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## Director criticizes library plans

### *Architect hired to design new library*

By Robert Conkley
Staff Writer

While Tropical Storm Floyd is in the past, the effects are still being felt in the city. The damage done to the Rahway Public Library resulted in the building being shut down and the library director is resigning to protest a lack of funding and support from city officials.

The Rahway Library Board of Directors is in the process of looking for both an interim and long-term library director to replace Keith McCoy. Also, steps have begun to build a new library, since there has been repeated public outcry at City Council meetings about the matter.

McCoy said he is leaving his position because of library budget cuts by the council in the 1999-2000 city spending plan. The amount is too low to keep library services functioning while a new facility is established, according to McCoy.

"We have a focus group which is some members of the library as well as private citizens and administration to work with," Mayor James Kennedy said. "They are more or less a steering committee. Then you have the library board and employees, and the school district as well."

The board accepted McCoy's resignation and his last day as the library director is March 31.

The library's children section is in the Rahway Recreation Center and its periodical section is in the Rahway Senior Citizens Center. There is no adult collection available at the moment, according to McCoy, since those books are being held in storage.

The activity at the library's current locations has not been that successful, McCoy said.

"Circulation is slow," McCoy said. "A few people came into the Senior Citizens Center looking for magazines, but it's mostly people looking for library cards to use at other libraries...At the children's department in January, they were averaging about 50 items circulating a day. That is way low, about 80 percent below normal. I haven't seen the February statistics yet."

People are looking for a full-service children's department, where they can bring their kids, and sit down and do homework, which the library cannot offer, McCoy said.

The library is only open a half-day on Saturdays and other more limited hours, and that is a contributing factor, McCoy said. It is also possible some people do not know where the library moved moved to, he said.

Frank Regan, the city director of Building, Planning and Economic Development, said a deal has been made between the city and SDI Technologies. The new library will be housed in a 40,000-square-foot building which SDI will own. The library will be in the building as part of a public-private partnership. A timetable for constructing the new library facility away from the flood area along West St. Georges Avenue has not yet been established.

The library board is seeking an interim director to take over after McCoy leaves, and a permanent library director. It is the permanent director who will be in charge of handling the full duties of the library when it moves into the new location.

Kennedy came to a meeting of the Library Board of Trustees last week, and announced that an architect had been hired by the city to design the new library. And he announced that there would be a special committee to work with the architect. He invited the board president, William

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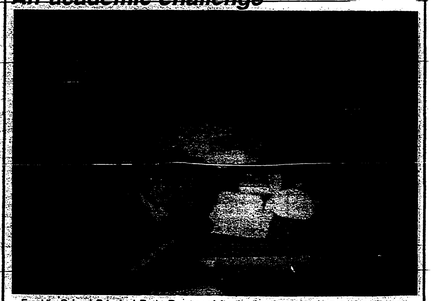
## *An academic challenge*



Franklin School Principal Paula Braxton visits the fourth-grade team at the 'Mental Marathon' Feb. 17 in the school gymnasium. They competed in research problems and logic questions at the event, which was sponsored by the Union County Gifted and Talented Consortium.

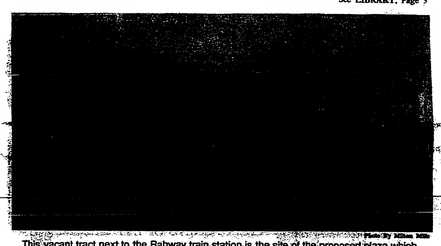


Photo By Milton Miller

This vacant tract next to the Rahway train station is the site of the proposed plaza which city officials hope will further revitalization efforts.

## Train station plaza is on track

By Robert Conkley
Staff Writer

The Rahway City Council last week adopted a $315,000 bond ordinance for the proposed Rahway train station plaza.

The planned outdoor plaza is located at Irving Street and Milton Avenue. Construction is expected to begin by early spring.

The Dombrowski Building, located across from the train station, was torn down last year to make room for the plaza, which was seen as a continuation of the renovation done to the train station that would help revitalize downtown Rahway.

"I think it is a great improvement," Mayor James Kennedy said. "First of all, you will be able to see the station. A problem before was that you came out the front door and you were looking at dumpsters; you were in an alley. Now it gives you all the visibility that you need. I think that it, aesthetically, is going to make a major difference in the appearance of the town."

Approximately $300,000 in bonds have been issued toward the construction of the plaza under the bond ordinance, as well as for streetscape improvements to East Cherry Street in the downtown.

"There have been a couple of ordinances, but the council in January awarded a bid to contract the plaza for about $600,000," said Frank Regan, Rahway's director of building, planning and economic development. Viola Contracting Company from East Orange will be the company that will construct the plaza.

"For the plaza's construction costs, the county is kicking in about $100,000, while New Jersey Transit is kicking in about $75,000," he added. "We also have $25,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds received through Union County and about $300,000 in a no-interest loan from the State Department of Community Affairs finance board."

Construction on the plaza is going to be starting the springtime, and the city will hopefully sign a contract with the developer in early March, according to the city development director. A pre-construction meeting is planned for the second week in March. Depending on the contractor's schedule and the weather, actual construction on the plaza will begin shortly after that, Regan said.

The basic plan of the plaza will contain a section for taxis to pick up and drop off people in front of the train station on Milton Avenue. The present driveway will be eliminated, and there will be a parking area that will be separated from Irving Street with an island, Regan said.

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## Board incumbents weigh bids

By Robert Conkley
Staff Writer

Out of the three Rahway Board of Education members whose terms are up this year, one is running for re-election, one is not running for re-election, and the third is undecided.

Antonio Garay, Paul Hassen and Theresa Mikajlo are the school board members whose terms will expire this year. Garay is not going to seek another term, Hassen will run again and Mikajlo said she has not yet made a decision. No new candidates have filed with the board office, according to district officials this week.

Garay is not going to run since his second son, Daniel, is starting his senior year at Rahway High School in the fall.

"I would like to participate as much as possible," Garay said. "There are just so many meetings and conflicts of interest with his sports programs and other programs he is involved with at school, like student government. I thought I would take a year off to get involved in that."

Garay plans to run again for the school board in 2001, after his son is close to graduation.

"My one disappointment is that in my three years on the board, I have fought and tried to get our grading system in line with other districts throughout the county," Garay said.

"We are the toughest graders of all graders in the county, and I just don't think that is fair to our kids. That was something that didn't get accomplished, and an issue I hope to deal with when I come back to the board."

Paul Hassen will run for re-election, but he has not filed his nominating petition with the school board's business office yet. The deadline to file is Feb. 28 at 4 p.m.

"At this point, I have spent three years on the board, and we have accomplished a great number of things that are unfinished at this point," Hassen said. "We have the expansion of the elementary schools, the reorganization of the middle school, and we still have unfinished business."

Hassen would like to see the school board do more to improve test scores and student performance. There are many issues still out there, and there is a need to see them through, Hassen said.

Mikajlo is undecided whether or not she will run for re-election.

William Petrino, city superintendent of schools, is currently working on the school budget for the 2000-01 school year. The board will conduct a

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## Role of black churches is stressed

By Robert Conkley
Staff Writer

As part of a continuing series of lectures for Black History Month, Nathaniel Roberts spoke last week to a small group about the role of the church within the black community.

Roberts said the African-American experience can be found in the Bible, especially the Book of Exodus, where God presents the Hebrews out of Egypt. Religion needs to be an ongoing conversation, also African-Americans can understand their history, Roberts said.

When the Africans were first brought over as slaves, they were not allowed to practice their religions. The slaves were not even allowed to get together as a group without a master being present. Some had to go off secretly to worship as they had in Africa, Roberts said.

What religion the slaves did have was within white institutions, according to Roberts. The slaves that understood English were given passages from the Bible out of context. Those passages would explain why they were kept as slaves.

Roberts said that black religious institutions were formed in the 1700s, even with slavery still continuing. In 1786, Richard Allen and Absalom Jones led an integrated church called the Free African Society. In 1816, the first African Methodist Episcopal church was founded by Allen.

These people were not "official" preachers, but they were leaders, said Roberts. Other churches appeared in cities during that time. Baptist churches appeared in New York, Boston and Philadelphia, while Methodist churches were more popular in the South.

During the Civil War in 1865, the period of Emancipation was very important for black churches, he added. Many freed slaves could now decide how to conduct social affairs, such as weddings and baptisms, outside the white institution.

For many years and continuing to the present, the Black church was a way for African-Americans to come together socially, and worked as a support network for the poor and struggling.

People were "called" to be preachers, and became leaders in various different churches. The church became a major factor in the structuring of African-American life after the Emancipation, said Roberts.

"It was really the first time you had the African-American church playing such an important role in the community and the lives of the people," Roberts said. "It became a major issue of social change."

The force of change came from the church, and continued to bring about reforms well into the civil rights movement and beyond, Roberts said.

In the 1980s, social service programs had been crippled, leading the Black churches to offer shelter for the

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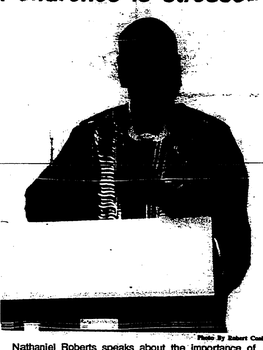

Photo By Robert Conkley

Nathaniel Roberts speaks about the importance of African-American churches in the community during a Black History Month lacture last week at the Rahway Senior Citizens Center.

## Reward increased in Smith murder case

By Robert Conkley
Staff Writer

The reward has increased to $20,000 for information about the murder of Helen Smith, the 84-year-old woman who was stabbed to death Oct. 15 inside the garage of her Rahway home.

The victim's nephew has agreed to pay $10,000 and his employer is offering $5,000 for information leading to an arrest in this case, according to Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan.

The Union County Crimestoppers Program offered $5,000 more for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the killer, said Rahway Police Chief Edward Tilton last week.

"We know there are people out there with information about this case," said Manahan, "adding that his office has received letters about the reward.

Rahway Detective John Kaczor and Sgt. Ron Reale of the Prosecutor's Office said Smith left her home the day of the murder to get her hair done and go shopping.

Smith's body was found inside her 1986 Chrysler by Police Officer Jeffery Jordan after a neighbor called the police shortly after 3 p.m. The time of the murder was estimated between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The case has had few clues, said investigators. The murder weapon was never recovered. Smith's black purse was found in Woodbridge and mailed to her sister, Martha Miller, about a month after the murder. That was the first major development in the case, according to police.

Miller had her sister's mail forwarded to her home after the murder. Whoever found and mailed the purse has not been indentified yet.

People with information about the case, the victim's whereabouts prior to her death, or the pocketbook should call Kaczor at 827-2117. They also can call the 24-hour, anonymous Crimestoppers tip hotline at 654-TIPS.

All calls are kept confidential and callers do not have to give their names to collect the reward money.

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# Plaza funded

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There will be extensive massive planters with seating around them, trees, lighting, and street furniture, Regan said. "There will be an area where a stage can be put up for concerts and other similar uses."

The entire project, when everything is added up, will probably cover about a half-acre of land, he added.

Some concern has been expressed at council meetings about the dirt that currently fills the area where the Dombrowski Building once stood, and where the plaza will be located on the site. There are worries that the dirt may be contaminated in some way, although nothing has been confirmed.

"As far as I'm concerned, there is no contamination," Regan said. "Only one person has mentioned that at council meetings. There was fill that was brought in, and the fill was certified by the demolition contractor. We have no reason to believe there are any problems with the soil there. It is just another effort to distort things without any information whatsoever."

The central plaza will be created for the downtown area, something that people will see the moment they step off the train station, Regan said. It is really going to provide for one of the biggest draws in the downtown area — the train station, Regan said.

"It is going to anchor the development on the two opposite corners," Regan said, referring to plans to renovate two other properties near the plaza. "The gas station and the Shanahan property, which will hopefully be done by Silcox Inc."

Kennedy also hopes the renovation of the train station and the surrounding area will encourage Rahway residents to use the train station, rather than they had before.

"I think that is a valuable improvement, not only to the city but to mass transit in general," Kennedy said. "In this day and age, we encourage people to use more mass transit."

# Church role is talk topic

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homeless, care for abused adults and children, provide treatment for drug addicts, and fight the ongoing battle against AIDS, according to the speaker.

African-American churches today have moved toward an African-based mix of religion and spirituality, Robert said.

"I believe now that Black institutions should look at things from more of an African perspective," Roberts said. "Where we came from, and where we still have to go."

More African-American churches should have long-terms plans of action to help the community, and attempt to teach about African history prior to enslavement, Roberts said.

There should be more openness about teachings related to issues like AIDS, drugs, and other serious matters in the church, he added.

"Being Afrocentric means that you have to put African history into action, make change and affect people's lives," Roberts said. "I admire those that go outside of their churches to speak and change things in the world."

The African-American churches are places for Black people to come together, worship their God, learn from the Bible, and go out into the community to do the work they have learned, Roberts said.

Roberts said it was important for African-Americans to know more about their history beyond Black History Month.

"I find it sad to think that we will never talk about where we come from as a people until next February," Roberts said.

As well as speaking about the church, Roberts talked a little about the low turnout for his lecture.

"There hasn't been that many people here," Roberts said at the start of the lecture. "I know people are busy, but it makes me think about how serious African-American people are about the struggle and empowerment in the community, either economically or politically. People complain about things in the community, but when it comes time to learn about ourselves, we can't be found."

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**Friday**

• The Rahway Senior Citizen Center sponsors a bus trip to the New Jersey Flower and Patio Show at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset.

The trip is open to city seniors only. The cost is $7. The bus leaves at 10 a.m. from the center on Esterbrook Avenue and returns at 7 p.m. The show includes a dozen landscaped gardens, a market fair and food concession. Call 827-2016 for more information.

**Saturday**

• The Rahway Knights of Columbus, in conjunction with the Community Blood Council of New Jersey Inc., sponsor a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the post, 80 W. Inman Ave., Rahway. Blood donations are needed at area hospitals to save patients with leukemia, yo[illegible] survey victims, premature babies, cancer and hemophilia patients. For more information call Jim Whalen at 574-8909 after [illegible]

**Tuesday**

• The National Council of Negro Women Inc. Rahway Section's Teen age Awareness Program will sponsor a Black History Month program at 7 p.m. at Second Baptist Church, 778 E. Milton Ave. The theme is "Remembering Our Past to Build Our Future." Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

• A Family Reading Night will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Madison School library, 944 Madison Ave. Children and adults will have the opportunity to read together. Staff members will also give hints for reading at home. Call the school at 396-1070 to sign up for the program.

• Rahway Hospital's Nicholas Quadrel Healthy Heart Center, 865 Stone St., will host a program titled "Women and Heart Disease" from 7 to 9 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The program is part of Heart Month. Cardiologist Derek Santiago will address the topics of cardiac wellness, heart disease prevention and rehabilitation. In addition to the presentation, there will be door prizes and light refreshments. The program is free and all are invited.

For more information or to pre-register call 499-6056.

**Upcoming events**

**March 3**

• The Rahway Woman's Club will conduct its general membership meeting at the Second Presbyterian Church hall, 1221 New Brunswick Ave., Rahway. Dorn Melore, the third vice president of the N.J. Federation of Women's Clubs, will be the guest speaker. A luncheon will be served at noon, followed by a business meeting. Call 381-0217 for more information.

**March 5**

• Rahway Police Athletic League will sponsor a sports card and memorabilia show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rahway Senior Citizen Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave. Call 827-3064 for more information.

**March 9**

• Rahway AARP Chapter 607 will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the Rahway Senior Citizens Center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave. A St. Patrick's luncheon will be held. The cost is $10 per person. Call 382-6004 for more information.

**March 16**

• The Rahway Senior Center will sponsor a bus trip to the Hofbrauhaus Restaurant in Atlantic Highlands for a St. Patrick's Day Festival luncheon.

The trip is for city seniors only, and the cost is $22 per person. Departure is 10:30 a.m. from the center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave. with return 3:30 p.m. For more information call 827-2016.

# Elizabeth man charged in sex assault

A 23-year-old Elizabeth man was arrested last week for an alleged sexual assault on a woman at a city gas station, according to Rahway police.

Harry Colon of Sayre Street was arrested Feb. 17. He was held on $100,000 bail at Union County Jail.

The alleged assault occurred Feb. 13 at 4 a.m. at the Exxon service station, East Grand Avenue and Elizabeth, said police.

The victim, a 22-year-old Union Beach resident, claimed she was confronted by Colon as she was about to enter her vehicle after making a purchase inside of the station, said police. The victim was allegedly forced into a bathroom at the station and sexually assaulted.

The suspect left the victim and fled the scene.

The victim reported the assault to one attendant, while the other copied the suspect's license plate as a security measure. A subsequent investigation by Detective Paul Moo led to the arrest of Colon. The victim did not sustain any other injuries during the assault and no weapon was used, said police.

The Linden Police Department assisted in the investigation, since the victim first believed the crime had taken place in Linden and reported it to them. The investigation determined the crime took place in Rahway. Police Officer E. Adams was the investigating Linden officer.

• A Rahway man was charged with three burglaries in December and January. The crimes were solved as a result of a joint investigation between members of the department's Special Investigations and General Investigations Bureaus.

Jamie Berman, 23, from the 200 block of West Lincoln Avenue, was charged Feb. 17 with attempted burglary and property theft from a Price Street residence that was burglarized in January. Berman [illegible] recognizance.

The investigation also led to the arrest of Robert Vandermark, 48, of the 2200 block of Allen Street, for two other burglaries on the same street. Vandermark had been previously arrested Feb. 9 [illegible] on Price Street.

He was out on bail on that charge when he was arrested on Feb. 17, and charged with additional crimes. Vandermark is being held on $105,000 bail for the three additional burglary charges at Union County Jail, said city police.

• A burglary was reported Feb. 15 at 9:38 a.m. along the 600 block of Jaques Avenue. The method of entry is unknown. Approximately $60 and a pair of women's eyeglasses were taken.

• A burglary was reported Monday at 10:20 a.m. along the 900 block of Beaver Place. After the victim had filed a criminal damage report on Sunday he discovered someone had entered his garage and taken several items.

• Keys, eyeglasses, and $2 was reported stolen from a purse overnight Feb. 13 in the employee's lounge of a business along the first block of West St. Georges Avenue.

• A theft was reported Feb. 16 at 8:04 a.m. along the 1400 block of Esterbrook Avenue. Three storm windows and a screen were stolen off the house. The frames of the windows were kept intact, and no access was gained into the house.

• There was a shoplifting arrest Feb. 17 at 6:11 p.m. along the 1600 block of St. Georges Avenue.











# Board to work on school budget

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public meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the intermediate school to discuss the tentative budget.

The main goal of the budget is to meet the education needs of the students and provide a thorough and efficient education in a manner that does not place an unnecessary burden on Rahway's taxpayers, Petrino said.

For the past two to three years, the local school tax levy has been held stable, he added. The cost of additional needs and expenses that arise has been made up through competitive grants and state aid, Petrino said. That is what the school board is working to accomplish again this year.

"I know already the budget will require some additional staff to meet the increasing enrollment needs we have," Petrino said. "The budget we propose will also include the introduction of a foreign language to the intermediate school, which is part of a state mandate to provide all youngsters with instruction in foreign languages."

Some combination of state-mandated programs, instructional topics and increased enrollment will require the board to hire additional staff, Petrino said.

There are always facility needs that the board will be addressing, and remain to be determined, since the board has a long list of such needs. Between now and Tuesday, the board and Petrino will be determining which are affordable and which need to be done because of health and safety reasons, he added.

"I don't have a budget figure now, but the night of the 29th will be when we will be publishing a tentative budget," Petrino said. "We will work on it for another month, and at the end of March, we will have a meeting at which we will present the final budget. That is the one that will go to the public."

There are usually some budget changes between its introduction in February and its adoption in March. Petrino does not expect the budget to go up much from last year.

"Our goal is to provide a thorough and efficient education while maintaining a stable tax rate," Petrino said. "It is a difficult challenge, but I think we are up to it."

# Black History Month honor

Shirley Palmer, president of the Rahway Branch of the National Association of Retired Persons, accepts a resolution honoring Black History Month from City Councilman James Jones during the council meeting [illegible] as Council President David Brown looks on in the background.

## SENIOR NEWS

### Trip is planned to flower, patio show

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### Library plan is targeted

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Jacobs, to join the committee and two trustees.

"On the face of it, it doesn't look like what the library board was planning on," McCoy said. "We had been working with a consultant, members of the staff and members of the public. Our consultant recommended 27,000 square feet. And the proposal for the building behind City Hall seems to only be for 20,000 square feet, which is barely more than the 18,000 square feet we had before."

The proposal seems unexpandable if the library needed more space in the future, McCoy said. The library is going to be in the middle of a building on the second floor with parking below. The parking area is enclosed, and the top floor would be private office space, McCoy said.

"The Board of Trustees is working with the mayor and the architect to see if we can reach some compromise on this," McCoy said.

Jacobs and the board vice-president will be interviewing potential interim directors and are also beginning the work to look for a permanent director, McCoy said.

They will be putting ads in the papers for a permanent director. For the interim director, since they need to move quickly, the board is operating by word-of-mouth. They need someone who has experience in this area, McCoy said.

The children's library is open at the Recreation Center Monday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Heart disease talk Feb. 29 at hospital

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### St. Patrick's lunch available for seniors

The Rahway Senior Center is sponsoring a bus trip March 16 to the Hofbrauhaus Restaurant in Atlantic Highlands for a St. Patrick's Day Festival luncheon.

The trip is for city seniors only, and the cost is $22 per person. Departure is 10:30 a.m. from the center, 1306 Esterbrook Ave., with return at 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call 827-2016.

### Retired men's club looking for members

The Rahway Retired Men's Club is looking for men over 55 who are interested in being part of a friendly organization.

The club was organized in 1961, meets every Monday at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center at 1306 Esterbrook Ave.

Activities include Atlantic City trips; various bus trips — dinner and show; four to five-day trips; card playing; pool; annual Christmas dinner and dance; annual picnic and periodically guest speakers.

For more information call Michael Corti at 388-0784 or the [illegible] Center at 827-2016.

### Mature Driving class scheduled this month

Rahway Hospital, in conjunction with the American Association of Retired Persons, is offering a session of its 55 Alive Mature Driving Course. The eight-hour course will be March 28 and 29 in the hospital's Education Center, 865 Stone St.

The hospital is hosting the class room refresher course to help community members ages 55 or older revitalize their driving skills and help prevent accidents.

The fee for the course is $8. Light refreshments and snacks will be offered. The registration deadline is March 24. For more information or to register, call 499-6193.

# Bricks fall from city building

## FIRE BLOTTER

A building partially collapsed Feb. 17 at 3:15 p.m. along the 1400 block of Main Street.

Bricks had started to fall away from the wall, said fire officials, and keystone in one of the upper windows was falling out.

The building inspector was summoned. Plywood was placed on the roof and bricks were secured to keep them from falling off. They contacted the owner, and by the next morning most of the repairs were already done.

• A chemical spill occurred Friday at 8:43 a.m. at the corner of Hazelwood Avenue and Hazel Street. A trucking company using a device to clean the inside of tanker trucks spilled solution. When they are done, they flush it down the sewer. The cold weather makes it solidify too fast, said city fire officials, and the sewer was blocked. The trucking company, called in an outside contractor to clean the spill site.

• The Rahway Fire Department assisted the First Aid Squad Friday at 10:52 a.m. at the 600 block of Sycamore Street. No further details were given.

• There was a car fire Feb. 16 at 1:35 p.m. at the 1200 block of St. Georges Avenue. The fire was under the hood, so the firefighters used a metal saw to cut the hood open and extinguish the fire.

• The Fire Department helped treat an elderly woman who fell Saturday at 8:21 a.m. at the 700 block of Audrey Drive. The victim had a broken ankle and a lacerated nose. The First Aid Squad also was summoned.

• The Fire Department responded to a medical call Saturday at 9:53 a.m. along the 100 block of Elm Street.

• The Fire Department helped the First Aid Squad carry a patient downstairs Sunday at 9:25 a.m. along the 400 block of West Grand Avenue.

• There was a report of a dryer fire Monday at 12:21 p.m. at a laundromat along the 200 block of East Grand Avenue. An overheated dryer caused the alarm to go off, and firefighters investigated to make sure there was no fire in the walls.

• The Fire Department helped an elderly handicapped resident Monday at 12:49 p.m. along the 2300 block of Price Street who had a problem of squirrels in the house. They chased the squirrels out and sealed an opening on the roof until the owners could get a permanent repair.

• Food burning on a stove activated an alarm Monday at 5:24 p.m. at a residence along the 800 block of East Milton Avenue.

• There was a water leak in a house Feb. 15 at 5:15 p.m. along the 2100 block of Allen Street. Water on the second floor dripped down to the first floor. The Fire Department secured the water and told the residents to get a plumber.

• A garbage can fire was reported Feb. 17 at 5:47 p.m. at the Rahway train station along the 100 block of East Milton Avenue. Firefighters extinguished the blaze.

• The Fire Department assisted the First Aid Squad in transporting a patient Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. at the 400 block of Cornell Street.

# COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

## Program helps environment

A unique program received recognition last month during the Rahway Board of Education meeting.

The Special Eyes on the Environment Program received a $5,000 donation from Ogden Martin Systems Inc. and $2,000 from the city Police Athletic League.

