Battling the blaze

A member of the Union Fire Department aims a hose toward the roof as he douses embers during a fire.

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THURSDAY **APRIL 3, 2008**

Shelter seeks support

People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization based in Hillside, is sponsoring its annual Walk for Animals on May 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nomahegan Park in Cranford.

Everyone is invited attend this fun event, with or without a dog. There will be refreshments

for dogs and humans, contests and "doggie bags" filled with goodies for the canine participants.

People for Animals is asking anyone

Waiting to be adopted.

interested in participating to call 973-282-0890, ext. 312 to register, to pledge or for more information.

Calling all characters

Union Leader is spotlighting interesting people in Union, Roselle Park, Kenilworth and Hillside.

If you know someone living or working in Union, Roselle Park, Kenilworth or Hillside whose talent or determination has resulted in a notable accomplishment, who has an unusual job or hobby or who has done a good deed and deserves recognition, tell Union Leader about them.

E-mail tips to Union Leader at unionleader@thelocalsource.com. To contact the managing editor, call 908-686-7700, ext. 122,

Township Trivia

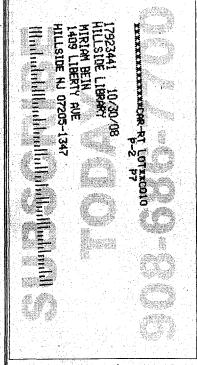
In honor of the township of Union's bicentennial celebration, the Union Leader will be testing residents' knowledge of local history by asking weekly trivia ques-

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 editor managing 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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DPW worker arrested for alleged assault dispatched to the scene but the suspects were

> A 26-year-old man from New York City sustained serious injuries and was rushed to University Hospital in Newark after being given first aid by fire personnel.

According to authorities, the victim recuperated and was discharged two days later.

The younger Muller, 26, was able to post \$25,000 on the day of his arrest and was seen back at work on Monday. The former mayor was contacted regarding his son's arrest, but did not want to comment.

The motive for the fight remains unknown and the investigation, according to the head of

the Detective's Bureau, Captain Scott Breslow, said. Panunzio added Muller could face suspenremains active. Union resident Joseph Morrical, 25, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault and for outstanding warrants on Feb. 12 in connect with the incident. Morrical was released the

"We're looking to make sure if anyone else was involved," Breslow said.

Sergio Panunzio, superintendent of the Department of Public Works, said disciplinary action cannot be taken against Muller until he receives a formal notification of his arrest by the

"We were not notified by the Police Department on his arrest nor his conviction," Panunzio sion, pending a departmental hearing.

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"I did not hear anything," Panunzio reiterated. "I heard in passing that there was an altercation in a local tavern and a public employee may be involved, but that's all I heard."

Panunzio said that as a member of his department, Muller is efficient and polite.

"As an employee, he's a gentlemen and I have not had any problems whatsoever," Panunzio said. "He has always been a productive employ-

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Tackling

the big

screen

Borough native is

By Toniann Antonelli

Managing Editor

not a word easily associated with

player's successful football career to

his role as "Big Gus" in George

Clooney's new movie "Leatherheads,"

the Roselle Park native's career on the

carpet at a Hollywood premier, played

basketball with George Clooney and

run plays as a professional football

player, when Keith Loneker returns to

his hometown, he's greeted as the

friendly Roselle Park High School

graduate who loves to laugh and made

a name for himself in the community.

where I started," Loneker, 37, said a

few hours before the Hollywood pre-

mier of "Leatherheads." "Whatever

"Man, I love Roselle Park. It's

But although he's walked the red

big screen is gaining momentum.

ROSELLE PARK - "Small" is

From the hulking former NFL

in Clooney film

Keith Loneker.

UHS heads to 'Oz'

By Jackeline Leon

Staff Writer

UNION — A Department of Public Works

employee and son of a former township mayor,

Greg Muller, was arrested March 27 in connec-

tion with an aggravated assault incident which

the corner of Stuyvesant and Rosemont avenues,

during the early hours of Feb. 4, the night of

A fight allegedly erupted in front of the pop-

ular tavern shortly after 1 a.m. It was reported

that five or six individuals were fighting in the

middle of the street. Seven police officers were

The incident took place at Paddy's Place on

sent one person to the hospital.

Super Bowl Sunday.

'The Wiz' to open on Union stage

By Bea Smith **Staff Writer**

UNION — When a high school musical cast and its director become harmonious right from the very beginning of a production, one can assume there will be more than a modicum of

Take the Union High School Performing Arts Co., for example. More than 55 cast members of "The Wiz," have taken a shine to its new director, James Mosser. Those working on the production, including musical director Laura Miller and her 25-member band, choreographer Jennifer Williams, staff members, a technical crew of about 15, volunteer parents and friends who have been working together, are anticipating that the show will be a success with audiences.

The enthusiasm of putting on such a huge and difficult musical is a bit contagious.

Five representatives of the Union High School PAC theater — Aminah Brister, who plays Evillene; Eric Jackson, the Scarecrow, Ellie Kahn, Glinda, the Good Witch, and Kevin Klaw, one of the technicians — and their director, James Mosser, recently discussed their experiences in the production of "The Wiz."

Mosser, who is new to the PAC and has appeared as an actor on occa-

Despite the fact that the high school cast misses its longtime director and mentor, Yvonne Rago, and last year's director, Brian Monaghan, the members are pleased with the way Mosser "is continuing the legacy of bringing high quality theater to the community.'

"The Wiz," which was produced on Broadway in the 1970s and as a motion picture about 30 years ago, has music and lyrics by Charlie Smalls

UNION —

a victory.

Birch.

By Jackeline Leon

Staff Writer

between the watchdog group, Citizens for a Unit-

ed Union and the township has both sides claiming

Katherine Dupuis had denied the township's

request March 27 to dismiss the lawsuit filed by

the watchdog group against township clerk, Eileen

The township is also claiming a victory because

Dupuis dismissed the "order to show cause" filed

by the CUU, alleging that there exists a conflict of

interest because the clerk is Assemblyman Joseph

not expected to be expedited as quickly as many

said CUU attorney Thadeus Maciag failed to pres-

As a result of the judge's decision, the case is

Jack Carbone, the attorney representing Birch,

The CUU is pleased that Superior Court Judge

The latest legal proceeding



Cast members rehearse a scene from the Union High School musical 'The Wiz.' which opens Friday at the Union High School auditorium and continues with performances next weekend.

with a book by William F. Brown.

"The kids have responded well to the upbeat music," Mosser explained, "and based on kids I had met, I felt that this production would be best to showcase our talent."

So far, he indicated, "rehearsals are going well. I had worked with kids in able to get along with this age group. Even though it's hard work to put on a play of this size, it can be fun, too. We had a run through early this week, and we were able to get through the whole thing with no flaws. It looks very good. I think the audience will be stage, has musical degrees in theater . pleasantly surprised to see what we've come up with."

Brister, Jackson, Kahn and Klaw all agreed that even if rehearsals are from 3 to 9 p.m. in the last weeks, they still manage to do their homework backstage when they do not have to perform. They said they "get along fine" with their new director.

"This is like a trial run." Kahn admitted. "We still like having Mrs. Rago. But this is a whole new setup it's really fresh and fun and wonderful."

The students have said that while

government change.

allegations," Carbone explained.

matter to move forward.

case should not be dismissed.

it," Papale said. Carbone disagreed.

Town, CUU both claim victory

review of a petition drafted by the CUU seeking

the proceeding, but you're only entitled to truncate

proceedings if you have the facts supporting your

proof of certification for the petition to the judge

and obtain a verification of the complaint for the

not the case, meaning she won't proceed at a nor-

mal pace number one, Carbone said. "And num-

group did its part to convince the judge that the

ber two, Mr. Maciag did not prove anything."

It was decided that Maciag had to present a

"The judge dismissed the order to show cause,

Louis Papale, a member of the CUU, said the

"It's a big win for us in that they did not dismiss

"Its an interesting spin to put on things," Car-

"The order to show cause would've shortened

they miss Rago, they have grown explained that "a deck chief makes

close to their new director as well. "We were really close to her, but working with Mr. Mosser, we really have grown very close to him," Jackson said. "We enjoy being in his com-

"We're really like part of his famia previous job, so I know I would be .. ly now, and we respect him, because, now, he's part of ours," Klaw said.

> Mosser said the feeling is mutual. "You never know how they're going to feel when you're directing them for the first time. But they're really great," he said.

The director added that the production team has read "all the wonderful 'Oz' books. This play is based on the concept of the original books, and the books have been adapted in many forms, including the famous 'Wizard of Oz' movie with Judy Garland. And to the public, it's still very popular."

Brister, Jackson and Kahn expressed their feelings about enacting an important role in the play.

"While you're acting, you forget the person that you actually are, and you become that character. So your lines are more natural," said Brister.

And as a stage technician, Klaw

ent sufficient evidence that Birch was biased in her bone said. "It doesn't sound like a win to me."

sure all the scenery is moving the way it's supposed to move."

Among the members of the production staff are Jennifer Williams, choreographer; Melissa Abbate, assistant musical director, and Darryl Stewart, assistant choreographer; and Jeanie Gangloff, a working actress in New York City, as assistant director. The set designer is the award-winning Peter Avagliano.

Many of the "20 or so parents," who have formed a Parents Association, help backstage and do much of the work that is required. "We've never seen such a group of people work so hard," said Mosser.

"The Wiz" will take place on the weekends starting this Friday and Saturday and also April 10, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m., and Sunday and April 13 at 2 p.m. in the theater at Union High School, 2350 North Third St., Union.

"All the characters have something wonderful that the audience can relate to," Jackson said. "And everyone will be having a lot of fun."

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The case will now move onto the next legal

phase of this procedural track — depositions.

Since the matter remains under discussion, the

petitions filed by the CUU are reportedly nullified.

township-proposed charter study to look into pos-

sible government change will be on the general

election ballot in November. Before the hearing

on the March 27, there had been several postpone-

"This is good news," Maciag said. "The CUU

The CUU had been pushing for a special elec-

tion sometime in the spring, for a change in local

government that would allow residents to directly

elect their mayor, as opposed to the current town-

ship committee format, in which members of the

governing body select the mayor from among

ments. In response, Maciag said he is hopeful.

is now going to get its day in court."

It is expected that the question regarding a

you are right now is predicated on where you started and that's Roselle Although his original goals were more focused on sports than acting,

Loneker said he's "always been a little bit of an entertainer." As a high school student, he played drums in the marching band and later went on to form his own music production company. "Football was what I always

planned on doing, but I was always an entertainer. I even took some improv classes in college because I always felt that maybe there was a chance," Loneker said.

In his sophomore year, Loneker started playing football for the Roselle Park Panthers. A hip injury almost halted his career, but Loneker, refusing to believe he would never get back on the football field, spent his days working out and rehabilitating. His efforts paid off, as coaches and fellow players recognized his talent. His mother, Michelle Loneker, is still hoping that someday, the high school will retire her son's jersey bearing his old number, 74.

Loneker's determination captured the attention of Glen Mason, the former head football coach at the University of Kansas, who offered Loneker a full scholarship to the Division 1 school.

School Board Member Michael Genovese, a member of the Roselle Park Dad's Club, which supports athletic programs, knows the Loneker family well and remembers Keith's talent on the field.

Loneker, who says coaches and teachers helped "point him in the right direction," has also acknowledged the support he gained from organizations such as the Dad's Club. Club president Kenneth Iachio said Loneker once sent the club a letter after discovering it's Web site. The letter said "As a former Panther I just wanted to say thanks for all you do and all you did

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Annual bike tour to focus on safety

DARE Unit has announced its 11th Annual Union Police Bike Tour, which will be conducted on June 7, with a rain date of June 14. The event is open to boys and

girls ages 8 and older, who have access to a bicycle in safe working condition and a protective helmet. Parents are encouraged to accompany the participants.

This event has been designed to give young people and their families an opportunity to enjoy a day of fun, learn about their community and create a setting in which young people and local police can interact to build strong, positive relationships.

This event will be free to all par-

local business and police, as well as the involvement of parents, children will have an opportunity to see that the township of Union, as a community, cares about them.

All bicycles must be registered with the Union Police Department. Although bicycles may be registered at the bike tour, participants are strongly encouraged to register bicycles in advance at Union Police Headquarters or at the Union Police Mobile Precinct anytime prior to the

Check-in for the tour will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Rabkin Park, located on Swanstrom Place in Union. The tour will consist of a 5-mile ride

The Union Police Department ticipants. Because of the effort of through Union. The riders will be given an opportunity to take a rest break at the midpoint of the tour.

> The tour is not a competition, so participants will ride at a controlled pace. An obstacle course competition will be conducted after the tour. Refreshments will be available and prizes will be awarded.

The event is made possible by the sponsorship of local businesses, community organizations and other agencies.

There is no charge to participate in the event and applications will be distributed through local schools, Additional applications are available by contacting the Union Police DARE Unit at 908-851-5252.

Meeting to open with song, dance

Union AARP Chapter 4026 will meet on April 10 at the Union Senior Center, 968 Bonnel Court, Union at 12:30

The Bridgewater Roxies, a senior dance group, will entertain with a variety of dance numbers.

On April 14, chapter volunteers will go to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lyons, Somerset County, where they conduct bingo games every month. Bill Sonnentag is asking for donation of stuffed animals - preferably dogs - baseball caps, men's T-shirts and lap robes to be used as

A trip is scheduled to Atlantic City's Showboat Casino on April 22. For reservations, call Shirley at 908-289-6770.

The Union chapter is again participating in Operation Shoe Box. Members will be collecting the following items which will be shipped to our troops overseas: sunblock, bug

spray, lip balm, feminine products, cotton swabs, razors, eye drops, gum, hard candy, batteries, small drink mixes, socks, clothespins, snack food, protein bars, fleece blankets, tea bags, writing materials and calling cards. Members should bring these items to the May 8 meeting only, not in

The Brownstone cancelled the May 9 trip to see the Brighton Beach Big Top Circus. There will be a trip on June 5 to the Renault Winery for a family-style luncheon, followed by a five-hour visit to Showboat Casino in Atlantic City. For information, call 908-687-3394.

Eleanor Sautter has announced that this year's installation luncheon will take place on June 11 at the Galloping Hill Caterers in Union, from noon to 4 p.m. This will be a full-course sit-down meal with entree choices of chicken, prime rib or salmon. Refreshments will be served.

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:

• 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,

· A search and rescue program will be conducted at the Kenilworth Public Library, 548 Boulevard, from 7 to 7:45 p.m. for children age 6 and older, and their families. Children and their families will have an opportunity to learn about outdoor safety. Topics to be covered include: what to do if you get lost, what to do if someone else gets lost, how to stay safe to prevent the need for a search and preparation for outdoor safety.

This program is recommended for those involved in scouting and anyone who enjoys camping. The program will be presented by Katya Hanson, a representative of The New Jersey Search and Rescue. Registration is required. To register, call the library at 908-276-2451.

Sunday

· The NJWA Concert Band, under the direction of conductor Howard Toplansky will perform a spring concert at 1:30 p.m. at the YM-YWHA of Union at 501 Green Lane, Union. The concert is open to the public.

For information about the concert or to learn how to become a member of the NJWA Concert Band, call 908-964-1793 or send an e-mail to njwaband@att.net.

 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 public is encouraged to attend.

 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.

Union YM-YWHA will view Kahlo's 'jewel-like' paintings

The YM-YWHA of Union County and the JCC in Scotch Plains are planning a joint trip to visit the Frida Kahlo exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum on May 15.

Organized in celebration of the 100 anniversary of the artist's birth, the event is the first major Kahlo exhibition in the United States in nearly 15 years. It presents more than 40 of the artist's most important self-portraits, still life pieces and portraits from the beginning of her career in 1926, until her death in 1954.

Rendered in vivid colors and realistic details, Kahlo's jewel-like paintings are filled with complex symbolism often relating to specific inci-

The exhibition includes loans from more than 30 private and institutional collections in the United States, Mexico, France and Japan. The Frida Kahlo exhibit also features a selection of nearly 100 photographs of Kahlo and her husband, Mexican muralist Diego Rivera. Personal snapshots of the artist with family and friends

including such cultural and political luminaries as Andre and Leon Trotsky, are also on view.

The luxury bus will leave the Green Lane YM-YWHA at 8:30 a.m. or the Scotch Plains "JCC at 9 a.m. A brown bag lunch will be provided. The bus will return approximately 7 p.m. For information or reservations, call Susan at the YM-YWHA at 908-289-8112, or Nan at the JCC at 908-889-8800.

On Wednesday at 11 a.m. the YM-YWHA of Union is hosting its annual Model Passover Seder. The seder will be conducted by Bryan Fox, who will provide information and explanations of the important parts of the seder. The children from the YM-YWHA nursery school will sing some favorite Passover songs.

It is an informative introduction and explanation of new insights in the traditional Passover seder. Following the reading of the Haggadah there will be a complete seder meal including soup, gefilta fish, chicken and all the trimmings. For reservations, call Susan at 908-289-8112.

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

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,

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

Participants should wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a towel and mat. Yoga mats are avail-

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able for purchase from the instructor. The instructor is Paula Borenstein

1120 Commerce Ave, behind Hannah *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 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 statelicensed program also participates in government-assisted programs for lower income families.

Transportation is available from selected areas, along with a lunch pro-

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.

There will also be children's pro-

For information, call the Y at 908-289-8112.

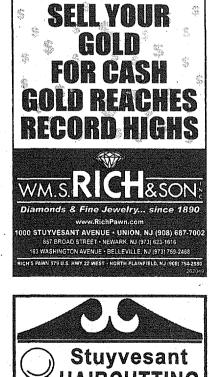
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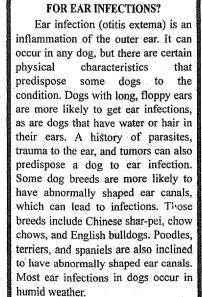












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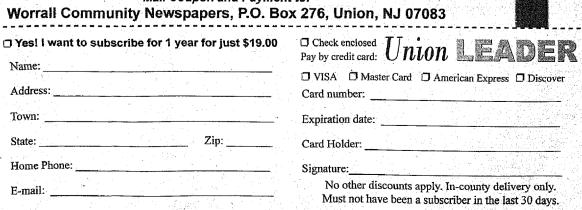
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Student will pack his bags as the learning continues

Union student will study in Germany this summer

By Jackeline Leon Staff Writer

UNION — While many 15-yearolds envision themselves relaxing at home and spending time with friends at the beach for summer break, high school student Demetrius Jeter pictures himself traveling along the streets of Munich and Berlin.

Jeter was one of 44 children selected from a pool of 26,000 students nationwide, who competed for the month-long "study abroad" pro-

The all-expenses paid trip is funded by the Pedagogical Exchange Service through a branch of the German government.

A non-profit organization, The American Association of Teachers of German, has sponsored the study abroad immersion program for 40

To be selected for the program, students must achieve a high score on a national German language test and do well on an interview with an AATG representative.

Anita Spina, program coordinator for AATG, said students scoring within the 90th percentile or higher on the national test are considered for the program. Jeter was the only student from Union to have scored a 99

— a near-perfect score — on the ward to his summer trip.

"It really is exciting that he's only a sophomore and he had the highest score," Union High School Principal Edward Gibbons said. "It speaks well that those students that have the motivation can go far when we provide them with the tools for excel-

Once in Germany, students accompanied by American chaperones, go on excursions to Munich and Berlin.

