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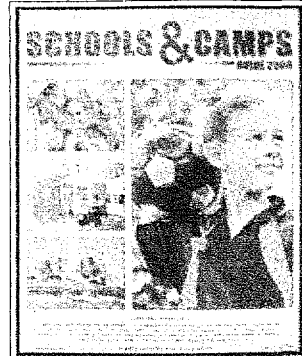
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On this farm there was a chicken
Union students recently received several chicken eggs to hatch as a class project. Page 3

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Schools & Camps 2008

This special publication is intended to provide information to help you pick what Schools or Camps in Essex & Union Counties could be right for your children. See inside.

Men's Club plans trip to Showboat in AC

There will be a trip to the Showboat Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City on March 3.

The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the YM-YWHA, 501 Green Lane, Union. Participants should arrive 30 minutes early.

Food vouchers will be distributed and a box lunch will be provided during the return from Atlantic City. For more information or reservations, contact Bobbi or Max Barth at 908-688-2360 as soon as possible.

League of Women Voters celebrates

The League of Women Voters will celebrate its 88th birthday today with a renewed commitment to help Americans get involved in their democracy in 2008. The LWV's local Union chapter will join the celebration.

For more information about the League of Women Voters, contact Maggie Duncan at 202-263-1332 or visit www.lwv.org.

Offices will be closed

The offices of this newspaper will close Feb. 18 in observance of Presidents Day. Deadlines for the Feb. 21 edition:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news: Friday, noon.
- Letters: Friday, 9 a.m.
- Sports: Friday, noon.
- News: Friday, 5 p.m.
- Legals: Friday, noon.
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Preschool building remains closed

By Toniann Antonelli
Managing Editor

ROSELLE PARK — The school district's new early childhood education program is up and running, but the building that was renovated to house the program remains closed.

The desks, play areas and office spaces remain empty at the John J. Adase Jr. Early Childhood Center on West Webster Avenue, despite two open houses and a roster of students that have enrolled in the district's preschool program.

The problem, officials say, is the lack of a cer-

tificate of occupancy that will allow students and staff members to use the new preschool building.

The early childhood center was supposed to open just after the beginning of the 2007-08 school year, but due to environmental concerns, which officials say have since been addressed, the building has remained empty.

"We're waiting for clearance from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection," School Superintendent Patrick Spagnoletti said. "It's on someone's desk waiting to be signed."

Since September, the early childhood pro-

gram, which is geared toward 4-year-old students, has been housed at Ernest J. Finizio-Aldene Elementary School. Spagnoletti said the program will be moved to the Adase Center when the certificate of occupancy is obtained.

"We anticipate the (certificate of occupancy) letter sometime next week. Once we get the letter, we'll immediately get a CO, and the students/program will immediately move over," Spagnoletti said. The district began renting the facility on July 1, 2007.

"We're paying \$9,000 per month to the owner, John Adase. To date, we've paid

\$54,000," Spagnoletti said. "Mr. Adase approached the Board of Education to explain that in order for him to secure an \$800,000 construction loan for the school, he had to guarantee a revenue stream."

The preschool was named in honor of Adase's late father, John Adase, a longtime borough resident who died in 1991. A sports enthusiast, Adase was active in the school district and local athletic programs. The Adase family purchased the scoreboard that is now used in the high school gymnasium.

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Project still on 'Target'

Stores may open later this year

Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — After some roadblocks, construction of a Target Store and Whole Foods Market has commenced on Springfield Avenue and their doors may be open to customers by the end of the year.

The owners of the property presented their plans to the Union Planning Board two years ago with a proposal to bring the two retailers to the area, which was once home to the former Crescent Golf Range. However, the proposal was initially rejected by the planning board.

Township Committeeman Anthony Terrezza, who was on the Planning Board at the time, agreed that the proposed buildings were too large.

"They were asking for so much square footage and we knew that would have a negative impact on traffic in the area," Terrezza said.

He said that considering how many people come into town on

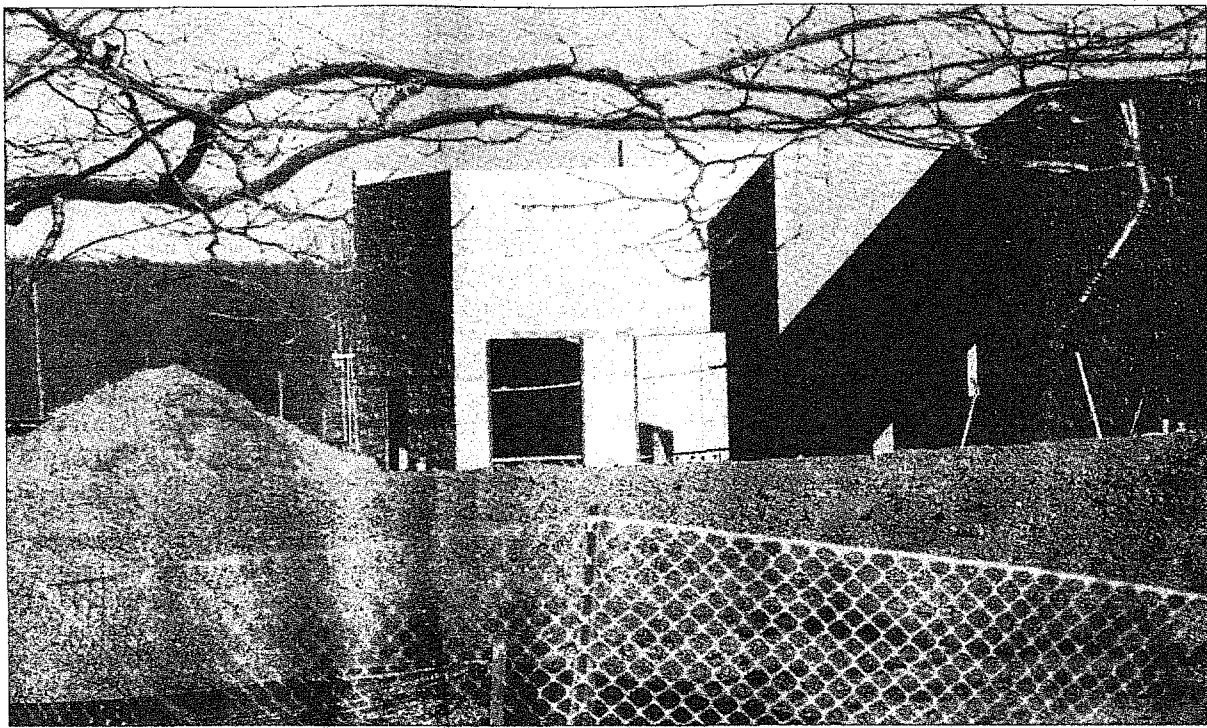


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Construction continues on Springfield Avenue, where a Target Store and a Whole Foods Market are being built at the site of the former Crescent Golf Range.

average during the work week, the population almost triples.

"We do have 55,000 residents in Union but that number jumps to 140,000 during the workdays," he said.

Developers took the matter to court and as a result of a court mandate, the Planning Board was obligated to approve the construction of the two stores.

At the time, the Crescent Golf Range had closed its doors and was slated for demolition.

An accidental fire which erupted there last April paved the way for the Whole Foods Market and Target store to be built.

"The developers came back with improvements to the plan," Terrezza said.

He said the Planning Board agreed with the suggested size of the buildings and developers sweetened the deal by promising to make some improvements to Vauxhall Road and Springfield Avenue.

"Having a Whole Foods there is

good because there isn't a big food store in that area and Target is a Fortune 500 company, so I'm sure it will do well in the area," Terrezza said.

Terrezza said the land currently under construction is zoned for residential and business usage.

"If the Target and Whole Foods wouldn't have been built," Terrezza said, "maybe there would've been condos built there."

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Critics' views differ

Opinions about Compstat vary

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

Editor's note: The following article is part two in a series about the Compstat program.

UNION — Compstat, a crime management tool launched in New York City in 1994 under former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani has been embraced by several police departments throughout the United States but criticized in others.

Recently, the word Compstat has been shrouded in negative commentary in the township of Union, but response to the program varies.

Critics argue that the program provides crime statistics that may not always be interpreted in the correct manner, sometimes leading people to believe crime is high when it is not, or that crime is decreasing, when statistics show an increase in criminal activity.

Statewide, while reported arrests and overall crime have been on the decline, violent crime has increased in many municipalities. The cause of the increase in arrests for weapons and murder among both juveniles and adults has been attributed to an increase in gang presence in several municipalities throughout the state, according to the office of the governor.

In New Jersey, Gov. Jon Corzine has publicly expressed an interest in proliferating the usage of Compstat in police departments throughout the state.

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District will expand programs

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

KENILWORTH — During the Board of Education meeting Monday night, it was announced that both the basic skills and autistic programs will be expanded.

According to the Business Administrator Vincent Gonnella, two classes may be added next year to the self-contained special education programs at Harding Elementary School.

"This will help us avoid paying out-of-district

tuition," Gonnella said.

He also said the addition of a pre-school and classes for autistic children in grades one to three will benefit the students. The projected enrollment per class is two students.

"The small class size will help create a home environment and they will be able to remain within their own district," Superintendent Lloyd Leschuk said.

According to Gonnella, enrollment in the middle school has stabilized following a 37-percent

increase in enrollment during the last several years. In the high school, enrollment has also stabilized with a projected increase of one student for next year.

Board of Education members reviewed salary and staffing projections as they discussed the 2008-09 school budget.

As the expenditure portion of the budget was discussed, Gonnella pointed out that staffing expenditures represent the largest part of the budget.

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Voters forced to wait at polls

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — This year's Primary Election attracted more Democrats than ever to the polls, officials say. The number of voting Democrats was so high that voting authority slips ran out in one local district.

Poll workers at voting district 29 at Union High School, experienced a slip shortage at approximately 6 p.m. Tuesday. A wait for more slips to come in from the Union County Board of Elections office in Elizabeth lasted 20 minutes and according to one voter, it compelled her to leave.

"They told me I couldn't vote because they didn't have the papers you sign your name on," lifelong Union resident Vickie Cioffi said.

Cioffi said she was told to return in an hour while poll workers attempted to solve the problem.

"Some Democrats had to leave without voting, including me," Cioffi said.

Township Committeeman Joseph Florio said he was at the high school when the voting tickets ran out.

"It seems they didn't expect that turnout," Florio said.

Florio added that permission was given by the county clerk to use the Republican slips for approximately 20 minutes while new Democratic voting slips arrived. Union County Board of Elections Deputy Administrator Dennis Kobitz said a slip shortage only occurred in two places and no one waited longer than 20 minutes to vote.

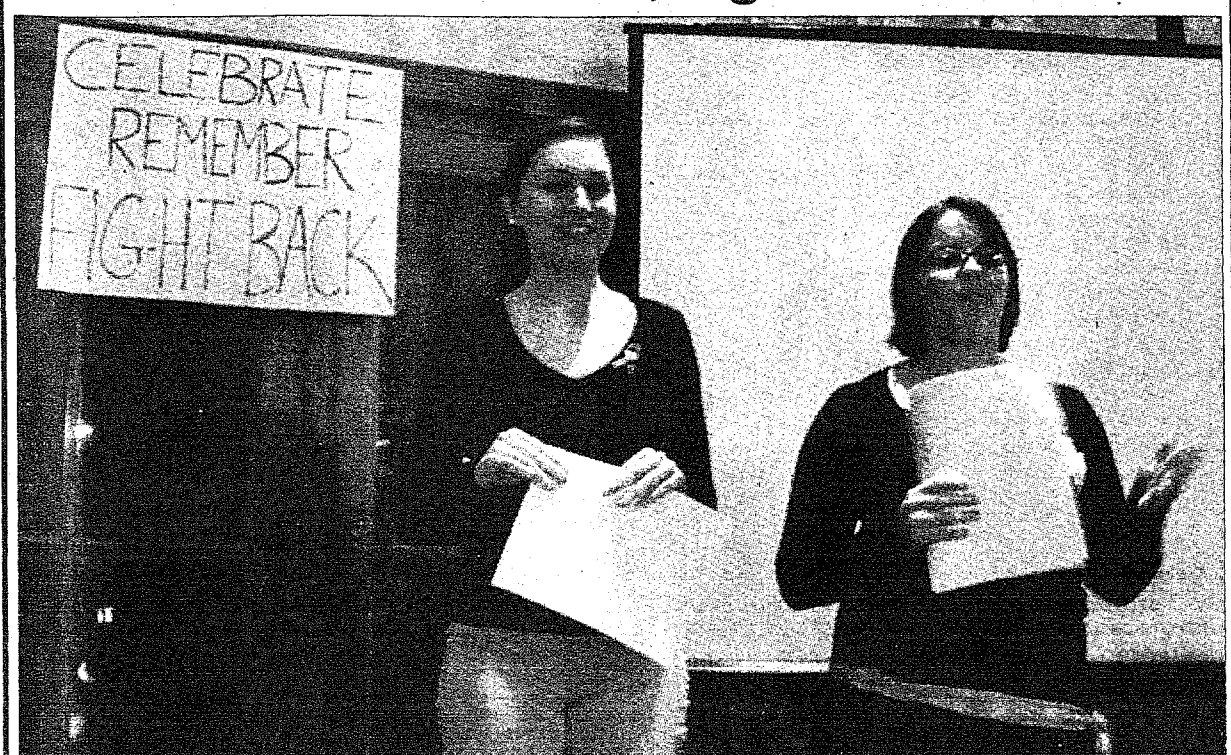
"No one was turned away, there were no long lines and there was no more than a 20-minute wait anywhere," Kobitz said.

He explained that officials at the Board of Elections were notified of the slip shortage when there were only a handful of slips left.

"I will say this, they should've called before there were only two or three slips left," Kobitz said.

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Celebrate, remember, fight back



During a kickoff event at La Casa di Martino in Roselle Park last week, organizers Erica Pimenta and Sarah Costello speak to team leaders and future participants in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The event, which raises funds for cancer programs and research, will take place on June 7-8 at Roselle Park High School.

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Knights of Columbus host free throw contest Event benefits local youth

The Knights of Columbus hosted a Free Throw Contest on Jan. 25 at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County, Roselle Park Club for both boys and girls ages 10 to 14.

This was the Knights of Columbus' second annual contest.

Participation in the event increased 125 percent from, according to officials from the organization.

Winners of the local contest will now compete in the district contest at St. Theresa's Church, which is located on Washington Avenue in Kenilworth.

Winners from the district level will continue on to the regional contest, according to officials.

The Knights of Columbus encourages all parents to attend the events to provide support to the children.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal benefit society that was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families.

Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

The history of the order shows how the foresight of The Rev. Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society.

Knights of Columbus organizations can be found in several communities throughout Union County. They participate in community and school-related events.

The order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 13,000 councils and 1.7 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.

For more information on joining the Knights of Columbus and activities offered, contact Michael Flysta at mikeflysta@hotmail.com or call 908-298-8460.

Officials waiting for certificate of occupancy

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In addition, a monument stands in the grassy area in front of the high school, which is known as John Adase Plaza.

Renovations to the building, formerly a machine shop, were designed by the Musial Group of Mountainside. Spagnoletti said Adase donated more than \$10,000 worth of furniture, cabinetry, appliances, landscaping, and signage, "in recognition of the district's cooperation."

The preschool program at the Adase Center, Spagnoletti said, is tuition-based. Beginning in September of this year, tuition will cost \$300 a month for a half-day program and \$600 a month for a full-day program.

"In consideration of the economic downturn the country is experiencing, we've decided to lower the tuition rate in the hopes that we'll attract more students," the superintendent said.

The program will cost a total of \$3,000 per year for the half-day program and \$6,000 for full-day. There will be year-round programs at the facility, Spagnoletti said.

"To date, we've collected \$36,800 in tuition, fees, before-care, and after-care. We did not hire any additional staff, since the program is running out

of Aldene," Spagnoletti said, adding that the district will not be paying utility costs until the building is occupied. "Therefore, if you apply the revenue against the expenses, it has cost the district, \$17,200."

Tracey Maccia, the district's director of special services, will serve as principal of the Adase Center. Maccia described the school as "an integrated program consisting of general and special education preschoolers."

There are currently 24 preschool students enrolled at the center, 13 are tuition and 12 are preschool disabled. Maccia said the students are being taught through a "creative curriculum" program.

"Creative curriculum has four main goal areas," Spagnoletti said.

The first goal is social/emotional and focuses on teaching children how to develop independence, self-control, self-confidence and routines and to help them learn what it means to work as part of a group.

The second goal involves "increasing children's large muscle skills," Spagnoletti said. This includes exercises geared toward balancing, running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as using the small muscles in their hands to do tasks like buttoning,

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the *Union Leader* to inform residents of various community activities and governmental meetings. Mail event schedules to the *Union Leader*, managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union 07083, or submit them at www.localsource.com/community_calendar.

Today

• The Hillside Community Blood Bank and the Hillside Board of Health in conjunction with The Blood Center of New Jersey will be hosting a blood drive from 3 to 8:30 p.m. in the lower parking lot at the Hillside Municipal Building on the Hillside Avenue side. Donors will receive a free water bottle or a \$15 gas card, as well as a free cholesterol screening.

• The YM-YWHA of Union County will welcome guest speaker Moshe Schreiber, to speak on "Anti-Semitism Around the World Today." This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call Susan at 908-289-8112. Light refreshment will be served.

• The Hillside Board of Health will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Municipal Building.

Upcoming

Feb. 21

• The Roselle Park Borough Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, located on the first floor of the Roselle Park Municipal Building, 110 East Westfield Ave.

Feb. 26

• The Union Township Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Union Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Ave., Union.

• The Kenilworth Borough Council will conduct a work session meeting at 7:30 p.m. at borough hall, 567 Boulevard, Kenilworth.

Feb. 27

• The Kenilworth Borough Council will conduct a regular business meeting at 8 p.m. in council chambers, located on the second floor of borough hall, 567 Boulevard, Kenilworth.

Feb. 28

• The Hillside Board of Education will conduct a regular business meeting at 7 p.m. at A.P. Morris/Early Childhood Center, 143 Coe Ave., Hillside.

March 3

• The Kenilworth Board of Education will conduct a workshop meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the board conference room, located on the first floor of David Brearley High School.

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stringing beads, cutting, drawing and writing.

Students will also learn cognitive skills and thinking skills such as the ability to solve problems, ask questions and think logically, "and to use materials and their imagination to show what they have learned," Spagnoletti said.

The fourth goal in creative curriculum involves language. Students will learn to use words to communicate with others, listen to and participate in conversations with others, understand the purpose of print, recognize letters and words and begin "writing for a purpose."

The superintendent said the district's first preschool program will, over time, "result in savings to the Roselle Park School District and will improve the quality of life, not only for the participants and their families, but for the community as a whole."

"Currently, too many children are in low quality care, and parents have great difficulty finding and paying for good educational experiences for their young children," Spagnoletti said.

High school students interested in pursuing a career in education may also have an opportunity to participate in an internship experience in the pre-

school program. The school may also employ borough residents to serve as paraprofessionals in classes at the Adase Center.

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Author to discuss publishing

The Kenilworth Public Library will host New Jersey author Jack Getze, who will speak about the process of becoming a writer and getting published.

The program will take place on March 11 at 7 p.m. in the library's activity room. This program is free and open to all members of the general public. Because space is limited, preregistration is required and can be done at the library or by calling 908-276-2451.

After starting his career as a 19-year-old copy boy for the *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner*, Getze moved on to the *Los Angeles Times* for nearly a decade, covering financial and economic issues as a staff writer and reporter.

Through the *Los Angeles Times/Washington Post* news syndicate, his work has been published in more than 500 newspapers and periodicals worldwide.

After realizing that newspaper-writing hindered the production of fiction, Getze switched professions and moved to the New Jersey shore where he became a retail bond salesman and stockbroker with several regional securities firms, learning about financial and economic issues from an entirely different perspective.

Austin Carr, Getze's literary alter ego and the protagonist of "Big Numbers," has a definite affinity for all things Mexican, including tequila, tortillas, the Cisco Kid, refried beans, crispy, stringy-beef tacos, live mariachi music, and even the donning of silly sombreros during certain celebrations in May.

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What is the impact of cloned animals in our food supply?

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Collision leads to fatality

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — A fatal accident in which a pedestrian was struck, caused about two hours of traffic congestion last week along Morris Avenue.

The accident and the resulting investigation at the intersection of Morris and Liberty avenues occurred during the evening rush hour on Feb. 7.

At approximately 5:45 p.m., Union resident Carlos Rojas, 35, was struck by a 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer driven by Rahway resident Carmen Urrutia.

According to authorities, the impact caused Rojas to be thrown up into the air and upon landing, Rojas sustained serious head injuries. When police and emergency medical crews arrived, Rojas was unconscious. The victim was immediately rushed to University Hospital in Newark. Rojas died Sunday morning after being listed in serious condition throughout the weekend.

As they conducted their investigation, police closed the street to traffic, causing delays for about two hours. One lane in each direction was closed between Creeger Avenue and Liberty Avenue.

The on-scene investigation revealed that Rojas was not crossing Morris Avenue at the intersection when he was hit by the sport utility vehicle. Rojas reportedly moved recently from Union to Hazelton, Pa.

The investigation is still ongoing and as a result, no charges have been filed at this time.

"No charges have been filed (against Urrutia) at this time," Sgt. Robert Christie of the Traffic Bureau said. "There doesn't appear to be negligence on her part. She just happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time."

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On this farm there was a chicken...



Franklin Elementary School students Ogrreen Pierre, Lee Casseus, Nasim Super and Gabrielle Mora join a farmer from Quiver Farms of Pennsylvania, who brought a grown chicken recently to the school. During the visit, Quiver Farms delivered 12 chicken eggs to Carol Godfrey's kindergarten class and Carol DeAngelis' first grade class at the Union elementary school in Union. The children took care of the eggs until they hatched, then enjoyed caring for the chicks.

Wrestlers plan 'hair-raising' event

Live professional wrestling will be in the Union area on Friday at 7:45 p.m. at the Union Elks Lodge, 281 Chestnut St., for benefit of local Boy Scout Troop 63.

The popular WWE television "legend" Brutus "The Barber" Beefeater will be in town early that day, checking out many of the local barbershops to purchase a brand new pair of sharp oversized scissors, for his Loser Gets A Haircut Match that night. The victim could end up being his opponent in the match, former WWE wrestler Salvatore Sincere, who must come up with a win to prevent the in-ring embarrassment of losing his hair.

A number of other wrestling stars will be in Union as well, including former WWE and WCW wrestler, "The Patriot," who will be part of a six-man tag-team grudge match along with "Indian Brave Draven" and a mystery partner, against the evil "Baghdad Bullies," Saddam Insane

and T.N.T. as well as one-time ECW brawler, "The Equalizer." Also scheduled to appear are the Q-T Pies, Myke "G.Q." Quest and Rhett Titun. Another local standout will be getting some coveted ring time to showcase his talent, Fred "Bonecrusher" Sampson, who has already had many matches at Madison Square Garden for the WWE.

Tickets can be purchased at the following locations in Union: Napoli Italian Deli & Catering, 336 Chestnut St.; Main Street Barber Shop, 956-A Stuyvesant Ave. and Proud Papa's Pizza, 470 Chestnut St. Tickets can also be purchased at the following Kenilworth locations: Kenilworth Diner, 614 Boulevard; Dollar Center Plus, Boulevard and Michigan Avenue. In Cranford, tickets can be purchased at Pads, Paws & Claws, 25 North Ave. In Roselle Park, tickets will be sold at Crystalz Barber Shop, 13 West Westfield Ave.

Jersey honors Brearley student

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — As a result of her innate drive and notable contributions, David Brearley High School student, Amber Cox, has won a state honor as well as the admiration of her peers and elders.

The high school junior was named the state Board of Education Student of the Month for February at the Board of Education meeting Monday night. Assistant Principal Brian Luciani and Superintendent Lloyd M. Leschuk presented the award as board members congratulated the student. Cox, who was accompanied by family members during the meeting, said she was deeply "humbled and honored" by the award.

Cox was recognized for her involvement in a variety of extracurricular activities as well as her academic achievements. While maintaining a high grade point average, Cox is also the vice president of the student council.

She participates in track and cross country, is a varsity cheerleader, captain of the school's color guard and a Girl Scout.

When she's not splitting her time among those activities, Amber participates in the school's REBEL — Reaching Everyone by Exposing Lies — program, a statewide anti-tobacco campaign. As part of the REBEL program, Cox is senior editor of REBEL magazine, a publication which seeks to educate youth about the negative effects of tobacco usage.

"Amber has demonstrated outstanding traits as a student, an athlete, a leader and a humanitarian," Principal Charles Capello said. "She is energetic, hardworking and a pleasure to have at our school."

State Board of Education President Ronald K. Butcher said Cox's dedication and motivation made her an excellent choice for Student of the Month.

"She is precisely the type of leader



Amber Cox

and scholar that the state Board of Education is proud to recognize," Butcher said.

Education Commissioner Lucille E. Davy said Cox's compassion and consistent involvement in school activities makes her a positive role model for her peers.

"She is passionate about her beliefs and her studies," Davy said. "I am impressed by her work with REBEL, and I'm impressed that she is enrolled in honors courses across the board."

When asked about her busy schedule, Cox said she didn't mind it at all.

"I feel like I'm just one of those people that have to be constantly busy," the student said.

Her mother, Marie, was ecstatic and deeply proud of her daughter's achievements.

"We are very honored and very blessed for this," Marie said.

Cox is currently looking forward to college and hopes to one day become a chemical engineer.

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Traffic stop leads to arrest, drug charges in Roselle Park

Roselle Park

A traffic stop led to the arrest of a Linden man on outstanding warrants and numerous drug charges on Feb. 6 at 8:57 p.m.

While on patrol in the area of West Westfield Avenue and Locust Street, Patrolman Hussam Assad observed a white Cadillac Deville, traveling without taillights.

Assad observed the front seat passenger, later identified as Daquan A. Capers, 27, of Blanke Street, quickly bend down and reach under the seat area. Assad also noticed that the suspect's shoes were untied.

An investigation revealed that Capers was wanted on active Newark Municipal Court traffic warrants.

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Capers was subsequently placed under arrest in the process, was also found to be in possession of suspected marijuana, rock cocaine and a large amount of small plastic bags that were hidden inside his socks. Capers was also in possession of several hundred dollars in cash.

The driver of the car was issued a summons for driving without headlights, and released at scene.

Capers was charged with failure to wear seatbelt, possession of cocaine, possession of less than half an ounce of cocaine with the intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school, posses-

sion of less than 50 grams of marijuana after possession of drug paraphernalia. Capers was transported to Union County Jail in Elizabeth in lieu of \$45,000 bail, pending his first appearance in Union County Superior Court.

Union

An accident on the 1200-block of West Chestnut Street resulted in an injury Monday at 7:47 p.m.

One person involved in the accident was complaining of neck and back pain and was transported to Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston. A summons was issued for careless driving.

