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In honor of Union's bicentennial, students perform a skit about the life of one of the town's earliest residents. **Page 3**

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Home & Garden 2008

This special publication is intended to provide some information on how to prepare for this Spring season. See inside.

Salvation Army to honor local seniors

About 40 senior citizen volunteers have been invited to a light breakfast in their honor on Wednesday at the Kenilworth Municipal Building, which is located at 567 Boulevard.

These volunteers, once again, stood out in freezing cold weather in December manning the Salvation Army Kettle.

This year, the volunteers took in more than $1,000 to help the needy in our community.

Paulette Drogon, a Salvation Army area representative will join the divisional outreach coordinator, Virginia Evans, to present certificates of recognition to the volunteers during the breakfast.

"We wish to thank our volunteers who are there year after year, giving their time to help others," Drogon said.

Township Trivia

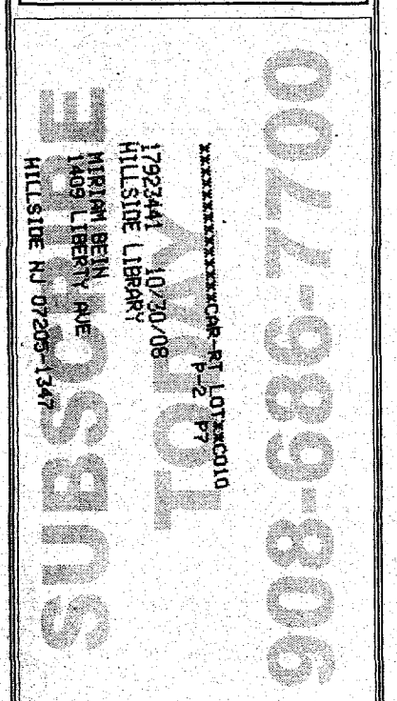
In honor of the township of Union's bicentennial celebration, the *Union Leader* will be testing residents' knowledge of local history by asking weekly trivia questions.

The answer to the Township Trivia question, along with the name of the first person to submit a correct response, will appear in the next edition of this newspaper.

Responses can be e-mailed to the managing editor at unionleader@thelocalsource.com.

The following is this week's Township Trivia question:

Q. Where was Union's first United States Post Office located?



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Resident linked to heroin trafficking plan

By Toniann Antonelli
Managing Editor

KENILWORTH — A Kenilworth man has been charged in connection with a conspiracy to distribute heroin that he and another man attempted to smuggle into the country aboard inbound international flights to Newark Liberty International Airport.

Jose Moreno, 43, of Kenilworth and Joseph Muniz, 55, of Perth Amboy have been charged with conspiracy to possess and distribute more than 100 grams of heroin with a street value of approximately $500,000.

Since early this year, Moreno made several calls during which he and Muniz discussed a "girl," "apartments" and "keys." Trained customs agents, however, were able to read between the lines and discover that the banter involved plans to smuggle in large quantities of heroin from South America via a number of Continental Airlines commercial flights.

Moreno, a Continental ramp side employee and Muniz, a Continental Airlines mechanic with access to the planes, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Patty Shwartz Monday.

The charges against them carry a statutory minimum penalty of five years in prison and a statutory maximum penalty of 40 years in prison, in addition to a fine of up to $2 million.

At their initial appearance, bail was set for each defendant at $250,000, pending disposition of federal charges, according to a press release issued by U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie's office earlier this week.

The men are alleged to have worked with one another and with others as part of an international narcotics trafficking organization with illicit ties to El Salvador and Colombia, Christie said in a press release.

Agents from the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement who filed the criminal complaint said at least one of the packages containing heroin was hidden in life jacket compartments.

An investigation revealed that a Continental Airlines plane that had left Cali, Colombia and came first into the United States via Houston in February had two packages with a total 800 grams of heroin hidden in the life jacket compartments. The drugs were seized by authorities in late February. Investigators then monitored conversations between Muniz and Moreno as they planned to board the plane and retrieve the narcotics.

Authorities used confidential informants, electronic surveillance and a two-month, court-authorized wiretap to investigate the drug trafficking scheme.

Telephone conversations between the defendants, which were quoted in the federal complaint, became increasingly intense as Muniz and Moreno attempted to make plans to retrieve the packages of heroin.

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School is given UC seal

Plaque depicts Hannah Caldwell

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — If you want to learn more about Revolutionary War patriot, Hannah Caldwell, you can tour the Caldwell Parsonage or visit Hannah Caldwell Elementary School and just ask the students.

In an effort to educate the children about the historical value of their school, the Union County seal, which features the assassination of Hannah Caldwell, was presented to the school Tuesday.

Anthony Lentine, principal of Hannah Caldwell and former principal of Livingston Elementary School in Union, learned about the seal's significance when he saw it in the office of Union County Surrogate James LaCorte.

"It's critical for the youth to understand the historical reality of the their school after all Union is a history-rich municipality," Angel Estrada, chairman of the Union County Board of Freeholders, said. "This is the seal of Union County, something we are all proud of."

LaCorte and Estrada were instrumental in responding to Lentine's request for a seal.

"Mr. LaCorte said he wanted to give me the one in his office, but obviously he couldn't," Lentine chuckled. Instead, a new copy of the seal was made.

"A brand new seal had to be prepared for the school," LaCorte said.

Fourth grade students Kyra Mohammed and Jorik Alvizures took part in the formal presentation of the county seal. They explained that they were currently studying about the Revolutionary War in class.

"This was very special," Kyra said.

School Interventionist Nicole Ahern said the event is instrumental in teaching children about Hannah Caldwell's legacy. "It's almost a school pride thing too," Ahern said.

Kelly Piano, a fourth grade teacher, agreed.

"I think it's important that the children are able to make the connection between the seal and Hannah Caldwell," Piano said.

Assemblyman Joseph Cryan, D-20, who assisted with the process of attaining the seal for the school, could not be present because he had a commitment in Trenton. Thomas Lynch, chief of staff for the assemblyman, represented the legislator at the school district event.

Lynch, who attended Connecticut Farms Elementary School, recalled what Union was like several years ago, specifically the area upon which Hannah Caldwell School now stands.

"I remember when I used to ride by here on my bicycle and back then what I would see is an abandoned building," Lynch said. "And to see this it only shows how much this town has grown."

School Superintendent Theodore Jakubowski explained how Hannah Caldwell Elementary was created 10 years ago.

"This used to be a Best Foods," Jakubowski said. "Skippy peanut butter was made here."

He said that more than 10 years ago, Hamilton School was facing overcrowding problems and during a walk with his wife along Commerce Avenue, his wife suggested building a school on the property where the empty warehouse stand.

The Rev. James Caldwell's wife, Hannah Caldwell, was known as a "freedom fighter" in her time and was shot in her home on Caldwell Avenue by a British soldier.

Hannah Caldwell Elementary School was named after her in honor of her bravery.

After listing all the buildings in the school district which are named after historic men, Jakubowski quoted his wife who said, "Don't you think it's time for a school to be named after a female?"

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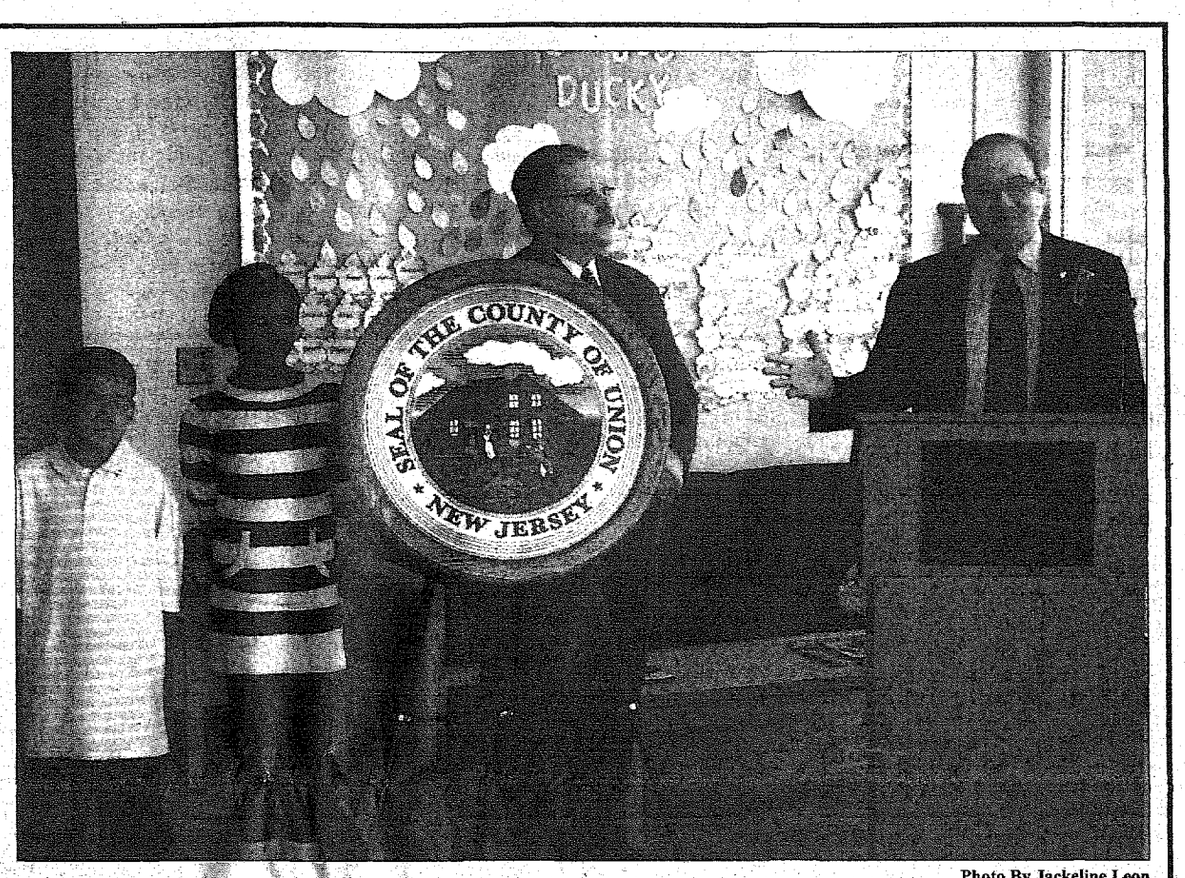


Photo By Jackeline Leon

Angel Estrada, chairman of the Union County Board of Freeholders, presents the seal of Union County to students and staff at Hannah Caldwell Elementary School. The seal depicts Hannah Caldwell, a Union woman who was shot in her home by British soldiers during the Revolutionary War.

Sights set on county

Councilman will run for freeholder

By Toniann Antonelli
Managing Editor

ROSELLE PARK — Although it's been 18 years since a Republican was elected to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Roselle Park Councilman Michael Yakubov is hoping to break the GOPs losing streak this year.



Yakubov

Yakubov has announced that he will be running for a seat on the freeholder board in November. The last time Republicans were represented on the freeholder board was in 1993, when the terms of former freeholders Linda DiGiovanni and Linda Lee-Kelly expired. In subsequent years, GOP candidates have been unsuccessful against their Democratic opponents.

Although the Union County Republican Committee has yet to announce it's full slate of candidates for the 2008 election, Yakubov was selected early by the committee, according to county GOP chairman, Phil Morin.

"Mike has been an extremely hard-working member of the Roselle Park Borough Council," Morin said. "He's so dynamic and works so hard for his constituents"

Yakubov, who is in his second year as a Roselle Park Councilman, was nominated for the candidacy by Roselle Park Mayor Joseph DeIorio. Yakubov, who represents the 5th Ward, was elected to serve on the council at the age of 23.

"My sense is that there are issues related to county government that have impacted Roselle Park and that has helped motivate him (to run for freeholder)," Morin said.

Union County Democrats, led by party chairwoman, Charlotte DeFilippo, have maintained a stronghold on the freeholder board for several years. DeFilippo did not return calls for comment as of press time Tuesday. Yakubov said he is aware of the challenges he will face in his attempt to win one of the three open seats on the board when the terms of freeholders Angel Estrada, Nancy Ward and Rick Proctor expire later this year. The councilman said he is hopeful, and has a "never say never" attitude.

"This may be the trend, but I also believe that I want people to look at candidate not just party affiliation," said Yakubov. "I want to try for the party, but more so for the residents of Union County. There's a lot of people who don't have a voice."

Yakubov said he believes a lot of Union County residents are "being kept in the dark about a lot of things that are going on."

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Tuscan Dairy remains vacant

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — The Tuscan Dairy plant on Union Avenue, which has been defunct for three years, is still up for sale.

Dean Foods Inc. a well-known national food and beverage company, owns the plant and it is unknown whether or not they are going to sell anytime soon.

The 85-year-old dairy plant closed its doors in 2005. It was forced to shut down after lawsuits were filed and contractual disagreements arose between Tuscan/Lehigh Dairies Inc. and the Teamsters Local 863.

In 2007, $228,625 was paid in taxes for the property, which is now reportedly serving as an overnight depot for the company's trucks.

"They have been up-to-date with their taxes, so the township has had no difficulties with that property," Township Spokesperson Geri Durso said.

On Feb. 22, 2006, production equipment from the plant was auctioned off by Harry Davis & Co., auctioneers and appraisers based in Pittsburgh, Pa.

"We just sell equipment to the dairy industry," Harry Davis said.

No one is allowed onto the property and the only signs of movement come from within the security booth situated near the entrance.

Carlos Quinones, who works as a security guard for the property, says the plant is surveilled 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"I've only seen a couple of people come here to look around," Quinones said. He suggested that the individuals may have been prospective buyers.

Larry Cuomo, who is in charge of security for Dean Foods, said the sale of the property is under review by attorneys based in Dallas, Texas. He refused to comment on the progress of the plant's future sale.

Texas-based, Dean Foods purchased the facility in 1999.

When the plant was closed in 2005, Dean Foods reported that the company would lose $6 million in costs and $25 million would be needed to upgrade the plant.

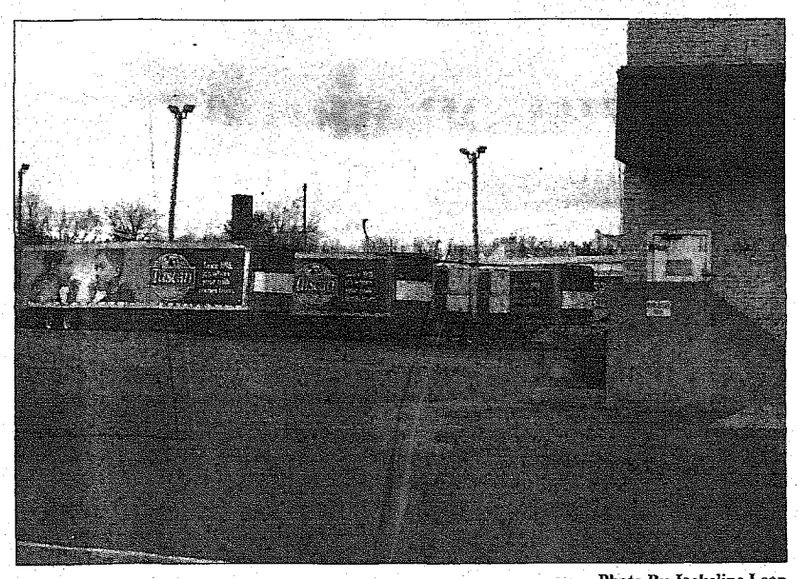


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Empty tractor-trailors remain parked outside the vacant Tuscan Dairy plant in Union.

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Pasta 'with a purpose' to be served

Roselle Park High School is preparing to host its third annual Pasta Night on April 3. This year's event will benefit a student from the district and the Make-A-Wish Foundation

Chris Jachimowski, an eighth grade student, was recently diagnosed with a form of bone cancer.

The high school's multicultural club, C.A.R.E. and the French Club are joining efforts to sponsor the popular event, from which proceeds will benefit both Jachimowski and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"The students organizing this event know that we have a strong community who cares about them and they're hoping for an extra special turnout this year. The clubs have worked hard and really look forward to supporting a fellow student in a time of need," said Vincent Fucci, a high school teacher and the supervisor of the event.

The entire community is invited to attend the event.

Pasta Night will be conducted from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria on April 3.

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

For more information or to order tickets in advance, 908-241-4550, ext. 3020.

Union PTAs select executive board

PTA organizations in the Union School District have recently announced board members and nominees for executive board positions.

Burnet Middle School

The Burnet Middle School PTA Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers for the 2008-09 school year: president, Bart Surpino; first vice president, Elsa DaSilva; second vice president, Nancy Zuena; treasurer, Diana San Antonio and secretary, Pat Allister.

The election will take place at the general membership meeting on May 14 at 7 p.m. in the Burnet Middle School auditorium. Nominees from the floor must have given written notice 20 days before the election meeting of their intent to run. This notification can be delivered to the school with copies for the president, secretary and nominating committee chairman.

Connecticut Farms School

The Nominating Committee for the Connecticut Farms PTA executive board has announced the slate of executive board officers: president, Catherine Dy; first vice president, Janice Robertson; second vice president, Michelle Constantino; third vice president, Nancy Erdman; treasurer, Emily Nuzman; recording secretary, Dillian Waldron and corresponding secretary, Helena Atienza.

Councilman will run for freeholder seat

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Morin said in order for the GOP to compete at the county level, the party must also "win at the local level" and demonstrate the party's effectiveness in municipal government.

In recent years, county Republicans have managed to regain majority control in several towns, including Roselle Park, Kenilworth and Cranford, despite the tactics that Morin alleges the Democrats have used to maintain their stronghold.

"They (county Democratic Party) blatantly exploit the people they give contracts to, to give cash to their campaigns," Morin said, adding that the Union County Democratic Committee "pours money" into municipal races.

Morin also said the Democratic party has a "massive" fundraising advantage over the Union County GOP.

Yakubov, who works for Assemblyman Eric Munoz, R-21, earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Kean University. He also has a master's degree in public administration from Kean.

The councilman said he was approached about being a freeholder candidate "about a month ago." His goal is a "run a positive campaign" and to "show the residents of Union County how their tax dollars are being spent."

Yakubov believes the services offered by the county don't always equal the amount of taxes being paid by county residents. He is an advocate of "open government" and is currently focusing on working on Roselle Park's budget.

"Every nickel, dime and quarter counts. I want to see people flourish," Yakubov said.

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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*.

Saturday

• The Roselle-Roselle Park Rotary club will host its 23rd annual spaghetti dinner from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Chestnut Street and East Grant Avenue in Roselle Park. Proceeds of the dinner will go to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Roselle Park, which takes place in June. For tickets to the spaghetti dinner or information about Rotary, call Jim Vigliotti at 908-277-2410.

For information about the Relay for Life of Roselle Park, which will take place at Roselle Park High School, contact event coordinator, Suzanne Kinloch, of the Roselle Park Pink Panthers relay team at 908-803-6688.

Tuesday

• The Roselle Park Board of Education will conduct a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, located on the first floor of the Roselle Park Municipal Building, 110 East Westfield Ave., Roselle Park.

Wednesday

• The Union Township Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the Union Township Senior Center, 968 Bonnel Court, Union. The topic will be "All you need to know about African violets," and will be presented by the African Violet Society. For information call 908-686-1270 or 908-687-2182.

Upcoming

April 3

• 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., Roselle Park.

April 7

• The Kenilworth Board of Education's Curriculum and Instruction Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. to review the district's language arts program. The meeting will take place in the Board of Education Conference Room, located on the first floor of David Brearley High School.

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

• The Hillside Alcohol Beverage Control Board will meet at 6 p.m. to discuss a liquor license transfer application.

April 8

• Members of the Hillside-Union Chapter of Hadassah, Northern New Jersey Region, will meet at 1 p.m. in Bardy Hall at Congregation B'nai Ahavath Shalom, located at the corner of Vauxhall Road and Plane Street in Union. Chapter President Dolores Lederman will lead the business portion of the meeting. Barbara Klinger, program vice president, has announced that the chapter will be conduct a Women's Seder.

AT THE LIBRARY

Medicare questions will be answered at library

Do you have questions about Medicare? The Hillside Public Library is offering free counseling for Medicare beneficiaries at the library.

Trained volunteers will offer free, confidential counseling for New Jersey residents with Medicare issues such as: confusing forms, health insurance options and problems with claims.

To schedule a free, private appointment with a trained counselor, call the Hillside Public Library at 973-923-4413. Counselors are available by appointment only.

Begin communicating

Beginning Monday, a new program will begin at the Roselle Park Veterans Memorial Library.

The program, "Come Sign and Dance," *will take place every Monday* from 1:30 to 2 p.m. and is designed for young children ages 6 months and older. Combining sign language with upbeat songs, the program is a way to start communicating with your child. To register, or for additional information, call the Children's Room at 908-245-2456.

Celebrate Library Week

Celebrate National Library Week at the Hillside Public Library by joining the staff for lunch on April 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Attend the first "Book Lover's Luncheon." Hear about new books that are available at the library. Call the library at 973-923-4413 to register for lunch and for any further information.

Library will welcome 'Golden Gate' author

On Saturday at 11 a.m., the Roselle Park Veterans Memorial Library will welcome author Olga Vacoff for a discussion and book signing.

Her book, "Hello Golden Gate," is the epic generational saga of a family that was forced to flee Russia spending the rest of their lives looking for a place to call home. At the heart of Olga's story is a strong family bond that endured hardships, enjoyed good times and never gave up hope.

Spend spring break at Union Public Library

It's spring break and the Children's Department of the Union Public Library has planned several programs:

• On April 21 at 11 a.m. magician, Joe Fisher, will present his "Hocus Pocus with Joe Fisher Show," for children of all ages and their caregivers.

No registration is required.

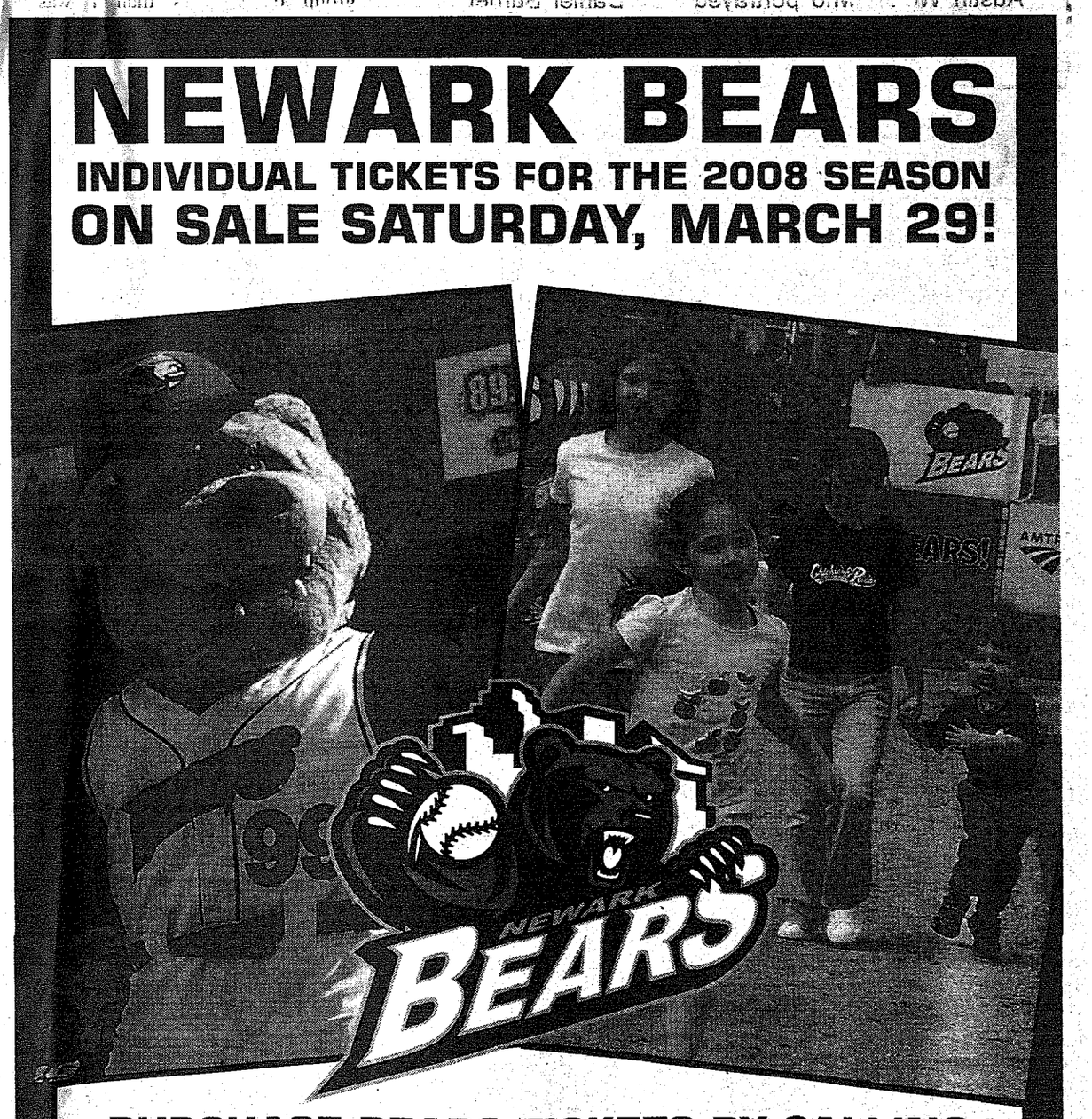
• Do you like to sing and dance? Then join us for the "Beth and Scott Party Concert" on April 22 at 11 a.m.

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Living history lesson

Students explore township's past

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — The youth of the township embarked on an historic trip back in time and they took their family and friends along for the ride.

As part of Union's year-long bicentennial celebration, a class from Burnet Middle School and another from Kawameeh Middle School delved into their respective schools' past to discover more about how they were founded and developed.

The students acted out skits for the Board of Education and the community during the board meeting on March 18.

The crowd soon learned that Kawameeh was named after a Lenni Lenape Indian chief, Chief Kawameeh, who lived with his tribe on the land where the school now stands.

Kawameeh opened in 1954 to reduce overcrowding in five of the six elementary schools in the district. Kawameeh has seen four principals over the course of 52 years.

Burnet Middle School was named after Col. Daniel Burnet, a member of a prominent founding family of Union. Michael Yesenko, president of the township of Union Historical Society, provided students from both schools with information they needed for their project. He is considered by many to be an expert on Union's past.

"He took the time to teach the kids about their schools and Union," Kawameeh teacher, Dave Armenio, said.

Armenio, who is also a member of the Historical Society, lauded both presentations, saying they were historically accurate and well-done.

"They got a kick out of learning about Kawameeh and how their lives differ from the students that used to go there in the 50s and 60s," Armenio said.

Kawameeh Principal Harold Bell and Burnet Principal Ray Salvatore were equally proud of their student's interest and presentations.

"As always, the students and the teachers are on board when there is a different idea put forth and they always put their best foot forward," Salvatore said.

"I've never been prouder of a group of students than I was tonight," School Superintendent Theodore Jakubowski said.

Several members of the audience said they learned about the history of the schools, along with the children.

"This was very informative," Sharon Brangman said after she saw her daughter, Shalyn, perform a skit for Burnet's presentation. "I didn't know this stuff."

"They all volunteered for this and they definitely learned something new, and so did I," said Marianne Caulfield, the parent of a Kawameeh student.

School photographs of days gone by were presented in slide shows by both groups and some of them stirred up old memories.

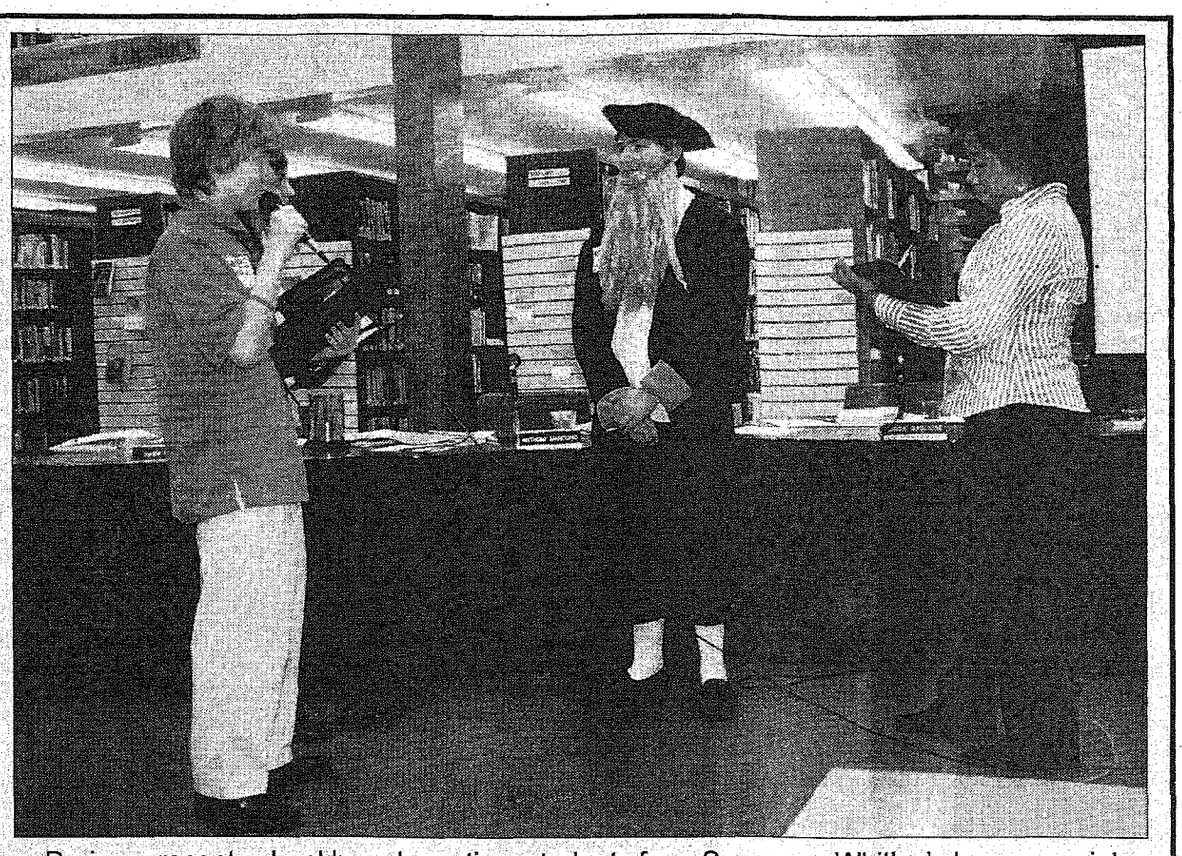
"It brought back a lot of memories for me," Board Member Linda Gaglione said. "This was wonderful."

The students who participated in the historical presentations were amazed with what they learned about their schools.

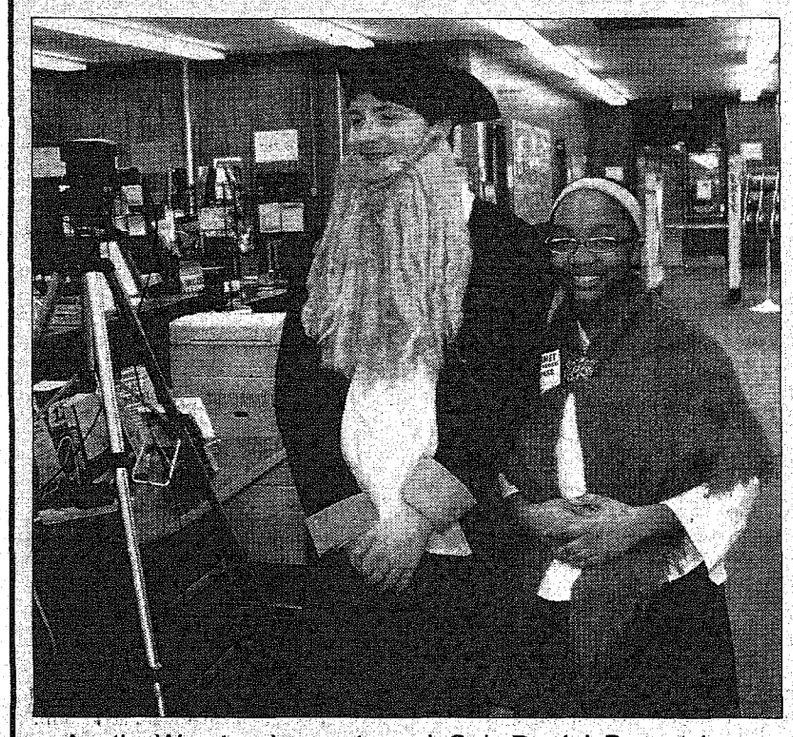
"Now we can understand the legacy of the meaning of our school's name," said Shalyn Brangman, a student at Burnet.