In order to fully immerse themselves in daily German life, students live with host families in either Numberg or Kulmbach during their

"We think its a fabulous experience for the students to experience culture and language first-hand,"

Jeter has been taking German classes since he was a student in Kawameeh Middle School. "He's so interested in German,"

mother Bettie Barnett said. "He just eats it up." "When I found out about this I was so happy I couldn't believe it,"

Jeter explained. Jeter said he has never traveled out of the country and is looking for-

"This is something I've always wanted to do and I'm expecting to be blown away because I know it's a different lifestyle." Jeter said.

German teacher at the high school, Doris Glowocki, shares Jeter's love for Germany.

"My parents were from Germany and since my grandmother only spoke German, I grew up learning it," Glowacki said.

Glowacki, who has been teaching German for 31 years, travels there

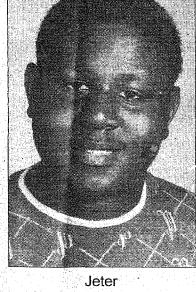
"I try to take students with me too," she said. She said she likes to show them around her native country and to countries nearby like Switzerland and Austria.

Glowacki said Jeter's appreciation for the language is apparent every day.

"Demetrius just reaches,' Glowacki said. "He'll be eager to come up with a new sentence each

Jeter said "Frau," as he refers to Glowacki, is a patient and effective teacher who, enjoys imparting an appreciation for the development of the German language.

"When she teaches you the words, she'll explain their meaning



and how they were created," Jeter

Jeter has participated in the William Paterson University poetry recitation contest for German and spends his free time playing piano, being involved in extracurricular activities, volunteering and drawing.

Gibbons said he had heard that Jeter was a highly motivated and outstanding student.

"Every week I learn of another great student excelling in one of our departments," Gibbons said. "We have a lot of talented young people."

Jeter hopes to one day become a plastic surgeon and become fluent in German and other languages.

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Two arrested following fight near RP school

Customs agents detain one suspect

Roselle Park

Two suspects were arrested on March 25 following a fight across the street from Roselle Park High School.

Patrolman James Cantrell was on patrol at the high school for dismissal when he observed two male suspects' fighting at 2:57 p.m. in the student parking area across the street from the school. Cantrell ordered the the suspects to cease fighting. Both individuals complied and were placed under

The suspects, who were identified as Emmanuel Arguedas, 19, of Elizabeth and a 16-year-old male Roselle Park High School student.

Both boys, according to police reports, sustained minor abrasions to their face and bodies. The juvenile was charged with disorderly conduct and was released to a parent, pending a family court hearing in Elizabeth.

Arguedas was charged with disorderly conduct and was ordered to be detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He was transported to Union County Jail in Elizabeth.

· On Sunday at 12:23 p.m., Patrolman James Kompany responded to Roselle Park High School for a report of a student in possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

When he arrived at the high school, a staff member informed Kompany that a 16-year-old girl was found to be in possession of a small amount of marijuana. The student was placed under arrest and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana on school property. She was released to the custody of a parent pending a family court appearance.

· On Feb. 11, Detective Dominick Frino became involved in the investigation of a report of theft. The victims in the case stated that between May 31, 2007 and Feb. 7, 2008 someone had stolen more than \$4,000 from her personal checking account. She was made aware of this activity by a representative from the bank,

The suspect was a former tenant identified as Melissa A. Lanfranca. The bank statements reflected that Lanfranca paid personal debts using the personal bank information of the vidtim. Lafranca admitted to taking a bank siip with the victim's account POLICE BLOTTER

number on it while she was a tenant.

Lanfranca was arrested and charged with theft by deception. She was then transported to the Elizabeth Police Department for an outstanding

Union

Three men were arrested Sunday for alleged possession of controlled dangerous substances and active arrest warrants. Police arrested the individuals at Emerson and Stuyvesant avenues at 3:50 p.m.

Sean Raymond, 35, of Piscataway had active crime warrants from Piscataway, East Brunswick and Newark. Spiros Patrikios of Plainfield, 51, was arrested for possession of controlled dangerous substances. Roselle resident, Joseph Barone, 23, was arrested for possession of a hypodermic nee-

· Serious injuries were sustained Sunday afternoon when one vehicle slammed into a pole on Stahuber Avenue and Vauxhall Road. Two victims were transported University Hospital in Newark.

· A motor vehicle was burglarized overnight Friday on the 600-block of Andress Terrace. Authorities believe entry was gained through the front window, which was broken. A global positioning system unit was reportedly taken.

Kenilworth

A shopper confronted a shoplifter Sunday at the A&P Supermarket on the Boulevard and reportedly foiled his attempts. The suspect fled in his black Ford Explorer and Patrolman Mike Devlin, who was dispatched to the scene, observed that the suspect left behind several items.

• Frank Bleibdrey, 22, of Mountainside was arrested for allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol on March 25.

The person who reported Bleibdrey had observed him driving erratically along North Michigan Avenue and the

According to reports, Bleibdrey's vehicle was impounded and he was transported to police headquarters where he was processed.

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April marks Child Abuse Awareness Month

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personal safety and prevention of abuse is not always easy, but it is absolutely necessary, according to child abuse prevention specialists.

Professionals in the field of child abuse prevention agree that children who have discussed with adults what they could do in potentially dangerous situations are safer than children who have never been given any prevention strategies.

"For most parents and many teachers, talking with a child about potentially abusive situations is a difficult proposition," said Fran Bradman of the Child Assault Prevention Project, sponsored by Community Coordinated Child Care in Hillside.

"Unfortunately, the increased violence in schools, on the Internet and in society in general, also increases the need for our children to learn how to deal with a variety of situations about which a generation prior may not have

The good news is that there are ways to talk to children that will not increase their fear but actually will help them feel safer and more confident. The CAP's motto is that 'all children deserve to be safe, strong and

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Talking with your children about free,' and parents can teach this to their children."

> Since April is "National Child Abuse Awareness Month," it is a perfect time for parents to talk to their children about how to handle such dangerous situations. The CAP project, a 30-year-old program, is a local resource teaching parents and communities about the prevention of child abuse and neglect. It offers parents the following suggestions as approach this important topic.

> · Don't use scare tactics. Often, we are tempted to point to the recent abduction or abuse story on the news and base our warnings to our children on them. This does not give children any strategies should they find themselves in a dangerous situation, Additionally, it heightens their fears and reduces their confidence.

> In discussing abuse, words should be chosen for their "low fear quotient," while concentrating on safety. For example, talking about "how to be safe" is much less frightening than talking about "stranger danger." Using words such as "safe and unsafe touches" instead of sexual abuse and molestation is more comfortable and encompasses a wider range of inap

propriate behavior.

· Teach about rights and boundaries. Children need to know that they possess inalienable rights, especially when it comes to their bodies. Although adults should be respected, they should not be given carte blanche to touch children in any way that makes a child feel uncomfortable. This does not mean every unwanted touch is necessarily abusive. It may be an innocent pinch on the cheek by a well-meaning relative.

Regardless, if it is not wanted by the child, then the child needs to know that he or she has the right to say "no" and to ask the adult to stop. This promotes healthy self-respect within children and helps them to be able to stop inappropriate advances of their body boundaries as a child or even as a teen in a dating situation.

Conversely, children need to be taught to respect the rights and boundaries of others by not hitting, bullying or touching peers or adults in ways

which take their rights away.

• Let them know that they don't have to keep "unsafe" secrets. Surprise parties and celebration gifts are "safe secrets." They don't make a child feel afraid. These secrets can be

kept. Secrets or even discussions that make a child or teen feel scared, confused or ashamed, need to be shared.

· Be a "trusted adult" for your children. If children know that they can talk to to you about anything, they are less likely to keep secrets from you that may hurt them. Being a "trusted adult" takes time and listening is an important component to ensuring your child's trust. Review with your child who else, besides yourself, he or she might be able to go to if you were not available to help. Ask the child who he or she would feel comfortable to talk to in school, on the soccer field, or dance class.

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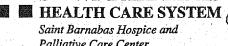
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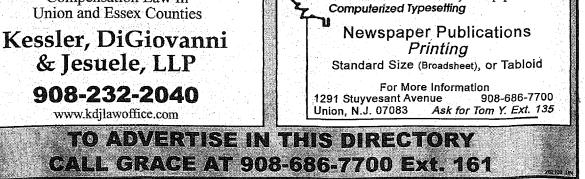
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Stay tuned

The average Kenilworth resident probably won't sit in front of the television with a big bowl of popcorn to watch a broadcast of a Borough Council meeting just for the fun of it; but since the meetings are finally being televised, community members should make an effort to tune in and see their governing body in action.

After years of planning and promising, the first broadcast of a Kenilworth Borough Council meeting aired on cable access channel 36 in January, but meetings began broadcasting on a regular basis last month. It's about time. Roselle Park and the Township of Union have been televising their meetings for awhile. Union even makes their meetings available on the internet.

The technology in Kenilworth has been in place for at least a couple of years. The cable access channel is housed in a small studio inside the school board conference room at David Brearley High School, and the school board has been taping its meetings since December 2006. Although the quality of the broadcasts aren't perfect — especially the sound — at least the council meetings are now being aired. Mayor Kathi Fiamingo deserves credit for making the final push needed to get this long-awaited task accomplished. She's even decided to foot the bill for the services of a videographer since the budget has yet to be formally adopted.

The entire process still needs to be tweaked, though, and officials are even planning to evaluate the possibility of designating borough hall as a feeding terminal for the basic cable

Of course, there are drawbacks to televising meetings, such as the possibility that people — both on and off the dais will use the broadcasts as opportunities to grandstand. But that's a minor inconvenience that doesn't overshadow the fact that airing meetings is beneficial to the community. It allows residents to see how the council operates, who their elected officials are and what actions the council is taking that could impact them, their quality of life and their tax bills.

Let's face it, with the exception of a few "regulars," meetings are sparsely attended, unless a presentation is being made or a resident has a complaint. The problem isn't unique; other towns face similar situations. But putting the meetings on TV gives busy community members, or those who cannot attend the meetings, an opportunity to stay informed. And in the future, we hope to see the programming schedule expand so that local community events get some air time as well.

The next time residents take hold of the remote control, flipping through 300 channels with nothing to watch, we encourage them to tune to channel 36. It's not "American Idol," but the people on the screen were still voted for by the viewers, so it would be nice if community members took time to watch the

An added bonus — Ryan Seacrest doesn't host the Borough Council meetings.

Cleaning house at the county Jail

The Union County Prosecutor's office and the new Union County Jail administration deserve plaudits for another revelation in the aftermath of the recent escape scandal at the coun-

Readers know the escapades of the escape in December of Otis Blunt and Jose Espinosa that has caused a reexamination of the security conditions and the personnel at the jail.

In this recent revelation, one corrections officer, a maintenance worker and four inmates were charged with allegedly running an illegal contraband ring within the jail.

A 19-count indictment was handed up by the Union County Prosecutor's office last week, accusing the guard and maintenance worker of smuggling cigarettes, loose tobacco and a cell phone to inmates, who operated an underground sales network.

It usually takes a major event to root out the dirt at an institution and that is the case with the county jail with the escape and capture of Blunt and Espinosa.

In February the county hired Brian P. Riordan as the new director for the Union County Jail and this is another example of the cleaning out process.

In addition to Riordan, Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow made extensive changes to the security at the jail earlier this year after the escape as an investigation found several security deficiencies at the Elizabeth facility including negligent corrections officers, video surveillance malfunctions and sub-par building standards.

Since the escape, several correctional officers have been disciplined or fired.

While this recent revelation might sound trivial, small problems usually lead to more serious corruption within a jail if they aren't adequately addressed. By dealing with smuggling now, the jail could be preventing future escape attempts.



UNION'S BRAVEST AT WORK - Union Firefighter Robert Falzarano douses fire embers during the overhaul stage of a March 17 house fire at 551 Golf Terrace in Union. The blaze, which began at approximately 6:30 p.m., was extinguished less than 45 minutes after it began. No injuries were reported.

Keeping county 'green' or building a slush fund?

Almost any business you can name, from lawyers to undertakers, thrives on activity. More business means more money, which means a bigger pot from which to grab a taste.

So it is with local government, where the pot consists of tax money and the tasters are political supporters of the decision-makers. You can make laws against graft but cronyism, as practiced by the Union County freeholders, cannot be policed.

For example, in November 2000, that tax pot got bigger when voters decided to pump 15 cents per \$100 of assessed value into an Open Space, Restoration & Historic Preservation Trust Fund to keep us green. That was the MacGuffin. They could just as easily have made up any pleasant-sounding name, maybe the Cuddly Bunny Preservation Fund, to sell the public and justify the additional monetary activity from which they could extract their vig. Who could be against open space?

The 2007 transfers included \$1.2 million in payouts for the "Kids

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Seems

By John Bury

Recreation Trust Fund," which was allocated among the 21 municipalities in Union County at a freeholder meeting last October. Freeholder Daniel Sullivan, one month before his reelection, handed out oversized checks ranging from \$15,446 to Hillside, up to \$100,000 to the Democratic strongholds of Elizabeth, Plainfield, and

There was ritual, ceremony, picture-taking, and a good time had by all - except possibly taxpayers who were just had. Like at the Miss America pageant, everyone got one question. In this case, it was about what they would do with the money. Clark will redo gym floors. Berkeley Heights will get swing sets. In Plainfield, it'll be scholarships - apparently they're green enough.

After the ceremony, every representative, except Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage, left with their checks, indifferent to the rest of the proceedings, which were supposedly the governing portion of the evening. Had they stayed, they would have seen some real money going out, though with less fanfare.

Kindred Brunson was not there to pick up an oversized check for \$95,000 in settlement of his lawsuit against the county. Neither was anyone from Garrubbo, Capece & Millman PC, special counsel in the matter entitled Maria Todaro v. Union County, et als, to pick up an additional \$20,000 for a new total contract amount not to exceed \$100,000.

You may have seen pictures of a smiling Freeholder Sullivan, passing on that oversized check to your local representative. There might be signs

appear to be voting their own conscious.

from which there is no recovery.

recognizing the freeholders in front of all the projects made possible by your tax money. Maybe they'll even list their names on a plaque so you can write them a thank-you note.

Now, look at your tax bill. County government, depending on your school system, is on average, 20 percent of it. In some instances, it's even more than your municipal budget. To supplement town services, put on a few concerts and fund vanity projects, you are being gouged. If you stay silent now, you forfeit any right to complain. Enjoy your seesaw.

But that's just my opinion. For balance, I went to a recent Union County freeholders meeting and asked what they considered the major accomplishments of the Open Space Trust Fund to be. I will devote the rest of this piece to their responses, verbatim.

If they ever get back to me, I'll pass on their responses

John Bury is a resident of Kenilworth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Philip Geron

Union

Keeping residents 'in the dark'

The headline in one newspaper, "Residents left in the dark," accurately describes the growing mess at the Romerovski building site in Roselle Park. Come April 16 at 6:30 p.m. the borough will finally start to see the tip of the

iceberg of municipal mismanagement. Let's look at what we know already. The developer says the mayor asked him to refrain from any action on the ct during the mayor's re-election campaign. The property has privately "consulted" with Councilman At Large Ricky Badillo.

The hapless borough officials now complain that the years of delay have resulted in the developer seeking to "bully" the borough into accepting 300 apartment units. Not to be left out, Superior Court Judge Mariane Espinosa said in her decision, "Roselle Park had not adopted land use ordinances that addressed the borough's fair and affordable housing."

At the very time the state is moving to trim back the use of eminent domain, our officials are threatening these tactics against the multi-million dollar Avalon Bay Communities, who have a reputation for playing hardball with municipalities — especially small communities such as Roselle Park.

Lately, our shell-shocked officials are attempting to hide behind a "gag" order which makes it-too convenient for them to avoid the questions of a very concerned public.

Meanwhile, in addition to the board attorney and the special eminent domain attorney, the borough is poised to also hire a special redevelopment attorney. It is painfully clear the delay in action has exposed us to far more tougher requirements for low and moderate income housing. The final result could be a huge influx of school-age students.

The real answer may be that Messrs. Badillo and Delorio are looking for an escape hatch — like we really didn't want to do this but the court made us do it. So while our borough officials look for some cover, the rest of Roselle Park

is to quote the headline writer: "left in the dark." What a mess.

Changes aren't for the better in Union

was. Our township fathers seem to feel that Union must move into the 21st Cen-

We came here from Newark, Jersey City, Elizabeth and Plainfield to get away

refuge in the wilderness, it was a small colonial town with friendly people, it was

Every time we turn around, the township of Union appears to lose what it

This is not the reason why most who currently reside in Union moved here.

We came to Union for its quaintness and country atmosphere. Union was a

Carl Hokanson Roselle Park

Our policy on letters and columns The Union Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the edi-

tor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

Our township politicians appear to have it all wrong. Instead of representing the people that elected them and voting the conscious of their constituency, they

To make matters worse, they feel that giving tax abatements or no taxes, put-

ting a donut shop on town hall property — our property — building a super

structure food store in Union Center and a hotel that isn't a hotel on Morris

Avenue is good for us. This is not what I want nor is it what most of us want.

Our taxes go up while our politicians feel it's fine to let others pay no taxes. Our

beautiful town hall is now a donut shop. This isn't what we want our town to be.

We wonder if the politicians represent us or their political donors. Even if they

aren't cutting deals with the contractors and the builders, the perception is that

they are. The giveaway programs are reducing the values of existing structures.

The Dunkin' Donuts deal is reducing rents across the board in the center. We are

on a path of self destruction and will sooner rather than later fall into the abyss

We need to make some changes and changing our elected officials is a great

first step. We want to go back to what we were. If we wanted Newark, Jersey

City or any other city, we would have stayed there. We don't want here to

The town is becoming a mess. Its citizens are bitter and getting very angry.

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.

The Union Leader reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone

Letters must be no more than 500 words long. Longer pieces must be arranged in advance with the editor. The Union Leader accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is editorial@thelocalsource.com.

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. Letters received via e-mail must be on topics of interest, preferably in

response to content that appeared in the newspaper. For purposes of verification, all letters must include a name, address and daytime telephone number. Advertising will not be accepted by e-mail.

Guidelines for coverage of school board election

In fairness to all candidates and to aim to stimulate discussion of the 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

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an escape from the "big city."

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

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

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

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 elec-

We aim to focus on what the voter needs to know and not on what the candidates want to say.

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

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

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 if elected to the board. 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, this week.

Our endorsements: Endorsement editorials, if appropriate, will appear

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.



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Plaia's passion for Union recalled during dedication

By Jackeline Leon Staff Writer

UNION — The memory of Thomas Plaia, a man dedicated to both Union and his family, will live on in the hearts of those who knew him and now in the conference room which bears his

On March 25, the first floor conference room in the Union Municipal Building was officially named after Thomas Plaia, who served as municipal prosecutor in the early 1990s, assistant township attorney in the late 1990s and township attorney from 1998 to 2005.

On April 2, 2005, his life of public service was halted abruptly when he died of colon cancer at the age of 48.

During the dedication ceremony, friends and family united to remember the man who "ate, drank, slept and breathed" Union.

"I was so touched that they remember him after all these years," his widow Mary, said. She said that what she misses most is her husband's famous humor.

"If you ever needed a pick-me-up you could turn to him," Mary said.

Because of his positive energy, Tom was well-known and well-liked throughout the township, according to

"We couldn't go anywhere without people recognizing him," Mary said,

His two sons, Michael and Danny Plaia remember their father with love. Michael even has a special way of keeping his memory alive.

"Mike wears Tom's wedding band to keep his memory," Mary said as she looked at her son's left hand.