The SEE program allows children with disabilities to take nature and environmental photographs. SEE Director Ross Lewis said it allows these students the opportunity to experience and record "the beauty and blemishes of our world."

More than 20 students from Rahway will start the program in March, and they are expected to have a collection of more than 2,000 photographs of the environment.

The framed photographs will be exhibited throughout Union County in the fall, will be on display in a state-wide tour with photographs [illegible] in a book.

The program appears [illegible] an excellent way to help students who are restricted [illegible] about and enjoy the outdoors.

The SEE program also blends nicely with other environmental programs in the city. Members of the Rahway High School Outdoor Club and Key Club worked last spring to plant trees and shrubs along part of the riverbank at Rahway River Park. This project [illegible] or prevent the huge number of Canada geese at the park from polluting the waterway with waste and worsening the soil erosion problem.

These student volunteers invited others from city businesses and community groups at the park project. The state Department of Environmental Protection provided a grant to help with this planting project.

While students need to learn the basics — reading, writing and arithmetic — at public schools, they also need these special environmental programs. If they don't develop an appreciation of and respect for nature when they [illegible] young, they will [illegible] when they are adults.

## Participate in school elections

Monday is the deadline for candidates to file petitions to run for the Board of Education election in April. Of the candidates to file petitions, three will be elected to a three-year term on the board.

This also means Monday is the official start of the campaign for the school board election, and residents — those with children in the school district and those without — should become educated about who is seeking office. They should decide if incumbents are doing a good job, and they should determine the qualities they believe a good school board member should possess.

This is important because although board of education positions do not pay a salary, school board members have a significant role in shaping the lives of children and control the biggest budget funded by property tax dollars, more than the municipal and county budgets combined.

School board members have the important task of deciding how money is spent in the annual school budget and setting policy for the district. Setting policy is an ambiguous term, but it includes deciding how meetings are conducted, what day classes begin in September and end in June, the maximum number of students assigned to each classroom and the books they use, and ratifying contracts with teachers, custodians and other vendors for bus transportation and food service.

This is quite an important job for a volunteer who will not be paid for their time or service, and it can seem to be a thankless job when parents and teachers don't see eye to eye with the board.

As always, we suggest parents attend school board meetings so they can become educated about the issues and attend debates that hopefully will be scheduled during the campaign to learn about the candidates. As always, do not feel afraid to ask questions.

Parents always should want to see improvement in their school district so their children can receive the best possible education to prepare them for the future. Whom they elect will be responsible for that.

And while parents become educated about the issues facing the school district and the positions of the candidates, they should not forget to vote in the school election, which is scheduled for April 18.

*"If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all."*
*—Noam Chomsky*
*Linguist, political analyst*
*1992*

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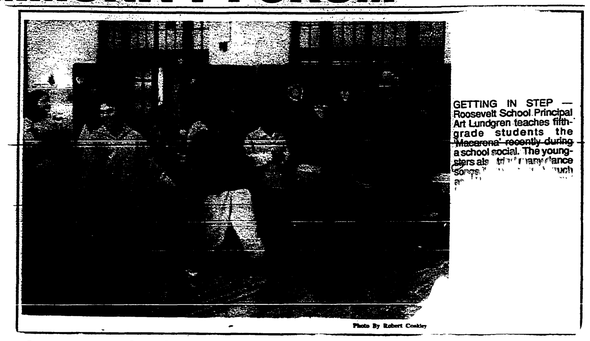

Photo By Robert Conley

GETTING IN STEP — Roosevelt School Principal Art Lundgren teaches fifth-grade students the Macarena recently during a school social. The young-sters also [illegible] much [illegible]

## Auto emissions system change mishandled

### Report from Trenton

By Assemblyman Joseph Suliga

New Jersey's dalliance in its new auto inspection system is an unmitigated disaster.

Everyone knows about the long lines, the accusations of insider dealings and the administration's remedies that seem to change every hour. But only until a person understands the full history of this debacle can one appreciate the mess Gov. Whitman has gotten us into.

Back in November 1990, President Bush overhauled the federal Clean Air Act, forcing states to cut down the amount of pollutants being spewed into the atmosphere. The federal Environmental Protection Agency provided the states with several choices on how to reduce pollution.

Among the choices, states could target big industries, diesel trucks or vehicle emissions. The EPA also said that plans had to be in place by 1995 or states would lose federal transportation funds.

Several of the states that chose to meet the Clean Air mandate by targeting emissions got burned. Pennsylvania taxpayers coughed up $145 million to get out of a bad contract that had a private company performing stringent emissions tests.

The motorists of Maine openly rebelled against their new testing system, forcing the government to close it down. Even Texas Gov. George W. Bush went against his father's decree and delayed implementing a tougher vehicle emissions testing system.

It was not surprising, then, that when Whitman took office in 1994, one year before the EPA sanctions were to kick in, she also sought to delay this new, tougher system.

When the bids for New Jersey's new testing system were finally sent out in 1997, only one company responded. Treasurer James DiBenedetto rejected this bid because, he claimed, technical problems in the bid would have kept the company, Dynamometer Car Inspection, from adequately performing it duties.

One year later, Parsons Infrastructure and Technology was awarded the lucrative contract to implement the new testing system in New Jersey, though this company did not bid on the project in 1997 because it claimed New Jersey's deadlines for having the system up and running were "too tight."

The question begs to be asked how Parsons received a contract worth hundreds of millions of dollars to build and operate an emissions testing system that Parsons itself thought would be difficult to implement in such a short amount of time?

DiBenedetto stated that Parsons was the only company to conform to the bid specifications. While this may be true, it could not have hurt that Parsons had hired lobbyist Hazel Gluck and the communications company that employed Carl Golden — both former members of Whitman's inner circle — to represent Parsons in its negotiations with the state.

Recently uncovered internal memos suggest that Parsons and the administration knew that the system would face difficulties and that motorists would suffer. It was discovered that the executives at Parsons overseeing the project had no experience with this new system.

Additionally the system itself was found to break down at temperatures falling below 35 degrees Fahrenheit. Whether the decision-makers purposefully or accidentally chose not to heed these warnings became moot.

The new testing system became operable on Dec. 13, the day that EPA sanctions would have begun if the state did not have the new emissions test in place. From day one, the system festered with software problems, hardware problems, inadequate staffing, and poorly trained inspectors — exactly the results predicted in the memos.

While administration members crowed about the thoroughness of the test in catching polluting automobiles, thousands of unruly motorists suffered through wait times. In some places, lines during that first week exceeded four hours. And as the lines got longer, tempers got shorter.

The administration tried to come up with quick fixes to motorists' complaints. First, Whitman said the state would suspend all emissions testing until the end of January. Then two days later, she added to motorists' confusion by stating that the 15 inspection stations with the longest lines and equipment failures would revert to the old emissions systems. Now the state has suspended the new test at all 32 stations.

This action raised the ire of private garage owners who invested thousands of dollars in the new test, though the state has promised to partially reimburse the garages for each inspection performed. The garage owners aren't satisfied because they correctly assume that most motorists will opt to take the easier, free test the state offers.

The state could have easily avoided this situation by working in a timely and efficient fashion to ensure the system was operable before the EPA imposed deadlines. Instead, the administration decided to procrastinate and then scrambled at the 11th hour when sanctions became imminent. Now motorists are being forced to pay the price.

The irony of this whole situation is that even if the stricter emissions test worked flawlessly and cost the state nothing to implement and operate, the test would do little to combat New Jersey's polluted air.

Cars today are built to keep pollutants to a minimum, so the test is really 10 years too late. Sure, some clunkers may get flagged, but these cars could have been targeted by using a few roving state inspection vehicles dispersed throughout the state.

I propose that a full-scale investigation be undertaken so that we get to the root of this problem. Taxpayers of New Jersey should not have to swallow this bitter pill because of suspect deals that may not have been completed in our citizens' best interests.

Until such an investigation is initiated, Whitman is telling motorists to take it up the tailpipe.

**A resident of Linden, Democratic Assemblyman Joseph Suliga represents the 20th Legislative District, which includes Rahway.**

## Presidents, groundhogs dominate February

### The Way It Was

By William Frolich

February is a rather unique month, as it is shorter than any of the other months in our calendar. Nevertheless, it has some features about it that make it different from all of those other months.

We have been celebrating the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and other famous Americans for many years, as well as the prognostications of that furry little fellow, the groundhog.

It seems odd that should the groundhog see his shadow, it must mean that we will have six more weeks of winter when the calendar has already denoted that the official start of spring is more than that far into the future.

There must be some sunlight for him to see his shadow, while a cold, cloudy day ought to send him back into his burrow for a long winter rest. Still, his reappearance from his home every Feb. 2 is attended with great interest and the presence of reporters and cameramen who are on hand to duly note his prediction.

There is another February birthday that seems to get less notice than that of the groundhog, but the gentleman in question has had more effect on the entire world than any weather report from a small animal.

This gentleman, of course, was Thomas Alva Edison, who was born on Feb. 11, 1847. His invention factory in Menlo Park produced electrical item after item, including his most famous — the incandescent electric lightbulb.

His successful experimental wiring and lighting of the village of Roselle demonstrated to the world the desirability and possibility of electric power everywhere.

Once the wiring was in place, the way was open for an endless variety of labor-saving devices to be added to the power. Had Edison's experiment been a dismal failure we might still be lighting our homes with kerosene lamps.

Just one day later in our February calendar, the red ink marks the birthday of our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, who was born in 1809. His early life is a fine example of the "rags to riches" plot of the popular Horatio Alger stories of the 19th century. His famous debates with Stephen Douglas did not win him the presidency, but the idea of political debates has been revived in modern times and may have won that coveted office for other candidates.

The U.S. Mint produced the first one-cent piece to bear Lincoln's bust in 1909 in honor of Lincoln's 100th birthday. A close look at a one-cent coin of that year plainly will see the initials of the sculptors, Victor Brenner, who designed the coin. A much closer examination of the pennies produced in subsequent years will reveal those initials in the base of Lincoln's shoulder.

Fifty years after this one-cent piece was issued, a change was made to the reverse of the coin. The first 100 years of the cent, the reverse showed a pair of wheat stalks curving around the edges, but the new and present issue has replaced the wheat with a base relief of the massive Lincoln Memorial building in our nation's capitol. A close examination again will show the large seated statue of Lincoln which rests inside the memorial.

February is also the birth month of our nation's first president, George Washington. Every schoolchild years ago knew that Washington's birthday was on Feb. 22, but with the governmental establishment of "Presidents' Day" that combines the holiday for Lincoln and Washington, that Feb. 22 date is less remembered.

However, that date is not quite correct either. George Washington was actually born on Feb. 11, according to the calendar in use by the British government and its colonies.

The calendar in use at that time was the old Julian Calendar, as created by Julius Caesar, and modified by his successor, Augustus.

Washington himself decided that to keep his personal age correct he would celebrate his birthday as Feb. 22.

**William Frolich is a member of the Union County Historical Society.**

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## Forget food fads, just push yourself away from the dining table

### As I See It

By Norman E. Rauscher
Correspondent

Americans have a love-hate affair with food.

I don't know when this affair started, but I do know it is in full swing now.

When I was young, food was something to eat, enjoy and rarely talk about. It was just part of life, and that was that.

In recent years, however, food has become a daily topic of conversation. And, what are more intruding are the daily advertisements.

Now don't get me wrong. Certainly in the golden days of food was advertised. I certainly do not remember any references, let alone ads, for food per se.

Nowadays, however, food ads pervade our environment. In fact, they are so pervasive they vie with car ads for dominance of the video waves.

Who can watch television without hearing about the best types of pizza, hamburgers, hot dogs and all kinds of snack foods? According to these ads, there's heaven around the corner in the form of food.

On the surface, that's ok. But, then consider the amount of time and money spent on telling just what we should eat and what we should avoid. While the hamburgers are being touted on television, we are also being warned that hamburgers and meat, in general, have too much of everything we should not be eating. And certainly hamburger contain that dreaded word, "fat."

Then, we hear about the wonders of all kind of new foods including [illegible] other concoctions. But, beware, these foods also contain all kinds of "things" considered unhealthy.

So, we come to the dilemma of American eating habits. We are asked to indulge in our heart's content in order to feel good. At the same time, we are warned not to eat certain types of foods because they are unhealthy. What's a simple eater supposed to do?

While we may indulge in unhealthy foods, and hope we avoid all the dread diseases which may be connected with their consumption, there's another problem here. Americans are too fat, or at least think they are too fat.

Of course, eating all that yummy food advertised to make us feel good has nothing to do with the weight gain. After all, we are advised that we should feel good.

During the Great Depression there was no fear of being overweight. Anyone lucky enough to have the money to eat three squares a day was [illegible] gaining weight.

So, evidently weight watching is directly related to affluence. People with money can afford to eat and eat well. And, if we believe the statistics, Americans are eating too well. To offset this consumption, we are bombarded with diet plans, food services, food substitutes and any other gimmick to take off the weight.

Diet plans probably work for some people. But most of the people I know follow these plans for a limited time and then shamefacedly admit they are off the diet and into the grocery bag.

Most recently, weight watchers can subscribe to food services, where three meals a day are provided at the door ready for the microwave. It is apparent this program depends on [illegible] of customers.

First of all, you need the fairly large amount of cash to pay for the food and services, and secondly, you'd better be whatever appears on the doorstep. [illegible]

which usually are liquid in nature and which are supposed to make up for a regular meal. They may help out for an hour or so, but I have yet to find one that sticks to the ribs, so to speak.

Another facet of this emphasis on food is the search for what is good and tasty, and at the same time healthy. So far, this winter, it would appear oatmeal is the panacea.

From my point of view, they can keep the oatmeal. I had enough of that stuff when I was a kid, and I don't care if I never see another bowl of oatmeal again. No matter what my cholesterol count is.

We are also warned that our kids will have bad teeth, poor health and a sorry adulthood without certain types of foods. I can't imagine how we all managed to grow up. No one warned our mothers about the vicissitudes of food. Somehow or other we all managed to survive even though the mothers were not registered dieticians.

Kids are also advised not to eat candy bad for the teeth, you know. Everyone I know spent every Saturday afternoon in the movies, holding on tightly to the free plate of the week with one hand, and steadily munching the candy with the other.

Now those Walbetto, Good and Plenty and Hershey bars tasted in the dark of the theater with no restraints in place. Our parents all knew we ate the candy. After all, they supplied the 11 cents for the matinee and the nickel for the candy.

Why are Americans so obsessed with food and weight? We have been brainwashed. Every fad that comes along, we try. And, worse yet, we believe.

In addition, except for the British, who have always been told their food was terrible, Americans were meant to feel inferior when it came to food. For some reason, liking such foods as steaks, chops and prime ribs was considered ganache.

Along came the French chefs, all self-important, who felt and still feel there is no food but French food. So, first they came with the sauces, then with the cream-food-of-teary-pieces, and now with bistro offerings. Of course, anyone looking at a French chef is probably looking at far too much for appearances.

We spend so much time and money on food in this country that it has even become a topic for political campaign coverage. Hillary Clinton made a trip to Rochester and was promptly reported eating two servings of scrambled eggs and home fried potatoes. Who really cares?

Looking over the whole situation, I guess we should be glad most of us are able to afford to eat well, fat or no fat. But, what is missing from the warnings, the advice and the constant conversation is the realization that if you eat less you won't gain the weight.

In other words, just push yourself away from the table. It will pass. That fat will just roll off.

**Norman Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and frequent columnist for this newspaper.**

## We're asking
## What did you like about 'Peanuts'?

Edward Henderson

"Charlie Brown was the ultimate Everyman. I think a lot of kids related to him, maybe even not realizing it until they grew up."

Al Walden

"I liked Snoopy. [illegible] the Red Baron."

Gil Perez

"Charlie Brown, since nothing ever went right for him no matter how much he tried. It was a great comic strip, and a big loss. All the characters were special."

Joe Palinsky Jr

"I liked that no matter how many times Charlie Brown failed to kick the football or win a game, he always kept trying. That inspired me to keep trying at whatever I did."

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Letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. on Mondays to be considered for publication in Thursday's edition.

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# SENIOR NEWS

## Active Seniors Club plans various outings

The Linden Active Seniors Club has several trips planned for this year. New members can join the club, which is sponsored by the Linden Recreation Department and meets Mondays at 1 p.m. at the Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St.

A bus trip to the Italian Carnival in Poc Mont Hills, Pa., is scheduled for April 12. The cost is $32.

A stand-up comedy act and dancing will highlight a trip May 3 to Huntington Hills. Tickets are $37. A trip to "Mary Mary" has [illegible] to the Playhouse.

A St. Patrick's Day lunch-[illegible] [illegible]

## Friendship Club will sponsor theater trip

The Linden Senior Friendship Club, sponsored by the Linden Recreation Department, will [illegible] April 29 to Hampton.

The show is a [illegible] and the show "Blue Spruce." [illegible] the afternoon is $36.

The bus will leave from the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., at [illegible] p.m.

For more information, please [illegible] the Senior Friendship, call the John T. Gregorio [illegible]

## Senior craft classes available in Linden

The Linden Recreation Department will offer free senior citizen craft classes. Classes are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays morning at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., Linden.

Classes are Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Edward Marawicz Senior Drill Center. Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greater Mount Moriah Baptist Church, East 14th Street, and Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the 7th Ward Recreation Center, Tremley Point Road.

Call the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center at 474-8627 for more information.

## Daily programs are scheduled for seniors

The daily senior programs will be from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Monday through Friday at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St., Linden. The schedule is as follows:

Today: "Comedians" trivia.
Friday: Dance class.
~~Monday: Bingo.~~
Tuesday: Cards and games.
Wednesday: Linden High School dancers.
March 2: "Famous Women" trivia.
March 3: Social dancing.
March 6: Bingo.
March 7: Cards and games.
March 8: Kaffee Klatch.
March 9: "It's About Time" trivia.
March 10: Social dancing.
March 13: Bingo.
March 14: Cards and games.
March 15: Division on Aging Forum.
March 16: "St. Patrick's Day" trivia.
March 17: Social dancing.
March 20: Bingo.
March 21: Cards and games.
March 22: Chair exercises.
March 23: "Spring Fever" trivia.

For more information on the programs, call 474-8627.

## Exercise room is open at recreation center

The Linden Recreation Department offers all Linden adults daily use of a fully equipped exercise room at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St.

It is equipped with stationary bicycles, treadmills, step climbers, rowers, a four-station universal and a locker area with showers.

There is a $5 registration fee for the year. Proof of residency is required. It is free to those older than age 60.

Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The center's gym room is open for Linden residents weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. [illegible]

## Recreation and social clubs meet weekly

The Linden Recreation Department sponsors social clubs for senior citizens. Most clubs meet 11 p.m. weekly through June. The locations and meeting dates are:

• John T. Gregorio Recreation Center, 330 Helen St.: Linden Active Seniors, Mondays; Retired Men's Club, Tuesdays; Golden Age Club, Wednesdays, and Senior Friendship Club, Thursdays.

• 7th Ward Recreation Center, Main Street and Tremley Point Seniors, Mondays.

• Greater Mount Moriah Baptist Church, 14th Street — Greater Mount Moriah Seniors, Fridays.

• Sunnyside Recreation Center, Melrose Terrace — Tuesday Social Club, second Tuesday of the month at 12:45 p.m.; Linden Women's Social Club, fourth Wednesday of the month at 12:45 p.m.

• 8th Ward Recreation Center, Bedle Place — 8th Ward Recreation Circle, every other Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.

• Wilson Park Recreation Center, Summit Terrace — Sunnyfield Social Club, first Thursday of the month at 12:30 p.m.; Fun and Friendship, second Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m.; and Wilson Park Social Club, second Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call 474-8627.

## Emergency system available in Linden

Since December 1983, the city has administered the Linden Emergency Response System Program for residents who are elderly, physically handicapped, medically disabled and socially isolated.

More than 300 Linden recipients to date have taken advantage of the 24-hour monitoring service. It presently serves approximately 150 area residents.

The LERS unit is an easy-to-use wireless transmitter which becomes a 24-hour companion and a direct link to safeguarding one's health and safety, according to program organizers. One press of the button is all it takes to notify the central station that an emergency condition exists.

Within minutes, an ambulance and emergency personnel are at the scene. Besides having the transmitter and emergency help immediately, the subscriber's medical profile is kept on file and is at the disposal of emergency personnel.

The city has purchased the emergency units for subscribers. The subscriber pays a monthly $12 monitoring fee and charges for the installation of the unit.

The Emergency Response System is administered through the Linden Recreation Department.

Anyone with a friend, neighbor or relative in Linden who could benefit from having his or her own LERS unit should contact the Gregorio Recreation Center at 474-8627.

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# Chamber of Commerce sets goals

The Rahway Chamber of Commerce has set forth a series of initiatives to spur economic growth and make the organization more effective, said Rob Carter, president of the chamber.

The chamber held an executive board meeting last month to define ways it can play a greater role in the city's ongoing economic rejuvenation, he said.

The result of that session was a mission statement approved at the group's last general membership meeting, along with a series of goals for business advocacy, providing information and stimulating marketing and promotions in the city.

"We think it's time to set a bold course for the city's future and to better define the business community's role," said the chamber president.

Carter, who also is the owner of Computerized Accounting Services, announced four committess that will work to improve performance in several areas, including policy, education, marketing promotions and chamber membership.

"We see the Chamber of Commerce taking a greater role in policy development by acting as the business community's advocate to the local, county, state and federal government," Carter said. "We also want to work with the school district to achieve results that benefit the community and business here."

As part of that initiative, the chamber will define a common round with the Rahway Center Partnership, he added. The group also will seek [illegible] information clearinghouse.

"No one knows more about doing business in Rahway than the members of our organization, so it makes sense that our collective knowledge should be used to attract new business to the city," Carter said.

Carter said the chamber will host informational seminars on matters affecting local business and cooperate with other organizations interested in economic growth in the city.

"We also intend to continue providing services that have been successful in the past, including our business directory, maps and a welcome package for new residents," said Carter.

A general information package is being developed for distribution to businesses that are prospective city residents. The group is planning to develop a summary on taxes, zoning and other local regulations that would be useful for business planners considering a move to Rahway.

Carter said his group is examining ways to spread good news about the city through the Internet, particularly with a site on the world wide web.

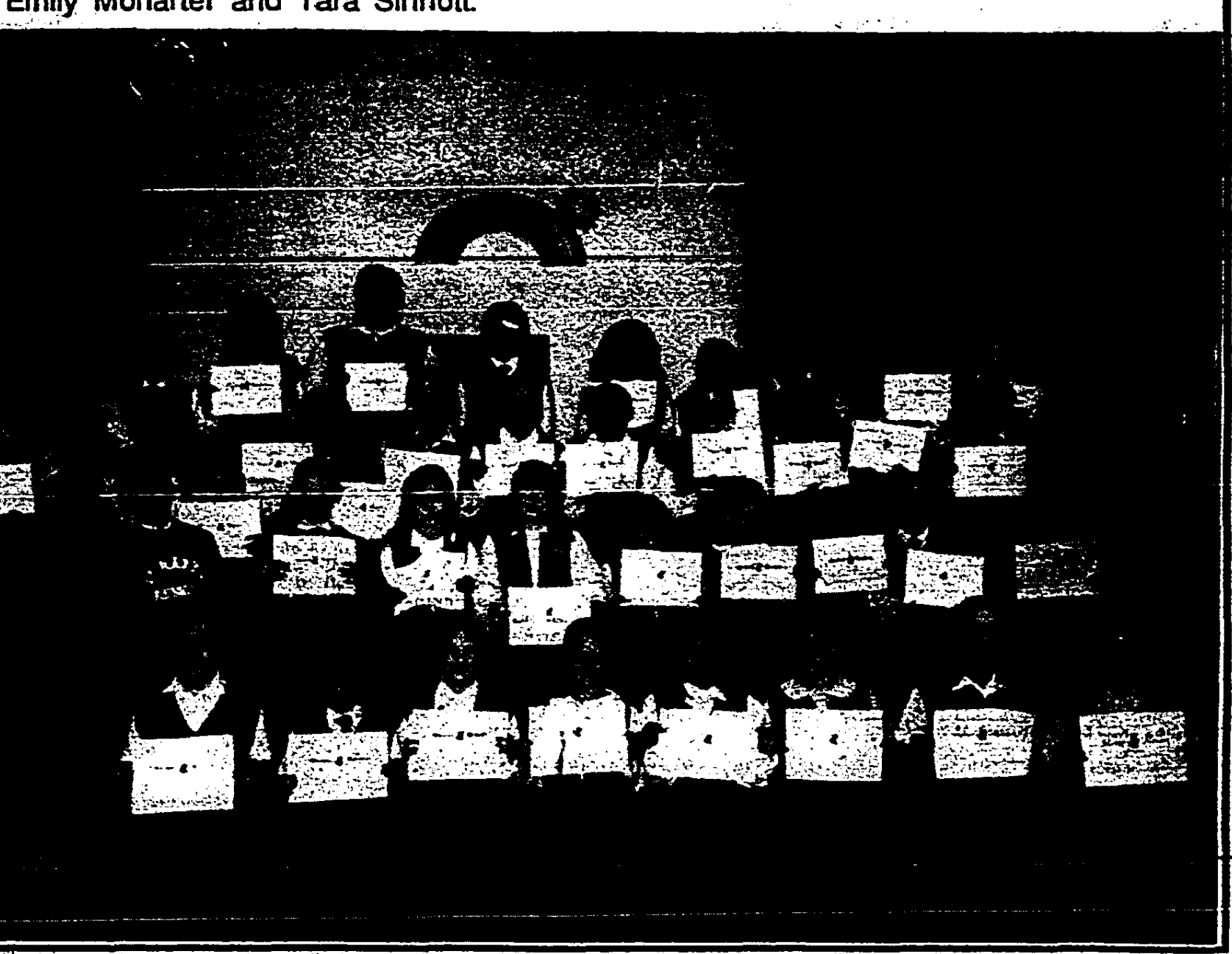
"Among our biggest initiatives is a new drive to attract members," Carter said. The group now counts about 100 city businesses as members.

