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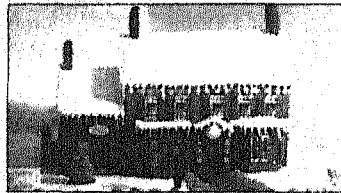
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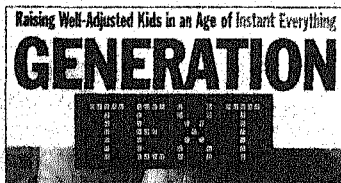
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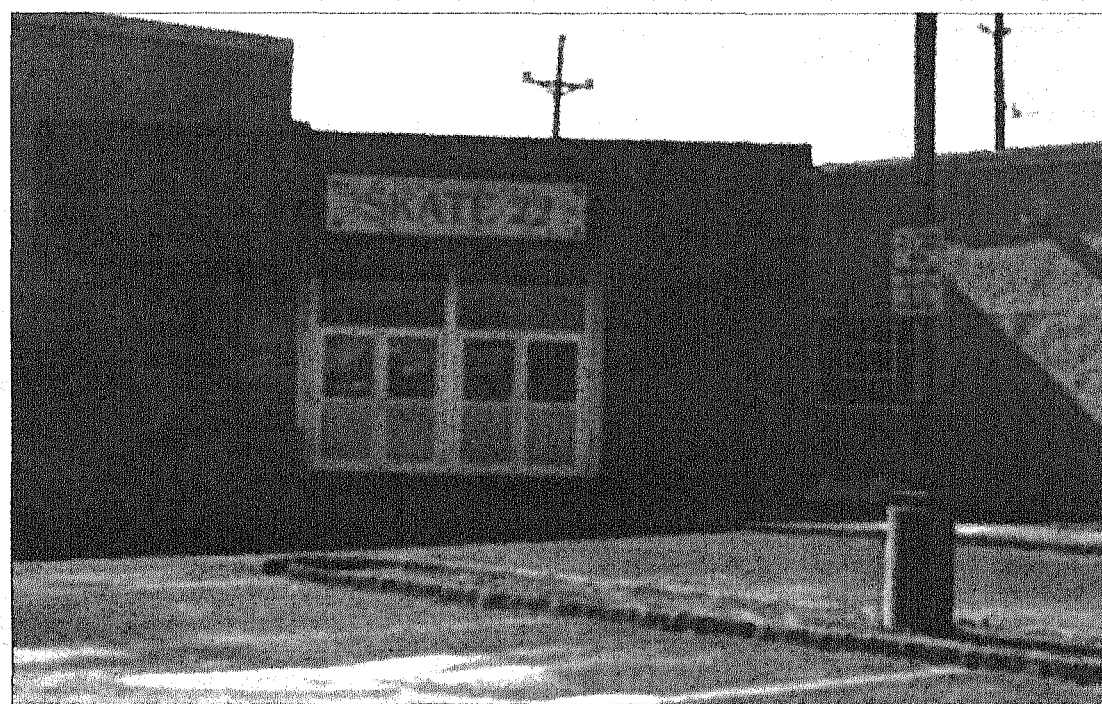


Photo By John O'Reilly

The Township Council vote to decide whether Skate 22 on Route 22 will reopen, following the fatal shooting of an Elizabeth teen Dec. 25, was rescheduled before a crowd of rink supporters Feb. 10. The meeting will be held Feb. 24.

## Skate 22 supporters rally to save facility; vote postponed

By Paul Greulich and  
John O'Reilly

UNION — A vote that could decide the future of Skate 22 skating rink was postponed Feb. 10, after large crowds appeared at the Township Council meeting to show support for reopening it. The rink has been closed since the fatal Christmas shooting of 16-year-old Jean D'Haiti of Elizabeth.

The governing body heard approximately six speakers before

retiring to closed session. Officials emerged ten minutes later and announced the vote would be postponed until Feb. 24.

Voting was delayed until the council receives completed reports from fire and health officials to determine if Skate 22 is up to date on building codes, said township attorney Daniel Antonelli.

Residents and supporters of the rink said they were disappointed

the meeting ended before they had a chance to comment on the issue. "It looks like they already formulated their opinion before we got there," said county resident Kevin Tribble.

Township officials confirmed no one from the public will be allowed to speak at the final hearing, but noted the show of support will factor into any decision. "Despite claims...we were predis-

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## Municipal budgeting begins

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — Budget season is off to a sobering start.

At the Township Committee's workshop meeting Feb. 9, Finance Officer Tom Grady briefly reviewed the 11.9 percent estimated increase facing taxpayers in this year's budget.

A resident with a home assessed at the township average of \$180,000 would pay \$2,452 locally, according to Grady, a \$261 increase from last year. Grady added that the finance department will most likely find a way to lower that number by the time the final draft of the budget is completed.

Officials will work to reduce the projected increase, equivalent to 14.5 tax points, in the coming months, they assured.

Grady's overview showed sizeable increases in mandated expenses, such as health insurance, sewer fees, debt service and pension costs.

Sewer fees would increase by \$553,000, largely as a result of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority's plant upgrades.

Debt service is increasing by \$219,000. Grady said the township is presently \$37 million in debt, a number the committee can cut if it can keep the capital budget at the same level it was last year; \$670,000. "We have to get a hold on our debt," Grady said.

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## Hackers steal 37K; three sought in scam

By John O'Reilly  
Staff Writer

LINDEN — Authorities are hunting for three suspects — two from Linden — who may have been involved in a scheme at a

Somerset hospital, where patient files were hacked and more than \$37,000 in checks was funneled to accomplices.

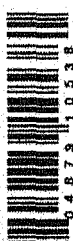
The suspected ringleader, Michael Hennessey, 34, of Som-

erset is in police custody, while warrants have been issued for the arrests of Ira Dort, 32, and Delince Francois Jr., 35, both of Linden, according to Somerset County Prosecutor Wayne J. Forrest.

A warrant was also issued for a 25-year-old Neptune woman, Jacqueline Dingle.

Authorities allege Hennessey, former credit manager of the

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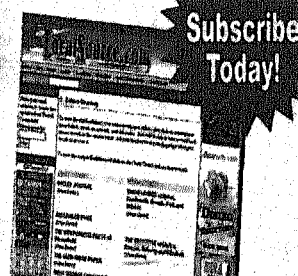
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# SPD probes rash of car break-ins

## Springfield

Police received reports nine vehicles were burglarized in two days.

On Feb. 6, sometime during the night, a Mitsubishi Eclipse was stolen from an Evergreen Avenue home. GPS units were also reported missing from Evergreen Avenue and Leslie Court residence. Miscellaneous items were reported missing from two other vehicles on Leslie Court.

On Feb. 8, four vehicles parked on Essex Road were also broken into. GPS units were reported missing from three of the cars and \$10 worth of loose change reportedly taken from the fourth.

- Michael McCleary, 34, of Newark was arrested at 1:22 p.m. Feb. 5, at Essex County Jail, on an outstanding warrant from Springfield.

- Kenneth Jackson, 47, of Newark was arrested at 1:22 p.m. Feb. 5, at Essex County Jail, on an outstanding warrant from Springfield.

Jose Martinez, 22, of Elizabeth was arrested at 9:31 a.m. Feb. 7, on Route 22 East, on outstanding warrants from Roselle, Roselle Park and Perth Amboy for \$600, \$267 and \$89, respectively.

- James L. Edmonds, 27, of Easton, Pa., was arrested at 4:04 a.m. Feb. 9 on an outstanding warrant.

- Colin K. Lett, 28, of East Orange was arrested at 6:33 p.m. Feb. 9 on an outstanding warrant from Springfield.

## Clark

- George Scott, 34, was arrested at 11 p.m. Feb. 3 by officer George Marmarou, in the vicinity of Westfield Avenue, on outstanding warrants from East Orange, Irvington and Summit totaling \$3,000.

- Herman Byrd Jr., 51, was arrested at 12:59 a.m. Feb. 4 by officer George Marmarou, in the vicinity of Raritan Road and Stiles Street, on an outstanding warrant from Essex County Sheriff's Department.

Brian Newsome, 38, of

## POLICE BLOTTER

Newark was arrested at 10:59 a.m. Feb. 4 by Union County officer Joseph Mirabile, at the Essex County Jail, on an outstanding warrant for contempt of court/motor vehicle violations.

- Jonathan Valentin, 22, of Bloomfield was arrested at 10:26 p.m. Feb. 4 by officer Joseph Teston, in the vicinity of Central Avenue, on outstanding warrants from Belleville and Bloomfield for contempt of court/motor vehicle violations. He was released after posting bail.

- Tina Bigler, 29, of Elizabeth was arrested at 10:13 a.m. Feb. 5 by officer Antonio Manata, in the vicinity of Central Avenue, on an outstanding warrant for \$580 from Elizabeth. She was released after posting bail.

- Jeffrey Sajous, 21, of Plainfield was arrested at 1:49 p.m. Feb. 7 by officer Patrick Grady, in the vicinity of Oak Ridge Road, on an outstanding warrant for contempt of court/motor vehicle violations for \$500 from Woodbridge. He was released after posting bail.

- Edward Haynes, 48, of New Brunswick was arrested at 5:14 p.m. Feb. 7 by officer Marty Venezia for shoplifting from Target on Central Avenue. He was released pending a court date.

## Hillside

- Michael Toton, 32, of Hillside was arrested at 8:18 a.m. Feb. 10, on Mountain Avenue, for driving while intoxicated.

## Mountainside

- Farakh Vaynberg, 34, of Mountainside was arrested at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 7, on Morris Avenue in Springfield, for shoplifting and hindering apprehension.

## Roselle

- Adrian Smusz, 26, of Garfield and Marek Giecaszek, 21, of Clifton were arrested at 1:38 a.m. Feb. 8 at Club Allzone on St. Georges Avenue for fighting with bouncers and patrons and yelling at police officers. They were both charged with disorderly conduct.

- Billy Fields, 49, of Rivington Street was arrested at 7:49 p.m. Feb. 7 at the New-Way Supermar-

ket on St. Georges Avenue and charged with disorderly conduct. Police say Fields came into the store highly intoxicated, left without paying for a bag of potato chips and cursed at police.

## Roselle Park

- Charles "Quincy" Jones, 36, of Linden, was arrested at 3:15 a.m. Feb. 13, near Locust Street and Warren Avenue, and charged with resisting arrest, obstruction and having expired registration and insurance.

## Summit

- Steven Frank Ward, 41, of Elizabeth was arrested at 12:36 p.m. Jan. 26, on Kent Place and Springfield Avenue, and charged with contempt of court.

- Heather Nicole Straway, 28, of Dover was arrested at 2:13 p.m. Jan. 26, at Dover police headquarters on a Summit warrant for contempt of court.

- Isha L. Lee, 34, of Newark was arrested at 1:18 a.m. Jan. 26, at Parsippany police headquarters on a Summit warrant for contempt of court.

- Christian Garro Chavez, 25, of Summit was arrested at 10:37 a.m. Jan. 25, on Orchard Street, and charged with aggravated assault, making terroristic threats and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

- Andres F. Leon, 27, of Bayonne was arrested at 1:07 p.m. Jan. 24, on Springfield Avenue, and charged with driving with a suspended license.

- On Jan. 24, at 7:51 a.m., police responded to a report of a break-in at a Midland Terrace residence.

A Fender Musicmaster bass guitar valued at \$500, a Squire Telecaster guitar valued at \$150, and a Fender amplifier valued at \$200 were reported stolen.

- Dmitry V. Plotnikov, 43, of Hillsborough was arrested at 10:11 a.m. Jan. 23, at Summit police headquarters, and charged with impersonation.

- Kabir A. Nunnally, 39, of Newark was arrested at 1:16 p.m. Jan. 22, at Berkeley Heights police headquarters on a Summit warrant for contempt of court.

- Raymond Karl Bukowski, 43, was arrested at 1:17 p.m. Jan. 21,

on Union Place, and charged with contempt of court.

- Edwin Xavier Rivas, 21, of Springfield was arrested 9:24 a.m. Jan. 27, at Broad Street and Cedar Street for contempt of court and failure to maintain lamps.

- On Jan. 28, at 8:32 a.m., police responded to report a William Street home was burglarized sometime between 5:40 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Jan. 27. Items reported missing, valued at \$1,550, include a black Gucci suede and leather purse containing an Olympus digital camera, credit and bank cards, make-up kit, coin purse and \$50 cash.

- Kenson Franklin Delacruz, 23, of Bayonne was arrested at 11:23 a.m. Jan. 29, at Kent Place Boulevard, for contempt of court, driving with a suspended license and careless driving.

- Carmen Maria Chavez, 42, was arrested at 10:12 a.m. Jan. 29, at DeForest Avenue, for driving with a suspended license, suspended registration, failure to exhibit valid insurance and being an unlicensed driver.

- On Jan. 29, at 9:09 p.m., a blue and black Trek-model 7300 mountain bike, valued at \$525, was reported stolen from Summit Train Station. The theft occurred sometime between 5:20 a.m. and 9 p.m., according to the police reports.

- Robinson, Ernest, 54, of Newark was arrested at 3:08 p.m. Feb. 2, at Essex County Jail, on a Summit warrant for contempt of court.

- Thomas Jr. Miller, 32, of Newark was arrested at 7:49 a.m. Feb. 2, at Chapel Street and Springfield Avenue, for driving with a suspended license and contempt of court.

## Union

- Kobiba Darko, 57, of Irvington was arrested at 2:54 p.m. Feb. 11, at Union Police Department, on an outstanding warrant for \$1,000 from Springfield.

- Jessica Caban, 19, of Staten Island, N.Y., was arrested at 11:09 p.m. Feb. 11, on Route 22 in Springfield, on outstanding warrants from Union, Elizabeth and Paterson in the amounts of \$800, \$380 and \$89, respectively.

## UNION BRIEFS

### Airplane club meets

The Union Recreation Department Model Airplane Club meets Thursdays, at 7:30 p.m. The club will meet at the Recreation Center, 1120 Commerce Ave. For information, call Mike at 908-273-4764.

### Wrestlers to perform

Chris Masters, known as "The Masterpiece," a national wrestling star, has teamed up with Union Boy Scout Troop 63 for a benefit show at 7:45 p.m. Friday. Other notables scheduled to appear are Nick Gregory and partner "Big Blade Michaels" of Kenilworth. The duo will team up against Bryan Harley and his partner Corey Havoc of Union. NWS Junior Heavyweight Champion Rhett "The Threat" Titus will put his title on the line against Corvis Fear, and NWS Jersey Shore Champion Myke "G.Q." Quest will put his title on the line against an unidentified opponent.

To purchase tickets, visit Proud Papa's Pizza & Deli, Main Street Barber Shop, Kenilworth Diner, Dollar Center Plus, Pas, Paws & Claws and Crystalz Barber shop.

For information, call 908-851-9619 or 732-888-1704.

### Have fun with Dora

Children in pre-school through grade 1 and their caregivers can participate in the "Fun with Dora & Diego" story time and craft program at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at Union Public Library's Vauxhall Branch. Sign-up is required.

### Teens: See a movie

Club teen movie — "Disaster Plan." — night will be held at the library from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Snacks provided. For information, call 908-851-5451.

### Drug Alliance to meet

Union Municipal Drug Alliance will meet Wednesday. For information, call Paul Fernandez at 908-688-2800, ext. 3564.

### Hear a story at UPL

Pre-school story time, for children 3 1/2 through kindergarten, will be held at Union Public Main Library at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, through Feb. 25.

## RAHWAY BRIEFS

### Sing, dance, eat at black history event

There will be a Black History Showcase at Ebenezer AME Church, 253 Central Ave., from 2 to 6 p.m. Feb. 28. The event will include food, singing, poetry, reading and dancing. Admission is free and vendors are needed. For information, call 908-413-6350

### RCP board to meet

The Rahway Center Partnership Board of Trustees will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

### Get spooked at MDTM

The Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum Association will host a Children's Ghost Night at the Tavern beginning at 6:30 p.m. Feb.

28. Children from ages, 6 through 14, are invited to step back in time to the early 1800s to hear true tales of ghostly happenings in an era of candlelit taverns and stagecoach inns. Parents are also welcome to join the evening at the 210-year-old Rahway landmark, where enactors will take their audience through the period rooms and share the stories and historical legends of supernatu-

ral and mysterious events.

Tours will be held every hour beginning at 6:30, 7:30 and the last beginning at 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available. There is a fee.

To make a reservation, call David Walker, manager of museum operations at 732-381-0441. The museum is located at St. Georges and Westfield avenues.

### Nominate for BOE

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for a position on the Board of Education is 4 p.m. March 2. Candidates can obtain a candidate kit at the Board of Education Business Office. The kit includes information about legal qualifications for candidates, the role of board members and dates in the school election process.



# Environmental board creates new Web site

By Chris Neidenberg  
Correspondent

CRANFORD — The township's Environmental Commission has reserved its spot on the Worldwide Web, instantly bringing issues discussed at its meetings into local homes.

With the click of a mouse, [www.mygreencranford.org](http://www.mygreencranford.org) aims to offer residents what the commission views as essential information for improving their daily quality of life.

According to Chairman Nelson Dittmar, the site, which has operated for approximately three weeks, was the brainchild of new member David DesRochers, a web designer/photographer who created it free.

The commission is paying a company what Dittmar described as "a minimal fee" to host the pages. A good portion of the township's approximate 8,000 homes are now equipped with PCs and laptops in the online universe, "It was about time."

The chairman maintained designing a Web site for this purpose is itself a "green" concept, because it reduces reliance on using paper in disseminating information.

"We did put out a brochure. But, to do so regularly for 8,000 homes, given all the paper and postage involved, would be quite costly," Dittmar explained. "The commission believes it is an important goal to educate citizens on ways they can help the environment and themselves."

Dittmar added that the Internet is a "highly effective" way to reach more residents. "Newspaper articles and local library displays are very helpful," but with the internet, "residents can quickly access essential information in the comfort of their homes."

In fact, Dittmar said he sees the site as an ideal way to reach citizens unaware of the commission, or who would never think of attending its public meetings.

The chairman cited an ongoing effort, which has already signed up about 100 residents to receive monthly "Cranford Green E-Newsletters," as a good sign of early interest. The green-and-white-colored pages contain links on "News and Events," "Solutions" and "Resources." There is also information on a host of topics, such as becoming more energy efficient, recycling and "sustainable living." Dittmar described the latter term as "a lifestyle that attempts to reduce an individual's or society's use of the Earth's natural resources." One theme the site repeatedly preaches is "being green also saves consumers money," according to Dittmar.

Current news items include a blurb on Project Torchlight. The recent drive by 75 volunteers distributed 1,500 free and more energy-efficient compact florescent light bulbs. Users can also read the commission's annual report. In the "Solutions" section, visitors can read various tips to "Reduce-Recycle-Reuse." The "Sources" link contains a variety of links to government agencies, programs and environmental organizations. The Homepage displays information on the federal government's Energy Star program, described as "a national campaign encouraging all Americans to join with millions of others and take small, individual steps that make a big difference in the fight against global warming."

"Consumers should look for appliances with the Energy Star label," urged Dittmar. "They'll find they use less electricity, making them energy efficient."

Other topics the site might touch upon include:

- Reducing the use of costly "throw-away" plastic spring water bottles, which take a lot of energy to produce, and replacing them with reusable personal bottles filled with tap water.

- Not allowing idling vehicles to warm up or cool off, because newer models, equipped with catalytic converters, don't require it. This lowers unhealthy emissions and gas usage.

- Taking used shopping bags to certain supermarkets for a small cash credit, reducing the waste stream.

Dittmar did not rule out tweaking the site through measures such as making the pages bigger and incorporating fun features. For the latter, one idea involves conducting a "green" amateur photo contest, where the winner gets a free instructional session with DesRochers.

DesRochers could not be reached for comment.

## ROSELLE PARK BRIEFS

### Nominate for BOE

The annual school election will be held April 21. Nominating petitions are available at the Board of Education Business Office, 510 Chestnut St., Roselle Park. All petitions must be filed with business administrator Susan Guercio on or before 4 p.m. March 2. There are

three, three year seats available.

For information, call Guercio at 908-245-2103.

### Adults can crochet

Roselle Park Veterans Library will hold a Warm up America with Estelle! for adults Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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## Contracts awarded amid dispute

Roselle council member argues officials violated public contract law

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

ROSELLE — Contracts for professional services have been approved, despite objections from some council members.

Engineering and insurance broker services were among contracts awarded at a special Borough Council meeting Feb. 4. The finalization of the appointments is contingent upon chief financial officer Adrian Mapp's certification that funding is available. Mapp was absent from the meeting.

Council president Jamel Holley, councilwomen Cecilia Dallas-Ricks and Christine Dansereau, and councilman Yves Aubourg voted for the appointments, while councilwomen Samantha Dow and Sylvia Turnage opposed them.

Turnage argued the council violated local public contract law by soliciting RFQs through the borough clerk. "There are only three individuals who can prepare or request RFPs or RFQs — the purchasing officer, the borough administrator and the borough attorney," Turnage said. "None were involved in this process."

But Aubourg contended the borough had passed a resolution authorizing the clerk to perform this task, adding William John Kerns, general counsel for the state League of Municipalities, assured the council is

within legal limits to do so. "Because we are the governing body, we can direct someone else, like the clerk, to do it," Aubourg said.

Municipal Clerk Rhona Bluestein declined to interpret municipal law or the council's actions. "I report to them, so I have to do what they direct me to do," Bluestein said. "This is my understanding of the council's authority."

Holley noted the names of qualified candidates were amassed as part of a lengthy, open process all council members were allowed to participate in, saying that in the past, names of appointees simply appeared with little discussion or input from officials. "Whether or not [council members] want to participate is their prerogative."

The only appointment rejected was a broker of record, which was tabled amid concerns past misconduct on the part of Hale Insurance brokerage company.

A state Department of Banking and Insurance representative confirmed that in Oct. 2007 Hale was put on two years probation and fined \$20,000 when a broker sent broker request letters on the agency's behalf using the reproduced signature of a municipal official from Cranford. "I would strongly advise us not to vote on this company," Dow said.

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## KENILWORTH BRIEFS

### Nominate for BOE

The deadline to file a nomination to run for a position on the school board is 4 p.m. March 2. Three full three-year terms, expiring in 2012, are open. The election is April 21. All candidates can

obtain a "Candidate Kit," along with their nominating petition.

### KHS reviews cinema

The history of black cinema, from its beginnings through the 1920s, will be highlighted during

the Kenilworth Historical Society's Black History Month Celebration at 7 p.m. today. The event will be held at Kenilworth Seniors' Center, 526 Boulevard. Admission is free.

Participants will learn about the early days of black cinema.

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Sophie DeBode holds a poster she made of children she met at Save a Child's Heart home outside Tel Aviv, Israel. The 12-year-old's mitzvah project is trying to raise \$10,000 for the organization, which provides hearts to poor children in other countries.

## Young 'inspiration' shares, gives heart

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

**SUMMIT** — Sophie DeBode's mother, Archie, was skeptical when her daughter first suggested she would help Save a Child's Heart for her mitzvah project — a good deed young Jewish girls are asked to complete before their bat mitzvah.

Save a Child's Heart, or SACH, based in Israel, provides heart surgery to impoverished children living in other countries, such as China, Ecuador, Iraq and Russia, who can not afford medical care.

According to [saveachilds-heart.com](http://saveachilds-heart.com), since 1995, SACH has treated more than 2,000 children, from infants to age 18, suffering from congenital and rheumatic heart disease. Children treated by SACH has grown dramatically from 48 cases in 1996 to more than 200 in 2008. Presently, more than 1,000 children on SACH's waiting list await life-saving surgery.

"At first, I knew nothing about SACH, and tried to convince her to pick a different cause. She insisted though," Archie said.

Sophie, 12, said she first learned about SACH in a magazine she read at her religious school. "I liked how the [organization] dealt with kids who had no place else to turn," she said. She became committed to the cause after her family traveled to Israel and visited a SACH home outside of Tel Aviv, Israel.

With the help of her parents, Sophie contacted David Litwack, executive director of the U.S. Chapter of SACH located in Maryland, and arranged to make bracelets that Sophie could sell for \$4 each to raise money.

"My goal is to raise \$10,000," Sophie explained. "That's how much it costs for SACH to save one child's life."

So far, Sophie has raised \$1,500.

Though Sophie is involved with SACH as a part of her mitzvah project, she expressed interest in keeping in touch with the organization after her 13th birthday.

She has even contacted family and friends, asking them to donate to SACH in lieu of giving her presents for her bat mitzvah,

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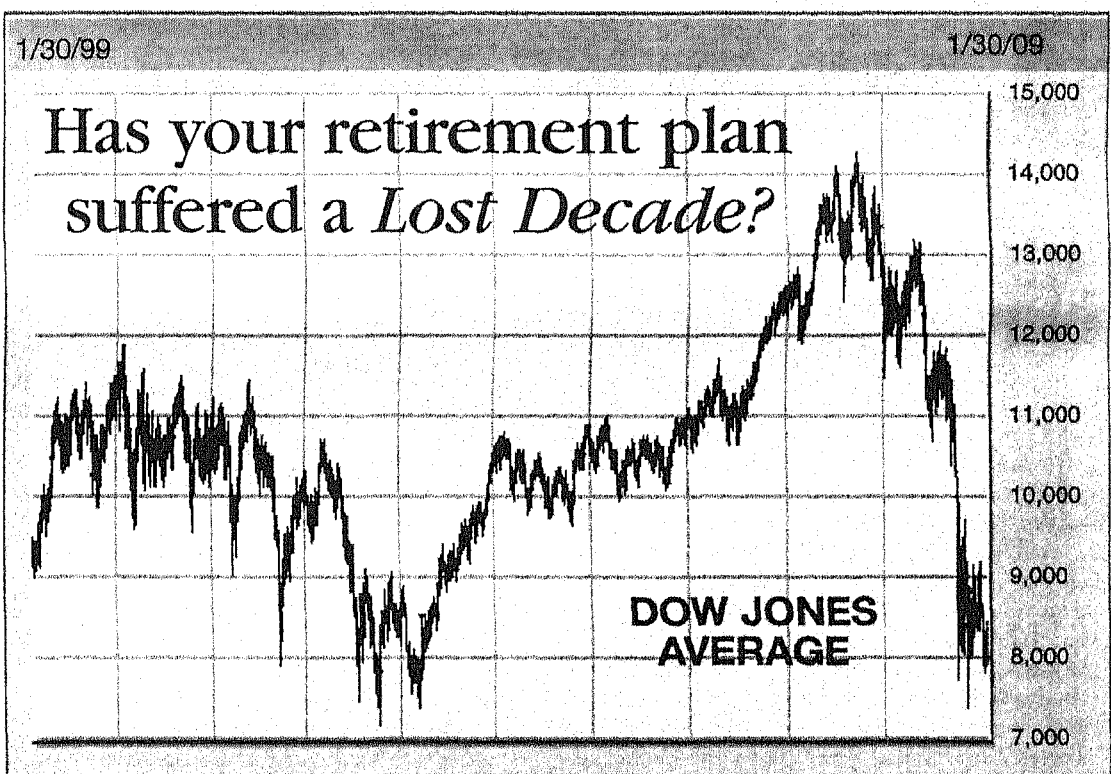
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# Community calls for 'respected' school chief

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE — Hillside administrators should look for a "no-nonsense disciplinarian" to take the helm in the district.

Parents and municipal officials offered the advice during a community input session presented by Gwen Thornton, a field representative for the state school board — the association aiding school administrators in their search.

"Our goal is to find the right match for Hillside's particular climate and atmosphere," Thornton explained to eight parents and two council members who showed up to share qualities they think the new superintendent should possess.

Parents agreed improving "sub-standard" test scores needs to be a key concern of the new school head.

"Compared to other districts in the area, we are way down. We need to get our grades up. [The new superintendent] needs to talk with kids," said Jose Betances, father of two high school students.

He suggested the problem could also be helped with better commu-

nication with parents. "The new superintendent shouldn't distant himself from the community," Betances said.

Hillside High School scored well below the state average, according to the state Department of Education's school report card released Feb. 4. Only 68.9 percent of students score proficient in language arts — the state average is 70.6 percent — and 41.9 percent passed the math portion — the state average in 51.4.

Jeff Dykes, father of a 15-year-old student attending Hillside High School, echoed Betances' sentiment, but added he wants someone who will be "respected."

"The board should look for a no-nonsense disciplinarian who will work with the community, be seen around town, be a builder of sorts," Dykes said.

Council president John Kulish recognized the importance of finding someone to create a strong educational system for all community members, even if they do not have children currently attending schools.

"It should be the priority...to do

what it takes to improve grades," Kulish said. "By improving the schools, more residents will want to send their children to school in Hillside, and as a result, property values will begin to increase."

Former superintendent Raymond Bandlow left Hillside last year to take the helm in Fort Lee's School District.

Michael Roth has been serving as interim superintendent since August.

Roth, who retired from Chester School District in January 2008, had said he would not apply for the position because he could not dedicate enough years to the job.

"The district is looking for a full-time superintendent who will put in several years," Roth said.

According to Thornton, members of the Hillside school board were asked not to attend the input session, in an effort to get honest feedback from those participating.

"The community will, most likely, have a much different perspective than the administration," Thornton anticipated.

She said school officials are seeking applicants who are state

school administrators or possess a certificate of eligibility, have experience in a similar district, have three to five years experience in a central office position, demonstrate management skills and have a working knowledge of long range planning. "As of now, the board does not know who has applied," Thornton explained at the session.

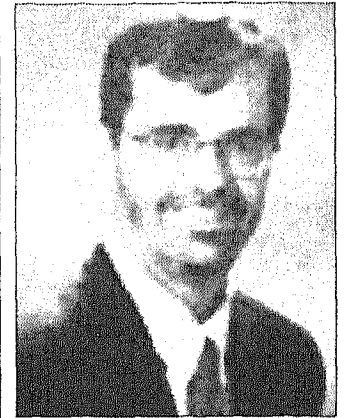
She said she could not disclose the exact number of applicants until she speaks with the school board, but assured the district has gotten a "good response" to the position.

The NJSBA will present the school board with information they gathered and make suggestions based on ideas from school administrators, parents and other key community stakeholders.

The school board will begin its first round of interviews the first week in March and expects to select a new superintendent and negotiate a contract by the end of the same month. An appointment would follow in April, so the new school chief is ready to take the reigns by July 1.

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## Speech!



Terry Golway, U.S. history professor and curator of the John Kean Center for American History at Kean University, was the keynote speaker at a panel discussion attended by students at St. Joseph the Carpenter in Roselle. Students engaged Golway in discussions on such topics as the best and most influential inaugural addresses.

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## LINDEN BRIEFS

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The Department of Public Property and Community Services will sponsor a free magic show for children in pre-school through grade 5, featuring Magician Joe Fischer, April 15. Shows will be held at McManus Middle School, 330 Edgewood Road., Linden, at 10 and 11:30 a.m.

For information, call 908-474-8600 or visit [www.linden-nj.org](http://www.linden-nj.org).

### Want to start bowling?

Youth bowling programs for students in kindergarten through

grade 6 will be held at 3:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Linden Lanes, Stiles Street.

The new special bumper division for boys and girls ages 5 through 7 will be held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The adult/youth program will be held Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Each program includes two games of bowling, use of rental shoes and lightweight balls, instructional assistance and a trophy awards program.

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The CERT program is designed to train and set up communications between first responders and the community to save lives following a major disaster. There will be eight sessions, consisting of the following topics: disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, disaster medical operations part 1, disaster medical operations part 2, light search and rescue operations, disaster psychology and team organization, terrorism, and a final practical exercise realistic to this community.

The Rahway Police Department is now accepting applications for class 2 from people within the community who are at least 21 years old and are interested in becoming a part of the CERT team. The training will be held at the Rahway Police Department on Wednesdays from March 11 through April 29, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The program will consist of seven classes and a practical exercise. The practical exercise date will be determined at the first class meeting. There is no cost for this training.

Applications may be obtained at the Rahway Police Department, or for information, contact Detective William Eicholz at 732-827-2079 or at [weicholz@rahwaypolice.com](mailto:weicholz@rahwaypolice.com)

## CRANFORD BRIEFS

### Grab a bite to eat at 'Ice Breaker' dinner

Cranford High School Ice Hockey Team will hold its annual "Ice Breaker" Pasta Dinner from 7 to midnight Friday at the Kenilworth Veteran's Center. There is a fee for tickets.

Tickets are available from any Cranford High Hockey Team players or by calling Gail at 908-276-2209 or Frank at 908-451-9656.

### Review 'Hamilton' bio

The Readers' Forum, a book discussion group at Cranford Public Library, will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Fridlington Room. The group will discuss "Alexander Hamilton," the biography by Alex Chernow.

For information, call the library at 908-709-7272 and ask for the reference desk, or visit [www.cranford.com/library/special.asp](http://www.cranford.com/library/special.asp).

## Big winner



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## New zoning amendment could effect proposed development

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — An amended ordinance that would affect a proposed development next to St. John's Lutheran Church on Springfield Avenue is at the center of tension between the city Planning Board and the developer, Distinctive Development of Summit.

The board approved amending the area's ORC-1, or office, residential zone, in an effort to make sure the area reflects the city's master plan and to keep the residential look of the neighborhood, according to city planner Eileen Banyra.

"Offices would only be allowed to be inside existing structures on the first floor only," said Dave Bomgaars, 2nd Ward Councilman who also serves on the Planning Board.

The amendment must go to Common Council for final approval.

Attorney Howard Geneslaw, who represents the developer of the 2-acre property, currently referred to as Windsor Terrace, said the change is unfair.

"[My] client has spent millions of dollars to meet ordinance requirements. Now, the rules are being changed in the middle of the game. I encourage the board to vote against this ordinance. It's an issue of fundamental fairness."

Bomgaars agrees the developer might have to rework his plans, but said the board has made its decision.

The developer has reduced a townhouse proposal on the site from 24 to 18 units.

The original ordinance was written when the four properties were owned by separate residents at 597, 599, 603 and 605 Springfield Ave.

The developer, which purchased all four properties, intended

to preserve two of the houses as two-family residences and remove two homes, replacing them with townhouses containing offices.

Geneslaw questioned whether it was legal or appropriate to amend an ordinance when an application was before the zoning board.

But city attorney Barry Osmun, as well as planning board attorney Clifford Gibbons, assured every step the board made was within its right.

"We never anticipated a consolidation of the property," Bomgaars explained about the amendment. "A large office building could go up on the site. We're not looking to create an office zone."

Common Council will hold a final hearing and take a vote on the amendment during its March 10 meeting.

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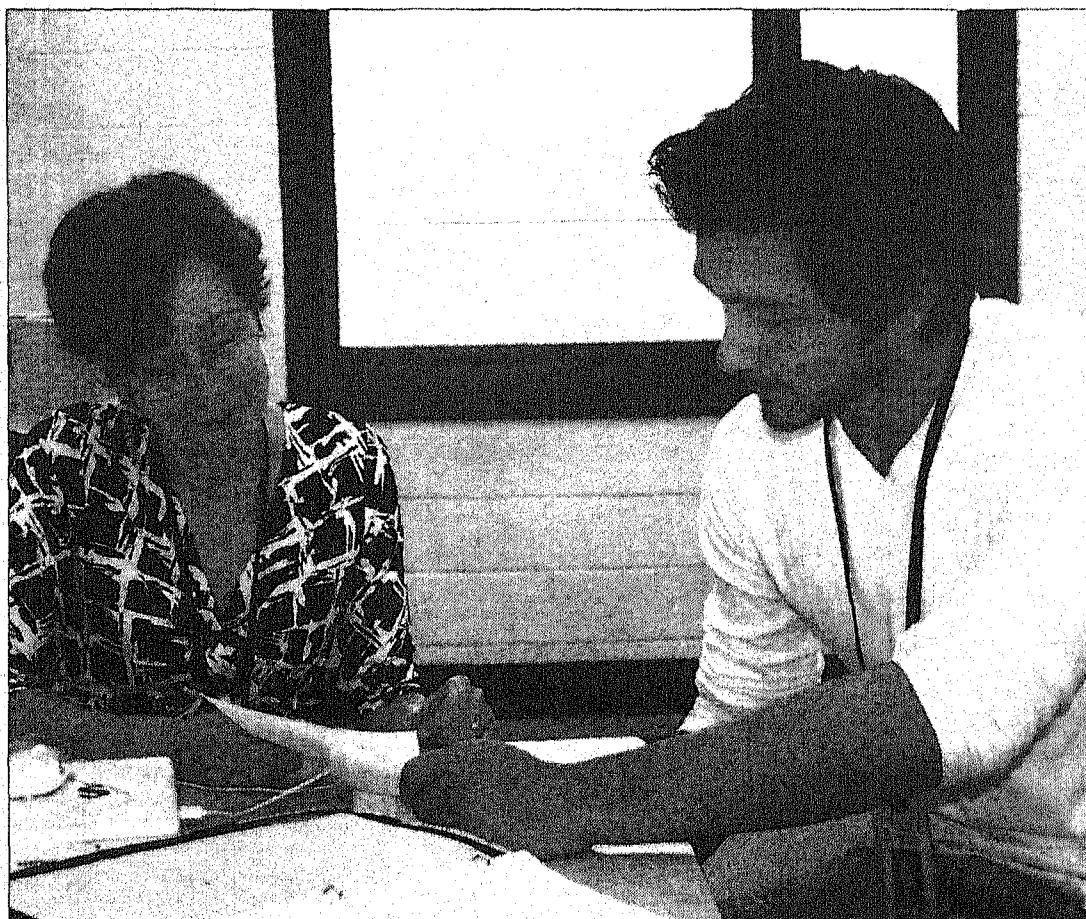
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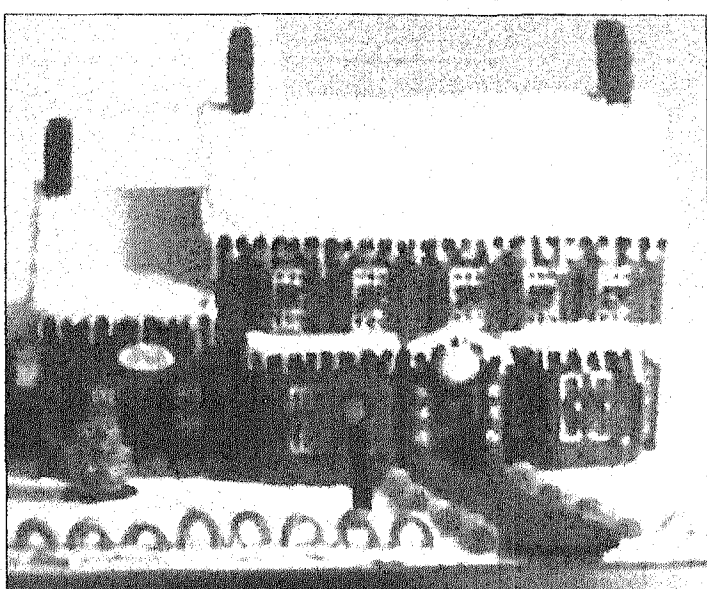
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The centerpiece creation, featured at Mountain-side's Hetfield House, was Mountainside resident, Holly Ruggiero's gingerbread reproduction of the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House. It was one of many gingerbread creations, offered for display by community members, during the Hetfield House's Gingerbread Open House held Dec. 14.