"Now I know that Colonel Burnet had a really long beard, seriously," Burnet student, Frank Senkiw, said.

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During a recent school board meeting, students from Suzannne Whitley's honors social studies class at Burnet Middle School in Union act out a skit about the life and times of Colonel Daniel Burnet, for whom the school is named. The play was part of the school's observation of Union's bicentennial.



Austin Worst, who portrayed Col. Daniel Burnet in a recent play and Shalyn Brangman, who played Mrs. Burnet, act out a scene about Burnet's life.

Administrator gets state recognition

Dunn named Administrator of the Year

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — The Union School District boasts a diverse scholastic community with broad offerings, but now it can be said the state's Business Administrator of the Year is at the helm.

Karen Dunn, Union's school business administrator, was recently named New Jersey's Business Administrator of the Year by the Association of School Business Administrators, which will formally present Dunn with the award in May.

One business administrator is selected annually to represent the county. Out of the list of selected county representatives, one person is chosen to represent the state. The award is presented each year to school business administrators with an interest in bettering the quality of education in the district.

"In my 13 years as superintendent, none of our central office administrators have received an award like that," Theodore Jakubowski, superintendent of schools, said. "It's a real honor."

Dunn, who has served as the business administrator for 15 years, has been nominated twice at the county level.

"We definitely feel she deserved the state business administrator award," Jakubowski said.

Jakubowski said he has worked closely with Dunn over the years and has seen Dunn take on challenges and a multitude of tasks in a professional manner.

"She's very active at the state level and is on numerous committees and works closely with the county superintendent and business administrator," Jakubowski said. "She has a good handle on the budget, representing fiscal needs of the school district, she's very fiscally conservative, and she does not hesitate to support programs that would benefit the students."

Dunn announced at the last Board of Education meeting how happy she was to be the recipient of the prestigious award, but said team effort was crucial.

"I could not have really received this award had it not been for my staff," Dunn said.

Board Member Anthony Manochio said Dunn's hard work and excellent knowledge base has made her a perfect candidate for the award.

"She's very knowledgeable and gets a lot of respect from Trenton," Manochio said.

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Police continue search for suspect

POLICE BLOTTER

Union

An attempted motor vehicle theft ended in a foot pursuit Sunday.

The owner of the vehicle reported to authorities that he saw someone drive his car off his property on the 700-block of Roessner Drive Sunday at 4 a.m.

Police followed the vehicle until it pulled into a driveway on the 2200-block of Halsey Street and the suspect fled on foot into Hollywood Memorial Park.

The suspect, described as a light-skinned black man, about 5-feet, 5-inches tall was last seen wearing a brown leather jacket with a hooded sweatshirt.

Authorities lost sight of the suspect on Edmund and Stanley terraces and reportedly checked nearby Andrew Street North for the suspect, with negative results.

The vehicle was returned to the owner and authorities are still in search of the suspect.

• Sinoe O. Palomino, 31, of West Orange was arrested Sunday morning for driving under the influence on the eastbound lane of Route 22 by the PC Richard and Son's store.

• Compact discs valued at $100 were reportedly taken from a motor vehicle Sunday on the 50-block of Burkley Place.

The burglary reportedly occurred between the hours of 6:30 p.m on Saturday and 10:35 a.m. of Sunday. Authorities reported no signs of forced entry into the vehicle.

• Two women were arrested Sunday for possession of controlled dangerous substances. Authorities initially stopped Candyce Byerley, 25, of Manahawkin and Tara Schumacker, 23, of Barnegat on Vauxhall Road and Sayre Road for not wearing their seatbelts.

Summonses were issued for not wearing a seatbelt and for alleged possession of controlled dangerous substances.

• An accident resulted in injury on Route 22 near the Taco Bell restaurant.

Two individuals were transported to Overlook Hospital in Summit.

• Westfield resident Stefan Duris, 26, was arrested Sunday on Manor Drive and Village Road for alleged possession of controlled dangerous substances.

Duris was originally stopped by the police for failure to wear a seatbelt.

• A motor vehicle was burglarized on Route 22 Saturday at 2:31 p.m. Entry was reportedly gained through the passenger side door and a GPS unit and a pair of gloves were reported stolen.

• On Friday afternoon, two vehicles were involved in an accident resulting in injuries on Springfield Avenue.

The two victims were transported to the emergency room at Overlook Hospital's Union campus. A summons was issued to the driver of one of the vehicles for disregarding a traffic signal.

Police solve year-old burglary case

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

KENILWORTH — Kenilworth police were able to "catch their man" last week after apprehending a suspect involved in a home burglary that occurred early last year in the borough.

Through inter-departmental cooperation, the suspect, former Roselle Park resident Neyad "Joe" Becaj, 38, was apprehended.

Sgt. Tim Dowd of the detective bureau and Detective Fred Soos led the investigation. Police have been investigating the attempted burglary since the crime was reported on Jan. 15, 2007. According to reports, the suspect had broken into a home on North 12th Street.

As the suspect was gathering money from inside the house, he was caught red-handed by the owner of the home.

The resident was then assaulted with a kitchen chair by the stunned intruder, according to reports.

The 49-year-old homeowner reportedly sustained injuries to his arms, legs and torso as a result of the confrontation.

Police responded to the house immediately and pursued the suspect as he fled the scene in a vehicle. In his attempt to elude the police, the suspect crashed the vehicle at the end of Columbia Avenue, near the Cranford border, and proceeded to flee on foot.

Authorities lost sight of the suspect, but the investigation continued.

An arrest warrant for Becaj was issued by Soos. The suspect was wanted for robbery using force, possession of a weapon, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, receiving stolen property and resisting and eluding police.

According to Dowd, the investigation came to an end with the arrest of Becaj in Brooklyn, N.Y. with the assistance of the FBI Newark Fugitive Task force. Becaj had been living in Brooklyn and a positive identification and background check revealing a warrant for his arrest out of Kenilworth led police to him.

Dowd said that on March 19, the Union County Sheriff's Office extradited Becaj from the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan, where he was being held pending extradition back to the Kenilworth Police Department.

According to Dowd, Becaj was transported by Kenilworth Police to the Union County Jail in Elizabeth lieu of $100,000, bail pending his Superior Court appearance.

"It's something we continued to pursue," Dowd said. "This was a successful conclusion (to the investigation)."

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EVENTS

Beer festival planned

Bayern Verein Newark's 78th Anniversary and Beer Festival will take place Saturday at the Kenilworth Veteran's Center, 33 South 21st St., Kenilworth

Join more than 300 trachtler — participants wearing traditional German costumes — as well as family and friends.

Music will be provided by The Austrian Boys. There will also be food and dancing. The evening will be highlighted by the performances of the Adult and Kinder dance groups as well as performances by all of the visiting clubs. The doors open at 7 p.m. For more information, call 908-851-9465 or 908-322-5570.

Tricky tray will benefit Hillside animal shelter

People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a tricky tray event on April 4 at the Somerville Elks Club, 375 Union Ave. in Bridgewater.

The tricky tray doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the prize drawings starting at 8 p.m. Admission is a donation of $10 per person and includes one sheet of tickets for regular prize baskets. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The event is open to adults only.

Prizes include jewelry, electronics, gift items and much more, including special big ticket prizes. In addition, dessert and coffee will be served. Other food is available for purchase, a raffle will be conducted and there will be door prizes. All proceeds benefit People for Animals spay/neuter clinic and its cat and dog rescue program.

For more information or to donate a prize, call People for Animals at 973-282-0890, ext. 311 and leave a message with your name and an evening telephone number, or e-mail us at PFADiane@verizon.net.

'Trout Night' planned at Knights hall in Union

The next meeting of the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club will be Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located on Jeannette Avenue in Union.

The meeting will include the annual Frank Fallon Trout Night Dinner. Reservations can still be made by calling Glen Rosivack at 908-233-8251. The buffet dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The brief meeting will focus on the Echo Lake Derby.

Members are asked to bring an item or two for the door prize table.

Garden club plans trip

The Union Township Garden Club, which meets at the Union Senior Center, 968 Bonnel Court, Union, will host a trip to the New York Botanical Gardens May 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The bus will leave from the from Boys & Girls Club on Jeannette Avenue in Union. For more information, call 908-686-1270.

Try your luck in AC

The Casano Community Center of Roselle Park is sponsoring a trip to the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City on April 3.

Participants must have a Showboat card or valid identification. There are two bus pick-up locations in the borough. The first will be at 8:45 a.m. at the Michael Mauri Gazebo Park, located on the corner of Grant Avenue and Chestnut Street and 9 a.m. at the Church of the Assumption on Westfield Avenue.

The bus will return at approximately 7 p.m.

ATTENTION: HILLSIDE PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If your child is between three and twenty-one years of age, and exhibits physical, sensory, emotional, cognitive, social, or communication problems, please contact:
Hillside Board of Education - Department of Special Services.

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EDITORIALS

Lead by example

It's budget time, and the news is sobering. School districts face rising costs, increased state mandates and decreased state aid. The Abbott districts have received cuts of millions in aid and must raise the shortfall from a weak tax base. Municipalities statewide are struggling with a decrease in state aid that, coupled with 2008 pension requirements, will necessitate serious cuts throughout their spending plans.

And we see no reprieve in sight. Bloomfield Mayor Raymond McCarthy, who's been insisting for weeks the cuts are not fair and will hurt his town, joined 150 like-minded mayors for a talk with the governor, but the governor didn't budge. "He stuck to his guns," said the mayor.

Painful, yes. But we believe this is necessary, overdue and, in the years to come, will be good for the state. We have been living beyond our means for so long that we can't expect the transition to fiscal responsibility to be painless or completed overnight.

But we can expect our leaders to make certain the suffering is allocated fairly. Officials should not use the current crises to engineer political or self-serving changes to their towns. Look at East Orange, which recently released a budget calling for a 8 percent tax increase, and yet where council members have just voted themselves an $8,000 per year salary increase. How demoralizing for the taxpayers of that city. In tough times, leaders should lead by example.

Residents, too, should be placing a keen eye on budgets this year, and becoming squeaky wheels if they see cuts they believe to be unwise. Budget officials are making tough decisions, but they are, for the most part, not financial professionals. They might need your input to put a human face on cuts they are contemplating.

One more note. The state will not release its budget until the summer. We support the cuts we have seen so far, but we would not want to see a final state budget where all cuts are in aid to local districts and municipalities. The governor will have to make serious cuts at the state level, too, and not just pass the hard decisions down to the towns. So much of the waste, fraud and corruption that has gotten us into this situation originated at the state level, and many of the leaders who drove us into this mess are still in power. The state must lead by example, or residents will conclude that nothing much has changed.



DAY AT THE DERBY — Boy Scouts from Troop 69 of St. Michael's School in Union take a break during the annual Klondike Derby at the Watchung Reservation 'loop area' in Mountainside. The troop, armed with a sled and supplies, competed against several other sled teams to complete the course, which tested the Scouts' know-ledge and skills in various scouting activities.

All we know for sure is that taxes are on the rise

Seems To Me

By John Bury

The maximum height limit for houses in Kenilworth was raised from 30 to 35 feet by an ordinance passed at the March 12 Borough Council meeting.

The vote was four Republicans over two Democrats, as somehow this became political. Speakers from both parties gave points of view that were more convenient than convincing.

Realtors and builders wanted the higher limit for practical and safety reasons. Perhaps they supported the Republicans and this was payback. Citizens concerned about "McMansions" spoke against it. Perhaps they wanted to keep the "small" in small town.

Though it made for a lively debate, what should have been the real issue of the evening was whether anyone would still be able to afford to live in Kenilworth, in whatever size house, after the huge tax increase that will be coming even with service cuts.

Because of a reduction in state aid to communities of less than 10,000 residents, Kenilworth will lose $371,209 in state aid. Another $75,000 in extraordinary aid received last year is probably not coming again. There will be $252,543 in additional pension expense and $108,376 more for health insurance. Police salaries will increase by $183,473 and Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority costs will go up by $165,340. That totals an extra $1,155,941 that will have to be raised over last year.

To reduce costs, all departments have been told to cut their budgets by 10 percent. Since salaries and employee benefits are off-limits, we can expect severe cuts in what some consider discretionary spending.

The council had a chance to make themselves look better by taking the RVSA cost out of the budget, like Clark did, and sending all water users a separate bill. This might not have made fiscal sense, since the expense of billing and losing that property tax deduction would have raised overall costs, but it might have fooled the more gullible who look uncritically at only that property tax bill from year to year. To their credit, the council announced that they "will not go with a borough sewer utility."

Both parties would agree that these tax increases are not good. However, since they're on the same side they seem paralyzed as to how to proceed. Will Democrats join Republicans in criticizing the county and the state? Will the welfare of Kenilworth residents take precedence over party loyalty?

The budget should be available for discussion at the April 9 council meeting. Find out then.

John Bury is a resident of Kenilworth.

Strengthen Newark Airport security

Reports surfaced this past week that while airline passengers are routinely scrutinized to insure airport and air traffic security, Newark Liberty International Airport employees often pass through security with only a cursory look by security guards.

As passengers head to the boarding area where they take their shoes off and then trudge through metal detectors and x-ray machines, employees are entering the airport complex carrying bags that guards only superficially check. There are no metal detectors or x-ray machines for these bags that could easily carry an explosive device.

While the Bush administration deserves kudos for the increased security since 9-11, U.S. Transportation Security Administration and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operate Newark Airport, must tighten its security for these employees and the bags they carry.

Port Authority does extensive criminal background checks of employees and then random checks are also performed during the year. Port Authority officials said that employees must swipe a card and enter an identification code to enter the airport.

But there is no reason that the Port Authority and the Transportation Security Administration can't agree to have airport employees go through x-ray machines and metal detectors.

There have been examples recently of problems with employees at other airports. These include a baggage handler in February 2005 who smuggled hundreds of pounds of cocaine onto a plane and in May 2007 baggage handlers who smuggled guns onto a commercial airplane.

Last week it was reported that a sophisticated counterfeiting ring which involved baggage handlers at Newark Airport has been operating since 2003. By recruiting baggage handlers, the bad guys had unlimited access to airline cargo areas.

We should have the foresight to know that a renegade airport employee could easily try to cause a horrific loss of life and a major disaster for the tri-state area's economy by attacking the airport. All future attacks don't have to come from the sky as the passenger terrorists did in the 9-11 catastrophe.

Directions: First, obtain rocket science degree

Point Of View

By Richard Lime

Like most people, I have a cell phone. It is a necessity or I wouldn't have one.

I drive to and from Piscataway once or twice a week and due to my abhorrence of traffic, I travel at "off peak" hours, sometimes at 4 a.m. or midnight. Being unable to drive very far on Rt. 22 I go the "back way," through the towns.

The cell phone, a Nokia Tracfone, was a gift from a friend a few years ago. It was a little gray model that had to have minutes added every two months or so. Too technical for my simple brain, I always took the phone over to Wal-Mart and someone there put the minutes in for me. I was reasonably content with my phone and eventually I even learned how to add the minutes myself.

But then, towards the end of 2007 when I was adding my latest minutes, I was informed that my phone, which I was just getting used to, was now obsolete. They would be sending a new model. I asked them not to, that my phone was fine, good enough for me and I didn't want a new one. I was very upset and said, "When the phone becomes obsolete, you just send a new model. What do you do when the user becomes obsolete?" She didn't know how to respond.

My new phone arrived in the mail a few days later. A big box with several pages of rocket science instructions in English and Spanish. The phone itself was a little black Motorola model, much smaller than my other one. In fact, too small to see the numbers, even when lit up. My minutes expired in March 2008, so I just assumed I would activate the new phone at that time and continue using my old one until it ran out of time.

But of course, it didn't work out that way. I tried to use my phone one day and was unable to. Apparently, I had to transfer my minutes to the new phone right away. Then the fun began.

I called the number they gave me and got what you usually get when you call large conglomerates — a series of recordings with instructions. The recording asks you a series of questions and you have to press the appropriate dials, like a game of multiple choice. All I wanted to do was transfer my minutes to the new phone I was being forced against my will to use.

I finally got a live operator — I think. While speaking to her on my "land line" — apparently new slang for the phone in your house — I had to press a series of numbers on the cell phone. My glasses were not powerful enough to see those tiny numbers so I had to excuse myself to run and get my mother's old Coke bottle glasses.

I'm sure the woman was a fine customer service rep but she had a thick accent and it was difficult to understand her. She gave me an endless stream of numbers to punch in, as if I was programming the computer for the Space Shuttle.

It took over an hour because she had to repeat almost everything. When we were finally finished and I hung up, I realized I'd forgot to ask her what was the procedure for renewing minutes, if it was the same as with my old phone.

So I called up again and this time I got a man whose accent was even thicker than the woman's. Don't they hire Americans? I told him my problem but I could not make out a word of his explanation and he seemed very annoyed at my constant "excuse me?" Hey pal, you're going to get old and hard of hearing too, someday.

Now I had air time till the end of May. I'd worry about adding minutes then. The guy was absolutely no help. So I called my friend and told her I had successfully transferred the minutes to my new phone. I was very proud. She asked me for my new phone number. I didn't know. I forgot to ask about that. So I decided to call my "land line" from the cell and *69 for the number, but when I did, the recording said, "This feature cannot be activated because the call is outside the area." Outside the area? I called from my own house!

So I have a brand new cell phone, but I don't know the number and can't see the dial without a magnifying glass. I can't make any calls and no one can call me. What if it rings while I'm driving? Do I answer it, with the ban on cell phones while driving being enforced?

I got a cell phone because what if I break down at 4 a.m. in Plainfield or something? Good luck trying to find a pay phone. Also, I was afraid of getting lost, as I become confused very easily while driving and might lose my way. But I'm more lost now with the cell phone than I ever was without it.

Richard Lime is a resident of Union.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Benefit concert was a success

To the Editor:

We would like to thank anybody who contributed to, took part in, or supported in any way, the concert to benefit Jeff Truhe, at the Crossroads in Garwood on March 1.

It was overwhelming to see how a community can come together to help one of its own. In particular, we would like to thank Joan and David Weisbrod of White Realty and the New Jersey Association of Realtors for their most generous contribution to the cause. The township of Union has a long tradition of stepping up to help those in need and this quality was truly evident on that night.

Don Erdman
Dan Eberenz
Union

Don't forget Diabetes Day, May 25

To the Editor:

There are many faces of diabetes and it can affect anyone regardless of age, ethnicity, or social status. In type 2 diabetes, often symptoms do not appear until it's too late. If left untreated, diabetes can lead to serious and life-threatening complications — including heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness and amputation. One in five Americans is at risk for developing type 2 diabetes, or is unaware that they already have the disease. The numbers are truly staggering. In New Jersey, nearly 700,000 residents are affected by diabetes and one in three of those don't know they have the disease.

March 25 is the American Diabetes Association's 20th annual American Diabetes Alert Day. This is an opportunity for all Americans, including those in our own community, to take charge of their health by taking the American Diabetes Association's online diabetes risk test to find out if they could be at risk for this serious, but manageable, disease. The simple, seven-question assessment is available at *www.diabetes.org/risktest*, or by calling 1-800-DIABETES for more information.

Research has shown that Type 2 diabetes can be prevented or delayed by losing just 5 to 10 percent of body weight through regular physical activity and healthy eating.

For people who have already been diagnosed with diabetes, these same lifestyle changes can make huge differences in how diabetes is managed. I strongly urge everyone to take the ADA 's diabetes risk test. Remember, in order to prevent or effectively treat Type 2 diabetes, the first step is finding out if you are at risk.

Thomas Spiesman
President, NJ Board of Trustees
American Diabetes Association

Our policy on letters and columns

The *Union Leader* welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages. This opportunity also is open to all residents, officials and employees of the townships of Union and Hillside, the boroughs of Roselle Park and Kenilworth and the county of Union.

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Letters and essays also may be sent via U.S. mail to 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union 07083. For publication, all letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. on Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition.

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Candidates will join round table discussion

A televised round table discussion with the candidates for the Union Board of Education will be sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Union on Monday at 8 p.m. at the Union High School Library.

The incumbents who are running unopposed for three seats for a three-year term include: Board President Gary Abraham, and board members Ray Perkins and Anthony Manochio. The candidates are running unopposed. Dawn Clark, a league-trained moderator will be the discussion leader.

The format was changed to accommodate the circumstances caused by a lack of opposition. The LWV felt that it was important for Union residents to be informed about the education of their youth.

The program will be televised live that evening and re-televised at the following times: April 3 to 6 at 7 p.m.; April 8 to 10 at 10 a.m.; April 12 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; April 13 at 7 p.m. and April 14 at 7 p.m.

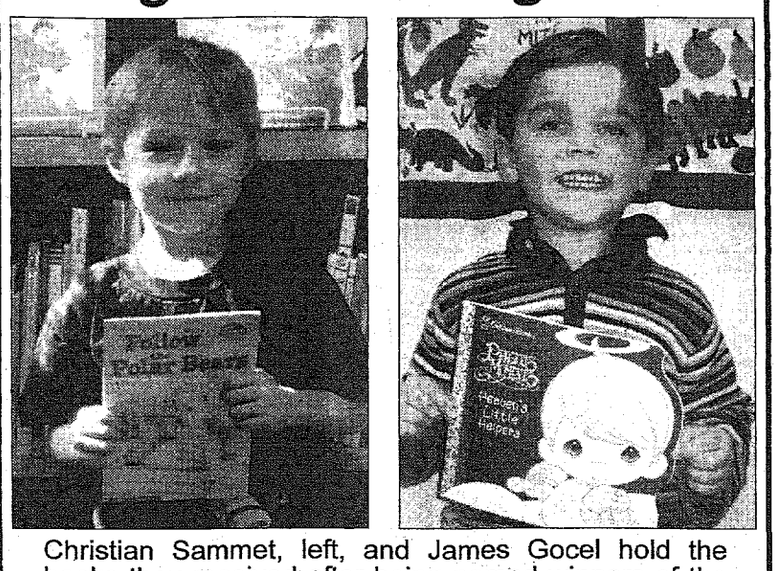
The Board of Education election will take place April 15.

Karen Gainey, Steve Geller and Sal Terrezza are in charge of the televising.

Sydelle Hirsch and Michele Cerrato Mannino are LWV Union voter service co-chairpersons, Joan Azzarello and Sydelle Hirsch are co-presidents.

Residents are also encouraged to attend Union School budget meetings to learn how their taxes are being spent.

The gift of reading



Christian Sammet, left, and James Gocel hold the books they received after being named winners of the Kenilworth Public Library's Birthday Book Raffle for February. Winners receive new paperback books.

AARP plans several spring trips, events

AARP Union Chapter 4026 members have scheduled the following events and bus trips:

• Friday — Feast of St. Joseph luncheon and show at The Brownstone. Contact Vini at 908-289-4967 for reservations.

• April 15 — Spring Fling Buffet at the Woodloch Pines Resort in Hawley, Pa. Contact Bea at 908-687-3394 for tickets.

• May 9 — Brighton Beach Big Top featuring Russian circus stars at The Brownstone. For reservations, contact Bea at 908-687-3394.

• June 5 — Renault Winery and Atlantic City. Contact Bea at 908-687-3394 for reservations.

Chapter members get priority on all trips. Non-members are welcome when there are vacancies.

Those who haven't paid their dues, must do so. Anyone who is a member of the National AARP can join this local chapter.

Bring your card or address label from your AARP Magazine to show your National membership expiration date. Chapter meetings are conducted on the second Thursday of the month, unless otherwise indicated, at 12:30 p.m. at the Union Senior Center, 968 Bonnel Court, Union, from September through June. Prospective members are invited.

The group is accepting new members. Refreshments will be served. Jim Sylvester is the chapter president.

Grant to fund planned pool project

The YM-YWHA announced that it has received a pledge of $100,000 from The Schering-Plough Foundation to help fund renovation and modernization of the non-profit organization's aquatic facility, located at 501 Green Lane in Union.

The indoor, heated Olympic-size pool and the structure housing it are heavily used by children and adults from Elizabeth, Union, Cranford, Westfield, Garwood, Kenilworth, Roselle Park, Hillside, Springfield, Millburn, West Orange and Livingston. Through its aquatic program, the YM-YWHA offers swim lessons to hundreds of people each year during aqua-aerobics classes, senior cardiac exercise, parties for children and special programs for schools and town events. The pool also is used by the Sharks Swim Team, Yeshivas, day schools and parochial schools, boys and girls in the summer camp and Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups. The structure, however, dates back 40 years and needs many repairs, upgrades and modernization.

The pool project is part of a broad capital campaign, called "Complete the Journey," to revitalize the entire YM-YWHA facility. Due to the funds generated by this campaign in the past two years, the Early Childhood Center, the youth and afterschool facility, picnic grounds and common areas have been renovated. The YM-YWHA selected the swimming pool as the Schering-Plough project because the pool serves such a large number of people representing a cross-section of the diverse community.

"Our aquatics programs intersect all other departments at the Y because people of all ages enjoy swimming and pool activities, ranging in age from six months to 98 years old," said Bryan B. Fox, YM-YWHA executive vice president. "We are grateful to Schering-Plough for their generous contribution, which will enable us to start repairs that must be made to sustain and expand our dynamic aquatics services."

Schering-Plough previously has supported initiatives at the YM-YWHA including the summer camp. The pharmaceutical company, which has its worldwide headquarters in Kenilworth, has helped fund gymnasium improvements and repairs to floors and bleacher.

"The YM-YWHA is a hub of healthy and wholesome activity for all sorts of people in many Union County communities," said Joseph Starkey, executive director, Schering-Plough public affairs.

Guidelines for coverage of election

In fairness to all candidates and to provide the best service to our readers, the *Union Leader* has established guidelines and a schedule for coverage of the April 15 Board of Education elections.

Under the guidelines, the *Union Leader* is committed to specific elements of coverage. It will give background information about all known candidates, including stories on basic positions taken by each, and it will write news stories on the issues raised during the campaign.

We also will list important events such as candidates' nights and fundraisers in news stories. We will aim to stimulate discussion of the issues during election campaigns through independent research and initiative stories. If appropriate, editorial endorsements will be made.

News releases and campaign position statements from candidates are welcome. They will be used at the editor's discretion and they will not necessarily be printed as such but may be used as material to develop news stories if the issues raised in them merit such treatment.

Story use, timing and treatment are entirely at the discretion of the editor.

We will strive to avoid the initial raising of controversial or sensational issues in the final edition before election. We aim to focus on what the voter needs to know and not on what the candidates want to say.

Our guidelines reflect the reader-service objectives of this newspaper in elections. However, we will review our guidelines from time to time and revise them if necessary to benefit our readers.

Following is the schedule we will adhere to in the April 15 election:

Letters to the editor: Letters of endorsement and support, for both candidates and the budget, will be accepted up to and including the issue of April 3. Letters may be printed or appear as excerpts at the editor's discretion.

Endorsement letters containing more than 250 words will be edited for length, regardless of how many candidates they endorse. Letters without telephone numbers will not be considered for publication.

Candidate's Corner: Candidates will be given the opportunity to speak to the readers on these pages as they present their backgrounds, platforms and goals. These columns, with a maximum length of 500 words, will be due in the editor's office by March 27. The columns will appear on our Web site, *www.localsource.com*, on April 3.

Our endorsements: Endorsement editorials, if appropriate, will appear April 10.

Staff-written round-up stories: A final look at the candidates, including their platforms and goals, will appear April 10.

Election results: Complete election result coverage will be in the April 17 edition.

Results will also appear on our Web site, *www.localsource.com*, after the polls close.

Feds uncover plan to smuggle drugs into U.S.

Drugs were loaded onto airplanes

(Continued from Page 1)

They refer to the planes as "girls" and the life jacket compartments as "apartments." They also referred to "keys," or packages containing 400 grams of heroin.

In conversations tapes by agents on March 20, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Moreno told Muniz that he was becoming concerned because the drugs had yet to be retrieved and he was afraid those responsible for distributing the drugs would blame him for stealing the narcotics.

"Hey, I'm having a lot of problems with these people...they think I stole that (drugs hidden on Continental Flight 722)," Muniz said in the conversation that agents caught on tape. "If you say it's on the plane then it's still on the plane. The biggest problem here is that they want to hold me accountable for that. They said that it's not just 100 little grams; they sent 800 and I need to answer for those 800 grams (of heroin)."

Federal agents arrested Moreno and Muniz March 20 as they sat in a car near an employee bus stop at Terminal C of Newark airport.

David Holman, of the federal Public Defender's Office, is representing Moreno. On Tuesday, he said he had no comment on the charges against his client.

Moreno was able to post bail, authorities said.

In his press statement, the attorney general credited Union County Prosecutor's Theodore Romankow's Office with assisting federal agents with the investigation.

"This was a case originally developed by the Union County Prosecutor's Office and then turned over to the U.S. Attorney's Office for investigation," Romankow said. "It is another example of how well federal and local law enforcement work together to share information that impacts the illegal drug trade."

Toniann Antonelli can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 122, or unionleadernj@thelocalsource.com.

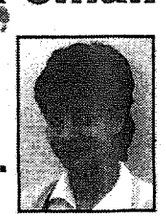
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All Creatures Great & Small



Presented by Karen Negrin, D.V.M.

RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF FELINE IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS

Feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) is similiar to HIV in that it affects its victims' immune systems. The virus is spread via a bite from an infected cat. Therefore, cats that go outdoors, especially males who are not neutered, are at the highest risk because they are more likely to get into fights. A cat whose coat is in poor condition, has lost his or her interest in eating, or has persistent diarrhea may have FIV. Inflammation of the gums or mouth, as well as reccurrent infections, could also signal that your cat has a problem. Persistent and gradual weight loss often occurs in cats with FIV. Veterinarians can perfom a simple blood test to see if a cat has FIV.

While cats that go outdoors, especially non neutered male cats, cats of all types can be susceptible to the virus. At **T.L.C. PET DOCTOR**, located at **1326 Stuyvesant Ave., Union**, we are happy to talk to you about any concerns that you have regarding your cat, any time. We're always here to help with your pets! Call **908-686-7080** with any questions. We will always do our best to keep your pet healthy with the most up to date care.

P.S. About 1.5% to 3% of healthy cats in the United States have FIV.

www.myvetonline.com/ticpd

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Township of Union, New Jersey
Action Plan/Consolidated Plan
Fiscal Year 2008

SUMMARY OF THE ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan for the Township of Union has been prepared in response to a consolidated process developed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for four of its formula grant programs: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The new Consolidated Plan regulations replace all HUD planning and application requirements with a single submission that will satisfy the minimum statutory requirements for participation in the four programs.

The Township participates in the CDBG program and is a member of the Union County HOME Program Consortium. It is required to prepare and submit an action plan for HUD approval in order to receive Community Development Grant funds.

The Action Plan is intended to serve the following functions: 1) A planning document for the Township, which builds upon a citizen participation process; 2) An application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant programs; 3) A strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and, 4) An action plan that provides a basis for assessing performance.

In the Action Plan, Union Township has: 1) described its housing needs and market conditions; 2) prepared a housing and homeless needs assessment; 3) set out a non-community development plan that establishes priorities for meeting those needs; 4) established a one-year action plan that outlines the intended use of resources; and, 5) identified resources anticipated to be available.

Federal regulations require that this summary be published in one or more local, general circulation newspapers. This summary describes the purpose and priorities of the plan, type and location of activities and the location of the complete document. Citizens have 30 days to review the document and submit comments, Citizen comments on the plan should be submitted to the Office of Community Development, Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083. All citizen comments will be considered in preparing the final Action Plan: A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore, will be attached to the final Action Plan.

Copies of the draft Action Plan are available for inspection and review will be available for review on April 10, 2008 at the office of Community Development in the Municipal Building.

SUMMARY OF PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

As part of the Plan development process, public hearings were held on December 14, 2007; January 18, 2008; February 15, 2008 and March 15, 2008. The purpose of the public meetings was to obtain the views of citizens, public officials and agencies and other interested parties regarding the housing and community development needs of the jurisdiction. A final public meeting on the Action Plan has been scheduled at 8:00 p.m. on June 12, 2008 in the Municipal Building.

