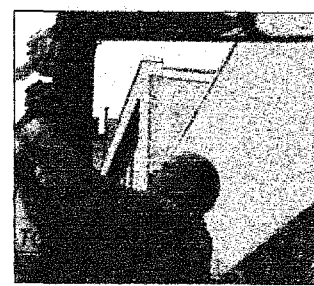


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A borough resident helps decorate the town in preparation for the ACS Relay for Life, June 7-8. Page 12

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Summer Fun

Your guide to fun this Summer. Check out the tips inside this special section. See inside.

Cruisin' Nights

Mayor Joseph Delorio and the Roselle Park Borough Council will host the 2008 season of the Roselle Park "Cruisin' Night" car shows and swap meets.

These events will take place at Michael J. Mauri Park, on the corner of Chestnut Street and Grant Avenue on June 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Sept. 13 from 4 to 7 p.m., with the rain date being the following day.

For more information on the show, call 908-245-0666.

PTA officers named

The following is the slate of officers for Kawameeh Middle School PTA for the 2008-09 school year: President, Karen Caulfield; first vice president, Eda Lanzano; second vice president, Kathleen DeMatos; treasurer, Donna Goodyear; corresponding secretary, Michelle Barattucci and recording secretary, Mary Kayt Pascullo.

Offices will close for Memorial Day

The offices of this newspaper will close Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Deadlines for the May 29 edition:

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Taxpayers face \$165 increase

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — Taxpayers can expect to pay an average of \$165 more in taxes than last year due to an increase in the municipal budget.

A loss of state aid and pension bills are cited as reasons for the increase.

A reduction of approximately \$600,000 in state aid was a major cause of the increase, according to township officials.

The budget is expected to be adopted at the Township Committee meeting Monday.

New Jersey is now known to be one of the biggest debtor states in the country and municipalities throughout the state have

received less state aid.

"I would say that all around the county and maybe even the state, a (tax) increase of \$300,000 and \$400,000 is the rule, not the exception," Assistant Business Administrator Ronald Manzella said.

Additionally, new labor contracts are cited for resulting in uncontrollable increases in the 2009 budget. Those contracts are set to expire by the end of this year and will require further negotiation.

In order to reduce the burden on taxpayers, Tammie Kopin, budget examiner for the township, said operating costs have been reduced by 6 percent compared to last year, and funds from last year's surplus have been

utilized. As a result of the decrease in funds for the operating budget, Township Business Administrator Frank Bradley said cost effectiveness in the municipality has increased.

"Surplus was greater than in years past and part of that surplus will be used in this budget to reduce the impact on taxpayers," Bradley said.

Bradley added last year was a record year for the township in generating revenue.

"We're able to absorb that increase because of the surplus," Manzella added.

The state of the national economy is also being blamed by officials for the increase in the budget. In addition, returns on investments by the township have not increased as

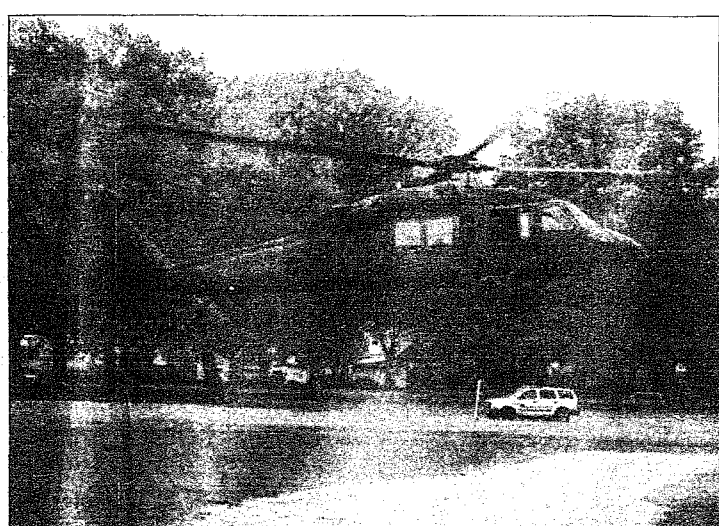
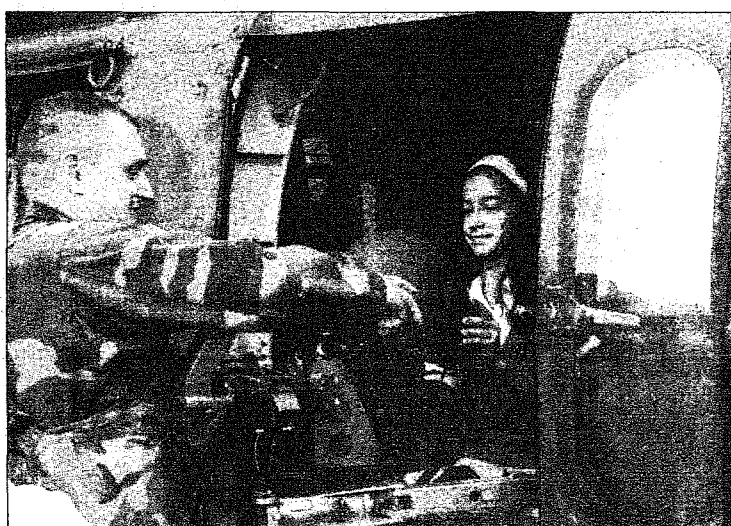
much as in other years. Interest gained jumped from \$500,000 to \$1 million between 2006 and 2007, compared to a less significant increase between 2007 and 2008 from \$1 million to \$1.1 million.

The total municipal budget increased by 5 percent, the same percentage amount as last year, and the total budget is \$81 million.

Kopin said some "uncontrollable" increases include health insurance benefits, pension plans for the police and fire departments and contractual salary increases.

According to officials, the cost of health benefits for township employees increased by an estimated \$1.4 million.

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Photos By Jackeline Leon

Clockwise, from top left, Union student Marisela Hurtado climbs aboard a Black Hawk helicopter during 'Proud to be an American' day at Kawameeh Middle School; a Black Hawk helicopter lands on the school field; patriotic students wave American flags and take pictures of the helicopter with their cell phones.

Students show patriotic spirit

Kawameeh students celebrate 'Proud to be an American' Day

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — May 15 felt more like the Fourth of July, as hundreds of American flags waved in the hands of students outside Kawameeh Elementary School.

The entire student body united outside the Union school in the presence of veterans and army officials to celebrate "Proud to Be An American Day."

As veterans, students, staff and faculty looked on, a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter swooped down onto a school field and Brig. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson stepped out.

Dodson is the deputy adjunct general for the State of New Jersey for the Air National Guard and second in command for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The event was organized by the school's principal, Harold Bell, and social studies teacher, Ed Graf.

Students were in awe of the impressive helicopter and one stu-

dent, Marisela Hurtado won the chance see the immense helicopter from within. She was accompanied by Eric Chambers, standardization instructor and crew chief.

"I almost didn't buy a (raffle) ticket," Hurtado said. The sixth grade student said she can't wait until the day she can board a helicopter again.

Chambers, who is originally from Roselle Park, said he typically performs rescue missions, puts out forest fires and instructs. He was happy to be back in Union County and doing what he loves.

"This was great, I have a great time doing this," Chambers said.

"This was a great show of patriotism and a wonderful way to honor the veterans," Committee-woman Brenda Restivo said. She said the event was perfectly executed and couldn't have happened without excellent planning by Bell and Graf.

"We wanted to accentuate that we're many heritages, but one



American family," Graf said.

Graf added it took hundreds of phone calls to numerous Army bases to get the event off the ground.

"Some people told me it couldn't be done," Graf said, in reference to getting a helicopter to land near the school.

Graf was a Special Infantry soldier of the 25th Infantry Division for the U.S. Army in Fort Louis, Washington before becoming a teacher.

Jack Soroka, veteran and current substitute teacher for Union High School, said he was thoroughly impressed with the event.

"This was top-notch, well-organized and covered all points of the compass," Soroka said.

Soroka served in the U.S. Navy and fought during World War II. He said he had been present at

many events intended to honor veterans and fallen soldiers, but he had never seen one featuring a helicopter occupied by a brigadier general.

"I think its fantastic because the kids have been so great and responsive, showing great effort and enthusiasm," Vice Principal Jason Malanda said. "A lot of the students are participating in the bicentennial events and reenactment, getting fitted for colonial clothing."

Township Business Administrator Frank Bradley, who was present at the ceremony, called it a success.

"I think it's typical of the proud history of the township of Union," Bradley said.

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Architects to present designs

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

KENILWORTH — Several architectural consultants are expected to give a presentation on their designs for the proposed public safety building later this month.

Kenilworth Mayor Kathi Fiamingo said the plans to get the building constructed are moving forward and there is a pressing need to begin utilizing a \$190,000 grant awarded to the borough several years ago for the project.

"We need to start spending it," Fiamingo said.

She explained that the New Jersey Department of County Affairs had originally awarded the borough with the grant in 2004 on the provision that the funds would be spent within a specific time frame.

She said the department would continue to allow an extension on that grant if some of the funds are used.

"We can't afford to lose a \$190,000 grant," said Councilman Brian Joho, the chairman of the Finance Committee.

A public meeting is scheduled for May 29 to review those proposals and narrow down the search for an appropriate firm.

Nine different firms are currently drafting designs for the proposed building. Officials review the plans once they've been submitted by the architects.

"The committee will boil it down to four and those four will give an oral presentation," Fiamingo said.

When she campaigned for the mayoral seat last year, Fiamingo promised to get the much-needed building constructed in an appropriate place.

"The police need a building appropriate to their needs," Fiamingo said.

The council is currently considering knocking down the recreation center, located beside

the municipal building, to make way for the public safety building.

The current mayor and some residents who drafted a petition had been in favor of that plan amidst serious discussion last year of perhaps building the public safety facility on a parcel of land on Michigan Avenue.

Although architectural firms are designing plans for a building at the site where the current recreation center is located, the council is also considering having the recreation center rebuilt elsewhere.

"The actual recreation space is small and not adequate to the needs of the borough," Fiamingo said.

Joho said they were looking into possibly building it next to the schools on underutilized land.

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Annual feast features food, fun

The annual St. Anthony Feast at Church of the Assumption will take place June 5 from 6 to 10 p.m., June 6 from 6 to 11 p.m., June 7 from 4 to 10 p.m. and June 8 from 4 to 9 p.m.

The feast will feature traditional foods such as sausage and peppers, zeppolis and pizza as well as a variety of other food including cheeses-

teaks, hamburgers, oriental barbeque, chicken fingers, fish and chips, fried Oreos and funnel cakes.

There will be games of chance with prizes including the gift basket wheel, which is always a popular attraction at the feast. There will be rides for all ages, raffles drawn several times each day plus a "Super 50/50."

There will also be devotions to St. Anthony throughout the weekend.

Entertainment will be provided throughout the weekend featuring a disc jockey, dancers, a karate demonstration, musicians and more.

For information, call the church office at 908-245-1107.

Yellow ribbons to honor military

This Memorial Day, Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, Union, is planning to display more than 4,600 yellow ribbons to honor the men and women of our military who have lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The ribbons, along with the names of those who have been killed, will be affixed to the church's cemetery fence along Stuyvesant Avenue. Marchers in the township's annual Memorial Day parade will pass the display on their way to Veteran's Park.

The idea for this memorial was conceived by Lynn Walker, chairwoman of the church's Evangelism Committee. According to Walker, she heard of a church in upstate New York that made ribbons for our fallen soldiers.

"This hit home with me since I have relatives who have been over there and thankfully come home safely," Walker said. "I discussed the idea with Sheila

Griffin, chair of our Mission Committee, and she agreed that the ribbons and names of the fallen would cause passers-by to stop and reflect on the loss to our nation of these brave men and women and others before them who have given their lives to defend our nation."

Walker and Griffin had little difficulty recruiting church members to make the ribbons. From the church youth group to local senior citizens, members of the church participated with the project, making ribbons after Sunday worship as well as taking them home to work on in their spare time. In addition, fourth-graders from Connecticut Farms Elementary School, which is across the street from the church, and members of Brownie Troop 427 also helped with the ribbon-making project.

The display will begin shortly before Memorial Day and remain for a short time afterwards.

Police plan annual torch run

On June 6, a group of Union police officers will gather at the lower parking lot of police headquarters to participate in the township's leg of the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics.

The torch will travel throughout New Jersey until it arrives in Trenton to signal the beginning of the 2008 New Jersey Special Olympics. The Special Olympics encourages and provides an arena for competition in physical events for children and young adults with special challenges.

"It's a wonderful thing that our officers are able to come out every year on their own time, and run the first leg of the Torch Run. Also it's great to have the continued support from businesses and organizations in our township have continued their generosity and caring," PBA Member Officer Michael Boll, this year's Torch Run coordinator, said. "The Union PBA has sponsored and assisted with the Special Olympics for numerous years and this is just one event where our officers can make a huge difference in so many lives."

RELIGION

Grace to host service for memorial Day

On Sunday, Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, will have special worship services at both 8 and 10:30 a.m. in observance of Memorial Day.

In addition to patriotic hymns, pledges will be professed to the Christian flag and the United States flag. The sermon will be "The Gift of Freedom."

There will be a special message for the children at the 10:30 a.m. worship service which will also be interpreted for the deaf.

The members of Grace Church extend an invitation to the community to join them for this special worship service.

For information contact the church office at 908-686-3965 or the TTY line at 908-851-2004 or e-mail gracelu4u@yahoo.com.

Give 'hugs' to children of deployed soldiers

Townley Presbyterian Church, the New Jersey Chapter of Hugs Across America, is collecting new teddy bears for children of soldiers being deployed to Iraq.

Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside and Westminster Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Heights are also collecting bears.

Area groups and organizations are invited to join in this effort. Bears must be new and may be of any size or shape. Townley Presbyterian Church is located at 829 Salem Road, Union. The church office may be contacted at 908-686-1028. Bears are needed by June 1.

Sheryl Tangowski, a member of Townley Presbyterian Church and a junior at the Academy for Allied

Health Sciences in Scotch Plains, is the chapter chairperson. Marysol Nevarez, a member of Townley Presbyterian Church who works with families of soldiers, has arranged to have the teddy bears delivered to the children of the service men and women who will be departing to serve our country in Iraq.

For information on Hugs Across America, visit <http://www.hugsacrossamerica.net/html/njunior.htm>.

Registration now open at Grace school

Grace Lutheran Nursery School, part of the outreach ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, plans for its 19th year of ministry in the school year 2008-09 with registration now open.

Grace has a nursery school program for children who are 3 years old by the end of the calendar year. Two or three-day sessions are offered on Monday, Wednesday and

Friday, from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Grace's preschool program is for children who are 4 years old by the end of the calendar year. A three-day session is conducted on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 12:15 to 2:45 p.m. Class size is limited to about 15 children.

Grace Lutheran School offers care within a Christian environment and setting. For information, call, Anita Brand at 908-686-3965, or at gracelu4u@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Today

The Hillside Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building, 195 Virginia St., Hillside. The board will immediately adjourn to executive session for purposes of interviewing employment candidates. The public portion of the meeting will commence at 7 p.m. or as soon as possible following the executive session.

In addition to the regular monthly agenda, scheduled action includes the extension, amendment and/or renegotiation of the annual contract for the school business administrator/board secretary.

Monday

The borough of Roselle Park will celebrate Memorial Day with a parade, beginning at Sherman School at 10 a.m. All civic and youth organizations that would like to participate are requested to contact the Roselle Park Memorial Day Committee at the Municipal Building, 110 East Westfield Ave., Roselle Park. All unaffiliated veterans are invited to march, as are all residents of Roselle Park.

Commander Dave Glick of American Legion Post 60, Commander Marty Reinfeld of Catholic War Veterans Post 866, and Commander Paul J. Ender of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9119 are co-chairmen of the Parade Committee.

The Kenilworth Public Library will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. It will re-open May 27 at 10 a.m. As of Tuesday, the library will begin summer hours as follows: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be closed on Saturdays.

Tuesday

The Hillside Public Library will host a poetry contest at the library from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for students in grades three to six.

Local author, George Cook, is sponsoring the contest. All participants will receive a certificate of recognition. The winning poet will receive a trophy and the winning poem will be featured on George Cook's Web site, www.letstalkhonestly.com.

Poems will be written and judged during the event. To register or with any questions, call the library at 973-923-4413.

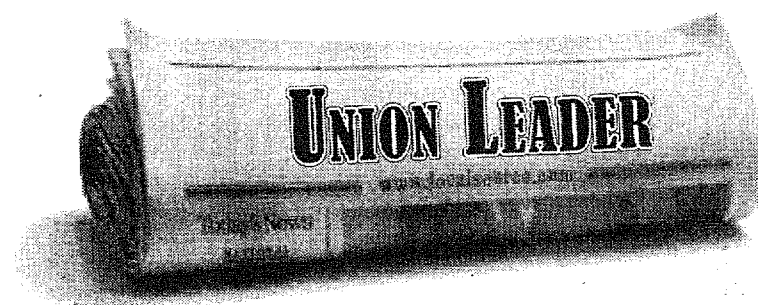
Wednesday

A meeting to discuss the upcoming American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will take place from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Commerce Bank, 2265 Morris Ave., Union. This is the annual Bank Night for the event.

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Still 'shuffling' along at age 102

Veteran named grand marshal

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — United States Navy veteran Sol Lipkin, known as "the father of the American shuffleboard" will be celebrating his 102nd birthday in style as the grand marshal of this year's Memorial Day parade.

Lipkin, who was born in England, came to the United States when he was only 9-years old.

He lived in Irvington before eventually moving to Union. But while he lived in Irvington, Lipkin was known for his athleticism. He played on football and baseball teams in town.

He worked as a carpenter but soon began working as a salesman for the American Shuffleboard Company.

Lipkin soon befriended the founders of Dave and Buster's — the popular chain restaurant and entertainment business — and says he gave them the idea to unite a pizzeria with an arcade geared toward adults.

Lipkin said he also boosted the sale of shuffleboards for the company, by marketing them to tavern owners.

"Back then, women were not allowed at the bars," Lipkin said. "Women and couples had a back room and the idea was to bring them together." He said his shuffleboards did just that.

As someone nearing 102 years

of age, Lipkin has "seen it all."

"Sol is one year older than the Boy Scouts of America, two years older than the Model T Ford, nine years older than the theory of relativity, 11 years older than the Daylight Savings Time, 23 years older than talking motion pictures and 24 years older than the first supermarket," James Flynn, judge advocate general at American Legion Post 35, said.

Lipkin carried on his love for the shuffleboard even while in the Navy for four years during World War II.

He managed to find a way to get a shuffleboard into a nuclear submarine by request of the Navy, and according to fellow legion member and friend, Richard Brownbridge, he played a tournament while traveling beneath the South Pole.

"When you're on a submarine, how much activity do you have? Not much," Lipkin said. "Once we managed to get it through the hatch, we installed it over the torpedoes, and it was a huge hit with the crew."

Lipkin spent most of his career in the Navy, constructing airfields in Iceland.

Those who know him warn others not to be fooled by his age. Friends say Lipkin is still full of energy and has a youthful spirit.

"He's just a fun person and he transcends that age," fellow



Sol Lipkin, 102, is often referred to as "the father of the American shuffleboard." Lipkin, a union resident, will serve as the grand marshal of the town-ship's Memorial Day parade.

American Legion member and friend, Charlie Capaccio said. "If you talk to him, you come away his best friend."

Lipkin survived two wives and has two sons, a daughter and six grandchildren.

When talking about the distinction of being grand marshal for this year's Memorial Day parade, Lipkin expresses nothing more than modesty.

"I am greatly honored because I get to represent our post," Lipkin said. "This is something you get once in a lifetime."

Brownbridge said Lipkin has been involved with the local

American Legion post for more than six decades.

"He has been a member of the post for 66 years," Brownbridge added. "And he is also the oldest member."

"He may in fact, be one of the oldest vets in New Jersey," Capaccio added.

Lipkin said that despite his age, he's still going strong.

"I just look to live well, stay healthy and I can be of assistance to anyone that needs help," Lipkin said.

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Two arrested for drug possession

Linden man arrested after traffic stop

Roselle Park

A Linden man and a Parsippany man were arrested by Roselle Park Police for possession of suspected marijuana.

According to reports, Patrolman Nicholas Vaughan conducted a motor vehicle stop at 11 a.m. after a random license plate check revealed the registered owner of the 2007 Dodge was a suspended driver.

The vehicle was stopped on Amsterdam Avenue near West Second Avenue after Vaughan first observed the car travelling on the 300-block of West Westfield Avenue.

The investigation revealed that the driver, Kenneth Schwarz, 25, of Linden and the passenger, John McDaniel Jr., 21, of Parsippany, were in possession of suspected marijuana. Both were arrested at the scene.

Schwarz was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana, driving while suspended and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a motor vehicle.

He was released of his own recognizance, pending a municipal court hearing.

McDaniel was charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and released of his own recognizance, pending a municipal court hearing.

Union

A man was reportedly robbed and injured by 10 men next to Hawk's Tavern on Springfield and Crestview avenues Sunday morning.

The victim sustained an injury above one eye and was transported to the emergency room at Overlook Hospital's Union campus. There is no information about the suspects who reportedly stole the man's shirt and backpack.

The victim, Maplewood resident Rajuan Slade, 25, was later arrested because he was found to have active crime warrants in Union, Maplewood and Summit.

POLICE BLOTTER

• Three men were seen fleeing, reportedly with a woman's pocketbook from the Aladin Hokah Lounge on Morris Avenue Sunday at 6 p.m.

One juvenile was arrested in connection with the robbery. The juvenile was charged with theft, receipt of stolen property and juvenile delinquency.

• A vehicle, heading eastbound, struck a wall on Interstate 78 Saturday at 7:22 a.m.

One person was transported to the emergency room at Overlook Hospital's Union campus due to injuries sustained as a result of the crash.

• A sport utility vehicle struck a parked car Friday morning. One person was transported to the emergency room at Overlook Hospital's Union campus as a result of the accident.

• According to reports, \$66 worth of gasoline was stolen from the Exxon Gas Station on Route 22 Friday, shortly before midnight.

The person behind the wheel of the Nissan was described as a "Spanish male."

No arrests have been made in connection with the incident.

Kenilworth

A fight reportedly broke out between two women on Michigan Avenue and the Boulevard Monday at 9 a.m. The women, Elizabeth residents, Dawn Pullen and Natasha Goyco, 27, were arrested.

Goyco, who was 30 weeks pregnant, was taken to the emergency room Overlook Hospital's Union campus by the Kenilworth First Aid Squad. Goyco was issued borough and motor vehicle summonses.

• A vehicle was broken into on the 660 block of Union Avenue Saturday at 6:40 p.m.

Nothing was reported stolen, according to reports.

To place a classified ad, 908-686-7850

'Spring' into fun with programs at YMCA

The YMCA of Eastern Union County's Five Points Branch has released its Spring II schedule with several new class offerings and lectures planned.

The YMCA is now accepting registrations for both full and basic members. With the summer fast approaching, join now to get healthy and fit for summer fun.

The YMCA is offering numerous swimming lessons and fitness classes for children and adults of all ages. Children can enjoy classes

such as gymnastics, toddler Gym and Swim, indoor soccer, basketball, tee ball and more. Family swim and open gym is also available for full-privilege members.

Adult members can swim, use the fitness center, participate in sports such as co-ed volleyball, adult soccer and basketball or take part in numerous classes such as All Abs, kickboxing, line dancing, Power Sculpt, yoga, pilates and much more.

New adult specialty classes include Soul

Sweat Yoga and Boot Camp in which members can tone up, trim down and challenge their bodies while having fun.

At the request of our adult and senior members, the Five Points Branch is also now offering our popular Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program and Tai Chi from the Arthritis Foundation twice a week in the morning and evening.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program will run from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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EDITORIALS

Catchy ‘Click It or Ticket’ is very real

The Union County Police Department and municipal departments are in the midst of cracking down on drivers and their passengers who are not wearing their seat belts. From May 19 to June 1 county and local enforcement officials are making sure that motorists follow the law of wearing seat belts as part of the statewide and nationwide campaign called ‘Click It or Ticket’.

During the two-week period there is zero tolerance by law enforcement for seat belt law breakers.

Police departments will issue tickets to motorists who are not buckled. Last year’s campaign was a success locally as Union County saw one of the highest increases in seat belt use out of all the counties in the state.

According to a survey conducted by the New Jersey Institute of Technology, it was found that Union County drivers seat belt use went up 3.5 percent to 93.7 percent. Statewide seat belt use rose 1.6 percent to 91.4 percent.

While this percentage sounds extremely high, there is still a need for the annual campaign and the need to get 100 percent compliance. Last year, 496 police agencies statewide issued 58,170 seat belt citations during the two-week campaign. Hillside Police Department was one of the state’s agencies with the highest number of seat belt tickets with 726. The next highest municipal departments were Linden with 487 along with Rahway and Cranford with 246 and 245 respectively. The New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety has made seat belt usage a top priority. Governor Jon Corzine’s injuries as the result of a car crash on April 12, 2007 should not be forgotten.

Parents should especially make use of their seat belts. Many times parents stress to their children to wear seat belts, but they do not heed their own advice and since children often mimic their parents, they should buckle up. Police departments are also trying to get the point across to younger drivers between 16-and-20-years old. Federal transportation officials released a report recently which stated that approximately two-thirds of young drivers killed at night in traffic accidents were not wearing seat belts. The message seems clear and simple: Click It or Ticket.

Remember the fallen

Monday is Memorial Day, a federal holiday that commemorates U.S. men and women who have died in military service to their country. While other holidays, such as Independence Day or Veterans Day, might recognize the contributions of those who served their country, only Memorial Day is dedicated exclusively to honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Although Memorial Day came into existence after the Civil War when many communities set aside a special day to mark the end of the war or as a memorial to someone who died, the official birthplace of the observance is Waterloo, N.Y. On May 5, 1866, and each year thereafter, friends of Gen. John Murray, a distinguished citizen of Waterloo, and Gen. John A. Logan, observed a special celebration for all soldiers who died in the war.

On May 5, 1868, in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a veterans’ organization, Logan issued a proclamation that “Decoration Day” be observed nationwide. It was observed for the first time on May 30 of the same year; the date was chosen because it was not the anniversary of a battle.

The alternative name of “Memorial Day” was first used in 1882, but did not become more common until after World War II, and was not declared the official name by federal law until 1967. The Uniform Holidays Bill moved Memorial Day from its traditional May 30 date to the last Monday in May and took effect in 1971.

Unofficially the beginning of summer, Memorial Day, unlike many holidays in recent years, still sees the closing of most non-retail businesses. People often visit cemeteries and memorials and a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. The U.S. flag is also traditionally flown at half-staff from dawn until noon local time.

While we should never forget those in the military who continue to serve our nation at home and wherever they are stationed around the world, Memorial Day is a special day to remember fallen soldiers. They gave everything to ensure that the liberties we often take for granted were provided to us, our children and our children’s children. Their sacrifice is freedom’s legacy. On this day, pay your respects, fly the flag and help to preserve their memory.

We wish everyone a happy Memorial Day.



Photo Courtesy of Union Historical Society

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS — Several members of Union’s Vauxhall Volunteer Fire Department, Company 1, pose for a picture on site of their firetrucks in 1920.

County meetings are ‘all ritual, no substance’

Public meetings, at least at the county level, seem to be all ritual and no substance.

You’ve got your prayer, flag salute, plaque dispersals, disposition of resolutions, usually unanimously, and public comments that often resemble auditions for Last Comic Standing. The board allows any member of the public to speak on any subject on the agenda first and then on any subject for up to five minutes per person.

They’ve started answering questions, but for someone with a prepared text looking for a forum, they provide it. This may be their way of showing respect to the public but in many cases, it amounts to little more than a babysitter letting a crying child vent so they’ll sleep better.

Finally, at the end, the freeholders are each granted an opportunity to speak, presumably with no time limit, since I never see the green/yellow/red light system activated for them.

At a recent meeting, Joseph Doherty of Elizabeth complained about Warinanco Park “being transformed from a reasonably well-maintained facility into an abused stomping ground by hordes of soccer players, many of

Seems To Me

By John Bury

whom are...much like the congregating day laborers we see and hear so much about, of questionable legal residency.”

As Mr. Doherty left, he noted in a later blog entry that the board chairman uttered “a few Spanish words to me as I prepared to leave the podium (which) was an obvious ‘dig’ and a feeble attempt to ridicule an American citizen who was exercising his right to free speech and expression, as granted by God and the founding fathers of this great land. A board member also displayed contempt for my presentation by laughing as I neared the exit door,” he continued. “Such a public display of mocking ignorance and arrogance directed towards a concerned citizen with a legitimate complaint is a prime example of a political coward, who lacks the courage to confront an ‘adversary’ to his face, opting instead to snicker and

sneer when his back is turned.”

In comment time it was reported that some freeholders took exception to Mr. Doherty’s statements as racist.

At a more recent meeting, Tina Renna of Cranford brought up aspects of some recent lawsuits against the county by ex-employees. In comment time, Freeholder Daniel Sullivan took exception to Mrs. Renna publicizing allegations made in a lawsuit as if they were facts. Freeholder Deborah Scanlon agreed, calling Mrs. Renna’s remarks “blatant lies” and she is “not choosing to pay attention to her because she has become troublesome.”

What did Mr. Doherty and Mrs. Renna have in response? Nothing. Freeholder comments are the last word and, as it turned out, they both left after their five minutes expired. They might still be blissfully unaware of any rebuttals.

This most certainly is not open dialogue and of little value beyond the cathartic. If the process devolves into: “I vent, you vent; I get upset and stop listening to you,” then how are we advancing anyone’s interests? This would be inappropriate behavior in a sandbox much less a middling level of government.

My solution? Let’s show some real respect for each other and take away the time limit. You’ll find very few people will be dense enough to keep talking after they’ve run out of sensible things to say and if freeholders can pretend to listen to incoherent spiels from voters on the campaign trail, why not when they get into office?

More importantly, if anybody on the board has a comment or response to a speaker, let them come out with it while the person is at the podium. This is a common courtesy that has been excised from governing in an ineane attempt to define “fairness” within rigid parameters.

Who knows, both parties might learn something and, if their egos allow, move closer together as they begin to see the rationale, if any, underpinning each other’s position.

As it is now, any reconciliation is impossible as adversaries hunker down within their barricades of convictions, refusing to retrench as a matter of principle. For all of us to advance, we need far more Socratic dialogues and far fewer cynic-style diatribes.

John Bury is a resident of Kenilworth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Honor our deceased veterans

To the Editor:

With the up and coming Memorial Day holiday, I could not find a better time for us, as Americans, to honor our deceased veterans who gave their lives so that we may be able to enjoy the freedom we have today.

Memorial Day is the day we remember and honor those veterans who lost their lives fighting for our nation. More than a day to decorate the graves of our honored dead, Memorial Day is a reaffirmation of our faith in a creator who intended all people to be free and faith that those who fight for freedom will prevail.

The men and women we honor today demonstrated the highest form of faith in the triumph of good over evil. Let us always honor the memory of those brave soldiers who gave the supreme sacrifice, so those of us may continue to experience freedom in a country that is free. Let us forever be reminded of life, liberty, justice, freedom and democracy that we may be ever grateful for those comrades who gave so much for their country.

Finally, as those we honor today had a mission, we too have a mission and that is to teach the young people of today to respect America’s values, by acquainting them with the price that was paid to preserve them.

Edward J. Miller
Kenilworth

Things are way too complicated

To the Editor:

The other day I got a letter from my plumber. I was informed my “service contract” was about to expire. I didn’t even know I had one.

They requested I pay \$26 a month to keep it active. All optional, of course. As if plumbers don’t charge enough, now they want you to send them money for doing no work. I threw the letter in the garbage.

With the “maintenance agreement” I get a whopping 10 percent discount. Whenever I need work done they come out here as if preparing for brain surgery. I needed my bathroom sink unclogged once and before beginning the job he sat at my kitchen table and wrote several pages. This is what I mean about the world becoming too complicated.

Because it was a Sunday, he was a nice guy about it and charged me double. When they come to fix something, they are always on the lookout for other things that may need to be done. They’ll tell you that you need a new bathtub or something.

Now, my home is simple and rather the worse for wear, certainly not what you’d call a “show place.” It isn’t that far removed from the house in “The Munsters.” So you can imagine the plumbing. But they overcharge shamelessly and believe me, I wouldn’t bother if it wasn’t necessary. When I have what may be considered a “plumbing” problem I call the water company and when they invariably tell me to call a plumber, I say, “No, that’s okay. I’ll pretend my brown water is really chocolate.”

I don’t have an electrician either. I need one, as I have no overhead lighting in my kitchen, bathroom and cellar. I use lamps in those rooms! I have not called an electrician because to wire those three rooms would probably cost \$5,000. Not in my budget now — or ever.

I know guys who do their own plumbing and electrical work and they tell me to do the same, but that’s absolutely out of the question. My skills are just not up to par. I couldn’t even fix a leak in the dog’s house.

Richard Lime
Union

Memorial Day’s true meaning

To the Editor:

As Memorial Day approaches I would like to take this opportunity to remind my fellow New Jerseyans that it represents more than just the start of the summer season or an occasion to partake of sales offered by their local merchants.

Memorial Day is intended to remember and honor the sacrifices made by the men and women of the United State Armed Forces who died to protect and defend the many freedoms we enjoy. They gave their very lives so that we may continue to pursue the liberties that permit us to enjoy the many wonderful opportunities inherent in our republic. Many ceremonies will take place in our local communities over the Memorial Day weekend sponsored by The American Legion and/or other veterans organization and I encourage your readers to set aside a brief period of their time to recognize and pay tribute to those who have made the supreme sacrifice by attending such a ceremony. We must never forget.

Frank M. Calandrillo, Jr.
Department Commander
New Jersey American Legion

Our policy on letters and columns

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

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

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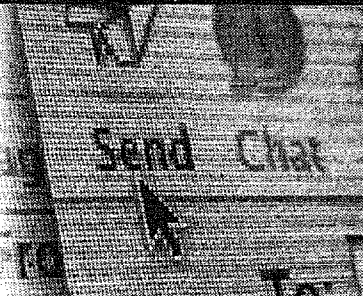
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Borough man sentenced for assaulting 6-year-old

Roselle Park man must serve 10 years in prison

By Toniann Antonelli
Managing Editor

ROSELLE PARK — A 41-year-old Roselle Park man will serve at least 10 years in jail for sexually assaulting a 6-year-old Hillside girl, and photographing the incident with his cell phone.

John Heller was sentenced May 9 by Union County Judge James C. Heimlich to 12 years in prison after being found guilty of first degree aggravated sexual assault, second degree sexual assault and a second degree charge of endangering the welfare of a minor. Heller will have to serve at least 10 years of his sentence before he will be eligible for parole, according to Executive Assistant Prosecutor Eileen Walsh.

Heller, who was previously employed as a lawn irrigation installer, was found guilty after a month-long trial in December, 2007.

His prior trial, in connection with the incident, ended in a hung jury in June, 2007.

According to Union County Prosecutor Caroline Lawlor, the incident occurred in July, 2005.