Tom's cousin, Mike Lione, said Tom always had a love for sports.

"He was active in furthering wheelchair basketball," Lione said. "He was always involved in the community."

A member of the Italian-American Club and the Democratic Club of Union, Tom would coach his son's football teams as well as Police Athletic League baseball.

Township co-workers recall Tom's ability to communicate well with the residents of Union.

"He had a unique way of dealing with people," Committeeman and close friend Anthony Terrezza said. "He would never speak legalese."

"He was a real consigliere," Bertha Matthews, director of community development said. "He kept everyone together."

Assemblyman Joseph Cryan, D-20,

who worked with Tom on several occa sions, served as the master of ceremonies for the event.

"Tommy was a remarkable professional who worked long hours and didn't mind it," Cryan said. "He had a passion for Union.'

Committeeman Joseph Florio said Tom worked until "the very end," even after he was diagnosed.

"Tom always cared about everyone else and he was a fella who always watched your back and helped you out," Florio said.

Michael Minitelli, director of economic development, said Tom had the perfect disposition for the jobs he held.

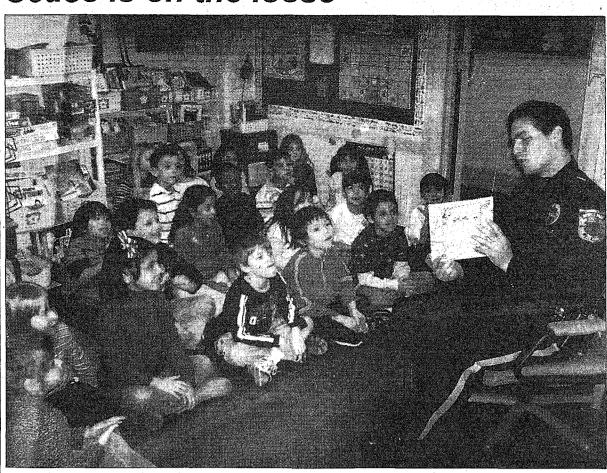
"He had a great sense of humor, quick-witted, and had a tremendous amount of intelligence and common sense," Minitelli said. "I know that Tom would've been so

proud of you in the township for continuing his work," Mary said. "Union is growing by leaps and bounds and he would've been so proud of it." A plaque was unveiled the same

night and placed alongside the room depicting Tom as he is always remembered — with a smile on his face. Jackeline Leon can be reached at

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Seuss is on the loose



As part of the Roselle Park School District's efforts to celebrate Read Across America, Roselle Park Police Officer John Deegan takes time to read a book to first grade students at Sherman Elementary School. As part of Read Across America, classes also celebrate the birthday of author Dr. Seuss.

Hillside Recreation Department will offer spring clinics, activities

offer several spring sports and activities. Registration information is as follows:

 Hillside Outdoor Spring Soccer League registration will take place 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

The Hillside Recreation Department will 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 Depart-ment, 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 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

Vauxhall

offered for boys and girls ages 6 through 8 years old. Registration is required and will take place 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 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.

Loneker combines football, acting in new film

(Continued from Page 1)

It was in college, while preparing for the NFL draft, that Loneker met the "love of his life," Kelly. The couple, who later married and had two children, Kylee and Keith Jr., still reside in Kansas, although they travel to New Jersey every summer to reconnect with family and friends and to visit the Jersey Shore.

Loneker's first foray into movie acting came while he was playing professional football for the St. Louis Rams. A former teammate who was working as an agent in Hollywood told Loneker he'd be a perfect fit for the Steven Soderbergh film "Out Of

Although Loneker had never acted professionally, he impressed the producers, landing the role of White Boy Bob in the film. The small role allowed Loneker to work with A-list actors such as George Clooney, Jennifer Lopez and Ving Rhames. It also marked the beginning of his movie

In the years that followed, he landed roles in "Rock Star" with Mark Wahlberg and Jennifer Anniston as a roadie, as well as "Superbad," in

which he played Wild Bill Cherry. He was then contacted by Clooney, who asked him to star in "Leatherheads." Clooney directed the film and stars as Dodge Connolly, a charming, brash football hero, determined to produce a winning team.

The film, set in the 1920s when football was a new sport in the United States, also stars Renee Zelwegger and Malcom Goodwin of "American Gangster."

For his role in the movie, which open in theaters Friday, Loneker plays Big Gus, a "simple guy" who claims to be a kicker — although Clooney's character has other plans. Trailers for the film show Loneker's comic timing - a talent his mother says comes nat-

"He has his father's dry sense of humor," she said of her "baby boy."

The 6-foot, 4-inch actor, who was wearing a Roselle Park baseball cap when he landed in Los Angeles for the Hollywood premier Monday, said he enjoys working with Clooney.

"He's the most down to Earth guy. George as an actor is awesome to work with — he's just one of the guys," Loneker said of the director.

He said the two have become friends and have even engaged in friendly competition on the basketball

"He's one of the one of the most impressive people I've met to date," he said. "If he was at my high school, I'd hang out with him.'

Without a doubt, Loneker would also make sure his best friend, Jimmy Geoghegan, is by his side. Geoghegan and Loneker grew up together in Roselle Park.

"Keith and I actually met in nursery school so we've known each other since we've been 4 years old," Geoghegan said, remembering that he and Loneker, who didn't have "play dates" or video games, "would meet up after school and play sports. Football, stickball, baseball and the occasional 15 versus 15 snowball fight in to visiting his hometown this summer, the winter time were some of our favorite activities."

Geoghegan said after seeing Loneker perform in "Out of Sight," he knew his talent would take him far in the movie industry.

"I knew he could get parts acting in other movies because he did such a great job with the first movie,"

Geoghegan said Tuesday.

He said it takes hard work and persistence to succeed in both sports and acting, as Loneker has done. If Geoghegan had to describe his best friend in one word, it would be proud."

"I'm extremely proud that he's been able to achieve the things he has up to this point in his life," he said.

Loneker, who grew up in a family with three brothers and a sister, maintains his family ties, even when he's rubbing elbows with other Hollywood

"I still talk to him two or three times a week," Michelle Loneker said of her son who, despite his considerable size, was only about 6 pounds, 10

Loneker said he's looking forward but until then, he's working toward the release of his next film, "Lakeview Terrace," starring Samuel L. Jackson. And, Loneker said, he's enjoying every minute of it.

"It's a lot of fun," he said.

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

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AT THE LIBRARY

Book group will discuss several novels in 2008

The Union Public Library Book Discussion Group will discuss "The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 911," by Lawrence Wright on April 16 at 7 p.m.

Other selections for the coming months include the following:

· May 14, "My Sister's Keeper," by Jodi Picoult. · June 18, "Madame Bovary," by

Gustave Flaubert. For help in obtaining copies of the book, call the Reference Department

at 908-851-5450.

be answered at library

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

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

Hillside Public Library at 973-923-4413. Counselors are available by appointment only.

Medicare questions will

Trained volunteers will offer free,

To schedule a free, private appointment with a trained counselor, call the

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 further information.

Spend spring break at Union Public Library It's spring break and the Children's

Department of the Union Public

 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.

Library has planned several programs:

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

· On April 23 at 7 p.m. Jerome

Benton, a mime, will incorporate pup-

petry and juggling to music and com-

bine it with the effects of fiber optics.

Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome to attend. No registration is required.

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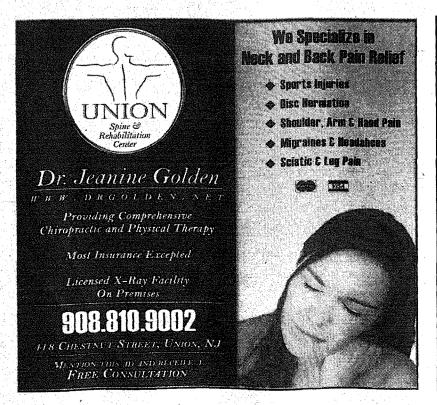
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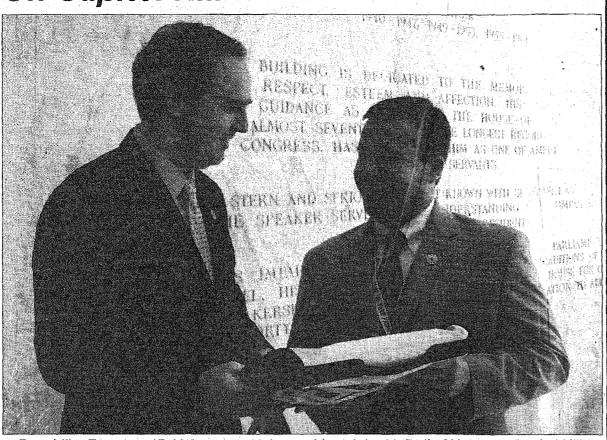
A healthy mind in a healthy body is a universal ideal that we all try our best to achieve. But a glance in a fulllength mirror may tell a different story. Poor posture with sloping back and protruding stomach not only affect your personal appearance, they affect your health as well.

Not everyone can be as active as they want to be. If your work requires you to sit at a desk most of the day, you may suffer from lack of exercise. Overeating can put undue strain on unused muscles and back. So can poor posture. These things, combined with lack of exercise, may lead to back pain and nervous tension.

Instruction in how to maintain good posture can be helpful. So can tips on how to eat a well-balanced diet without gaining unwanted pounds. So can treatment to correct any misalignments in your spine that may be causing aches and pains and other signs of tension. If your body is operating at 90%, why suffer in silence when you could be functioning ay 100%.

> In the interest of better health from the office of: Dr. Donald Antonelli -Chiropractor-Antonelli Family Chiropractic Center 2575 Morris Ave., Union 908-688-7373





Rep. Mike Ferguson, R-N.J., greets Union resident John M. Doll of Union on Capitol Hill. Doll, a firefighter with the Newark Fire Department, was in Washington to participate in the International Association of Firefighters annual legislative conference.

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Pasta 'with a purpose' to be served

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

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 pop-

Chris Jachimowski, an eighth

ular event, from which proceeds will and the supervisor of the event. 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

The entire community is invited to

attend the event. Pasta Night will be conducted today, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the high

school cafeteria. Tickets can be purchased in

advance or at the door. For information or to order tickets in advance, call 908-241-4550, ext.

Signs also apply to pedestrians

The township of Union Police Department, in an attempt to reduce serious accidents involving pedestrians, wants to advise the public of the importance of obeying all traffic signs and safety rules when traveling by foot.

Not only should motorists be aware of and anticipate pedestrian activity, but those traveling by foot are also cautioned to obey all of the traffic rules which apply to pedes-

Individuals who are traveling on foot at night should always remember to wear light-colored clothing so that they can be easily seen by motorists. Citizens should be 'aware that jaywalking is not only a dangerous practice that could result in serious injury or death, but it is also against the law.

Union's Chief of Police, Thomas Kraemer, feels no aspect of public safety should be overlooked.

"Jaywalking is a problem and one that this department takes very seriously," said Kraemer. "Our officers are directed to enforce all violations, including jaywalking."

Sgt. Robert Christie of Union's Traffic Bureau concurs with the chief.

"Every year, this practice contributes to serious injuries and fatalities which can be reduced if people would just obey the simple rules of pedestrian safety, such as using crosswalks, traffic lights and refraining from crossing mid block," Christie said.

Drivers should also be reminded to be especially cautious when making right turns on red. Drivers should also make an extra effort to make sure that intersections are free from pedestrians before proceeding. Citizens are reminded that jaywalking summonses carry a fine of \$55 or more plus court costs. In addition, a change in state law that went into effect Saturday makes talking on a hand-held cell phone or sending text messages via a cell phone or Blackberry-type device a primary offense. Patrol officers throughout the state can now stop motorists if they are observed talking on a hand-held cell phone or texting while driving, according to police.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Need new batteries?

Batteries Plus, the nation's largest chain focused on the \$24 billion battery category and serving both retail and commercial customers, announced the opening of its newest franchise location in Union. The new store is located at 2200B, Route 22 East.

Batteries Plus of Union, owned by Angel Cartagena, has developed a

comprehensive selection of batteries, battery-related products and technical support. The new location provides the equipment and expertise on-site to assemble, test, condition and re-build custom battery packs for rechargeable household and commercial products.

They also offer custom in-house

battery assembly, rebuild battery packs and recycle lead-based batteries. Batteries Plus will also offer home service calls to senior citizens to install batteries in medical equipment such as wheel chairs

Products include literally thousands of batteries for thousands of items, ranging from common items such as watches, cameras and cordless

telephones to larvnx batteries for electronic voice boxes, solar landscape lights, talking books for children and keyless entry door locks at major

Roselle Park native is firm's new law partner

Michael C. Woodruff, a native of Roselle Park, has been named part-

Real Estate Practice Group in the Florham Park office.

lawyers in 12 offices.

ner at Drinker Biddle & Reath, a

national law firm with more than 660

Woodruff practices in the firm's

His practice includes a wide vari-

ety of commercial real estate transactional matters, as well as land use and zoning work.

Woodruff also regularly assists clients in creating commercial condominiums, including drafting and negotiating the appropriate governing documents.

He represents large real estate investment funds, investors and companies that buy, lease or sell property for the operation of their

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 Com-mittee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, as follows:

mittee 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 if be such as will be insured by a recognized title company authorized to do business in New Jersey.

Section 7. The successful purchaser will, likewise, be obligated to close title within forty five (45) days after the Township Committee of the Township 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.

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.

plied 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 piace 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

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK NOTICE OF AWARD

1. NAME: Neglia Engineering, Lyndhurst, New Jersey

2. NATURE: For the surveying, design, permitting, preparation of contract documents and construction management for the project E. Grant Avenue Sanitary Sewer

3. DURATION: Until December 31, 2008 or until successor is appointed. 4 COMPENSATION: \$35,000

Dated: March 20, 2008 Doreen Cali, Borough Clerk U207862 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$9.77)

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed pro-posals will be received by the Township of Hillside Purchasing Committee on June 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time at the Municipal Building, JFK Plaza, Hillside and Liberty Avenues, Hillside, New Jersey 07205 and publicly opened and read for:

COLLECTION SERVICE

Form of proposal, specifications and general instruction to bidders may be obtained at the office of the Township Clerk during normal business hours.

The proposal shall be submitted on the form of proposal furnished by the Township Clerk, properly filled out and executed. The proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope furnished by the bidder and directed to the Township Clerk of the Township of Hillside and shall bear-on the dutside. BID FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE together with the name and address of the bidder.

Copies of the documents may be obtained at the Township Clerk's Office upon request of \$50.00 for each set (check should be made payable to "Township of Hillside". The cost will not be refunded and represents the cost of the preparation of the documents.

Alternative bids will not be considered unless specifications.

Each bid proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check. Cashier's Check or

Alternative bids will not be considered unless specifications.

Each bid proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond, in an amount of not less than ten (10%) percent of the total amount bid, but not in excess of \$20,000.00, such check or bid bond to be made payable to the Township of Hillside which shall act as a guarantee that should the bidder be awarded a contract, he will enter into a contract with the Township of Hillside and furnish the required Performance Bond.

Bids must be submitted for contract periods of one (1) year, three (3) years and five (5) years. The Township reserves the right to select the contract term which in its judgment best serves the public interest. Further, the Township Council of the Township of Hillside shall reserve the right to reject any or all bids if in the interest of the Township it deems is advisable to do so, or to waive insubstantial irregularities in the Bid Proposal as permitted by law.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of PL. 1977, C.127 which pertains to "nondiscrimination" and "affirmative action", PL. 1977, C.23 which refers to the Americans with Disabilities Act: N.J.S.A. 48:13-7.22 which mandates the establishment, in rules and regulations, uniform bid specifications for municipal solid waste collection and recycling contracts; and all requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:26h-6.1-6.18 and all requirements of the State of New Jersey Business Registration Certificate N.J.S.A. 52:32-44.

Bids may be held by the Township for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and other bid documents required prior to the Award of the Contract.

One (1) copy of the bid and attachments shall be fully executed and submitted. Specifications are not to be submitted

the Contract.
One (1) copy of the bid and attachments shall be fully executed and submitted. Specifications are not to be submitted with bid documents.
Bids will not be received by mail or accepted previous to time designated for their receipt.

BY DIRECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL Janet Vlaisavljevic, RMC Township Clerk U207854 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$46.50)

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

TAKE NOTICE that on the 16th day of April: 2008, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held before the Planning Board of the Township of Hillside at the Municipal Building, Court Room, John F. Kennedy Plaza, Hillside, NJ for an appeal or application of the undersigned for a minor subdivision approval to permit a Minor Subdivision for purposes of constructing two new two-family dwellings on the premises located at 144 Pennsylvania Avenue and designated as Block 1403 Lot 14 on the Hillside Township Tax Map.

The following described maps and papers are on file with the Township of Hillside and are available for inspection:

Application, Survey & Minor Subdivision Plan, Architecture Plans, etc.

Any interest party may appear at said hearing and participate therein in accordance with the rules of the Planning Board of the Township of Hillside.

David Dos Santos Applicant U208074 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$13.02)

Applicant U208074 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$13.02)

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: JOSE G. GUARDADO JULIA VALENTIN, and each of their heirs, devisees, and personal represen-tatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest

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 The Bank of New York Trust Company, NA as successor. in. interest to JP, Morgan Chase Bank NA, as Trustee for GSMPS 2003-2 is plaintiff, and JOSE G. GUARDADO, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division. Union County, and bearing Docket F-2835-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 04/03/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 04/03/2008, (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, 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 01/18/1996 made by Jose G. Guardado, single and Olga M. Rodriguez, single and Julia Valentin, single as mortgagors, to Intercounty Mortgage, Increcorded on 01/25/1996 in Book 5820 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 337 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the above named Plaintiff, who is the present holder of said mortgage; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 10 HURDEN ST, HILLSIDE, NJ 07205.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office 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 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Le

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. U207884 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$45.11)

ROSELLE PARK

NOTICE OF DECISIONS AND MEETING OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

TAKE NOTICE that on March 26, 2008 the Zoning Board of Adjustment of Borough of Roselle Park, County of Union, State of New Jersey took the following actions:

1. Adopted Resolution granting application for use variance, height variance and bulk/area variances and preliminary site plan approval to allow mixed commercial and residential uses at 230 Westfield Avenue, Block 314, Lot 11, to 230 West Westfield Avenue Associates, LLC. Resolution memorializing decisions are filed in the office of the municipal clerk and are available for public inspection.

ROSELLE PARK ZONING BOARD

OF ADJUSTMENT
JOHN E. FITZPATRICK, JR., ATTORNEY U208063 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$12.56)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08001051
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1762707
County: Union

PUBLIC NOTICE

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, IST 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. sales.
Municipality: Township of Hillside
Street Address: 268 Winans Avenue

Street Address: 200 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 WITHE
OUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUB-LICATION.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$288,124.45***
Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand
One Hundred Twenty-Four and
45/100***

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 3, 2008

U205719 UNL (\$100.44) 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

CATES
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
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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 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***

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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)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08001072
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2061407
County: Union

Calendar #

Cal. #3110

Cal. #3114

PUBLIC NOTICE

Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCI-ATION

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 BULDING,
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.

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 x 91.00 feet x 39.00 feet x 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: \$409,805.78*** Four Hundred Nine Thousand Eight

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$409,805.78***
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

County: Union Plaintiff: NATIONAL CITY BANK

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08001055 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F2264407

Defendant: DUANE A. LYKEN, CARLEEN LYKEN VKEN
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.