## Hetfield shows public 'Gingerbread,' house

Deacon Andrew Hetfield House's Annual Gingerbread open house was held Dec. 14.

Open to all from 1 to 4 p.m., the house was host to hundreds of visitors, young and old, who enjoyed activities, such as a flag ceremony by Boy Scout Troop 177, visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus, creating holiday gingerbread ornaments and mini boxwood arrangements, and enjoying live entertainment by the Westfield Volunteer String Ensemble, Deerfield School's woodwind and chorus groups and Our Lady of Lourdes Church Children's choir.

Homemade baked goods and hot & cold cider were abundant

for the guests while they toured the circa 1760 historic home and viewed gingerbread creations lent for display by members of the community.

The house was decorated on the exterior to resemble a "gingerbread house" and the interior contained room after room of themed decorating. It was a feast for the eyes and the spirit of the holidays was present throughout, according to Hetfield House representatives.

The Gingerbread Open House was sponsored by Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee as an event designed to bring people in to enjoy the borough's historic treasure.

## Registration open for city camps

Registration for Linden Day Camp will be held through May 29.

Linden Day camps will run from June 29 through Aug. 20 this year, with extended hours — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New this year: The fee can be paid in monthly increments.

Register a child by:

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- If you do not have a computer, manually register children at any city Recreation center.

It is mandatory each camper's parent/guardian/representative attend an open house orientation at 7 p.m. at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., on the following date:

- Kiddie Camp: June 1
- Al Kalla Camp: June 8
- McGillvray Camp: June 4
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At the orientation, camper's t-shirts, day camp trip information and handbooks will be distributed. Additionally, all necessary medical and release forms will be discussed. You will also be able to meet staff and have any questions or concerns answered.

Campers entering first, second or third grades this fall, can attend camp at either Al Kalla Park, McGillvray Park or Veteran's Memorial Park. Campers entering

fourth and fifth grades this fall will attend camp at Veteran's Memorial Park on Tremley Point Road; while sixth-graders will attend "Sports Camp" at McManus Middle School at Edgewood Road and DeWitt Terrace. Kiddie Campers entering kindergarten this fall will attend camp at School 4, Peach Orchard Park. Any questions concerning the 2009 Linden Day Camp Program should be made to the Department of Public Property and Community Services at 908-474-8600.

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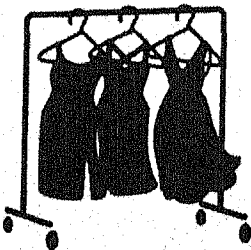
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## OPINION

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## Seeing is believing

We've often wondered whether the city of Rahway was in over its head when it decided to construct a five-story library building complete with cafe and rentable office space. The facility was completed in March of 2004, but since that time, the top two floors of the building and the cafe have remained vacant.

Although the \$7.4 million facility has proven to be popular with residents and an overall asset to the community, the two floors of office space in the building failed to generate adequate revenue until recently, when Rahway-based SDI Technologies paid \$3.2 million to the city for the space and now plans to sell it to an investment group hoping to lease the space quickly.

Still, a structure with two empty floors wasn't exactly what city officials envisioned when plans for the library were developed. And although it doesn't seem as though the city has suffered any major loss in tax revenue because of the vacancies, it has been discouraging to know that the 41,000 square-foot space has remained empty for so long. It seems the City Council and the Rahway Redevelopment Agency could've been just a little more persistent in pushing for the space to be occupied over the last five years.

Two years ago, officials designated the space for city offices as part of the Town Center Project. Last year, however, it was determined that the plans were not feasible. Enter SDI Technologies. Although the firm hasn't officially identified the buyer, representatives from Newark-based Fieldstone Development Group announced in October that they were negotiating for the property. The exact price has not been released.

Perhaps a change of hands is what's needed to ensure that the empty space atop the library is finally put to good use. Given the state of today's economy and the real estate problems that have accompanied the ongoing recession, however, we can't help but be cynical about the fate of the vacant library building space or the ability of a new owner to find an occupant.

For now, only time will tell if the new owners will be able to finally accomplish what no one else has managed in terms of finding occupants for the top two floors of the library. Seeing is believing and until office workers can be seen taking the elevator to the top two floors of the building as they head to work every day, we'll remain skeptical.



Photo Courtesy of Jim Lowney/County of Union

**ACCOLADES** — Union County Freeholder Chairman Alex Mirabella, right, and Union County Police Chief Dan Vaniska, left, present John Ciborowski, a teacher at David Brearley High School in Kenilworth, with a resolution and an award honoring him for saving a motorist from a burning car in the Watchung Reservation on Dec. 9

## The views of 'a relative no-namer'

It was an interesting comparison of support. The "Christie for Governor" campaign coming off a string of endorsements, including most of the Union County GOP establishment, next brought out the support of popular ex-Gov. Thomas Kean. The campaign of opponent Steve Lonegan countered with Rahway Republican Chairman Pat Cassio.

A political blog site described him as "relative no-namer Pat Cassio." While lacking the Kean star power, a discussion with Cassio reveals a true believer in the conservative doctrine and a pretty good sense of humor to boot.

He can be blunt when he describes the Christie bandwagon as "the same failed campaigns of the past." He faults the GOP last year for supporting Richard Zimmer for the Senate as opposed to his candidate, Joseph Pennachio. He reminds that Zimmer lost by a bigger margin in New Jersey than presidential candidate John McCain lost to Barack Obama.

While Lonegan is considered an underdog in polls, Cassio — a carpenter by trade — sees a path to victory. He looks to the Union County Republican Convention Saturday as a time for the GOP "rank and file" to send a message to the establishment.

Cassio points to the battles of Lonegan against the tax policies of

## Left Out

By Frank Capece

Democrat Jon Corzine, opposition to toll hikes and the affordable housing efforts as strengths of his candidate. In a state where the conservatives can muster a third or more of GOP primary votes, Cassio says, "Lonegan's record speaks for itself."

Cassio was an ally of former Rahway Republican Councilman Frank Janusz. With no council seats in politically blue Rahway, Cassio takes on the role of local opposition, often speaking and questioning the Democrats at City Council meetings.

Phil Morin, the Union County Republican Chairman and a key Christie supporter, still praises his Rahway leader. "He fills his committee slots, conducts effective candidate recruitment and is competitive each year in Rahway."

Cassio points to the \$350,000 raised by Lonegan as opposed to the \$500,000 raised by Christie as another example that there is a GOP race.

Lonegan last week spoke against the Federal stimulus pack-

age. "Americans are now seeing an ultra liberal so-called stimulus bill that is nothing more than a left wing income redistribution scheme laden with the most outrageous pork barrel spending in American history." The next day in a shot at his opponent he said, "I am proud that all five of our Republican Congressmen opposed this bill. I'm disappointed that Chris could not stand with our Congressional delegation on this important issue."

Maybe the toughest reality facing Cassio and his candidate was described by one County GOP leader: "There is a new sense of enthusiasm by Republicans to a Chris Christie candidacy."

Still, in the endorsement game, Cassio had his day in the sun. As to the endorsements, Lonegan countered, "With all due respect to Kean, I did not seek his endorsement. I am not a Tom Kean Republican."

Cassio is prepared to bring his troop to the county convention. If his candidate doesn't win, he will support Christie over Corzine. He does add that "Michael Aaron from NJ Network also thought my endorsement was important."

A conservative with real views and a good sense of humor, he may not be a no-namer much longer.

**An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.**

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Accept, embrace change

To the Editor:

The citizens of our nation made history by electing the first black man as president of the United States of America. This phenomenal historic event was achieved by people of various nationalities joining together for the betterment of our nation in place of personal gain.

A monumental change occurred in our borough when the first black mayor of Roselle was elected. Sadly, his tenure has been met with extreme resistance and marred by unwarranted accusations and interrogations.

As a Roselle resident for over 70 years, I have seen numerous borough administrations come and go. The prior governing bodies were never forthcoming regarding the allocation of borough funds or scrutinized in open forums.

There are many examples that those of us who have been a resident of Roselle for the past 70 years remember that we tried to change under the prior governing but to no avail.

Things such as a middle school to be built but was not, although the location on Chandler Avenue was owned by our Board of Education.

Petitions for the prior governing bodies to return mail boxes to the east side area of the borough fell on deaf ears. When Grace Wilday school was integrated in the 1970s, the governing body felt that the parents of the children of the relocated children should have the responsibility of crossing the children over the borough's busiest street, Chestnut Street, but our taxes were paying for the other crossing guards situated in other areas of the borough.

Now, under the present administration, change has really come to Roselle. We have citizens coming to borough meetings. Open information has been held by the mayor for all residents to attend. Plans to return our children back to the borough to be schooled, plans for better sports areas have been presented even if they were not accepted.

The first all-day summer program was implemented which proved to be a great gift to all of the borough children, but if the parents of the children who attend the program do not come to the borough meeting and speak up for this program to continue, there is a great possibility it will be extinct.

The current mayor may not have been your candidate of choice but he is the mayor, nevertheless. We, the residents of the borough should speak to our councilperson and request that they put aside petty differences and egos and come together to make Roselle a better place to live.

If a nation of millions can accept and embrace change why can't we, the 13,000 or more citizens of the borough of Roselle follow suit?

D. Pinnix  
Roselle

### No place for politics

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Mr. (Elnardo) Webster for taking the time to sit down with me last evening. After many phone calls, letters and e-mails it was finally rewarding to meet the man responsible.

My goal was to get an assessment on the state of Roselle's educational system and secondly to see what he is currently doing to resolve the major issues. From the beginning of our meeting, he promptly told me that he was doing the best that he could and I should cease my attacks on him.

Elnardo Webster, my frustrations with the inadequacies of the Roselle Public school system have never been directed specifically at you but at the Board of Education as a whole.

Elnardo Webster then confided to me that the Board of Education was divided 5-4 with him getting the majority of the vote.

If this is the case, if whatever agenda you bring to

the board is guaranteed to get passed then you should focus more on "in class" academics and less on "after school" recreation.

In my opinion security guards, motivational speakers and a midnight basketball league are not academic/instructional programming.

Our meeting ended abruptly when I asked him why was the class size so high in my child's class and asked about the teacher's aide being placed in her class. I was told that even though the class size was high, it did not meet the state requirement for a teachers' aide. Furthermore, I was told that the teacher mismanaged the class and that she could not handle the children. At this point I left the room.

Elnardo Webster, with that statement, if I had a sliver of respect for you it was eternally lost. You are looking for a scapegoat and an easy way out of your problems. My answer to you is: no Elnardo Webster, it is not the teachers who are mismanaging the students, but you who are mismanaging the community!

I am not saying that all teachers are great and that some don't have their personal agendas for teaching in Roselle. What I am saying is that with good leadership, strong administration and adequate teaching equipment and materials, the individuals who do not have the children of Roselle best interest at heart will be easily singled out.

I have yet to see a group of teachers squabble back and forth unproductively in a class room environment nor have I ever witnessed a teacher's conference broken up by the local police.

I cannot say the same for the Roselle Borough Board of Education meetings.

Elnardo Webster, I just want to ask you one more question. If you always get the majority vote and your agendas always get passed then why are the teachers contracts not signed?

It is time for the residents of Roselle to stand up and demand that the politics are taken out of the classroom.

Michael S. Boyd  
Roselle

### Thanks and appreciation

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Kenilworth Social Services and Welfare Department and the needy families of Kenilworth who were helped, I wish to thank all those who sent money for the Kenilworth Community Fund.

This fund was almost depleted. Due to the generosity of some of our neighbors this fund is once again solvent.

I also wish to thank the organizations who give their time as well as donations to help those in need in our community at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you Bobby Jeans and your helpers at the Kenilworth Veterans Center.

Thank you those at the Union Elks, the Kenilworth Rotary Club and Sam Casternovia and staff at C.K.I. in Union for your help year after year — God Bless you and your families.

Paulette Drogon  
Welfare Director  
Kenilworth

### Time to 'get with it'

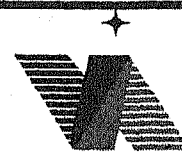
Dear Editor:

The Summit Taxpayers Association would like to congratulate the Summit School Board on its stand against the Summit Teachers Association.

The 4 percent cap with very few exceptions does not allow for a new contract without the teachers picking up some percentage of their medical costs as is the case in industry generally.

I can understand the teachers not wanting to give up something they have had for years. But this is a new era, the teachers need to get with it!

Ed Vant Jr., president  
Summit Taxpayers Association



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Post floor plans of the escape routes in all rooms and work areas of the business. Show main and alternate routes on these plans whenever possible and define them by different colors.

Exits should be checked periodically to ensure that they are functioning properly to allow for a rapid exit. Stage fire drills to insure that the staff knows what to do in the case of an emergency. Designate an outside meeting place where employees can gather after evacuating the building and devise a system to account for everyone that was in the building.

Enlist the assistance of the local fire department to review any fire plan and request that they offer suggestions on how to improve it.

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If you should ever notice a growth or unusual spot on your body, you should consult with a dermatologist who specialize in skin diseases are best able to advise and treat problems relating to skin disorders. For additional information about today's column, call my office at 908-925-8877. The office is conveniently located at 822 North Wood Ave., Linden. New patients are always welcome.

P.S. Squamous cell carcinomas usually appear as crusted or scaly patches on the skin with a red, inflamed base, a growing tumor, or a non-healing ulcer.

I am pleased to announce the opening of a second NJ office at the Jersey Shore at 407 Richmond Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach. For more information or to arrange an appointment at the Point Pleasant office kindly call 732-295-1331.

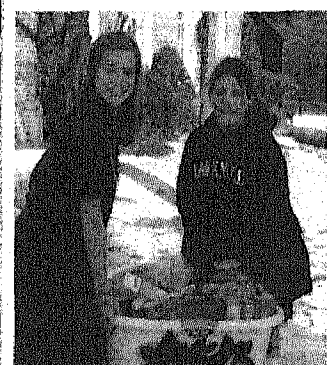
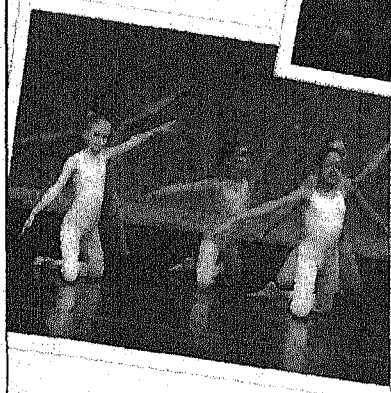
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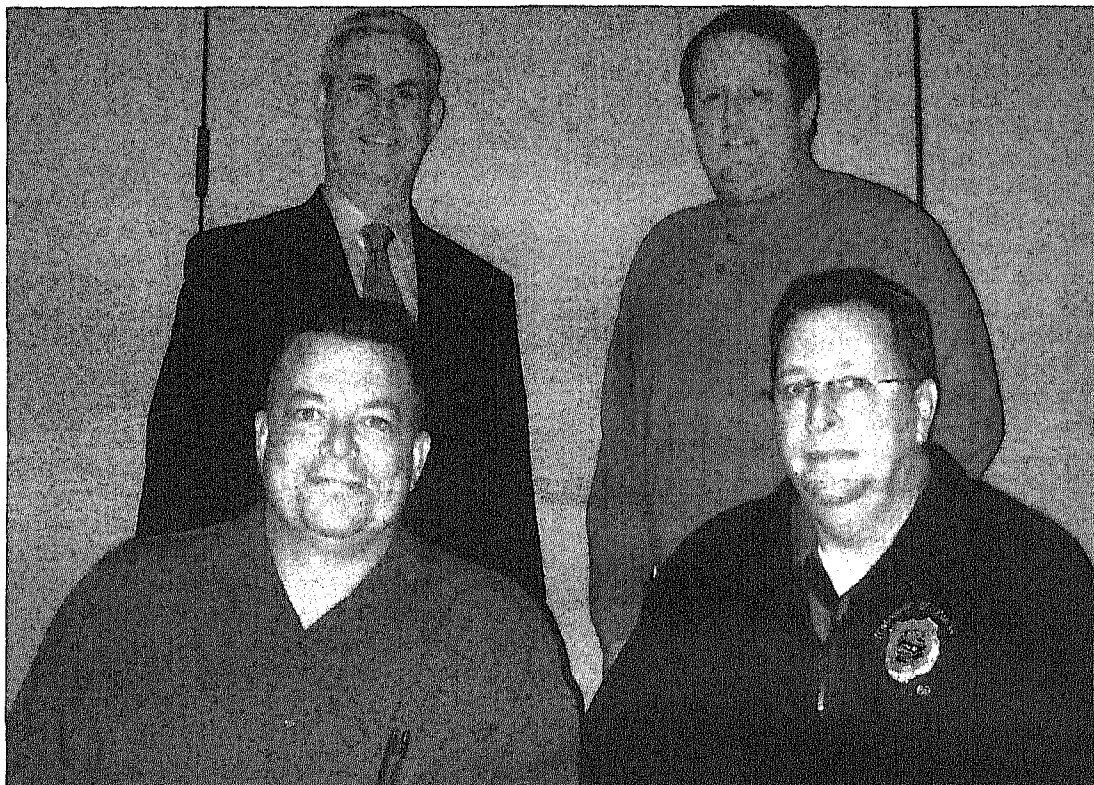
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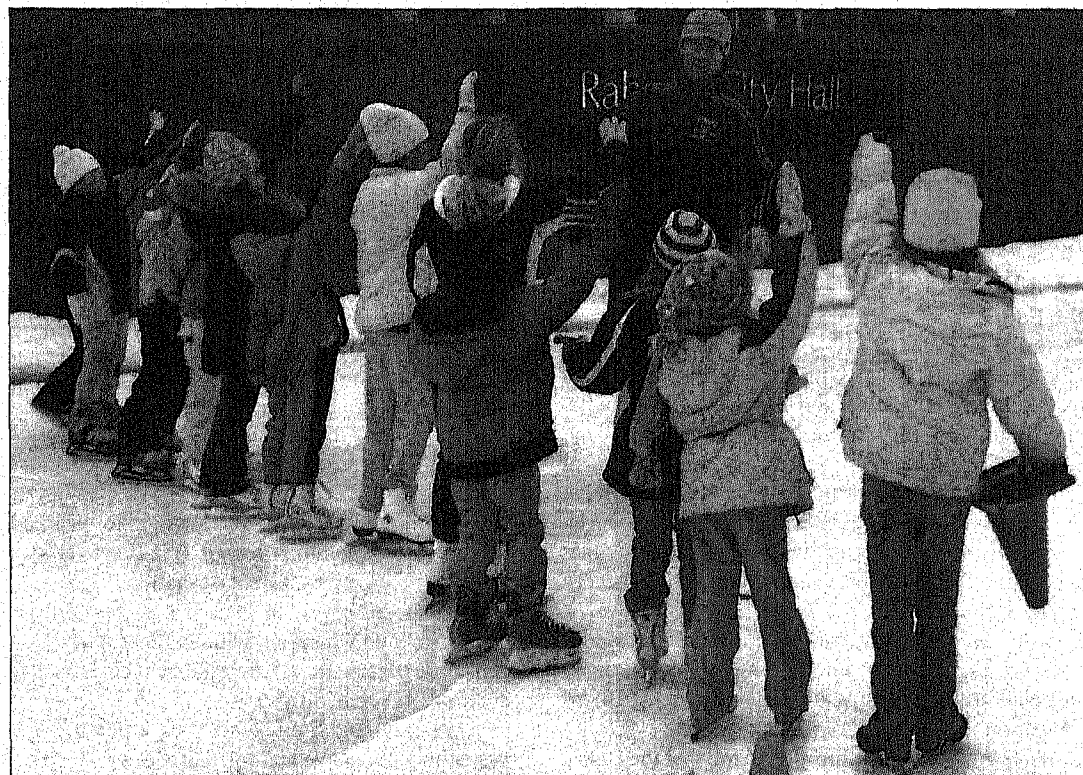


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## OBITUARIES

**Benjamin Ashmon Jr.**

Benjamin J. Ashmon Jr., 66, of Hillside died Feb. 9 in Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Born in Monteluma, Ga., Mr. Ashmon came to Newark in 1951 before moving to Hillside. He retired in 2002 from the United States Post Office as a postal supervisor in the vehicle operations department. Mr. Ashmon was an Army veteran. He received a political science degree from Kean University, Union.

Mr. Ashmon was a member of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons State of New Jersey, Moab Lodge No. 70 F&AM Prince Hall, and past master, excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons State of New Jersey, Zerubbabel Chapter No. 5; past high priest, Council Royal Select Master; PHA Joppa Council No. 4, Douglas No. 10, PHA; Douglas Commandry No. 10, Knights Templar; Golconda Temple No. 24 Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Noble Mystic Shrine of North and South America, and its Juris Dictions Inc.; Abigail No. 64 OESPHA, where he was a past worthy patron and was president of the Past Worthy Patrons, and Past Worthy Matrons Council.

Surviving are five sons, Benjamin J. III, Craig, Marvin, Marc and Torrin; three daughters, Robin Frazier, Michelle and Angela; a

brother, Benny; a sister, Betty Holmes, and 12 grandchildren.

The Nesbitt Funeral Home, Elizabeth, handled the arrangements.

**Willie Brown**

Willie Ruth Brown, 81, of Roselle died on Feb. 7.

Mrs. Brown became a member of the Clemons Grove United Holy Church, where she was a member of the Adult Choir, served as a church secretary, finance secretary and Mother of the church. In 1999, she relocated to Roselle, where she became a watch care member of the Union Gospel Tabernacle, Newark. In 2005, Mrs. Brown became a member of New Life in Jersey City.

Surviving are six sons, Russell, James, Vernon, Linwood Jr., William and Glenn Brown; a daughter, Nellie Bell; four brothers, Ben, Bill and Bobby Mayo and Andre Gay; a sister, Caroline Fejoku; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The Nesbitt Funeral Home, Elizabeth, handled the arrangements.

**Mary Ciuba**

Mary "Mac" Ciuba, 87, a lifelong resident of Linden, died Feb. 9 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

Mrs. Ciuba was born in Linden. She was a communicant of St. John the Apostle Church, Clark-Linden,

for more than 50 years, where she was a member of its Senior Citizens Club. Mrs. Ciuba also belonged to the Tremley Point Senior Citizens and the AARP, national chapter.

Surviving are a daughter, Dolores A. Koch; a son, Chester F. Jr.; a brother, Joseph Mindurski; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Werson Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

**Wayne Cook**

Wayne C. Cook, 63, of Hillside died Feb. 11 at home.

Mr. Cook lived in Elizabeth before moving to Hillside 40 years ago. He worked at Drew Chevrolet, Elizabeth, for 31 years, Barnes Chevrolet and Summit Chevrolet in Summit for a total of 11 years as an auto technician. Mr. Cook served in the New Jersey National Guard, West Orange, from 1965 to 1971.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Judy H.; two daughters, Lori Cistrelli and Cindy Hoose; two sisters, Judith A. Cook and Lynn E. Rhodes, and six grandchildren.

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

**Lieselotte Diegmann**

Lieselotte M. Diegmann, 69, of Kenilworth died Feb. 9 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway.

## OBITUARY LIST

ASHMON — Benjamin J. Jr., of Hillside; Feb. 9.  
 BROWN — Willie Ruth, of Roselle; Feb. 4.  
 CARDACI — Rose A., of Hillside; Feb. 8.  
 CIUBA — Mary, of Linden; Feb. 9.  
 COOK — Wayne C., of Hillside; Feb. 11.  
 DIEGMANN — Lieselotte, of Kenilworth; Feb. 9.  
 DRABIK — Helen, of Union; Feb. 8.  
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 HOUSEKNECHT — Catherine E., of Linden; Feb. 11.  
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 KAUFMAN — Blanche, of Cranford; Feb. 8.  
 KESSLER — Hannah, of Union; Feb. 9.  
 KINDEL — Audrey, formerly of Roselle; Feb. 8.  
 KLOEPFER — Lillian, of Rahway; Feb. 9.  
 KOCUM — Gloria M., of Union; Feb. 9.  
 KONOP — Catherine, formerly of Clark; Feb. 10.  
 LAWLESS — Eleanor Maguire, formerly of Cranford; Feb. 12.  
 MACHUTA — Ronald E. Sr., of Linden; Feb. 9.  
 MCCALL — Bessie, of Rahway; Feb. 7.  
 MULLER — Albert G., of Union; Feb. 8.  
 ROTOLA — Patsy R., of Cranford; Feb. 11.  
 SAUER — Rita, of Rahway; Feb. 10.  
 SMART — Ann, of Springfield; Feb. 7.  
 STUHR — John W. Jr., of Clark; Feb. 10.  
 WALESKI — Mary, of Linden; Feb. 9.  
 WALL — Bertha, of Cranford; Feb. 9.  
 WICKENS — Barbara Ann, of Cranford; Feb. 10.

*Editor's note: Not all of the names included in this listing will appear as full-length obituaries.*

Born in Frankfurt, Germany, Mrs. Diegmann came to the United States of America in 1958, settling in Elizabeth.  
 She lived in Kenilworth for the last 45 years.

Surviving are her husband, Frank; three sons, Richard, Daniel and Eric, and two grandchildren.  
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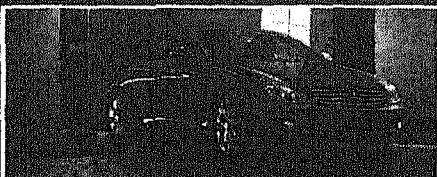
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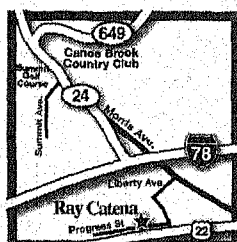
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## Making a difference



From left: Kamil Moralewski and Damian Zegar each donate a gigantic bag of toys to a drive for homeless children at Burnet Middle School. Both young men donated the toys to make a difference in the lives of children during the holidays.

## CLARK BRIEFS

### Lecture: 'New Jersey and the Civil War'

Clark library will hold a program entitled, "New Jersey and the Civil War," at 2 p.m. Saturday in honor of Lincoln's 200th birthday, join author and historian John T. Cunningham for the discussion. A question and answer period will follow.

To register, visit [www.clarklibrary.org](http://www.clarklibrary.org) or call 732-388-5999.

### Hear stories and more

Stories and More, a theme-based stories, songs and crafts for active listeners, 3.5 through 5, will be at Clark library Tuesdays, from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m., through Feb. 26. Registration is required. Call 732-388-5999.

### Register for classes

The Studies Program of the Polish Cultural Foundation in Clark is

accepting registration for its language classes, which begins March 2. Classes, Beginner's Polish II and III and Intermediate Polish, meet Thursday evenings. English class is scheduled for Wednesdays. All classes meet from 7 to 9 p.m. and run for twelve weeks. Early registration is suggested.

For information, call the foundation office at a 732-382-7197. The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark.

## One charged in hacking scheme

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finance department at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville, and Dort, an employee and Hennessey's subordinate, hacked into the medical center's patient records and changed account information to indicate patients were owed a refund. They are also accused of changing patients' addresses to undisclosed addresses in either Linden or Neptune, where others accused of being accomplices in the scam — Francois Jr. and Dingle — lived. The checks were written to the names of the patients whose files were altered, but the funds were transferred to numerous bank accounts in the name of Francois and Dingle. Neither of the two were ever patients at Somerset Medical Center, Forrest said.

Between Feb. 5 and June 10, 2008, police say Hennessey fraudulently issued 23 checks worth \$37,277.20. In a review of employee time sheets and computer activity, authorities also found Dort participated in altering 19 of those checks.

Hennessey, as the supervisor, had greater access to the records and gave Dort special access to

patient information, investigators said.

Hospital officials, who were conducting an internal audit, determined the funds were stolen. Suspensions arose when hospital employees intercepted one of the fake checks in the mailroom before it was sent out. Staff members also discovered the patient record information was changed on Hennessey's and Dort's work computers and under their personal log-in and password on hospital computers.

Hennessey turned himself in to police Feb. 5. He is being held at Somerset County Jail on \$50,000 bail.

Anyone with any information on the whereabouts of the at-large suspects can call the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Special Investigations Unit at 908-231-7100. Information can also be provided to Somerset County Crime Stoppers Tips Line at 888-577-TIPS(8477), or online at [www.888577tips.org](http://www.888577tips.org) and click on "Give Tips" or [www.scpo.net](http://www.scpo.net) and click on "Crime Stoppers." All calls will remain anonymous.

John O'Reilly can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 116, or [editorial@thelocalsource.com](mailto:editorial@thelocalsource.com).

## Rink remains closed

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posed against them, everything will be taken into consideration when the [council] reaches a conclusion," said Antonelli.

Many of those who spoke at the meeting said the shooting was not the owner, Darren Gelber's, fault.

"Someone left their home with malice in their heart," one rink supporter said. "They were out to hurt someone, not to enjoy Skate 22."

Tribble noted it was not Gelber's responsibility to provide security. "The one who's promoting the event should have to provide ample security," Tribble said.

Gelber's attorney, Phillip Walker, said the Christmas party had been planned by a promoter, but he did not recall the name of the individual.

If Skate 22 is allowed to remain open, new restrictions may be imposed on the business, officials said, without noting what these might be.

Walker has already offered to do away with "promotion nights" — when most problems at the rink occurs — in order to make the facility safer.

Promotion nights are when outside groups use the rink for personal parties, drawing in people other than the usual skating fans. D'Haiti was killed at such an event.

Doing away with the nights, however, may not be enough to allow Skate 22 to reopen.

Antonelli said problems on promotion nights have been ongoing since 1997.

Until the vote, the Township Council will be reviewing the incidents that occurred during the past year to determine the skating rink's fate.

Antonelli said there were 25 incidents at the rink in 2008, ranging from "the alleged theft of a backpack to the most serious issue, the loss of life." That record will be judged by the council, he said.

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## Tax hike anticipated

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Officials also discussed a proposed state law that will allow municipalities to defer half their pension contribution until an unspecified time in the future as a means of trimming the spending plan. This could mean \$1 million of the township's \$2 million contribution would not have to be paid immediately.

The township's departmental budget also shows a significant jump of \$800,000, \$550,000 of which consists of salary increases.

The township's legal spending plan is projected to increase by \$225,000, largely as a result of two developer's remedy lawsuits filed against the municipality in 2008.

"If we settle some of these lawsuits, the budget won't go up that high, but right now, that's where it's at," Grady said.

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Dugan did not return repeated calls for comment. Resident Leo McMahon urged commissioners not to depend on aid from higher levels of government. "You will have to do the hard work and make the hard decisions," he said.

He suggested the committee explore upgrading, rather than replacing computers being used in various departments.

"Some of the discretionary items should be zero-based budgeting," McMahon said.

Grady said he does not expect much help from the state. "I anticipate...state aid will...be cut again this year," he said.

Officials anticipate a more extensive budget overview at their Feb. 23 workshop meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall, 8 Springfield Ave.

Paul Greulich can be reached at 908-686-7700 ext. 121, or at

## Youth helps SACH

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according to Sophie's parents.

Litwack described Sophie as a "true inspiration." Recently, he asked her to speak on SACH's behalf at Ramaz Middle School in New York City.

She accepted, Sophie hopes to convince several students at the middle school to get involved.

"It's fantastic," Litwack said. "It's not unusual to have high school or college students

involved, but it is unusual to have such a young child with such a large goal."

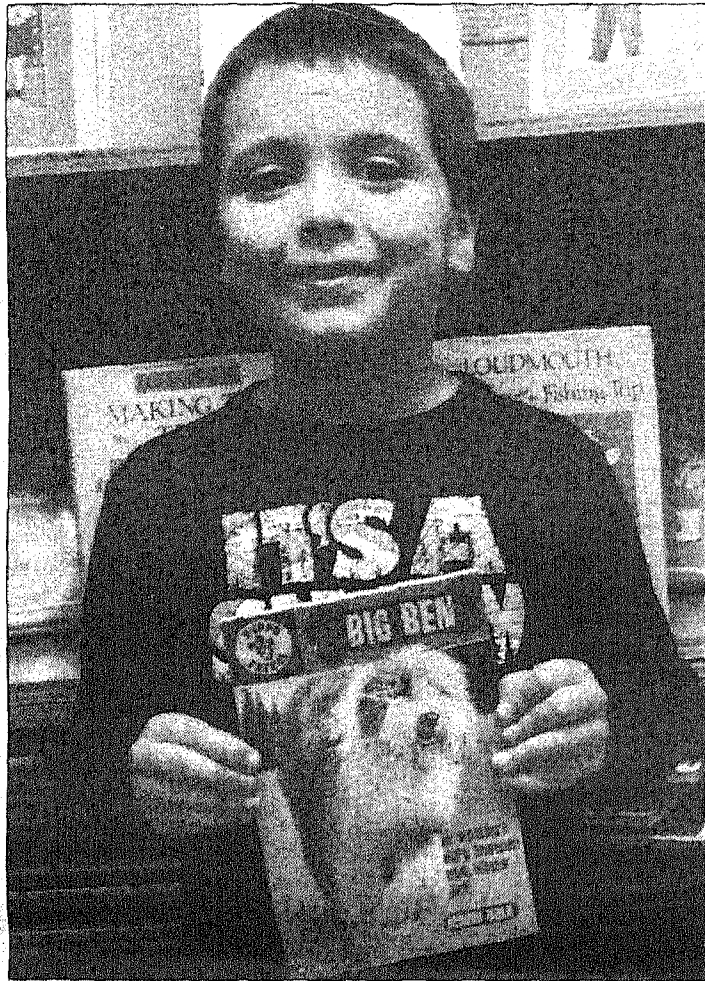
For information about SACH, visit [www.saveachildsheart.com](http://www.saveachildsheart.com).

To purchase a bracelet, contact The DeBode Family at 908-273-0371 or [sgdrulz@yahoo.com](mailto:sgdrulz@yahoo.com).

Joseph M. D'Alise can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 124, or [editorial@thelocalsource.com](mailto:editorial@thelocalsource.com).

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## Designs that shine



The January 2009 winners of the Birthday Book Raffle at Kenilworth Public Library are Kyle Oliva, 8, and Michael Padula, 6, both of Kenilworth. Padula shows the book he chose as his gift from the library.

## STUDENT UPDATE

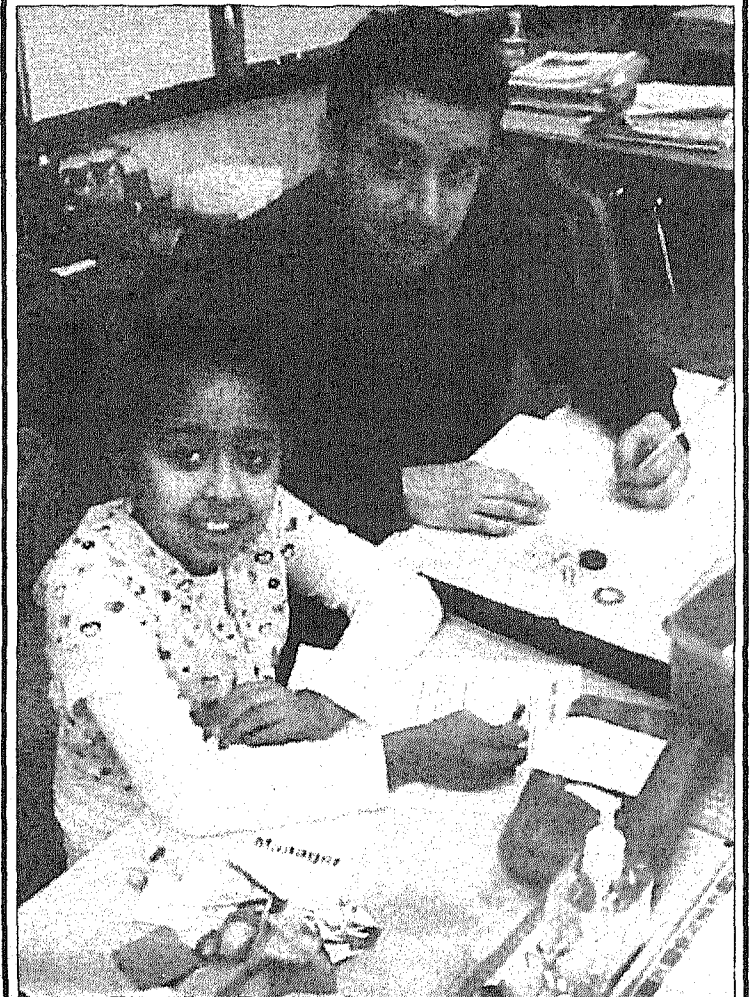
## Best of School Nine

The following students were named "Students of the Month" at School 9 in Linden: Justin Crespo, Grace Sartoretti, Emily Destito, Amanda Liardo, Matthew Mendives, Francesca Violante, Richard Zack, Mackenzie Barrett, Ricky Gonzalez, Jason Abreu, Ralph Sillion, Emi Budnik, Dianelys Garcia, Ariana Nunez, Michael Frangella, Bethany Parrillo, Christine Marti-Millward, Hannah Hobbs, Abigail Nemec-Merwede, Rebekah Altman, Adam Szy-luk, Kristin Martins, Andrew Crespo, Ariana Polanco, Natalia Goralczyk, Nicholas Moreno, Mia Burns, Joshua Johnson, Khaya Newell, Alexander Tarnawski, Claudia Rusin, Kara Depeznski, Valerie Orejuela, Mike Charles, Madison Rosa, Kasey Pineda, Patryk Fraczkowski, Aniston Miller, Elizabeth Dudash, Mahogany Morgan-Broughton, Makayla Cintron, Nathan Pineda, Joseph Delacruz, Angelica Bilica, Robert Wasilewski, Patrick Zegadlo, Karl Benoit, Anthwon Lane, Justin Martinez, Christopher Depalma, Sarah Ajquejay and Joshua Chandler.