A parked vehicle was struck Monday at 3:30 p.m. by another vehicle and the two men in the moving vehicle

were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

James J. Conway and Mark J. Conway of Elizabeth were arrested for possession of suspected drug paraphernalia after they were captured. Both men had fled the scene of the accident at Caldwell Avenue and Vauxhall Road and are believed to have been involved in a separate incident which took place at Morrison and Stuyvesant avenues.

Fred Geraci, 29, of Elizabeth was arrested for the alleged attempted burglary of a home on the 1100-block of Erhardt Street Saturday.

Geraci reportedly attempted to take a flat screen television set, a laptop and clothes, all of which were left

behind as the suspect fled.

Geraci was found to have active crime warrants out of South Orange and active traffic warrants in Denville and Maplewood.

Two Linden residents were arrested at the 1600-block of Stuyvesant Avenue Saturday night in connection with possession of controlled dangerous substances. Kelly Renda, 45, and Timothy McBrien, 40, were originally stopped on an issued a summons for operating a vehicle without a seatbelt and having suspected controlled dangerous substances in a motor vehicle.

Renda was found to have an active traffic warrant out of Union and Irvington and McBrien had active crime warrants from Newark and Irvington.

Kenilworth

A motor vehicle accident ended in an arrest Friday at 4:45 p.m. at Michigan Avenue and the Boulevard.

Elizabeth resident Raymond Hernandez was arrested after he was found to have active traffic and crime warrants out of Elizabeth. The Elizabeth Police Department was notified.

A resident called police after dogs attacked one resident Saturday afternoon in the area of Arthur Terrace and Newark Avenue.

The individual who was bitten was later transported to the Overlook Hospital's Union campus.

The dogs were later captured and quarantined and the Health Department was notified of the incident.

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EDITORIALS

Hail to the chief

Monday is Presidents Day, when all presidents who have helped lead our nation are commemorated for their service and accomplishments.

Originally celebrated on Feb. 22, George Washington's birthday, the Uniform Holidays Bill of 1968 shifted this holiday to the third Monday in February.

Although still officially called Washington's Birthday, all of the presidents of the United States are celebrated as well, hence the reason this day is unofficially known as Presidents Day.

Our nation has made many remarkable accomplishments since the Declaration of Independence was composed in 1776, including leading the world through the industrial revolution and walking on the moon. But it is extremely important to remember from where our nation sprang.

Originally, the United States was a group of colonies that broke away from England for the purpose of achieving freedoms denied to most except for a certain privileged class. The American Revolution propelled some to the forefront, men such as George Washington, who proved himself a general on the battlefield and commander in chief before the eyes of the world.

If he faltered, our nation might have collapsed under the weight of internal and external struggles. However, he proved himself in both the wisdom of his actions and in stepping down from the presidency after two terms of office, establishing ours as a nation ruled not by one man or family but governed by the common man.

Presidents such as Washington and Abraham Lincoln proved ours was a nation which could survive the trials of war. By the same token, these men, and others such as Andrew Jackson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan, demonstrated that ours was a nation devoted to peace and prosperity as well, as they expanded our nation and defined its place in the world. Just as the legislative branch writes laws and the judicial branch interprets them, the executive branch enforces laws written by the common man for the common man.

On Presidents Day, we need to remember, especially in an election year, that these were common men who were asked to do something decidedly uncommon.

That, for more than 200 years since our nation's founding, the United States still waves the flags of freedom and liberty is a testament to these men and a system of government that clearly works.

Proof will be in pudding for new Jail Director

The hiring last week of Brian P. Riordan as the new jail director for the Union County Jail is hopefully another step to a more secure and corruption-free facility.

Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow made extensive changes to the security at the jail after the escape of Otis Blunt and Jose Espinosa. That part was relatively easy because the warts were blatantly showing.

Romankow found several security deficiencies at the Elizabeth facility including negligent corrections officers, video surveillance malfunctions and sub-par building standards. Since the escape, several correctional officers have been disciplined or fired.

Now, the hard part comes as the jail and the county need to turn the page and turn the revisions into success at the facility.

Riordan does have very good credentials as warden of Anna M. Kross Center, a part of Rikers Island Jail facility in New York City. The jail is the largest in New York state and the center, where Riordan was the warden, has the most diverse inmate population at the Rikers facility.

The center holds more than 3,000 inmates in 68 housing areas on more than 45 acres.

"Brian's experience speaks for itself," said Union County Manager George W. Devaney. "In New York City, he commanded the largest operating facility in the City's Corrections Department at Rikers, with the largest inmate population. He has worked his way through the ranks during a 21-year career and established an outstanding record of achievement."

So that additional escapes do not take place, Riordan plans on having inmates roused during night time checks and their cells will be subject to random inspections.

The hiring of Riordan is a financial wash for the county taxpayers as the new warden will earn a salary of \$115,000 a year while his predecessor, Frank Crose, earned \$112,915 in 2007.

But the hope of Union County residents and officials is that Riordan will lead the jail with less problems, and have a goal of being escape-free during his tenure. The proof, will be, as they say, in the pudding.



A LEARNING EXPERIENCE — Architect Paul Auguste of the Manhattan firm Skidmore, Owings and Merrill shows Roselle Park students from Frank Saccente's technical drawing class a concept model for a Four Seasons hotel in Bahrain. The class visited the Wall Street office during a recent field trip. SOM is the principal firm involved in the design of the Freedom Tower at Ground Zero in Manhattan.

Corzine's road show may be prep for future races

Editor's note: The following column is part one of a series about Gov. Jon Corzine's town hall meetings.

I have attended four of Gov. Jon Corzine's town hall meetings. Two early last year when he was alerting everyone of a huge budget gap in preparation for his sales tax solution. Two more this year when the budget gap got bigger and the new solution was toll hikes.

Never have I known a governor taken to touring so passionately or more open to the electorate. Why? Because if John McCain wins the presidential election this year and Corzine gets reelected in 2009, then 2012 is shaping up as his year to run for president on the strength of his "no" vote on the Iraq war and the New Jersey "miracle" he's hoping to conjure up.

To be ready, he needs to get a combination of stage time to hone his public speaking skills, a toupee, and a plan to get New Jersey out of debt. He seems to be working on his talking points and I'm noticing the beginnings

Seems To Me

By John Bury

of a comb-over, but that plan for New Jersey solvency is looking a little strained.

My first meeting was at Montclair State University last year, when Gov. Corzine was introducing his budget and pointing out all these liabilities that had to be faced. He presented the problems as he saw them and fielded some lightweight questions in a festive atmosphere full of standing ovations as a grateful public fawned. McGreevey and Whitman never hit the road. You have to go back to Florio, who had his own presidential ambitions, to find a governor so eager to do stand-up.

Then there was a meeting at Union

town hall a few weeks later where people were standing, but primarily due to a lack of available seating. The questions were more gripes and ran on as people wanted to show off.

This year, Corzine's handlers tuned up the act and moved on to bigger venues. They were looking to sell an unpopular toll hike and had to expect overflow crowds. Learning from past mistakes, they stretched the opening slide show to about 45 minutes and appeared to have plants in the crowd to shout things like "ask a question," if someone on the microphone decided to recite his own version of the Gettysburg Address.

These meetings are free and open to the public that gets there early. They tell you to sign up, but anyone who gets there before the room is full just puts down any name and address, is given a "Save Our State" folder consisting of the last "state of the state" speech, and finds a seat. If you want to ask a question, you should get near the aisle no more than 20 feet from one of the two microphones.

Once the words "I'll be happy to take your questions," are uttered there's a mad dash of gadflies to the flame.

The governor is a busy man, what with affairs of state and union rallies to attend to, so these meetings are timed like a soccer match. You get your 90 minutes with some stoppage of time added if one side has a scoring chance.

There's very little reporting on the actual questions. Most stories I've seen rehash the slide show and, if they mention audience comments at all, usually regard a heckler. The questions, and more importantly the answers, are given short shrift in regular reportage.

So, as partial remedy, in my next piece I'll concentrate on one questioner — me, the question asked on the state pension, what I handed to the governor and the banter I had prepared but never got to use.

John Bury is a resident of Kenilworth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Show your love on Valentine's Day

To the Editor:

Everyone knows that Valentine's Day is that day of the year when friends and lovers express affection for one another through cards, candy, flower or whatever means the imagination can find. On this day it would be most appropriate for us, as veterans, to wine and dine that special lady in our lives. A simple card would express your heartfelt feelings and show her that you care.

We must remember when we, as veterans, were away, there was a special someone we were longing to get home and see. There could be no better time than Valentine's Day to give that special lady a big hug, a warm embrace and shower her gifts to show here that she was the one. Remember, sharing is caring.

Edward J. Miller
VFW Post 2230
Kenilworth

Keep your eyes on the sky

To the Editor:

Are you prepared for the terror from space? No, it isn't an alien invasion but something much more potentially deadly, and real.

A short while ago I read an article in *The Star-Ledger* about a de-activated United States spy satellite that was expected to fall to earth sometime in February or March. I found it odd that this was on page 11 instead of the front page, but I guess they didn't want to panic anyone, like I hope I'm not doing to you now.

The problem is that they are not sure exactly where the thing is going to land. It weighs 20,000 pounds and is the size of a bus. Not something I'd want crashing into my backyard. They can't shoot it down because the satellite apparently contains something that would contaminate a populated area.

The good news is that our planet is mostly water and when the bus-sized visitor comes roaring into our atmosphere, it will probably land in the ocean. The bad news is that it might not. After this fascinating revelation, the story was quietly and quickly forgotten. Uh-hh — shouldn't we be a little concerned about this? By any chance, does the spy missile have a warhead? Is it atomic or something? Maybe the reason for the silence is the government's embarrassment that it's a spy satellite and we are not supposed to be spying on our enemies; they might be offended. What if, upon re-entry, the wayward satellite comes into contact with an airplane? This could be a catastrophe waiting to happen and I think the authorities should be preparing us for it, not to release a fantastic story and then not follow up on it!

Watch the skies, Keep looking. Keep watching the skies!

Richard Lime
Union

Red Cross looks at 2007 success

To the Editor:

The past six months have been incredibly busy for the Tri-County Red Cross, with more house fires and other disasters than in previous years. Because of the generous financial support of our local donors and the hard work of our disaster

volunteers we have been able to answer the call every time, and be ready to provide disaster relief for the 500,000 residents of our 22 communities.

At the Tri-County Red Cross we see it as our mission to partner our financial supporters with volunteers so the community can be ready when the unthinkable strikes. We receive no government money, and rely on local residents and businesses to give our volunteers the resources and support they need to take care of our neighbors and friends. Please contribute today to restore our disaster fund to optimal levels. Perhaps you read about the Odami family who lost their home of a half century on the weekend before Christmas, with four generations having nowhere to stay for the holidays. Disaster volunteers Frank D'Amore of North Plainfield and Terri Esposito of South Plainfield provided them with rooms in a hotel beyond Christmas, and clothing and food as they worked to get their family back on its feet.

Or you may have heard about the 12 families who lost their homes in an apartment fire on New Years Eve, standing in the cold not wondering where they would watch the ball drop but if they had somewhere to sleep. Our volunteers — Terri Esposito of South Plainfield, Mike Prasad of Fanwood and Betty Wormley of Plainfield gave up their planned celebrations to go there and provide shelter and food for 22 adults and 14 children. 2007-2008 has been a year of higher than average activity. Please help today. Since July we have already spent \$50,000 in direct aid to more than 200 disaster victims, including 83 children, because of increased activity. That number is about 66 percent of our entire disaster relief we provided in 2006-7. We have now entered the busiest months of the year for house fires and then will move into flooding season, so we expect to have a lot more activity in the coming months.

I'm very proud of our disaster volunteers, who give up sleep, holidays and family dinners to go help complete strangers. But they cannot do their work without your generous support, and so I am asking you to make a generous contribution today. Your support of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more will restore our disaster fund to appropriate levels and ensure that we have the resources we need to be there no matter where or when disaster strikes. Your contribution stays in our chapter and helps local residents in need. Please contribute online today at www.tricountyredcross.org/donate.aspx

I hope we can count on your support to help our Tri-County Red Cross volunteers be there for disaster victims throughout our community.

Nathan Rudy
Executive Director
Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross

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Kean panel to discuss Darfur

Kean University will host an international human rights conference entitled "Darfur: the First Genocide of the 21st Century" on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Wilkins Theatre on the Union campus.

Nicholas D. Kristof, two-time Pulitzer prize-winning journalist and *The New York Times* columnist, will deliver the keynote address at the conference, which is designed to better enhance education about the genocide in Darfur for both the general public and for teachers in particular.

Kristof has covered the conflict in Sudan extensively and won the coveted Pulitzer prize for commentary in 2006 "for his graphic, deeply reported columns that, at personal risk, focused attention on genocide in Darfur and that gave voice to the voiceless in other parts of the world."

"Our university is committed to raising awareness about what is taking place in this neglected region of the world, where to date more than 400,000 lives have been lost," Kean University President Dawood Farahi said.

The conference will feature a day-long series of lectures and panel discussions on various aspects of the Darfur conflict, including tracing the origins of the conflict, its human toll and possible solutions. Each speaker will bring a specific perspective on the genocide. The speakers will include:

- Nicholas D. Kristof, the keynote speaker, who continues to write op-ed columns for *The New York Times* and previously served as associate managing editor, responsible for the Sunday Times. He and his wife Sheryl WuDunn, also a journalist for *The New York Times*, won a Pulitzer prize in 1990 for their coverage of China's Tiananmen Square democracy movement.

- Professor Harry Reicher, a visiting scholar at Kean University, who holds graduate law degrees from the University of Melbourne and Harvard Law School. He was the director of International Affairs and Representative to the United Nations of Agudath Israel World Organization, practicing international law and diplomacy in the field of human rights.

- Dr. Jerry Ehrlich is a board-certified pediatrician in Cherry Hill. His volunteer work for Doctors Without Borders took him on three missions to Sri Lanka and one to Darfur. He delivered crayons and drawing paper to the children of Darfur and smuggled out of Sudan more than 150 drawings done by children ages 8 to 11. A sampling of these drawings will be on display.

- Simon Deng, a native of the Shiluk Kingdom in Southern Sudan. He was abducted, sold as a child slave and endured three years of captivity. He is now a United States citizen and addresses audiences worldwide on the atrocities of Darfur.

- Jerry Fowler is the William E. Podich Distinguished Visiting Professor at Claremont McKenna College and a visiting scholar at the school's Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights. He is on leave from his position as staff director of the Committee on Conscience at the United States Holocaust Museum.

Darfur, an area about the size of Texas, lies in western Sudan. It borders Libya, Chad and the Central African Republic.

The genocide that began in February, 2003 traces its roots to decades of drought, oppression, and overpopulation. In addition to approximately 400,000 victims, genocide has forced more than 2 million people to flee their homes.

The Darfur conference is free and open to the public. However, advanced registration is required at www.kean.edu/darfurconference.



Schering-Plough Corp. scientist Stuart A. Cox talks about scientific testing during a visit to Joanne Carbotti's class at Roselle Park Middle School.

Scientist brings 'ELISA' to RPMS

Stuart A. Cox, a scientist at Schering-Plough Corp. in Union, made a special visit to Joanne Carbotti's eighth grade class at Roselle Park Middle School, where he gave his daughter Haley and her classmates a close-up look at how scientific testing is done in the "real world."

Cox, who's official title at Schering is "senior scientist" in biological and sterile products development, brought in a microplate reader and demonstrated an "ELISA" assay. The Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay, or ELISA, is a biochemical technique used mainly in immunology to detect the presence of an antibody or an antigen in a sample.

The ELISA has been used as a diagnostic tool in medicine and plant pathology, as well as a quality check in various industries. The microplate reader attaches to a laptop computer and then computes information through graphs about cells.

"This information, in the past, would take three days to complete, but is now accomplished in 20 minutes because of the microplate reader," according to Cox.

The demonstration showed students first-hand, how scientists conduct scientific testing and the importance of technology in their research. After the talk, students were able to ask Cox questions about various topics in science such as patenting medication, cloning, stem cell research and other topics.

"We can study science in school all day, but even this group of talented and gifted eighth-graders are proof of how vital it is to bring real world applications into the classroom. They were a captivated audience with Mr. Cox, and their questions for him at the end of his presentation showed me that this was a great learning experience for them, and that was exactly the goal," Carbotti said.

Compstat program draws criticism

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"Today, we stand together as citizens of New Jersey to fight back against the gangs and violence that threaten to dominate our streets and neighborhoods," Corzine said in a press conference in October, during which he spoke out about crime management.

It was revealed that the state plans to encourage and assist in a shift toward the use of intelligence-led policing within law enforcement agencies.

One Compstat critic, University of Chicago economist Steven Levitt, said he believes the contributions to a decrease in crime in New York, in particular, were minor and the implementation of the program occurred at the same time as various anti-crime campaigns and the instatement of welfare programs.

He argues therefore, that Compstat may not have been the real driving force behind a marked decrease in crime in the city.

Jose Cordero, former East Orange Police Director and newly appointed statewide director of gangs, guns and violent crime, said Compstat is not flawed, and that it is a viable method of crime prevention.

He said Compstat is an important crime-fighting framework established on four main parts: intelligence, effective tactics, rapid deployment, and relentless follow-up and assessment.

"Compstat doesn't cause people to do more stops," Cordero said. "It is a framework to get to know the problems of the city you serve and get to know them well."

Members of the Policeman's Benevolent Association, Local 69 of Union, say they don't necessarily dislike Compstat, but rather township Business Administrator Frank Bradley's "version of Compstat."

It has been brought to the attention of the Township Committee on several occasions, by members of the local PBA, that the weekly Compstat meetings have become a time for Bradley to pressure officers to meet motor vehicle stop quotas.

During a Township Committee meeting last week, PBA Local 69 state delegate, Detective Bill Fuentes, said that officers have been increasing the number of motor vehicle stops, but that alone is not an effective crime-fighting method.

"These policies have forced our officers to concentrate not on taking the time to seek out and apprehend criminals in an attempt to prevent crime, but concentrate on stopping every motor vehicle violator for the most minor of infractions and issue them a ticket," he said.

Cordero says that a constant police presence on the streets will minimize the number of criminal incidents.

"Our mistake would be to allow the criminal element to dictate crime activity," Cordero said. "We have to be able to influence the outcome and not just report."

David Dougherty, president of the PBA Local 69, argues that crime had been declining in the township for nine consecutive years before Compstat was implemented.

"Who is to say that crime would not be worse if we didn't have Compstat," Township Committeeman Peter Capodice said in response.

Cordero said he preferred to not comment on the usage of Compstat in the township of Union, because he was not aware of specifics.

"This is a departure from what police departments are used to," Cordero said. "But complacency is not a good outlook and particularly if you have a changing community."

Colonel Nick Fuentes, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, said intelligence-led policing has become the cornerstone of modern police initiatives.

"Reactive policing is like shining a flashlight in a dark room. Intelligence-led policing turns on the overhead lights allowing law enforcement to see the big picture and deploy assets where they will have the greatest effect," Fuentes said.

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Turnout causes problems at polls

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"But we were prepared and we were able to respond quickly."

Kobitz said that in his six years as deputy administrator, he has not seen so many voters turnout for the Democratic ticket before.

"We saw a very large amount of unaffiliated people come out to declare themselves Democrat," Kobitz said.

He said poll officials were prepared for more than 50 percent of Democrats to vote but not for the high number of unaffiliated voters that decided to declare themselves Democrat at the polls.

"We did not run out of Republican tickets because the race was much smaller on that side," Kobitz explained.

Kobitz said the race among Democrats is demonstrably tighter and that fact may have increased the interest of voter participation.

According to results recorded by the township of Union clerk's office, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., edged out Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., by 23 votes. The majority of the 7,896 Democratic votes were split fairly evenly between Obama and Clinton.

On the Republican side, 1,132 of the total 2,029 Republican voters

chose Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Registered Republican voters totaled 3,475 according to the Union County Board of Elections and results posted by the township clerk's office, 2,029 Republicans voted.

Registered Democratic voters totaled 7,451 and the number that voted Democrat on Tuesday totaled 7,896 according to the unofficial election results.

Several municipalities throughout the state also reported a high voter turnout.

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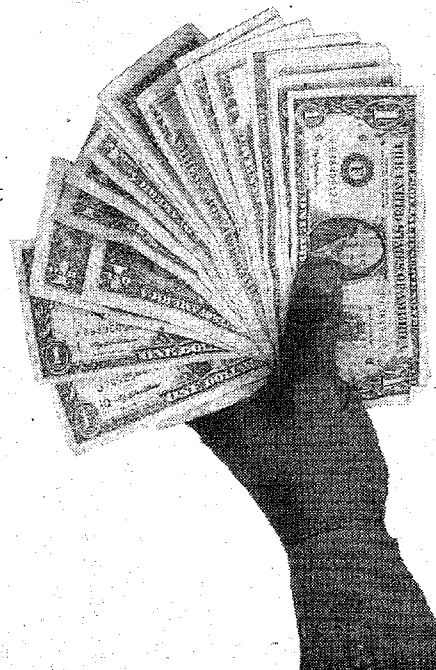
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Kenilworth school board prepares 2008-09 district spending plan

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"Class size is the driving force and we aim to keep class sizes small," Gonnella said.

Salaries represent 58 percent of the entire school budget and totals a projected \$11,633,388. Salaries and benefits combined represent 73 percent of the budget. Last year, salaries and benefits made up 71 percent of the district's spending plan.

According to staffing projections, more than half of staff members have a master's degree or higher. As part of their contracts,

funds for some graduate classes are provided for teachers who wish to attain a higher degree.

"What people in town don't know is that we are obligated to pay and reimburse them," Board member Livio Mancino said.

Gonnella said there are limitations in place restricting teachers from enrolling in graduate classes that do not pertain to their teaching field. During the last school budget meeting, utilities and insurances were discussed along with state aid issues.

Gonnella said that state aid has not been

adequate but the Board of Education has been working to ensure that no programs or classes are cut. He said that the board "remains committed" to providing the schools with technology upgrades valued at \$100,000.

In addition, \$50,000 has been earmarked in the proposed budget for facilities upgrades. It was determined that the section of the roof of Harding Elementary School, which dates back to 1923, needs to be renovated to prevent leaks. Gonnella recommended a referendum for next year's budget to cover the

cost of the repairs.

"This is a concept alien to Kenilworth but common statewide," Gonnella said. "As part of the referendum process we can get one big lump sum or smaller sums for capital need of school district," he said.

He said the new funding formula allowed adjustments to be made to the budget cap.

"We must re-do long range facilities plans," Board President Nancy Zimmerman said.

The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for March 19. The bottom line has not yet

been finalized for the budget as it remains in its preliminary phase. The tax impact the budget will have on homeowners will not be known until it has been completed and formally approved by the members of the board.

"The budget must be completed by June," said Mancino, who serves as the chairman of the Finance Committee. "We certainly have a lot of work ahead of us."

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OBITUARIES

William Perry

William H. Perry of Hillside died Jan. 24 at home.

Mr. Perry was born in Newark. Surviving are two sisters, Denise Davis and Joann McMillion.

The Perry Funeral Home, Newark, handled the arrangements.

James Coyle

James B. Coyle, 68, of Kenilworth died Jan. 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Coyle lived in Kenilworth for the past 32 years. He was head of maintenance in Jonathan Dayton High School, Springfield, where he worked for 18 years before retiring in 1998. Mr. Coyle was a member of the Electronic Technology Society of New Jersey.

Surviving are two sons, Bernard J. and John W.; a brother, Bruce, and a grandchild.

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

Louis Vett

Louis Vett, 88, of Kenilworth died Jan. 27 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Vett lived in Kenilworth for 50 years. He was an oven spring tender for Simmons Co., Elizabeth, for 33 years before retiring in 1977. Mr. Vett was a World War II Army veteran. He received the American Service Medal, the Bronze Star Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal. Mr. Vett participated in the battles of Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland. He was a member of the American Legion Post 470 and the VFW Post 2130, both of Kenilworth, and the Kenilworth Veterans Center. Mr. Vett also belonged to the Senior Citizens Club of Kenilworth.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Ann; two sons, Anthony and Wayne; a daughter, Lee Ann Silner; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

Russell Kievning

Russell E. Kievning, 62, of Hillside died Jan. 29 in Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth.

Born in Newark, Mr. Kievning lived in Irvington before moving to Hillside 20 years ago. He was a shipping clerk for Tenney Engineering of Union for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Vivian; two sons, Scott and Matthew; a daughter, Stacy, and two sisters, Lorraine Cove and Ruthie Striker.

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

Mary Grant

Mary "Jeanne" Grant, 73, of Hillside died Jan. 20 at home.

Born in Cross Village, Mich., Mrs. Grant lived in Hillside. She served during World War II as a WAC corporal. Mrs. Grant was a "Chippewa Native American. She taught a sewing class at the Hillside Senior Citizen Center for many years.

Surviving are two daughters, Katherine and Patricia; three sons, James, Robert and William; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The Growney Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Chester Morrison

Chester A. Morrison, 74, of Hillside died on Jan. 19.

Born in Clearwater, Fla., Mr. Morrison was a resident of Hillside. He graduated from Seton Hall University, South Orange. Mr. Morrison was a retired municipal court judge for the

city of Newark. He was an Army veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Sandra J.; a daughter, Debra; a son, Carlton; his mother, Josephine Dancil-Morrison; two sisters, Lillian Bell Cotten and Mary Nell Strong; a brother, Paul, and three grandchildren.

The Whigham Funeral Home, Newark, handled the arrangements.

Dollie Summerfield

Dollie M. Summerfield of Union died on Jan. 20.

Surviving are her husband, Frank; two daughters, Gail Summerfield and Natalie Summerfield-Smith, and four grandchildren.

The Cotton Funeral Service, Newark, handled the arrangements.

Peter Stein

Peter C. Stein, 59, of Somerset, formerly of Union, died Jan. 24 in Boston, Mass.

Born in Newark, Mr. Stein lived in Union before moving to Somerset three years ago.

He was a graduate of North Carolina State, where he received a bachelor's degree in economics and co-owned Continental Wood Products, Albertston, N.Y., for the past nine years.

Mr. Stein had worked in the wholesale millwork industry for the past 35 years. He was a past president of Temple Israel of Union Men's Club.

Surviving are his wife, Arlene; two sons, Harlee and Barry; his mother, Ruth Stein, and two brothers, Mitchell and David.

The Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union handled the arrangements.

Joseph Rozyla

Joseph F. Rozyla, 91, of Union died Jan. 26 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Rozyla lived in Irvington before moving to Union in 1952. He was employed by Gould & Eberhart Co., Hillside, for 19 years and Crucible Steel Co., Harrison, as a machinist before retiring in 1983. Mr. Rozyla was a sergeant with the Union County Special Police Force for 25 years.

Surviving are his wife of 70 years, Mary Elizabeth; a son, Robert; a daughter, Eileen Marino; a sister, Helen Hamburger; a brother, Walter, and three grandchildren.