"The defendant was babysitting the child, who was 6 (years old) at the time, at her home in Hillside," Lawlor said. "After a lengthy investigation by Union County Prosecutor's Office Detective Stephen McGuire, it was determined that Heller sexually assaulted the child and then photographed the incident with a cell phone."

Walsh said Heller filed a motion for a new trial that was denied by Judge Heimlich. Heller will now be forced to register as a Megan's Law offender and will be subject to parole supervision for life.

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History lesson

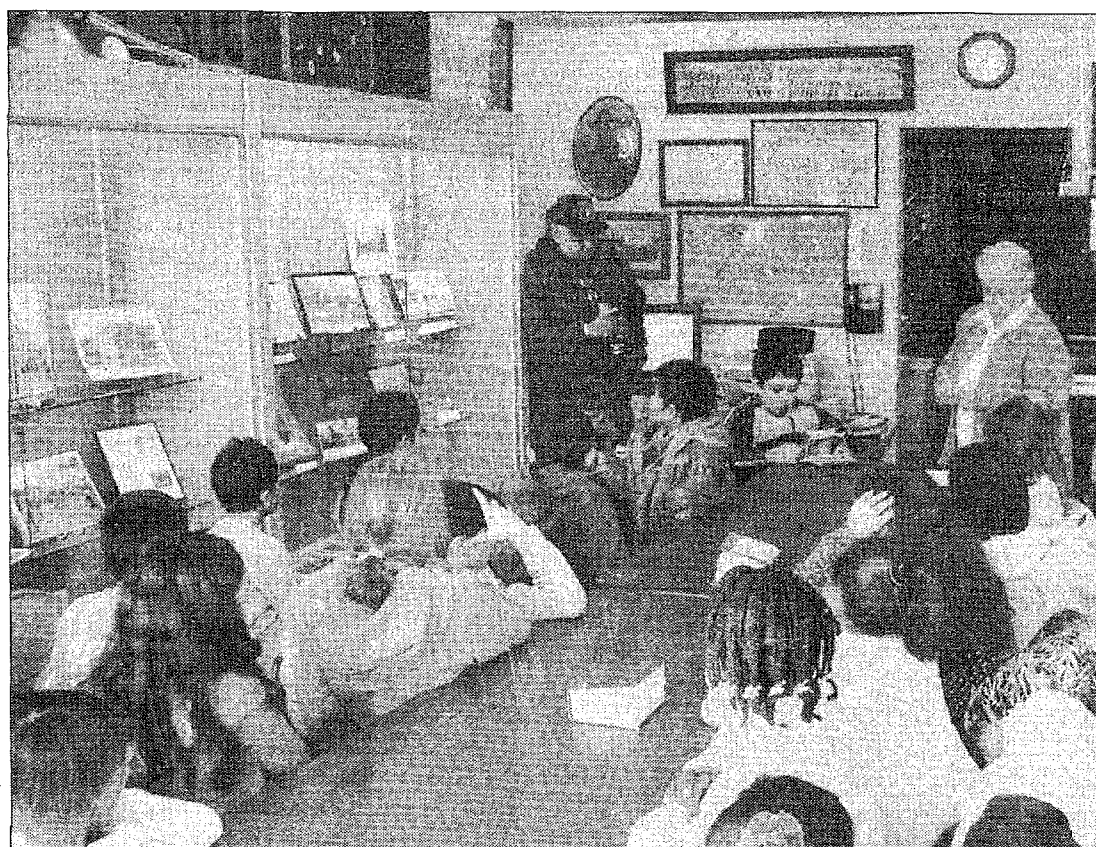


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Roselle Park Historical Society Research Chairwoman Audrey Morgan and Historical Society Vice President Nick Pagnetti give students from Robert Gordon Elementary School in Roselle Park, seated, a lesson about local history as they celebrate their school's 100th anniversary. The school will conduct a centennial celebration with a ceremony and events for students today.

Memorial Day event planned

The Union Memorial Day Parade will be conducted this year on Monday, beginning at 10 a.m.

The Veterans Alliance, which includes the Connecticut Farms American Legion Post 35, the Michael A. Kelly Post 2433, Veterans of Foreign Wars I.D. Harris Chapter, Disabled American Veterans and the Waldor Post, Jewish War Veterans will host the event.

The Veterans Alliance has announced that Sol Lipkin, longtime Union resident and member of the American Legion, will be the grand marshal of the parade. Lipkin will be celebrating his 102nd birthday on that day.

A veteran of World War II, he enlisted in the Navy in February of 1942 and was honorably discharged as a Carpenter's Mate, 2nd Class, in September of 1945.

His working career was spent primarily in the shuffleboard industry, which included placing the first

shuffleboard on a nuclear submarine. He was affectionately known in the industry as Mr. Shuffleboard. Some tennis enthusiasts also remember him as an avid competitor on the local courts in the 1960s and 70s.

Bob Johnsen, commander of the VFW Post, who is a liaison between the alliance and the Union Township Committee, has issued a call for the people of Union to attend both the parade and the memorial service at Veterans Park.

This year, which is Union's bicentennial, additional emphasis will be placed on the many people who have contributed to the community throughout the last 200 years.

Our forefathers will be honored by a contingent of the 4th New Jersey Continentals and a large group of students from Kawamech Middle School, dressed in period costumes.

The Continental contingent is

lead by George Behnke, master of sutlery, and Alisia Fiorucci, mistress of sutlery. Sutlery is the providing of supplies to the troops in the field.

The group will also perform at the historic re-enactment to be held at Biertuempfel Park on June 7.

The parade will form in the area of Morrison and Stuyvesant avenues between 9 and 9:45 a.m. The planned locations for groups to gather is as follows: Stecher Avenue, veterans groups and any military organizations; Balmoral Avenue, Boy and Girls Scouts, children and other youth groups; Tyler Street, fraternal organizations and political groups.

For information, contact the Veterans Alliance at PO Box 1362, Union, 07083.

The American Legion Post on Bond Drive and the VFW Post on Kelly Street will have refreshments for the participants immediately following the parade.

New flags will grace Boulevard

Approximately 100 new American flags will grace Kenilworth Boulevard this Memorial Day as a gift to the borough from the Kenilworth Centennial Committee.

The flags replace previous ones, which were weathered and no longer presentable.

The gift of new flags was made possible through funds raised by the Centennial Committee last year during a year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the borough of Kenilworth's incorporation.

An additional \$1,000 raised during last September's Centennial Freedom Run and Walk, which was held in support of United States troops, was used to purchase a large quantity of items that were sent several months ago to U.S. troops in Iraq, in care of local resident Tom Drogon, who was stationed there at the time. The balance of the funds collected during the Freedom Run and Walk covered the cost of shipping more than 20 additional boxes of items to Iraq this month as a result of the Kenilworth Police Department's drive for items that local resident Joe Zagorskas Jr. and his battalion expressed the need for.

"We are delighted that, in addition to offering a full year of special events for residents to enjoy in celebration of Kenilworth's 100th anniversary, we are now able to give some significant gifts to the community in honor of the historical milestone that we commemorated last year," said Shirley Boyden Maxwell, who served as the chairwoman of the 2007 Kenilworth Centennial Committee and who also serves as president of the Kenilworth Historical Society.

"From the start, our committee agreed to use any funds that remained at the end of the year, from our sale of commemorative T-shirts, mugs, flags and other centennial fund-raising activities, for items that would benefit the borough and local residents."

The Kenilworth Centennial Committee has acknowledged the numerous centennial sponsors who helped make the borough's yearlong 2007 Centennial Celebration possible.

Hillside Police warn drivers, passengers to 'Click It or Ticket'

Officers will enforce seat belt, cell phone laws

Hillside residents are advised that the Police Department will be aggressively enforcing New Jersey's mandatory seatbelt law during the Click It or Ticket campaign that began Monday and will end June 1. Members of the Police Department will also aggressively enforce the prohibition against cellphone use during this period.

According to Police Chief Robert Quinlan, the Police Department has again received a grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for extra patrols during the two-week campaign. This marks the sixth consecutive year that the Hillside Police Department will participate in the aggressive campaign to increase compliance with occupant safety laws and to decrease fatalities and serious injuries.

Quinlan said there will be no warnings given for seatbelt violations during the two-week Click It or Ticket campaign. Motorists who are not buckled up, or whose passengers are not properly restrained, will receive a summons.

However, the Click it or Ticket campaign isn't only about writing as many tickets as possible.

According to the police chief, the strict enforcement is about saving lives and reducing crime.

In addition, the high profile campaign also helps increase the visibility and effectiveness of the Hillside Police Department, a priority for the police chief.

"When people drive through Hillside and see police stopping cars for traffic violations, they think twice about committing crimes," Quinlan said.

As proof that high visibility policing deters crime, Quinlan pointed to a 50 percent decrease in stolen cars in Hillside in the past five years.

"The decrease was a direct result of high visibility, aggressive policing by the men and women of the Hillside Police Department," Quinlan said.

During the Click It or Ticket campaign, the Police Department will be conducting "roving patrols" aimed at seatbelt violations as well as "fixed point" enforcement. According to the police chief, fixed point enforcement will take place on several of the township's busiest streets and near the township's schools.

Every driver and front seat passenger of a vehicle operated on a street or highway is required to wear a seatbelt. In addition, all passengers between the ages of 8 and 18 must wear a seatbelt, regardless of where they are seated in the vehicle. Children younger than 8 years old and weighing less than 80 pounds must be secured in an approved child passenger restraint system or "booster seat" in the rear passenger area.

All Creatures Great & Small

Presented by
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COMMON PLANTS CAN POISON PETS

Pets and plants are welcome additions to most homes, however, in many cases, the two do not mix. Pets are curious and often like to research things by eating them, and some plants are poisonous to pets. Be sure to keep a close eye on your pet when it appears interested in tasting some of the local flora. A dog or cat that eats any of a lily plant can suffer kidney failure. Azaleas and members of the rhododendron species contain a substance called grayanotoxins that can cause an animal to get very sick or even die. If your pet ingests any of these or other poisonous plants, collect a sample of the plant and seek medical treatment immediately.

Although most dogs and cats instinctually know not to eat some plants, others aren't as lucky. The best course of action is to be watchful, and if your pet does appear curious about a particular plant try to place it out of their reach. At T.L.C. PET DOCTOR, located at 1326 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, we can discuss how you can help to prevent your houseplants from poisoning your pets. Call 908-686-7080 with any questions. We will always do our best to keep your pet healthy with the most up to date care.

P.S. A pet that has been poisoned may not exhibit symptoms until hours after ingesting the poison.

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LEGAL NOTICE

If you were a subscriber or beneficiary of a Health Net Plan at any time between 1995 and 2007 you may be eligible to participate in a class action settlement

A Settlement has been proposed in a class action lawsuit involving Health Net, also formerly known as Physicians Health Services, PHS, and First Option Health Plan. The Settlement will provide up to \$215,000,000.00 for payments to subscribers or beneficiaries of various Health Net Plans from July 1995 to July 2007. If you qualify, you may send in a claim form to get benefits, or you can exclude yourself from the Settlement, or object to it.

The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey authorized this Notice. Before any money is paid, the Court will have a hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement.

Who Is Included?

You are a Class Member and could get benefits if you were in an employer health insurance plan with Health Net from April 1, 1997 to July 31, 2007 (or as early as July 1, 1995 if you were in a New Jersey small employer plan), or an individual and family plan with Health Net from September 1, 2004 to July 31, 2007. The Classes before the Court are:

(a) a subscriber or beneficiary in any large or small employer plan from April 1, 1997 to August 31, 2004, other than in a New Jersey small employer plan, who received medical services or supplies (including, inter alia, surgery, anesthesia, and the like) from an Out-of-Network Provider and for whom Health Net made reimbursement determinations less than the providers' actual charge; ("McCoy Class") or

(b) a subscriber or beneficiary of any New Jersey small employer plan from July 1, 1995 through August 31, 2004, who received medical services from an Out-of-Network Provider and for whom Defendants made reimbursement determinations less than the providers' actual charge; ("Wachtel Class") or

(c) a member in any large or small employer plan insured by Health Net, and subject to ERISA, from September 1, 2004 through July 31, 2007, who received medical services or supplies (including, inter alia, surgery, anesthesia, and the like) from an Out-of-Network Provider and received reimbursement of less than the provider's billed charge; ("Scharfman ERISA Class"); or

(d) a member in any large or small employer plan, or any individual and family plan, insured by Health Net from September 1, 2004, through July 31, 2007, who received medical services or supplies (including, inter alia, surgery, anesthesia, and the like) from an Out-of-Network Provider and received reimbursement of less than the provider's billed charge that was determined by Health Net, Guardian or a third party vendor applying Health Net's out-of-network claims practices, including the use of Ingenix data ("Scharfman RICO Class").

What's This About?

These actions challenge the way that Health Net pays claims when members of Health Net's health insurance plans use medical providers who are not part of their network. These actions claim that Health Net provided inadequate usual, customary and reasonable reimbursement to its members for covered services provided by out-of-network providers by using the Ingenix databases and/or other protocols or methods. These actions also challenge the quantity and quality of the information Health Net provided about how it will pay for covered out-of-network care, how Health Net explained its benefit denials and how it decided appeals from subscribers who disagreed with Health Net's decisions. Health Net denies these allegations and any wrongdoing or liability.

What Does The Settlement Provide?

Health Net has agreed to create a Cash Settlement Fund of \$175,000,000.00 (of this amount, \$15,000,000.00 has been allocated for payments ordered by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance) and a Prove Up Settlement Fund of up to \$40,000,000. The Cash Settlement Fund and the Prove Up Settlement Fund will be distributed pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and a Plan of Allocation to Class Members who timely file a Claim Form and Release. Further, Health Net will initiate certain business practices for the benefit of Class Members.

How Do You File A Claim?

In order to be eligible for a payment under the Settlement, you must complete, sign, and mail the Claim Form and Release SO THAT IT IS POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 25, 2008. A Claim Form is part of the full notice package you can request below.

What Are Your Other Options?

If you don't want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you have the right to exclude yourself by submitting a written request for exclusion postmarked no later than June 23, 2008. If you exclude yourself, you can't get money from this Settlement. If you stay in the Settlement, you may object to it by June 23, 2008. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing in these cases, McCoy v. Health Net, Inc., et al. (03-cv-1801), Wachtel v. Health Net, Inc., et al. (01-cv-4183), and Scharfman v. Health Net, Inc., et al. (05-cv-0301) on July 24, 2008, to consider whether to approve the Settlement and a request by the lawyers representing all Class Members (Barry M. Epstein, Esq. and Barbara G. Quackenbush, Esq. of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer PA, 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, P.O. Box 10, Woodbridge, NJ 07095-0958, and D. Brian Hufford, Esq. and Robert J. Axelrod, Esq. of Pomerantz Haudek Block Grossman & Gross LLP, 100 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017-5516) for attorneys' fees and costs, for investigating the facts, litigating the case, and negotiating the Settlement. You may ask to appear at the hearing but don't have to.

Where Can You Get Additional Information?

All persons believed to be members of the Classes eligible for this Settlement were mailed a full Notice, a Proof of Claim and Release form and individualized Blue Sheet. If you believe you are part of the Class and did not receive that package, request one at once by contacting the Claims Administrator at:

Health Net Class Action Litigation
c/o Berdon Claims Administration LLC
P.O. Box 9007
Jericho, New York 11753-8917
Phone: (800) 906-2811
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
Request for Qualifications

The Township of Hillside ("Township") is soliciting Qualification Statements from interested persons and/or firms for the provision of the below listed services. Through a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") process, interested persons and/or firms are assisting the Township with the provision of such services must prepare and submit a Qualification Statement in accordance with the terms and conditions and schedules set forth in the RFQs. The Township will review Qualification Statements only from those firms and individuals that submit a Qualification Statement which includes all the information and qualifications as described (in the sole judgment of the Township). The Township intends to qualify firms and individuals which (a) possess the professional, financial and administrative capabilities to provide the proposed services, and (b) agree to and accept the terms and conditions determined by the Township. The selection of qualified firms and/or individuals are not subject to the Township's Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 17:27, et seq. The selection is subject to the Township of New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5, et seq. The Township hereby structured to ensure the process that seeks to obtain the desired results, while establishing a competitive fair and open process to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a Qualification Statement in response to the RFQ.

The RFQ documents will become available on Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Township of Hillside, at the Office of the Township Clerk, Township of Hillside Municipal Building, 1225 Clinton Avenue, Hillside, New Jersey 07035. To obtain a copy via regular mail, please call Janet Vlaisavljevic (973) 926-3000.

Qualification Statements must be submitted by mail or hand delivery to, and be received by Janet Vlaisavljevic, Township Clerk, in the Office of the Township Clerk, Township of Hillside Municipal Building, 1225 Clinton Avenue, Hillside, New Jersey 07035, on or before Thursday, June 5, 2008. Qualification Statements must be enclosed in sealed and labeled envelopes with the following text: "QUALIFICATION STATEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF <insert name of the applicable service>". The envelopes must be addressed to the attention of Janet Vlaisavljevic, Township Clerk, Township of Hillside Municipal Building, 1225 Clinton Avenue, Hillside, New Jersey 07035. Qualification Statements will not be accepted by facsimile transmission or e-mail.

Professional Services:

1. Township Attorney Services
2. Personnel Counsel Services
3. Bond Counsel Services
4. Special Tax Appeal Attorney Services
5. Special Township Attorney Services
6. Special Attorney to the Board of Health Services
7. Real Estate Appraisal Services
8. Municipal Public Defender Services
9. Engineering Services
10. Auditing, Accounting and Consulting Services
11. Computer Software Services

U212351 UNL May 22, 2008 (\$41.40)

HILLSIDE

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

Bretaly Alvarez, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and 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 07093, telephone number 908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING is Plaintiff and CLAUDIA MOREIRA, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-15654-08 within thirty-five (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date, or if published after 05/22/2008, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date, by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated December 13, 2006 made by CLAUDIA MOREIRA as mortgagor to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST MORTGAGE SERVICE CORPORATION, as trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2007-SD1 by Assignment of Mortgage which is unrecorded at this time, and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 2518 HAWTHORNE AVE, UNION, NJ 07083.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 800-853-4150. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340.

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

CHRISTINA P. HIGGINS, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

U212507 UNL May 22, 2008 (\$39.15)

HILLSIDE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-08002806
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F2410407
County: Union
Plaintiff: THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR GE-WMC ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1
VS
Defendant: JULIO REMEDIOS, MERS AS NOMINEE FOR SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC.
Sale Date: 06/18/2008
Writ of Execution: 04/11/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed, I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

MUNICIPALITY: Hillside Township
COUNTY: UNION
STREET & STREET NO.: 1111 South Long Avenue
TAX BLOCK AND LOT: 50' x 106.07'
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 50' x 106.07'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 100' from Virginia Street
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$383,685.39
Three Hundred Eighty-Three and Six Hundred Eighty-Five and 39/100
Attorney: POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS
128 MARSHALL HIGHWAY - SUITE 200
P.O. BOX 848
MOORESTOWN, NJ 08057
(856) 902-1000
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$418,720.55
Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty and 55/100***
May 22, 29, June 5, 2008
U212341 UNL (\$108.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Monica Arevalo, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and 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 07093, telephone number 908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Aurora Loan Services, LLC is plaintiff, and Monica Arevalo, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-12598-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 05/22/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 05/22/2008, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date, by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex, CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated 09/06/2005 made by Monica Arevalo, an unmarried woman as mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Magnus Financial Corporation recorded on 09/14/2005 in Book 1314 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 0618 and re-recorded on 04/02/2007 in Book 12105, Page 0662 which mortgage was 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 1261 Miriam Place, Hillside, NJ 07035.

If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 800-853-4150. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340.

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

CHRISTINA P. HIGGINS, CLERK SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

U212426 UNL May 22, 2008 (\$38.70)

UNION

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: CLAUDIA MOREIRA

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) 938-9300, an Answer to the Complaint and Amendment to the Complaint, filed in a civil action, in which GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING is Plaintiff and CLAUDIA MOREIRA, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket No. F-11620-08 within thirty-five (35) days after 05/22/2008 exclusive of such date, or if published after 05/22/2008, (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date, 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 December 13, 2006 made by CLAUDIA MOREIRA as mortgagor to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST MORTGAGE SERVICE CORPORATION, as trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2007-SD1 by Assignment of Mortgage which is unrecorded at this time, and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 2518 HAWTHORNE AVE, UNION, NJ 07083.

If you cannot afford or are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of venue by calling:

UNION COUNTY LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE: (908) 354-4340
UNION COUNTY LEGAL SERVICES: (908) 354-4340

YOU, CLAUDIA MOREIRA are made party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are one of the mortgagors and you executed the mortgage 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 remains of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$330,812.84*** Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and 84/100***
May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2008
U211648 UNL (\$133.20)

HILLSIDE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-08002378
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1950103
County: Union
Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST CO. FKA BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES CORP. LONG BEACH HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2000-1B
VS
Defendant: RETHA P. ROSE-ARNOLD, MR. ARNOLD, HUSBAND OF RETHA P. ARNOLD
Sale Date: 06/04/2008
Writ of Execution: 03/18/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed, I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside, County of Union, and the State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 254 North Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07035. BEING KNOWN AS LOT 3, BLOCK 1604, on the official Tax Map of the Township of Hillside. Dimensions: 70.00 feet x 120.00 feet x 70.00 feet x 120.00 feet. Nearest Cross Street: Riverside Drive.

The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication. "Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$252,255.94*** Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Six and 94/100***
Attorney: FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC
7 CENTURY DRIVE
SUITE 201
PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054
(973) 938-9300
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$315,800.01
Three Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ten and 01/100
May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2008
U211038 UNL (\$136.80)

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-08002680
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1007103
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK MINNESOTA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, FKA NORWELLS BANK MINNESOTA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2000-A ASSET-BACKED
VS
Defendant: DAVID BELL, GAIL P. BELL
Sale Date: 06/11/2008
Writ of Execution: 01/25/2008
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 TWP of HILLSIDE TWP, County of Union and State of New Jersey. Dimensions of Lot: Approximately 91.96 feet wide by 100.00 feet long. Nearest Cross Street: North Union Avenue. Situated at a point on the southerly side of North Union Avenue.

2007 TAXES OPEN PLUS \$32,817.17
2008 TAX/SEWER 2ND HALF \$5,781.40
2007 YEAR END PENALTY \$743.01
TOTAL AS OF April 7, 2008: \$33,693.83

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$185,894.06*** One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Four and 06/100***
Attorney: FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC
SUITE 201
PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054
(973) 938-9300
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$403,366.36
Four Hundred Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Nine and 66/100***
May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2008
U211639 UNL (\$135.00)

HILLSIDE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-08002739
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1016807
County: Union
Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST CO. AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-13
VS
Defendant: DAVID O. OLADRAN; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR OPTIMUM FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC
Sale Date: 06/11/2008
Writ of Execution: 04/10/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed, I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 1481 Franklin Street, Hillside, NJ 07035. BEING KNOWN AS LOT 65, BLOCK 401, on the official Tax Map of the Township of Hillside. Dimensions: 38.50 ft x 91.00 ft x 35.00 ft x 40.00 ft x 3.50 ft x 61.00 ft. 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 remains of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$330,812.84*** Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and 84/100***
Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
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: \$371,311.40
Three Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Eleven and 40/100***
May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2008
U211648 UNL (\$133.20)

HILLSIDE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-08002271
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1864607
County: Union
Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
VS
Defendant: NELLY SAAVEDRA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS A NOMINEE FOR SELECT PORTFOLIO MTS. CORP.
Sale Date: 05/28/2008
Writ of Execution: 03/24/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed, I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside, County of Union, and the State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 254 North Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07035. BEING KNOWN AS LOT 3, BLOCK 1604, on the official Tax Map of the Township of Hillside. Dimensions: 70.00 feet x 120.00 feet x 70.00 feet x 120.00 feet. Nearest Cross Street: Riverside Drive.

The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication. "Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$330,812.84*** Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve and 84/100***
Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD
SUITE 100
MT LAUREL, NJ 08054
(856)813-5500
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$422,840.87
Four Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty and 87/100
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2008
U210374 UNL (\$131.40)

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

NOTICE OF AWARD

1. CONTRACTOR: Heyer, Gruel & Associates
New Brunswick, New Jersey

2. NATURE OF SERVICE: For continued Mt. Laurel Litigation

3. DURATION OF SERVICES: Until December 31, 2008 or until successor is appointed.

4. COMPENSATION: \$7,500.00
Dated: May 15, 2008
U212409 UNL May 22, 2008 (\$9.00)

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-08002696
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F19259507
County: Union
Plaintiff: AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE SERVICING
VS
Defendant: PRADIP K. DAS, KUMAR GOURANGA, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN BANKERS TRUST, ANGUS B. CANT, TENANT, APRIL LITTLE, TENANT, NEGETTIT HARVEY, TENANT AND BENEDICT L. TENANT
Sale Date: 06/11/2008
Writ of Execution: 03/18/2008
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.

The property to be sold is located in the TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE, County of Union and State of NJ. It is commonly known as 1581-83 LESLIE STREET, HILLSIDE, NJ. It is known and designated as Block 310, Lot 7.
The dimensions are approximately 50 feet wide by 100 feet long (irregular). Nearest cross street: FIELD PLACE (prior lien): SUBJECT TO UNPAID TAXES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS.

On 12/20/2008 TAXES ARE PAID THROUGH 1ST QUARTER 2006. TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AS OF 12/20/2008 UNPAID LIEN CERTIFICATE #07-007 IS THE AGGREGATE SUM OF \$26,481.05. THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$327,457.91*** Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Seven and 91/100***
Attorney: STERN, LAVINTHAL, FRANKENBERG & NORGARD, LLC
200 NEWPORT PARKWAY
SUITE 300 - P.O. BOX 1660
LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039-1660
(973) 740-0700
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$418,720.55
Four Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Two and 56/100***
May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2008
U211649 UNL (\$131.40)

HILLSIDE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-08002623
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1788607
County: Union
Plaintiff: WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BY SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC, ATTORNEY IN FACT
VS
Defendant: GLORIA CAMPANA, CAROL HUTCHINS AND ELIJAH JOHNSON
Sale Date: 06/04/2008
Writ of Execution: 03/19/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed, I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 518 Sweetland Avenue, Hillside, New Jersey. TAX LOT #6, BLOCK # 505. APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 35' x 100'. NEAREST CROSS STREET: Arnold Street.

Plus interest on these figures through date of payoff and all subsequent taxes, water and sewer amounts. THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$365,309.88*** Three Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Nine and 88/100***
Attorney: MICHAEL M. CAY - ATTORNEYS
7001 LINCOLN DRIVE WEST
THREE GREENTREE CENTRE - 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: \$403,366.36
Four Hundred Three Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Six and 36/100***
May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2008
U211039 UNL (\$122.40)

HILLSIDE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-08002794
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F1458607
County: Union
Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST CO. AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE FLOODING AND SERVING AGREEMENT SERIES IFT INABS 2006-D
VS
Defendant: JOSE R. ALMEIDA, NILTON RODOLFO JOHNNY ON THE SPOT, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 06/18/2008
Writ of execution: 04/09/2008
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed, I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETHTOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 14 Fitzpatrick Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07035. Tax Lot No.: 2 in Block 920. Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 50' x 100'. Nearest Cross Street: Liberty Avenue. Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

Taxes/sewer/water may be delinquent. You must pay with the tax collector for exact amounts due. Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$440,117.98
Four Hundred Ninety Thousand One Hundred Seventeen and 98/100
Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
200 SHEFFIELD STREET
SUITE 301
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
(908)233-8500
XCFZ-87799
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$552,184.30
Five Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Four and 30/100***
May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 2008
U212343 UNL (\$120.60)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE

Please take notice that the Hillside Board of Education shall hold the following meeting for the month of June 2008:

Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 195 Virginia Street, Hillside, NJ.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Note that in addition to the regular monthly agenda, scheduled action items shall be presented for approval and/or renegotiation of the annual contract for the school business administrator/board secretary. Be further advised that a public hearing regarding this action shall be held at this meeting.

The board reserves the right to adjourn to executive session.

HILLSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Kenneth R. Weinheimer
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary
U212356 UNL May 22, 2008 (\$14.85)

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-08002278
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F358007
County: Union
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. VS
Defendant: AMADOR F. COSTA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR AMERICAN BANKERS TRUST, HOMEPRISE FINANCE CORP. RATION; ROSEMARIE COSTA;
Sale Date: 05/28/2008
Writ of Execution: 03/17/2008
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.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 508 Purdy Street, Hillside, NJ 07205. Tax Lot No.: 1 in Block 507. Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 102 ft x 29 ft x 30 ft x 79 ft x 50 ft. Nearest Cross Street: Bloy Street. Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

At the time of this publication tax/sewer/water information was not available. Please check with the tax collector for exact amounts due. Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$395,135.09
Three Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Five and 09/100
Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC
200 SHEFFIELD STREET
SUITE 301
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092
(908)233-8500
FCZ-83844
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$432,109.19
Four Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand One Hundred Nine and 19/100***
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 2008
U210376 UNL (\$118.80)

HILLSIDE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-

Photos By Barbara Kokkalis

A mini breakfast will be served on the Vanderhoof bus, with a movie on the return trip. A Showboat comp card or photo identification is needed to collect the bus bonus. Call Roz at 908-964-7840 or the temple office at 973-376-0539 for reservations and information.



AT THE FIRE HOUSE — During a recent open house at the Kenilworth Fire Department, local resident Nicholas Killaran, 6, extinguishes a small cardboard fire with the help of John Mauro of the Kenilworth Fire Department. Below, Firefighter Dwayne Bell stands at the base of a ladder on a firetruck.

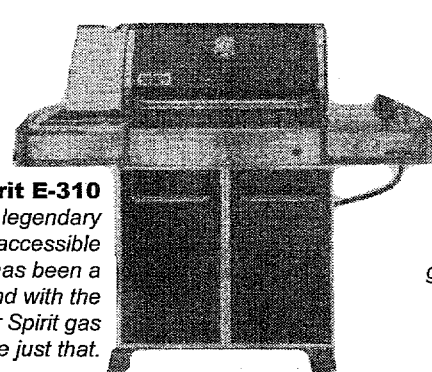
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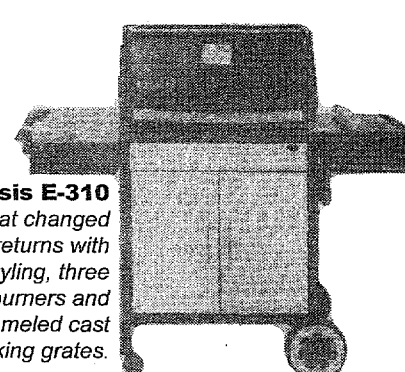
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*Fire Department Employees- All Counties	*Fraternal Organizations
*AARP	*PSE&G Employees
*AAA	*Merck Employees
*State Employees	*Exxon Employees
*Union Employees	*Scherer Employees
*Teachers All Towns	*General Motors Employees
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AT THE LIBRARY

Group will discuss novels in 2008

The Union Public Library Book Discussion Group will meet at 7 p.m. on June 18 to discuss "Madame Bovary," by Gustave Flaubert.

The library is located at 1980 Morris Ave, Union. For help in obtaining copies of the book, call the Reference Department at 908-851-5450.

Catch the reading bug at Union Library

Join the "Catch the Reading Bug" Summer Reading Club this summer at Union Public Library and discover the amazing world of insects.

The 2008 Summer Reading

Club Program is open to children from preschool through eighth grade, with programs, contests, story hours, a reading club and much more. Registration for the Summer Reading Club begins on June 4. For information, call the library at 908-851-5450, ext. 3 or visit the library Web site at www.youseemore.com/unionpl. All library programs are free of charge.

Spring into fun at the Hillside Library in May

May events are in full swing at the Hillside Public Library. Some special events have been added to the regular calendar.

On May 30, an after school movie is planned from 3:30 to 6 p.m. "Water Horse" will be shown.

On May 28, from 7 to 8 p.m., Rahfael Gordon, a hip-hop motivational speaker, will sign copies of his book "You Won't Make It." On May 29, there will be a Book Lover's meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adult computer classes are on-going and registration is required by calling 973-923-4413 for information. Medicare counseling is also on-going. For an appointment, call 973-923-4413.

Bugs, balloons, crafts at Union Main Library

The Children's Department of the Union Public Library has scheduled the following programs at the Main Library during the month of June:

Come in your pajamas for songs, stories and games at our Bedtime Storytime on the following Mondays: June 16, 23 and 30. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend. No registration is required. The Saturday Storytime and Craft program will be conducted June 14 at 11 a.m. Children of all ages and their caregivers are

invited to attend. No registration is required. The Preschool Storytime and Craft program for preschoolers and their caregivers will be held on June 23 and 30 at 11 a.m. No registration is required. Join the library staff for a Bug Toss craft and activity program on June 24 at 11 a.m. Make your own bug sock puppet then

test your ability to both toss a bug a long distance and do it accurately. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend. No registration is required. Come and make a ladybug hat at the school-age craft program June 25 at 11 a.m. for children in grades one through six. No registration is required.