## Brothers excels at RU

Andrew Brothers of Rahway has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Rider University's Westminster College.

## Attracting education



Franklin School in Rahway hosted a variety of educational activities to celebrate American Education Week. Third-grade student Natalia Pavon and her father record their observations about which objects magnets attract.

## ALJHS students get scoop on accounting

During the past several years, as career opportunities for certified public accountants have expanded dramatically, accounting has become one of the fastest growing majors in American colleges and universities. That's what students in Eric Swick's classes at ALJ High School in Clark discovered when Debra E. Hahn, CPA, also of Clark, visited the school to discuss the career opportunities that are available to students who study accounting.

The presentation was part of the statewide "Pay It Forward" campaign initiated by the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants.

More than 100 CPAs headed back to the classroom to discuss careers in accounting with more than 7,000 high school students. As working professionals, these NJSCPA members gave students a picture of what it takes to succeed in accounting and the rewards accounting professionals can expect. Even in today's worsening economy, there's still a strong

demand for new accounting graduates. According to the September 2008 issue of "Fast Company" magazine, headhunters identify accounting as one of the few "safe" careers in today's turbulent job market.

As an increased benefit and to encourage students to enter the accounting field, the NJSCPA operates New Jersey's largest professional scholarship fund. In 2008, the NJSCPA Scholarship Fund awarded more than \$375,000 in scholarships to 87 high school and college students to support their studies in accounting.

The "Pay It Forward" presentations include videos allowing students to learn about the career of a CPA, fun facts and an overview of the range of career choices available after graduation.

To learn about the "Pay It Forward" program, visit [www.njscpa.org/students/educators](http://www.njscpa.org/students/educators), then click on "high school." For questions, contact Janice Amatucci at 973-226-4494, ext. 209, or at [amatucci@njscpa.org](mailto:amatucci@njscpa.org).

## Review school budget

A public hearing of Mountain-side's proposed 2009-10 school year budget will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 31 at Beechwood School, Susan O. Collier Media Center, 1497 Woodacres Drive.

The budget will be approved by the Executive County Superintendent prior to the public hearing and will be advertised prior to approval. The spending plan will be on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Education. The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the core curriculum content standards adopted by the state Board of Education.

## Spring musical draws many youths together

The critically acclaimed Broadway musical "The Music Man" will be performed by The Summit High School Theatre Department March 4-7.

It's not just a great musical but a learning experience for students involved in the show. Fourteen elementary students, representing all five schools, will also be part of the spring production.

At each rehearsal students are

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learning through interactive theatre exercises. The cast participated in a family ice cream social to begin the bonding process Jan 15.

Each elementary child will be part of a family from River City, Iowa, where the story takes place. The parents in the show are all played by high school students.

## Academy turns 28

The Children's Academy of Springfield is celebrating its 28th anniversary. Community members are invited to arrange a private visits to the state-certified pre-school and kindergarten.

## Be 'Wowed' Wed.

Hillside Catholic Academy's new program, "Be Wowed on Wednesdays," allows perspective parents and students to visit Wednesdays, through May 29, and learn more about the school.

To visit, call 908-686-6740 or e-mail [admin@hillsidecatholicacademy.org](mailto:admin@hillsidecatholicacademy.org).

## Donate to 'Seussical'

The David Brearley High School cast of "Seussical" is spon-

soring a fundraiser with Union Applebees, off Rt. 22, Wednesday. Applebees will donate 10 percent of any check accompanied by a valid flyer, available at the school and Kenilworth Senior Center. Production dates: April 2, 3 and 4.

## Prepare for college

Cranford Public Library is hosting a series of College Preparation workshops and practice test events for high school students and their families.

The schedule of the college prep events is as follows:

All participants will receive score results within two weeks.

- Wednesday, 7 to 8 p.m.: SAT vs. ACT seminar - There will be a talk about both tests, differences and how colleges view each.

- March 18, 7 to 8 p.m.: Accepted: Getting into your top choice school - Workshop for parents and students.

- April 6, 7 to 8 p.m.: Finances 101

- April 25, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.: PSAT practice test

For information, contact: Fran Houston at 908-709-7272, ext. 11 or at [cranfordlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:cranfordlibrary@gmail.com).



# WORSHIP CALENDAR

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

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

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

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

## UKRAINIAN EVANGELICAL

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

## BAPTIST

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

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HILLSIDE,** 166 Hillside Avenue, Hillside, 973-926-1244, Pastor Christopher M. Jones. Sunday 9:35 a.m. Sunday School and new Servants classes for all ages. 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Nursery and Children's Church. Mid-week: Wonderful Wednesdays in the Word 7:00-8:00 p.m. Youth activities for children and teens. Men and Women's Fellowships 1st and 2nd Saturdays. office@fbc-hillside.org.

## CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

**ORCHARD PARK CHURCH**  
1264 Victor Avenue, Union  
(908) 687-0364  
e-mail: orchardparkchurch@juno.com  
We have ministry geared toward ALL age groups and more: Men, Women, Teenagers, Pre-teens, Children's Church, Couples, Visitation, Hospital, etc. Our goal is to be a BB (Bible Believing), BK (Bible Knowing), BC (Bible Committed), BL (Bible Living) church. A SWEPT Church  
Serving/Worshiping/Evangelizing/  
Praying/Testing  
Sunday: Bible Classes @ 9:30am; Sunday: Worship Service @ 11am; Wednesday: Prayer @ 7pm; Pastor: Rev. Jerry Jay Olivo.

## JEWISH-CONSERVATIVE

**TEMPLE BETH AHM YISRAEL** 60 Temple Drive, Springfield. 973-376-0539. We are a Conservative Egalitarian synagogue in Springfield. We are an inclusive congregation, welcoming to the broader community of mature couples, singles, "traditional" Jewish families,

interfaith families, and gay and lesbian Jews and dedicated to enriching lives of our congregational family by providing an inviting environment for spiritual, educational, and social interaction and growth. We offer to our membership and community a wide variety of educational, spiritual and social programs. Please plan on visiting and taking a look around. Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael holds daily morning services Monday thru Friday at 7:00 am; Sunday at 8:55 am; Sunday thru Thursday evenings at 7:45 pm. Friday evening Shabbat services are at 8:00 pm (except for the 1st Friday of month at 6:30 pm). Shabbat morning at 9:30 am; for Shabbat afternoon Mincha/Ma'ariv/Havdalah, please call for times. Contact: Rabbi Mark Mallach (ridinrebbe@aol.com) - (973) 376-0539 x15 or Executive Director Shiril Haines (execdirector@templebethahmyisrael.com) - (973) 376-0539 x13.

## JEWISH-TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

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

## JEWISH - REFORM

**TEMPLE SHA'AREY SHALOM** 78 S. Springfield Avenue, Springfield, (973) 379-5387. Joshua Goldstein, Rabbi; Amy Daniels, Cantor/Education Director; Nina Greenman, Pre-School Director; Mindy Schreff, Family Life Educator; Jeri Greenberg and Chris Grey Co-Presidents. Temple Sha'arey Shalom is a Reform congregation affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. Shabbat worship, enhanced by volunteer choir, begins on Friday evenings at 8:00 PM, with monthly Family and Alternative Worship. Saturday morning Torah study class begins at 9:15 AM followed by worship at 10:30 AM. Religious school classes meet on Saturday mornings for grades K-3; on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 4-7; and Tuesday evenings for post bar/bat mitzvah students. Pre-school, classes are available for children ages 2 1/2 through 4. The Temple has the support of an active Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Renaissance Senior Group and Youth Group. A wide range of activities is offered for all interest levels and age groups. For more information, call the Temple office, (973) 379-5387 or visit www.shaarey.org.

## LUTHERAN

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

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639 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, 07081, 973-379-4525, Fax 973-379-8887. Our Sunday Worship Service takes place at 10 a.m. For information about our midweek children, teen, and adult programs, contact the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 8:30-4:00 p.m.

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A.**  
301 Tucker Avenue,  
Union N.J. 07083  
Pastor Rev. Romana Abelova  
All Baptized Christians are welcome to our Communion Table on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Regular Sunday Services  
9:00 a.m. Slovak Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Coffee Hour  
11:00 a.m. English Worship  
ACTIVITIES FOR:  
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Summer Bible School  
ADULT: Variety of groups offering opportunities for ministry and fellowship  
BARRIER FREE  
(908) 688-0714

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL,** 229 Cowperthwaite Pl., Westfield, Rev. Paul E. Kirsch, Pastor. (908) 232-1517. Beginning Sunday, July 6, Summer Worship Times are as follows: Sunday Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning Nursery available. Wednesday Evening Worship Service, 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion is celebrated at all worship services. The church and all rooms are handicapped accessible

## METHODIST

**COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
301 Chestnut St.,  
Roselle Park, NJ 07204  
Phone: 908-245-2237  
Pastor: Rev. Glenn A. Scheyhing  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
Sunday School Available

## KENILWORTH COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

455 Boulevard  
Kenilworth, NJ 07033  
Church Office: 908-276-1956  
Parsonage: 908-272-1995  
Pastor: Rev. JinWook Jeong  
English Service: 9:30 - 10:30  
Fellowship: 10:30 - 11:00  
Korean Service: 11:30 - 12:30  
Followed by Fellowship  
Join us in Joyous Celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ!

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

## MORAVIAN

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

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

**MAPLEWOOD BIBLE CHAPEL:**  
Worship and serve together in a warm and caring Bible centered fellowship, located at the intersection of Lexington, Tuscan and

Burnett Avenues. Sunday services: Adult Bible Classes and Sunday School, 10:25 AM. Family Bible Ministry Hour, 11:00 AM. Tuesday 8:00 PM. Prayer and Bible Study, lower meeting room. Special activities for children and youth on Friday evening. Call us for details at 201-761-6430.

## CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

2815 Morris Avenue  
Union, NJ 07083  
Phone/fax: (908) 687-9440  
E-Mail: Crossroads@ccfou.org  
Dr. Tom Sigley, Pastor-Teacher  
SERVICES ON SUNDAY:  
9:45 A.M. Bible School for all ages  
8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Celebration Worship Services  
Children's Church & Nursery  
Care is provided.  
Wednesday:  
7:30 P.M. Addition/Compulsion  
Discussion Group  
Youth activities during the week:  
children of all ages.  
Home Bible studies are now meeting.  
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Web Site: www.ccfou.org  
"Where the Bible Comes ALIVE!"

**VICTORY CHURCH,** 950 Raritan Road, Cranford, NJ. 732-407-1543. Pastor Terry Hicock. Sunday Service 1pm Worship and Praise, Teaching and prayer for healing. Wednesday night 7pm. Bible study and prayer for healing.

## ORTHODOX

**ST. JOHN'S RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,** 211 West Grand Ave. Rahway, NJ. Phone: 732-382-8844. www.stjohnsrussianorthodox.com. Come and explore the ancient Orthodox Christian Faith Services in English. Saturday Vespers 6:30 pm; Sunday Liturgy 9:30 am; Sunday School 11:15 am.

## PRESBYTERIAN

**COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,** 1459 Deer Path, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092. You are invited to join us in Worship Services on Sundays at 10:30 am. This is a place for you to enjoy uplifting music and relevant messages that will energize and inspire you. We offer a warm and friendly environment with Bible study, Sunday school and active adult and youth groups. For further information, please contact Dr. Christopher Belden, Pastor at 908-232-9490.

**CONNECTICUT FARMS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,** 888 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union. Rev. Roberta Arrowsmith, Pastor. Sunday Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation Class and "For Adults Only Education" at 10:00 a.m. Child care provided. Sound system for the hearing impaired. Coffee hour follows the service. Ample parking is provided. New contemporary worship service the "First Friday" of the month at 7:30 p.m. Men's, women's, and youth groups provide a variety of opportunities for participation. Church actively involved with the community through Vacation Bible School, "Friday Night Happening" for middle school youth, CF Food Pantry, weekday Nursery School, and Cub and Boy Scout Troops. Serving the community since 1730, Connecticut Farms is a vibrant, caring congregation committed to renewal and growth. We welcome all to join us for worship and fellowship. For additional information, call the church office at 908-688-3164 or log on to www.ctfarm.org.

**TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
829 Salem Road, Union. Worship and Church School Sundays at 10:00 A.M. Nursery Care during all services. Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. We offer opportunities

for personal growth and development for children, youth, and adults. We have two children's choirs and an adult Chancel Choir. We also have a youth fellowship, regular adult Bible Study, a Book Club and Summer Vacation Bible School. Come and worship with friends and neighbors this Sunday. Townley Church is a growing congregation of caring people. Church Office 686-1028. Rev. Christopher Taylor, Pastor.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD** 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, NJ 07081, 973-379-4320. Rev. Victoria Ney, Pastor. Sunday Worship begins at 10:15am. Fellowship Hour immediately follows the service. Church time nursery and Sunday School for infant to Pre-K avail. Sunday School for K-12th grade begins at 9:00am in the Parish House @ 37 Church Mall. For more information about Church groups and community activities or to contact Pastor Ney, please call the Church Office at 973-379-4320, or visit our website: SpringfieldPresbyterian.org.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC

**THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES,** 300 Central Avenue, Mountainside, 908-232-1162. Celebrate the Lord's Day: Anticipated Mass 5:00pm, Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am. Weekdays: Monday-Friday 7:30am, Saturday 8:00am, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Saturday at 1pm. Perpetual Adoration Chapel for personal prayer and devotion. www.ollmountainside.org, office@ollmountainside.org.

**St. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH COMMUNITY,** 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081.973-376-3044. www.saintjamesparish.org. SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 5:00pm (anticipated), Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am and 12:00 noon. WEEKDAY MASS: Monday-Friday 7:30am, Saturday 8:00am. RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11:00am (any time by appointment).

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## Strong winds cause deaths

*Two killed, property damaged in NJ due to high winds last week*

By John O'Reilly  
Staff Writer

Strong wind gusts knocked out power lines, tore through homes and snapped tree branches and limbs last week, with deadly results for two North Jersey victims.

A high wind warning issued by the National Weather Service on Feb. 11 was not enough to save one Union resident when a tree branch fell onto her car during the morning commute, immediately killing her, authorities said last week.

Maureen Carse, 61, was killed as she was driving at approximately 6:11 a.m. on Route 22 Westbound in Mountainside near Robin Hood Road.

In Newark, a woman was also killed when a large tree branch fell on her as she was exiting a supermarket.

The NWS reported that winds

in the area were swirling as hard as 55 to 60 miles per hour. The weather service urged residents to exercise caution outside their homes due to flying debris caused by the wind gusts.

Some residents, however, were not even safe inside, including a Blake Avenue home in Cranford that was damaged when a tree was uprooted and fell onto it.

The owners were on vacation and not in the house at the time and no injuries were reported.

Neighbors described a "loud whooshing and a boom" in winds that were described as "sustained, loud and heavy."

In Union, a roof was blown off an Oregon Street building due to the heavy winds. Pieces of the flat tarred roof damaged the siding of the house as well as the neighbor's siding and knocked down parts of a plastic fence, although

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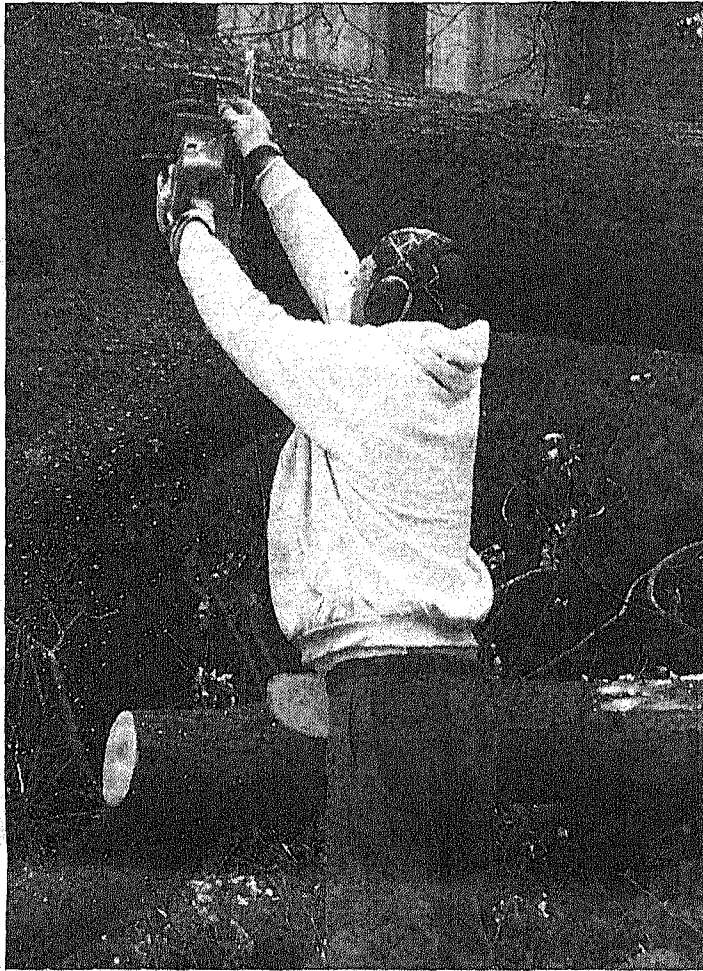


Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

A Public Works employee cuts away portions of a large tree that fell onto a house in Cranford last week when wind gusts in parts of Union County exceeded 50 miles per hour.

## NJDOE raises the bar

By Joseph M. D'Alise  
Staff Writer

After reading through Union County's test scores from the recent state report card, published by New Jersey Department of Education on Feb. 4, it may appear to some that scores are lower, overall than last year's exams; but according to school officials, there's a reason for that.

NJDOE, for the second time in three years, has increased the standards and made it more difficult for students to qualify as "proficient" in language arts, math and science.

According to NJDOE Public Information Officer Richard Vespucci, it may be difficult to compare middle school test scores from 2007 and 2008 because before the latest test, some changes were made.

"In some cases, it's like comparing apples and oranges, because many of the standards were raised last year," he said.

It may appear that many of the test scores in the county have dropped this year and that districts have produced a lower amount of proficient scores, but that's just because the bar has been raised, officials said.

Each year, students in grades three through eight are given the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge, or NJASK. High School students were given the High School Proficiency Assessment, or HSPA.

Union County Executive Superintendent Carmen Centuolo feels that the districts most affected by the new standards include the county's more urban districts, such as Elizabeth and Plainfield.

"Some districts were not meeting the old standards, even before the state raised the bar," Centuolo said.

According to Education Commissioner Lucille Davy, "the new tests measure higher order skills. In addition, the standards for proficiency were raised, which means that students have to answer more questions correctly in order to be deemed proficient."

NJDOE does not expect this slide in proficiency to last very long.

"We fully expect the students and teachers to respond accordingly."

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## County launches new alert system

By John O'Reilly  
Staff Writer

During an emergency, how quickly and efficiently information is relayed on the situation can often have a direct correlation to how many lives are saved.

Thanks to modern technology, local officials are set to make that response time almost instantaneous by sending information directly to the pockets of those in danger.

A new notification system known as Union County First Alert is designed to immediately notify local residents in case of an emergency.

With the system now in place, the county can quickly get the word out on severe weather alerts, traffic notifications, Amber alerts for missing people, terror threats and even notify first-responder volunteers in case of an emergency.

"Providing information to Union County citizens as quickly as possible is one of the most critical factors in saving lives and preventing injuries during an emergency," said Union County Free-



Photo Courtesy of Jim Lowney/county of Union

Union County Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, right, Kenilworth Police Chief William Dowd, left, and Kenilworth Police Lt. William Hannon look at the Web site for UCFirstAlert, a countywide emergency notification system, during a training session on the new system at the Ralph Froehlich Public Safety Building in Westfield.

holder Chairman Alexander Mirabella in a news release.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders announced the start of the pro-

gram during an unveiling at the Froehlich Public Safety Building in Westfield on Feb. 11.

Freeholder Angel Estrada was

cited as spearheading the project. The service is fully funded through grants from the Department of

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Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

A public works crew removes a tree that fell onto a house in Cranford last week, when damaging winds blew through Union County, gusting to nearly 60 miles per hour in some places.

## Windy weather topples trees

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no one was hurt.

A contractor disposing of the roofing said he estimated the damages at thousands of dollars.

Linden police received reports all day of complaints ranging from damage to motor vehicles to garbage cans blowing in the street and tree branches blocking the roadway.

Fallen power lines were also a major concern, taking out large chunks of residents' electricity.

"Wires running along the 300-block of West St.

George Avenue were blown down, with the power lines sending sparks and arcing electricity from the break," said Linden Police Capt. Raymond Tyra. "Two other locations had utility poles snapped in half because of transformers atop the poles," he added.

Multiple other reports placed wires down between the 200-block and 300-block of Kenilworth Boulevard and a utility pole knocked down in Cranford on Walnut Avenue.

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## Warnings can be sent via text

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Homeland Security.

The county's Department of Public Safety and Department of Information and Technology are jointly responsible for sending out the messages, said county spokesman, Sebastian D'Elia.

Every landline telephone in Union County can receive the reverse 9-1-1 calls in case of an emergency.

People on the run can also apply for mobile alerts at [www.UCFirstAlert.com](http://www.UCFirstAlert.com). They can

choose to receive alerts via call or text message to their cell phone, e-mails, pagers, or even a Blackberry. Authorities can send the information to any specific target group they wish, including volunteers, people in a certain area, or ranking officials.

It is all-inclusive as well; the program is also set up to deliver messages via Telecommunications Devices for those who are hearing impaired and use teletypewriters to make and receive phone calls.

The program is powered by

Cooper Notification's Roam Secure Alert Network, a product of Roam Secure, Inc. The company has offices in several states, including New Jersey.

They run 230 such systems in many large cities across the country as well as hospital, schools, airports and even in federal and state agencies. In New Jersey, Gloucester County also uses the emergency alert system. So far no alerts have been sent in Union County. Officials said most residents can currently receive alerts, but could not

## State makes changes

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ly," Vespucci said. "We predict scores will now begin to rise in the second year."

According to New Jersey School Board Association Spokesman Michael Yapple, students could, in the past, get less than half of the answers on this test correct and still be considered proficient. The new standards, however, will raise that bar and further challenge students.

The last time the state increased standardized test expectations was 2 years ago, but Centuolo feels that it will be the last change for a while. "The idea is to bring the students where they need to be," she said.

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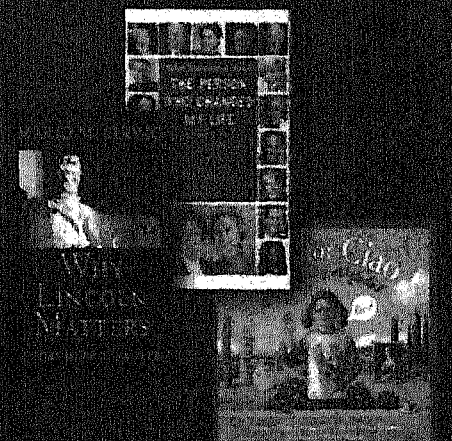
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## MEETINGS

The following is a list of county, municipal and school board meetings that are scheduled for February and March:

### Monday

- The Cranford Township Committee will conduct a workshop meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Room 108 of Cranford town hall, 8 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

### Tuesday

- The Cranford Township Committee will conduct a conference meeting at 7:30 p.m. in room 108 of the the Cranford Municipal Building, 8 Springfield Ave., followed by

an official meeting at 8 p.m. in council chambers.

- The Roselle Park Planning Board will meet at 7 p.m. in council chambers at Rahway City Hall, 1 City Hall Plaza, Rahway.

### Feb. 26

- The Summit Board of Education will conduct a regular meeting at 8 p.m. at Franklin School, 136 Blackburn Road. This meeting will include an opportunity for public input on the budget.

### March 2

- The Kenilworth Board of Education will conduct a workshop

meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the school board conference room at David Brearley Middle/High School.

### March 3

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

- A special Summit Board of Education meeting to vote on the preliminary budget will take place at 8 p.m. at Wilson School, 14 Beekman Terrace.



# ARTS & LEISURE

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## Cranford theater plans 'Affair' to remember

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

According to Judi Chandler, producer of the Cranford Dramatic Club's annual benefit, "A Musical Affair," scheduled Feb. 27 and 28, Broadway is showing off in Cranford.

"The theater does a benefit every year," Chandler explained. "This one, however, is significantly bigger than any that the theater has ever done before. It covers a lot of different kinds of Broadway musicals, from Rodgers and Hammerstein right up to 'Jersey Boys.' There will be medleys from Rodgers and Hammerstein and 'Jersey Boys,' 'All That Jazz,' 'Impossible Dream' 'Steam Heat' 'Being Alive' and so on and so on."

Chandler attributed the "dream of a production" to its director, Michael Miguel.

"It was entirely Michael's idea," she said. "He just asked for my support as business vice president of the theater. Every one of the numbers is compiled, staged and choreographed by Michael. And he has 18 performers in the show. And that includes my 20-year-old



The CDC Theater in Cranford will bring the music of Broadway to Union County on Feb. 27 and 28 when it presents its annual benefit concert, 'A Musical Affair.'

daughter, Corinne Chandler, who sings and dances in the show. Right now, she is performing the role of Thelma, as Sheila Harding's traveling companion in the Cranford Dramatic Club's production of 'The Trip to Bountiful.'"

Chandler indicated that on the

evenings of Feb. 27 and 28, Cranford will seem like Broadway of New York City.

"Just about everyone's favorite Broadway musical will be offered, cabaret style, and it's important that we fill the theater," she said. "Actually, the fundraising benefit is

offered to offset the cost of doing the big musicals that we do. Our next big musical will be 'Peter Pan,' on May 1."

Has Chandler ever had an aspirations of a stage career?

"Funny that you should ask," she mused. "I actually made my

stage debut in 'The Trip to Bountiful.' I was one of the travelers. After 23 years in the theater, I appeared on stage. I had never set foot on that stage before. You know, it's not as hard as I had expected it to be. In fact, I rather enjoyed it."

## Author helps close the new 'generation crater'

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

Michael Osit of Springfield, a clinical psychologist for more than 30 years, had many reasons for wanting to write a book that would help parents understand the high technical world of their youngsters.

But his most important reason for writing "Generation Text: Raising Well-Adjusted Kids in an Age of Everything," was because "I realized I love people and I want to spend my life helping people."

Osit explained during a recent conversation that, "I have always been interested in people and what makes people do what they do. Actually, I started as a business major in the University of New York, and very quickly, I realized that I care enough about people to have a really meaningful influence on a person's life. So, I changed my major to psychology."

He received a bachelor of science degree. He is a New Jersey certified school psychologist and a licensed clinical psychologist, holds a doctorate degree in education from Rutgers University and master's degrees from Northeastern

University. Osit has conducted many interactive seminars and workshops with families during which he stressed "how different it is to raise children in our fast paced, competitive, high tech world. Kids have unprecedented access to the world with layers of insulated privacy from their parents. They know so much more than their parents about the power of the technology they are using, that I have redefined the term 'generation gap' to 'generation crater.'"

The book, he indicated, has been selected as a book of the year choice by Instructor Magazine and World and Family Life. It is one of five finalists in the Child Care/Parenting category, which reviews 440 books, for the 13th Annual Books For Better Life Awards, which will be held Monday.

Osit has served as a psychology panel expert on Mag Rack, a Cablevision series hosted by former CNN News Anchor Mary Alice Williams.

How did the author come to identify technology as the "culprit at the root of many parent-child conflicts?"

"In the last five or 10 years,"

Osit explained, "I noticed the conflict had been growing between parents and kids. There was some technical gadget at the core of the conflict — the cell phone, the video game, the iPod and the computer. And parents were troubled by a feeling of emotional and relationship disconnect because of the time and attention that kids were paying to them than to the family. I noticed that parents began having a feeling of loss of contact with their kids because of the access to the world that kids had, involving layers of insulation and privacy from their parents. They kept secrets from their parents very easily. And parents had the overlying feeling of losing control over their kids."

He continued to explain that "the kids were growing up in an age that was more significant that the world their parents grew up in, which gave them more power. Parents need to keep pace with technology. They need to monitor their child's use of this technology. The question is if they know so much at the age of 10, what will they be like at 15 or 23? And this prompted me to write the book."

Osit has three grown children.

Raising Well-Adjusted Kids in an Age of Instant Everything

## GENERATION

## TEXT



Springfield author Michael Osit helps parents understand the high-tech world in which today's youth are being raised in his new book 'Generation Text.'

"My youngest is 19. Always, when the family was together, no cell phones were allowed during dinner. Even today, we don't allow

it. It's people time, not machine time. Which, by the way," Osit added, "has prompted me to plan to write another book."



## Freestyle fusion



In honor of Black History Month, Hillside Public Library will present the Seventh Principle Drum & Dance Ensemble in a free family program Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. 'Bantaba: The Circle of Celebration,' features contemporary African dance and fuses hip-hop, freestyle, street dance and drumming. For information, call the Library at 973-923-4413 or visit the Web site at [www.hillsidepl.org](http://www.hillsidepl.org).

## 'Well-adjusted' book offers insight

Parents today, who are confused and frustrated by the technical devices that consume every waking moment of their children's lives, could very well welcome Michael Osit's newly-published book, "Generation Text." The book, with its subtitle, "Raising Well-Adjusted Kids in an Age of Instant Everything," has provided an invaluable insight into "access to the world," and "excess of information" available to the Generation Text kids, and how to cope with it all.

Osit, who resides in Springfield, a clinical psychologist in Warren, with more than 30 years in the field of mental health, who has conducted numerous seminars with parents, in addition to raising three of his own children in today's world, has opened locked doors to the public, parents and youngsters, with this book. His invaluable advice to parents on how to raise "Generation Text" children, to adhere to their complicated, busy, often-times difficult, but sometimes well-adjusted lives, to highlight family importance with unconditional love, fundamental values, active parenting and how to keep pace with all the technology surrounding them are unveiled in Osit's own text.

### On The Shelf

By Bea Smith



"Generation Text" is a very important book, and thanks to the author, it reaches out to every parent and every child. It may look like a college text book, but it is written as simply as possible — easy to understand and apply — and it is loaded with personal accounts and anecdotes of the author's patients, first names only, who have been immersed in a conglomeration of problems our new age of technology have brought about. The little stories, offered from Osit's psychology sessions, are appropriately peppered into his text and evidently offer special interest to every parent, grandparent and probably, other readers.

Osit's guidance to everyone involved — and everyone is involved — in the upbringing, social, educational and psychological well-adjustment of the children

of today is of vast importance. These children, without even becoming aware of being so overwhelmed with the continual growth of technological devices in their now complex lives, are desperately in need of special guidance by their parents, their teachers and their counselors.

And, according to our psychologist-author, with the knowledge and full cooperation of the parents of these youngsters, there is definitely a light at the end of the tunnel.

To some, the tunnel may appear too far away, but with diligence, insight, love and understanding, and the availability of a book such as "Generation Text," and its author, Michael Osit, it's really just around the corner.

Unquestionably, "Generation Text," published by AMACOM, American Management Association in the United States and around the world, has been carefully placed on the shelf of this author's collection of "well-adjusted" books.

Bea Smith can be reached at 908-686-7700, ext. 118, or [editorial@thelocalsource.com](mailto:editorial@thelocalsource.com).

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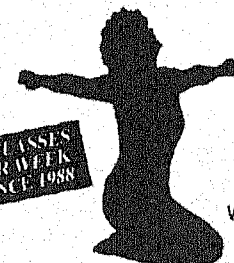
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On March 10, from 7 to 9 p.m., the topic will be "Honor." What is honor? Shakespeare gives it several meanings: renown, glory, and a moral code.

On April 7 from 7 to 9 p.m., "Love and Marriage" will be discussed. Shakespeare wrote about many pairs. Participants will contrast Hero and Beatrice, look at the marriage of the Macbeths and that of Claudius and Gertrude.

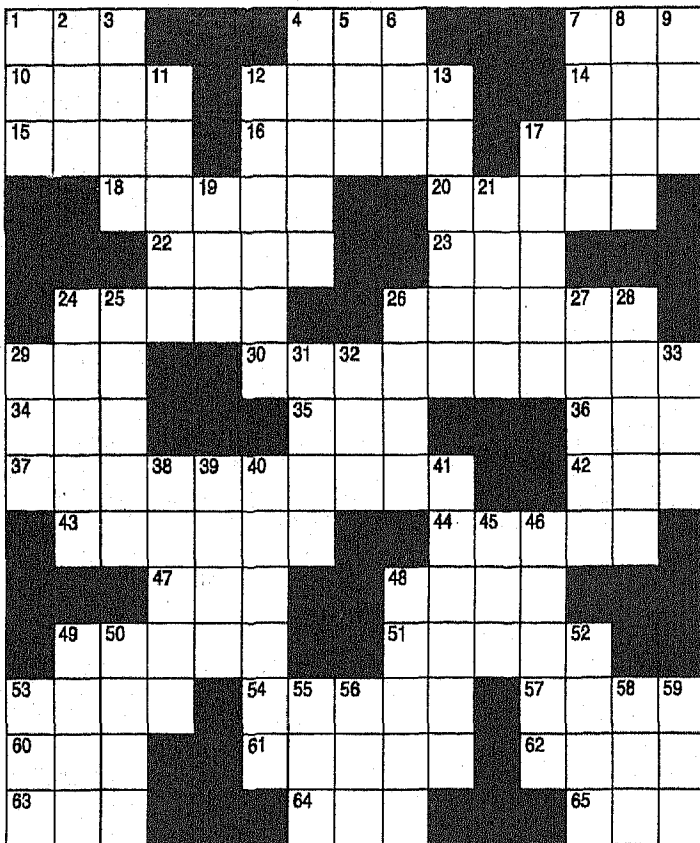
On May 12, from 7 to 9 p.m., the topic will be "Justice." Shakespeare's age was a time of public executions, beheadings by royal decree and harsh punishment for the poor.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## CLUES ACROSS

1. The \_\_\_\_ Four (Beatles)
4. Not good
7. Explosive
10. Thick piece of something
12. Gulf of, in the Aegean
14. Of she
15. Ethiopian monetary unit
16. 2nd to win
17. Islamic month of spring
18. N.E. Brazilian state
20. Huck's author Mark
22. Trucks
23. Restaurant bill
24. Ca \_\_\_\_; waterfall
26. Member of U.S. Navy
29. Drinking establishment
30. Pan's Indian princess
34. Alias
35. Not high
36. Leader Zedong
37. Wellington is the capital
42. Mitt's wife
43. Inclines
44. Set to end
47. Trailer truck or semi
48. Nuclear near reach weapon
49. The third hour, about 9 a.m.
51. A group of 6
53. Spanish surrealist Joan
54. Greek Titan
57. Unstressed-stressed
60. Old world, new
61. Brief letters
62. Chinese dynasty
63. Similar suffix
64. Electromagnetic force
65. Senior officer

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## CLUES DOWN

1. A federally chartered sav-  
ings bank
2. Boxer Muhammed
3. A cutting remark
4. a.k.a. Spinel ruby
5. Macaws
6. Medical practitioner
7. Siamese
8. One point N of NE
9. Denotes three
11. Opera praise for female per-  
formance
12. Compact piano
13. English, Irish or Gordon
17. Jewish spiritual leader
19. Possessed
21. So, branch of the lower  
Rhine
24. Interests, behalvs (pl.)
25. Move very slowly
26. Stitched
27. Legendary violinist Mischa
28. African antelope
29. Cast out
31. Ailments
32. Indian city
33. Distant
38. Don Diego de la Vega
39. A long narrative poem
40. Sea between Greece and  
Turkey
41. Coercion
45. Telephone switch
46. Electronic communication
48. Allied H.Q. (abbr.)
49. Men's neckware
50. P \_\_\_\_; bird resting place
52. Speaker's platform
53. Japanese apricot tree
55. Foot digit
56. Your store of information  
(abbr.)
58. \_\_\_\_bo: Latin dance
59. A tropical constrictor

# HOROSCOPE

## Feb. 22 to 28

**ARIES**, March 21 to April 20:  
Aries, patience is a virtue you don't seem to have this week. But rushing others to get what you want is not the way to go about things. Put on the brakes.

**TAURUS**, April 21 to May 21:  
Taurus, assess the situation from all angles before you weigh in with how you feel. This way you avoid any confrontations, or can deftly explain your position.

**GEMINI**, May 22 to June 21:  
Jump into that new relationship with both feet, Gemini. It'll be the best decision you've made in quite some time, and you'll have a new partner to show for it.

**CANCER**, June 22 to July 22:  
Cancer, after doing for others for so long it's time you do for yourself. Don't feel bad about treating yourself well. If you are happy you can continue to brighten others' days.

**LEO**, July 23 to Aug. 23: Factor

fun into the equation for the week, Leo. It's time to lighten up, kick back and relax. After being refreshed you can jump back into the daily grind.

**VIRGO**, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22:  
Resist the urge to take what everyone says to heart. An opinion is just that — an opinion. You don't necessarily have to follow what others say. Tuesday could be a challenge, Virgo.

**LIBRA**, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23:  
Someone asks you an important question this week, Libra. Just when you thought you knew what you were going to say, you experience a change of heart.

**SCORPIO**, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22:  
Scorpio, you're back on top and now is the time to devote energy to staying in that position. Just don't work too much at it or else you'll foil all of your hard work.

**SAGITTARIUS**, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21: You are undecided about a

housing situation, Sagittarius. Take the advice of someone close to you who only has your best interests at heart. A new friend is on the horizon.

**CAPRICORN**, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20: The stress of too much planning leaves you a tad on the weary side, Capricorn. You just need to take a few days off and get back into the swing of things. Leo helps a lot.

**AQUARIUS**, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18:  
It's one thing to be cautious with money, it's another to be Mr. Scrooge, Aquarius. Now is the time to loosen the reigns on those bank accounts and spend wisely.