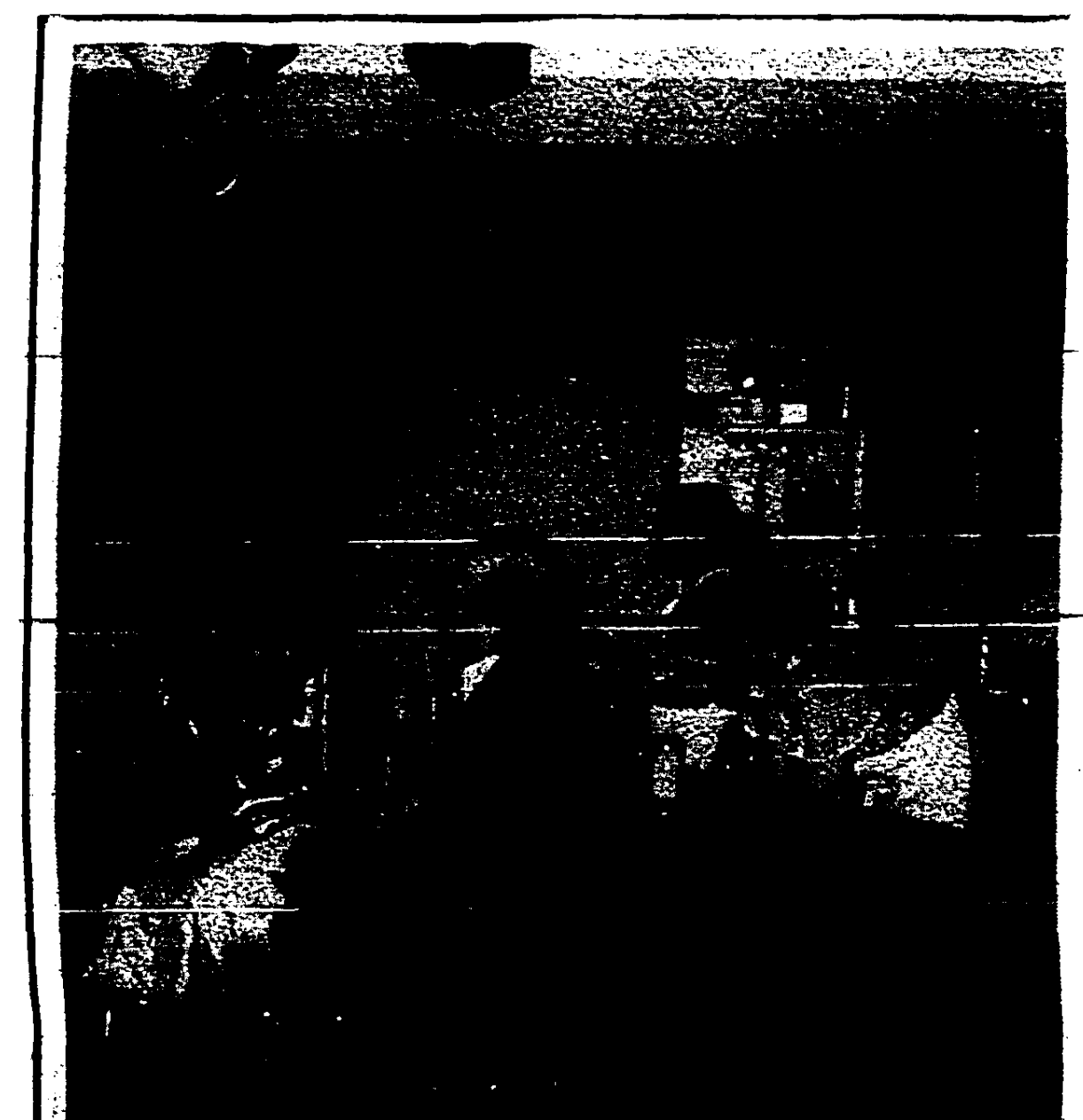
Member benefits include opportunities to participate in chamber-sponsored marketing events and other promotional activities.

The group can be a significant force in shaping local policies that make the city more attractive for business and consumers, so the more businesses that participate, the better the climate for success, he said.

"Our members are optimistic about Rahway's future," Carter said. "From retail sales and professional services to industrial manufacturing, Rahway has what business needs to succeed. We are [illegible] initiatives will contribute to a robust [illegible] Rahway," Carter said.

St. Mary's School in Rahway recently sponsored an awards assembly honoring the honor roll students in fourth through eighth grade. First honor certificates were given to students who achieved all A's on their report cards. Second honor certificate were given to students who achieved all A's and B's on their report cards. First Honor students, above, are Katrina Delgado, Alicia Palmieri, Joshua Stinson, Christopher Chou, Kerianne Taylor, Kerry Carolan and Yiyoung Chiew. Second Honors students, below, are Conor Carolan, Amanda Doan, Frank DePaolo, Camille Guiang, Amanda Hannen, Kenneth Murray, Amanda Picard, Emily Picard, Joseph Pollo, Danielle Sydlo, Larisa Andre, Cassandra Archer, Aerielle Belk, Alyssa Chabak, Michael DiGangi, Earvin Fernando, Bryan Godfrey, Tamesha Johnson, Matthew Madurski, Kyle O'Donnell, Ruth Reviriego, Brittany Schall, Anthony DePaolo, Madia James, Norah Janson, Sarah Lanigan, Dany-Lisa Archer, Jennifer Babicz, Jacquie Connors, Liz Lanigan, Christa Lee, Paul Makarucha, Alyssa Pollo, Liann Salvo, Fabian Marriott, Cyril Naduparampil, Thomas Schimmel, Emily Moharter and Tara Sinnott.





CURTAIN RISING — Cast members, from left, Mia Diaz, Lee Wittenberg, Kelli Bragdon and Joanne Smith rehearse recently for the production of 'Bus Stop.' Carnival Productions will open the play Friday at El Bodegon Restaurant, 169 W. Main St., Rahway, behind the Union County Arts Center. Showtimes are 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday, March 3 and March 4; 2:30 p.m on Sunday and 8 p.m. on March 2. General admission is $12. Call 388-0647 for more information.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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**CITY OF LINDEN**

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VAL D. IMBRIACO
CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE #41-24

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $505,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Linden, New Jersey (the "City") as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of $505,000, such sum includes the sum of $25,250 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $479,750 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said Improvements, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding $479,750 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes")

SECTION 3:

(a) The City authorizer the resurfacing or reconstruction of various streets in the City, including:

1. Walnut Street from Curtis Street to 3rd Avenue
2. E. Blancke Street from Maple Avenue to Roselle Street
3. E. Curtis Street from Bower Street to McCandless Street
4. Adams Street from Elizabeth Avenue to Caroline Avenue
5. Coolidge Street from Linden Avenue to Munsell Avenue
6. S. Wood Avenue from Main Street to Tremley Point Road
7. Orchard Terrace from St. Georges Avenue to Yale Terrace
8. Georgian Drive from Clark border to terminus
9. Spruce Street from Curtis Street to Blancke Street

all in accordance with plans and specifications prepared or to be prepared by the Licensed Professional Engineer, which plan and specifications are hereby approved and directed to be placed on file in the office of the City Engineer and made available for public inspection during business hours. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable thereof.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is $479,750.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is $505,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the City. The excess of the appropriations made for each of the Improvements over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes authorized to be issued therefor as stated above is the amount of the Down Payment.

SECTION 4.

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the municipal finance officer of the City (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year form its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisons of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the City Council of the City at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the City Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the City may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the City Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by $7,980 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding $50,500 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the City as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the City authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the City as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the City authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150.-2. The City reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that City incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The City reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is $479,750.

SECTION 10:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**The complete ordinance is on file and available from the City Clerk, City Hall, Linden, NJ.**

U7590 SPL Feb. 24, 2000 / ($97.50)

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**CITY OF LINDEN**

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VAL D. IMBRIACO
CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE #41-25

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RESURFACING OF WASHINGTON AVENUE IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $110,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Linden, New Jersey (the "City") as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of $110,000, such sum includes the sums of $90,000 expected to be received as a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and (b) $1,000 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $19,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said Improvements, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding $19,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes")

SECTION 3:

(a) The City authorizes the resurfacing of Washington Avenue from St. Georges Avenue to First Avenue in the City, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared or to be prepared by the Licensed Professional Engineer, which plan and specifications are hereby approved and directed to be placed on file in the office of the City Engineer and made available for public inspection during business hours. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable thereof.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is $19,000.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is $110,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the City. The excess of the appropriations made for each of the Improvements over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes authorized to be issued therefor as stated above is the amount of the Down Payment.

SECTION 4.

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the municipal finance officer of the City (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year form its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisons of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the City Council of the City at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the City Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the City may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the City Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by $19,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding $2,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the City as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the City authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the City as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the City authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150.-2. The City reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that City incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The City reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is $19,000.

SECTION 10:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**The complete ordinance is on file and available from the City Clerk, City Hall, Linden, NJ.**

U7591 SPL Feb. 24, 2000 ($90.00)

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VAL D. IMBRIACO
CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE #41-26

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF $25,000 FOR THE RENOVATIONS OF THE CITY HALL GARAGE FOR AND BY THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $23,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Linden, New Jersey (the "City") as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of $25,000, such sum includes the sums of $1,250 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $23,750 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said Improvements, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding $23,750 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes")

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements hereto authorized and the purpose for which such obligations are to be issued is for renovations to the City Hall Garage, in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared or to be prepared by the Licensed Professional Engineer, which plan and specifications are hereby approved and directed to be placed on file in the office of the City Engineer and made available for public inspection during business hours. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable thereof.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is $23,750.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is $25,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the City. The excess of the appropriations made for each of the Improvements over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes authorized to be issued therefor as stated above is the amount of the Down Payment.

SECTION 4.

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the municipal finance officer of the City (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year form its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisons of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the City Council of the City at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the City Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the City may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is fifteen (15) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the City Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by $23,750 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding $2,500 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the City as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the City authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the City as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the City authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance.

The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150.-2. The City reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that City incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The City reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is $23,750.

SECTION 10:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**The complete ordinance is on file and available from the City Clerk, City Hall, Linden, NJ.**

U7592 SPL Feb. 24, 2000 ($87.50)

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**CITY OF LINDEN**

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VAL D. IMBRIACO
CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE #41-27

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF $50,000 FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER ON EAST ELIZABETH AVENUE AT PEACH ORCHARD BROOK FOR AND BY THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $47,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Linden, New Jersey (the "City") as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of $50,000, such sum includes the sums of $2,500 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $47,500 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said Improvements, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding $47,500 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes")

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements hereto authorized and the purpose for which such obligations are to be issued is for the reconstruction of sanitary sewer on East Elizabeth Avenue at Peach Orchard Brook, in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared or to be prepared by the Licensed Professional Engineer, which plan and specifications are hereby approved and directed to be placed on file in the office of the City Engineer and made available for public inspection during business hours. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable thereof.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is $47,500.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is $50,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the City. The excess of the appropriations made for each of the Improvements over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes authorized to be issued therefor as stated above is the amount of the Down Payment.

SECTION 4.

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the municipal finance officer of the City (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year form its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisons of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the City Council of the City at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the City Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the City may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is forty (40) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the City Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by $47,500 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding $5,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the City as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the City authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the City as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the City authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150.-2. The City reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that City incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The City reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is $47,500.

SECTION 10:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**The complete ordinance is on file and available from the City Clerk, City Hall, Linden, NJ.**

U7593 SPL Feb. 24, 2000 ($88.50)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**
**CITY OF LINDEN**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the following Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Council of the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on **February 15, 2000** and will be presented for further consideration and hearing to be held on **March 21,** 2000, at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

VAL D. IMBRIACO
CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE #41-28

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF $38,500 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ASPHALT FOR AND BY THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $36,575 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Linden, New Jersey (the "City") as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of $38,500, such sum includes the sum of $1,925 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $36,575 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said Improvements, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding $36,575 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes")

SECTION 3:

(a) The Improvements hereto authorized and the purpose for which such obligations are to be issued is for the acquisition of 2,800 tons of asphalt for various City projects in, by and for the City. Said improvements shall include all work materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable thereof.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is $36,575.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is $38,500 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the City. The excess of the appropriations made for each of the Improvements over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes authorized to be issued therefor as stated above is the amount of the Down Payment.

SECTION 4.

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the municipal finance officer of the City (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year form its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisons of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the City Council of the City at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the City Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the City may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is fifteen (15) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the City Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by $36,575 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding $3,850 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the City as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the City authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the City as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the City authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150.-2. The City reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that City incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The City reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is $36,575.

SECTION 10:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**The complete ordinance is on file and available from the City Clerk, City Hall, Linden, NJ.**

U7594 SPL Feb. 24, 2000 ($85.50)

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**SHERIFF'S SALE**

SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-755003
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F1385699
PLAINTIFF: CHASE MORTGAGE COMPANY
DEFENDANT: VINCENT R. JOHNSON ET ALS.

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE:
DECEMBER 09, 1999
SALE DATE:
WEDNESDAY THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH A.D. 2000

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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 BOROUGH OF ROSELLE in the County of UNION, and the State of New Jersey.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 330 BIRCH DRIVE, ROSELLE, NEW JERSEY 07203

TAX LOT NO.: 14 F/K/A LOT 2 BLOCK NO: 5702 F/K/A 163C

Dimensions of the Lot are (approximately) 57.50 feet wide by 102.54 feet long

NEAREST CROSS STREET: Situated on the NORTHERLY side of BIRCH DRIVE, distant 428.48 feet from the WESTERLY side of PINE STREET.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY-NINE CENTS ($132,018.29)

ATTORNEY:
PETILLO & STERN, P.A. ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUITE 300
1170 ROUTE 22 EAST
BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807-2928

SHERIFF:
RALPH FROEHLICH

FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND SEVEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY CENTS
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT
($140,007.60)

Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2000
U7348 SPL ($98.00)

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**SHERIFF'S SALE**

SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-75400[illegible]
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F852899
PLAINTIFF: NORWEST MORTGAGE INC.
DEFENDANT: ANTONIO PORTELA

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE
DECEMBER 07, 1999
SALE DATE:
WEDNESDAY THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH A.D. 2000

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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, New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 410 Miltonia Street, Linden, NJ 07036

Tax Lot No. 14 in Block 350

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 40.00 feet wide by 100.00 feet long

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the northeasterly side of Miltonia Street 100.0 feet from the northwesterly side of Knopf Street.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTEEN CENTS ($145,368.18)

ATTORNEY:
ZUCKER GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN
ATTORNEYS
1139 SPRUCE DRIVE
PO BOX 1024
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092-0024
XFZ L 40097
1-908-233-8500

SHERIFF:
RALPH FROEHLICH

FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND THIRTEEN CENTS
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT
($156,174.13)

Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2000
U7347 SPL ($90.00)

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**SHERIFF'S SALE**

SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-754990
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F68799
PLAINTIFF: M.L. MOSKOWITZ & CO.
DEFENDANT: RASHEED S. ALI;

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE:
DECEMBER 03, 1999
SALE DATE:
WEDNESDAY THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH A.D. 2000

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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 municipality of ROSELLE, in the County of UNION, and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as 392 E. 9TH AVENUE, ROSELLE, NJ.

Tax LOT 14 BLOCK 2301

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 33.34 feet wide by 100 feet long

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the Southerly side of East 9th Avenue 472.56 feet from the Westerly side of Spruce Street

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTY-TWO CENTS ($140,548.22)

ATTORNEY:
EPSTEIN BROWN MARKOWITZ & GIOIA - LAW OFFICES
245 GREEN VILLAGE ROAD
PO BOX 901
CHATHAM TOWNSHIP, NJ 07928-0901

SHERIFF:
RALPH FROEHLICH

FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY-NINE CENTS
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT
($147,307.69)

Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2000
U7346 SPL ($83.00)

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**SHERIFF'S SALE**

SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-754659
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F214799
PLAINTIFF: BRUCHA MORTGAGE BANKERS CORP.
DEFENDANT: EMMA L. MASSEY, ET AL.

WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE:
JULY 09, 1999
SALE DATE:
WEDNESDAY THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH A.D. 2000

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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, New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 1009 Bower Street, Linden, NJ 07036

Tax Lot No. 3 in Block 152

Dimensions of Lot: (Approximately) 40 feet wide by 100 feet long

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the southwesterly side of Bower Street 100 feet from the southeasterly side of Curtis Street.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY-EIGHT CENTS ($73,927.68)

ATTORNEY:
ZUCKER GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ATTORNEYS
1139 SPRUCE DRIVE
PO BOX 1024
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092-0024
1-908-233-8500
XRZ 39371

SHERIFF:
RALPH FROEHLICH

FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND SIXTY-SIX CENTS
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT
($82,734.66)

Feb. 10, 17, 24, Mar. 2, 2000
U7375 SPL ($87.00)

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**CITY OF LINDEN**
**PASSED ORDINANCE**
**NO. 41-14**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999," PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED.**

Re: Deleting handicapped parking at 1163 E. Henry Street and adding handicapped parking at 900 Chandler Avenue, 1158 Passaic Avenue, 21 Cedar Avenue and 1130A University Terrace.
The complete ordinance is on file and available from the City Clerk, City Hall, Linden, NJ.

PASSED: February 15, 2000

Robert F. Bunk
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: February 16, 2000

John T. Gregorio
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Val D. Imbriaco
CITY CLERK

U7580 SPL Feb. 24, 2000 ($15.00)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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CITY OF LINDEN

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VAL D. IMBRIACO
CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE #41-29

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE REMOVAL AND RECONSTRUCTION OF CURBS AND SIDEWALKS IN AND ALONG VARIOUS STREETS IN, BY AND FOR THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $75,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Linden, New Jersey (the "City") as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of $75,000, such sum includes the sum of $3,750 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $71,250 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said Improvements, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding $71,250 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3:

(a) The City authorizes the removal and reconstruction of curbs and sidewalks in and along various streets in the City which have disintegrated, been uplifted by tree roots or otherwise become unserviceable and unsafe, all in accordance with City specifications for concrete curbing and sidewalks. Said improvements shall be undertaken in accordance with plans and specifications prepared or to be prepared by the Licensed Professional Engineer, which plan and specifications are hereby approved and directed to be placed on file in the office of the City Engineer and made available for public inspection during business hours. Said improvements shall include all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable thereof.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the improvements is $71,250.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements is $75,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the City. The excess of the appropriations made for each of the improvements over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes authorized to be issued therefor as stated above is the amount of the Down Payment.

SECTION 4.

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the municipal finance officer of the City (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year form its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisons of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the City Council of the City at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the City Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the City may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is ten (10) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the City Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by $71,250 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding $7,500 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the City as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the City authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the City as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the City authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150.-2. The City reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that City incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The City reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is $71,250.

SECTION 10:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**The complete ordinance is on file and available from the City Clerk, City Hall, Linden, NJ.**

U7595 SPL Feb. 24, 2000 ($91.50)

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Council of the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on February 15, 2000 and will be presented for further consideration and hearing to be held on March 21, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

VAL D. IMBRIACO
CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE #41-30

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF $35,200 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A LEAF MACHINE FOR AND BY THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUEANCE OF $33,400 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.**

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Linden, New Jersey (the "City") as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of $35,200, such sum includes the sum of $1,760 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $33,440 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said Improvements, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding $33,440 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3:

(a) The improvement hereto authorized and the purpose for which such obligations are to be issued is the acquisition of a leaf machine for the City.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the improvements is $33,440.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements is $35,200 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the City. The excess of the appropriations made for each of the improvements over the estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes authorized to be issued therefor as stated above is the amount of the Down Payment.

SECTION 4.

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the municipal finance officer of the City (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year form its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisons of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the City Council of the City at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the City Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the City may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is five (5) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the City Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by $33,440 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding $3,520 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the City as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the City authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the City as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the City authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150.-2. The City reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that City incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The City reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the City under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is $33,440.

SECTION 10:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

**The complete ordinance is on file and available from the City Clerk, City Hall, Linden, NJ.**

U7596 SPL Feb. 24, 2000 ($84.00)

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CITY OF LINDEN
PASSED ORDINANCE
NO. 41-20

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF $44,000 FOR GAS CONVERSION AT COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING FOR AND BY THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $41,800 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR FINANCIANG PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.**

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

## PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the City of Linden, New Jersey (the "City") as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of $44,000, such sum includes the sum of (a) $2,200 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40-A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provision in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the additional cost of the improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of $41,800 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said Improvements, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the City are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding $41,800 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3:

(a) The improvement hereto authorized and the purpose for which such obligations are to be issued is for gas conversion of the Community Center Building.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the improvements is $41,800.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvements is $44,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the City.

SECTION 4.

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the municipal finance officer of the City (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the City Council of the City at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the City is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the City Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the City may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, taking into consideration the respective amounts of all obligations authorized for the several purposes, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is fifteen (15) years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the City Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the City, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by $41,800 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding $4,400 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the City as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the City authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the City as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the City authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the City are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the City, and the City shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the City for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.1.50-2. The City reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that City incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is $41,800.

SECTION 10:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

The complete ordinance is on file and available from the City Clerk, City Hall, Linden, NJ.

STATEMENT

The Ordinance published herewith has been finally passed and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Act, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this Statement.

CITY CLERK

PASSED: February 15, 2000

Robert F. Bunk
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: February 16, 2000

John T. Gregorio
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Val D. Imbriaco
CITY CLERK
U7586 SPL February 24, 2000 [illegible]

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-755019
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F1209199
PLAINTIFF: EMC MORTGAGE CORPORATION
DEFENDANT: ACACIO MARTINS, ET AL
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE: DECEMBER 21, 1999

## PUBLIC NOTICE

SALE DATE:
WEDNESDAY THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH A.D. 2000

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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.

RE: EMC Mortgage Corporation v. Acacio Martins, et al.
DOCKET NO: F-12091-99
MUNICIPALITY: Roselle
COUNTY: Union STATE OF N.J.
STREET & STREET NO: 413 East 6th Ave.
TAX BLOCK AND LOT:
BLOCK: 1001 LOT: 25
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 100' x 37.50'
NEAREST CROSS STREET:
182.50 feet from Chandler Ave.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: SEVNTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS AND ELEVEN CENTS ($79,276.11)
ATTORNEY:
WILLIAM M E POWERS, JR.
CHARTERED
737 STOKES ROAD
PO BOX 1058
MEDFORD, NJ 08055-9962
SHERIFF:
RALPH FROEHLICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHT CENTS
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT
($82,908.08)
Feb. 10, 17, 24, Mar. 2, 2000
U7377 SPL ($88.00)

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-755029
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F221999
PLAINTIFF: M & T MORTGAGE CORPORATION;
DEFENDANT: FERNANDO SANTIAGO ET ALS.;
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE:
DECEMBER 29, 1999
SALE DATE:
WEDNESDAY THE 15TH DAY OF MARCH A.D. 2000

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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.

FILE NO: CTS020210
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 511 Harrison Place
BLOCK & LOT: Lot(s) 2481 & 2482 Block 61
CITY: Linden
COUNTY: Union
DIMENSIONS: Approximately 40.00 ft by 100 ft.
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Situated on the southwesterly line of Harrison Place 100.00 ft. from the northwesterly line of Blancke Street.

All that certain lot, place or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Linden, County of Union, State of New Jersey.

BEING known and designated as Lots 2481 and 2482 in Block 61 as shown on a certain map entitled, "Realty Trust Map No. 27 of 4400 Lots," property situated in the City of Linden, County of Union, New Jersey, which map was filed in the Union County Register's Office on March 30, 1907 as Map No. 70-A.

For informational purposes only, the above described premises are further known and designated as Tax Lot 8 in Block 157, as shown on the current tax map of the City of Linden.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SEVEN CENTS ($37,191.87)
ATTORNEY:
SPEAR AND HOFFMAN, P.A.
LAW OFFICES
SUITE 210
1020 NORTH KINGS HIGHWAY
CHERRY HILL, NJ 08034
SHERIFF:
RALPH FROEHLICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
FORTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT
($40,492.05)
Feb. 17, 24, Mar. 2, 9, 2000
U7511 SPL ($117.00)

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-755020
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F1144199
PLAINTIFF: GE CAPITAL MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.
DEFENDANT: CAREY L. BRYANT, ET AL
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE:
DECEMBER 15, 1999
SALE DATE:
WEDNESDAY THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH A.D. 2000

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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 BOROUGH of ROSELLE, NJ 07203, County of UNION and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 120 EAST SEVENTH AVE., ROSELLE, NJ 07203.