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: 1047 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 168.12 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, if so the current amount due thereon, JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$275,552.84***
TWO Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Five Hundred Noso-4 (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)

businesses.

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08001412 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F586305 County: Union Plaintiff: MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REG-STRATION SYSTEMS, INC.

ISTRATION 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

sales.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Union, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Premises commonly known as: 1698 Edmund Terrace, Union Twp. NJ 07083 BEING KNOWN as LOT 7 BLOCK 5514, on the official Tax Map of the Township of Union

BEING KNOWN as LOT 7 BLOCK 5514, on the official Tax Map of the Township of Union
Dimensions: 87.64ft x 35.10ft x 90.20ft x 35.00ft
Nearest Cross Street: Melrose Parkway 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: \$227,564.19***
Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Four and 19/100***
Attorney:
PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL, NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Raiph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$277,645.12
Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Five and 12/100*
March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2008
U207221 UNL (\$135.78)

UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are hereby advised that the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation has received a Diagnostic Team Report recommending the installation of a new pedestrian-rail at-grade crossing along U.S. Route 22 East Bound across the former Rahway Valley Main railroad track in the Township of Union, county of Union, Docket No. DOT 06-2008CM.

As a result of a Department of Transportation project to install a shuttle bus stop in the median area of Route 22 just east of the highway-rail at-grade crossing, changes at the U.S. Route 22 East Bound at-grade crossing would include installation of a new pedestrian crossing surface, railroad related signs, curb relocation, sidewalk, and removal of old traffic control devices in the median area.

The Department's Railroad Engineering & Safety Unit recommends to the Commissioner the above-mentioned changes be approved, unless contested.

All related documents are available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Railroad Engineering & Safety Unit, Division of Design Services, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey, Please call 609-530-4944 to schedule an appointment.

Any interested party may submit questions, comments or objections in writing no later than May 2, 2008. All submissions regarding this matter should be directed to:

Todd Hitt

Todd Hirt
Project Engineer
Railroad Engineering & Safety Unit
Division of Design Services
New Jersey Department of
Transportation
P.O. Box 600
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

April 3, 10, 2008 U207968 UNL (\$49.30)

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 26, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, N.J. Resolutions memorializing.

Expansion of existing day care to the 2nd floor of building

Utilization of former Union Hospital site as a health park

Decision of the Board of Adjustment Granted by Resolution

Carried for Resolution of Approval on April 16, 2008

Richard Malanda, Board of Adjustment Secretary U207861 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$27.90)

Target Corporation 2265 Springfield Avenue

UTPB 2008-04

UTPB 2008-05

NAME AND ADDRESS OF

L. Silva. / E. Rodrigues 95 Astoria Place

U207974 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$23.73)

TAKE NOTICE that the following applications were heard by the Township of Union Planning Board on March 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, N.J.

PREMISES AFFECTED

UNION

Block 5817 Lot 6 & 4.02 Block 4914 Lot 10.04

Minor Subdivision Variance Relief

ACTION REQUESTED

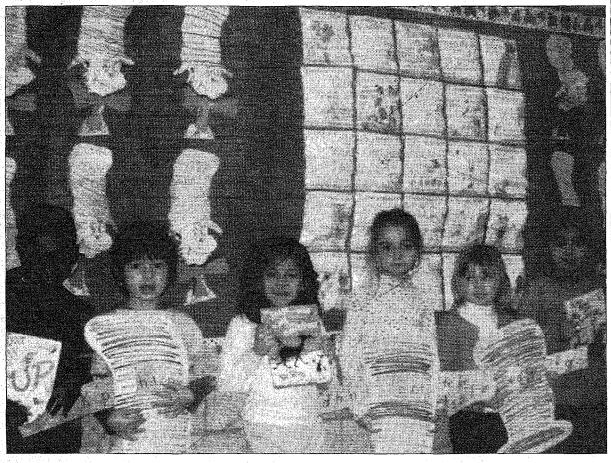
Approved by Resolution ief Approved by Resolution Robert W. Bucco, Jr., P.E., C.M.E. Administrative Officer

DECISION OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Name of Applicant & Premises Affected

Alice's Day Care 1089 Cedar Avenue Block - 4212 Lot - 1.01 Hillcrest Dev. & Management Corp. 1000 Galloping Hill Road Block - 802 Lot- 6, 9 & 10.01

Celebrating Seuss



Battle Hill Elementary School kindergarten students acknowledge Read Across America and the birthday of Dr. Seuss by displaying the books they read and the art projects they created as part of the annual celebration.

St. Michael's announces honors

St. Michael School in Union has announced the names of the students on the first and second honor roll.

First honors

Grade five A: Sal Severini, Dolapo Balogun and Mary Palma. Five B: Shreyaas Aravindan and Quang Do. Grade six: Alison Hrevnack, Brian Salamat, Gabrielle

Grade seven A: Nnana Amakiri and Alvin Mukalel. Seven B: Matthew Boscia, Maeve Forde, AnnMary Hanna and Sean Pruszkowski.

Grade eight A: Chidera Amakiri, Ariel Vega, Dinh Do, Kimberly Esquerra, Sephorah Pierre and Nitchelle Predvil.

Second honors Grade five A: Joseph Miranda, Richard Ryngel Tyis Mullen, Charlene Puertollano, Nicole Tababa, Alexa Zayas and Amanda Zimmerman. Grade five B: Andrew Sarmiento. Chioma Obuteh and Jennifer Puschak.

Grade six: Alleah Lopez, Andrew Altamirano, Christine Demetillo, Ethan Tidd, Giovanna Garcia, Imani Beauliere, Jaena Lynn Sigue, Kimberly Matta, Mary Grace Morales, Pier Taruc and Victoria Zamorski.

Grade seven A: Judith Alba, Brianna Burns, Angelique Demetillo, Rachel Dua, Michael Gonzalez, Kiana Hawkins, Jonathan Pierre, Michael VanDerVeken, Grace Wills and Arthur Yangco. Seven B: Jamiee Cabanatan, Nicole Calello, Megan Devlin, Justin DuQue, Rocco Fresco, Alexander Kariuki, Kamera Martin, Jessica Panlilio, Jovania Pierre and Iyonah Sindab-Gould.

Grade eight A: Gene Arroyo, Gafar Balogun, Garrick Beauliere, Yryns Belmonte, Caroline Forde, Victoria Lopes and Andrea Mendoza. Eight B: Daniel Bartok, Devin Zimmerman, Ashley Abanilla, Maryann Nwako, Patricia Pacis, Mercedes Samuels, Stephanie Tesoro and Amanda

UEF will honor grant recipients

invited to the annual reception to honor recipients of Township of Union Education Foundation grants.

Mendoza, Joyce Mendoza, Kate Tobie

This year's cocktail and dessert reception will take place May 15 at Schering-Plough Corp., located on Morris Avenue in Union, from 5:30 to

The Education Foundation is also selling raffle tickets for a drawing that will take place May 15 at Schering-

The first prize is a 47-inch Vizio Galleria television, donated by

Members of the community are Investors Savings Bank. The second prize is a gift basket and certificate valued at \$150, donated by Whole Foods and the third prize is a "basket of cheer" donated by local realtors, valued at \$125. Those who wish to enter the raffle must be at least 21 years old.

> Tickets may be obtained at Union Center National Bank, 2455 Morris Ave., Union; Barry's Auto Center, 39 Milltown Road, Union or by calling Evelyn at 908-964-1476 or Barbara at 908-687-5743.

The Education Foundation is also

The plot involves "detectives"

selling tickets to Lord & Taylor's Westfield Benefit Bash on May 6. With the purchase of a ticket, supporters receive a 15 percent savings pass to be used all day throughout the store, valid on cosmetics and fragrances, and a 20 percent coupon good on one special regular or sale priced item. Both discounts have virtually no exclusions.

In addition, there will be special activities-book signings, contests, children's events, fashion show and more. Contact Sue at 908-851-9869 for tickets.

who later contemplates doing skin-care

ads and the feeding of 5,000 people to

the chagrin of Ben and Jerry, two local

hotdog vendors. The investigation takes

some hilarious turns but ends in a

poignant conclusion. The dinner will

include an appetizer, salad, baked ham,

RELIGION

Worship services at Holy Trinity Church

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 Tucker Ave., Union, has announced its schedule of worship services for April.

• Sunday — 9 a.m., Slovak worship service with communion; 11 a.m., English worship services with com-

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08001071
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1387907
County: Union
Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
VS

OSTATE 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 of clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified, check at the conclusion of the sales.

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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.

due thereon.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$357,312.33***
Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand
Three Hundred Twelve and 33/100***

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)

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08001282
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2252006
County: Union
Plaintiff: COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS,

NC.
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,
IST 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.

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;

NAX 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 fine of Salem Avenue.
(This concise description does not constitute a 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:

DATE: JULY 15TH, 2004: THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITH-OUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUB-

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$291,337.66***
Two Hundred Ninety-One Thousand
Three Hundred Thirty-Seven and
66/100***

Attorney: ESCHEN, FRENKEL, WEISMAN & GOR-DON LLP

ESCHEN, FRENKEL, WEISMAN & GORDON, LIP

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)

HILLSIDE

Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC 400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD

munion; 12:30 p.m., ecumenical Slovak worship with communion. • April 13 — 9 a.m., Slovak wor-

ship services; 11 a.m English worship · April 20 — 9 a.m., Slovak wor-

ship services; 11 a.m., English worship services with Communion.

PUBLIC NOTICE VS Defendant: FRED HALL; DOREEN BALD-WIN

WIN
Sale Date: 04/16/2008
With 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.

tified 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: 233 Clark Street Hillside, New Jersey TAX LOT # 16. BLOCK # 413 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 35' x 120" NEAREST CROSS STREET: Compton Terrace

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***

Hundred Sixty and 46/100***
Attorney:
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 (\$12.76)

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-

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.

20% of their Did available in Gash of Cefrified 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 X 100.00 feet x 65.00 feet X 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***

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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)

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK NOTICE OF AWARD 1. NAME: Neglia Engineering, Lyndhurst, New Jersey

2. NATURE: For the surveying, design, permitting, preparation of contract documents and construction management for the project Union Avenue Storm Sewer Replacement Phase II

3. DURATION: Until December 31, 2008 or until successor is appointed. 4. COMPENSATION: \$26,000 Dated: March 20, 2008 Doreen Cali, Borough Clerk U207863 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$9.77)

• April 27 — 9 a.m., Slovak worship services; 11 a.m. English worship services.

The pastors of Holy Trinity are Darina and Dusan Brehuv. For information, call 908-688-

0714, or the parsonage at 908-964-

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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. titled 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 premi-

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.

due thereon.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$250,900.72***
Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred and 72/100*** Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC 400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD

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 March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2008 U207220 UNL (\$130.20)

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

TIFICATES, 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 tified 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
Dimpersions 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:
GOI DBFCK MC CAFFERTY & MCKEEV-

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)

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

NOTICE OF AWARD . 1. NAME: Neglia Engineering, Lyndhurst, New Jersey

2. NATURE: Preparation of the NJDEP 2007 Stormwater Annual Report 3. DURATION: Until December 31, 2008 or until successor is appointed. 4. COMPENSATION: \$2,700 Dated: March 20, 2008 Doreen Cali, Borough Clerk U207865 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$8.37)

Dinner theater planned

On April 12 at 6 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf, both located at 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, will present another dinner theater. The theater, "Capernaum P.D.", is a spoof of the old "Dragnet" television series.

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08001363
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1841907
County: Union
Plaintiff: WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK

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.

Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN,

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)

UNION

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08001360 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F2479207

County: Union Plaintiff: BENJAMIN FUNDING CORP.,

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.

tified 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:

Hundred Sixty-Eight and 85/100***
Attorney:
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 23. 27, April 3, 10, 2008
U206058 UNL (\$96.72)

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at its public meeting held on March 26, 2008 the Zon-ing Board of the Township of Hillside adopted the following resolution(s):

The application of Auto Holding of Hill-side seeking a preliminary and final site plan approval and variance relief to oper-ate an automobile dealership at the prop-erty more commonly known as 643-651 Route 22 (block 801, lot(s) 9, 10 and 11 was approved.

A copy of the aforesaid resolution is on file at the Township of Hillside Municipal Building, John F. Kennedy Plaza, Hillside, New Jersey, and may be reviewed by any interested party during normal business hours.

Richard Johnson Secretary, Hillside Zoning Board U207856 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$12.09)

KENILWORTH

The Kenilworth Public Library has awarded a non-fair and open contract to Library Development Solutions for professional library consulting services for the year 2008 per N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20:5 et seq. at its meeting on March 13, 2008. U208061 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$4.19)

200 SHEFFIELD STREET

Frank Cannon and Joe Thursday are called in to investigate the reports of several miracles to determine whether they are real or fake. Among the reported miracles investigated are a "44-82"

making wine without a license at a wedding in Cana; the healing of a leper

potato, vegetable, dessert and beverage.

PUBLIC NOTICE UNION PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE GATEWAY NORTH PLAN AREA, WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Board of the Township of Union will hold a SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING at Township Hall, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey. The agenda for the meeting shall be as follows:

1. Review and comment on the proposed redevelopment plan for the Gateway North Plan Area, within the Downtown Redevelopment Area, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7.
2. Any ether business that may properly come before the Planning Board.

tified 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: PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the proposed Gateway North Redevelopment Plan, including the location of the various parcels of property affected thereby, is on file with the Planning Board Secretary and the Municipal Clerk at Township Hall, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey and is available for inspection during normal business hours.

TOWNSHIP OF UNION PLANNING BOARD U207860 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$19.07)

BOARD OF EDUCATION TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Hillside Board of Education shall hold the fol-lowing meetings for the month of April 2008:

Organization Meeting on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Hillside High School - Library, 1085 Liberty Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07205.

Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 195 Virginia Street, Hillside, NJ. HILLSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION Kenneth R. Weinheimer Business Administrator/Board Secretary U207954 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$11.16)

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance has been introduced on first reading at a meeting of the Township Council held Tuesday evening, March 25, 2008 and will be considered for adoption at a meeting of the Township Council to be held at the Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues on April 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

A copy of this ordinance has been posted on the bulletin board upon which public notices are customarily posted in the Township of Hillside and a copy is available up to and including the time of said meeting to the members of the general public of the Township who shall request same, at the Township clerk's Office, Liberty & Hillside Avenues, Hillside, New Jersey.

BY DIRECTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL Janet Vlaisavljevic, RMC Township Clerk

0-08-013
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE TOWNSHIP CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH" AT ARTICLE II, BY
ADDING §4-3.30 "APPOINTED MUNICIPAL POSITIONS".

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes that the good government depends upon active citizen participation and to that end residents of our community require knowledge of appointed positions available in the Township of Hillside; such information enables citizens to participate fully in public affairs, helps to determine governmental priorities and to hold public officials accountable; and WHEREAS, the Township Council seeks to promote policies that foster open government and provide citizens with information concerning the various appointed positions which exist within the Township; and

positions which exist within the Township; and WHEREAS, the Township Council seeks to provide a formal procedure, applicable to all appointments open to citizens of the Township which are made by the Mayor and/or Council of the Township of Hillside, to authorities, commissions, committees, instrumentalities of the Township, including multi-member or subcommittees within them whereby citizens canindicate their desire to serve in a particular appointed position and whereby adequate notice will be provided to indicate when a vacancy exists and when and who is appointed to fill such vacancies. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Hillside in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Hillside Code (the "Code") is hereby amended as follows:

1. Chapter 4 of the Code entitled "ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH" shall be supplemented at Article II, by adding §4-3.30 which shall read as follows:

ARTICLE II §4-3.30. Appointed Municipal Positions A. Appointing Authority. The official or

PUBLIC NOTICE

body that by virtue of statute, ordinance or resolution is given the authority to appoint a person to a particular Appointed Municipal Position, as defined herein. B. Appointed Municipal Position. Any appointed position open to citizens of the Township, which is created either by statute, ordinance or resolution, to any Township authority, board, commission, agency, committee or instrumentalities of the Township, including multi-member or subcommittees of same.

C. Registry of Appointed Municipal Position. The Township Clerk shall cause a cregister of Appointed Municipal Position. The Township Clerk shall cause a cregister of Appointed Municipal Positions to be prepared and maintained. The register shall be made available for viewing and copying at the Clerk's office and shall set forth at least the following:

Title of each Appointed Municipal

1. Title of each Appointed Municipal Position.
2. Brief description of each position's powers and responsibilities.
3. Credentials or qualifications required to hold the position.
4. Term length for each position.
5. Name of person holding position, expiration date of term, number of current vacancies on the applicable board or commission.
6. Dates/times frequencies of meetings, as provided by the board or commission, that the position holder must attend.
7. Name of Appointing Authority for each board or commission position.
D. Vacancies. The Township Clerk shall maintain a current list of vacancies for each Appointed Municipal Position, which shall be available without cost and shall be posted in the location within the Municipal Building dedicated for public announcements.

F. Filling Vacancies.

Municipal Building dedicated for public announcements.

E. Filling Vacancies. Unless essential for the proper functioning and/or carrying on of Township business and affairs, or that of the affected entity, a vacancy shall not be filled for a period of 20 days from its posting, in order to allow interested persons sufficient time to submit applications for such vacancies as provided for tions for such vacancies as provided for

herein.

F. Applications. Any person interested in serving in an Appointed Municipal Position may file an application with the Township Clerk, at any time. A person may withdraw such application at any time. The Township Clerk shall maintain an application form, as provided by the pertinent board, commission or entity, to be completed by any eligible person interested in serving in Appointed Municipal Position. Such application shall contain the following information:

Name Address Telephone number E-Mail address Appointed Municipal Position sought Qualifications and experience for

4. E-Mail address
5. Appointed Municipal Position sought
6. Qualifications and experience for position
7. Signature
G. Maintaining Applications. The Township Clerk shall maintain all filed applications in her office segregated based upon the position sought. All such applications shall be considered void after 6 months.
H. Filling Appointed Municipal Positions. Prior to filling any Appointed Municipal Position. The Appointing Authority shall review each application filed for that position. The Appointing Authority shall conduct such review, investigation and/or interviews, as deemed necessary, in its discretion. After a decision is reached to fill a vacancy, notice of the appointments shall be posted on the Township bulletin board and made available for review and copying in the office of the Township Delerk.
I. This Ordinance shall take effect on the 60th day after final passage and shall be published as required by law.
2. Severability. Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is not meant to repeal any provisions of the Code other than those designated herein, but to add to its requirements, and all Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

or conflict. U207858 UNL April 3, 2008 (\$96.26)

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SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH- 08001359
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1632207
County: Union
Plaintiff: TRIBECA LENDING CORPORATION

Mildred Dallmus

Mildred Keil Dallmus, 94, of Little Egg Harbor, formerly of Union, died March 18 in the Arcadia Nursing Home, Little Egg Harbor.

Born in Irvington, Mrs. Dallmus lived in Union for many years before moving to Little Egg Harbor six years ago. She was a member and past officer in the Order of the Eastern Star, Lincoln Chapter 95, Caldwell. Mrs. Dallmus was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Tuckerton, and was formerly a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Union.

Surviving are a daughter, Janet Jackson; four grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.

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

Pauline Rogohewski

Pauline H. Rogohewski, 49, of Union, formerly of Elizabeth, died March 21 in Overlook Hospital, Sum-

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Rogohewski was a lifelong resident until moving to Union three years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Richard Jr.; two sons, Jason F. and Robert G. Hodges; her mother, Ruthann Munger; three sisters, Rosemary Pierce, Joann Gomes and Lisa Gomes; a brother, John V. Hodges, and four grandchildren.