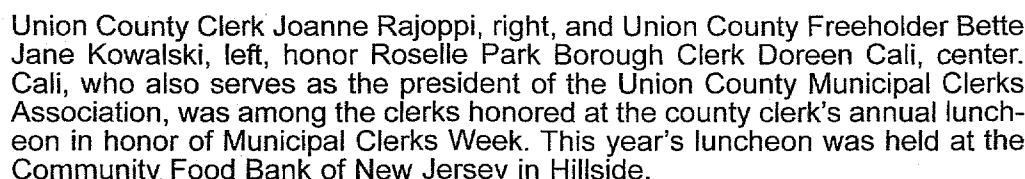
PUBLIC NOTICE			
UNION			
PUBLIC NOTICE			
Take notice that the following applications for Zoning Variances were heard by the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union on <u>Wednesday, May 14, 2008</u> at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, N.J. Resolutions memorializing.			
Calendar #	Name of Applicant & Premises Affected	Variances Requested	Decision of the Board of Adjustment
Cal. #3112	Crawford Street Partners, LLC. 988 Johnson Place Block- 2901 Lot- 27	Conversion of existing storage/warehouse bldg. into 9 multi-family apartment units	Carried for Resolution of Approval on June 4, 2008
Cal. #3115	Union Mill Run, LLC. 1750 Walker Avenue Block- 5401 Lot- 13	Ground Sign	Carried for Resolution of Approval on June 4, 2008
Cal. #3111	NJ Non-Ferrous Trading, Inc. 2428-2436 Morris Avenue Block- 3911 Lots- 2-5	Expansion of existing non-conforming use to adjacent lot	Adjourned to June 4, 2008
Richard Malanda, Board of Adjustment Secretary U212355 UNL May 22, 2008 (\$33.75)			

PUBLIC NOTICE			
BOROUGH OF KENILWORTH NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS			
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, Nancy L. Nichols, Tax Collector of the Borough of Kenilworth, County of Union, New Jersey, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq., will sell at public auction on June 12, 2008 at the Municipal Building, in Council Chambers, 567 Boulevard, New Jersey, at 10:00 AM, the lands hereinafter described.			
Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of the municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date of the sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, not to exceed 18%. Payment for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check or money order, or parcels will be resold.			
The sale is made pursuant to Chapter 5, Title 54 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey, as amended, industrial Properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:12-23.11 et seq), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq) and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1K-6 et seq). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner of the property. At any time before or on the date of the sale, the undersigned will receive payment of the amount due on any property, with the interest and costs incurred up to the time of payment.			
2008 Tax Sale List			
Block	Lot	Name	Address Total
24.03	26	Miceli, Ignacio & Dotro, Francesco	210 Monroe Ave. \$3,803.09
25	15	Wilson, Frances	307 No. 11th St. \$350.74
68	9	Desimoni, Maryann	12 Brasser Lane \$6,378.87
84	9	JDN Properties at Kenilworth	570 Boulevard \$11,936.47
84	1	JDN Properties at Kenilworth	568 Boulevard \$680.25
84	2	JDN Properties at Kenilworth	566 Boulevard \$668.58
91	1	Loza, Eugene & Lorraine	51 Park Dr. \$5,576.63
92	35	Levchuk, Randy J.	79 Park Dr. \$78.83
95	6	Ameen, Thomas-Kenterman, Cathy	524 Leo St. \$1,309.50
99	13	Madson, Anthony	193 Lincoln Dr. \$1,303.97
111	25	Crisafulli, Frank	423 Boulevard \$1,622.23
119	10	Dotro, Francesco-Miceli, Ignacio	604 Newark Ave. \$3,671.78
127	2	Abramitis, Helen	641 Clinton Ave. \$471.70
135	6	Sullivan, Mary E.	641 Passaic Ave. \$1,337.00
136	20	Radzion, Edward & Lisa	674 Richfield Ave. \$6,010.16
137	4	Greening, Joan-Coyle, Margaret	140 So. 23rd St. \$1,441.86
* Special Assessment			
U212425 UNL May 22, 2008 (\$62.10)			

TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE COUNTY OF NEW JERSEY COLLECTOR'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS			
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT I, JOSEPH P. SKELLY, Collector of Taxes of the Township of Hillside, in the County of Union, pursuant to the authority of the statutes in such case made and provided will on the 5th day of June, 2008 at 11:00 o'clock in the morning of that day in the Municipal Building, in the said taxing district, expose for sale and sell the several tracts and parcels of land hereinafter specified to make the amount chargeable against said lands, respectively, together with interest and costs of sale, Pursuant to 54:5-26 et seq., the Tax Collector has replaced two of the required four newspaper tax sale advertisements with direct mail notices to the owner of each property and any person or entity entitled to a notice of foreclosure. Pursuant to 54:5-38, the cost of this notice shall be added to the amount of the tax due on the property. If the owner of the property fails to pay the amount due, the property will be struck off and sold to such persons as will purchase the same subject to the redemption at the lowest rate of interest but in no case in excess of 18% per annum. The payment for the sale shall be made in pursuance of the provision of Title 54, Chapter 5, and the Acts mandatory hereof and Supplemental thereto.			
Any of the said tracts of land may be redeemed before sale by payment of the amount due thereon to date of such redemption including the cost to such date.			
The following is the description of the lands and owners names as obtained on the list on file in the Tax Collector's office with the total amount due thereon as computed to June, 2007.			
Individuals purchasing Tax Sale Certificates should be acquainted with the Environmental Cleanup Responsibility Act, PL1983, c.330 (C.13:1K-6 et seq.), the Spill Compensation Act, PL1976, c.141 (C.58:10-23.11 et seq.) and the Water Pollution Control Act, PL1977, c.44 (C.58:10A-1 et seq.).			
As per Title 38:23C-18 if anyone is on active duty please notify the Tax Collector Office.			
ONLY CASH - MONEY ORDER - OR CERTIFIED CHECK WILL BE ACCEPTED			
TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE NOTICE OF 2007 TAX SALE			
BLOCK & LOT	OWNER NAME	PROPERTY LOCATION	TOTAL
0101 015	JONES, TROY LEE SR	77 WOLF PL	\$281.87
0101 018	COOPER, SONNIE L & MARGARETTE	79 WOLF PL	\$14,333.48
0101 019	IRWING, FAIRCHILD	31 FAIRCHILD PL	\$5,407.80
0105 021	LEWIS, CLARA A	31 FAIRCHILD PL	\$1,764.37
0203 023.01	FIORITO, VINCENT & SUSAN	766 RAMSEY AV	\$4,870.73
0302 031	DOSANTOS, MARIANE	1472 LESLIE ST	\$174.97
0302 037	SIEGMEISTER, ROBERT & ESTHER	1407 CHESTNUT AV	\$9,057.17
0302 037 BLDG	SIEGMEISTER, ROBERT & ESTHER	CHESTNUT AV	\$3,327.58
0303 003	MORRIS, ANDREA	395 SCHLEY ST	\$218.68
0303 010	WILLIAMSON, D & MARY E	1560 SCHLEY ST	\$1,631.69
0304 002	HILLSIDE AMBULANCE SQUAD	1600 SCHLEY ST	\$171.97
0306 019	ASHMON, BENJAMIN J. JR	1564 LESLIE ST	\$11,055.42
0307 014	BELLEVUE, M - PIERRE, M	HIAWATHA AV	\$284.80
0309 006	WILLIAMSON, D & MARY E	1564 LESLIE ST	\$171.97
0309 019	DORT, EDWIGE	330 WINANS AV	\$91.47
0309 022	AIYEGBO, BABAYEMI	1528 WYNDMOOR AV	\$2,287.21
0310 004	BELLEVUE, WILLIE & CYNTHIA	156971 LESLIE ST	\$492.86
0310 015	HERRING, JOE E & WILLIE MAE	156971 LESLIE ST	\$4,446.71
0310 015	PRADIP, DAS	328 FIELD PL	\$492.86
0310 021	MONTENEGRO, CAROLS A & ARLEEN	1566 WYNDMOOR AV	\$158.30
0311 001	ANDRUS, DAVID H & RUTH	LANSIE	\$124.80
0312 008	STANTON, LARUE	141416 FRANKLIN ST	\$547.69
0312 024	SMITH, SYLVIA R	1457 HIWATHA AV	\$2,157.26
0312 027	MASSEY, SHELLEY	1449 HIWATHA AV	\$278.93
0401 001	WILSON, ROBERTAE	1468A LIBERTY AV	\$171.97
0401 007	RAWLINS, WILFRED(ESTATE)	1470B LIBERTY AV	\$171.97
0401 021	KREPS, MINNIE P	1484B LIBERTY AV	\$4,897.83
0401 027	NNADI, MICHAEL	1490B LIBERTY AV	\$1,992.72
0401 031	BLANCHARD, MARY & S	1506 LIBERTY AV	\$1,992.72
0401 038	THOMPSON, MARIE	1518 LIBERTY AV	\$469.38
0401 046	WOODS, JOSEPH L III & JUSHEAN L	314 WINANS AV	\$3,214.37
0401 056	AMERICAN HOUSING TRUST I	1521 FRANKLIN ST	\$171.97
0401 060	CASTRO, PETER	1501 FRANKLIN ST	\$171.97
0402 015	INGE, BRUCE T & VIVIAN (EST)	1580 SUMMIT AV	\$4,600.16
0402 024	BROWN, FRANKIE EARNEST & BERNI	24 WYNDMOOR AV	\$794.45
0402 027	HILL, DAMON A & SMO & SHAKEENA R	1583 WYNDMOOR AV	\$158.30
0403 017	MONEL, RAYMOND M	280 BERNARD TR	\$158.40
0404 006	HAWK, FREDDIE S & CHERYL	269 BERNARD TR	\$4,154.15
0405 016	RANDOLPH, JACOB	1486 HIGHLAND AV	\$171.97
0406 018	PAULIN, ARTHUR & MARIE L	1504 HIGHLAND AV	\$171.97
0406 017	HAYNES, WILLIE PEARL	1500 HIGHLAND AV	\$158.30
0408 002	LUCIA REALTY, LLC	155355 SUMMIT AV	\$6,952.85
0408 008	MAFFENBEIER, JOHN JR & ALMA	WINANS AV	\$1,508.51
0408 009	MAFFENBEIER, JOHN JR	WINANS AV	\$1,508.51
0408 010	MAFFENBEIER, JOHN JR	265 WINANS AV	\$13,819.04
0408 011	MAFFENBEIER, JOHN JR	263 WINANS AV	\$961.22
0408 012	MAFFENBEIER, JOHN JR & JB MAFFENBE	263 WINANS AV	\$961.22
0408 039	WORTHINGTON, KIM	290 CONKLIN AV	\$4,526.59
0408 041	MC CALL, LEWIS JAMES & JOYCE F	1561 SUMMIT AV	\$7,801.66
0409 007	SIMPSON, DARRYL K	1589 SUMMIT AV	\$171.97
0409 008	EDWARDS, MARGARET	280 WILLIAMSON AV	\$278.93
0409 031	PICKETT, RICHARD C JR	250 WILLIAMSON AV	\$9,355.05
0409 044	SWEAT, JOSEPH & WINNIE M	156668 CLINTON PL	\$3,392.02
0409 048	SMITH, NATHAN & QUEEN E	263 CONKLIN AV	\$2,772.23
0409 059	REMY, GRETTA-THIVANOR, JOSEPH	278 WILLIAMSON AV	\$9,242.57
0410 003	WHITE, GEORGE JR & ETHEL P	1441 BERNARD TR	\$171.97
0411 018	WILLIAMS, PATRICIA & LUCIUS J	1485 ORCHARD TR	\$1,403.75
0411 043	JOHNSON, ANTHONY & BARBARA	1484 ORCHARD TR	\$168.66
0411 045	THOMPSON SALONIA	1472 ORCHARD TR	\$168.66
0411 048	ARNOLD, LYNDA	233 CLARK ST	\$1,743.37
0412 008	JESS, KAREN	1512 COMPTON TR	\$171.97
0413 016	HALL, FRED	1536 HIGHWAY TR	\$171.97
0413 020	HOUSTON, CLARENCE A & LISA T	1598 ALDINE ST	\$3,729.85
0414 035	HASSAN, ADEGOYEGBA	1462 PARKVIEW TR	\$171.97
0415 018	WOODS, MARCUS	223 BELLEVUE TR	\$1,717.06
0420 001	WALKER, JAMES & ALMENA E (EST)	1531 CLARK ST	\$7,155.70
0420 017	HYPPOLITE, MARY & THOMAS, JULB	207 WINANS AV	\$2,739.61
0422 003	HAYES, ROBERT LEE & MAMIE	1571 CLINTON PL	\$2,601.96
0423 017	JOHNSON, FLOYD & JANET E	240 WILLIAMSON AV	\$171.97
0424 002	STODDART, JUDITH	162 GRUMMAN AV	\$7,427.03
0424 031	CLARK, MARY & GODWIN, R	39 EASTERN PK	\$171.97
0424 035	WALKER, ARTHUR & CHINA	109 LIBERTY ST	\$171.97
0425 027	PRYOR, MARCUS & TERESA	580 BUCHANAN ST	\$171.97
0425 034	EVANS, CORNELIUS H & YVONNE H	572 BUCHANAN ST	\$2,217.37
0501 009	HOWARD, MAXINE	306 BUCHANAN ST	\$4,472.18
0501 025	REID, BERNARD	519 TILLMAN ST	\$171.97
0502 007	KIDD, DARYL	577 TILLMAN ST	\$171.97
0502 013	JAMES, BURROUGHS JR & HERMINE	548 PAUL ST	\$171.97
0502 020	MOMENT, J - MOMENT-DARBY, Y	524 SWEETLAND AV	\$2,408.79
0502 030	GROVES, DAVID	543 BUCHANAN ST	\$158.37
0503 005	BELCHOUR, STEVE	546 BLOY ST	\$261.87
0503 019.01	HYATT, ANTHONY & ANDREA	627 TILLMAN ST	\$171.97
0504 030	WEEKS, ADRIAN	580 BUCHANAN ST	\$171.97
0504 036	CATAPANO, DAVID & ANNA	572 BUCHANAN ST	\$171.97
0505 004	STELLA, CECILIO & MARIA LOPEZ	506 BUCHANAN ST	\$171.97
0506 023	NOEL, JEFFREY	519 TILLMAN ST	\$171.97
0507 013	ALLEN, DESHANN & ALLEN, KEISHA	577 TILLMAN ST	\$171.97
0508 020	BELLY, CARL	548 PAUL ST	\$171.97
0508 022	PUTNEY, DERRICK J	524 SWEETLAND AV	\$2,408.79
0509 006	CAMPOS, L M & CAMPOS, J N & J	543 BUCHANAN ST	\$158.37
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0509 041	TAYLOR, KEINO	580 BUCHANAN ST	\$171.97
0509 058	SIVILLS, JANEEN D	572 BUCHANAN ST	\$171.97
0510 034	DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST C	506 BUCHANAN ST	\$171.97
0511 021	LEVY, JEROME & SAMUEL	519 TILLMAN ST	\$171.97
0511 022	ONUORAH, CHINEDA & EDITH N	577 TILLMAN ST	\$171.97
0512 020	BAKER, ERIC & DENISE	548 PAUL ST	\$171.97
0512 034	THE BANK OF NEW YORK	524 SWEETLAND AV	\$2,408.79
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0604 014	WALLER, DIANE A	627 TILLMAN ST	\$171.97
0605 007	E M N S G REALTY, L L C	580 BUCHANAN ST	\$171.97
0701 013	CLASS, JOSE MA NANCY	572 BUCHANAN ST	\$171.97
0701 016	DEUTSCHE BANK NATL CO	519 TILLMAN ST	\$171.97
0701 017	DE ALMEIDA, ELISE-KAY RONALD	548 PAUL ST	\$171.97
0701 060	MARINA, RALPH JOSEPH & O'BRIE	524 SWEETLAND AV	\$2,408.79
0702 016	TERRANOVA, EDISON	543 BUCHANAN ST	\$158.37
0702 026	CASTILLO, ELSA-CABAN, JUAN &	546 BLOY ST	\$261.87
0702 036	BORSO, ANTONIO	627 TILLMAN ST	\$171.97
0702 061	BARBOSA, ALEXANDRE	580 BUCHANAN ST	\$171.97
0703 004	SUTHERLAND, KIRK & MARVA	572 BUCHANAN ST	\$171.97
0704 012	DORVILLE, CARINE	519 TILLMAN ST	\$171.97
0704 014	BORSO, MARY & SUJKOWSKI, JOSEF	548 PAUL ST	\$171.97
0704 050	LUCAS, SUSANNE	524 SWEETLAND AV	\$2,408.79
0705 020	LIQUIDATION PROPERTIES, INC.	543 BUCHANAN ST	\$158.37
0705 037	CHABU, LUCAS & LYNDA J	546 BLOY ST	\$261.87
0706 003	IDODO, HENRIETTA	627 TILLMAN ST	\$171.97
0706 011	SEGOVIA, LUIS	580 BUCHANAN ST	\$171.97
0706 017	7 HILLSIDE PROPERTIES, LLC	572 BUCHANAN ST	\$171.97
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Two FBI agents visit local Union AARP

The Union AARP Chapter 4026 was visited by FBI Agents William Monks and Karla Schwedt at the May 8 meeting.

The agents discussed identity theft, who's doing it, what to do to protect yourself, what not to do, etc.

The following people were elected to the executive board for 2008-09: Rose Partesi, president; Shirley Gray, first vice president; Irvin J. Breslow, second vice president; Gladys Peters, treasurer; Olga Monteleone, assistant treasurer; William Sonntag, auditor; Carla Sylvester, recording secretary; Eleanor Bekiesz, corresponding secretary. The board members include Max Barth, Eleanor Sautter and Alma Lauer. Past President Vini Foti conducted the election.

On June 5, there will be a trip to Renault Winery for a family-style, all-you-can-eat lunch, including wine sampling, followed by a visit to Showboat Casino in Atlantic City. For information, call 908-687-3394.

Chapter volunteers will make their monthly trip to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lyons, Somerset County, on June 9 where they conduct bingo games. The nursing home patients eagerly look forward to these games and prizes. This will be the last visit until September.

An installation luncheon will take place June 11 at the Galloping Hill Caterers in Union. Sy Larson, state president of AARP, will be the installing officer. To make reservations, call Eleanor Sautter at 908-688-2121. Entree choices are prime rib, chicken francaise or salmon. There will be music and dancing.

There will be a trip on June 24 to Showboat Casino in Atlantic City. For reservations, call Shirley at 908-289-6770.

The next monthly meeting will be Sept. 11. Remember to cut out and bring in the address label from your AARP Bulletin or Magazine so that membership files can be updated.

Also, mark your calendar for the chapter's annual holiday party to be held at the Galloping Hill Caterers in Union on Dec. 3. More information will follow.

Library will welcome 'Street Man' in June

On June 3 at 7 p.m., blues singer and guitarist Chic Street Man will be performing at Union Public Library.

A Seattle resident, he earned the title of "Musical Ambassador for Peace and Human Rights" for his performances at the United Nations General Assembly in New York. In 1991 he gave benefit concerts for the UN Human Rights Center in Geneva and in 1992, a benefit for relief to Somalia. He toured Russia and Poland as artistic director of the Boston production of the international play, "Peace Child."

Among his many accomplishments, Chic composed the music and starred in the off-Broadway

show, "Spunk," adapted by George C. Wolfe from three short stories by Zora Neale Hurston. He performed at NY Shakespeare Festival, The Crossroads Theater in New Brunswick, The Royal Court in London and the Public Theater in NY.

He has starred in and composed music for many stage productions including Bertolt Brechts' "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" for the Berkeley Repertory Theater and "It Ain't Nuthin' But the Blues" for the Denver Center Theater Company which went on to a successful run on Broadway. Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided. For information, call the Reference Department at 908-851-5450.

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Union softball in UCT final

Tomorrow at Linden, 7 p.m.

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

LINDEN - There was a time when Union ruled the softball Union County Tournament. The Farmers won a record six straight championships from 1991-1996. Union defeated Cranford in two of those finals, beating the Cougars in the 1993 and 1994 title games.

Now Cranford is on a roll. After beating Union in the final to win its first county crown in 2002, the Cougars have won the last two championships and are seeking to become only the third 3-peat champion in the 32-year history of the tournament.

The 33rd annual title game will now be played tomorrow night at 7 at Memorial Field, weather permitting.

The semifinals were rained out last Friday night and then played last Saturday.

The final was then rained out last Sunday afternoon and moved to tomorrow. It rained pretty heavy again on Tuesday, with rain also in the forecast yesterday.

The JVcounty final will take place first tomorrow at Memorial Field. At 4:30 p.m., it will be Roselle Park vs. Governor Livingston.

In Saturday night's varsity semifinals at Memorial Field, Union eliminated 10th-seeded Roselle Park 1-0, while Cranford ousted fourth-seeded Linden 1-0.

Jessica Goncalves drove in Celeste Schimmenti with an RBI-single in the bottom of the seventh for the only run in Union's win over Roselle Park.

Union has won the most UCT titles with 10, but has not won the crown since 2000. Union reached the final for the first time since 2002 when it was beat by Cranford 3-0 in the championship game. Cranford is attempting to win this year's UCT as the top seed for the first time.

The first team to win three in a row was Westfield from 1984-1986. The Blue Devils have won the second-most titles with seven, but have not won a crown since 1998.

Union sophomore left-hander Amanda Kardys is 3-0, in UCT play, with three shutouts. She has allowed no runs in 19 innings, while striking out 36 and walking none. Kardys shut out Summit 14-0 in five innings at home in the first round on May 3, Rahway 9-0 in seven innings at home in the quarterfinals on May 13 and Roselle Park 1-0 in seven innings in the semifinals at Linden's Memorial Field last Saturday.

All three years Cranford won the UCT, the Cougars won the final by shutout. Cranford also blanked GL 1-0 in 2006 and Linden 13-0 last year.

Tomorrow night, it will be either junior righthander Katherine VanBenschoten (10-0) or sophomore righty Kelly Hardman (10-0) on the mound for the Cougars. VanBenschoten blanked Linden on a four-hitter that included 12 strikeouts, four walks and one hit batter.

Union improved to 20-2 and won its 10th straight Monday after beating Irvington 13-1 at home. As of Tuesday, Kardys was 14-2 and had won six straight.

Cranford improved to 23-0 Monday after beating Roselle Park 6-1 at home. VanBenschoten, Jenny Drechsel and Deanna Russomanno slugged home runs, while Hardman pitched a complete game for the win.

In the North 2, Group 4 quarterfinals, second-seeded Union is scheduled to host seventh-seeded J.P. Stevens today at 4 p.m.

In the North 2, Group 3 quarterfinals, top-seeded Cranford is to host eighth-seeded Mendham or ninth-seeded Colonia today at 4 p.m.



Photo by Barbara Kokkalis

The Union softball team is lifted by the play of sophomore first baseman Kristen Wilson, at left, who is also 6-0 on the mound. The Farmers will face Cranford in tomorrow night's UCT championship game, seeking their first title since 2000.

Roselle Park softball has big UCT win vs. Westfield

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

WESTFIELD - Even though the Roselle Park softball team lost to third-seeded Union 1-0 last Saturday in the Union County Tournament semifinals at Linden's Memorial Field - which was a game it did not play badly in at all - the Panthers have a lot to be proud of after winning at Governor Livingston 4-1 in the first round and then at Westfield 4-3 in the quarterfinals.

Roselle Park is scheduled to host GL today at 4 p.m. in a Central Jersey, Group 2 quarterfinal. The Panthers were defeated at Cranford 6-1 Monday to fall to 14-7.

Here's an account of last week's big-time UCT win at second-seeded Westfield:

Roselle Park softball coach Fran Maggio said that anything from here on in is gravy after his team won at Governor Livingston in the first round of the Union County Tournament.

Well, sometimes you can leave home and the gravy still tastes very good.

Roselle Park, the 10th seed, went to second-seeded Westfield Wednesday afternoon (May 13) and stunned the Blue Devils 4-3 in the fourth and final Union County Tournament quarterfinal.

Sophomore righthander Taylor Zengewald, without throwing a 1-2-3 inning, limited Westfield to four hits, while Melinda Dercole drove in Roselle Park's first two runs from the No. 9 position in the order and Liz Lautenbach provided the game-winning hit - a two-run single - on her father Glenn's birthday to lead Roselle Park into the semifinals for the first time in four years.

Roselle Park reached the semifinals for the first time since last winning the UCT in 2004, when it repeated by beating Cranford in the final for the second straight season.

That 2004 season was also the last time the top four seeds made it to the semifinals and also the last time the top seed won the tournament.

Roselle Park improved to 13-5 and won its fifth straight. The Panthers last played on May 6 when they defeated Dayton 7-1 at home in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play.

Roselle Park was scheduled to host Newark Central May 8, but the conference rival couldn't make it and the game wasn't played. Roselle Park did not receive a forfeit win.

The Panthers defeated seventh-seeded Governor Livingston 4-1 in the first round on May 3 in Berkeley Heights. GL previously defeated Roselle Park 11-1 in Berkeley Heights on April 24 in a regular season MVC-interdivision game.

Westfield, which defeated 18th-seeded Dayton 20-0 at home on May 3 in that first round matchup, slipped to 15-4 and lost its second straight. The Blue Devils last played on May 8, falling at non-conference Middlesex County power South Plainfield 7-0, which snapped a nine-game Westfield winning streak.

Westfield last reached the UCT semifinals in 2007, the final in 1998 and last won the UCT in 1998.

Not many thought Roselle Park would beat GL on the road, much less knock off the No. 2 seed Westfield on the road and prevent the top four seeds from making it to the semifinals once again.

Both Westfield and Roselle Park survived the first inning without giving up a run after the leadoff batter reached base. Roselle Park's Rebecca produced an opposite field single to left on a 2-1 count, but was then thrown out attempting to steal second by Westfield catcher Katie Kiefer. Westfield's Cyndil Matthew walked on four pitches, but then slid right into the tag of shortstop Jessica Johns at third after trying to go from first to third on a short 5-3 ground out.

Roselle Park then struck for its first run in the top of the second after two outs. As a matter of fact, all seven runs were scored after two outs.

After Matthew retired the first two batters she faced, Alex Bober smacked a double over the center fielder's head. Matthew then walked Cassey Riccitelli on four pitches, her second walk of the inning and sixth of the game, to put runners on first and second.

That brought up the righty batting Dercole, who although she was batting ninth in the order, Maggio said she was batting over .300 and was a good fit there for the Panthers. On a 2-2 pitch, she hit the ball the opposite way down the right field line, with the ball just landing fair. Bober came around to score and Roselle Park took a 1-0 lead.

Westfield took its only lead in the bottom of the third after Zengewald retired the first two batters she faced in the inning. Matthew blooped a single to left just over the reach of the Johns at shortstop and then quickly stole second. Alex Pecora was then hit by a pitch for the first of two times to put runners on first and second.

Erin Scialabba, a senior co-captain along with Pecora, followed with an RBI-single to center that brought home one run.

On the same play, another run scored when the ball went through the center fielder's legs. That gave what turned out to be Westfield's only lead of the day as Zengewald rebounded to get the next Westfield batter to fly out to center for the inning's final out.

To Roselle Park's credit, the Panthers came right back in the top of the fourth, scoring what would be their final three runs of the game to take a 4-2 lead. Once again, with two outs and a runner on second - courtesy runner Liridona Gocaj for catcher Ashley Taluba, who led off the inning with a single up the middle - Dercole came through with a big hit, connecting on a hard-hit single up the middle that hit second base and bounced into the outfield. Gocaj came around to score to tie the game at 2-2.

"We've seen Cyndil before, we've played against her before, so once you connect against one - she is one of the fastest pitchers we've seen this year - it's going to go," Dercole said. "I was expecting her to come right at me with a fastball. Being the No. 9 batter you're going to get them to come right at you."

"She's not your typical No. 9 hitter where she's struggling," Maggio said. "She puts the ball in play and she's a very tough kid. She picks herself up in tough situations, so, mentally, she's the kind of kid you want to have there."

Matthew then walked Vera for the second time, which was Matthew's fifth and final walk of the game, and the bases were loaded.

Up stepped senior Liz Lautenbach, who was previously 0-for-2 against Matthew with a ground out to Matthew in the first and a pop up to second in the third.

Lautenbach wasted no time with this at-bat, connecting on the first pitch she saw from Matthew - a fastball - and driving it up the middle for a two-run single that gave Roselle Park a 4-2 lead.

"The first two times I got up I was really nervous and it showed," said Lautenbach, who finished 1-for-4. "Coach just told me the first one is going to be a good one and just hop on it. I didn't know at the time it was going to be the difference-maker."

"I zoned it in and that's what I usually do. I usually look for the first pitch and jump right on it. I gave my dad a great birthday present today."

On the hit, Roselle Park had a baserunner thrown out at second for the inning's final out. The final pitch of the inning was the 31st thrown in the frame by Matthew and her 87th and final.

Westfield head coach Tara Pignoli brought in fellow junior righty Alyson Moskowicz to pitch the rest of the game.

"The pitcher was struggling, she just walked two batters and I knew she wanted to get ahead of Liz," Maggio said. "I told Liz, 'if it's there, just go for it.'"

Westfield got a run back in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI-infield single by No. 9 batter Katie Esler that brought home Emily Tebbets, who walked with one out. Zengewald then intentionally walked Matthew to load the bases with two outs. She then struck out Westfield's next batter to get out of further trouble.

Roselle Park led 4-3 after four innings and now needed nine more outs to pull off the upset. They really needed them because Moskowicz came pitched quite well in relief, not allowing a run or hit in her three-inning stint.

Roselle Park loaded the bases against in her in the fifth on an infield error and two walks, but she got out of the inning, ultimately, by getting all three outs on strikeouts. She also retired Roselle Park in order in the top of the seventh for the game's only 1-2-3 inning.

Zengewald walked Scialabba to start the fifth, but then retired the next three Westfield batters in order. She intentionally walked Matthew again with two outs in the sixth to put runners on first and second and then hit Pecora again, giving Westfield the bases loaded once more.

Zengewald then had to get the tough-hitting Scialabba out. On an 0-1 pitch, she got the standout senior to pop up to Dercole at second, which might have been the most important out of the game for Roselle Park.

In the bottom of the seventh, Zengewald got the first batter to ground out to Dercole at second before Kiefer singled to center to give Westfield hope. After fanning the next batter looking for her seventh strikeout, Zengewald quickly went to a 3-0 count on Kim Townsend.

Zengewald then got the count to 3-2 before Townsend hit a shot to center that senior Michelle Rose made an excellent basket catch on coming in. The upset was complete.

Zengewald struck out seven and walked eight, although two intentionally, in a complete-game victory that included 127 pitches.

She did not allow a hit until Matthew's only one with two outs in the third.

Union girls' win UC track meet

By Jeff Cummins
Staff Writer

PLAINFIELD - Ugonna Ndu landed in the long jump pit, got up, dusted the sand off - and ran away.

Ndu had just jumped 18-4 ¾ in the long jump and she was confident that would be enough to win the event. The fact that she ran away seemed to provide a fitting metaphor for the Union girls' team, which won the Union County track and field championship at Hub Stine Field last Saturday with 94 points, avenging a loss at the Union County relays just weeks earlier. Johnson, which won the relays, finished second with 85 points, while Cranford was third with 65.

As it turned out, one jump was all the junior from Union needed. Her jump, in addition to being the best Saturday, was the best in the state this season.

"I was confident that jump would win it, but I did come back to jump again," Ndu said. "Then I found out that it was over. I thought I was going to jump well, but I didn't know I was going to jump 18-4 ¾."

In addition to setting the state mark for the long jump this season, Ndu also set a new personal record in the event. She acknowledged that she's feeling pretty good about the post-season meets, starting with this weekend's sectionals.

"I could probably score in the top three in the state," she said.

Ndu and teammate Ashley Battle formed a tremendous team, winning two events apiece, with each running a leg on the winning 1,600-meter relay team. In addition to the long jump, Ndu won the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.0 seconds, while Battle won the 100-meter hurdles in 14.3 and 400-meter hurdles in 1:06.2. Battle ran the anchor leg and Ndu ran the third leg of the 1,600-meter relay, with Christelle Hyppolite running first and Dejahnn Clairborne running the second leg. The foursome finished in 4:07.1, edging Westfield by slightly more than a second.

The Johnson girls' were led by sophomore Emily Vargas, who excels at every event she attempts. Vargas won the high jump with a mark of five feet, two inches, and she also won the triple jump with 36-11 ¾. Vargas also finished third in the long jump with 17-4 ½. She would have preferred to win, but she was confident that she could continue to increase her distance in the event.

"I had a feeling I would jump really well today because I'm feeling everything," Vargas said. "When I reached my personal record, I knew I still had more in me, that I could still do better. I'm not going to stop here."

With the success that Vargas has had this early in her career, thoughts of qualifying for the groups and Meet of Champions are inevitable. Vargas agreed that as long as she keeps doing what she's been doing so far, she stands a very good chance.

"I think my chances are looking pretty good," she said. "If I take what I have now and I keep working on it and adjusting the little things, then I have a good chance."

All the jumpers benefited from the decision to postpone the tournament by one day. When rain made the tournament virtually impossible to conduct last Friday, the decision was made to hold all events Saturday, a move that looked like a stroke of genius when the weather turned out perfect on Saturday.

Cranford sophomore Kelly Burke set a meet record in the pole vault with a jump of 10-6, easily out-jumping the old mark 10-0 set in 2005 by Kate Zaleski of Scotch Plains.

Burke's accomplishment was impressive by itself, but it's even more impressive because she couldn't practice throughout the week.

"I had just sprained my ankle so I'd been out for a week," Burke said. "My best is 11 feet and after I cleared 10-6, I thought, 'OK, I know I can do that,' but we decided not to go any higher because of my ankle. We wanted to save it for the triple jump."

There was a lot of anticipation before the 100-meter run, because Andrea Butler of Rahway was returning from an injury.

In the end, it was a race between Aigner Holmes of Roselle, Englese and Marlene Edmond of Elizabeth. Holmes edged Englese and Edmond by .2, winning the event in 12.3 seconds.

"I was very excited about it," Holmes said of the event. "I knew I had some competition."

"Andrea came back and she's competition and the girl from Elizabeth came out strong, so I just decided that my start needed to be perfect, my drive phase needed to be perfect and my end needed to be strong."

Holmes said she really didn't think much about Butler's return.

"I just try to focus on myself and not the competition, because I don't want to have my mind going in a lot of different places," Holmes said.

"Andrea's coming off an injury, so we actually put her in there just to stride," Rahway head coach Patricia Volino said.

Butler will continue on scholarship at Temple. Westfield was sixth with 26, New Providence seventh with 24, Elizabeth eighth with 21, Roselle Catholic ninth with 17, Rahway 10th with 13, Roselle and Dayton tied for 11th with 11; Oak Knoll, Gov. Livingston and Union Catholic tied for 13th with 10, Kent Place 16th with eight and Plainfield 17th with five.

Westfield dominated the boys' side of the meet, scoring 90 points and comfortably beating second-place Union Catholic, which finished with 70.

Rahway took third place with 64 points, despite the fact that the Indians did not take first place in any event. Rahway was consistently strong in many events, though, which accounted for the Indians' impressive point total.

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Brearley's Sues among best golfers in the state

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Billy Sues has a golf game that borders on spectacular. Even when he struggles he manages to make shots that most golfers couldn't.

Sues capped an outstanding high school career by finishing among the top golfers at Monday's 74th NJSIAA/MGA Tournament of Champions in windy conditions at Beacon Hill Country Club in Atlantic Highlands.

Sues shot a 41-40-81 to finish among the top 15 golfers in the state. Luke Previte of Middlesex shot a 40-40-80 to have the best score among Group 1 golfers.

Gloucester Catholic had the best score of any Group 1 school, with a 356, which was good for 1th place.

Lenape of Medford captured the team championship with a total of 333.

John Hartman of Seton Hall Prep, a junior, was the individual champion with a score of 38-38-76. He beat Andrew Tursky of Immaculata in a sudden-death playoff.

Sues did well to fire a 2-over-par 74 and successfully defended his NJSIAA/MGA Central-South, Group 1 championship May 12 at Quail Brook Golf Course in Somerset.

Sues rebounded from a ninth-place finish at the Union County Tournament held May 8 at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

"I struggled a little bit," said Sues of his performance at Echo Lake. "I was doing pretty well and I was three over par at one time and then I ended up double-bogeying three holes in a row, which blew up my round so I didn't do as well as I expected to."

"Last year I tied for second and this year I was ninth. I was expecting to do just as well as last year, even though I had a better score this year than last year. It just shows that the competition was a lot better this year."

Like many of the better performers that day, Sues was not affected by the big mound of dirt on the 15th hole.

"When I hit the drive off the tee, I was way past it anyway," Sues said. Sues will attend St. Peter's College in Jersey City.

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Library to host mystery author

The book discussion group of the Kenilworth Public Library will welcome New Jersey mystery author Jeffrey Cohen on Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. in the library's activity room.

Cohen will join the members of the group for a discussion of "Some Like it Hot Buttered," the first title in his new "Double Feature Mystery" series featuring theater owner, Elliot Freed.

As described on the book's back cover, "The dead guy in row S, seat 18, is no joke...death by popcorn was the cause. Poisoned popcorn. To the chagrin of the local police, Elliot takes to his bike to start his own investigation. A growing attraction to a beautiful detective, the discovery of a DVD pirating operation, and one missing employee later, Elliot's still waiting

for the punch line. But this one might knock his theater — and Elliot — out for good."

