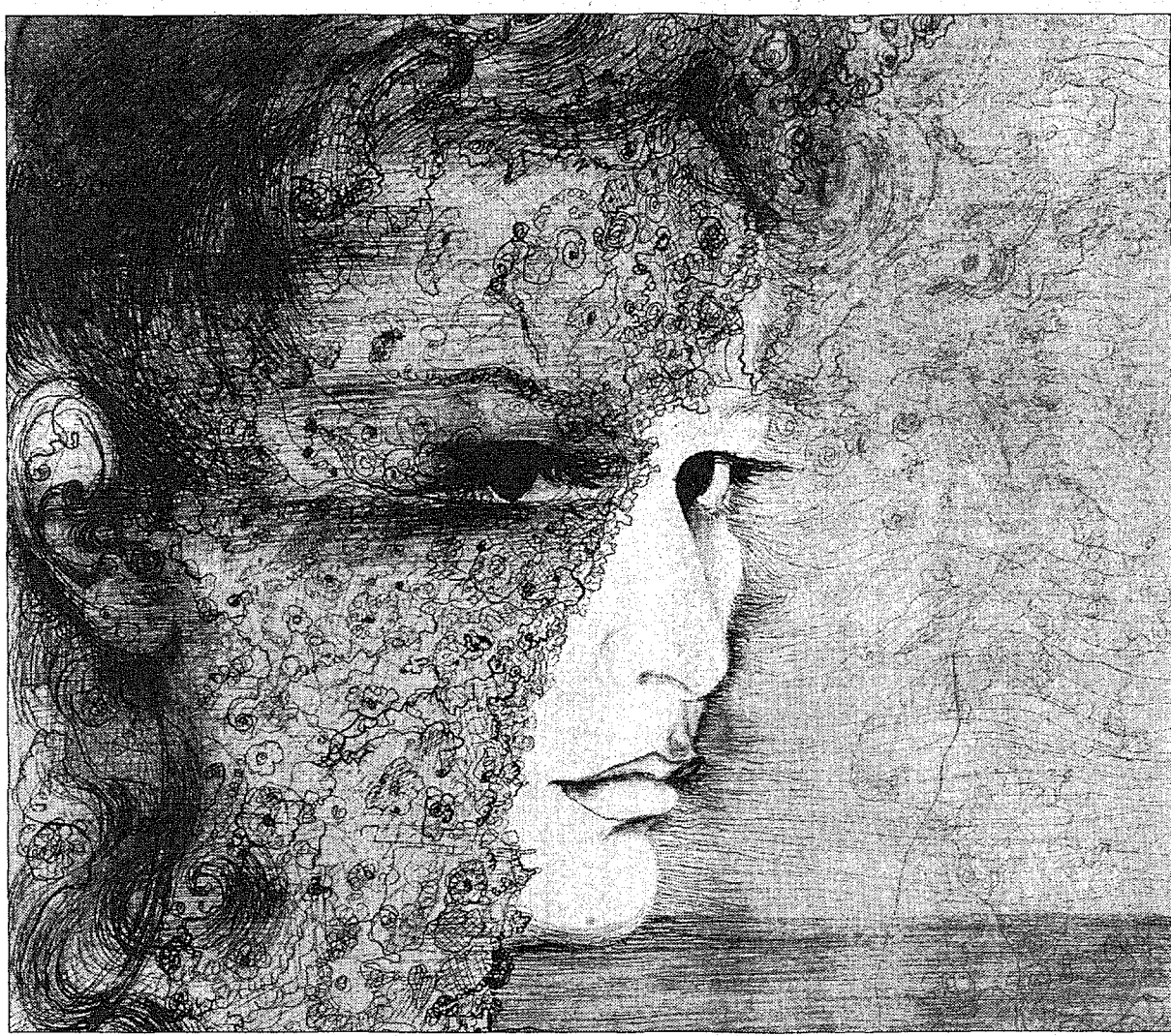
Call the box office at 908-232-1221 for further details. Note that all non-member tickets must be pre-paid to secure a reservation and WCP member tickets will not be honored for benefit performances. Director Fred Cuozzo has assembled cast familiar to WCP patrons in this story of 3 sisters assembled at the family home to seize the future while they sit with their grandfather during his final days.

Granddads caregiver, Lennie McGrath the eldest, spinster sister is played by Faith Dowgin, her failed singer middle sister Meg is played by Lynn Langone and younger sister Babe, out on bail after shooting her husband is portrayed by Syndi Szabo. Disapproving cousin Chick is played by Liz Azukas.

The men in their tangled lives are Meg's former beau "Doc Porter" played by John Schweska and Babe's lawyer Barnett played by Albert Contursi.

Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

## Sterne's friends



The Montclair Art Museum announces the opening of the exhibition, Drawing Friends: Hedda Sterne's Portraits, featuring 20 portrait drawings by Hedda Sterne at the Museum on February 2 and will run through April 20. The Montclair Art Museum is located at 3 South Mountain Avenue in Montclair. Further information and directions are available on the Museum Web site [www.montclairartmuseum.org](http://www.montclairartmuseum.org), or by calling 973-746-5555.

## Auditions, classes held for future stars

Auditions are being held in February and March for the Pineda Summer Musical Theater Conservatory's Center Stage program for outstanding high school age performers.

Students will take daily acting, dancing, and voice lessons and perform in a fully staged production of Les Miserables and a Cabaret performance of Broadway's greatest hits.

This program is taught by a staff of Broadway and opera professionals. The program, based out of Cranford, will run from June 30 to July 31, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Fridays.

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Besides taking daily dance, voice and acting classes, students participate in audition workshops, improvisation classes, and more.

Auditions are being held throughout February and March. Students should be prepared to sing 32 bars of a musical theater up tempo and 32 bars of a ballad.

Students will also attend a dance and movement audition. All auditions are by appointment and interested candidates should call 908-731-1377. Scholarships awarded.

## Calderone's piano at NJPAC

Steinway & Sons Piano Company recently invited Professor Katherine Calderone and the Calderone School of Music to showcase their grand piano at NJPAC in Newark.

Calderone was accompanied by Professors Tatyana Sheyn, Nataliya Kolmykova, and Kevin Talty.

Prior to the Five Browns Quintet concert, as well as during the intermezzo, ticket holders that night had the opportunity to hear member of

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For more information please contact Calderone at 973-428-0405 in East Hanover or 973-467-4688 in the Springfield school, or log on to the opportunity to hear member of [www.calderoneschoolofmusic.com](http://www.calderoneschoolofmusic.com).



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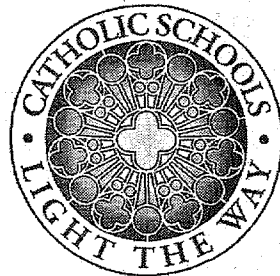
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Sunday, January 27

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UCC offers English as a Second Language studies at its Institute for Intensive English (IIE) located at 12

West Jersey Street in Elizabeth. The Institute for Intensive English is a full-time program of concentrated instruction in English for persons whose native language is not English. As a result of studying in the program, students enhance their English language abilities in order to further their academic, career, and/or personal goals in the United States.