The McCracken Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

Joseph Bordo

Joseph P. Bordo, 58, of Union died Jan. 27 in Hackensack University Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mr. Bordo lived in Whippany and Elizabeth before moving to Union in July, 2006. He received a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and social work, graduating magna cum laude in 1971 from Seton Hall University and a master's degree in social work from Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, with a major in policy/planning administration in 1962.

Mr. Bordo was the branch executive of the YMCA of Eastern Union County for four years. Prior to that, he was the division director for Work Force Development for Catholic Community Services, Newark, for 20 years.

Mr. Bordo was a member of the Rotary Club of Elizabeth, the board of trustees of the Union County Economic Development Corp., Union, the Union County Workforce Investment Board and Executive Committee and the New Jersey Network for Housing and Community Development. He was the chairman of the Economic Development Committee, chairman

and member of the Union County Human Services Advisory Council, the State Human Services Advisory Council, New Jersey Urban Coordinating Council for Elizabeth and the Union County Youth Services Commission.

Mr. Bordo was president of the National Association of Social Workers New Jersey Chapter and member of the board of directors of the Commission on Accreditation for Home Care.

Surviving are his wife, Kathy Dunn, and two sisters, Karen Conry and Grace Medeiros. The Galante Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

Mary DePasquale

Mary DePasquale, 82, of Union died Jan. 29 in the Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Sicily, Mrs. DePasquale emigrated to the United States in 1948 and settled in Newark. She was a resident of Union since 1954. Mrs. DePasquale was a seamstress.

Surviving are a son, Carmen; a daughter, Donna Ruggieri; two brothers, Francisco and Chiari, and two grandchildren.

The McCracken Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

Robert Vreeland

Robert J. Vreeland, 72, of Union, a lifelong supporter of organized labor, died on Jan. 27.

Born in Newark, Mr. Vreeland moved to Union in 1953. He graduated from Newark Arts High School. Mr. Vreeland served in the Marine Corps. He worked in Western Electric, Union, for more than 30 years, where he was a member of the Communication Workers of America Local 1095. Mr. Vreeland attended the Rutgers Extension School, Newark, and Kean

University, Union. He later worked for the United Way of Union County at the labor liaison.

In the 1980s, Mr. Vreeland served as a senatorial aide to State Sen. Anthony Russo.

For more than 30 years, Mr. Vreeland served on the board of directors of Erhardt and Schaefer gardens, Union, with most recently serving as first vice president.

Surviving are his wife of more than 50 years, Dorothy; two daughters, Victoria Vreeland and Cynthia McAbee; a son, Robert; a sister, Carolyn Zdenek, and three grandchildren.

Marion Maxton

Marion Maxton, 91, of Union died Jan. 29 in St. Barnabas Medical Center, Union.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Maxton was a long time resident of Maplewood and Union.

Surviving are a daughter, June Ackerman; a son, Donald; her companion, Joe Nilon; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Bradley, Haerberle & Barth Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

DEATH NOTICE

DIFFLEY—Timothy J. Diffley, 63, of Hillside died on Thursday, February 7, 2008 in Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth. The funeral was from the GROWNEY FUNERAL HOME, 1070 North Broad St., Hillside, (www.growneyfuneralhome.com), on Wednesday, February 13. The Funeral Mass was offered at Christ The King Church, Hillside. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington. Born in Jersey City, Mr. Diffley lived in Bayonne before moving to Hillside, 33 years ago. He was the beloved husband of Kathy Diffley (nee McGuirk); loving father of Maureen, Beth, Patrick and Jack, and dear brother of Peggy Milley and Peter Diffley. In lieu of flowers, donations in Tim's memory to Project Children and Christ the King Church would be appreciated.

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Art, black history come together for historical society celebration

The inspiring story of artist-activist Kim Berman's poverty-relief initiatives in South Africa, and a Kenilworth student art campaign to support such efforts, will be the focus of the Kenilworth Historical Society's Feb. 21 Black History Month celebration.

Visitors are welcome to attend the program, which will be conducted at 7 p.m. at the Kenilworth Senior Center, 526 Boulevard, Kenilworth. Admission is free.

Art instructor, Janice Marsili, of David Brearley Middle/High School in Kenilworth, will introduce the program with an overview of Berman's use of art practices and interactive communications to address poverty, illiteracy and the AIDS crisis in many provinces throughout South Africa.

Marsili, whose students have worked with the historical society on past projects, learned about the South African venture through a

printmaking project of her own design that she initiated at Brearley through a grant awarded by the Artists-in-Education Consortium, which includes the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, Arts Horizons and Young Audiences New Jersey.

The Artists-in-Education Consortium has recognized the endeavor as a best practices grant project and Marsili, as a best practices teacher.

Marsili will discuss how Berman's work, which started with a vision to teach marketable printmaking skills to impoverished South Africans and grew to additionally include papermaking and embroidery, inspired a Kenilworth student art project. The project was to create and sell "paper prayers," which are monoprints inspired by people who have been touched by Berman's work, for the benefit of the Artist Proof Studio that Berman established

in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Participants in the Feb. 21 black history program will have an opportunity to view the Brearley High School students' artwork and to view an award-winning documentary that chronicles Berman's experiences in South Africa.

The film, "A Ripple in the Water," features interviews with Berman and many of the impoverished South Africans who have benefited socially and economically from the poverty-relief art programs that Berman has spearheaded.

Through these individuals' words and faces, the film shows how Berman's vision to help others has caused a ripple effect that is enriching many lives in extraordinary ways.

The film also demonstrates the underlying value of art in bringing about social and economic change as well as in promoting cross-

cultural communications. The Feb. 21 showing of "A Ripple in the Water" is made possible through the efforts of Janice Marsili and with the cooperation of film co-producers Eileen Foti, assistant professor at Montclair State University, and Patricia Piroh, producer for the department of broadcasting at Montclair State University.

Light refreshments will be served during the program. Parking and entrance located at the rear of the Kenilworth Seniors Center. For more information, call 908-709-0434.

The Artists-in-Education Program, which provided funding for the Brearley printmaking project that will be discussed on Feb. 21, is carried out through a partnership between the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and a consortium made up of Arts Horizons and Young Audiences New Jersey.

This program provides New Jersey schools with long-term artist residencies. The program is made possible through state appropriations to the New Jersey State Council on the Arts as well as funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the research, preservation and promotion of local history. The society is currently in the process of restoring the historic Nitschke in Kenilworth, and transforming it into a "living" museum and cultural arts center.

The Nitschke house was the home of Oswald Nitschke, one of the first mayors of the borough of Kenilworth. Its regular meetings are conducted on the third Thursday of each month, except July and August, starting at 7 p.m., at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Township of Union Board of Education, in the County of Union, New Jersey, for the work hereinafter described labor, material and equipment for Proposed Masonry Restoration for Keweenaw Middle School, David and Giff Terrace, Union, NJ, and opened and read in public at the Township of Union Board of Education Offices, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083 on March 11, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time. Bids to be received for this work shall be Combined Bids for all the work herein. Bids must be accompanied by Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of Potter Architects, L.L.C., 410 Colonial Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083, during business hours. A copy thereof may be procured in person only on or after February 14, 2008, at the Architect's office for the purpose of bidding. Bidders shall notify the Architect in advance prior to the opening of the Bidding Documents. Documents will not be mailed. A deposit in cash or check to the order of said Architect in the amount of \$50.00 is required, which is non-refundable.

There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting at Keweenaw Middle School, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ on February 21, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time. Attendance at this Pre-Bid Meeting is strongly encouraged.

No bid will be accepted that does not conform to the Bidding Documents. Bids must be made on standard bid forms in the manner designated by the Project Manual. Bids must be enclosed in sealed envelopes bearing the name and address of the bidder, the contract being bid on the outside thereof, addressed and should be delivered in person to the Owner. Bids will not be responsible for bids sent by mail or delivery service.

Each bid shall be accompanied by the following:

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, L.L.C., ESQS., plaintiffs' attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountaintown, New Jersey 07092, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint, if any, filed in a civil action, in which Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas formerly known as Banker's Trust Company, as Trustee and Custodian for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I, Inc., MSAC 2007-NC4, by: Saxon Mortgage Services, Inc., as its attorney-in-fact is plaintiff, and Dada Michael Egwaikhide, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket No. 02/14/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 02/14/2008, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of Court Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

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'First lady' to speak at Union AARP meeting

The AARP Union Chapter 4026 will meet today. The special guest speaker will be Rene Goodwin, who will be in character as Eleanor Roosevelt.

Goodwin will portray the famous first lady who "did her own thing" and made a great impact on national politics during a very crucial time in our nation's history. This first-person interpretation allows the audience to see and hear the woman who managed to make her mark in a political world that had been reserved primarily for men. Goodwin will answer questions at the end of her 25-minute performance.

On Monday, chapter volunteers will visit the Veterans Administration Nursing Home in Lyons, Somerset County, where they go monthly to conduct bingo games and hand out snacks and prizes to residents.

On Tuesday, there will be a trip to Showboat Casino in Atlantic City. For reservations, call Shirley at 908-289-6770. There will also be a trip to The Brownstone on March 28 for the Feast of St. Joseph Luncheon/Show. Contact Vini at 908-289-4967 for information. An all-you-can-eat luncheon will be served family-style with a one-hour open bar.

A trip is scheduled to Woodloch Pines Resort in Hawley, Pa. for a special Spring Fling Buffet on April 15.

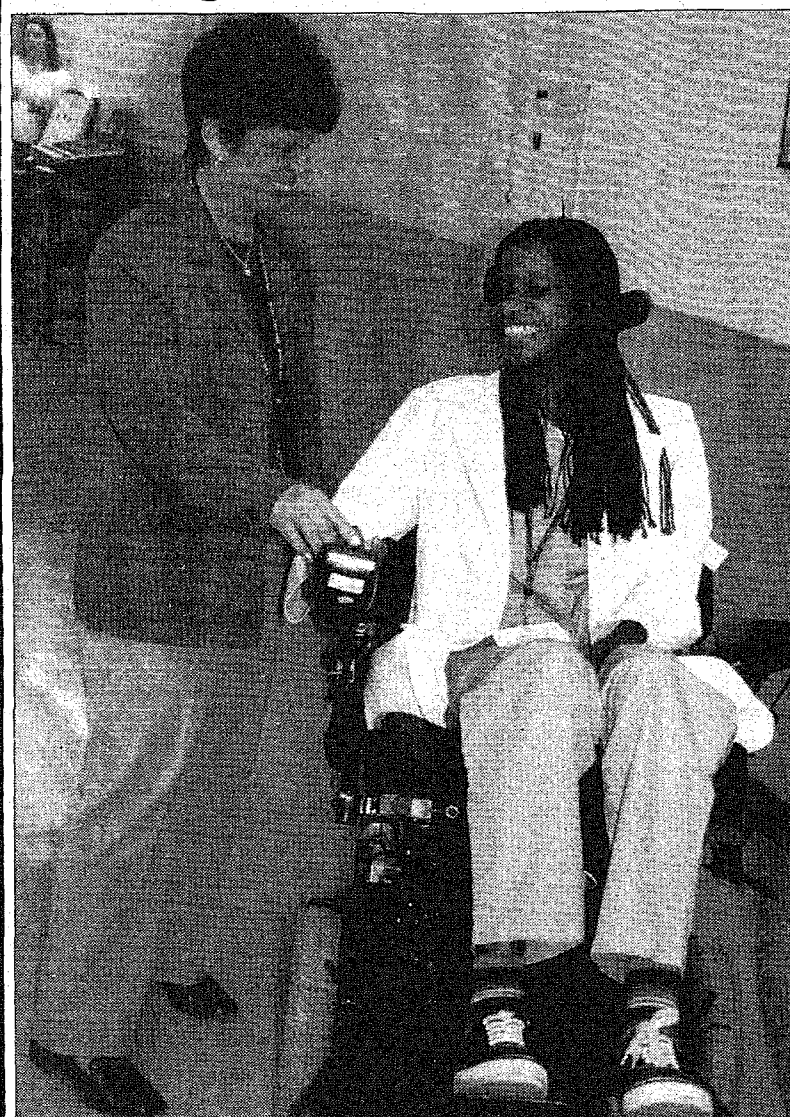
The main attraction at The Brownstone during another trip on May 9, will be the Brighton Beach Big Top, featuring Russian circus stars, including a contortionist, clown/juggler, mime, international skating stars and a Russian Gypsy band. The menu will be served family-style, and is all-you-can-eat,

with a one-hour open bar.

Union Chapter members get priority on all trips. Non-members are welcome when there are openings. For information about trips, call 908-687-3394. Dues for 2008 are due. Members should arrive early to pay their dues.

Members should have their national AARP card or the mailing label from the AARP Magazine. Prospective members and guests are invited to attend meetings. Anyone who is a member of the National AARP may join the Union Chapter. The chapter president is Jim Sylvester. Meetings are conducted the second Thursday of every month at the Union Senior Center, 968 Bonnet Court, Union. Meetings begin at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments are served at the end of each meeting.

Driving lesson



Bianca Sanon, of Hillside and student at the Union County Technical-Vocational High School in Scotch Plains, learns how to operate a power wheelchair during a therapy rotation program at the Matheny Medical and Educational Center in Peapack.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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

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

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

UKRAINIAN EVANGELICAL

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD
2208 Stanley Terrace, (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) 5:00-6:45 PM
Wednesday Family Night: 7:00 PM
Spanish Service (Saturday): 7 PM

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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@uno.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 SWEET Church.

Serving/Worshiping/Evangelizing/
Praying/Testing
Sunday: Bible Classes @ 9:30am; Sunday: Worship Service @ 11am; Wednesday: Prayer @ 7pm; Pastor: Rev. Jerry Jay Olivo.

JEWISH-TRADITIONAL
CONSERVATIVE
CONGREGATION B'NAI AHAVATH
SHALOM, 2035 Vauxhall Road (corner of Plane

Street), Union, Tel: (908) 686-6773. Dr. Leon J. Yagor, 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.

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: graceluth@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.

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10:00 a.m. Sunday School
Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. English Worship
ACTIVITIES FOR:
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KOREAN CENTRAL CHURCH (UMC),

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.

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

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

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

MAPLEWOOD BIBLE CHAPEL: Worship and serve together in a warm and caring Bible centered fellowship, located at the intersection of Lexington, Tuscan and Burnett Avenues. Sunday services: Adult Bible Classes and Sunday School, 10:25 A.M. Family Bible Ministry Hour, 11:00 A.M. Tuesday 8:00 P.M. Prayer and Bible Study, lower meeting room. Special activities for children and youth on Friday evening. Call us for details at 201-761-6430.

CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
2815 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083
Phone/fax: (908) 687-9440
E-Mail: Crossroads@ccfou.org
Dr. Tom Sigley, Pastor-Teacher
SERVICES ON SUNDAY:
9:45 A.M. Bible School for all ages
8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Celebration Worship Services
Children's Church & Nursery
Care is provided.

Wednesday:
7:30 P.M. Addition/Compulsion
Discussion Group
Youth activities during the week:
Children of all ages.
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STUDENT UPDATE

Battaglia earns dean's list status at Monmouth

Nicole Battaglia of Union has been named to the dean's list at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, where she is majoring in both education and math.

Battaglia is a 2006 graduate of Union Catholic High School.

Harding students are named to honor roll

Several borough students have achieved regular and high honor roll status for the second marking period at Harding Elementary School in Kenilworth.

Regular honor roll: Amanda Ankudovich, Vincent Badali, Jacqueline

Behrends, Luigi Cascarano, Nicholas Cantalupo, Montana Cushman, Stefanie DiPaolo, Paul Funes, Erica Galvez, Stephanie Goncalves, Ashley Hilbrandt, Anissa Leung, Nicholas Malesz, Sean Pentz, Cory Perrette, Christina Petruzzella, Brian Pugliese, Daniel Silva, Jessica Staeger and Madison Vanek.

High honor roll: John Alvarino, Catia Conde, Phillip Costa, Aaron Diaz, Lindsey Florek, Christine Grispart, Sam Gutzan, Christine Johnstone, Courtney Keating, Kody Kurz, Chandni Lotwala, Tommy Mazzeo, Tara Moran, Patricia Mosiejki, Jayro Madrigal, Nicholas Padron, Francis Pastor, Monica Pelling, Shannon Ryan, Megan Sacks, Krystal Solano, Alex Sotillo and Allen Zheny.

Exeter honors ninth grade Union resident

Kemi W. Mugo, grade nine, of Union, was named to the honor roll at Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N.H.

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PRELIMINARY ROUND

Friday, Feb. 8

At Rahway

Mother Seton 40, Kent Place 32
Dayton 38, Roselle Park 35

Saturday, Feb. 9

At Roselle Catholic

Cranford 55, Rahway 23
Hillside 57, Brearley 23
Roselle 53, Benedictine 44

At Rahway

Summit 51, Oak Knoll 31
Union 39, Union Catholic 24

FIRST ROUND

Monday, Feb. 11

At Roselle Catholic

9-Gov. Livingston vs. 8-Plainfield
17-Roselle vs. 1-Linden

At Rahway

12-Dayton vs. 5-Roselle Catholic
20-Union vs. 4-Elizabeth

At Roselle Park

10-Cranford vs. 7-New Providence
15-Mother Seton vs. 2-Westfield

At Cranford

11-Hillside vs. 6-Scotch Plains
14-Summit vs. 3-Johnson

QUARTERFINALS

Thursday, Feb. 14

At Roselle Catholic

Bottom side of the bracket (6-3), 6 p.m.
Bottom side of the bracket (7-2), 7:30 p.m.

At Rahway

Top side of the bracket (5-4), 6 p.m.
Top side of the bracket (8-1), 7:30 p.m.

SEMIFINALS

Monday, Feb. 18

At Roselle Catholic

Bottom side of the bracket, 6 p.m.
Top side of the bracket, 7:30 p.m.

FINAL

Friday, Feb. 22

7:30 p.m. at Roselle Catholic

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CHAMPIONS THIS DECADE:

2007 - Scotch Plains

2006 - Cranford

2005 - Scotch Plains

2004 - Scotch Plains

2003 - Roselle Catholic

2002 - Roselle

2001 - Union Catholic

2000 - Union

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PRELIMINARY ROUND

Sunday, Feb. 10 at Rahway

Hillside 58, Roselle Catholic 54
Dayton 54, Johnson 48

Summit 64, Westfield 58

Union Catholic 47, St. Mary's 32
Brearley 57, Roselle Park 20

FIRST ROUND

Tuesday, Feb. 12

At Rahway

9-Cranford vs. 8-Roselle
16-Hillside vs. 1-St. Patrick's

At Cranford

12-Brearley vs. 5-Scotch Plains
13-Dayton vs. 4-Rahway

Wednesday, Feb. 13

At Rahway

10-New Providence vs. 7-Plainfield
15-Summit vs. 2-Union

At Cranford

11-Gov. Livingston vs. 6-Elizabeth
19-Union Catholic vs. 3-Linden

QUARTERFINALS

Friday, Feb. 15, TBA

Top side of the bracket (5-4), 6 p.m.
Top side of the bracket (8-1), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16, TBA

Bottom side of the bracket (6-3), 6 p.m.
Bottom side of the bracket (7-2), 7:30 p.m.

SEMIFINALS

Tuesday, Feb. 19

Top bracket, 7:30 p.m., Dunn
Wednesday, Feb. 20

Bottom bracket, 7:30 p.m., Dunn

FINAL

Saturday, Feb. 23, 3 p.m. at Dunn

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**FARMERS SEEK UCT
SUCCESS** - The Union
boys' basketball team,
sparked by the play of
senior guard David
Jackson (No. 21), took
a 17-4 record into last
night's scheduled Union
County Tournament first
round game against
15th-seeded Summit.
The second-seeded
Farmers will be playing
in a UCT quarterfinal
Saturday night at 7:30
at a site yet to be deter-
mined (as of press time)
if they won last night.
The UCT semifinals are
Tuesday and Wednes-
day nights at 7:30 at the
Dunn Sport Center in
Elizabeth and the final
Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. at
Dunn.

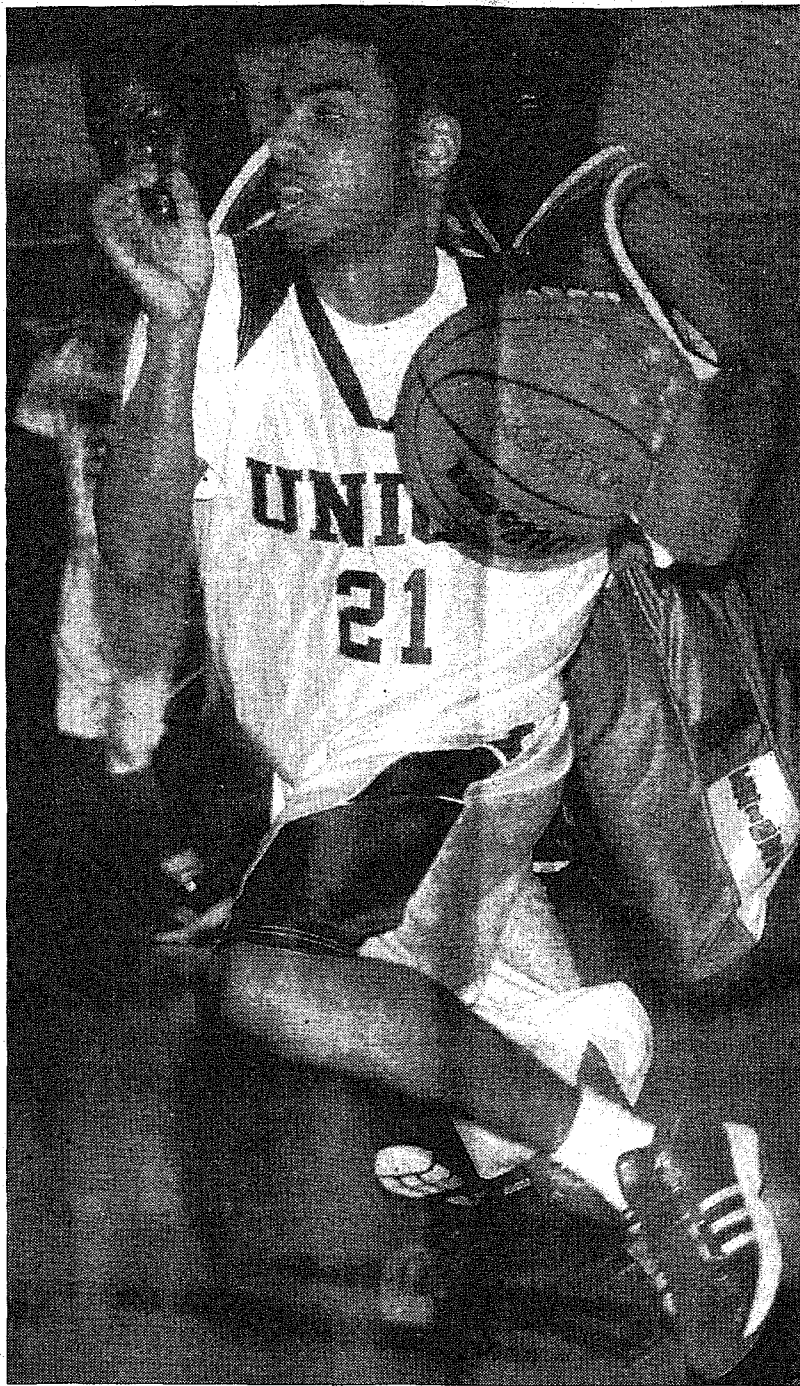


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Will R. Park be wrestling for a state title on Sunday?

By Jeff Cummins
Staff Writer

There's a good chance that the Roselle Park wrestling
team may be competing for a state championship Sunday.

First, the Panthers had to win a Central Jersey, Group 1
semifinal match at home last night against either Borden-
town or Robbinsville.

Then, if Roselle Park accomplished that, the Panthers
will have to win at home tomorrow night in the final to
advance to the Ritacco Center at Toms River North High
School in Toms River Sunday to compete in the Group 1
semifinals and then, hopefully, the Group 1 final.

There's also a chance that perennial Group 1 winner
Paulsboro might have gotten knocked off at Haddonfield
last night in the South Jersey, Group 1 semifinals.

Paulsboro has won Group 1 every year since 1983, shar-
ing the 1997 title with Roselle Park. The Panthers won the
first Group 1 title in 1982.

Barring upsets, top-seeded Roselle Park will host sec-
ond-seeded Delran in tomorrow night's CJ, G1 final.
Roselle Park last won a sectional title when it captured CJ,
G1 the first year it was in the section in 2004. Roselle Park
fell at New Providence in the CJ, G1 final in 2005 and at
Brearley in the CJ, G1 finals in 2006 and 2007.

If Roselle Park won last night, the Panthers will host a
sectional final for the first time since last winning North 2,
Group 1 in 2003.

In 2004, Roselle Park, the second seed, defeated top-
seeded Bound Brook 33-30 at Manville in the CJ, G1 final.

"The expectations are there," Roselle Park head coach
John Ranieri said.

"Our wrestlers have been around this since they were
youngsters because a lot of them have been involved with
the program for many years in the recreation and middle
school level.

"They know what's expected of them and they certainly
want to get back on track in terms of winning a sectional
title and competing for an overall Group 1 state title."

At this point, there won't be any weak opponents.

"All the teams are well-coached and battle-tested, so we
know that we need a total team effort," Ranieri said. "We
feel that we're prepared and that the team is doing some of
its best wrestling up to this point."

Roselle Park entered last night's sectional semifinal
match with an 18-1 record and five-match winning streak.

"We're really pleased with the way the team came
together, not only wrestling-wise, but also in terms of
chemistry," Ranieri said. "They're a tremendous bunch and
they practice hard every day. They have a truly relentless
pursuit of excellence. We're looking to do some of our best
wrestling at the end of February and March."

Senior standout Craig Montgomery, this year's Union
County champion at 125, captured his 100th victory in a
59-12 win at Union on Feb. 1.

"Craig definitely deserves a milestone of that nature,"
Ranieri said. "Craig has put a tremendous amount of time
and effort into wrestling and he has been a great leader. He
worked very hard in the off-season."

Going into last night's match, Montgomery was 28-1,
112-pound junior Anthony Casselli 28-1, 119-pound junior
Anthony Zangari 23-6, 130-pound sophomore Russell Ben-
ner 24-4, 135-pound sophomore Matt Krynicki 24-5, 140-
pound senior Jorge Branco 29-0, 152-pound sophomore
Rich Weslock 22-6, 160-pound sophomore Frank Yuro 21-
6 and 215-pound senior Mike Lefano 25-3.

NOTES: Roselle Park has won 16 sectional titles since
they were competed in the present format beginning in the
1979-80 season. RP won its first 15 in North 2, Group 1.

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Hillside girls' end New P. win streak

Junior guard Emanuel nets 19

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

All good things must come to an end. That includes a long winning streak by
the New Providence girls' basketball team.