Mixing humor with mystery, Cohen has been referred to as both "the Jerry Seinfeld of mystery writing" and "the king of the zingers" and the New Jersey setting of this story is an added bonus for local readers.

Participation in the book discussion group is free and open to all members of the general public, age 18 and older, including people who reside in communities other than Kenilworth.

Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library's circulation desk and non-residents should inquire about ways that they may be eligible for borrowing privileges at the Kenilworth Public Library. Because space is limited, preregistration is required.

Police to form response team

The Roselle Park Police Department, in conjunction with the Union County Office of Emergency Management, will be starting its own Community Emergency Response Team.

The Police Department is looking for individuals who would be willing to volunteer their time during an emergency. Volunteers will be trained free of charge and will attend an eight-week program, one day a week. Classes will be two hours each.

The training includes: basic search and rescue, basic first aid, how to secure utilities to a building

or house, mass casualty incidents and other emergency procedures. Volunteers that complete the free training will receive their own gear bag.

Members would then be able to assist police and the Office of Emergency Management in times of need.

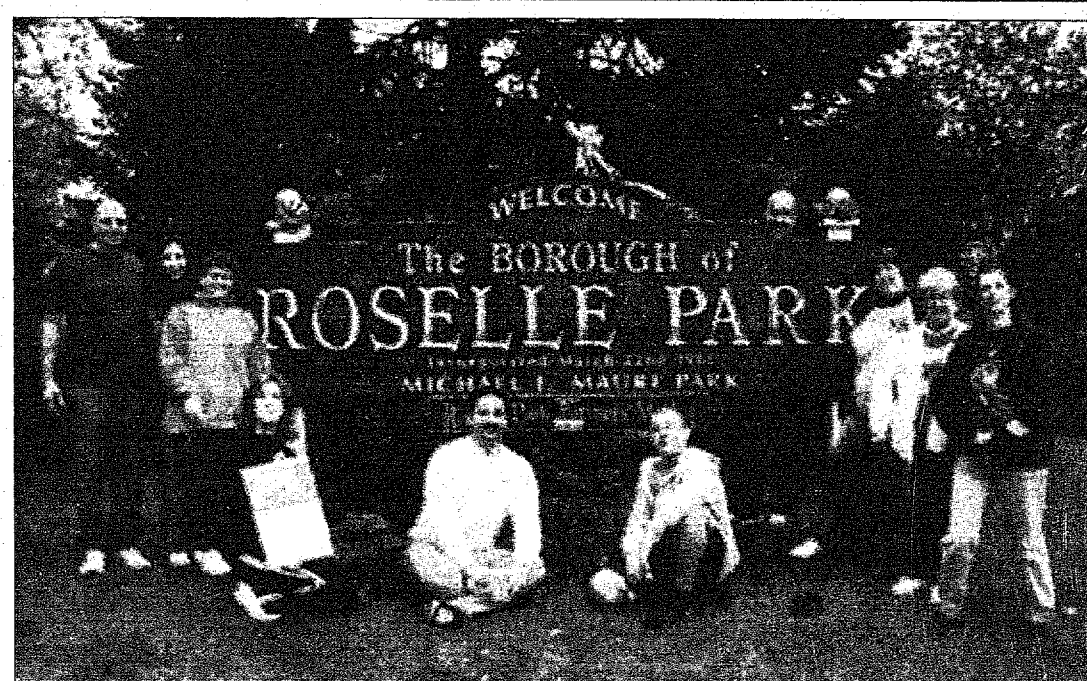
Volunteers should be residents of Roselle Park and be a minimum of 18 years old or have a valid New Jersey drivers license.

It is preferred that applicants not be involved in other volunteer service organizations, such as volunteer fire department, first aid squads or

auxiliary police. This will ensure that trained individuals can be readily available when needed.

Individuals with prior emergency field experience are a plus. This is an opportunity to work with the local police and OEM during local emergencies.

Applications can be obtained at the Roselle Park Police Department, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If additional information is needed, call or E-mail Deputy OEM Coordinator Richard Cocca at 908-245-6187 or e-mail him at rocca@rosellepark.net.



PAINTING THE TOWN PURPLE — Members of Team Roselle Park decorate Roselle Park's downtown area with purple ribbons in preparation for the annual Relay for Life, which takes place June 7-8 at Roselle Park High School. Above, from left, are Mark Nekhay, Laura Hahn, Maria A. Del Rio, Rose Journe, Mayor Joseph Delorio, David Del Rio Jr., AnnMarie Bonasissa, Chris Harms, Linda Uhrig and David J. Del Rio. Below, David Del Rio ties a ribbon to a lamp post on Chestnut Street.

STUDENT UPDATE

Union students earn honors at LIM College

The following local students have been named to the dean's list at LIM College — The College for the Business of Fashion: Vanessa L. Angulo, Christine M. Frank, Daniella F. Klammer and Kathleen M. Miguel, all of Union.

Sarah M. Kiniery of Union has been named to the President's List at LIM.

Niemaszyk named to American dean's list

Julianne Niemaszyk, a junior in the Kogod School of Business at American University was named to

the fall 2007 dean's list.

Niemaszyk, who is majoring in business administration, is a resident of Roselle Park.

Drew honors students

Krystle A. Davis and Dora P. DaSilva, both of Union, have been named to the Drew University dean's list for the fall 2007 semester.

Kiniery earns 4.0 GPA

Sarah Kiniery of Union, earned a 4.0 grade point average at The College for the Business of Fashion, for the fall 2007 semester.

Kiniery is the daughter of Michele and Kevin Kiniery and is a

2006 graduate of Union High School.

Hillside resident earns bachelor's degree

Shelton Gibbs, a resident of Hillside, received a bachelor's degree from Dominican College of Blauvelt, N.Y.

The honor was awarded during the school's annual commencement on May 18.

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Border war

Paul Dudley sat in his office at Linden Airport acknowledging the disruption of the pictures and awards on the floor, gained from his lifetime in aviation.

A paint job was about to take place. It's nothing compared to the disruption if a threat to the facility and Union County from some connected New York power brokers takes place.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

First Flight an Elmira, New York fledgling company is pulling strings to become the operator of the downtown Manhattan Heliport. The result could have serious negative consequences on the Linden facility and the area. In his role as president of the Linden Airport Management Corporation, he has started a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the southern District in New York to halt the power play which rejected Linden's higher bid.

In court documents Linden asserts, that the awarding to First Flight, an operating contract by the New York Economic Development Corporation "raises serious issues relating to the integrity and legality of how contracts are awarded in the City of New York by state actions influenced by political considerations to the detriment of professed bidding procedures with resultant harm and injury to legitimate businesses and the public for which services both interstate and intrastate are provided."

The translation is that Dudley is fighting to preserve the viability of his facility which is being threatened by some insiders who are dominating the bid process.

The Linden facility is the largest helicopter base in the metropolitan area. It houses most of the TV helicopters, air-charters and a slew of corporate operators. It has a profound impact on the economic operations in this area.

In the complaint it is asserted that bidding process "disregarded selection criteria" in awarding the bid. When faced with some tough media scrutiny, a spokesman for First Flight said about the questionable bid process, "It's just not appropriate for me to fill in the blanks for you right now."

The plot thickened when some people connected with First Flight announced they have quietly purchased property from the Newark Housing Authority to set up a helicopter operation in Newark. The ex law firm of the current Mayor arranged that deal.

There is an irony in the New Jersey-New York border war area helicopter rights. It comes at the same time New Jersey pols were harking about a U.S. Homeland Security grant of \$189 million to be shared by the two states. It will provide additional port security.

Still in the effort to hurt the Linden airport by permitting improper competition the lack of interest on this side of the Hudson is troubling. Dudley is a licensed airport operator and aviation fuel supplier. He is also a licensed pilot. His knowledge of Federal Aviation regulations is significant.

The problem is that on the New York side of the Hudson the alliance between the public agencies and the powerbrokers is heavy duty.

Since the downtown Manhattan Heliport serves both states and is operated by the New York-New Jersey Port Authority, the protection of the New Jersey interests seems to have been left at the terminal.

As they said in the complaint "Linden believes that their proposal was used to elicit bids from a favorite son while keeping them in the dark."

Most of the dark seems to be on our side of the river.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

Cops to residents: "Click it or Ticket"

By Katherine Paster and John O'Reilly
Staff Writers

Motorists across New Jersey are urged to remember to buckle their seat belts this month, as police departments across the nation are cracking down on unbuckled drivers and passengers.

As of May 19, the Union County Police department and local police agencies throughout the county launched the annual "Click It or Ticket," campaign, a nationwide zero-tolerance seat belt enforcement program designed to convince drivers to buckle up.

"Like every police department throughout the county, the state and the entire nation, we'll be part of the campaign to enforce the passenger safety belt laws throughout Union County," said Union County Police Chief Daniel Vaniska. "My guys will be out there on patrol, aggressively watching and issuing summons."

Seatbelt shunners will be targeted across the county during the two-week campaign, as law enforcement agencies plan to crack down on offenders with a zero-tolerance policy through June 1.

"High visibility enforcement saves lives," said Pamela Fischer, director of the state division of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "Our goal is to make sure that all motor vehicle occupants are properly restrained, on every trip."

One of the Union County towns will have extra patrol officers hit the streets. This is the fourth year that Roselle is participating in the



The logo of the "Click It or Ticket" campaign has been spotted throughout Union County for the drive that started on Monday and lasts until June 1.

program, with federal grants covering the cost of paying for 80 hours of extra patrols during the two-weeks it is in operation, according to Roselle Police Sgt. Thomas Nugent.

He said the borough usually averages between 80 and 120 tickets in any given two-week period. During the "Click It or Ticket" campaign that figure is as high as 150 to 200.

A ticket for not wearing a seatbelt costs \$76.

According to the Traffic Safety Bureau, seat belts prevented 135,000 fatalities and 3.8 million injuries in the nation from 1975 to 2000. This translated to a savings of \$585 billion in medical expenses and other costs.

The state's goal is to increase the rate of people who wear their seat belts to 93 percent from the current rate of 91.4 percent, well above the national average of 82

percent, according to the NHTSA.

Motorists should also beware in Linden and Rahway, as these towns will also be taking part in the two-week campaign.

"We are committed to the 'Click It or Ticket' strategy," said Tom Louizou, regional director of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "Tickets are a strong deterrent and the results are meaningful: Fewer deaths on our roads."

Among the municipal police departments taking part in the campaign is the township of Hillside, which received grant funding from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety for extra patrols during the 2-week campaign.

According to Hillside Police Chief Robert Quinlan, a 50 percent decrease in stolen cars in Hillside in the past five years illustrates the effect increased police presence

has within the municipality.

"The decrease was a direct result of high visibility, aggressive policing by the men and women of the Hillside Police Department," he said.

"When people drive through Hillside and see police stopping cars for traffic violations, they think twice about committing crimes," said Quinlan.

This marks the sixth consecutive year that the Hillside Police Department will participate in the aggressive campaign to increase compliance with occupant safety laws and to decrease fatalities and serious injuries.

According to Quinlan, there will be no warnings given for seatbelt violations during the two-week campaign. Motorists who are not buckled up—or whose passengers are not properly restrained—will receive a summons.

While most people consider buckling up as a matter of personal safety, sources at the New Jersey Division of Traffic Safety cite the threat of being issued a ticket as an incentive for wearing a seat belt.

Police departments warn that in addition to cracking down on seat belt violations, their officers will also aggressively enforce the prohibition against cell phone use during this period.

In last year's statewide campaign, 58,170 seat belt summonses were issued in New Jersey, along with 1,099 child restraint summonses.

In Union County, police officers issued 2,811 seat belt citations.

Last year, the seat belt usage rate in New Jersey rose for 11th consecutive year in a row, reaching an all-time high of 91.4 percent.

Despite the steadily inclining

rate of usage, law enforcement officials maintain that they will continue to hold the campaign until the state earns a 100 percent compliance rate.

Participating Union County municipalities include Clark, Cranford, Garwood, Hillside, Kenilworth, Linden, New Providence, Rahway, Roselle, Roselle Park and Scotch Plains.

"According to statistics, motor vehicle occupants who buckle-up are between 45 and 75 percent less likely to face life threatening injuries in a car crash," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Angel Estrada. "We want to make sure all of our residents, and those traveling on our Union County roadways are as safe as possible, so we are happy to participate in this campaign."

Every driver and front seat passenger of a vehicle operated on a street or highway is required to wear a seatbelt.

In addition, all passengers between the ages of 8 - 18 must wear a seatbelt, regardless of where they are seated in the vehicle. Children under 8 years of age and weighing less than 80 pounds must be secured in an approved Child Passenger Restraint System or "Booster Seat" the rear passenger area.

For more information on the "Click It or Ticket Campaign," visit the New Jersey State Division of Traffic Safety website at <http://www.nj.gov/lps/hts/click-itorticket.html>.

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Horses gently assist county's autistic children

A new group of horse lovers has joined the many youngsters who ride in Union County. As part of Union County's recreational programming for people with disabilities, students with autism are participating in a six-week program of riding and horse care at the County's Watchung Stable.

The program is funded by a grant from the Knights of Columbus of Clark.

"On behalf of my colleagues on the Freeholder Board, I would like to express my gratitude to the Knights of Columbus," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "Through their generosity, our County stable can provide more young people with a wonderful experience."

The students are participating in the Mobile Assisted Riding Club, or M.A.R.C., a program that helps children and adolescents with disabilities develop caring, healing relationships that build life skills and self-esteem.

The grant of \$3,570 covers the full cost of the program, including specially trained horses, equipment, and instructors.

In each of the program's six sessions, the children groom the horses, learn some of the basics of horsemanship and horse care, and ride with individual assistance. They are organized into small



Union County Freeholder Nancy Ward, second left, speaks with Anthony Vargas of Elizabeth as he sits on Coco during a recent session of the Mobile Assisted Riding Club, a recreational program for children with disabilities, at the Watchung Stable in Mountainside. They are joined by horse walker Jocelyn Spelker, left, and Judi White from the Crossroads School in Westfield where Anthony is a student.

groups, so each student can enjoy a riding experience that fits their capabilities.

For the pilot project, twenty-four students from Crossroads School in Westfield are attending

the course, accompanied by various staff members.

"This outstanding program has

provided our students with the opportunity to experience close interaction with horses in a safe environment," said Judi White, Supervisor of Instruction at Crossroads School. "It is truly remarkable to observe the calmness that the children demonstrate as soon as they mount the horses."

Crossroads, a member of the Union County Educational Services Commission, is a public elementary school located in Westfield. Its programming meets the highly specialized needs of children between the ages of 3-12 who are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders.

The Watchung Stable is a public facility owned by the County of Union. Since 1933, it has provided County residents with affordable horseback riding opportunities at all skill levels, including 26 miles of bridle paths winding through a 2,000 acre nature preserve.

The stable is located in the Watchung Reservation off Summit Lane in Mountainside. Information about classes, trail rides, summer camps, birthday parties and group tours is available at 908-789-3665, or through the County web site at www.ucnj.org.

The facility is open seven days a week and visitors are always welcome.

County approves funds for home repairs

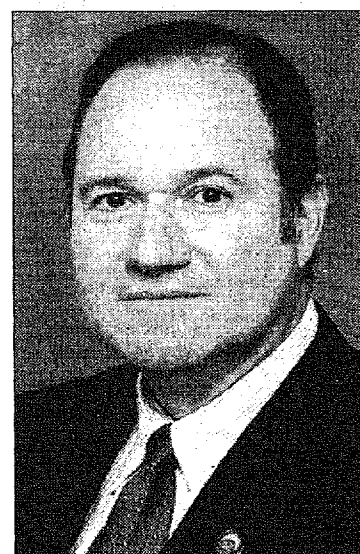
By Katherine Paster
Staff Writer

In an increasingly harsh economy, homeowners struggling to make home repairs may be eligible for a new Union County program that aims to provide financial relief for residents in need of assistance.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders recently announced the approval of \$640,000 in funds for a program providing Union County homeowners with financial aid to make repairs to their homes.

The county's home repair program is being sponsored by the newly renamed Union County Home Improvement Program, formerly known as the Multi-Jurisdictional program, and is designed to provide low and moderate income homeowners with the economic means to make "necessary" home repairs.

"There are many residents who



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in this economy may be struggling to make much-needed repairs," said Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada. "This is a program that will address these issues and pro-

vide our residents with needed relief."

An estimated 25 eligible homeowners could qualify to receive up to \$25,000 in funds for a variety of home improvements, including the repair or replacement of standard heating, plumbing and electrical systems.

Additionally, applicants will be able to apply for the use the funds to make home structural repairs, repairs to code violations, lead-based paint stabilization and energy-saving measures like replacing windows and doors.

Homeowners in Berkeley Heights, Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Hillside, Kenilworth, Mountainside, New Providence, Roselle, Roselle Park, Scotch Plains, Springfield, Summit and Westfield will be offered the opportunity to apply for the home repair funds.

"It's a program geared towards

lower income families, and if they qualify there is funding available to help them make repairs to their homes that they may not otherwise be able to afford," said Tricia Eaton, administrative assistant at Development Directions L.L.C., who administers the county program. "In some areas of the county there is a need for this, and probably more than we even know."

If approved for eligibility, which is based on the standards of the low and moderate income limits published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the repair financing will be made available as a deferred payment, no-interest loan, which can be deferred until the sale or transfer of the candidate's property.

"Once they qualify income wise they come in and meet to go over everything in more detail with them, at which point we will see what repairs they'd like done or

what code repairs have to be done," said Eaton. "Then they would get a list of contractors and hopefully begin to schedule the repairs."

Program staffers will meet with all potential applicants to explain the program's guidelines and benefits, help them complete the program application and schedule an inspection for their property.

Following the property inspection, program staff will then prepare a detailed write-up on the status of the property, review contractor estimates, perform inspections while construction is in progress and then do a final inspection upon the work's completion.

The Union County Home Improvement Program is administered by Development Directions L.L.C. They can be contacted at 732-382-8100 for an application.

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

Proctor is a master of security

Elected as a Union County Freeholder, and serving as the Health Officer/Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator of the City of Rahway, Rick Proctor completed a Master of Arts Degree in Homeland Security Studies at the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security on March 28 in Monterey, Calif.

Freeholder Proctor has extensive experience in public health and emergency management and continues to make public health and safety a priority in Union County.

Having authored and published several articles on terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, Rick was the driving force for Union County's participation as host of the 2005 TOPOFF 3 international terrorism exercise.

His leadership and ability to integrate public health into the first responder community resulted in a cohesive interdisciplinary collaboration among diverse first responder disciplines. As an elected official and first responder, Proctor consistently utilizes his knowledge and expertise to better protect the citizens of Union County.

Proctor has been a member of the New Jersey Department of Health Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism Task Force, The Union County Local Emergency Planning Council, The Freeholder Committee on Homeland Security, The Union County Weapons of Mass Destruction Advisory Board as well as the City of Rahway Local Emergency Management Council.



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He has been instrumental with ensuring that more than \$3 million received from federal and state sources was distributed across many disciplines and in compliance with the Department of Homeland Security guidelines.

During the 18-month online and in-residence program, Rick Proctor collaborated with homeland security officials from across the nation on current policy, strategy, and organizational design challenges. His thesis examined the need the need to conduct detailed disaster consequence assessments as part of a regional risk management strategy.

About The Center for Homeland Defense and Security:

Since 2002, The Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security in partnership with The U.S. Department of Homeland Security

National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA has conducted a wide range of programs. Through graduate and executive level coursework, seminars, and research, government and military leaders gain analytical skills and substantive expertise to prevent, deter, and respond to terrorist attacks and to bridge gaps in interagency and civil-military cooperation. The Center's master's degree program graduates 90 senior officials every year. More than 178 alumni have conducted original research and written theses focused on solving homeland security policy and strategy issues across the nation. Several of the theses have become best practices and are used as national models. The Mobile Education Team (MET) has conducted more than 95 seminars for governors and mayors and their homeland security teams. More than 2800 senior officials have participated in the MET program since its inception. For more information on the latest in graduate and executive level education in homeland security visit our web site at www.chds.us.

About the Naval Postgraduate School

The mission of the Naval Postgraduate School is to provide relevant and unique advanced education and research programs in order to increase the combat effectiveness of the U.S. and Allied armed forces, and to enhance the security of the United States. NPS students come from all U.S. services and the services of more than 60 countries. For additional information, see www.nps.edu.

Celebration of a nation



New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine, center, and Benjamin Krasna, right, Israel's Deputy Consul General in New York, listen as Union County Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada speaks at the Jewish Community Center in Scotch Plains during a communitywide celebration of Israel's 60 years as a nation.

Foster homes needed for pets

Not ready to make a permanent commitment? Why not become a Foster Parent for a needy animal. Open your heart - open your home to a homeless pet.

Friends of Linden Animal Shelter is a non-profit, no-kill, volunteer run organization that is looking for adults —18 years of age and older— to foster dogs and cats. The facility often becomes full and this is when the shelter needs people to take in animals that

the group cannot. This is especially important during kitten season.

The shelter supplies everything - you just supply the love. Friends of Linden Animal Shelter is dedicated to finding lifelong, committed and loving homes for many deserving animals.

If you are interested in becoming a foster call 732-388-6300 or visit at www.linden.petfinder.org.

COUNTY NEWS

Check out the Watchung beauty

Adults, ages 18 and older, are invited to investigate the beauty of the Watchung Reservation while learning all about weeds and wildflowers, tonight from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Park Naturalist and Master Gardener Ruth Yablonsky will discuss facts, folk lore and uses of some common flowers surrounding the Trailside Nature Center.

Pre-registration is preferred as space is limited.

For additional information and space availability on this program or other upcoming workshops hosted by Trailside, please call 908-789-3670 or visit us on line 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.

Recycle your electronic stuff

The County of Union will sponsor a recycling event for electronic

equipment on June 7, so Union County residents can get rid of unwanted 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 the Union County College campus, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford 07016.

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

"Computer monitors and old televisions are the source of a considerable amount of lead — about five pounds per screen," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Union County Solid Waste Advisory Board. "Up to 95 percent of most electronic appliances can be recycled. This is a responsible way to keep hazardous heavy metals out of our environment."

Electronic equipment that will be accepted on June 7 includes computer monitors, hard drives, modems, keyboards, CPU's, mice, printers, scanners, speakers, televisions, VCR's, fax machines, telephones, and circuit boards.

All that residents need to do is

drive to the site with their unwanted electronic equipment. 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 on June 7 is available at the Union County Bureau of Planning and Environmental Conservation website: www.ucnj.org/recycle.

The electronics collection 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 June 7 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 07081,

next to Macy's Furniture. Call Goodwill at 973-912-0156 for more details or visit their web site: www.reconnectpartnership.com.

Staples also offers a computer recycling program seven days a week. For more information, visit the Staples web site for store locations: www.staples.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 Appar Drive, Somerset NJ 08873.

For more information about recycling events, please call the Union County Recycling Hotline at 908-654-9889.

Runnells guild sets S & S Trading day

The Volunteer Guild of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will feature a sale by S & S Trading today in the multi-purpose room of the facility at 40 Watchung Way in Berkeley Heights from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The sale includes items as diverse as wine bags, leather goods

from fanny packs to cell phone cases, and hair notions as well as photo albums and magnetic photo frames. Be sure to check the specials! The vendor will accept cash, credit cards and checks.

The Volunteer Guild and the Office of Volunteer Services of Runnells Specialized Hospital are always interested in recruiting volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist with resident contact as well as performing other tasks. Anyone who would like further information should call the Office of Volunteer Services at 908-771-5847.

Division brings services to seniors

The Union County Department of Human Services, Division on Aging, will bring its Outreach Services Program for senior adults to Garwood, Elizabeth, Clark and Rahway during the month of May.

Division on Aging staff will assist seniors with information and help in applying for a variety of government assistance programs, including gas and electric support —LIFE LINE, pharmaceutical

assistance —PAAD, and home energy assistance —HEAP.

There will also be screening for Supplemental Security Income —SSI— eligibility, and information about the Senior Health Insurance Program —SHIP.

"The Freeholders of Union County encourage elderly, isolated individuals from throughout the county who meet eligibility requirements to apply for vital services through our outreach program," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Union County Advisory Council on Aging. "These services can supplement the basic needs of the isolated elderly and sustain or improve their lives."

"Our staff will conduct private interviews on request," Freeholder Holmes added.

The Outreach Services Program will visit the following locations:

- May 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Peterstown Community Center, 408 Palmer Street, Elizabeth.
- May 29, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Elizabeth Center Apartments, 815 Pearl Street, Elizabeth.

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(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: GERSON CASTILLO, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiffs' attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey, 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitization Corporation 2006-0PT4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-0PT4 is plaintiff, and GERSON CASTILLO, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-1127-08 within 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 of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 11/14/2006 made by Jose Jimeno as to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc. recorded on 11/22/2006 in Book 11945 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 665 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitization Corporation 2006-0PT4 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-0PT4 by Assignment of Mortgage which is unrecorded at this time; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1116 East 2nd Street, Plainfield, NJ 07062. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340. YOU, JOSE JIMENO, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency, and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. File #FCZ 99574

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiffs' attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey, 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2007-MLN1 is plaintiff, and JOSE JIMENO, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-1127-08 within 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 of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 11/14/2006 made by Jose Jimeno as to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc. recorded on 11/22/2006 in Book 11945 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 665 which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2007-MLN1 by Assignment of Mortgage which is unrecorded at this time; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 418 E 4th St., Plainfield, NJ 07062. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340. YOU, JOSE JIMENO, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency, and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. File #FCZ 99574

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PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

Public Auction at Devon Self Storage, 625 Glenwood Ave., Hillside, N.J. 07035 on Tuesday June 17 at 11 a.m. Property contents in the following units, will be sold to the highest bidder to satisfy the owners' lien for rent under L.S. code section 24-4 - 187ET SED Unit # 12 Aveasha C. contains Household goods, Clothing and Furniture; Unit # A22 Linda Bearfield contains Household Goods and Clothing; Unit # A33, Robert D. Ferguson, contains household goods, clothing and Furniture; Unit # C24 David J. Leitch, contains household goods, clothing, and Furniture; Unit # D15, Maximilia Escobar, contains commercial goods; Unit # E16, Dairida A. Brilla Johnson, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-4318-08 within 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 Amended Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 12/29/2007 made by Juliet OGWUMIKE to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Bear Stearns Residential Mortgage Lenders, recorded on 3/04/2008 in Book 12425

PUBLIC NOTICE

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(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: SAMSEKETHA JOHNSON, his/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 ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiffs' attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey, 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Amended Complaint filed in a civil action, in which Citibank, N.A., as Trustee of Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc. Bear Stearns A Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-3 is plaintiff, and SAMSEKETHA JOHNSON, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-4318-08 within 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 Amended Complaint. You shall file your Answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 12/29/2007 made by Juliet OGWUMIKE to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Bear Stearns Residential Mortgage Lenders, recorded on 3/04/2008 in Book 12425

of Mortgages for Union County, Page 782, which Mortgage was duly assigned to the plaintiff, Citibank, N.A., as Trustee of Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc., Bear Stearns A Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-3 by Assignment of Mortgage which is unrecorded at this time; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 916-THIRD ST., PLAINFIELD, NJ 07063. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340. YOU, SAMSEKETHA JOHNSON, his/her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency, and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. File #FCZ 99248

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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC, ESQS., plaintiffs' attorneys, whose address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite 301, Mountainside, New Jersey, 07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action, in which CHIMMORTGAGE, Inc. is plaintiff, and JULIET OGWUMIKE, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket F-9980-08 within 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 of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure. This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a Mortgage dated 10/02/2006 made by Juliet OGWUMIKE to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC recorded on 11/14/2006 in

Book 11932 of Mortgages for Union County, Page 602 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 1437 COOLIDGE STREET aka 1437-1441 COOLIDGE STREET, PLAINFIELD, NJ 07062. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services office of the County of venue by calling 908-354-4340. YOU, JULIET OGWUMIKE, her heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and her, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you executed Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency, and are a record owner of the subject property and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, will be supplied to you for particularity.

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Sovereign Bank

Sovereign Bank also enjoys the

variety of outreach options CAU offers, according to Lucy Reis, the bank's South Elmore branch manager. Sovereign is a \$10,000 Corporate Sponsor of the organization's golf outing and Reis serves on the CAU fundraising committee.

However, Reis seems most proud of the volunteering efforts of her branch employees, who were the highest grossing team in the CAU Walk-a-thon in 2007.

Investors Savings Bank

Investors Savings Bank also seeks to make a difference in people's lives through community outreach and considers Community Access a solid partner in those efforts, according to Ada Melendez, first vice president and CRA officer.

The bank's First Home Club program provides grants for down payment and closing costs to first-time homebuyers and Melendez found CAU's Home Share Program to be a perfect match for Investors' community reinvestment support. Investors also supports other CAU activities such as the annual Walk and golf outing.

Commerce Bank

Commerce Bank considers community outreach and employee volunteerism core missions of the company, and established the Commerce Cares program to enable employees to support community organizations, explained assistant vice president and Springfield Circle branch manager Rosalinda Perez. Commerce is a \$5,000 Corporate Sponsor of CAU's annual gala.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Community involvement is a founding value at Enterprise Rent-A-Car, as well, according to regional rental manager Tim Marino. The mix of business and personal commitment helps keep Development Directions, LLC, intricately involved with Community Access. Development Directions is a real estate consulting firm specializing in government work, including Section 8 housing. The company works closely with Community Access in its affordable housing programs.

B&B Press

Personal experiences draw sup-

port for CAU from throughout the business community. B&B Press of Somerville and formerly Kenilworth has long been a supporter of community programs, including the 200 Club of Union County, which supports police and firefighters as well as their

families, according to Mark Bistis, president and general manager.

B&B provides printing and design services to Community Access and supports the golf outing. Yet it is their participation in the annual Walk-a-thon that takes on personal meaning

for Bistis and his wife, Janice, whose aunt was disabled.

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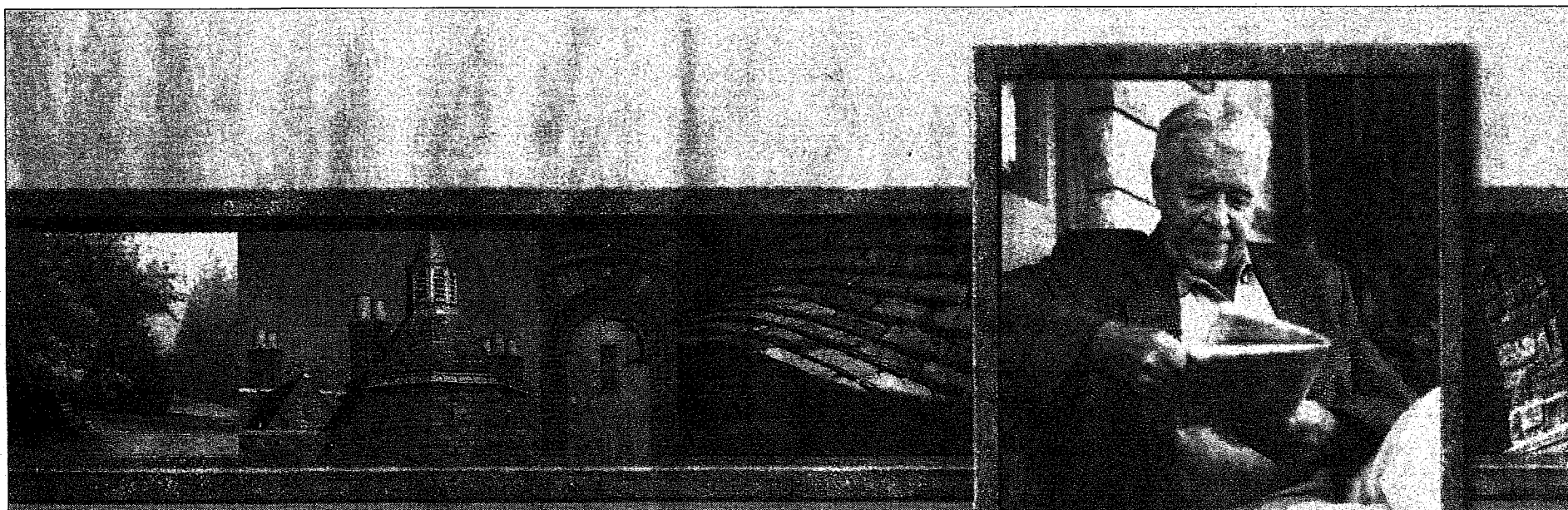
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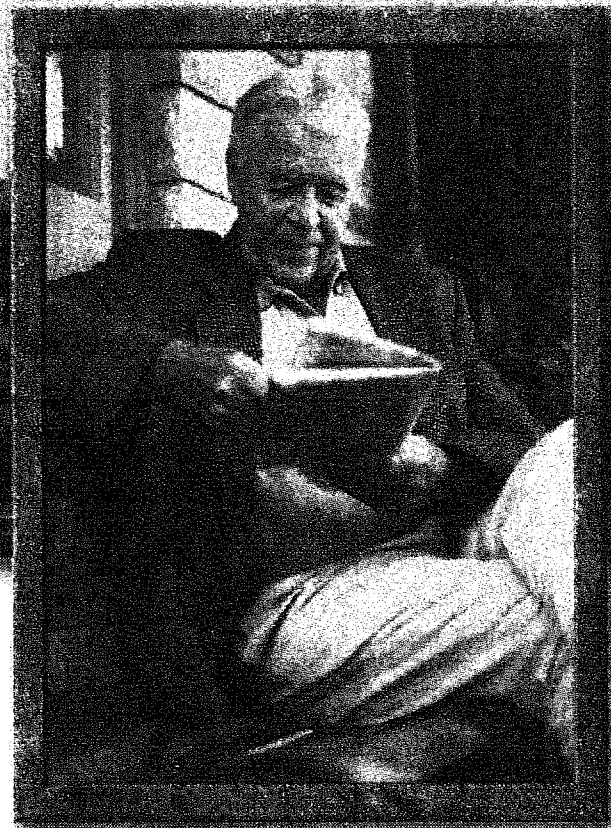


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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Different spin to Little Red

Running Rabbit Family Theatre —RRFT—, a forerunning producer of exceptional family entertainment, announces its newest production, Little Red Riding Hood. "Little Red" strays into Montclair to perform at Luna Stage through June 8.

A time honored classic is given the trademark "RRFT spin" in this fanciful version by Patricia Goldberg —book— and Kevin Arruda —music and lyrics. Little Red travels through the forest to visit her ailing Grandmother. She encounters many challenges along the way, not the least of which is the Big Bad Wolf, whose 1950's Rock-n-Roll take on life adds to the hilarity of this sparkling musical.

The show is directed by Paul Whelihan, a noted NJ director, actor and playwright, and the co-founder/producer of RRFT.

"The play is sure to delight children and their 'grown-ups'", he states. "It has clever music, a joyful book and we're highlighting its knowing wink to the adults in the crowd."