Each student interested in taking courses through the Institute must participate in placement testing. After placement testing, students enter one of six levels of instruction commensurate with their abilities. The curriculum covers structure, listening, conversation, and study skills, as well as reading and academic writing. Courses are offered on the College's Plainfield and Cranford campuses and federal and state financial aid may be available for students.

One of the newest degrees offered

at UCC is an associate in applied science in automotive technology. This program is designed to train and prepare students in eight automotive areas. Upon graduation, each student will be qualified to work in all automotive service facilities.

The automotive courses for this degree are offered at the Union County Vocational-Technical School located at the College's Scotch Plains campus. All courses are taught by UCC faculty.

Also beginning this spring, is the Certificate of Achievement in Paralegal Studies. This program is open to students who have already earned their associates or baccalaureate degrees and want to become a Paralegal. The certificate is a total of 27 credits and if three courses are taken per term, the certificate can be completed in three semesters.

For those who are interested in paralegal studies, but who do not have an associates or bachelors degree, Union County College also offers an associates in applied science degree. This program is a total of 66 credits, and will also prepare students to work in the law field, in both the private and public sector.

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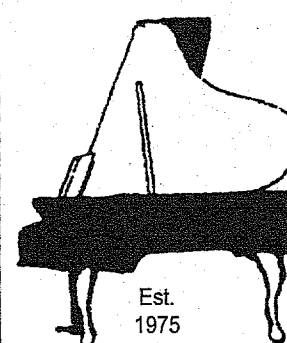
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The OAS training consists of six 40-minute group lessons; and will take place on March 8 at Robert Wood Johnson Fitness & Wellness Center located at 2120 Lamberts Mill Road, Scotch Plains. The \$175 registration

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If you are interested in attending or would like additional information, contact Pamela Banks-Johnson, x.309 mailto:pbjohnson@lunginfo.org.; and is limited so please register no later than March 8, 2008.

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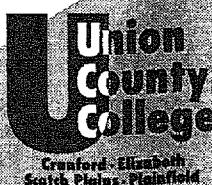
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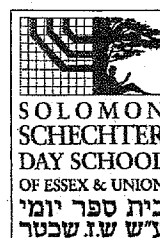
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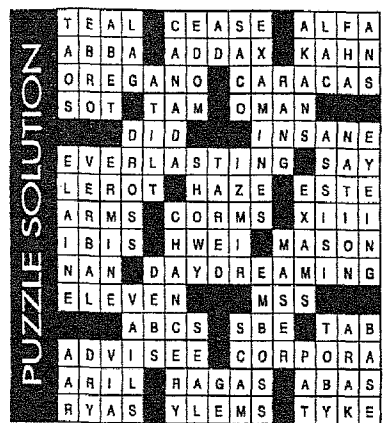


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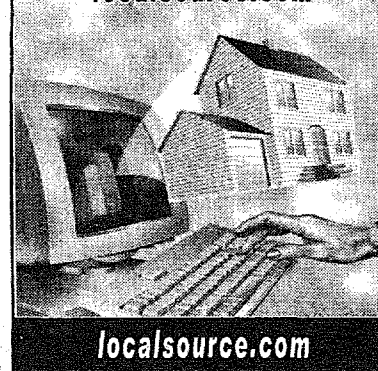
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- Outlets and switches: Replace any outlet or switch that has broken parts or cracks, feels warm to the touch, or has plugs that hang loose.
- Power cords and extension

cords: Examine power and extension cords for fraying or cracking. Replace taped-over cords, or those showing wear. Never run cords or extensions under carpets, rugs, or furniture, where damage might be hidden.

- Use of Power Tools: Don't use power tools, even if they are properly grounded, in wet or damp spots.
- Install ground fault circuit interrupters and test them monthly: Ground fault circuit interrupters have prevented hundreds of electrocutions and untold numbers of injuries since the early 1970s. The National Electrical Code requires ground fault circuit interrupter-equipped outlets in rooms with a water source or damp ground such as kitchens, bathrooms, garages, laundry rooms, crawl spaces, and in outdoor locations like hot tubs or pool-side, where they should be equipped with weatherproof covers. Testing them is simple. Just follow these three easy steps:

First, plug a lamp or radio into the ground fault circuit interrupter. Turn on the lamp or radio.

Second, press the test button. The lamp or radio should go off. If the lamp or radio doesn't go off, the

ground fault circuit interrupter is damaged or was miswired during installation, call a qualified electrician.

Last, press the reset button. The lamp or radio should come back on. If the lamp or radio doesn't come back on, the ground fault circuit interrupter is damaged and must be replaced and a qualified electrician should be called. Also, if unsure about ground fault circuit interrupter-testing and resetting for any reason, play it safe and call a qualified electrician.

Be sure to make this safety inspection a yearly habit and hire a licensed electrician to conduct an in-depth inspection every 10 years.