The Krowicki McCracken Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrange-

Glenn Svivester Jr.

Glenn James Sylvester Jr., 72, of Union died March 21 in Beth Israel Medical Center, New York City.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Sylvester lived in Roselle Park before moving to Union 39 years ago. He retired in 1996 as a toll collector for the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. Prior to that, Mr. Sylvester owned his own butcher shop, Jim's Meat Market, Roselle Park, for 20 years. He was an active member of the Second Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, where he served as an elder, Sunday school teacher, choir member and lay reader and worked in the kitchen for the church's special dinners and functions. Mr. Sylvester was president of the AARP of Union and a cook for the soup kitchen in Elizabeth, serving dinners to the elderly and the homeless. He received certification to be spokesman for many laryngectomy support groups around the state of New Jersey, including the Miracle Voice Club and the Green County NU Voice Club. Mr. Sylvester was a 50-year member of the Loyalty Lodge 33 F&AM of Union and sang for many years with the Schwaebischer Saengerbund of New Jersev.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Carla; a son, Carl J.; a daughter, Wendy Trimboli, three sisters, Katharine Lane, Gene Mowrey and Mary Dunn, and five grandchildren.

The August F. Schmidt Memorial meral Home, Elizabeth, handled the arrangements.

Ethel Fuzia

Ethel Fuzia, 95, of Union died March 19 in the Center For Hope Hospice, Peggy Coloney's House, Scotch

Born in Czechoslovakia, Miss Fuzia lived in Newark before settling in Union. She was an assembler with Atlas Tool Co., Hillside, for 35 years and retired in 1982.

Surviving are four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

The McCracken Funeral Home. Union, handled the arrangements.

Julia Masters

Julia Masters, 92, of Union died March 21 in Overlook Hospital, Sum-

Born in Newark, Mrs. Masters lived in Maplewood before moving to Union 55 years ago. She was a secretary for Equitable Life Insurance Co., Kenilworth, for 10 years and retired in

Surviving are her husband of 57 years, Lewis H.; a daughter, Nancy V. Diacont, and a sister, Olga Messner.

The Bradley Smith & Smith Funeral Home, Springfield, handled the arrangements.

Max Schuldiner

Marx Schuldiner, 87, of Union died March 19 in Overlook Hospital, Sum-

Born in Poland, Mr. Schuldiner lived in Newark and Hillside before moving to Union in 1925. He was an owner/operator of a grocery store in

East Orange for more than 50 years. Surviving are his wife, Toby; three sons, Philip, Michael and Stanley, and four grandchildren.

The Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union handled the arrangements.

Eugene Kosenski

Eugene S. Kosenski, 77, of Union died March 23 in Overlook Hospital,

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Kosenski lived in Union for 30 years. He was a service manager for North American Phillips Corp., East Rutherford, for 25 years and retired 13 years ago. Mr. Kosenski was a Navy veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Theresa; four daughters, Christine Spellman, Barbara Giger, Linda Reul and Michelle Dembrowski; a son, John; two brothers, Robert and John, and eight grandchildren.

The Galante Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

Shirley Kamin

Shirley Kamin, 85, of Denver, Col., formerly of Union, died March 22 at Rose Medical Center, Denver.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Kamin lived in Union from 1956 to 2000 before moving to Denver eight years ago. She was employed as a customer service

representative for H. Schultz and Sons, Union, for 30 years before retiring in 1998. Mrs. Kamin was a member of the Union chapter of Deborah and the Sisterhood of the former Temple Israel of Union, now Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael of Springfield.

Surviving are her husband, Jack; a son, Marc; a daughter, Sheri Lockhart, and three grandchildren.

The Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union handled the arrangements.

Alexander Evans

Alexander Evans, 80, of Union died on March 20.

Born in Louisburg, N.C., Mr. Evans lived in Union.

Surviving are two daughters, Gladys McClain and Easter Evans; a sister, Susie Davis; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The Perry Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

George Jacko

George J. Jacko, 94, of Union died March 25 in the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Mr. Jacko lived in Perth Amboy until moving to Union 57 years ago. He was an upholsterer for R & L Decorators, Hillside. until his retirement in 1972. Mr. Jacko was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of the Knights of Columbus Union Council 4504 and the VFW Kelly Post in Union.

Surviving are a daughter, Paula A. Wojtczak; a son; George S., and seven grandchildren.

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

Gloria La Torraca

Gloria La Torraca, 76, of Reno, Nev., formerly of Union, died March 23 in the Renown Regional Medical Center, Reno.

Born in Newark, Mrs. La Torraca lived in Union for many years before moving to Reno last year. She was a former parishioner of St. Francis Church, Newark, and St. Michael's Church, Union.

Surviving are three sons, James, Mark and Thomas; a brother, Albert Wasilewski, Margaret Caruso, Rose Ginasto, Virginia Maraguglio and Viola Serra, and four grandchildren.

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

Frederick Kopp Jr.

Frederick C. Kopp Jr., 92, of Chatham, formerly of Union, died March 25 in Overlook Hospital, Sum-

Born in Newark, Mr. Kopp lived in Irvington and Union before moving to Chatham three years ago. He was a self-employed food distributor of F. Kopp Food Distributors out of Union before retiring in 2005.

Pastor: Rev. Jim Wook Jeong; Worship Service at

UNION. Berwyn Street at Overlook Terrace

Union. Rev. Ferdinand Llenado, Pastor Jonathan

Schneider, Music Director. Church Office 687-

11:00 A.M., Sunday worship includes a children's sermon, followed by Sunday School,

and communion on the first Sunday of each

Women's and Youth groups. Home Bible Studies

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month 1:30 pm. Men's Group meets every other Wednesday 9:00 am. Wednesday, Bible study and

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Communion, 11:00 am Family Bible Hour and

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AM. Tuesday 8:00 PM. Prayer and Bible Study,

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF

Surviving are a daughter. Susan Dreyer; a sister, Elsie Gegenheimer; three grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.

The Valley Memorial Funeral Home, Gillette, handled the arrange-

Andrew Terry Sr.

Andrew Terry Sr., 60, of the Vauxhall section of Union, died on March

Mr. Terry was born in Elizabeth. He was a bus driver for Hayes Charter Bus Co., Newark.

Surviving are his companion, Jean Gill; a son, Andrew Jr.; four brothers, Marcellus, Keith, Darnell and Tony Charles; five sisters, Jean Terry, Denise and Donna Charles and Tammy and Kim Terry, and a grand-

The Woody Home for Services, Orange, handled the arrangements.

Jean Hill

Jean T. Hill, 83, of Union, formerly of Hillside, died March 27 in the Inglemoor Care Center, Livingston.

Born in Scranton, Pa., Mrs. Hill resided in Union since 1991 and was a former resident of Toms River for eight years and Hillside for more than 30 years. She was a member of the Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, Union, and had been formerly employed as a photographer with Planetary Photos of New York City for 20 years before her retirement.

Surviving are two daughters, Patricia Miller and Debra Schuckman; a sister, Mary Black; a brother, George Theophila; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The McCracken Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

Robert Prange

Robert Prange, 86, of Union died March 27 in the Cranford Health Nursing Home.

Born in Newark, Mr. Prange moved to Union in 1956. He served in the Coast Guard during World War II and retired from JCP&L (GPU) in 1983 after 32 years of service. Mr. Prange also worked as a special police officer in Union.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara Clericuzio; five sisters, Millie, J. Bladt; a grandchild and a greatgrandchild.

The McCracken Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

Leslie Unkert

Leslie "Les" Unkert, 95, of Union died March 28 in the Cranford Nursing and Extended Care Center.

Born in Newark, Mr. Unkert moved to Union in 1952. He was a chartered life underwriter for Prudential Insurance Co., Newark, and retired in 1977 after 47 years. Mr. Unkert received a CLU degree from American College and was an Army veteran of World War II. He also was a member of the Wyoming Tennis Club and played tennis well into his 80s. His

hobby was woodworking, and he made cabinets, tables and paneling over the years.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Rita, and a daughter, Gerrie Griffins.

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

Frances Heron

Frances A. Heron, 96, of Union died March 28 in HCR-Manor Care, Mountainside.

Born in Richmond Hill, Long Island, Mrs. Heron moved to Union in 1954. She was a supervisor for New York Bell Telephone Co. for many years before retiring in 1968. Mrs. Heron was a parishioner at Holy Spirit Church, Union, where she was active with the 60-Plus Club.

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

Lucy Costello

Lucy Costello, 90, of Kenilworth died March 20 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, Mrs. Costello lived in Roselle Park and Elizabeth before moving to Kenilworth 15 years ago. She worked with Wilson and Jones Co., Elizabeth, for many years and retired many years ago. Previously, Mrs. Costello was a seamstress for Atlantic Romper, Roselle Park. She was a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in New York City.

Surviving are two sons, James and Dean; a daughter, Lucille F. Novak; a sister, Adeline Fonseca; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The Mastapeter Funeral Home, Roselle Park, handled the arrange-

Edward Guzevich

Edward J. Guzevich, 84, of Kenilworth died March 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Mount Carmel, Pa., Mr. Guzevich lived in Elizabeth before moving to Kenilworth 58 years ago. He was sheriff's officer for the Union County Sheriff's Department for 22 years and retired in 1987. Prior to that, Mr. Guzevich was a conductor for Rahway Valley Railroad, Kenilworth, for 16 years. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Theresa's Church, Kenilworth, and the New Jersey State Police Benevolent Association Local 108 of the Union County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Guzevich was a World War II Marine Corps vet-

eran and served as a corporal. In the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, he participated in the Battle of Kwajalein Atoll and Okinawa. Mr. Guzevich also was in the Nagasaki Occupational Force.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Victoria B.; two sons, Mark E. and John W.; a daughter, Joanne V. Guzevich; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Mastapeter Funeral Home, Roselle Park, handled the arrange-

Tommaso Campanella

Tommaso Campanella, 83, of Kenilworth died March 25 in Morristown Memorial Hospital, Morristown.

Born in Ortorna, Italy, Mr. Campanella came to the United States in 1973 and settled in Kenilworth. He was a maintenance man for Bristol Meyers, Hillside, for many years and retired in 1985.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Maria; three sons, Rocco, Franco and Claudio; a brother, Antonio; a sister, Liliana Castelnuovo, and six grand-

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

William Papa

William Vito Papa, 71, of Kenilworth died March 26 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mr. Papa lived in Irvington before moving to Kenilworth 36 years ago. He was a driver for Leesway Transportation Co., Elizabeth, before retiring in 1988. After retiring, Mr. Papa was a school crossing guard for 12 years. He was a member of the Elks Lodge 2004 of Springfield/Hillside.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara; a son, William; a daughter, Deborah A. Segal, and seven grandchildren. The Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, Westfield, handled the arrangements.

DEATH NOTICE

AIELLO- Linda G. Aiello, 57, a lifelong resident of Hillside, died on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, at her home in Hillside. The funeral was held at the GROWNEY FUNERAL-HOME, www.growneyfuneral.com, 1070 N. Broad St., Hillside, was on Saturday, March 29, 2008, at 10 a.m. Interment was at Rosedale Cemetery, Linden. Visiting was held on Friday, March 28, from 1 to 3 and 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Linda was an educator with the Hillside Board of Education. She was the devoted mother of Gabriel and Jillian Aiello: dear sister of Diane Aiello, and loving daughter of the late Frank and Rose (nee Cuzzolina) Aiello.

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Union softball is promising

By JR Parachini **Sports Editor**

When the Union softball team takes the field on Opening Day tomorrow, the Farmers do so with one of the top returning casts of any of the elite teams in Union County this season.

Union sophomore righthander Amanda Kardys is coming off an impressive 9-6 freshman season, while junior catcher Hana Gross is solid defensively and a top-notch hitter out of the No. 3 spot in the order,

Four-year starters on the left side of the infield include seniors Angela Nascondiglio at third and shortstop Celeste Schimmenti.

Nascondiglio, who is now earning her 12th varsity letter as a standout three-sport athlete for the Farmers, is headed to Penn State.

Schimmenti, No. 1 academically in her senior class and who will be Union's valedictorian this year, has been accepted to Boston College's honors program and to Villanova and is waiting to hear from Ivy League schools she applied to such as Penn and Brown.

Three-year starter Jessica Goncalves can run down almost any ball hit in the outfield, while the speedy center fielder is also a threat at the plate.

"We're strong up the middle," said Union head coach Chris Flinn, now in his 13th season at the helm. "We've hit well in our scrimmages and do have some new people in key spots at first and second."

Those players include sophomore Kristen Wilson at first and sophomore Amanda Ruhl at second.

"They will have to be able to make plays when Kardys gives up hits to the right side of the infield," Flinn said. "If batters hit the ball late, those balls are likely to go to where they are playing, so they will have to be ready."

Union is coming off a 19-7 season that included a 16-2 Watchung Conference mark, which was good for the outright conference championship. Like last year, this year's Watchung Conference standings will reward just one champion.

The Farmers reached the Union County Tournament quarterfinals, falling at Westfield 2-1 and were then knocked out of the North 2, Group 4 playoffs by Linden 8-1 at home in the first round.

However, in regular season play, Union defeated Westfield and Linden twice each, sweeping both Watchung Conference two-game series.

Union defeated Westfield 1-0 at home and then 2-1 on the road, before and after falling to the Blue Devils in the UCT.

The Farmers blanked Linden 2-0 on the road to win their fifth straight and improve to 10-2 and then shut out the Tigers 6-0 at home for their third straight win to improve to 18-5.

Kardys earned the mound win in the second regular season victory over Westfield and she shut out Linden twice.

In the 6-0 home win over Linden, Kardys tossed a four-hitter, striking out 12 and walking three. In the 2-0 road win over the Tigers, she hurled a twohitter, striking out 13 and walking two.

"Amanda throws harder this year, mixing up her pitches well." Flinn said. "She pitched well in our scrimmages. She pitched all summer, played fall ball and went to a camp in Florida over Christmas.

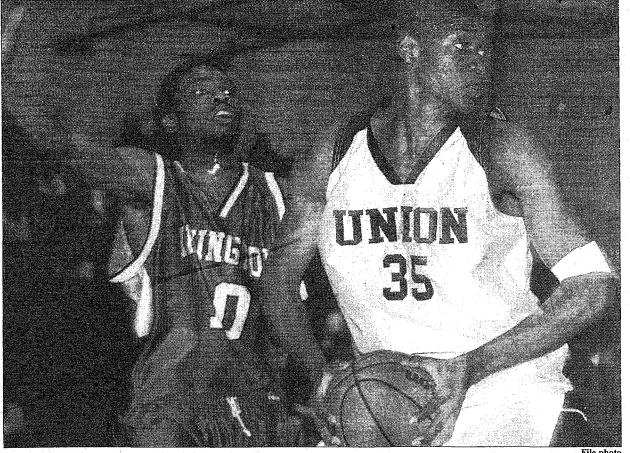
Union scrimmaged Middletown South, Wall, Hillsborough, Watchung Hills, Mount St. Dominic, Carteret, Roselle Park and Brearley.

Playing left field for the Farmers will be juniors Norelia Concepcion and Kristen Scioscia. Other outfielders include seniors Kerri Bohse and Nicole Georges, who both played on the junior varsity team last season.

Linden and Westfield, along with two-time defending UCT champion Cranford and Scotch Plains should challenge Union for county supremacy.

· Union's schedule and complete roster can be found on JR's Sports Blog at www.localsource.com.





Union center Travis Taylor (No. 35 at right) made quite a progression from his junior year to senior season, leading the Farmers in scoring and rebounding with averages of 15.9 and 12.7. He will continue on the Division 1 level at Monmouth University.

Taylor's hard work pays off with basketball scholarship

Union standout senior to play at Monmouth

Sports Editor

When Travis Taylor greeted first-year Union boys' basketball coach Tony DiGiovanni in August of 2006, he did not have the look of a potential Division 1 player.

"He arrived on the second-to-last day of open gym," DiGiovanni recalled. "He introduced himself to me and then came back the next day for the last open gym. Initially, we saw this big kid, tall and long."

Taylor, who stands 6-foot-6, and his family had just moved from Irvington to Union. Taylor's 9th and 10th grade years were spent at St. James in Newark, where he played on a starter team that competed in just a few games.

"He had a long way to go," DiGiovanni said. "The fact that he was a junior gave us some excitement that he would develop some skills.

When the 2006-2007 season began, Union was coming off three consecutive sub-.500 seasons. DiGiovanni, a 1995 UHS grad who had previously been a head coach at New Brunswick and Piscataway, was excited about the challenge that stood before him at his alma mater.

Little did he know - at the beginning - what kind of player Taylor would become.

After scoring a total of just 77 points - all as a nonstarter - in 23 games for a 3.3 average his junior year, Taylor never stopped practicing, never stopped playing and never stopped working hard in order to make his senior season a special one.

Taylor then went out and averaged 15.9 points, 12.7 rebounds and 1.2 blocks in leading Union to its best season in five years this past winter. The Farmers finished 21-7, winning the Watchung Conference-American Division title and reaching the semifinals of the Union County Tournament and North 2, Group 4 playoffs.

College scouts began to take notice as early as December. They kept on coming to Union games as the season progressed.

On Saturday, Taylor put an end to whatever speculation / fident," Taylor said. remained by choosing to attend to Monmouth University on a Division 1 basketball scholarship. In one year, he went from being a non-descript player

coming off the bench to someone you might see playing in the NCAA Tournament in the coming years.

"His transformation is unparalleled," DiGiovanni said. "I could coach another 40 years and I might not see another kind of growth like that."

Taylor has the potential to help the West Long Branch school turn things around. Head coach Dave Calloway's squad finished just 7-24 this season, but Monmouth is a program that has played in several NCAA Tournaments and is seeking to get back to being one of the elite teams out of the Northeast Conference.

"The reason I chose Monmouth is because it's not too far from home and my family can come see my play," Taylor said. "The academic class size is small, which I like, and it's surrounded by a nice community. The coaches were very straight forward and honest."

Taylor also considered other Division 1 schools such as Niagara and Morgan State - who recruited him - and one that did not - St. John's, which he also had a desire to go to.

"Monmouth will be good for Travis for a lot of reasons," DiGiovanni said. "It's not overwhelmingly large, which is what he had to go through when he went from a small Catholic school to Union.

"That was sort of a culture shock for him. At Monmouth, he won't be lost in a big school. He also didn't want to go too far away from his family. "Basketball-wise, he fits in well with how they play.

They do a good job of developing players and he will have a chance to come in and be a contributor right away." "If I show productivity, I think I'll be playing a lot of

minutes," Taylor said. "I see myself at either the 3 or 4." Taylor grew up in Irvington and went to school at St.

James in Newark because his family did not want him to attend public school. "When we moved to Union the high school was close by, so I was able to try it and see if I like it," Taylor said.

"Basically, it was the right thing to do." Never having played organized basketball before, Taylor was anxious to show what he could do and DiGiovanni was fortunate enough to have a player he could develop

right from the beginning. "My junior year was hard because it was the first time I played organized basketball," Taylor said. "I had to adjust to the high school and had to keep working at it. Being comfortable with the ball and not being nervous was a big thing for me."

"What helped Travis a lot his junior year was that Thomas Goubadia became (academically) eligible," DiGiovanni said. "With Thomas (also 6-6) being someone his size, Travis had another player he could imitate, a big guy with some moves.

"When the season ended, Travis already wanted to work out the next day. He got the bug and proved right there that he loves to play. We figured he would be okay for his senior season with that kind of attitude."