**PISCES**, Feb. 19 to March 20:  
Surround yourself with friends this week, Pisces, and nothing will get you down. Birthday plans prove to be lots of fun.

Also born this week: Lea Salonga, Dakota Fanning, Billy Zane, Sean Astin, Michael Bolton, and Robert Sean Leonard.

# What's Going On?

## PSYCHIC FAIR

### SATURDAY

February 28, 2009

**EVENT:** Psychic Fair  
**PLACE:** At the Casano Community Center, 314 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park  
**TIME:** 12:00PM to 4:00PM  
**PRICE:** \$20.00 donation includes a 15-minute psychic reading through numerology, palm readings, tarot cards and exploration of past lives.  
**DETAILS:** Readings by appointment only. Light refreshments will be served. One-half of the donations will go towards the RPHS PTSA Scholarship Fund, which provides several scholarships each year to students. Anyone 18 years or older can make an appointment by call Linda Uhrig 908-245-7473  
**ORGANIZATION:** Roselle Park High School PTSA

## FLEA MARKET

### SATURDAY

February 28, 2009

**EVENT:** Big Indoor Flea Market  
**PLACE:** Roselle Catholic High School, 1 Raritan Road, Roselle  
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## BOOKS

**THE READERS' FORUM**, the book discussion group of the **CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**, will discuss the following books: "Alexander Hamilton" by Alex Chernow, Monday; "Bridge of Sighs" by Richard Russo, March 30; "The Gathering" by Anne Enright, April 27 and "Unaccustomed Earth" by Jhumpa Lahiri. All discussions will take place Mondays. New members are welcome at any time. Sessions start at 7 p.m. in the library's Fridlington Room. For information, call the library Reference Department at 908-709-7272, or e-mail the library at [library@cranfordnj.org](mailto:library@cranfordnj.org).

## CONCERTS

The Friends of the Cranford Public Library invite the public to enjoy an **EVENING OF CLASSICAL MUSIC** performed by a string trio from the Mason Gross School of Arts, Rutgers University, on Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. The performance will feature selections from the works of Haydn, Schubert and Beethoven. The members of the trio are doctoral students Pei-Yin Hsieh, violin; Ching-Yuan Chen and Ashley Yin-Hsuan Chen, cello. Admission to the program is free and all are welcome.

The **SUMMIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** will present its next concert on March 29 at 3 p.m. at Summit High School, Kent Place Blvd. The concert will include music by Berlioz and Bach. The featured soloist for the concert will be violist Edmundo Ramirez. There will be a pre-concert lecture beginning at 2:15 p.m. for this performance. For information about the concert and about the Summit Symphony Orchestra, visit the Web site at [www.summitsymphonynj.org](http://www.summitsymphonynj.org). Admission for the concert is free of charge.

The **RAHWAY VALLEY JERSEYAIRES BARBERSHOP CHORUS** will sponsor and host its 48th annual **NOVICE QUARTET CONTEST** on Saturday at Roosevelt Elementary School, 811 St. Georges Ave., Rahway, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free to the public. The group hopes to have up to 15 quartets competing for the top spot in front of a panel of judges and a contest administrator who will tabulate a score sheet for the audience and competing quartets. The winning quartet will also be awarded the Annual Ben Ackermann Memorial Trophy, which is then passed along to each year's subsequent winners. Each quartet will sing two songs

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## CRAFTS

The Presbyterian Women's Association of Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, Union, has scheduled its annual **INDOOR FLEA MARKET** for April 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors are welcome. The flea market will feature a variety of new and "gently-used" merchandise. Handcrafted items also are acceptable. For information or to rent a table, call 908-245-0562. Proceeds from the flea market will go to the many mission projects of the Presbyterian Women's Association.

## HOBBIES

On Friday, **AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS INC.** will conduct its monthly membership meeting at 8 p.m. in the Roy Smith Theater in the Campus Center Building at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Immediately following the business meeting at approximately 9 p.m. the club will present a lecture, "Dust in the Interstellar Medium," by David Joiner, an assistant professor of computational mathematics and physics in the New Jersey Center for Science Technology and Mathematics Education at Kean University in Union. Following the lecture, attendees will be invited to the William Miller Sperry Observatory on campus and will have the opportunity to speak with club members and tour the facility. Refreshments will be served. If weather permits a celestial viewing focusing on M42, the Orion Nebula, and the nebula's multiple star, Trapezium, will be conducted using the club's two large telescopes. All meetings and lectures have no admission fee and are open to the public. Free parking is provided. For information on AAI and directions visit [www.asterism.org](http://www.asterism.org) or call 908-276-STAR.

The Summit Department of Community Programs will sponsor **CHESS CLUB** for chess players from beginner to the most experienced players. Classes are available on Monday evenings for youth ages 7 to 17, from 6 to 7 p.m. and adults from 6 to 7 p.m. The classes are held at the Field House at 5 Myrtle Ave. For online registration and credit card payment go to <https://register.communitypass.net/summit>.

**THE NORTH JERSEY CAR CLUB** meets at the Anthony Amalfi Community Center, 1268 Sheaffer Ave., Roselle, on the first Saturday of each month. Meetings start at 9:30

a.m. Free refreshments are served to members and guests before the meeting. For information, call Jim at 908-245-4744.

## MOVIES

**THE HISTORY OF BLACK CINEMA** from its beginnings through the 1920s will be highlighted during Kenilworth Historical Society's Black History Month Celebration today. The general public is invited to attend the event, which will be held at 7 p.m. at the Kenilworth Seniors' Center, 526 Kenilworth Blvd., Kenilworth. Admission is free. Participants will learn about the early days of black cinema and have an opportunity to view short films featuring such renowned black performers as Bessie Smith, Cab Calloway and Lena Horne. The program also will feature a performance of African music by the David Brearley Middle/High School Master Singers. Light refreshments will be served. For information, call 908-709-0434.

The Springfield Free Public Library will continue its Lunchtime Film Series entitled "**A PAUL NEWMAN RETROSPECTIVE**." The fourth film in the series will be shown on Tuesday at noon. The series continues every other Tuesday through March 24. Patrons can bring a brown bag lunch to the program. Coffee and cookies will be served at 11:30 a.m. Assistive listening devices are available upon request. The Springfield Free Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield. For information, call the library at 973-376-4930 or visit [www.sfpnj.org](http://www.sfpnj.org).

The **MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY** will host the "**BROWN BAG MOVIES**" series for adults on Mondays at noon. Bring your lunch and enjoy a classic movie and a cartoon short. The library will provide the drinks and dessert. "Wednesday Night at the Movies" continues through the fall, with feature films beginning at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.mountain sidelibrary.org](http://www.mountain sidelibrary.org) or call 233-0115 for a list of what's being shown.

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## SCRIPTS

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

## THEATER

The **SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL** Performing Arts Department will present "**THE MUSIC MAN**" March 4 at 6 p.m. and March 5-7, at 7:30 p.m. on the Summit High School stage. Tickets will be on sale at the high school from March 2 to 6 in front of the cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 12:30

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Dan Auburn's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, "**PROOF**" will be presented by the **DRIFTWOOD PLAYERS** March 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. in Sherlock Hall at Trinity Episcopal Church, located on the corner of North and Forest avenues in Cranford. "Proof" is being directed by Katherine Benson. For information call 908-276-4047.

## TRIPS

The Deborah Hospital Foundation will sponsor a fundraising trip to see "**BEHOLD THE LAMB**," a musical play at the Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, Pa. It will be a two-and-a-half hour show. The group will have a family style lunch at the Hershey Farms Pennsylvania Dutch restaurant. Pick-up time is 10 a.m. on March 7. The group will return to Kenilworth at about 9:15 p.m. Information and tickets can be obtained by contacting Rosemary Palmer at 908-272-1705.

The Kenilworth Historical Society will host a bus trip to **MOHEGAN SUN CASINO** in Uncasville, Conn. on Saturday and a trip to the **PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW** on March 5. The Feb. 21 Mohegan Sun Casino trip bus will depart Kenilworth from St. Theresa's School parking lot at 8 a.m. and return to Kenilworth at approximately 9 p.m. The cost includes motor coach transportation, an approximate six-hour visit to the casino, which additionally houses a wide range of distinctive shops and restaurants; a \$10 coupon for free bets; and a coupon for a \$10 food credit or complimentary buffet. The March 5 Philadelphia Flower Show trip will depart Kenilworth from the South 21st Street municipal parking lot at 8 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. For information and reservations, call 908-709-0391 or 908-709-0434.

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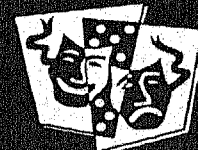
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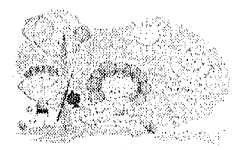
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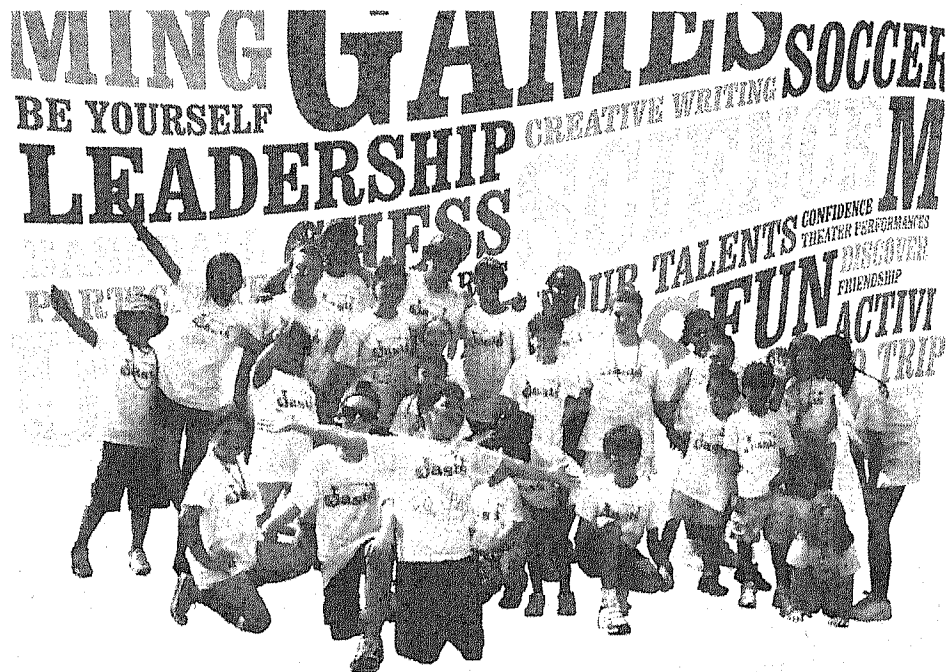
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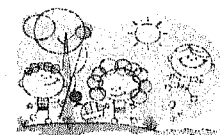
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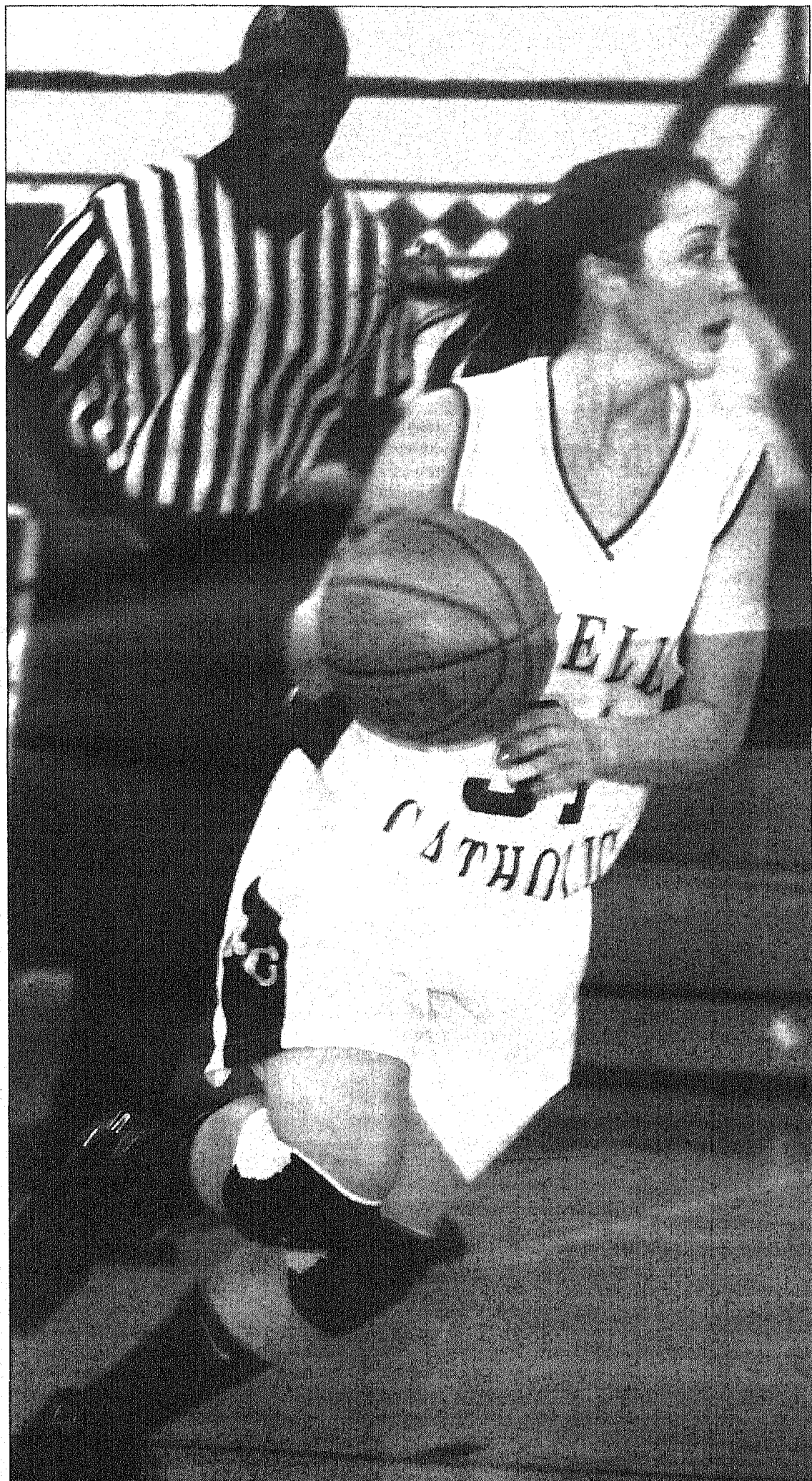
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## UCT girls' down to best 8 teams

*Quarters tonight at RC, Rahway*

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

RAHWAY — The Johnson girls' basketball team remembers losing to Scotch Plains in last year's Frank J. Cicarell Union County Tournament quarterfinals.

Scotch Plains recalls the time it was defeated by Johnson this year in the regular season.

The two will meet again tonight at 7:30 at Rahway in the UCT quarterfinals.

Both will have revenge on their minds.

For ninth-seeded Johnson, which ousted eighth-seeded Governor Livingston 33-23 in its first round game Monday at Rahway High School's Earl R. Walter Gymnasium, the Crusaders this time realize what it takes to beat a tough Watchung Conference squad like Scotch Plains.

The top-seeded Raiders advanced by defeating 17th-seeded Oak Knoll 51-32 Monday in its first round game at Rahway.

Scotch Plains is out to reach the semifinals again and then attempt to win its fourth championship in six seasons.

Johnson defeated Scotch Plains 44-41 at home back on Jan. 20 in a non-conference regular season clash. Since then, the Raiders — who are now 17-6 and have won nine in a row — have a record of 9-1.

"We came out fired up and we were all ready to play," said high-scoring Johnson junior forward Gina Trani of her team's win over the Raiders. "There are some girls there that we know and we really wanted to beat them."

"They were the one team that we really wanted to beat this year and we went out and did it."

Johnson was down by a point going into the fourth quarter, but outscored Scotch Plains 12-8 in the final eight minutes to steal the victory. Trani and senior guard Monica Slodowski scored 10 points each, while sophomore guard Kristy Pflug netted 10 and sophomore center Kate Matthews eight and seven rebounds.

"That night we did almost everything in the game plan to perfection," Johnson first-year head coach Tom Chmiel said. "We moved the ball correctly, the kids ran their cuts almost to perfection and we talked about throwing the extra pass in that game."

"They trap corners and they will move a certain way. The way they moved, we reversed the ball on them and tried to get reverse shots. That's what worked against them."

Senior center Kaylin Jaichon had a pretty solid game for the Raiders in the setback. She paced all scorers with 18 points, grabbed 12 rebounds, blocked five shots and came up with two steals.

Kathryn DeCataldo and Laura Degnan each poured in eight points and senior forward Jackie Law two.

"At the end when they switched to man, we handled it very well," Chmiel said. "We made our foul shots down the end and we also got some back door stuff that we had worked on at that time."

"Everything just had to go perfect because they are a better team at this stage of the game. We're so young. But if everything goes right, it could be a nice upset."

In last year's UCT quarterfinal matchup between Scotch Plains and Johnson at Roselle Catholic, the Crusaders were the higher seeded team at No. 3, while the Raiders were the sixth seed.

Scotch Plains took an early lead and never relinquished it en route to a comfortable 50-41 triumph.

It was the third straight year that a pretty good Johnson team was defeated by a bigger Watchung Conference foe in the quarterfinals. In 2006 it was Union and in 2007 it was Elizabeth in overtime.

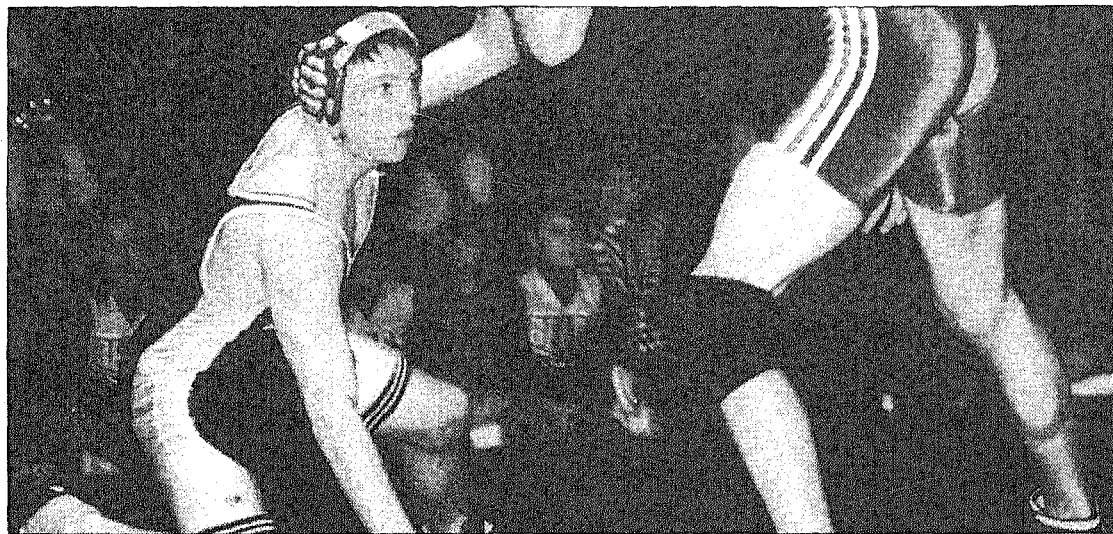
Jaichon had a big game offensively in that one as well, netting a contest-high 19 points and also grabbing 20 rebounds and blocking four shots. Law had 10 points and Degnan nine.

That game was a coming out contest for Slodowski, who scored 15 points for the first time and kept Johnson in the game with her successful outside shooting.

If Johnson continues to play defense the way it did against GL Monday night, the Crusaders will have a shot. For Johnson to beat a team like Scotch Plains twice in a season may be asking a bit much, but it can be done.

See SEMIFINALS, Page 33

The fourth-seeded Roselle Catholic girls' basketball team, sparked by the play of junior point guard Jenny Malone (No. 31), will face top-seeded Scotch Plains tonight at 7:30 at Rahway in one of four Union County Tournament quarterfinals and one of two at Rahway. The other two will take place at Roselle Catholic. The semifinals are to take place at RC Monday night and the final at RC on Feb. 27.



Breareley's Kenny Knapp, at left against Adam Simon of Phillipsburg who he defeated 9-3, won both of his team state bouts on Sunday by 5-0 scores.

## Breareley, Roselle Park excel in group matches

### Wrestlers prove worthy of competition

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

For the second year in a row the Breareley wrestling team came close to capturing its first state championship.

For the second straight season the Bears fell just short against Long Branch, with Sunday's Group 2 final going down to the final match.

Long Branch took a one-point lead into the final two matches and then won both by decision to defeat Breareley 31-24 before 4,000 at the Ritacco Center at Toms River North in Toms River.

Long Branch led the match, which began at 152, from start to finish. The Central Jersey champions led 21-4 before 103 and 25-24 before 140 after they forfeited at 135. That allowed Justin Clarke to move up to 140 where he defeated Devon Geoghegan 8-3. Doug Cornell downed Dillon Geoghegan 7-3 at 145 for the victory. Cornell, a junior, improved to 26-5. Dillon Geoghegan, a sophomore, fell to 20-10.

Long Branch won eight of the 14 matches, with the bout's only pin coming at heavyweight where Long Branch's Ameer Washington won by fall over Jeff Viglone in 23 seconds.

Breareley finished a spectacular season, one that included a dominating win over Group 3 state champion Phillipsburg and another impressive triumph over Group 4 power Jackson, with a 23-3 record. Breareley — the repeat North 2, Group 2 champion — had a 20-match winning streak snapped by Long Branch. Breareley's only other two losses came on Jan. 3 at Brick Memorial to Toms River East 38-30 and to Brick Memorial 33-30.

The Bears will now focus their attention on winning District 10 for a fourth year in a row. Competition commences tomorrow at Millburn and concludes Saturday.

Long Branch finished another stellar season at 26-1.

Long Branch entered the match ranked No. 2 in the state by The Star-Ledger. Breareley was ranked No. 3.

High Point of Wantage was ranked No. 1 although the Sussex County school was not allowed to compete in the North 1, Group 3 playoffs because of an out-of-state scheduling infraction. High Point's record was 19-4 at the time of the state tournament ban.

In Sunday's semifinals, Breareley downed Delsea 36-31 in a Group 2 matchup, while fellow Union County member Roselle Park was edged by Newton 30-29 in a Group 1 bout.

Breareley, which lost to Long Branch 30-27 in last year's Group 2 final, is still without a state championship — something next year's team can shoot for once again.

The Bears have now won four sectional titles in a row, but still seek that elusive first state crown.

Despite that, the Bears can still hold their heads up extremely high and will finish with another very formidable state ranking. Last year Breareley finished No. 4 in The Star-Ledger's final Top 20 poll.

Leading South Jersey champion Delsea 27-25 with three bouts left, Breareley received a win by decision at 130 by senior Kenny Knapp and then a win by pin at 135 by senior Joe Lospinoso to clinch the victory. Delsea won the final match — 140 — by forfeit.

Knapp beat Josh Owens 5-0, while Lospinoso pinned Chris Cosgrove in 42 seconds.

Breareley defeated Delsea 39-22 in last year's semis. Knapp won both of his matches on Sunday by 5-0 scores, wrestling a total of 12 minutes and not giving up a point.

On the other hand, Lospinoso wrestled only 42 seconds on Sunday. He won his Delsea match by pin in 42 seconds and won his Long Branch match by forfeit.

Roselle Park's fantastic season came to an end at 19-4. The Central Jersey champ Panthers took the lead at 29-24 against Newton by winning the 215 bout by pin. Newton, the North 1 champion, won by pin at heavyweight for the victory.

Roselle Park fell one win shy of tying last year's school record of 20 victories in a 20-2 season.

The Panthers won the Group 1 state championship outright in the first year of the present format in 1982 and shared the 1997 crown with Paulsboro.

Roselle Park and Newton won seven bouts, with the match starting at 103 and Newton winning the first three matches.

A key victory for the Sussex County Braves was a 1-0 triumph at 145 where Kyle Huber edged Russell Benner.

Robert Kirste pinned Newton's Victor Ramos in 1:30 at 215 to give Roselle Park a 29-24 lead.

Then Ed Mattice pinned Roselle Park's Dave Jaramello in 1:02 at heavyweight to put Newton in the final.

Two big Roselle Park victories right before Kirste's were achieved by Connor Gabriel at 171 and Frank Yuro at 189. Gabriel decisioned Thatcher Iliff 24-8 (technical fall, 6:00) at 171, while Yuro blanked Evan Chrusic 10-0 at 189.

Roselle Park lost to Collingswood 39-25 in last year's semifinals. Kittatinny then defeated Collingswood in the Group 1 final.

Roselle Park will now turn its attention to this weekend's District 10 Tournament at Millburn.

Paulsboro won its 26th Group 1 title, first since 2007 and 25th outright by beating Lenape Valley 41-24 in the semifinals and then Newton 34-24 in the final.

Paulsboro, which lost to Collingswood in the South Jersey, Group 1 final last year, finished another outstanding campaign at 23-2.

• See sectional final team pics and agates on Page 33.

#### UNION COUNTY BOYS' HOOPS TEAMS IN STATES (14)

North 2, Group 4: Union, Elizabeth, Linden, Plainfield

North 2, Group 3: Summit, Rahway, Scotch Plains

North 2, Group 1: New Providence

Central Jersey, Group 2: Roselle, Gov. Livingston

Central Jersey, Group 1: Breareley

Non-Public, North B: St. Patrick, St. Mary's of Elizabeth, Oratory Prep

#### MONDAY, MARCH 2

North 2, Group 4

First Round

14-Watchung Hills at 3-Elizabeth

12-Linden at 5-Union

13-North Hunterdon at 4-Plainfield

Central Jersey, Group 2

First Round

11-Raritan at 6-Roselle

9-Metuchen at 8-Gov. Livingston

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

North 2, Group 3

First Round

9-Scotch Plains at 8-Summit

Central Jersey, Group 1

First Round

9-South Hunterdon at 8-Breareley

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

North 2, Group 4

Quarterfinal

12-Linden/5-Union vs. 13-North Hunterdon/4-Plainfield

Non-Public, North B

First Round

13-Oratory Prep at 4-St. Mary's, Elizabeth

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

North 2, Group 3

Quarterfinal

10-West Morris/7-Millburn at 2-Rahway

North 2, Group 1

Quarterfinal

6-Secaucus at 3-New Providence

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Non-Public, North B

Quarterfinals

12-Eastern Christian/5-Newark Academy vs.

13-Oratory Prep/4-St. Mary's, Elizabeth

9-Morristown-Beard/8-St. Mary's, J.C. at 1-St. Patrick

#### UNION COUNTY GIRLS' HOOPS TEAMS IN STATES (17)

North 2, Group 4: Linden, Westfield, Plainfield

North 2, Group 3: Summit, Scotch Plains

North 2, Group 1: New Providence, Dayton

Central Jersey, Group 2: Hillside, Roselle, Cranford, Johnson, GL.

Central Jersey, Group 1: Roselle Park

Non-Public, North A: Roselle Catholic, Kent Place, Mother Seton

Non-Public, North B: Oak Knoll

#### MONDAY, MARCH 2

North 2, Group 4

First Round

10-Bridgewater-Raritan at 7-Linden

9-Colonia at 8-Plainfield

Central Jersey, Group 2

First Round

12-Roselle at 5-Rumson-Fair Haven. 12-Hillside at 4-Delran.

11-Cranford at 6-Gov. Livingston. 10-Raritan at 7-Johnson.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

North 2, Group 4

Quarterfinal

6-Westfield at 3-North Hunterdon

Non-Public, North B

First Round

9-Oak Knoll at 8-Villa Walsh

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Non-Public, North A

First Round

9-Paramus Cath. at 8 Kent P.

11-Mother Seton at 6-Pope J.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

North 2, Group 3

Quarterfinals

6-Scotch Plains at 3-West Morris

5-Summit at 4-Somerville

North 2, Group 1 Quarters

6-North Arlington at 3-Dayton

9-Glen Ridge/8-CP at 1 New P.

CJ, Group 1 Quarterfinal

5-R. Park at 4-Point Pleas. Beach

Non-Public, North A

Quarterfinal

11-Mother Seton/6-Pope John

at 3-Roselle Catholic



# Semifinals are Monday, UCT girls' final Feb. 27

(Continued from Page 31)

It will be difficult, but it's not impossible.

In order for basketball teams to advance in any kind of tournament, solid defensive pressure must be applied for 32 minutes. That's the key. To be able to limit the opposition to one shot or no shots at all with a suffocating hand-in-your face kind of defense.

That's what worked for Johnson Monday night in a game that featured almost as many turnovers by both teams as points.

The Crusaders improved to 14-7, while GL fell to 13-6 and had a 10-game winning streak snapped. It was also the first time the Highlanders played in exactly 10 days.

Johnson, which lost at GL 45-41 Dec. 20 and at home to the Highlanders 40-34 Jan. 27 in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division contests, mixed up its defensive strategy this time.

"We started in man and we used a 2-2-1 press just to force them to take some time off and not hurry the ball down the floor," Chmiel said. "Then once we got down we went into a matchup 2-3 and we felt that would slow them down a little bit."

Johnson wasn't down for long as the Crusaders took the lead for good at 4-3 midway through the first quarter on a lefty layup by efficient sophomore guard Kristy Pflug. She followed that up with Johnson's only three-point basket of the game and finished with seven points and seven assists.

Trani paced the Crusaders with a 12-point effort, including her team's final four points — all of which came on free throws.

"We knew a little bit more about them from the past and we did not get into early foul trouble," Chmiel said. "The second time when we played them at our place Gina (Trani) sat out probably eight or nine minutes and that was a little bit."

"Plus, after the one time they got that play in the middle we cut off their out-of-bounds play, which hurt us badly in the other game. We also made some shots."

Having one of her best games of the year for the Crusaders was Matthews, who scored nine points and grabbed nine boards. She had five of her rebounds in the third quarter and also blocked a shot in the period. Three of her boards in the eight-minute stanza came on offense.

"She's been doing that for the last 10-12 games," Chmiel said. "She gets good position, she's got good extension and she's very strong."

Matthews battled with GL senior center Krissie Hague — both two of the taller players in Union County — with Hague netting seven points.

"I don't know how tall that kid (Hague) is, but that's a big kid," Chmiel said. "Kate did a fairly nice job on her."

"We're hoping - to be able to go on in the tournament — that she (Matthews) can do her job. We're also getting the freshman Cyndi (Wilson) boxing out and getting the extra rebounds and we get great ball-handling out of Kristy."

Johnson led 17-10 at the half with both teams not getting into any kind of rhythm at all offensively. The Crusaders added to their lead by winning the third quarter 9-5 for a 26-15 cushion going into the fourth.

GL senior forward Alyssa Dilly had to be careful playing with three fouls and was subbed for by Debbie Kapilow, who made a big 3-point shot in the fourth quarter to pull the Highlanders to within four at 26-22 with 4:27 remaining.

It was the only 3-point basket GL made. Dilly paced the Highlanders with eight points.

When Johnson took a timeout with 2:49 left, the score was still 26-22. At that point, the Crusaders still had not scored in the period, had taken just three shots and had committed five turnovers.

Although GL went on a 7-0 run to start the fourth, you still didn't get the sense that Johnson was in trouble.

A free throw by Slodowski ended GL's run and put Johnson ahead by a score of 27-22. Then the Highlanders committed their 10th foul of the half, which meant Johnson was going to the line for two shots every time a Crusader would get fouled.

Matthews made 1-of-2 free throws on consecutive occasions and then Trani made two in a row twice to give Johnson a 7-0 run and a 33-22 lead.

GL freshman guard Alyssa Polimeni, who finished with three points, scored the game's final point on a free throw.

Johnson missed all six of its shots in the fourth quarter and was outscored by GL 8-7. The Crusaders did make 7-of-13 free throws in the period to stave off the Highlanders.

The 23 points GL scored against Johnson were the second-lowest amount the Crusaders have yielded this season. Johnson defeated Union Catholic 36-14 at home for the lowest back on Jan. 8.

"After the first two times we played them we knew that our defense was going to win us the game today," Trani said.

"Our defense had to get stronger and stronger in the fourth quarter and we couldn't give them any 3-pointers either."

Johnson's defense did a good job of that, allowing GL just one 3-point basket for the game.

**NOTES:** Johnson shot 11-for-28 from the field and made 10-of-20 free throw attempts.

GL shot 8-for-33 from the field and made 6-of-12 free throw attempts.

Dilly did well to grab six rebounds despite missing time in foul trouble.

## UCT FIRST ROUND GAME AT RAHWAY

9-ALJ (14-7)	11	6	9	7-33
8-GL (13-6)	7	3	5	8-23

**JOHNSON:** Gina Trani 4-0-4-12, Kate Matthews 3-0-3-9, Monica Slodowski 2-0-1-5, Kristy Pflug 1-1-2-7, Cyndi Wilson 0-0-0-0, Cat Hanley 0-0-0-0, Lauren Saracen 0-0-0-0, Victoria Martin 0-0-0-0. Totals: 10-1-10-33.

**GOV. LIVINGSTON:** Alyssa Polimeni 1-0-1-3, Debbie Kapilow 0-1-0-3, Alyssa Dilly 3-0-2-8, Krissie Hague 2-0-3-7, Amanda Quaglia 1-0-0-2, Allie Tierney 0-0-0-0, Shannon Lanza 0-0-0-0. Totals: 7-1-6-23.

## UNION COUNTY GIRLS' BASKETBALL

34th annual Frank J. Cicarell Union County Tournament

### QUARTERFINALS Thursday, Feb. 19

**At Rahway (top side of the bracket)**  
12-Cranford vs. 4-Roselle Catholic, 6 p.m.  
9-Johnson vs. 1-Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m.

**At Roselle Catholic (bottom side of the bracket)**  
14-Elizabeth vs. 11-Roselle, 6 p.m.  
7-Summit vs. 2-Plainfield, 7:30 p.m.

### SEMIFINALS Monday, Feb. 23

**At Roselle Catholic**  
Bottom side of the bracket, 6 p.m.  
Top side of the bracket, 7:30 p.m.

### FINALS Friday, Feb. 27

**At Roselle Catholic**  
Junior varsity, 6 p.m.  
Varsity, 7:30 p.m.

**JR's**

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[my.localsource.com/unioncountysports](http://my.localsource.com/unioncountysports)

## 'Super Saturday' at RC for boys' UCT

The 73rd annual Frank J. Cicarell boys' basketball Union County Tournament will continue Saturday with the quarterfinals all in one day at one site.

For the first time there will be a "Super Saturday" of competition on Coach Hagan Court at the Lions Den at Roselle Catholic in Roselle.

There will be two separate admissions, with the gym being cleared after the first two games that will start at noon (6-3 side of the bracket) and 1:30 p.m. (7-2 side of the bracket). The next two games will start at 5:30 p.m. (5-4 side of the bracket) and at 7 p.m. (8-1 side of the bracket).

The first round games were scheduled to take place Tuesday night and last night at Roselle Catholic and at Johnson. The semifinals are set for the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth this Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 7:30 and the final at Dunn for Feb. 28 at 3 p.m.

In the final of Sunday's four preliminary round games at Rahway, 18th-seeded Roselle Catholic came back to oust 15-seeded Cranford by the score of 49-47 in overtime. Roselle Catholic was to next face second-seeded Plainfield last night at home in a first round contest. Lion freshman forward Jameel Warney, a Plainfield resident, helped RC with six points and nine rebounds vs. Cranford. Roselle Catholic improved to 6-14 with its second straight victory and defeated Cranford for the first time in three tries this season.

Cranford swept the two Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division games played between the arch rivals, winning 54-51 in Roselle back on Jan. 6 and then 65-53 in Cranford on Jan. 15. Cranford senior shooting guard Adam Fanelli hit a 3-point shot at the buzzer to win the Jan. 6 contest.

On Sunday, Roselle Catholic junior guard Rich Ferreira made a 3-point field goal with 10 seconds left in the fourth quarter to send the game to overtime. Ferreira, who finished with 13 points, added another 3-point basket and three free throws in an overtime session won 13-11 by the Lions. Roselle Catholic won the fourth quarter 10-8. Ryan Sullivan scored 17.

### UNION COUNTY BOYS' BASKETBALL 73rd annual Frank J. Cicarell Union County Tournament

#### QUARTERFINALS Saturday, Feb. 21

At Roselle Catholic  
Noon, 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m.

#### SEMIFINALS

Tuesday, Feb. 24 and Wednesday, Feb. 25  
At Dunn Sport Center, Elizabeth, 7:30 p.m. both nights

#### FINAL

Saturday, Feb. 28, 3 p.m.  
At Dunn Sport Center, Elizabeth

#### FIRST ROUND Tuesday, Feb. 17

**At Johnson:** 9-Roselle vs. 8-Scotch Plains  
17-Union Catholic vs. 1-St. Patrick  
**At Roselle Catholic:** 12-New Providence vs. 5-Linden  
13-Summit vs. 4-Union  
**Wednesday, Feb. 18**  
**At Roselle Catholic:** 10-Gov. Livingston vs. 7-Rahway  
18-Roselle Catholic vs. 2-Plainfield  
**At Johnson:** 11-Hillside vs. 6-St. Mary's  
14-Westfield vs. 3-Elizabeth

#### PRELIMINARY ROUND Sunday, Feb. 15

**At Rahway**  
Summit 65, Johnson 29 / Union Catholic 55, Brearley 51  
Westfield 63, Dayton 34 / Roselle Catholic 49, Cranford 47 (OT)

**CENTRAL JERSEY, GROUP 1 WRESTLING FINAL - at Roselle Park  
Roselle Park 50, Robbinsville 18**

**215:** Junior Kirste, Roselle Park, pin Anthony Fascenda, Robbinsville, :47. Roselle Park 6-0.

**HWT:** DiDonato Brandon, Robbinsville, pin Dave Jaremello, Roselle Park, :53. Score tied at 6-6.

**103:** David Bossi, Robbinsville, pin Giovanni Ramirez, Roselle Park, 1:51. Robbinsville 12-6.

**112:** Dan Pisauo, Roselle Park, dec. Brian O'Tool, Robbinsville, 6-2. Robbinsville 12-9.

**119:** Jared Icenhower, Robbinsville, dec. Anthony Zangari, Roselle Park, 8-4. Robbinsville 15-9.

**125:** Jon Acosta, Roselle Park, dec. Jeffrey Bruno, Robbinsville, 11-6. Robbinsville 15-12.

**130:** Matt Krynicki, Roselle Park, pin Jeffrey Condit, Robbinsville, 1:25. Roselle Park takes the lead for good at 18-15.