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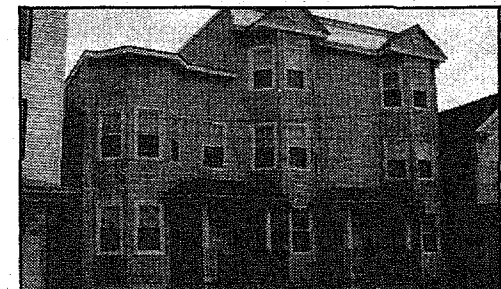
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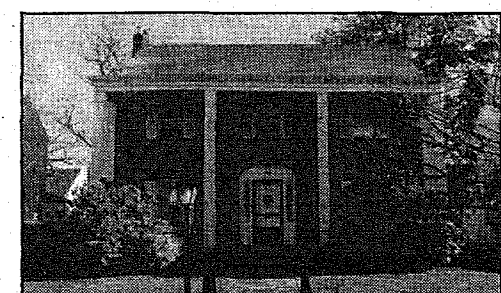
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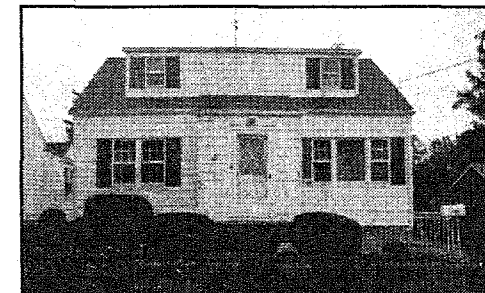
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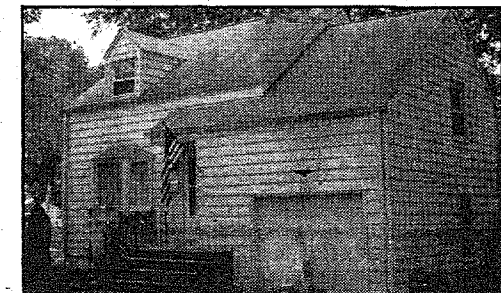
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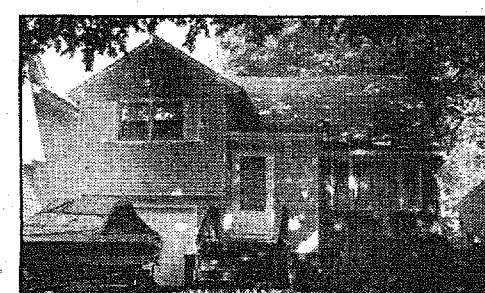
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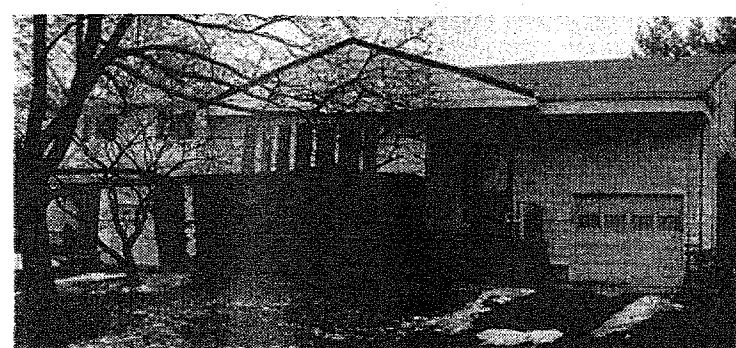
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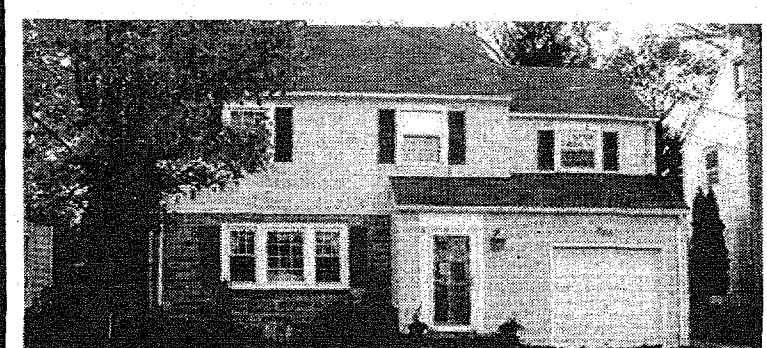
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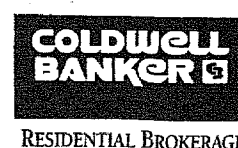
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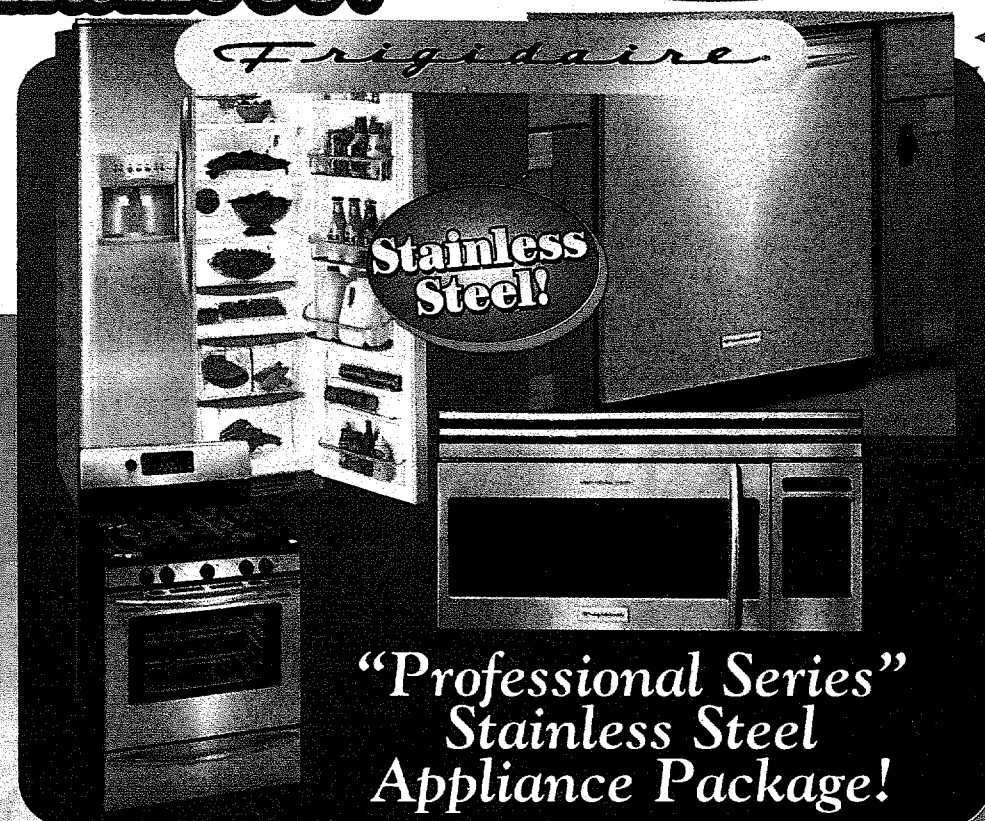
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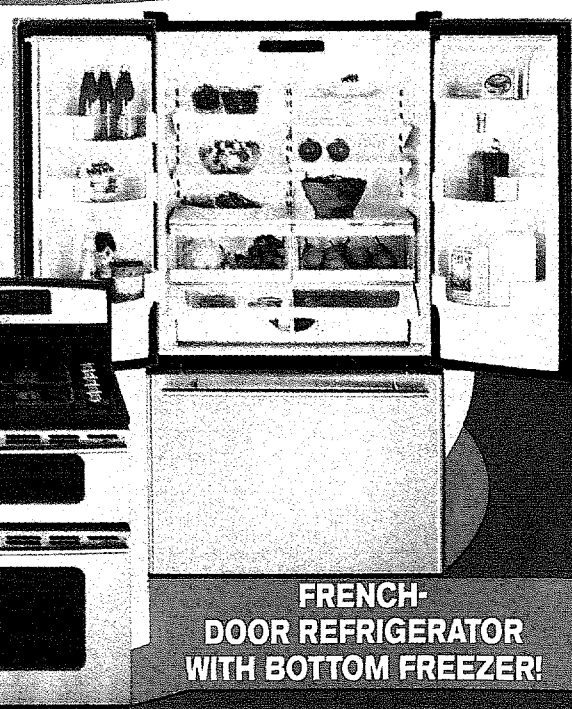
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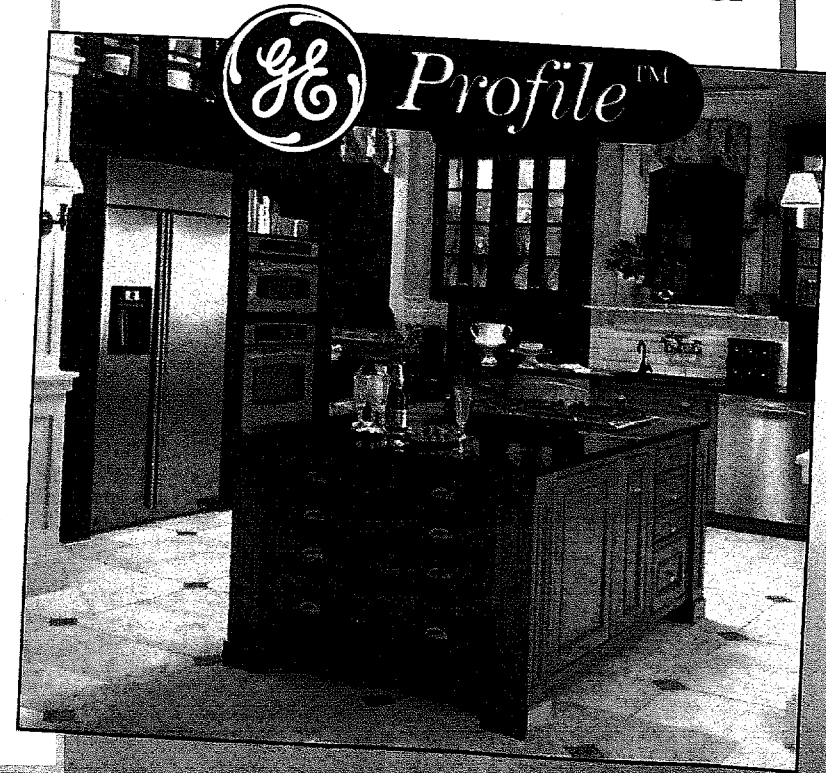
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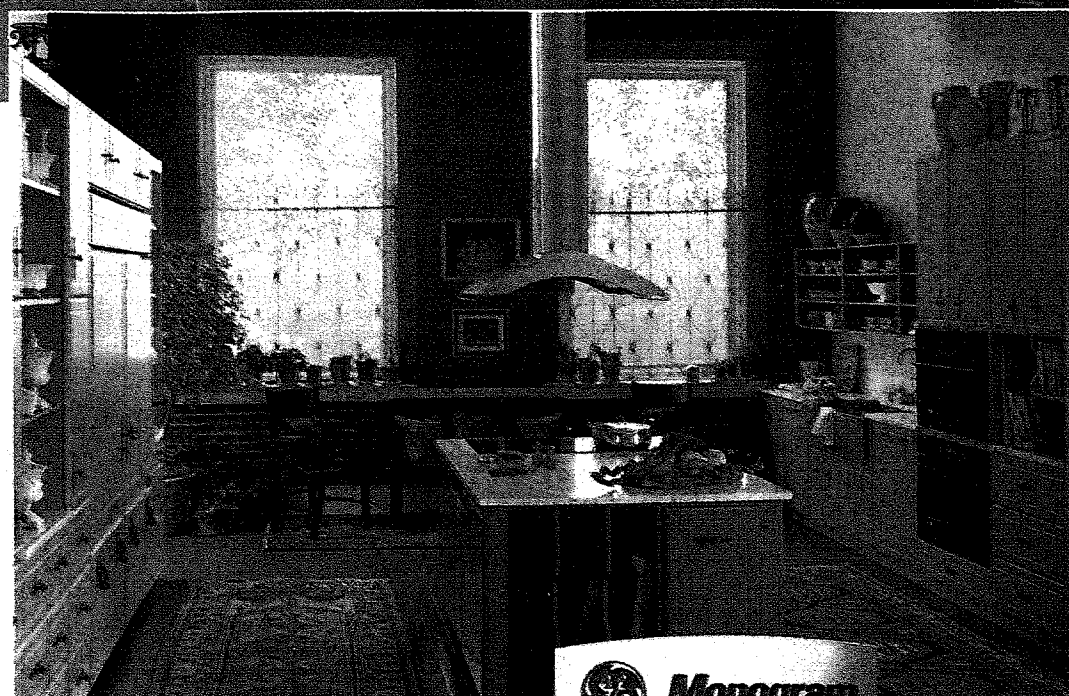