Whelihan's well-known innovation in creating works for family audiences brings the piece to an exciting stage production. He's directed theatre for young audiences for more than twenty years with companies including Pusheart Players, A Kids' Forum, Growing Stage, Ironbound Theatre and more. Other directing credits include Talley's Folly and LUV with Forum Theatre, A Beautiful Home for the Incurables with Luna Stage, Eleanor Descending the Staircase with Passage Theatre and 18 productions for RRFT, many of which he wrote and appeared in.

Red Riding Hood is played by Victoria Gutierrez, a graduate in theatre from Montclair State University.

She has performed in Anything Goes, Summer Brave, Twelfth Night and originated the role of Patty in Ben Calvson's Spilling Stuff and Breaking Things. While still in high school, Victoria sung at two performances with the Clifton High School Concert Choir at Carnegie Hall.

Peter Daddabbo, most recently



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seen in RRFT's production of Tales of Custard the Dragon, is the Wolf. Favorite roles for young audiences include Poppa Geppetto —Pinocchio, Triton —The Little Mermaid— and Snow White's Prince.

Daddabbo is the director of operations at the Hampton Country Day Camp and has performed regionally as Bernardo in West Side Story, Danny in Grease and Jud Fry in Oklahoma.

Little Red's Mother is portrayed by Erika Insana, who has performed with RRFT in "A Winnie the Pooh Christmas Carol, The Frog Prince and Schoolhouse Rock."

She has appeared throughout the country in productions of "Jesus Christ Superstar, Footloose, Singing in the Rain, Two By Two" and many more. Michele Tauber is Granny Fanny, Little Red's ailing grandmother. Tauber is a RRFT favorite and prolific performer, appearing in regional houses nationally and working in locally filmed television and movie projects.

Memorable performances with RRFT include "Mama Bear in Goldilocks, The Stepmother in Cinderella and most recently, Rapun-

zel's mother, The Witch."

Patrick Starega is Fritz the Woodsman, friend to Little Red and her family. Starega is a founding member of Running Rabbit, is a board member of the NJ Association of Community Theatres and has directed, choreographed and stage managed throughout the region. Musical direction is by James Campodonico, who has served in that capacity for over 100 musicals in New York and New Jersey.

His musical Between the Lines was produced at Luna Stage and in New York, receiving the Star-Ledger's recognition for Best Musical Score. Campodonico taught choral music in the public school system for thirty three years, from which he retired and then became busier than ever in musical theatre.

RRFT shows are recommended for children ages two and up and their families. All seats are reserved.

"We want to offer a break when choosing to come to the theatre," notes Ellen Beattie, RRFT co-producer about the reduced ticket rate. "Too often when people are nervous about the economy - which

they are now - theatre is one of the first options to go. We don't think of theatre as a luxury, but as a necessity. Fortunately, a lot of our patrons do too, and we hope that a less expensive theatre ticket will help out."

Camp and school groups, day-care centers, Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, as well as other organizations are all encouraged to book early for best availability.

Continuing the Running Rabbit tradition of "Grandparents' Day" young audiences are invited to bring a grandparent for free - theirs or someone else's - to the performance on May 18 at 11 a.m. Tickets can be ordered by calling the box office at 973-744-3309.

Visit the Web site www.RRFamilyTheatre.org. Running Rabbit Family Theatre is a professional, not-for-profit arts organization, and as a member of the NJ Theatre Alliance, the State's coalition of professional theatres, is funded in part by The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, The New Jersey State Council on the Arts/a partner agency of The National Endowment for the Arts, Deutsche Bank and numerous businesses and individuals.

Poets reunite in Rahway

After a successful National Poetry Month evening of readings in April, at the Les Malamut Gallery in Union, Leona M. Seufert is reuniting the four poets for another performance event at the Arts Guild of Rahway's "Rahway Art Beat" on Friday, at 7 p.m.

The Rahway Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving Street Rahway.

"Rahway Art Beat" is a monthly networking and gathering of artists from many disciplines: Fine Arts, Music, Poetry, Writing, Screenwriting, Acting, Dance. Its aim is to connect artists of these various disciplines, providing career-relevant information, and information on opportunities for exhibiting and performing. This poetry night will be the first in a series that in the future will feature speakers from the Metro area who will discuss topics that can help artists in their careers, present news of arts opportunities in the New Jersey and elsewhere, and give artists an opportunity to present their works.

The five poets who will read their works at the May "Rahway Art Beat", first gathered together on April 17 for an evening of poetry titled "Painting with Words". This was part of an inaugural series of events taking place inside the Les Malamut Gallery, the goal that attendees can also have the opportunity to simultaneously view the current gallery exhibit. Under the direction of Seufert, the poets Mark Brunetti, Joy Cabanos, Tom Plante, and Barbara Wirkus read their poetry.

This well attended evening, saw Brunetti read selections from his chapbook, "Airplane Lies and other Poems Without a Home." Cabanos read moving poems about her homeland in the Philippines and her life now. Plante went down memory lane with poems from his past that had appeared in Exit 13 magazine —and explained how the magazine got its name. Seufert's poems were all centered around the evening's topic of painting with words, and Wirkus read some moving poems about events in her life.

Each of the individuals are published poets and residents of New Jersey.

Brunetti is the editor of *The*

Idiom Magazine which recently won the London Book Festival. He won first place in the Do-It-Yourself Book Convention in Los Angeles for his first chapbook.

Cabanos —writing as JIG Cabanos—is an artist whose works celebrate the synergy of painting, poetry, dance, and music. One of her poems will be in the upcoming issue of Exit 13 magazine.

Plante is editor of Exit 13 magazine an annual journal of poetry that he publishes in Fanwood. He is also a co-director of the Fanwood Arts Council.

Seufert just published her chapbook, "From Here to There and Back Again - A Commuter's Journey." Its poetry grew from being a commuter to NYC for 11 months and spending 2 hours a day riding trains.

Wirkus has had her poems published in various poetry magazines, including Exit 13, Poet magazine, Albatross Literary magazine, as well as a chapbook, "Poems for Unpretentious People."

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a non-profit center for the arts located at 1670 Irving St. at Seminary Avenue in the Downtown Arts District of the City of Rahway. The Arts Guild presents a yearly program of fine art exhibitions and jazz concerts, winter, summer and fall multi-week art classes for adults, teens and children, one-day art workshops, a kids summer art camp, and a variety of art talks, lectures and seminars on art and cultural topics.

For information on the Arts Guild visit <http://www.rahwayarts-guild.org/>

The Les Malamut Art Gallery is located downstairs in the Union Library at 1980 Morris Ave Union, NJ and is open during Library hours. Artists interested in exhibiting work and individuals desiring to become board members or just volunteering their services, can contact Barbara Wirkus dmbbw33@yahoo.com for information.

For information on the gallery visit: www.uplnj.org/les_malamut.htm.

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Gallery displays Siimes' work

The Les Malamut Art Gallery will present a solo exhibit of paintings by artist Seppo Siimes. The show, "Atmospheres and Compositions of Nature", runs until August 18.

"A Meet the Artist" reception is planned for May 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. A discussion of the paintings will take place at a date to be announced. The Les Malamut Art Gallery is located in the lower level of the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Avenue, Union. The event is free and open to the public during regular library hours. For further information call 908-851-5450.

Siimes is a pure "plein air" artist, which means all of his work is done on location. "In this way," he states "I get to enjoy and capture the atmosphere of the scene".

He believes that "There are no set formulas for beauty in a landscape. It can be found throughout the day and under many different atmospheres."

Seppo has created 200 paintings to date, utilizing several compositional themes: Stripes, Offset Focus, the Square's Diagonal and the Raritan River Series.

Siimes holds a bachelor of architecture degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and continues to practice architecture.

He is affiliated with the Somerset County Art Association, American Impressionist Society, as well as several other art organizations.

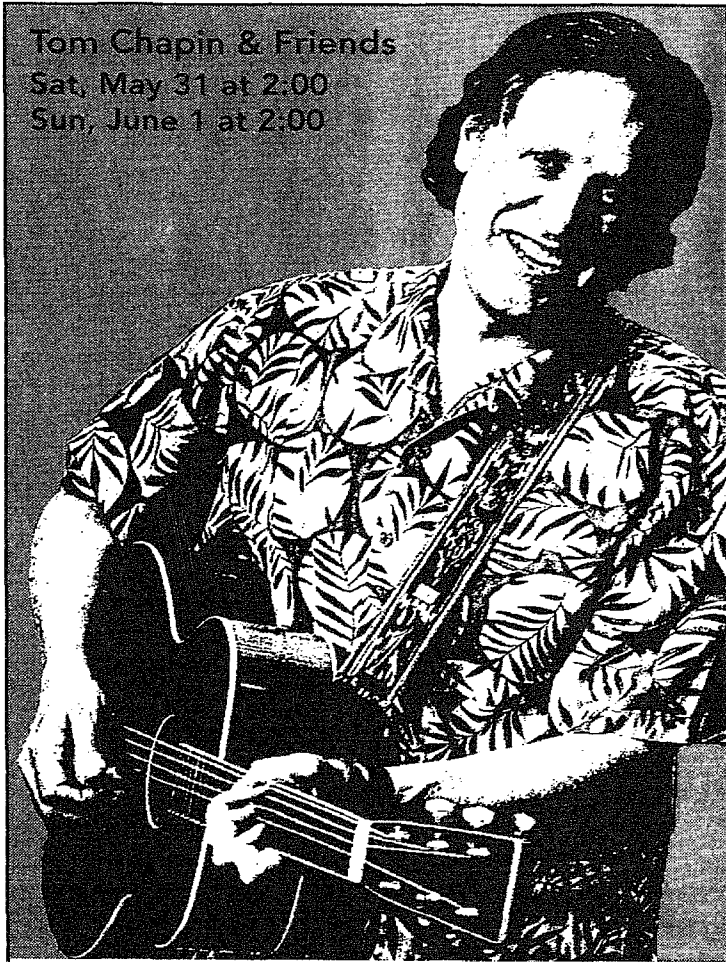
He is also an associate artist with the Riverfront Renaissance Art Center. He has had numerous solo and group shows, including Somerset Art Association, Berkeley Heights Public Library and Notre Dame Annual Art Show in Villanova PA.

His work is currently on display

at the Designers Gallery in Clark.

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'Roger': Half a play is better than none

By Joel Levin and Anita Louis
Correspondents

At the end of the 85-minute-long "Roger Is Dead" play, at New Brunswick's George Street Playhouse, players were wondering aloud if the show had ended or if there was an unannounced intermission. But that's OK.

Loose ends? More like missed opportunities. Playwright Elaine May neatly tied several ends, but never exploited a couple of vital relationships. That's why "Roger" ended like a deflating balloon. But that's OK, because...

May is one terrific writer, although we hungered for more. For example, a tantalizing scene of dialogue between wealthy Roger, played by Tom Bloom, and his incredibly charming rent-a-driver, played by Carman LaCivita, offered some insight into Roger's relationship with his wife, Doreen, played by Marlo Thomas, but we never saw the driver after that. It felt as if we were being set up for more of the driver's psycho-socio-commentary, but his sharp portrayal of an under-appreciated Latino in a white world was cut short. Ah, if only May had found a way to use him more, interplaying him with the women.

And we wonder how the driver would have fit with Carla, played by the excellent Julia Brothers, and her distracted and angry ultra-liberal husband, played by Mark Blum, and their political leanings. We were also left forever in the dark about how he would have dealt with poor little rich girl/widow Doreen, an interchange that was referred to but never shown on stage. But that's OK.

No real-time sparring

Through the scene with Roger and his driver, we see Doreen through his eyes, a necessary setup for when we meet his wife ourselves. But we were disappointed not to have witnessed them sparring in real time. And that's also OK, because... The genius of writer Elaine May does not depend on endings. There's plenty of dramatic tension interwoven with humor in this play's clear plot. That's why "Roger Is Dead" is a far cry from "Waiting for Godot." Even if the writing is a bit dated, relying on too-clever wisecracks and throwaways, it is also to be admired just for that. You see, nearly every bit of dialogue

is smile-generating, if not outright laugh-engendering.

And, after all, "Roger" is a comedy. Even though the fulcrum of the play is someone's death, let's face it: death happens. In this show, the sudden loss of the eponymous Roger serves up a premise for the comical reactions of the characters affected by it.

"Roger Is Dead" is a play that could have been written any time in the last 70 years, but is very 2008 with modern touches such as Carla negotiating with her brother over who will instruct their elderly mother on the art of TIVO-ing.

All the usual favorites

Love, death, aging, family relationships, the meaning of friendship, health, money problems — both too little and embarrassingly too much — socio-economic clashes, and marital squabbles all get a turn. If May updates "Roger," perhaps she'll throw in ecology and the price of oil, corn and pasta.

Marlo Thomas as Doreen hits all the right charming tragic/comic notes as a bereaved, spoiled little ditz. "I don't have the depth to feel this bad." During a surprise visit to Carla, whom she hasn't seen in decades, she demands: "I'm a widow; scrape the salt off my saltines — that's what Nanny always did."

Thomas's performance alone is worth the price of a ticket. She is pitch-perfect in her comic delivery, as she charmingly gives overindulged dizzy blondes a bad name. She's annoying but endearing, manipulative but fragile, victimizer and victim. She recites a litany of complaints about her houseful of servants and makes being rich seem quite the chore. Her air-headisms are similar to Gracie Allen's and Lucille Ball's, but with somewhat more self-awareness. In reaction to someone's double-take, she explains, "I got caught in the middle of a metaphor and just said anything."

Doreen, with a relentless hold on her sense of entitlement, continually pushes Carla to the breaking point. After humiliating Carla without apology and without letup, and observing Carla's comically perfect slow burn, Doreen looks up with puppy dog eyes and says, "I'm annoying, aren't I?"



Freeholder Chairman Angel G. Estrada, right and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski, left, congratulate Deborah Pires of Union County College on winning best in show at the 2008 Employee Art show. The contest was open to county employees and relatives. Below, Estrada and Kowalski congratulate Carolyn Soltys on winning first place in the professional category in the show. The exhibit runs through June 2 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Liberty Hall Center in Union Township.



WCP: "Starting Here, Starting Now"

Director Linda Correll of Westfield Community Players, has the cast in final rehearsals for the musical revue "Starting Here, Starting Now."

The Richard Maltby Jr. and David Shire musical continues Friday and Saturday evenings, May 30 and 31 in the WCP theater at 1000 North Avenue West, Westfield. Call 908-232-1221.

Please note all non-member tickets must be pre-paid to secure a reservation. Call the box office for ticket availability.

In this collaboration, the authors of Broadway musicals "Baby" and "big" explore the excitement of young love and the

confusion of growing up — or is it the other way around?

This bold, extroverted journey takes a winsome cast of three through the maze of modern relationships with its heart firmly on its sleeve. As with all of Maltby and Shire's work, each song is an impeccably crafted story, original, engaging, bursting with character, and showcasing the versatility and charisma of its performer.

Musical director Mary Beth McFall and Choreographer Barbara Greco-Brady have the cast of Jeff Dopson, Kaye Gonzales and Tracey Lynne Haskell — Garwood — smoothly delivering ten-

der ballads, husband-hunting laments, wry comments on trendy marriages and shouting-from-the-rooftops celebration of life and love.

Producer Kay Macrae and Stage Manager Lynn Lampariello provide the backstage support for the final production of the season.

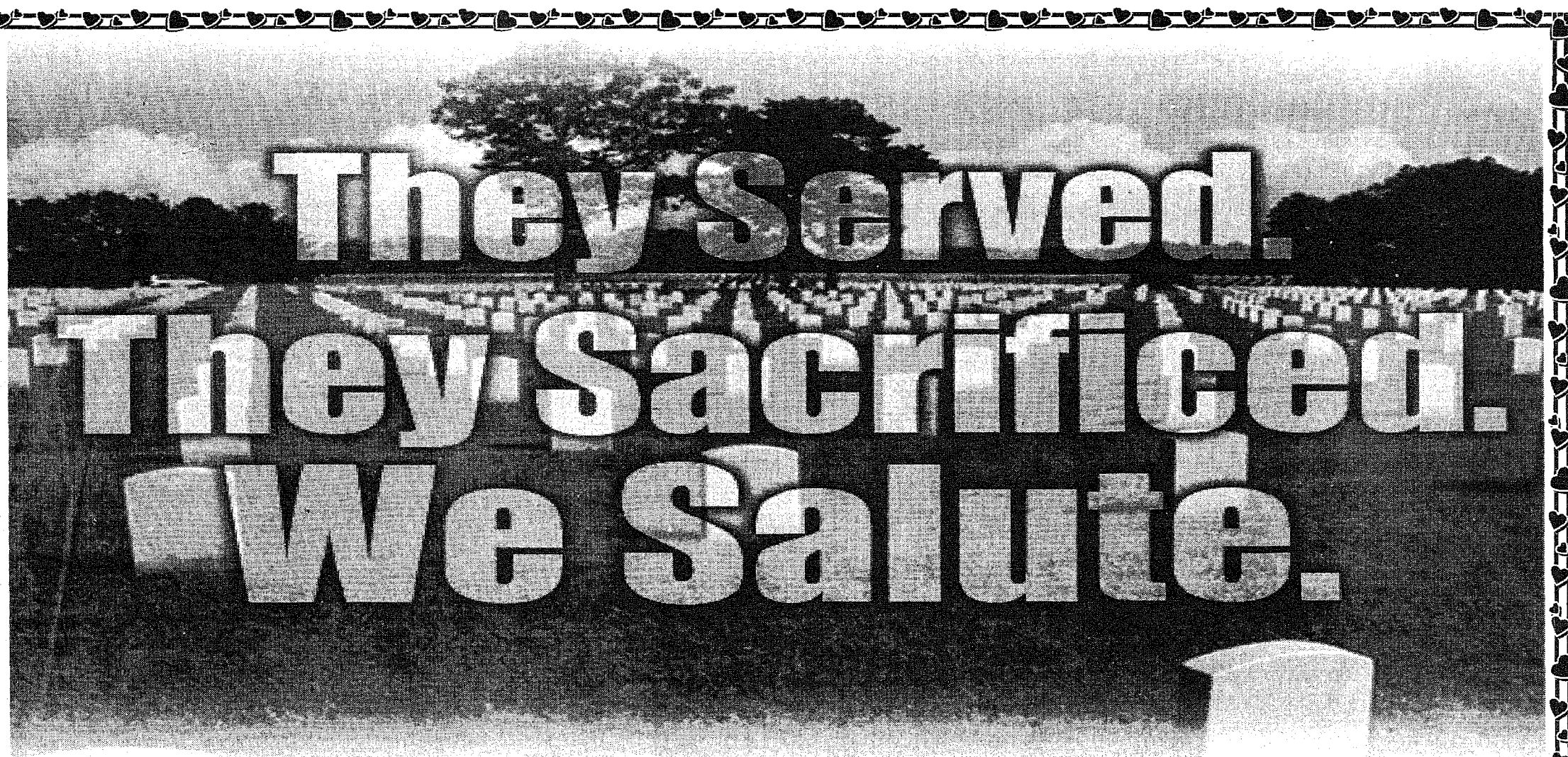
Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment of the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

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UCPAC offers two weeks of Summer Theatre Camp, providing local students with the opportunity to experience the unforgettable excitement of theatre. Children's Stage Adventures offers a unique experience for students to participate in the production of a live performance. Each week works independently from the other and offers different productions at the end of the week.

The Missoula Children's Theatre trained husband and wife team of CSA arrive in town with everything it

takes to put on a play. On the Monday morning of each week, the team will hold an auditions workshop to cast pre-registered students to perform in a production. This program is appropriate for students in kindergarten through 12th grades. Pre-registration is requested and advisable. A partial scholarship is available for qualifying Rahway residents. Contact the UCPAC Box Office at 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucpac.org for more information.



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1. A place for sleeping

4. One of the UAE

9. Russian space station

12. Part of a train track

14. Cause to lose courage

15. Designer Chanel

16. Up and about

18. Common abbr. for otolaryngologist

19. Speak

20. Couch

22. 7th planet

23. 61454

24. Ball clubs

25. Feeling no doubt

26. Woodwind

27. Pouches

29. Lairs

30. Joe Friday TV show

31. Its capital is Muscat

32. Wings

34. Meat skewer for roasting

35. Rub

37. Not here

38. Nothing

40. IV

41. 10 to the 100th power

43. Situated on an axis

44. Not good

47. Indian statesman Jawaharlal

48. Large chest muscles

49. Cow's mammary gland

51. Doyen

52. Large northern deer

53. Swedish woodworking system

54. A nucleic acid

CLUES DOWN

1. Undergarments

2. Tripod

3. Again and again

4. Large size of #1 down

5. Group of 7 sheikhdoms (abbr.)

6. Chignon

7. Small insect

8. Object previously mentioned

9. Groaned

10. Raptus

11. Fish spawns

13. Test paper

15. Lifting devices

17. Important Naval man

19. Predilection

21. Abhorred

22. Unwinding (like film)

28. Diego, Francisco, or Anselmo

29. A nucleic acid

31. Dramas set to music

33. Repeated

34. Yiddish prank or clowning

36. Not lower

37. Largest W. Frisian island

39. USCG navigational system

40. Adhesive, duct or video

42. Roman moon goddess

44. Windsor Locks airport code

45. Rapid bustling movement

46. Partridge Family actress

49. We

50. Rural delivery

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What's Going On?

FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY
May 25, 2008
EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show
PLACE: New Jersey Transit Lot, New York Avenue, (off Ridge Road, by Shop Rite), Lyndhurst, NJ 07071
TIME: 9AM - 5PM Outdoors
ADMISSION: Free
DETAILS: New merchandise, crafts, collectibles & garage/tag sale items. An array of bargains for everyone! For information call 201-998-1144
ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Lyndhurst Athletic Boosters

SUNDAY
June 1, 2008
EVENT: Flea Market, Craft & Collectible Show
PLACE: Hoffman La Roche Lot #906, Kingsland Avenue, (off Route 3), Nutley, NJ 07110
TIME: 9AM - 5PM Outdoors
ADMISSION: Free
DETAILS: New merchandise, crafts, collectibles & garage/tag sale items. For information call 201-998-1144
ORGANIZATION: Sponsor: Hoffman La Roche Employee Activity Association

RUMMAGE SALE

SUNDAY
June 1st, 2008
EVENT: RUMMAGE SALE
PLACE: Gazebo in Roselle Park (Corner of East Grant and Chestnut Street)
TIME: 9am - 2pm
DETAILS: All proceeds go to Project Graduation for Class of '08! Need to get rid of old stuff? Please donate it. Call Ann Marie at (908)-245-2681 for details.
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HOROSCOPE

This week:

ARIES, March 21-April 20
Aries, when offered a choice go for the very best. There is no use skimping on the things you really want. You're invincible this week so make your mark at work.
TAURUS, April 21-May 21
Taurus, the hardest worker is often the one who is least recognized. Don't get discouraged by those who hog the spotlight. Higher-ups know how reliable and efficient you are.
GEMINI, May 22-June 21
If you want results, Gemini, you know exactly where to get them. You have a large and effective network of influential people. Spread your wealth and help others.
CANCER, June 22-July 22
Cancer, the good times seem to be over but they're not. Don't be overly dramatic. The situation feels much worse than it really is. Financial stability arrives on Tuesday.
LEO, July 23-Aug. 23
Leo, you see the goodness and potential in everyone, which is making your role as manager more difficult. You'll need to decide who is doing the best job and deserves advancement.
VIRGO, Aug. 24-Sept. 22
A surprise will shake things up this week, Virgo. Keep an open mind about the situation rather than sinking into negative thinking. Romance is put on hold.
LIBRA, Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Libra, when an important project pops up midweek all you can do is your best.
Keep your eyes on the goal and don't let nerves get the best of you or it could mean trouble.
SCORPIO, Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Scorpio, put your complex brain to use instead of dreaming the day away. You have so much to do and watching the clouds go by won't help. Seek out Taurus for help.
SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Sagittarius, your life gets stirred into a romantic whirl. Romance and enjoyment is your top priority, as all other responsibilities take a backseat. Enjoy these moments while they last.
CAPRICORN, Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Withdraw from the public eye to handle a personal problem this week, Capricorn. Family concerns may be a problem for you if you're putting too much emphasis on work.
AQUARIUS, Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Yesterday's concerns are far behind you this week, Aquarius. You are now marching to the beat of different drummer with a livelier step.
PISCES, Feb. 19-March 20
Pisces, simple pleasures help you to relax this week when the stress is high. Everyone is looking to you for answers.
Famous Birthdays:
May 25 - Anne Heche, actress, 39-years-old.
May 26 - Stevie Nicks, singer, 60.
May 27 - Lou Gossett, Jr., actor, 72.
May 28 - Jesse Bradford, actor, 29.
May 29 - Melissa Etheridge, singer, 47.
May 30 - Wynonna Judd, singer, 44.

REUNIONS

Worrall Community Newspapers seeks information on reunions of Union County schools.
Send news of your reunion plans to Reunions, Worrall Community Newspapers, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, NJ 07083, or by e-mail to ekensik@thelocalsource.com, with "reunions" in the subject line.
Include all pertinent contact information, such as the names of contact personnel, phone numbers and e-mail addresses, so that attendees may inquire about the reunion. All dates and deadlines relevant to the reunion should also be included.
The following schools are planning reunions:
• Thomas Jefferson High School, Elizabeth Class of 1953 will hold its 55th-year reunion celebration Sept. 11 at The Beacon Hill Country Club, 8 Beacon Hill Road, Atlantic Highlands. Contact Jack Padavano 732-929-1666 johnp668@netzero.com or Don Schiessl 908-353-0867 dschiesl@aol.com.
• Fifty years ago 140 young men and women graduated from the "old" Roselle Park high school on Grant Avenue. For many time seems to have flown by as they assumed their roles in society as parents, teachers, medical personnel, members of the armed forces, law enforcement officers, artisans, writers, business people, and entrepreneurs.
September 12, 13, and 14, the Class of '58 will reconvene. The Crowne Plaza, Clark, will serve as their "Reunion Central."
One goal of the Reunion Committee is to contact 100 percent of the living classmates to give them the opportunity to attend this once-in-a-lifetime event. Therefore help is requested locating the following members: David T. Alberts, Henry O. Bonning, Joseph D. Chrobak, Angela Delicato Morzydlowski, Bonnie Gale Frazer, Joseph A. Goldstein, Judith Gossler Brennan, Patricia Hall DeJuncas, John P. Healy, Kevin Hart, Judith Jepsen St. Onge, Charles J. Rooney and F. George Stickel.
Anyone wanting further information about the Reunion, or knows where a lost classmate might be, please contact Al Lepore 908-561-9437 or Marion Kontra Martin 908-654-5049.
• Sacred Heart High School, Class of 1958, will hold its 50th year reunion on Sept. 21, at the Quality Inn, Rt. 37 West, Toms River, from 1 to 5 p.m. If you know of anyone from the class, or for information, please contact Mary Ellen Malone Damiano 908-862-4089 or e-mail adamiano14@comcast.net.

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'Horrors' opens June 4

"Little Shop of Horrors," a musical comedy, will open June 4 at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, it was announced by Mark S. Hoebee, artistic director, and Mark W. Jones, executive director.
The musical, which will run through July 6, was written by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman and is based on Roger Corman's 1960 science-fiction comedy. It includes such numbers as "Skid Row (Downtown)," "Somewhere That's Green" and "Suddenly Seymour," and the title song.
"Little Shop" will be directed by Mark Waldrop.
Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 973-376-4343 or online at www.papermill.org.

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ART SHOWS

The Les Malamut Art Gallery will present a solo exhibit of paintings by artist Seppo Siimes. The show, "ATMOSPHERES AND COMPOSITIONS OF NATURE", will open through August 18. "A Meet the Artist" reception is planned for May 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. A discussion of the paintings will take place at a date to be announced. The Les Malamut Art Gallery is located in the lower level of the Union Public Library, 1980 Morris Avenue, Union. The event is free and open to the public during regular library hours. For further information call 908-851-5450.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders presents an exhibit of drawings by **SERGIO MORENO CARMENATE** of Elizabeth in the gallery space at the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, located at 633 Pearl Street in Elizabeth. A selection of his drawings entitled "Ascendancy of the Mark" is on display at the Pearl Street Gallery until June 5. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Roselle Park resident artist **LEONA M. SEUFER** is featured in a solo exhibition of digital artwork at The Hobart Cooperative Gallery in Hoboken through June 3 at the Sovereign Bank, 86 River St., Hoboken. **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 Jordan Fiddle Foundation, the NJ State Council on the Arts and the Newark Diocese. A portion of all items purchased is tax deductible. For more information and directions visit www.artsunbound.org or call 973-675-2787.

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

AUDITIONS

C.A.S.T., the Community Actors Student Theater, will be holding auditions for "CHILDREN OF EDEN" on Wednesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at David Brearley High School in Kenilworth. Casting is open for Union County residents, ages 10 and older. There is a tuition fee or a registration fee to participate. Rehearsals will begin June 23 and the production will be July 31 and Aug. 1 and 2. Check the Web site www.castinfo.org for songs from "Children of Eden" that people should be prepared with for auditions.

THE SHOWCASE THEATER, a tuition-based program, awards scholarship money based on a talent evaluation. For information on the Showcase Theater or any NJWA program, call 908-789-9696, visit the office at 150-152 East Broad St. in Westfield or visit www.njworkshopforthearts.com.

BOOKS

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

and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S STORY TIMES will be Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., both usually with coloring and/or crafts, at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 west, Springfield. **PAJAMA STORY TIME** is the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 240 Route 22 west, Springfield.

CLASSES

THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART is located at 1030 Central Ave. and is situated on a seven-acre campus in a historic residential area of Plain-

CONCERTS

BRADY RYMER AND THE LITTLE BAND THAT COULD will celebrate the release of Brady's fifth CD, "Here Comes Brady Rymer and the

Immaculate Heart of Mary Auditorium, 1571 South Martine Ave., Scotch Plains. The show is guaranteed to be clean, hysterical, and filled with non-stop laughter so make plans to attend this night of gags, chuckles and improv. The comedians include Ted Daniels, Roberta Rockwell and Johnny Watson. Tickets should be purchased in advance by calling the Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA at 908-889-8880.

or go online to www.papermill.org and click, "Buy Tickets". The **NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** will provide a piano concert from one of their principle 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 information on next year's four concert series. For more information call Susan Silberner at 908-289-8112.

CROSSROADS IN GARWOOD will feature: every Monday, Open Mic Night, every Tuesday, Jazz Jam, every Wednesday, karaoke night. The Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave., Garwood. For information, call Lee at 908-232-5666, or

rounding area. Meetings start at 9:30 a.m. Free refreshments are served to members and guests before the meeting. For directions and more information, call Jim at 908-245-4744.

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

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

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

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

JAZZ

The Bethany Baptist Church in Newark will present jazz performances in the coming months: On June 7, vocalist **STEPHEN MCLEAN AND HIS TRIO**. All performances are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and are free and come as you are. For more information call Dorthaan Kirk at 973-674-5141. For more information call 732-669-9024.

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KIDS

Running Rabbit Family Theatre — RRFT—, a forerunning producer of exceptional family entertainment, announces its newest production, "LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD." "Little Red" will be straying into Montclair to perform at Luna Stage through June 8. Tickets can be ordered by calling the box office at 973-744-3309. Visit the Web site www.RRFTTheatre.org.

Welcome to **S.T.A.R. CAMP** for students entering grades 1-8. Running six one-week sessions from June 23 to August 1, S.T.A.R. Camp, standing for Sports, Theatre, Arts and Recreation, offers campers the opportunity to sample many different activities throughout the day, as well as an inclusive lunch program and special events and trips. For more information, contact Ralph Pacifico at 973-233-3001 or email rpacifico@montclairkimberley.org. Spring is here and Union County's Watchung Stable offers guided **TRAIL HORSEBACK RIDES** on Sundays for everyone nine years of age or older, weather permitting. 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. The trail rides and lead lines are held at the 1160 Summit Lane-stable in Mountaintide. Office hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. daily. For fur-

HOBBIES

THE NORTH JERSEY CAR CLUB meets at the Anthony Amalfi Community Center, 1268 Sheaffer Ave., Roselle, on the first Saturday of each month to discuss driving experiences, auto maintenance tips, safe driving practices and to plan future social outings to places of cultural, historical and scenic interest in Northern New Jersey and the sur-

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

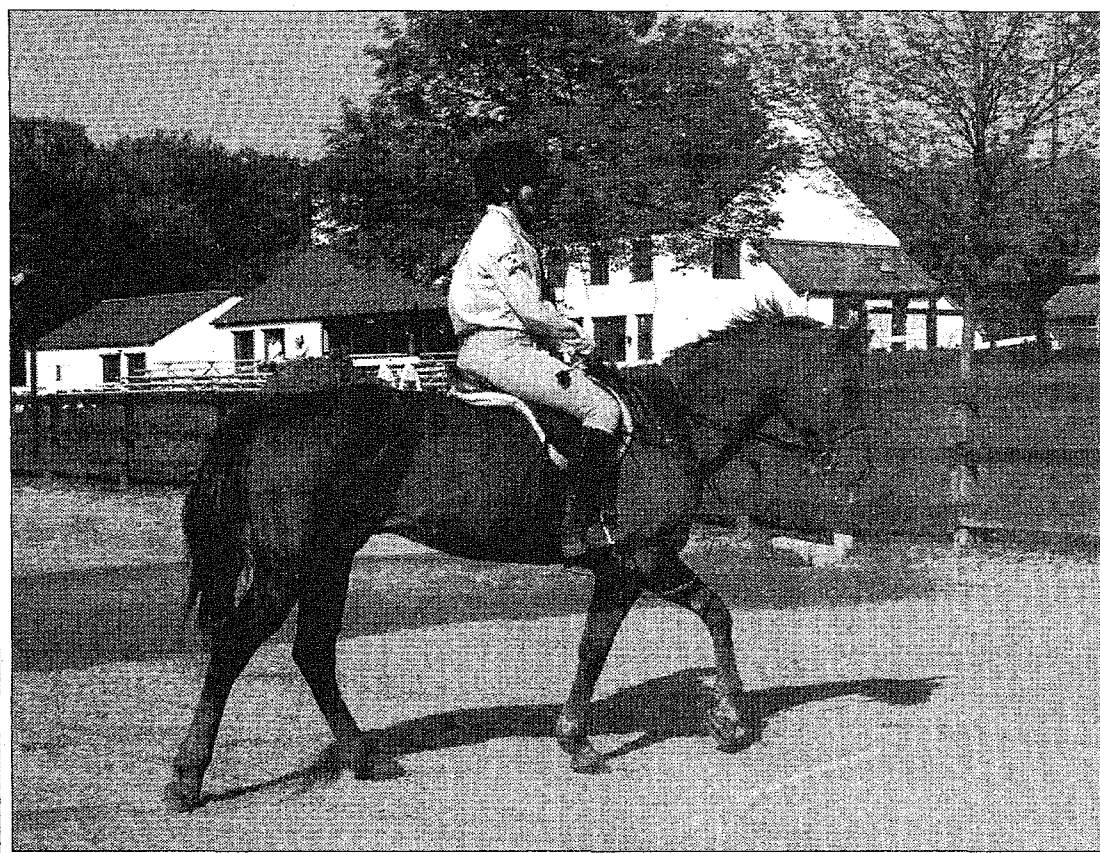
DANCE

SOCIAL DANCING is every Friday at 7:30 p.m. at The Bayway Polish Club, 625 Pulaski St., Elizabeth. Live music and DJ. Coffee, cookies and door prizes are available. For information, call 908-355-3131.