"Before my senior season I became a workaholic," Taylor said. "Every chance I got I played, playing against better competition in order to get better. I played all the time and became a gym rat. I went wherever I could go to play.

"My top priority was to help the team and contribute as much as I could. I had to learn to be comfortable with the ball - once I catch it, don't move too fast and not be nervous.

"We felt that we would have a better season (Union was 8-15 his junior year) and we all put it in our mind to work hard no matter what. We would set goals for ourselves every week, like if we had five games to win four out of five or five out of five."

Taylor established a presence right away for the Farmers this year by pouring in a career-high 28 points and adding 18 rebounds in a season-opening 81-57 home win over Kearny. The most points Taylor scored in a game his junior sea-

son was nine in a 62-30 win over Johnson in a Union County Tournament preliminary round game at Rahway. "Right away you could tell all the hard work he put in

and that he paid his dues in the off-season," DiGiovanni said. "He worked incredibly hard.

"Whether it's basketball or academics, we tell the kids that you reap what you sow. He started setting the tone for the team and didn't want any part of losing. That began to trickle down to some of the younger guys who might have had success before, but not on the varsity level."

"After our first couple of games, we started to feel con-

Taylor would score 28 again this past season in a North 2, Group 4 first round 66-48 home win over Irvington.

His best game might have been a 27-point performance in Union's 81-74 overtime home win over Linden. After Union let a 10-point fourth-quarter lead slip away before Aishon White drilled a long "3" at the buzzer to send the game to overtime, Taylor dominated in the extra session to help lead Union to its first win over Linden since 2001.

"That was one of the greatest games I had this year,"

"You felt like Travis had ownership of the team," DiGiovanni said. "It was his responsibility to be the hardest worker and make sure not to let the rest of the guys down. In the off-season he worked out in the weight room and even before our first game you knew that losing was not a viable option."

Union won six straight to get out to a 7-1 start and then won six straight again to be 16-3 after topping Linden for the first time in seven years.

"It felt real good to be part of something like what we just went through," Taylor said. "I wouldn't take it back for anything, except for a state championship. I wish I had another year to play here."

Another coach Taylor made quite an impression on was St. Anthony mentor Bob Hurley, who DiGiovanni coached for at the Jersey City parochial school.

"Coach Hurley first saw Travis in an open gym in Jersey City," DiGiovanni said. "The second time he saw him he said that he keeps getting better and better and then the next time he saw him play he couldn't believe how much better he got."

For the season, Taylor scored 445 points and started all 28 Union contests. He also did quite well to post 21 double-

"Travis loves to play and has a sincere enthusiasm for the game," DiGiovanni said. "He doesn't complicate his life with other things. He understands family and academics and loves to play basketball. "He works very hard, is very coachable and has a posi-

tive attitude, which is one of the biggest things he brought to the team this year. That came from how he was raised by his family."

"Being coachable and understanding what I'm doing wrong and fixing it was important for me," Taylor said. "In order to fix something, you have to act on the coaching you

While Monmouth basketball might have had a down season this year, the Hawks may be on the rise again, with a player named Travis Taylor a key member of another basketball resurgence.

Union baseball has talent to win games 3 juniors at the top of rotation

By JR Parachini **Sports Editor**

For Union to get back into the thick of things in the Watchung Conference with teams like Westfield, Scotch Plains, Elizabeth and Newark East Side, the Farmers will need to get solid pitching from starters Tom Beck, Bobby Lisowski and Ryan Pascullo - for starters.

Those junior hurlers could set the tone for a special 2008 season.

"They all pitched well in the pre-season," said Union second-year head coach Frank Napolitano, a 1989 UHS graduate.

Union is coming off a 13-12 campaign and lost talented players such as pitcher Tom Filippone, catcher Michael Dennis and second baseman James Melody to graduation.

Still, there is plenty of talent leftover for the Farmers to challenge every team on their schedule.

"Basically, we're starting all juniors except for center field and catcher," Napolitano said. "I like the group of kids that came up from last year's JV team." That squad, capably coached by Vinny Rettino, captured the Union County Tournament championship, defeating defending champion Cranford in the final.

The winning pitcher in the JV county final was Pascullo. Becht and Lisowski are returning pitchers seeking to make big jumps this

Becht's first varsity start last season was a five-inning six-hitter in a 13-3 home win over Linden. He struck out four and walked one and helped his own cause by belting a grand slam.

Lisowski's first varsity start last season was a 4-1 home win over a 17-4 East Side squad. In six innings, the lefthander gave up five hits, struck out two and

walked three. Becht drove in two runs. Lisowski was 1-0 last year with a 2.96 earned-run average, used mostly in

"We're looking to improve upon last year's record and improve our performances in both tournaments," said Napolitano, whose team scrimmaged Bloomfield, Rahway, Columbia, Belleville, Seton Hall Prep and New

Union was eliminated in the quarterfinals of the UCT and the first round of the North 2, Group 4 playoffs last season.

Union last reached the UCT semifinals in 2003, which was for the eighth straight time. Union has been eliminated in the quarterfinals three of the last four years and in the first round two years ago.

Union last reached the UCT final and last won the crown in 1993.

On the Friday before the state playoff cutoff date - which is May 9 - and the Friday after, Union will host Watchung Conference rivals at 6 p.m. On May 2 Union will host Linden and on May 16 the Farmers will host

"The lights were put in a few years ago and the parents wanted a couple of

night games, so we're going to give it a shot," Napolitano said. "We'll be playing those teams in the warmer month of the season. Hopefully, it will bring more people to the games." NOTES: Union was scheduled to open at Iselin Kennedy Tuesday afternoon. The Farmers will open at home Saturday at 10:30 a.m. against Bridgewater-

Union's first scheduled Watchung Conference-American Division game will

be at home Monday at 4 p.m. against Kearny. Returning senior center fielder Julian Castro batted .430, stole 20 bases and

scored 20 runs last year: Returning junior left fielder Antonio Serrano batted .390, while Becht hit at a .346 clip.

Remaining schedule: April 5 Bridgewater-Raritan, 10:30 a.m. April 9 at Linden, 4 p.m. April 12 at Montgomery, 11 a.m. April 14 Newark East Side, 4 p.m. April 16 at Plainfield, 4 p.m. April 18 Scotch Plains, 4 p.m. April 19 at Bayonne, 11 a.m. April 21 at Shabazz, 4 p.m. April 23 Westfield, 4 p.m. April 25 at Elizabeth, 4 p.m. April 26 at Watchung Hills, 10:30 a.m. April 28 Irvington, 4 p.m. April 30 at Kearny, 4 p.m. May 2 Linden, 6 p.m. May 5 at Newark East Side, 4 p.m. May 7 Plainfield, 4 p.m. May 9 at Scotch Plains, 4 p.m. May 10 vs. Shore Regional, 4 p.m. at Blue Claws Stadium in Lakewood May 12 Shabazz, 4 p.m. May 14 at Westfield, 4 p.m. May 16 Elizabeth, 6 p.m.

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Pitchers

Tom Becht junior, righthander - returner Bobby Lisowski, junior, lefthander - returner Ryan Pascullo, junior, righthander Ryan Shupe, senior, righthander - returner Julian Castro, senior, righthander - returner, 3-0 on mound, all in relief Michael Gomes, senior, righthander Brian Scantlebury, senior, righthander

May 19 at Irvington, 4 p.m.

May 22 South Plainfield, 4 p.m.

Catcher

John Valdez, senior. Jake Foehner, junior.

Bobby Lisowski. Jesse Lara, junior. Chris Borges, senior.

Third base

John Motacki, junior. Mark Santora, senior.

Becht. Tom Galuppo, senior - returner.

Mike Wolff, junior - returner.

Antonio Serrano, junior - returner - .390. Gomes.

Center Field Castro. Randy Ocasio, senior.

Right Field

Jared Sumner, junior. Pascullo.

UNION COUNTY TOURNAMENT DATES:

Seeding meeting: Monday, April 28 Preliminaries: Week of April 28 First round: Saturday, May 3 Quarterfinals: Wednesday, May 7 Semifinals: Saturday, May 10 Final: Saturday, May 17

Funds help keep towns litter-free

Sen. Raymond Lesniak and Assemblymen Neil Cohen and Joseph Cryan have announced the confirmation of state funds for anti-litter programs throughout the 20th Legislative Dis-

The grants, totaling \$169,235, are administered by the Department of Environmental Protection's Clean Community program and are awarded annually to assist local governments implement anti-litter efforts.

The resources will be shared among the four municipalities with Elizabeth receiving \$91,564; Union, \$50,406; Roselle, \$19,030 and Kenilworth, \$8,234.

The division of funds is determined by a statutorily-driven formula that assesses population and street miles.

Assemblyman Neil Cohen added that "it is all of our responsibility to keen our environment clean. The Clean Community grant ensures that our local governments have the resources necessary to take a proactive approach to litter reduction."

Not as easy as it looks



Cub Scouts from Pack 116 get some assistance from a firefighter as they learn to use some of the equipment during a visit to the Roselle Park Fire Department. Borough firefighters showed the scouts their fire trucks and the tools used to fight fires. The troop members even had an opportunity to try on some of the RPFD's turnout gear.

Township residents can help prevent crime

The township of Union Police Department wants residents to know that they can be one of the most effective tools in the prevention and reduction of crime in their neighborhoods.

The Police Department is asking the assistance of all residents to become additional "eyes and ears" in the battle against crime.

"Residents are the experts on their own neighborhoods," said Police Chief Thomas Kraemer.

"They know what circumstances and activities are normal and they are the first to know when something is suspicious. We as police personnel need to tap into this expertise in order to be effective crime

Citizens are encouraged to look for things that seem out of the ordinary, and report any suspicious activity to the Police Department. No piece of information should be considered insignificant. The

smallest detail provided by a citizen can help prevent a crime or catch a criminal in the act.

The color of a vehicle lingering in the neighborhood, a description of someone going door to door, or a partial license plate can be a vital piece of information that may lead to the apprehension of a criminal and the suppression of a potential crime wave.

Citizens may report their observations to 908-851-5000 or call 911 for emergencies.

Watchdog group, township claim victories

(Continued from Page 1) Group leaders insisted they wanted the public to choose the outcome.

the procedural track, Maciag said it seemed as if the township was biding its time.

"Why are they so afraid of an election," Maciag asked. "They clearly don't want an election."

Township attorney Daniel Antonelli said he believes the delay is coming from the CUU's side.

"I question that because Mr. Maciag himself failed to serve Eileen Birch until 50 days after the complaint was filed,"Antonelli said. "If there is anyone delaying this, it's him because you can't litigate a case until the other side is properly served."

On Dec. 27, 2007, the CUU filed a lawsuit against Birch, in connection with a question they wanted to add to the next general election ballot,

regarding the township committee form of government.

The lawsuit was meant to override With the expected lengthening of the clerk's decision to reject the CUU's petition seeking township government change.

> There had been some confusion several weeks ago regarding a court document that had the township claiming a victory and the CUU con-

> The court document, filed on Feb. 29, stated that, by order of Judge Dupuis, the case was formally dismissed. It was clarified, however, that the confusion was due to nothing more than a clerical error.

> "It was simply an error," Maciag said. "The case was never supposed to be dismissed."

> "The order signed previously was rescinded by another Superior Court judge," Antonelli said.

The petition, which sought a coun-

cil-manager form of government, with a directly-elected mayor, was not approved by the municipal clerk.

Exactly 5,523 valid signatures were needed to place a question on the

In December, a petition with 3,204 signatures was submitted and of those, 2,933 signatures qualified. In the last petition, 3,353 signatures were submitted but according to the clerk, 1,722 were certified.

The petition was found to be insufficient because it fell short of the required amount by 868 votes.

Maciag said that 1,045 signatures were invalidated by Birch.

"With those, the CUU has more than enough signatures to put the question on the ballot," Maciag said.

According to Birch, 818 signatures were from non-registered voters, 134 were duplicated signatures, 54 were disqualified for mismatched addresses

and 613 were unverified.

"In the first petition, with about 3,200 signatures, zero were illegible but then out of the next 3,300 signatures, 600 were illegible," Maciag said. "Suddenly, the standards got so strict and I think those standards changed when they figured the CUU was getting enough signatures to put the question on the ballot."

Also in December, the CUU reportedly asked Birch, to resign because they feared her kinship to the assemblyman would create a bias.

A CUU group leader, Fran Metta, said their efforts will not be quelled.

"They'll just find any excuse to stop this process, that's the bottom line and we're all well aware of them trving to figure out a way for them to not allow this on the ballot," Metta said.

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YMCA will help kids 'put play in their day'

The YMCA of Eastern Union County's Five Points Branch will join more than 1,700 YMCA's nationwide in celebrating the 17th annual YMCA Healthy Kids Day on April 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This free event is open to the public and offers kids and families the opportunity to "put play in their day" while engaging in fun, creative activities that encourage the adoption of behaviors that support a healthy lifestyle. YMCA Healthy Kids Day is part of YMCA Activate America, a national initiative designed to better support Americans of all ages who are struggling to achieve and maintain well-being in spirit, mind, and body.

As the percentage of young people who are overweight continues to rise, the Five Points Branch is committed to helping families develop a wellness regimen that is fun and worthwhile. Studies have shown that children who develop healthy eating and exercise habits while they are young are more likely to continue to lead healthy lifestyles through adulthood.

As families struggle to balance their work, family and civic life, many have limited time and resources to focus on incorporating healthy habits and physical activity into their daily routine. YMCA Healthy Kids Day will give parents the opportunity to spend quality time with their children while teaching them healthy habits that will, in turn, help kids better manage stress, succeed in school, reduce frustration, build energy and, most of all, learn skills that encourage a lifetime of activi-

"The challenge is that many families see healthy living as an all-or-nothing proposition," said Sherisha Hills, health and wellness director. "At YMCA Healthy Kids Day, the Five Points branch will provide families with information and tips on easy and fun ways to integrate healthy choices into their everyday life.'

Activities taking place at the event will include fun fitness games and activities, arts and crafts, music, healthy snacks, face painting, pool races from 1 to 2 p.m., a

"family swim" in the facility's indoor warm water pool from 2 to 5 p.m. and more. Information and registration for summer camp will also be available at the event. Free giveaways and helpful tips on how to raise healthy, active kids will also

Participation in health and wellness programs at the Five Points Branch and events such as YMCA Healthy Kids Day provide a chance for people to build friendships and gain confidence while becoming more connected to their commu-

"So many families and individuals in our community desire a healthier and happier life but struggle to sustain it," said Melynda Mileski, Five Points branch executive. "Whether they are in our YMCA facility, out in the community or in their own homes, we want families to know that the Five Points branch is here to help them start making new habits and will gladly assist them along the way."

In addition to hosting YMCA Healthy Kids Day, as an Activate America YMCA, the Five Points branch is supporting healthy living by motivating our members through events and fitness initiatives throughout the year, such as Mission Meltdown — an eight-week exercise challenge that took place earlier this year - and America on the Move Week — an annual fitness initiative that takes place in September.

The Five Points branch is also now offering monthly health screenings in conjunction with Overlook Hospital and has partnered with the Union Health Department to offer various seminars on topics including stress management, smoking cessation, and nutrition.

Most screenings and seminars are free and give members beneficial health information while raising their awareness of health conditions that often go untreated or ignored. Upcoming screenings include bone density, sun exposure and hearing.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day celebrations nationwide are supported by the American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association, American Public Health Association, American Cancer Society, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors. Nationwide sponsors include the Disney Channel, Eli Lilly and Company, Northwestern Mutual Foundation and Tropicana.

The YMCA of Eastern Union County is a non-profit community service membership organization working to meet the health and social service needs of the children, men and women of Eastern Union County.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day is one of the many tools the Five Points Branch uses to achieve our vision of building strong kids, strong families and strong communities and to reinforce the YMCA core values of caring, honesty, respect and respon-

For information on the YMCA of Eastern Union County, the Five Points branch, events or programs, contact Megan Appello at 908-688-9622 or visit www.ymcaeuc.org.

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"Check and balance"

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi sometimes is viewed as a stickler for detail. Not always a term of endearment, one of her systems of "check and balance" as she describes it may have uncovered a serious flaw in the very integrity of our voting process. Her efforts have drawn praise from as diverse media as The New York Times to Politifax the state's newsletter for political junkies.

The real focus on Rajoppi's efforts will start in mid-May when Superior Court Judge Linda Feinberg will conduct a full blown hearing on the state's voting system. It's expected Rajoppi will be required to give testimony on her findings.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

This could be an uncomfortable time for state officials who seem content to have the owners of the current voting system conduct their own tests.

Rajoppi's involvement kicked into third gear after the recent February primary in the state. As part of her own review she started comparing electronic machine tests with the machine tapes calling it "my own check and balance". She was startled to find the numbers didn't jive.

Rajoppi's work spurred similar reviews in diverse counties as Bergen, Middlesex, Mercer and Ocean. The same problem started popping up. With little interest expressed by state officials, she called for an independent review of the Sequoia machine used in 18 of the states 21 counties including Union. That brought an angry letter from a Sequoia executive threatening legal action.

It's probably a letter Sequoia wished they hadn't sent. The chain reaction brought in state Senator Nicholas Scuturi of Linden, the chairman of the Senate State Government Committee.

In one of the quotes that may go down in state political lure, he said: "Evidently Sequoia believes that maintaining its trade secrets trumps the rights of New Jerseyans to have their votes properly recorded in our election." He added: "It's an embarrassment that we have a far more rigorous and thorough approach to ensuring the fidelity of our slot machines than our voting machines."

Rajoppi has called for an independent review by Princeton University. Sequoia has convinced state election officials that its all right for them to hire the company to conduct the review.

Scuturi said he is preparing legislation to replace the voting machines with optical scan paper ballot technology if "Sequoia and the Attorney General fail to produce a machine with viable voter verified paper audit trail."

Come May, Judge Feinberg will hear arguments and testimony from a group called "Coalition for Peace Action". Their counsel, Penny Venetis, has already made an argument that hackers could readily corrupt the process.

The hearing by the court will undoubtedly be watched carefully by Scuturi's Senate Committee. He said, "I am certain that the membership would be very interested in hearing Sequoia defend its policy of preventing election officials from acting to protect our constitutions right to vote."

A true system of checks and

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.



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Six indicted for contraband ring at jail

Staff Writer

In the aftermath of the Union County Jailbreak, a new, unrelated scandal has surfaced as one corrections officer, a maintenance worker and four inmates are charged with allegedly running an illegal contraband ring within the Union County Jail.

A 19-count indictment, handed up by the Union County Prosecutors office on Wednesday, accuse the guard and maintenance worker of smuggling cigarettes, loose tobacco and a cell phone to inmates, who operated an underground sales network.

"It is another troubling chapter in the history of the Union County Jail as it existed prior to the changes that were put into effect as a result of the escapes in December 2007," Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow said in a prepared statement announcing the charges.

The corrections officer charged in the corruption scandal is Union resident Stephen Matthews, 48, and maintenance worker, Joseph Pecoraro, 37, of Elizabeth.

Both suspended jail employees face charges

of bribery, misconduct, conspiracy to commit bribery and official misconduct.

Pecoraro faces an additional charge of providing an electronic device, a cell phone, to the

Both men were suspended without pay when the charges surfaced in August.

The four inmates named in the indictment are Jeremy Watson, 22, of Plainfield; Abdul Griggs, 36, of Piscataway; Shariff Raymond, 27, of Elizabeth; and Jadon Russell, 29, of Lin-

Inside the jail, Watson was running a lucrative underground sales network with the assistance of Griggs, Russell and Raymond.