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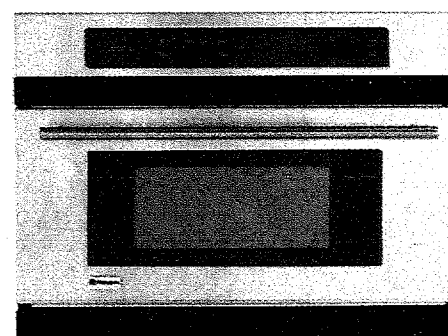
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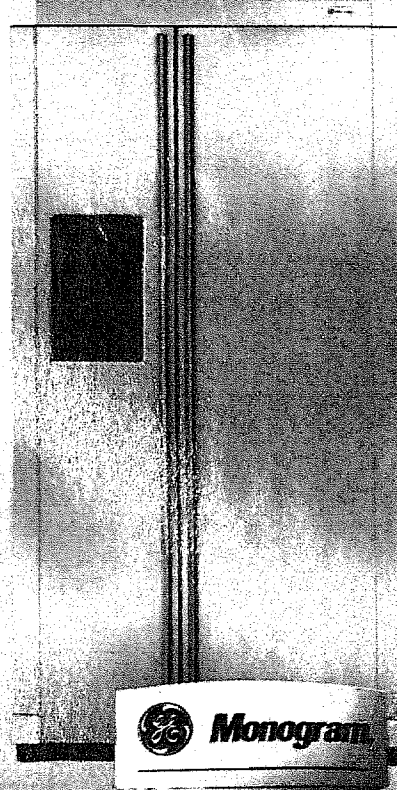
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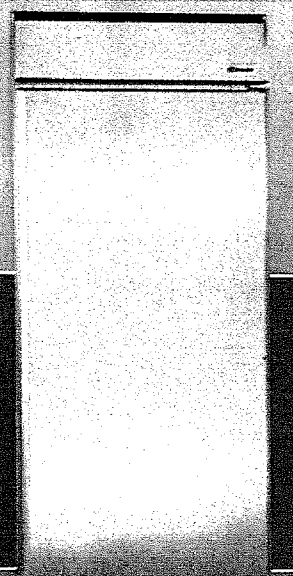
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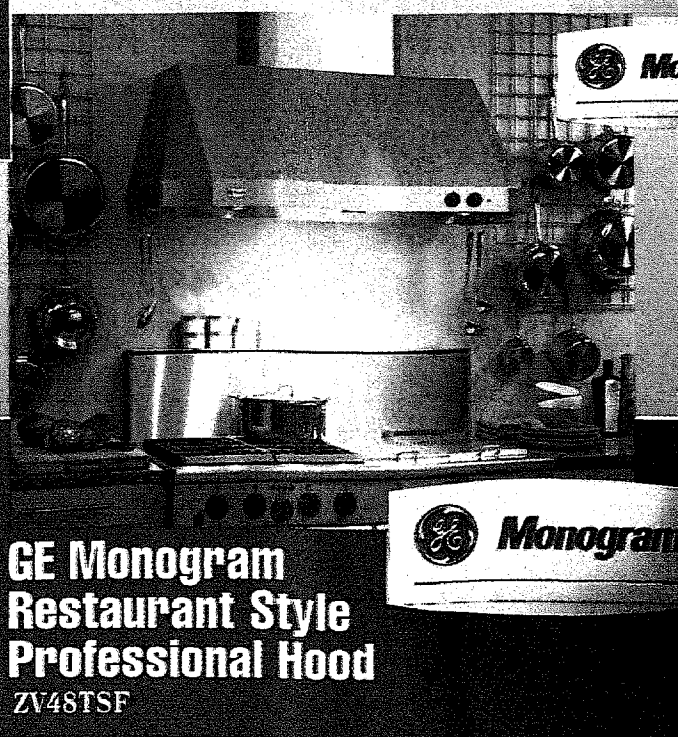
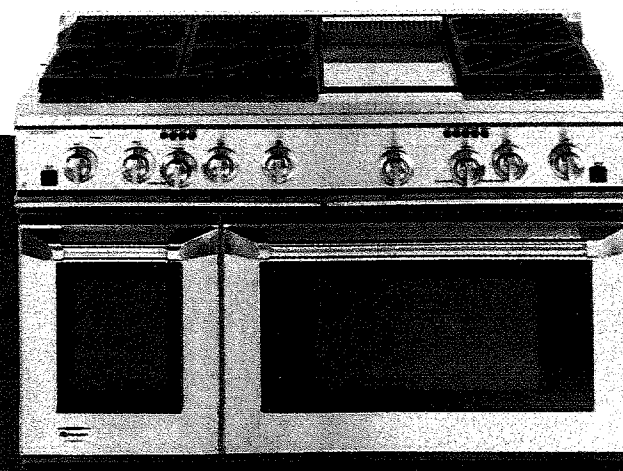
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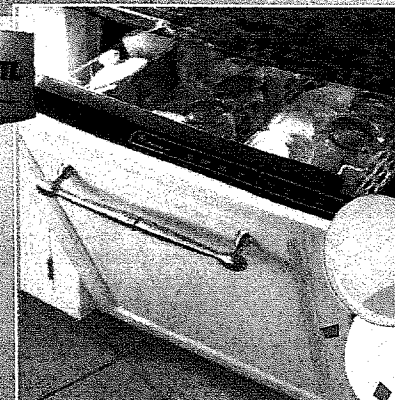