Tax Lot No. 6 f/k/a 5A & 6A in Block No. 3302 f/k/a 37

Dimensions of Lot: approximately 33.33 feet wide by 100 feet long

Nearest Cross Street: Chestnut Street

Situate at a point on the southerly sideline of East Seventh Avenue distance approximately 233.33 feet easterly from its intersection with the easterly sideline of Chestnut Street.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: ONE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-ONE DOLLARS AND NINETEEN CENTS ($104,841.19)
ATTORNEY:
FEIN SUCH KAHN & SHEPARD, P.C.
SUITE 201
7 CENTURY DRIVE
PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054
SHERIFF:
RALPH FROEHLICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FORTY-NINE CENTS
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT
($111,552.49)
Feb. 10, 17, 24, Mar. 2, 2000
U7378 SPL ($89.00)

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SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-755058
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F1273499
PLAINTIFF: GA CAPITAL MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.
DEFENDANT: ALEXANDER PORTER, JR.; UNION COUNTY DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES;
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE:
JANUARY 11, 2000
SALE DATE:
WEDNESDAY THE 22ND DAY OF MARCH A.D. 2000

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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 BOROUGH of ROSELLE, NJ 07203, County of UNION, and State of New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 37 B CAROLYN TERRACE, ROSELLE, NJ 07203

Tax Lot No. 93 C037B f/k/a 6.41 in Block No. 1403 f/k/a/ 6.41

Being known and designated as Unit 37B in Ardleigh Park Condominium, together with an undivided 1.0416% interest in the common elements and more as described in the Master Deed recorded March 3, 1988 in Deed Book 3442, page 307, et seq., as may have been or may be lawfully amended.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-NINE CENTS ($58,253.59)
ATTORNEY:
FEIN SUCH KAHN & SHEPARD, P.C
SUITE 201
7 CENTURY DRIVE
PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054
SHERIFF:
RALPH FROEHLICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND TWENTY-ONE CENTS
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT
($61,454.21)
Feb. 24, March 2, 9, 16, 2000
U7551 SPL ($92.00)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-755059
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F1492499
PLAINTIFF: NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC.
DEFENDANT: JOHN R. SCHMALER, ET AL.
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE:
JANUARY 10, 2000
SALE DATE:
WEDNESDAY THE 22ND DAY OF MARCH A.D. 2000

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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 Borough of Roselle Park in the County of Union, New Jersey.

Commonly known as: 208 East Grant Avenue, Roselle Park, NJ 07204

Tax Lot No. 21 in Block No. 904

Dimension of Lot: (Approximately) 35.00 feet wide by 120.00 feet long.

Nearest Cross Street: Situate on the southerly side of East Grant Avenue 70.00 feet from the easterly side of Dalton Street.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: ONE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY ONE CENTS ($110,353.71)
ATTORNEY:
ZUCKER GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN
ATTORNEYS
1139 SPRUCE DRIVE
PO BOX 1024
MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ 07092-0024
1-908-233-8500
file number XWZ L 37941
SHERIFF:
RALPH FROEHLICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT
($116,875.75)
Feb. 24, March 2, 9, 16, 2000
U7552 SPL ($89.00)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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| AWARDED: | Richard Bezozo, M.D.<br>Care Station<br>328 W. St. Georges Ave<br>Linden, NJ 07036 |
| SERVICE: | The need for a physician for pre-employment examinations for two candidates in the Linden Fire Department |
| TIME PERIOD: | The term of said contract shall be until the conclusion of the work to be performed, or until said amount has been exhausted, whichever occurs earlier. |
| COST: | In an amount not to exceed $518.00 |
| DATED: | February 16, 2000 |

Val D. Imbriaco
City Clerk
U7569 SPL Feb 24, 2000 ($12.50)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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| AWARDED: | Mid-Atlantic Photogrammetric Services, Inc<br>65 Old Highway 22<br>Suite 10<br>Clinton, NJ 08809 |
| SERVICE: | Retain the services of a consultant to prepare topographic survey of the Landfill as required by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) |
| TIME PERIOD: | The term of said contract shall be until the conclusion of the work to be performed, or until said amount has been exhausted, whichever occurs earlier. |
| COST: | In an amount not to exceed $2,400.00 |
| DATED: | February 16, 2000. |

Val D. Imbriaco
City Clerk
U7568 SPL Feb. 24, 2000 ($14.00)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE
SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-755009
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. F1072898
PLAINTIFF: OCWEN FEDERAL BANK, FSB
DEFENDANT: BOBBY W. WALKER, ET ALS.
WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE:
DECEMBER 13, 1999
SALE DATE:
WEDNESDAY THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH A.D. 2000

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House (Tower), 2 Broad Street, 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.

Re: Ocwen Federal Bank, FSB vs. Bobby W. Walker, et als.;
Our File No. 808-OCW
Docket No.: F-10728-98
MUNICIPALITY: City of Linden
COUNTY AND STATE: County of Union, State of New Jersey.
STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 1301 Middlesex Street
TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBERS: Lot 8; Block: 81
DIMENSIONS: Approximately Irregular 50 X 102
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Is approximately Chandler
(This concise description does not constitute a legal description. A copy of the full legal description can be found at the Office of the Sheriff.)
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: TWO HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS AND THIRTY-EIGHT CENTS ($208,842.38)
ATTORNEY:
ESCHEN FRENKEL & BERGER
LAW OFFICES (I)
24-28 PARK AVENUE
WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052
SHERIFF:
RALPH FROEHLICH
FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS FILED AT THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND TWELVE CENTS
TOTAL JUDGMENT AMOUNT
($227,830.12)
Feb. 10, 17, 24, Mar. 2, 2000
U7376 SPL [illegible]

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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| AWARDED: | Dorf & Dorf P.C.<br>2376 St. Georges Ave<br>Rahway, NJ 07065 |
| SERVICE: | Retain the services of an Attorney to assist the City in various labor related matters. |
| TIME PERIOD: | The term of said contract shall be until the conclusion of the work to be performed, or until said amount has been exhausted, whichever occurs earlier. |
| COST: | In an amount not to exceed $15,000.00 |
| DATED: | February 16, 2000 |

Val D. Imbriaco
City Clerk
U7573 SPL Feb. 24, 2000 ($12.00)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

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| AWARDED: | Mid Atlantic Cardiology<br>211 Mountain Avenue<br>Springfield, NJ 07081 |
| SERVICE: | The need for a physician for pre-employment stress test examinations for two candidates in the Linden Fire Department. |
| TIME PERIOD: | The term of said contract shall be until the conclusion of the work to be performed, or until said amount has been exhausted, whichever occurs earlier. |
| COST: | In an amount not to exceed $400.00 |
| DATED: | February 16, 2000. |

Val D. Imbriaco
City Clerk
U7570 SPL Feb. 24, 2000 ($12.50)

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**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
**CITY OF LINDEN**

This is to notify the Governing Body of the City of Linden that, before they shall consider or pass any resolution authorizing the entering into of any contract calling for the expenditures of public funds, that there are available sufficient legally appropriated funds for that purpose. (N.J.S.A. 40-A: 4.57)

Therefore, the Chief Financial Officer verifies the availability or lack thereof of adequate funds for each contract which is pending approval by the Governing Body.

Be it resolved that the Department of Planning Board has funds provided in the Current Budget and the respective appropriation balance currently posted in the City of Linden records are as follows:

| DEPARTMENT | COMPUTER A/C# | AMOUNT | FUNDS AVAILABLE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Planning Board | 0-01-128-271 | $17,496.00 | Subject to the approval of the 2000 Budget. |

**VENDOR:** T & M Associates

**PURPOSE:** Professional Services

**TOTAL CONTRACT:** $17,496.00

Be it resolved that the City Treasurer will enter on the records of the City of Linden the respective resolution or ordinance which the City Clerk will forward to us along with a copy of this availability letter.

DATED: 2/14/00

JOSEPH S. SULIGA
CITY TREASURER

I hereby certify that the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for the within porpose.

DATED:

EDWARD KOLOGI
CITY ATTORNEY

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**SYNOPSIS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LINDEN AUDIT REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999, as required by N.J.S. 40A:5A-16. The Housing Authority of the City of Linden owns 200 housing elderly and family units of low income housing. In addition, the Housing Authority administers a Section 8 program with an additional 219 units in the community and leases 151 units from Linden Leased Housing Corporation which are subleased to elderly and handicapped individuals.**

COMBINED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

| | AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 | AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash | $310,350.00 | $385,386.00 |
| Accounts Receivable | 93,459.00 | 263,610.00 |
| Investments | 405,475.00 | 389,011.00 |
| Deferred Charges | 168,420.00 | 28,592.00 |
| Other Assets | 95,425.00 | 1,796,032.00 |
| Land, Structures & Equipment | 5,423,169.00 | 4,753,343.00 |
| Total Assets | $6,494,298.00 | $7,615,974.00 |
| LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS | | |
| Accounts Payable | $ 369,123.00 | $ 250,794.00 |
| Accrued Liabilities | 41,529.00 | 52,086.00 |
| Compensated Absences | 95,425.00 | 70,174.00 |
| Fixed Liabilities | - | 1,714,297.00 |
| Total Liabilities | 506,077.00 | 2,087,351.00 |
| Operating Reserve | $ 565,052.00 | $ 555,550.00 |
| Investment in General Fixed Assets | 5,423,169.00 | 4,753,344.00 |
| Unreserved Fund Balance | - | 219,729.00 |
| Total Surplus | 5,988,221.00 | 5,528,623.00 |
| Total Liabilities and Surplus | $6,494,298.00 | $7,615,974.00 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN OPERATING RESERVE

| | FOR THE YEAR ENDED Sept. 30, 1999 | FOR THE YEAR ENDED Sept. 30, 1998 |
|---|---|---|
| INCOME | | |
| Operating Income | $ 752,027.00 | $ 623,150.00 |
| Operating Subsidies | 1,619,336.00 | 1,070,285.00 |
| Total Income | 2,371,363.00 | 1,693,435.00 |
| EXPENDITURES | | |
| Operating Expenditures | 2,361,861.00 | 1,586,668.00 |
| Total Expenditures | 2,361,861.00 | 1,586,668.00 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURES | $ 9,502.00 | $ 106,767.00 |
| Operating Reserve - Beg. of Year | 555,550.00 | 448,783.00 |
| Operating Reserve - End of Year | $ 565,052.00 | $ 555,550.00 |

The above synopsis was prepared from the audit reports of the Housing Authority of the City of Linden, for the years ended September 30, 1999 and 1998.

The audit reports, submitted by Polcari & Company, Certified Public Accountants are on file at the Authority's office at 1601 Dill Avenue and are available for review by the public during normal business hours, Seymour L. Lubin, Chairman of the Board.

Mrs. Ann J. Ferguson, P.H.M.
Executive Director
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## Morlees, H. Music lead Linden Adult Basketball League

The following are Linden Recreation Adult Basketball League results, standings and scoring leaders after games played on Feb. 9 and 10:

**Cut Fresh 82, Morlees 75 (A Division):** Reggie Carter scored 23 points and Roger Ingraham 21 to lead the way for Cut Fresh on Feb. 10. Warren Anderson scored 16 and Mendell Foreman 14. Jerome Davis paced Morlees with a 23-point performance.

**House Music 77, Knicks 56 (A Division):** Waliyy Dixon scored 23 points and Eric Magazine 19 for House Music on Feb. 10. Britt Grady scored a game-high 31 points for the Knicks.

**Standings:** Morlees (4-1), House Music (4-1), Cut Fresh (3-2), P. Funk Allstars (1-3), Knicks (0-5).

**Scoring Leaders:** Britt Grady, Knicks, 147 points; Waliyy Dixon, House Music, 119; Gregg Fowler, P. Funk Allstars, 93; Jerome Davis, Morlees, 81; Reggie Carter, Cut Fresh, 80.

**Rahway's Finest 72, Bayway 54 (B Division):** Mark Lighten scored 14 points and Clint Ward 13 for Rahway's Finest, while Mike Darnowski had a game-high 16 for Bayway in this Feb. 9 contest.

**Mularz Tavern 77, IBM 66 (B Division):** John Buniak scored 20 points, Matt Pribish 14 and Frank Paffrath 12 for Mularz Tavern, while Cliff Ross had a game-high 27 points for IBM in this Feb. 9 game.

**B Division:** Rahway's Finest (5-0), Mularz Tavern (4-1), Bayway (2-3), Faze V (1-3), IBM (0-5).

**Scoring Leaders:** Nick Ellis, Faze V, 73 points; Cliff Ross, IBM, 69; John Buniak, Mularz Tavern, 67; Mike Darnowski, Bayway, 55; Mike Langsworth, IBM, 53.

The following are results from Feb. 3:

**House Music 81, Cut Fresh 70 (A Division):** Waliyy Dixon scored 28 points and Eric Magazine 22 for House Music, while Warren Anderson paced Cut Fresh with 17.

**Morlees 91, P. Funk Allstars 87 (OT) (A Division):** Jerome Davis and Ethan Patterson scored 24 points each for Morlees, while Gregg Fowler paced the P. Funk Allstars with a 27-point performance.

**Mularz Tavern 72, Bayway 38 (B Division):** John Buniak scored 19 points and Jason Mayer 16 for Mularz, while Hector Cifuentes scored 13 for Bayway.

**Rahway's Finest 61, Faze V 59 (B Division):** Mark Lighten scored 12 points for Rahway's Finest, while Nick Ellis poured in a game-high 18 points for Faze V.

**Wave soccer team unbeaten**

The following are Linden Recreation Indoor Soccer League results and standings from Feb. 12:

**Galaxy 7, Titans 0:** Michael Olarte scored five goals and Renato Quispe and Michael Figurelli one each.

**Wave 5, Falcons 0:** Adam Drastura scored three goals and Nick Provenzano and Ryan Weber one.

**Standings:** Wave (5-0-1, 16 points), Galaxy (3-2-1, 10), Falcons (2-3-1, 7), Titans (0-5-1, 1).

The following are results from Feb. 5:

**Falcons 1, Titans 1:** Ryan Montaperto scored for the Titans and Moises Oliveria for the Falcons.

**Wave 1, Galaxy 1:** Gregory Weber scored for the Wave and Michael Figurelli for the Galaxy.

Last Saturday's scheduled games included the Galaxy vs. the Falcons and the Wave vs. the Titans.

## Rahway Intermediate wrestling team excels at own invite

The Rahway Intermediate School wrestling team excelled at its first Invitational Tournament held Feb. 13.

The competition took place at the new Rahway Recreation Center, with eight teams participating: Rahway, Linden, Westfield, Woodbridge, Roselle Park, Clark, Scotch Plains and Springfield.

Finishing first for Rahway was D.J. Probus, third was E. Wright, E. Mickel and E. Cavahalo and fourth was M. Pugliese, B. Jones, M. Zungia and B.J. Condron.

Coaches Charles Garay and A. Knox thank recreation center supervisor John Luddington, the Rahway High School varsity wrestling team, head coach Fred Stueber and his managers and the many volunteers who helped make the tournament a great success.

## UCT finals Saturday

The Union County Tournament basketball finals are Saturday at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth.

The girls' game is first at 1 p.m., followed by the boys' game at 3 p.m.

Photo by Milton M

The Roselle Catholic High School girls' basketball team, sparked by the play of, from left, Caitlin Mahoney and K.K. Foster, will look to rebound next week in the North Jersey, Parochial A playoffs after falling to Elizabeth in last week's Union County Tournament quarterfinals. The Lions began the week with a 14-8 record and will play at Holy Angels in a first round state playoff encounter.

## 25th UCT Girls' Basketball

**Top 8 seeds:** 1-Union. 2-Elizabeth 3-Summit. 4-Union Catholic. 5-Governor Livingston. 6-Scotch Plains 7-Oak Knoll. 8-Cranford.

**PRELIMINARY ROUND**
**Saturday, Feb. 12**
**At Rahway**
Westfield 44, St. Mary's 26
Rahway 47, Johnson 17
Brearley 34, Plainfield 24
Roselle Park 42, Hillside 33
**At Edison House, Eliz.**
Linden 34, Roselle 17
R. Cath. 51, Benedictine 13
Dayton 51, St. Patrick's 48
**FIRST ROUND**
**Monday, Feb. 14**
**At Cranford**
New Providence 47, Cranford 41
Union 80, Westfield 39
**At Rahway**
Gov. Livingston 37, Linden 22
Union Catholic 30, Rahway 24
**At Roselle Catholic**
Roselle Catholic 32, Oak Knoll 22
Elizabeth 63, Brearley 31
At Linden
Scotch Plains 44, Dayton 43
Summit 59, Roselle Park 36
QUARTERFINALS
**Thursday, Feb. 17**
**At Dunn Center**
Union Cath. 21, Gov. Liv. 13
Union 62, New Providence 41
**Friday, Feb. 18**
**At Rahway**
Summit 63, Scotch Plains 29
Elizabeth 57, Roselle Catholic 30
SEMIFINALS
**Tuesday, Feb. 22**
**Dunn Sport Center**
4-Union Cath. vs. 1-Union
**Wednesday, Feb. 23**
**Dunn Sport Center**
3-Summit vs. 2-Elizabeth
FINAL
**Saturday, Feb. 26**
Dunn Sport Center, 1:00
Sum./Eliz. vs. UC/Union

## 64th UCT Boys' Basketball

**Top 8 seeds:** 1-St. Patrick's. 2-Linden. 3-Union. 4-St. Mary's. 5-Plainfield. 6-Dayton. 7-Rahway. 8-Roselle Catholic.

**PRELIMINARY ROUND**
**Saturday, Feb. 12**
**At Dunn Center**
Union Cath. 39, Gov. Liv. 34
Summit 76, Johnson 55
Elizabeth 62, Westfield 53
**Monday, Feb. 14**
**At Dunn Center**
Scotch Plains 64, Roselle Park 30
New Providence 60, Brearley 47
**FIRST ROUND**
**Tuesday, Feb. 15**
**At Dunn Center**
R. Cath. 79, Cranford 73 (2OT)
St. Patrick's 66, Elizabeth 52
**At Linden**
Plainfield 70, Summit 53
St. Mary's 72, Union Cath. 51
**Wednesday, Feb. 16**
**At Dunn Center**
Rahway 60, Hillside 55
Linden 64, Scotch Plains 42
**At Rahway**
Dayton 53, Roselle 47
Union 60, New Providence 41
**QUARTERFINALS**
**Friday, Feb. 18**
**Dunn Sport Center**
Plainfield 78, St. Mary's 67
St. Patrick's 71, R. Cath. 55
**Dunn Sport Center**
Union 55, Dayton 46
Linden 67, Rahway 37
**SEMIFINALS**
**Tuesday, Feb. 22**
**Dunn Sport Center**
5-Plainfield vs. 1-St. Pat's
**Wednesday, Feb. 23**
**Dunn Sport Center**
3-Union vs. 2-Linden
**FINAL**
**Saturday, Feb. 26**
**Dunn Sport Center, 3:00**
Union/Linden vs. Plain./SP

## Roselle C. boys' basketball out to win Mountain tonight

By John Zucal
Staff Writer

The Roselle Catholic High School boys' basketball team has made a habit of playing against St. Patrick's in the Union County Tournament. It usually seems that the two teams meet no matter what.

Unfortunately for the Lions, St. Patrick's ends up winning all the time.

Last Friday night at the Dunn Sport Center in Elizabeth was no expection as top-seeded and four-time defending champion St. Patrick's posted a 71-55 win over eighth-seeded Roselle Catholic.

The Lions, with a record of 17-4, are scheduled to host Rahway tonight at 7 in a key Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division clash. A Roselle Catholic victory will give the Lions their second consecutive Mountain Division championship. Roselle Catholic's three conference losses are to Immaculata, Rahway and Governor Livingston.

Junior forward Phil Bauknight led four Lions in double figures against St. Patrick's, pouring in 17 points. Guards Demetric Gosa and Ryan DeGracia added 11 points apiece, while Jim Sweeney had 10.

St. Patrick's looked as though it would run the Lions from the Dunn gym early, taking a 19-2 lead. Slowly, the Lions cut into the deficit until they reached their closest at 55-50 with 3:30 remaining.

"We had a good second and third quarters, but down the stretch you have to make the plays," Roselle Catholic head coach Pat Hagan said. He noted that at 55-50 a St. Patrick's tip-in started its final run.

"If we had gotten a rebound instead of giving up the tip-in, things may have been different," Hagen said.

Roselle Catholic was forced to foul in an effort to gain possessions to complete the comeback. St. Patrick's spoiled the strategy by making 10-of-11 free throws in the fourth quarter, most coming late in the game.

"You have to foul down the stretch," Hagan said. "St. Patrick's asserted itself by making the foul shots."

The Lions, seeded fifth, will begin play in the North Jersey, Parochial A state playoffs on Tuesday when they host 11th-seeded Immaculata. Roselle Catholic lost to Seton Hall Prep of West Orange in last season's sectional final.

## Rahway wrestlers did well to reach section title bout

By John Zucal
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — There was a sense in the Rahway High School gymnasium last Thursday night that the Indian wrestling squad was about to reach a pinnacle: a sectional championship.

A pin by Dan Garay at 215 pounds had erased what had been a 13-point deficit and brought Rahway fans to their feet in anticipation of the deciding bout. But just as the Indians were about to reach for the championship trophy, Rich Hua instead brought joy to the Parsippany faithful with a 13-6 decision at 275 to give the visiting Redskins a 29-26 victory in the North Jersey Section 2, Group 3 final.

Having won North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 championships in 1989 and 1999, the Indians were attempting to win their first in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3.

The loss dropped Rahway to 12-2, while Parsippany remained unbeaten at 17-0 — for about 48 hours. The Redskins were eliminated by North Jersey, Section 1 champion Sparta 37-22 in the state Group 3 semifinals Saturday. South Jersey champion West Deptford won its first state title with a 34-28 victory over Sparta. West Deptford defeated Central Jersey champion North Hunterdon 25-24 in the semifinals, while Sparta outscored Parsippany 37-22.

Parsippany used four consecutive wins, two by one point, to grab a 19-6 lead after seven bouts against Rahway. But slowly, Rahway made its move until Ony Pius put the Indians within striking distance with a 19-5 decision over Kaan Erpanur at 189. Pius, a senior, traded escapes for takedowns in an effort to secure a technical fall and five team points instead of four for a major decision. But time expired before Pius could record his sixth takedown of the two-minute period.

Stueber said Pius, a first-year varsity wrestler and a junior varsity county champion last season, showed what hard work can achieve.

"Ony's a very good athlete whom we sometimes have to walk through during a match," Stueber said. "He wrestles well, but the next step — the strategy of the match — he needs to learn. But if he had one more year, he'd probably go to the Meadowlands and place in the numbers."

With the Indians trailing 26-20, Garay charged at Keith Meyers off the opening whistle. He posted three takedowns and thought he had a pin at the end of the first period. The on-mat official gave the "pin" signal, but the off mat official overruled, saying the fall came after time expired.

With Garay leading 10-2, fans yelled for Garay to, "pin him again." He did that, pulling Meyers inward to his back and holding Meyers down until he recorded the pin at 2:40 and made the match even at 26-26.

Hua, who had wrestled at 215 for Parsippany, utilized an advantage in quickness over Steve Krawec to take a 4-1 lead after one period, including a takedown outside the circle as time expired.

Hua put a stranglehold on the bout with a five-point move — a takedown and three-point near-fall — in the final minute of the second period. But it appeared he was going to wrestle only when needed, for the senior received three stall warnings in the final four minutes.

While Krawec crouched on the mat, with his head in his hands, Parsippany head coach Fred Piotrowsky had the look of relief after Hua's victory.

"Worries? We had worries," said Piotrowsky about the potential of an Indian comeback. "I've been down here before and didn't walk out with a smile on my face."

The Redskin coach added he would not underestimate the Indians because of head coach Fred Stueber, his staff and his wrestlers, many of whom gained their start in the local midget-wrestling program.

Stueber said the weight of the loss should not be thrown upon Krawec's shoulders.

"The kid gave it all he had and he had the intent of winning," Stueber said. "The loss was not the fault of a particular wrestler — a couple of more pins or decisions would have helped us."

Sean Horton and Doug Corso gave Rahway an early 6-3 lead after three bouts by winning decisions at 103 and 119, respectively. Horton had a four-point move late in the match to end the comeback try of Robert Campbell 12-8. Campbell overcame an 8-1 deficit with a takedown and two near-falls before Horton reversed with 35 seconds remaining.

Corso posted two three-point near-falls in the second period and held on to gain a 7-5 decision over Dustin Mitschele.

Matt Wells and Ken Johnsen capped a run of four consecutive wins for Parsippany when they posted one-point decisions over [illegible] and Dave Racelis at 135 and 140, respectively.

Wells used an escape and takedown in the third period for a 7-6 decision, while Dave Racelis fell 11-10 to Johnsen.

Jesse Campanelli was aggressive in his 145-pound bout and began Rahway's comeback. Starting the second period from the neutral position, Campanelli stopped Alex McDonald's attempt for a right-leg takedown and put him on the mat nine seconds into the period. Four seconds later Campanelli got the pin, coming at 2:13.

"Jesse's been the man all season," Stueber said. "I knew he would get that for us."