Y-SQUARES, a local square dance club, meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Frank K. Hehnl 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.

Watchung riders



Eighteen-year-old Emilyann Gachko of Cranford practices for the 75th Annual Watchung Stable Troop Show this Friday through Sunday on Clifford, a new Watchung Stable school horse. Gachko is among 300 young riders who will participate in the Memorial Day Weekend Show. Watchung Stable will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary Show with a Parade of Horses and Troopers. For more information call 908-789-3665.

field. The school offers full-time and part-time day and evening classes in fine arts, graphic design/computer graphics and illustration. For information call 908-757-7171, fax: 908-757-2626, or visit www.ducret.edu. **LIBERTY HALL MUSEUM**, 1003 Morris Ave., Union, chronicles more than 200 years of New Jersey and U.S. history. The museum is open to the public Wednesdays through Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays, from noon to 4 p.m., April through December. For more information about upcoming Liberty Hall events or for reservations, call 908-527-0400.

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

COMEDY

Fanwood - Scotch Plains YMCA Swim Team presents a **NIGHT OF COMEDY** featuring three professional comedians on June 13, at 7 p.m. The event will be held at

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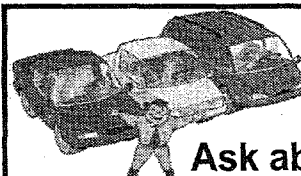
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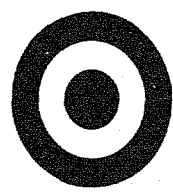
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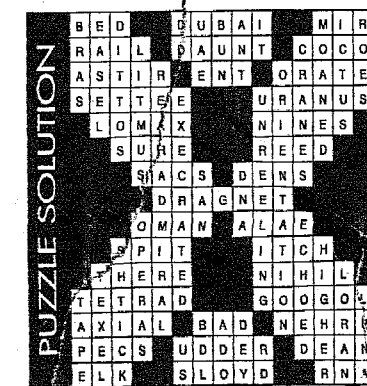
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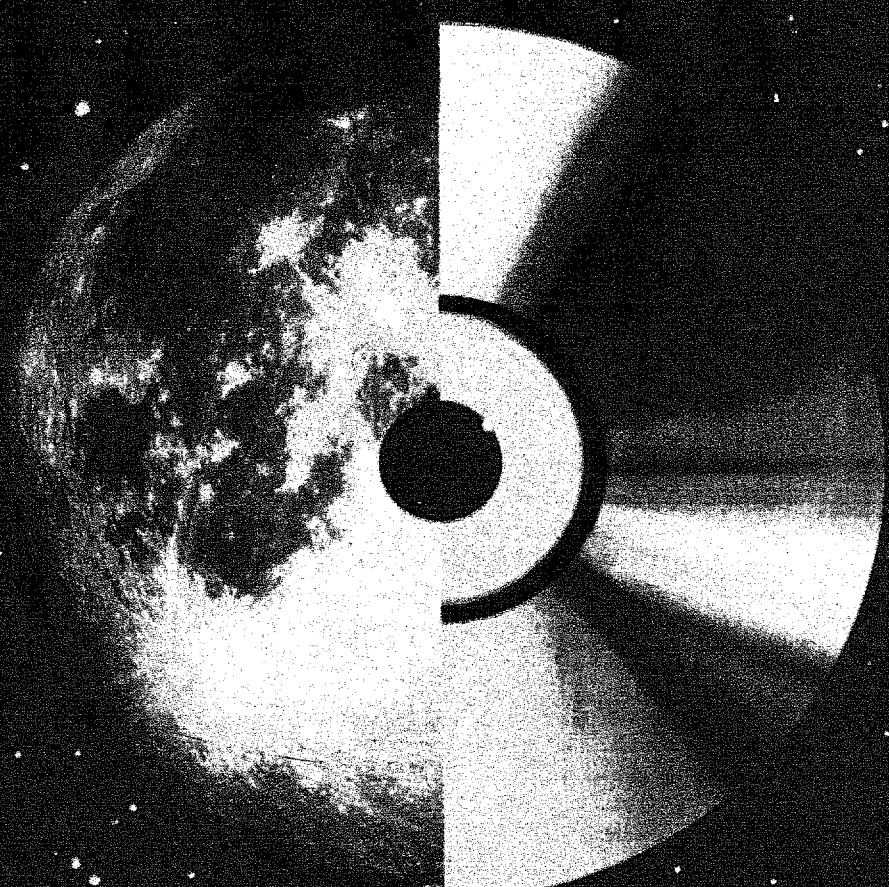
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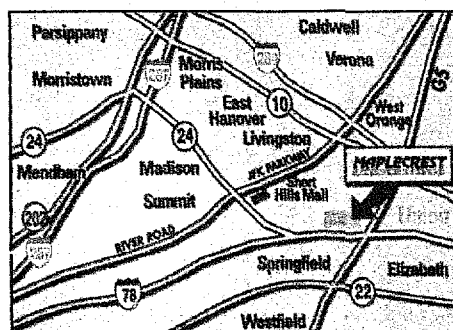
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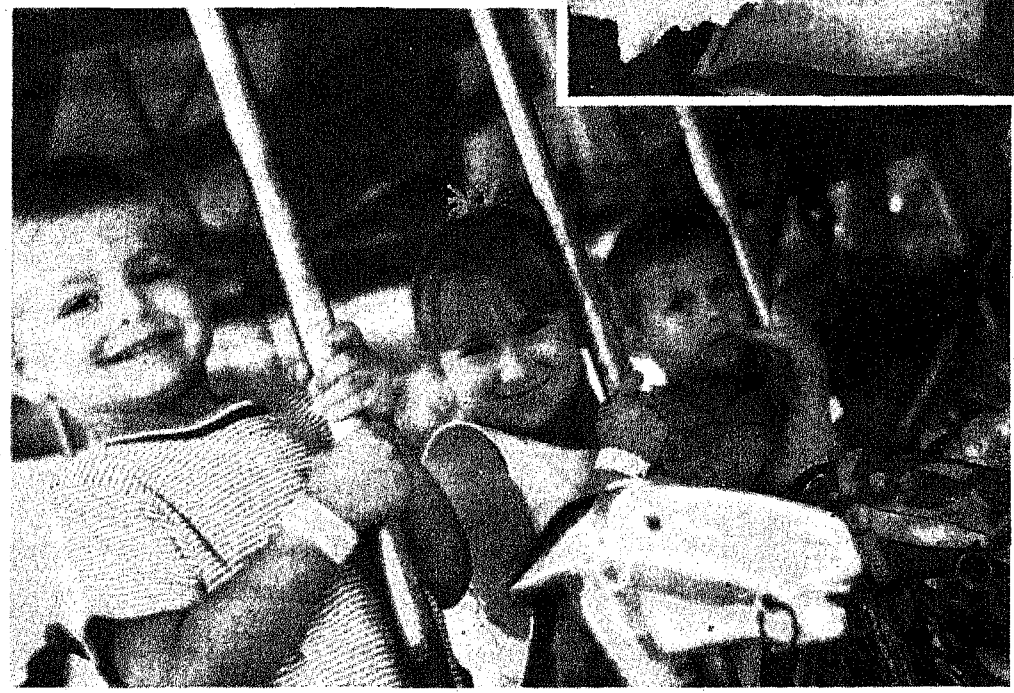
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A Money-saving plan for the summer vacation clan

Are you looking to embark on a summer family vacation that won't break the bank? Whether it's heading to an amusement park or road tripping across the country, there are simple ways to spend within your means by making informed, cost-conscious decisions while on the road. Family budgeting expert Jonni McCoy has some important tips to help families plan and create affordable, memorable and stress-free summer trips.

Put down pricey electronics and entertain the kids creatively.

Nothing makes a trip longer than choruses of "are we there yet?" Instead of buying hand-held games, research and print fun facts and pictures of things that can be found en route to create personalized road trip activity books. Head to the library and check out a radio drama series, audio books and some music that everyone can enjoy, or compete in the classic guessing game, "I Spy."

The "beaten path" is often more expensive.

As an alternative to pricier popular tourist sites, explore off the beaten path. Making fun stops along the way will keep the clan excited about the trip. Visit www.RoadSideAmerica.com for suggestions to customize any journey. For example, a trip could include a stop at the Meteor Crater in Arizona and dinosaur tracks along the Grand Canyon.

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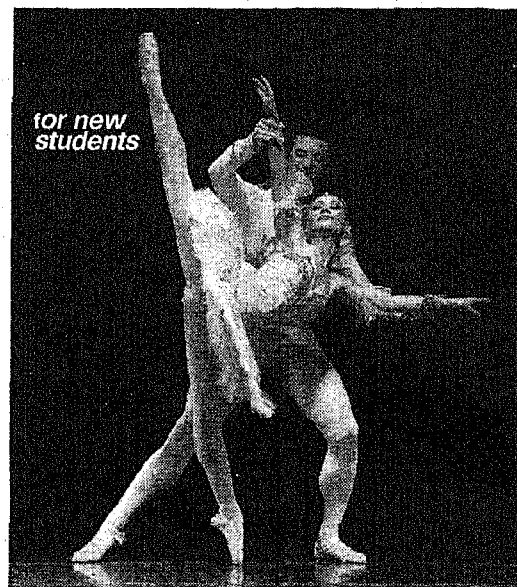
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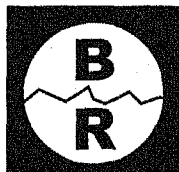
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Summer sunscreen mistakes and solutions

Spring sun and the approach of summer remind many of us to get diligent about applying sunscreen before heading outdoors. But is that enough to protect your skin this summer? More than 1 million Americans will be diagnosed with skin cancer this year, according to the American Cancer Society.

"Changes in the environment and popular misconceptions make it more important than ever to take steps that will minimize your exposure to cancer-causing UV rays," says Dr. Jessica Wu, resident dermatologist at EverydayHealth.com, the No. 2 health destination online and a clinical instructor in dermatology at USC Medical School. "May is national Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention month and now is a good time to get educated about how to protect your skin from the sun."

Nearly half of all Americans will develop skin cancer by the time they're 65, according to the National Cancer Institute. Here are some common summer sunscreen mistakes and myths ... and their solutions:

Mistake: Only applying sunscreen at the beach.

There are two types of ultraviolet rays: UVBs, which cause sunburns, and UVA's, which cause skin cancer. While UVB rays can't pass through glass, UVA's do and

they're present yearround during daylight hours. You are exposed through the windshield on your drive to work, through the window in your office or when you go outside for lunch or to run errands.

What you can do: Remember to use sunscreen daily, not just on the weekends.

Make sunscreen a daily habit for your kids as well. "Sun exposure in childhood is closely linked to skin cancer risk," Dr. Wu says. "Research has shown that having more than five blistering sunburns in childhood will double your risk of developing melanoma, the most dangerous type of skin cancer, later in life."

Myth: Believing a higher SPF guarantees a stronger sunscreen.

Actually, a sunscreen with SPF 30 only gives you 4 percent more UVB sunburn protection compared to SPF 15. To give you adequate protection, your sunscreen should also provide UVA protection.

What you can do: To protect yourself, learn to read labels. Look for a sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and ingredients like zinc, titanium or Mexoryl, which protect you from UVA rays. If you know what ingredients to look for, you can find a good sunscreen on any budget.

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Mistake: Not reapplying sunscreen.

With summer heat and humidity, sunscreen rubs off and sweats off; if you go in the pool or ocean, it washes off, leaving your skin unprotected.

What you can do: For optimal sun protection, remember to reapply sunscreen when you get out of the water and every three to four hours.

If you're not able to wash your face and reapply your makeup in the middle of the day, try touching up with mineral powder, which has zinc, a natural sunscreen, or make-up that contains SPF to boost your sun protection.

Mistake: Going to a tanning salon to get a "base tan," thinking it will protect you from sun damage and skin cancer.

The "safe" tanning beds many tanning salons claim to offer use mainly UVA rays and block out UVB burning rays. You won't burn, but you'll be getting a large dose of cancer-causing UVA rays.

One study showed that people aged 35 or younger who used tanning beds regularly had eight times the risk of developing melanoma, compared to those who never used tanning beds.

Another study showed that women who

used tanning beds at least once a month were 55 percent more likely to develop melanoma, the most deadly skin cancer.

What you can do: Don't use tanning beds — ever. "There is no such thing as a safe tan, and tanning beds, because of the UVA rays they use, are particularly dangerous," says Dr. Wu.

Despite the risk, more people than ever — of all ages and both sexes — are using tanning beds. In fact, the number of Americans using tanning beds in the past decade has doubled. Some states have legislation to limit tanning bed use among minors.

Mistake: Forgetting to protect your eyes, ears and lips.

Ears and lips can sunburn quickly and a common sites for skin cancers.

What you can do: Be sure to apply sunscreen to your ears, especially if you have short hair or pull your hair back in a ponytail. Look for lip balm that contains SPF of at least 15. UV rays can cause cataracts, so be sure to wear sunglasses to protect your eyes, especially if you're out on the water, which can reflect up to 80 percent of UV rays.

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It may be true that you "can't go home again" to recapture the comfort of a simpler time, but a growing number of Americans are enjoying the comforts of returning to familiar places when they vacation. If you're a "repeat guest" — as the travel industry calls boomerang vacationers — you stand to reap social and even financial rewards that may be missed by those who go somewhere new each year.

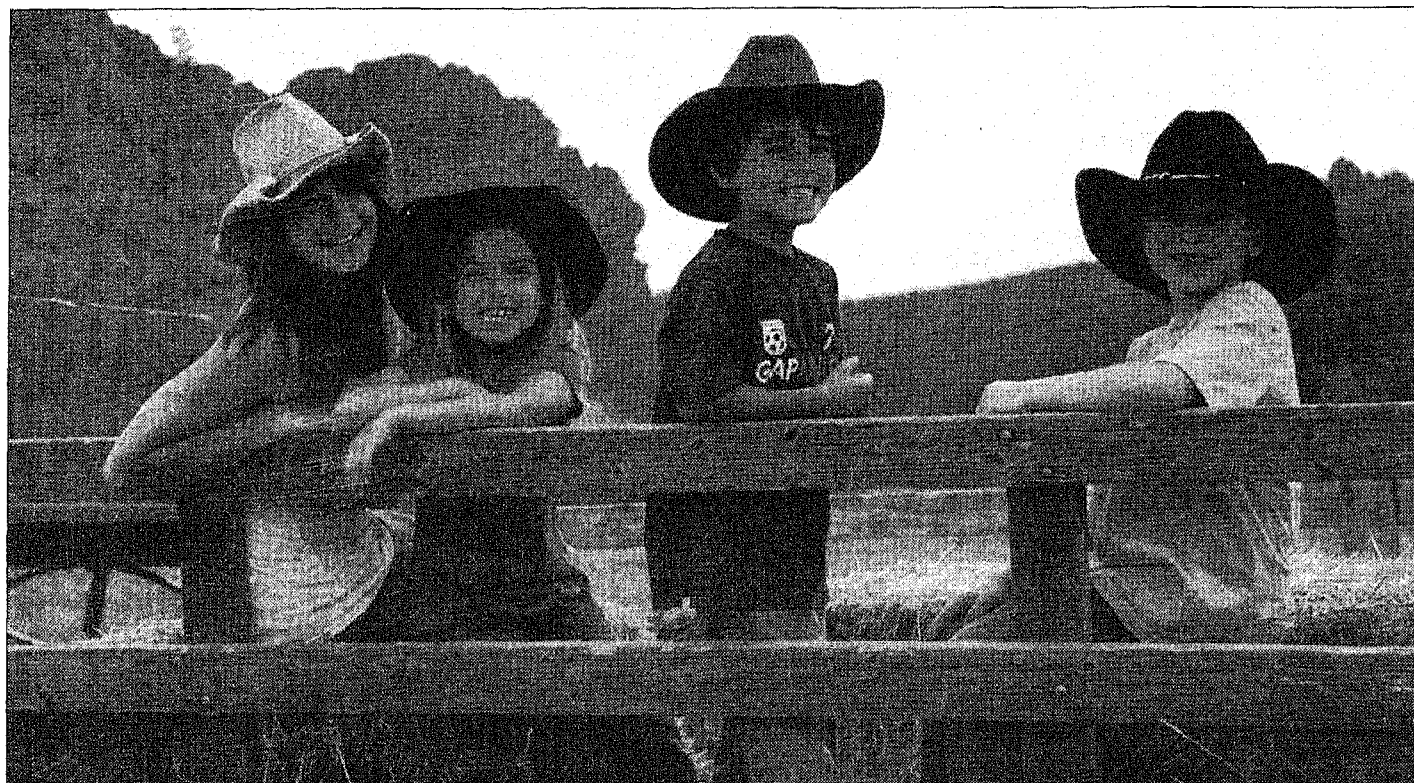
"The travel industry has long recognized the value of repeat guests," says Colleen Hodson of The Dude Ranchers Association, an organization that represents more than 100 ranches in the western United States and Canada.

"Hotels, resorts, dude ranches and even destinations often offer incentives and a highly personalized level of service to encourage guests to return year after year."

Repeat guests have always been a significant percentage of the traveling public, but their numbers seem to be increasing.

Travel experts and repeat travelers themselves say the main reason to return to the same vacation spot year after year is the unique experience of engaging in some activity or recreation outside their everyday actions, yet still have the comfort of familiar surroundings.

Of course, certain destinations, like national parks and dude ranches, lend themselves to repeat vacation experiences.



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Deen Buttorf of Colorado has visited Rainbow Trout Ranch annually for the past 12 years, first as the father of two young sons,

and later — after his marriage ended — as a single. While the variety of activities are a plus, what draws Buttorf back year after year, he says, is the camaraderie among repeat guests and the familiarity of staff who know

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Vactioners like coming back to familiar places

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his name. "Going to new places is always exciting," Buttorf says. "But there's great comfort in the staff at the ranch knowing who I am. They remember what I like and don't like." In fact, he says, when his marriage ended, the support of ranch staff, owners and other familiar guests was "better than any therapy."

Jim Larson, a retired farmer from Minnesota, also enjoys the social aspects of repeat vacationing at a dude ranch. Larson visits several ranches several times a year with a group of like-minded vacationers he met years ago "on the trail."

While he enjoys the experiences that a dude ranch vacation offers by combining modern comforts with a rustic environment, the camaraderie is what draws him most.

"My girls have already asked if we can come back next year," one Florida mother said after a visit to the Laughing Water Ranch in Montana.

The appeal of the dude ranch as a repeat vacation apparently also spans cultures. A

family from Scotland who visited the JJJ Ranch in Montana so enjoyed their experience that they sent the ranch a letter pledging: "We will be back."

Anyone thinking of making a dude ranch vacation their annual get-away should keep a few tips in mind, Larson and Buttorf say.

"Really check out the ranch," Larson advises. "Ask the right questions, like 'What's your return ratio?' If a place has a 70 to 80 percent return rate, you know they must be doing something right."

Be sure the ranch's attractions match your interest. While all will offer horseback riding and similar outdoor activities, other offerings vary widely.

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Property Tax Chokehold Tightest for Business

By Rod Hirsch

From downtown shops to sprawling corporate campuses along the interstates, New Jersey's businesses fuel the complex engine that drives the state economy.

New Jersey business owners provide opportunity for millions of residents to earn a living while also supporting other commerce – from raw materials, vehicles and gasoline to insurance policies, office supplies, cafeteria food and identification badges. Yet they also shoulder a disproportionate share of New Jersey's property taxes.

Business entities, from Mom-and-Pop shops to Fortune 500 companies, own 6 percent of the land in New Jersey yet pay 25 percent of the state's property taxes, according to the National Tax Foundation in Washington.

There are plenty of other numbers that do not add up well for New Jersey's business community.

New Jersey property taxes are the highest per capita in the nation. The state is one of 37 that collect property taxes at both the state and local levels, with local governments accounting for the lion's share.

In fiscal year 2004, the latest year the U.S. Census Bureau published state-by-state property tax collections data, New Jersey's local governments collected \$18.2 billion in property taxes (comprising county, municipal and school taxes). In the same year the state collected \$3.7 million in property taxes. The resultant combined per capita collections of \$2,099 ranked highest in the nation.

New Jersey's Business Tax Climate for 2008 ranks 49th in the nation, according to the Tax Foundation's State Business Tax Climate Index. The Index compares the states in five

areas of taxation that impact business: corporate taxes; individual income taxes; sales taxes; unemployment insurance taxes; and taxes on property, including residential and commercial property. Neighboring states ranked as follows: New York (48th), Pennsylvania (27th) and Delaware (9th).

Paying taxes is an obligation and civic duty that has begun to weigh heavily on the business sector, according to Frank Ferruggia, a tax appeals attorney with McCarter & English, New Jersey's oldest and largest law firm.

As the local, regional and national economies continue to sputter, the business community is experiencing disruptions in cash flow, crimping their ability to meet payroll, honor employee benefits, order supplies and pay taxes.

The faltering economy has exacerbated New Jersey's fiscal crisis. The timing could not be worse as the state government struggles to overcome years of budgetary overindulgence and excess.

On the other hand, the timing is right for a system overhaul that targets favoritism, cronyism, special interests, government jobs and runaway spending, according to several advocacy organizations that represent taxpayers and business interests.

"It's not as simple as taxing the rich guys," offered Jerry Cantrell, president of the New Jersey Taxpayers Association.

Paul Tyahla, vice president of government affairs and communications at the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey, agrees. He blames New Jersey's cherished tradition of home rule for much of the state's fiscal woes

but says sentiment for change and consolidation of local government is emerging in Trenton.

And the New Jersey Policy Research Organization, an affiliate of the New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA), released a study earlier this year that details stagnant job growth in the private sector but not in government.

"New Jersey's Tax Climate - How Taxes are Affecting New Jersey Industrial, Commercial and Small Business Sectors" shows that between December 2000 and December 2007, New Jersey created an average of only 543 new private-sector jobs per year, even as the public sector added 54,800 government jobs during the same period, accounting for almost 94 percent of the newly created jobs in New Jersey.

"The expense of government is what is driving taxes," said Arthur Maurice, NJBIA first vice president.

Tyahla maintains it is a wider problem, returning to the issue of home rule.

"We see that as the driver of property taxes," he said. "But the state has been sending mixed messages. On one hand they are chiding local government for inefficiencies but they are subsidizing them with special aid to municipalities that allows those inefficiencies to continue."

One-shot gimmicks like homeowner rebates or stimulus checks are not the answer, either, according to

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State and Local Property Taxes Per Capita 2004-2005		
Rank	State	Amount
1	New Jersey	\$2,202
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3	Connecticut	2,038
4	New Hampshire	2,023
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49	Oklahoma	484
50	New Mexico	448
51	Arkansas	422
	Alabama	393
	United States	\$1,132

Source: U.S. Census Bureau;
Calculations by Taxpayers Network

Brownfields Turn Green in Many Ways

By Karen Miller

An army of 10,000 phoenixes waits to rise from the ashes and begin new lives. But forget Egyptian sun gods and Apollo's chariot – these phoenixes will pay taxes and hire employees.

Thousands of brownfields, former industrial and commercial sites that have been abandoned due to

contamination, are sitting idle throughout New Jersey. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is working with other state agencies, local municipalities and utilities to decontaminate these sites and return them to use – and the tax rolls.

At any time, the DEP is overseeing some 23,000 contaminated sites, according to department information. An estimated 10,000 of these are potential brownfield sites. In addition, many more potential brownfields may exist that have not yet come before the department for review.

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"Gateway to Growth"

Fishing for the big ones hidden beneath the surface

By John L. Picard

A new view of what you have always seen - I am also a photographer and was amazed the first time I used a polarizing filter. As I adjusted the camera lens, what had been a mirror-like surface of a lake transformed into a whole world of unimagined depth and detail.

Marketing needs the power of polarization - As business people, we create strategy and make decisions based on surface facts, like demographics, buying patterns, past transactions or valuation. It is all too rare to reach below the surface "mirror" of people and seek to find the "why's" of the relationships and not just the "what's."

Values and context that allow us to pierce this surface - I just came back from a conference on values, leadership and change. The core lesson was that every discipline is more successful when you see the conditions and drivers that underlie the decisions we make - whether you are a country, a company or even a single individual.

Why programs for change often fail - Most programs designed to create opportunity or change fail because they rely on the perspective of the viewer not the person being viewed. As a result, many business strategies just happen to reflect the expectations and perspective of the business doing the viewing. I can't help thinking of Snow White and the mirror that told the witch what she wanted to hear: To see below the surface at the deeper needs, responses and motivations, we need to seek out the codes that, together, form the construct that is the surface customer we see everyday. Kind of like the difference between a website look and feel and the underlying source code that most people never see.

Actually, we are more like a bunch of websites grouped together - Like Russian nested dolls, each of us contains within us a multitude of personas and people that come out and assert themselves depending upon the life conditions. Each persona (or meme) contains

all that has come before and can rise to the surface depending upon the person's life conditions or the relationship at the moment.

We can be warriors when threatened, we can be part of a tribe if approached through our group affiliation, or we can be merciless capitalists if our ambition hot buttons are pressed. Yet despite all these aspects to us, most businesses see only a single, static image of their customer. Anyone who is married knows that nothing could be further from the truth. Great marriages are constantly shifting relationships driven by change in both spouses and the relationship itself.

Here are five paths to find this shifting source code of values and context:

1. Look at the circumstances that impact the customer - *What is the driver for the person that the customer is at the moment?*
2. Understand the constellation of influencers and even map their relative influence.
3. Look to the values that have meaning for the customer, now.
4. Change your marketing and message to reflect these inner personas and drivers.
5. Be strategic and adjust the marketing and communications to the persona that has risen or is rising to the surface, now.

Go grab some Polaroid sunglasses - Don't sell to the same surface persona that your competition sees. Put a pair of Polaroids® on and look at the whole and integral person that your customer truly is. The value and density of your business relationship will increase because more of the connections will land on target, where your customer truly is - all of him.



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Brownfields Turn Green in Many Ways

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Because the sites are abandoned, they pose a number of problems for the communities in which they lie.

"They are a social and an economic burden on communities," said Kenneth Kloo, administrator of Brownfield Remediation and Reuse for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

PSEG Area Development LLC, the economic development services arm of PSEG, parent company of gas and electric utility PSE&G, is working with communities to help them wade through the maze of red tape and technical challenges often involved in returning these sites to use.

With significant experience in brownfield remediation and through business alliances, PSEG can provide municipalities with assistance through education; site assessment and project planning; technical support; state and federal financing; and real estate development.

"PSEG sees the need to help municipalities bring these under-utilized properties back to the tax rolls," said Frank Luchesi, area development manager for PSE&G. "Many smaller communities do not have the capital or the resources necessary to complete these complex projects."

Ron Stefanowicz, director of the Economic Development Corporation for Linden, has spoken with Luchesi about a brownfield site in the Trembly Point area of the waterfront in Linden. The site, formerly a chemical and chlorine manufacturing plant, has been abandoned for several years.

"We have people who are interested in purchasing it but we need to get the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and the DEP to agree to move forward," he said.

Potential buyers have discussed several options for the property, including a storage and tank facility and a rail yard.

Moving the property back onto the tax rolls would mean millions of dollars for Linden. Currently about \$8 million in taxes is owed on the property. If reclaimed for industrial use it could mean about \$1 million a year in tax revenues, Stefanowicz said.

Other brownfield reclamation projects throughout northern New Jersey are farther along. Jim Ramentol, of GRA Architects in Woodbridge, was part of a reclamation team that worked on the Hyatt Hills Golf Club project in Clark, which was completed in 2004. Originally the site of the Hyatt Bearing Plant, it was necessary to "cap" the soil with an impervious barrier to keep the contamination from leaching through, Ramentol explained.

"The time and expense were worth the results," he said. "What was formerly unusable land is now several acres of green space and a public golf facility."

The City of Elizabeth also has several brownfield sites in various stages of reclamation, according to Kloo. When completed, the sites will be used for a variety of purposes, including a residential development, a school, and other commercial and industrial uses.

"The type of contamination and the ability to contain it have a lot to do with the ways in which the land can be used again," Kloo said.

Residential use takes the most reclamation. In many cases the process involves removing the contaminated soil and placing a cap impervious to water over the area to isolate it.

It also is important to make sure future purchasers of a site do not use a property in a different way that would bring the contaminated area into contact with humans, Kloo added. To ensure against that, information on the type of contamination and remediation, as well as restrictions on use, are attached to a property's deed.

While it takes time and money to reclaim these sites, the investment is well worth it, according to Kloo of the DEP.

"The sites that have already been reclaimed represent a significant amount of dollars that are being put back on the tax rolls," he said. "But that is not the only advantage to reclaiming them. Unclaimed they represent an environmental, social and economic liability to a community. Reclaimed they bring in taxes, business opportunities and jobs."

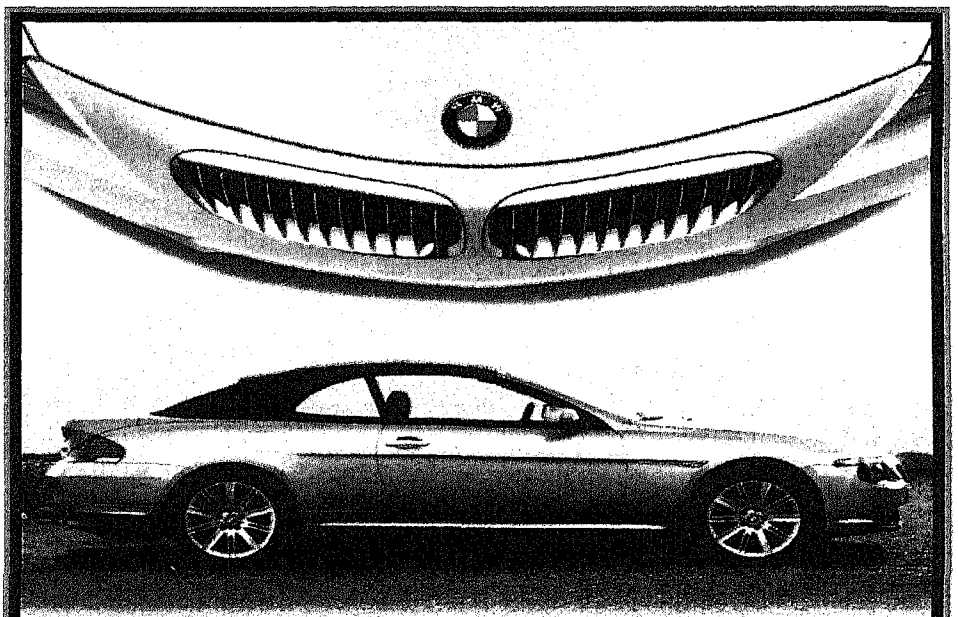
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Brownfields Turn Green with GreenOne™

Solving problems with creative ideas that maximize business opportunities has long defined Environmental Technologies Group (ETG). So developing a systematic yet diverse approach to transforming brownfields – abandoned and contaminated former industrial or commercial sites – into economically productive properties was a perfect challenge for the company.

The solution was ETG's GreenOne™ program.

Environmental Technologies Group is a full service environmental consulting and remediation firm and a Division of Brown 2 Green, Inc.

ETG developed GreenOne™ to bring the company's approach of applying diverse and creative problem solving to environmental challenges to the increasingly important arena of brownfields remediation – a complex issue with a myriad of environmental, regulatory and economic challenges.

"We believe a highly systematized and organized effort of diverse technical professionals is what is required in today's world to develop these properties within reasonable budgets and time frames," said Lois Spagnola, president and founder of ETG. "We developed the GreenOne™ program to take potential liabilities that could derail a development project and turn them into opportunities for property tax savings."

GreenOne™ brings environmental engineering, ecological and financial resources to virtually any development project through a seamless integration of technically diverse professionals. The process begins by developing remedial investigation/remedial action plans for each project that incorporates a variety of cost reduction options, such as tax abatement, cost segregation and development of ecological habitats. ETG can provide these services through a diverse team and/or work with existing professionals already part of the development project.

The GreenOne™ program is a natural offering from ETG, a company borne from innovative thinking. Spagnola founded ETG in 1985 after beginning her career working for a small spill clean-up contractor that was later purchased by a larger company.

At a time when environmental remediation standards were non-existent or less defined than today and project cost overruns and delays were not uncommon, Spagnola

developed processes that often resulted in significant cost savings and minimized project "down time." She applied this approach to problem solving when she started ETG and built a diverse team that brings a fresh approach to each project.

ETG initially specialized in three disciplines that worked hand in hand: auditing hazardous waste disposal sites for large companies; assisting large- and small-quantity generators of hazardous waste with waste reduction and disposal; and conducting plant closures, including getting the property into marketable condition.

During the mid- to late-1980s, when there was a trend of closing and/or moving manufacturing out of New Jersey, ETG assisted plants in ceasing operations in a timely manner and remediating the properties for quick sale and conversion to other uses.

Much of ETG's earlier work included meticulous due diligence, accomplished through standardization of the site assessment process before formal standards were created. In addition, ETG helped lending institutions develop specific due diligence policies designed to meet each lender's unique requirements while assisting lenders and borrowers with more complex real estate deals.

This diverse track record of innovation and success positioned ETG perfectly when the new millennium brought the issue of brownfields to the forefront.

"This need to convert 'Brownfields to Green' is what led us to develop our GreenOne™ program," Spagnola said.

To capitalize on the expanding opportunities for brownfields development, B2G intends to partner with developers and legal and financial institutions throughout New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. ETG also is discussing opportunities with major engineering firms to work in concert with them on various projects using the GreenOne™ approach.

ETG, a Certified Woman Owned Business in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware, has opened offices in New York and Connecticut and plans a Pennsylvania opening in Spring 2009.

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Property Tax Chokehold Tightest for Business

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Cantrell of the New Jersey Taxpayers Association.

"The tax situation in New Jersey is out of control," he said. "Government keeps coming back to the well. When you're expanding government spending and not creating any wealth, there's more going out than is coming in."

"If businesses are not expanding, it ultimately impacts the quality of life in the state. It will impact the rest of us. We'll have to pick up the slack if companies don't increase their revenues."

Increasingly, the business community is looking for relief. "For Sale or Lease" signs are familiar sites taped to plate glass windows along Main Streets and shopping malls. Commercial realtors are trying to fill vacant office space up and down the state.

While some companies have gone out of business, others have shut their doors and relocated to states where the business climate is more friendly.

An Appealing Option

"Even before the current recession hit, the New Jersey economy, in terms of business property, has not been good," said Ferruggia of McCarter & English. "There are significant vacancies and that puts downward pressure on rents. Now that the economy has shifted there has been a dramatic explosion in property tax appeals. We saw a dramatic increase in inquiries from business owners who felt the value of their properties had gone down and the taxes didn't accurately reflect its value."

Ferruggia also said the worst is yet to come and predicts that local tax assessors, county tax boards and the state courts will be hard-pressed to handle a significant increase in tax appeals next year.