The development of the Action Plan involved consultation with those agencies in delivering housing and housing services within the Township. Meetings and discussions were held between the staff of the Township Community Development Block Grant Program Office, the Township Division of Planning, the Township Board of Health and the Union County Division of Housing and Community Development, The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs was also consulted regarding its Section 8 Rental Assistance Program.

In addition there were meetings conducted with appropriate housing and social service agencies regarding the housing needs of children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, homeless persons.

ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan lists, by level of government and by private sources, all resources and programs expected to be available to the Township for use in carrying out its housing activities. Each entry includes a short description of the program or resources.

This section constitutes the 2008 Annual Plan of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. It sets forth a description of activities for the use of funds that are expected to become available during the coming Federal fiscal year, determines goals for individuals and households to be served, and describes the implementation plan and geographic location of the activities to be undertaken. The formula allocation for the Community Development Block Grant program is $657,731 with approximately $100,000 in anticipated program income available during the program year. The activities to be undertaken include housing rehabilitation, public facilities, infrastructure improvements and services.

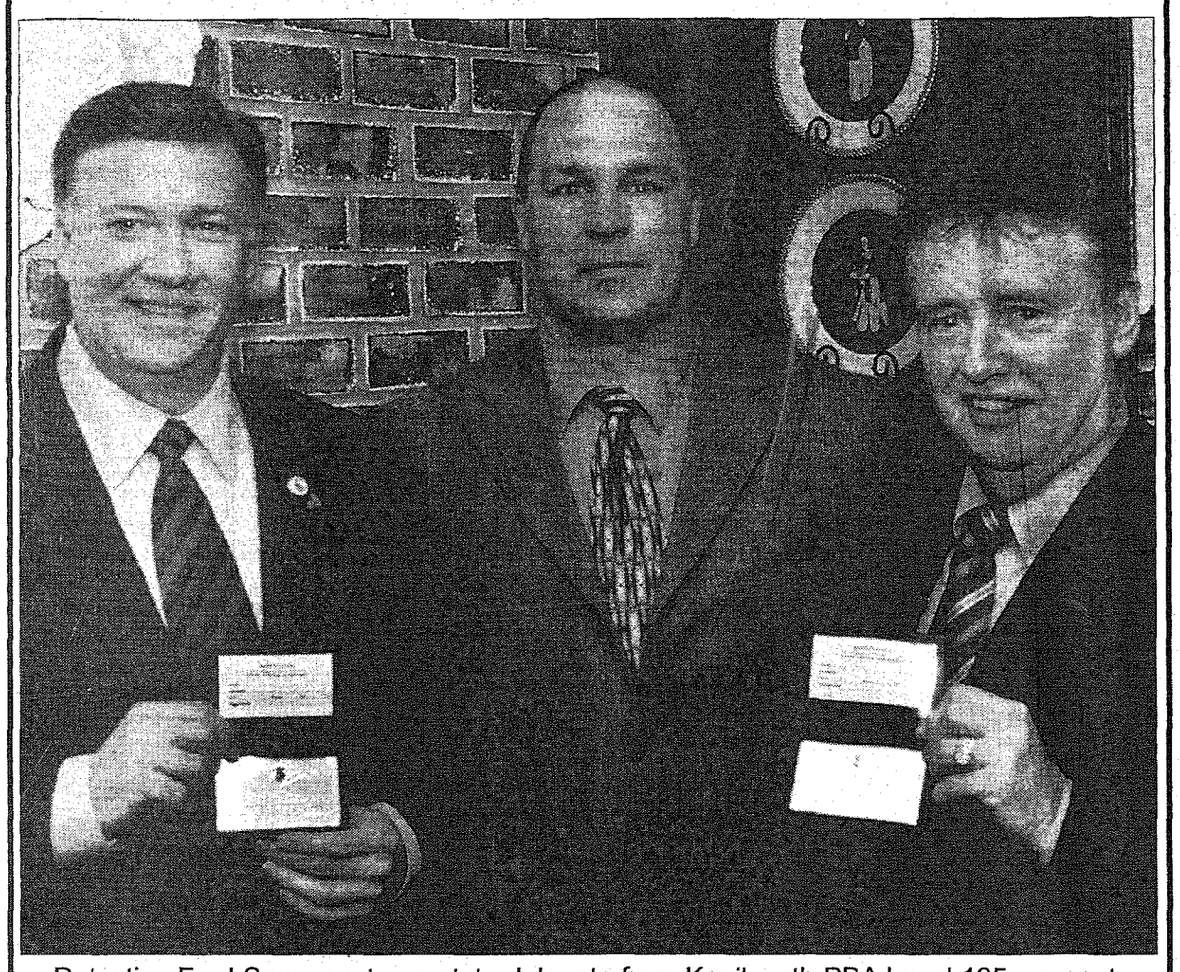
The preliminary draft allocation for projects for FY 2008 is as follows:

CONSOLIDATED PLAN PROGRAM FY 2008 - REQUESTS FOR FUNDING
PROGRAM YEAR; August 1, 2008 - July 31, 2009

Project	Amount Funded REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION
A. HOUSING		
•UNION TOWNSHIP Rehabilitation Loan/Grant Project (Including Rehabilitation Administration totaling $49,400)	$400,000	$247,526
B. FACILITIES/INFRASTRUCTURE		
• Hunt Ave. from Elm St. to Augustine Pl.; Elm St. from Burkeley Pl. to Hunt Ave.; Atlanta Ave. from Hunt Ave. to Augustine Pl.; Augustine Pl. from Teber Pl. to Burkeley Pl. ROAD RECONSTRUCTION.	200,000	175,000
• YM-YWHA OF UNION COUNTY. Senior Center Renovation	15,000	5,000
C. SERVICES (15 Percent budget maximum) (-4,177 Public Service Obligation)		
• CENTER FOR HOPE, INC. Hospice Care	19,000	13,500
• UNION TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION. Companion Aide	12,000	9,600
• UNION TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION. Infant Toddler Day Care	46,000	45,500
• THE JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY OF CENTRAL NJ. Homemaker Service	32,440.22	10,100
• THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER AT VAUXHALL. Adolescent Health Services	90,869.16	10,200
• UNION HOSPITAL W.I.S.E. Day Services	10,000	5,582
D. PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION		
• Administration	135,000	131,546
TOTAL	$960,309.38	$653,554

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Lifetime honors



Detective Fred Soos, center, a state delegate from Kenilworth PBA Local 135, presents Honorary PBA Silver Life Cards to former Kenilworth Mayor Gregg David, left, and Blackthorn Pub & Restaurant owner Eugene Gillespie during the Kenilworth Silver Card Association's annual dinner at the Garlic Rose Bistro in Cranford.

Hillside to offer summer clinics

The Hillside Recreation Department will offer several summer sports and activities. Registration information is as follows:

• Hillside Outdoor Spring Soccer League registration will take place from Monday until April 18 at the Recreation Center, 274 Hillside Ave., from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. or 5 to 8 p.m. for children ages 6 to 14 years old.

For information, call 973-926-2219. Children must be registered to attend tryouts.

For teams, registration will take place April 19 at the Calvin Coolidge School Soccer Field.

Leagues and sign-up times include: Peewees, for children ages 6 and 7 years old, at 11:30 a.m.; Juniors, for children ages 8, 9 and 10 years old at 12:30 and Seniors, for children 11 to 14 years old at 1 p.m. The rain date will be April 21 at 6 p.m.

• The Hillside Recreation Department is sponsoring a weekly bowling program for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 14 years old. This activity will be conducted on Saturday mornings at 11:30 a.m. at Roselle Lanes, which is located at 112 Chestnut St., Roselle.

Boys and girls ages 4 to 8 will bowl in a special bumper division.

The 12-week program will begin on April 19 at 11:30 a.m. The weekly cost includes two games of bowling, use of rental shoes and lightweight balls and a trophy awards program.

If there are any questions regarding this program, call the Recreation Department at 973-926-2219 or Roselle Lanes at 908-241-1224. The league is open to Hillside residents only.

• The Hillside Recreation Department, now located at the Community Center, will offer free arts and crafts from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 to 4 p.m. or from 5 to 8 p.m. Registration has begun and will end April 11.

The program is for children ages 6 to 14 years old. Parents and guardians will will receive a letter in the mail regarding what date and time your children have class. Classes will be once a week for an hour, from now through May.

• Spring basketball "biddy clinics" will be offered for boys and girls ages 6 through 8 years old. Registration is required and will take place from Tuesday until April 18 at the Hillside Community Center, 274 Hillside Ave.

Registration times are from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.

Clinics will begin Monday and end April 21. They will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and will be conducted every Monday and Wednesday at the Hillside Community Center gymnasium. The program is open only to Hillside residents.

• Spring basketball seniors clinics for children ages 12 to 15 years old will be conducted. Registration is required and will take place from Tuesday, through April 18 at the Hillside Community Center from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.

Clinics will begin April 24 and will take place Mondays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Community Center. It will be open only to Hillside residents.

• Spring basketball free junior clinics for boys and girls ages 9 to 11 years old will be offered. Registration is required and will take place from Tuesday, through April 18 at the Hillside Community Center from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.

Clinics will begin April 24 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and April 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. They will be conducted every Thursday and Friday at the Hillside Community Center. The clinics are only open to Hillside residents.

• Free Spring girls basketball clinics for children ages 9 to 16 years old will be conducted. Registration is required and will take place from Tuesday through April 18 at the Hillside Community Center, 274 Hillside Ave. Registration times are 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.

Clinics will be Thursdays, starting April 25 for girls ages 9 to 11 years old from 4:30 to 6:45 p.m.; ages 12 to 16 years old from 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. and 9 to 16 years old 6:45 to 9:30 p.m. at the Hillside Community Center Gym. Must be a Hillside resident.

• Free double-dutch registration will take place from Tuesday through April 18 at the Hillside Recreation Department from 9 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4 p.m. or 5 to 8 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinance set forth below was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, held on , March 25, 2008 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on April 8, 2008 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

EILEEN BIRCH
Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 23 BLOCK 5813, OLD VAUXHALL LIBRARY, ON THE CURRENT TAX ATLAS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby determined that the premises owned by the Township of Union, Lot 23, Block 5813, on the Current Tax Atlas of the Township of Union is not needed for public use and the same is available for sale. Said premises is located on Hilton Avenue.

Section 2. The condition of structures, if any, or the condition of the land is being sold "as is."

Section 3. The minimum price for the premises here-in-above described shall be paid as follows: $450,000.00

Section 4. At the meeting of the Governing Body at which bidding will be held for the foregoing property, April 8, 2008, the Township Committee may accept the highest and best bid submitted therefore, or, in its discretion, all said bids may be rejected.

Section 5. The Deed shall be a Bargain and Sale Deed and shall recite that such conveyance is to be made subject to such facts as may be disclosed by an accurate survey, and also subject to the Land Development Ordinance, rules and regulations of the Township of Union in the County of Union and to easements of record, if any.

Section 6. If title to said land shall prove to be unmarketable, the liability of the Township shall be limited to the return to the purchaser of the amount of his deposit. Title shall be deemed to be good and marketable if it be such as will be insured by a recognized title company authorized to do business in New Jersey.

Section 7. The successful purchaser will be obligated to pay, in addition to the purchase price, the cost of the publication of this ordinance and notice of sale, and for the preparation of the Deed and other closing instruments. The successful purchaser will, likewise, be obligated to close title within forty five (45) days after the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union approves of the sale by Resolution.

Section 8. In the event that the highest bid exceeds the minimum price herein set forth, the successful purchaser will be required to post ten percent (10%) of the amount thereof in cash or by certified check as a deposit and the balance in the same ratio as herein set forth for cash at closing.

Section 9. *The Deed to be delivered at* the time of closing will contain a metes and bounds description of the aforementioned lot and block reference, to be supplied by purchaser or purchaser's attorney.

Section 10. *This ordinance shall constitute* the notice of sale and shall be published in full in the Union Leader on March 27, 2008 and April 3, 2008.

Section 11. Closing shall take place at either the Law Offices of Daniel Antonelli, L.L.C., 2004 Morris Avenue, Union, N.J. 07083 or at the municipal building at 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, N.J. 07083.

Section 12. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after publication in the manner provided by law.

March 27, April 3, 2008
U207410 UNL ($96.72)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08001051**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1762707
County: Union
Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST CO.
VS
Defendant: NATHANIEL JONES, III; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; SHANDA A. SAMPSON
Sale Date: 04/02/2008
Writ of Execution: 01/18/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Municipality: Township of Hillside
Street Address: 268 Winans Avenue
Tax Lot: 14
Tax Block: 407
Approximate dimensions: 120' x 35'
Nearest cross street: Highland Avenue
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $288,124.45*
Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Four and 45/100*
Attorney:
PLUESE, BECKER & SALTZMAN, LLC
20000 HORIZON WAY
SUITE 900
MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054-4318
(856)813-1700
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $313,381.80
Three Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-One and 80/100
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2008
U205719 UNL ($100.44)

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08001401**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1357307
County: Union
Plaintiff: HSBC BANK USA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 207-WMI ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES
VS
Defendant: MEDHAT HATATAH, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR WMC MORTGAGE CORP.
Sale Date: 04/23/2008
Writ of Execution: 02/15/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Property to be sold is located in the **Township of Union, County of Union, State of New Jersey**
Premises commonly known as: **36 Valley Street, Union NJ 07083**
BEING KNOWN as **LOT 21 BLOCK 4703**, on the official Tax Map of the **Township of Union**
Dimensions: **25.00 feet x 115.00 feet x 25.00 x 115.00 feet**
Nearest Cross Street: **Vauxhall Road**
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
***Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.**
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $402,584.55*
Four Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four and 55/100*
Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL, NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $436,253.19
Four Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Three and 19/100
March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2008
U207217 UNL ($137.64)

UNION

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08001412**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F586305
County: Union
Plaintiff: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.
VS
Defendant: TORINA ARMSTRONG, MR. ARMSTRONG, HUSBAND OF TORINA ARMSTRONG; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS AS NOMINEE FOR WEICHERT FINANCIAL SERVICES
Sale Date: 04/23/2008
Writ of Execution: 02/19/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Property to be sold is located in the **Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey**
Premises commonly known as: **223 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07205**
BEING KNOWN as **LOT 47 BLOCK 1106**, on the official Tax Map of the **Township of Hillside**
Dimensions: **105 feet x 46.22 feet x 105.50 feet x 37.51 feet and 107.44 feet x 47.88 feet x 104.90 feet x 23.23 feet x 14.40 feet**
Nearest Cross Street: **Boa Place**
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
***Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.**
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $357,312.33*
Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twelve and 33/100*
Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL, NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $388,166.97
Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand *One Hundred Sixty-Six and 97/100*
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2008
U205721 UNL ($132.06)

THE KENILWORTH BOARD OF HEALTH

Notice

Due to a lack of quorum the regular meeting of the Kenilworth Board of Health has been rescheduled for March 27, 2008 in Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ at 7:00 pm.
U207464 UNL March 27, 2008 ($4.65)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08000824**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F894807
County: Union
Plaintiff: MIDFIRST BANK
VS
Defendant: DAVID CATARINO; ANNA CATARINO

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08000747**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1730106
County: Union
Plaintiff: US BANK NATIONAL ASSOC. AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON HEAT 205-7
VS
Defendant: CHRISTOPHER CARSON; TOBY CARSON; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGIST. SYSTEMS, ET ALS
Sale Date: 04/02/2008
Writ of Execution: 01/17/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Property to be sold is located in the **Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey**
Premises commonly known as: **610 Purce Street, Hillside, NJ 07205**
BEING KNOWN as **LOT 29 BLOCK 510**, on the official Tax Map of the **Township of Hillside**
Dimensions: **173.84ft x 61.32ft x 167.73ft x 58.00ft**
Nearest Cross Street: **Mclean Place**
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
***Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.**
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $258,157.71*
Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Seven and 71/100*
Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL, NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $294,887.65
Two Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven and 65/100
March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2008
U205116 UNL ($132.06)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08001071**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1387907
County: Union
Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
VS
Defendant: JOSIAH BORTH, JACQUELINE BORTH, CHASE BANK USA, N.A., STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 04/09/2008
Writ of Execution: 01/18/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Property to be sold is located in the **Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey**
Premises commonly known as: **223 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07205**
BEING KNOWN as **LOT 47 BLOCK 1106**, on the official Tax Map of the **Township of Hillside**
Dimensions: **105 feet x 46.22 feet x 105.50 feet x 37.51 feet and 107.44 feet x 47.88 feet x 104.90 feet x 23.23 feet x 14.40 feet**
Nearest Cross Street: **Boa Place**
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
***Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.**
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $357,312.33*
Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand *Three Hundred Twelve and 33/100**
Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL, NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $388,166.97
Three Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand *One Hundred Sixty-Six and 97/100*
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2008
U205721 UNL ($132.06)

THE KENILWORTH BOARD OF HEALTH

Notice

Due to a lack of quorum the regular meeting of the Kenilworth Board of Health has been rescheduled for March 27, 2008 in Borough Hall, 567 Boulevard, Kenilworth, NJ at 7:00 pm.
U207464 UNL March 27, 2008 ($4.65)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08000824**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F894807
County: Union
Plaintiff: MIDFIRST BANK
VS
Defendant: DAVID CATARINO; ANNA CATARINO

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sale Date: 04/02/2008
Writ of Execution: 01/07/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The property to be sold is located in the Township of HILLSIDE in the County of Union, State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 585 PURCE ST., HILLSIDE, NJ 07205
Tax Lot No.: 36 in Block 504
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 35 ft x 100 ft
Nearest Cross Street: Paul Street
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.
Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $226,399.78
Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Nine and 78/100
Attorney:
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
200 SHEFFIELD STREET
SUITE 301
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
(908)233-8500 XFZ-85452
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $249,027.88
Two Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Twenty-Seven and 88/100
March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2008
U205118 UNL ($107.88)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08001282**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2252006
County: Union
Plaintiff: COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.
VS
Defendant: JACOB MARQUES, NEWARK IRONBOUND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CO. MARIA MARQUES H/W
Sale Date: 04/16/2008
Writ of Execution: 01/14/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
MUNICIPALITY: Township of Hillside
COUNTY AND STATE: County of Union, State of New Jersey
STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 114 Conant Street
TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: Lot: 8; Block: 1702
NEAREST CROSS STREET: is approximately Salem Avenue
Beginning at a point in the Southerly line of Conant Street distant 165.00 feet Westerly from its intersection with the Westerly line of Salem Avenue.
(This concise description does not constitute a legal description. A copy of the full legal description can be found at the Office of the Sheriff.)
Pursuant to tax search as of 01/18/2008 2007 taxes are paid in full, Sewer Account # : 01/01/2007 - 12/31/2007 $96.00 OPEN & DUE 02/18/2008.
DATE: JULY 15TH, 2004:
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $291,337.66*
Two Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Seven and 66/100*
Attorney:
ESCHEN, FRENKEL, WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP
80 MAIN STREET
FIFTH FLOOR - SUITE 560
WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052
(973)325-8800
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $330,297.80
Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Seven and 80/100
March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2008
U206042 UNL ($132.06)

UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF UNION TOWNSHIP

The Township of Union has authorized T&M Associates to perform an Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) Study on portions of the Township's sanitary sewer collection system. Portions of the Township's collection system are experiencing a significant I/I problem which increases sewer flow and results in increased sewage costs.

One phase of this study involves smoke testing of sections of the sanitary sewer to identify leaks, breaks, improper connections, or other problems within the sewer system. This testing is scheduled to be performed during the week of March 31, 2008.

The sewer to be tested parallels the Rahway Valley Railroad Line from Route 22 to Iorio Street.

Notices will be delivered to affected residents/businesses before actual testing takes place.

Smoke should not enter any premises unless the sanitary sewer service connection is defective. The presence of any smoke observed during, or after the test, should be reported to personnel conducting the test.

The Dial Smoke Agent is non-toxic, non-staining, and non-corrosive. The smoke is relatively harmless, but, as with any type of smoke, prolonged exposure may be irritating to nasal passages. Therefore, occupants should avoid unnecessary exposure to the smoke.
U207327 UNL March 27, 2008 ($19.07)

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08001410**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2396707
County: Union
Plaintiff: US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN BROTHERS STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION SAS 2007-BC3
VS
Defendant: NOEDELY SAINT LOUIS, ET ALS
Sale Date: 04/23/2008
Writ of Execution: 02/15/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Property to be sold is located in the **Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey**
Premises commonly known as: **79 Warwick Rd, Hillside, NJ 07205**
BEING KNOWN as **LOT 2 BLOCK 1302**, on the official Tax Map of the **Township of Hillside**
Dimensions: **100.00 feet x 65.00 feet x 100.00 feet x 65.00 feet**
Nearest Cross Street: **Hall Court**
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
***Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.**
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $408,865.41*
Four Hundred Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five and 41/100*
Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL, NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $444,986.89
Four Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Six and 89/100
March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2008
U207223 UNL ($132.06)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08001405**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2042507
County: Union
Plaintiff: US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTER ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2005-AB1
VS
Defendant: IRIS HARGRAVE, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ET ALS.
Sale Date: 04/23/2008
Writ of Execution: 02/13/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Property to be sold is located in the **Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey**
Premises commonly known as: **23 Bailey Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07205**
BEING KNOWN as **LOT 11, BLOCK 1002**, on the official Tax Map of the **Township of Hillside**
Dimensions: **50.00 feet x 100.00 feet x 50.00 x 100.00 feet**
Nearest Cross Street: **Bergen Street**
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
***Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.**
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $250,900.72*
Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred and 72/100*
Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL, NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $277,733.66
Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three and 66/100
March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2008
U207220 UNL ($130.20)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08001072**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2061407
County: Union
Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
VS
Defendant: JACOB ADEDEJI, BARBARA ADEDEJI, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, ET ALS.
Sale Date: 04/09/2008
Writ of Execution: 01/18/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have

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20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Property to be sold is located in the **Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey**
Premises commonly known as: **1464 Leslie Street, Hillside NJ 07205**
BEING KNOWN as **LOT 13 BLOCK 302**, on the official Tax Map of the **Township of Hillside**
Dimensions: **91.00 feet x 39.00 feet x 91.00 feet x 39.00 feet**
Nearest Cross Street: **Emerson Lane**
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
***Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.**
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $405,805.78*
Four Hundred Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Five and 78/100*
Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL, NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $444,907.27
Four Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seven and 27/100
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2008
U205720 UNL ($128.34)

UNION

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08001015**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2264407
County: Union
Plaintiff: NATIONAL CITY BANK
VS
Defendant: DUANE A. LYKEN, CARLEEN LYKEN
Sale Date: 04/09/2008
Writ of Execution: 01/17/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Property to be sold is located in the **Township of Union, County of Union *and the State of New Jersey***
Premises commonly known as: **1017 Bertram Terrace, Union, NJ 07083**
BEING KNOWN as **LOT 9 BLOCK 1409**, on the official Tax Map of the **Township of Union**
Dimensions: **50 feet x 165 feet x 56.22 feet x 165.12 feet**
Nearest Cross Street: **Morris Avenue**
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.
***Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.**
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $275,552.84*
Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Two and 84/100*
Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL, NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $299,534.33
Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Four and 33/100
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2008
U205725 UNL ($124.62)

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Roselle Park Board of Health, in the County of Union, New Jersey, at a public meeting held on March 18, 2008 and that said ordinance will be taken up for passage, and public hearing on April 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at the regular meeting of the Roselle Park Board of Health to be held in the Conference Room of Borough Hall in the Borough of Roselle Park, and that all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

By order of the Board of Health of the Borough of Roselle Park.

INTRODUCED
ORDINANCE NO.BOH-01-2008

AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS AGENTS, ELIMINATE INFESTATION BY ARTHROPODS, AND REMOVE CONTAMINANTS IN PLACES FREQUENTED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY.

Nancy A. Caliendo
Borough Clerk
U207470 UNL March 27, 2008 ($17.67)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08001359**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1632207
County: Union
Plaintiff: TRIBECA LENDING CORPORATION
VS
Defendant: FRED HALL; DOREEN BALDWIN

Society to visit Ocean Grove

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to New Jersey's famous, historic seashore resort of Ocean Grove on May 17.

The bus will depart Kenilworth from St. Theresa's School parking lot at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 6 p.m.

The cost includes motor coach transportation and a guided tour along Ocean Grove's tree-lined thoroughfares, which showcase one of the largest assemblages of authentic Victorian architecture in the United States.

The 90-minute narrated walking tour will highlight the colorful history of this popular family seashore resort, which is listed in the National and New Jersey Registers of Historic Places.

Among the featured sites on the tour are Ocean Grove's Great Auditorium, "tent colony" and more.

The trip also includes lunch at a circa-1890 Victorian inn and a visit to the Sandy Hook Visitors' Center, with sights of the nation's oldest operating lighthouse.

Tax and gratuities are included in the price of the trip, which is being arranged and escorted by Progressive Travel of Union.

For information and reservations, call 908-709-0391 or 908-709-0434. As space is limited, it is suggested that reservations be made as soon as possible to ensure availability.

Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's project to restore the local 19th Century Nitschke House and transform it into a "living history" museum and cultural arts center. The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, non profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of local history.

Baskets of cheer for children



Children from Grace Lutheran School, the Grace ESL program and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Union assembled 18 Easter baskets for the children of the Project Home program in Jersey City. The program, operated by Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, is for mothers and children coming out of abusive relationships.

Volunteers still needed for ACS Relay for Life

All members of the community are invited to learn about the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Roselle Park, which is scheduled for June 7 at Roselle Park High School.

Volunteer committee members, new teams, and individual participants are needed for event planning and to set up on the day of the event.

Meetings will be conducted on Wednesday and May 1 to share the importance of American Cancer Society services and Relay For Life events in saving lives from cancer. Meetings will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Casano Community Center, 314 Chestnut St., Roselle Park.

Relay For Life is the signature event of the American Cancer Society and is the largest fundraising walk in the nation. It is a fun-filled, yet informative, overnight event that mobilizes communities throughout the world to celebrate survivors of cancer, remember loved ones who died from the disease and raise funds for the fight against cancer.

This ACS event is different than most "cancer walks," because it is as much an awareness raiser about progress made against cancer as it is a fundraiser.

Those who take part will see that there are many survivors from their own community who have beaten cancer, and realize that there is a way to fight back against this potentially deadly disease.

For information, or to be part of Relay For Life of Roselle Park, contact Robin Kraft of the American Cancer Society at 973-736-7771, ext. 205 or e-mail her at Robin.Kraft@cancer.org or Maria DelRio, event chairperson at 908-259-1203, or e-mail her at mamad15@msn.com. Participants, cancer survivors, and event volunteers can register online at *www.events.cancer.org/RFLro-sell-eparkNJ.*

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. For cancer information any time, day or night, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit *www.cancer.org.*

RECREATION

Hit the links in Millburn

The township of Union Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Millburn Recreation Department, will offer membership for the 2008 season in the Millburn Municipal Par Three Golf Course.

In addition to the regular membership for individuals, a limited membership is offered which can be used Tuesday through Friday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Membership is for Union residents only. Millburn requires a photo identification, which should be brought to registration.

Anyone younger than 18 years old may not have a membership, but will have an opportunity to play as a guest with a member. Youths younger than 13 may not play at all.

Membership is limited. Anyone interested in membership must visit the Union Recreation Department, 1120 Commerce Ave, behind Hannah Caldwell School, and obtain an application form. Membership runs from April through November. For information, contact the Union Recreation Department at 908-686-4200.

'Grow Young' at YWHA

Spring Yoga classes begin at the YM-YWHA of Union County on Monday.

The Grow Young with Yoga series is perfect for anyone, at any age, who wants to look and feel their best, learn to relax and develop greater mental clarity. Classes will meet Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for eight sessions. Participants should wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a towel and mat.

Yoga mats are available for purchase from the instructor.

The instructor is Paula Borenstein of Infinity Yoga.

Pre-registration is required. To register and for information about classes, call Borenstein at 908-289-3584.

The YM-YWHA is located on Green Lane in Union.

Camp registration open

With summer just a few months away, the camp registration at the YM-YWHA, 501 Green Lane, Union is filling up quickly.

With 11 programs from which to choose, the Y will be home to more than 500 campers, ages 3 to 15. Swimming in both indoor and outdoor pools, art, music, cooking, nature, dance, drama, sports and trips are just a few of the many activities. The state-licensed program also participates in government-assisted programs for lower income families.

Transportation is available from selected areas, along with a lunch program. For information and a brochure, call the Y at 908-289-8112.

Birthday celebration

The YM-YWHA of Union, 501 Green Lane, Union, will offer a community-wide event free of charge on May 8 at 6 p.m.

For the state of Israel's 60 birthday, there will be a multi-faceted program. Slide shows of Israel, Israeli vendors, choir performances from both the JEC and Solomon Schechter School, and the Rock group, "Shlock Rock" will be entertaining.

Israel food will be sold by "The Orchid" of Metuchen.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sale Date: 04/16/2008
Writ of Execution: 01/18/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN: Township of Hillside, County of Union, in the State of New Jersey.
PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 283 Clark Street Hillside, New Jersey
TAX LOT # 16 BLOCK # 413
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 35' x 120'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Compton Terrace
Taxes:
1st, 3rd and 4th Quarters 2007
(w/interest through 2/9/08) = $4,713.09*
*Plus interest on these figures through date of payoff and any and all subsequent taxes, water and sewer amounts.
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
A FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF UNION COUNTY
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $230,360.46* Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Three Hundred Sixty and 46/100***
Attorney:
PARKER MC CAY - ATTORNEYS
7001 LINCOLN DRIVE WEST
THREE GREENTREE CENTRE -
P.O. BOX 974
MARLTON, NJ 08053-0974
(856) 596-8900
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $253,282.37
Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty - Two and 37/100
March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2008
U206047 UNL ($122.76)

UNION

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08001406**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1912807
County: Union
Plaintiff: BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-25
VS
Defendant: DERRICK HALL AND DEBRA HALL, H/W AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 04/16/2008
Writ of Execution: 01/31/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The property to be sold is located in the **TOWNSHIP OF UNION** in the **County of Union and State of New Jersey.**
Commonly known as: **1630 Edward Ter., Union, NJ 07093;**
Tax Lot No. 61 AND PART OF LOT #60 in Block No. 5, now known as Tax Lot No. 29 in Block No. 5609
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 50 feet wide by 100.10 feet long
Nearest Cross Street: HALSEY STREET
"The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication."
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $399,345.38* Three Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Five and 38/100***
Attorney:
GOLDBECK MC CAFFERTY & MCKEEVER - ATTORNEYS
MELLON INDEPENDENCE CENTER - SUITE 5000
701 MARKET STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106
(212)627-1322
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $433,904.00
Four Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Four and 00/100
March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2008
U206453 UNL ($113.46)

UNION

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08001360**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2479207
County: Union
Plaintiff: BENJAMIN FUNDING CORP.,
VS
Defendant: D&D PROPERTIES LLC AND ROGERIO DASILVA
Sale Date: 04/16/2008
Writ of Execution: 02/05/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The property to be sold is located in the Township of Union in the County of Union and State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 290 Indiana Street, Union, New Jersey
Tax Lot No. 39 in Block No. 5808
Total Dimensions of Lot: Approximately 50 feet by 93 feet
Nearest Cross Street: Laurel Avenue
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $152,468.85* One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Eight and 85/100***
Attorney:
DAVID S. BRIMAN, P.C.
200 EAST GROVE STREET
WESTFIELD, NJ 07090
(908) 301-9000
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $165,586.10
One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Six and 10/100
March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2008
U206058 UNL ($96.72)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: **CH- 08001363**
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1841907
County: Union
Plaintiff: WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK
VS
Defendant: ELINEIDE C. DOS SANTOS; JOSEPH DOS SANTOS, HUSBAND OF ELINEIDE C. DOS SANTOS
Sale Date: 04/16/2008
Writ of Execution: 01/13/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
The property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside in the County of Union, State of New Jersey.
Commonly known as: 226 Silver Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07205
Tax Lot No.: 2 in Block 719
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 40 ft x 85 ft x 39 ft x 85 ft
Nearest Cross Street: White Street
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.
Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: $318,045.95* Three Hundred Eighteen Thousand Forty-Five and 95/100***
Attorney:
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
200 SHEFFIELD STREET
SUITE 301
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
(908)233-8500 FRZ-89470
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: $347,562.22
Three Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Two and 22/100
March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2008
U206445 UNL ($107.88)

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
PUBLIC NOTICE

The following ordinance published herewith have been passed by the Township Council at a meeting held at the Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 and approved by the Mayor on March 17, 2008.

O-08-004
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 291 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE AT ARTICLE II (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING) 291-18.1 (PERMIT PARKING).