Walter Braxton got Rahway's other victory, narrowing the deficit to 23-16 with a 16-6 decision over Adam Artaega. Braxton recorded six takedowns in posting the victory.

With one title having escaped their grasp, the Indians look to this weekend's District 11 Tournament at Westfield High School. Stueber said his squad, along with Colonia, should battle for the team championship. Wrestling commences tomorrow night and concludes Saturday afternoon.

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Rahway concludes another outstanding season with a 12-2 record.

Rahway finished tied for first atop the Mountain Valley Conference standings with just one conference loss. Roselle Park and Bound Brook also suffered just one loss. Rahway defeated Bound Brook, Roselle Park topped Rahway and Bound Brook bested Roselle Park.

The Indians fell just short of a second consecutive sectional title and third overall. Last year Rahway, seeded second, won at top-seeded Caldwell 31-28 in the North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 final. Rahway went on to win the Group 2 consolation match against Pascack Hills after falling in the semifinals to eventual champion Delaware Valley, the Central Jersey champ.

Rahway won its first and only other sectional championship in 1989 in the same section — North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2. Delaware Valley also won the Group 2 state championship that season.

**District 11 at Westfield this weekend**

Rahway has won the District 11 championship four of the past five seasons, winning in 1995 and 1996 and 1998 and 1999. Elizabeth interrupted the stretch by winning for the first time in 1997, outpointing Rahway by a slim margin of 169-150.

Wrestling commences tomorrow night at Westfield and concludes Saturday afternoon.

Winning titles for the Indians last year were Gene Ronkiewicz at 103, Louis Ott at 125 and Shawn Stueber at 135. Ronkiewicz, who was third in the Union County Tournament this year, returns at 112.

Cranford last won the crown in 1986 before Summit won back-to-back titles in 1987 and 1988. Westfield won four straight years from 1989-1992 and five of six years, Rahway edging Westfield in 1993 by a score of 184-176.5 to interrupt the run.

## Linden boys' basketball was 1 win from gaining UCT final

By John Zucal
Staff Writer

ELIZABETH — It was just another day at the office for the Linden High School boys' basketball team last Saturday as the Tigers advanced to last night's second semifinal of the Union County Tournament with a convincing 67-37 victory over Rahway at the Dunn Sport Center.

Jamaal Tate led the Tigers with 29 points, 12 rebounds and three blocked shots. Linden also gained support from Greg Parker with 11 points. Anthony Jordan paced Rahway with 14 points and eight rebounds before fouling out with 5:06 remaining.

Linden led the entire game, racing to a 16-6 lead after eight minutes on the strength of 12 points from Tate, whose turnaround jumper with 7:18 remaining made him the career scoring leader at Linden. Tate surpassed 1992 graduate Waliyy Dixon, who totaled 1,760 points in his career.

Plainfield and St. Patrick's of Elizabeth were scheduled to meet in the first semifinal at Dunn on Tuesday night. The winners meet in Saturday's 3 p.m. final at Dunn.

The Tigers, who improved to 20-2, increased the lead to 21-6 before three Jordan baskets and a foul shot narrowed the gap to 21-13.

Rahway, which fell to 14-6, used aggressive defensive play to set up many baskets. A triple-team forced Yaniv Cohen out of bounds, a pass from Parker extended beyond Tate's reach and Jamil Taylor and Sylvester King forced a jump ball when they tied up Cohen and gained the ball on the alternate possession.

But the Indians could get no closer as Linden showed its defense could be just as tough. With Dan DelValle and Brandon Bracey patrolling the top of the key, the lead grew and grew. DelValle finished with six points, six assists and six steals.

"Defense makes the game and that's what we strive on," said Bracey, a sophomore. Concurred DelValle: "That's the key to our guards. If we can get the stops, that opens up the game for us."

Rahway kept the deficit under 10 through most of the first half through ball control and not allowing for quickly missed shots to become scores the other way.

"They made us play to their tempo and we had to settle down," Bracey said. "At halftime, coach (Phil) Colicchio said we needed to play Linden basketball and let them run to our style."

For Colicchio, having players like Bracey, DelValle and Parker shows that Linden basketball is not just all about offense.

"Defensively, we're a pretty good team," Colicchio said. "You have Danny pressing on top and Brandon and Gregory on the wings and Brandon has given us tough defense all season. Defensively, he's just as good as anyone we have."

As Linden attacked Rahway inside, the Indians also suffered from foul trouble. Three first-half fouls against John Cunningham and four against Jordan, including his third and fourth within a three-second span, limited the Indians' aggressiveness.

Cohen gave Linden a boost with eight points, all in the final nine minutes, and he had five boards.

"Yaniv's a tough player with a great jump shot," Bracey observed. "He also talks to us — when he has something to say, he'll say it. I think he can make it on the next level."

## High school track athletes excel

Rahway and Linden track and field athletes and one from Roselle excelled at last Sunday's NJSIAA Boys' Indoor Meet of Champions at Jadwin Gym in Princeton.

Danny Johnson of Rahway finished second in the 55-meter dash in a time of 6.50. The junior was topped only by Plainfield senior Anthony Davis, who finished in a time of 6.42.

Linden senior Pierre Chapman finished fourth in the 55-meter hurdles in a time of 7.73. The winning time of 7.61 was turned in by Plainfield junior Chris Stephans. In the same time of 7.61, Herb Reid of Lenape was second, Osei Bonsu of Old Bridge was third with the same time as Chapman at 7.73.

Roselle resident Dorian Scott, a Seton Hall Prep senior, finished third in the shot put event with a throw of 57-6.75. Glenn DiGiorgio of Bayonne was first at 60-5.25 and David O'Rourke of Freehold Borough was second at 59-7.75.

Johnson, Chapman, and Scott also played football last fall, Johnson and Chapman helping their teams qualify for the state playoffs.

# OBITUARIES

## Donald Lee Roberts

Donald Lee Roberts, 70, of Rahway died Feb. 19 in Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

Born in South Orange, Mr. Roberts moved to Rahway many years ago. He was employed by Amalgamated Publishers Inc., New York City, where he worked for 32 years in many management positions before retiring in 1990 as the general manager, president and comptroller.

Mr. Roberts graduated from West Virginia State College in 1951 and attended Seton Hall University, South Orange. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Mr. Roberts also was a life member of the NAACP and a subscribing Golden Heritage member. He served [illegible] in the Army during World War [illegible].

Surviving are his wife of [illegible] years, Margaret [illegible]; daughter, Jacqueline Walker, [illegible].

## John Lang

John Lang, 66, a lifelong resident of Rahway, died [illegible] in the Rahway Hospital. Born in [illegible], he was the son of the late John and Elsie (Bakers) Lang.

Mr. Lang was a patrolman and training officer for the Rahway Police Department for 25 years and retired in 1985. After his retirement, he worked as a security guard for [illegible] Trust Co., [illegible] until 1995.

Mr. Lang served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Rahway Police Benevolent Association Local 71 and a second generation member of the Rahway First Aid Squad.

Surviving are his wife, [illegible]; son, John; a daughter [illegible]; sister, Virginia [illegible].

## Marion Kmak

Marion Kmak, 78, of Rahway died Feb. 15 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in North Bergen, Mrs. Kmak lived in Rahway since 1938. She was a clerical worker for Supermarket Services, Linden, for 15 years and retired in 1985. Mrs. Kmak was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church, Rahway.

Surviving are her husband of [illegible] years, Henry; two sons, Richard and Michael, both of Rahway; and [illegible] daughters, Diane Wyl[illegible] of Rahway and Barbara [illegible] of [illegible].

## Rose Griffiths

[illegible] of Rahway, died [illegible] in [illegible].

Mrs. [illegible] was the wife of the late [illegible].

Surviving are a son, John; two daughters, Rosemary Capone of Roberts City, Ga., and Dorothy [illegible]; and [illegible] grandchildren.

## George Lucas

George Lucas, [illegible], died Feb. 19 at home.

Born in Trosti, Mr. Lucas came to Rahway in 1928. He was employed for 31 years by General Motors Corp., Linden, and retired in 1993. Mr. Lucas was a member of the United Workers Union Local 595 in Linden and the Elks Lodge in Rahway.

Surviving are his wife, Jennyson, Edward and [illegible], all of Rahway.

## Leroy Cain Sr.

Leroy Cain Sr., 70, of Rahway died Feb. 16 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Ludowici, Ga., Mr. Cain moved to Rahway 43 years ago. He was a truck driver for CPC Best Oil Co., Rahway, for three decades and retired in 1992.

Mr. Cain served as vice chairman of the deacon board at the Friendship Baptist Church, Rahway, and was a member of the Queen Elizabeth Lodge 36 AF&AM, Rahway.

Surviving are his wife, Annie Lee; three sons, Leroy Jr., Harvey and Mitchell; a daughter, Annie Ruth; a brother, Jimmie; two sisters, Ernestine Wright and Paulette Blake; seven grandchildren; [illegible] great-grandchildren.

## Gladys Whitehead

Gladys Whitehead, 96, a lifelong resident of Rahway, died Feb. 19 [illegible].

Miss Whitehead had been employed by Tingley Rubber Corp., Rahway. She also had five books published, "Recollections," which went on sale in 1984, followed by "Recollections II" in 1986, "Recollections III" in 1990 and "Recollections IV" in 1997.

Miss Whitehead was the longest serving member of the First Presbyterian Church, Rahway. She taught Sunday School in the Primary Department and belonged to the Junior and Senior choirs.

Miss Whitehead also served on the church historical committee for more than 50 years. She was a member of the Rebecca Cornell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Society of Magna Carta Dames, Somerset chapter.

## Newspaper's policy on weddings, engagements

Couples are encouraged to send their engagement and wedding announcements to the lifestyle editor. Announcements should be typed, doubled spaced on legally handwritten and no longer than one page. All announcements should have a daytime phone number for verification or if questions arise.

Information requested for engagements are parent's name, high school name and town, college name, town and degree, name of employer and job title and the date of marriage.

For more information call (908) 686-7700.

# Food for Friends seeks aid

"Give a person a fish and feed them for a day. Teach them how to fish and you feed them for a lifetime."

With this idea in mind, the nonprofit organization Food For Friends was formed in February 1991 by just one person asking a simple question: "What are the churches in Rahway doing for the hungry in this community?"

June Roth, who was attending services at the Second Presbyterian Church, asked this question of Pastor Josephine Cameron.

Food for Friends today operates a soup kitchen which serves a hot meal to between 60 and 100 people each Saturday at the The Second Presbyterian Church. Six teams of volunteers from various Rahway churches and community organizations rotate staffing the kitchen throughout the year.

Holiday programs include a fall Thanksgiving Day dinner which served 80 people in 1999; a Christmas breakfast complete with gifts from Santa for the children, which served 70 people in 1999; and a visit from the Easter Bunny over Easter weekend.

On the third week of the month, Food For Friends distributes bags of food at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, packed by volunteers. The bags consists of soups, vegetables, fruit, starches, dry milk and other items. This food distribution serves approximately 450 people a month.

The volunteers who operate Food For Friends realized last year that the ministry had grown too large for them to handle the day-to-day operation and the administration of the program. An interfaith board of directors was formed.

Board representatives are The Rev. Jim Coy, president; Arthur Zabetko, vice president; Maureen Kelly, secretary; Mary Ann Sawicki, treasurer; and Carol Chapin, Dick Talbot, Mona Johnson, Blanda Kerobo, Colleen Schweitzer and Linda Underwood.

The new board of directors drafted a mission statement that states "Food For Friends exists to feed the hungry, clothe the needy, help the hurting and nurture people to self sufficiency."

The organization's vision statement further states that "Food For Friends seeks to unite faith communities through their efforts in: feeding hungry people through monthly and emergency food distribution and operation of a weekly soup kitchen; clothing needy people through the operation of a weekly clothes closet; helping hurting people through referrals and spiritual counseling; nurturing people to self-sufficiency through providing resources that promote financial independence and enhance self-esteem."

These resources include job opportunities, educational opportunities and resources, and child-care. The motto of the organization is "Food For Friends — Feeding the Whole Person," according to organizers.

Food for Friends is an interfaith organization. Presently eight congregations contribute financially and volunteers come from over 15 congregations, as well as from people involved in various forms of community service.

Food for Friends is seeking financial contributions and volunteers from communities of faith, community organization, businesses and individuals.

Those interested in contributing may call Food For Friends at 388-1136 or write to the organization at 1221 New Brunswick Ave., Rahway, 07065.

## Attention churches and social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, doubleassed, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to the managing editor of this newspaper at P.O. Box 3109, Union, NJ 07083.










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## In the good sense

Bill Palatucci surveyed the political landscape last week with the same skill he brings to the over-40 ice hockey league in which is actively competes. The Westfield resident and attorney, with close ties to both the Bush presidential campaign and especially the candidate, approved as Bush regained his position as the likely GOP presidential nominee.

The close friendships between Palatucci and Bush had a humble beginning in the late '80s. "There was the son of the vice president, being driven around to events in my broken down Honda," said Palatucci, then a top [illegible] to Thomas Kean.

## Left Out

By Frank Capece

Over the years, Palatucci has developed a relationship with George W., brother Jeb and sister Doro. As the Bush presidential campaign took form over two years ago, it fell to Palatucci to arrange visits with key New Jersey Republicans. He took some ribbing for his travel agent skills, as major New Jersey Republicans shuttled to Texas for meetings with Bush, which Palatucci also attended.

A list of candidates who Palatucci has supported is something of a who's who of the Republican establishment. Along with the Kean efforts, he has provided counsel to Assembly Majority Leader Paul DiGaetano, Bergen County Executive Pat Schuber and State Sen. Joe Kyrillos.

Palatucci's national efforts in the Reagan campaigns are well known. During the successful Bush effort against Michael Dukakis, he led a George Bush walking tour door-to-door effort in his own neighborhood.

Lately, Palatucci is often seen giving political insight on cable television shows. He describes "the frenzied political activity" as Republicans look at chances to regain the presidency and the New Jersey Senate seat being vacated by Frank Lautenberg.

When campaigning for her son in South Carolina last week, Barbara Bush joked she might run for senator in New Jersey. It fell to Palatucci to quip that he wanted to make sure it was not a real effort before commenting. After all, when Palatucci speaks on the candidates regarding the Bush family, people do listen.

Professionally, Palatucci is with the Cranford law firm of Dugan and Hewitt. As an attorney/lobbyist, he represents clients at the state and national levels.

But in the heat of the presiden-

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# College's tuition to remain the same

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The 2000-01 budget for Union County College contains no tuition hikes despite an increase in the overall budget of 1.5 percent. The capital portion of the $42.1-million spending plan was passed by the Board of School Estimate from approximately $7 million to about $6.4 million.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan, who sits on the Board of School Estimate, said the board was looking to keep the county's overall capital figure at about $25 million; a figure he said "would fit comfortably in the budget."

The Board of School Estimate is made up of three freeholders — the chairman, vice chairman and Fiscal Affairs Committee chairman — and two trustees of the college.

The biggest item among the $4.3 million in the capital budget will be for upgrades to computer systems. One of the college's goals next year is to implement the second phase of the college-wide computer systems upgrade.

The average full-time student at the oldest two-year college in New Jersey pays an estimated $1,250 per semester in tuition and fees.

The last time tuition was raised was fall 1997, according to Georgia Hartnett, executive director of marketing and college communications.

"This budget has been designed to continue our principal mission and to achieve our strategic initiatives for 2000-02," said Thomas Brown, president of Union County College, in his budget message to the Board of School Estimate.

"Importantly, many tangible results of cost reduction and cost avoidance efforts I have directed over the past couple of years have been incorporated into this budget. Realignment of resources to meet our principal mission remains an ongoing challenge."

Last year, the college's budget increased by 4.5 percent, or approximately $1.9 million.

The college receives revenues from three areas: tuition, the county and the state. The county's share are generally remained the same. Tuition and fees have dropped slightly but the decline those revenues has been made up through more money from the state.

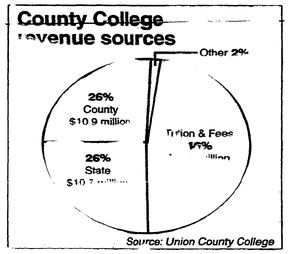
Tuition and fees, which make up nearly half the revenues, are expected to decline by approximately 2.5 percent, from approximately $20 million to $19.5 million. Total enrollment will be 6,554, down slightly from the 6,601 in 1999-2000 but similar to the 6,563 in 1998-99.

Total enrollment at Union County College is anticipated at 6,554 students next year. The college has four campuses: Cranford, Plainfield, Scotch Plains and Elizabeth.

In the 2000-01 budget, the college will receive an 8.5-percent increase from the state, $10.7 million versus $10 million in 1999-00.

Goals for next year include ground breaking of a new building on the Elizabeth campus and the development of plans for the renovation of the Lesmer Building on Elizabeth campus.

## County College revenue sources

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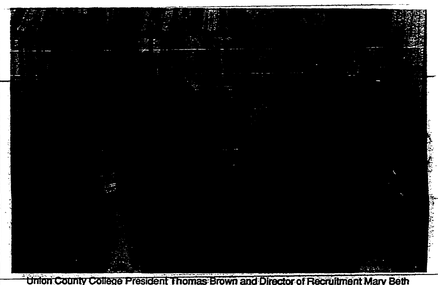

Union County College President Thomas Brown and Director of Recruitment Mary Beth Reilly, center, welcome the college's new delegation of Student Ambassadors, from left, Nkechi 'Nikki' Onyeugbo of Union, Maggie Diggory of Westfield, Janiele Adams of Union and Susan Arias of Elizabeth.

# Students serve as ambassadors at UCC

For a second year, Union County College once again has chosen students to participate in its Student Ambassador Program. Established by the Office of Recruitment, the program employs four full-time students who serve as representatives of the Union County College community by serving as tour guides, presenters in high schools, hosts and hostesses at on-campus events, and other public relations/recruitments roles.

Janiele Adams of Union, Susan Arias of Elizabeth, Maggie Diggory of Westfield and Nkechi "Nikki" Onyeugbo of Union, have been named the second group of Student Ambassadors of Union County College.

"In promoting high-caliber students to the community, the Student Ambassador Program is an extremely effective recruitment tool for the College," said Director of Recruitment Mary Beth Reilly. All of the Ambassadors are Union County residents and this program provides them with the opportunity to speak at the county's high schools about their college experience.

As a result of this student-to-student contact, prospective students are able to relate to the ambassadors and the ambassadors are able to stimulate and motivate their interests in the college. Also, the ambassadors are learning good communication skills, which will be an asset to them when looking for a first job.

Reilly explained that she meets with the students twice a month to discuss and establish the schedule of events, taking into consideration any exams or other commitments related to the ambassadors' full-time academic schedule. Then, as the month proceeds, Reilly e-mails the students to confirm the events they will attend.

The ambassadors will serve until they graduate from UCC; as this occurs, more students will be chosen to become a part of the program.

Currently housed on the Cranford campus, the future plans for the recruitment program are to establish individual "ambassador" programs on each of Union County College's four campuses, including Elizabeth, Plainfield and Scotch Plains.

# County, waste firm reach a settlement

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The question of where a certain type of waste could be sent has been answered after a settlement was reached between attorneys for Union County and Waste Management Inc., one of the state's largest trash haulers.

Union County officials claimed all Type 13 waste — recyclable-rich bulky waste — generated within the county had to go to the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission, where the county had contracted for services.

Waste Management had been taking the bulky waste to two transfer stations it owns in Elizabeth because it was cheaper, however, the county had awarded a bid for a contract with the HDMC where it was supposed to be delivered, according to Freeholder Daniel Sullivan.

The freeholders, Sullivan said, had bid the services because they believed the HDMC contract was part of flow control that was still legal.

The courts ruled several years ago that garbage haulers could transport trash and dump it outside of county borders rather than be forced to send it to county incinerators.

Under the agreement, the waste

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# Election brochure available at various offices in county

Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi has issued a 2000 election dates brochure as a public information service to residents in Union County. The brochure is available free of charge at area public libraries, Kean University Library, Union County College Library, municipal clerk offices, local board of education offices and at the Offices of County Clerk located in Elizabeth and Westfield.

"We're delighted to provide this calendar of school board, special school board, primary and general election information to residents for the fourth consecutive year," Rajoppi said, "to alert voters to important dates and deadlines for registering and applying for absentee ballots as well as candidate filings."

"This year we've added an absentee ballot application to the brochure to ease the process for those voters who will be unable to go to their polling place due to school, work or health commitments."

The tear-off application for an absentee ballot must be sent to the County Clerk postmarked no later than seven days prior to a school board, primary or general election.

"Due to the critical importance of this year's election with presidential, U.S. Senate, Congress and county races, we want every Union County voter to have the opportunity and ability to vote. The absentee ballot application attached to the brochure will help ensure that process," Rajoppi said.

In addition to dates, filing deadlines, and the absentee application, other important resources are included in the brochure including the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, the Union County Board of Elections and New Jersey Division of Elections.

Residents also may obtain a copy of the brochure by calling the County Clerk's Office at (908) 527-4787.

Union County election dates and absentee ballot applications are available on the clerk's website located at www.unioncountynj.org.

# 'Freeholder Forum' describes county agenda for 2000

The Board of Chosen Freeholders plans to offer new programs aimed at improving the lives of senior citizens while continuing to stabilize taxes in the year 2000, Chairman Daniel Sullivan said. Sullivan and Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella discussed the county's agenda for the coming year in the latest "Freeholders Forum" television program.

"We're continuing to keep taxes stable while providing innovative, cost-effective programs and services for our growing senior citizen population," said Sullivan, an Elizabeth resident.

Mirabella, of Roselle Park, cited the county's success in promoting economic development with projects like the Jersey Gardens Mall and the Linden Airport redevelopment project.

"The freeholders have showed investors that Union County is a great place to do business. It is because projects like these create jobs and provide tax revenue that we have been able to offer new services to our residents while cutting taxes for three straight years," Mirabella said.

With Senior Focus, Union County will offer grants to municipalities for the capital costs associated with the building, repair or expansion of a senior center. This will bring more residents into contact with the information, services and recreational opportunities these centers provide.

Seniors in Motion will provide vehicles to local communities to broaden local transportation services for seniors. Following on the success of the Freeholder Scholars Program, which provided scholarships to excellent younger students, Senior Scholars will offer Lifelong Learning Scholarships to senior citizens in Union County.

In each 30-minute program, freeholders and guests discuss news events and issues affecting the lives of Union County residents. "Freeholders Forum" is made possible through the facilities and technical direction of Union County College.

Entitled "The 2000 Agenda," the show will air through March 19 according to the following schedule:

• Union County — except Elizabeth and Plainfield: Channel 57, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

• Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Springfield, Summit: Channel 36, Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon.

• Elizabeth: Channel 10, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

• Fanwood, Mountainside: Channel 35, check cable listings.

• Linden, Roselle, Roselle Park, Winfield: Channel 36, daily, 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

• Plainfield: Channel 74, Wednesdays, 1 p.m.

• Scotch Plains: Channel 34, check cable listings.

• Westfield, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside: Channel 36, check cable listings.

Anyone wanting more information or to comment about "Freeholders Forum" can call the Office of Public Information at (908) 527-4746.

# Deadline approaching for historic preservation nominations

The Union County Board of Freeholders is accepting nominations for its annual Historic Preservation Commendations, which will be awarded at a public ceremony later this year.

Nominations must be submitted by Wednesday. Application forms are available at the Freeholder Board and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202.

Recent studies indicate that preserved and restored historic resources contribute to a sense of place and to the quality of life in New Jersey communities, said Freeholder Mary [illegible], liaison to Union County Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board.

"Union County, and each year the Board of Chosen Freeholders welcomes the opportunity to recognize those citizens who preserve our historic environment."

Commendations are awarded in six categories which include building preservation or restoration, continuing use, adaptive use, and preservation of structure, object or site. Preservation education and leadership achievements also are recognized.

The annual historic preservation awards are administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development. The Historic Sites Committee of the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board, comprised of professional and lay[illegible] in historic preservation and related fields, reviews the nominations and [illegible] recommendations for commendations to the Board of Chosen Freeholders.

"Nominations for the historic preservation awards are solicited from the public," said County Manager Michael Lapolla. "Although the nominated projects must be in Union County, it is not necessary to reside here to propose a worthy candidate for an award.

"If it were not for the special efforts of our citizens," Lapolla added, "many of the county's historic properties would no longer enrich Union County's landscape, not provide cultural opportunities to educate our young people.

For information [illegible] Sandra Gavin [illegible] County space.

## COUNTY NEWS

### Final budget hearing

The Fiscal Affairs Committee of the Board of Freeholders will conduct its final hearing on the 2000 county budget on Saturday at 10 a.m. in the freeholder meeting room on the sixth floor of the Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth.

### Thomstick's sponsor Irish social Saturday

The Thomstick's, an Irish American organization based in Union County, will sponsor an Irish social Saturday at the Pick's Irish Pub, 2048 E. St. George Ave., Linden, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Admission is $15 and includes light food, beer and soda.

The Thomstick's were founded in 1982. Its founding committee was headed up by the late Mayor Thomas Dunn of Elizabeth.

For information call (908) 486-9616 or (908) 351-1550.

### Volleyball for disabled

The Union County Board of Freeholders and the Five Points YMCA in Union have announced a unique partnership as they co-sponsor a series of volleyball classes for people with developmental disabilities.