**135:** Anthony Casselli, RP, pin Zachary Friedman, Robbinsville, :51. Roselle Park 24-15.

**140:** Russell Benner, Roselle Park, pin Andrew Reca, Robbinsville, 5:21. Roselle Park 30-15.

**145:** Jordon Hankins, Robbinsville, dec. Nick Longo, Roselle Park, 10-4. Roselle Park 30-18.

**152:** Dennis Carroll, RP, pinned Mark Normandin, Robbinsville, 2:44. Roselle Park 36-18.

**160:** Alex Aravena, RP, dec. Jeremy Sanders, Robbinsville, 15-0, (TF 4:55). Roselle Park takes a 41-18 lead and clinches the victory.

**171:** Connor Gabriel, RP, dec. Andrew Harvilla, Robbinsville, 9-7. Roselle Park 44-18.

**189:** Frank Yuro, Roselle Park, pin Vincenza Nocera, Robbinsville, :50. Roselle Park 50-18.

**Team records:** Roselle Park 19-3, Robbinsville 10-4.

Roselle Park finished its season at 19-4.

**NORTH 2, GROUP 2 WRESTLING FINAL - at Brearley  
Brearley 40, Hanover Park 21**

**145:** Devon Geoghegan, Brearley, maj. dec. Alfonse Scalla, Hanover Park, 10-2. Brearley 4-0.

**152:** Jake Gruebert, Hanover Park, pin Brian Gilligan, Brearley, 1:54. Hanover Park 6-4.

**160:** Umar Taramov, Brearley, pin Dan Glinko, Hanover Park, 1:39. Brearley 10-6.

**171:** Khusein Taramov, Brearley, dec. Mike Lomio, Hanover Park, 9-8. Brearley 13-6.

**189:** Khasan Taramov, Brearley, pin Nick Leider, Hanover Park, 3:01. Brearley 19-6.

**215:** Travis Dilts, Brearley, pin Tevins Laeems, Hanover Park, 3:24. Brearley 25-6.

**HWT:** Nick Melillo, Hanover Park, dec. Jeff Viglone, Brearley, 8-4. Brearley 25-9.

**103:** Anthony Madonia, Brearley, pin Adam Sabo, Hanover Park, 5:34. Brearley 31-9.

**112:** Kyle Robertson, Hanover Park, pin Mike Disko, Brearley, 1:36. Brearley 31-15.

**119:** Nick Lospinoso, Brearley, dec. Angelo Licata, Hanover Park, 7-2. Brearley 34-15.

**125:** Nick Giordano, Hanover Park, dec. Allen Phillips, Brearley, 8-6. Brearley 34-18.

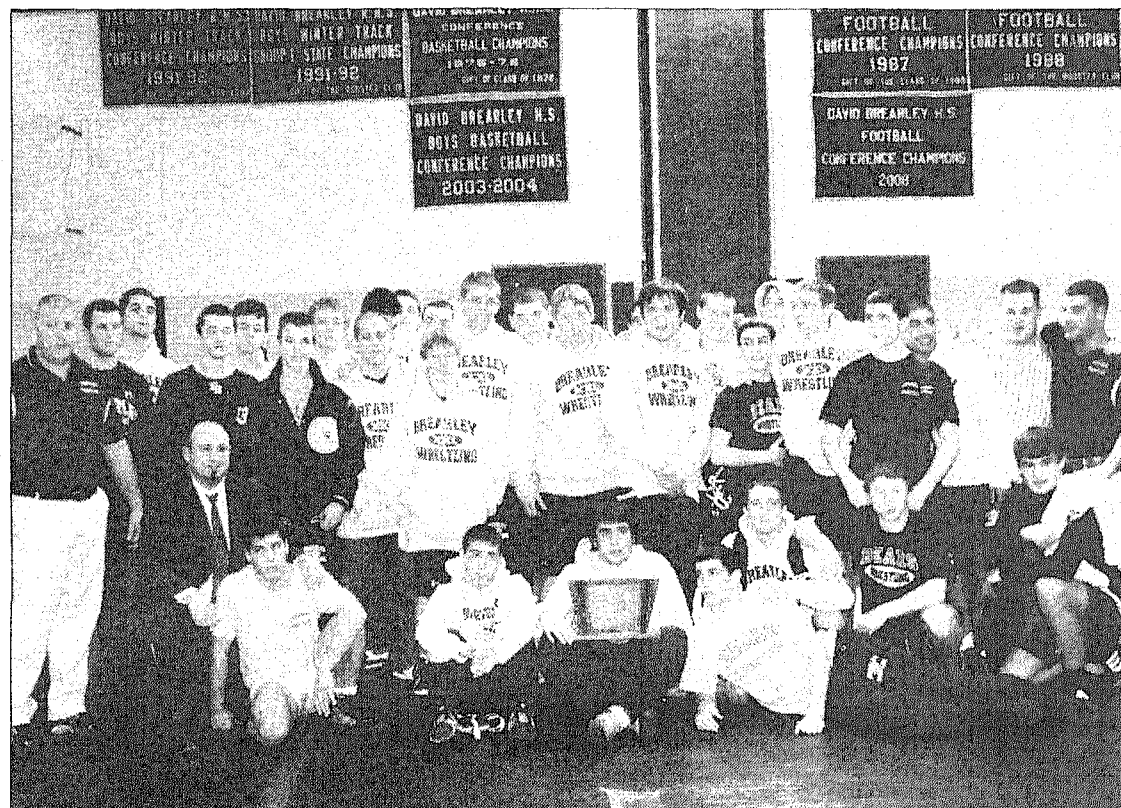
**130:** Mike Johnstone, Hanover Park, dec. Dan Ries, Brearley, 13-10. Brearley 34-21.

**135:** Kenny Knapp, Brearley, dec. Charles Savino, Hanover Park, 5-0. Brearley 37-21.

**140:** Joe Lospinoso, Brearley, dec. Anthony Johnstone, Hanover Park, 3-1. Brearley 40-21.

**Team records:** Brearley 22-2, Hanover Park 13-3.

Brearley finished its season at 23-3.

**BREARLEY CAPTURES SECOND STRAIGHT NORTH 2, GROUP 2 CROWN**

Brearley, above, and Roselle Park, below, repeated as sectional wrestling champions. Brearley captured North 2, Group 2 for the second straight season, while Roselle Park won Central Jersey, Group 1 for the second consecutive year and for the third time in six seasons. Brearley went on to reach the Group 2 final for the second straight season and finished with a 23-3 record. Roselle Park reached the Group 1 semifinals again and finished 19-4.

**ROSELLE PARK GARNERS ANOTHER CENTRAL JERSEY, GROUP 1 TITLE**

# RP pins Robbinsville for 18th sectional championship

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

**ROSELLE PARK** - This time the Roselle Park wrestling team left no doubt. On Friday night at home the Panthers captured Central Jersey, Group 1 for the third time, for the second year in a row and in the most decisive fashion.

A pin by junior Matt Krynicki at 130 gave top-seeded Roselle Park the lead for good and then a decision by technical fall at 160 by senior Alex Aravena clinched a 50-18 rout of second-seeded Robbinsville.

Roselle Park, which improved to 19-3, won its seventh straight match and was one win shy of tying last year's school record of 20 wins in a 20-2 season.

Roselle Park finished 19-4 after being edged by North 1 champion Newton 30-29 in Sunday's Group 1 semifinals at the Ritacco Center at Toms River North in Toms River.

Paulsboro defeated Newton 34-24 in the Group 1 final for its 26th championship.

Robbinsville's team portion of its season came to an end at 10-4.

Roselle Park has now won 18 sectional championships, the most of any team in Union County.

Its first 15 were won in North 2, Group 1 and now its last three have been claimed in Central Jersey, Group 1.

"We've been working hard all year, 12 months a year," said Aravena, whose match against Jeremy Sanders was stopped with 1:05 to go after he took a 15-0 lead. "In the off season we worked with champions and we worked out every day, four times a week. We trained real hard every day."

This was Roselle Park's most dominant Central Jersey, Group 1 championship, starting with a 61-12 semifinal home win over fourth-seeded New Egypt Feb. 11.

"We train hard, like warriors in the wrestling room, and the outcome shows," Aravena said.

When Roselle Park won Central Jersey, Group 1 the first year it was put in the section - which was for the 2003-2004 season - the Panthers defeated Bound Brook 33-30 in the final at Manville.

After falling at New Providence in the 2005 final and then at Brearley in the 2006 and 2007 finals, Roselle Park came back to defeat Delran 36-27 in last year's final at home.

So the Panthers are now 3-3 in CJ, G1 finals, having reached the championship match the first six years they have been situated in the section.

Roselle Park won North 2, Group 1 for the 15th time the last year it was in the section, which was the 2002-2003 season.

• See full story with state results on [www.localsource.com](http://www.localsource.com).



## PUBLIC NOTICE

## PLAINFIELD

## NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION  
Union County  
DOCKET NO. F-1886-09

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

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon GOLDBECK McCAFFERTY & McKEEVER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Suite 5000 - Mellon Independence Center, 701 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532, phone # (215) 627-1322, an answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action, in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of Argent Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-W5 is plaintiff, and Erik Ridley, et al are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, and bearing Docket No. F-1886-09 within thirty-five (35) days after February 19, 2009 exclusive of such date or if published after February 19, 2009 (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 governing the courts.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated March 24, 2006, made by Erik Ridley as mortgagor(s), to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC recorded on April 10, 2006, for Union County in Book 11640 Page 412 of Mortgages for said County, which mortgage was assigned to the plaintiff, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of Argent Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-W5, by Assignment dated January 5, 2009; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 26-32 Wiley Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07062. Lot: 13 Block: 442.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 1-732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-(908) 353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services offices of the County of venue by calling 1-(908) 354-4340.

YOU, Mildred Carrasquillo, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a judgment entered by you against Erik J. Ridley in the Superior Court of New Jersey on June 3, 1997 known as Judgment No. J-279551-1997 and Case No. 82291528B to secure a debt in an amount that varies from date to date, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.  
File #NJ5148FC

Jennifer M. Perez, Clerk  
Superior Court of New Jersey  
U231924 WCN Feb. 19, 2009 (\$45.57)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## UNION

## NOTICE

The Township of Union Board of Education has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1).

This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Business Office.

BY ORDER OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JAMES J. DAMATO  
BOARD SECRETARY

Dated: February 11, 2009

Awarded to: Potter Architects  
410 Colonial Avenue  
Union, NJ 07083

Services: Architectural services in connection with proposed gym roof replacement at Central-Five/Jefferson School

Costs: Not to exceed \$11,800  
U232028 UNL Feb. 19, 2009 (\$15.68)

## HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000344  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F2582507B  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
VS  
Defendant: WILLIE SAUNDERS, BANK OF AMERICA, NA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Sale Date: 03/04/2009  
Writ of Execution: 12/31/2008  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall

## PUBLIC NOTICE

expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

Property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside, County of Union, State of New Jersey  
Premises commonly known as: 568 N Union Ave, Hillside NJ 07205  
BEING KNOWN as LOT 19, BLOCK 105, on the official Tax Map of the Township of Hillside  
Dimensions: 100.00ft x 40.00ft x 100.00ft x 40.00ft  
Nearest Cross Street: Fairchild Place

The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.

\*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

\*\*If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.

\*\*\*If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any. Pursuant to 28, U.S.C. Section 2410, this sale is subject to a 120 day right of redemption held by the United States of America by virtue of the Internal Revenue Service Lien: Federal Tax Lien: Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Services vs. Willie Saunders, Jr. Recorded July 12, 2007 Book FL 0195, Page 0033 in the approximate amount of \$209,137.68.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$316,393.80\*\*\*  
Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Three and 80/100\*\*\*

Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC  
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD  
SUITE 100  
MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054  
(856) 813-5500

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$372,710.25

\*\*\*Three Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Ten and 25/100\*\*\*  
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2009  
U231039 UNL (\$199.92)

## HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000433  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F1680805  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA  
VS

Defendant: RODNEY C. WILSON AND KIMBERLY WILSON, H/W; BENEFICIAL NEW JERSEY INC., D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; KENYA MUNNERYLN; UNIFUND CCR PARTNERS  
Sale Date: 03/11/2009  
Writ of Execution: 12/31/2008

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside in the County of UNION, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 551 Leo Street, Hillside NJ 07205  
Tax Lot No.: 36 in Block 512  
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 100 ft x 50 ft  
Nearest Cross Street: Cornell Place  
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

Tax and prior lien info: Taxes, Sewer and Water may be delinquent - you must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.  
Title Number - 72650  
Block 512 Lot 36  
The total amount due for past due taxes is \$0  
Prior Mortgage and Judgments. (if any):  
Note: The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$167,834.87\*\*\*  
One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Four and 87/100\*\*\*  
Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC

## PUBLIC NOTICE

200 SHEFFIELD STREET  
SUITE 301  
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092  
(908)233-8500 FFZ-72650

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$202,966.89  
\*\*\*Two Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Six and 89/100\*\*\*  
February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2009  
U231386 UNL (\$143.08)

## UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinance set forth below was introduced at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, held on February 10, 2009 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a Meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on February 24, 2009, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

EILEEN BIRCH  
Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LOT 22 BLOCK 4803, 8 Windsor Avenue, ON THE CURRENT TAX ATLAS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION IN THE COUNTY OF UNION AND NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE.

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

Section 1. It is hereby determined that the premises owned by the Township of Union, Lot 22, Block 4803, on the Current Tax Atlas of the Township of Union is not needed for public use and the same is available for sale. Said premises is located on Windsor Avenue.

Section 2. Intentionally left blank.

Section 3. The minimum price for the premises here-in-above described shall be paid as follows: \$145,000.00

Section 4. At the meeting of the Governing Body at which bidding will be held for the foregoing property, February 24, 2009, the Township Committee may accept the highest and best bid submitted therefore, or, in its discretion, all said bids may be rejected.

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

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

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

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

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

Section 10. This ordinance shall constitute the notice of sale and shall be published in full in the Union Leader on February 12, 2009 and February 19, 2009.

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

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

February 12, 19, 2009  
U231617 UNL (\$105.84)

## HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000447  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F699308  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR JPMAC 2007 - CH5 - J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
VS  
Defendant: JORGE KISSILEVITCH; JOSEANE DOMINGUES KISSILEVITCH  
Sale Date: 03/11/2009  
Writ of Execution: 01/06/2009  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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: 546 LEO STREET, HILLSIDE NJ 07205  
BEING KNOWN as LOT 13, BLOCK 802, on the official Tax Map of the Township of Hillside  
Dimensions: 100.00 feet x 37.50 feet x 100.00 feet x 37.50 feet  
Nearest Cross Street: Bloy Street

The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.

\*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.

\*\*If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.

\*\*\*If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$303,585.59\*\*\*  
Three Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Five and 59/100\*\*\*

Attorney: PHELAN HALLINAN & SCHMIEG, PC  
400 FELLOWSHIP ROAD  
SUITE 100  
MT. LAUREL, NJ 08054  
(856) 813-5500

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$338,754.05

\*\*\*Three Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Four and 05/100\*\*\*  
February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2009  
U231439 UNL (\$184.24)

## HILLSIDE

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000551  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F1159507  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MLMI TRUST SERIES 2006-MLNI  
VS

Defendant: NANCY CANDELARIA; RAMONITA SERRANO  
Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
Writ of Execution: 12/31/2008

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Hillside in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 1412 Bond Street, Hillside, NJ 07205  
Tax Lot No.: 11 in Block 1107  
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 50 ft x 121 ft x 60 ft x 126 ft  
Nearest Cross Street: Hillside Avenue  
Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available - You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

Note: The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$364,114.02\*\*\*  
Three Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand One Hundred Fourteen and 02/100\*\*\*

Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC  
200 SHEFFIELD STREET  
SUITE 301  
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092  
(908)233-8500 FCZ-86742  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$451,040.47  
\*\*\*Four Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Forty and 47/100\*\*\*

## PUBLIC NOTICE

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
U231907 UNL (\$154.84)

## UNION

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000588  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F3118207  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, NA  
VS

Defendant: VINCENT BIANCO; IRENE P. BIANCO  
Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
Writ of Execution: 01/09/2009

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Union in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 161 Kimberly Road, Union, NJ 07083  
Tax Lot No.: 2 in Block 1023  
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 51 ft x 117 ft x 53 ft x 110 ft  
Nearest Cross Street: Galloping Hill Road

Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available - You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

The plaintiff has obtained a letter of indemnification which will insure the successful bidder at sale in respect to: Fed Tax Lien, recorded 9/25/2000  
Note: The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$169,647.84\*\*\*  
One Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Seven and 84/100\*\*\*

Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC  
200 SHEFFIELD STREET  
SUITE 301  
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092  
(908)233-8500 XVZ-94009

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$198,010.55

\*\*\*One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Ten and 55/100\*\*\*  
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
U231916 UNL (\$162.68)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## ROSELLE

## NOTICE OF DECISION

## SKYBOX SPORTS LOUNGE, LLC

PLANNING BOARD OF THE  
BOROUGH OF ROSELLE  
586 RARITAN ROAD  
BLOCK 7205 LOT 25  
BOROUGH OF ROSELLE  
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Dated: February 10, 2009

The Planning Board of the Borough of Roselle at its public meeting on the 4th day of February, 2009, adopted a Resolution of Approval to SkyBox Sports Lounge, LLC for property known as 586 Raritan Road, Block 7205, Lot 25 (Roselle Shopping Center) in the Borough of Roselle, Union County, New Jersey, to confirm the action taken by the Board on October 1, 2008, for Minor Site Plan approval so as to permit the use of a portion of the basement area of an approved restaurant/sports lounge as part of the facilities available to the applicant's patrons with variance relief related to required parking.

The Resolution of Approval has been filed with the Secretary of the Planning Board of the Borough of Roselle and is available for inspection by the public in the Planning Board office at the Borough Annex, 2nd Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey.

Josh M. Mann, Esq.  
Attorney for Applicant  
Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C.  
100 Southgate Parkway  
Morristown, NJ 07962-1997  
U232074 PRO Feb. 19, 2009 (\$23.03)

## ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000179  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F2834207  
County: Union

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Plaintiff: CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE VS

Defendant: LILLIAN MARTINEZ; JUAN B. NAVARRO; WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK

Sale Date: 02/25/2009

Writ of Execution: 12/17/2008

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 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 1032 Flora Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201

Tax Lot No.: 8 in Block 734

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 25 ft x 100 ft

Nearest Cross Street: Catherine Street

Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.

Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available - You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$374,394.44\*\*\* Three Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Four and 44/100\*\*\*

Attorney: ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC

200 SHEFFIELD STREET

SUITE 301

MOUNTAINVIEW, NJ 07092

(908)233-8500 FCZ-92906

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$422,601.61

\*\*\*Four Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Six Hundred One and 61/100\*\*\*

January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 2009

U230547 PRO (\$158.76)

## ELIZABETH

## SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000645

Division: CHANCERY

Docket Number: F1101908

County: Union

Plaintiff: AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC

VS

Defendant: MARIA ANGULO

Sale Date: 03/18/2009

Writ of Execution: 01/09/2009

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth

COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.

STREET & STREET NO.: 1055 Lafayette Street

TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK: 9 LOT: 888 W09

DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 25' x 105.08'

NEAREST CROSS STREET: 150' from Catherine Street

SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE

The sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to the Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$431,391.64\*\*\* Four Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-One and 64/100\*\*\*

Attorney: POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS

728 MARNE HIGHWAY

P.O. BOX 848 SUITE 200

MOORESTOWN, NJ 08057

(856)802-1000

Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office

Total Upset: \$482,965.25

\*\*\*Four Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Five and 25/100\*\*\*

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009

U231910 PRO (\$139.16)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## LINDEN

## NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No.: F-48536-08

Superior Court of New Jersey

Chancery Division

Union County

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

Corine Johnson, Individually and as

Administratrix of the Estate of Gloria Johnson, deceased

Alysha P. Johnson

Troy T. Johnson, and each of their

heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any

of their successors in right, title and interest;

Irvington OB & GYN Group, P.A.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC,

ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose

address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite

301, Mountainside, New Jersey

07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-

233-8500, an Answer to the Complaint

filed in a civil action, in which U.S.

Bank National Association, as Trustee

for the Specialty Underwriting and

Residential Finance Trust Mortgage

Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series

2006-AB3 is plaintiff, and Corine Johnson,

Individually and as Administratrix

of the Estate of Gloria Johnson,

deceased, et al., are defendants,

pending in the Superior Court of New

Jersey, Chancery Division, Union

County, and bearing Docket F-48536-

08 within thirty-five (35) days after

02/19/2009 exclusive of such date, or

if published after 02/19/2009, (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 06/23/2006 made by Corine Johnson,

single and Gloria Johnson, single as mortgagors, to

National City Mortgage, a division of

National City Bank of Indiana recorded on

07/24/2006 in Book 11780 of Mortgages

for Union County, Page 719

which Mortgage was duly assigned to the

plaintiff, U.S. Bank National Association,

as Trustee for the Specialty Underwriting

and Residential Finance Trust Mortgage

Loan Asset-Backed Certificates Series

2006-AB3, by Assignment of Mortgage dated

08/08/2006; and (2) to recover possession

of, and concerns premises commonly known as

718 Middlesex Street, Linden, NJ 07036, also being Lot

14.02 in Block 137.

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, CORINE JOHNSON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS

ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF GLORIA JOHNSON,

DECEASED, 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 are an owner of

record of the mortgage premises being foreclosed herein and for any

lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.

YOU, AIYSHA P. JOHNSON, 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 are an owner of

record of the mortgage premises being foreclosed herein and for any

lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the subject property.

YOU, IRVINGTON OB & GYN GROUP, P.A. are made a party defendant

to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment/lien/mortgage

which may be against the owner/mortgagor(s) 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 particularly.

File #FCZ 113361

JENNIFER M. PEREZ, CLERK

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

U232113 PRO Feb. 19, 2009 (\$69.09)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## ELIZABETH

## NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No.: F-35533-08

Superior Court of New Jersey

Chancery Division

Union County

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

ANGEL H. BENITEZ

MICHAEL SOLISE, and each of their

heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, her, their or any

of their successors in right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC,

ESQS., plaintiff's attorneys, whose

address is 200 Sheffield Street, Suite

301, Mountainside, New Jersey

07092-0024, telephone number 1-908-

233-8500, an Answer to the Amended

Complaint filed in a civil action, in

which U.S. Bank National Association,

as trustee, on behalf of the holders of

the CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-

Through Certificates, Series 2007-3 is

plaintiff, and ANGEL H. BENITEZ, et

al., are defendants, pending in the

Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery

Division, Union County, and bearing

Docket F-35533-08 within thirty-five

(35) days after 02/19/2009 exclusive

of such date, or if published after

02/19/2009, (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 11/20/2006 made by Angel H. Benitez,

a single man as mortgagor, to Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as

nominee for Credit Suisse Financial

Corporation recorded on 12/12/2006 in

Book 11970 of Mortgages for Union County,

Page 0228 which Mortgage was duly assigned

to the plaintiff, U.S. Bank National Association,

as trustee on behalf of the holders of the

CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through

Certificates, Series 2007-3, by Assignment

of Mortgage dated 10/06/2006; and (2) to

recover possession of, and concerns premises

commonly known as 762 Eaton Street,

Elizabeth, NJ 07202, also being Lot

344 in Block 13.

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, ANGEL H. BENITEZ, his heirs,

devisees, and personal representatives, and

his, their or any of their successors in right,

title and interest are made a party defendant

to this foreclosure action because you executed

Plaintiff's obligation and mortgage and may

be liable for any deficiency, and are a record

owner of the subject property and for any right,

title and interest you may have in, to or

against the subject property.

YOU, MICHAEL SOLISE, 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 hold a

judgment/lien/mortgage which may be against

the owner/mortgagor(s) 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 particularly.

File #FCZ 109235

JENNIFER M. PEREZ, CLERK



## PUBLIC NOTICE

## LINDEN

## NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

Docket No.: F-29727-08  
Superior Court of New Jersey  
Chancery Division  
Union County

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:  
GARY A. CAPONE, SR.,  
GARY A. CAPONE, JR., and each of  
their heirs, devisees, and personal  
representatives, and his, her, their  
or any of their successors in right,  
title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED  
AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER,  
GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC,  
ESQS., 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 Washington Mutual Bank is  
plaintiff, and GARY A. CAPONE, SR.,  
et al., are defendants, pending in the  
Superior Court of New Jersey,  
Chancery Division, Union County, and  
bearing Docket F-29727-08 within thirty-  
five (35) days after 02/19/2009  
exclusive of such date, or if published  
after 02/19/2009, (35) days after the  
actual date of such publication, exclu-  
sive 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 Super-  
ior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Jus-  
tice 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 Mort-  
gage dated 07/12/2006 made by Gary A.  
Capone, Sr. and Gary A. Capone, Jr.  
as mortgagors, to Mortgage Elec-  
tronic Registration Systems, Inc., as  
nominee for Accredited Home Lenders,  
Inc. recorded on 07/25/2006 in Book  
11782 of Mortgages for Union County,  
Page 0603 which Mortgage was duly  
assigned to the plaintiff, Washington  
Mutual Bank, by Assignment of Mort-  
gage dated 08/04/2008; and (2) to  
recover possession of, and concerns  
premises commonly known as 151  
Marion Avenue, LINDEN, NJ 07036,  
also being Lot 4.02 a/k/a 4.2 in Block  
424.

If you are unable to obtain an attor-  
ney, 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 908-363-  
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, GARY A. CAPONE, SR., his  
heirs, devisees, and personal repre-  
sentatives, and his, their or any of  
their successors in right, title and  
interest are made a party defendant to  
this foreclosure action because you  
executed Plaintiff's obligation and  
mortgage and may be liable for any  
deficiency, and are a record owner of  
the subject property and for any right,  
title and interest you may have in, to  
or against the subject property.

YOU, GARY A. CAPONE, JR., his  
heirs, devisees, and personal repre-  
sentatives, 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 106921

JENNIFER M. PEREZ, CLERK  
SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

*This is an attempt  
to collect a debt,  
and any information obtained will  
be used for that purpose.*  
E232112 PRO Feb. 19, 2009 (\$52.92)

## ELIZABETH

Note, that, 601-605 Grier Ave. LLC  
shall expose for sale in AS Condition  
at public sale/auktion on March 6,  
2009 at 10:am at 1030 Lousia Ave.,  
Elizabeth NJ, a 1996 Ford Trk vin#  
1FTJE34HXB31711. The sale is in  
accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6.  
This vehicle came into the possession  
601-605 Grier Ave., LLC through aban-  
donment or failure of owners to claim  
same. The vehicle may be examined at  
the aforementioned address 1 hr. prior  
to sale/auktion. All Bids will be over  
the lien for services.  
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
U231935 PRO (\$17.64)

## ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000187  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F1746107  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC  
VS  
Defendant: HERMEL CABEZAS;  
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGIS-  
TRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMI-  
NEE FOR SAXON MORTGAGE SER-  
VICES, INC.  
Sale Date: 03/04/2009  
Writ of Execution: 12/18/2008  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of  
execution to me directed I shall  
expose for sale by public venue, at the

## PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZA-  
BETHTOWN 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 City of ELIZABETH in the County  
of Union, State of New Jersey.  
Commonly known as: 442-44 WEST  
GRAND STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ  
07202

Tax Lot No.: 1790 in Block 13  
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately)  
125 ft x 34 ft x 135 ft x 33 ft  
Nearest Cross Street: West End  
Avenue  
Subject to any open taxes,  
water/sewer, municipal or tax liens  
that may be due.

Tax and prior lien info: At the time of  
publication taxes/sewer/water informa-  
tion was not available - You must  
check with the tax collector for exact  
amounts due.  
Surplus Money: If after the sale and  
satisfaction of the mortgage debt,  
including costs and expenses, there  
remains any surplus money, the money  
will be deposited into the Superior  
Court Trust Fund and any person  
claiming the surplus, or any part there-  
of, may file a motion pursuant to Court  
Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the  
nature and extent of that person's  
claim and asking for an order directing  
payment of the surplus money. The  
Sheriff or other person conducting the  
sale will have information regarding  
the surplus, if any.

Note: The sheriff reserves the right to  
adjourn this sale for any length of time  
without further advertisement.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$410,101.59\*\*\*  
Four Hundred Ten Thousand One  
Hundred One and 59/100\*\*\*

Attorney:  
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN,  
LLC  
200 SHEFFIELD STREET  
SUITE 301  
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092  
(908)233-8500 XCZ-88437  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at  
the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$472,400.59  
\*\*\*Four Hundred Seventy-Two Thou-  
sand Four Hundred and 59/100\*\*\*  
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2009  
U231046 PRO (\$160.72)

## ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000456  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F581708  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: THE BANK OF NEW YORK  
TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCE-  
SOR TO JP MORGAN CHASE BANK,  
N.A. AS TRUSTEE  
VS  
Defendant: CAROL PELUFFO  
Sale Date: 03/11/2009  
Writ of Execution: 01/06/2009

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 ELIZA-  
BETHTOWN 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 City of Elizabeth in the County of  
Union, State of New Jersey.  
Commonly known as: 62-84 Palisade  
Road a/k/a 62 Palisade Road, Eliza-  
beth, NJ 07208

Tax Lot No.: 1540 in Block 10  
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately)  
128 ft x 50 ft  
Nearest Cross Street: Baldwin Place  
Subject to any open taxes,  
water/sewer, municipal or tax liens  
that may be due.

Tax and prior lien info: At the time of  
publication taxes/sewer/water informa-  
tion was not available - You must  
check with the tax collector for exact  
amounts due.  
Surplus Money: If after the sale and  
satisfaction of the mortgage debt,  
including costs and expenses, there  
remains any surplus money, the money  
will be deposited into the Superior  
Court Trust Fund and any person  
claiming the surplus, or any part there-  
of, may file a motion pursuant to Court  
Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the  
nature and extent of that person's  
claim and asking for an order directing  
payment of the surplus money. The  
Sheriff or other person conducting the  
sale will have information regarding  
the surplus, if any.

Note: The sheriff reserves the right to  
adjourn this sale for any length of time  
without further advertisement.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$422,740.53\*\*\*  
Four Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand  
Seven Hundred Forty and 53/100\*\*\*

Attorney:  
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN,  
LLC  
200 SHEFFIELD STREET  
SUITE 301  
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092  
(908)233-8500 FCZ-69370-R1  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at  
the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$445,320.56  
\*\*\*Four Hundred Forty-Five Thousand  
Three Hundred Twenty and 56/100\*\*\*  
February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2009  
U231444 PRO (\$156.80)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000592  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F1690208  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: HSBC BANK USA, NATION-  
AL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR  
HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST SERIES  
ACE 2005-HE5  
VS

Defendant: YVETTE ALVAREZ-PEREZ,  
FRANCISCO PEREZ, MORTGAGE  
ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYS-  
TEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FGC  
COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE FINANCE,  
D/B/A FREMONT MORTGAGE, ITS  
SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AMER-  
ICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED  
SERVICES CO.  
Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
Writ of Execution: 01/09/2009

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 ELIZA-  
BETHTOWN 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  
City of Linden, County of Union,  
State of New Jersey  
Premises commonly known as: 107  
EAST GIBBONS STREET, LINDEN NJ  
07036

BEING KNOWN as LOT 14 and 16,  
BLOCK 205, on the official Tax Map of  
the City of Linden  
Dimensions: 125.00 ft. x 23.29 ft. x  
15.00 ft x 100.00 ft x 15.00 ft x 38.21  
ft x 125.00 ft x 38.50 ft  
Nearest Cross Street: Washington  
Ave.

The Sheriff hereby reserves the  
right to adjourn this sale without  
further notice by publication.

\*Subject to any unpaid taxes, munici-  
pal liens or other charges, and any  
such taxes, charges, liens, insurance  
premiums or other advances made by  
plaintiff prior to this sale. All interest-  
ed parties are to conduct and rely  
upon their own independent investiga-  
tion to ascertain whether or not any  
outstanding interest remain of record  
and/or have priority over the lien being  
foreclosed and, if so the current  
amount due thereon.

\*If the sale is set aside for any rea-  
son, the Purchaser at the sale shall be  
entitled only a return of the deposit  
paid. The Purchaser shall have no fur-  
ther recourse against the Mortgagor,  
the Mortgagor's attorney.

\*If after the sale and satisfaction  
of the mortgage debt, including  
costs and expenses, there remains  
any surplus money, the money will  
be deposited into the Superior Court  
Trust Fund and any person claiming  
the surplus, or any part thereof, may  
file a motion pursuant to Court  
Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the  
nature and extent of that person's  
claim and asking for an order direct-  
ing payment of the surplus money.  
The Sheriff or other person conduct-  
ing the sale will have information  
regarding the surplus, if any.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$257,435.67\*\*\*  
Two Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand  
One Hundred Thirty-Five and  
67/100\*\*\*

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: \$285,914.93  
\*\*\*Two Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand  
Nine Hundred Fourteen and 93/100\*\*\*  
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
U232026 PRO (\$199.92)

## LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DECISION is  
hereby given to all persons that a  
meeting and public hearing of the  
Board of Adjustment of the City of Lin-  
den was held on January 12th, 2009 at  
which the following application(s) were  
called for public hearing.

Docket # ZBA-02-09 - (Use for a 2-  
family house)  
Applicant: PANKAJ MEHIA  
Represented by: Pro Se  
Property: 517 Harrison Place, Block #  
1571 Lot # 7  
Zone: R-2b - Proposed - Convert 1-  
Family into 2-Family dwelling.  
Rejected Section: 31-20: 2-Family  
Dwellings shall have a minimum of  
6000 Sq. feet; Minimum lot width 60  
feet, side yard 20 feet (both sides),  
maximum height 30 feet.  
Section 31-27.19J: Off street parking  
per RSIS  
- GRANTED -

Said application(s) were granted or  
denied as indicated. The Board adopt-  
ed and memorialized said resolution at  
its February 9th, 2009 meeting. Deci-  
sions are on file with the Board's Sec-  
retary and are available for inspection  
between 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

Brian C. Fritzsche  
Secretary of the Board  
U231925 PRO Feb. 19, 2009 (\$19.11)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000585  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F1135208  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: COUNTRYWIDE HOME  
LOANS, INC.  
VS

Defendant: FEDERICO FERNANDEZ;  
MARIA I. FERNANDEZ, HIS WIFE;  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
Writ of Execution: 12/22/2008

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 ELIZA-  
BETHTOWN 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 CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of  
Union and State of NJ.  
It is commonly known as 213 SOUTH  
STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ.  
It is known and designated as Block 9,  
Lot 1155.

The dimensions are approximately 24  
feet wide by 120 feet long.  
Nearest Cross Street: SECOND  
AVENUE (1/k/a WOODRUFF STREET)  
Prior lien(s): SUBJECT TO UPDAD  
TAXES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL  
LIENS.

AS OF 8/7/2008 TAXES ARE PAID  
THROUGH 3RD QUARTER 2008. 4TH  
QUARTER 2008 TAXES IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$2,258.33 WAS DUE ON  
11/1/2008. TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AS  
OF 10/1/2008 FOR UNPAID WATER/  
SEWER CHARGES IS THE AGGRE-  
GATE SUM OF \$602.35.

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE  
COMPANY WILL INSURE WITHOUT  
EXCEPTION OR ISSUE LETTER OF  
INDEMNIFICATION AS TO NUMER-  
OUS PRIOR JUDGMENTS AGAINST  
FEDERICO FERNANDEZ AND MARIA  
FERNANDEZ DOCKETED PRIOR TO  
THE DATE OF POLICY WHICH CAN  
BE FURTHER PROVIDED.

THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES  
THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE  
WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE  
THROUGH PUBLICATION.  
SURPLUS MONEY: IF AFTER THE  
SALE AND SATISFACTION OF THE  
MORTGAGE DEBT, INCLUDING  
COSTS AND EXPENSES, THERE  
REMAINS ANY SURPLUS MONEY,  
THE MONEY WILL BE DEPOSITED  
INTO THE SUPERIOR COURT TRUST  
FUND AND ANY PERSON CLAIMING  
THE SURPLUS, OR ANY PART  
THEOF, MAY FILE A MOTION PUR-  
SUANT TO COURT RULES 4:64-3 AND  
4:57-2 STATING THE NATURE AND  
EXTENT OF THAT PERSON'S CLAIM  
AND ASKING FOR AN ORDER  
DIRECTING PAYMENT OF THE SUR-  
PLUS MONEY. THE SHERIFF OR  
OTHER PERSON CONDUCTING THE  
SALE WILL HAVE INFORMATION  
REGARDING THE SURPLUS, IF ANY.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$424,635.47\*\*\*  
Four Hundred Twenty-Four Thou-  
sand Six Hundred Thirty-Five and  
47/100\*\*\*  
Attorney:  
STERN, LAVINTHAL, FRANKENBERG  
& NORGAARD, LLC  
293 EISENHOWER 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: \$474,952.69  
\*\*\*Four Hundred Seventy-Four Thou-  
sand Nine Hundred Fifty-Two and  
69/100\*\*\*  
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
U231915 PRO (\$196.00)

## LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000452  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F3353107  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: WMC MORTGAGE CORP.  
VS

Defendant: RICARDO CESAR, HIS  
HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS/HER,  
THEIR, OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCE-  
SORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTER-  
EST, RITA CESAR, HER HEIRS,  
DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRE-  
SENTATIVES AND HIS/HER, THEIR,  
OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN  
RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, MERS  
AS NOMINEE FOR WMC MORTGAGE  
CORP.