Leonard Gilbert
Council President

Approved by Mayor McCoy Oliver
March 17, 2008

Attest:
Janet Vlaisavljevic
Township Clerk

U207326 UNL March 27, 2008 ($13.49)

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, New Jersey, at a public meeting held on March 20, 2008 and that said ordinance will be taken up for passage, and public hearing on April 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at the regular meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held at the Borough Hall in said Borough of Roselle Park, and that all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

By order of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park.

INTRODUCED
ORDINANCE NO. 2242

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2203, CHAPTER 75, SECTION 3, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK SETTING LICENSE FEES FOR LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

Doreen Cali
Borough Clerk

U207468 UNL March 27, 2008 ($16.74)

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, New Jersey, at a public meeting held on March 20, 2008 and that said ordinance will be taken up for passage, and public hearing on April 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at the regular meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held at the Borough Hall in said Borough of Roselle Park, and that all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

By order of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park.

INTRODUCED
ORDINANCE NO. 2243

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII, SECTION 7-15 "PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS" OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

Doreen Cali
Borough Clerk

U207467 UNL March 27, 2008 ($16.28)

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Roselle Park Board of Health, in the County of Union, New Jersey, at a public meeting held on March 18, 2008 and that said ordinance will be taken up for passage, and public hearing on April 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at the regular meeting of the Roselle Park Board of Health to be held in the Conference Room at the Borough Hall in the Borough of Roselle Park, and that all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

By order of the Board of Health of the Borough of Roselle Park.

INTRODUCED
ORDINANCE NO.BOH-02-2008

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BOARD OF HEALTH CODE FOR 2007 IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY.

Nancy A. Caliendo
Borough Clerk

U207471 UNL March 27, 2008 ($15.81)

UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the following applications for Zoning Variances were heard by the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union on **Wednesday, March 19, 2008** at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, N.J. Resolutions memorializing.

Calendar #	Name of Applicant & Premises Affected	Variances Requested	Decision of the Board of Adjustment
Cal. #3112	Crawford Street Partners, LLC. 988 Johnson Place Block- 2901 Lot- 27	Conversion of existing storage/warehouse bldg. into 9 mutlti - family apartment units	Adjourned to April 9, 2008

Richard Malanda, Board of Adjustment Secretary

U207323 UNL March 27, 2008 ($23.73)

TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinance set forth below was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union held on March 27, 2008, and that said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on April 8, 2008

EILEEN BIRCH
TOWNSHIP CLERK

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2007 AND 2008 SALARIES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION IN THE COUNTY OF UNION.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union:

Section 1. The salary for the years 2007 and 2008 for the Municipal personnel named herein shall be hereinafter set forth and, where applicable, at the ranges herein contained.

Position	2007 Min	2007 Max	2008 Min	2008 Max
Account Clerk	$18,000.00	$57,559.00	$18,000.00	$ 60,298.00
Administrative Clerk	$25,000.00	$74,075.00	$25,000.00	$ 77,392.00
Administrative Secretary	$25,000.00	$74,075.00	$25,000.00	$ 77,392.00
Agency Aide	$18,000.00	$55,137.00	$18,000.00	$ 57,791.00
Assessing Clerk Typist	$18,000.00	$46,844.00	$18,000.00	$ 49,208.00
Assistant Supervisor Roads	$40,000.00	$55,375.00	$40,000.00	$ 58,038.00
Assistant Municipal Clerk	$26,600.00	$72,932.00	$26,600.00	$ 76,209.00
Asst. Supervisor Build/Grounds	$ 12.32	$ 27.47	$ 12.32	$ 28.77
Assistant Supervising Maintenance Repairer	$ 12.32	$ 27.47	$ 12.32	$ 28.77
Assistant Supervising Laborer	$ 12.32	$ 27.47	$ 12.32	$ 28.77
Ass. Superv. Sen Cit. Activities	$25,300.00	$58,378.00	$25,300.00	$ 61,146.00
Audio visual Specialist	$25,000.00	$68,515.00	$25,000.00	$ 71,638.00
Board of Adjustment Clerk	$ 2,500.00	per yr	$ 2,500.00	per year
Budget Examiner	$26,600.00	$81,861.00	$26,600.00	$ 85,451.00
Building Maintenance Worker	$18,600.00	$43,419.00	$18,600.00	$ 45,663.00
Building Services Worker	$18,600.00	$50,893.00	$18,600.00	$ 53,399.00
Buyer	$23,900.00	$59,177.00	$23,900.00	$ 61,973.00
Carpenter	$ 8.94	$ 22.84	$ 8.94	$ 23.98
Cashier Typist	$18,000.00	$41,031.00	$18,000.00	$ 43,192.00
Chief Sanitation Inspector	$26,000.00	$59,817.00	$26,000.00	$ 62,635.00
Clerk - Meeting	$ 100.00	per mtg	$ 100.00	per meeting
Clerk Typist	$18,900.00	$56,257.00	$18,900.00	$ 58,950.00
Clerk Typist (bilingual)	$19,400.00	$56,825.00	$19,400.00	$ 59,538.00
Clerk Typist (seasonal P/T)	$ 7.15	$ 15.13	$ 7.15	$ 16.00
Computer Operator	$20,000.00	$71,732.00	$20,000.00	$ 74,967.00
Construction Inspector	$27,900.00	$69,674.00	$27,900.00	$ 72,837.00
Coordinator of Fed/State Aid	$ 7,500.00	$23,609.00	$ 7,500.00	$ 25,639.00
Court Attendant	$ 10.00	$ 23.17	$ 10.00	$ 24.32
Crime Prevention Aide	$18,000.00	$46,912.00	$18,000.00	$ 49,278.00
Data Entry Machine Operator	$18,900.00	$47,907.00	$18,900.00	$ 50,308.00
Deputy Municipal Clerk	$26,600.00	$72,382.00	$26,600.00	$ 75,640.00
Deputy Mun. Ct. Administrator	$22,000.00	$54,465.00	$22,000.00	$ 57,096.00
Deputy Tax Assessor	$25,000.00	$61,916.00	$25,000.00	$ 64,808.00
Electrical Sub code Official P/T	$22,000.00	$39,927.00	$22,000.00	$ 42,049.00
Engineering Aide	$20,000.00	$79,354.00	$20,000.00	$ 82,856.00
Engineering Aide P/T	$ 7.15	$ 15.28	$ 7.15	$ 16.25
Equipment Operator	$ 12.09	$ 33.70	$ 12.09	$ 35.22
Equipment Operator - Sewer	$ 12.09	$ 33.70	$ 12.09	$ 35.22
Equipment Operator Streets	$ 12.09	$ 33.70	$ 12.09	$ 35.22
Executive Assistant	$45,000.00	$85,082.00	$45,000.00	$ 88,784.00
Fire Protection Sub code Official	$30,000.00	$77,653.00	$30,000.00	$ 81,095.00
General Supervisor Public Works	$30,000.00	$75,427.00	$30,000.00	$ 78,791.00
Horticulturist	$35,000.00	$48,550.00	$35,000.00	$ 50,974.00
Housing Inspector	$23,900.00	$77,210.00	$23,900.00	$ 80,637.00
Hydrant Repairer	$17,000.00	$42,276.00	$17,000.00	$ 44,480.00
Identification Clerk	$21,300.00	$48,117.00	$21,300.00	$ 50,526.00
Identification Officer	$23,000.00	$51,695.00	$23,000.00	$ 54,229.00
Inventory Control Clerk	$22,000.00	$36,176.00	$22,000.00	$ 38,206.00
Laborer (35 Hours)	$17,000.00	$48,117.00	$17,000.00	$ 50,526.00
Laborer (40 Hours	$ 9.33	$ 24.90	$ 9.33	$ 26.11
Laborer (seasonal)	$ 7.15	$ 15.28	$ 7.15	$ 16.25
Maintenance Repairer	$18,600.00	$50,893.00	$18,600.00	$ 53,399.00
Mechanics Helper	$ 9.33	$ 26.67	$ 9.33	$ 27.95
Media Technician	$25,000.00	$68,515.00	$25,000.00	$ 71,638.00
Municipal Court Administrator	$37,800.00	$83,754.00	$37,800.00	$ 87,410.00
Municipal Recycling Coord.	$22,000.00	$65,903.00	$22,000.00	$ 68,934.00
Mv. Oper. Eld/Handicapped	$ 9.33	$ 31.33	$ 9.33	$ 32.77
Paralegal Specialist	$23,000.00	$56,746.00	$23,000.00	$ 59,457.00
Parking Enforcement Officer	$19,900.00	$52,536.00	$19,900.00	$ 55,099.00
Payroll Supervisor	$26,600.00	$76,174.00	$26,600.00	$ 79,564.59
Planning Board Clerk	$ 2,500.00	per yr	$ 2,500.00	per yr
Playground Leader (Day)	$ 31.50	per day	$ 31.50	per day
Playground Leader (Evening)	$ 7.15	$ 18.55	$ 7.15	$ 19.54
Plumbing Inspector (P/T)	$ 13.31	$ 31.11	$ 13.31	$ 32.54
Plumbing Sub code Off. (P/T)	$22,000.00	$39,927.00	$22,000.00	$ 42,049.00
Prin. Data Entry Mach. Oper.	$22,300.00	$66,308.00	$22,300.00	$ 69,353.00
Principal Account Clerk	$22,300.00	$66,308.00	$22,300.00	$ 69,353.00
Principal Assessing Clerk	$22,300.00	$66,308.00	$22,300.00	$ 69,353.00
Principal Cashier Typist	$22,300.00	$66,308.00	$22,300.00	$ 69,353.00
Property Clerk	$21,300.00	$53,135.00	$21,300.00	$ 55,719.00
Public Information Assistant	$25,000.00	$75,142.00	$25,000.00	$ 78,496.00
Public Information Officer	$25,000.00	$84,990.00	$25,000.00	$ 88,889.00
Public Safety Telecommunicator	$23,500.00	$66,926.00	$23,500.00	$ 69,993.00
Public Safety Teelcom. Trainee	$23,500.00	$35,549.00	$23,500.00	$ 37,579.00
Public Works Inspector	$ 10.63	$ 29.88	$ 10.63	$ 31.27
Purchasing Agent	$26,000.00	$59,177.00	$26,000.00	$ 61,973.00
Recreation Leader	$ 7.15	$ 28.78	$ 7.15	$ 30.13
Research Assistant Criminal Info.	$18,000.00	$51,950.00	$18,000.00	$ 54,493.00
Sanitation Driver	$ 10.58	$ 27.01	$ 10.58	$ 28.30
Sanitation Inspector	$20,000.00	$52,692.00	$20,000.00	$ 55,261.00
Secretary Rent Leveling Bd.	$ 500.00	per year	$ 500.00	per year
Senior Sit. Program Aide	$ 7.15	$ 18.01	$ 7.15	$ 18.98
Senior Mechanic	$ 13.46	$ 31.48	$ 13.46	$ 32.93
Senior Public Works Inspector.	$45,000.00	$67,888.00	$45,000.00	$ 70,989.00
Sidewalk Inspector	$ 10.00	$ 24.72	$ 10.00	$ 25.93
Sports Official	$15-$30	per game	$15-$30	per game
Sr. Account Clerk Typist	$19,000.00	$58,521.00	$19,000.00	$ 61,294.00
Sr. Assessing Clerk	$19,000.00	$58,521.00	$19,000.00	$ 61,294.00
Sr. Bldg. Maintenance Worker	$29,300.00	$83,795.00	$29,300.00	$ 87,452.00
Sr. Bldg Services Worker	$20,500.00	$53,408.00	$20,500.00	$ 56,002.00
Sr. Cashier Typist	$19,500.00	$56,001.00	$19,500.00	$ 58,686.00
Sr. Clerk Typist	$20,500.00	$60,796.00	$20,500.00	$ 63,648.00
Sr. Construction Inspector	$33,300.00	$71,600.00	$33,300.00	$ 74,830.00
Sr. Crime Prevention Aide	$28,000.00	$72,905.00	$28,000.00	$ 76,181.00
Sr. Data Entry Machine Operator	$20,500.00	$58,521.00	$20,500.00	$ 61,293.00
Sr. Engineering Aide	$25,000.00	$81,238.00	$25,000.00	$ 84,806.00
Sr. Hydrant Repairer	$21,000.00	$72,922.00	$21,000.00	$ 76,199.00
Sr. Maint. Rep /Low Pressure Lic.	$ 13.46	$ 32.15	$ 13.46	$ 33.62
Sr. Maintenance Repairer	$ 13.46	$ 32.15	$ 13.46	$ 33.62
Sr. Sanitation Inspector	$25,000.00	$55,815.00	$25,000.00	$ 58,493.00
Supervising Bldg Svc. Worker	$27,000.00	$53,070.00	$27,000.00	$ 55,652.00
Supervising Inventory Control Clerk	$32,000.00	$44,094.00	$32,000.00	$ 46,362.00
Supervising Mint. Rep/Low Press	$ 14.90	$ 50.52	$ 14.90	$ 52.63
Supervising Mechanic 35 hr.	$30,000.00	$83,619.00	$30,000.00	$ 87,270.00
Supervising Mechanic 40 hr.	$ 14.42	$ 36.99	$ 14.42	$ 38.63
Supervising Public Safety Telec.	$27,000.00	$66,665.00	$27,000.00	$ 69,723.00
Supervisor Parks	$ 13.46	$ 36.70	$ 13.46	$ 38.33
Supervisor Public Works	$ 14.90	$ 36.70	$ 14.90	$ 38.33
Supervisor Recreation Maint.	$ 14.90	$ 36.70	$ 14.90	$ 38.33
Supervisor Sewers	$ 14.90	$ 36.70	$ 14.90	$ 38.33
Supervisor Roads	$ 13.97	$ 36.70	$ 13.97	$ 38.33
Supervisor Trees	$ 13.27	$ 43.81	$ 13.27	$ 45.69
Traffic Maintenance Worker	$18,000.00	$51,969.00	$18,000.00	$ 54,512.00
Tree Climber	$ 13.28	$ 35.96	$ 13.28	$ 37.56
Tree Trimmer	$ 11.88	$ 32.46	$ 11.88	$ 33.94
Truck Driver	$ 10.58	$ 27.01	$ 10.58	$ 28.30

Section 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage in the manner provided by law.

U207439 UNL March 27, 2008 ($196.71)

OBITUARIES

Julia Krajcech

Julia "Miss Julie" Krajcech, 86, a lifelong resident of Hillside, died March 9 at home.

Mrs. Krajcech attended school in the Hillside school system. She worked as an assembler at Hollander Umbrella Co., Newark. During World War II, Mrs. Krajcech drove a delivery truck for General Diaper Service, Hillside. She worked as a waitress at the Club Diana during the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s. In the 1960s, Mrs. Krajcech worked at the Kingston Restaurant, Union, and Christie's Restaurant, Newark. She also worked at the Town and Campus, Union, where she was known as "Miss Julie." Mrs. Krajcech volunteered for many committees for social and community activities. During the 1970s, she worked for Schering-Plough Corp. in the packaging department and operated a fork lift. Mrs. Krajcech retired in the 1960s and began to volunteer for community projects, veterans' committees and senior activities and special projects and earned many awards.

Surviving are two daughters, Julie Ann and JoAnn; a son, John; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The Growney Funeral Home, Hillside, handled the arrangements.

Mamie Thomas

Mamie Love Thomas, 73, of Hillside died on March 4.

Born in Person County, N.C., Mrs. Thomas lived in Hillside.

Surviving are her husband, Aaron Jr.; a stepdaughter, Michelle Garrett; a stepson, Ronald Kirkland; nine brothers and sisters, three grandchildren; six step-grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The Perry Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Francis Shatynski

Francis X. Shatynski, 81, of Hillside died March 14 at home.

Mr. Shatynski was a research engineer for Edison Labs, West Orange. He served with the Army during World War II in the Pacific Theater and was in Gen. McArthur's First Cavalry Division. Mr. Shatynski was a member of the Holy Name Society of Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church, Hillside.

Surviving are a brother, John, and a sister, Pauline Dowling. The Union Funeral Home, Lytwyn & Lytwyn, Union, handled the arrangements.

Wilbert Raynor

Wilbert Raynor of Hillside died on March 12.

Surviving are his wife, Consuella; two sons, Steven and Michael; a sister, Cora O'Bryant, and two grandchildren.

The Cotton Funeral Service, Newark, handled the arrangements.

Brianna Dixon-Birkner

Brianna Marie Dixon Birkner, daughter of Eileen Marie Birkner of Roselle Park, and Paul Michael Dixon of Linden, was born and died on Feb. 29 after a still-birth at Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Also surviving are her maternal grandparents, Robert and Dawn Birkner; her maternal great-grandparents, Robert and Florence Maier and paternal great-grandparents, Robert and Elaine Birkner, and her maternal great-great-grandmother, Florence McCormack.

A private memorial service was held March 4 at the William J. Bradley Funeral Home, Union.

Marie Radonisky

Marie Radonisky, 83, of Freehold Township, formerly of Roselle Park, died March 17 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Radonisky lived in Roselle Park from 1948 to 2003 before moving to Freehold Township. She was a bookkeeper for BFO men's clothing store, Union, for 13 years before retiring in 1970. Prior to that, Mrs. Radonisky worked for Grand Distributor, Union, for 10 years. She was a member of the Roselle Park Democratic Club. Mrs. Radonisky also was a Roselle Park councilwoman in the fourth Ward in the 1960s.

Surviving are her husband, Richard; two daughters, Mary Ann Larkin and Carol Ann Stillwell; a brother, Peter Abate, and a grandchild.

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

MaryEllen Rubilla

MaryEllen Rubilla of Roselle Park died March 19 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Rubilla lived in Livingston before moving to Roselle Park in 1944. She graduated from Roselle Park High School. Mrs. Rubilla was a member of the St. Joseph Rosary Confraternity, Roselle, and the Roselle Golf Club for more than 40 years. She also was president of the Clio Club of Roselle and the Roselle Park Businessmen's Association. Mrs. Rubilla served as a charter member of the Roselle Park Recreation Committee for five terms and was involved in many charitable and civic organizations. She operated Andy's Twin Boro Liquors between 1959 and 1985 with her late husband, Andy, and son, Robert, a former borough councilman. Then, Mrs. Rubilla was employed by the Roselle Park Police Department and served as a records clerk until 1999.

Also surviving is a grandchild.

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

Helen Bozek

Helen Bozek, 90, of Union died March 17 in the Cornell Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Union.

Born in Bethlehem, Pa., Mrs. Bozek lived in Irvington for many years before moving to Union 12 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Anna M. Matz; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Parkway Wozniak Memorial Home of Clark handled the arrangements.

Celestine Gouveia

Celestine Gouveia, 81, of Union, formerly of Elizabeth, died March 16 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Folgnosinho, Portugal, Mr. Gouveia came to the United States in 1979, lived in Elizabeth for 11 years before returning to Portugal. He came to Union two years ago. Mr. Gouveia was a retired processor for Menasha Corp., Roselle, for several years before retiring.

Surviving are his wife, Prazeres de Jesus Gouveia; two sons, Paulo and Manuel Simon; a daughter, Maria Simoes; a brother, Jose Antonio; a sister, Maria do Ceu Gouveia, and three grandchildren.

The Brazinski Funeral Home, Elizabeth, handled the arrangements.

Angelo Papa

Angelo Papa, 80, of Union died March 19 at home.

Born in Pasquariello of Arpaise (BN), Italy, Mr. Papa came to the United States in 1970 and lived in Queens, N.Y., before moving to Union 17 years ago. He was a construction worker for Hallen Construction of New York City for many years and retired in 1986.

Surviving are his wife, Graziella; two sons, John and Guido; a daughter, Tomasina Papa Rugino, and five grandchildren. The Union Funeral Home, Lytwyn & Lytwyn, Union, handled the arrangements.

Phyllis Casinelli

Phyllis Casinelli, 89, of Union died March 19 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Casinelli moved to Union 30 years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Diane Barry; a son, Vincent; two sisters, Nancy Phiffler and Rose Bonando; three brothers, Joseph, Ben and Jake Tavormina, and three grandchildren.

The Corsentino Home For Funerals, Elizabeth, handled the arrangements.

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) 5-6:45 PM
Wednesday Family Night: 7:00 PM
Spanish Service (Saturday): 7 PM

BAPTIST

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

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

ORCHARD PARK CHURCH
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Meghan Faughnan, Roselle Catholic
Allison Skrec, Roselle Catholic
Taryn Barnes, Union Catholic
Player of the Year: Lauren Munick, Governor Livingston
Coach of the Year: Kathy Matthews, Union Catholic

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Jacqueline Kuczynski, Dayton
Marissa Guthrie, Kent Place
Erin McDonnell, Kent Place
Kaitlyn Cresencia, New Providence
Laura Gregory, New Providence
Shaniqua Maxey, Newark Central
Catie Mota, Oak Knoll
Michelle Rose, Roselle Park
Player of the Year: Shelly Montagna, New Providence
Coach of the Year: None was selected.

Union Softball

April 4 Plainfield, 4 p.m.
April 7 at Kearny, 4 p.m.
April 9 Linden, 4 p.m.
April 14 at Newark East Side, 4 p.m.
April 18 at Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.
April 19 Union Tournament, 10 a.m.
April 21 Shabazz, 4 p.m.
April 22 Dayton, 4 p.m.
April 23 at Westfield, 4 p.m.
April 25 Elizabeth, 4 p.m.
April 28 at Irvington, 4 p.m.
April 30 Kearny, 4 p.m.
May 1 at Millburn, 4 p.m.
May 2 at Linden, 4 p.m.
May 5 Newark East Side, 4 p.m.
May 6 Bishop Ahr, 4 p.m.
May 7 at Plainfield, 4 p.m.
May 8 Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
May 9 Scotch Plains, 4 p.m.
May 12 at Shabazz, 4 p.m.
May 14 Westfield, 4 p.m.
May 16 at Elizabeth, 4 p.m.
May 17 at Morristown, 10:30 a.m.
May 19 Irvington, 4 p.m.

Brearley Softball

April 1 New Providence, 4 p.m.
April 3 St. Mary's, 4 p.m.
April 4 at Roselle Park, 4 p.m.
April 8 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
April 10 Hillside, 4 p.m.
April 11 at Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.
April 15 at Newark Central, 4 p.m.
April 17 at Kent Place, 4 p.m.
April 18 Roselle, 4 p.m.
April 22 Dayton, 4 p.m.
April 24 at New Providence, 4 p.m.
May 1 Technology, 4 p.m.
May 2 at Rahway, 4 p.m.
May 8 at Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.
May 12 Union Catholic, 4 p.m.
May 13 at Cranford, 4 p.m.
May 15 Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.
May 16 at Johnson, 4 p.m.
May 19 at Dayton, 4 p.m.
May 20 Roselle Park, 4 p.m.
May 22 Kent Place, 4 p.m.
May 23 Rahway, 4 p.m.

Union County umpires sponsoring tournament Saturday at Warinanco

The Greater Union County Amateur Softball Umpires Association will sponsor the 11th Annual Dick Archer Memorial One-Pitch/Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament Saturday at Warinanco Park on the border of Roselle and Elizabeth.

All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to N.A.M.I. of New Jersey, an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

The registration fee for each team is $150 and each team is guaranteed to play three games during the all-day tournament.

The rain date for this charitable event is Sunday. Good sportsmanship and fair play is expected.

All games will be played in Warinanco Park .

Registration information may be obtained by calling Don Yuhas at this number: 908-337-9410.

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Athlete honored



Photos courtesy of Roselle Catholic

Roselle Catholic boys' basketball head coach Dave Boff, left, and Jimmy Chakey, right, present the Chakey Memorial Award to RC senior basketball player Dominick Murphy of Union. Chakey is the son of the legendary RC basketball coach Ed Chakey, whom the award - presented to a senior male basketball player who exhibits both on and off the court the positive qualities Chakey expected from his players - is named after.

Roselle Park softball has talented performers back

Stromko, Lautenbach, Rose, Vera among them

By Jeff Cummins
Staff Writer

Normally, having to replace players like Brandy Guarnaccio and Katie Bundy would cause a coach to pull his hair out.

However, with a mix of experience and youth, the Roselle Park softball team appears as if it might be able to deal with the loss of those two standouts and put together a strong season anyway.

That's not to say that Guarnaccio and Bundy won't be missed. Roselle Park has enough veterans coming back that head coach Fran Maggio thinks the Panthers should be able to compete with most teams.

"We're a veteran squad," said Maggio, in his 12th season at the helm. "We have seven starters back, so the fielding should be solid. We have a lot of experience there. Most of these girls are two- and three-year starters, and, in the case of Brittany Stromko, she's a four-year starter.

"So we're very experienced as far as our position players go. The question is going to be the pitching. We have some young pitchers that are going to be pitching at the varsity level for the first time so we have to see how that all goes. It could be a worse situation where we could be young all the way around, but at least these kids know they have some experienced, solid fielders behind them, so that should help."

Roselle Park is coming off a 16-9 season in which it lost at Union 10-3 in the first round of the Union County Tournament and then 10-0 at eventual champion Governor Livingston in the Central Jersey, Group 2 quarterfinals.

The Panthers did win one sectional playoff game, downing Spotswood 9-5 on the road in the CJ, G2 first round.

Roselle Park strengths include seven returning players and plenty of hitters. The main concern is who will step up on the mound.

Leading off for the Panthers is sophomore first baseman Rebecca Vera, who started as a freshman.

"Rebecca's a very exciting player," Maggio said. "She's the fastest girl I've ever had.

"She hit .382 and led the team in hitting as a freshman. She is a great all-around athlete. She probably projects into college as an outfielder, but she did such a good job for us at first base that I'm just going to leave her there because we're okay in the outfield.

"She's the catalyst as our leadoff hitter. She has blinding speed and she's a natural lefty."

Senior Melissa Dercole is at second base, her second season starting at the position.

"She's very sharp with the glove," Maggio said. "She made only four or five errors last year. She's very vocal and a good leader."

Senior Liz Lautenbach, a four-year starter, is at third base. Lautenbach is excellent in the field.

"She didn't hit quite as well last year as she did as a sophomore, but the ability is there," Maggio said. "She just had some bad luck, hitting a lot of line outs and ground balls.

"She's capable of bouncing back and really having a big offensive year for us."

Senior Michelle Rose is a three-year starter in center field.

"Michelle's another kid who has put up good numbers and is on the verge of having a breakout year offensively," Maggio said. "Defensively, she runs very well and covers a lot of ground."

Senior Cassey Riccitelli plays right field.

"Cassey is very good defensively," Maggio said. "She struggled a little bit at the plate last year, but I think she'll be fine. She hit better as a sophomore than she did as a junior, but I think she has the ability to give us some punch offensively. Defensively, she's fantastic. I think she only had one error last year."

Senior four-year starter Brittany Stromko will play a different position yet again, moving from catcher to left field for the Panthers.

"Brittany's played for me for four years and she's played a different position each year, just out of necessity," Maggio said. "She's pretty versatile and she's really a very strong hitter. She's one of those kids who, whatever you ask her to do, she's just like, 'OK.'

"She's been with me for four years and I don't think it will be a problem for her to make the transition to the outfield. Her freshman year she caught.

"Her sophomore year she played first base. Last year, because of an injury to Ashley Taluba, I had to move her back behind the plate. This year she's going to the outfield, but she's okay with whatever happens, as long as she gets to swing, she doesn't care."

Taluba, a senior two-year starter, is the starting catcher.

"Last year she broke her hand," Maggio said. "This year during basketball season she hurt her knee and then she dislocated her shoulder snowboarding, so this kid is like the poster child for Major Medical."

Maggio said Taluba was to be cleared to return to practice Monday.

"Hopefully we can keep her in one piece," Maggio said.

Senior utility player Alex Bober has the quickest bat on the team, according to Maggio. She will play second base, the outfield and pitch.

Junior catcher Jackie Anouge is very strong defensively, giving the Panthers depth behind the plate. Junior utility player Ashley Gomes can play all three outfield positions and will serve as a righthanded pitcher. Sophomore Codi Dugan is the first lefty pitcher in Maggio's tenure.

Sophomore righty Taylor Dengenwald will likely be the team's No. 1 pitcher.

Senior first-year player Deirdre Picciano will give Roselle Park some depth at first base while junior shortstop Liridona Gocaj is a very versatile and fast athlete, with a great arm.

"We have four pitchers," Maggio said. "I've never had that before, either, four kids who can pitch effectively at the varsity level. We're just going to mix and match."

The big question facing Roselle Park is how the Panthers will replace players like Guarnaccio and Bundy. For that, Maggio doesn't pretend to have any immediate answers.

"That's what we're going to have to find out," Maggio said. "They all pitched pretty well today, but it's very early. Katie and Brandy were both very good all-around players.

"We'll miss their bats a lot, too. In other years it would have been problematic, but I feel pretty comfortable that with what we have returning, we will be able to keep moving forward.

"For being this senior-heavy, it's probably one of the best mixes I've had: I've had senior-dominated teams in the past, but usually it would be a situation where there were seven or eight seniors, then a couple of juniors and a freshman. There was always one class missing.

"But for being that senior-heavy, we're pretty spread out. There are a lot of kids who will get some valuable time this year. We'll have a good nucleus of kids coming back next year."

Maggio knows his team can hit and he has enough confidence in its fielding ability to know that it should stay in games. The key, which is the case for all teams, is pitching.

Schedule: April 1 Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.; April 2 Bridgewater-Raritan, 4 p.m.; April 3 at Kent Place, 4 p.m.; April 4 Brearley, 4 p.m.; April 8 at Roselle Catholic, 4 p.m.; April 10 New Providence, 4 p.m.; April 11 St. Mary's, 4 p.m.; April 16 Technology, 4 p.m.; April 17 at Dayton, 4 p.m.; April 18 at Oak Knoll, 4 p.m.; April 22 Kent Place, 4 p.m.; April 24 at Gov. Livingston, 4 p.m.; May 1 at New Providence, 4 p.m.; May 2 at Rahway, 4 p.m.; May 6 Dayton, 4 p.m.; May 8 Newark Central, 4 p.m.; May 13 Johnson, 4 p.m.; May 14 Glen Ridge, 4 p.m.; May 15 at Hillside, 4 p.m.; May 16 Rahway, 4 p.m.; May 19 at Cranford, 4 p.m.; May 20 at Brearley, 4 p.m.; May 22 Union Catholic, 4 p.m.; May 23 Roselle, 4 p.m.

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Alex Bober, senior utility
Jackie Anouge, junior catcher
Ashley Gomes, junior utility
Taylor Dengenwald, sophomore righthander
Deirdre Picciano, senior first baseman
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Union, Hillside and R. Park in the mix

Have players in North-South

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

One of the players Brian Sheridan had to count on the most during his first season as head football coach at Union was senior Jacklin Petion.

"Jacklin was one of only a few players that had any varsity experience coming into last year," Sheridan said. "Watching him on film, I knew he was good, but just not at what level yet."

Petion proved to be an elite two-way lineman for Sheridan and was one of the top Watchung Conference tackles on both sides of the ball.

"He was a very physical player for us and one of our team captains," Sheridan said. "He did everything asked of him. He was a traditional, physical Union lineman. He fit into that mold."

After a stellar senior season, Petion will represent Union in the 30th annual North-South All-Star Game, scheduled for Monday, June 30 at 7 p.m. at Rutgers Stadium.

The North will attempt to beat the South for the fourth time in five games when 80 of the best senior football players in New Jersey clash.

The South won last year's game at Rutgers 14-7, snapping North's first three-game winning streak in the series and winning for the first time since 2003.

The South leads the series 14-12-2. There was no game played in 2002 because of inclement weather.

The official press conference for the event is Sunday at 1 p.m. at Piscataway High School's cafeteria.

Union County is well represented on the North Roster, with seven players and one coach.

Players include defensive back Mark Garcia of Roselle Park, linebacker Donte Dennis of Rahway, defensive lineman Jacklin Petion of Union, offensive lineman Marcial Zebaze of Hillside, defensive end Charles McCray of Elizabeth, offensive lineman Nick Guerriero of New Providence and tight end Kevin Delle Donne of Summit.

Brearley head coach Scott Miller is one of two offensive line coaches. Miller's six-season record at the Kenilworth school (2002-2007) is an impressive 54-11 (.831). He has guided the Bears to the state playoffs all six seasons, with a playoff record of 6-5 that includes two sectional finals and one sectional championship.

Union overcame its first 0-4 start in more than 30 years by winning five of its final six to finish 5-5. The Farmers were a field goal away from ending the season with a six-game winning streak.