Individuals who have thought about learning to play volleyball, or those just wanting to brush up on their skills are encouraged to enroll. Classes will run eight consecutive Wednesdays, beginning March 8, from 7:45 to 9 p.m. The cost of the program is $5 and pre-registration is required by March 3.

Information and registration materials may be obtained by contacting the Union County Division of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4096.

Funding for this program is made possible by a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Office on Recreation.

### Arc presents speaker

Today at 7:30 p.m., the membership committee of The Arc of Union County features guest speaker Renee Mailloux of the Developmental Disabilities Health Alliance Inc. Mailloux will discuss the Care Management Demonstration Program, which is designed to help individuals with developmental disabilities organize and manage their health care by creating an individual health care plan.

Mailloux will discuss which services are available to provide a smooth transition to mandatory Medicaid managed care. Refreshments are served.

The Arc, which provides services and programs for more than 700 individuals and their families with developmental disabilities in Union County, is located at 1225 South Ave.

For more information about the program or to register for the meeting, call Linda Sprung at (908) 754-2459.

### Blood drives scheduled

The Blood Center of New Jersey is asking people to make a special effort to donate over the upcoming holiday season. The following blood drives are scheduled in Union County:

• Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Temple Beth Israel, 1920 Cliffwood Ave., Scotch Plains.

• Monday, 5 to 9 p.m., Moose Lodge 919, 457/115 Lutgen Road, Linden.

• Wednesday, 4 to 8 p.m., Masonic Lafayette Lodge, 1550 Irving St., Rahway.

• March 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Cranford Junior Women's Club, Bloomingdale Avenue, Cranford.

• March 5, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Helen's Church, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield.

• March 10, 3 to 7 p.m., Union Hospital, 1000 Galloping Hill Road, Union.

• March 12, 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Immaculate Conception Church, 457 Union Ave., Elizabeth.

• March 13, 4 to 8 p.m., Mohlenberg Regional Medical Center, Park and Randolph Roads, Plainfield.

For more information or to sign up to donate, call (800) BLOOD-NJ.

The American Red Cross Greater Union County and Plainfield Area sponsors the following blood drives:

• Today, 3 to 8:30 p.m., Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, 833 Raritan Road, Clark.

• March 7, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Union County College, 1033 Spring Field Ave., Cranford.

• March 9, 1 to 4:15 p.m., Arc Chapter House, 203 W. Jersey St., Elizabeth.

• March 12, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Christ the King Church, 411 Rutgers Ave., Hillside.

• March 30, 3 to 8:30 p.m., Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, 875 Raritan Road, Clark.

For information call (908) 353-2511 or (908) 756-7190.

For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, call the blood center at (800) 652-5683, ext. 140.

# County will recoup surcharges

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company will be able take the recyclables to its two transfer stations in Elizabeth with the balance of the waste going to the HDMC. Waste Management will pay the $66.01-per-ton disposal fee for the waste it sends to the HDMC. The firm also will pay $500,000 to recoup some the monies not paid to the county through the Environmental Impact Charges of $18.51 per ton.

The EIC charge, in a separate case, is being challenged by waste companies all over the state and the matter is expected to eventually be taken up by the state's Supreme Court. [illegible] charge is a surcharge which helps pay for the construction of [illegible] throughout New Jersey.

In another separate case, the county and Waste Management were in a suit over whether the firm has a permit to accept trash from New York City at its Elizabeth transfer stations. A judge in December denied the county's request for a temporary injunction to stop trucks from taking trash to the Elizabeth transfer stations.

A judge recently ruled that Waste Management can continue accepting the trash from New York City at its two Elizabeth sites. The two sites operate 24 hours a day.

### ADD the topic of Community Education Workshop

As part of the Community Education Workshop series offered by Women for Women of Union County, Kenneth L. McNiel, will present "What is Attention Deficit Disorder?" Issues to be addressed surrounding ADD will include understanding the ADD diagnosis, medications and treatment, helping children with ADD at home and in school, and ADD in adults. The workshop will be in the Westfield Municipal Building Community Room, 425 E. Broad St., on Monday from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

McNiel is a licensed clinical psychologist in family practice in Westfield, with a Ph.D. from the University of Louisville. A former director of the Bédelaston School, a therapeutic high school for emotionally disturbed students in Union County, he has worked extensively with children and adolescents in clinical and educational settings.

Women for Women of Union County, 511 North Ave., Garwood, is a non-profit agency, established in 1984, offering short-term, low-cost individual counseling and legs referral services, as well as support and self-actualization groups, for women and children in our community.

If interested in joining or for more information, call (908) 232-5787.

# Cable changes campaigns

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tial campaign season, a good deal of his time is spent on the political wars. He has high praise for Reece Iossa, who is the chairman of the Bush 2000 New Jersey effort.

While he is not active, "except for writing checks," in Union County, I couldn't resist poking him on the Republican strategy in an area where the party has not fared well at the ballot box. Palatucci is actively supporting Tom Kean Jr. for the Congressional seat being vacated by Robert Franks.

Kean's likely opponent is Democrat Michael Lapolla, the county manager. Palatucci says, "Republicans are hungry for a winner."

Palatucci moved to Scotch Plains after law school and also lived in Rahway before moving to Westfield in 1985. Palatucci and his wife, Lora, have three daughters, ages 16, 13 and 4. In addition to the ice hockey, he is an avid Yankee fan and enjoys reading history.

To his credit, Palatucci is open on the subject of funding and campaigns. He calls "sunshine the great equalizer in terms of campaign finance." Rather than being overly concerned over the amounts of money spent, he sees the availability to know where the funds are coming from and where they are going as more important. He does advocate the need for a "level playing field between unions and political corporate giving."

In Palatucci's world, a key difference in the campaigning has been the increased use of cable as opposed to network TV for news about candidates. "You can click on your TV and within 30 seconds get news about campaign activity."

Maybe so, but the need for political operatives like Bill Palatucci seems safe. *The Star-Ledger* had a quote from Len Coleman, National League president, and powerful New Jersey Republican. He called Palatucci "one of the most skilled political operatives in New Jersey."

A skilled operative indeed, and that is in the good sense.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.









# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Paper Mill serves up Ira Levin thriller

"Deathtrap," Broadway's longest-running comedy-thriller by Ira Levin, opened last night for a six-week run on the stage of the Paper Mill Playhouse. Directed by Leonard Foglia, "Deathtrap" stars Jonathan Hadary, Amy Holm, Adrian Reider, Lewis Arlt and Marilyn Sokol. The "Deathtrap" is designed by Michael Anania, sets; David Woolard, costumes; Jack Mehler, lighting and David B. Smith, sound.

Daggers, maces, crossbows, handcuffs, pistols, swords and chains — there's dirty work afoot in "Deathtrap," the story of a Broadway playwright who will stop at nothing to get his hands on another hit play.

Ira Levin, the author "Rosemary's Baby," "The Boys From Brazil," and "The Stepford Wives," is one of America's most successful writers of thrillers. Levin was an early victim of "malaby," conspiratively ingesting large doses of Agatha Christie, Ellery Queen and John Dixon Carr long before he emerged from his teens. His first novel, "A Kiss Before Dying," was published when he was 22 and won the Edgar Allen Poe Award, the mystery writer's equivalent of the Oscar. For the stage, Levin has also penned "No Time For Sergeants," "Critic's Choice," "Dr. Cook's Garden" and "Veronica's Room."

Leonard Foglia directed the Broadway productions of Terrence McNally's "Master Class" starring Zoe Caldwell, Patti LuPone and Dixie Carter, which won the 1996 Tony Award for Best Play, and "Wait Until Dark" starring Oscar-winners Quentin Tarantino and Marisa Tomei. He directed "One Touch of Venus" for Encores! at City Center and "If Memory Serves" at the Promenade Theater. At the Bay Street Theater Festival, he directed "A Coffin in Egypt" by Horton Foote and "By the Sea, By the Sea, By the Beautiful Sea" by Terrence McNally, Joe Pintauro and Manuel Wilson also at the Manhattan Theatre Club.

Jonathan Hadary makes his Paper Mill debut in "Deathtrap" as Sidney Bruhl, a writer of stage mysteries who's suffering from writer's block. Hadary's many New York stage credits include "Angels in America," "Guys & Dolls," "Gypsy," "Torch Song Trilogy," "Assassins," "Lips Together, Teeth Apart" and "Gemini."

Amy Holm has appeared at the McCarter Theatre and New Jersey Shakespeare Festival. Recent New York credits include "The Country Club," "Dream True" and "June Moon." Adrian Reider recently made his Off-Broadway debut in "If Memory Serves" and is a recent graduate of The Juilliard School. Lewis Arlt's Broadway credits include "Pal," "Orpheus Descending," "The Real Thing," "Indiscretions," "Blithe Spirit," "Murder Among Friends" and "Benefactors." He is an Emmy Award-winning writer for "General Hospital." Marilyn Sokol is an Emmy-, Obie-, and Bistro Award-winning actress, singer, comedienne and writer, who recently appeared at the Carnegie Hall Cabaret and The Ciro's.

"Deathtrap" opened at Broadway's Music Box Theater Feb. 26, 1978, starring John Wood, Marian Seldes, Victor Garber and Marian Winters, and the 1982 film version starred Michael Caine, Christopher Reeve, Dyan Cannon, Irene Worth and Henry Jones. Noted actress Marian Seldes, who played Myra, remained with the thriller through its entire Broadway engagement. For a while she was in the Guinness Book of World Records for giving the longest consecutive performances in the same role.

As Broadway's longest-running mystery play, "Deathtrap" topped "Angel Street," "Sleuth," "The Bat," "Witness for the Prosecution," "The Fan," "The Cat and the Canary" and "Dial M for Murder."

Paper Mill Executive Producer Angelo Del Rossi notes, "We hope 'Deathtrap' holds a few surprises for audiences and, if it does, that they'll keep them as surprises for future audiences."

## Chorale to premiere new work

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

What makes 23-year-old John Kaefer, formerly of Basking Ridge, so unique in his musical accomplishments throughout his young life is his modesty and naturalism.

To talk to the young man, a graduate student at the Yale School of Music, whose new choral work, "Psalm 27," will be premiered March 4 by the Summit Chorale at Summit Middle School, one gets the impression that his career is the simplest thing in the world.

Kaefer, who began composing classical music at the age of 10, and who has received many prizes from the Renee B. Fisher Foundation, La Schola Cantorum, the International Horn Society and the International Clarinet Society explained with ease how "Psalm 27" came about.

"I first started writing a piece for soprano and piano in August of 1998. I used a different text. I wrote a short piece, about four minutes, which was my first version of 'Psalm 27,' and brought it to my mentor and friend, composer David Diamond.

Kaefer, who mentioned that he "always found the Psalms musically and spiritually inspiring," reviewed his Bible, chose "four Psalms, all with contrasting themes and moods" and began work on one of the first four Psalms. "I wanted each of the four songs to be brief, yet convey the emotions of the Psalmist. I decided to simply set the first half of the first verse of Psalm 27: 'The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear.' I jotted down harmonic and melodic lines that fit into the musical and poetic structure. I kept on returning to a single chord scribbled in the corner of the manuscript paper and it eventually became the foundation on which I built my work."

Eventually, Kaefer "decided not to set Psalm 27 for soprano and piano, but for chorus, flute and piano." He said he had not written a choral work in several years. "I found the new choral medium inspiring and electrifying."

After returning to Rochester, N.Y., for his senior year at the Eastman School of Music, and visiting composer Diamond in his home, "David said he thought it would be better for a full orchestra and write the entire Psalm. He said that I should set the work for chorus, orchestra and soloists. He confirmed my initial thoughts.

"I completed the short score on Feb. 16. And from September of last year to November of 1999, I've been orchestrating it." Kaefer dedicated the work to David Diamond.

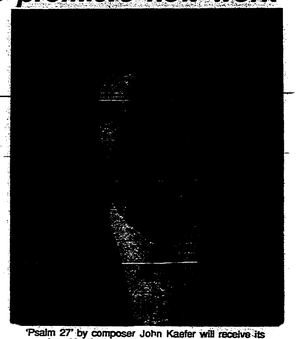
Kaefer said that he couldn't remember when music was not part of his life. "I began to write music when I was 10 years old," he recalled. "I just liked hearing the music that I wrote it. Listening to the classical music excited me musically, and I started developing — and I'm still developing as an artist," he admitted.

From the age of 10, the composer-pianist has written numerous orchestra works, a viola concerto, choral music, chamber works and many piano solos. His compositions have been performed throughout the United States and Europe at such prestigious places as the Aspen Music Festival, Carnegie Hall, Music at St. Bernards and the International Clarinet Festival, Steinway Hall, the Manhattan School of Music, the North Carolina School of the Arts, La Schola Cantorum in Paris, and at the Eastman School of Music. "I will be getting my master's degree in composition," he said.

"I've written about 25 pieces that have been performed a total of about 100 times. And I'm still writing."

Kaefer, whose wife, Kari, is a music teacher at Turkey Hill Elementary school in Orange, Conn., said that in addition to writing compositions, "I plan to teach music at a collegiate level. Hopefully, I can do both with success."

Unquestionably. Can there be any doubt at all?



'Psalm 27' by composer John Kaefer will receive its premiere March 4 when the Summit Chorale under [illegible] takes the new work.

## NJPAC brings arts residents into schools

New Jersey public and private schools interested in expanding their arts curriculum through professional residencies are being offered the opportunity by the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

Residency Program applications are currently being made available to public and private schools throughout the state. Implementation of NJPAC residency programs also assists schools in meeting the state's Performing Arts Core Curriculum Content and Workplace Readiness Standards.

NJPAC's Arts Academy, now in its sixth year, is a 10-week school-based artist-in-residence program which brings theater and dance instruction directly to classrooms. Professional artists, who are selected and assigned by NJPAC, guide students through the fundamentals of dance and theater during classes conducted in the schools twice per week during the 10-week program.

The theater residency is offered October through December for middle and high school students. The Arts Academy dance residency is designed for third- through sixth-grade students and extends from February to May.

NJPAC offers pre-school and kindergarten children, between the of ages 3 and 5 years old, the Early Learning Through the Arts Program presented in conjunction with the Wolf Trap Institute. Over the course of seven weeks, pre-schoolers are provided with a foundation for future learning as teaching artists specializing in creative dramatics, puppetry, music, storytelling, dance and movement use their specialties to teach basic academic and life skills twice each week.

The NJPAC Early Learning Through the Arts Program also includes a comprehensive teacher training component, which enables classroom teachers to continue a basic instructional philosophy and activities after the residency has concluded.

NJPAC residency programs also include selected features such as: attendance at NJPAC performances; Parent/Teacher/Child Workshops; curriculum materials; program assessment/evaluation; orientation for school or site administrators; pre-residency planning meetings; Professional Development Workshops for classroom teachers and administrators; and teaching artist training.

Application booklets are currently available from NJPAC's Arts Education Department. Booklets and more information may be obtained by calling 353-8009. The application will be available online by February at www.njpac.org/education/residency programs.

NJPAC's Arts Education Department is made possible by the generous support of Allen and Joan Bildner and the Bildner Family Foundation, Bell Atlantic, First Union National Bank, Lucent Technologies Foundation, Albert W. and Katherine E. Merck, NJPAC Arts Education Endowment Fund, The Prudential Foundation, Schering-Plough Foundation, Smart Family Foundation/Freedman & Stone, and Victoria Foundation.

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## MSU hosts arts lecture series

Design, sculpture and film are the focus of February's Art Forum Lecture Series, sponsored by Montclair State University's Department of Fine Arts.

All talks are conducted in Calcia Hall's Fine Arts Auditorium, Room 135, from 3 to 4:50 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

Today, MSU alumna Martha Griffin will speak. She started her career in film in 1990 with John Sayles. She joined the Sayles/Renzi team as an assistant and became unit manager on "City of Hope" and "Passion Fish." Over the years, she has worked as a script supervisor, an editing apprentice and as a post-production supervisor for David Mamet and Spike Lee. Karyn Kusama's "Girlfight" is the first film she is to produce.

For more information, call 655-7295.

## Arts Center continues its family shows

After a fall season that included Scholastic's "Magic School Bus" and a sold-out performance of "Winnie the Pooh," the Union County Arts Center has announced three performances for families this spring.

"Jack and the Fire Dragon" is the Arts Center's "Family Week at the Theater" show. A collection of exciting folk tales presented by the Shoestring Players, "Jack and the Fire Dragon" is engaging, entertaining, and educational. As a special gift to encourage families to share live theater together, one student ticket is free with every full-price adult ticket purchased. "Jack and the Fire Dragon" will be presented at 1 p.m. March 11.

The traditional favorite of girls throughout the world, "Black Beauty" trots onto stage at 3 p.m. April 2. An all-new musical featuring Black Beauty, Ginger, Merrylegs and all of their friends, "Black Beauty" is presented by Harmony Artists, and is sure to bring back memories of the book in every member of the audience.

Tickets for all three of these events are $9, and can be purchased by calling the box office at (732) 499-8226, or online at www.ucac.org. Other upcoming events at the Union County Arts Center include comic thrill magicians Penn & Teller, Feb. 13; '70s superstars Three Dog Night, April 15; and Broadway's original Evita, Patti LuPone, May 12, as well as a production of the hit Broadway musical "Man of La Mancha" March 10 to 25, film and classical events.

The Union County Arts Center, a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to presenting the best in the performing arts, is located in the recently restored Rahway Theater, a 1928 vaudeville and silent film house in downtown Rahway. The Arts Center is handicapped-accessible, and listening devices are available to patrons upon request. Major support for the Arts Center and its programs comes from the City of Rahway, Merck & Co., the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Comcast Digital Cable of Union, and the Rahway Savings Institution. Tickets may be purchased by phone with a Visa, Mastercard, or Discover, or in person at the Irving Street box office. In addition, tickets will be available online this season through the website at www.ucac.org, and through ETM Ticket Kiosks located in the Menlo Park Mall and Edwards Supermarkets and other locations. For more information, or tickets availability, call the box office at (732) 499-8226, or after 5 p.m. at 1-888-ETM-TIXS.

# 'La Mancha' headed for UCAC

"A triumph of creative imagination!" wrote the *New York Post* at the debut of the hit musical "Man of La Mancha," and now audiences at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway can see for themselves as the UCAC produces this classic 1966 musical play.

Miguel de Cervantes joins his greatest creation, journeying knight errant Don Quixote, through adventures and misadventures in 16th-century Spain. The Spanish Inquisition is at its most powerful, yet poets and storytellers manage to inspire prisoners of the Inquisition with Quixote's impossible dreams and stories of giants, dragons, knights, enchanters and beautiful damsels. Featuring characters as colorful as eternal sidekick Sancho Panza and the fiery barmaid Aldonza, "Man of La Mancha" is warm, funny, tender and magical. With a score that features "The Impossible Dream," as well as "To Each His Dulcinea" and "I, Don Quixote," "Man of La Mancha" is a scrumptious feast for the ears as well!

David Edwards, late of Johnson and Co. at the York Theater Company, plays Cervantes/Quixote. Edwards' other credits include Noble in "Little Me," Albin in "La Cage aux Folles," three productions as Frederick in "A Little Night Music" and eight previous outings in "Man of La Mancha."

Christine Jugnets makes her UCAC debut as Aldonza. Prior to joining this production, Jugnets has been a regular company member at the Denver Center Theater Company, and performed such roles in musicals as Dr. Charlotte in "Falsettos" and Raffaela in "Grand Hotel."

"Man of La Mancha" is being directed by Russell Treyz, who made his UCAC debut in 1997 with "Into the Woods." UCAC favorite Mark George returns as musical director after last season's triumphant productions of "A Chorus Line" and "Fiddler on the Roof." Mary Jane Houdina makes her Union County Arts Center debut as choreographer. Sets are by Joseph A. Milkojcik, lighting is by Rich Bishop, and the costumes are by Meg Weesler.

"Man of La Mancha" will be presented March 10, 11 17, 18, 22, 23, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. and March 12 and 19 at 3 p.m. There is a special student matinee at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 22.

Tickets for the show are $24 and $19, and student and senior discounts are available. The Union County Arts Center is an affiliate member of the New Jersey Theatre Group. In 1999, the *Star-Ledger* named the UCAC production of "A Chorus Line" as best musical revival of the season.

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# NJN to showcase remarkable women

From a young lady in her teens to a motivational powerhouse — NJN Public Television brings the message of Women's History Month to viewers throughout the month of March by showcasing the timeless talents and creative energies of women who span three generations.

Programs being broadcast as part of NJN's Women's History Month programming include "Charlotte Church: The Voice of an Angel" March 3 at 6 p.m.; "My Favorite Broadway: The Leading Ladies," hosted by Julie Andrews, March 5 at 1 p.m.; "Suze Orman — The Courage to be Rich" March 5 at 3 p.m.; "Audra McDonald in Concert" March 8 at 8 p.m.; and "Ann Hobson Pilot — A Musical Journey" March 30 at 9:30 p.m.

"Charlotte Church: The Voice of an Angel" showcases the teenage soprano in her first solo performance. Backed by the London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Church performs 11 songs from her debut album, "Voice of an Angel," including her signature song "Pie Jesu" from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Requiem," and classics "Panis Angelicus" and "Sso Gan." This special encore performance, which served as an introduction of the Welsh songbird to Americans, combines state-of-the-art performance filming with an intimate live concert setting. "Charlotte Church: The Voice of an Angel" airs on NJN March 3 at 6 p.m.

Broadway has long served as a showcase for talented women. PBS' Great Performances' "My Favorite Broadway: The Leading Ladies," hosted by Julie Andrews, brings viewers center stage with some of today's leading female vocal talents, including Nell Carter, Jennifer Holliday, Rebecca Luker, Marin Mazzie, Audra McDonald, Liza Minelli, Bebe Neuwirth, Rosie O'Donnell, Faith Prince, Elaine Stritch, Karen Ziemba and many others. "My Favorite Broadway: The Leading Ladies" will be broadcast on NJN March 5 at 1 p.m.

Commanding attention immediately following "My Favorite Broadway" is best-selling author and financial expert Suze Orman with her unique approach to managing money. "Suze Orman — The Courage to be Rich" addresses several financial issues and rites of passage for women and men, including: marriage, home ownership, starting over after a divorce or the death of a loved-one, and the myths and realities of today's most popular investments. "Suze Orman — The Courage to be Rich" airs on NJN March 5 at 3 p.m.

"Audra McDonald in Concert" features the three-time Tony Award-winner and songstress in a performance at London's Donmar Warehouse Theater, Covent Garden. Taped last August, this premiere broadcast marks her solo debut. McDonald received her Tony Awards for the recently closed Broadway production of "Ragtime," the musical adaptation of the E.L. Doctorow novel; Nicholas Hynner's 1993 production of "Carousel," and for her role as an aspiring opera singer in the Broadway production of Terrence McNally's "Master Class" in 1996. "Audra McDonald in Concert" will air on NJN March 8 at 8 p.m.

"Ann Hobson Pilot — A Musical Journey" takes viewers on the special pilgrimage of Pilot, the principle harpist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, who travels to South Africa to perform as a soloist with the National Symphony of Johannesburg — a performance that, for a black artist like her, would have been unthinkable in the days of apartheid. Pilot's musical journey continues as she explores the historical roots of her instrument, and breaks many color barriers along the way. "Ann Hobson Pilot — A Musical Journey" takes flight on NJN March 30 at 9:30 p.m.

Women's History Month is observed each March under the direction National Women's History Project. The theme for March 2000 is "An Extraordinary Century for Women — Now, Imagine the Future," geared to raise local awareness about women's remarkable contributions during the century that is now closing.

NJN Public Television and Radio is New Jersey's public telecommunications network. NJN Public Television's television PBS member, is broadcast over Channels 23 in Camden, 50 in Montclair, 52 in Trenton, 58 in New Brunswick, and all New Jersey cable systems. NJN Public Television is also broadcast in parts of New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Connecticut. NJN Public Radio, an NPR member station and PRI affiliate, is broadcast on 89.7 FM/Atlantic City; 88.1 FM/Berlin; 89.3 FM/Bridgeton; 90.3 FM/Cape May Court House; 89.9 FM/Manahawkin; 88.5 FM/Sussex; and 88.1 FM/Trenton. All NJN-produced programs are aired on NJN Public Radio and webcast on NJN's website at www.njn.net.

# Freeholders exhibit Smith's work

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will present Jay Ghering Smith in his spectacular ocean photographic exhibit, "Vietnam: A People and a War."

The exhibit is on display through March 17 in the Freeholders Gallery, located on the 6th floor of the Union County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue, in downtown Elizabeth. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Photographer Jay Gehring Smith brings to viewers a photo essay focused on the contrast between war and the life that endures despite the war. Smith was a Senior Combat Photojournalist for the First Infantry Division covering Saigon and North Saigon in 1968-69.

Smith has received a variety of honors throughout his career, including a Fellowship from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation for excellence in Arts Education, and a Union County HEART Grant in 1998 for an exhibit titled "The Bridges of New Jersey." Currently, he serves as the supervisor of the arts department at Cranford High School and over the last two decades has dedicated his efforts to the arts education of the children of Cranford.

"Smith's work not only shows his exceptional talent but shows his dedication to the arts," said Freeholder Mary P. Rooney, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "We see this in his many awards and accomplishments, and also in his 22 years of teaching art to our children."