Sale Date: 03/11/2009  
Writ of Execution: 11/14/2008

By virtue of the above-stated writ of  
execution to me directed I shall  
expose for sale by public venue, at the  
UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZA-  
BETHTOWN 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: City of Linden  
Street Address: 825 Worth Avenue  
Tax Lot: 14  
Tax Block: 495  
Approximate Dimensions: 56 x 94  
(5262 square feet)  
Nearest cross street: Grier Avenue  
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES  
THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE  
WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE  
THROUGH PUBLICATION.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$399,282.00\*\*\*

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Three Hundred Ninety-Nine Thou-  
sand Two Hundred Eighty-Two and  
00/100\*\*\*  
Attorney:  
BARBARA A. FEIN, P.C. - LAW  
OFFICES  
20000 HORIZON WAY  
SUITE 900  
MOUNT LAUREL, NJ 08054-4318  
(856)596-5552  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at  
the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$450,450.77  
\*\*\*Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Four  
Hundred Fifty and 77/100\*\*\*  
February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2009  
U231446 PRO (\$125.44)

## ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000450  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F1891408  
County: Union

Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR  
CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-  
THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES  
2006-4  
VS

Defendant: JOSE ANDELIZ, FATIMA  
MERCEDES RODRIGUEZ, MORT-  
GAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION  
SYSTEMS, INC. ITS SUCCESSORS  
AND ASSIGNS  
Sale Date: 03/11/2009  
Writ of Execution: 01/05/2009

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 ELIZA-  
BETHTOWN 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  
City of Elizabeth, County of Union,  
State of New Jersey  
Premises commonly known as: 873-  
875 ANNA STREET, ELIZABETH NJ  
07201

BEING KNOWN as LOT 177, BLOCK  
8, on the official Tax Map of the City  
of Elizabeth

Dimensions: 100.00 feet x 50.00 feet  
x 100.00 feet x 50.00 feet  
Nearest Cross Street: Henry Street

The Sheriff hereby reserves the  
right to adjourn this sale without  
further notice by publication.

\*Subject to any unpaid taxes, munici-  
pal liens or other charges, and any  
such taxes, charges, liens, insurance  
premiums or other advances made by  
plaintiff prior to this sale. All interest-  
ed parties are to conduct and rely  
upon their own independent investiga-  
tion to ascertain whether or not any  
outstanding interest remain of record  
and/or have priority over the lien being  
foreclosed and, if so the current  
amount due thereon.

\*If the sale is set aside for any rea-  
son, the Purchaser at the sale shall be  
entitled only a return of the deposit  
paid. The Purchaser shall have no fur-  
ther recourse against the Mortgagor,  
the Mortgagor's attorney.

\*\*\*If after the sale and satisfaction  
of the mortgage debt, including  
costs and expenses, there remains  
any surplus money, the money will  
be deposited into the Superior Court  
Trust Fund and any person claiming  
the surplus, or any part thereof, may  
file a motion pursuant to Court  
Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the  
nature and extent of that person's  
claim and asking for an order direct-  
ing payment of the surplus money.  
The Sheriff or other person conduct-  
ing the sale will have information  
regarding the surplus, if any.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$376,659.99\*\*\*  
Three Hundred Seventy-Six Thou-  
sand Six Hundred Fifty-Nine and  
99/100\*\*\*  
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: \$429,393.13  
\*\*\*Four Hundred Twenty-Nine Thou-  
sand Three Hundred Ninety-Three and  
13/100\*\*\*  
February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2009  
U231436 PRO (\$192.08)

## ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000621  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F719108  
County: Union

Plaintiff: AURORA LOAN SERVICES,  
LLC  
VS  
Defendant: DORIAN, PAEZ, HIS  
HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS/HER,  
THEIR, OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCE-  
SORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTER-  
EST, MERS FOR FIRST MAGNUS  
FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
Writ of Execution: 01/12/2009  
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 ELIZA-  
BETHTOWN 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

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the conclusion of the sales.  
MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth City  
COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.  
STREET & STREET NO.: 559 Livingston Street  
TAX BLOCK AND LOT:  
BLOCK: 3 LOT: 700-A  
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 100' x 25'  
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 50' from 6th Street  
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE  
The sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.  
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to the Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$372,287.33\*\*\*  
Three Hundred Seventy-Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Seven and 33/100\*\*\*  
Attorney:  
POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS  
728 MARNE HIGHWAY  
P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200  
MOORESTOWN, NJ 08057  
(856)802-1000  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$415,390.50  
\*\*\*Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety and 50/100\*\*\*  
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
U231912 PRO (\$150.92)

## LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000628  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F2810807B  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION JPMAC 2007-CH3  
VS  
Defendant: CIRILO RODRIGUEZ, MRS. CIRILO RODRIGUEZ, HIS WIFE, PAOLA QUINTERO, MR. QUINTERO, HUSBAND OF PAOLA QUINTERO, GE MONEY BANK, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
Writ of Execution: 01/16/2009  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.  
Property to be sold is located in the CITY OF LINDEN County of UNION, State of New Jersey  
Premises commonly known as: 1414 Bowing Street, Linden NJ 07036  
BEING KNOWN as LOT 19, BLOCK 132, on the official Tax Map of the CITY OF LINDEN  
Dimensions: 100.00 FEET X 30.00 FEET X 100.00 FEET X 30.00 FEET  
Nearest Cross Street: VAN BUREN AVE  
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.  
Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.  
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.  
If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$453,939.51\*\*\*  
Four Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Nine and 51/100\*\*\*  
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: \$520,972.07  
\*\*\*Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two and 07/100\*\*\*  
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2009  
U231041 PRO (\$188.16)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000334  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F1440908  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-4  
VS  
Defendant: LUIS F. MORALES, MONICA A. RUBIO, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Sale Date: 03/04/2009  
Writ of Execution: 12/22/2008  
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 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.  
Property to be sold is located in the City of Linden, County of Union, State of New Jersey  
Premises commonly known as: 450 WASHINGTON AVENUE, LINDEN NJ 07036  
BEING KNOWN as LOT 26, BLOCK 196, on the official Tax Map of the City of Linden  
Dimensions: 104.42 feet x 43.20 feet x 109.19 feet x 43.46 feet  
Nearest Cross Street: Elm Street  
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.  
Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.  
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.  
If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$453,939.51\*\*\*  
Four Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Nine and 51/100\*\*\*  
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: \$520,972.07  
\*\*\*Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two and 07/100\*\*\*  
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2009  
U231041 PRO (\$188.16)

## ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000630  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F2540107  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: NOVASTAR MORTGAGE, INC.  
VS  
Defendant: SINDIER SMITH  
Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
Writ of Execution: 05/23/2008  
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 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.  
Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey  
Premises commonly known as: 1036 Anna Street, Elizabeth NJ 07201  
BEING KNOWN as LOT 159, BLOCK 8, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth  
Dimensions: 25 feet x 115 feet x 25 feet x 115 feet  
Nearest Cross Street: Catherine Street  
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.  
Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current

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amount due thereon.  
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.  
If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$199,817.81\*\*\*  
One Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen and 81/100\*\*\*  
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: \$215,105.20  
\*\*\*Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Five and 20/100\*\*\*  
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
U232021 PRO (\$176.40)

## ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000570  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F1337208  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC  
VS  
Defendant: JAMES R. STONE, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND HIS HER, THEIR OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND/OR INTEREST ET AL.  
Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
Writ of Execution: 01/12/2009  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.  
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.  
Commonly known as: 461-475 CATHERINE STREET, ELIZABETH, NJ 07201-0000.  
Tax Lot No. 410, W08C-4B in Block No. 8  
Dimension of Lot Approximately: 100 X 200  
Nearest Cross Street: FLORA STREET  
BEING LOT NO. 104B IN HAMILTON GARDENS CONDOMINIUM, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED 4.44 PERCENT INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERE-TO AND TOGETHER WITH SUCH OTHER LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS MAY BE APPURTENANT TO SAID UNIT, RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE MASTER DEED RECORDED NOVEMBER 2, 1999 IN DEED BOOK 4894 PAGE 1 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF UNION COUNTY, CREATING AND ESTABLISHING SAID CONDOMINIUM.  
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.  
PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES TOTAL AS OF JANUARY 21, 2009:  
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$37,383.43\*\*\*  
Thirty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Three and 43/100\*\*\*  
Attorney:  
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC  
7 CENTURY DRIVE  
SUITE 201  
PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054  
(973)538-4700  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$43,769.07  
\*\*\*Forty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine and 07/100\*\*\*  
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
U231920 PRO (\$182.28)

## ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000579  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F5058-08  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: WM SPECIALTY MORTGAGE LLC  
VS  
Defendant: GUSTAVO PALACIO, CARMITA PALACIO, HIS WIFE, FIRST

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Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
Writ of Execution: 12/23/2008  
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 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.  
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of Union and State of NJ.  
It is commonly known as 504-506 WESTFIELD AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NJ.  
It is known and designated as Block 13, Lot 1687.  
The dimensions are approximately 35 feet wide by 150 feet long.  
Nearest Cross Street: ELMORA AVENUE (I/k/a BAYWAY)  
Prior lien(s): SUBJECT TO UPAD TAXES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS.  
AS OF 7/7/2008 TAXES ARE PAID THROUGH 2ND QUARTER 2008. PLEASE BE ADVISED A WATER/SEWER BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159.95 WAS DUE ON 7/30/2008.  
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.  
SURPLUS MONEY: IF AFTER THE SALE AND SATISFACTION OF THE MORTGAGE DEBT, INCLUDING COSTS AND EXPENSES, THERE REMAINS ANY SURPLUS MONEY, THE MONEY WILL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE SUPERIOR COURT TRUST FUND AND ANY PERSON CLAIMING THE SURPLUS, OR ANY PART THEREOF, MAY FILE A MOTION PURSUANT TO COURT RULES 4:64-3 AND 4:57-2 STATING THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THAT PERSON'S CLAIM AND ASKING FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING PAYMENT OF THE SURPLUS MONEY. THE SHERIFF OR OTHER PERSON CONDUCTING THE SALE WILL HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE SURPLUS, IF ANY.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$328,122.35\*\*\*  
Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Two and 35/100\*\*\*  
Attorney:  
STERN, LAVINTHAL, FRANKENBERG & NORGAARD, LLC  
293 EISENHOWER 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: \$371,708.39  
\*\*\*Three Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Seven Hundred Eight and 39/100\*\*\*  
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
U231914 PRO (\$174.44)

## ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000188  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F768708  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR JPMAC 2006-CH2 J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
VS  
Defendant: DANTE QUISPE, CHASE BANK USA, N.A.  
Sale Date: 03/04/2009  
Writ of Execution: 12/19/2008  
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 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.  
The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.  
Commonly known as: 881 MADISON AVE, ELIZABETH, NJ 07201  
Tax Lot No. 779 in Block No. 12  
Dimensions of Lot Approximately: 27.50 X 150  
Nearest Cross Street: LOUISA STREET  
BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE EASTERLY LINE OF MADISON AVENUE DISTANT 169.40 FEET SOUTHERLY FROM THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF LOUISA STREET  
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.  
PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES TOTAL AS OF JANUARY 7, 2009: \$0.00  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$371,378.24\*\*\*  
Three Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Eight and 24/100\*\*\*  
Attorney:  
FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC  
7 CENTURY DRIVE  
SUITE 201  
PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054  
(973)538-4700  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$416,105.73  
\*\*\*Four Hundred Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Five and 73/100\*\*\*  
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2009  
U231049 PRO (\$129.36)

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SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000595  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F1144808  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.  
VS  
Defendant: JUSCELINO FERREIRA, MRS. JUSCELINO FERREIRA, HIS WIFE, FARMERS MUTUAL FIRE INS.  
Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
Writ of Execution: 01/07/2009  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.  
Property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey  
Premises commonly known as: 12 1ST STREET, ELIZABETH NJ 07206-1627  
BEING KNOWN as LOT 326, BLOCK 2, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth  
Dimensions: 22.00 feet x 50.00 feet x 22.00 feet x 50.00 feet  
Nearest Cross Street: Marshall Street  
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.  
Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.  
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagor's attorney.  
If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$282,265.97\*\*\*  
Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Five and 97/100\*\*\*  
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: \$328,291.88  
\*\*\*Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-One and 88/100\*\*\*  
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
U232024 PRO (\$180.32)

## ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000624  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F716208  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC  
VS  
Defendant: JOSE SOLANO, HIS HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND HIS/HER, THEIR, OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST  
Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
Writ of Execution: 01/12/2009  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.  
MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth  
COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.  
STREET & STREET NO.: 28 Geneva Street  
TAX BLOCK AND LOT:  
BLOCK: 2 LOT: 573  
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 50.00' x 100.00'  
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 50' from Morris Ave.  
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE  
The sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.  
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to the Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's

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claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
**JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$550,308.57\*\*\***  
 Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Eight and 57/100\*\*\*  
 Attorney:  
 POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS  
 728 MARNE HIGHWAY  
 P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200  
 MOORESTOWN, NJ 08057  
 (856)802-1000  
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
 Total Upset: \$612,388.90  
 \*\*\*Six Hundred Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight and 90/100\*\*\*  
 February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
 U231911 PRO (\$150.92)

## LINDEN

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000596  
 Division: CHANCERY  
 Docket Number: F902408  
 County: Union  
 Plaintiff: INDYMAC BANK, FSB  
 VS  
 Defendant: LEONARDO ALVAREZ; MARY SILVERA, WIFE OF LEONARDO ALVAREZ; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; AS NOMINEE FOR INDYMAC BANK FSB; CIC CORPORATION, INC.;  
 Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
 Writ of Execution: 01/14/2009  
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH 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 City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 917 Bergen Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036  
 Tax Lot No.: 8 in Block 112  
 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 40 ft x 95 ft  
 Nearest Cross Street: Carnegie Street  
**Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.**  
 Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available. You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.  
 Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
 ATTN: The Plaintiff may let the bid go for less than the judgment amount consistent with the adjusted FMV of the property at the time of sale. Plaintiff may also agree to short sale. Please address any inquiries to: [thirdpartybids@zuckergoldberg.com](mailto:thirdpartybids@zuckergoldberg.com) Please use our File No. and "3rd Party" or "Short Sale" in your subject line.  
 Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.  
**JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$280,197.29\*\*\***  
 Two Hundred Eighty Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Seven and 29/100\*\*\*  
 Attorney:  
 ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC  
 200 SHEFFIELD STREET  
 SUITE 301  
 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092  
 (908)233-8500 FWZ-99244  
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
 Total Upset: \$320,040.97  
 \*\*\*Three Hundred Twenty Thousand Forty and 97/100\*\*\*  
 February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
 U231936 PRO (\$178.36)

## ELIZABETH

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000650  
 Division: CHANCERY  
 Docket Number: F2005908  
 County: Union  
 Plaintiff: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ARGENT SECURITIES INC. ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-W5  
 VS  
 Defendant: ALEX G. RODRIGUEZ  
 Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
 Writ of Execution: 01/14/2009  
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH 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 Elizabeth City in the County of

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Union, and State of New Jersey; Commonly known as 905 Olive Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201;  
 Tax Lot No. 1443 in Block No. 8  
 Dimension of Lot: (Approximately) 25 feet wide by 100 feet long  
 Nearest Cross Street: Henry Street  
 "The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through Publication."  
 Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
**JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$413,949.88\*\*\***  
 Four Hundred Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Nine and 88/100\*\*\*  
 Attorney:  
 GOLDBECK MC CAFFERTY & MC KEEVER - ATTORNEYS  
 MELLON INDEPENDENCE CENTER - SUITE 5000  
 701 MARKET STREET  
 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106  
 (215)627-1322  
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
 Total Upset: \$456,266.19  
 \*\*\*Four Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Six and 19/100\*\*\*  
 February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
 U231923 PRO (\$148.96)

## ELIZABETH

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS**  
 SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
 UNION COUNTY  
 Docket No. F-35522-08  
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to: JORGE LEE  
 YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Plusee, Becker, & Saltzman, LLC, whose address is 20000 Horizon Way, Suite 900, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. An Answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action in which U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of May 1, 2007 MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2007-HE1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-HE1, is Plaintiff and Jorge Lee, et al. are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, bearing Docket No. F-35522-08, within thirty-five days (35) after February 19, 2009, exclusive of such date, if you fail to do so. Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for 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 foreclosing the mortgage dated January 4, 2007, and made by Jorge Lee and Lorena Iltel Martinez and Jorge Lee, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for EquiFirst Corporation recorded in the Union County Clerk's Office, on January 17, 2007 Book 12018, at Page 0189, to recover possession of and concerning real estate located at 1043 Lafayette Street, Elizabeth City, New Jersey 07202, and being also known as Lot 883, and Block 9 on the tax map of the City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey.  
 By written assignment dated September 4, 2008, the said Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for EquiFirst Corporation assigned its mortgage and bond/note to U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of May 1, 2007 MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2007-HE1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-HE1, plaintiff herein, which assignment is about to be recorded.  
 You, Jorge Lee, are made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the owner of record of the mortgaged premises and because you signed Plaintiff's Note and Mortgage and may be liable for any deficiency and for any lien, claim or interest you or they may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises being foreclosed herein by the Plaintiff.  
 You may contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-353-4715. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-354-4340.  
 File #62815  
 JENNIFER M. PEREZ, CLERK  
 Superior Court of New Jersey  
 DATED: February 11, 2009  
 U232036 PRO Feb. 19, 2009 (\$44.59)

## LINDEN

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000589  
 Division: CHANCERY  
 Docket Number: F680308  
 County: Union  
 Plaintiff: LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR

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MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-4, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4 VS  
 Defendant: VINCENT QUINONES; ELAINE QUINONES  
 Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
 Writ of Execution: 01/09/2011  
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH 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 City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 548 East Curtis Street, Linden, NJ 07036  
 Tax Lot No.: 12 in Block 167  
 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 40 ft x 100 ft  
 Nearest Cross Street: Clark Street  
**Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.**  
 Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available. You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.  
 Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
 The plaintiff has obtained a letter of indemnification which will insure the successful bidder at sale in respect to: Judgment J-327794-2004  
 Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.  
**JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$422,165.41\*\*\***  
 Four Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five and 41/100\*\*\*  
 Attorney:  
 ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC  
 200 SHEFFIELD STREET  
 SUITE 301  
 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092  
 (908)233-8500 XCZ-98344  
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
 Total Upset: \$462,697.63  
 \*\*\*Four Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven and 63/100\*\*\*  
 February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
 U231918 PRO (\$172.48)

## ELIZABETH

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000147  
 Division: CHANCERY  
 Docket Number: F1531808  
 County: Union  
 Plaintiff: BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
 VS  
 Defendant: MARIA C. CHAVEZ; DAVID T. CHAVEZ AND LILLIAN CHAVEZ  
 Sale Date: 02/25/2009  
 Writ of Execution: 12/04/2008  
 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 ELIZABETH 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 City of Elizabeth, County of Union and State of New Jersey. The premises is commonly known as 97 Pine Street, First Floor, Elizabeth, NJ 07206  
 Tax Lot No. 362 Block No. 1  
 Dimensions of Lot: 58.50 x 50 x 55.50 x 50  
 Located: Pine Street & Front Street  
 The above advertisement does not constitute a full legal description of the real estate. The full legal description may be found at the Office of the Sheriff during regular business hours.  
 First Mortgage - Citimortgage (11/708) \$189,000.00  
 The sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.  
**JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$105,624.45\*\*\***  
 One Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Four and 45/100\*\*\*  
 Attorney:  
 KOURY, TIGHE, LAPRES, BISCUOLA & SOMMERS, P.C.  
 1423 TILTON ROAD  
 SUITE 9  
 NORTHFIELD, NJ 08225  
 (609)383-1233  
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
 Total Upset: \$117,931.41  
 \*\*\*One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-One and 41/100\*\*\*  
 January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 2009  
 U230548 PRO (\$121.52)

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**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000567  
 Division: CHANCERY  
 Docket Number: F1975008  
 County: Union  
 Plaintiff: CITIMORTGAGE, INC.  
 VS  
 Defendant: PARMENIDES RODRIGUEZ, ELADIA BAUTISTA  
 Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
 Writ of Execution: 01/05/2009  
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH 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 City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey.  
 Premises commonly known as: 40-42 FIFTH STREET, ELIZABETH NJ 07206  
 BEING KNOWN AS LOT 460 W05, BLOCK 5, on the official Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth  
 Dimensions: 37.50 feet x 100.00 feet x 37.50 feet x 100.00 feet  
 Nearest Cross Street: Marshall Street  
 The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice by publication.  
 \*Subject to any unpaid taxes, municipal liens or other charges, and any such taxes, charges, liens, insurance premiums or other advances made by plaintiff prior to this sale. All interested parties are to conduct and rely upon their own independent investigation to ascertain whether or not any outstanding interest remain of record and/or have priority over the lien being foreclosed and, if so the current amount due thereon.  
 \*\*If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney.  
 \*\*\*If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
**JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$487,710.59\*\*\***  
 Four Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ten and 59/100\*\*\*  
 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: \$552,610.07  
 \*\*\*Five Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Ten and 07/100\*\*\*  
 February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
 U232025 PRO (\$174.44)

## LINDEN

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
 CITY OF LINDEN  
 UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
 Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Linden, at the City Hall, 301 N. Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036 Planning Board Room # 215 March 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time for the following described work:  
**ITEM #1 - BUS TRANSPORTATION - RECREATION DEPT.**  
**ITEM #2 - PRINTED MATTER - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**  
 Specifications are on file at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Room #202, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ.  
 A fee of \$10.00 FOR item #1 and item #2, will be charged for each set of specifications picked up, plus postage if mailing is requested.  
 Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked BID on item #1, etc., and bearing the name and address of the bidder on outside, addressed to the Purchasing Agent, City of Linden, City Hall, 301 N. Wood Ave., Linden, NJ 07036, and be accompanied by a BID BOND OR CERTIFIED CHECK made payable to the City of Linden, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid.  
 All bidders shall conform to the intention and provisions of Affirmative Action in Public Contracts Laws of the State of New Jersey, R.S. 10:2-1 of 7/23/75, Assembly Bill No. 2227.  
 Bidders are required to comply with requirements of P.L. 1975, C127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27).  
 Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids should it be in the interest of the City to do so and to waive any informalities in the bid.  
 BY: ANN MARIE E. WHELAN  
 PURCHASING AGENT  
 COUNCIL  
 CITY OF LINDEN  
 U231926 PRO Feb. 19, 2009 (\$27.44)

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## ELIZABETH

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000454  
 Division: CHANCERY  
 Docket Number: F1374707  
 County: Union  
 Plaintiff: U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE RELATING TO J.P. MORGAN MORTGAGE ACQUISITION CORP. 2005-FRE1 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FRE1 VS  
 Defendant: NICOLE T. ARTECA; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC  
 Sale Date: 03/11/2009  
 Writ of Execution: 01/09/2009  
 By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH 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 City of Elizabeth in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 416-418 Livingston Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07206  
 Tax Lot No.: 611 in Block 3  
 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 50 ft x 100 ft  
 Nearest Cross Street: Fourth Street  
**Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.**  
 Tax and prior lien info: At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available. You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.  
 Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
 Note: The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.  
**JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$319,840.38\*\*\***  
 Three Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty and 38/100\*\*\*  
 Attorney:  
 ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC  
 200 SHEFFIELD STREET  
 SUITE 301  
 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092  
 (908)233-8500 XCZ-87542  
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
 Total Upset: \$359,183.77  
 \*\*\*Three Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Three and 77/100\*\*\*  
 February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2009  
 U231438 PRO (\$168.56)

## LINDEN

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000336  
 Division: CHANCERY  
 Docket Number: F1353807  
 County: Union  
 Plaintiff: MORRIS AND IDA SMITH, INC.  
 VS  
 Defendant: WAYNE REAL ESTATE GROUP  
 Sale Date: 03/04/2009  
 Writ of Execution: 08/26/2008  
 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 ELIZABETH 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 City of Linden in the County of Union and the State of New Jersey. Premises commonly known as: 812 East St. George Avenue  
 Tax Lot #: 3 in Block #: 38  
 Dimensions of Lot (Approximately): 100' by 40' by 100' by 40'  
 Nearest Cross Street: McCandless Street  
 "THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION."  
**JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$143,017.12\*\*\***  
 One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Seventeen and 12/100\*\*\*  
 Attorney:  
 PAUL W. GRZENDA - ATTORNEY  
 300 MAPLE AVENUE  
 SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07080  
 (908)754-8008  
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
 Total Upset: \$169,546.87  
 \*\*\*One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Six and 87/100\*\*\*  
 February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2009  
 U231050 PRO (\$107.80)

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## LINDEN

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000186  
 Division: CHANCERY  
 Docket Number: F3107407  
 County: Union  
 Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK,  
 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUS-  
 TEE  
 Defendant: MICHELLE WILLIAMS-  
 LEWIS; UNION COUNTY VOLKSWA-  
 GEN N/A WESTFIELD IMPORTED  
 CARS, INC.; STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
 Sale Date: 03/04/2009  
 Writ of Execution: 12/17/2008

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 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 1216 McCandless Street, Linden, NJ 07036  
 Tax Lot No.: 27 in Block 118  
 Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 100 ft x 25 ft  
 Nearest Cross Street: Cleveland Avenue

**Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.**

**Tax and prior lien info:** At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available. You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.

**Surplus Money:** If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

**Note:** The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.

**JUDGMENT AMOUNT:** \$278,211.74\*\*\*  
 Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eleven and 74/100\*\*\*

Attorney:  
 ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC  
 200 SHEFFIELD STREET  
 SUITE 301  
 MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092  
 (908)233-8500 FCZ-93904  
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
 Total Upset: \$311,819.18  
 \*\*\*Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and 18/100\*\*\*  
 February 6, 12, 19, 26, 2009  
 U231045 PRO (\$162.68)

## ELIZABETH

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
 Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000599  
 Division: CHANCERY  
 Docket Number: F779208  
 County: Union  
 Plaintiff: INDIUMAC BANK F.S.B.

VS  
 Defendant: LUIS HERRERA, ELCY C. HERRERA, HIS WIFE  
 Sale Date: 03/18/2009  
 Writ of Execution: 01/12/2009

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF ELIZABETH County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 22 WATSON AVENUE, ELIZABETH, NJ 07202  
 Tax Lot No. 1492 in Block No. 13  
 Dimension of Lot Approximately: 37 X 114

Nearest Cross Street: VINE STREET  
 BEGINNING at a point in the Southwesterly line of Watson Avenue, 112.50 feet Southeasterly along the same from its intersection with the Southeasterly line of Vine Street and running thence

**THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.**

**PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES**  
**TOTAL AS OF JANUARY 22, 2009:**

\$00  
**Surplus Money:** If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

**JUDGMENT AMOUNT:** \$360,294.39\*\*\*  
 Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Two

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Hundred Ninety-Four and 39/100\*\*\*  
 Attorney:  
 FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC  
 7 CENTURY DRIVE  
 SUITE 201  
 PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054  
 (973)538-4700  
 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
 A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
 Total Upset: \$426,745.26  
 \*\*\*Four Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Five and 26/100\*\*\*  
 February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
 U231919 PRO (\$154.84)

ELIZABETH  
STATEMENT

The guarantee ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted by the governing body of the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey, in the State of New Jersey, by the recorded affirmative votes of at least two-thirds (2/3rds) of the full membership of the governing body on February 10, 2009 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement.

Yolanda M. Roberts  
 City Clerk  
 City of Elizabeth  
 County of Union, New Jersey

## ORDINANCE NO. 4018

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND DELIVERY BY THE CITY OF ELIZABETH OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS IN RELATION TO CERTAIN MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2009 (OAKWOOD PLAZA, ELIZABETH) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "Board of Chosen Freeholders") of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State") pursuant to and in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has been requested by the purchaser, Community Investment Services, to provide financing for the acquisition and renovation of an affordable residential development located at 380 Irvington Avenue, City of Elizabeth, Union County, New Jersey, Block 11, Lots 45 and 119A, known as Oakwood Plaza (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is expected to provide dwelling accommodations for occupancy by persons and families of low and moderate income; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is desirous of assisting in the financing of the Project, to the extent permitted by law, if such assistance will assure the continued availability of dwelling accommodations for occupancy by persons and families of low and moderate income; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority expects to obtain funds to assist the financing of the Project through the issuance of its bonds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 (the "Bonds") issued pursuant to a Bond Resolution to be adopted by the Authority entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF COUNTY GUARANTEED MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2009 (OAKWOOD PLAZA-ELIZABETH) (TAX-ABLE) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCING OF A LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, A TRUST INDENTURE AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH" (the "Bond Resolution"); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 13 ("Section 13") of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-58), prior to the issuance of the Bonds, the Authority shall make a detailed report with respect to such financing to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County, which report shall include copies or a description of, without limitation, the various financing documents; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-6 and N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80 the Authority shall make application, on behalf of the Authority, the County, and the City of Elizabeth (the "City") to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of the State (the "Local Finance Board") for the Local Finance Board's review of the financing, including, *inter alia*, the Bond Resolution, the County Guaranty

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Agreement, the County Guaranty, the City Deficiency Agreement, and Continuing Disclosure Agreements (the "Financing Documents"); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the terms of Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and the County Guaranty, the County shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount to make the timely payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to induce the prospective purchasers of the Bonds to purchase same, the Bonds shall otherwise be secured by a guaranty ordinance of the County unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteeing the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds, all pursuant to Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to induce the County to unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds, the City shall enter into a Deficiency Agreement with the Authority and the County pursuant to which the City will make payment to the County for a portion, not to exceed \$10,000,000 of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds that may be paid by the County under the County Guaranty, and the City shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the City without limitation as to rate or amount to make such payment, all pursuant to Section 36 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-79); and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County and the City; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the County and the City and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Authority, the City or the County.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer of the City (collectively, the "Authorized Officer") are hereby each severally authorized and directed, upon the satisfaction of all the legal conditions precedent to the execution or acknowledgment and delivery by the City of the City Deficiency Agreement, to execute or acknowledge said financing document on behalf of the City. Upon the execution, acknowledgment and delivery of said City Deficiency Agreement, the City shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to pay to the County such sums as necessary to reimburse the County for payments made under the County Guaranty but not exceeding \$10,000,000 and accordingly, the City shall be unconditionally and irrevocably obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment thereof without limitation as to rate or amount when required under the provisions of applicable law. The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged for the full and punctual performance of the City Deficiency Agreement.

**Section 2.** The Clerk of the City of Elizabeth is hereby authorized and directed, upon the execution or acknowledgment of the City Deficiency Agreement in accordance with the terms of Section 3 hereof, to attest to the Authorized Officer's execution or acknowledgment of such document, and is hereby further authorized and directed to thereupon affix the seal of the City to such documents.

**Section 3.** The Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer of the City (collectively, the "Authorized Officer") are hereby each severally authorized and directed, upon the satisfaction of all the legal conditions precedent to the execution or acknowledgment and delivery by the City of such other Financing Documents as necessary, to execute or acknowledge said financing documents on behalf of the City.

**Section 4.** The Clerk of the City of Elizabeth is hereby authorized and directed, upon the execution or acknowledgment of such other Financing Documents as necessary in accordance with the terms of Section 3 hereof, to attest to the Authorized Officer's execution or acknowledgment of such documents, and is hereby further authorized and directed to thereupon affix the seal of the City to such documents.

**Section 5.** Upon the execution or acknowledgment and attestation of, and if required the placing of the seal on the City Deficiency Agreement, and such other Financing Documents, as necessary as contemplated herein, the Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to (i) deliver the fully executed or acknowledged, attested and sealed documents to the other parties thereto and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officer

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deems necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery thereof.

**Section 6.** The Municipal Council of the City of Elizabeth hereby authorizes the performance of any act, the execution or acknowledgment and delivery of any other document, instrument or closing certificates (collectively the "Closing Certificates"), which the Authorized Officer deems necessary, desirable or convenient in connection with this contemplated transaction, and the Municipal Council hereby directs the Authorized Officer to execute or acknowledge, and cause the Clerk of the City of Elizabeth to attest and affix the seal to such Closing Certificates, the authorization of which actions shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution or acknowledgment, attestation, affixation and delivery, as the case may be, thereof by such persons. Such Closing Certificates shall include, without limitation, (a) a determination that any information provided by the City in connection with the preparation and distribution of (i) any preliminary official statement or supplement with relation to the Bonds is "deemed final" for the purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Rule 15c2-12") and (ii) any official statement or supplement with relation to the Bonds constitutes a final Official Statement for the purposes and within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12, (b) a determination that the City's Continuing Disclosure Agreement complies with Rule 15c2-12, (c) a determination that any information provided by or on behalf of the City or relating to the City, the Project, the Financing Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby in connection with the preparation and distribution of any such Preliminary Official Statement or the Official Statement complies with Section 10 and Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act, and (d) any representations, warranties, covenants, certificates or instruments required by any issuer of a municipal bond insurance policy or any other form of credit enhancement securing all or a portion of the Bonds, or the issuer of a rating on all or a portion of the Bonds.

**Section 7.** A public hearing shall be held on this ordinance on February 10, 2009 at Municipal Council Chambers, City Hall, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

**Section 8.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish and post notice of this ordinance as required by law.

**Section 9.** Upon the adoption hereof, the City Clerk shall forward certified copies of this ordinance to the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer, City Attorney, Bond Counsel to the City, the Authority, and Bond Counsel to the Authority.

**Section 10.** This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

## EXHIBIT A

## CITY DEFICIENCY AGREEMENT

This deficiency agreement by and among the City of Elizabeth, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey (the "City"), the County of Union (the "County"), a body politic and corporate of the State of New Jersey (the "State"), the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") and \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Trustee") dated as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 (the "City Deficiency Agreement").

## WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, the Union County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") has been duly created by an ordinance of the Board of Chosen Freeholders (the "Board of Chosen Freeholders") of the County of Union, New Jersey (the "County"), as a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey (the "State") pursuant to and in accordance with the County Improvement Authorities Law, constituting Chapter 183 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1960 of the State, as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has been requested by the purchaser, Community Investment Services, to provide financing for the acquisition and renovation of an affordable residential development located at 380 Irvington Avenue, City of Elizabeth, Union County, New Jersey, Block 11, Lots 45 and 119A, known as Oakwood Plaza (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is expected to provide dwelling accommodations for occupancy by persons and families of low and moderate income; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority is desirous of assisting in the financing of the Project, to the extent permitted by law, if such assistance will assure the continued availability of dwelling accommodations for occupancy by persons and families of low and moderate income; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority expects to obtain funds to assist the financing of the Project through the issuance of its bonds in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 (the "Bonds") issued pursuant to a Bond Resolution to be adopted by the Authority entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF COUNTY GUARANTEED MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2009 (OAKWOOD PLAZA-ELIZABETH) (TAX-ABLE) OF THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTHORITY'S FINANCING OF A LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING PROJECT IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, A TRUST INDENTURE AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED INSTRUMENTS ANNEXED THERETO, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH" (the "Bond Resolution"); and

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**WHEREAS**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-6 and N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80 the Authority shall make application, on behalf of the Authority, the County, and the City of Elizabeth (the "City") to the Local Finance Board in the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs of the State (the "Local Finance Board") for the Local Finance Board's review of the financing, including, *inter alia*, the Bond Resolution, the County Guaranty Agreement, the County Guaranty, the City Deficiency Agreement, and Continuing Disclosure Agreements (the "Financing Documents"); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the terms of Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80) and the County Guaranty, the County shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the County without limitation as to rate or amount to make the timely payment of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to induce the prospective purchasers of the Bonds to purchase same, the Bonds shall otherwise be secured by a guaranty ordinance of the County unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteeing the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds, all pursuant to Section 37 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-80); and

**WHEREAS**, in order to induce the County to unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds, the City shall enter into a Deficiency Agreement with the Authority and the County pursuant to which the City will make payment to the County for a portion, not to exceed \$10,000,000 of the principal of (including mandatory sinking fund installments, if any) and interest on the Bonds that may be paid by the County under the County Guaranty, and the City shall be obligated, if necessary, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the City without limitation as to rate or amount to make such payment, all pursuant to Section 36 of the Act (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-79); and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority believes: (i) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose; (ii) said purpose is for the health, wealth, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the County and the City; (iii) the amounts to be expended for said purpose are not unreasonable or exorbitant; and (iv) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the County and the City and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the Authority, the City or the County.

**WHEREAS**, the City, the County the Authority and the Trustee have each duly authorized its proper officials and officers as the case may be, to enter into and execute this Agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises, the mutual covenants and agreements herein set forth and the respective undertakings of each party to the other, the City, the County, Authority and the Trustee, each binding itself, its successors and assigns, do mutually covenant, promise and agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I

## DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

**Section 101.** Certain Definitions. Capitalized words and terms which are used in this Agreement as defined terms shall, unless otherwise defined herein or unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context, having the meanings which are set forth below (the following words and terms are defined in the preamble to this Agreement):

Act City Deficiency Agreement  
 Authority Board of Chosen Freeholders  
 City Bond Resolution  
 County Bond Resolution  
 Guaranty Trustee  
 Project Section 13  
 State Local Finance Board  
 Financing Documents

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"Fiscal Year" means, with respect to the City, the period of twelve calendar months, ending with June 30 of any year.

**Section 102. Terms Generally.** Whenever the context may require, any pronoun which is used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms and the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. Unless otherwise noted, the words "include", "includes", and "including" which are used in this Agreement shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation". The words "agree", "agreement", "approval" and "consent" which are used in this Agreement shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "which shall not be unreasonably withheld or unduly delayed" except as may otherwise be specified.

**Section 103. Short Title.** This Agreement may hereafter be cited and is herein sometimes referred to as the "City Deficiency Agreement".

## ARTICLE II

## PAYMENTS BY THE CITY

**Section 201.** The Authority intends to enter into a Trust Indenture and Mortgage with Community Investment Services, which is anticipated to provide funds at least equal to the sum of the amounts which are necessary in such Fiscal Year (to the extent not provided from other funds or revenues pledged to the payment of the Bonds, including proceeds of Bonds) (1) to pay the principal of, and interest on any of the initial Bonds, as the same become due, (2) to maintain such reserves or sinking funds as may be required by the terms of the Bond Resolution, any resolution supplemental thereto and the Trust Indenture and (3) to comply in all respects with the terms and provisions of the Bond Resolution, any resolution supplemental thereto and the Trust Indenture.

**Section 202. Payments by the City.** To the extent that on any or in each Fiscal Year (being five (5) days prior to a date on which the Trustee must make payments under the Trust Indenture which dates are and ), the Trustee has not received the payments due under the Trust Indenture, the Trustee shall give the County and City notice of the deficiency, and the amount of same, as well as the date such sums are due to the Trustee to make the payments required under the Trust Indenture. Thereafter, one (1) day prior to the date the Trustee is required to make payments under the Trust Indenture, the County shall pay to the Trustee the amount of any actual deficiency or anticipated deficiency in the Debt Service Fund. Upon receipt of such notice and the payment of the actual deficiency, the County shall give the City notice of same. Upon receipt of such notice from the County, the City shall make a payment to the County of one half of the deficiency paid by the County. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof to the contrary, failure by the Trustee to provide the County or the City with notice, as provided above, shall not relieve the County or the City of its obligations to make the payments provided under Section 202 hereof.