Hillside saw that Friday. In the only regular season meeting between the
two Mountain Valley Conference rivals, the Mountain Division Comets downed
the Valley Division champion Pioneers 40-31 in Hillside.

Hillside improved to 12-9 and won its second straight, while New Providence
slipped to 17-2 and had a 14-game winning streak snapped.

New Providence's first loss was to Delaware Valley 45-34 at home Dec. 27
in the middle contest of its three-game holiday tournament.

Hillside took a 13-9 record and three-game winning streak into Monday's
scheduled Union County Tournament first round game against sixth-seeded
Scotch Plains at Cranford.

New Providence sought to bounce back from its defeat against Hillside on
Monday when it faced Cranford at Roselle Park in a first round UCT tilt.

The UCT quarterfinals are today at Roselle Catholic and Rahway at 6 p.m.
and 7:30 p.m. and the semifinals are Monday at RC at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The final is Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at RC.

In the win against New Providence, junior guard Aika Emanuel scored 13 of
her game-high 19 points in the fourth quarter, while teammate Daphne Capellan
added 11.

Hillside's 13th win was its 57-23 triumph over 22nd-seeded Brearley last
Thursday in their UCT prelim at Rahway. Jenaya Abernathy paced the 11th-
seeded Comets with 12 points, while Capellan scored eight and Lamira Wolfe
and Keyanna Goss five each.

NOTES: In the Central Jersey, Group 2 playoffs in less than two weeks,
12th-seeded Hillside will play at fifth-seeded Raritan Feb. 25 in a first round
contest.

Second-seeded Rumson-Fair Haven - on the other side of the bracket - is the
defending champion.

Union bowling scores

Feb. 9: North Jersey, Section 2

at Eagle Rock Lanes, West Orange

Union 6th with 2,758 pin total

Sharif Warden 182-170-178-530
Anthony Wachter 176-167-242-585

Renee Riedlinger 167-160-167-494
Deral Ingram 187-204-247-638

Kevin Klaw 196-166,
Kevin Klaw first five frames and
Andre Leverett last five frames - 140

Feb. 7: Westfield 3, Union 0

Renee Riedlinger 166-192-148-506
Anthony Wachter 167-138-136-441

Sharif Warden 160-134-170-464
Deral Ingram 155-220-133-508

Kevin Klaw 140-170
Andre Leverett 117

Feb. 7: Westfield JV 3, Union 0

Peter Kuziola 145-192-189-526
Kevin Klaw 172

Ed Helberg 152-146-104-402
Shawn Howanitz 141

Brian Fischer 119-158-177-454
Shamarie Morris 138-97

Feb. 5: Linden 3, Union 0

Renee Riedlinger 155-203-165-523
Anthony Wachter 142-164-190-496

Sharif Warden 153-183-191-527
Deral Ingram 172-208-237-617

Kevin Klaw 146-140
Andre Leverett 141

Feb. 5: Linden JV 3, Union 0

Pete Kuziola 177, Ed Helberg 163,
Brian Fischer 174, Andre Leverett 183,
Shamarie Morris 186

Union girls' win a county contest

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

RAHWAY - One team was able to crash the girls' basketball Union County
Tournament quarterfinals, with 10th-seeded Cranford eliminating seventh-seed-
ed New Providence 46-42 at Roselle Park Monday. The Cougars were the only
team outside of the top eight seeds that made it to today.

Right here at Rahway's gym, fifth-seeded Roselle Catholic downed 12th-
seeded Dayton 49-17 and then fourth-seeded Elizabeth handled 20th-seeded
Union 61-25. Roselle Catholic limited Dayton junior center Jacqueline Kuczyn-
ski to what may be a career-low three points. Kuczynski, who has scored over
1,500 points, was limited to just four field goal attempts, making one.

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QUARTERFINALS

Thursday, Feb. 14

At Roselle Catholic

6-Scotch Plains vs. 3-Johnson, 6 p.m.
10-Cranford vs. 2-Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

At Rahway

5-Roselle Catholic vs. 4-Elizabeth, 6 p.m.
8-Plainfield vs. 1-Linden, 7:30 p.m.

Here's a look at Monday first round results:

AT RAHWAY

Roselle Catholic 49, Dayton 17
Elizabeth 61, Union 25

Roselle Catholic is now 11-8 and has won seven of its last eight. The Lions
are also 11-4 after an 0-4 start. Sophomore guard Allison Skrec was the only
player to score in double figures, netting 12 of her game-high 19 points in a first
quarter that the Lions won 16-5.

However, it was a team effort that lifted Roselle Catholic past Dayton, which
slipped to 16-5 and had a five-game winning streak halted. The Lions concen-
trated on blanketing Kuczynski and did a great job, led by the defensive effort
of senior forward and Union resident Cindy Guzman.

"The girls played exceptional and I think the effort was exceptional," Roselle
Catholic head coach Joe Skrec said. "I think Cindy Guzman was really looking forward
to the challenge of playing such a good player and prolific scorer like Kuczynski.

"Cindy is not an offensive star, but she really does a lot of good things on
defense that don't often show up in a boxscore. It's great and, hopefully, she'll
get some recognition for her effort tonight."

Guzman and her Roselle Catholic teammates held Kuczynski to just two field
goal attempts in the first quarter and only two more in the third. Dayton's guards
could not get the ball past a swarming RC defense to get it inside to Kuczynski,
who has scored over 400 points so far this year.

"The great part about it is we're always stressing team and preaching team,"
Skrec said. "Cindy didn't do it by herself. We had some pretty good pressure on
the guards to, hopefully, make it tougher to pass it to Kuczynski and we had
tremendous helpside and weakside defense. We knew we were going to be nerv-
ous, everybody's nervous UCT time, and we're still sort of inexperienced in
these situations. All we asked the girls to do was bring an "A" effort and what-
ever happens after that happens. I think they gave an "A" effort."

Now Roselle Catholic will have to go up against another tall center, that play-
er being Elizabeth senior Quiana Porter, who averages 14 points, 14 rebounds
and four blocks. She netted 10 of her 14 points in the first half of Elizabeth's win
over Union. The two Watchung Conference squads had not played each other yet
this season, with only one regular season game that will have to be made up.

Porter did not play for Elizabeth, which is 12-7 and has won two straight, in
recent setbacks to Linden and Westfield.

"Elizabeth, I'm very, very impressed with," Skrec said. "Porter is outstand-
ing and does a lot of good things. It looks like she's been well-drilled and well-
schooled. She's a very good defensive presence, as are all the Elizabeth players,
who are very good in man-to-man."

"Elizabeth is aggressive and quick and can do a lot of things that will pose a
lot of problems for Roselle Catholic. It will be a tremendous challenge. They put
a lot of pressure on the ball and then if you're fortunate to do something they
have great backline defense to block some shots. We're not going to get too
many second shots at all. It's going to be very, very challenging for us."

Elizabeth had to beat a pretty good Mountain Valley Conference team in
Johnson last year in the quarterfinals to make it to the semis, winning 39-36 in
overtime at Cranford. Head coach Karen Pierre's team will have to beat another
MVC foe to make it back to the semifinals.

"They're a tough team and a tough team defensively," Pierre said. "They can
score and they can shoot and they can cut to the basket. We just have to play our
type of defense and prevent them from getting easy shots."

Sophomore guard Quanesa Lanier paced Elizabeth in scoring with 15 points,
while junior guard Tasza Carter added 12 - hitting two 3-pointers - and senior forward,
Shanique Wylie 10. Sophomore forward Shan-Tasia Padgett contributed six points.
Lanier also had five of Elizabeth's 14 steals, with four coming in the third quarter.

Union did quite well to get to a first round game on Monday. The Farmers
defeated 13th-seeded Union Catholic 39-24 in a prelim game at Rahway last Sat-
urday. In that victory, junior center Synthea Reed had 12 points, nine rebounds
and four blocks. Senior guard Angela Nascondiglio had 11 points - making three
3-pointers - I. Silas netted seven and Ashley Foster five. Kyarah Foushee paced
Union with a 12-point effort against Elizabeth.

AT ROSELLE PARK

Cranford 46, New Providence 42
Westfield 55, Mother Seton 32

Cranford is scheduled to play at Westfield Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. in a non-confer-
ence clash. Before that now, the Cougars will face the Blue Devils in the second
UCT quarterfinal at Roselle Catholic Thursday night at 7:30.

Cranford improved to 13-5 and won its second straight, while New Provi-
dence fell to 17-3 and lost its second straight after winning a county-best 14 in
a row. The Cougars held high-scoring New Providence junior guard Shelly Mon-
tagna to what could be a season-low four points.

"Stephanie Couto did an unbelievable job on her," first-year Cranford head
coach Jackie Huber said.

Couto and her teammates, playing man-to-man defense, limited Montagna to
just four shots according to Huber.

"We had Couto play up on here," Huber said. "It was a team effort, with
everyone calling out screens. If Stephanie got screened, others helped her out
until she recovered. We didn't let Shelly get free at all."

Sophomore Taylor D'Antico paced Cranford with 13 points, while junior
Angela Renna had 12 and junior Elizabeth Snyder 12. Couto finished with eight
and Mary Kate Minitelli had two.










"Offensively, everyone played well as a team," Huber said. "Even though
Jamie Webb didn't score, she had so many assists and played unbelievably
defense. We received a great effort from everyone."

Cranford led by 15 at one point and never by less than five in the fourth quar-
ter. Now the Cougars must prepare for a Westfield team that is seeking to get
back to the final after getting that far for the first time last year.








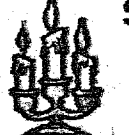

Second-seeded Westfield dominated 15th-seeded Mother Seton 55-32 in its
first round game Monday at Roselle Park. Westfield improved to 13-6, while
Mother Seton fell to 13-8 after having a six-game winning streak come to an end.

*A more in-depth version of this story, with all first round scores, the semifinals,
and final schedule and agate from Monday's two games at Rahway can be found
on JR's Sports Blog at www.localsource.com.*

EDUCATION

The Journey to Nowhere (title of book) Mary Jane Auch (author)		Patrick Phillips (student's name)	
 Ingredients (List Of Main Characters) Mom, Joshua Mom and Dad and Mercy	 Directions (Major Events In The Story)		
 Place Setting (Time And Place Of Story) The year is 1915 and it takes place in Connecticut Massachusetts and New York	Event 1: Mom has to move from Connecticut to an unexplored land. Event 2: Mr. Ware gets bitten by a snake. Event 3: Mom and her family see a fire on the lake wondering what it is. Event 4: Mercy loses her slipper and everyone gets wet trying to get it.		
 Serving Suggestion (Critique Of Book) I think the book was exciting and a little sad at times.			

RECIPES FOR GOOD BOOKS — Union elementary school students recently used a new recipe for book reports. Instead of the tradition essay format, the students organized their reports like recipe cards, in which the characters made up the list of ingredients and the directions told about the plot of the books they read.

Freedom Crossing (title of book) Margaret Goff Clark (author)		Taylor Bedlvy (student's name)	
 Ingredients (List Of Main Characters) Laura, Bert Joel and Martin	 Directions (Major Events In The Story)		
 Place Setting (Time And Place Of Story) Action Louisiana, Vietnam	Event 1: Joel brings a 12 year old runaway slave named Martin to Louisiana and Bert Event 2: The slave catches come to Louisiana and come to find a lot Event 3: Bert gets arrested so Laura has to take Martin to the over books Event 4: Martin got picked by a runaway and brought to Canada to be free.		
 Serving Suggestion (Critique Of Book) I enjoyed the book because it was about at first about slavery.			

Being reminded of King's traits

Third and fourth grade students at Battle Hill Elementary School in Union celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day by writing the following essays describing people who remind them of late civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr.

Demonstrating peace and caring

My priest, Father John is peaceful because he is always talking about peace. Father John is helpful because he will help you with situations.

Father John is caring because he cares about the church and the people it because he does not anything to happen to them.

Joshua

The 'best person in the world'

Dr. Martin Luther King is a great man. He was so confident and brave about his speeches. I hope if I win vice president and I have to make a speech I will be brave and confident. Well on top of that, Dr. King is responsible, smart, and hard working. He was reading even before he started school.

My mom is the best person in the world! She is always cheering me up when I am down. She is very creative. Also my mom is very respectful, caring, loving and so much more. I love my mom and she loves me! All I am really trying to say is that everybody should have a mother like mine!! My mom and Dr. King are very alike. My mom is very confident and brave. She is always fair. She is really hardworking. She is very smart. She helps me with my homework. My mom is responsible too. As you can see my mom, Joanne, and Dr. King are both amazing people, but to me my mom is even better!

Samantha

Two very important people

Martin Luther King Jr. is similar to my best friend Brianna Silva.

They both share many terrific traits. They are both loving, caring, and kind. They are also brave, courageous, and loyal. They always persevere and give respect. They are also trustworthy, fair, honest, and humble.

Briana

Fair and caring, just like King

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is a great person. Lots of people admire him. I admire him because he is a fair and caring person.

He is a good person to admire because he stopped a bad law that white people can do things black people can't. I admire my great grandmother because she is a caring person. She is a caring person because she helps me when I need it. She is nice to me and kind to me. She doesn't care what color our skin is. She is also fair because she thinks that the law there was made back then was wrong. I think my great grandma is just like Martin Luther King Jr.

Chris

My best friend is a peacemaker

When I think of Martin Luther King, I think of one person, I think of my best friend Aden because he has three qualities of him which are that he helps others, solves problems in peaceful way and cares about others.

He helps others when he helped me tie my shoes, He also helped others when he put a beanbag away for me. He was solving a problem peacefully when he stopped his brother and sister from fighting by giving them each a toy. He was also solving a problem peacefully when Lautina and Jason were arguing and he talked it out with them. He cared about others when he gave me fruitsnacks. He also cared about others when he gave Reuben snack. That is how he has the qualities of Martin Luther King.

Shane

My teacher is unselfish, like King

The person I admire is my teacher Ms. Marshall. She is the nicest person I could think of. She reminds me of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

They both have the same personality traits one thing they have that is that they are both unselfish. For example, Ms. Marshall helps students when she could be shopping. Another trait that she shares with Dr. King is that they are intelligent. She is intelligent because, when we can't answer something, Ms. Marshall always helps us. That is why I admire Ms. Marshall.

Sarah

Getting to know students at Central Five School

The following autobiographical poems were completed by some of the students enrolled in the Academic Achievement Program at Central Five-Jefferson School in Union.

A little bit about myself

Ashley
 Friendly, funny, athletic, caring
 Sibling of Steff
 Lover of snakes, video games, sharks and Halloween
 Who feels happy when I get new video games
 Who needs love, shelter and hugs
 Who fears spiders, flies and mosquitoes
 Who would like to see peace in the world.
 Resident of Union
 Ribas

Hoping for world peace

Anthony
 Nice, excellent, pleasant, friendly
 Sibling of Fate and Dore

Lover of summer, pizza, my family and Tody
 Who feels happy when I get second honor roll
 Who needs love, friendship and my mom
 Who gives food, honor and friendship
 Who fears spiders, heights and sharks
 Who would like to see peace in the world
 Resident of Union
 DaSilva

All about family and fun

Joshua
 Enjoyable, benevolent, balmy, lavish
 Sibling of Jayden
 Lover of family, brother, dog and Disney World
 Who feels great when I pass a test
 Who needs family, food and home
 Who gives money, respect and love
 Who fears homework, chores and class work
 Who'd like to see my grandmother and Grandfather.
 Resident of Union
 Bernal

Good friend, future actress

Victoria
 Elegant, friendly, cute, polite
 Sibling of Catherine
 Lover of Portugal, music, France and family
 Who feels proud when I get good grades
 Who needs love, friendship
 and responsibility
 Who gives food, love and money
 Who fears the dark, big bananas and ugly crabs
 Who would like to see me become an actress
 Resident of Union
 Barbosa

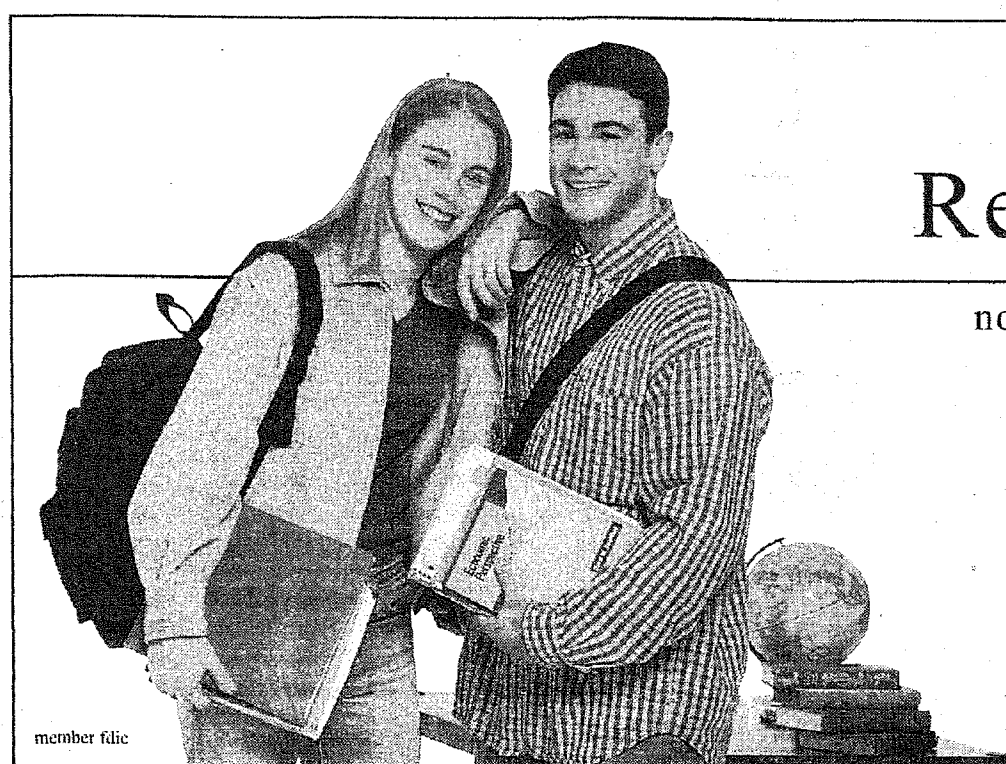
No snakes, please

Gioely
 Lovely, friendly, interesting
 Sibling of Elijah, Jeremiah and Joshua
 Lover of dogs, family, friends and play
 Who feels happy when I get good grades

Who needs friendship love and family
 Who gives help to others, money and food
 Who fears snakes,
 tigers and loneliness
 Who would like to see a new movie.
 Resident of Union
 Ledesma

A helpful, kind sister

Francine
 Gorgeous, magnificent, glittery, lovely
 Sibling of Habigal and Walter
 Lover of mom, dad, pizza and cats
 Who feels happy when I get good grades in school
 Who needs family,
 teachers and college
 Who gives courage, help and kindness
 Who fears dogs, snakes and rats
 Who would like to see Paris.
 Resident of Union
 Jean-Jacques



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Mixed signals

Come April 16, Roselle Park residents will get a chance to confront developers selected to rehabilitate the Romerovski factory site on the west end of the Borough. It will have all the drama of a jilted divorce hearing.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

The rocky road with Avalon Bay Co., has been getting tougher over the past year. The rose finally came off the bloom, when Borough officials last week voted themselves the authority to seek eminent domain powers if the relationship didn't get a whole lot better.

As the debate over affordable housing wanted by the developers and condos by the Borough officials heated up, the developer no slouch, instituted a builders remedy lawsuit. Translation—use the state's power for affordable housing to hammer officials already anxious about projects increasing the school population.

In the Council's resolution they say the "Borough is now satisfied that it can not count on the cooperation pledged by the property owner at the outset and exhibited at the early stages of the process."

The problem may be that the borough will be eventually outgunned. The so-called "builders remedy" litigation was only the opening salvo by the jilted Avalon. The Virginia-based company with a whole mess of subsidiaries grossed \$737 million last year.

A good example is their battle in Stratford, Connecticut which has raged for seven years over a 146-unit complex. Avalon knows how to ally themselves with the moderate housing advocates.

On February 20, the Borough Council will grant themselves eminent domain power as a tool against the developer plan. To municipal officials around the state, every new school child brings a \$14,000 or so price tag. The site also may be a problem.

The location is far enough from the local train station to preclude being attractive to commuters who could walk to the train.

William Ward, a leading state expert on eminent domain, issued a note of caution. Ward, an attorney, cautioned that the courts have narrowed the definition of what is an acceptable taking. Even if the Borough succeeded in their action, any setting of fair market value at highest and best use could be a staggering hit.

Critics of the project point to the \$200,000 in legal fees already spent. That may turn out to be a small fraction of the costs that will be spent by the time the battle is over.

A mile down the road Cranford is fighting on two separate fronts in terms of an area in need of redevelopment.

On the south side the project known as 555 South Ave. sees the township embroiled as the developers fight for an additional 50 or so units of affordable housing.

On the north side at the corner of North Ave., the reports out of the Township Committee are that a 2006 decision to designate the portion of North Avenue from Alden Street to Centennial Avenue, an area in need of rehabilitation may have been a mistake.

For the township, the disaster that became Cranford Crossing is often referred to as the fiasco that can occur when part time elected officials fancy themselves as up to the task of dealing with developers.

Former Mayor, and current head of the Downtown Management Committee Paul LaCorte talked last Friday, about the "mixed signals" coming from the Township Committee and lack of a plan as to which direction they will proceed.

It may be that one signal is clear—the next time public officials pop up on cable station 34 or 35 talking about their newest development plan to save the taxpayer dollars, expect a lot of delay, a lot of cost, and as LaCorte says, mixed signals.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

UCPAC is resuscitated

By Katherine Paster
Staff Writer

The long-awaited Union County Performing Arts Center opened its doors to the public this weekend after an extensive 19-month capital improvement project.

The Performing Arts Center located in downtown Rahway officially reopened on Saturday, and will begin its theatre program on February 14th with the romantic comedy titled "Comic Potential" written by Alan Ayckbourn.

More than \$6 million in county funds from the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund have gone into the revitalization of the Performing Arts Center over the past few years.

Renovations made to the theatre included an addition on the back of the theatre, which will provide four additional dressing rooms with modern plumbing, new office space for arts center employees and a new café.

The renovated Arts Center also now includes a separate rehearsal hall, where artists and musicals groups can rehearse before taking the stage. A new air conditioning system was also installed in the building, allowing it to remain open all year round.

"All of the new additions to the Arts Center are just great," said Sandy Erwin, executive director of the Union County Performing Arts Center. "These are all things that we've never had before and we will now be able to utilize for this beautiful theater."

The historic building renovations included the installation of a new roof and refurbishing the orchestra pit to its original 1928 style to accommodate the theatre's original "Mighty Little Wurlitzer" organ.

With 1,300 seats, the UCPAC is one of the largest theatres in Union County. According to Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, renovation of the Arts Center is part of a tourism initiative to attract more visitors to Union County.

"We've had consultant meetings with people from local hotels, symphonies and the Union County Performing Arts Center which will be open sometime in

the next year," said Kowalski. "It's all part of our goal to bring more tourism into Union County."

On July 28, 2005, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders unanimously passed a resolution to purchase the Arts Center, as well as an adjacent building and a nearby parking lot for \$1.3 million. The freeholder board closed on the sale of the property in April of 2006. Funding for the purchase came from the county's capital fund, and not the \$6.18 million the county had set aside for costs relating to the acquisition, renovation and rehabilitation of the facility in August 2004.

County Manager George Devanney has called the purchase of the historic theater an "economic development investment" in the past.

This historic landmark has become the centerpiece of a recently established arts district. The Arts Center is part of a revitalization project to revive tourism in Union County and part of a cultural renaissance of the community. The theatre is listed on both the national and state registers of historic places and is now operating as a multi-purpose venue for the performing arts. The mission of the Arts Center is to provide a regional showcase for arts and culture catering to all facets of the population and to stimulate urban-area economic revitalization, including the Rahway Central Business District.

"Rahway's downtown is starting to come back and we see the Arts Center as another piece to that puzzle," said Freeholder Daniel Sullivan. "It is just another attraction to bring people around."

The historic Union County Arts Center is formerly known as the Rahway Theatre, opened in 1928 as a classic vaudeville and silent movie palace. In 1984, the theater was saved by a dedicated group of volunteers, and in 1985, it became the Union County Arts Center. The theater, which features live performances, seats more than 1,300 people.

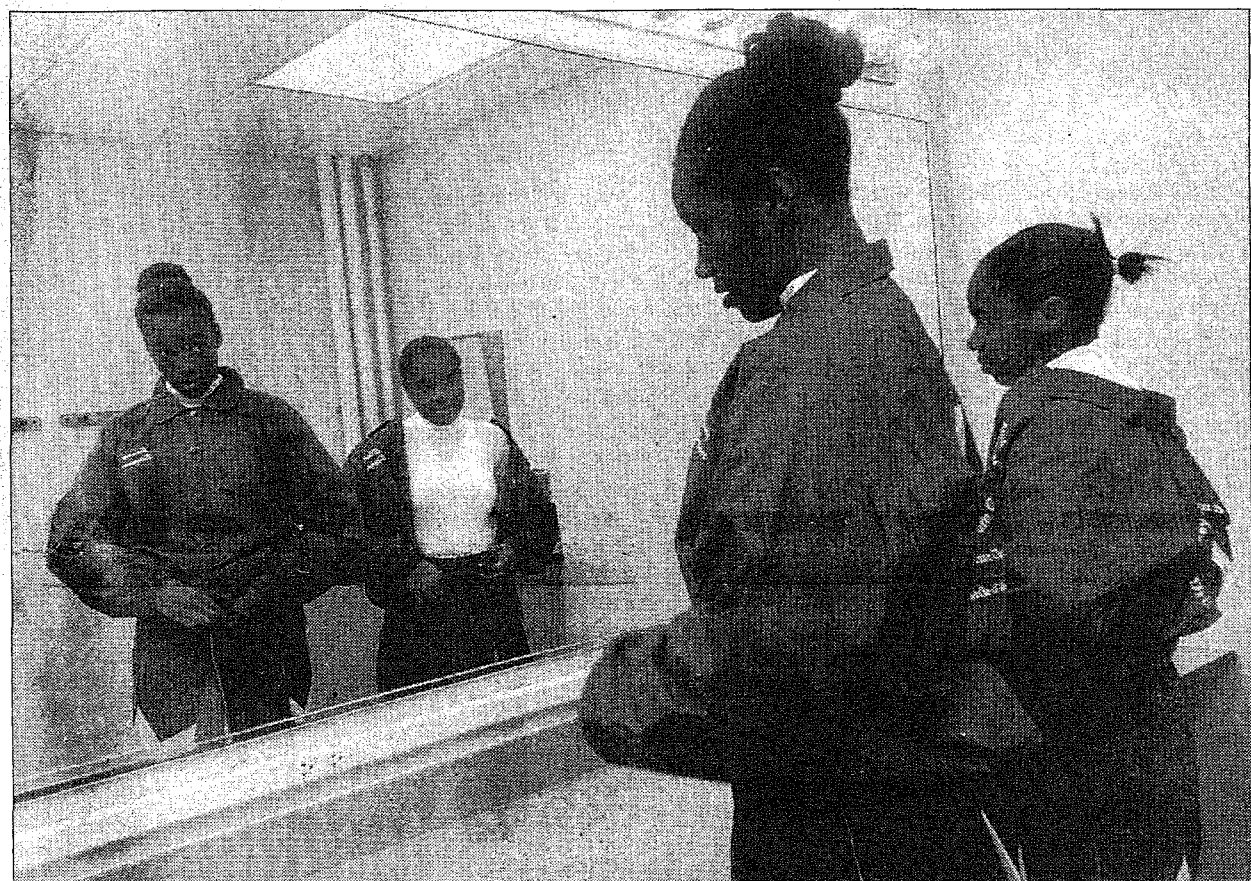
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Photos By Barbara Kokkalis

The lights are on and so is the show for the renovated Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway. Below, Janay Small, left and Elisha Small, members of the Jersey City Chilltown Steppers in the newly furnished old dressing room at the new UCPAC. The first play will be performed tonight with the romantic comedy titled "Comic Potential" written by Alan Ayckbourn.