"The contraband consisted of Marlboro cigarettes and Bugler loose tobacco," said Kolano. "Watson and his cohorts were selling the smuggled goods to other inmates for a large profit."

According to Union County Assistant Prosecutor William Kolano who heads up the office's Special Prosecution Unit, Matthews and Pecoraro are accused of smuggling tobacco products and a cell phone into the jail over a five month in stores for about \$1 an ounce sold for as much as \$75 inside the jail.

Matthews is accused of taking at least \$560 in bribes in exchange for the loose tobacco and packs of cigarettes he allegedly smuggled into

Pecoraro is accused of accepting \$200 bribes on "numerous" occasions in exchange for delivering tobacco and cigarettes and a cell phone.

Pecoraro, a county worker since June 1999, was a janitor and handyman assigned to the jail who earned a salary of \$48,671. Matthews earned a base salary of \$74,000.

Watson's girlfriend, Kelly Spicer, 36, of Elizabeth was also charged. She allegedly was the link between the inmates and Matthews and Pecoraro. Spicer allegedly dropped payoff money for the county employees in Matthews' Lexus SUV in a Union County parking lot.

Kolano said the illicit operation began in April 2007. On April 22, investigators saw Matthews walk into the jail with Bugler tobacco and Marlboro cigarettes.

Later that same day, investigators allegedly

The loose tobacco that would normally sell found wrappings for the tobacco in Matthew's car, along with an envelope labeled "\$100."

According to the indictment, a DNA analysis determined Spicer's saliva was on the envelope found inside Matthews' car.

After authorities became aware of the contraband ring in April 2007, the investigators on the case, Lt. Robert McGuire with the Union County police and Investigator Donald Johnson, with the county corrections department's internal affairs unit began to gather evidence and arrest the men.

This latest development comes only three months after the Union County Jailbreak, when inmates Otis Blunt and Jose Espinosa made a Hollywood style escape from the county facility before being captured one month later.

Since the December escape, there have been sweeping reforms at the jail, including the replacement of the jail director and the installation of additional security equipment, including razor wire fencing and surveillance

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Towns boast successes, blast state

By Katherine Paster Staff Writer

Jabs at state government, budget woes, shared service initiatives and the occasional poem were among the highlights of the 19th Annual Mayor's Dinner, where local officials and members of the business community came out to honor the 21 mayors of Union County.

At the annual meeting of the mayors hosted by the Gateway Chamber of Commerce, mayors, councilmen and freeholders had an opportunity to network and cheerlead for their respective communities.

With a time restraint of five minutes per person, community representatives took turns discussing the challenges facing the region and the progress made in their respective towns.

Speaking on behalf of absent Mayor Chris Bollwage of Elizabeth, Ward 4 Councilman Carlos Cedeno spoke of the recent success of the city's school district, and encouraged the crowd to visit the area to witness the city's progress for themselves.

"Elizabeth has a very bright future," said Cedeno. "We have opened 10 new chools in 11 years, and have an emerg ing Pre-K program on the horizon."

Keeping his remarks brief, Cedeno explained that despite the city's notoriously dangerous reputation things are changing for the better, saying "I know there is a lot of talk about gangs, and that's a reality we have to deal with, but this city is making a lot of progress."

Transportation improvements were the focus of Union Mayor Clifton Peo-



Bonaccorso

ple, who spoke of construction projects on Morris Avenue and upcoming expansions at the town's Five Points

"We are doing developments on our major thoroughfares," said People, the crowd on behalf of absent Mayor of acknowledging the traffic woes experienced by residents of the township.

Clark Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, who won the evening's Best Speaker of the Night Award, let numbers speak for themselves. "We're under the four percent cap,

and in the last eight years we authorized a total of \$8 million in capital bonding, and we paid off \$8 million," said Bonaccorso. "New Jersey Monthly Magazine rated Clark as the 33rd best place to live in New Jersey, and



Smith

ranked it in the top 10 of mid-size towns in the state."

.Also citing a healthy municipal 2008 budget was Rahway Council President David Brown, who addressed the Year nominee James Kennedy.

"This year's municipal taxes are increasing by zero percent," said Brown, who took his five minute microphone time to highlight the recent development in the Rahway's downtown performing arts district.

"The Union County Performing Arts Center is now open, and we look forward to making even more partnerships in the future," said Brown. "We know that Rahway is on the move."

Also touching on redevelopment

was Cranford's Deputy Mayor David Robinson, who spoke of the \$60 million investment in the downtown area in the past few years, and the status of the flood control project that is current-

"Our flood control project is currently in phase 2 and coming along nicely," said Robinson. "Hopefully flooding won't be a problem in the coming years.'

And though things appeared calm on the local and county levels, the mayors had little to no problem unleashing their feelings about the state, reminding the audience, made up of officials and business owners, that municipalities are often blamed for the state's more unwieldly problems, like property taxes.

Westfield Mayor Andrew Skibitsky posed the question shared by many of his collegues, asking "Why is Trenton blaming us for its financial distaster?"

Roselle Mayor Garrett Smith, a nominee for Mayor of the Year, touched on the idea of shared services as a way of improving the quality of life for Union County's municipalities.

"It's time for entities to come together and pool our resources in government," said Smith, who spoke of building a new school and Roselle's focus on after school programs. "We want to work on improving the quality of life in Roselle."

The four "Mayor of the Year" nominees were Colleen Mahr of Fanwood, Smith of Roselle, Andrew Skibitsky of Westfield and Jim Kennedy of Rahway.

The winner of the night's most cov-

eted award was Colleen Mahr, the borough's first female mayor of who was honored for her outstanding work in retail development.

The second-term mayor and mother of three took the opportunity to address the recent cuts in state aid that hit the towns with populations under 10,000 the hardest, noting that Fanwood is looking at a double-digit tax increase to make up for the reduction in aid.

"We're in a very serious situation," said Mahr, citing exploring additional shared servies as a possible way to alleviate the financial constrains on Union County's smallest municipalities. "We're looking to friends in Scotch Plains, Garwood, Westfield and Clark to explore our options and maybe share this burden."

Additional awards were presented in the categories of Business Administrator of the Year, Public Safety Official of the Year and School Superintendent of the Year.

The award for Business Administrator of the Year, sponsored by Verizon, went to Tom Atkins of Scotch Plains, who beat out fellow nominees James Debbie of Mountainside and Janet Vlaisavljevic of Hillside.

Nominees for the Public Safety Official of the Year award included Police Chief Eric Mason of Cranford, John Young of Roselle, and the winner of the award, Fire Chief Fredrick Fretz of Union.

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Prosecutor: More funding for victims witness unit

By Katherine Paster Staff Writer

Editor's note: The following is Part 2 of an ongoing series on Union County departmental budget hearings for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The first part was on Runnells Specialized Hospital.

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.

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 cutbacks, the county will still face the challenge of rising costs in the near

"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 com-

Union County Prosecutor's Office

Facing significant cuts in federal funding, Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow is expecting to lose three positions from its Victim Witness Advocates unit in the coming year, a loss which he hopes to avoid by receiving additional county funds.

The projected 2008 budget allocation for the Prosecutor's Office is \$19.4 million, up from \$18.6 million in 2007. The Prosecutor's Office budget represents four percent of the total 2008 county budget. The final capital amounts for each county department will be determined after the hearings conclude.

government As the federal decreased funding to New Jersey for victim witness advocacy, the State Office of Victim Witness Advocacy cut the funding to the Union County Prosecutor's Office from \$440,418 to \$117,642, a 72 percent decrease that Romankow calls the "biggest hit to his department in over a decade."

There are only two Victims Witness Advocates currently employed by the office due to three recent resignations, but even without filling the three vacancies the department is \$60,000 short of funding its current employee

During his departmental budget hearing, Romankow explained to the Freeholder Board that the office would do a disservice to the victims of crimes in Union County by not funding the remaining three Victim Witness Advocate positions.



Romankow

these women are the most important employees that we have, because whenever there is a victim of a crime, these women are right there with them," said Romankow. "They devote their entire lives and are very personally wrapped up in their work. They are angels, plain and simple."

In 2007, the Victim Witness Unit helped 11,574 victims and witnesses of crimes in Union County by providing them with case-specific information about the criminal justice process, medical services, and provide specialized services for children.

At the least Romankow requested the county continue to provide the \$110,000 in matching funds granted annually to match the federal funding despite the recent cut.

Additional major budget items in the Prosecutor's Office include the "The horrible part about this is that Union County Gang Task Force, which



Devanney

consists of 12 law enforcement members who were "on-loan" from other Union County law enforcement agen-

Romankow's Intelligence Unit has identified 1,922 gang members in Union County municipalities. Based on the gang threat assessment, the Union County Gang Task Force has worked to accommodate requests for their presence and assistance in Linden, Roselle, Hillside and Roselle

The problem, according to Romankow, is the growing concern attributed to gang activity and the inability to continuously staff the Union County Gang Task Force with the minimum number of personnel which would allow the unit to operate efficiently and intelligently in the field.

The Prosecutor's Office requested that the county hire two additional investigators for the Gang Unit, highlighting a number of the unit's success ful operations in the past few years.

In April 2007, "Operation Recap" rendered the execution of 12 search warrants, the arrest of 19 subjects and the seizure of 9 weapons. Of the 19 subjects arrested, 12 were verified members of the Clinton Avenue regional street gang, including the leader, the second in charge, 4 high ranking members, 3 drug suppliers and 3 female gang members.

Between the April arrests and September 2007, statistics showed that overall crime as well as gang-related activity in the Clinton Avenue area of Plainfield had diminished greatly.

During the hearing, Romankow also requested two additional investigators be hired for the Drug Interdiction Unit, at least one additional Assistant Prosecutor for the Appellate Unit, and two additional investigators and two civilian employees to handle the increased work load of the Computer Services Unit.

While he recognized that the numerous personnel requests were a large request from the County, which is also facing the state-wide economic crisis, Romankow made the case that these services are essential to the safety and wellbeing of the people of Union County,

"It has become very clear to me that freeholders have to assume law enforcement responsibilities that local law enforcement is unable to handle," said Romankow. "We do things that the locals can't and don't because the county pays for it."

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Deadline set for photo contest

Grab your camera and head outside. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Trailside Nature and Science Center are pleased to announce the 2008 Wildlife Photography Contest. Amateur photographers, ages six through adult, are invited to enter their original photographs of wild animals in their natural habitat. The deadline for entries has been extended to 5 p.m. April 11.

"Animals are challenging photographic subjects, and capturing them successfully in natural settings on film requires knowledge of the animal and its habitat," said Freeholder Chairman

Angel G Estrada. "We hope that this contest will encourage the hobby of wildlife photography and a better understanding of the natural world."

Contest entries should be unmated, unframed 5-by-7-inches black and white or color prints. Participants may enter a maximum of two photographs. Prizes will be given in each of three age groups: 6-11 years, 12-17, and 18 and older. All photographs will be displayed at the Trailside Visitor Center through May 11.

Photographs will be judged by local professional photographers. The judging will be based on originality, composition, technical excellence and artistic merit.

An awards ceremony will be held at Trailside's 18th annual Wildlife Sunday on April 20, at 4:30 p.m. A prize will be awarded to the best photograph in each age group.

To obtain a brochure containing rules and a contest entry form, call Trailside at 908-789-3670 or visit us online at www.ucnj.org/trailside. Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside and is a service of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

COUNTY NEWS

Recycle unwanted electronics, car tires

The County of Union will sponsor a recycling event for electronic equipment and automobile tires on April 12, so Union County residents can get rid of unwanted tires, computers, televisions and other electronic equipment in an environmentally proper manner.

The special recycling event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lucent Technologies, 600 Mountain Avenue, New Providence.

All residents of Union County are eligible to participate at no cost.

Electronic equipment that will be accepted on April 12 includes computer monitors, hard drives, modems, keyboards, CPU's, mice, printers, scanners, speakers, televisions, VCR's, fax machines, telephones, and circuit boards.

"This also is a great opportunity to get rid of old automobile tires," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "Unwanted tires can become a breeding site for mosquitoes."

All that residents need to do is drive to the site with their unwanted. electronic equipment and as many as eight automobile tires, without rims. Workers at the site will unload the vehicles.

Pre-registration is not required for this special Saturday collection.

Refrigerators, washers and dryers, microwaves, and air conditioners will not be accepted.

A complete list of the materials that will be accepted is available at the Union County Bureau of Planning and Environmental Conservation website: www.ucnj.org/recycle.

The electronics collection and tire recycling will be held rain or shine, for Union County residents only and not for businesses. Proof of Union County residency is required.

In addition to the special recycling event sponsored by the County of Union, there are other local opportunities for residents to recycle electronic equipment. Visit www.ucnj.org/recycle for more computer and electronics recycling options.

Goodwill and Dell have teamed up to recycle computers. Goodwill in Union County is located at 126 Route 22 West, Springfield, next to Macy's Furniture. Call Goodwill at 973-912-0156 for more details or visit their

www.reconnectpartnership.com. Staples also offers an electronics recycling program seven days a week. For more information, visit the Staples web site for store locations: www.sta-

ples.com An alternative drop-off program for recycling electronics equipment is available every Monday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Newtech Recycling Facility, located at 600-A Apgar Drive, Somerset NJ.

For more information about recycling events, please call the Union

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Registration is now open for the Printmaking 101: Making Multiples Workshop. This workshop will run on April 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register by phone at 732-381-7511, e-mail at artsguild1670@verizon.net or in person at The Arts Guild Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Students are responsible for their own tools and materials. A supply list will be provided upon registration. Summit Artist Gwen Howard is the instructor for this work-

For more information, visit the Web site: www.rahwayartsguild.org, or call 732-381-7511.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a nonprofit center for the Arts located at 1670 Irving St.in the downtown Arts District of the City of Rahway.

Listen to Baroque at family concert

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.

The BONJ's annual Family Concert has become one of the anticipated events of the season. Beyond presenting performances of great music, these concerts integrate music of all styles and forms from classical to non-classical traditions. As maestro Robert W. Butts, musical director and conductor of the orchestra, said, "Each year with this concert, we go way beyond

More information can be obtained by calling 973 366-8922.

Army Corps to host Disabled vet workshop

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, will host a Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Outreach Initiative Workshop on Monday at the Four Points Sheraton, 901 Spring Street, Elizabeth from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This initiative workshop will provide information on how the Corps does business from beginning to end, including basic contracting principles applicable to doing business with the federal government. The workshop will discuss the steps necessary to become an eligible SDVOSB and in addition will provide an opportunity for SDVOSBs to market their capabilities to large businesses doing business with the corps.

Information on New York District's military and civil works programs will be presented. Representatives from New York District will be available at

breakout sessions to discuss special requirements for A/E procurements as well as to discuss our construction and real estate upgrade programs.

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Representatives from the US Department of Veterans Affairs, Center for Veterans Enterprise and the US Small Business Administration will be available as well to answer questions and provide additional information concerning the SDVOSB program. Large businesses and small business concerns, including HubZones and SDB's, seeking SDVOSB subcontractors are encouraged to attend.

Government officials will be on hand during this workshop to assist firms in registering in the Central Contractor Registration, the primary registrant database for contractors who want to do business with the government. If you are interested in registering in CCR please see the web site below for further information.

Interested SDVOSBs are invited to attend as are companies who are not yet registered as SDVOSBs. Registration is required for each firm member attending. Pre-registration forms are available on the New York District website at www.nan.usace.army.mil.

For more information contact Greg Cuyjet, Small Business Deputy at 917-790-8004 or email gregory.g.cuyjet@usace.army.mil.

Check out a free watershed program

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is sponsoring a special science program that will visit grammar school classrooms and community centers to discuss watershed ecology. Sixth grade teachers and local community groups are encouraged to register for this free, 45-minute, in-house science presentation that relates watershed and environmental concepts in a

fun and meaningful way. A watershed is a land area that drains into a river system or other body of water. Since 1999, these interactive, "hands-on" earth science presentations incorporating a threedimensional land use model have been receiving positive reviews from students and teachers alike.

"This is a full period of interesting material for sixth graders, scouts and ecology clubs," said Freeholder Rick Proctor, liaison to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "Kids love coming to the watershed model and participating!"

Teachers, students and community members will discover how human behavior can impact the land and water around them.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLAINFIELD

POWERS KIRN, LLC 728 Marne Highway, Suite 200 Moorestown, NJ 08057 (856) 802-1000 Attorneys for Plaintiff (2007-2301) NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT Superior Court of New Jersey Chancery Division Union County Docket No.F-36128-07

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

Mario R. Blessing, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest and Karen Blessing, her 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 the Attorneys for Plaintiff, Powers Kirn, LLC, 728 Marne Highway, P.O. Box 848, Moorestown, NJ 08057, an Answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any) filed in a Civil Action in which Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate Holders CWALT, Inc., Alternate Loan Trust 2006-0C11, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-0C11 is plaintiff and Mario R. Blessing and Karen Blessing, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, within thirty-five (35) days after April 3, 2008, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and Proof of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, 6th Floor, North Wing, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. A \$135.00 filling fee payable to the Clerk of the Superior Court and a completed Case Information Statement must accompany your answer or motion.

motion.

The action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated October 24, 2006, made by Mario R. Blessing and Karen Blessing to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Com-

LLC , and concerns real estate ed at 305 Johnston Avenue, Plainrield City, NJ.

YOU, Mario R. Blessing, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest and Karen Blessing, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a defendant because you are the maker of the bond/note and mortgage and/or an owner thereof and Plaintiff is unable to determine the whereabouts of the defendant, and therefore, does not know whether he/she is living or dead, and therefore, names as defendants Mario R. Blessing, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest and Karen Blessing, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives and his/her, their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest.

An individual who is unable to obtain an attorney may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling toll free 800-792-8315 (within New Jersey) or 609-394-1101 (from out of state). You may also communicate with a Lawyer Referral Service, or if you cannot afford to pay an attorney you may call the Legal Services Office. The phone numbers for the county in which this action is pending are: Legal Services (908) 353-4715. File #07-2301 NJ. Mario R. Blessing, his heirs,

Theodore J. Fetter Clerk of the Superior Court U207955 WCN April 3, 2008 (\$75.75)

PLAINFIELD

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: ROBERT STEVENSON, JR.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon FEIN, SUCH; KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number #(973) 538-9300, an Answer to the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, filed in a civil action, in which WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-4 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4 is Plaintiff and CURTIS JONES, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE

Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-4427-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 04/03/08 exclusive of such date, or if published after 04/03/08, thirty-five (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, 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 March 23, 2007 made by CURTIS JONES and as mortgagors to OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION recorded on April 16, 2007, in Book 12123 of Mortgages for UNION County, Page 417, et seq., which mortgage was duly assigned to the Plaintiff named above, who is the present holder of said Mortgage, and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 835 W3rd Street, PLAINFIELD, NJ 07063. If you cannot afford or are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the Coanty of venue by calling: UNION COUNTY LAWYER REFERRAL: (908)354-4340

YOU, ROBERT STEVENSON, JR. are made party defendant to this foreclosure action because CURTIS JONES, conveyed all his right, title and interest in and the mortgage promises to NU MAY CONSTRUCTION AND ROBERT STEVENSON, JR. by deed recorded on 09/06/07 in the Union County Clerk/Register's Office in Deed book 5670 and Page 969. You are being joined because you are the owner of record of the premises being foreclosed upon herein and lien/mortgage which may be against the mortgagors and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amendment to Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity. File #FOP1158

Dated March 25, 2008

THEODORE



The Watchung Stable in Mountainside offers guided horseback rides on Sunday. For further information, call 908-789-3665 during the normal office hours or email questions to stablequestions@ucnj.org.