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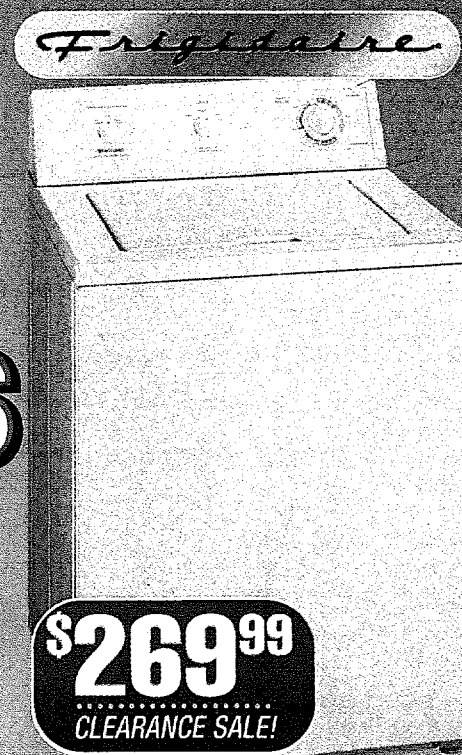
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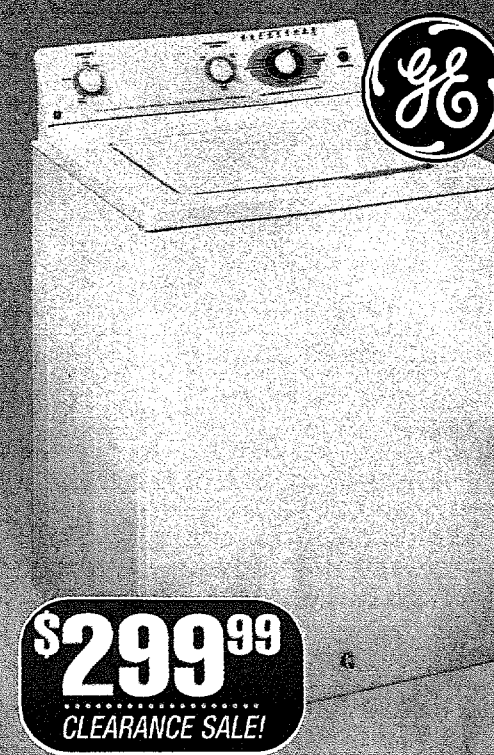
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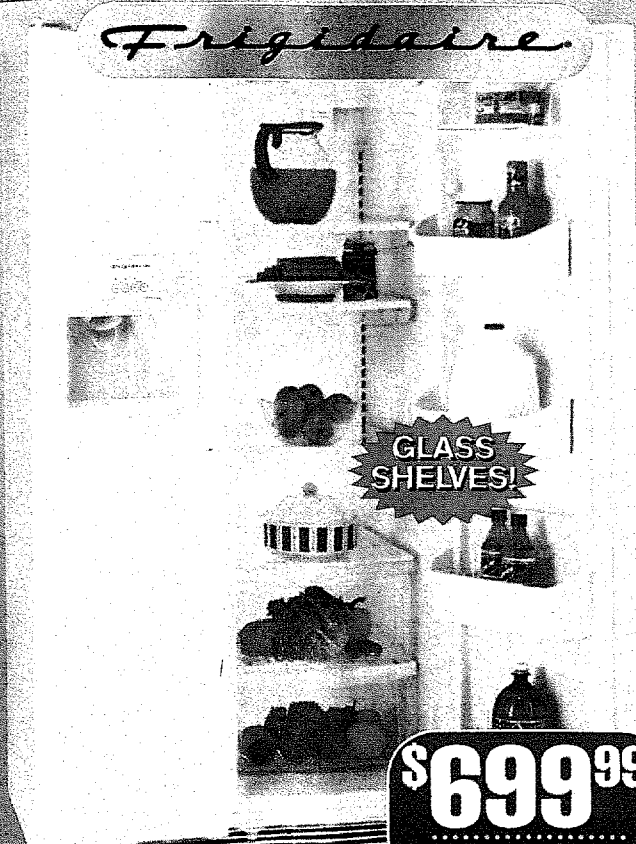
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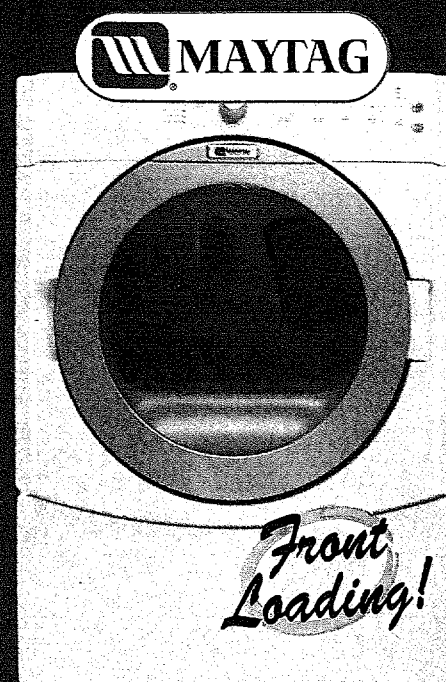