Former jail escapees indicted by grand jury

By Katherine Paster
Staff Writer

ELIZABETH — Notorious jail escapees Otis Blunt and Jose Espinosa were indicted by a Union County Grand Jury Friday morning for the crime of escape in the third degree.

The one-count indictment, which was issued less than two months after Blunt and Espinosa made their Hollywood-style escape from the Union County Jail in Elizabeth, formally charges that the pair of criminals "did knowingly and without lawful authority remove themselves from official detention."

According to Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow, the indictment was handed down by Superior Court Judge Ross Anzaldi.

During Blunt and Espinosa's initial court hearing in January, Judge Joan

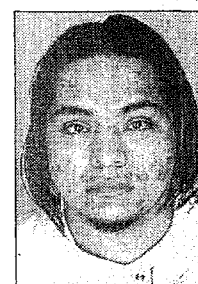


Blunt

Robinson Gross determined that there was sufficient evidence of an indictable offense, and set bail for both defendants at \$4 million each.

In addition to the third degree escape charge, Blunt is also facing robbery and weapons charges which were pending prior to his escape. The charges are in connection with a convenience store robbery that occurred in 2005.

Espinosa, an admitted member of the Bloods street gang, pled guilty to aggravated manslaughter in January of 2007, and was awaiting sentencing at the time of his escape.



Espinosa

Both Blunt and Espinosa pled "not guilty" to the escape charges, which carry a sentence of three to five years in prison, on top of the sentences for the previous offenses.

The arrests of Blunt and Espinosa early last month brought an end to a month-long nationwide manhunt for the two dangerous criminals.

Espinosa, 21, was apprehended by authorities in a basement apartment in Elizabeth, while Blunt, 33, was tracked to a \$10-a-night motel in Mexico.

The escaped inmates were captured

within one day of each other, approximately four weeks after they made their escape.

Espinosa's attorney said he was confident that Blunt, who was captured in Mexico City last week, was the "mastermind" behind the escape. He said he believes the two inmates initially planned to escape to Mexico together, but Espinosa injured his leg when he jumped over the razor wire fence during the escape.

Under a plea bargain issued months prior to his escape, Mexican national Espinosa will serve a minimum of 17 years in prison, in addition to time he may serve for the escape.

The pair made their "Shawshank Redemption"-style escape by burrowing a hole in the cement 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 investigation into the escape 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 probe of security enhancements that need to be made at the jail facility.

Blunt is due to appear in court on his pending charges on Feb. 19, and the sentencing of Espinosa is scheduled for Feb. 22.

Both inmates are currently being housed at Trenton State Prison, where they will await a final sentence, to be issued in the coming months.

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County hires Riordan as new jail warden

By Katherine Paster
Staff Writer

Bringing an end to almost two months of temporary management, the county has hired Brian P. Riordan, former New York City Department of Corrections warden, as the new director of the Union County Jail.

After conducting a nationwide search for a worthy candidate, the county announced that Riordan assumed the position of Jail Director on February 11.

Riordan, 42, was hired to replace former director Frank Crose who was reassigned to an administrative position outside of the jail following the escape of Union County Jail inmates Otis Blunt and Jose Espinosa.

Riordan, who said he has been following the developments surrounding the jail break, will now be responsible for spearheading improvements and new security protocols at the county jail.

"The Union County jail is not unique in that it faces many of the same issues as did the facilities I've supervised in New York City," said Riordan. "With that said, there is much work to be done, and I am excited about the challenges ahead and in working with the County Administration and

staff at the facility in running a safe and secure facility."

Under Riordan's directive, inmates will be roused during night time checks and their cells will be subject to random inspections to ensure that Union County Jail inmates will no longer be able to escape from the facility.

Riordan, a New Jersey resident, was one of five finalists that the county was considering to fill the position of Jail Director after having reviewed 30 applications.

As Director of the Union County Jail, Riordan will be responsible for the supervision of 280 officers and non-civilian employees and approximately 960 prisoners, in addition to another 100 under contract at Delaney Hall in Essex County.

Riordan will earn a salary of \$115,000 a year. His predecessor, Frank Crose, earned \$112,915 in 2007.

During a 21-year career in corrections in New York City, Riordan spent two years serving as the warden of the Anna M. Cross Center at Rikers Island, which has the largest and most diverse inmate population in the agency and can contain as many as 3,000 inmates in 68 housing areas.

At Rikers, Riordan was responsible for the

supervision of 1,200 staff members and 200 civilian employees.

"Brian's experience speaks for itself," said County Manager George Devanney. "In New York City, he commanded the largest operating facility in the City's Corrections Department at Rikers, with the largest inmate population."

Since September of last year, Riordan served as the warden of the New York City Corrections' Department of Transportation Division, where he oversaw the largest prisoner transportation operation in the nation.

During his employment with the city, Riordan introduced technological equipment into emergency vehicles such as the latest GPS Technology.

"He (Riordan) has worked his way through the ranks during a 21-year career and established an outstanding record of achievement," said Devanney.

After the December 14th jail break, a management shakeup at the jail resulted in numerous changes in personnel, including Crose's reassignment and the firing of Assistant Director James Dougherty.

While Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow launched an investigation into the

jail following the escape, the county hired Gary Hilton as acting director of the county jail.

Under Romankow's directive, the investigation of the county jail unearthed numerous security deficiencies within the correctional facility, including negligent corrections officers, video surveillance malfunctions, and sub-par building standards.

Prior to Riordan's hiring, numerous changes were made at the county correctional facility in Elizabeth on the internal and external parameters of the jail, and additional security measures will be implemented in the coming weeks to beef up security and safe-guard the penetrable walls of the Union County jail.

To address what Prosecutor Romankow called a dysfunctional "culture" among jail employees who regularly work overtime, the county agreed to hire an additional 51 correction officers to supplement the 219 corrections officers who currently work at the county jail.

"Things have to change in Union County and we are taking the necessary steps to change it," said Romankow.

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LIFESTYLE



Frank Andrew Fuzy III and Marie Elena Apuzzo

Mr. and Mrs. Fuzy III

Francine and George Apuzzo of Cranbury announced the wedding of their daughter, Marie Elena Apuzzo and Frank Andrew Fuzy, III.

The groom's parents are Nancy and Frank A. Fuzy, Jr. of Rahway.

The wedding took place with a Mass at St. Michael's Church, Cranford on July 21, 2007.

The bride was given in marriage by George Apuzzo, father of the bride.

The maid/matron of honor's were Alisa Kaufman, matron of honor, sister of the bride from Heightstown.

The bridesmaids were Jennifer Lieberman, best friend of the bride, Columbus, Ohio; Jaclyn Samperi, cousin of the bride, Yorktown Heights, New York and Janine Samperi, cousin, Yorktown Heights, New York.

The flower girl's name is Gabriella Mia Scipioni, God daughter and niece of the groom, Clark and Isabella Katrina Scipioni, niece of the groom, Clark.

The best man was Maciej Fer-

enc, best friend of the groom, Pompano Beach, Florida.

The ushers' were best friend of the groom: Michael Curto, Piscataway; Robert Coglianese, Clark and Peter Hilarczyk, Nazareth, Pennsylvania.

The readers were Alicia Ann Scipioni, sister of the groom, Clark and Frank Cioffredi, cousin of the bride, Cranbury. The reception location was the Primavera Regency, Sterling.

The wedding couple went on a honeymoon to Tahiti, Bora Bora and Moorea. The couple now lives in Colonia.

The bride is a graduate of William Patterson University, Wayne with a bachelor of arts in elementary education. She is now employed as a teacher by the Westfield Board of Education.

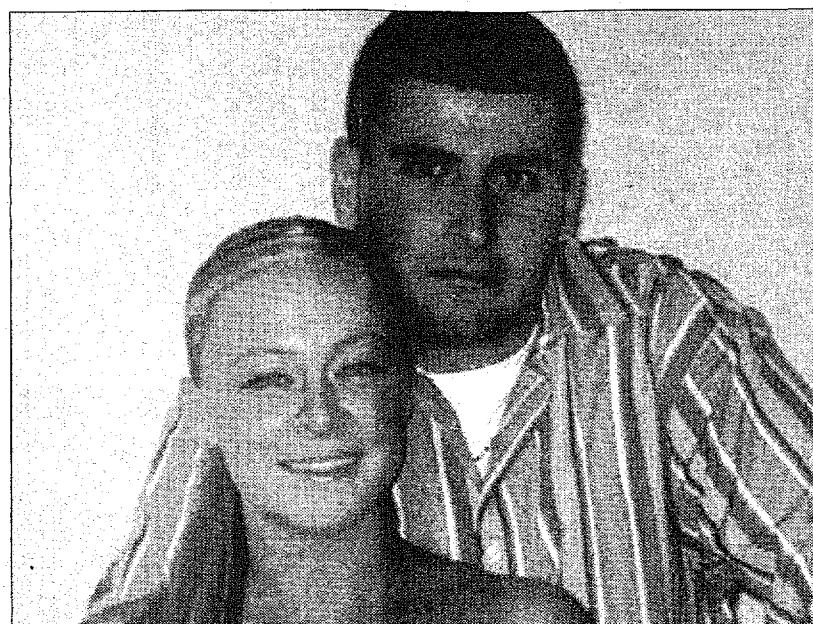
The groom is a graduate of Kean University, Union with a bachelor of arts in elementary education and a masters of arts in educational administration. He also employed as a teacher by the Westfield Board of Education.

Sangiuliano, Spanovich engaged

George and Carene Sangiuliano of Clark are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Marcus Sangiuliano to Danielle Spanovich, daughter of Margo Dillen of Bayonne and David Spanovich of Georgia.

Danielle is a graduate of Bayonne High School and currently employed by New York Shipping Company as a long shoreman.

Marcus is a graduate of Monmouth University, earning a Business Management Degree. Marcus is self-employed in the family business-Sangiuliano Construction Co., as a Property Manager. The couple was engaged in October and they plan to wed November 7th, 2009.



Danielle Spanovich-Marcus Sangiuliano



Stephanie Muller and Tony Manderichio

Muller, Manderichio wed

Stephanie Muller, daughter of Chuck and Karen Dooner of Union, was married to Tony Manderichio, son of Anthony and Betsy Manderichio of Garwood on November 9.

The matron of honor was Jennifer Brose. Her bridesmaids were Ivy Peterson, Barbara Dooner, June Manderichio and Dena Manderichio. The best man was Paul Santangelo. His ushers were A.J. Manderichio, Joshua Dooner, Scott Muller, Chris Bono and Jason Krok. The ringbearer was Xavier Krok. The bride is a graduate of Union High School, Rutgers University, bachelor of arts and Seton Hall University, master of arts, and is employed by the Union Township Board of Education as a fifth grade teacher at Central 5 School.

The groom is a graduate of Union High School, Kean University, bachelor of arts, and is employed by Union Township Board of Education as personal assistant at Battle Hill School. They spent their honeymoon at St. Lucia for one week.

The couple now reside in Scotch Plains.

A grandson for the Moesch

Yaelle and Joshua Moesch of Ramat Bet Shemesh, Israel announce the birth of a son, Raziel, on Nov. 14, 2007 at Hadassah Hospital Jerusalem.

The paternal grandparents are Sharon and Bill Moesch of Springfield and Delaware Township, PA. The maternal grandparents and great-grandmother are Evelyn and Arthur Jacobs and Yettie Jacobs of Ramat Bet Shemesh. He joins a sister, Adira, age 2 1/2.

Tips to stay safe while using a snow thrower

When heavy winter snow storms hit, there's nothing like a snow thrower to save time and effort clearing your driveway and sidewalk.

Snow throwers can clear most surfaces very quickly, and they reduce ice build-up on the pavement.

With the winter season upon us, the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute reminds everyone to make safety the top priority in order to prevent accidents.

"This winter season, outdoor power equipment will again be put to the test in making our winter environment safer and less challenging," said Kris Kiser, OPEI's vice president of public affairs. "Help prevent winter accidents with proper snow thrower use and follow these important safety tips."

OPEI urges consumers to review and follow these important safety tips:

- Never put hands inside the dis-

charge chute for any reason. If the snow thrower becomes clogged with snow, turn off the engine, wait for all moving parts to come to a complete stop and then clear now thrower, stop the snow thrower and move the object before continuing.

- Remember to read the owner's manual.
- Do not allow children to operate equipment.

- Do not clear snow across the face of slopes.

- For repairs, turn off machine and wait until all parts stop moving. Disconnect the spark plug wire or the electric cord.

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing and footwear.

- And always, keep hands and feet away from moving parts.

For more tips, visit www.opei.org.

Kean to speak to chambers

State Senator Tom Kean Jr. will be the guest speaker on Feb. 20 for the Employer Legislative Committee breakfast at Lana's at Hyatt Hills Golf Course, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark.

There will be networking at 8 a.m. and then a full breakfast from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

For additional directions for the site go on the Web at www.lanasfine-dining.com

The Union County ELC is located at 34 Ridgedale Avenue, Summit.

The breakfast is in partnership with: Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce; Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce; Suburban Chamber of Commerce; Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce; UCEDC, a non-profit economic development corporation; Union Township Chamber of Commerce and Hillside Chamber of Commerce.

If you are interested in attending, please respond by e-mail to info@unioncountyclc.org, or call 908-598-2532 or fax your RSVP to 908-517-5970.

Workshop explains preserving valuables

Who will preserve your valuable books, documents, paintings and photographs?

You can learn how to select a secure and permanent home for your valuable personal and family historical collections at a special workshop on Feb. 27, presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The workshop — "Personal and Family Historical Collections: Assuring Their Future" — will take place on Feb. 27 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 1391 South Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Two local experts will provide private collectors, historical groups, overseers/owners of family historical materials and the general public with answers to questions about choosing an appropriate repository for valuable

historical collections.

Plainfield Public Library Director Joseph DaRold and retired librarian Barbara Polk Riley, who recently donated 1,881 books from the Polk Family African American Book Collections to the Plainfield Library, will discuss the intricacies of the donor-repository partnership.

Pre-registration is required by Feb. 22.

To register or to request a workshop brochure, contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202. Telephone 908-558-2550; Relay Users call 1-800-852-7899; or E-mail: culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

This public history workshop is presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders through the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Parks and Community Renewal. The program is funded in part by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State.

Runnells Hospital plots sale, Feb. 28

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will feature a sale by Glens Bags on February 28. The spectacular selection of handbags and accessories will be on sale in the facility's multi-purpose room at 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Credit cards as well as cash will be accepted.

The efforts of the guild, which make vendor sales possible, also sponsor a holiday party/gift distribution and a summer ice cream social in cooperation with the Berkeley Heights Lions Club. The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services of Runnells Specialized Hospital are always interested in recruiting volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist with resident contact as well as performing other tasks. Anyone who would like further information should call the Office of Volunteer Services at 908-771-5847.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLAINFIELD

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Donald L. Harris; Chad Schwartz Individual U.S. & S Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning; and Dollar Dry Dock Savings Bank

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon GOLDBECK McCafferty & McKEEVER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Suite 5000 - Mellon Independence Center, 701 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532, phone # (856) 858-3242, an answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action, in which Wachovia Bank, National Association as Trustee of the Security National Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-2 is plaintiff, and Donald L. Harris and Petrucci E. Harris aka Patricia Harris, his wife are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and hearing Docket No. F-27573-07 within thirty-five (35) days after February 14, 2008 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated December 30, 1988, made by Donald L. Harris and Petrucci E. Harris aka Patricia Harris, h/w as mortgagor(s), to Starpointe Savings Bank recorded on January 09, 1987, for Union County in Book 3706, Page 533 of Mortgages for said County, which mortgage was assigned to the plaintiff, Wachovia Bank, National Association as Trustee of the Security

PUBLIC NOTICE

National Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-2, by Assignment which has been sent for recording; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1333 Evergreen Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 1-732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-(908) 353-4745. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of venue by calling 1-(908) 354-4340.

YOU, Donald L. Harris, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the record owner of the mortgaged premises and because you executed the bond or note and mortgage being foreclosed herein and may be liable for any deficiency thereon, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

YOU, Chad Schwartz Individual U.S. & S Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you have a judgment against Donald Harris that was entered in Superior Court of New Jersey known as Judgment No. J00044330-1992 and Case No. W-5689-87 entered on April 15, 1992 to secure a debt in the amount of \$26,450.00, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

YOU, Dollar Dry Dock Savings Bank, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a judgment you have against Donald L. Harris entered in Superior Court of New Jersey on November 5, 1990 known as Judgment No. J-00115687-1990 and Case No. L-000380-90 to secure a debt in the sum of \$17,473.29, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

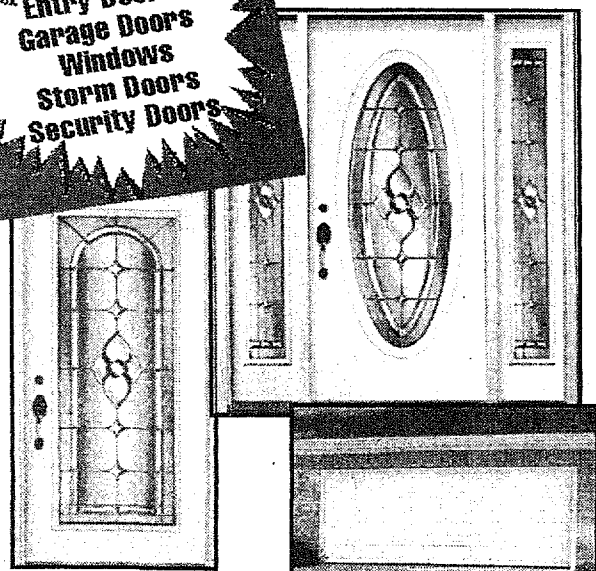
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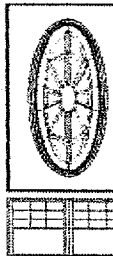
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'Wedding Singer' marches on

By Helen Argers and Astera Argyris
 "Les Miserables" it's not. "My Fair Lady" —coming to NJPAC next, it's not.

Nor is it Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" heralding a grand, formal wedding. Rather, "The Wedding Singer," performed at the Prudential Theater at NJPAC, was a Jersey bounce of a show.

Based on a movie that then was a Broadway show, "The Wedding Singer" assures audiences will have a "happily-ever-after" feeling when watching the show.

If you liked "Hairspray" this has the same dancing, bubbling spirits that make a reviewer hesitate to say anything negative. So the conclusion is that it is a fun show with some reservations.

One reservation is the plot — although that's minor since most Broadway musical books are on this level — with some spectacular exceptions mentioned above.

Time: 1985 when apparently everyone had high hopes. A young man, Robbie Hart, dreams of being a rock star, but settles for being the singer of a band that plays at weddings. He keeps writing songs and, keeping the faith, while living in his grandmother's basement in New Jersey.

But when he is jilted, he no longer enjoys having to serenade all the wedded couples, and becomes bitter, until he meets a young waitress who gives him back his belief in love.

The rest of the story is what you'd suppose. Can a new girl give up her rich, successful stock market, shark-type fiancé and fall in love with this downbeat guy, just to give him back his old bounce? You bet!

The music is chipper, animated and —you guessed it— bouncy. Only the lyrics keep falling flat. Example, lines such as: "I can't believe I've found a love that's true." Throughout, similar rhyming clichés abound of the "true-blue-you" variety.

Oh, then there are some four-letter words scattered throughout, serving the function of strong herbs to give a little shock 'blue' tone to the pallid true-stew.

Originally, this was a movie starring Adam Sandler —of "Saturday Night Live" fame— and Drew Barrymore. One would assume that the leads in the NJPAC performance would have a difficult time living up to those stars.

But Adam Sandler smirked and sighed throughout the movie while Merrit David Janes, as Robbie Hart, gives him heart and pizzazz. Drew



"It's Your Wedding Day" - Merritt David Janes as Robbie Hart performs above with the cast of The Wedding Singer at The Prudential Center. Below, left to right, Justin Jutras as Sammy, Merritt David Janes as Robbie Hart and John Jacob Lee as George.



Barrymore was more subtle but Erin Elizabeth Coors, as Julia, has more vitality and —here comes that word again— bounce. Credit to the rest of the cast for keeping up the beat and never seeming to tire as they bounce around the stage.

That's true for all the dancers and the supporting players, such as Sarah Peak, as Holly, Julia's BFF, and Justin Jutras, as Robbie's BFF. Also keeping up everyone's spirits

on a high level: John Jacob Lee, Nikka Wahl and Penny Larsen —too young to be a grandmother— and Mark Raumaker who plays the Wall Street money-lovin' competition.

One last quibble that has to be bounced off you fellow New Jersey residents. Why would a similar show, such as "Hairspray" that took place in Baltimore, have a main song and cast singing the praises of that city, while this show, that takes

place in New Jersey, revel in cracks about our Garden State?

Ease up, guys. We must be fair game. For Jersey jokes have been bouncing around for years. Obviously, that only goes to show what good sports we all are.

As are your reviewers for swallowing their hurt state pride and giving this show an 'eight' for bringing back the bouncy eighties to a sober 2008.



Sue Matsuki

Matsuki does her best Fitzgerald

By Bea Smith
 Staff Writer

Sue Matsuki proved to be the personification of cabaret on an evening last week when she offered her "A Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald — First Lady of Song" at The Manor in West Orange.

With such an outstanding Feb. 8th performance, accompanied by pianist Gregory Torioian, her talented musical director and co-arranger for more than 13 years and an equally talented bassist, Tom Hubbard, Matsuki, herself, could be graded as the current "First Lady of Song."

It was an absolutely perfect evening all the way around. Right from the beginning, in the Terrace Lounge, when the maitre'd, Sammy Odeh, introduced my companion and me to the new executive chef, Mitchell Altholz, and our attentive waiter, Louis, to the elegant dining and the accompanying dinner music by pianist extraordinaire, Bobby Richards, it was an awesome experience.

In the first place, Louis presented the chef's delicacy — something quite different from what we were used to — a salad de Province, a special sardine vinaigrette with goat cheese frosting, spicy enough to whet the appetite with finely diced pickled vegetables.

Then, to the accompaniment of Richards' soothing version of Nat King Cole songs, including "Nature Boy," both my companion and I found perfection in the first course, avocado with shrimp and lobster, with a thin slice of lobster on the side. We could have ordered risotto with wild mushrooms, house smoked salmon or Porcini mushroom soup with asparagus tips, and probably found perfection in any one of those choices.

"Speak Low," Richards' version suggested, as we delved into the Baby Argula salad, which featured just the right amount of shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano, pear tomatoes in aged Balsamic vinaigrette.

While I savored the pork tenderloin, so soft and tender, it melted in my mouth, with delicious truffled mashed potatoes, baby beets in port wine sauce, my companion was ecstatic over her wild salmon slowly poached in Spanish olive oil with wilted baby spinach in mussel-saffron sauce. Also on the menu were Day Boat Chatham cod and filet mignon.

Richards really set the mood for a to-die-for dessert with his interpretation of "Begin the Beguine," "So In Love With You Am I" and "As Time Goes By."

And with "Over the Rainbow" hovering over us, we threw caution to the wind to partake of the unbelievably beautifully shaped chocolate-raspberry Ganache Plateau with Valrhona chocolate ice cream, coffee for me and tea for my companion.

With "Skylark" still ringing in our ears, we climbed the winding staircase up to Le Dome to be royally entertained by an incredible cabaret performer, the lovely award-winning Matsuki. Her audience included several youngsters, who were there with their parents to learn about cabaret from the cabaret expert.

These children and more, known as the Stage Struck Kids, directed by Michelle Oram, will present a special program at The Manor on March 2 at 2 p.m. called "Life Is a Cabaret" at a luncheon.

Matsuki effortlessly and lovingly brought Ella Fitzgerald and her memorable music to light, particularly when she sang "Perdido," and did a special Fitzgerald scat; "Lullaby of Birdland," with Torioian and Hubbard featuring their varieties of music, and "Easy to Love," which made it easy for the audience to love this songstress.

Matsuki told the audience that she had met Fitzgerald when she was six years old, and "her voice just spoke to my heart...she was a piece of art history." She also told an amusing tale of how, when Matsuki was seven years old, she shocked a talent show crowd and her mother by singing "Love for Sale."

And when Matsuki sang the same song for the entranced cabaret audience at The Manor, it had quite a different effect on the emotions. Her variety of Fitzgerald songs, which included "Blue Skies," "Embraceable You," "You're An Old Smoothie," "Can't We Be Friends?," "Mack the Knife," "Misty," her father's favorite; and the sadly funny, "Miss Otis Regrets," truly reached out to every member in the audience. She sang softly, animatedly, brought a new meaning to jazz, and had everyone impatiently waiting for more.

Of course, our cabaret genius could not have completed her program without her version of the Fitzgerald version of the wonderful "A-tisket, A-tasket."

When the audience indicated it wanted to experience future performances, Matsuki said, "I'll come back in a New York minute."

And the entire audience nodded in mutual agreement.

All that jazz with diMura, Dale

The Jazz Series continues at The Arts Guild of Rahway on February 29, at 8 p.m. with a tribute to Tony Bennett by pianist/composer Vince diMura and guest singer Andy Gale.

Tickets are available now at The Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving Street in downtown Rahway between 9 a.m. and noon, and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Call 732-381-7511 or e-mail the center with your request at artsguild1670@verizon.net.

The music of Tony Bennett has been popular for decades, and has recently found new younger fans with such albums as Tony Bennett "Unplugged" and the two "Duets" albums featuring Tony with many of today's top pop, rock, Latin and blues stars.

diMura is a veteran performer and musical director, appearing on concert stages and theatres throughout North America, Canada, and Latin America.