Petion, who is considering Division 2 East Stroudsburg and Division 3 Montclair State, proved to be a versatile player on defense, which is where he will play in the North-South Game and in college.

"He's a little bit short for Division 1-A or 1-AA," Sheridan said. "If he was 6-3 he might have a shot. He has great explosion off the ball, which as an interior lineman you must have.

"As the year went on for us he was more familiar with what we wanted him to do. We even dropped him back in pass coverage against Linden, because they are a team that spreads it out. He had a pass knocked down and a sack in that game."

Union ended its 2007 season with a 28-12 win at Linden, which was the Farmers' first victory over the Tigers since 2003, snapping a three-game losing streak to their holiday rival.

Zebaze was one of the top offensive lineman out of the Mountain Valley Conference for the Comets.

Garcia, a four-year varsity performer, helped lead Roselle Park to a season-ending three-game winning streak so the Panthers could also finish 5-5.

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NORTH ROSTER:
1-Akeem Cunningham, wide receiver, (5-11, 180), East Orange
2-Matt Devella, defensive lineman, (6-0, 225), Clifton
3-William Jones, defensive back, (6-3, 185), Barringer
4-William Evans, wide receiver, (5-10, 160), Shabazz
5-Jim Niland, quarterback, (5-11, 190), Passaic Valley
6-Adam Rojas, defensive back, (6-3, 200), Passaic
7-Mark Garcia, defensive back, (6-2, 205), Roselle Park
8-Anthony Baskerville, wide receiver, (5-10, 180), Newark West Side
9-Mike Risimini, defensive back, (5-9, 175), Cedar Grove
18-Troy Russell, linebacker, (6-3, 200), South Plainfield
20-Dan DeCicco, running back (5-11, 190), Wayne Hills
21-Michael Mottola, running back, (5-9, 190), Belvidere
23-Derek Lawshie, wide receiver, (5-11, 170), Caldwell
25-Kyle Hayes, defensive back, (5-11, 180), Kittatinny
27-Frank DeNick, quarterback, (6-3, 190), Immaculata
32-Jeremy Baltimore, defensive end, (6-3, 225), Orange
34-Anthony Hayek, fullback, (5-11, 220), West Essex
35-Donte Dennis, linebacker, (6-0, 205), Rahway
36-Marquis Spann, defensive back, (6-0, 195), Paterson Kennedy
44-Mike Groome, linebacker, (6-2, 218), Lenape Valley
45-Edwin Frias, fullback, (5-11, 210), Emerson
50-Ed Rodger, offensive lineman, (6-3, 260), St. Peter's Prep
51-Nick Mistretta, offensive lineman, (6-2, 220), Don Bosco Prep
52-Doug Alston, offensive lineman, (6-2, 220), Paterson Catholic
53-Brent Rice, defensive lineman, (6-3, 260), Ferris
54-Jacklin Petion, defensive lineman, (6-2, 270), Union
55-Tahron Green, linebacker, (6-0, 210), Montclair
56-Marcial Zebaze, offensive lineman, (6-0, 225), Hillside
57-Andrew Sklover, defensive end, (6-3, 240), Mendham
58-Charles McCray, defensive end, (6-3, 210), Elizabeth
59-Andy Fendler, offensive lineman, (6-2, 280), Parsippany Hills
64-Andrew Trass, defensive lineman, (6-3, 240), River Dell
67-Jonathan Cordova, offensive lineman, (6-3, 315), Westwood
68-Charles Thompson, defensive lineman, (6-3, 295), Teaneck
70-Corbin Williamson, offensive lineman, (6-6, 300), Irvington
73-Nick Guerriero, offensive lineman, (6-0, 270), New Providence
74-Iban Mosqueda, defensive lineman, (5-11, 265), Union City
79-Matt Van Orden, offensive lineman, (6-2, 290), Delbarton
80-Kevin Delle Donne, tight end, (6-5, 235), Summit
88-Nick Suppes, tight end, (6-2, 215), Dumont

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NORTH COACHING STAFF:

HEAD COACH - Pete LaBarbiera: Hasbrouck Heights, Nutley, Paramus

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR - Rich Hansen, St. Peter's Prep
Offensive line: Scott Miller, Brearley
Offensive line: James Williams, East Orange
Wide receivers: Darnell Grant, Irvington
Quarterbacks: Alex Kaplanovich, Paramus
Running backs: Brian Logan, Newark West Side

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR - Joe Gambardella, Bergenfield
Defensive line: Billy Straub, Westwood
Defensive line: Nick Delcalzo, Hasbrouck Heights
Linebackers: Darnell Tyson Mangan, Shabazz
Defensive backs: Marion Bell, East Orange
Defensive backs: Jermain Johnson, Bloomfield

Power named Hillside head coach

The Hillside High School athletic department announced that former Union assistant coach John Power was named as its new head football coach at Hillside's Feb. 28 board of education meeting.

Power is a UHS graduate who coached at Union under Marc Crisafi.

Power spent the the 2007 season as an assistant coach at Elizabeth.

Hillside is coming off an 0-10 season. Power succeeds Jim Hopke, who was the head coach from 1999-2007.

Hela Young will be remembered at dinner

On Sunday at 2 p.m., the YM-YWHA will host a special program in memory of Hela Young.

Young's rise to fame began in 1971 when she won the Miss New Jersey title and participated in the Miss America Pageant. She became the first runner-up to Miss America and began her career by touring Southeast Asia with Bob Hope.

Young, who was raised in Hillside and graduated from Hillside High School in 1967, held a special place in the hearts and minds of millions of New Jersey Lottery players as well. For 24 years, Young had been drawing the lucky numbers that turn Lottery players into Lottery winners. She announced the winning lottery numbers each evening on NJN-TV and generated millions of lucky lottery numbers.

She worked actively to promote the Lottery but was also a well-known singer, actress, spokesperson and businesswoman. Young appeared on the Jackie Mason Show, shared stages with the likes of Bob Hope, Rowan and Martin and several other renowned entertainers.

Young's singing and acting talent landed her appearance in many popular soap operas, television commercial and industrial films. She also hosted a TV magazine formal show on cable television. She was an active member of the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio.

Young increased her visibility among the viewing public by performing the national anthem for thousands of spectators at such locations as the Meadowland arena and race track and at the Waterfront Park home of the Trenton Thunder Minor League Baseball team.

The daughter of Holocaust survivors, Young was born in Israel and raised in Germany before her family eventually settled in Newark. Holocaust studies and education became a passion for Young and she served as the chairperson of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education as well as a spokesperson for Myasthenia Gravis Foundation and was involved with the American Diabetes Foundation.

Young lived with her husband, Peter Hockman, their daughter, Erica and their dog, appropriately named Lotto. She died, following a long illness, on Feb. 24, 2002.

In honor of the important work Young did for the New Jersey Commission on the Holocaust, the YM-YWHA is dedicating this program to her. The event will feature special guest speaker, Paul B. Winkler, executive director of NJ Commission on Holocaust Education.

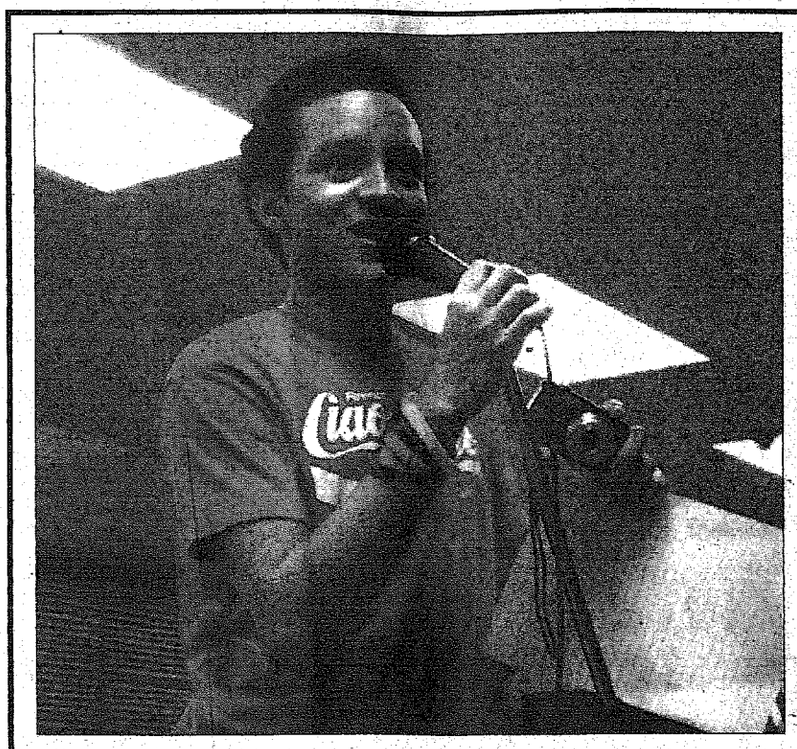
Winkler has his doctoral degree in educational leadership and has been an educator for more than 50 years. He has been a teacher, principal, superintendent, regional education director and deputy assistant commissioner of education for exceptional children at the New Jersey Department of Education.

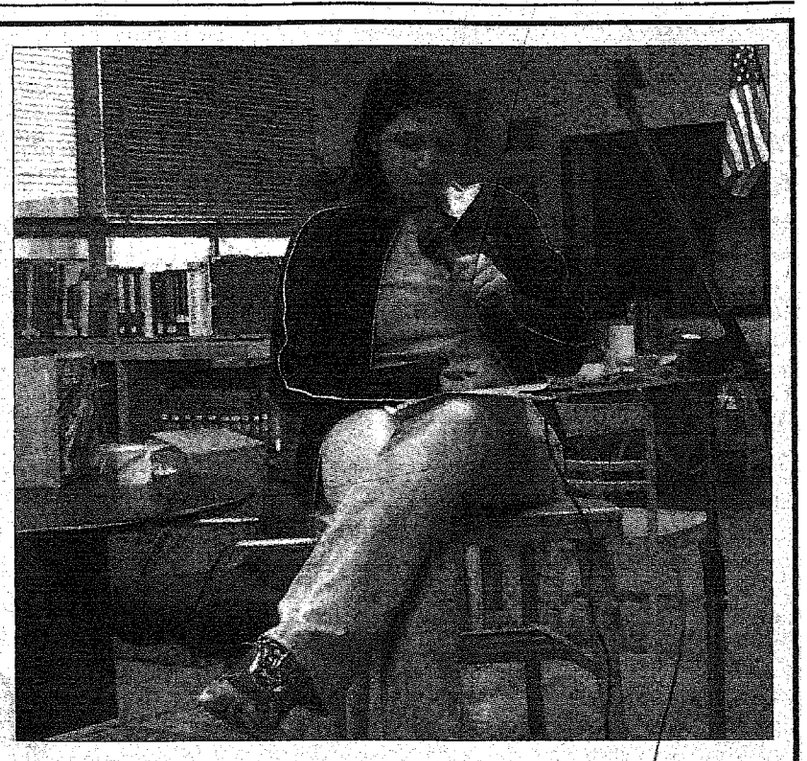
The core mission of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust education is to promote Holocaust education in New Jersey. The commission gives assistance and advice to the public and private schools in implementing mandated Holocaust education in our schools.

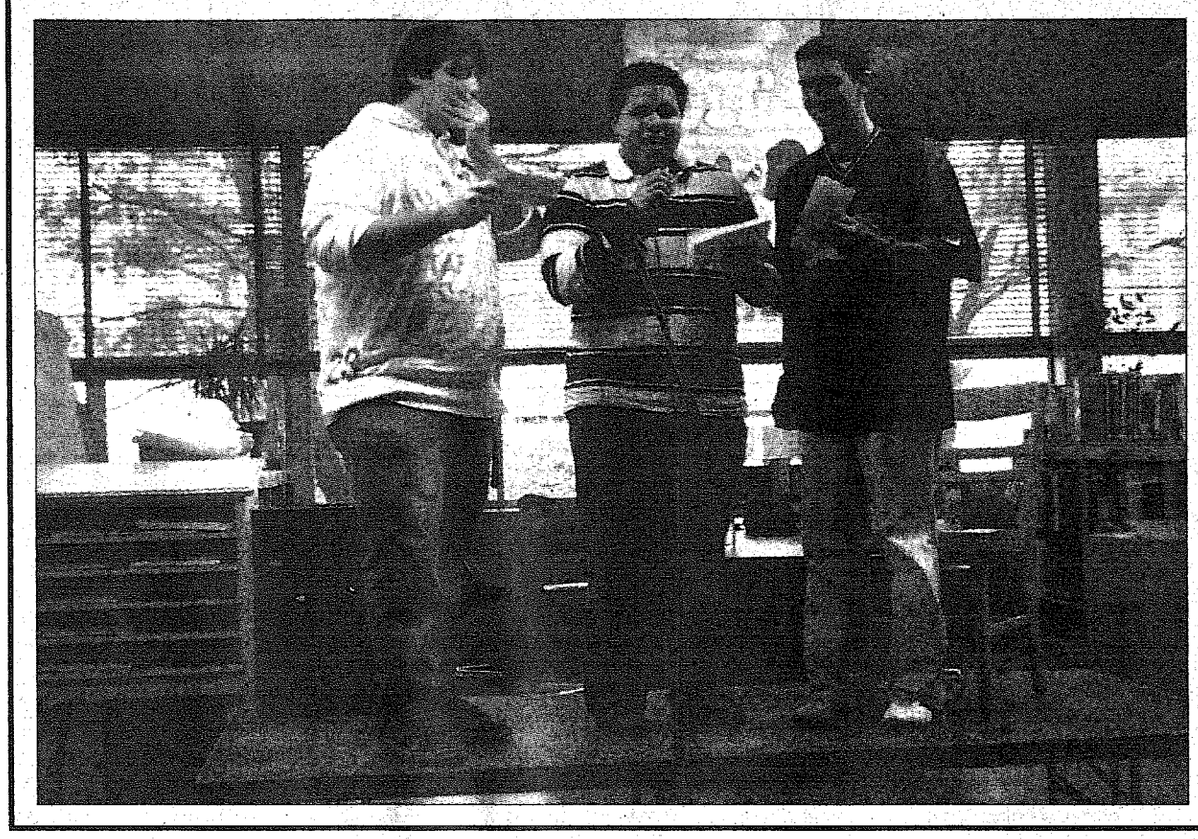
The program will also feature the Oscar-nominated short movie "Sister Rose's Passion." The movie shows what one dedicated person can do and how she spent her life fighting hatred and bigotry. Sister Rose's story shines the light on the entrenched hatred, and invites us to open our minds and hearts to people who are different.

This event is open to the public. Donations will go to the Hela Young Scholarship Fund to help families who are coping with the devastation of cancer and allow them to participate in YM-YWHA activities free of cost through the scholarship.

For information, call Susan Silberner at the YM-YWHA at 908-289-8112.







COFFEE TALK — Members of the Roselle Park High School Creative Arts Club took center stage during a Coffee House event at the school that was attended by classmates, parents and staff members. Above, Zach Infante performs a reading of Shakespeare's work; Pooja Ghandi reads a short story she composed and, left, Pete Bonacci, Anthony Falco, and Rich Greco harmonize as they perform the 'oldies' song 'My Girl.'

STUDENT UPDATE

Two honored at USP

The following local residents have been named to the fall 2007 dean's list at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia: Prapti Vyas of Roselle Park and Dana Magnusson of Union, both are a doctor of pharmacy students.

SHU dean's list

Michael Slocinski of Union, an accounting major, earned a place on the dean's list as student at Seton Hall University for the fall 2007 semester.

Eighth grade honors at Kawameeh School

Kawameeh Middle School in Union has announced that the following eighth grade students who have earned first honors for the second marking period: Dana Bergman, Stephen M. Cocuzza, Ashley E. Dembeck, Jasmine Muniz-Cadorette, Jasmine V. Patel, Stacy J. Rappaport, Michelle R. Russo, Meehir D. Sheah, Reema V. Shah, Stephanie J. Smith and Justin Trembley.

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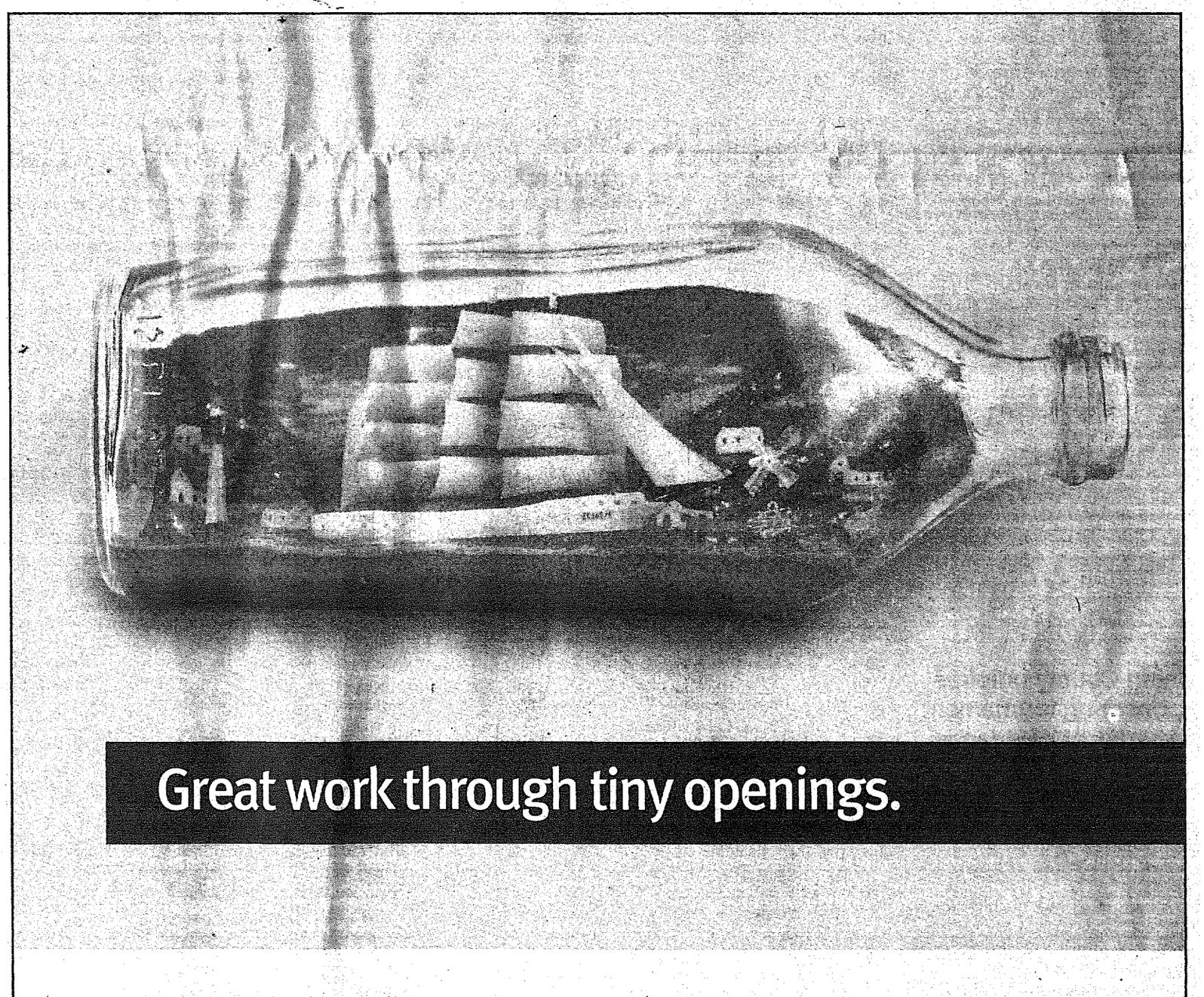
Find out as Dr. Janet Reid-Hector, assistant director of Clinical Nutrition and Patient Services at The University Hospital, sheds light on the matter.

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'Lead us not into Penn Station...'

Come next Monday the transit types will gather at the 17th floor at 2 Newark Center. They will participate in one of the final reviews of some important transit projects for our area.

The key point is the hearing over the proposed new transit tunnel between New Jersey under the Palisades into Penn Station. As then U.S. Senator and now as New Jersey Governor, Jon Corzine, has fought for the massive funding for the project. In a time of Port Authority fare increases, and when filling a gas tank tops $40, you would think a new mass transit initiative would be as welcome as opening day for baseball. It turns out not everybody is happy.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

In New York the new Govenor David Patterson took time away from his personal confessions to announce his support for congestion pricing in Midtown New York City.

Democrats up in Albany don't like the idea that those from New Jersey will miss the $8 a day hit bestowed on those from the Bronx and parts north traveling to Midtown New York.

Even on our side of the river there is opposition to the current tunnel plan. Summit Councilman Thomas Getzendanner was quoted "I think we should pass a resolution encouraging Governor Corzine to honor original plans for the ultimate destination to be Grand Central Terminal on the Upper East Side of Manhattan where many Summit-ites work."

The Councilman hurled me back to a time some 50 pounds lighter and 32 years ago when a law student knew he had just 17 minutes from the time the train dropped him off at Grand Central to make the departing CNJ train at Penn Station back to Roselle Park. It was quite a Sunday evening run.

One person close to the original plan including Grand Central said, "it was just so expensive. It became totally prohibitive. We should be happy that the Feds are letting this plan go through."

Also lining up against the Grand Central extension is Union County transit guru William Wright. Wright reels off the harsh realities, "First of all, New York doesn't want us to go to Grand Central and its their decision. There is existing subway access from Penn Station to Central Station. Practically the real growth area is West and South of Penn Station."

Wright expressed his displeasures with the Lackawana Coalition which has been pressing the Grand Central extension with the argument that Connecticut and Long Island commuters already have access to both stations.

Beyond Wright's logical argument, it brings to mind a favorite quote of Corzine. Namely "the chief enemy of good is perfect." The point is Summit Councilman Getzendanner can pass all the resolutions he likes. In this era of recession, to get a project of this magnitude into the actual building stage is quite a coup for all of our Congressional members.

You can just see the Assembly Democrats in Albany smiling with glee that on our side of the river there is dissatisfaction with the plan.

It would be unfortunate if the effort by Getzendanner and friends actually derailed a very good project in the name of perfection.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.



County examines hospital budget

By Katherine Paster
Staff Writer

The following is Part 1 of a series on departmental projections for the 2008-2009 Union County fiscal budget.

Union County residents can expect a 6.5 percent tax increase for the 2008 - 2009 fiscal year, a hike attributed to a $22 million increase in county spending and expenses.

Union County Manager George Devanney presented a $436.8 million 2008 county budget to the Board of Chosen Freeholders in February, a proposal which adds $15.4 million to last year's $238 million tax levy, marking the eighth consecutive year of tax raises for the county.

This year's proposed $436.8 million budget represents a 5.3 percent increase in spending over last year's $415 million capital budget.

County officials cited significant increases in salary, pension, health care and public safety costs as the major source of the county's increase in spending.

In the face of rising expenses, Devanney proposed numerous ways to account for rising county costs, including maximizing operations at the county's three golf courses, funding improvements at the Union County Jail, and restructuring the acute-rehabilitation unit at Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights.

During the first Union County budget hearing, directors from county departments presented their budget projections to members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, where Devanney recognized that even with cut-backs, the county will still face the challenge of rising costs in the near future.

"It is my goal that in these budget hearings we explore short and long term solutions to items that have been historically problematic for Union County," said Devanney. "Yet even with reforms I feel we will still feel some impact in our budget in the coming years."

Runnells Specialized Hospital

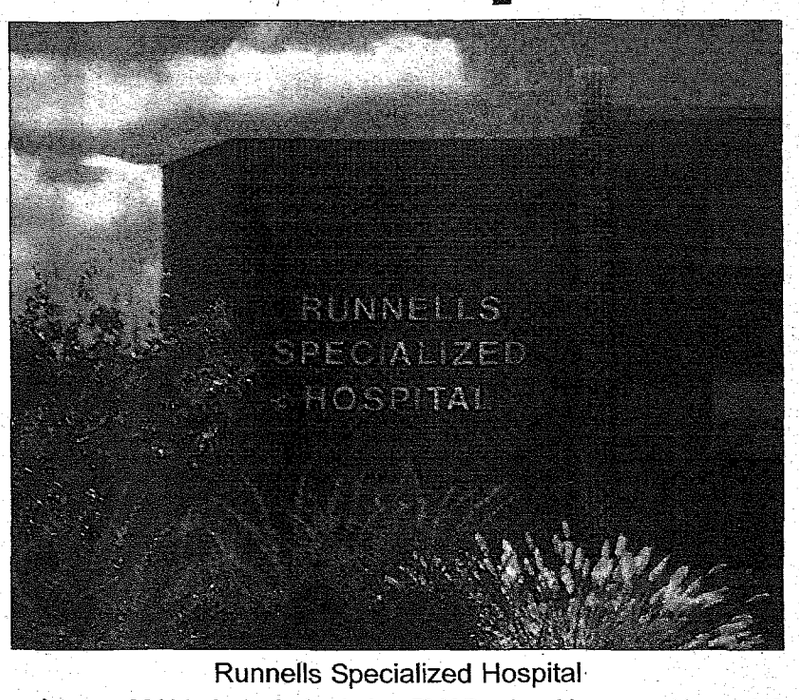
Under the proposed 2008 Union County Executive Budget, Runnells Specialized Hospital is slated to receive a total of $36.1 million in funding, approximately 8 percent of the total budget.

The projected 2008 appropriations, which if adopted would mean a $2 million decrease in county funding from 2007, breaks down to $26.5 million in salaries, $2.1 million in overtime costs and $7.5 million in other expenses.

Runnells' budget appropriation represents approximately 8 percent of the county's total budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Runnells Specialized Hospital is anticipating approximately $2.5 million in losses of revenue in the coming year due to new federal regulation that rendered the closing of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service Unit, a 25-bed acute level service the hospital had offered for more than 30 years.

Runnells Specialized Hospital, the county owned and operated hospital with



Runnells Specialized Hospital

a capacity of 344 beds, made the decision to close the 25-bed PM&R acute unit in December 2007 because of federal Medicare and Medicaid policies that favor sub-acute care over longer term rehabilitation programs.

The closing of the PM&R unit reduced the number of beds available to patients at Runnells from 369 to 344. Approximately 300 of those beds are for long-term patients, and the additional 44 are allotted for acute psychiatric care.

Runnells closed the long-term PM&R unit and is now working to shift focus to the expansion of its Sub-Acute services, which Runnells Administrator Joseph Sharp hopes will increase the unit's revenue by $750,000 to $1 million in 2008.

The transition in rehabilitative care services contributed to the hospital's realized 2007 generated revenue of $37 million dollars, which came in approximately $2 million below the anticipated revenue of approximately $39 million initially projected by the department.

The closed PM&R unit operated under a $3.3 million budget, including $2 million in salary costs and $1.2 million in contract services. The revenue generated by the program through Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements was approximately $5.9 million, providing the hospital with a surplus in funds that will no longer exist.

According to Runnells Specialized Hospital Administrator Joseph Sharp, three specific steps must be taken in order to prevent a the facility from facing a loss in revenue in 2008:

•Shift PM&R admissions to Sub-acute Unit to increase Sub-acute revenue

•Eliminate all costs associated with the operation of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation — $4.2 million

•Secure approval for reimbursements of existing 44 Psych beds under Inpatient Psych PPS to improve revenue by $3 - $3.5 million

"In terms of revenue generation, we are very interested in opening new and expanded psychiatric care facility," said Sharp, whose department successfully applied for the federal reimbursement for the 44 psych beds before the deadline elapsed in December 2007.

To make up for the revenue lost from the closed sub-acute care unit, Sharp plans to use the 25 vacant beds as psychiatric beds, which has the potential to gross new revenue of $6 - $6.5 million. Sharp anticipates the opening of this expanded psych unit within the next 18 to 24 months.

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Bill: Witness tampering crackdown

Witness tampering or intimidation would carry a stiffer penalty under a measure sponsored by state Sen. Raymond J. Lesniak and Sen. Shirley K. Turner, recently approved by the state Senate.

The bill was approved by a vote of 39 to 0 and now goes to the assembly for its consideration.

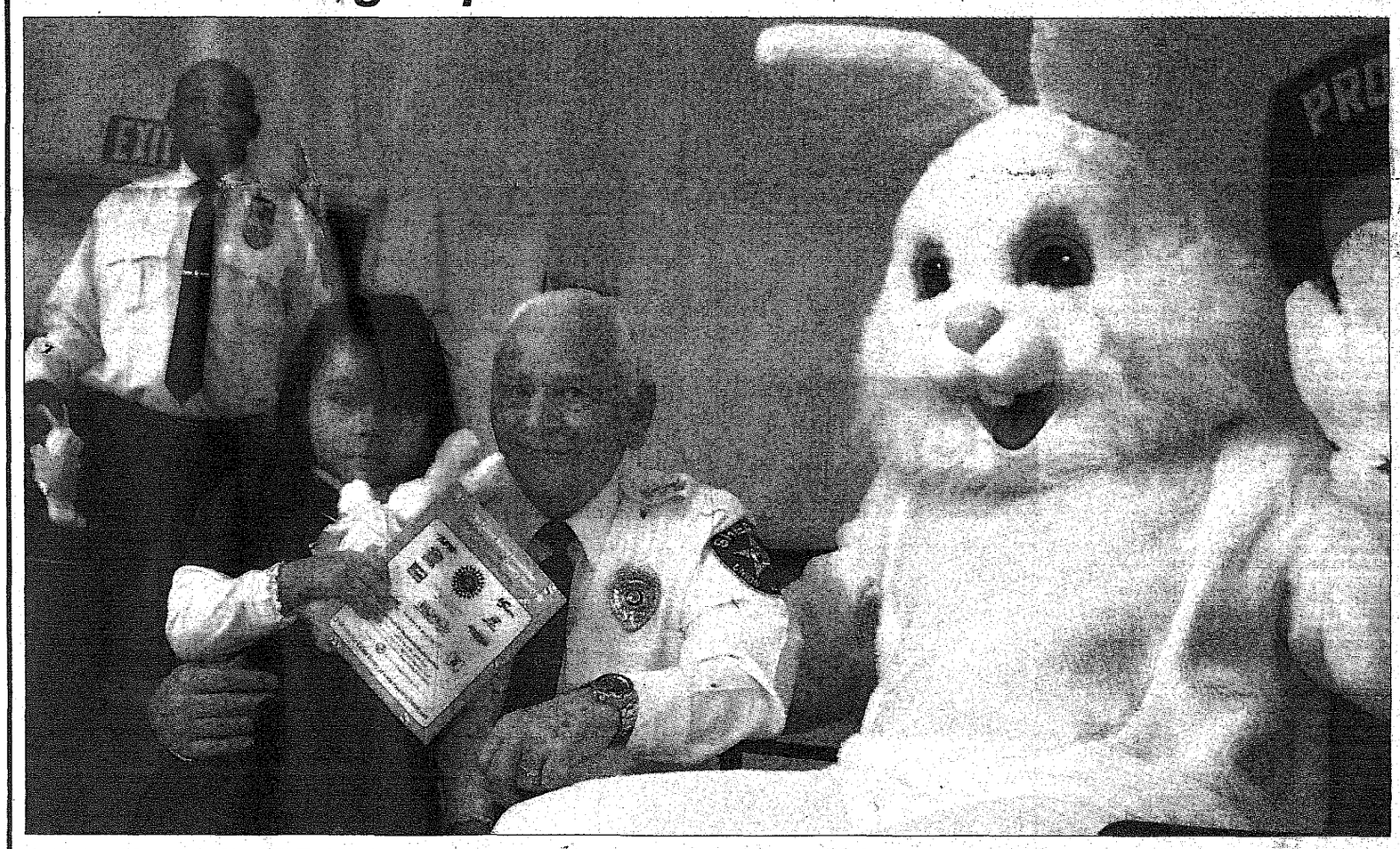
"In far too many cases, witness intimidation is preventing prosecutors from making a convincing argument and putting the criminal behind bars," said Lesniak, D-Union Township. "We won't be able to reverse this trend until witnesses feel safe from harm and are confident that the criminals they testify against won't seek retribution."

The bill, S-367/503, would upgrade the penalties for witness tampering, retaliation, hindering and bribery. The bill would apply to official proceedings that are pending, about to be instituted and have already been instituted.

"Our prosecutors are having a tougher and tougher time getting witnesses to testify in court cases when the defendant is a member of a street gang," explained Sen. Turner, D-Mercer. "These gangs have effectively paralyzed our neighborhoods by threatening retribution toward anyone who 'snitches.' We need to stand with witnesses and let them know that the law

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A hare-raising experience!