Upon receipt of notice from the County, as described above, the City shall take necessary actions to make payment of said amount. Such actions shall include the adoption of emergency appropriation or an emergency temporary appropriation and the funding of such appropriation in accordance with the requirements of the Local Budget Law other actions that are legally permitted to be taken to meet the requirements of this Agreement.

**Section 203. Obligation of City Unconditional.** (a) The obligations of the City under this City Deficiency Agreement shall be absolute and unconditional and shall remain in full force and effect for the term hereof, as set forth in Section 304 hereof. The obligations of the City hereunder shall not be affected, modified or impaired upon the occurrence from time to time of any event, including without limitation any of the following, whether or not with notice to, or the consent of, the City.

(1) The waiver, compromise, settlement, release or termination of any or all of the obligations, covenants or agreements of the Authority or any other agreement which is executed and delivered for or with respect to the Bonds or of the payment, performance or observance thereof, or of the closure, severance or termination of the operation of the Project.

(2) The failure to give notice to the City of the occurrence of an event of default under the provisions of this City Deficiency Agreement;

(3) The transfer, assignment or mortgaging or the purported transfer, assignment or mortgaging of all or any part of the Project;

(4) The extension of the time for payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds or the time for performance of any obligations, covenants or agreements under or arising out of the Loan Documents;

(5) The modification or amendment (whether material or otherwise) of any obligation covenant or agreement set forth in the Bond Resolution;

(6) The taking suffering or the omission of any of the actions referred to in

## PUBLIC NOTICE

the Trust Indenture or of any actions under this City Deficiency Agreement; (7) The failure, omission, delay or lack on the part of the Authority to enforce, assert or exercise any right, power or remedy conferred on the Authority in this City Deficiency Agreement, the Bond Resolution, Trust Indenture or any other act or acts on the part of the Authority or any of the holders from time to time of the Bonds; (8) The voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets, marshaling of assets and liabilities, receivership, insolvency, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, reorganization, arrangement, composition with creditors or readjustment or other similar proceedings affecting the Authority or any of the assets of any of them, or any allegation or contest of the validity of this City Deficiency Agreement, the Bond Resolution or the Trust Indenture;

## ELIZABETH

## (Ord. NO. 4018 Continued)

(3) To the extent permitted by law, any event or action that would, in the absence of this clause, result in the release or discharge by operation of law of the City from the performance or observance of any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in this City Deficiency Agreement;

(10) The default or failure of the City fully to perform any of its obligations set forth in this City Deficiency Agreement; or

(11) The destruction, non-use or non-availability of the Project.

(b) No set-off, counterclaim, reduction, or diminution of any obligation, or any defense of any kind or nature (other than performance by the City of its obligations hereunder) which the City has or may have against the Authority or against any holder of the Bonds, shall be available to the City against the Authority or anyone succeeding to the Authority's interest.

(c) The City further guarantees that all payments made with respect to the Bonds will, when made, be final and agrees that if such payment is recovered from or repaid by or on behalf of the Authority or the holders of the Bonds in whole or in part in any bankruptcy, insolvency or similar proceeding instituted by or against the Authority, the Agreement shall continue to be fully applicable to such liabilities to the same extent as though the payment so recovered or repaid had never been originally made on such liabilities.

## ARTICLE III

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Section 301. Enforcement and Obligation of Payment.** The parties hereto acknowledge that this City Deficiency Agreement shall be assigned to the Trustee for the benefit of the County. Every obligation which is assumed by or imposed upon the City by the terms of this City Deficiency Agreement shall be enforceable by the County and/or the Trustee, by appropriate action or proceeding, and the County and/or the Trustee may pursue any and all remedies which are provided by law for the enforcement of every such obligation, including the remedies which are provided by the Act with respect to collection of such overdue amounts.

**Section 302. Effect of Breach.** Failure on the part of the County and/or the Trustee in any instance or under any circumstance to observe or fully perform any obligation which is assumed by or imposed upon it by the terms of this City Deficiency Agreement, or by law, shall not make the County and/or the Trustee liable in damages to the Authority or relieve the City of its obligations to make any payment to the County and/or the Trustee or to fully perform any other obligation which is required of its under the terms of this City Deficiency Agreement.

**Section 303. Pledge or Assignment.** Except as provided herein, this City Deficiency Agreement may not be assigned without the prior written consent of all other parties; provided however, this City Deficiency Agreement shall not be terminated, modified or changed by the Trustee, the Authority, the County or the City except in the manner (if any) and subject to the conditions (if any) permitted by the terms and provisions of the Bond Resolution and the Trust Indenture.

**Section 304. Term of Agreement.** This City Deficiency Agreement shall terminate, unless otherwise extended by the mutual consent of the parties hereto on the earlier to occur of (a) the final payment of the Bonds, (b) the redemption in whole of the Bonds prior to the final payment of the Bonds, and (c) issuance of refunding bonds issued to refund any Bonds which are outstanding as of such date and which are entitled to the benefits of this City Deficiency Agreement.

**Section 305. Modifications.** The provisions of this City Deficiency Agreement shall (a) constitute the entire agreement between the parties for or with respect to the matters described

herein, and (b) be modified, unless provided herein to the contrary, only by written agreement duly executed by all parties.

**Section 306. Headings, Captions and headings in this City Deficiency Agreement are for ease of reference only and do not constitute a part of this City Deficiency Agreement.**

**Section 307. Governing Law.** This City Deficiency Agreement and any questions concerning its validity, construction or performance shall be governed by the laws of the State, irrespective of the place of execution or of the order in which the signatures of the parties are affixed or of the place or places of performance.

**Section 308. Counterparts.** This City Deficiency Agreement may be executed in more than one counterpart, each of which shall be deemed to be an original.

**Section 309. Severability.** In the event that any provision of this City Deficiency Agreement shall, for any reason, be determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith and agree to such amendments, modifications, or supplements to this City Deficiency Agreement or to such other appropriate actions as shall, to the maximum extent practicable in light of such determination, implement and give effect to the intentions of the parties as reflected herein, and other provisions of this City Deficiency Agreement shall, as so amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise affected by such action, remain in full force and effect.

PASSED: 2/10/09

PATRICIA PERKINS-AUGUSTE  
President of City Council

APPROVED: 2-11-09

J. CHRISTIAN BOLLWAGE  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
YOLANDA M. ROBERTS  
Acting City Clerk  
U232125 PRO Feb. 19, 2009 (\$451.29)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## SUMMIT

BID NOTICE  
CITY OF SUMMIT

PROJECT: Renovations to Summit Community Center, 100 Morris Avenue

DEPARTMENT: Department of Community Services

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Department of the City of Summit, Union County, New Jersey at 11:00 A.M. prevailing time, Tuesday, March 3, 2009 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey for:

ROOF, CEILING AND LIGHTING RENOVATIONS

in accordance with the specifications and proposal forms for same which may be obtained at the office of the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, N.J. during regular business hours, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday.

All bids shall be addressed to DAVID L. HUGHES, PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, 512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, SUMMIT, NJ 07901. Bids, along with bid securities, must be enclosed in a properly SEALED envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and the NATURE OF THE BID CONTAINED THEREIN.

A Bid Security is required in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid, but not more than \$20,000, in the form of a bid bond, certified check or cashier's check, made payable to the City of Summit.

Bidders, when appropriate, shall comply with the provisions of the following laws of New Jersey: N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et seq. (Prevailing Wage Act); N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 (Corporation and/or Partnership Owner Information); and any subsequent amendments thereto. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Affirmative Action) and N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 (Business Registration).

The Common Council reserves the right to reject all bids or proposals, waive any minor defects, and in the case of a tie, award on the basis of reasonable grounds, or accept the bid that in its judgment will be for the best interests of the City of Summit, and consider bids for sixty (60) days after their receipt.

No charge shall be made or recovery had for publishing any official advertising unaccompanied by such statement of price.

DAVID L. HUGHES, City Clerk

Dated: 2/10/09  
U232034 OBS Feb. 19, 2009 (\$36.75)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## SUMMIT

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000485  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F1049108  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: COUNTRYWIDE HOME  
LOANS, INC.  
VS

Defendant: HERMAN W. VASQUEZ; MARIA VASQUEZ, HIS WIFE AND MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.

Sale Date: 03/11/2009  
Writ of Execution: 12/11/2008

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 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the CITY OF SUMMIT, County of Union and State of NJ.  
It is commonly known as: 24 SOUTH STREET, SUMMIT, NJ.  
It is known and designated as Block 3907, Lot 9.

The dimensions are approximately 50 feet wide by 105 feet long (irregular).  
Nearest Cross Street: PARK AVENUE.  
Prior lien(s): SUBJECT TO UPAD TAXES AND OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS.

AS OF 7/31/2008 TAXES ARE PAID THROUGH 2ND QUARTER 2008. 3RD QUARTER 2008 TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,358.78 WAS DUE ON 8/11/2008. 4TH QUARTER TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,358.72 WAS DUE ON 11/1/2008. PLEASE BE ADVISED A SEWER BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$163.00 WAS DUE ON 9/1/2008.

THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.

SURPLUS MONEY: IF AFTER THE SALE AND SATISFACTION OF THE MORTGAGE DEBT, INCLUDING COSTS AND EXPENSES, THERE REMAINS ANY SURPLUS MONEY, THE MONEY WILL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE SUPERIOR COURT TRUST FUND AND ANY PERSON CLAIMING THE SURPLUS, OR ANY PART THEREOF, MAY FILE A MOTION PURSUANT TO COURT RULES 4:84-3 AND 4:57-2 STATING THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF THAT PERSON'S CLAIM AND ASKING FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING PAYMENT OF THE SURPLUS MONEY. THE SHERIFF OR OTHER PERSON CONDUCTING THE SALE WILL HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE SURPLUS, IF ANY.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$351,934.56\*\*\*  
Three Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Four and 55/100\*\*\*

Attorney: STERN, LAVINTHAL, FRANKENBERG & NORGAARD, LLC  
293 EISENHOWER 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: \$394,255.22

\*\*\*Three Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Five and 22/100\*\*\*

February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 2009  
U231440 OBS (\$184.24)

## SUMMIT

## NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unresolvable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: F. Clifford Gibbons, Attorney at Law, LLC

For the Period: January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Services: Planning Board Attorney

Cost: \$130.00 per hour with additional fees for special meetings and document preparations

David L. Hughes  
City Clerk

Dated: 2/10/09  
U232033 OBS Feb. 19, 2009 (\$14.70)

## MOUNTAINSIDE

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions were made at a public meeting by the Mountainside Planning Board on January 8, 2009 at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

Sinisi, Joseph, 260 Central Avenue, Block 5.U, Lots 15 and 16 — Preliminary and final major two-lot subdivision, with variances, for single-family dwellings.

DENIED

Ruth M. Rees  
Secretary  
U232117 OBS Feb. 19, 2009 (\$9.80)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## SUMMIT

BID NOTICE  
CITY OF SUMMIT

PROJECT: SANITARY SEWER CLEANING AND TELEVISION INSPECTION  
Mountain Avenue, Hobart Avenue, Parkview Area

DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Department of the City of Summit, Union County, New Jersey at 11:00 A.M. prevailing time, Tuesday, March 10, 2009 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey for:

SANITARY SEWER CLEANING AND TELEVISION INSPECTION  
Mountain Avenue, Hobart Avenue, Parkview Area

in accordance with the specifications and proposal forms for same which may be obtained at the office of the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, N.J. 07901 during regular business hours, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday for a fee of \$75.00, refundable to all bonafide bidders upon request.

All bids shall be addressed to DAVID L. HUGHES, PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, 512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, SUMMIT, NJ 07901. Bids, along with bid securities, must be enclosed in a properly SEALED envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and the NATURE OF THE BID CONTAINED THEREIN.

A Bid Security is required in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid, but not more than \$20,000, in the form of a bid bond, certified check or cashier's check, made payable to the City of Summit.

Bidders, when appropriate, shall comply with the provisions of the following laws of New Jersey: N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et seq. (Prevailing Wage Act); N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 (Corporation and/or Partnership Owner Information); and any subsequent amendments thereto. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Affirmative Action) and N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 (Business Registration).

Bidders are advised that some portions of the work are located near NJ Transit railroad tracks. Any additional work, insurance and/or permits required shall be at the successful bidder's expense and shall be included in the total bid price.

The Common Council reserves the right to reject all bids or proposals, waive any minor defects, and in the case of a tie, award on the basis of reasonable grounds, or accept the bid that in its judgment will be for the best interests of the City of Summit, and consider bids for sixty (60) days after their receipt.

No charge shall be made or recovery had for publishing any official advertising unaccompanied by such statement of price.

DAVID L. HUGHES, City Clerk  
Dated: 2/10/09  
U232032 OBS Feb. 19, 2009 (\$43.12)

## SPRINGFIELD

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that an Ordinance, of which the following is a copy, was introduced, read and passed on First Reading by the Springfield Board of Health at a regular meeting held on February 11, 2009. The Board of Health will further consider the same for final passage on March 11, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Springfield Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at which time and place members of the public will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance.

Marylou Fashano-Sollis,  
Board Secretary

GENERAL ORDINANCE  
#BOH-02-2009

An Ordinance by the Board of Health of the Township of Springfield, amending Board of Health Ordinance # 2-2005, entitled "General Provisions of the Board of Health of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, and State of New Jersey".

Be it ordained by the Board of Health of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, and State of New Jersey, that Board of Health Ordinance #2-2009 entitled as above be adopted on First Reading by title only.

Copies of the Ordinance will be made available upon request at the office of the Westfield Regional Health Department located in the Westfield Municipal Building, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, NJ 07090.

## Section 2

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication according to law.

U232129 OBS Feb. 19, 2009 (\$25.97)

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT  
BID NOTICE  
CITY OF SUMMIT

PROJECT: AUBREY STREET SANITARY SEWER REPAIR  
DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Department of the City of Summit, Union County, New Jersey at 11:00 A.M. prevailing time, Tuesday, March 3, 2009 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey for:

AUBREY STREET SANITARY  
SEWER REPAIR

In accordance with the specifications and proposal forms for same which may be obtained at the office of the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, N.J. during regular business hours, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday for a refundable fee of \$25. Fee will only be refunded to bidders who submit a bid but are not awarded the contract. The plans and specifications must be returned within ten (10) days of bid opening to receive the refund. All bids shall be addressed to DAVID L. HUGHES, PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, 512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, SUMMIT, NJ 07901. Bids, along with bid securities, must be enclosed in a properly SEALED envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and the NATURE OF THE BID CONTAINED THEREIN.

A Bid Security is required in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid, but not more than \$20,000, in the form of a bid bond, certified check or cashier's check, made payable to the City of Summit.

Bidders, when appropriate, shall comply with the provisions of the following laws of New Jersey: N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et seq. (Prevailing Wage Act); N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 (Corporation and/or Partnership Owner Information); and any subsequent amendments thereto. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Affirmative Action) and N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 (Business Registration).

The Common Council reserves the right to reject all bids or proposals, waive any minor defects, and in the case of a tie, award on the basis of reasonable grounds, or accept the bid that in its judgment will be for the best interests of the City of Summit, and consider bids for sixty (60) days after their receipt.

No charge shall be made or recovery had for publishing any official advertising unaccompanied by such statement of price.

This project must be completed by April 17, 2009.

The major items of construction are:

200 L.F. 8" PVC Sanitary  
Sewer Pipe, SCH 40, 12'  
Maximum Depth

DAVID L. HUGHES, City Clerk

Dated: 2/10/09  
U232029 OBS Feb. 19, 2009 (\$42.14)

## SUMMIT

NOTICE OF CONTRACT  
AMENDMENT

The Common Council of the City of Summit has amended the following awarded contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecified service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This amended contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Maser Consulting, PA.

For the Period: Upon completion of project

Services: Transfer Station Environmental Testing

Cost: \$5,000.00

David L. Hughes, City Clerk

Dated: 2/10/09  
U232030 OBS Feb. 19, 2009 (\$14.70)

## SPRINGFIELD

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that an Ordinance of which the following is a copy, was introduced, read and passed on First Reading by the Springfield Board of Health at a regular meeting held on February 11, 2009. The Board of Health will further consider the same for Final Passage at the next regular meeting on March 11, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Springfield Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey at which time and place members of the public will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance.

Marylou Fashano-Solits,  
Board Secretary

BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCE  
# BOH-01-2009

An Ordinance by the Board of Health of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, to amend Board of Health

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Ordinance # BOH-01-2008 entitled "Ordinances relating to salaries of officers and employees of the Board of Health of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, and State of New Jersey."

Be it ordained by the Board of Health of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Board of Health Ordinance #BOH-01-2008 entitled as above is amended as follows:

## Section 1

The following positions and salary ranges are hereby established for employees of the Board of Health and shall be payable retroactive to January 1, 2009.

Board of Health Attorney \$1,500 - \$2,500  
Registrar of Vital Statistics \$1,500 - \$2,500

## Section 2

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication according to law.

U232128 OBS Feb. 19, 2009 (\$30.38)

## SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT  
PENDING ORDINANCE #09-2841

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE CHAPTER XXV, DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 4 - ZONING, SECTION 4.3-14, ORC-1 OFFICE-RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER [Clarify provisions - Springfield Ave.]

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT, as follows:

Section 1. That ARTICLE 4 - ZONING, SECTION 4.3-14, ORC-1 OFFICE-RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER, of the Code shall be amended and supplemented as follows:

## 35-4.3-14 ORC-1 Office Residential Character

A. Purpose. The purpose of this zone is to provide flexibility in the zone and allow the conversion of existing residential structures for mixed use and office uses, while preserving the historic character, scale and features of the buildings and the streetscape, limiting the amount of building and lot coverage and setting standards that will help preserve the residential character of the properties in the zone.

B. Principal Permitted Uses.  
1. Detached one single-family residential dwellings subject to the R-10 zone standards.

2. Offices; Professional offices; only if incorporated within and maintaining an existing structure.

3. A mixed use structure only if incorporated within and maintaining an existing structure. The use shall balance of office suite(s) and one or more up to four (4) residential unit(s). Residential dwelling units and office suites shall contain a minimum of five hundred (500) square feet each. Office uses shall be permitted on the first floor only.

C. Accessory Uses.

1. Uses which are customarily incidental and accessory to the principal permitted use.

D. Conditional Uses.

1. Houses of worship.

2. Philanthropic uses.

E. Supplementary Regulations.

1. Buffers.

a. A ten (10) foot landscaped buffer shall be required along each side yard and along each rear property line.

b. The landscaped buffer shall include a mix of columnar evergreen trees and deciduous trees, preserving wherever possible existing, mature trees.

2. Parking.

a. No parking shall be permitted in the required front yard or between any part of the front building facade and the street right-of-way line.

b. Parking areas shall be screened from view of adjacent residential zones, existing residential uses and public roads by landscaping, fencing or a combination of these to create a buffer at least five (5) feet in height. Landscaping shall contain a mix of deciduous and evergreen plantings sufficient to screen the view of vehicles in all seasons.

3. Driveways.

a. Shared driveways between adjacent properties are strongly encouraged.

4. Lighting.

a. All lighting shall conform to general regulations in Article 5, as modified herein.

b. Lighting shall be located no closer than eight (8) feet to a property line, and shall be no higher than eight (8) feet in height.

c. Light fixtures shall be of a "shoe box" or similar design to avoid any up-lighting or halo effect. Fixtures shall be shielded to prevent spillage onto adjacent properties.

5. Design Standards.

a. All uses in the ORC-1 Zone shall maintain the character and architecture of the existing structures and shall also meet the standards of this section and the design standards in Article 5 and other applicable provisions of this Chapter.

b. New Construction. All new construction shall be designed with a pitched roof and shall be compatible with the residential character of the surrounding buildings and neighbor-

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hood and shall also meet the standards of this section and the design standards in Article 5 and other applicable provisions of this Chapter.

6. Building Design and Requirements.  
a. Rooftop mechanical equipment shall be screened from public view by architecturally compatible materials. Ground level mechanical equipment, such as air conditioning equipment, utility boxes and meters, shall be screened by landscaping, walls or fencing.

b. A minimum of one (1) primary building entrance shall be incorporated into the front facade. Sidewalks shall be provided within the front yard area for access from the existing sidewalk system.

c. The visual character of buildings along street frontages and entryways shall encourage pedestrian access.

d. Existing open porches that are visible from the right-of-way shall not be enclosed and shall not be included in the calculations of floor area ratio. Any porch that is enclosed will be included in the calculation of floor area ratio.

e. Fire escapes are prohibited on the front facade of buildings.

f. There shall be one principal building per lot and no building shall contain more than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) square feet of floor area per building lot.

7. Shade Trees.

a. To enhance the residential character of the lots in this zone, shade trees shall be part of the overall landscape plan.

b. Existing shade trees in good condition shall be preserved wherever possible.

c. Shade trees shall be provided within the parking area and the buffer areas, and shall be included in other areas as appropriate for the overall landscape plan.

8. Trash Disposal.

a. Trash disposal areas shall be either interior to the building or located as far from residential zone boundaries as possible, but in no case shall they be located within ten (10) feet of any adjacent residential zone or use.

b. Trash disposal areas are prohibited between the front facade and the street right-of-way, and shall be screened from view from the street right-of-way.

9. Storage.  
a. All provisions and facilities for storage, other than pickup of refuse and recyclables, shall be contained within a principal building.

Section 2. If any parts of this Ordinance are for any reason held to be invalid, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Section 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith, are repealed, but only to the extent of the inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following its final passage, publication as required by law, and filing with the Union County Planning Board.

(Last additions in text indicated by underlining; deletions by strikeouts)

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE  
The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Summit, in the County of Union, New Jersey held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a regular meeting of said Common Council in the Council Chamber at 512 Springfield Avenue in said City on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. During the weeks prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office in said City Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk

Dated: 2/10/09  
U232040 OBS Feb. 19, 2009 (\$107.80)

## SUMMIT

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit, New Jersey, will hold a hearing on March 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, to consider an application affecting the property whose street address is known as 20 Windsor Road, Block 5203, Lot 24.

The conditions affecting this property and the reason for the application being heard are as follows: owner proposes to construct a 59 s.f. wood platform & steps over an existing platform at the rear of the house, requiring a building coverage variance req'd: 18% existing: 21.61%, proposed: 22.25% & lot coverage variance req'd: 35% existing: 41.52% & proposed: 41.93%.

Applicant requests any other waivers or variances as may be required by the Board or its Professionals at the time of the hearing.

The application forms and supporting documents are on file in the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, and may be inspected on any workday during business hours, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Any interested party may appear at the hearing and participate therein, subject to the rules of the Board.

Tony & Valerie Garcia

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicants  
U232111 OBS Feb. 19, 2009 (\$19.60)

## SUMMIT

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit, New Jersey, will hold a hearing on March 2, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey.

sey, to consider an application affecting the property whose street address is known as 23 Waldron Avenue, Block 2609, Lot 9.

The conditions affecting the property and the reasons for the application being heard are as follows: We are requesting to add a family room to rear of house and mudroom to rear and side of house and to expand the existing one car garage to a two car garage. Also add patio to rear yard

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## CLARK

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
NOTICE OF INTENTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration and final passage at a Special Meeting at 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at which time and place all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE 09-01 SECTIONS 1(e), (f), AND (g) AS ADOPTED FEBRUARY 2, 2009 AS AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND COLLECT USER FEES FOR THE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OF WASTEWATER" ADOPTED APRIL 10TH, 2006, AS ORDINANCE 06-06, SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED BY AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 06-06 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND COLLECT USER FEES FOR THE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OF WASTEWATER" ADOPTED DECEMBER 18TH, 2006, AS ORDINANCE 06-22

BE IT ORDAINED by the governing body of the Township of Clark that the foregoing Ordinances are hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 5 of the Ordinances to which this is an amendment entitled "User Fees" is hereby amended so as to reflect the following User Fees:

a) RESIDENTIAL MINIMUM CHARGE (0-100,000 GPY)	\$175.00
EXCEEDS 100,000 GPY	\$175.00 + \$.015 PER GALLON OVER 100,000 GAL
b) COMMERCIAL MINIMUM CHARGE (0-100,000 GPY)	\$800.00
EXCEEDS 100,000 GPY	\$800.00 + \$.02 PER GALLON OVER 100,000 GAL
c) GOVERNMENTAL MINIMUM CHARGE (0-100,000 GPY)	\$175.00
EXCEEDS 100,000 GPY	\$175.00 + \$.015 PER GALLON OVER 100,000 GAL
d) NOT-FOR-PROFIT MINIMUM CHARGE (0-100,000 GPY)	\$175.00
EXCEEDS 100,000 GPY	\$175.00 + \$.015 PER GALLON OVER 100,000 GAL
e) INDUSTRIAL (NON-SIU)	
MINIMUM CHARGE (0-100,000 GPY)	\$2,000.00
EXCEEDS 100,000 GPY	\$2,000.00 + \$.04 PER GALLON OVER 100,000 GAL
EXCEEDS 20M GPY	\$798,000 + \$.01 PER GALLON OVER 20 MILLION GAL

## f) SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL USERS

The annual billing methodology for Significant Industrial Users shall be the higher of:

- 1) The methodology outlined in Item (e) above for Industrial Users, or
- 2) The methodology outlined in Item (g) below. This methodology shall be utilized in the event that either self-reporting indicates well usage or there is a significant variance (more than 5 percent) between the volume of water purchased from a recognized water purveyor and the sewerage volume metered by RVSA.

## g) MISCELLANEOUS UN-METERED

Users, for which the Township has not received meter data from applicable water purveyors including wells, shall have their usage requirements estimated by the Utility's Engineer. The Engineer's estimate will be prepared in accordance with generally accepted engineering standards including but not necessarily limited to the following:

- NJAC 7:14A-23.3 Treatment Works Approved
- ASCE/WPCF Manual of Practice Design and Construction of Storm and Sanitary Sewers
- International Building Code-New Jersey Edition
- International Plumbing Code
- National Standard Plumbing Code
- Residential Site Improvement Standards NJAC 5:21

All such users will be required to complete an informational form distributed by the sewer utility on an annual basis representing data on the number and type of sewer users. Such information may include the number and age of occupants, the number and type of fixtures, the number of bedrooms, gross floor area, the number of employees, the number of service bays, etc., as may be necessary for the utility engineer to estimate water usage and classification. Failure to submit an annual informational form or the falsification of same shall subject the owner to a minimum penalty of \$500 in addition to a minimum fee of \$500.

In the event that an un-metered facility owner disagrees with the estimate of the utility engineer, they may appeal the estimate in the manner provided elsewhere herein. Further, the owner may elect to have a meter installed on the property to accurately assess usage.

Users shall be billed by the Sewer Utility under the criteria of Items (a) through (j).

h) MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL  
MINIMUM CHARGE \$175.00 (0-100,000 GPY)  
\$.015 PER GALLON OVER 100,000 GALLONS

i) MIXED USE  
MINIMUM CHARGE-Minimum charge shall be the sum of the Minimums for each use. Flows exceeding the combined flow allowance shall be billed at the highest rate of use for the property.

j) HOME OCCUPATION  
MINIMUM CHARGE \$400.00 (0-100,000 GPY)  
\$.015 PER GALLON OVER 100,000 GALLONS

## SECTION 2: INCONSISTENT ORDINANCE

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances or Resolutions that are in conflict with the provisions of this Amendment to Ordinance 09-01 are repealed to the extent necessary.

## SECTION 3: DECLARATION OF INVALIDITY

If any article, section, subsection, term or condition of this Amendment to Ordinance is declared invalid or illegal for any reason, the balance of the Ordinance shall be deemed severable and shall remain in full force and effect.

## SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Amendment to Ordinance 09-01 shall take effect upon adoption and publication according to law.

Edith L. Merkel, RMC  
Township Clerk

U232057 EAG February 19, 2009 (\$130.34)



## PUBLIC NOTICE

and expand and change existing gravel driveway to asphalt. Variances for front yard setback, side yard setback, lot and building coverage and floor area ratio to construct an addition. Applicant request any other waivers or variances as may be required by the Board or its professionals at the time of the hearing.

The application forms and supporting documents are on file in the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, and may be inspected any workday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Any interested party may appear at the hearing and participate therein, subject to the rules of the Board.

Stephen Elko & Kelly Elko  
Applicants  
U232115 OBS Feb. 19, 2009 (\$20.58)

## SUMMIT

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit, New Jersey, will hold a hearing on March 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, to consider an application affecting the property whose street address is known as 238 Kent Place Boulevard, Block 1401, Lot 12.

The conditions affecting this property and the reason for the application being heard are as follows: Owner proposes to add a two-story addition at the rear of the house and requires one variance for min. side yard setback, required: 15 ft. existing: 10.97 ft. proposed: 11.33'.

Applicant requests any other waivers or variances as may be required by the Board or its professionals at the time of the hearing.

The application forms and supporting documents are on file in the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, and may be inspected on any workday during business hours, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Any interested party may appear at the hearing and participate therein, subject to the rules of the Board.

Ken & Sarah Vostal  
Applicants  
U232116 OBS Feb. 19, 2009 (\$18.13)

## SUMMIT

## NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Maser Consulting, PA

For the Period: January 28, 2009 - May 31, 2009

Services: Geographical Information System (GIS) Phase IIIB - Sanitary and Storm Sewer Mapping Services

Cost: \$93,875.00

David L. Hughes, City Clerk

Dated: 2/10/09  
U232027 OBS Feb. 19, 2009 (\$14.21)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## CLARK

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
CORPORATION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ordinance was duly adopted and approved on final reading at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council, Township of Clark on February 17, 2009.

## ORDINANCE 09-02

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE 03-22 CHAPTER 2 SECTION 2-65.3h OF REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK**

Edith L. Merkel, RMC  
Township Clerk  
U232046 EAG Feb. 19, 2009 (\$11.27)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## CLARK

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-09000575  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F2003-08  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-CB3  
VS

Defendant: RICHARD TELESKO; DEBRA TELESKO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR HOMEQ SERVING

Sale Date: 03/18/2009

Writ of Execution: 01/02/2009

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of CLARK in the County of Union, State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 96 GEORGIA STREET, CLARK, NJ 07066

Tax Lot No.: 10 in Block 140.01  
Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 100 x 75  
Nearest Cross Street: GRANDVIEW AVENUE

**Subject to any open taxes, water/sewer, municipal or tax liens that may be due.**

**Tax and prior lien info:** At the time of publication taxes/sewer/water information was not available - You must check with the tax collector for exact amounts due.

**Surplus Money:** If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

**Note:** The sheriff reserves the right to adjourn this sale for any length of time without further advertisement.  
**JUDGMENT AMOUNT:** \$460,708.34\*\*\*  
**Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Eight and 34/100\*\*\***

**Attorney:**  
ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, LLC  
200 SHEFFIELD STREET  
SUITE 301  
MOUNTAINVIEW, NJ 07092  
(908)233-8500 FCZ-96653  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
**Total Upset:** \$515,955.40  
**\*\*\*Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-Five and 40/100\*\*\***  
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 2009  
U231917 EAG (\$166.60)

## CLARK

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
NOTICE OF PENDING BOND  
ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on February 17, 2009. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a special meeting of the Township Council to be held in the Municipal Building (Room 16), 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, on March 2, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

**Title:** BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LOCKER ROOMS AT THE CLARK SWIM POOL IN, BY AND

FOR THE SWIM POOL UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$300,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF TO APPROPRIATE SWIM POOL UTILITY CAPITAL OUTLAY, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

**Purpose(s):** Renovations and improvements to the Men's and Women's Locker Rooms at the Clark Swim Pool in, by and for the Swim Pool Utility of the Township.

**Appropriation:** \$300,000  
**Bonds/Notes Authorized:** \$275,000  
**Grants (if any) Appropriated:** \$ -0-  
**Section 20 Costs:** \$60,000  
**Useful Life:** 15 years

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

Edith L. Merkel, Township Clerk  
Township of Clark  
County of Union  
State of New Jersey

U232045 EAG Feb. 19, 2009 (\$34.30)

## CLARK

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
NOTICE OF PENDING BOND  
ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on February 17, 2009. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a special meeting of the Township Council to be held in the Municipal Building (Room 16), 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, on March 2, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

**Title:** BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO REPAIR WATER DAMAGE IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

**Purpose(s):** Replacement of the heating and electrical systems and the making of other improvements at the Municipal Building to repair damage caused by the flooding of the basement.

**Appropriation:** \$1,000,000  
**Bonds/Notes Authorized:** \$950,000  
**Grants (if any) Appropriated:** \$ -0-  
**Section 20 Costs:** \$40,000  
**Useful Life:** 15 years

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

Edith L. Merkel, Township Clerk  
Township of Clark  
County of Union  
State of New Jersey

U232052 EAG Feb. 19, 2009 (\$34.30)

## CLARK

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
NOTICE OF INTENTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration and final passage at a

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Regular Meeting at 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at which time and place all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT ORDINANCE 07-03 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK SO AS TO ESTABLISH WITHIN THE CLARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT A DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT THROUGH THE BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION CREATED HEREIN AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A FIRE OFFICIAL.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the governing body of the Township of Clark as follows:

**SECTION 1: Local Enforcement.** Pursuant to Section 11 Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, c. 383, C. 52:27D-192 et. seq.), the Uniform Fire Safety Code (N.J.A.C. 5:70-1 et. seq.) to include the 2006 International Fire Code New Jersey Edition established by the State of New Jersey effective February 1, 2009 shall be enforced in the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

**SECTION 2: Inconsistent Ordinance.** Any Ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 3: Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and upon publication according to law.

Edith L. Merkel, RMC  
Township Clerk  
U232051 EAG Feb. 19, 2009 (\$30.87)

## CLARK

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
NOTICE OF PENDING BOND  
ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Clark, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on February 17, 2009. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a special meeting of the Township Council to be held in the Municipal Building

(Room 16), 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, on March 2, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office in the Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

**Title:** BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW GARBAGE TRUCK IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$300,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

**Purpose(s):** Acquisition of a new garbage truck for the use of the Department of Public Works.

**Appropriation:** \$300,000  
**Bonds/Notes Authorized:** \$285,000  
**Grants (if any) Appropriated:** \$ -0-  
**Section 20 Costs:** \$15,000  
**Useful Life:** 5 years

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

Edith L. Merkel, Township Clerk  
Township of Clark  
County of Union  
State of New Jersey

U232043 EAG Feb. 19, 2009 (\$30.87)

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## SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT  
PENDING ORDINANCE #09-2840

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-8, PARKING, SUBSECTION 7-8.5, PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS (Springfield Ave. meters to 15 mins.)**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT,** as follows:

Section 1. That Section 7-8, PARKING, subsection 7-8.5, Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets, -- No person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit shown below at any time (except Sundays and holidays) between the hours listed upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets, -- of the Code shall be amended and supplemented as follows:

## 7-8.5, Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets

b. **Time Limit Parking (Parking Zones).**

1. **Definition.** As used in this section:

**Parking meters shall mean:**

(a) A meter placed on a pole whose time display is activated by the deposit of appropriate coin(s) or with the use of a prepaid Summit SmartCard.

(b) An electronic multi-space meter machine where payment for daily parking is done by the deposit of appropriate coin(s), the insertion of a parking debit card, or, where applicable, the insertion of a prepaid Summit SmartCard along with the parking space number.

2. **Parking Zones.** The following described streets or parts of streets are hereby designated as parking zones.

(a) No person shall park a vehicle for longer than the time limit shown in this subsection at any time except Sundays between the hours limited in this subsection or parts of streets described in this subsection.

(b) All time limit metered spaces of five (5) hours or less shall be in operation between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except Sundays.

(c) All time limit metered spaces of more than five (5) hours shall be in operation between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except Sundays.

Name of Street	Side	Time Limit	Location	Parking Zone Rate
Springfield Avenue	South	15-min	Between Kent Place Boulevard and Woodland Avenue, Meters #2, 3, and 4	C

## 3. Types of Zones; Fees; Times of Legal Operation.

(a) The various types of parking meter zones in conformance with the provisions of this paragraph and as shown by legend on posted signs are hereby fixed with their fees, except that one-cent coins will not be acceptable, as follows:

Zone	Time	Fee
C	15 minutes	15 minutes for twenty-five (\$.25) cents.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

(Last additions in text indicated by underline; deletions by strikeouts)

## NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Summit, in the County of Union, New Jersey held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a regular meeting of said Common Council in the Council Chamber at 512 Springfield Avenue in said City on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. During the weeks prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office in said City Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Dated: 2/10/09  
U232039 OBS February 19, 2009 (\$77.42)

David L. Hughes, City Clerk

## UNION

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the following applications for Zoning Variances were heard by the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Frisberg Park, Union, N.J. Resolutions memorializing.