He has conducted shows and seasons at the Barn Theatre in Augusta Michigan, Bucks County Playhouse, Artpark and Company in Lewiston N.Y., Tennessee Repertory Company in Nashville, The Asolo Theatre Company and American Stage in Florida, Passage Theatre, Act II Playhouse, The Arden Theatre Company in Philadelphia, and The

Muhlenburg Summer Theatre Festival.

diMura holds fellowships from the William Goldman Foundation, Temple University, Meet the Composer, CEPAC, the Union County Foundation, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, and the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation.

Best known for his arrangements of "My Way: A Sinatra Cabaret," —with more than 200 productions nationally, diMura has musical directed a slew of productions of the show included runs at the Blowing Rock Stage Company and Flat Rock Playhouse in North Carolina, Western Michigan's Cherry County Playhouse, The Barter Theatre in Virginia, and Arkansas Repertory Company in Little Rock.

In 2005, diMura created full arrangements for American Stage's production of "I Left My Heart"; A Tribute to Tony Bennett: Licensed by Summerwind Productions; and musical directed the premier production at American Stage in St. Petersburg Florida.

There have been five productions of "I Left My Heart" since its premier in 2005, with four more slated for the first half of 2007 including a summer run at the Welk Resort Theatre in San Diego, CA.

In February 2004, di Mura premiered a concert

version of his first spoken word/jazz opera, "A Poet in Harlem" with text by Nuyorican poet, Willie Perdomo. Performances at the Puffin Cultural Forum, The Arts Guild of Rahway, 12 Miles West Theatre and The Bowery Poetry Club followed.

On September 22, 2006, diMura premiered "For Lost Words"; a second spoken word/jazz opera based on the Vietnam poetry of Yusef Komunyakaa.

The work's official premier took place at Passage Theatre in Trenton on March 4, 2007 with an encore hearing on March 24.

In the early part of 2007, diMura released his new jazz CD, "A Darker Side of Romance."

Gale has appeared in three prestigious Broadway musicals. In both RAGS —Strouse/Schwartz— and Side Show—Kreiger/Russell, he can be heard on the original cast albums. He also played Robert the Butler in "Jane Eyre."

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a non-profit center for the arts presenting a yearly season of art exhibits primarily featuring New Jersey visual artists, a jazz series and seasonal art classes and workshops for adults and children at all levels of experience. The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving Street in downtown Rahway at the corner of Irving Street and Seminary Avenue.

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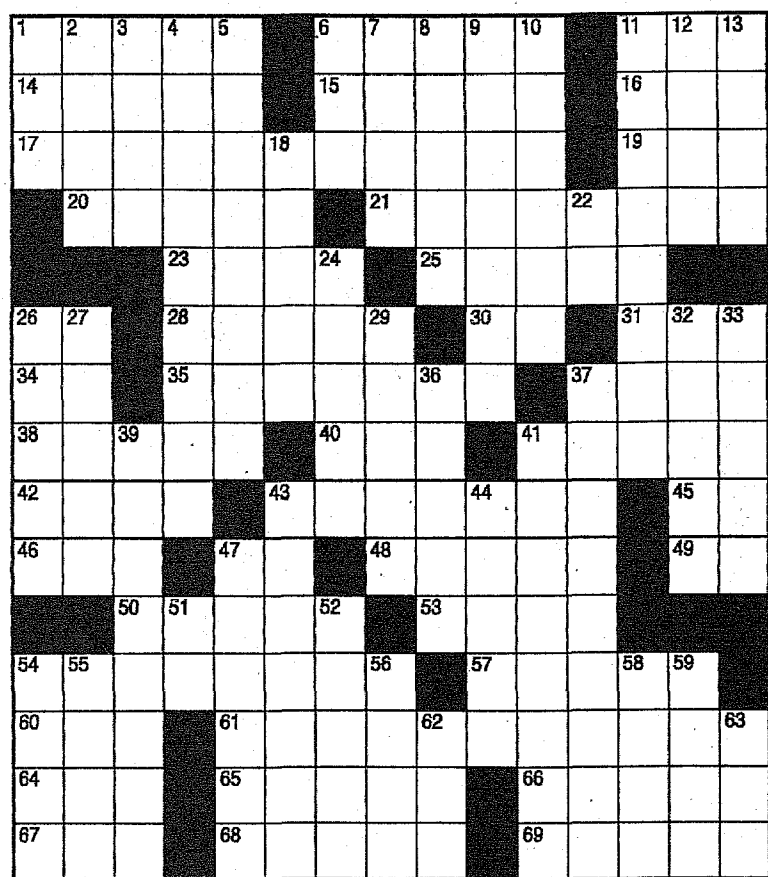


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3. ___ Frank's diary
4. Covered again
5. Pair of sawhorses
6. A wing of an insect
7. Enamelled metalware
8. a.k.a. Lake Geneva
9. Causing astonishment
10. At peace
11. One who ransoms
12. Arabian Gulf
13. Bard
18. Encomiums
22. Hammer initials
24. Slim candle
26. Extensive landed property
27. Short-billed Old World rails
29. Begets
32. Golfing assistant
33. Put within
36. A genetic characteristic
37. One who cuts up for analysis
39. To act as a barrier between
41. B. Fuller's dome
43. Totally flattened
44. Slippery and viscous
47. Bonne ___: delicious morsel
51. Not caps
52. Makes tractors
54. Raise to the 3rd power
55. Frosts
56. Nuclear near reach weapon
58. Visual receptor cell sensitive to color
59. Cuckoos
62. A shag rug made in Sweden
63. Take in solid food

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EVERY SATURDAY
Month of February, 2008

EVENT: Open Meditation & Breathing Session
 PLACE: St. Andrew & Holy Communion Episcopal Church, 180 W. South Orange, Avenue, South Orange.
 TIME: 9:30am - 10:30am.
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 ORGANIZATION: Art of Living Foundation, a non-profit, educational and humanitarian organization

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March 29, 2008

EVENT: DANCEFEST II
 PLACE: East Orange Civic Center, Greenwood Avenue
 TIME: 12:00 noon
 PRICE: Tickets: \$10 & \$5
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This week:

ARIES, March 21-April 20
 Aries, your idea to fund a venture fills a void that you've been trying to fill for a while. However, use caution and take it slow when making big decisions.

TAURUS, April 21-May 21
 Taurus, it's hard to resist friends, especially when they approach you with a "can't-miss" plan. Use your better judgement before you get in over your head.

GEMINI, May 22-June 21

Strange conversations with a family member put you on guard, Gemini. Unfortunately, you can't focus on much other than those words. Tuesday is enlightening.

CANCER - June 22-July 22
 This week will make for busy travel, Cancer. It's much more than just the typical work commute. Think about spending more time in the comfort of home.

LEO, July 23-Aug. 23
 Leo, there are a lot of elements in the universe intent on getting in your

path. Suit up for the real-life video game that will be your life for the next week.

VIRGO, Aug. 24-Sept. 22
 Try to show compassion when news is brought to light, Virgo, even if you know the person at the center has acted poorly. Now is not the time to say, "I told you so."

LIBRA, Sept. 23-Oct. 23
 In a rush to get out of work one day, Libra, miscommunication may occur. You could be in the dog house for a few days because of these

actions. Romance is eclipsed by work.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24-Nov. 22
 Unexpected expenses are par for the course this week, Scorpio. Fortunately, you've had that "rainy day" fund set aside for some time now.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23-Dec. 21
 Let sleeping dogs lie, Sagittarius. You don't want to get involved in something this week that will pull you in and trap you for a while. Travel sounds like a great idea.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22-Jan. 20
 Capricorn, this week you may dis-

close something personal that you never had intended. You'll have to live with the consequences for more time than you think.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21-Feb. 18
 Aquarius, while others around you seem down and out, you're a breath of fresh air and optimism. Don't let others bring you down as you enjoy these days.

PISCES, Feb. 19-March 20
 Get creative with recreational ideas, Pisces. The funds aren't there for a grand escape, but you can still

have fun.

Famous birthdays:
 February 17: Paris Hilton, socialite, 27-years-old.
 February 18: Matt Dillon, actor, 44.
 February 19: Seal, singer, 45.
 February 20: Andrew Shue, actor, 41.

February 21: Kelsey Grantham, actor, 53.
 February 22: Drew Barrymore, actress, 33.
 February 23: Dakota Fanning, actress, 14.

REUNIONS

Worrall Community Newspapers seeks information on reunions of Union County schools.

Send news of your reunion plans to Reunions, Worrall Community Newspapers, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, NJ 07083, or by e-mail to unioncounty@thelocalsource.com, with "reunions" in the subject line.

Include all pertinent contact information, such as the names of contact personnel, phone numbers and e-mail addresses, so that attendees may inquire about the reunion. All dates and deadlines relevant to the reunion should also be included.

The following schools are planning reunions:

• Sacred Heart High School, Class

of 1958, will hold its 50th year reunion on Sept. 21, at the Quality Inn, Rt. 37 West, Toms River, from 1 to 5 p.m.. If you know of anyone from the class, or for information, please contact Mary Ellen Malone Damiano 908-862-4089 or e-mail adamiano14@comcast.net.

• The 45th Reunion Committee of West Side High, classes of June 1962 and January 1963, are looking for alumni.

The reunion is planned for April 12 at the Riverview Pavilion in Belmar. Contact Irene Tramutola Carlucci at 908-654-3703 or Rae Vella Yurecko at 908-687-2294.

• The USS Nimitz—CVN-68—Association is looking for shipmates

— ship's company, staff, squadrons and detachments — who served on board the Nuclear Attack Aircraft Carrier for a ship's reunion in Nashville, Tenn. from June 19 to 22. The Nimitz is currently deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. For more information, contact Joe Brunner at waldof@cox.net or 619-466-2132 or log on to www.usnimitzassociation.org for membership.

• The 1958 graduating class of Thomas Jefferson and Battin high schools in Elizabeth will have a gala reunion with cocktails, dinner and reminiscing with old friends on May 3 at Galloping Hill Inn, Union, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their

high school graduation.

Additional events are also planned.

For more information and reservations, call Lowell Safenstein at 973-731-5449, Sue Farber Christenson at 908-757-7512 or Charles Brandt at 732-323-8840 or CapinCharlie@msn.com.

• The Orange High School Class of 1991 reunion committee is planning a reunion dinner for their class members. Contact Fatima Turner at ohs91@msn.com. The reunion committee is also looking for staff members. For information, call 973-518-3124 or 973-414-9644.

• Members of Saint Vincent's Academy, Newark, Class of 1957, are being sought to share in the celebra-

tion of the 50th anniversary. Contact Joan Bienkowski Hanley at thehanley@msn.com for classmate locations or are interested in more specific details about the annual luncheon and the special plans arranged for the class.

• The 25th Reunion Committee of Irvington High School Class of 1982 is looking for alumni. E-mail the committee at ihsc1982@hotmail.com.

Worrall Community Newspapers accepts information on all reunions of Union County schools. Send news of your reunion plans to Reunions, Worrall Community Newspapers, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union NJ 07083, or by e-mail to unioncounty@thelocalsource.com.

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Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news: Church, club and social events — Friday at noon.

Entertainment — Friday, noon.

Sports news and game results — Monday, noon.

Letter to the Editor — Monday, 9 a.m.

General news — Monday, 5 p.m.

Purple Violet Film Festival seeks student short films

Premiere Stages and the Department of Media & Film at Kean University are currently accepting submissions to the third annual Purple Violet Film Festival.

The festival takes place on April 22 on the Kean University campus and will feature screenings of student films, lectures and workshops by industry professionals, and a Q & A with a special guest artist.

Submissions to the festival will be accepted in four short-film categories: Comedy, Animation, Dramatic and Documentary. Interested students should submit three copies of their film on DVD — electronic submissions will not be accepted. The films will be screened and evaluated by a panel of judges comprised of faculty and staff from the Department of Media & Film as well as leading professionals in the field. A winner will be

selected in each category. A formal viewing at Kean University will conclude the festival. The four winners will be awarded a cash prize of \$250.

All winners and an "Audience Favorite" will also receive framed certificates.

High schools students are also encouraged to submit 30-second public-service-announcement videos. Four winners will be selected. Each

receives a cash prize of \$100. All submissions will be screened throughout the day on April 22, and the winners will be formally screened with the winning films.

Submission to the Purple Violet Film Festival is free of charge. Film-makers can download guidelines from www.kean.edu/premierestages. The deadline for entries is March 22.

Admission is free for all festival events. For

directions, please visit www.kean.edu or call 908-737-SHOW-7469.

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Trailside fest opens Friday

Trailside Nature and Science Center is the place to go for "February Festivities" — special adult, family and children's programs during the Presidents' Day vacation days, February 15-19.

Kicking off this long weekend on Friday evening is a special history presentation for adults entitled "Eleanor Roosevelt — A Woman of Note." Rene Goodwin, of the American Historical Theatre, will re-create Eleanor Roosevelt in a compelling performance which gives us a glimpse of her life which began as an ungainly and unloved young woman to the time she became the U.S. representative to the United Nations.

Goodwin will tell the story of Eleanor's emotionally difficult upbringing, her marriage to an ambitious man and her unwavering support of him during his illness. Pre-registration is required since space is limited. There will be a suggested donation posted at the door.

"This program promises to be entertaining and educational," said Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. "You won't want to miss it. I invite everyone to come on Feb. 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. to this special evening which is sponsored in part by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities."

"February Festivities" continues on Saturday. The Trailside staff has designed a variety of entertaining and interactive programs for families to heighten your awareness of the natural world during the winter months. Space is limited and classes fill quickly, so pre-registration is required.

"Mammal Mania" will be offered on Saturday or Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. Participants will learn how a mammal is different from a bird, a reptile or an insect, and have the opportunity to feel deer, rabbit, skunk and bear fur, examine skulls from coyote, bobcat, bear and squirrel, and discover how to identify and track local mammals. The workshop even includes an outdoor search for footprints left by Trailside's animal neighbors. "Mammal Mania" is recommended for families with children ages four and older.

"The Journey of Sap to Syrup" is being offered on Saturday, and Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. or Monday, from

3 to 4 p.m. The program will show families how 100-percent real maple syrup is made from the sap of a sugar maple tree. Find out what equipment is needed to collect sap and take part in a taste test to try to identify the real thing. A short hike will be taken in order to see a tap in action on a live tree. This program is for families with children ages four and older.

"Winter Survival," presented Saturday or Tuesday from 3 to 4 p.m. will have families discovering what it takes to survive in the wild. Advice will be offered on what to bring on winter hikes, how to create shelter using branches and leaves, and how to build a fire. Participants will then be able to warm up around the fire with hot chocolate and marshmallows. "Winter Survival" is recommended for families with children ages five and older and participants are encouraged to dress warmly.

On Monday from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m., "The Science of Magic" will be presented in Trailside's auditorium. This super scientific circus will showcase many magic tricks based on scientific principles.

Using magnetism, light, air, condensation, optical illusions and mental confusion, the audience members will learn to do magic! "The Science of Magic" is recommended for children ages 4-11.

Space is limited and tickets go on sale at 1 p.m. the day of the show at the Visitor Service Desk in the Trailside's Visitor Center.

No advance ticket sales will be made. Strollers will not be permitted in the auditorium.

"Print Mania," recommended for families with children ages five and older, will be offered on Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. Participants in this workshop will get naturally creative using different printing methods to create one-of-a-kind masterpieces to take home. Old clothing that can get dirty is recommended for all enrolled.

Two February Festivities evening classes are set to please your family. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

"When I'm Sleepy — Talking Turtles," presented on Saturday from 6 to 7 p.m., will present interesting facts about aquatic painted turtles and discover how they differ from woodland box turtles. Children will enjoy prac-

ticing how to walk like a turtle and pretend to hide from predators. Adults and children will delight to meet live turtles from Trailside's reptile collection. This evening program is for families with children ages 4-5 years old. No younger or older siblings will be permitted to attend the program.

"Snakes of New Jersey," will be offered on Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. for families with children ages 6 and older. Participants will enjoy learning all about the different snakes that inhabit New Jersey and what traits they have in common with other reptiles. Live snakes from Trailside's collection will be featured throughout the program. Again, please note that younger siblings will not be permitted to attend the program.

For a complete listing of "February Festivities" programs and children's workshops, or for information on upcoming events and summer camps, call Trailside Nature and Science Center at 908-789-3670 or visit us at www.ucnj.org/trailside. Trailside is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside and is a service of the Union-County Board of Chosen Freeholders.



Audience participation required. Sean Taylor, center, anxiously awaits the cloth to be pulled from under his chair by "Mr. Fish" of Encore Performing Arts, while Trailside senior park naturalist Joe Filo stands by during a matinee entitled "Phenomenal Physics" hosted at Trailside Nature and Science in Mountainside last year. A member of Encore Performing Arts will return on Monday at 1:30 p.m. for a program entitled "The Science of Magic" as part of Trailside's annual February Festivities. For a complete listing of February Festivities programs call 908-789-3670 or visit the Web at www.ucnj.org/trailside.

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ART SHOWS

The Skulski Art Gallery, presents **EWA MASLOWSKA** Paintings through Feb. 29. The gallery is located at the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark. For more information check out the Web site, www.polishculturalfoundation.org or call 732-382-7197. Taking the Garden State Parkway to exit 135. Follow circle to Valley Road. Make first right onto Broadway. PCF is 1/2 mile on right.

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 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 Friday. Admission is free. Call 732-381-7511 or e-mail at 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 Daniel Jorden 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 or call 973-675-2787.

BERKELEY HEIGHTS ARTIST NANCY ORI is featured at a permanent exhibit at Berkeley Heights Public Library, 290 Plainfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. For information, call 908-464-9333.

AUDITIONS

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center has extended the final deadline for young performers to register to audition in the Seventh Annual NJPAC "YOUNG ARTIST TALENT SEARCH" to March 14.

Young performers can register to audition for placement in its intensive arts training programs in vocal and instrumental music, acting, and dance. Applications postmarked between February 29 and March 14 must be accompanied by a \$20 registration fee. Audition applications may be obtained online at www.njpac.org or by calling the Young Artist Talent Search Hotline, 973-353-8009. NJPAC's Arts Education Department will offer free workshops in March to help applicants prepare for their auditions.

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.

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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 first 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 Realms 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 usu-

ally 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

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 artsguild1670@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, Pottery 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 DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART is located at 1030 Central Ave. and is situated on a seven-acre campus in a historic residential area of Plainfield. The school offers full-time and part-time day and evening classes in fine arts, graphic design/computer graphics and illustration. For information call 908-757-7171, fax: 908-757-2626, or visit www.ducret.edu.

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. This weekend, the Comedy Cove features **MIKE EAGAN** on Friday and **JOSEPH ANTHONY** on Saturday. For both nights **DENA BLIZZARD** will also take the stage. Eagan is a veteran comic who has appeared on almost every televised comedy show and in every major club in the country. He was the long-time host of the "Rascal's Comedy Hour" and has numerous appearances on HBO, A&E, VH1 and Showtime. He is a regular at the biggest casinos in Atlantic City and Las Vegas. Anthony is the winner of Carnival Cruise Lines Comedy Challenge, and has appeared on NBC's "Last Comic Standing" and ABC's "The View". Scotty's is located at 595 Morris Ave. Call 973-376-3845, or visit www.scottyssteakhouse.com.

CONCERTS

JOHN CHARLES SCHUCKER plays his second recital on the Beckerath organ at St. Stephen's Church, 119 Main St., Millburn on Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. For more information call 973-376-0688.

On March 2 at 4 p.m. the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark presents the **FILOCHOWSKI SIBLINGS** in a violin concert adding a performance by a talented young pianist, **MELVIN DIEP**. Form more information call 732-574-1364.

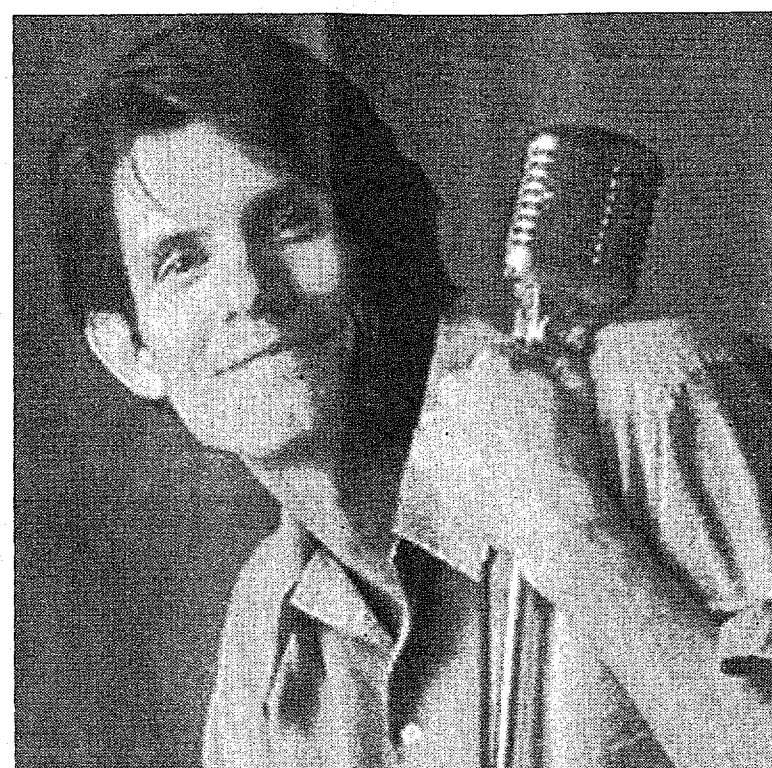
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LANA'S RESTAURANT, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark, will offer dinner and live reggae with Exodus Supreme every Wednesday, beginning at 7 p.m. For information, call 732-669-9024.

The group **XANDER** will be performing Feb. 23, 8 p.m., at the Woodbridge Hilton. Xander's music covers all styles and influences from classical, swing, jazz, new age, R&B, Celtic, bluegrass, and world folk. He has played with the Cirque du Soleil, many symphonies

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 are served to members and guests before the meeting. For directions and more information, call Jim at 908-245-4744.

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Patrick Combs performed a feat of magic: he turned a worthless piece of junk mail into cold hard cash. "Man 1 Bank 0" will be staged at the Van Fossan Theatre at the Westminster Arts Center at Bloomfield College on Friday and Saturday, at 8 p.m. Call 973-748-9008, ext. 279 for reservations.

and well-known artists such as Lionel Richie and Tina Turner among others. He is a solo-artist, producer, musical director, composer, arranger and violinist as well as an arranger for solo artists, pop bands and orchestras. His first solo-album is expected in the spring of 2008.

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, 625 Pulaski St., Elizabeth. Live music and DJ. Coffee, cookies and door prizes are available. For information, call 908-355-3131.

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

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

HOBBIES

THE NORTH JERSEY CAR CLUB meets at the Anthony Amalfi Community Center, 1268 Sheaffer Ave., Roselle, on the first Saturday of each

TRAL 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.

HICKORY TREE CHORUS, an award-winning women's chorus singing four-part a cappella harmony in barbershop style, meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the New Jersey Youth Symphony Music Center, 570 Central Ave., New Providence. Open to residents of both Essex and Union counties. To learn more about Sweet Adelines, Hickory Tree and its quartets, women and teen-aged girls who sing are urged to visit hickorytreetchorus.org, or e-mail info@hickorytreetchorus.org, or call 973-966-6815.

CHESS GROUP PLAYERS of all levels are invited to discuss, play and enjoy chess in the Cafe every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Book-sellers, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield.

JAZZ

The Jazz Series continues at The Arts Guild of Rahway on February 29, at 8 p.m. with a tribute to Tony Bennett by pianist/composer **VINCE DIMURA** and guest singer **ANDY GALE**. Tickets are available now at The Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving Street in downtown Rahway between 9 a.m. and noon, and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 732-381-7511 or e-mail your request to artsguild1670@verizon.net.

Wild 'Wedding'



"It's Your Wedding Day" as part of "The Wedding Slinger" that took place at the Prudential Theater at NJPAC, was a Jersey bounce of a show. From left to right, Justin Jutras as Sammy, Merritt David Janes as Robbie Hart, John Jacob Lee as George and the cast. To read the review of the show, turn to page B3.

Stepping Out

The Montclair Art Museum will hold one of its signature events, **JAZZ FOR ART EDUCATION**, on February 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Museum. Jazz artists Claude Roditi and Dave Valentin and Steve and Aqua Colson will perform. To order tickets, or for more information, contact MAM Special Events, 973-746-5555, ext. 210 or e-mail Lori Harris at lharris@montclairartmuseum.org. Proceeds raised by this event will support the museum's numerous art education programs, including such community programs as free family days, park beach, and the series of school tours.

Lana's Restaurant, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark, will offer dinner and live jazz with **WARREN VACHE** every Thursday, beginning at 7 p.m. For information, call 732-669-9024.

Lana's Restaurant, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark, will offer dinner and live jazz with the **STEWART SHIFFER QUINTET** every Friday, beginning at 7 p.m. For information, call 732-669-9024.

KIDS

TALES FOR KIDS 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.

The second semester of **KIDS 'N' ARTS**, the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts drop-off program for three-to-five-year-olds, provides vast opportunities for young children to express their creativity in art, music and drama. Each week, the Kids 'n' Arts program meets for a two-hour session. Parents can choose Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, or the same afternoons from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. The second session, comprising 12 classes, begins on February 12, but enrollment is ongoing and students can join at any time. Kids 'n' Arts is a division of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, a premier training center for the fine and performing arts. For more information on Kids 'n' Arts, or any NJWA program, phone 908-789-9696, or visit their studios at 150-152 East Road Street, Westfield. A complete brochure is available on the NJWA Web site at www.njworkshopforthearts.com.

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, 100 Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plain. For information, call 908-241-5758.

SCRIPTS

PREMIERE STAGES, the new Acts' Equity Association theater program at Kean University, is currently accepting play submissions for the Premier 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 MIRACLE WORKER will run at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, through February 24. There are three added student matinee performances on Wednesday along with Feb. 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. For all performances January 27 buy an adult ticket and receive a children's ticket for half price.

The Alliance Repertory announces the opening of its ninth season as the resident professional Theater Company at the Union County Performing Arts Center, in Rahway. The season begins with Alan Ayck-bourn's delightful romantic comedy,

"COMIC POTENTIAL." Production dates are tonight through Sunday, Feb. 21, 22, 23, 24. Thursday, Friday and Saturdays evenings at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees 2 p.m. Reservations can be made through the Union County Performing Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. Box Office phone number is 732-499-8226 or Web site www.ucac.org.

ANGELA KARIOTIS, a winner of the 2007 New Jersey State Council on the Arts' Literary Artist Fellowship will present a solo performance of an expanded segment from her work "Say Logos/Say Word" at Premiere Stages in the Little Theatre at Kean University in Union on February 24. "Say Logos/Say Word" —exploring the other-side of my hyphenated self—is a Greek comedic-tragedy set in New Jersey, about home, familial love, and the longing for a land never seen. For Tickets/directions to "Say Logos/Say Word," call 908-737-4092 or visit www.kean.edu/premierestages.