Union County Sheriff Ralph Froehlich, center, and Undersheriff Gerald Green, left, join the Easter Bunny in greeting three-year-old Caroline Lapa of Elizabeth during a holiday visit to the day care center at the county's Ruotolo Building in Elizabeth.

Study: UC job market flourished recently

By Katherine Paster
Staff Writer

A recent study on Union County's economy and workforce paints a positive picture of the county's status, shedding light on a diversified job market, high average wages and policy opportunities available in the years to come.

At the behest of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers was contracted in 2007 to develop a detailed profile of the economic landscape of Union County and to suggest strategies for supporting the growth of the county's key industries.

"We asked the John Heldrich Center at Rutgers to do a study evaluating the county's economic potential overall looking at where the jobs were disappearing, where we had new opportunities coming in and looking at all of the factors that go into the mix of the overall economy," said Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, who introduced the initiative to the board in 2007.

The information collected in the report is based on interviews with 22 employers, economic development officials, and a review and analysis of available labor market data between the years of 1997 and 2006.

The results of the study illustrated a diversified job market, a shift in the manufacturing industry, and potential growth in the years to come.

"I'd say there were 2 main messages in this report, one is that the economy has diversified overall, and that is one of the reasons why they survived this downturn in good manufacturing, and the other thing is that the nature of the manufacturing industry is somewhat different and has become very highly concentrated in pharmaceuticals," said Jennifer Cleary, Senior Project Manager at the John J. Heldrich Center.

The first key finding presented in the report claims that Union County has overcome economic challenges in the face of a declining manufacturing industry, diversified its economy, and created potential for building on new economic strengths.

According to the data analysis, the county was able to shift its reliance on declining "Old-Economy" manufacturing sectors to a diverse "knowledge-based" economy which prevented the county from suffering from the nationwide decline in manufacturing jobs.

"Overall it's becoming clear over the last 10 years that high-technology is the technology our economy is moving in, and of course our educational system supports that initiative," said Kowalski, who noted the increased emphasis on pharmaceutical and chemical manufacturing.

While Union County had nearly twice as many manufacturing jobs as the state average and was thus hit hard by the decline in the manufacturing industry, the growth in a variety of other industries over the 10-year period was able to overcome the number of jobs lost to maintain a stable economy.

"Union County had traditionally been even more dependent on manufacturing than New Jersey as a whole, so it was hit particularly hard with those cut backs," said Cleary. "The fact that jobs remained stable over this period shows that the county was successful at filling in that hole, and that diversification of employment in the county makes it more stable and less prone to recession-oriented problems."

Statistics suggest that Union County's newly diversified economy now provides higher average wages than both the state economy and the county's former manufacturing-intensive economy, a phenomenon credited to the growth of the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry throughout the region.

"Although it is technically classified as manufacturing, we found there are many jobs in research and development, management, etc.," said Cleary. "It's a lot of knowledge-based jobs that are diverse and are not typical in the manufacturing industry."

Research shows that average wages in Union County were more than $2,800 higher than the statewide average in 2006. In addition, wage growth in the county outpaced the state average between 2002 and 2006.

"While the county shed a lot of manufacturing jobs, it grew in terms of pharmaceutical jobs, which is the highest paid sector in manufacturing and one of the highest paid sectors in jobs overall," said Cleary, who noted that the average wage in that particular sector is almost $123,000 annually. "That is a major factor contributing to the financial wellbeing of the county and it makes up about 40 percent of the county's entire manufacturing workforce."

The second key finding included in the report's executive summary suggested that three industry groups are strong economic drivers in Union County and provide the greatest potential for actionable change, including pharmaceutical and chemical manufacturing, health care, and transportation, logistics and distribution — TLD.

"What they came up with wasn't all that unexpected because they said that where the jobs are the future are in the high-tech pharmaceutical, chemical and transportation industries, which makes sense since we have Arthur Kill and the Port of Elizabeth," said Kowalski.

The third key finding claims that demographic trends in Union County present policy opportunities and challenges, which Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada plans to act on as one of his initiatives in 2008.

"The County will put the Heldrich study into action," Estrada said during the 2008 annual county reorganization meeting. "For this, I am calling on the Union County Alliance and the Union County Workforce Investment Board to join us in creating focus groups with our business community. These groups will identify what industries are growing, and where we need to put our money and resources to realize the biggest economic benefit in creating jobs and commerce."

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Bill: Witness tampering crackdown

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will protect them and their families."

Under the bill, a person would commit an offense if he knowingly engages in conduct which a reasonable person would believe would cause a witness or informant to testify or inform falsely, withhold any testimony or evidence, elude legal process summoning him to testify or supply evidence, absent himself from any proceeding or investigation to which he was legally summoned or otherwise obstruct delay, prevent or impede an official proceeding or investigation.

Lesniak noted, "It takes a great amount of courage for these witnesses to come forward and testify. By taking on those who would look to intimidate witnesses, we can make it easier for responsible citizens to come forward and help make our communities safe."

"Witnesses shouldn't need to put themselves or their loved ones at risk in order to find justice," added Sen. Turner. "This measure is a critical first step in taking back our neighborhoods from the constant threat of criminal street gangs."

The current penalties for witness tampering make it a second degree crime if the actor employs force or threat of force. Otherwise, witness tampering is a third degree offense. The bill would increase tampering to a first degree offense in cases where the underlying crime being investigated or tried involves a crime specifically listed in the No Early Release Act, and the actor employs force or threat of force. Such crimes are: murder, aggravated manslaughter or manslaughter, vehicular homicide, aggravated assault, disarming a law enforcement officer, kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, robbery, carjacking, aggravating arson, burglary, extortion, booby traps in manufacturing facilities, strict liability for drug induced deaths, terrorism or producing or possessing chemical weapons.

Additionally, the bill would increase the penalties for retaliation against a witness or informant by raising it from a fourth degree offense to a second degree offense if the actor employes force or threat of force or otherwise a third degree offense.

The bill also would add the crime of making a bribe. Currently, the law only addresses the taking or soliciting of a bribe and treats it as a third degree offense. Making a bribe would become a second degree offense if it is to tamper with a witness or informant.

The bill also would amend the hindering statute as it applies to hindering an investigation or prosecution by tampering with witnesses, informants and evidence, to make it a crime of the second degree when done by means of force, intimidation or deception.

Finally, the bill would require that convictions for witness or informant tampering, retaliation, bribery and hindering shall not merge with the conviction of the underlying offense, and the sentence shall be ordered to be served consecutively.

True heroes



Union County Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada, right, and Freeholder Nancy Ward present resolutions to county employees Jack Schultz, second from left, and Kevin Martin, center, honoring them for their heroic actions during the snow storm on February 22. They are joined by Union County Engineering and Public Works Director Joseph Graziano, left. Schultz and Martin came to the aid of Rita Berlin of Cranford who was rushing her four-year-old daughter, Ariana, to the hospital when her car became disabled in the snow storm. They got Rita and Ariana to the hospital, had her car towed to her home and arranged for the mother and daughter to be picked up from the hospital and safely brought back to their home.

County examines hospital budget

(Continued from Page 1)

"The plan the director has laid out will put the hospital back in the black," said Devanney.

While revenue at Runnells has been relatively stable over the past three years, Sharp noted that rising costs of operation have resulted in a difficult budgetary situation.

"We've had a difficult time coming up with approaches to reduce overtime," said Sharp. "We've got to find a way to provide people with incentives to be at their desks."

While closing the PM&R unit resulted in a decrease of 31 employees at Runnells, additional nurses were brought on staff under a mandated contract to expand the nurses program.

To decrease overtime rates, Sharp presented numerous suggestions on how to provide hospital staff with incentives for employees to be at their desks, in uniform and on time, including offering days off for perfect quarter attendance.

With an average occupancy rate of 94 percent, Runnells is currently operating above the national occupancy rate of 88 percent.

According to Sharp, the hospital is expected to have occupancy of 98 percent in the coming year by shifting the focus of its health care.

"The four percent difference makes up for hundreds and thousands of dollars that did impact our 2007 revenue," said Sharp.

Sharp also said the hospital is looking toward offering new and cutting-edge health care services that would set it apart from other facilities.

Katherine Paster can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 119, or at unioncountyb@yahoo.com.

Learning manners in the 18th century

For a trip into the past, the Miller-Cory House Museum will present "18th Century Table Customs and Manners" on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 614 Mountain Ave., Westfield.

Kathy Dowling's program will include a historical overview of utensils and plates in the colonial era, as well as a discussion of what the early settlers ate and where they ate according to the season.

For information on tours, Sunday programs or volunteer opportunities at the museum, call 908-232-1776 weekdays between 9 a.m. and noon.

Visitors also will learn about a typical dinner party of the time and the etiquette rules that were followed.

Costumed docents will be available to guide visitors through the fully furnished 1740 farmhouse. In the museum's Frazee Building, Janet Murphy and Judy Murphy will prepare seasonal recipes over the open hearth fire using authentic colonial methods. Taste treats will be available for sampling.

Upcoming events include "Silhouettes" on April 6 and "Fashion Dolls and Tea" on April 13.

The Miller-Cory House Museum also is available weekday mornings for tours for school or other groups, as well as after school for Boy and Girl Scout groups. All tours must be arranged in advance.

PUBLIC NOTICE

FANWOOD

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:
Carlo V. Ciottoni, II
Nora K. Ciottoni, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action, in which Nationstar Mortgage, LLC is plaintiff, and Carlo V. Ciottoni, II, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-1829-08 within thirty-five (35) days after **03/27/2008** exclusive of such date, or if published after **03/27/2008**, (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 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 07/07/2005 made by Carolo V. Ciottoni, II and Nora K. Ciottoni, husband and wife as mortgagors, to Centex Home Equity Company, LLC recorded on 08/01/2006 in Book 11274 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0556; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 36 Stagaard Place, Fanwood, NJ 07023.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling **908-353-4715.** If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling **908-354-4340.**

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

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

File #XCZ-96518

THEODORE J. FETTER, CLERK
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

U207332 WCN March 27, 2008 ($67.50)

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PLAINFIELD

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
DOCKET NO. F-5037-08
NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT

FROM: STATE OF NEW JERSEY
TO: FERNANDO MORENO

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Parker McCay P.A., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Three Greentree Centre, 7001 Lincoln Drive West, P.O. Box 974, Marlton, New Jersey 08053-0974, an answer to the Complaint and any Amendments thereof filed in a civil action, in which Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, A Delaware Limited Liability Company is plaintiff, and the defendants are Silvia Garcia, et al., pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, and bearing the Docket No. F-5037-08 within 35 days after Thursday March 27, 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 and Amendment, if any. You shall file an answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, C.N. 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

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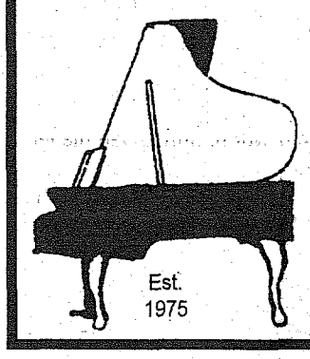
The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated February 23, 2005, made by Silvia Garcia, as mortgagor, and payable to InterBay Funding, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company as mortgagee, recorded on February 28, 2005 in the Union County Clerk's Office in Mortgage Book M11058, page 286, Instrument #347530. Said Mortgage was assigned to Plaintiff, Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company by Assignment of Mortgage recorded in the Union County Clerk's Office on August 11, 2005 in Book AB1342, Page 788, Instrument #116234.

The property being foreclosed is commonly known as 140-144 East 4th Street (Lot 17) and 146-148 East 4th Street (Lot 18), Plainfield, New Jersey.

YOU, FERNANDO MORENO, have been made a defendant for any interest you may have in the subject premises by virtue of a Mortgage to you by Silvia Garcia dated February 23, 2005 in the original amount of $70,000.00. Said Mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Union County on February 28, 2005 in Mortgage Book M11058, Page 333, Instrument #347532; and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

File #13769-0125

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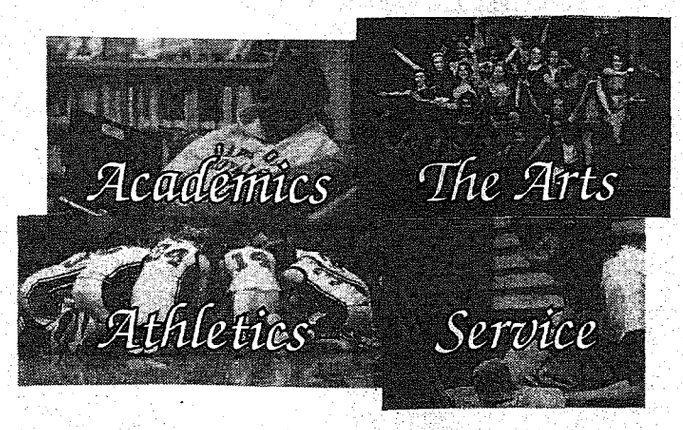
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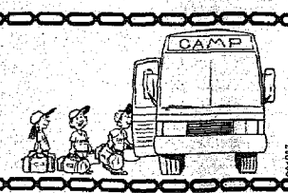
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Local theatre group dusts off 'Philemon'

By Ruth Ross
Correspondent

It's a marriage, you should pardon the expression, made in Heaven: 4th Wall Musical Theatre and "Philemon," a little-known musical by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, best known for the long running gem, "The Fantasticks."

True to their mission statement, this group of non-Equity professional actors, in residence at the Westminster Arts Center on the Bloomfield College campus, brings to the public a seldom-performed musical play. Two years ago, after a successful program where they solicited original scripts, produced them and enlisted audience feedback, 4th Wall inaugurated the "Off the Wall" series to bring to public attention musicals unusual even by 4th Wall standards.

"Philemon" certainly fills the bill. In the third-century Roman Empire, Cockian, the wise guy street clown, escapes execution at the hands of a brutal Commander by agreeing to impersonate the missing Christian leader Philemon, so the Roman Empire can apprehend and execute more Christians, whom they consider subversive and dangerous to civic order. Seeing no other way to save his own neck, Cockian does the Commander's bidding, but in doing so unexpectedly begins to feel for the persecuted. Cockian "becomes" Philemon, overflowing with love and the hope for a more humane world, thus earning his redemption...and his death.

With a small cast and musical accompaniment ensemble, "Philemon" is a perfect choice for this new series, said the production's director Bruce McCandless. At the helm for the first time in 10 years, McCandless' interest was piqued after the musical director of "Nine," Deborah Martin, suggested the play, and he listened to a CD of the score. At first, the music sounded odd, he said, but after putting it together with the script, he determined to present the play in a concert version similar to the "Encores!" productions at City Center in New York.

McCandless handpicked the seven performers, who will carry scripts and move around the stage as the action progresses. Instead of period costumes, they will don contemporary black clothing with a variety of details to telegraph their individual characters. A keyboard, French horn and flute will sit onstage as they accompany the actors.

As a morality play with a religious tinge, "Philemon" may appear to have limited audience appeal. While it conveys the peace and love messages of many musicals of the seventies—"Hair" and "Godspell" come to mind—McCandless was struck by its timelessness and universality. "It will make you think of Europe in the thirties and early forties, of the Middle East, of Iraq and Afghanistan and even Darfur," he said, which is scary when we reflect on how little the world has changed over 19 centuries.

"Philemon" debuted Off Broadway in 1975 and had a limited run of nine performances. The production was well received, but when a revival was attempted soon afterwards, a newspaper strike resulted in no publicity, and the idea died aborning. Nevertheless, the original production won the Outer Critics Circle Award, and a revival by the York Theatre in 1990 ran for a couple of months.

4th Wall Musical Theatre has bounced around in their eleven seasons, from Morristown Beard School's Wilkie Theatre and the Bickford Theatre in Morris County to Kean University in Union County to 12 Miles West's theater in Bloomfield to finally land at the Westminster Art Center's lovely playing space. And this production marks a first for the troupe: stipends will be paid to the actors, moving them closer to next season's goal of one Equity—professional—production.

"Philemon" will be presented for two nights only, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Westminster Arts Center at Bloomfield College on Franklin Avenue, just a short distance from Exit 148 on the Garden State Parkway. Tickets are $10.

For information and to reserve tickets, call the box office at 973-748-9000, ext. 279, or online at www.4thwalltheatre.com.



Will Lampe as Cockian, front and center, leads the entire cast of the musical "Philemon" presented by 4th Wall Theatre. Performances are Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. at the Westminster Arts Center, Bloomfield. Call 973-748-9008 ext. 279.

Come out of the cold and see 'The Housekeeper'

By Ruth Ross
Correspondent

As a work of art, James Prideaux's quirky, two-character comedy, "The Housekeeper," now onstage at What Exit? Theatre Company, isn't really worthy of the talent of the actors, but does provide a couple of diverting hours on a cold, trying-to-be-spring evening.

Premiering in 1983 at the Westport Country Playhouse in Connecticut with Cloris Leachman as Annie, "The Housekeeper" illustrates the old adage, "Be careful what you wish for," very well.

Class divisions and repressed sexuality don't appear to be the usual comedic subjects, but Prideaux weaves them together with the elements of romantic comedy, only to sabotage his intent with long, rancorous dialogues and a predictable ending.

There's plenty of conflict in this comedy. Middle-aged wannabe author Manley Carstairs, who has spent his entire adult life caring for his demanding and now-dead mother, decides to hire a fetching young woman as a housekeeper to fetch for him and care for his 17-room Victorian manse. Enter equally middle-aged bag lady Annie Dankworth, kleptomaniac and husband hunter who has zero experience keeping house because she hasn't had one for a long time.

The two clash immediately: she talks incessantly, to the audience and to Manley, disturbing his usual monastic state. He imperiously orders her around, impugns her intelligence and cooking skills-in short, treats her like the dirt she's supposed to clean up. Matters reach a head when he fires her and she refuses to leave; the ensuing heated exchange unmasks his hidden "lewd, libidinous, lecherous" intent and her state as "an aging virgin," his lack of literary talent and her talent for fiction, until he's driven to. . .well, I won't give too much away.

Director Jim Peskin snappily moves the action from past to the present-actually a period of three and a half days-on a terrific set designed by Dorothy Hoover that nails Manley's manse to a T, with old-fashioned Victorian settee and chair, fussy antimacassars, ornate chandelier, well-stocked bookshelves, manual typewriter and plenty of crumpled-up papers attesting to Manley's tortured creative endeavors.

But real kudos to Brian Corrigan and Bev Sheehan, real-life husband and wife, who play the antagonists/lovers with zest, conviction and great skill.

Corrigan is spot-on as the prissy, full-of-himself Manley, who bristles when his nemesis questions the irony of his first name.

He's especially hilarious when he reads from his book, "Gulls over Doom Lake," trying to endow the wretched writing with passion, and when his knees turn to water upon experiencing a real kiss from a flesh and blood woman so different from his fantasies. Sheehan's wickedly wise-cracking motor mouth is perfect-er, perfectly annoying-but we get to see some vulnerability when she reveals how she attained her homeless state.

As a housekeeper in a hair kerchief and smock, she's appropriately frumpy, but when she dons a red dress and heels-get a load of those legs-va-va-va-voom.

These two actors make Prideaux's odd couple and predictable plot work by sheer force of their talent; they are a pleasure to watch.

More a black than romantic comedy, "The Housekeeper" moves from chuckling amiability to ghastly, full press combat, without convincing us of the characters movement from false pride to self worth. Still, given the terrific performances of Corrigan and Sheehan-sounds like a vaudeville team, no?-it's a fine way to pass an evening.

"The Housekeeper" will be performed through April 13 at the Burgdorff Cultural Center, 10 Durand Road in Maplewood Village. Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

For information and tickets, call the box office at 973-763-4029 or visit online at www.whatexittheatre.com.

Softball helps out charity

The Greater Union County Amateur Softball Umpires Association will sponsor the 11th Annual Dick Archer Memorial One-Pitch/Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament on Saturday at Warinanco Park on the border of Roselle and Elizabeth.

All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to N.A.M.I. of New Jersey, an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

The registration fee for each team is $150 and each team is guaranteed to play three games during the all-day tournament.

The rain date is Sunday.

This is a charitable event. Good sportsmanship and fair play is expected.

All games will be played in Warinanco Park.

Registration information may be obtained by contacting Don Yuhas at 908-337-9410 —daump97@Verizon.net; Jim Powers at 908-272-8049; Joe Schaefer at 908-561-5923; Keith Benovengo at 908-313-0983; or Gary Moran at 908-925-1838.

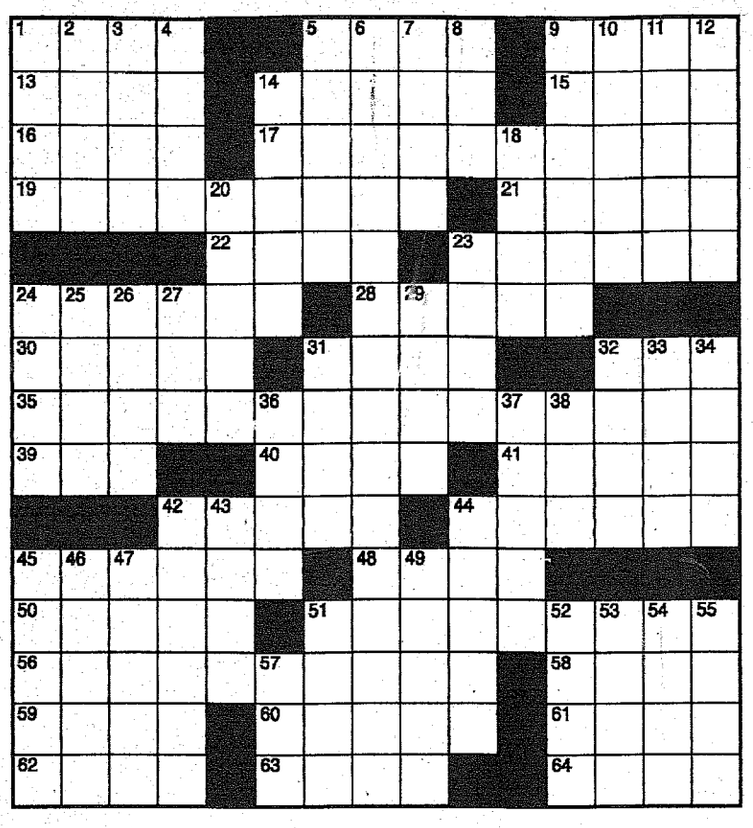
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32. Snarl (Scottish)
33. Children's author Blyton
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36. Lake __, one of the Greats
37. Young sheep
38. Coach Parsegian
42. Most bald
43. Receipt (abbr.)
44. Rulers
45. Ethyl acetate
46. A shape that spreads outward
47. Fellatas
49. Group of near-earth asteroids
51. 73717
52. Plural of 57 down
53. A horizontal bar of wood
54. Approves food
55. Cat sound
57. Conger or moray

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FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY
April 12, 2008

EVENT: Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, Stuyvesant Avenue and W. Chestnut Street, Union
TIME: 9am-3pm
PRICE: Free Admittance
DETAILS: VENDORS WANTED. Call 908-245-0562
ORGANIZATION: Sponsored by The Presbyterian Women of Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church.

OTHER

Saturday
April 12, 2008

EVENT: Maureen Wilson and The Mojazz Network, Christian musicians infusing gospel music with jazz
PLACE: United Methodist Church of Linden 321 North Wood Avenue
TIME: 7:30pm
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TAURUS, April 21-May 21

Listen to what people have to say, Taurus, even if they aren't so good at being diplomatic. You're called upon to be the mediator in a tricky situation this week.

GEMINI, May 22-June 21

Gemini, you have to slow down a lot, especially when you're speaking or communicating through e-mail. Otherwise you may say things you don't mean inadvertently.

CANCER, June 22-July 22

Cancer, if you're not completely sure about getting into a new relationship, then take a pass. There are other ways to keep amused. When it rains it pours on Friday.

LEO, July 23-August 23

Your mind is constantly on money this week. You may need to cut spending or sock away some more for your retirement. Either way, don't ignore your gut feeling, Leo.

VIRGO, August 24-Sept. 22

Virgo, really great days do not just materialize out of thin air. You have to be the instigator of such things. This will be a special time for you, so keep the memories.

LIBRA, Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You owe it to others to say something if you see something being done that is wrong, Libra.

Don't feel like it's to your advantage to remain tight-lipped.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Your mind is sharper than ever, Scorpio, so it's easy to see how mundane activities this week might seem boring. You have to find ways to make them interesting.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23-Dec. 21

A big payoff is due to you, Sagittarius, so be prepared for some action this week and the unexpected luxury. Focus on the small details rather than the big picture.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Capricorn, sift through the facts before making a decision. Use equal parts of research and intuition to make the most important choices. Your resources are infinite.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21-Feb. 18

It's difficult to move forward when you're always looking behind you, Aquarius. Stop thinking about the past and focus on the future.

PISCES, Feb. 19-March 20

Life is completely social this week, Pisces. There's not much of urgency that needs your attention. Either way, you'd be able to handle it.

Famous birthdays:

March 30: Norah Jones, singer, 29.

March 31: Pavel Bure, hockey player, 37.

April 1: Debbie Reynolds, actress, 76.

April 2: Linda Hunt, actress, 63.

April 3: David Hyde Pierce, actor, 49.

April 4: Nancy McKeon, actress, 42.

April 5: Agnetha Fältskog, singer, 58.

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 *ekensik@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 it's 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 Bloomfield High School Class of 1978 will be holding its 30th Reunion on May 17. The reunion will be held at Jenkinson's Pavilion, the Boardwalk in Point Pleasant from 6to 10 p.m. Open to all alumni and friends of the class of 1978. For additional information visit the official Web site: www.classof78BHS.com or www.classmates.com or e-mail: michelecaron@aol.com.

• 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 *waldoj@cox.net* or 619-466-2132 or log on to *www.uss-nimitzassociation.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 Saferstein at 973-731-5449, Sue Farber Christenson at 908-757-7512 or Charles Brandt at 732-323-8840 or *CapinCharlie@msn.*

• 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 celebration 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 them at *ihsclassof1982@hotmail.com*.

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Stepping Out

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Art Shows

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents an exhibit of sculptural baskets woven by **ELISA KESSLER-CAPORALE** in the gallery space at the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, located at 633 Pearl Street in Elizabeth. A selection of her one-of-a-kind art baskets entitled "Shapes and Forms" is on display at the Pearl Street Gallery until April 3. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. For more information about the Pearl Street Gallery or to learn about other programs and services please contact the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202. Telephone 908-558-2550. NJ Relay users can dial 711. E-mail to: culturalinfo@ucnj.org.

The Montclair Art Museum announces the opening of the **2008 NEW JERSEY ARTS ANNUAL CRAFTS**. This exhibition will be on display through May 11 and is part of a unique series of statewide 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.

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

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

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

THE SHOWCASE THEATER, a tuition-based program, awards scholarship money based on a talent evaluation.

For information on the Showcase Theater or any NJWA program, call 908-789-9696, visit the office at 150-152 East Broad St. in Westfield or visit *www.njworkshopforthearts.com*.

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.

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

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

Classes

The Fontaine Academy of Music is presenting a workshop for music educators on the **DALCROZE METHOD** on April 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with Robert Abramson, one of the most respected authorities on eurhythmics and improvisation in the world. The event is open to music teachers and music directors from elementary-school to high-school to college-level educators and music professionals. Abramson, founder and director of the Manhattan Dalcroze Institute, based at The Juilliard School of Music, in New York. The Fontaine Academy of Music is located at 1050 Route 22 West in Mountainside. Pre-registration is required to attend the workshop. For more information, or to register, please call 908-317-9900.

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.

THE SHAKESPEARE THEATRE OF NEW JERSEY is now accepting applications for its 2008 Junior Corps and Senior Corps, two summer theatre programs designed for students ages 11 to 14 and 14 to 17, respectively. Two sessions are offered this summer, the first from June 23 through July 12 and the second from August 4 through 23. Classes are held Monday through Friday, from 1 to 6 p.m. To register for the Junior Corps, arrange a Senior Corps audition, or request additional information, contact Jamie Brink-Grant at 973-408-3980 or jbgrant@shakespearenj.org.

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 **TRACY SMITH** and **TOM CALDORA**. Let Smith be your tour guide through the the mean streets of "Singletown." With a personality just sweet enough to offset the bitter truth she serves up, Smith's sharply written, on target material offers a perspective sure to make both men and women laugh out loud. Smith's television credits include a half hour for Comedy Central Presents, Late Fridays on NBC, Premium Blend on Comedy Central, as well as The Best of the Fest on HBO Comedy. She had a one hour special on Canadian television. Scotty's is located at 595 Morris Ave. Call 973-376-3845, or visit *www.scottyssteakhouse.com*.

Concerts

The First Baptist Church of Westfield has announced that it will present one of the premier brass groups in America on Sunday at 3 p.m. as they present **"HISTORY OF THE WORLD THROUGH MUSIC."** Tickets are available by calling 908 233-2278 or e-mailing the church at firstbaptist.westfield@verizon.net. The First Baptist Church of Westfield is located at 170 Elm St.

The Manor presents **MARIEANN MERINGOLO** on April 17 for "Here's To The Ladies! - A Salute To The Great Ladies In Song". Marieann has impressed patrons at Tavern On The Green as featured vocalist with their All Star Big Band. Her second solo CD won both the MAC —Manhattan Association of Cabarets— and Backstage Bistro Awards in 2004. The Manor is located at 111 Prospect Ave., West Orange, NJ. For more information, call 973-731-2360 or visit our Web site: www.themanorrestaurant.com

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The Theater Project, Union County College's Professional Theater Company, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford, extends an invitation to make a reservation to see the delightful offbeat comedy, "Fully Committed", a solo tour de force by Becky Mode. Featuring Jenelle Sosa and directed by Rick Delaney, the production runs through through April 13. To purchase tickets, call 1-800-383-3006 or visit www.brownpapertickets.com.

On April 6 at Grace Church in Madison, the **BAROQUE ORCHESTRA OF NEW JERSEY**, New Jersey's premier community-based orchestra, will present its annual Family Concert. The admission-free performance will begin at 3 p.m. More information can be obtained by calling 973 366-8922.

KRISTY JACKSON will bring a mix of blues-rooted jazz, country and a hint of rock to the Powerful Women of Song Series at the Watchung Arts Center this April. Her passionate lyrics and soulful piano have a depth and range of emotions that showcase a style all her own. Jackson will perform in the Upper Gallery of the Watchung Arts Center on April 1 at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at www.watchungarts.org. Tickets can also be reserved by phone 908-753-0190 or by emailing wacenter@optonline.net.

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

The Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave., Garwood. For information, call Lee at 908-232-5666, or visit www.xxroads.com.

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.

Dance

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. Hehnly 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 Amalfe Community Center, 1268 Sheaffer Ave., Roselle, on the first Saturday of each month to discuss driving experiences, auto maintenance tips, safe driving practices and to plan future social outings to places of cultural, historical and scenic interest in Northern New Jersey and the surrounding area. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. Free refreshments are served to members and guests before the meeting. For directions and more information, call Jim at 908-245-4744.

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

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

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 *hickorytreechorus.org*. or e-mail *info@hickorytreechorus.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 Booksellers, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield.

Jazz

The Jazz Series continues at The Arts Guild of Rahway on April 11 with the **STEIN BROTHERS**. Tickets are available now at The Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving Street in downtown Rahway between 9 a.m. and noon, and from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 732-381-7511 or e-mail your request at artsguild1670@verizon.net.

Lana's Restaurant and Lounge in Clark, at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex, 1300 Raritan Road, announces it's new Friday Night Jazz Series featuring world-class artists every Friday evening.

The Bethan Baptist Church in Newark will present jazz performances in the coming months.

On April 5, vocalist Ruth Naomi Floyd. On May 3 Paul Meyers Quartet. On June 7, vocalist Stephen McLean and his trio. All performances are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and are free and come as you are. For more information call Dorthaan Kirk at 973-674-5141.Friday, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.: **MARLENE VERPLANCK.**

March 28, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.: **ED FLEISCHMAN QUARTET**.

For more information call 732-669-9024.

Lana's Restaurant and Lounge in Clark, at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex, 1300 Raritan Road, announces jazz every Thursday night featuring legendary trumpeter **WARREN VACHE'S QUARTET**, from 7 to 11 p.m.