"I believe that we haven't felt the full brunt of the recession yet, and that in 2009 we'll

see a tremendous increase in tax appeals for clients who have suffered a decline in value of all type of property – industrial, commercial, office and retail," he said. "As we see a decline in property values and an increase in tax appeals, there will be greater pressure placed on municipal budgets."

Gov. Corzine's proposed budget for fiscal year 2008-09 proposes to cut \$190 million in municipal aid for 323 New Jersey municipalities with populations of 10,000 or fewer residents as an incentive for those towns to consider shared services or mergers.

"There is growing support for consolidation of municipalities and negotiating union contracts on a broader scale," said Tyahla. "There's some support for rolling back pension and benefits increases. Legislators understand the root causes and are putting out bold proposals which we are supporting."

"The political climate is there. Whether that translates to real change and reform is anyone's guess."

NJBIA's Maurice believes that simplifying the tax structure and eliminating some of the entities collecting taxes would go a long way toward reenergizing the business community.

"It's ridiculous for us to have 560 school districts and 567 local municipalities," he said. "We have too much local government in this state – municipalities, school districts, fire districts, special taxing districts. We have citizens in the state who have six, seven, eight different taxing districts that they are supporting."

"I think that the biggest problems any business person faces are risk and uncertainty. Clearly you understand there will be market and customer uncertainties, that's a given. You can accept that."

"But what is very hard is when you have an uncertain tax and regulatory climate where government spending is uncontrolled."

The Canterbury Sales

The Owner Who Had Contempt for Salespeople

By Andy Gole

Once there was a factory owner – Fred – who had contempt for salespeople. He had inherited the factory from his father and had one key relationship with a major retailer, who bought more than 50 percent of his output. Fred had a talent for matching the right person to the right task in the factory, getting efficient production. For many years, Fred earned a substantial income.

He knew the “real work” gets done in the factory, that salespeople are “silver tongued devils” who: (1) contribute nothing; (2) are prima donnas; and (3) are overpaid and claim all the credit for themselves.

"Selling requires a 'discussion with the future' - developing consultative relationships with prospects and clients that allow us to understand the client's future needs."

At best salespeople are a necessary evil because someone needs to “schmooze” with the clients. After all, Fred argued, “It’s not rocket science; anyone can sell.”

So, he had contempt for salespeople.

Now, Fred had a son – Ira – who was not very competent in business and could not hold a job. As a father caring for his son, Fred decided to give Ira a job in the family business.

Realizing Ira was not very competent, Fred ruled out factory employment, since

the “real work” is done in the factory.

Fred searched and thought and finally identified the perfect job – VP Sales. Since sales are not important and Ira was not very competent, it seemed a perfect fit.

For a while, the arrangement was perfect; Ira wined and dined clients, especially the

key client, Charlie.

Then Charlie retired and his sons took over Charlie’s business. They benchmarked best production practices and decided Fred’s domestic factory was not the ideal source of supply. They switched to overseas sourcing, a move resisted by their father.

Fred lost most of his sales. To fill the gap, he developed a retail line and looked to his son Ira – the VP Sales – to develop new customers.

It was hopeless. Ira had no skills in new business development. In a few years, Fred shut the factory.

Here’s what Fred learned the hard way: Selling in fact is “rocket science.”

Selling requires creating or tapping the client urgency – using the urgency to achieve prospect commitment to a decision process.

Selling requires proving – satisfying the skeptical audience.

Selling requires a “discussion with the future” – developing consultative relationships with prospects and clients that allow us to understand the client’s future needs.

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Inside Views

Cities Getting a Bad Rap - and Bad Deal

There is a legend in New Jersey that taxpayers in the state's large cities get off easy. So much state aid flows into Newark, Jersey City, Elizabeth and Paterson that the residents pay nothing for all the government services they receive.

The legend goes on to postulate that this is the underlying reason for the dominance of the Democratic Party in New Jersey. The story goes that the large, low-income voting blocks in the cities vote overwhelmingly for Democratic candidates because they keep the spigots open and the cash flowing.

This means, or so the legend goes, that the suburban taxpayers end up paying the taxes for city residents. So, if you're a city dweller, why wouldn't you like a system like this?

Paul Mulshine of the *Star Ledger* is one of the great proponents of this theory, but it is a constant refrain in Republican politics, and a chuckled secret in Democratic political circles. And a great number of people believe it true and vote accordingly.

A close look at the data, however, shows that inner-city voters are really getting scammed.

Property taxes are the basic means of support for local government and, as we all know, they are way too high in New Jersey. As a rule of thumb, about half a town's collections goes to support the schools, about a quarter goes to the county and about a quarter goes to the town.

The difficulty is in comparing one town to another because taxes are paid on the assessed value of the property, not the market value, and some towns go decades before they reassess the value of their property.

However, county tax authorities do publish an equalization ratio of assessed value to true value, and this ratio can be used to do town-by-town comparisons. When this ratio is used to calculate the real tax rates on a town-by-town basis, the results are fascinating.

Take my town of Maplewood, for instance. As long time readers of my column know, I pay an outlandish amount of property taxes in Maplewood, nearly \$25,000. The nominal tax rate is about \$4.00 per \$100 of assessed value. When equalized to the actual market value, my overall rate is about \$2.30, of which \$0.39 is for county tax, \$0.56 for municipal tax and \$1.34 for schools.

Now, compare this with the City of Elizabeth. On an equalized basis, Elizabeth property owners pay a total rate of \$1.96, of which \$0.47 goes to support the schools, \$0.33 goes to the county, and a whopping \$1.14 goes to support municipal government. When you look at it historically, Elizabeth has also had one of the fastest rates of tax increase over the past several years in the state, over a 60 percent increase since 2000.

Maplewood has an unusually high rate of municipal tax but it is still less than half of Elizabeth's. The cost of municipal government in Westfield and Mountainside is about a quarter of Elizabeth's.

Another rule of thumb is that towns with a large percentage of commercial property usually have lower tax rates because the value of commercial property is so much higher than residential. Elizabeth has one of the highest concentrations of commercial property in the state, as do most large cities, another indication of just how expensive the municipal tax rate actually is.

While there is a great deal of state aid that flows into New Jersey's large cities, their taxpayers are not getting any sort of deal and, in fact, pay some of the highest taxes in the state.



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Where the Chamber Stands...

Hang Tough, Mr. Corzine

A Letter to the Governor

An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last.

Winston Churchill

Dear Governor Corzine,

Hang in there. Your fight to bring tough love to New Jersey's out-of-control spend-and-borrow lifestyle is a just cause – an intervention, if you will.

Finding yourself floating in an ocean of problems fed over the years by rivers of ineptitude, indifference and political soul selling, you have chosen to strip the luxury liner to keep it afloat.

You proposed a very tough 2009 budget. Round one in the fight to get it passed is barely over and you are already bloodied. The public is outraged about everything from paintings to parks. Mayors are screaming about abandonment of the taxpayer. A tag team of Democrats and Republicans alike are lined up to protect their home turf. And the media is fanning the flames because it makes for great news.

Now comes round two – negotiations.

This is where the rubber meets the road, the point in New Jersey politics when too many of your predecessors have talked the talk but then just walked. This is where previous administrations have begged, borrowed (usually) and stolen (sometimes) the state into fiscal catastrophe.

Governors before you have danced like Fred Astaire in their efforts to pay for goods and services the state's residents – and voting constituents – were growing accustomed to while trying desperately to avoid paying the piper even though he was increasingly knocking at our door.

But pay we did.

Property taxes kept rising and the business environment kept growing more and more unfriendly. Now businesses are leaving and the state's residents demand tax relief – if not their pound of flesh. They started by defeating stem cell research – not because they opposed it, but because they opposed any more spending of their money. They followed that more recently with a slew of defeats of school budgets.

Then here you come, bearer of the message they want to hear – a promise to cut government and reform spending practices – but also one they don't – that we all will need to make sacrifices to achieve those goals.

Now you are suddenly Gary Cooper in *High Noon* – out there alone.

You're not, though. You have more allies than you realize.

The business community stands behind you. They understand the concepts of income and outlay. Long-standing observers of New Jersey politics and all its self-serving corruption support you.

In time, the state's property taxpayers will come around, as well. It is their dollars you are trying to save, after all.

Just make it through these early rounds, Governor. Keep your arms up and protect yourself. Just don't dance – that has been the mistake of those before you.

You have taken on a most difficult task – healing the state's fiscal ills. But you've never been shy before.

You captained your high school basketball team, took Goldman Sachs to new heights, served in the U.S. Senate and stood among a minority in voting against the Iraq War Resolution. You shut down state government when you thought that was necessary.

But you also listen. You knew the state's residents wanted a more transparent budget process and wanted budgets passed without last-minute showdowns. They got it last year as the 2008 budget was passed quickly. More recently you visited the state's citizens and listened to them tell you that they didn't like your toll increase idea, and you relented.

As Churchill said, "Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen." You have shown both forms of courage.

It is time to keep showing courage – and leadership. New Jersey government needs fixing. You hold the tools. You are like an expensive plumber no one wants to call – until the floodwaters are waist deep. Then there is no choice.

New Jersey has no choice. So hang in there, Governor. Chin up.

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Winning the War on Gangs Through Multiple Fronts

In communities all across New Jersey, streets that once knew only peace and quiet have become virtual war zones. Criminal street gangs have expanded their territories and put countless families in their crossfire. With violent gangs now operating in every county, what was once thought to be a problem only in our inner cities has become a statewide one.

As the spread of gang violence became irrefutable, law enforcement, citizens groups and lawmakers from across New Jersey came together to educate each other on how to identify gang activity and mobilize residents to fight back.

Recently, the Legislature passed a series of anti-gang measures thought to be the most comprehensive in the nation. One aspect of this effort included enhancing penalties against gang activities – especially those that target young children for recruitment – and providing more support for state and local law enforcement. Stiffer penalties for gang members and attacking the means at which gangs have grown their ranks are essential to breaking the chain of violence that has taken hold of many neighborhoods.

Other parts of the anti-gang effort look to empower schools and communities to fight violence by providing parents and schools with the means to provide alternate opportunities to keep kids busy and safe from the lure of gang membership.

Both of these approaches – a tougher stance against gangs and providing communities the means to strike back – are important parts of the equation to combat gangs. But we also must not forget the need to break the lure of the gang life from the former members currently in prison.

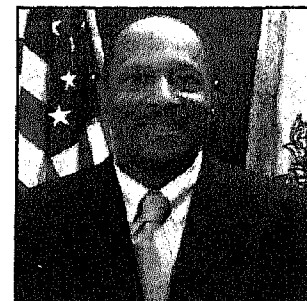
Approximately 70,000 adults and 8,000 youths will be released from New Jersey state correctional facilities within the next five years. Recent reports suggest that 62 percent of these individuals will be rearrested within three years – a stunning statistic

that speaks directly to the need to invest and promote reentry programs designed to reform inmates prior to their release. If former gang members are not given an opportunity to learn something other than that what they knew before prison, we are simply setting many young people up for a fall back to the criminal lifestyle that landed them behind bars in the first place.

Concentrating on improving reentry programs can remove many of the hurdles inmates face once they leave prison and rejoin society. The moment a gang member enters prison, they should begin a comprehensive program to ensure that they are equipped with the skills necessary to undertake a productive and law abiding life outside of prison. We must stop thinking of drug treatment, literacy and education programs, or even vocational training in prisons, as luxuries afforded to violent offenders, but as smart investments in a better and safer future for all residents. This is not just good long-term policy for communities, but it ultimately will save tax dollars that otherwise would be spent in a never-ending cycle of prosecutions and jail time.

Ensuring gang members receive the educational and vocational support services they need is essential to reintegrating former gang members and making sure that they no longer associate themselves with the gangs that plague our state. New Jersey needs to construct a comprehensive reintegration model that truly aims to reform gang members the moment they first step into a courtroom until the day they leave prison.

Combating gang violence can no longer be left only to the old standard of strict prosecution of gang members, but must be done through a combination of education, targeted prevention and progressive programs to aid the re-entry of former gang members. It is only after we aggressively pursue all these avenues can we expect to win the war on gangs.



Insight

Not All In the Gang

By Katherine Hempstead, Ph.D.

Over the past several years, homicide rates have soared in our cities, and attention has focused on the rising prominence of criminal gangs. The New Jersey State Police, which has been surveying municipalities since 2001, reported in 2007 that 70 percent of New Jerseyans reside in a town with a gang presence. The Department of Corrections maintains a database of inmates who are gang members, which currently numbers more than 50,000.

The reason for the growth in gang activity is unclear. It may stem from changes in the economics of drug markets, or from increased gun trafficking enabled by post-9/11 changes in federal enforcement priorities.

The rising profile of West Coast and even international gangs has been cited as a factor, with prisons as a major recruiting ground. The most frequently reported gangs are indeed imports from elsewhere that have deep roots in correctional facilities – the Bloods, Crips and Latin Kings.

Criminal gangs are essentially economic enterprises, and drug trafficking is their most important activity. Gangs in New Jersey are heavily involved in retail and wholesale aspects of the narcotics trade, specializing in the major illicit drugs – cocaine, heroin and marijuana.

Illegal drugs, by definition, have always been sold by criminals. And the illegal drug trade has always involved a distribution chain, and a certain degree of organization. What is new is the extent to which those involved in drug trafficking are identifying with named gangs, or subgroups of named gangs known as “sets.” Also new, and most disturbing, is the extent to which these gang members are purveyors of a culture of violence.

Gangs, like any organized criminal enterprise, need violence. In the absence of recourse to the legal system to enforce contracts or settle disputes, a credible threat of violent retribution is a necessary element of doing business. However, it appears that violence in our cities has become far more broadly based.

The typical “gang-related” homicide is a shooting of a young male, often in a public place. Multiple shooters and/or multiple gunshots are common features. In fact, firearm homicides have increased more than 60 percent in New Jersey since 2000.

According to the Uniform Crime Report, of the more than 400 homicides that occurred in New Jersey in 2006, fewer than 50 were classified as gang-related. The New Jersey Violent Death Reporting System, a surveillance project based in the Department of Health and Senior Services, takes a different approach. It measures homicides which have the hallmarks of “gang-relatedness” – i.e., male victim, public place, firearm used, no other circumstances reported – but for which there was no evidence of gang affiliation on the part of either suspect or victim.

In 2005, there were more than 250 such “gang-like” homicides in the state – approximately four times as many as those reported as “gang-related” in the Uniform Crime Report.

This discrepancy suggests that the impact of gangs on violence extends far beyond the activities of gang members themselves. Gangs have created a paradigm of violent behavior that has been disseminated broadly through urban areas, in which lethal force is nonchalantly used to settle the pettiest of grievances. A policy response that targets gangs may not adequately address the broader issue of “gang-like” violence.

Two well-known and similarly named prevention programs illustrate conceptually different approaches. Operation Cease Fire was first developed in Boston and employs a partnership between law enforcement and community members to pressure gangs as groups.

Ceasefire, originally from Chicago, trains “interrupters,” community members with personal experience with violence, to intervene in conflicts before they escalate, basically ignoring gang affiliations and other criminal behavior and focusing on the prevention of specific acts of violence.

Both programs have recently been implemented in various New Jersey cities, so it's too soon to assess their impact here. One thing is clear, however. If reducing violence is our priority, we need to look beyond gangs.

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Hotel Indigo at Skyview

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A member of InterContinental Hotels Group, the Hotel Indigo brand describes itself as "a hip, lifestyle, boutique hotel." The Indigo culture combines the conveniences and consistencies of a brand hotel with the style and service personality of a boutique hotel at attractive prices.

"Each hotel is uniquely distinct," Johnson said. "Hotel Indigo at Skyview is geared toward creating an urban oasis with very modern, clean and sleek line style. The concept is renewal. Changes are made throughout the year to keep the hotel fresh, similar to the way retailers change their window displays, providing a unique experience with every stay."

Located directly across from the North-East Corridor Line of New Jersey Transit's Rahway Train Station, Hotel Indigo at Skyview sits in the heart of downtown Rahway. A stay at the hotel also will include a visit to a community that has become a little more hip, too. Rahway is undergoing an extensive citywide transit village re-development. It is home to many fine restaurants and art venues.

"This city is undergoing a local renaissance, even the New York Times claims it will be

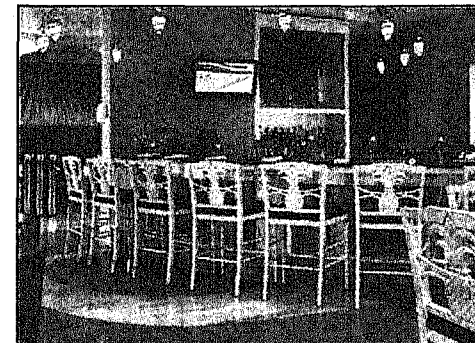
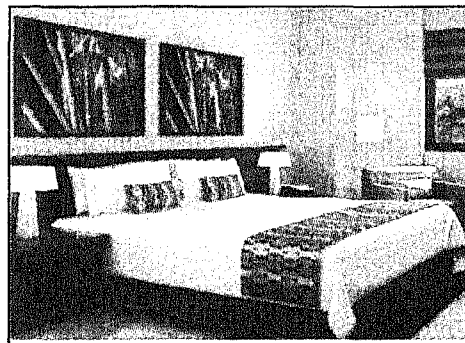
the next Hoboken," Johnson said. "We thought this was an ideal location for our hotel guests to retreat to. Locations like the airport and Route 1&9 are saturated with typical cookie-cutter beige box hotels. We want to be outside the box for people who think like that."

The hotel will draw on that local connection.

"Hotel Indigo will play an active role within the community," she said. "We will be establishing relations and working with non-profit organizations, featuring local artists and musicians."

Despite its relaxed atmosphere and stylish décor, Hotel Indigo allows guests to stay connected – it is style without the pretense. In addition to wireless service throughout the facility and its full-service business center, the hotel offers an easy commute to Newark Liberty International Airport and Newark Penn Station

"We are uniquely designed to appeal to guests who desire affordable luxury, personal service and an alternative to traditional hotels without sacrificing any of the business amenities they have come to expect," Johnson said. "Come retreat to Rahway."



What's Coming Up!

Date	Event	Times	Location
June 3	Healthy Leap into Summer	9:00 AM	Elizabeth High School
June 3	Gateway After Hours Cocktails & Networking	6:00 PM	Blackthorn Irish Pub & Restaurant, 651 North Michigan Avenue, Kenilworth
June 5	NPNJ Breakfast Meeting	7:30 AM	Perkins of Green Brook, 297 Route 22 East, Green Brook
June 5	Scholarship Awards Reception	8:30 AM	Kean University Alumni House, North Avenue, Hillside
June 5	Workforce Education Committee	10:00 AM	Kean University Alumni House, North Avenue, Hillside
June 10	Internet Marketing Seminar "Find, Get & Keep Customers: How to use the Internet to grow your business" – Presented by Chuck Beardsley of TruePresence	8:00 AM	Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road (GSP exit 135), Clark
June 11	Kenilworth Chamber Meeting	8:30 AM	Access Self Storage, 750 Boulevard (GSP exit 138), Kenilworth
June 12	Linden Chamber of Commerce 7th Annual Scholarship & Business of the Year Awards Dinner	6:00 PM	III Amici Ristorante, 1700 W. Elizabeth Avenue, Linden (reservations required)
June 13	Local & County Affairs Committee	8:30 AM	Township of Clark Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark
June 17	HOT LAW Group Breakfast Seminar "Employment Law Update" presented by Gene Killian - Killian & Salisbury, P.C.	8:00 AM	Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road (GSP exit 135), Clark
June 17	Irish Business Association (IBA) Meeting Guest Speaker: Patrick Campbell	6:00 PM	Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road (GSP exit 135), Clark
June 18	Industrial Safety Committee 2008/2009 Planning Session	8:30 AM	Epicor Incorporated, 1414 East Linden Avenue, Linden
June 19	Gateway Association of Business Women Luncheon Reservations required - Cost: \$25 Members - \$35 Non-Members	11:45 AM	La Casa di Martino, 301 West Clay Avenue, Roselle Park
June 25	Clark Chamber Group	8:30 AM	Clark Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 1213 Westfield Avenue, Clark
June 26	Springfield Chamber of Commerce	8:30 AM	OEM Office, Springfield Fire Department, Mountain Avenue
June 27	Somerset Hills Business Network Meeting	8:00 AM	Check our website for meeting location

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Cassandra Cella, Marketing Manager at accounting and business advisory services firm Fazio, Mannuzza, Roche, Tankel, Lapilusa, LLC (FMRTL) of Springfield, presents Stephen Izzo, Cranford School District Manager of Grants & Special Programs, with a check co-sponsoring a student to attend the 2008-2009 Cranford School District Academy (CSDA) – an intensive weekend reading program helping students overcome severe reading disabilities. Izzo has raised more than \$130,000 in CSDA donations since 2006 from sponsors like FMRTL, which also supports the American Cancer Society, Opportunity Project and the Cranford Jaycees.

Infineum USA L.P. celebrated national "Take Our Daughters To Work Day" by hosting "Youth Day 2008" for more than 80 children of employees who work in the company's two Linden facilities. The purpose of the day is to share with the children the various work activities in which Infineum employees are engaged. A spin-off of "Take Our Daughters To Work Day," Infineum's Youth Day event does not limit attendance to young women.

Demonstrations and activities took place the entire day. Children came to work and spent their morning hours learning about the facility. Activities also focused on safety in the workplace and at home and included a fire safety demonstration by the Linden Fire Department. In addition, the children learned about science through demonstrations and hands-on activities throughout the day.



Infineum's "Youth Day 2008" energized employees' children with new ideas and a greater appreciation for science. Nicholas Bly (second from right) has just created his own "bouncy ball" as part of the hands-on activities portion of the day and is preparing to show his creation to the rest of his group.

Trinitas Hospital announced that **Karen Lumpp** has been appointed senior vice president and chief financial officer; **Nancy DiLiegro** has been named vice president, clinical services; and **James Lape** has become senior vice president, behavioral health & psychiatry and long term care.

Lumpp, a CPA, is former director of special projects at Atlantic Health System and director of finance at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She holds a bachelor of science degree from Babson College in Wellesley, Massachusetts. DiLiegro has been director of clinical services/ administration at Trinitas since April 2002. She earned a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy and a master of science degree in pharmacy administration/ institutional pharmacy practice from St. John's University; a master's degree in public administration/health care management from Long Island University; and her PhD in

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Brownfields Redevelopment Can Revitalize New Jersey Cities

New Jersey's history as a manufacturing center continues to shape the way business is done in the state today. But when municipalities do not take advantage of opportunities presented by reclaiming former industrial properties like brownfields sites, they risk losing millions in future taxes.

There are nearly 10,000 brownfields sites and industrial locations throughout the state that have been abandoned or are underutilized because of real or perceived contamination issues, according to estimates from The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Yet many municipalities are unaware they have brownfields sites within their borders. And many municipalities assume known brownfields sites must be relegated to sitting empty for years to come because of environmental problems.

To help New Jersey communities address these issues, Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G) subsidiary PSEG Economic Development Services LLC and Whitman, the state's leading environmental, engineering and management firm, have teamed-up to support cities with a new brownfields redevelopment initiative designed to help municipalities understand property contamination issues and what can be done to remediate these sites and attract new tax generating business.

"The potentially positive impact of brownfields and their ability to improve a community's tax base by getting them back into productive working condition is not commonly understood," said Frank Lucchesi, area development manager with PSE&G. "Many municipalities do not know that they can apply for a free initial assessment through PSE&G, and that once a preliminary evaluation is completed by our team, the municipality may qualify for various funding sources, including feasibility and market studies."

Michael Sylvester, vice president of business development and marketing for Whitman, said his company has completed more than 2,500 site assessments and remedial investigations since its founding in 1985. In addition, Whitman has helped secure millions of dollars in state and federal funding for developers and municipalities to aid in environmental clean up.

"As a company, we have worked to help relieve the burden of clean up on developers and municipalities," Sylvester said. "But this initiative with PSE&G offers municipalities even greater benefits by implementing both planning and environmental remediation simultaneously while the municipality shops for an end user."

Lucchesi said that businesses have historically backed away from redeveloping brownfields sites, but with the combined experience of PSE&G and Whitman, there is a greater opportunity for rehabilitating these former industrial sites without incurring debt or dealing with lengthy project periods. PSE&G also can help municipalities develop a site usage plan that will further aid them in attracting new business.

"If we can get municipalities to consider doing an initial assessment, they will be well on their way to attracting new business to the Garden State," Lucchesi commented. "PSE&G's Area Development Department actively works with businesses inside and outside New Jersey that are considering relocating in the state and generating new jobs. We do this by supporting companies with a wide range of valuable real estate and economic development services, including site selection and location assistance, environmental guidance and incentive consultation."

PSE&G also provides community brownfields education, property inventory assessment and assistance with financial packages, as well as real estate developer and site development support as part of the brownfields redevelopment initiative.

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healthcare administration from Kennedy-Western University in Wyoming. Lape was previously vice president at Trinitas. He holds master's degrees in psychology and business administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University and also is a licensed nursing home administrator.

There has been plenty of movement elsewhere at Trinitas, as well. Employees who participated in the American Heart Association's (AHA) Start! Walking campaign journeyed 26,000 miles, earning Trinitas the distinction of having New Jersey's largest AHA walk-at-work program.

As part of the AHA program, more than 350 employees began walking at work on specially designated indoor and outdoor routes to encourage physical fitness. Team members were issued pedometers to register their miles. Trinitas Hospital is the first organization in Union County to complete the walking program and AHA is using the Trinitas teams as a model in its promotion of the Start! Walking campaign elsewhere in New Jersey and nationally.

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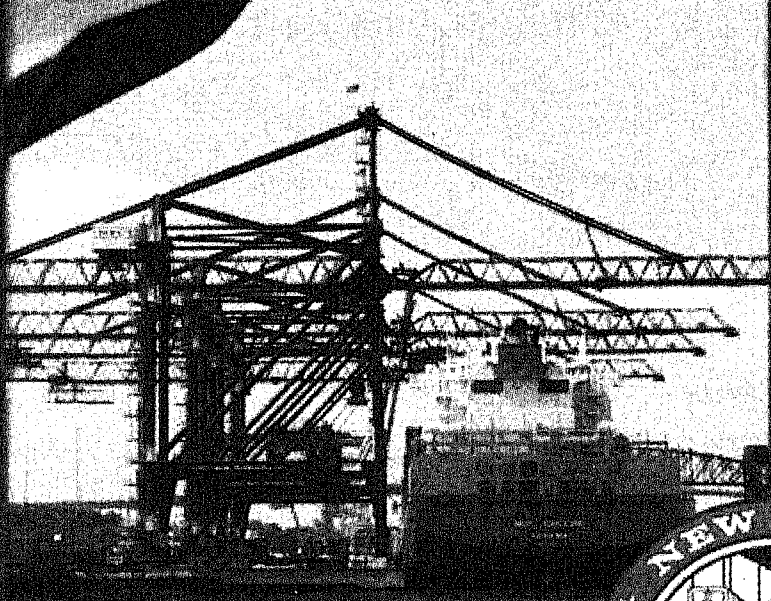
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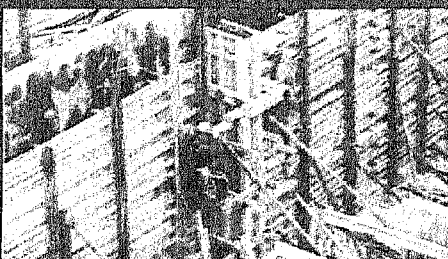
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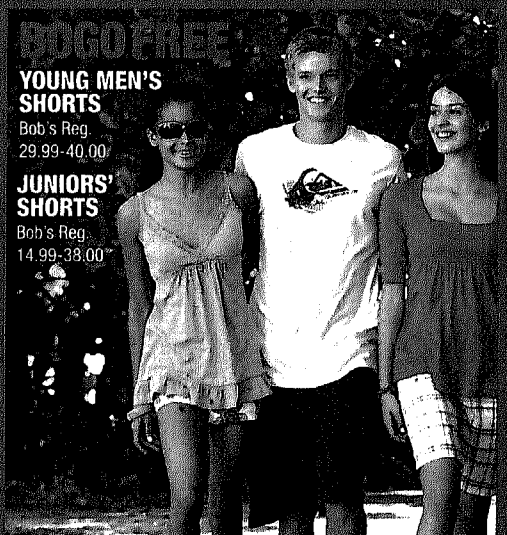
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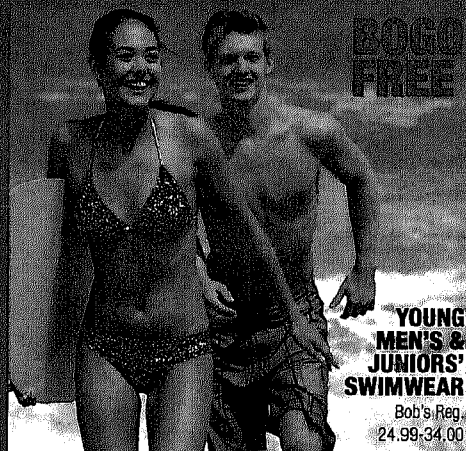
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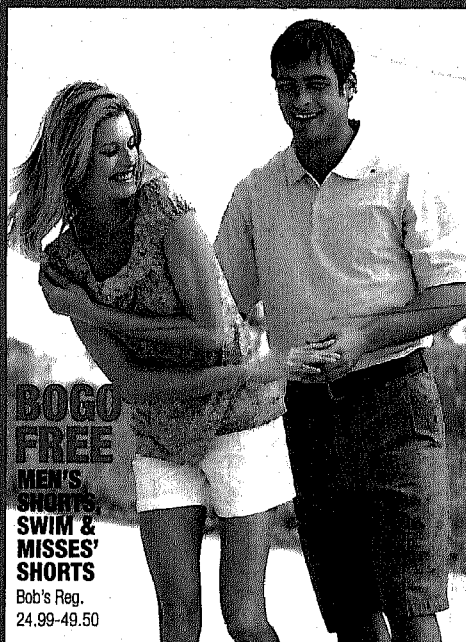
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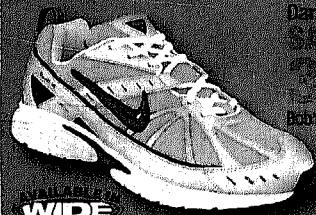


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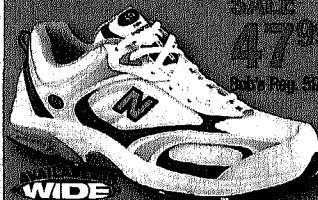
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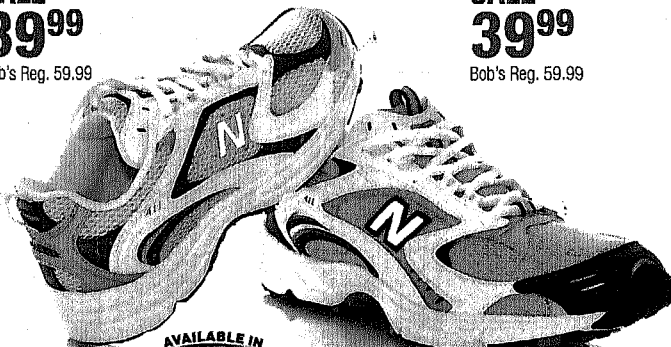


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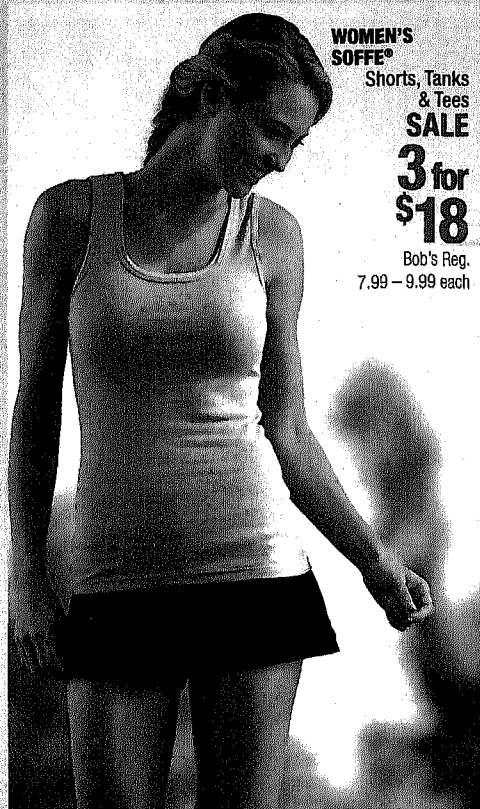
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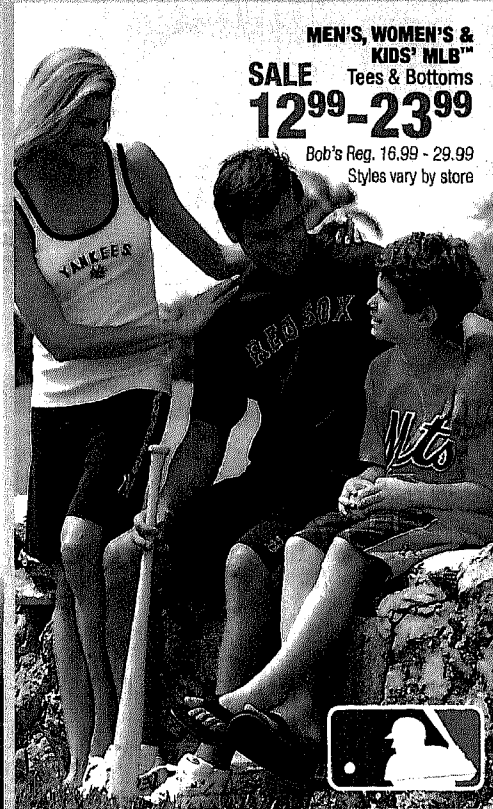