Enjoy a guided horseback ride through the Watchung Reservation

Spring is here and Union County's Watchung Stable offers guided trail rides on Sundays for everyone nine years of age or older, weather permitting.

"The Watchung Reservation is a 2,000-acre park that offers everyone a chance to experience the natural beauty of a forest, right in Mountainside," said Freeholder Rick Proctor, liaison to the Union County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. "Horseback riding in the Watchung Reservation is a real treat - you see so much of the park and also get some exercise!"

Guided trail rides are held on Sundays at 2 and 3 p.m., weather permitting. Visitors are accommodated on a first come, first served basis. Experience is not required.

Watchung Stable also features private guided rides on Sunday mornings for groups of 10 or more people. These rides need to be set up in advance and require full payment for all riders before the set date.

For those younger riders under nine years of age, Watchung Stable offers "lead lines" on Sundays from 9 to 10:45 a.m.

This fun activity is held on a first

come, first serve basis, and it is also available during the week if the weather permits.

Lead line rentals are for 30 minutes and require an accompanying adult to "lead" the horse.

The trail rides and lead lines are held at Watchung Stable, which is located at 1160 Summit Lane in Mountainside.

Office hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. daily.

For further information, call 908-789-3665 during the normal office hours or email questions to stablequestions@ucnj.org.

Dinner dance for St. Jude's

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital announces the Thirteenth Annual County Western Dinner Dance to be held April 19, at the Gran Centurions, located at 440 Madison Hill Road, Clark.

Enterainer Danny Thomas founded St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with the dream that "No child should die in the dawn of life". The Hospital is non-sectarian, non-discriminatory and children are treated regardless of their

At St. Jude, scientists and physicians are working side-by-side seeking a better means of treatment, but also causes, cures, and prevention of leukemia, Hodckin's disease, sickle-cell anemia, and other childhood diseases.

All findings and information gained at the hospital are shared freely with doctors and hospitals all over the world. Thanks to St. Jude, children who have these diseases now have a better chance to live.

The Country Western Dinner Dance will feature live music by Miss Babs and the Kickin' Boogie Band and DJ's Jim and Wanda York.

For information and tickets, contact Ray Fleming at 732-382-7167.

Clarification

In the article 'New Juvenile Detention Center Open" in the March 20th edition, the cause of the death of Eddie Sinclair needed to be

Yolanda Padilla, the mother of Eddie Sinclair, never confirmed the cause of her son's death in the Union County Juvenile Detention Center in 2003.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct all significant errors that are brought to the editor's attention. If you believe that we have made such an error, contact Edward Kensik at ekensik@thelocalsource.com or 908-686-7700, ext. 128.





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Consumers Move Toward Comfort and Quality

Autumn is prime time in the Northeast to "Go Antiquing". Studies show that Americans choose October and November as preferred months for home improvement and decorating in preparation for winter months. Entertaining moves indoors and a pleasant interior can enhance everyday mood and outlook during cold weather and shorter daylight hours. Further, polls indicate that antique furnishings provide a comforting atmosphere that draws upon tradition. In a period when many Americans are questioning the immense influx of inferior imported goods, a "flight to quality" is an apparent trend, according to retailers. Antiques also offer an alternative avenue for investing that can be more personal and creative than traditional investments.

Experts suggest that antique day trips place the shopper in a "comfort zone" of memories. Such surroundings can actually lend feelings of security and simplicity to the hectic, high-tech life style of the 21st Century. Current decorating trends feature old, vintage and new furnishings in an eclectic mix.



A typical eclectic mix of antique and contemporary styles

One destination that offers a broad range of prices and wide choice of antique styles is the Lafayette Mill Antiques Center, located just off Rt. 15 in Lafayette, Sussex County, NJ. There, a crew of knowledgeable dealers is always on hand to lend advice and informative background to customers on a casual basis. And, they feature a "Consumer Bill of Rights," assuring the authenticity of your purchases. Many of the dealers will permit a "trial," allowing consumers to see how an object will look in their home.

It's possible to find affordable comfort and quality for your home, close to home. Establish an antique tradition in your style of choice, from the 18th Century to Mid-Century Modern. The Lafayette Mill Antiques Center can be visited on the web at www.millantiques.com.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'My Fair Lady' is a jolly good show at the NJPAC

By Helen Argers and Astera Argyris Correspondents

Imagine you're a poor little flower girl selling flowers to the gentry as they come out of their evenings of posh entertainments. You're standing there shivering.

You know you have no other way to get enough to eat but to sell the few violets in your basket. You know your drunken father won't help you; he only pinches the few halfpence you get. Your mother is long dead. Your only dream is to someday be able to sit in a room with warm feet, warm hands

"Oh, Wouldn't It Be Loverly?" That's the beginning of "My Fair Lady," the renowned musical that appeared in Prudential Hall at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

At first glance, it certainly sounds like a dire tragedy, but no: one glance at the name of the playwright whose play, "Pygmalion," was the source of this musical and you know it will be an ironic social satire on the par with the other famous works of George Bernard Shaw, from "Candida" to "Major Barbara" to "Caesar and Cleopatra."

Yes, "Pygmalion" is inspired satire, in which the English upper class gets a poke right in their aristocratic lifted eyebrows.

Take one genius lyricist, an American guy, Alan Jay Lerner, add a gifted concert pianist who came to America from Vienna, Frederick Loewe, throw in Shaw's brilliant dialogue and you've got a masterpiece Broadway show that, from the 1950s, won critical raves that were repeated in its many revivals and continues to score with this professional touring compa-

In keeping with his record, Cameron Mackintosh added this recent revival of "My Fair Lady" to his string of successes — in England, Broadway and now to the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

Nothing is stinted in this production. The sets are "Broadway" in amount and every detail. The direction is fast and crisp. The general performance is way above most revivals.

These Lerner and Loewe songs including: "On the Street Where You Live," "The Rain In Spain," "I Could Have Danced All Night," "Get Me To The Church On Time" and, finally, "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face" — all are classics and the trick is to make them feel and sound new. That, too, is accomplished by the performers and the entire production.

One admission: Having read the play "Pygmalion," the sharp dialogue in this musical did not come as a surprise, but the parts left out were regretted, until the music swept away that

Another confession: As so many of us have seen "My Fair Lady" in the movie version with Rex Harrison and Audrev Hepburn in the main roles it is still shown regularly on Turner Classics — the leads were disappointments. As unfair as it sounds, the images of those stars kept intruding. Rex Harrison was the perfect Henry Higgins, the misanthropic teacher of speech, and Audrey Hepburn, the most delightful Eliza Doolittle.

Christopher Cazenove as Henry Higgins did not have the sex appeal of Rex Harrison and Lisa O'Hare's Eliza Doolittle had none of the pixy charm of Hepburn's "squashed cabbage leaf of a girl," nor later can equal her awesome royalty.

Yet, as the two leads gave their heart and souls to their parts, they dimmed out the superstars and became the characters. O'Hare as Eliza became a truer, harsher lower class version who, even when transformed, kept a somewhat uncertain and less inevitable perfection — which made the portrait realer. And it was her own voice that did a bang-up "I Could



Christopher Cazenove as Henry Higgins, left, and Lisa O'Hare as Eliza Doolittle recently performed in 'My Fair Lady' at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

Have Danced All Night." In short, Hugh Pickering and Barbara Marineau both won us over.

Cazenove has an impressive stage and screen background and appeared in many television shows, including "Dynasty." All that training makes him a natural to handle Shaw's biting

Moreover, he has a strong voice that rolled contemptuously through the Prudential Hall.

Credit and "three cheers" to the thoroughly British performances of Walter Charles as the bumbling Col. as Mrs. Pearce.

Justin Bolton as Freddie Eynsford-Hill deserves extra applause for a very convincing and endearing performance as Eliza's heartbroken, rejected lover and a nuanced version of the grand love song, "On the Street Where You Live."

An audience-pleaser was Tim Jerome as Eliza's father, Alfred P. Doolittle, who convinced us that he was, indeed, a perfect specimen of the "undeserving poor" who had as many needs as the deserving ones.

Marni Nixon was elegant as Mrs. Higgins but, for the woman whose voice did half of Audrey Hepburn's singing in the movie version of "My Fair Lady" and was the voice for Deborah Kerr in "The King and I" and for Natalie Wood in "West Side Story," it was disappointing not to have her sing a single note.

Credit to choreographer Matthew Bourne, whose rousing "Get Me To The Church On Time" has the exuberance of Gene Kelly splashing in water, when the dustmen crashed around wearing garbage can covers. Lastly, kudos to William David Brohan for keeping the classic songs sounding fresh.

George Bernard Shaw's version refused to have Eliza and Henry come together in the end, celebrating Eliza as an independent woman who didn't need a man - a woman that Shaw had even Henry Higgins saluting. But the need for a romantic ending won out in the original and previous productions, forcing the newly independent Eliza to swallow her words and come creeping back into Henry's house.

Henry, continuing his male chauvinist's philosophy shown in "A Hymn To Him" — featuring lines such as "Why can't a woman be like a man?" - turns his back and asks her to bring him his slippers.

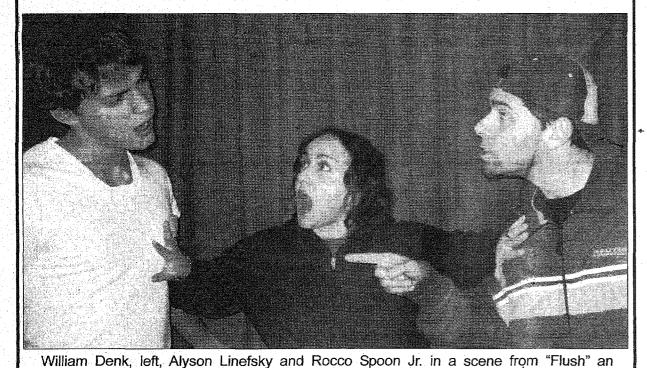
But this production not only shows the changes in gender philosophy from the '50s but goes back to the true Shaw by adding a bit of theatrical pantomime that switches both Higgins and Eliza back into independent beings. He comes toward her. She comes toward him. But she then stops and folds her arms, as if to say, "no further." He does the same. Stalemate, until both laugh.

That ends their duel and the show with the two not only having equal affection and standing, but with a shared laugh that we can applaud.

The cheers were well-earned. Henry Higgins and Eliza Doolittle, we believe, can live together happily as equals. And a classic can come back and continue not only to succeed, but grow. Hip-hip hooray and hats off!

Helen Argers whose humor column, 'The Art of Laughter,' also regularly appears in the Worrall newspapers, can be further reached at her AOL Blog — Helen Argers' Journal. Astera Argyris can be seen on her Cablevision TV show: 'Astera's Thumbs Up.

In hot water



evening of one-act plays written by Eric Alter. "Flush" will be presented at The Deron School in Montclair this weekend beginning Friday and closing out on Sunday. Show times are 8 p.m. for Friday and Saturday night, and 2 p.m. for Saturday and Sunday matinees. Tickets can be purchased at the door. There is no need to make reservations. For more information visit: www.hometown.aol.com/apricotsky or call 973-509-2350.

Stein Bros. play Arts Guild

The Jazz Series continues at The Newark—Friday night Jazz Series. 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 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Call 732-381-7511 or e-mail with your request at artsguild1670@veri-

Although well known and with a following in the Greater Newark -Area, as North New Jersey natives, Asher —alto sax— and Alex —tenor sax— are still in their early twenties. They started their careers by playing in the late lamented Tuesday jam session at the old Peppermint Lounge in Orange, and have appeared in such venues as New Jersey PAC -Performing Arts Center-including the "Absolut Sounds of the City " Summer Festival, Kavehaz - Manhattan, the Carlyle Hotel -Manhattan, the South Orange "Giants of Jazz", Cecil's Place - West Orange, Shanghai Jazz -- Madison, the Crossroads -Garwood, Trumpet's -Montclair, Bula - Newton - and the Priory's

Both men were awarded Burch

Fellowships to study jazz- Asher studied Latin and Caribbean Music in Cuba in 2003 and Alex studied with top musicians and Grammy Award winning arranger Slide Hampton during the summer of 2002.

Alex and Asher are leaders of their own quintet, are members of the Bud Powell Tribute Sextet and frequently appear as members of the T.S. Monk

Members of the Stein Brothers Quintet also include Harlem's Mferghu on piano, Brooklyn's Doug Largent and Ruslan Khain on bass and New Brunswick's Chris Brown on drums.

This concert is handicapped accessible.

This concert is made possible in part by a grant from the NJ State Council on the Arts, Dept. of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. This concert is sponsored by Conoco-Phillips Bayway Refinery Linden.

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CANCER, June 22-July 22 Cancer, the telltale signs of burnout

break. And don't be compelled to sneak in some work.

LEO, July 23-August 23

someone approaches you about a good time become more frequent, it's time and praise with gratitude. You certainly deserve it.

> VIRGO, August 24-Sept. 22 Virgo, what you consider to be helpful meddling seems like an intrusion to someone else. Lie low for the next few days and resist any compulsions to help people "fix" their prob-

LIBRA, Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Libra, when encounters with some-Leo, don't look bewildered when one you haven't spoken to in some

deed you've done. Accept the thanks . to realize that there might be something in the cosmos drawing you SCORPIO, Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Even Scorpios have to let loose and have fun sometimes. Just be choosy about how you plan to let your hair down. Travel seems the best option.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Conflict. You can't seem to avoid it lately, Sagittarius. This week it is not the result of anything you may or may not have done. You're just the unhappy target of someone's bad mood. CAPRICORN, Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Cheer up, Capricorn, things are only as bad as you see them. In fact, the stars indicate a stroke of very good luck to head your way, so you better 32 start practicing your smile. AOUARIUS, Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Another mundane day stretches into an ordinary week for you. Aquarius, fortunately some sparks will heat things up on the weekend, and just in time to brighten your spirits.

PISCES, Feb. 19-March 20

Those April showers are relentless, Pisces. But you have an uncanny way of making lemonade from lemons.

Famous birthdays: April 6: Candace Cameron, actress

April 7: Russell Crowe, actor, 44 April 8: Patricia Arquette, actiess

April 10: Mandy Moore, singer/actress, 24. April 11: Meshach Taylor, actor,

April 12: Claire Danes, actress, 29.

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 plan-

ning 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 con-

tact Mary Ellen Malone Damiano 908-862-4089 adamiano14@comcast.net.

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

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 e-mail: www.classmates.com 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 member-

· 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.

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ART SHOWS

Roselle Park resident artist LEONA M. SEUFER is featured in a solo exhibition of digital artwork at The Hob'art Cooperative Gallery in Hoboken through June 3 at the Sovereign Bank, 86 River St., Hoboken. There will be a reception on April 10 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

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 today. 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-

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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.

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

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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

STARS OF TOMORROW will be hosting an open house on Sunday evening. beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark. Directions are located on the Web site, www.starzoftomorrow.com. Potential campers will have the opportunity to participate in workshops, a informational and question-and-answer session will be held for parents. Come meet the 2008 staff and hear about the exciting things that have been planned for this summer. Registrations are still being accepted for all of our programs, however, some programs are nearing capacity. For additional details about the 2008 camp programs, camp dates and tuition, special discounts, what parents and campers say, success stories, and to view the camp photos call 908-276-5053 for a camp brochure.

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 elementaryschool 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.

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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.

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The NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will provide a piano concert from one of their priniciple pianists on June 3, 10:15 a.m. at the YM-YWHA of Union County, 501 Green Lane, Union Township. The concert is free of charge to the community. The subscription part will incformation on next year's four concert series. For more information cal Susan Silberner at 908-289-8112.

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.

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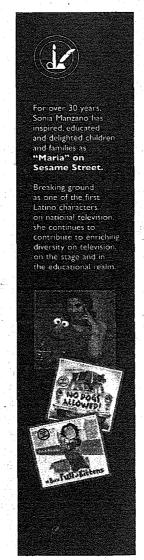
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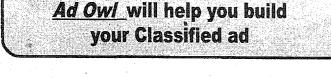
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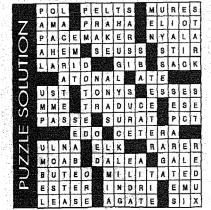
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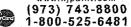
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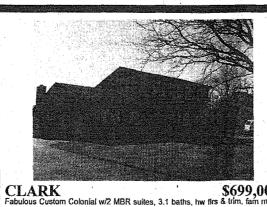
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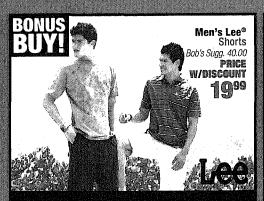
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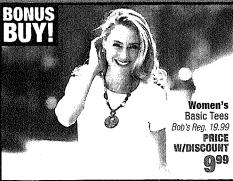
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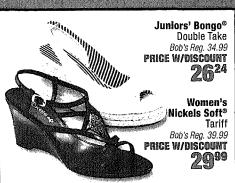
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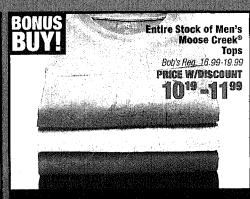












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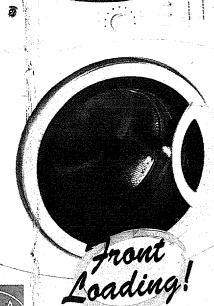
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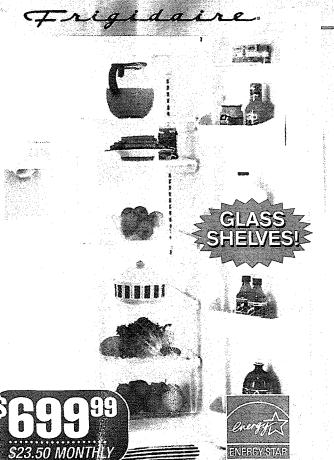
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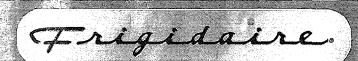
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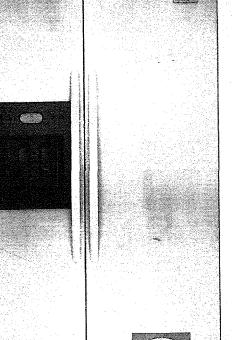
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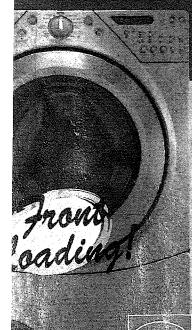
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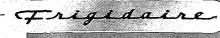
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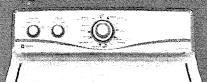
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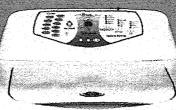


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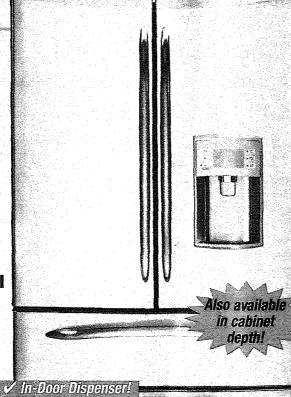
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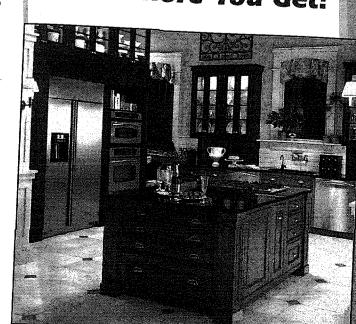
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