Kids

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

Singles

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

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

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

Theater

The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey will hold its highly celebrated annual fundraiser gala, **"BRUSH UP YOUR SHAKESPEARE,"** on Saturday at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park. Artistic Director Bonnie J. Monte and the Board of Trustees of The Shakespeare Theatre announce that Prudential, a major supporter of The Shakespeare Theatre, will be the 2008 Gala Sponsor. This annual Shakespeare Theatre event kicks off each season and is the theatre's largest fundraiser of the year. Gala attendees mingle with acclaimed theatre, film and television artists and other VIPs while enjoying gourmet food and drink, and a silent auction that promises unique offerings and friendly competition. The highlight of the evening is a renowned cabaret show featuring stage, screen and television luminaries including Broadway veteran and Tony Award nominee Mark Jacoby — Sweeney Todd, Ragtime, Man of La Mancha, Phantom of the Opera. Proceeds benefit The Shakespeare Theatre's productions as well as numerous education programs that benefit more than 100,000 adults, students, teachers, and young artists annually. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 973-408-3761 or visit www.ShakespeareNJ.org.

The Stony Hill Players will present a fully staged version of **"IOLANTHE"** by Gilbert and Sullivan, with a chamber orchestra, April 4-13, at Oakes Center, 120 Morris Avenue in Summit. Friday and Saturday evening performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. For more information call 908-665-1376 or email stonyhillplayers@yahoo.com. For directions and further information visit www.stonyhillplayers.org.

The Papermill Playhouse presents **"STEEL MAGNOLIAS."** Steel Magnolias will run at the Millburn theatre through April 6. For ticket information go online to www.papermill.org or call 973-376-4343. The quintessential story of friendship, Steel Magnolias serves up a slice of life in Louisiana that's as warm and comforting as sweet potato pie. In the haven of Truvy's beauty salon, six very different women come together to share their secrets and bare their souls, throwing in a little neighborly gossip for good measure.

The 4th Wall Musical Theatre in Bloomfield is holding a two-night presentation of **"PHILEMON,"** a musical play by the creators of "The Fantastics," on Friday and Saturday. Set in the Roman city of Antioch, Philemon, traces the life of a street clown, Cockian, who allows himself to be hired by a Roman commander to impersonate an imprisoned religious leader. For more information call 973-566-WALL—9255, or go to www.4thwalltheatre.com on the Web.

Tickets for Disney's **HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL** at SOPAC's Main Stage are on sale. The show will be performed by the Battery Factory Theater —formerly Theater Under the Stars— Youth Conservatory. The tickets will be on sale at the South Orange Performing Arts Center box office. The show dates are May 30 at 7:30 p.m., May 31 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and June 1 at 3 p.m. Go online at sopacnow.org or call the box office at 973-313-2787.

"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 Saturday at the Robert Van Fossan Theatre at Bloomfield University at 7 p.m.

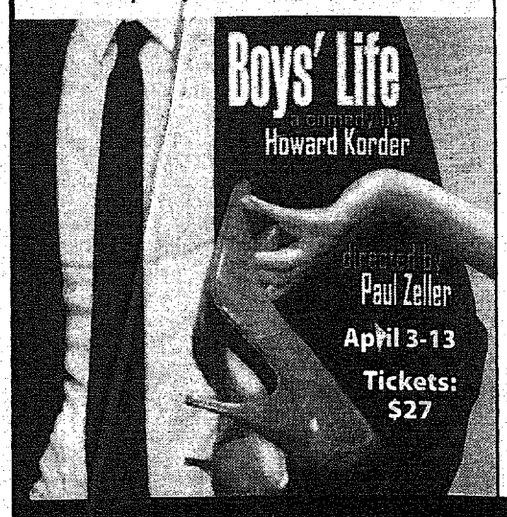
BOYS' LIFE traces the misadventures of three former college buddies seeking to make their way in New York City in the 1980s. Boys Life will be performed from April 3-13 at the Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway. Told in a series of fast paced, sharply etched scenes, the play dissects and anatomizes the male narcissism and protracted adolescence afflicting its male characters. Nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, the New Yorker called it "the most balanced and intelligent comment on the battle of the sexes I've seen in a long time."

All productions run Thursday through Sunday. Evening performances at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets can be ordered from the Union County Performing Arts Center's Web site www.ucpac.org or by calling the box office at 732-499-8226 or go to www.njartstix.org to purchase the day of. The theater is located at 1601 Irving Street, Rahway, N.J. 07065.

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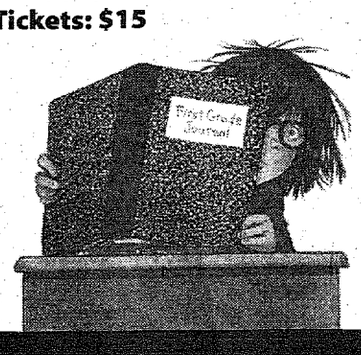
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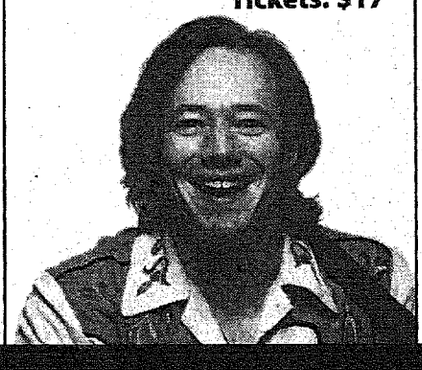
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Heart Walk is entering its 16th year, but through the American Heart Association's ground-breaking new Start! campaign, the American Heart Association has transformed its signature walking event into Start! Heart Walk to be the organization's "mission in action."

Start! Heart Walk is an opportunity for people to improve their health by walking, while simultaneously raising funds to help fight heart disease and stroke.

Every element of Start! Heart Walk is now designed to create a stronger community among participants; instill passion for reducing disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke; and generate excitement for a new or renewed commitment to heart-healthy living.

American Heart Association Start! Union County Heart Walk needs volunteers for many roles, including setting up and supporting the inaugural "create hope village," "inspire change village" and the "celebrate success village"; as well as volunteers to help with walk site set-up and take down; check-in/registration support; performers and entertainers; clowns and face painters; community health fair participants; team photograph volunteers; volunteers to help distribute food, water and other items; as well as to support other volunteer opportunities.

Close to 25,000 people from throughout New Jersey, including approximately 3,000 from Union County, are expected to step out this year in Start! Heart Walk. Join survivors of heart surgery, heart attack and stroke, as well as families, friends, neighbors and company teams from throughout Union County on May 17 to help fight heart disease and stroke to live longer, heart-healthy lives.

American Heart Association Start! calls on Americans and their employers to create a culture of physical activity and wellness in order to live longer, heart healthy lives. Make walking a part of your daily routine.

Learn more about the Start! campaign or register today for Start! Union County Heart Walk by calling the American Heart Association state office at 609-208-0020.

St. Barnabas offers bereavement support

There are times in our lives when the support and understanding of others is particularly helpful; the loss of a loved one is such a time. To help those who recently experienced the death of a loved one, The Pastoral Care Department at Saint Barnabas Medical Center offers a bereavement support group, "Growing Through Loss."

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.

While the group is free, there is a nominal fee for parking at the Medical Center. For more information, including specific group times and dates, please call Saint Barnabas's Pastoral Care Department at 973-322-5015.

Ask hospitals about care

The Senior Citizens Council of Union County is sponsoring an April 3rd, program on the services provided by local hospitals.

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In addition to their presentations, the hospital will also be provided information at individual display tables.

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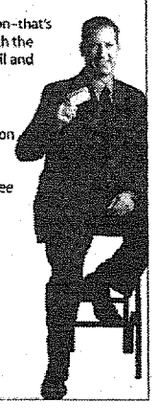
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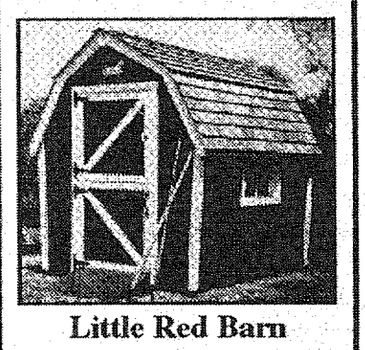
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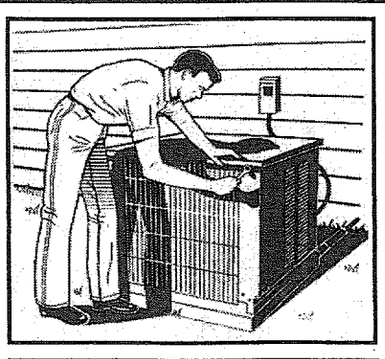
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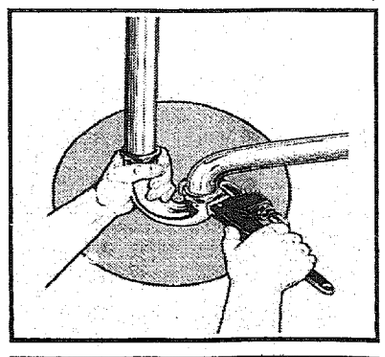
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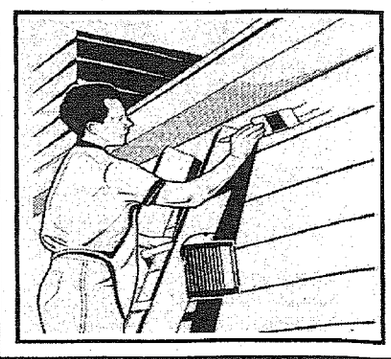
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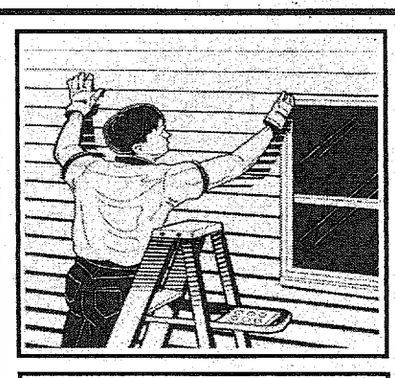
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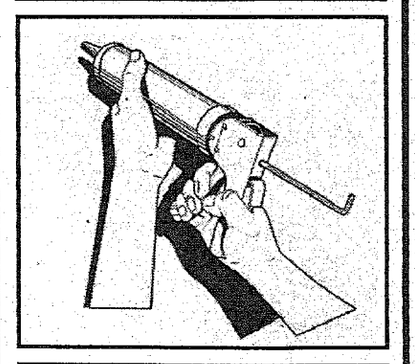
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Although mold is a naturally existing substance, it can be harmful to humans. When airborne mold spores are present in large quantities, they can cause allergic reactions, asthma episodes, infections and other respiratory problems. Continued exposure to mold may result in nasal or sinus congestion, eye, nose, or throat irritations and adverse effects to the nervous system.

All materials are likely to become moldy if they are wet for long enough. Evaluate the condition of all items in a flooded area. Wood furniture and other porous materials can trap mold and may need to be thrown away. Harder materials, such as glass, plastic and metal, can be cleaned and disinfected. Carpeting can be a problem since drying it out does not remove mold spores. Carpets with heavy mold may have to be discarded.

The secret to preventing problems is cleaning, disinfecting and drying all wet surfaces as soon as possible.

Specialists offer the following suggestions to ensure safe, effective cleanup:

• Open windows for ventilation and wear rubber gloves for cleaning;

• wash all areas and washable items that came in contact with flood waters with a non-ammonia soap or detergent;

• rinse thoroughly and disinfect the area with a dilute solution of 10 percent household bleach, one and one-quarter cups of bleach in one gallon of water and be sure to never use bleach with ammonia;

• dry the cleaned areas for several days, raising the temperature and using fans or dehumidifiers to help this process.

Even after cleaning, there may still be mold odors and mold may hide in walls or behind wall coverings. It is important to find all mold sources and properly clean them.

Materials that cannot be cleaned, such as drywall, fiberglass and cellulose insulation, should be removed and discarded. Then clean the wall studs where wallboard has been removed and allow the area to dry completely.

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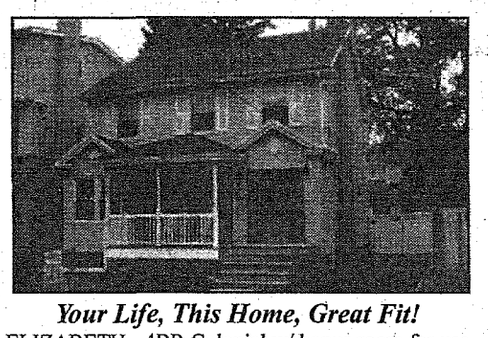
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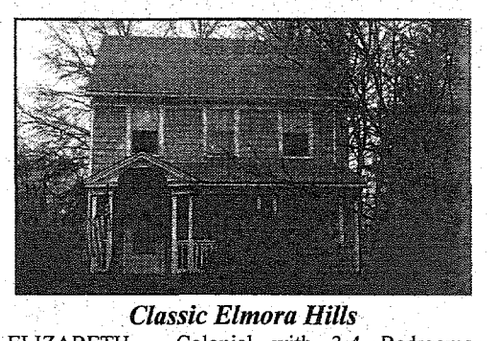
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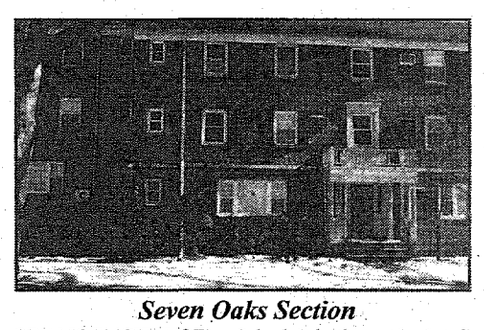
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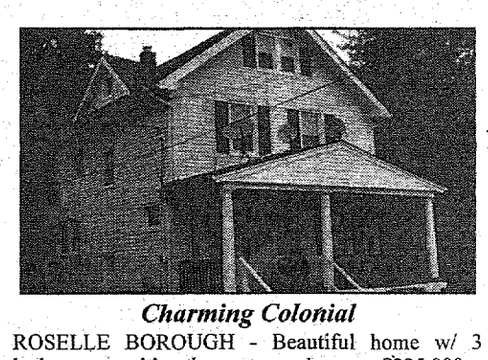
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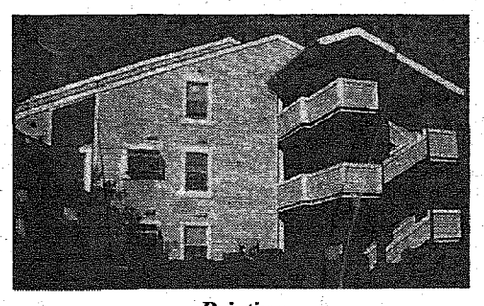
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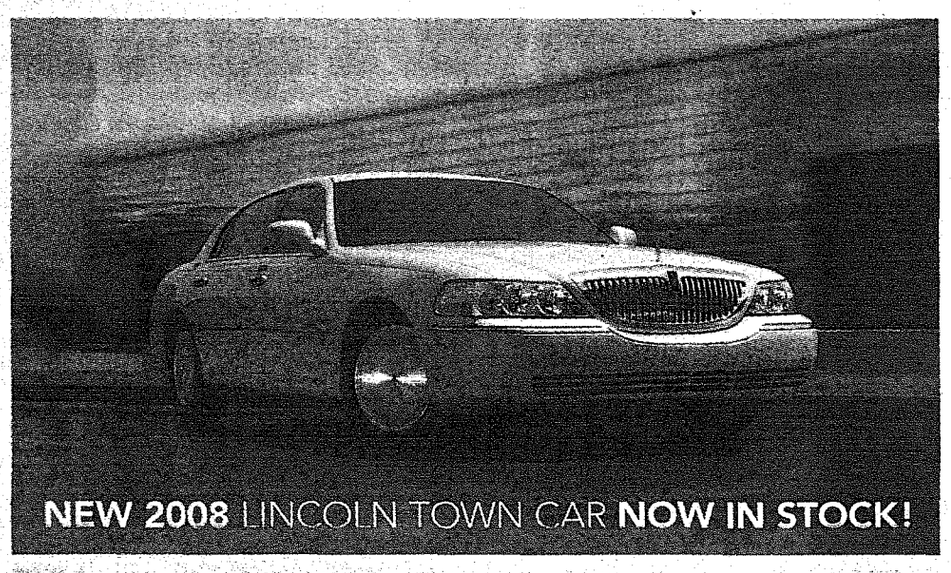


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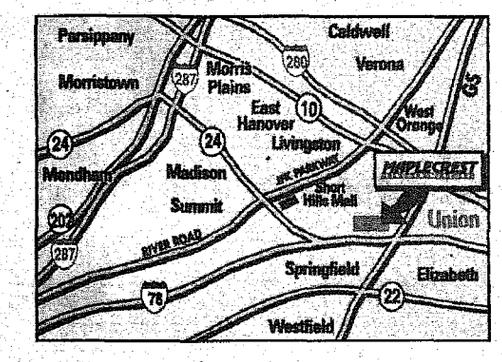
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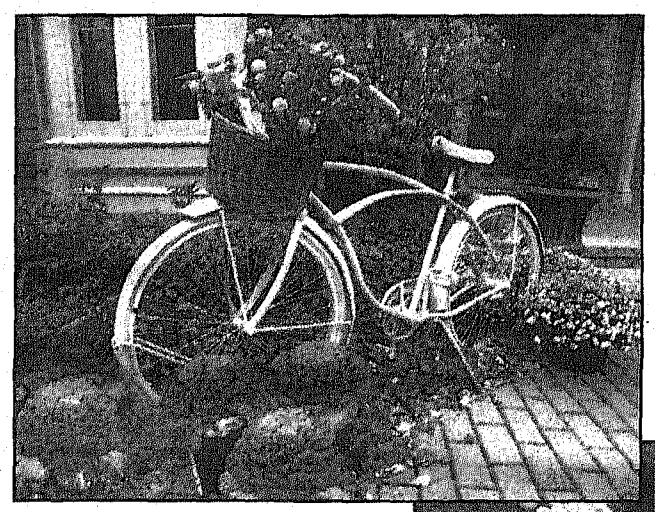
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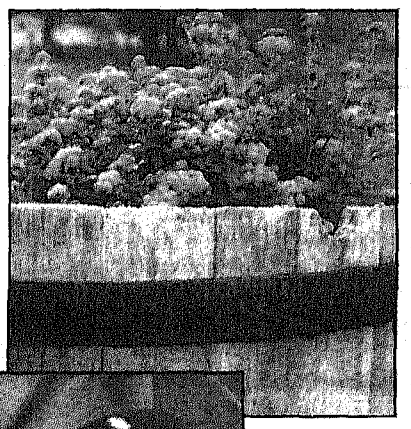
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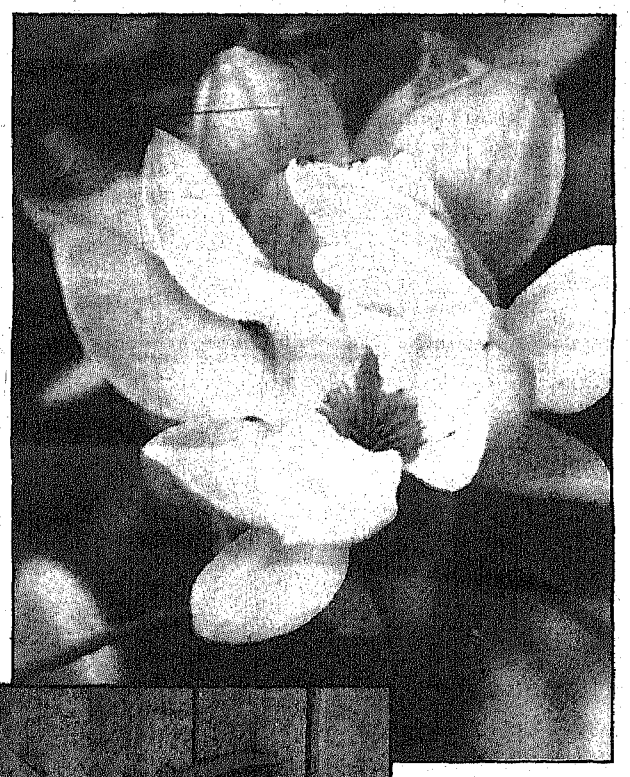
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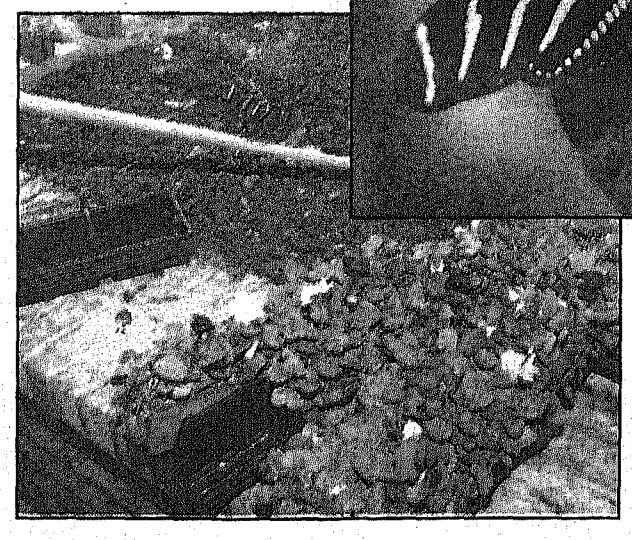
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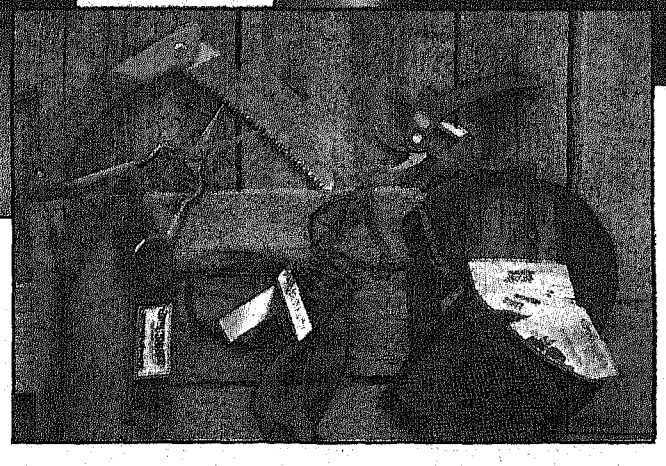












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Garage door maintenance is a must for homeowners

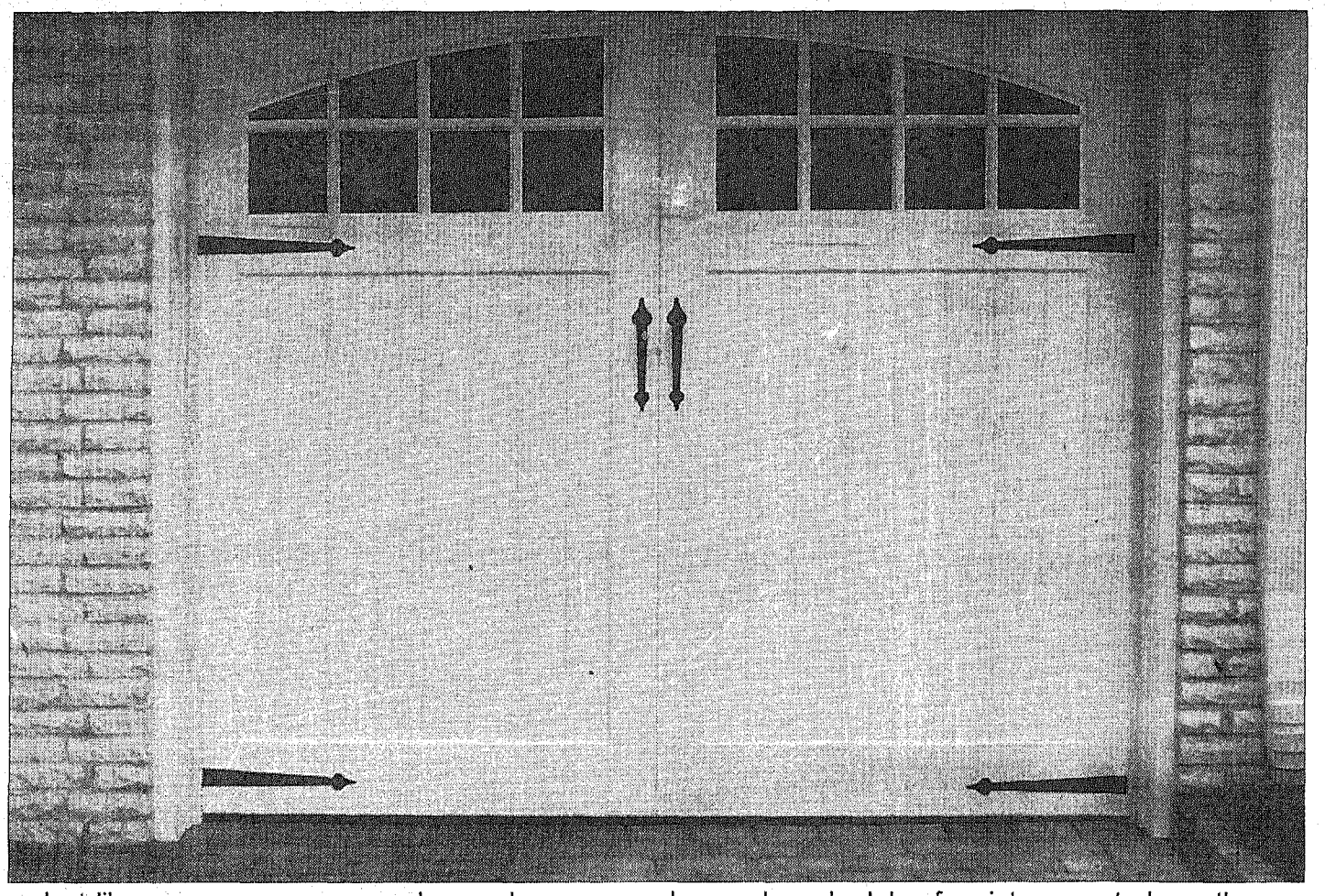
Many homeowners, unaware that their garage door system requires a maintenance program to preserve product safety and maximize the useful life of the equipment, take their garage doors for granted until a broken spring or cable creates a crisis situation. Not only can neglected garage doors be difficult to open and close, they can present a real danger to family and pets.

"Garage doors and door openers can be intimidating and are often ignored when homeowners plan home maintenance projects", said Bill Kohlman of Skillman Doors, a company in business since 1945. "The garage door system is the largest moving item in most homes and have many moving mechanical and electrical components that are sensitive to wear and tear, which can affect reliable operation and safety."

Kohlman recommends that garage doors and openers have an annual safety and maintenance tune-up. "Just like your car, your garage door and opener need a regular schedule of maintenance to keep them working safely and with out interruption," he said.

Major garage door repairs such as replacing door springs, cables and sections can be expensive, but annual tune-ups will provide early detection and treatment and can defer major repairs into the future. An annual preventive maintenance will also allow for major repairs to be accomplished during normal business hours eliminating emergency situations.

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If you are planning anything for your home, it is worth the trip. The Home Design Studios are located at 215 Valley St. in downtown South Orange. Stop by and, please, "make yourself at home."

Unification: a hot new trend in home decorating

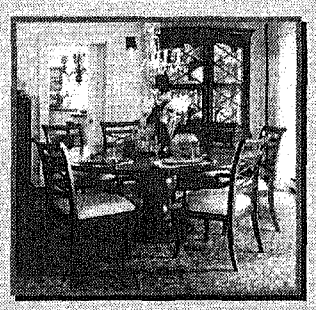
Want to get a feel for what's hot in the world of home decor these days? All you have to do is visit a couple of model homes in your community and take a good look around. You're sure to recognize a recurring theme.

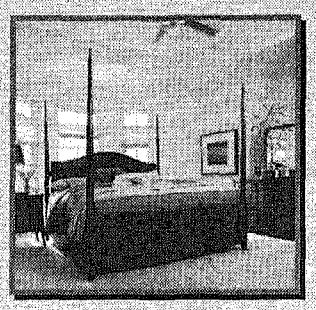
The cabinets you saw in the high-end kitchen closely resemble the furniture in the adjoining breakfast nook, and the ceiling molding in the dining room matches perfectly as well. These days, designers are going out of their way to carry a single theme throughout the entire house. It's a design trend called unification and as Vince Achey, vice president of sales and marketing for Plain & Fancy Custom Cabinetry explained, it's best achieved through customization.

"Custom cabinetry is the only way to utilize every inch of space and make storage easy, convenient and accessible as well as beautiful," he said. "We know our customer has specific storage needs and we try to accommodate them in every way possible, with designs that are smart and functional."

In the kitchen, some of the most popular custom applications people are requesting include decorative storage houses for toasters and other appliances, built-in spice racks, pull-out drawers and cutting boards that fit right into the counter. In the library or family room, homeowners have the option of continuing the look by installing matching custom bookshelves/cabinets that offer ample storage space.

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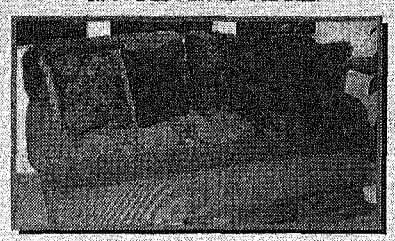




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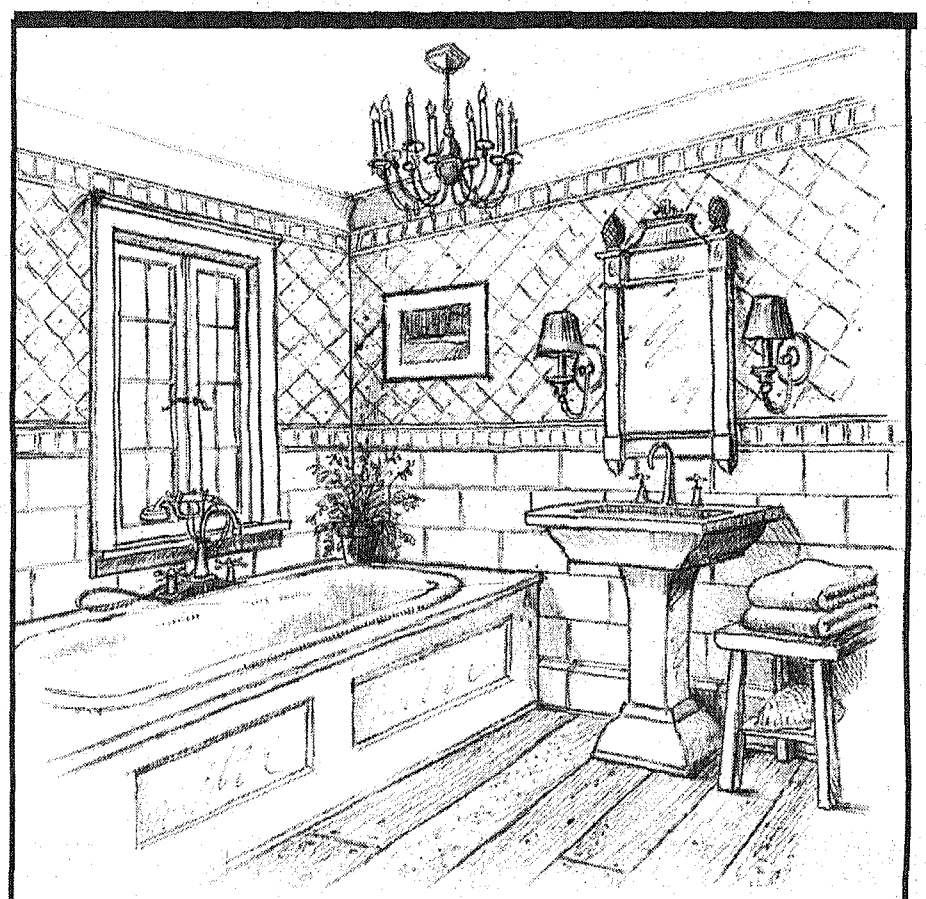
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Spring decor trends brighten the home

As the weather continues to warm and nature starts to awake from its winter slumber, the world around us embraces spring. This time of renewal is also the perfect time to update home decor with the fresh feeling associated with the change in season.

"Home decor that takes cues from nature and the serenity of the spring season is inspiring designers across the country," said Susan Atchison, manager of trend development for Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores. "This involves an abundance of flowers and greenery, soft color palettes and a feeling of peaceful tranquility throughout the home."