Gallery owner Joyce Vernon, who first displayed Jay Smith's photos from the Vietnam War, recently said, "People were in awe of what he had captured; that very human side of Vietnam was not what we had been seeing on the news. Jay has a real special eye for capturing human moments that makes him unique."

The Freeholders Gallery is coordinated by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. For further information about this exhibit or other programs and services related to the arts and Union County history, contact the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202, or call (908) 558-2550.

# County board unveils cutlural calendar

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced the Union County Calendar of Events, "Cultural Connections," is available on the county's website.

"The Cultural Connections calendar is an instant link to the county's broad range of arts, musical, educational and historical programs," said Freeholder Mary P. Rusotto, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board. "It not only highlights our talented county organizations and individuals, but also makes it easy to plan ahead so you don't miss any special events."

Union County is rich in culture, history and arts activities. The calendar reflects this representation with a wide variety of events from concerts to lectures, from children's programs to theatrical performances and dance.

The Union County Museum and Historical Sites schedule contains regular operating hours and special programs. Also available on the web page is the Cultural Connections Information Form which can be printed out, completed and mailed in by any individual or group that wishes to include events in the calendar.

To access the Union County website, type in www.unioncountynj.org. When homepage is downloaded, notice the department listing on the left side of the page. Click on County Manager, then Economic Development, and finally Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, where you will see options to access the Museum listings, Current Calendar or the Information Form.

For more information on the Calendar of Events or other services of the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, call (908) 558-2550, send e-mail to scoen@unioncountynj.org, or contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

Your abilities can earn extra income. Advertise them with a classified ad by calling 1-800-564-8911.

# Dietz continues Guild's concert series

The Arts Guild of Rahway continues the Millennium Music Series with a concert featuring folk singer/songwriter Roger Deitz March 10 at 8 p.m. All tickets are $8, and can be purchased at the door. For more information, call (732) 381-7511.

Roger Deitz is a keen observer of the passing parade with an acerbic wit and a unique style of writing and performing playing to 10,000 folkies from the main stage of the prestigious Philadelphia Folk Festival as a five-time host and performer, and a host of other venues such as the Long Island Folk Festival and The World Hunger Year Hungerthon 92.3 K-Rock Folk Concert. Deitz is well known for his original songs, fine instrumental work and humorous stories. He has had numerous glowing reviews written about his musical talent and skills:

"Deitz combines his natural aptitude for humor writing with fine banjo playing to create songs that are lighthearted and technically inspired.

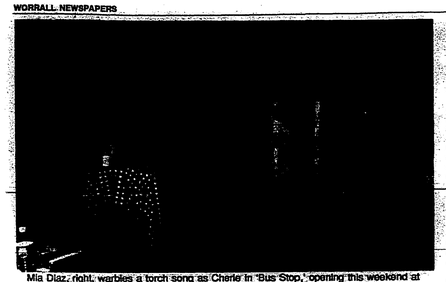
"His graceful guitar playing and poetic yet unpretentious lyrics commanded the crowd's full attention, while his song, 'The Common Man,' avoided the cliches one might expect and was ultimately moving," wrote Jay Lustig in the *Star-Ledger*.

As you will learn when you hear Roger Deitz perform, he is an excellent musician with a fine singing voice and many wonderful orginal songs and stories as well as a full repertoire of standard folk songs.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway and is accessible from Routes 1 and 9 north and south, the Garden State Parkway, the New Jersey Turnpike and Route 27, St. Georges Avenue in Rahway.







Mia Diaz, right, warbles a torch song as Cherie in "Bus Stop," opening this weekend at Carnival Productions in Rahway. Joining her in the romantic comedy are, from left, Clinton L. Scott as ranch hand Virgil Blessing and James Cunningham as rancher Bo Decker. Cherie's ardent admirer.

# 'Bus Stop' pulls into Rahway's Carnival

Carnival Productions of Rahway will raise the curtain Friday night on the second show of the 1999-2000 season, "Bus Stop." The classic romantic comedy by William Inge will be presented at Carnival's theater at the El Bodegon Restaurant, 169 W. Main St. in the downtown Rahway Arts District.

Starring in the production are Rahway residents Kelli Bragdon as waitress Elma Duckworth and Richard J. Allen Jr. as Sheriff Will Masters.

Mia Diaz of Montclair assumes the role of Cheri, made famous in the film version by Marilyn Monroe. Rounding out the cast are James Cunningham of New Brunswick, Fred Schwab of Metuchen, Clinton L. Scott of Hawthorne, Joanne Smith of Jersey City and Lee Wittenberg of Newark.

Carnival audiences have seen Diaz, Scott, Smith and Wittenberg — together and separately — in such shows as "A Voice of My Own," "The Lion in Winter," "Godspell," "All My Sons," "The Nerd," "Cafe d'Amour," "Bell, Book and Candle," "The Fantasticks" and "Veronica's Room." Silten, who serves as the company technical director, is making his Carnival onstage debut, along with Cunningham, Schwab, and Bragdon, who has appeared numerous times with the Rahway High School Theater Department.

Staging the show is Tracey Randinelli of Whippany, who is making her directorial debut. Randinelli has served as Carnival's director of media relations since 1995, and has been seen with the Rahway theater company in "Broadway and Beyond," "Godspell," "All My Sons," "A Voice of My Own," "Dangerous Corner," and "A Shayna Maidel," for which she won both the 1998 Worrall Community Newspapers T.E.A.M. Award and the New Jersey community theater Perry Award for Best Actress in a Play.

Performances of "Bus Stop" will take place Friday and Saturday, and March 3 and 4 at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2:30 p.m., and March 2 at 8 p.m. Tickets for show only are $12 for general admission, and $10 for students and senior citizens. Dinner-and-show packages are $27 Fridays and Saturdays; luncheon-and-show tickets on Sunday are $22, as is the buffet-and-show package March 2. For reservations and information, call (732) 388-0647 or send e-mail to carnivalpr@aol.com. "Bus Stop" is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service Inc.

# Movie length is part of filmmaker's job

## Iris In, Iris Out

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Hitchcock said that the length of a film should be in direct relation to the endurance of the human bladder. My own bladder has agreed with that statement more than once.

Just like water, a sparkling new art has to seek its level. At the birth of any art, nothing other than raw materials exist; there's no structure, no style, no point of view, no size, no length. The physical, thematic and temporal makeup of a new art is uncovered and developed as the practitioners go along.

Filmmaking began with static shots of single subjects, running about a minute in length. Later on, one reel films, running approximately 10 or 12 minutes, were the norm. Then two-reel films. Eventually, in America, D.W. Griffith helped push the industry into — you guessed it — three-reelers.

Pre-World War I filmmakers in Italy then took the biggest jump of all and began producing nine and 12-reel historical epics, until the war came along and body slammed their business. Griffith then picked up the slack, making a couple of epics of his own, "The Birth of a Nation" and "Intolerance," both of which topped three hours.

Three hours proved too long for average fare, but Griffith's big productions managed to help establish the feature film, and gave the expanding craft the creative legitimacy it previously lacked. Filmmakers eventually settled on 90-minute to two-hour running times, the latter of which is considered today about the average.

Sandwiched in between all this activity were the Hollywood-produced "B" pictures, or "programmers," of the 30s and 40s - potboilers, usually melodramas or horor films or westerns — all those Charlie Chans and Bowery Boys that seldom topped 75 minutes.

So here we are now, after all this fuss and experimentation, at approximately two hours. I'm satisfied with that. It's comfortable for me, both psychologically and physically. Both my brain and my bladder can handle it. In fact, I'm even willing to grant an extra four minutes for credits. Two hours and four minutes should be enough for anyone. But that's all I'll grant.

Throughout the history of film, there have been instances in which running times have been successfully challenged; "The Godfather" and even the recent cliche-punctured "Titanic" are two examples of filmmakers not killing their audiences with generosity. But these are exceptions.

Films demand a certain chunk of a viewer's time; a 700-page novel can be put down and picked up again, but a film has to play straight through for best effect. A filmmaker who brings a film in at three, three-and-a-half, or even two-and-a-half hours shows little ability for handling the medium, and practically no regard for the viewer's time, tolerance and bodily functions.

The best audiences in the world would be hard put to maintain the energy necessary to properly experience a three-hour film, even a Hollywood bubble gum one.

Hitting the two-hour mark is part of the filmmaker's craft, like having an audible soundtrack, or being in focus. To keep us longer than that is to make us prisoners. Two hours — with four minutes for credits — and then I want to be out in the world again. The End.

# Chorus makes scholarships available

Hickory Tree Chorus, Sweet Adelines International, is once again offering a $1,000 scholarship to a musically talented young woman interested in pursuing a career in music.

The chorus has been awarding annual scholarships for more than 18 years to students from areas in which chorus members reside.

Qualified high school senior girls with good academic records and exceptional talent in vocal or instrumental music are encouraged to apply. Students should also have applied for acceptance into a music program at a college or university. Applicants must submit an audio tape of a short performance demonstrating their particular talent. Tapes may include accompaniment, as needed. Completed applications and audio-tapes must be received by April 8, 2000.

High school guidance departments in more than 50 communities have information and applications. Applications may be requested by calling (973) 325-8607 or by e-mailing the chorus at hickorytr@aol.com. In addition, applications may be printed directly from the chorus' website at www.angelfire.com/nj/hickorytree.

# Kent Place Gallery exhibits artwork by area residents

A new exhibition at the Kent Place School Gallery in Summit titled "Open and Shut" provides art fans an opportunity to view the work of New Jersey artists Barbara Mathis and Laura Chenicek. The exhibition, which opened Feb. 7, runs through March 3.

Mathis is primarily a figurative painter who likes to place her subjects in unique environments and then entice the viewer to enter that space. Her "Sleeper" paintings are presented from the voyeur's point of view, catching glimpses of private moments such as an oblivious woman taking a nap, enveloped by luxurious painted fabrics and bed linens.

In contrast, Chenicek's paintings offer the viewer direct access to her childhood memories. Landscapes, which represent the pleasant outward appearance of things, have been cut in half and then partially or fully reconnected with painted zippers, laces, snaps and other closures. In some paintings, the zippers are partially opened to reveal portraits of the child's emotional past.

While both artists have emotional healing as a central theme in their work, they approach the subject from very different directions. In Mathis's paintings the subjects are involved in their own unconscious, dream state and are immersed in restorative sleep. Conversely, Chenicek's work shows a conscious effort to reveal memories and come to terms with past events.

Jointly, the artists have more than three decades of experience painting and exhibiting in the New York metropolitan region, and their work appears in private and corporate collections.

The public is invited to attend a reception and meet the artists on Friday, Feb. 11, 6 to 8 p.m. in the Kent Place Gallery, which is located in the Hyde and Watson Theater, 42 Norwood Ave., Summit. The gallery is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment with Judy Lapides, Pratt Institute graduate and/Kent Place School art teacher, and gallery director. For more information, call the gallery at (908) 273-0900.

*Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to Arts and Entertainment Editor Bill Van Sant, W ...rrall Community Newspapers, ...ood Place, NJ 07027*

# Stepping Out

## ART SHOWS

**SUMMIT FRAME & ART** will exhibit five newly acquired paintings by W.P.A. artist Louis Wolchonok.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Thursdays until 7 p.m. The gallery is located at 465 Springfield Ave. in Summit. For information, call (908) 273-8665.

**UNION COUNTY TEEN ARTS** Tour-

**AMATEUR CHAMBER MUSIC WORKSHOP** members rehearse prior to their appearance March 4 and 5 at Lincoln Center in New York City. Gathered around coach and clarinetist Steve Hart are, from left, violinist Lea Karpman of Springfield; violinist Marge Sokolow of Montclair, a music teacher at West Orange High School; violist Lorraine Marks of Warren, a music teacher in Cranford and the founder/director of the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra; and cellist Marty Steinberg of South Orange.

ing Exhibit will be on display at the Elizabeth Public Library now through today. The library is located at 11 S. Broad St. in Elizabeth.

**LOUNGE SCENE SERIES**, the work of artist Diana Jensen, will be on exhibit at the Tomasulo Gallery at Union County College, Cranford, through today.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesdays to Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. The gallery is located on the first floor of the MacKay Library on the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave. For information, call (908) 709-7155.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH** will be observed with an exhibit by Alonzo Adams at the Swain Galleries in Plainfield through Saturday.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. For information, call (908) 756-1707.

**OUR UNIQUE VISION ... THE SEARCH**, the works of 14 photographers, will be on exhibit at the Jacob Trapp Gallery in the Community House of Summit's Unitarian Church through Sunday.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located at 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. For information, call photographer Ross Wagner at (908) 522-0020 or (908) 522-1120 or send e-mail to rosswagner@usa.net.

**A CLOSER LOOK:** "Contemporary Metalwork & Jewelry" will be on exhibit at the James Howe Gallery at Kean University, Union, through Monday.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon, and by appointment. The gallery is located at Kean University, Morris and North avenues in Union. For information, call (908) 527-2307.

**CLARK PUBLIC LIBRARY** will exhibit the pastels and oil paintings of Cranford artist Mildred S. Lubas through Monday on the main floor of the library.

Library hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Clark Public Library is located at 303 Westfield Ave. For information, call (908) 388-5999.

**CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL** in Mountainside will exhibit paintings in all three hallways of the facility throughout the month of February. For information, call the hospital.

The Freholders Gallery is coordinated by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Gallery hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Administration Building is located at Elizabethtown Plaza on Rahway Avenue in downtown Elizabeth. For information, call (908) 558-2550.

**TOMASULO GALLERY** at Union County College will exhibit the work of Mark McNeicall March 10 through April 13.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesdays to Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. The gallery is located on the first floor of the MacKay Library on the Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave. For information, call (908) 709-7155.

**PAINTINGS & WORKS ON PAPER** by Union artist Joe Lugara will be on exhibit at Van Gogh's Ear, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union, now through Wednesday.

**COME FLY WITH US**, a collection of paintings and models by aviation artist Keith Ferris, will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library now through March 15.

Gallery hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located in Frieberger Park on Morris Avenue, next to Union Town Hall. For information, call (908) 851-5450.

**THE LAY OF THE LAND**, contemporary landscapes by painters Peter Schroth and Michael Metzger and aerial photographer Owen Kanzler, will be on exhibit at the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway through March 10.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m., and by appointment. The Arts Guild is located at 1670 Irving St. in Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-7511.

**COLOR, LINE & FORM**, the paintings of Alice Bryan Hondru of Maplewood, will be on exhibit with the watercolor wildlife paintings of Christopher Pacio of Murray Hill at the Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Public Library through March 16.

Gallery hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The Springfield Public Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

**VIETNAM: A PEOPLE AND A WAR**, works by photographer Jay Ghering Smith, will be on exhibit in the Freeholders Gallery on the sixth floor of the Union County Administration Building through March 17.

## COMEDY

**CASUAL TIMES** restaurant features comedians on Saturdays, at 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The restaurant is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call (908) 388-6511.

## CONCERTS

**SINGER/SONGWRITER WILLIAM SMITH** will appear in concert Saturday from 8 to 10 p.m. at Barnes & Noble of Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-6581.

**SUMMIT CHORALE** will present the world premiere of "Psalm 22" by New Jersey composer John Kieffer, along with Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms," March 4 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Summit Middle School, 272 Morris Ave. in Summit. Also appearing will be the the Chamber Symphony of New Jersey. Tickets are $18 for adults, $13 for senior citizens and students. For information, call (973) 762-8486.

**FOLK SINGER MIKE DIETZ** will appear at the Arts Guild of Rahway as part of the guild's Millennium Music Series March 10 at 8 p.m. All seats are $10. The guild is located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (732) 381-7511.

**SUMMIT SYMPHONY** will present a concert March 12 at 3 p.m. at the Summit Middle School, corner of Morris and Summit avenues. Admission is ...

## DISCUSSION

**THE ART OF ESSAY WRITING** workshop will be sponsored by Barnes & Noble in Springfield today at 7 p.m. as part of the Independent Thinkers Essay Contest. Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 westbound in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-6581.

**NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS** in Summit will sponsor a panel discussion on the topic of the International Juried Show 2000 exhibition Sunday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St. in Summit. Admission is free and open to the public. For information, call (908) 273-9121.

## FILM

**UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER** in Rahway continues its Film Series through May. Unless otherwise noted for double and triple features, tickets are $3 for 1 p.m. screenings, $5 at 8 p.m.

The series continues with the following schedule:

• March 15: "Gigi," 1 and 8 p.m.

• March 29: "Hitchcock Turns 1000: Double Feature — "To Catch a Thief" and "Vertigo," 7 p.m., $7 for both films.

• April 12: "Ben Hur," 1 and 8 p.m.

• May 3: "Leave 'Em Laughing": Comedy Double Feature — "A Night at the Opera" and "Some Like It Hot," 7 p.m., $7 for both films.

UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St. in Rahway. For information and reservations, call (732) 499-8226 or visit the UCAC website at www.ucac.org.

**FILMMAKERS SYMPOSIUM** will be sponsored by Monmouth University at the Loews Mountainside Monday evenings, now through March 27 and April 3 through May 8. Cost is $103 for six weeks, $194 for the full 12 weeks. For information, call (800) 222-7715.

## GOLF

**GOLF CLINIC** for children ages 10 to 13 will take place at the Bahtorol Golf Club in Springfield from 10 to 11 a.m. The clinic will raise funds for programs run by The Children's Aid Society. For information, call Freeman Miller, at 376-8426.

## KIDS

**PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE** in Millburn will present a series of children's shows every weekend in April and May.

April 1 and 2: "Alice in Wonderland," ages 3 to 11 years old;

April 15 and 16: "Peter Rabbit," ages 3 to 7 years old;

April 29 and 30: "Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping and Other Stories in a Story Salad," ages 5 to 10 years old;

May 6 and 7: "Hansel and Gretel" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," ages 3 to 7 years old;

May 13 and 14: "Snow White, ages 3 to 7 years old; and

May 20 and 21: "Peter and the Wolf," ages 5 to 10 years old.

All performances are at 10 a.m. at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Brookside Drive in Millburn. Tickets are $9 for orchestra seats, $8 for mezzanine. For information, call (973) 376-4343 beginning Monday.

**UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER** in Rahway will present "Jack and the Fire Dragon" March 11 at 1 p.m. Tickets are $9. UCAC is located at 1601 Irving St., Rahway. For information, call (732) 499-8226 or visit the website at www.ucac.org.

**UNION RECREATION** Department will sponsor weekly ceramics classes for children between the ages of 7 and 12 at the Recreation building, 1120 Commerce Ave., Union, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For information, call 964-4828.

## POETRY

**POETRY OUT LOUD!**, an open-mike poetry night, will be sponsored by Barnes & Noble of Springfield Friday at 8 p.m. Barnes & Noble is located at 240 Route 22 westbound in Springfield. For information, call (973) 376-6581.

## SINGLES

**INTERFAITH SINGLES**, for single adults older than 45 years old, said meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. — for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. in Westfield. Donation is $2. For information, call (908) 889-5269 or (908) 889-4751.

**KISMET SINGLES** will sponsor several events in the coming weeks.

For information, call (908) 232-8872 or visit the website at www.thekismet.com.

## THEATER

**PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE** will continue its 1999-2000 season with the comic thriller "Deathtrap" now through April 2.

Evening performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. The Paper Mill Playhouse is located on Brookside Drive in Millburn. For information and reservations, call (973) 376-4343; for information on 20 or more, call (973) 379-3636, ext. 2438.

**CRANFORD DRAMATIC CLUB** will present the Jerry Herman musical "Mame" through Saturday. Tickets are $15. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. The playhouse is located at 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford. For information, call (908) 276-7611.

**KEAN UNIVERSITY** will present "West Side Story" through Sunday in Wilkins Theater on the Union campus. Shows are at 8 p.m. today, Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $12 for the general public, $8 for students, and $10 for senior citizens. Kean faculty, staff and alumni. For information, call (908) 527-2337.

**CARNIVAL PRODUCTIONS** of Rahway will present "Bus Stop" by William Inge Friday through March 4 at El Bodegon Restaurant, 169 W. Main St., Rahway. Shows are 8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 6 p.m. Thursday, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $16 and $12 for show only, $22 and $27 for meal-and-show packages. For information, call (732) 388-0647 or send e-mail to carnivalpr@aol.com.

**UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER** in Rahway will present "Man of La Mancha" March 10 to 25 at the Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., Rahway. Shows are 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are $19 and $24. For information, call (732) 499-8226 or visit the website at www.ucac.org.

## AUDITIONS

**WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS** will conduct auditions for "Brigadoon" by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the playhouse, 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield. In addition to singers and dancers for the chorus, being sought are nine men and four women for leading roles, plus one non-singing man and woman. Auditioners should prepare a song and bring sheet music.

## CLASSES

**WESTFIELD YOUNG ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE** will offers professional classes in the performing arts.

Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Acting classes will concentrate on improvisation, character development and scene study. Also offered are four levels of tap and three levels of musical theater, which focuses on song selection and interpretation, ensemble work, voice, and musical theater movement and dance. Private lessons in voice and/or acting are available.

The Westfield High School is located at 728 Westfield Ave., Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-3200.

**UNION COUNTY TORAH CENTER** will offer a Judaica art metalsmith course for eight Sundays, now through April 9, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The course is for children between the ages of 9 and 12 years old; the cost is $100 per child and includes all materials. For information, call (908) 789-5252.

**THE WESTFIELD "Y"** will be currently conducting classes in cardio box and kick, art appreciation, and bellydancing. The "Y" is located at 220 Clark St. in Westfield. For information, call (908) 233-2700.

**SLEEPERS** - STACY by Barbara Mathis is among the works in 'Open and Shut,' the works of Mathis and Laura Chenicek, which are on exhibit at the Kent Place Gallery in Summit through March 3.





# KIDS AND PARENTING

## St. Joseph School accomplishes much with parents' help

Leaders and students at St. Joseph School in West Orange celebrated Catholic Schools Week Jan. 30 through Feb. 4 with a full slate of activities designed to promote an awareness of the quality education and Christian environment offered in parochial schools, particularly their own.

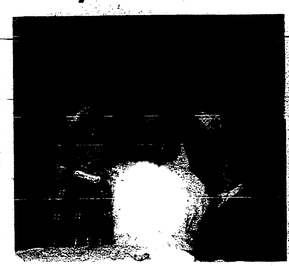
Everyone involved — students, teachers, administration, parents and volunteers — was enthusiastic to participate and make this one of the highlights of the school year.

"Our students' families really pitched in and made this is a most wonderful week for their children and our school! From setting up before and cleaning up after events to bringing in plates and boxes of goodies and working at our numerous events, even typing schedules and copying and distributing lists, the success of this week can really be attributed to the parents at our school," said Kelley Hendricks co-president of the St. Joseph PTG. Nancy McCabe, principal of St. Joseph's, agreed, adding, "Parents are our number-one resource when it comes to providing the special ingredient in our school's mix! Our teachers offer a quality education; our mission offers a loving, Catholic environment in which to learn; but our volunteers are the ones who help pull all this together. We are grateful to them."

School families played a vital role in the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's as students served as lectors and gave brief talks, while St. Joseph parents were lectors and Eucharistic ministers. An open house following the Mass was a hit with families who already attend the school and others who are considering enrolling for the 2000-01 school year. Teachers were on hand in the classrooms to answer questions and share their thoughts about St. Joseph's, and a buffet of goodies donated by school families was enjoyed by everyone in the school's all-purpose room.

Open house the next day was not terribly dampened by the previous night's snowfall. Parents toured the school and visited classrooms, where they could see by day-to-day lessons and activities of St. Joseph School students.

The busy week culminated Friday with entertaining, educational and just plain fun mini-courses organized or led, once again, by parent volunteers. Courses ranged from arts and crafts, cooking, fencing, and martial arts to Braille origami and chess.



Carmen Gonzalez, seated, is surrounded by her grandchildren, students at St. Joseph School in West Orange, during the recent Grandparents Brunch. From left with Gonzalez are pre-K student Camille McPherson, kindergartener Nick Hanson, 2nd-grader Kenny McPherson and 1st grader Russell McPherson.

William Taffe, right, a parent volunteer at recent events at St. Joseph School, helps students during Ice Cream Sundae Day.

## Gift-buying dilemmas need not be doubled by twins

Two ... four ... six ... eight ... Twins are on the rise in the United States! According to the National Center for Health Statistics in Maryland, twin births are up an average of 2 percent per year since 1980. In addition, this decade brings a first in history, with the number of annual multiple births topping 100,000 — the majority of them being twins.

Although friends and family will be happy to hear of the new arrivals, "double trouble" can often surface when selecting a gift for parents of twins. What to get? Matching outfits? Layette? Diaper bags?

Anne Garvey, director of Fashion/Licensing for Healthtex, a leading manufacturer of fully coordinated children's everyday playwear, "footwear and hosiery, offers the following advice about "doubling up" for gift giving:

• To match or not to match. Clothes are always a safe bet, as there are never enough with twins! As a rule, the National Organization of Mothers of Twins recommends leaving the fancy, matching dress-up clothes to the parents. Opt instead for easy-care, mix-and-match separates, giving Mom many wardrobing options. Just four coordinating tops and three bottoms, for example, can provide upwards of a dozen interchangeable outfits almost effortlessly.