The New Jersey premiere of **"THRILL ME, THE LEOPOLD AND LOEB STORY"** will be presented by new production company, Fully Flighted Productions, founded by Linda Wielkottz at Pianos Bar and Grill, 36 Broad St., Bloomfield. It will be presented in the blackbox theatre, the Broad Street Playhouse. The show runs from Feb. 29 to March 8. For more information call 917-847-3748.

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, runs 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. The theatre is located on 33 Green Village Road in Madison. For more information call 973-514-1787.

"DAY AFTER DAY" is the country's first ever musical about the joys and challenges faced by all those who love someone with autism. It tells the real life story of three families raising a child with autism. "Day after Day" will be performed on March 22 at the Robert Van Fossan Theatre at Bloomfield University at 7 p.m.

VARIETY

Pro wrestling fans in the Union County area are in for a treat on Friday night as the nation's undisputed champion in presenting family-friendly pro wrestling entertainment.

NATIONAL WRESTLING SUPERSTARS, makes its long-awaited return to the area at the Union Elks Lodge, 281 Chestnut St., next to Union Memorial Hospital, in a benefit for local Boy Scout Troop No. 63, with a 7:45 p.m. bell time. For more information call 732-888-1704.

The Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, is holding a **JAGER-FEST (HUNTER FESTIVAL)** on March 1. Music by Bud Gramer and Linda starting at 7 p.m. This evening is open to the public. There is a dress code, gentlemen, please wear a jacket. Kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m. Reservations encouraged. Seton Hall University's Sister Rose Thering Endowment and the American Conference on Diversity will co-host an afternoon of music and video focused on an interfaith Ugandan Fair Trade coffee coop, **MIREMBE KAWOMERA**, on March 9 at 2 p.m. at Steon Hall's Jubilee Hall Auditorium, 100 South Orange Ave., South Orange. The event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and reservations are requested by calling 973-74-9006.

Premiere Stages and the Department of Media and Film at Kean University are currently accepting submissions to the third annual **PURPLE VIOLET FILM FESTIVAL**. The festival takes place on April 22 on the Kean University campus and will feature screenings of student films, lectures and workshops by industry professionals, and a question and answer session with a special guest artist. Submission to the Purple Violet Film Festival is free of charge. Film-makers can download guidelines from www.kean.edu/premierestages. The deadline for entries is March 22.

Admission is free for all festival events. For directions, please visit www.kean.edu or call 908-737-SHOW-7469.

Submissions to the festival will be accepted in four short-film categories: Comedic, Animation, Dramatic and Documentary. Interested students should submit three copies of their film on DVD —electronic submissions will not be accepted.

SUBURBAN VEGEARIANS will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17 from 8 to 11 p.m. at Vinberie's Restaurant, corner of Springfield Avenue and Kent Place Blvd. in Summit. All are welcome. You need not be a vegetarian to attend. For more information call 908-277-1833.

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Healthy Living



Signup for TSANJ scholarships

The Board of Directors of Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey has announced that they are accepting applications for the 2008 TSANJ Scholarship Award.

The scholarship award will be presented to a resident of New Jersey who is a public or private high school senior, who has been diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome, and who will be attending college or trade school in the fall.

The scholarship recognizes a student with TS who has a proven record of accomplishment and achievement despite the disorder. The recipient will be selected based on academic record, recommendations, and a written essay or audio or video tape demonstrating the individual's talents. This is the only scholarship available in the nation for students with TS.

Students interested in applying for the scholarship should call the TSANJ office at 908-575-7350 or visit the website at www.tsanj.org. Applications

are due by March 28.

The 2008 Scholarship has been funded through the generosity of TSANJ supporters. The award is presented annually. Individuals interested in supporting the scholarship should forward the contribution to Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey, Inc., 50 Division Street, Suite 205, Somerville, NJ 08876. Checks should note that the contribution is to be made to the scholarship fund.

TS BACKGROUNDER:

Tourette Syndrome (TS) is an inherited neurological disorder that is manifested in involuntary physical and vocal tics. Symptoms generally appear in children at ages 6-7 years, but can manifest anytime before an individual is 18 years old. TS affects people of all ethnic groups with males affected 3 to 4 times more frequently than females. It is estimated that 200,000 Americans have full blown TS and that as many as 1 in 200 show a partial expression of

the disorder. Commonly, people with Tourette syndrome also have co-occurring disorders, such as Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Learning Disabilities, Attention Deficit Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Depression.

There is no cure for TS.

Tics can range from severe verbal and physical contortions to milder tics that are barely recognizable. Sadly, Tourette's is sometimes represented by Hollywood as sudden outbursts of profanity, but in truth, that characteristic actually afflicts only about 5 percent of those identified as having the disorder. Perhaps because of this, TS sufferers are highly stigmatized, with those afflicted being shunned, misunderstood and left feeling ashamed. A horrible tragedy - since TS typically strikes individuals at the tender age of seven.

The mission of TSANJ is to support the needs of families affected by TS, to advocate for individuals with TS, and

to educate the public and professionals on TS. Through TSANJ and NJCTS, New Jersey families can receive: school and peer in-service, intervention, family support programs, family education and advocacy, helpline, medical diagnosis and treatment referrals, psychological services, education and training for doctors, nurses, medical sciences students and educators.

New research programs, such as a stigma and biofeedback program and the TS Cell and DNA Sharing program are also part of NJCTS' offering.

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St. Barnabas offers bereavement support

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Continuing through May 2008, Saint Barnabas will hold a series on eight-week sessions led by professional bereavement counselors. The groups are non-sectarian and participants can choose to attend meetings on Thursday mornings or Thursday evenings.

While the hospital has always offered a bereavement support group, the program was recently remodeled through the support of a grant from the Congregational Church in Short Hills.

"The generous gift allows us to meet the needs of more persons who are grieving utilizing trained professional facilitators. Instead of one group each season, we will be starting a new eight week group every six weeks. We are thrilled to be able to give this caring service to our community," said Rev. Thomas L. Craig, director of Pastoral Care at Saint Barnabas.

Group leaders include Rev. Valerie Griffin, a Protestant chaplain at the Medical Center, and Vincent Dopulos, a chaplain to Buddhists at Saint Barnabas and a professional licensed counselor. During group sessions both will lead discussions addressing guilt vs. regret, anger, handling pain and sadness, communicating with friends and family, and adjusting to life changes.

Participants in these groups must register and speak with a bereavement facilitator prior to the meetings to see if the groups would be suitable for their needs.

Groups will meet in the Interfaith Chapel located at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, 94 Old Short Hills Road in Livingston.

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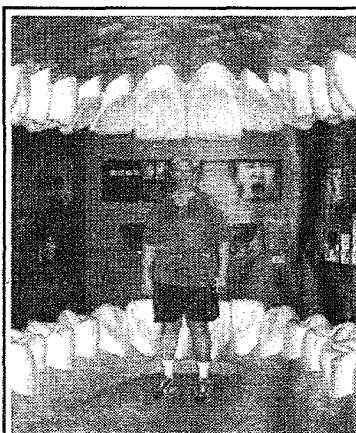


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If you or a loved one has gotten out of the habit of eating well, take heart that food can be fun at any age.

To find out more about eating a well-balanced diet, contact your physician.

Ashbrook, located at 1610 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, and Cornell Hall, located at 234 Chestnut Street in Union, are affiliates of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.

For more information, call 1-888-SBHS-123 or visit www.saintbarnabas.com.

Following are some tips to help you get back on the road to proper nutrition and good health.

- Make your mouth happy. Intensify tastes by adding flavors and sweeteners, such as herbs, sauces, syrup, butter flavoring, etc. In addition, combine different textures.

- Sharpen your shopping skills. Consider doing your grocery shopping at convenient times when the store is not crowded. In addition, stretch your dollars by considering unit pricing, that way you can get the same food for less.

- Enjoy food with friends. Invite friends or family to join you for meals or consider joining a community group-dining program where you can make new friends.

- Activate your appetite. By getting exercise and remaining physically active you can boost your mood, improve your health and increase your appetite.

- Complement your cooking. If you can't get all the nutrients you need from food, you may want to consider taking a vitamin and mineral supplement. Discuss with your physician which are best for you.

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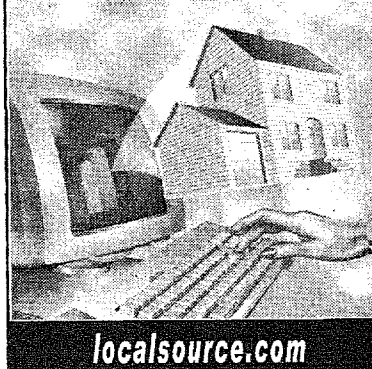
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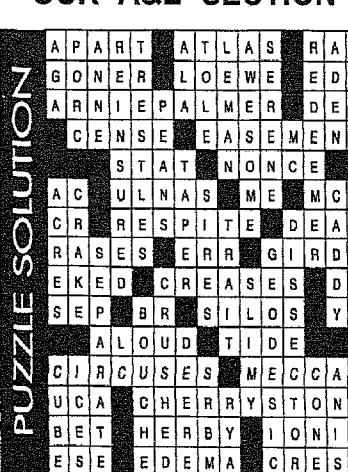
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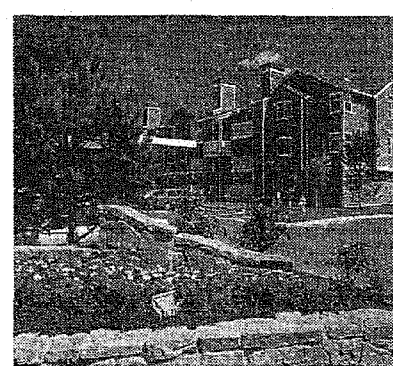
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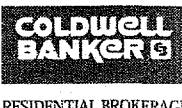
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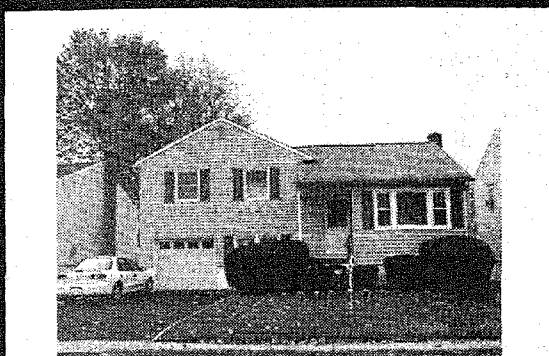


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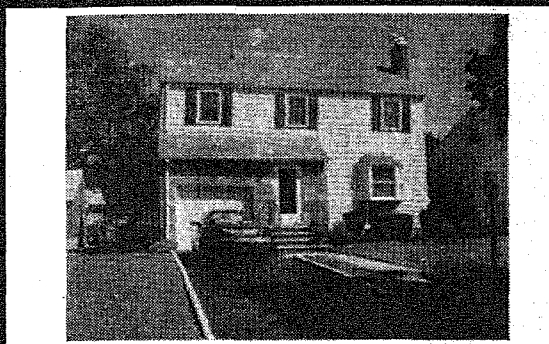
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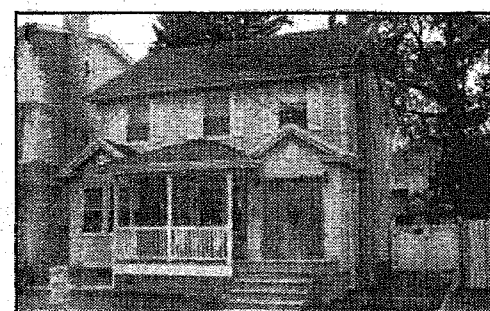
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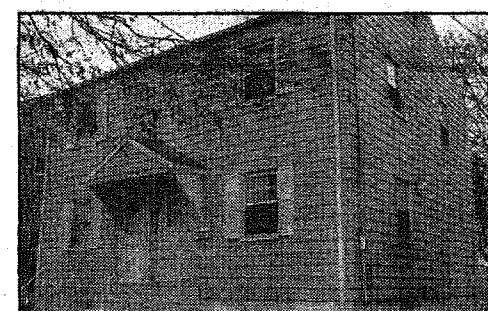
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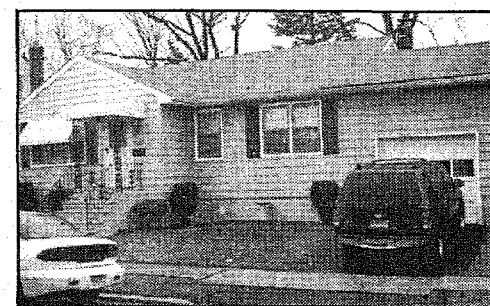
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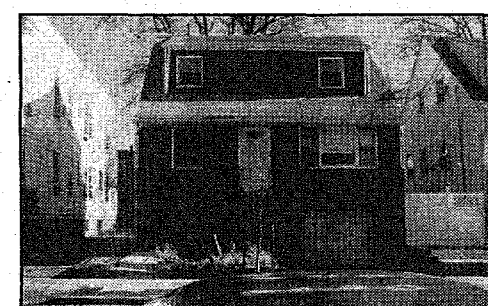
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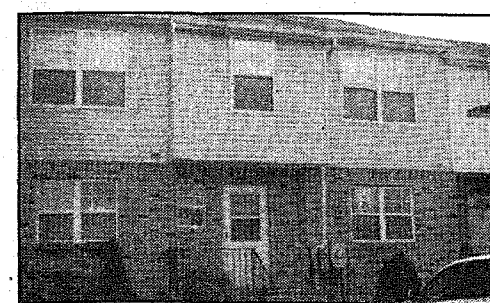
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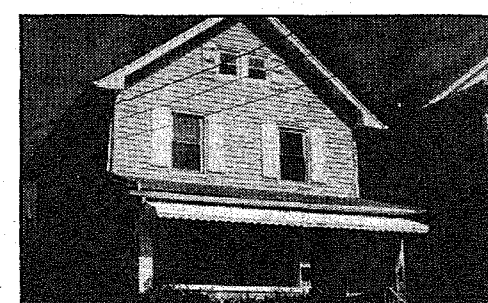
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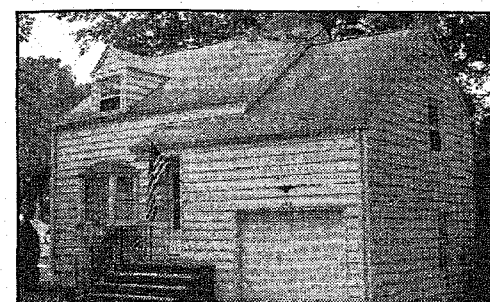
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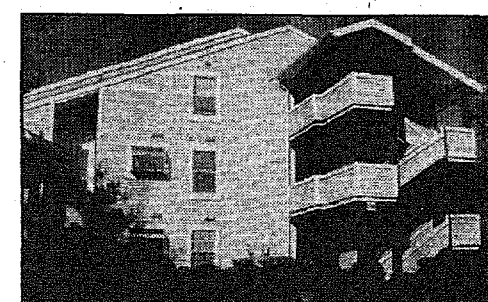
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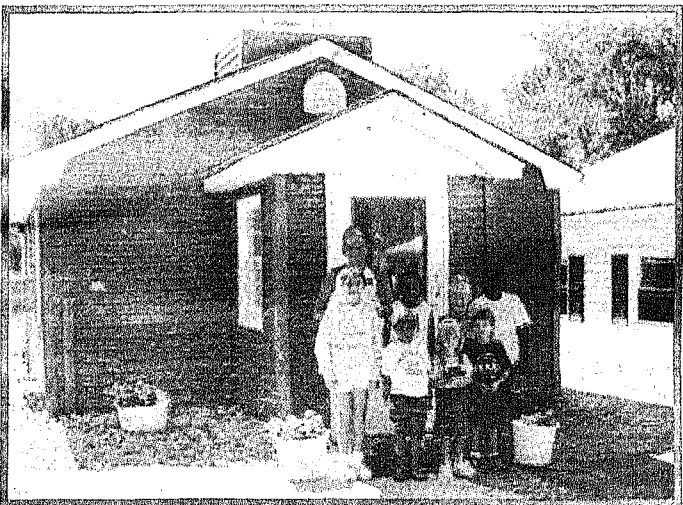


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Stars are made at arts camp

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painting and shading scenery. In the past, this class has created the backdrops and set pieces for the annual musical revue using pencils, paint brushes, Styrofoam and wood by designing, cutting and painting the set.

Other previously taught elective classes include African dance, auditioning techniques, Broadway-style choreography, comedy, news, commercials, dialects, drum circle, hip-hop, Latin dance, movie making, musical games, Rockettes choreography, stage combat and more. Elective classes are subject to change.

Those interested may meet the staff at an

open house on April 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark. All are welcome. Workshops will be held for children to participate in and a question-and-answer session will be for parents. For driving directions and postponement information due to inclement weather, visit the Web site, www.StarsofTomorrow.com. Photos, staff and counselor biographies, registration discounts, and camper success stories are also available on the Web site. To receive a 2008 camp brochure, call 908-276-5053. Stars of Tomorrow performing arts camp is located at 1245 Orange Ave. in Cranford.

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with Gregory Hines and "Star Search," in which she was a finalist. Oliver has performed with many jazz greats, including Slide Hampton, David "Fathead" Newman and Kenny Washington. A noted dance educator, Oliver teaches jazztap at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., choreographs for the theater, and is director of the Muhlenberg Jazz Tap Ensemble. She has conducted workshops and residencies for Lincoln Center, New York Public Schools and universities throughout the United States. She is the featured tap soloist with the David Leonhardt Jazz Group, tours with jazz festivals and concerts worldwide and is author of the compact disc "Tap Music for Tap Dancers. Campers enjoyed taking part in this special master class.

Auditions for the Triple Threat Conservatory, for grades three through 12, will continue on March 8 at 2 p.m. in New Providence or by appointment. This is a camp for students who want to be challenged and work on a more professional level.

Stagestruck's results speak for themselves. Congratulations to Samantha Tropper, Ruby Rakos and Rachel Schier for making the second cut for the Broadway show "Billy Elliot." Also, Garrett Galinot, who will be portraying the Cat in the Hat in "Seussical" as well as Nik Delli Paoli who will be portraying the Cat in the Hat, Kate Coultas as Maizie, Ruby Rakos as the Kangaroo and Julianna Parinello as Gertrude. Liat Katsner was just cast in the role of Maria in the "Sound of Music."

Stagestruck's cabaret class will be breaking new ground as the first group of young musicians to perform at Le Dome at the Manor in West Orange on March 2 at 2 p.m. Admission is charged at this venue.

Stagestruck staff has been busy performing as well. Jenny Peters continues to dance with The Shelley Oliver Tap Dancers. Dan Kazemi will be traveling to Paris to work on an original musical he is developing and continues to be active at Walnut Street Theater in Philadelphia, Pa. Rachel Falis can be seen performing with the modern dance company, Moetion, here in New Jersey and Lilli Markey, Jenn Crane-Turner and Daniel J. Scott can be seen in Alliance Repertory

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Theater's upcoming production of "Comic Potential" and their children's show, "Quasimodo."

So get the attention you deserve at Stagestruck. There are still openings in some of the art, voice, dance, drama, and musical theater classes. And be sure to check out some great summer programs in Short Hills under the direction of Lilli Markey and Jenn Crane-Turner. "Curtain Call" is a four-week program designed to unleash the artist within. Classes in dance, movement, acting, improvise, theatrical makeup, art, and set and costume design will keep your child active while working toward a production of one-act plays.

Michelle Oram, director of Stagestruck,

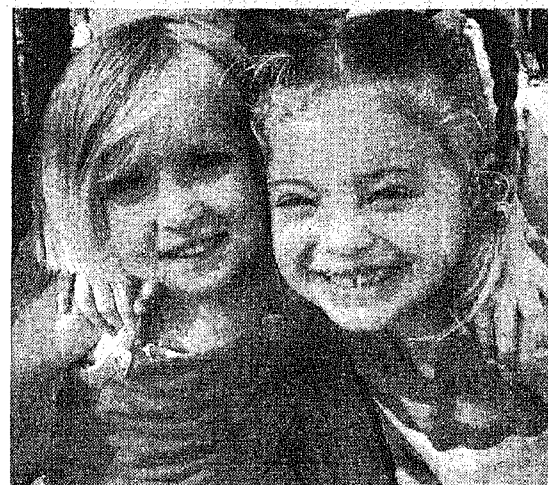
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Summer camp can be an enriching experience for children, provided they are emotionally ready to embark on this adventure. Parents should assess their children for readiness, taking children's needs into consideration over their own "need" to have the children in camp.

Additionally, children should be able to independently manage personal hygiene issues, such as bathing, dressing and grooming. Some kids are ready for camp at age 8, others not until 14.

Many children go to camp with mixed feelings. To make the experience as comfortable as possible, here are some tips to consider.

- Involve the child in the camp-selection process. Don't make it something that is simply forced on the kid. Have them review brochures, Web sites and other informational material with you. Select

camps that will cater to the child's interests. If possible, try to find a camp where a friend is attending.

- Count down to summer camp so that when the day arrives it won't be a complete surprise and catch your child off guard. Involve him or her in the preparation process, including shopping for supplies and packing. Encourage your child to bring familiar items from home to ease away some feelings of homesickness.

- Tour the camp in advance so your child knows what to expect and so will you. See the sleeping arrangements — bunks — and what type of schedule is involved. Talk about any fears your child may have, and work through solutions together to assuage these fears. A good idea is to talk about your personal experiences with camp, if any.

- Encourage letter writing, and send some of your own. Mail a few letters before the first day of camp, so your child will have some mail waiting for him or her already. Pack fun stationery and pre-addressed and stamped envelopes so writing a quick note home will be a snap.

- Create a scrapbook of your child's moments in camp to show you are truly interested in his or her time spent away. Encourage your child to share any new skills learned upon visits or when he or she returns home.

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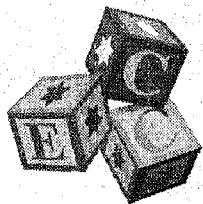
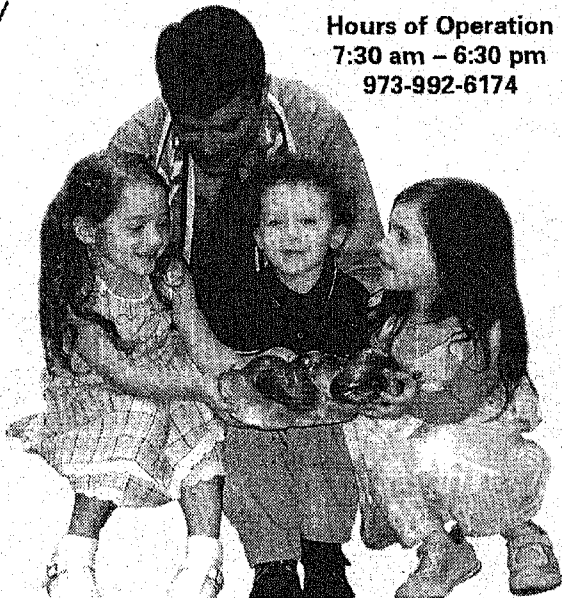
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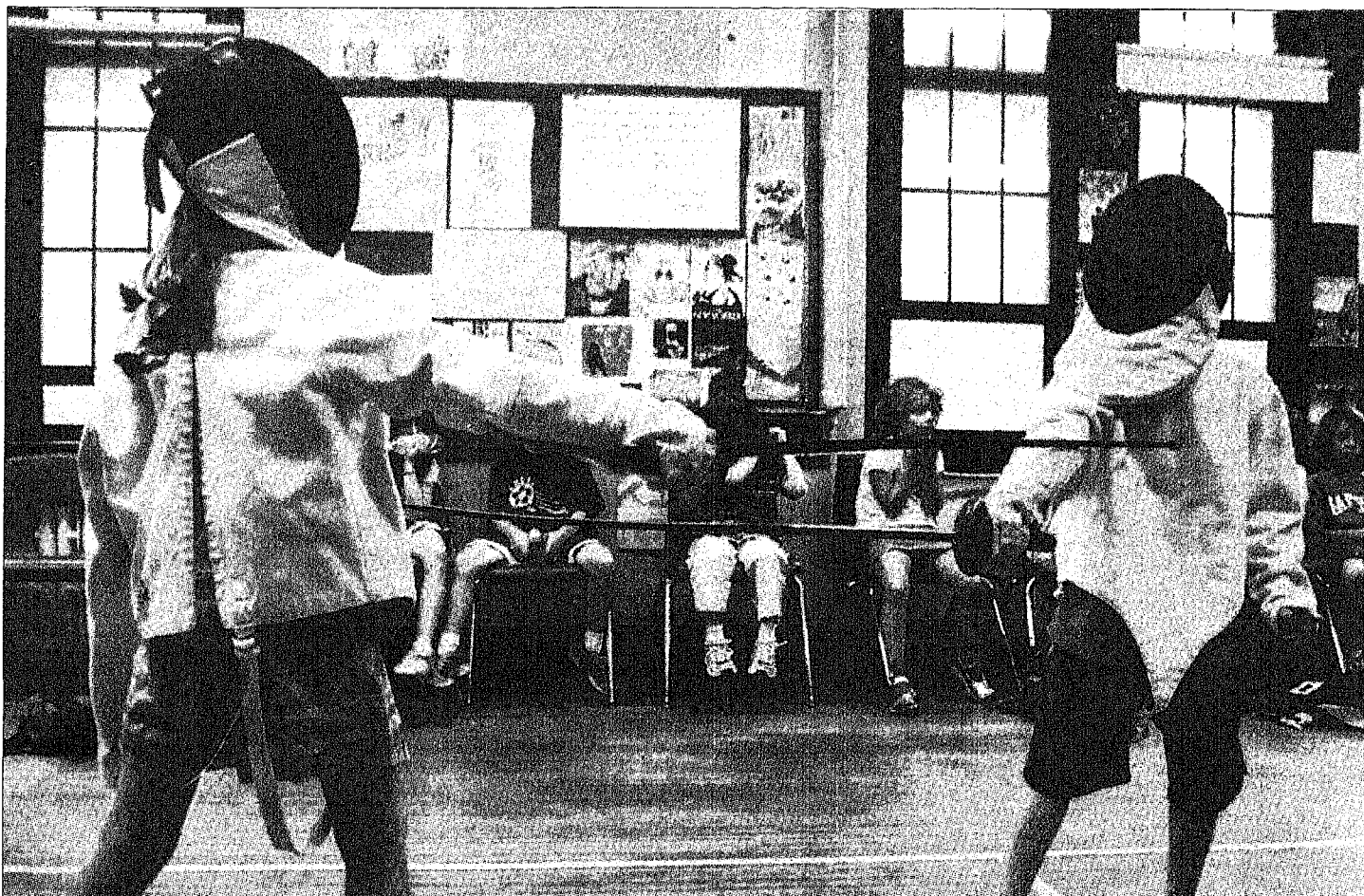
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Advice to make summer camp the best

If you are planning on sending your child to camp for the first time or are trying a new camp this coming summer, it behooves you to start the process early, even though swimming trunks and Popsicle crafts are the furthest things from your mind.