Here are some popular decorating ideas and trends that reflect the longer days and new growth of the spring season:

Cottage charm

Just like a relaxing day at a quaint bed and breakfast, decor can delight the senses with contentment and nostalgia. Interior designers and crafters alike are using intricate flower patterns to create unique household decorations. A soft blanket and pillow to adorn a favorite chair and black and white photos project the joys of yesteryear. Hand-painted buckets and antique watering cans bring the entire look together with a delightful country feel.

Zen infusion

Soft lines, warm scents and positive energy are all aspects of Zen-inspired designs. Think of enjoying a cup of green tea under a tree blooming with cherry blossoms and you'll see where designers get their motivation. In the home, you can easily set the mood for romance or relaxation with a Zen-inspired display of hand-painted hurricane candle lamps. Choose colors from nature that match your home decor and fill with fragrant candles.

Inspiring hues

Soft colors are key for spring decorating and you can find inspiration right outside your door. Blossoming flowers present shades of lavender, pink and tangerine. Sky blue coordinates well with the green shades of fresh grass and budding leaves. Warm yellows and browns are inspired by the sun and add a sense of peacefulness.

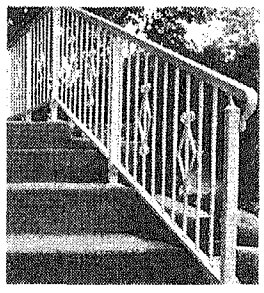
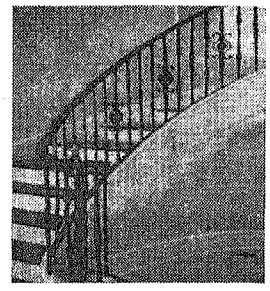
Springtime gatherings

Having a party for friends or family? A home filled with lively colors and floral motifs will greet guests with warmth and homespun hospitality. Sit down to a family brunch or dinner with a wonderful table setting featuring coordinating plates, mugs and serving dishes. Showcase delectable desserts and savory snacks on matching serving platters.

For more ideas and the latest trends in spring decorating projects, visit your local Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Store.

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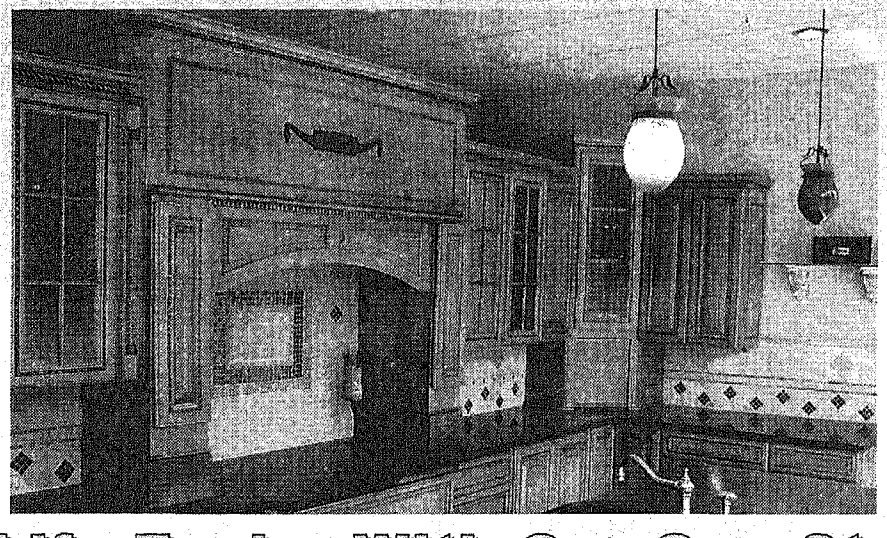
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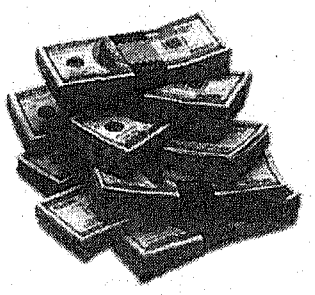
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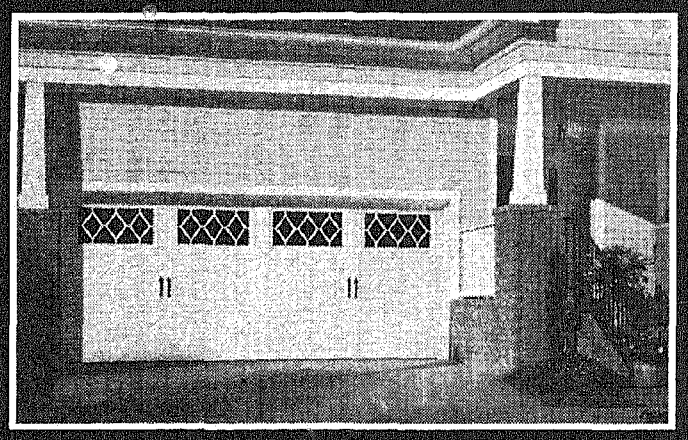
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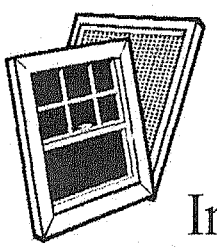
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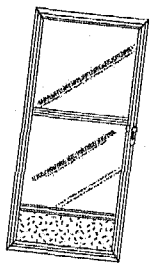
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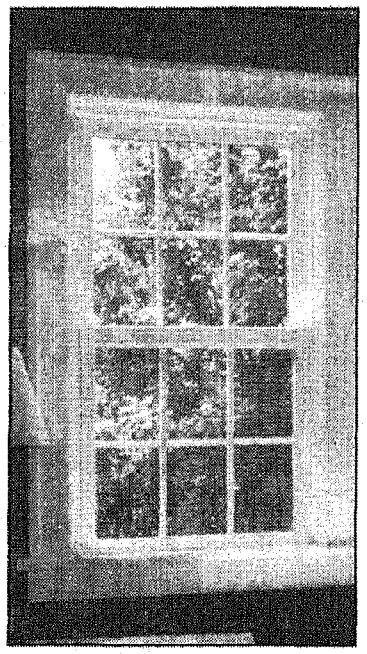
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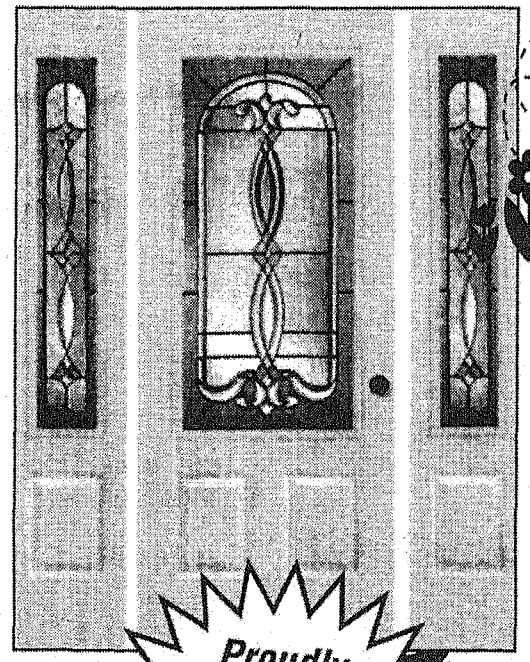
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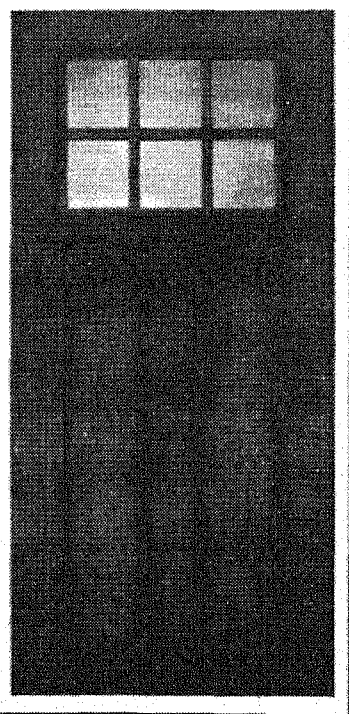
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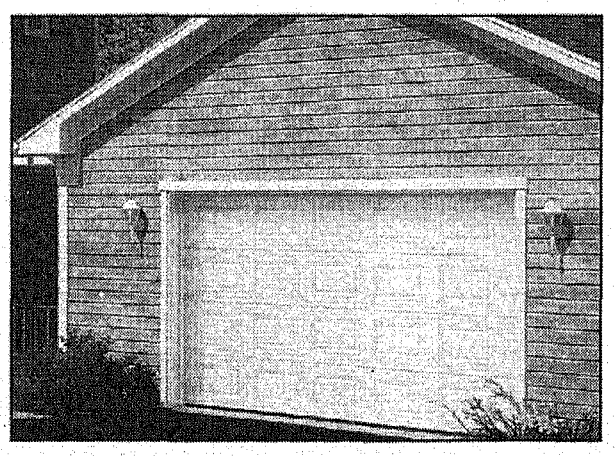




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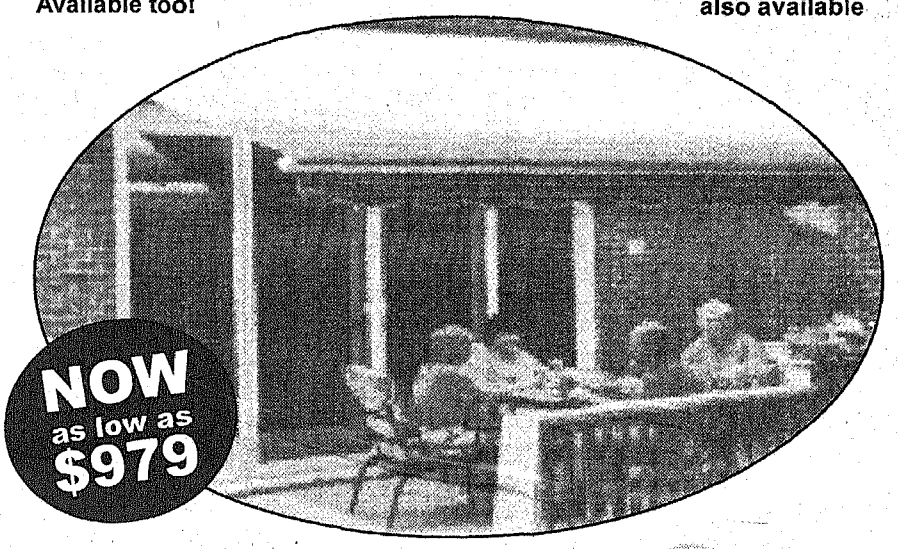
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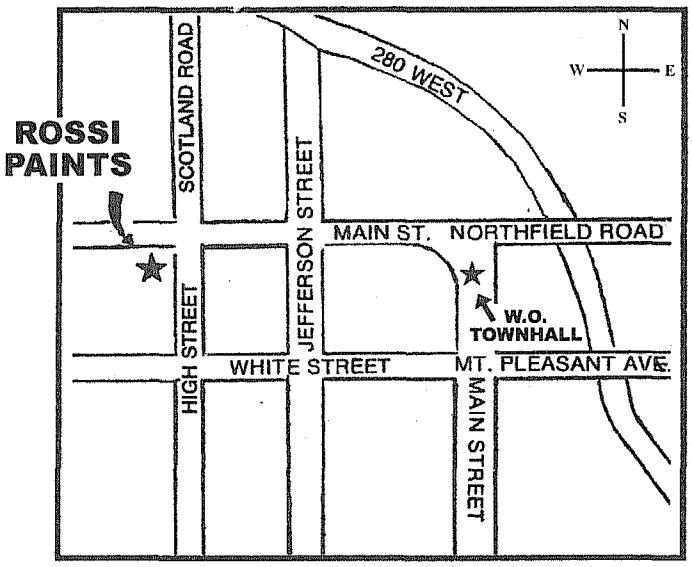
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This spring take a walk on the 'wildflower' side

Springtime. Time to start thinking about your flower beds and curb appeal. If you're tired of the same old annuals or too many choices leave you bewildered where to begin, this spring consider thinking outside the planting box. Plant wildflowers. Lots of them.

In a world dominated by red geraniums, pink begonias and yellow marigolds, wildflowers possess a simple grace and elegance that will enhance any garden or landscape. Wildflowers can magically transform a bare patch of soil into a glorious garden. They constantly color your landscape all season long. No matter your soil or sunshine, wildflowers are the answer to beautiful, bountiful blooms that keep the garden alive with a continual dazzling display of color.

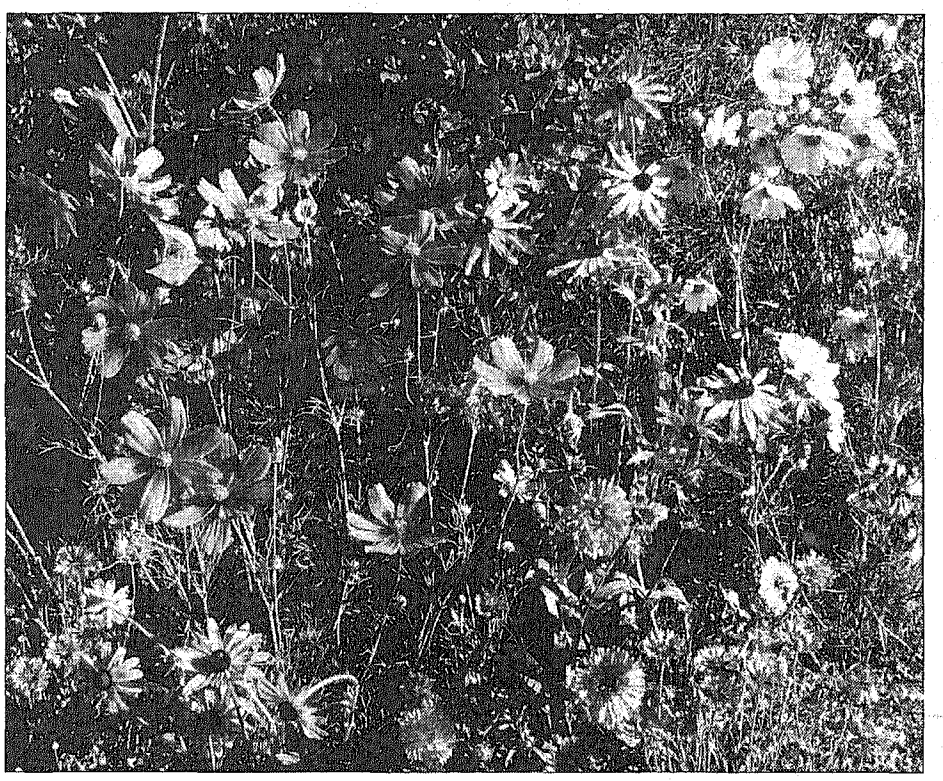
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• Wildflowers offer a diversity of unusual foliage shapes and sizes and colorful blooms.

• They can be grown in hard-to-maintain areas — corners, along fences, slopes that are difficult to mow or water.

• Wildflowers attract a number of garden-friendly visitors, such as birds and butterflies.



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Wherever you live, choose a location that gets six to eight hours of full sun and has good drainage. Most wildflowers can grow in heavy clay or less than fertile soils. The key to growing a hearty wildflower patch is to start with a good seedbed.

• Remove any existing weeds or grasses.

• Till the top 1 to 2 inches of soil. Tilling deeper than that will stir up thousands of dormant weed seeds and the wildflowers will struggle to get established.

• When planting wildflower seeds in a new garden area, don't fertilize unless your soil is extremely sandy; wildflowers don't need fertilizer. They are used to growing in average soils.

If you'd like to try your hand at growing wildflowers, you need to start with good seeds and the right mix for your geographical location. Outsidepride.com has done all the work for you offering a wide variety of wildflower seed mixes created specifically for your geographical region: Remember, a good wildflower mix contains both annuals and perennials. This gives the garden a wider variety of colors, heights and season-long blooms.

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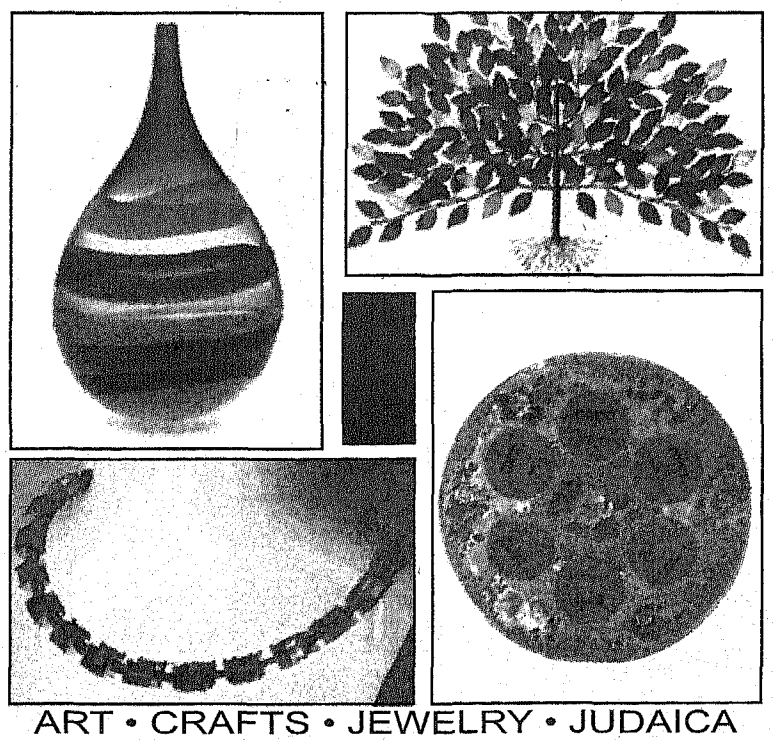
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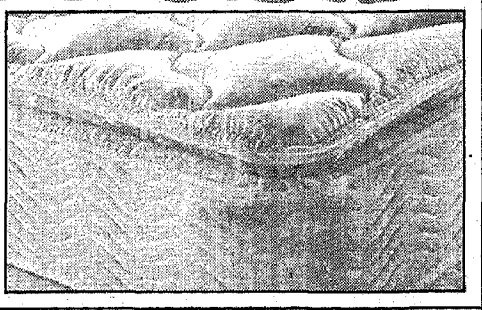
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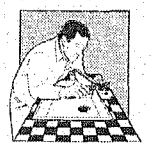
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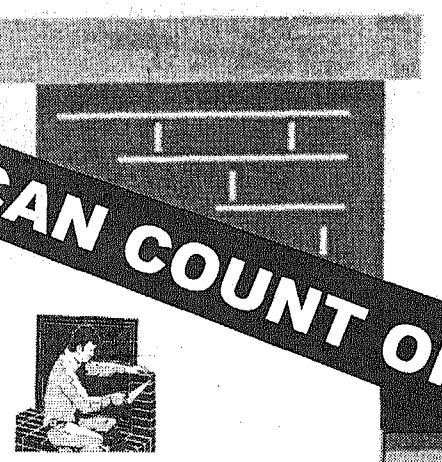
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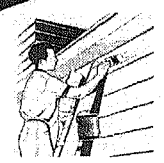
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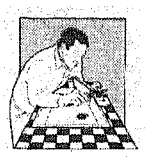
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"You can find a weekend project that's right for your budget, skill level and decorating goals," says home improvement expert Mike Denny of So deSimple Crown Molding.

"Look around your home and consider the details, those little things that you can do to really punch up a room's warmth and appeal. You'll be surprised at the projects that come to mind and many will be things you can do in a day or less."

At a loss where to begin with your weekend home improvements? Here are three ways to improve your home's value, style and warmth:

Punch it up with paint

Color has a huge impact on how a room feels and painting is one of the easiest DIY projects to accomplish in a weekend. "Paint's impact may seem obvious, but it's surprising how many people overlook its power to make over the most tired decor," Denny said.

Repainting can allow you to create a whole new look for a room without changing a stick of furniture or a single piece of artwork. For color ideas, draw inspiration from design elements you already love in your room's decor, be it a particular hue of red in the pattern of a throw pillow or a shade of green in your favorite painting. If the color is already present in your decor, chances are you can make it work on your walls.

Light the way

Interior designers agree: lighting has a huge impact on how a room looks. How light falls on your furnishings will affect how they look in the room. "Plus, drab, out-dated lighting can also have a big affect on how you feel about your home," Denny said.

If your new decor still seems tired, it might just be a problem of poor lighting. Consider how your room is lit at the different times of the day when you use it most. If it seems dim at times when you would like it to be bright, you may consider replacing existing light fixtures with brighter, more stylish options, possibly even ones that adjust on a dimmer according to changing illumination needs throughout the day.

Don't be intimidated by working with electricity when replacing light fixtures. Seek advice online or from the experts at your local home improvement store. Always be sure to turn off power at the electrical box and tape the breaker off while you're working so that no one comes along and turns it back on until you're ready.

A room's crowning glory

Few room enhancements speak of elegance and style the way crown molding does, but many do-it-yourselfers may think the job is beyond their abilities. Yet crown molding can be a weekend project within the abilities of virtually anyone who can handle a ladder and a caulk tube. The secret? Products like So-Simple Crown Molding, a light-weight crown molding made from a dense EPS Styrofoam composite. It installs with just caulking and comes with precut corners. No nails required.

In the past, crown molding was made of wood or MDF — particle board — and was the domain of the finish carpenter or old school do-it-yourselfer who builds their house from scratch. Now anyone can claim "bragging rights" for installing crown molding with this easy-to-handle material that looks exactly like real wood crown molding.

There are many beautiful styles of crown to choose from — decorative, contemporary to classic. You should choose the style that is right for you. For example, "Dentil Crown" style is a very popular decorative style and can be found in many Victorian homes. Dentil Crown is very detailed and is traditionally constructed of multiple layers of carved wood.

However, with SoSimpleCrown Dentil Crown you achieve the same look at a fraction of the cost. Classic "S" style moldings are simple and can be found in almost any ranch or Tuscany style home. Classic styles have a universal appeal and come in many sizes. When crown molding is installed against a wall painted with color your room really comes alive.

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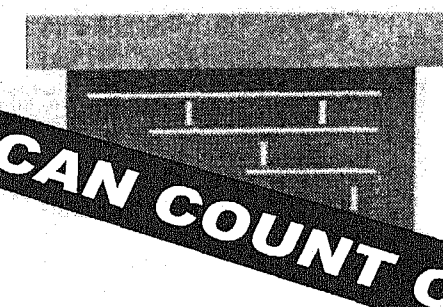
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This spring's hot home-decorating trend

Want to get a feel for what's hot in the world of home decor these days? All you have to do is visit a couple of model homes in your community and take a good look around. You're sure to recognize a recurring theme.

The cabinets you saw in the high-end kitchen closely resemble the furniture in the adjoining breakfast nook, and the ceiling molding in the dining room matches perfectly as well. These days, designers are going out of their way to carry a single theme throughout the entire house. It's a design trend called unification.

A good example of this practice can be found at fashion and lifestyle expert Robert Verdi's Luxe Laboratory, an innovative venue for displaying the best of today's luxury brands for the home. The lab, situated inside a stunning 3,400 square foot loft on the 13th floor of an art deco building on West 30th Street in Manhattan, features a collection of luxury brands — displayed in context — to create a seamless total experience that stimulates the style senses.

From the moment you walk through the door, you're transformed into a space that's new — characteristic of a new French look with touches of old world flair. There's oversized furniture and big chandeliers. The kitchen is organized and contemporary without being sterile. The cabinetry is being used as a template for what is truly a great room. The library mimics the cabinetry in the kitchen with the same style and finish.

"I wanted the space to be consistent, with a natural flow from one room to the next. No one wants their home to feel like a showroom so the cabinetry in this space unifies the design theme and connects with the rest of the decor," said Verdi.

Vince Achey, vice president of sales and marketing for Plain & Fancy Custom Cabinetry, the brand of cabinets chosen for the Luxe Laboratory, agreed with Verdi's assessment. "Custom cabinetry is the only way to utilize every inch of space and make storage easy, convenient and accessible as well as beautiful. We know our customer has specific storage needs and we try to accommodate them in every way possible, with designs that are smart and functional."

In the kitchen, some of the most popular custom applications people are requesting include decorative storage houses for toasters and other appliances, built-in spice racks, pull-out drawers and cutting boards that fit right into the counter.

In the library or family room, homeowners have the option of continuing the look by installing matching custom bookshelves/cabinets that offer ample storage space. They may cover all four walls and/or reach from the ground to ceiling. Whatever the homeowner wants.

Matching cabinets above the washer/dryer in the laundry room allow the homeowner to store detergent, dryer sheets and stain remover out of sight so the room has a clean look.

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Scrub away the stress this spring cleaning season

Many of us continually seek ways to make house cleaning easier and less time-consuming. This spring cleaning season, the secret is revealed. Determine the level of cleanliness or chaos you can live with and then establish cleaning routines throughout the year to help achieve and maintain that level.

"I understand the importance of a clean home, but like most women, I'm not willing to invest too much precious time or back-breaking effort in housework," said Kelly Semrau, SC Johnson vice president of global public affairs and communication. "That's why we continually create new products that provide innovative cleaning solutions, and help achieve top results with minimal energy."

Building a cleaning schedule can be confusing if one doesn't know how often chores should be completed. Scrub away some of the stress and toil this spring cleaning season by following a few simple timing guidelines year-round.

The daily dose

Daily tasks vary from family to family, but it's easy to determine what needs to be done each day. Look for the chores that are repeated, including the following:

• Nearly everyone deals with dishes every day, whether washing them by hand or loading them into the dishwasher.

• Large families — or those with small wardrobes — may need to do laundry every day. For tough stains, be sure to use a stain remover right away so they don't settle into the fabric.

• Some loathe the smell or sight of garbage and so choose to take it out on a daily basis.

Weekly to-dos

Weekly chores can be the most time-consuming, so look to employ shortcuts, like engaging the entire family in the household chores or using products that minimize the need for excessive elbow grease. Some top weekly chores include:

• Vacuuming and dusting on a weekly basis prevents buildup of dust that can trigger allergies.

• Kitchen items like counters and microwaves get a lot of use and may require a quick cleaning each week.

• Guests and household members appreciate a clean bathroom, which means there needs to be a weekly wipe-down of the counters, toilet and soap-scummed tub. Products like new SC Johnson Scrubbing Bubbles Action Scrubber, which combines the cleaning power of Scrubbing Bubbles with an easy-to-use handle — tears through soap scum and grime easier and quicker.

Cleaning your home doesn't need to be a second job this spring and you should consider ways to make it enjoyable, like downloading a few upbeat tunes to listen to while cleaning. For more cleaning tips, visit *www.scrubbingbubbles.com.*

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Need more room? Don't move — improve

According to the National Association of Realtors, the continuation of a soft market is predicted for existing home sales in the coming months. This comes as bad news for people who are considering selling their homes in the near future.

Gone are the days when potential buyers would fight over every listing that comes on the market, driving up prices in the process. Now, homes may linger on the market for months, fetching far lower prices. The national median home price for existing single-family homes was $206,200 in the fourth quarter of 2007, down 5.8 percent from just a year prior. Because buying a new home typically requires first selling your current home, many people who want to "move up" to a bigger or nicer home are choosing to stay in their current homes and upgrade them rather than put them on the market.

Home improvements offer many benefits: they not only make your home more comfortable, but can also be a prudent investment. Popular projects include kitchen remodels, bathroom additions, deck additions, siding and window replacement — all improvements that, in addition to making a home more livable, may actually increase the value of a home.

But with the economy being as tough as it is lately, where will people find the money to pay for their improvements? A popular option is to tap into the equity in the very house you're planning to fix up. "When it comes to funding home improvement projects, consumers with equity in their homes have multiple options, such as taking out a home-equity loan, setting up a home-equity line of credit or refinancing an existing mortgage," says Stephen Semprevivo, president of LowerMyBills.com, a free online service that can help consumers compare low rates on monthly bills and reduce the cost of living.

Here is a quick guide to financing choices:

• Home-equity loan: With a home-equity loan, you take out one lump some of money based on the equity you already have in your home. The amount you borrow and the interest rate are fixed at the start of the loan. These loans typically last from five to 15 years.



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• Home-equity line of credit: Like a credit card, a home-equity line of credit functions as an open line of credit, only it is borrowed against your house like a second mortgage. The benefits of using a home-equity line of credit instead of a credit card are that the interest rate for a home-equity line of credit is almost always lower than that of a credit card and the interest you pay is usually tax deductible.

• Cash-out refinance: A cash-out refinance allows you to refinance your mortgage for more than you currently owe, leaving cash on the table that you can put toward your home improvements. Unlike a home-equity line of credit or home-equity loan, a cash-out refinance does not require taking on the additional burden of a second loan.

Don't want to take the gamble of borrowing against your house? Don't despair. "Homeowners that don't have a lot of equity in their homes or don't want to tap into that equity, may find that simply refinancing their homes can help offset home improvement costs," said Semprevivo.

Interest rates are near record lows. If you bought your home a few years ago you may well be able to refinance at a lower rate. That lower rate can yield substantial savings that can go a long way in paying off your home improvement bills.

Want to find out which option offers the best scenario for you? There are benefits and drawbacks to any home loan, so it's a good idea to discuss your options with a trusted financial professional. Once you've decided on the right move for you, Web sites like *www.LowerMyBills.com* can connect you with lenders who will compete for your business by offering competitive rates and terms.

Whether you go with a home-equity loan, a home-equity line of credit or a refinance, your interest payments will likely be tax deductible, and no matter which financing option you choose, upgrading your home can add value and comfort. Better get started right away though so you can enjoy those improvements in time for summer.

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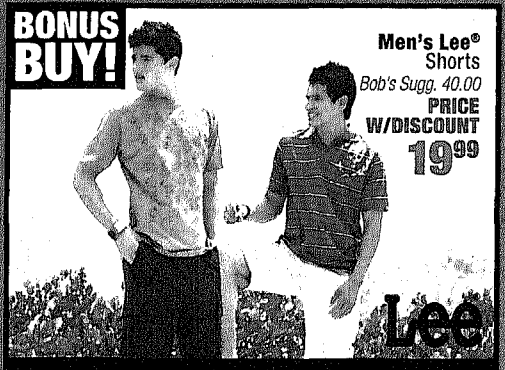
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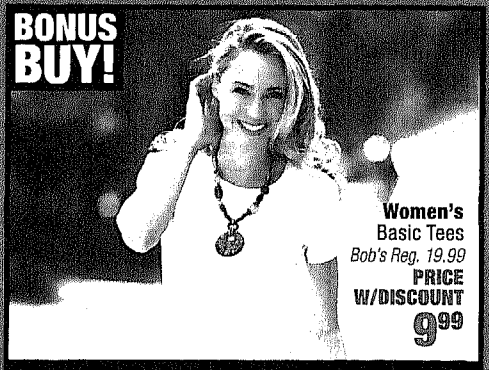
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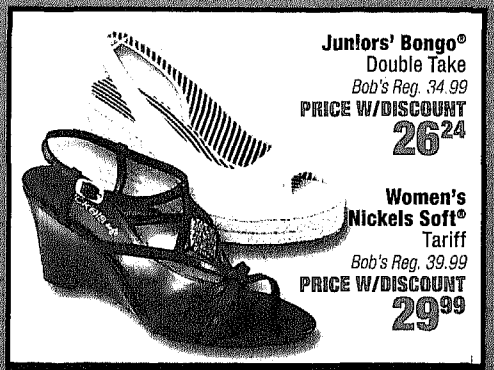
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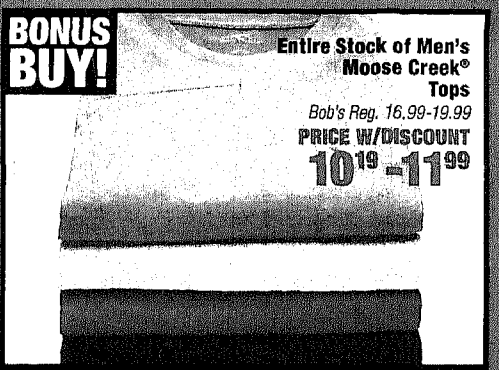


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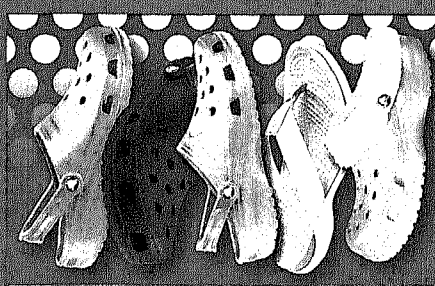
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