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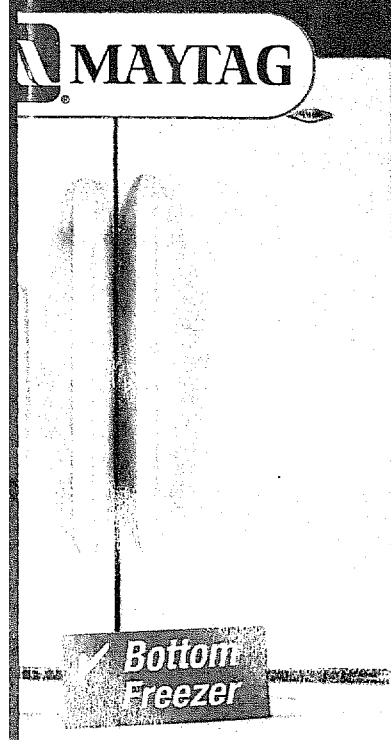
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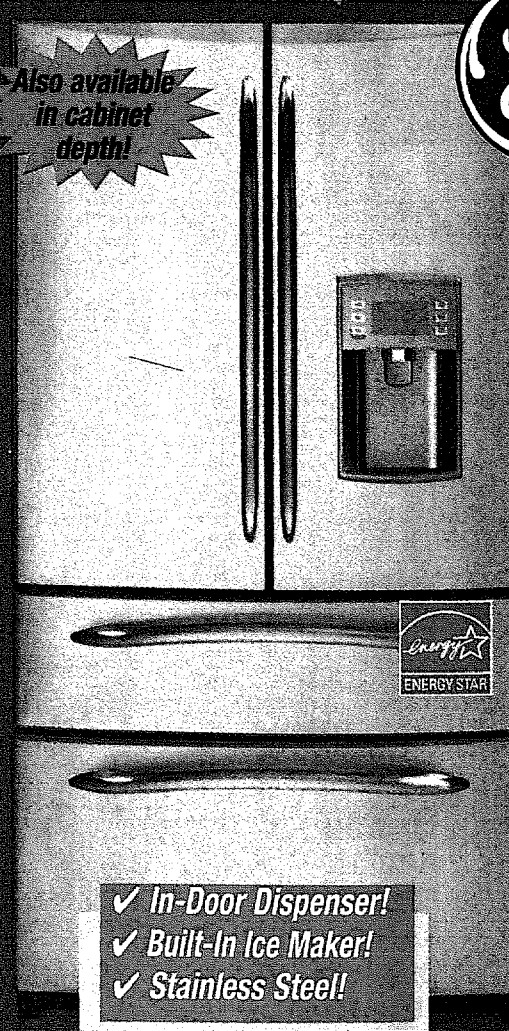


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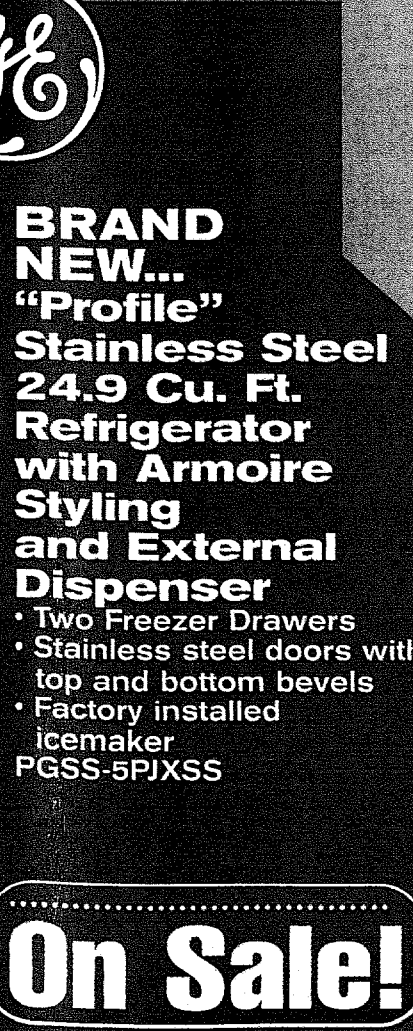


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## Package 1



### SUPER PACKAGE...

APPLIANCES INCLUDE FRIGIDAIRE FEF316  
ELECTRIC RANGE, FDB130R BUILT-IN  
DISHWASHER &  
FRT15 15.0 CU. FT.  
REFRIGERATOR/  
FREEZER

**3 Appliances For..**

**Package \$849<sup>99</sup>**  
**Price!**  
\$ 28.50 \*MONTHLY

## Package 2



### STAINLESS STEEL SUPER PACKAGE...

APPLIANCES INCLUDE FRIGIDAIRE FRT17G5SB  
17.0 CU. FT. REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER,  
FEF336 ELECTRIC RANGE AND FDB1050REC  
BUILT-IN DISHWASHER

\* Gas Range  
Available at  
additional cost

**3 Appliances For..**

**Package \$1299<sup>99</sup>**  
**Price!**  
\$ 43.50 \*MONTHLY

**EXCLUSIVE REBATES!**

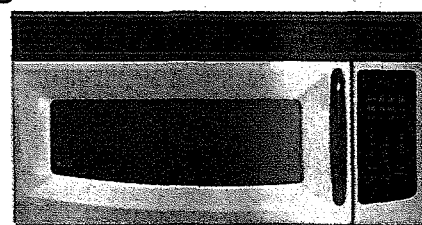
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## Package 3

### 4 PIECE STAINLESS STEEL SUPER PACKAGE....

PACKAGE INCLUDES  
MH1160 OVER-THE-RANGE MICROWAVE OVEN,  
RF263LXTS SMOOTHTOP ELECTRIC RANGE,  
DU930PWS BUILT-IN  
DISHWASHER, AND ED5FVGXSS  
25.0 CU. FT. SIDE-BY-SIDE  
REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER

**On Sale!**



**Stainless Steel!**

## Package 4



### 4 PIECE "CLEAN STEEL" SUPER PACKAGE...

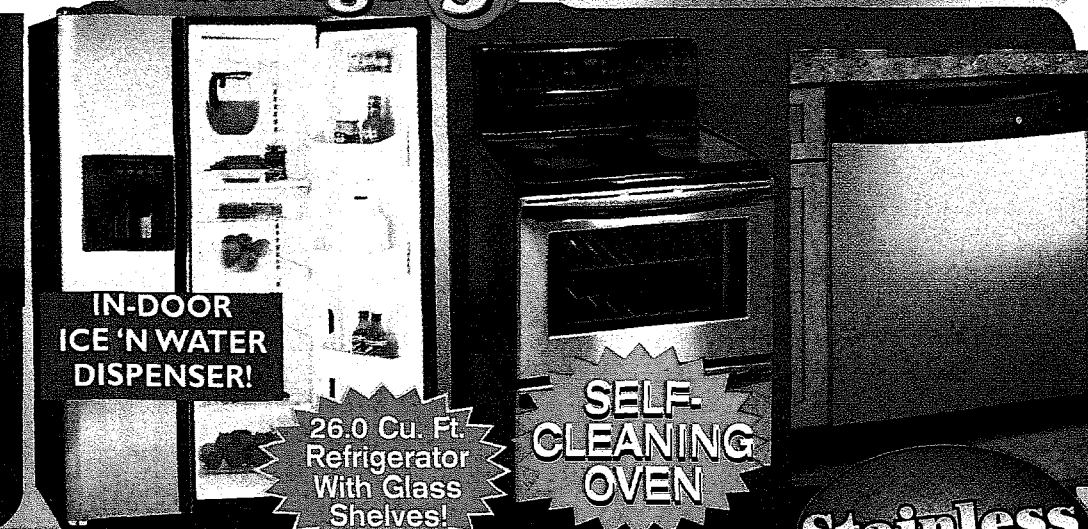
APPLIANCES INCLUDE GENERAL ELECTRIC  
JVM1540LMSS OVER-THE- RANGE MICROWAVE,  
JBP65MKBS SLIDE-IN  
ELECTRIC RANGE, GLD4450NCSS BUILT-IN  
DISHWASHER, AND GTL17JBSS 17.0 CU. FT.  
REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER

\* RANGE AVAILABLE IN GAS AT  
SLIGHTLY HIGHER COST

**4 Appliances For..**

**Package \$1799<sup>99</sup>**  
**Price!**  
\$ 60.00 \*MONTHLY

## Package 5



### 3 PIECE STAINLESS STEEL PACKAGE

APPLIANCES INCLUDE FRIGIDAIRE FEF368GC  
SELF-CLEANING ELECTRIC  
RANGE, FDB1050REC BUILT-IN  
DISHWASHER & FRS6R5ESB 26.0 CU. FT.  
SIDE-BY-SIDE  
REFRIGERATOR/  
FREEZER

\* RANGE AVAILABLE IN  
GAS AT SLIGHTLY  
HIGHER COST

**3 Appliances For..**

**Package \$1999<sup>99</sup>**  
**Price!**  
\$ 67.00 \*MONTHLY

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# Winter Clearance

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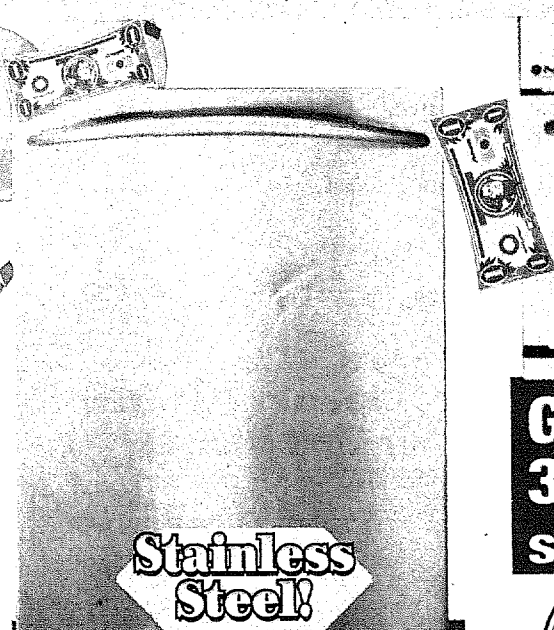
**Design Your Kitchen Around  
Ge Profile Appliances...  
Up to \$635 In Exclusive Rebates,  
Plus Great Financing!**

**Reward Yourself With  
GE Profile Cash  
Back Rebates!**

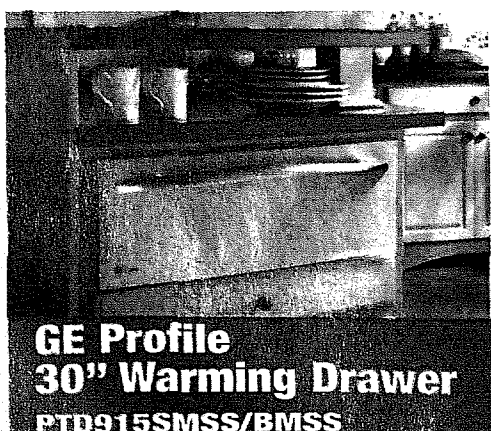
- \$500 Cash Back** when you buy 5 appliances!
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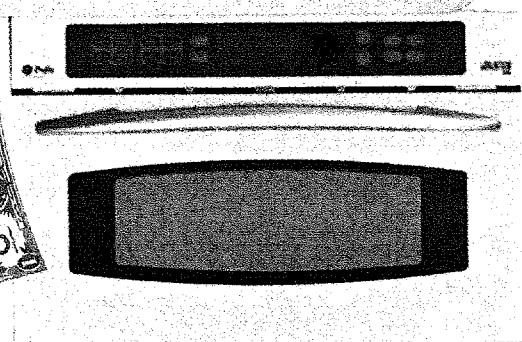
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in BONUS REBATES!**



**GE Profile  
Stainless  
Steel Built-In  
Dishwasher  
with Hidden  
Controls  
PDW9280**



**GE Profile  
30" Warming Drawer  
PTD915SMSS/BMSS**



**GE Profile  
30" Single Oven  
SCB1001SS**



**GE Profile  
30" Single Oven  
PT920SMSS**

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**GE Profile 36" Gas-on  
Glass Cooktop  
JGP970SEKSS**

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**BRAND NEW...  
Just Arrived!  
"Profile"  
Stainless Steel  
Counter-Depth  
21.0 Cu. Ft.  
Refrigerator  
with Armoire  
Styling  
and External  
Dispenser**

- Two Freezer Drawers
- Stainless steel doors with top and bottom bevels
- Factory installed icemaker