Calendar #	Name of Applicant & Premises Affected	Variances Requested	Decision of the Board of Adjustment
Cal. #3139	Muthusamy Holdings, LLC. 695 Chestnut Street Block- 2704 Lot- 2	Construction of a ground sign for the existing medical office building	Granted by Resolution
Cal. #3133	R. Fidalgo 965 Carteret Avenue Block- 1301 Lot- 7	Maintain retaining wall with fence on top	Carried for Resolution of Denial on 3/4/09
Cal. #3146	VJB Realty Associates, LLC. 1051 & 1055 Commerce Avenue Block- 4305 Lots- 41 & 42	Utilize building as a music academy; continue courier service use in building on lot 41 & parking lot improvements	Carried for Resolution of Approval on 3/4/09

Richard Malanda, Board of Adjustment Secretary  
U232131 UNL February 19, 2009 (\$36.75)

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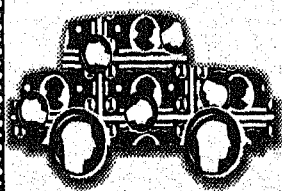
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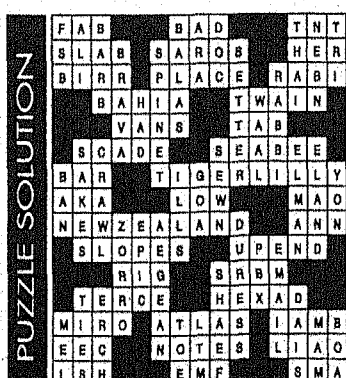
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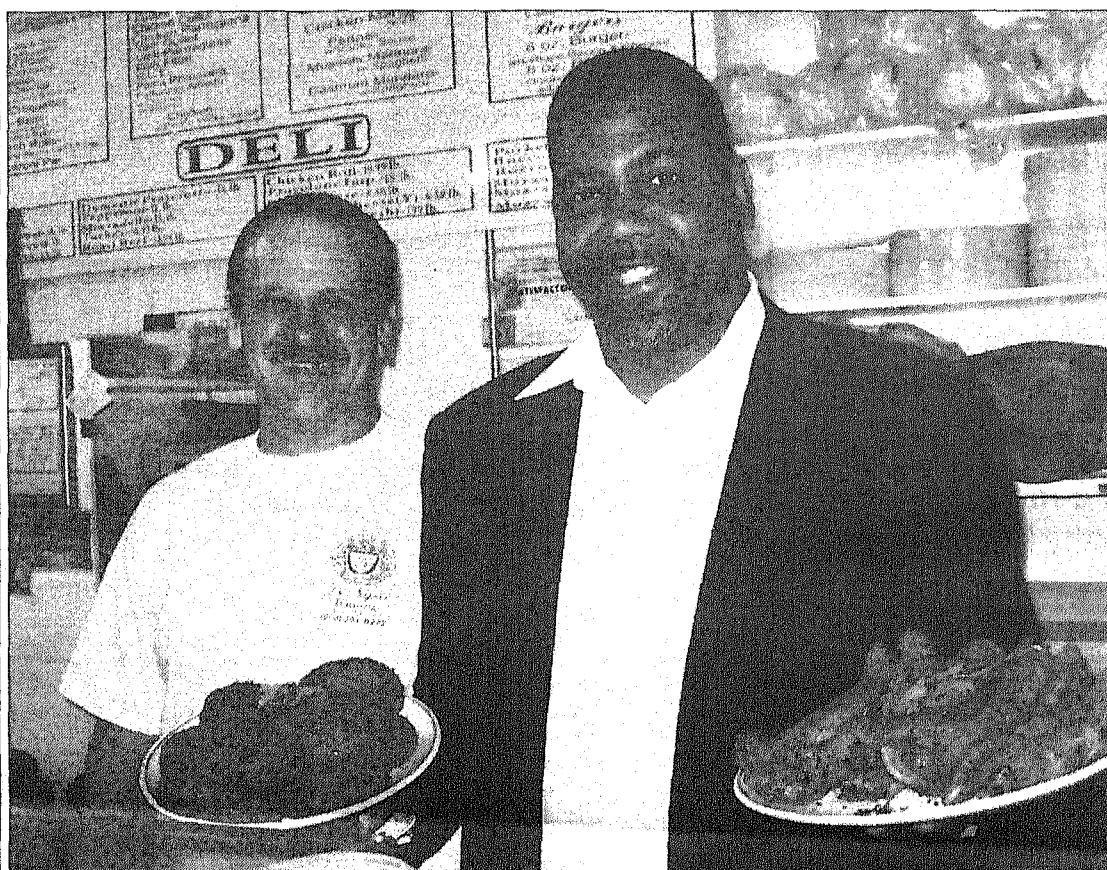
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## Buon appetito!



Di Napoli Trattoria Manager Jimmy Collins smiles as Roselle Urban Enterprise Zone Coordinator Harry Wyatt admires the various delicacies that were served during the restaurant's first day of business on Jan. 22. Di Napoli Trattoria, located at 547 E. First Avenue, is planning a grand opening later this month.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Northfield Bank gives seven grants in NJ

The Northfield Bank Foundation has awarded a total of \$98,475 in grants to seven non-profit organizations located in Central New Jersey. The recipients include the following:

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• Union County Performing Arts Center, Rahway — \$15,000 grant to the Union County Performing Arts Center "Arts for All Program."

The goal of the program is to help provide seniors, disadvantaged and disabled access to the theater.

### Chamber welcomes newest members

The Union Township Chamber of Commerce recently conducted

its monthly evening networking meeting at the Millennium BCP Bank Branch, 1225 Stuyvesant Ave. Jim Leonard, senior vice president of government relations for the NJ State Chamber of Commerce, discussed the recently passed state budget and its effects on businesses and the overall economy of the state.

During the evening, more than 25 business people and chamber members networked with each other.

## Union lawyer receives Amicus Curiae Award

Amirali Y. Haidri, a Springfield resident and Union Township attorney, received the New Jersey State Bar Association's Amicus Curiae Award at the Association's Board of Trustees meeting and holiday luncheon Dec. 12.

The event was held at New Jersey Law Center.

The award recognizes Haidri for his efforts in drafting the NJSBA amicus curiae brief in the case of Jablonska v. Suther, where the NJSBA successfully argued a negligent-infliction-of-emotional-dis-

tress claim fashioned on common law liability, is independent of the requirements imposed by the Automobile Insurance Cost Reduction Act's verbal threshold.

An NJSBA member since 1997, Haidri is currently an NJSBA trustee representing Union County and is a member of both the Amicus Committee and the Appellate Practice Committee. In addition, he is a past trustee of the Union County Bar Association, and is a former chair of Panel 6 of the District XII Fee Arbitration Committee.

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## Freight Trains Whistle Carrying Heavy Load

By Rod Hirsch

There will be steep ascents, sharp bends and a few bumps in the roadbed, but the freight trains rumbling through Union County and the greater New Jersey/New York metropolitan region should help carry the state and local economy through the downturn gripping the nation.

Union County is a major crossroads for two of the country's

largest freight railroad companies, CSX and Norfolk Southern, with Port Elizabeth and its extensive rail system at the epicenter of a vast network with miles of rail that spider their way throughout the county.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns and operates Port Elizabeth, Port Newark and terminals on Staten Island, this year is investing \$600 million to upgrade the port rail facilities

at all three locations. This ultimately will allow the facilities to accommodate 1.5 million containers a year, all of which arrive and depart by rail.

Yet rail transport is a panacea for more than the economy. It also is a viable alternative to an overtaxed transportation system, will help slow the destruction of the environment and reduce emissions, and can improve the overall quality of life, according to top railroad executives and rail advocates.

Those powerful iron horses that pull the freight trains to points west, south and north of New Jersey are big "green" machines, fuel efficient and economical, according to Laura McNichol, New Jersey state director of Growth Options for the 21st Century, or GO 21.

GO 21 is a non-profit public interest organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and building a stronger economy by promoting increased use of freight rail transportation as an alternative to trucks and highways.

"Railroads can move a ton of freight 436 miles on one gallon of diesel fuel," McNichol said. "That really can't be beat. That's a tremendous benefit to the public."

William Goetz, resident vice president of CSX, said freight rail has enjoyed a "renaissance" over the past 30 years primarily because of its economic and environmental benefits.

"When a ship comes into port, a crane removes the containers and places them on the train, which heads west to Cleveland, Detroit or Chicago," he said. "That container may not hit the highway until it reaches Illinois. Those solutions have allowed the Port to grow, without strangling the state's highway network."

Scott Muir, resident vice president of Norfolk Southern, also emphasized the environmental and economic benefits of rail freight.

"The demand for moving freight in the United States is expected to more than double over the next 10 years," Muir said. "Obviously, many segments of the interstate system are already at capacity – especially in New Jersey."

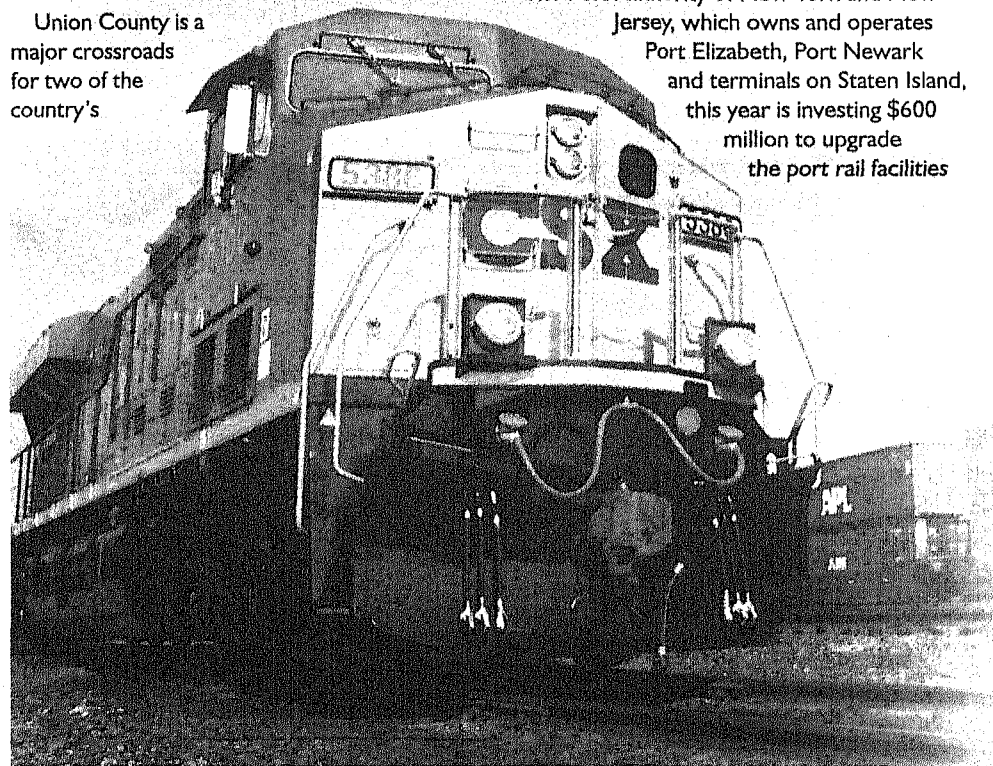
"With one train being able to carry as much freight as 300 trucks, we think that there will be significant opportunities to increase rail volumes, while at the same time relieving highway congestion and reducing emissions."

Goetz says the short- and long-term fundamentals for long haul freight trains are solid.

"What we continue to see is a very prominent role for freight rail now and in the future, especially in the east coast states," he said. "As fuel prices increase, the utilization of freight rail becomes even more compelling. We use one-third of the fuel which means our carbon footprint is one-third of the pollutants in the air."

Reliance on freight rail also eases the strain on the nation's transportation infrastructure, according to Goetz.

"This is especially true in the major urban



Railroads carry 16 percent of the nation's freight tonnage, with Port Elizabeth in Union County serving as a major hub for such rail traffic.

## Community Banks Stand Rooted as Mighty Oaks Fall

By Karen Miller

With billions of dollars allocated by Congress in the last several months for bailout of the financial services industry and the failure of some of the biggest names in banking, it appears to many on Main Street that the entire banking industry is at the brink of collapse and that mattresses really are the safest bet for a life's savings.

In reality, however, the number of banks in trouble is actually quite low.

In November the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) announced that the list of banks it considered to be in trouble during the third quarter of 2008 increased nearly 50 percent, to 171 institutions. While that is the highest number of banks in trouble in more than 10 years, it still represents only 2 percent of the nearly 8,500 FDIC-insured institutions in the country.

"We've had profound problems in our

financial markets that are taking a rising toll on the real economy," FDIC chairman Sheila Bair said in her Nov. 25 statement accompanying the report.

Yet one segment of the banking industry in particular has remained remarkably free of the troubles of the past year. Very few community banks have made it to the FDIC's trouble list.

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# The Canterbury Sales®

## Business as Usual Vs. Do or Die

By Andy Gole

"We won't hit our sales numbers this year with 'business as usual'."

I heard this from a business owner the second week of January. A sales team member responded, "How can you say this? It's only the second week of January. We have to give our efforts a chance."

Do we?

Most of us look back at the end of a long business day and feel we gave it our "best effort." This is satisfying. From childhood, we heard the refrain: "It's OK, as long as you give it your best effort."

Is this really OK?

Could we live in a culture that sadly mistakes "best efforts" with results? In the current economic environment, best efforts – business as usual – may not be enough.

I have an advantage over many business people. In the boom time years of the 1990s, I had to struggle and keep focused on results. Best efforts – business as usual – weren't nearly enough to feed the family. In fact, the challenging years caused me to fully embrace a "do or die" attitude.

During this period, I had a gift business – sales were tepid. I needed a "big hit." Then word came down from Coca-Cola to the licenses: there was an opportunity for a pallet program at Wal-Mart, with Coke-licensed products. As one of 80-plus licensees, I was invited to present concepts for Wal-Mart's review.

There were only two problems. The first difficulty was the "Man Behind the Curtain" challenge – lack of control. I would present my ideas to the licensing department of Coca-Cola, which would present the best ideas up the chain. A top Coca-Cola executive would then present to a top executive at Wal-Mart. I would never get to talk to the "Man Behind the Curtain," the person making the decision.

This was the small problem. The bigger problem was that I wasn't a vendor of record at Wal-Mart. It was very difficult to become a vendor at the retailer. The likely outcome was Wal-Mart would select a licensed product from an existing Wal-Mart vendor.

I faced a "do or die" scenario. I had to close this order. But I didn't have a chance.

"Business as usual" was a non-starter.

I considered how the other licensees might approach this opportunity. They would probably send in pictures of stock items that best fit the need and price points. I decided to differentiate myself by creating a custom item for the promotion, making a prototype. I sent our concept to Coca-Cola and received encouragement.

I kept asking myself what else can we do to earn this order? Would this be enough to get qualified as a Wal-Mart vendor? I looked at the problem from the decision-making needs of the Wal-Mart executive. They were going to buy a pallet. They probably would like to see what the pallet looked like.

My problem was that the product didn't exist yet – the pallet didn't exist.

But there was nothing to stop us from building a prototype pallet in my office. Creating 144 samples by hand; building and decorating the pallet base; assembling the entire structure – it took more than a week. We finished the night before the final submissions were due. We raced to photograph the pallet and have a beautiful 8x10-inch picture produced. Then we overnighted the picture to Coca-Cola, at the 11th hour and 59th minute.

That picture did the trick. It traveled through the Coca-Cola organization and was presented to Wal-Mart. That one picture was worth a thousand words.

And a 50-truck-load order.

"Business as usual" didn't have a chance.

There's one consolation about a "business as usual," best efforts approach in this challenging year. You probably won't have any problems with your business next year.

Because you won't be in business next year.

Embrace a "do or die" attitude to thrive in this challenging time.

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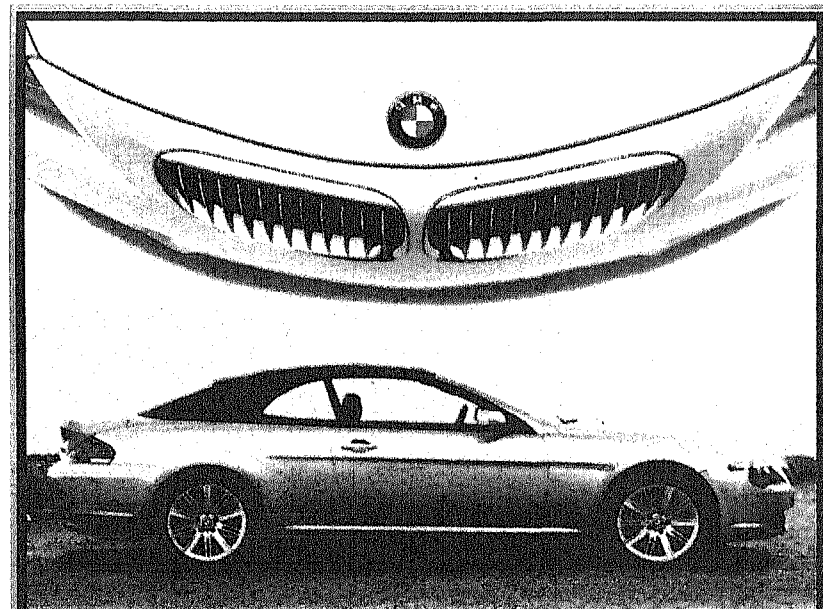
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# Community Banks Stand Rooted

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Community banks have fared better in the last year than their larger counterparts due to smart lending and loan retention, according to Jim Silkenson, co-president and co-CEO of NJBankers, an association of the state's banks.

"The community banks of New Jersey have not made the sub-prime loans or used the alternative lending instruments that started this mess," Silkenson said. "Instead, they have concentrated on standard, fixed and adjustable rate instruments that were well underwritten."

In addition, community banks held on to their loans rather than selling them, making the bankers at these institutions more conscious of the need to only make loans they were sure could be paid back, he added.

Marshall McKnight, spokesman for the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance, also credited the state's strong banking charter and anti-predatory lending laws for the lack of trouble at New Jersey's community banks.

Officials at community banks in the Union County area support Silkenson and McKnight.

"Provident did not get caught up in exotic lending and investing practices," said Jean Quinn, vice president of corporate communications with The Provident Bank. "Our loan approvals are made by informed decision-makers who are familiar with the local economic climate."

"We establish and maintain relationships with our customers so we can work with them to meet their needs. This includes ensuring that they will be able to stay within the terms of their loan. Additionally, we hold on to most of our loans, so we have the ability to work with our customers if they get in over their heads financially."

Despite reports of a tightening on lending, banks are lending money, according to Silkenson.

"Banks have tightened their criteria, but they are anxious to make loans. They do have money and they are lending it," he said.

Northfield Bank is proof.

"We had our largest lending year in history in 2008," said John Alexander, Northfield chairman and CEO. "Banks are lending money, but most have tightened their lending standards. You need to clearly show that you have an income stream."

Alexander cited commercial real estate such as shopping centers as an example of an area requiring scrutiny.

"There are vacant stores in every shopping mall," he said. "You need to show the lender that you have an income stream that is sustainable, even if some of your current renters do go out of business and leave vacancies. What will happen to your income if occupancy rates drop to 20 percent? Can you sustain your business?"

Both lenders and borrowers are gun shy right now, Alexander added.

"We aren't necessarily seeing the pot of gold and the end of the rainbow yet. Things could get worse," he said.

Relationship banking is another key to the success of community banks, according to officials at those institutions.

"Provident's focus on relationship banking inspires customer loyalty," Quinn said. "This loyalty is part of the reason that we have been so successful."

Alexander agreed.

"We talk with our customers," he said. "If someone is in trouble, we sit down and talk with them before they get so far in that they can't get out. We try not to wait for our customers to be in crisis."

"Relationships are also part of why we have seen recent success with our small business and commercial lending divisions," added Quinn. "In this time of turmoil, people are turning to banks that they know they can rely on."

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# Freight Trains Whistle while Carrying Heavy Load

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areas because highway capacity is edging toward the upper limits," he said. "For a state like New Jersey, it really gives you a choice. You can continue to grow your economy without paving over huge swaths of the state and without taking those environmental hits no one wants to take."

Goetz also notes that New Jersey is on record as committed to reducing emissions of greenhouse gases. In 2007 Gov. Jon Corzine signed a law that requires the state to cut greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and 80 percent of 2006 levels by 2050.

"Freight rail puts you on the good side of that debate," Goetz said.

Norfolk Southern and CSX are the two largest freight rail carriers in New Jersey, transporting imports and exports in and out of the state to the Midwest, West Coast, deep South and further north, everything from automobiles and orange juice to municipal waste and chemicals.

Goetz and Muir concede their rail networks have taken a hit recently but remain bullish on their near and long term futures.

"We generally view traffic volumes on a network level," Muir explained. "Our 2008 volumes declined 3 percent when compared to 2007. Fourth quarter 2008 volume was down by 8 percent when compared to fourth quarter 2007, which certainly is a reflection of the economic downturn."

Despite that softening, Norfolk Southern expects to spend \$1.4 billion on infrastructure improvements; CSX has committed \$1.6 billion.

"The economy is challenged and we have seen that reflected in our traffic levels, as has every industry in North America," Goetz said. "What's different, though, is that we are already looking at this as having a definite ending to it. It's like being on a landing between two up escalators; rail is waiting for the ride up. Other businesses in the downturn are cutting and retrenching. We're not. We're anticipating the end of this and planning to further grow our franchise."

CSX runs 50 trains a day in and out of New Jersey, many of them out of Port Elizabeth. The freight on board each of those trains is the equivalent of at least 250 42-foot trailer trucks, according

to Goetz.

"New Jersey is a very important part of the Norfolk Southern network," Muir said, citing Port Elizabeth, the surrounding manufacturing and industrial complex in Union and surrounding counties and across the Hudson River into New York, as well as the 19 million consumers who live in the greater metropolitan area.

During 2008, the Port of New York and New Jersey set a new record for its on-dock rail system, transporting 377,827 containers, a nearly 6 percent increase over 2007.

To stimulate greater use of its ExpressRail system, the Port Authority in January approved an incentive program to encourage shippers using the Port of New York and New Jersey to transport even more cargo by rail.

The Port Authority receives \$52 in revenue for each cargo container transported by the ExpressRail system. The new program will provide an incentive of \$27 per container shipped by rail to any ocean carrier that increases its rail cargo business over its 2008 levels.

"Our \$600 million investment in an efficient and sustainable ExpressRail system is a critical factor in our port's number-one standing on the East Coast," said Port Authority chairman Anthony Coscia. "This incentive program will keep our port competitive and ensure that it remains a leading source of jobs and economic activity in our region, despite the challenging economic climate."

Two major ExpressRail projects are scheduled for completion in June – the opening of a second lead track into ExpressRail Elizabeth, and the completion of a rail support facility along Corbin Street in Elizabeth. These projects will nearly double the port's rail capacity and improve overall rail service, according to Port Authority executive director Chris Ward.

"The competition for port business is intense, and we must find creative ways to maintain our competitive edge during difficult economic times," Ward said. "With jobs and economic activity on the line, we believe this incentive – coupled with our multibillion-dollar investment in rail infrastructure – will allow us to maintain our standing as the East Coast's No. 1 port."

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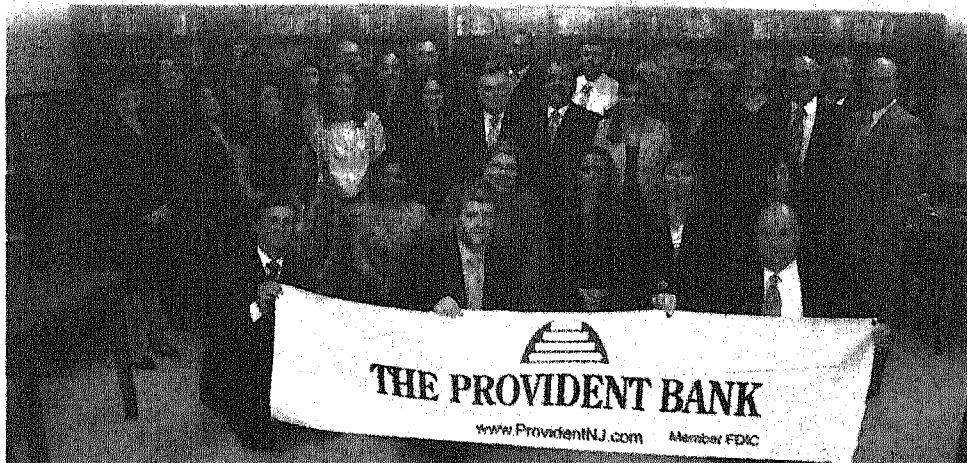
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## Inside Views

*Never have so many depended on so few*

Quite a few years ago I was engaged in a lively discussion with one of my closest friends and mentors over what is the fair share for the rich to pay in taxes. With a graduated tax system at both the state and federal level, the wealthier you are the greater the percentage of your income goes to paying taxes.

My friend thought that the amount of income tax paid by the wealthy was far lower than it should be. The wealthy have more and can thus pay more, not only in gross amount, but also as a percentage of their total income.

I asked him what the level should be. How much of the total taxes collected should come from, say, the top 1 percent of income earners? Should it be 10 percent, or 20 percent? What's the fair level?

My friend realized I knew what the number actually was and refused to say what he thought it should be, only that it was too low.

So how about my readers; what do you think the top 1 percent should contribute? 10 percent? 20 percent? What's fair in your view?

Well now that you have the number in your mind, here's how it actually plays out.

In 2006, the last year on a federal level I could find numbers for, the top 1 percent of taxpayers paid a whopping 40 percent of the total tax collected. The top 5 percent paid 60 percent; the top 10 percent paid 70 percent; the top 25 percent paid 86 percent; and the top 50 percent paid 97 percent of all personal income taxes collected. The bottom 50 percent ended up contributing only 3 percent.

To give some perspective, the top 1 percent earned more than \$389,000. The top 5 percent earned more than \$154,000. The top 10 percent was at \$109,000+, the top 25 percent at \$65,000+ and the top 50 percent at \$32,000+.

In New Jersey, the story is much the same. In 2006, before the McGreevy tax increase, the top 1.5 percent of taxpayers accounted for 42 percent of the taxes collected. Those earning more than \$250,000, or the top 4 percent, accounted for 54 percent of the taxes collected. Those earning less than \$100,000, nearly 80 percent of the total returns, paid only 19 percent of the taxes.

Absent the fairness discussion, it's easy to see why this isn't good policy, especially in a state like New Jersey. The top tax rate in New Jersey is 6.5 times the lowest. Every dollar of income decline at the top income level lowers state revenue by 6.5 times as much as a dollar lost in the lowest tax bracket.

So what happens when that hotshot bond trader who works on Wall Street doesn't get a bonus this year because the president has capped his compensation at \$500,000 instead of the \$2.5 million he made last year? The state's tax collections fall by \$180,000 and the federal government loses \$700,000. This is exactly what we are seeing, and we can expect a huge hole in New Jersey's tax collections for both this fiscal year and next.

Anyone in business knows that if you depend on a very few clients for your revenue you can wake up one day and be out of business. The alternative is to diversify.

On a tax basis this can be done by sharing the tax burden more widely, or it can be done by finding new sources of revenue. You could also cut expenses, but in government that is the last thing ever considered.

Unfortunately, I expect New Jersey to follow the New York example and raise income taxes on the top earners even more. What politician would ever discuss a tax increase for the many when he can discuss it for the few? The tyranny of the majority is alive and well and as shortsighted as ever.



Jim Coyle

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## Where the Chamber Stands...

### Off-Track Legislation

A recent report by the New Jersey Department of Education showed an alarmingly high percentage of failing math test scores among the state's youth, yet it seems that Congress is most in need of math tutoring. Many on Capital Hill do not seem to understand basic math.

Two bills pending in Washington – the Railroad Competition and Service Improvement Act and the Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act – would introduce greater regulation to the freight rail industry and threaten to undermine decades of progress made rebuilding a sector of the economy that was hemorrhaging in financial losses and contraction as recently as the 1980s.

For decades the freight rail industry was suffocating under the weight of over-regulation that led to unprofitable operations, insufficient investment in infrastructure and contraction of the industry. To halt the industry's collapse and get the engines rolling again, Congress in 1980 relaxed regulation through the Staggers Act and the railroads began rebuilding.

It worked. Today freight railroads are financially healthy and play an integral role not only in the nation's current economy but also in its future, both economically and environmentally.

That is why the pending legislation to introduce greater regulation into the industry does not add up. Consider these numbers:

- Trains move one ton of freight 436 miles on a single gallon of fuel.
- Freight trains produce one-third the carbon footprint of trucks.
- 16 percent of the nation's freight tonnage moves by rail. If all freight moved by rail were shifted to trucks it would add 92 billion truck vehicle-miles-of-travel to the nation's highway system and cost federal, state and local transportation agencies an additional \$64 billion for highway improvements over the next 20 years, according to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.
- Such a shift from rail to truck also would cost rail shippers an additional \$69 billion in shipping costs each year.

Yet ironically it is the shippers who are driving this legislation. They claim that the freight railroads are enjoying greater profits – a claim supported by the *Wall Street Journal* – yet also raising their rates at the same time, resulting in greater operational costs for the shippers and, ultimately, higher prices for consumers.

The call for greater regulation is being led by Consumers United for Rail Equity (CURE), a coalition of freight rail customers, including trade association representing the utility, chemical and manufacturing industries, among others. Through the pending legislation CURE is seeking greater competition, a greater ability to challenge rates and disputes, and amendment to the freight rail industry's anti-trust exemptions. What they really seem to want is lower rates.

The freight rail industry counters that its activities – including rates – already are regulated by the federal Surface Transportation Board and that freight rail customers are free to ship their products via truck or other method if they find rail costs to be excessive. After all, while the movement of freight on the nation's rail lines offers limited choice of carriers along certain routes, there are no restrictions on the choice of method of shipping.

Which brings the discussion back to math. For many decades shippers enjoyed artificially low prices when employing rail to move their freight. Following deregulation in 1980, the freight rail industry was able to more properly set rates and operational policies as it reversed its track to nowhere. Now that railroads are financially sound and earning a fair return on their investment shippers want to return to the unfair arena that can only come with greater regulation.

If that does not add up, throw this fact into the calculation: Even with rate increases that took place in 2008, freight rail prices actually have declined overall since 1980.

Many Americans believe the current economic crisis challenging their lives was the result of Wall Street being left to operate free of regulation in its pursuit of obscene profits, and understandably take umbrage with any industry claiming it will be damaged by increased regulation.

Yet consider this: Trucks ride on publicly funded roads, barges move in publicly maintained canals and airlines fly in air space operated by a national air transportation system. Freight railroads own and maintain their own tracks and rights of way. They are independently owned and invest in the infrastructure required to move the nation's goods – there are no \$1.4-million bathrooms in this sector. And the industry rebuilt itself only after the weight of deregulation was lifted.

Re-regulating the freight rail industry will introduce a hairpin turn to an industry that is right on track. With all that needs to be fixed in the current economic environment, why derail an industry that is running fine. It does not add up.

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# Capital Page...

**Assemblyman Louis Greenwald** (D-6 and chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee)

## *More Choice, Better Care for the Developmentally Disabled*

Because of the dearth of community programs to care for the developmentally disabled, parents and family members face a tough choice: continue to care for their loved ones at home with few or no state supports or have them institutionalized.

Many families struggle to provide care in a home setting, hoping a community alternative to a state institution will become available. Though many families want to remain together or in the community, they desperately need support services to make this possible.

Today the Community Services Waiting List for such families has 8,000 names on it – a number that has doubled in 10 years. For many, this list is difficult to navigate, a seemingly endless purgatory. As time passes, waiting becomes filled with anxiety, as aging parents wonder what would happen to their loved ones should they suddenly die or become incapacitated. It's a terrible, terrifying thought that confronts many New Jerseyans daily.

In New Jersey, we have not invested enough in community programs to care for individuals with mental retardation, autism and other developmental disabilities, because we have instead focused more on state institutions.

Nationally, we have a higher rate of institutionalization than every state except Mississippi and Louisiana. We spend a third of our developmental disabilities budget to provide care for only 8 percent of New Jersey's developmentally disabled residents – those in institutions.

Alarming, the state estimates that 81 percent of the institutionalized population would be better served in community programs, yet we continue to keep these individuals in state developmental centers. We have committed to waiting lists and warehousing human life, instead of aggressively promoting the best level of care for some of our most fragile citizens.

It's time to change that by allowing more for consumer choice-driven care, as opposed to strict governmental institutional care. We must drastically reduce the waiting list and give these men and women the opportunity to reach their full potential in the community. Working with advocacy groups, experts and family members, I have introduced legislation to accomplish these goals.



My bill will rebalance funding for the developmentally disabled, creating a more robust network of community alternatives to institutionalization. These community programs will vary, ranging from shared-living residences serving many individuals to smaller, supervised apartments where individuals can have greater control of their lives.

By investing in community care, this legislation would reduce the waiting list, ending years of stressful waiting for many families. Furthermore, this bill will move any institutionalized individuals who choose community placement into more beneficial community programs, consolidating the state's seven developmental centers. Such a move will prove more cost-efficient, cutting capital expenses on obsolete and antiquated state facilities, while elevating care quality.

This legislation provides cost-effective alternatives to the current institutional standard. It costs the state \$641 per person per day to institutionalize a person, while community programs cost \$300 per person per day, on average. By offering more choices, we will provide a higher quality of life to the developmentally disabled in a more fiscally responsible manner.

I realize that community settings are not for everyone. Some individuals do require the intense level of care provided by a state developmental center, and my bill is sensitive to that fact. My plan will create a broader range of options for developmentally disabled individuals, their doctors, and their family members to choose from, ensuring the availability of both institutionalization and community placement alternatives to those who need them.

Those with developmental disabilities are often a silent population – unable to speak for themselves. We are morally obligated to ensure they receive the best care possible.

By investing more in community programs, New Jersey will give developmentally disabled individuals a higher quality of life and the opportunity to be more independent and thrive in the community. Equally as important, we will put to rest the fears of family members who go through each day wondering if their loved ones will receive quality care should tragedy suddenly strike.

## Insight *Why Obama's Honeymoon with the Media is Over*

By Marc Rosenweig

The "honeymoon" lasted only two weeks. That was how long it took most mainstream media to start criticizing the Obama Administration. But our 44th president admitted some of the knocks were deserved.

"I screwed up," said President Barack Obama on the day income tax problems derailed former Senator Tom Daschle's nomination as Secretary of Health and Human Services.

On the same day, Nancy Killefer, an executive with McKinsey and Co., withdrew her candidacy to be the first chief performance officer for the federal government. She cited her failure to pay unemployment compensation tax for a household employee.

"Today was an embarrassment for us," added President Obama, who said top government officials should be held to the same standards as "ordinary folks."

Just two weeks into the new administration, the *New York Times* ran the headline "Obama Ethics Reform Faces Test," and AOL News trumpeted, "Obama Suffers Embarrassment."

This time there's no waiting for 100 days or more. Our economy is in tatters and many Americans want a quick fix, which is unlikely. But another reason for the truncated "honeymoon" is the drastically changed media landscape.

Political coverage generated ratings and revenue for many media outlets over the past year. It came at a critical time as many newspapers are struggling to stay alive. Most local television stations, which relied on car dealers for almost a third of their advertising, are cutting staff and scaling back their news coverage.

Along came the Obama campaign, with the promise of change. Cable news channel ratings jumped. Newspapers made extra money off the sale of special editions on the election and Inauguration. The broadcast and cable networks sold DVDs on our 44th president. The inaugural events became the latest version of "must see TV."

As one media observer put it, these information-driven companies are trying to survive at a time

when "analog dollars are being turned into digital pennies" – meaning they haven't figured out how to make big dollars off their Internet businesses. Few media companies have been able to generate more than 10 percent of their revenue from their digital side of the business.

The key question is what will be the tone of media content the next 100 to 1,000 days and how will it affect our lives? Some of what passes for "news" today is the core of the problem.

Bloggers from all sides of the political spectrum are writing columns online. Some bloggers are seasoned journalists, but many others have no news background. Misinformation lives and breathes around the Internet; some of it remains posted indefinitely.

Many Americans aged 18-35 get a lot of their information from "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" and "The Colbert Report" on Comedy Central. As one student told me, "I do check out news web sites so I can understand what they're talking about on 'The Daily Show.'"

Too few viewers read news sites regularly. Many prefer infotainment, such as stories on First Lady Michelle Obama's ball gown or the search for a pooch for the First Family.

What we really need is a media that's willing to investigate the issues that affect the quality of our lives. We need to know how Bernard Madoff pulled off his alleged \$50-billion Ponzi scheme so it doesn't happen again. We need to know the media will be a watchdog to blow the whistle on failing companies that received federal bailout money and are still handing out obscene bonuses.

Unfortunately, quality investigative reporting that makes a difference has decreased dramatically. Most media companies won't spend the money and take the legal risks to expose wrongdoing.

For too many media companies, the big money-making honeymoon is over.

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# Did You Know... Community Banks Have More to Offer than You Think?

By Damien Kane

Over the years the perception of a community bank was of a small town bank with one or two branches that generally focused on passbook savings accounts. However, this often is not the case. Community banks offer a full line of products and services tailored to both consumers and commercial establishments.

## Business Banking

A major misconception is that community banks do not offer business-banking services. The truth is that most community banks focus their business development efforts on the business market and thrive.

Products such as business checking and business money market are available at banks both large and small. Community banks also often lead the market place in terms of innovative business product lines.

## A Lending Source

A community bank may not be at the forefront of a business owner's mind when looking for business financing. However, what he or she does not realize is that community banks are very much in the business of commercial lending and can offer the same products and terms as the larger financing companies.

Your community-banking lender is a local decision-maker who has first-hand knowledge of your business. They personally assist you from the application process to the loan closing and beyond.

Community banks are not in the business of simply closing a deal and moving on to the next customer. They aim for a long-standing relationship that develops as your business grows.

## Technology

Cutting-edge banking technology is no longer limited to the larger national banks. Community banks understand that customers demand the latest technology to manage their finances. With sophisticated online banking and bill pay services, consumers have 24-hour access to their accounts from institutions of all sizes.

On the business side, community banks are now offering remote deposit capture which allows businesses to scan images of their check deposits and transmit them electronically to the bank. Online cash management services allow business owners to better understand their cash flow without leaving their desk and sweep accounts allow business owners and professionals to maximize the return on their deposit balances.

## Personalized Service

More than ever community banks are appealing to business owners and professionals. The community bank philosophy of knowing and understanding your customer is one that still holds true today. Enter a community bank branch and you will be met by friends who understand your business needs and the individual products and services you need to run your business.

Community banks take pride in the level of service they provide. Branch managers are active in the community and often belong to organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club or economic development councils.

## Sound Business Practices

Community banks have a long tradition of maintaining a disciplined approach to operations and following a conservative business model. This approach leads to sound decision making and the ability to weather economic turbulence. Many community banks have been in business dating back to the early 1900s and even the 1800s.

## Community Involvement

Community involvement is extremely important to community banks. They understand they are part of the local community and their success depends on the success of the community.

You often will find community banks providing financial support to local groups and organizations. These organizations rely on the entire business community for support and community banks eagerly lead the way.

Perhaps even more important than financial support, employees of community banks can be found volunteering their time for worthy causes such as Habitat for Humanity, local food pantries, the American Cancer Society and the March of Dimes.

The perception of community banking is changing. When looking for a banking partner, visit your local community bank to learn more about how they can help you and your business succeed.

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