Despite spring registration cut-off dates, most popular camps book far in advance. Unless you want to be "the worst parent ever" in the eyes of your child, start now and avoid the melodrama later. However, waiting until the last minute isn't the only foible many parents make in regard to summer camp. Here are some pointers from parents who've made the mistakes you should avoid.

• "I used to squeeze too much into my

children's schedule during the summer. I'd organize activity after activity, including a few weeks at summer camp. Instead of enjoying the summer, my kids got a little stressed out and so did I. Don't pack too many things in, and schedule adequate time between say, the end of a family vacation and the beginning of summer camp, so everyone has enough time to relax and recuperate."

— Denise Reynolds, California

• "Despite what my children say about how embarrassing it is to hear from their parents while at summer camp — "we're not babies you know" — I always write a few letters to them.

Even though they put on a great show of bravery when I drop them off the first day, I know there's nothing worse than being the only child whose name is not called when mail arrives."

— Suresh Patel, New Jersey

• "I'm a procrastinator by nature, so in addition to often making the mistake of registering my children too late for camp and then pleading with admissions personnel, I'd also forget to fill out the forms the camp requires, such as the medical-release form. Instead of stashing it in the back of the junk drawer, leave it out and bring it with you to a scheduled doctor's checkup with an envelope already

stamped and addressed. Then you just have to pop it in the mail when you leave the office."

— Robin Hollister, Massachusetts

• "It's easy to forget when you're caught up in the researching process that your child is the one going to camp, not you. What may be fun for you is not necessarily fun for your kid. Involve your son or daughter in the process, and let your child choose the camp that interests him or her the best. Then you can narrow down the camps together to a final contender."

— Bill Pasternak, Oregon

• "Do you know how many times I've
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More advice for having a great camp experience

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bought my kids new clothes for camp and when they come home the clothes are destroyed or missing? Don't waste money on new clothes. Scrounge up what you have around the house, check out garage sales or visit discount stores if you really must stock up on shorts and T-shirts."

— Desiree Brown, South Carolina

• "My kids always appreciate a care package. It helps prevent them from becoming homesick because I put in some of their favorite types of toys, magazines and even some of the food they're used to eating."

Although camp cafeterias are getting better with serving a variety of foods, I doubt platanos are available just yet."

— Rosa Linares, Texas

• "I learned the hard way that you should always follow the camp rules. My son was attending camp a few miles away from home. One day I decided to pop in for a visit, even though the camp had restrictions against surprise visits. Well, needless to say my son was humiliated that I showed up and I got scolded, and in addition he was reprimanded. Now I always play by the rules."

— Stan Rothstein, Illinois

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Oak Knoll School is located at 44 Blackburn Rd. in Summit, NJ.

PLA is a leader in supplemental learning

Registration for the summer session at Priddy Learning Academy, set for June 30 to Aug. 7, is now under way in Millburn. Priddy Learning Academy, now in its 12th year, is a leading provider of supplemental learning in mathematics and reading comprehension, as well as PSAT, SAT I and II, AP Math AB/BC, AP statistics, standardized test prep, and private tutorial. The academy features Priddy's self-paced, mastery-based learning system.

According to Millburn resident, founder and director Michael Priddy, the mission of Priddy Learning Academy is to turn a child's potential into academic performance in school, and to develop close working relationships with students and parents.

The academy does not classify children by age or grade level. Instead, each student has their own learning program designed according to need.

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The math programs being offered are mastery arithmetic for primary grades, pre-algebra, algebra I, geometry, algebra II, pre-calculus, calculus, physics, and math for the PSAT, SAT I and II.

The reading comprehension programs being offered are a new half-day phonics-based beginning reading program, elementary reading, advanced reading comprehension, SAT critical reading and writing, vocabulary and grammar.

In addition to its math and reading programs, PLA is offering beginning Chinese I and II. Registration and placement for Chinese is now under way for the summer session. Priddy Learning Academy is located at 266 Essex St. For more information about the summer session, contact Priddy Learning Academy at 973-564-7712.

Programs are wide and varied

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boys basketball; and boys and girls lacrosse. The sports camps run in the morning in four one-week sessions.

Parents can choose individual classes or enroll children in the full-day program. Additional care before and after the pro-

gram is available. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children early in order to receive their first class choices. The full summer catalog will be mailed to all homes in South Orange and Maplewood and is available by calling 973-378-7620 or by sending an e-mail to schoolinfo@somadultschool.org.

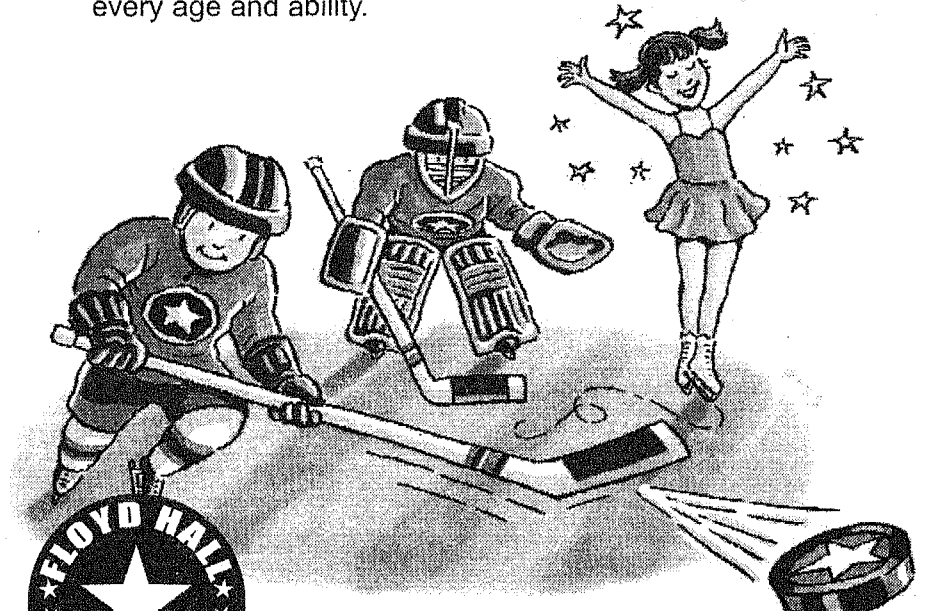
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Leadership and life skills, such as mini tennis, mini sports, and low ropes course begin in Junior Village with the youngest campers. Deenyville, a creative playland comprised of "city buildings" surrounded by a town road, is the newest addition to Junior Village.

Campers can bicycle, hop, skip, and jump their way around town and then take a dip in the zero entrance heated pool with froggie slide and mushroom waterfall.

Athletically focused campers in grades three through eight can hone sports skills in baseball, soccer, and basketball at Maccabi Sports Camp. Special sports guests and trips to sporting events round out the experience.

The Giborim Teen Program for grades seven and eight features trips to water parks, sports games, and beaches as well as social action and outdoor adventures. A Leadership in Training Program is offered for grades nine and 10 under the supervision of the JCC MetroWest youth and teen services director.

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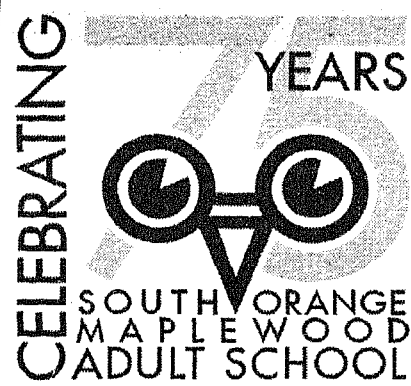
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Martial arts event helps out a good cause

An event, Martial Arts for St. Jude, benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, will be at Kingdom Karate World Group on Feb. 23 in Belleville. The volunteer coordinator for this event is Sensei Yessenia Torres, who encourages everyone to participate.

Participation or attendance at the event will help raise funds for children of the world who are stricken with diseases such as cancer, AIDS and sickle cell anemia. These funds will help St. Jude in its ongoing fight against childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other

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catastrophic diseases. Founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, Tenn., St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world.

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insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fundraising organization, through events such as Martial Arts for St. Jude.

Kingdom Karate World Group has actively been involved in the community for the past 10 years. Another community outreach

event to be hosted by Kingdom Karate World will be hosting a child abduction prevention seminar Feb. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. on location at 562 Union Ave. in Belleville.

The entire community is invited to attend, including all parents, children, teachers, principals and coaches. The seminar will be teaching potentially life-saving techniques to children of all ages, including stranger-danger and Internet safety. Organizers ask that people show their support by attending this event.

If you are interested in participating or making a donation at either event, call Sensei Yessenia Torres at 973-450-4200 or visit www.kingdomKarateWorld.com.



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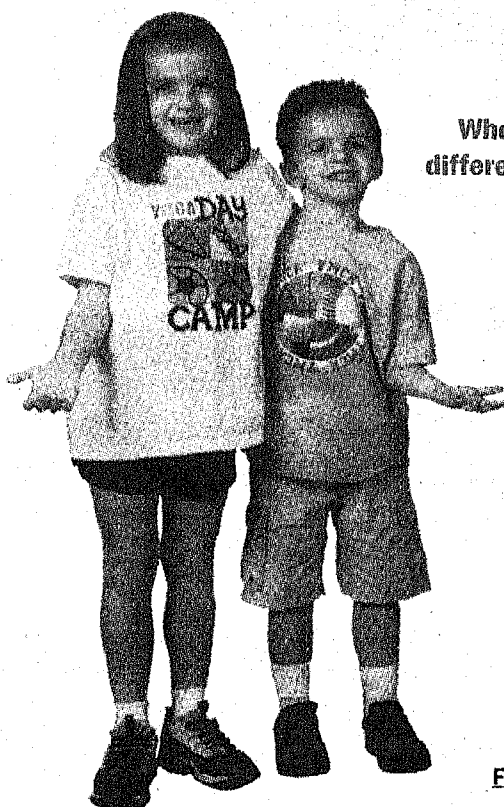
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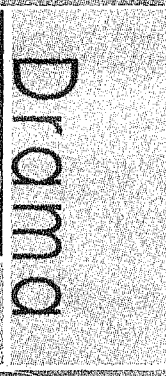
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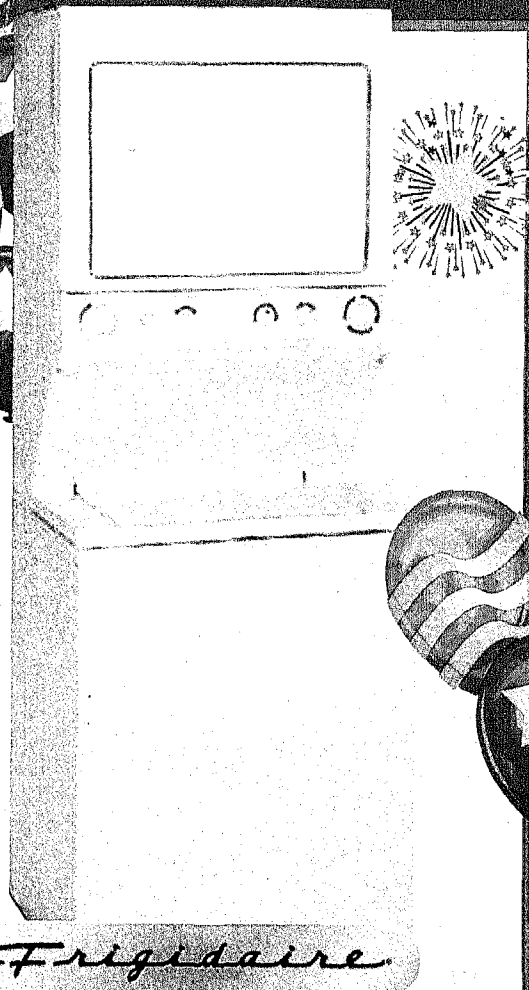


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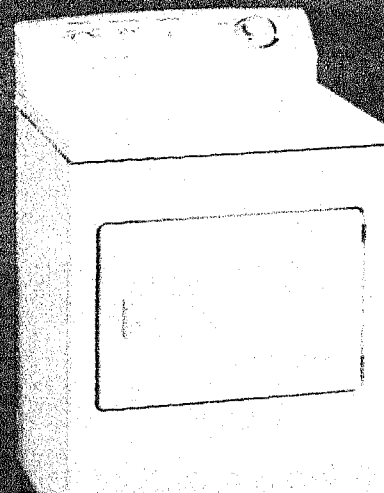
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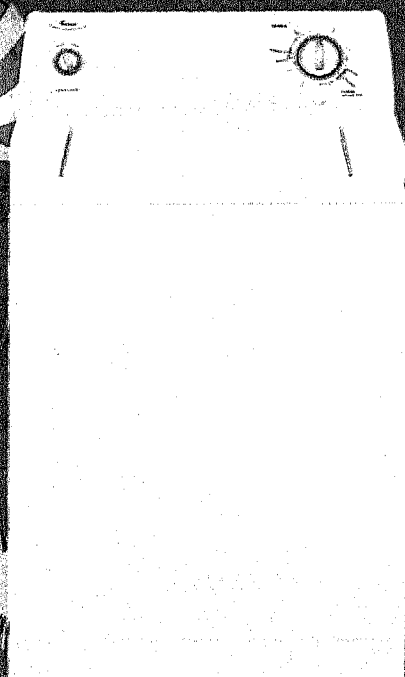
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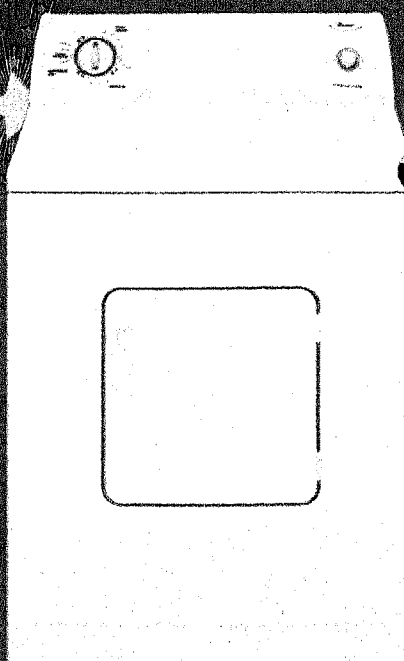


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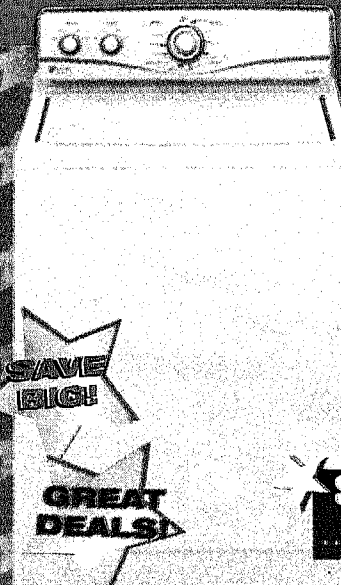
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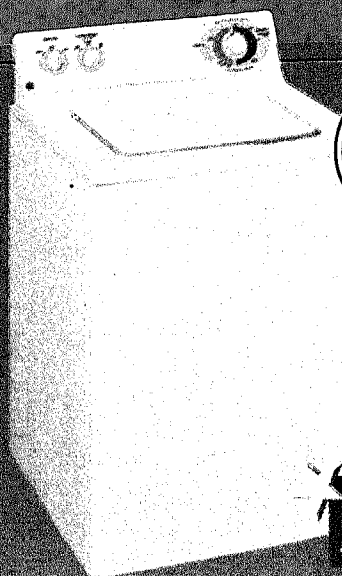


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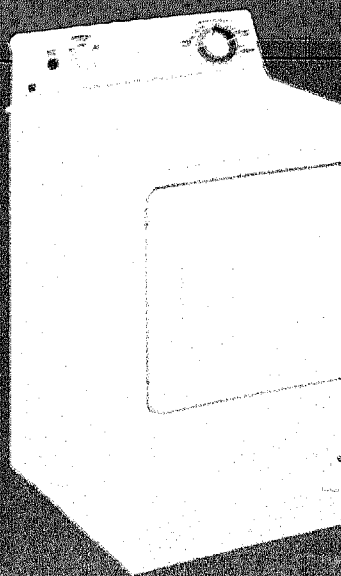


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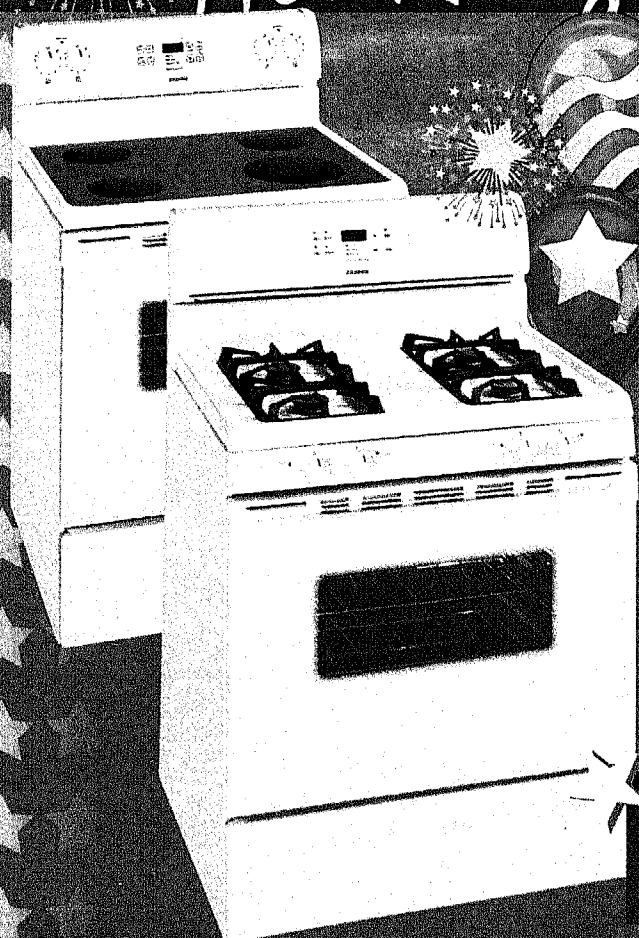
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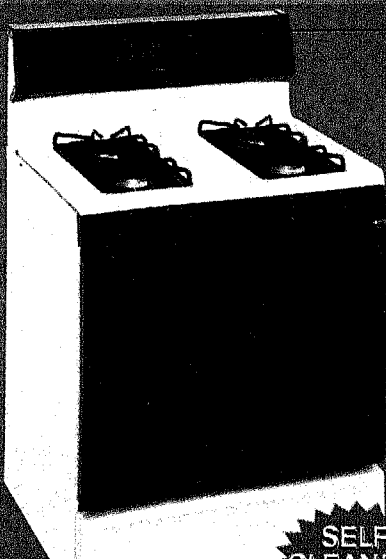


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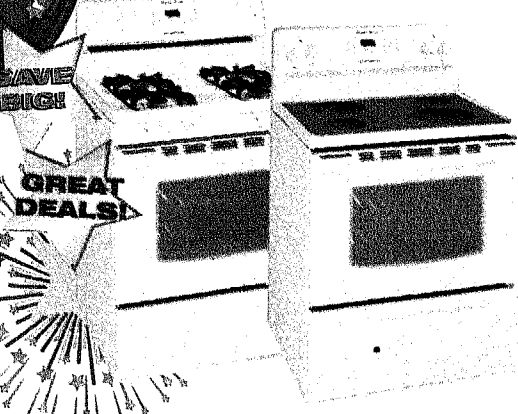
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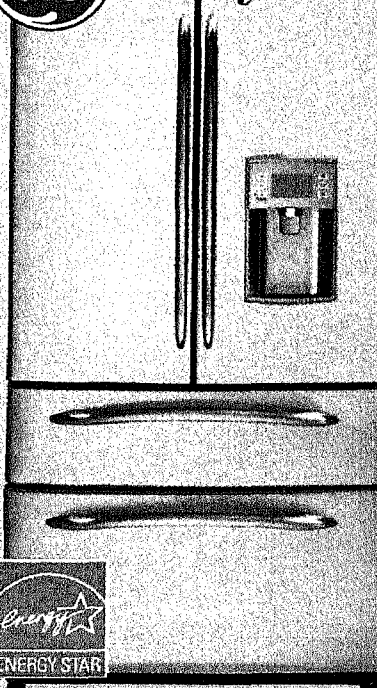
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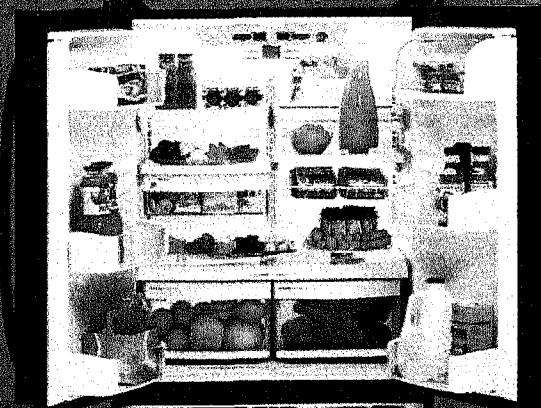
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22.2 Cu. Ft. French Door Refrigerator with Bottom Freezer
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25.0 Cu. Ft. Bottom Freezer with French Refrigerator Doors & EXCLUSIVE IN-DOOR ICE DISPENSER!
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\$67.00 MONTHLY*

\$50
EXCLUSIVE REBATE!*

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24.8 Cu. Ft. French Door Refrigerator with Bottom Freezer & Interior Water Dispenser
KBFS25ETWH



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\$75
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• Gallon storage
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Amana

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• Gallon storage
• Vegetable bin
AFB2534DEW



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\$44.00 MONTHLY*

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Freezer with
In-Door
Dispenser
FRS6HR4HW

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\$699⁹⁹

\$23.50 MONTHLY*

✓ IN-DOOR
DISPENSER!

MAYTAG

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Side-By-Side
Refrigerator/
Freezer with
In-Door
Dispenser
MSD2352KEW

Big Savings...

\$999⁹⁹

PLUS **\$50**
EXCLUSIVE
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\$34.00 MONTHLY*

Frigidaire

15.0 Cu. Ft.
Refrigerator/
Freezer
• Spacious interior shelves
• 2 fruit/vegetable crispers
FRT15B3AW

Big Savings...

\$369⁹⁹

Holiday Special!

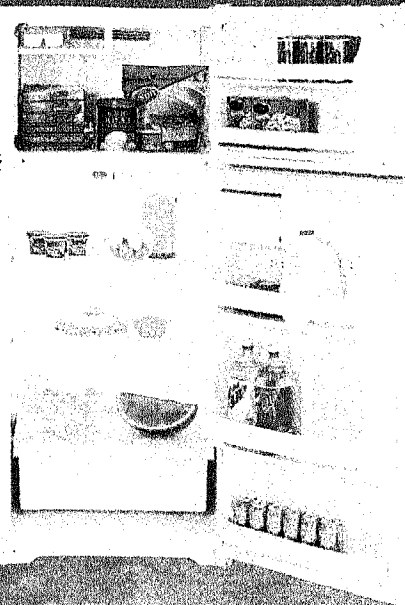
HOTPOINT

17.9 Cu. Ft.
Refrigerator/
Freezer
• Gallon door storage
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Big Savings...

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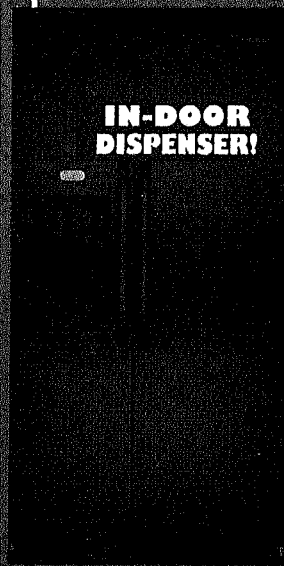
MAYTAG

4 PIECE SUPER PACKAGE...

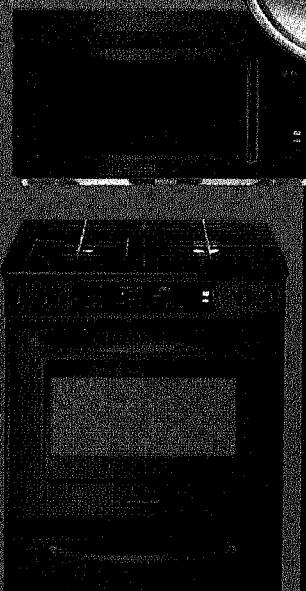
APPLIANCES INCLUDE MAYTAG: MDB5601 BUILT-IN DISHWASHER, MER5752 FREE-STANDING ELECTRIC RANGE, MMV4205 OVER-THE-RANGE MICROWAVE, MFI2568 FRENCH DOOR/BOTTOM FREEZER REFRIGERATOR
* RANGE AVAILABLE IN GAS AT SLIGHTLY HIGHER COST

Package 2

KitchenAid



IN-DOOR DISPENSER!



* FREE DISHWASHER, WITH PACKAGE PURCHASE, VIA MAIL-IN REBATE. VALUE \$599

KitchenAid

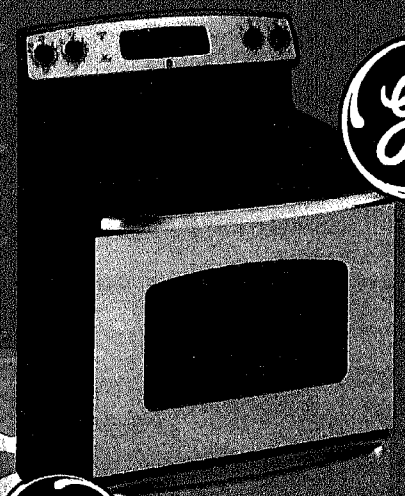
4 PIECE SUPER PACKAGE...

APPLIANCES INCLUDE KITCHENAID: KUDK03CTBL BUILT-IN DISHWASHER, KGSS907SBL SLIDE-IN GAS RANGE, KHMS1850SBL OVER-THE-RANGE MICROWAVE, AND KSCS25 25 CU. FT. REFRIGERATOR

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DISHWASHER WITH PURCHASE OF THESE SELECT APPLIANCE PACKAGES!

Package 3



Stainless Steel!



FREE DISHWASHER*



IN-DOOR DISPENSER!



4 PIECE "CLEAN STEEL" SUPER PACKAGE...

APPLIANCES INCLUDE GENERAL ELECTRIC: JBP66 FREE-STANDING ELECTRIC RANGE, GLD5900N BUILT-IN DISHWASHER, GSS25QGT 25 CU. FT. SIDE-BY-SIDE REFRIGERATOR, JVM1850S OVER-THE-RANGE MICROWAVE

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