**PGSS-1PJXSS**

**GE Profile 24.6 Cu. Ft.  
Counter-Depth  
Side-By-Side Refrigerator/  
Freezer PSC25NST**

**GE Profile™**



**GE Profile  
Stainless Steel  
25.0 Cu. Ft. Bottom Freezer  
with Glass Shelves PFSS5NFWSS**

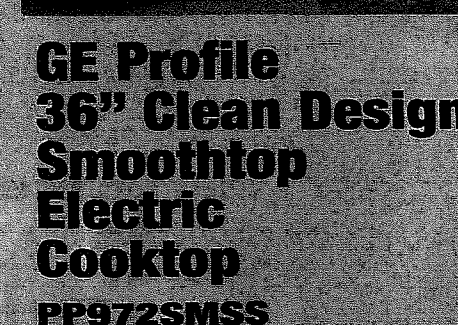
**ALSO AVAILABLE  
IN COUNTER-  
DEPTH STYLE!**

**We're Cookin' Up  
Savings on Ranges!**

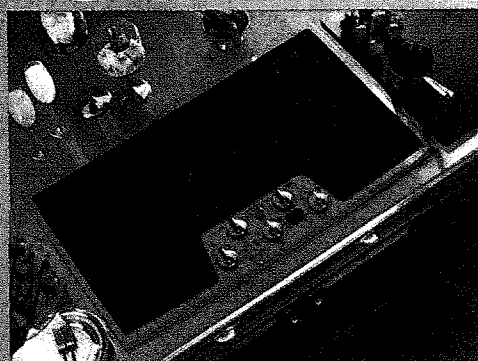


**GE Profile  
30" Slide-in  
Stainless Steel  
Gas Range  
PGS975EMSS**

**GE Profile™**



**GE Profile  
36" Clean Design  
Smoothtop  
Electric  
Cooktop  
PP972SMSS**

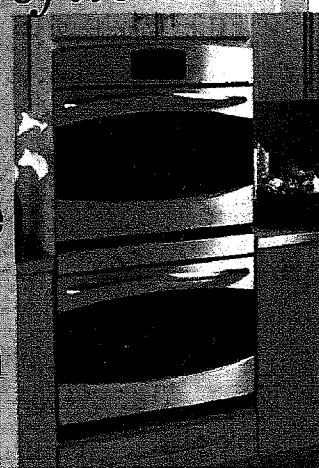


**GE Profile™**



**GE Profile  
30" Smoothtop  
Electric Touch  
Control  
Cooktop  
PP950SMSS**

**GE Profile  
30" Double  
Wall Oven  
with  
Convection  
System  
PT960**



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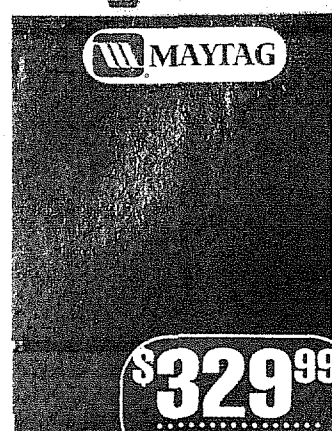
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**12** or **18** or **24**  
MONTHS MONTHS MONTHS

**INTEREST FREE FINANCING!\***

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Expert Installation Available For Your New Dishwasher!



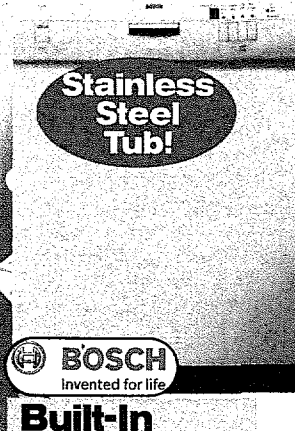
**Built-In Dishwasher**  
MDB3700AWX



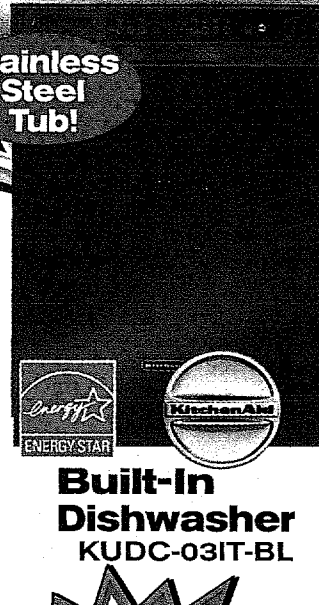
**Tall Tub Design Built-In Dishwasher**  
GLD4400NBB



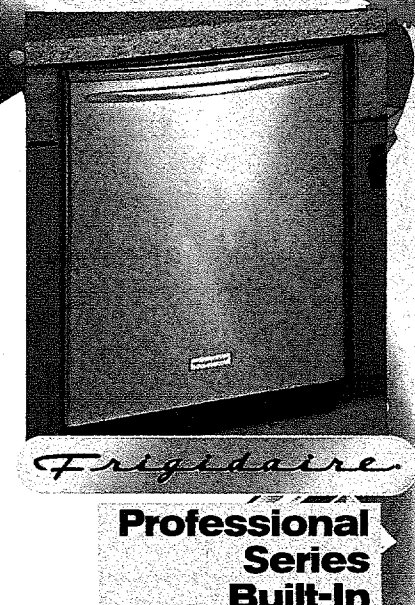
**Built-In Dishwasher**  
4 cycle settings  
DU1100XTPB



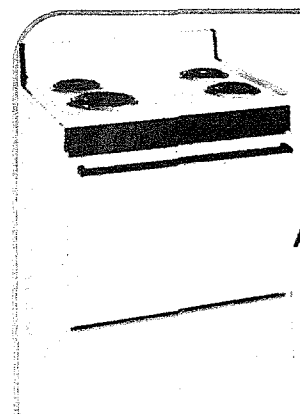
**Built-In "Evolution" Dishwasher**  
SHU33L02UC



**Built-In Dishwasher**  
KUDC-03IT-BL

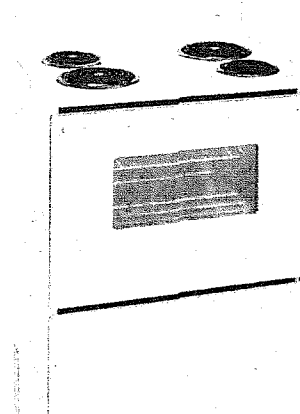


**Professional Series Built-In Dishwasher**  
PLD4375RFC



**30" Electric Range**  
FEF303CW  
Add'l charge for gas model

**\$269.99**  
SUPER SPECIAL!



**Your Choice... Gas or Electric Range**  
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**\$399.99**  
\$14.00 MONTHLY



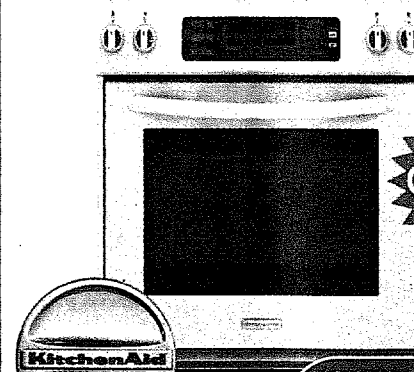
**Super Buy... 30" Self-Cleaning Smoothtop Electric Range**  
JBP62BKWH



**Your Choice... Gas or Electric**  
**\$499.99** each

**Self-Cleaning Smooth Top Electric Range or Gas Range with 4.0 Cu. Ft. Oven**  
MER5751AAW/MGR5751AAW

**Big Savings On All Ranges!**



**Your Choice... KitchenAid Gas or Electric Self-Cleaning Ranges**  
KESS907/KGSS907

**On Sale!**



**Your Choice... Jenn-Air Slide-In Gas or Electric Self-Cleaning Ranges**  
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**On Sale!**



**CONVECTION OVEN!**

**Your Choice... Frigidaire Gas or Electric Self-Cleaning Ranges**  
GLEF389/GLGF386

**On Sale!**



**Your Choice... Gas or Electric Self-Cleaning Ranges**  
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