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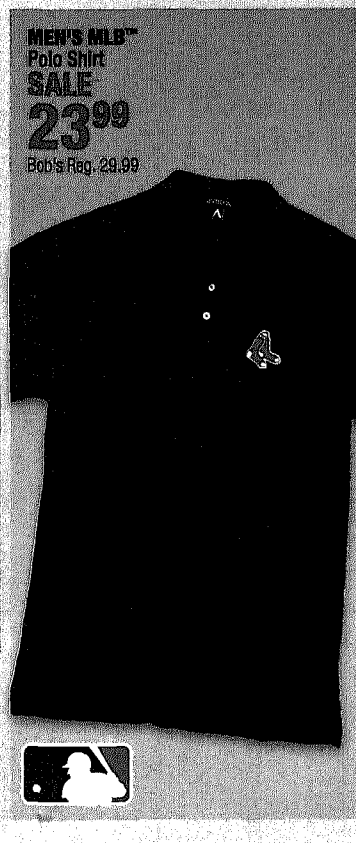
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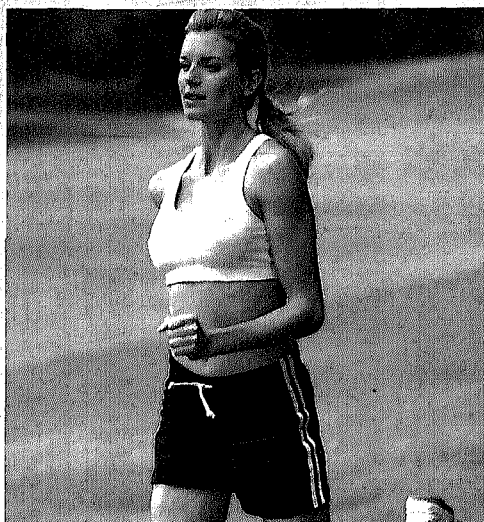
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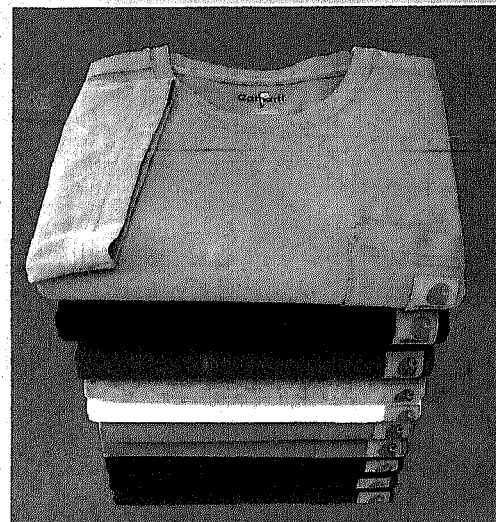
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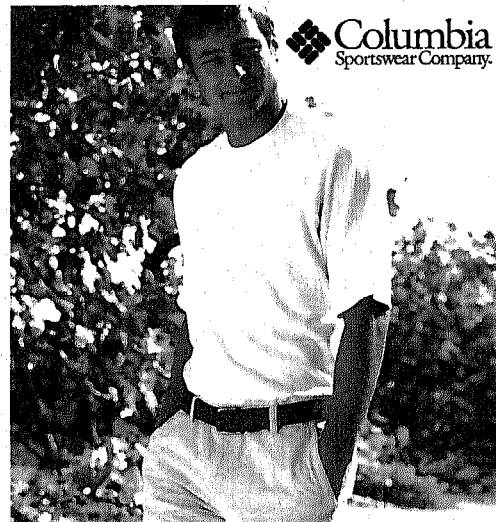
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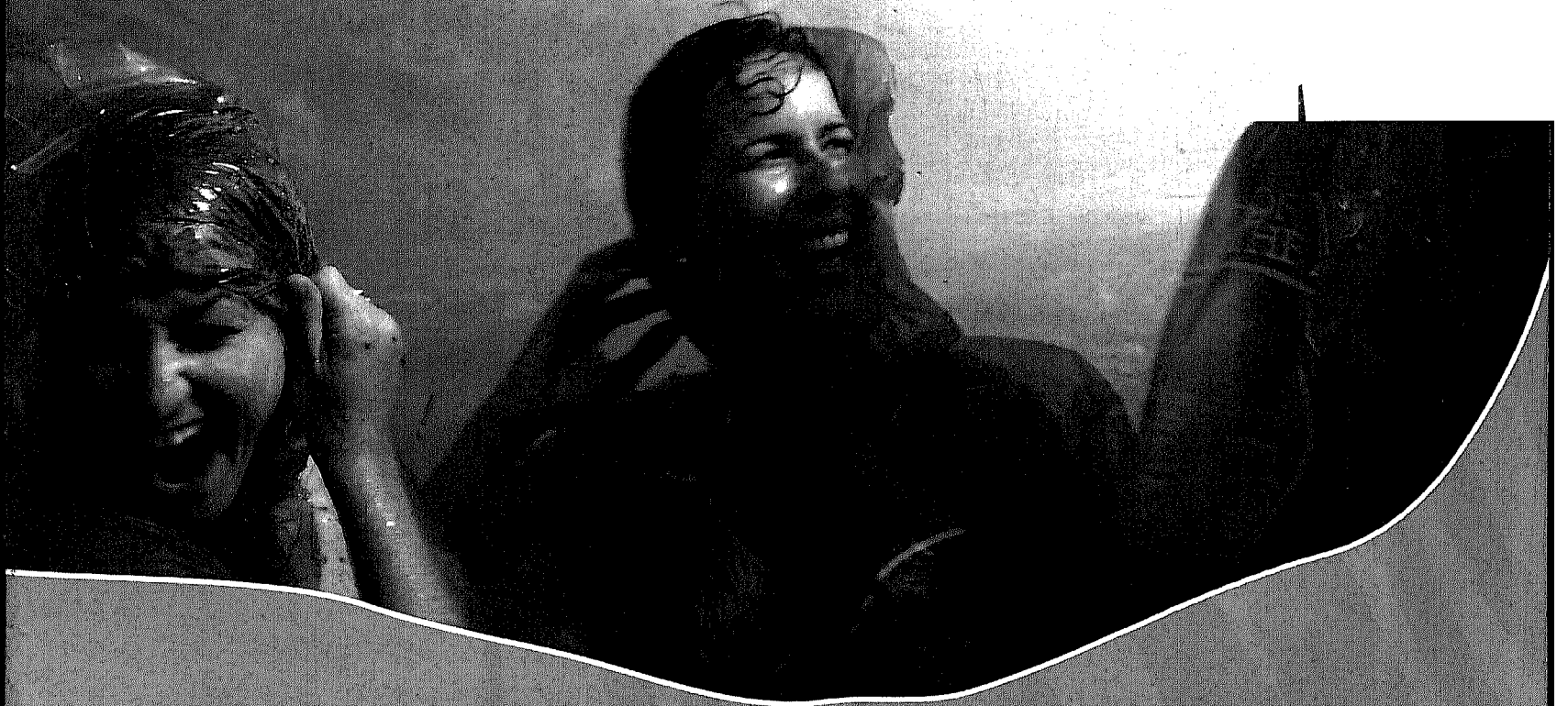


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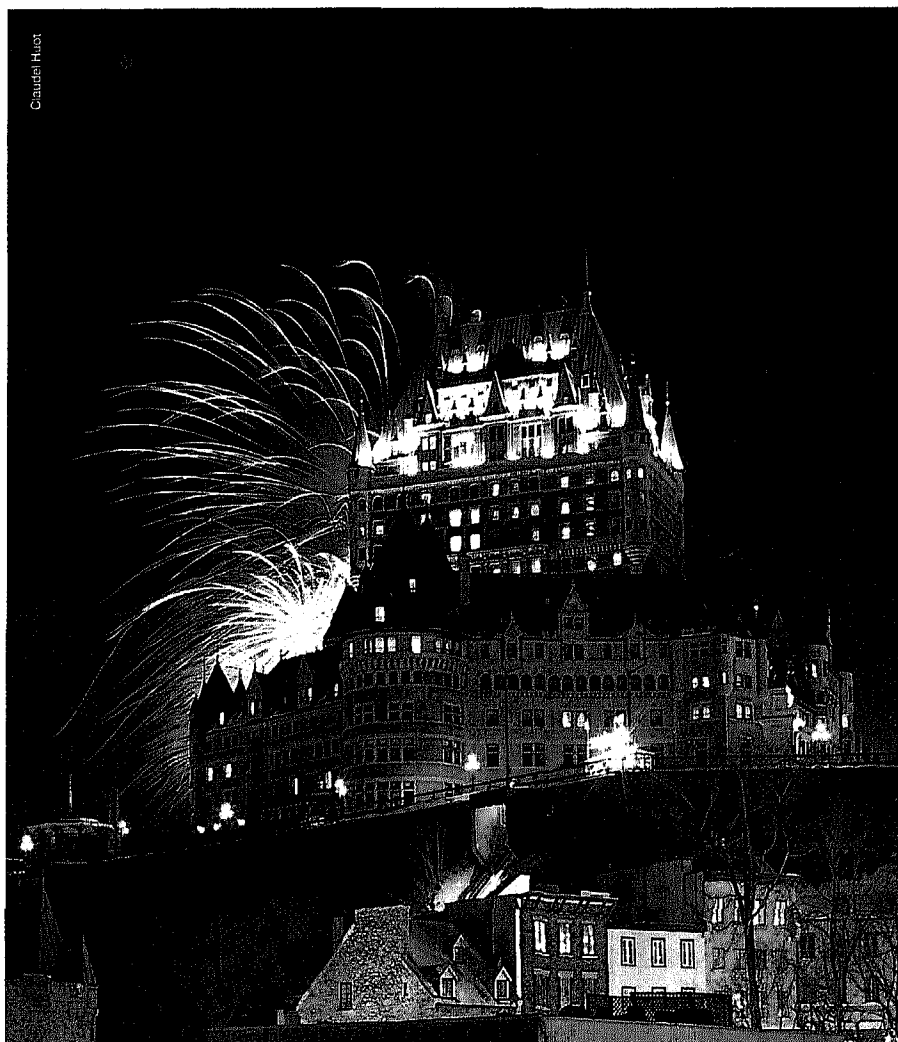
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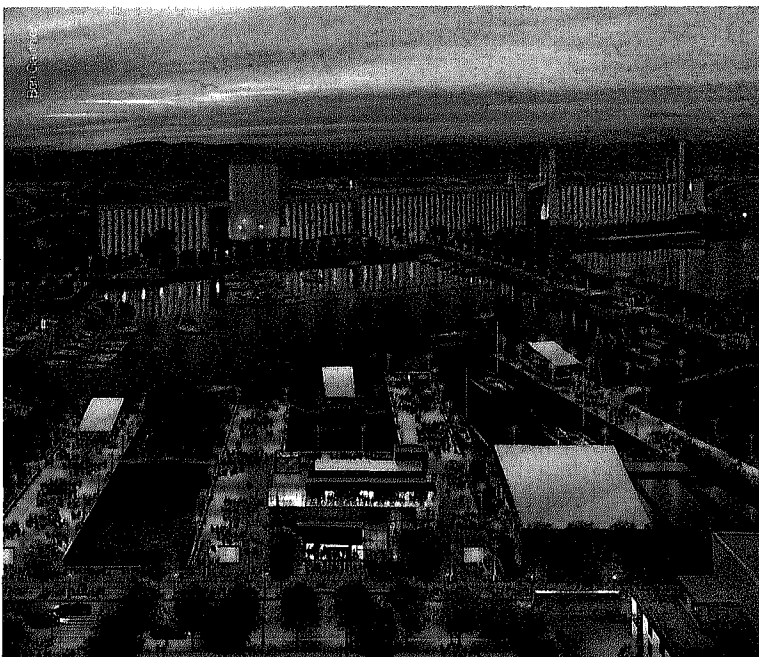
take a deep breath.
we'll need your help with
the candles.

Celebrate Québec City's 400th birthday this summer. You have to wonder whether Samuel de Champlain had any idea what he began when he built a remote trading outpost along the banks of the St. Lawrence. In the intervening 400 years, empires have grown, collapsed and reformed and yet, Québec City has always found the power of adaptation. And it's something worth celebrating.

The Great Gathering (July 6, 2008) on the Plains of Abraham will be the climax of the weekend of the 400th anniversary of Québec City. Everyone will come together to celebrate Québec's birthday, heritage and history. www.myquebec2008.com



Claude Huot



the landscape tells a story. four major eras of history to be exact.

Every picture tells a story. But when they're projected onto the gigantic surface of the Bunge grain elevators overlooking the Bassin Louise, that's a different story. Québec City celebrates its 400th anniversary in style thanks to *The Image Mill*, the largest outside architectural projection ever mounted. Starting June 20, experience Québec City's history, present and future through a stunning display of visual splendor. Just don't forget to bring the popcorn.

your heart will go on
and on and on.

No one epitomizes the heart and soul of Québec like songstress Céline Dion. While her sold-out shows may command hundreds of dollars a ticket, you'll have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see her, and other talented artists, perform a free public concert on the Plains of Abraham on August 22, 2008.

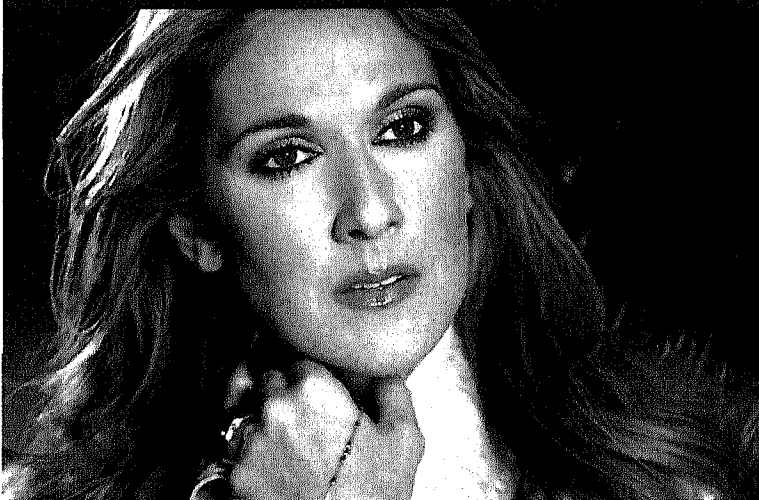
Or join over a million Festival-goers at Canada's largest outdoor performance event. The Québec City Summer Festival (July 3 to 13, 2008) has long been a vast sounding board for musical trends from around the world, as well as an entertaining showcase for street performers.

www.myquebec2008.com



all dolled up
and waiting for you.

We knew you were coming, which is why we dressed up: The city has never looked so chic. You'll find major embellishments and lasting legacies around the city – from the elegant Fontaine de Tourny in front of Québec's National Assembly to the new Espace 400^e building, where you'll find nonstop activities such as street shows, musical performances, workshops and engaging lectures.





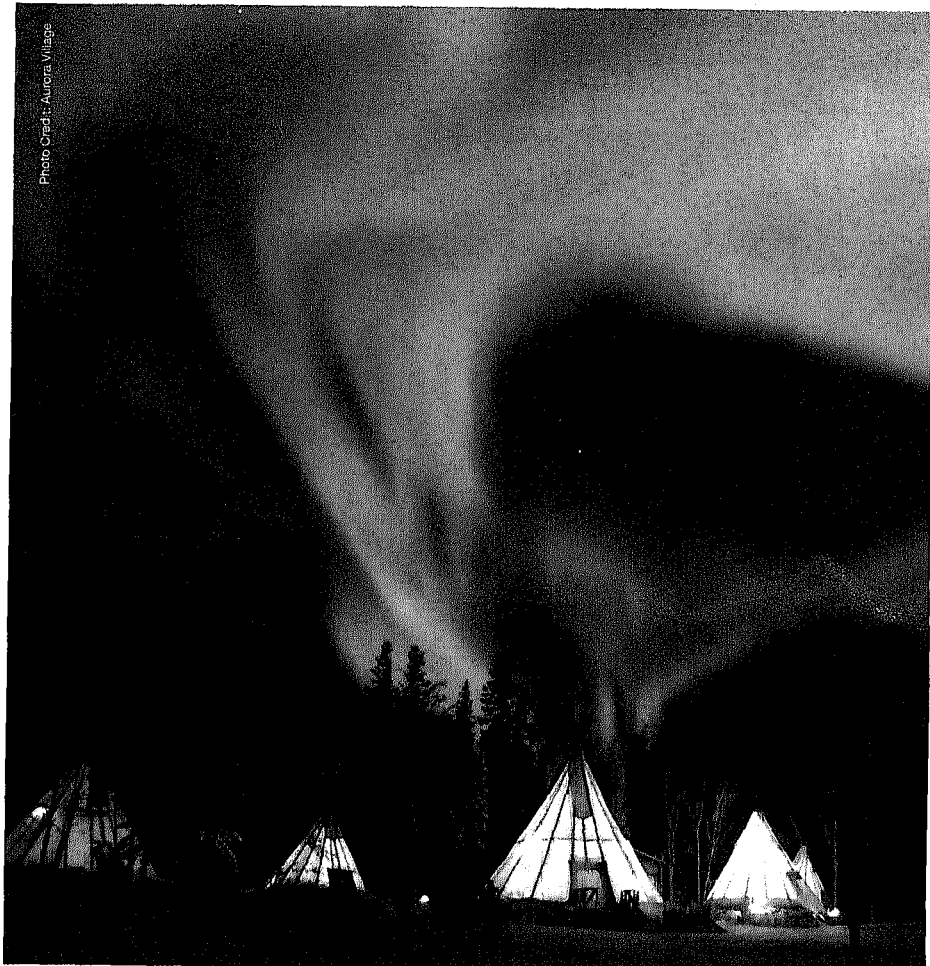
Niagara: home to a world wonder.
and a whole bunch of smaller
ones, too.

Niagara-on-the-Lake is only 20 minutes from the thundering falls, but it might as well be worlds away. Here you can stroll heritage streets, indulge in memorable meals, tour dozens of prize-winning wineries and get in some retail therapy. Of course, the Shaw Festival should be at the top of any serious culture buff's can't-be-missed list. The Shaw, an annual celebration of plays by George Bernard Shaw and his contemporaries – including 2008 season plays by Lillian Hellman, J.B. Priestley, Githa Sowerby and Hugh Wheeler – has long been recognized as one of North America's finest cultural attractions. www.niagaraonthelake.com



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look, every one else has

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witness mother nature's fireworks.

Their scientific name is aurora borealis – the northern lights. Long after the sun goes down, this eerie light show magically appears and reappears in wispy glowing curtains of green, red, blue and violet. The beautiful spectacle is what happens when excited atoms and molecules give off their energy. You can share the excitement, too.

Where can you find the best seats for the show? Go north, way north to Fort McMurray, Alberta – Fort Mac for short. Shows run for six to nine months of the year. We'll save you a good seat and some warm hospitality. www.gocanadianrockies.com

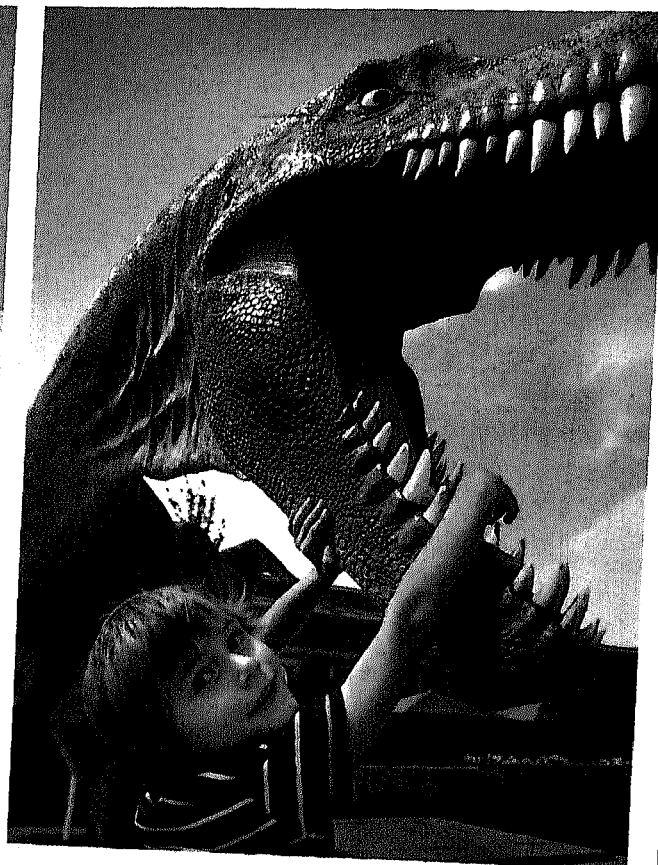


We were glad the dinosaurs couldn't eyeball us back.

Once the kids heard that the museum allowed sleepovers we knew there was no getting out of it. We saw the skeleton of an ancient sea creature and what was left of its dinner. On the way back, we grabbed milkshakes and marveled at giant sandstone pillars called hoodoos at Dinosaur Provincial Park.



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WHERE TO MINGLE?

Two events make our not-to-be-missed list. First up is **Luminato**, Toronto's Festival of Arts and Creativity (June 6–15). A million revelers flock to the city for accidental encounters with art, music, literature and grand ideas. Then there's the **Scotiabank Nuit Blanche** (October 4), a free city-wide extravaganza that turns public spaces into venues for curated contemporary art and performance – from sunrise to sunset.

BEST NOSH?

Executive Chef Peter George elevates the menu at **Restaurant 360** (301 Front St. W.) with regional ingredients and a revolving view from the top of the CN Tower. The **Drake Hotel** (1150 Queen St. W.), a.k.a. the trendsetter's vortex, offers

deliciously unpretentious dishes and a vintage glam vibe. At **Jamie Kennedy's at the Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art** (111 Queen's Park Cres.), art meets food in a space that's as bright and fresh as the lunch fare: South Asian bites and a menu peppered with local and organic ingredients.

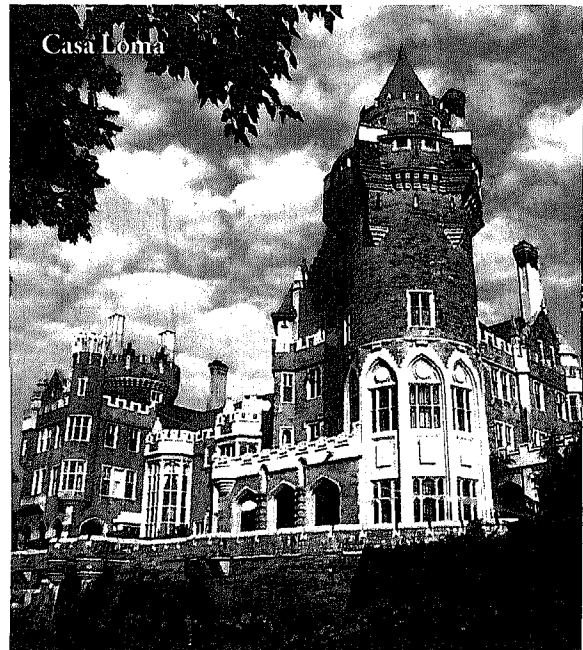
FEASTS OF FASHION?

You'll find the chicest shopping in the **Bloor-Yorkville** area, where luxury boutiques (think Gucci and Hermès), galleries, restaurants and salons jostle for attention in the streets and the major shopping centers. For style with a twist, head to **Queen Street West**. The bohemian streetscape lends itself to quaint shops stocked with vintage clothing and daring new designs. In the pedestrian-only **Distillery District**, retail spaces, entertainment venues, restaurants and cafés come together in one of North America's largest and best-preserved collections of Victorian-era industrial architecture.

EYE-OPENERS?

It's all about the architecture. New to the city: the Daniel Libeskind-designed **Ontario Museum** (100 Queen's Park). As part of a \$270-million expansion, the stunning new

Casa Loma



glass-and-brushed aluminum building, absent of right angles, is a must-see. Also check out the **Ontario College of Art and Design's** lovingly nicknamed "Tabletop" (100 McCaul St.), a playfully stilted structure conceived by wonder-Brit Will Alsop.

REWIRING THE SENSES?

Soothe yourself by slowing it down with a visit to a local fave, **Casa Loma**, a majestic Edwardian castle (1 Austin Terrace). Or take in a magnificent opera at the **Four Seasons Centre** (145 Queen St. W.). A spa experience can have the same calming effect. We like **Oasis** (55 Mill St.) and the **Elizabeth Milan Hotel Day Spa** (100 Front St. W.).

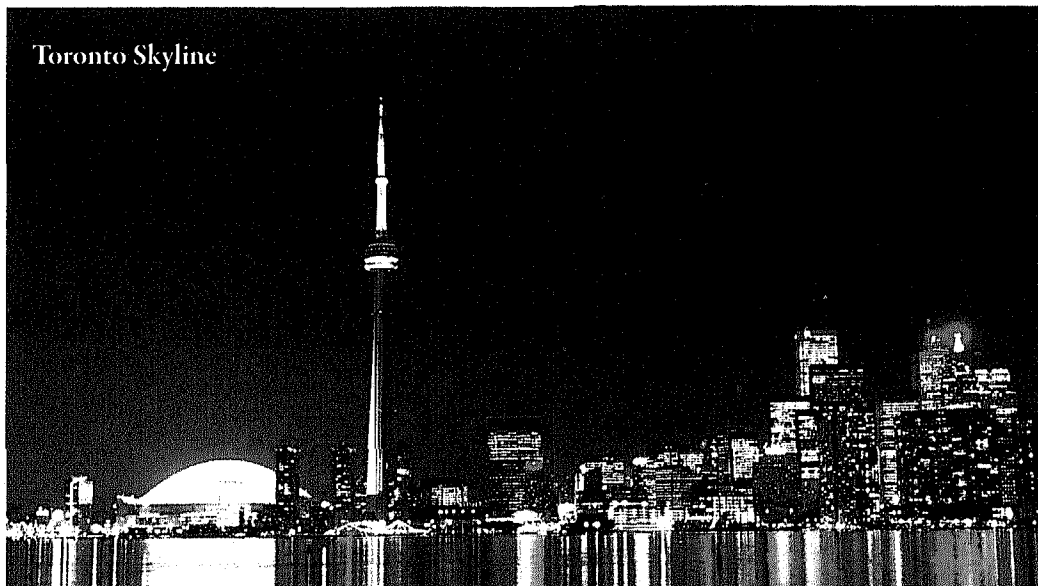
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Facing Mars (Opens June 9)
Ontario Science Centre's interactive exhibition, challenges you to consider what we would face in our quest to reach the planet.

Toronto Intl. Film Festival (September 4–13)
Fill up on films and star sightings at the largest public film festival in the world.

Just For Laughs Festival (end of July)
Prestigious galas hosted by comedy's biggest stars plus free outdoor concerts and street arts.

Toronto Skyline



THE FIVE-MINUTE GUIDE: NIAGARA FALLS

A natural phenomenon with a breathtaking view, award-winning wineries, fabulous food, thriving night life, and one-of-a-kind sightseeing. Niagara Falls has it all – one wonder after another...

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Q&A

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL?

Experiencing one of the world's greatest natural wonders is easy! **Journey Behind the Falls** to feel the mighty Horseshoe Falls tumble from 13 stories above or stand close to its brink at **Table Rock Center**. "Soak" in the excitement aboard the **Maid of the Mist** boat as water rushes all around.

THRILLS FOR ALL AGES?

The breadth of sights, sounds and experiences will appeal to your inner child (and children as well). Whether it's the **White Water Walk** along the Niagara Gorge or the 53 meter high **Sky Wheel** ride in the **Clifton Hill** entertainment area, there's always something to do.

The fun continues long after the sun goes down with night clubs, comedy clubs, live music venues and cafés open late into the night. Enjoy live performances and legendary entertainers at **Fallsview Casino's 1500 seat Avalon Ballroom Theater**, or take in the hip club scene at the Asian infused **Dragonfly Night Club**.

DINNER TIME?

No matter your taste or craving, Niagara Falls has it covered. There's fine dining with great views of the Falls at the **Skylon Tower's Revolving Dining Room**, the **Edgewater Tap & Grill**, the **Terrapin Grille** and **17 Noir**. If you fancy dinner and a show, try **Oh Canada Eh!**, a musical celebration of Canada or the **Greg Frewin Theatre**, a magic review.

WINE TIME?

The Niagara Peninsula is the largest wine region in Ontario boasting over 50 facilities. Sip **Inniskillin's** celebrated ice wine, try the Savour the Sites five-course tasting menu at **Jackson-Trigg's Niagara Estate**, or rate the newcomers like **Stratus Vineyards** and **Fielding Wines**.



The Maid of the Mist

TEE TIME?

Here's the scorecard. In the Niagara region, you'll find over 40 beautifully landscaped courses for golfers of all levels. Notably, **Legends on the Niagara**, which features two spectacular 18-hole courses designed by McBroom and Carrick, and **Thundering Waters Golf Club**, showcasing a John Daly signature design.



Edgewater Restaurant

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Niagara Falls Illumination & Fireworks

A spectacular rainbow of colours on the Falls each evening. The added excitement of fireworks. (Friday & Sunday, May - August plus Wednesdays, July/August and Fridays in September)

Niagara Wine Auction (June 13-15) + Niagara New Vintage Festival (June 14-22)

Two more excuses to stock your cellar.

Shaw Festival Theatre

(April 1 - November 2)
Ten productions, three Niagara-on-the-Lake stages, endless hours of entertainment.

THE FIVE-MINUTE GUIDE: OTTAWA

It's not often you get an urban center with a small-town feel. But between its premium location on the Ottawa River and its green spaces, charisma and sophistication, not to mention the odd touch of whimsy, Canada's capital pulls it off spectacularly.

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Q&A

CLASSIC OTTAWA?

Forgo the fuel – a little walkabout will take you just about everywhere. Hit up **Parliament Hill** (Wellington St.), Canada's seat of government, and tour its copper-topped Gothic Revival buildings, English gardens and monuments of the country's notable figures. A short jaunt away is the **Rideau Canal**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stroll or paddle the waterway in summer or wait until winter when it morphs into the largest skating rink in the world. Finally, get your fill at the **ByWard Market**. One of the oldest and largest authentic farmers markets in Canada now teems with food, fashion and an eclectic mix of flower stalls, restaurants and shops.

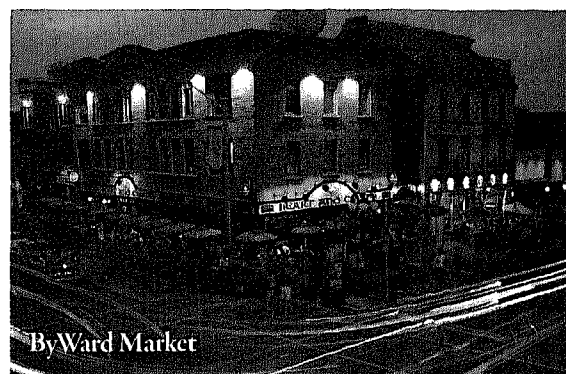
this land. The proof is in Douglas Cardinal's gorgeous undulating design. Creating the **Canadian War Museum** (1 Vimy Pl.) held special significance for architect Albert Moriyama, himself a victim of conflict. The new venue – with a signature grass roof that echoes the idea of renewal – pays homage to the country's military history.

BEST HOT SEATS?

There are two exquisite Five Diamond establishments within 10 minutes of downtown. **Signatures Restaurant** by **Le Cordon Bleu** (453 Laurier Ave. E.), headed by a brigade of international chefs, dishes up classic French cuisine. Across the river, **Le Baccara at the Casino du Lac-Leamy** (Globe 1, Casino Blvd., Gatineau) serves up a seasonal menu with an awesome view of the skyline. Still hungry? Consider the new **Whalesbone Oyster House** (430 Bank St.), recently named one of Canada's Best New Restaurants.

SOUL FUEL?

Fifteen minutes north of the Hill, **Le Nordik** (16 Nordik Rd., Chelsea) practices the art of the outdoor spa. Getting a hot/cold



treatment may sound hellish, but in fact it's sinfully cool. The upscale **Holtz Spa** (45 Rideau St.) takes a holistic approach and boasts the largest massage menu in the country, while **Au Naturel Wellness and Medical Spa** (525 Legget Dr.) has its own range of stress-sloughing treatments along with non-surgical cosmetic procedures by Dr. Lloyd Van Wyck.

OUTSIDE VIBE?

Ottawa's 170 kilometers of **recreational trails** are just one example of the many open-air adventures on offer. Shrug off the old and give one of these a try: cycling, golfing, canal cruises, fishing, paddling, snowshoeing, ice skating, hot air ballooning and more.

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Canadian Tulip Festival (May 2–19)

Three million bulbs bloom for the largest festival of its kind in the world.

Winterlude (first three weekends in February)

When the mercury drops, bundle up and come out to play.

Music Festivals

Jazz Festival (June 20–July 1), Bluesfest (July 3–13), Intl. Chamber Music Festival (July 26–August 9)
Make a date – any date – with music in Canada's Capital Region.

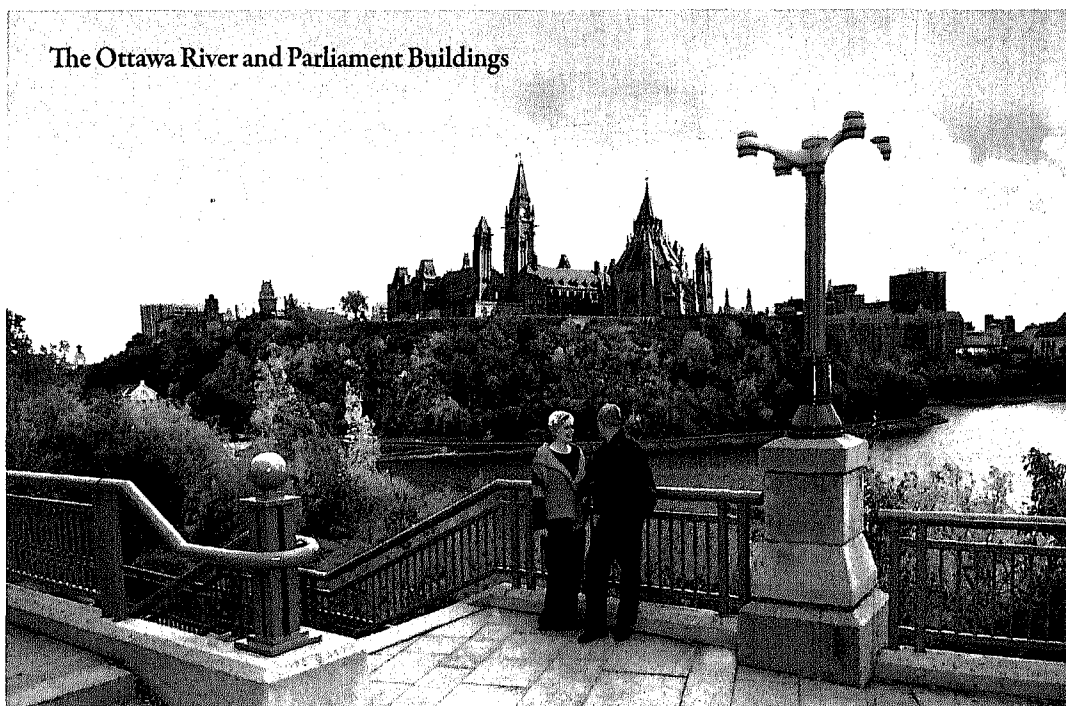
THREE TO SEE?

Drawn by renowned Israeli-Canadian Moshe Safdie, the towering granite-and-glass **National Gallery of Canada** (380 Sussex Dr.) showcases fabulous artwork from home and away.

The Canadian Museum of Civilization

(100 Laurier St.), was inspired by the wind, rivers and glaciers that carved out

The Ottawa River and Parliament Buildings





start summer on a high note.

Just wandering the streets during the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal is your ticket to hearing some of the finest musical performers in the world. For 11 spectacular days (June 26 - July 6, 2008) the city's core closes to traffic and opens to the sizzling sounds of hundreds of free outdoor concerts. In this, its 29th year, the festival is poised to welcome the foremost ambassadors of jazz and its musical cousins to converge on the city. Be sure to nab tickets for everyone: from Cuban great Omara Portuondo, to Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin, to the incomparable New York legend Woody Allen. No matter what, you're sure to leave with a song in your heart. www.findmontreal.com

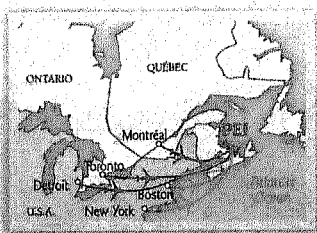
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