• Layette items are another terrific solution, since they serve as the core of the newborns' wardrobe. Look for economical multi-value packs that feature coordinating unisex colors and patterns on basic essentials, like snap-side tees and "onesies." Simplicity is the key to good gifts — 100 percent combed cotton receiving blankets and crib sheets are needed in doubles, and the more the better during those first six months!

• Diapers — One newborn child can average as many as nine changes per day; some simple math shows why disposable diapers are always welcomed by the parents of twins. A few weeks of diaper service can also be a perfect gift. Most major cities have local firms to check the Yellow Pages.

• A double-sized, zippered tote bag with a plastic liner is certainly appropriate and can be affordable — Healthtex diaper bags retail for about $24 to $28. According to Garvey, look for roomy diaper compartments, elasticized or Velcro outer pockets so bottles won't slip out on the go, a waterproof liner, an adjustable shoulder strap and a fold-out changing pad.

To help gift buyers find the proper clothing sizes, Healthtex includes a detailed sizing chart on all hang-tags. The company also offers a special credit card-sized version of the chart, which on the reverse side lists the schedule of immunizations recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics for kids from birth to 16 years old. To get a free size/immunizations chart, send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to: "Kids Chart" — English Version, or "Spanish Chart" — Spanish Version, Healthtex, P.O. Box 21488, Greensboro, NC 27420-1488. Be sure to indicate language preference on the envelope.

Twins can be twice as nice, especially when thoughtful friends and relatives understand that twice the fun is often twice the work. When selecting those special gifts, use a pinch of practicality and remember the easier for Mom, the better.

### Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news:

Church, club and social — Thursday noon.

Entertainment - Friday noon.

Sports - Monday noon.

Letters to the Editor - Monday 9 a.m.

General - Monday 5 p.m.



## Area school offers nurturing preschool program

Looking for a place where your child can receive a loving, warm, and educational preschool experience? Shoresh is the place.

Shoresh, with classrooms at Temple Ner Tamid, is a fully licensed school with colorful and inviting indoor space, as well as a playground and lawn area in which many activities and explorations abound. The school accepts children that are not completely trained for its "twos" group. Two-year-olds meet two or three mornings a week to learn, play, explore, and have fun. Three-year-olds have a morning session with an opportunity to stay for an exciting afternoon program. The four-year-old program's curriculum prepared them for kindergarten. Every class explores a different "area" of our world with science, literature, art, and cultural units, just to name a few. Shoresh offers a 10-month school program followed by summer camp. Offered is two four-week sessions from the end of June through the end of August, the summer camp programs give children the opportunity to take part in a variety of fun-filled activities including barbecues, Shabbat, arts and crafts, sports, picnics, storytimes, and plenty of outdoor fun. Shoresh is the ideal place for all kids!


Bill Van Sant, Editor

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# Photos can aid parents in addressing kids' self esteem

Making the most of the "little moments" in your children's lives each day can do wonders for their confidence and self-esteem. Recent research has shown that instant photography is a powerful tool for parents to give their children positive reinforcement. Here are some fun tips from Polaroid and Diane Loomans, author of "Full Esteem Ahead," about how to boost your child's self esteem each day:

• **Help your child tackle a big project** — like cleaning his room — by capturing the before, during and after of the clean-up process with instant photography. Kids love seeing the result of their hard work and the photo will help them recall that feeling of accomplishment next time.

• **Foster your child's self-expression and creativity** by taking an instant photo of a "piece de resistance" — whether a sand castle, finger-painting, snowman or mashed-potato sculpture.

• **Make the most of instances when your child exhibits positive behavior** — sharing toys with a sibling, taking out the garbage, helping Dad rake leaves in the yard. An instant photograph makes these moments special and becomes a positive reminder of how great "doing good" feels.

• **As your children learn to roller skate or practice their handwriting,** take photos weekly or daily to capture step-by-step improvements. Your children can hold these images in their hands immediately, offering tangible proof of their progress.

• **To encourage your child's love of learning,** start a "Create-A-Book" project. Ask your child to pick a topic — the local pond, furry animals, cars — and create a personal book filled with instant photos. Older children can write descriptive captions on each page while younger ones can include a single word to describe each photo.

Bake cookies together. Volunteer together. Plant flowers. Consider additional ways to boost your child's self-esteem:

• **Celebrate another culture's holiday,** whether Cinco de Mayo, the Mexican holiday celebrating national freedom; Shichi-Go-San, a Japanese holiday honoring 3-, 5- and 7-year-olds; or Tu B'shvat, an Israeli Arbor Day celebrated by planting trees. As your children learn to appreciate others, they begin to appreciate themselves.

• **Create a "What's Right in the World"** bulletin board in your home. Include positive news headlines, fun clippings and hopeful stories which inspire your children, reminding them of the good things happening in the world.

• **Engage your child in "Role Reversal Day"** where parents and children switch roles for a day. The child decides what to eat, when to go to sleep and what activities take place. Your child experiences independence and responsibility and, with any luck, learns to consider others in decision-making.

**Free Brochure**

For a free brochure featuring creative tips on how to boost a child's self-esteem using instant photography, call the Polaroid Corporation, the worldwide leader in instant imaging at (800) 778-0888.

# Immaculate Conception High prepares well-rounded students

Immaculate Conception High School is a private, Catholic, co-educational, college preparatory high school in Montclair.

Founded in 1925 as a parish high school, Immaculate soon became regionalized due to the increasing number of applicants from the surrounding areas. Today, students come to Immaculate from many communities in Essex, Union and Passaic counties.

Immaculate is administered by the Sisters of Charity and governed by its own board of trustees. The school is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as well as the Archdiocese of Newark, and is a scholastic and athletic member of the Colonial Hills Conference.

Immaculate offers students a multicultural experience, a family atmosphere and a community environment where they can discuss and live out the values upon which their education is based. A 10-to-1 student-teacher ratio ensures a personalized education.

Immaculate students excel academically, athletically and socially, as evidenced through accomplishments like the 1994 National Physics Championship, a consistent top ranking in the state for the sciences, five consecutive conference titles in football, as well as State Championships in 1984 and 1998. Immaculate's track teams also claimed the indoor and outdoor State Championships for 1998.

A widely recognized and acclaimed African-American Performance Troupe is one example of the many non-athletic extra-curricular activities also available. Maurice Chestnut, a sophomore member of the troupe, was recently named one of the 20 New Jerseyans to watch in 2000, by the *Star-Ledger* for his accomplishments as a tap dancer.

The academic program at Immaculate is college prep. Students are grouped according to ability and honors courses are offered throughout the curriculum. More than 90 percent of Immaculate graduates go on to post secondary education. Applicants are selected for admission based on their academic performance, scores on standardized tests and their principal's recommendation.

At Immaculate, students are challenged to fulfill their potential so they may be prepared for life experiences beyond high school, as responsible Christian men and women whose lives will "make a difference."

For more information, to arrange a visit or find out about open houses, scholarships and financial aid opportunities, call the Admissions Office (973) 744-9034.

# Rahway schools prepare for district Family Nights

The Rahway School district will would like to bring families together in education, and what better way than Family Nights?

The district will sponsor Family Nights Tuesday at three of the district's four elementary schools: Madison, Franklin and Grover Cleveland.

Each program is designated for the families of students at the particular school. Families of Madison School students will meet in the school library for Family Reading Night; at Franklin School, families will join for Family Math Night; while at Cleveland, Family Science Night will be conducted.

Registration is required. All Family Night programs will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by refreshments at approximately 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Madison School at (732) 396-0170, Franklin at (732) 396-1060 or Grover Cleveland at (732) 1040.

# Mrs. NJ hopefuls are now being sought

Contestant applications are now being accepted for the 2000 Mrs. New Jersey International Pageant. The pageant will take place in July 2000 at the Somerset Marriott Hotel in Somerset.

Prospective contestants must be between the ages of 23 and 56 years old, married for one or more years, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of New Jersey for at least six months. Phases of competition will include a personal interview with a panel of judges, an evening gown competition, platform, and aerobic wear.

The Mrs. New Jersey Pageant has announced that Mrs. New Jersey International 1999, Theresa Iliff of Newton, won the national title of Mrs. U.S. International 1999-2000 this year.





# It's not too early to investigate braces for children

When should your child get braces? Although individual problems determine the best time to start orthodontic treatment, the American Association of Orthodontists recommends that every child see an orthodontist at an early age. This could be as young as 2 or 3 years old, but should be no later than age 7.

Many orthodontic problems are easier to correct if detected early rather than treated when jaw growth has slowed. Among the younger patients of Dr. David Hamilton, an AAO member near Pittsburgh, is a 4-year-old boy whose teeth didn't meet properly. Also, his lower jaw was off-center. Early correction meant he didn't have to spend any time in braces as an adolescent, Dr. Hamilton says.

Treating orthodontic problems early can have a tremendous impact on a young person's oral health and emotional well-being. "We perform minor miracles every day," Dr. Hamilton says.

Dr. Hamilton emphasizes that early treatment may eliminate the need for more drastic measures, such as jaw surgery. "Our primary goal is to correct severe problems that, if let go, will be much more difficult to correct later on in life," he says.

Although many people associate orthodontic treatment with adolescence, orthodontists can spot subtle problems with jaw growth or with the teeth much earlier, while the primary or "baby" teeth are present. In some cases, an orthodontist can achieve results that may not be possible once the face and jaws have finished growing. "Teeth move more easily in younger kids," Dr. Hamilton says.

**Early Diagnosis Can Provide Peace-Of-Mind**

Frequently, taking a child to the orthodontist results in a recommendation of "let's wait and see," notes Dr. Hamilton. "We may simply want to check your child periodically while the permanent teeth are coming in, and as the jaws and face continue to grow."

Whatever the orthodontic diagnosis, the AAO emphasizes the importance of keeping in regular contact with the family dentist.

**Free Information Available From the AAO**

For "Good Beginnings," the AAO's free brochure on early orthodontic diagnosis, or for brochures on other orthodontic topics, contact 1-800-STRAIGHT — (800) 787-2444. Or write the AAO at 401 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63141-7816.

Anyone considering orthodontic treatment for themselves or for a loved one can take advantage of the "Smile Bank," the AAO's free computer-imaging program. Send a color picture of yourself with a big, toothy smile to the AAO, c/o "SMILES", and you'll receive a free photo showing how your smile might benefit from orthodontic treatment.

AAO members are uniquely qualified to correct "bad bites." The American Dental Association requires orthodontists to have at least two years of advanced specialty training in orthodontics in an accredited program, after graduation from dental school.

# Responsible dental health care begins in baby's infancy

When should parents start to consider a child's dental health? It's never too early, say dental experts — even if your baby doesn't have any teeth yet.

To give your baby a biting chance at good dental health, here are some suggestions from the National Institute of Dental Research.

• Taking good care of yourself when you are pregnant is important. Take your doctor's advice about eating the right foods and taking vitamins.

• Protect your baby's teeth with fluoride. Fluoride protects teeth from tooth decay and helps heal early decay.

Fluoride is added to the drinking water in some towns and cities. Ask your dentist if your water has fluoride in it. If it doesn't or if you use bottled water, your dentist or doctor may prescribe fluoride drops for your baby.

• Check and clean your baby's teeth. If teeth are injured or stained, take your baby to a dentist. Clean teeth as soon as they come in with a clean soft cloth or a baby's tooth brush, at least once a day. At about age two start using a small amount of fluoride toothpaste.

• Feed your baby healthy foods, such as fruits and vegetables, instead of candy and cookies or other foods that have a lot of sugar and can cause tooth decay.

For a free pamphlet, "A Healthy Mouth For Your Baby," write to the National Institute of Dental Research, Building 31/Room 2C35, 31 Center Drive, MSC 2290, Bethesda, MD 20892-2290.



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# Fashion trends give brides choices

Spring is just around the corner and it's not too early to start thinking about the new fashion trends for 2000 — they're on the runways and starting to surface in the stores. Colors, fabrics, length and accessories play a vital role in spring 2000 trends.

There is a departure from harsh, identifiable colors. Instead, look for a variety of pastels, earth tones and acid brights. Look for shimmery colors and textures. Fabrics are being seen in a variety of embroidery, floral patterns and ethnic prints and will also [illegible] various textures, lace, feathers, beading.

The spring 2000 collection will see skirt lengths at the knee or ankle, while tops will be the stylish three-quarter sleeve length. The variety of lengths this spring will let you express your own individuality. The natural, soft and flattering look to skirts are seen in the a-line, straight, full or flared silhouette. Tops include tank tops, shells, halter tops, sheers and bandeaus. Pants will vary from bell bottoms and hip huggers to the pearl [illegible] prints.

The leg and outfit when choosing shoes for spring — like heels and straps of various widths.

Femininity is the overall theme for spring 2000 — a time to have happy, whimsical looks. The different styles worn this season are bound to make women feel romantic and womanly. Create a stylish spring by wearing colors, mixing textures and fabrics, wearing the layers and picking the most flattering length. Most important for 2000 is to think individually and femininely while shopping for the spring trends.

Representatives of the Maplewood Bridal, Image & Custom Gallerie are dedicated to your image, whether it be for a special occasion or everyday looks. The shop's Image Consultant, Allison Teixeira, is available for group workshops, or for one-on-one consultations focused on improving your overall image, with color analysis, body type analysis and skin condition analysis. For more information, visit the gallery at 1809 Springfield Ave. in Maplewood, call (973) 762-7701, or [illegible]

# Diamonds are still bride's best friend

There's no greater complement to the romance of a wedding than the passion and brilliance of fine jewels. Brides and diamonds have an amazing relationship that [illegible] back to ancient times.

The diamond engagement ring has been a symbol of love and romance since 1477 when Archduke Maximilian of Austria gave Mary of Burgundy a gold ring set with a diamond as a token of his love. Today, the tradition of the diamond engagement ring continues. According to a new consumer survey, 70 percent [illegible] believe one

A diamond is an expression of individuality. Just as love is unique, no two diamonds are alike. Each diamond has its own personality and sparkle. Therefore, when purchasing a diamond engagement ring it is important [illegible]

Understanding diamonds requires knowledge of the four C's: cut, color, clarity and carat weight," says Marvin Markman, president of Seiberg Brothers, the diamond experts who manufacture the Royal Cup Collection of fine cut diamond engagement rings.

• Cut — Although diamonds can be cut in several shapes such as oval, marquise, pear or round, it is the quality of the cut which gives the stone its brilliant sparkle. Light is reflected or bounced when all of the [illegible] proportioned.

• Color — The best color is no color. Absolutely colorless diamonds are very rare.

• Clarity — The term clarity refers to a diamond's lack of naturally occurring inclusions, often called "nature's fingerprints" most of which are not visible to the naked eye. The fewer the inclusions the more valuable the diamond.

• Carat weight — Carat refers to the weight of the stone. There are 100 points in a carat; therefore, a diamond of 50 points weighs one half of a carat.

These elements will determine the cost of your diamond. For those who are unsure about what to spend on a diamond engagement ring, many jewelers suggest two months salary as an appropriate guideline.

"Just as the diamond is the queen of gemstones and a perfect fit for an engagement ring, it is only natural that diamond jewelry, too, shine all by itself on a day as special as the wedding day," says Markman.

The diamond engagement ring is a symbol of a couple's future, and, like love, can grow more precious with time. For a booklet titled "How to Buy the Perfect Diamond Engagement Ring," contact the Diamond Information Center at Worldwide Plaza, 825 Eighth Ave., New York, NY 10019.

# Tips can avoid bridal mishaps

You can spend an entire year planning your wedding day down to the letter, but unless you have a fairy godmother, there's no way to guarantee that the day will be perfect.

According to Bride's magazine, a little preparation goes a long way toward ensuring that wedding-day mishaps don't get out of hand. If you organize an "emergency kit," and keep it stashed nearby at the ceremony and the reception, coping with certain last-minute dilemmas will be a breeze. Bride's suggests you start with a pretty basket, decorated to match your wedding theme, then include the following:

• Needle, thread, buttons and safety pins
• Spot remover
• Extra lipstick, powder, blusher, eyeshadow, fragrance
• Comb, brush, and hairspray or gel
• Tissues and cotton balls
• Personal care items
• Pen and note paper
• Telephone numbers for your caterer, clergy member, organist, photographer, florist, bandleader, car service and each member of the wedding party
• Extra stockings for you and your wedding party
• Nail polish — color, to match your fingernails, and clear, to keep stocking runs from spreading
• Extra pairs of glasses or contact lenses
• Aspirin, adhesive bandages, allergy pills and any prescription medicines you or your groom might need
• Extra copies of all passages that are being read during the ceremony

Keep in mind the most important ingredients of all: patience and a sense of humor. They'll turn any mishap "mountains" back into molehills.

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## Wedding belle

Although winter is still blowing hard, brides planning spring and summer weddings are in the throes of preparations. Simplicity and a natural look are the current fashion trends, while designs with a hint of romance and drama remain popular





# Finishing touches can make or break bride's look

After you've invested so much to make your wedding day unforgettable, the last thing you want is a makeup mishap!

To avoid any potential of a makeup disaster, treat yourself to a consultation. Many salons offer makeup consultations and even lessons for a nominal fee.

There are even places like The Body Shop that offer a makeover service and lessons completely free of charge. Best of all, the makeup specialist will actually listen to your needs and give you what you want. You won't have to worry about leaving the shop looking like a victim of the latest fad or like Tammy Faye Baker's twin sister.

The following list of makeup tricks was created by "The Colourings" makeup specialists at The Body Shop to ensure that you are a vision of [illegible] on your special day!

Covering All Bases

Start with a clean, moisturized face. Go for the natural look. Many people mistake the term "natural look" for no makeup at all, but it actually means that you want to look your best [illegible] nature.

The secret [illegible] natural looking makeup is wearing a foundation and concealer that exactly matches your skin. Always test a shade on your forehead or jawline and not on the back of your hand. If you can't see it, then you've got the right one. Make sure that your makeup is blended into your neck so that there is no line of demarcation. If one appears, smooth it out with a sponge, then buff.

After applying foundation and concealer, use a cotton puff to touch translucent powder all over the face to set the foundation and to absorb excess oils.

All About Eyes

Keep the eyes looking "natural." Start off with the brows: Use a bit of Colourings Eyebrow Makeup to fill in wherever the hair growth is sparse. Never replace a brow with a line or you might end up looking [illegible] outlined.

Apply a light shade of eyeshadow on the area between your brows and your upper lashes, then apply a darker shade along the upper lash line to enlarge and emphasize the eye shape. Try The Body Shop's waterproof Colourings Continuous Eye Color. Its strokes on like a cream and dries into a fine powder that lasts all day and goes through the wear.

For added definition, apply a smudge of brown/black eye liner between the lower lashes. Finish off with two coats of black/brown mascara.

The Blushing Bride

When blush is properly applied, you barely notice it, yet it makes your eyes brighter and your whole face come alive. Using a good brush is the key to a picture-perfect application. Once you've used a good brush, you'll never want to be without it. The ideal brush is round, so its sides can be used to blend the blush. Choosing the right color is the most important. For most skin tones, mauve and rose shades are great, so if you can't decide, choose one of these.

Now that you've selected the right brush and shade, the only concern is to get it on the right part of your face. Apply your blusher to your brush [illegible] you've put too much, swish it through a bit of transclucent powder [illegible] put the brush right on the center of the ear covering the entire cheekbone area. Take a look in the mirror: if your attention goes straight to your cheeks, you have too much on. Your eyes should [illegible] be the focus. A light translucent [illegible]

Sealed With a Kiss

To get fuller, more sensuous lips, line the lips with a pencil toned to your natural lip color. With your mouth open, start lining at the cupid's bow as close as possible to your natural lip line. Close mouth to check the shape, and fill in with lipstick. Continual Lip Color is perfect for the bride since it's long-lasting and won't kiss off on your groom, guests or glass.

As your wedding day approaches, you may feel overwhelmed since you will be dealing with so many decisions. After all, you'll be the star at your own wedding and, like all stars, you should definitely look the part. After you receive a little help, you'll be surprised to find that choosing makeup for your wedding is not so stressful.

The goal is not to create a new you but simply to find a look that is unmistakably you! In addition to bridal consultations, Colourings offers a complete line of cosmetics that can meet all your makeup needs. For more information on Colourings cosmetics, call The Body Shop at (800) 541-2535.

## Creativity can make picture-perfect weddings

One of the most frequently heard complaints uttered by the more than 2.5 million couples who get married each year is, "Things happened so quickly I hardly remember my own wedding!"

That's why photography is so important.

Next to the bride and groom, the most important person at the wedding is often the photographer. To help ensure wedding memories are recorded for years to come, Eastman Kodak Company offers the following tips:

• Getting to the Chapel — Some of the best memories happen even before "the big day." The bride trying on veils, the flower girl rehearsing her part, the groom at his spontaneous mishaps — they should all be recorded. Delegate attendants as official recorded keepers. Arm them with Kodak Fun Saver 35mm single-use cameras and let them snap away.

• Bridal Shower Blues — Sure, the bridal shower is fun, but what's at girl to do when it's time to send out thank you notes and she can't remember which guest gave which crystal wine decanter? As each gift is opened, have the maid of honor snap a shot of his bride with the gift and the guest who gave it. The benefits: no gift confusion; it's easier than writing everything down; and with a quick note scrawled on the back, the photos serve as great thank-you cards.

• Get the Guests Involved — One of today's biggest wedding trends is for brides to place single use cameras on tables, inviting guests to capture candid moments. Kodak recently introduced the Kodak Fun Saver wedding pack: packs containing five single use cameras. Each camera is designed with elegant [illegible] and photo-friendly exposures.

• Work With Your Photographer — Even the best professional wedding photographers can't record the memories unless you work with them. Before the hectic big day, plan to meet with your photographer to discuss the style of photos you want, which [illegible] photographs you'd like.

• Let Your Photographer Have Fun — Of course you'll want posed wedding portraits, but give your photographer the flexibility and encouragement to have fun experimenting with candid situations. So often, these shots conjure up the best and funniest memories of the wedding.

• The Honeymoon Doesn't Have to End — Make your wedding day live on by using photos creatively. There are dozens of great ways to use the pictures guests took with single-use cameras. Consider using these candid shots as thank-you notes, for scrap-books, home decorating, etc. Additionally, friends and family will love receiving framed enlargements of special wedding photos that include them.

## Happily ever after

Happy endings start with well-planned beginnings. From the romance of the bridal gown to the many details of the reception and ceremony, a bridal couple can avail themselves of many services once unheard of for betrothed couples.

# Healthy Living

## Clara Maass Medical Center implements innovative ER procedures

Physicians in the Clara Maass Medical Center Emergency Department are spending a lot more time caring for patients thanks to a new program that puts documentation tasks into the hands of doctors and nurses in training. Clara Maass is one of only a few hospitals in this area to have adopted the program.

Called the Clinical Information Managers project, the program frees up physicians' time in the emergency room by using nursing students and medical students to facilitate charting of patients. Prior to the implementation of CIMS ER doctors were responsible for creating charts for every patient seen in the ER. This process often bogged down the physicians' time with paperwork.

This program keeps the doctors where they need to be — right at the patient's bedside, instead of at the desk taking notes, Karen Palasella R.N., director of clinical care said. "The CIMs project simply makes doctors more accessible, and from a nurse's point of view, it helps us to get the information in a timely manner."

CIMs who are employed by MedAmerica, a physician practice management company, work side-by-side with the physician in the ER during peak hours, acting as the doctors' "eyes and ears." Their job is to document what is being said between the patient and doctor and input the appropriate patient information into a computer. Notes are completed by the CIM afterward, allowing the physician to continue to see other patients without the delay associated with doing the paperwork.

Clinical Information Manager Monica Yazno, left, documents treatment of patient Angelo Arroyo for emergency room physician Craig Nelson M.D. at Clara Maass Medical Center. The new CIMs program at Clara Maass has resulted in an increase in patient flow and a decrease in patient wait time in the ER because doctors can now focus all their attention on providing quality care. CIMs also lighten the responsibilities to nursing and medical students.

CIMS also increase the efficiency of the overall ER operation by helping to maintain an orderly workflow, such as alerting physicians when lab work is back, or informing them when a patient is ready to be seen.

Patient management specialist Barbara Hodro of MedAmerica, who helped put the program in place along with Palasella and Elaine Barry R.N., a Clara Maass ER nurse, says that the program is a winner from all viewpoints — economic, quality and patient satisfaction.

"The physicians like it because they are spending more time practicing medicine. The CIMs love it because it is a work enrichment program. Most importantly, the patients can be seen faster and get the medical help they need as soon as possible. In the ER time is of the essence," Hodro said.

John Ely, M.D., medical director of Emergency Department, believes that the CIMS project is a big step forward in enhancing the quality of care in the emergency room at Clara Maass.

"This program is a valuable tool in helping us take better care of patients," Dr. Fontanetta said. "So far, we have seen patient flow increase and patient wait time decrease. The physicians are more productive, which is certain to have a positive effect on patient satisfaction."

Dr. Fontanetta added that this program is just beginning to be pioneered in this area of the country. Saint Barnabas Medical Center has also piloted the CIMS project and other hospitals in the Saint Barnabas Health Care System are expected to follow.

Clara Maass Medical Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, provides a complete continuum of care to residents of northern New Jersey. Located in Belleville, Clara Maass offers acute-care services through Clara Maass Medical Center; sub-acute and long-term care through Continuing Care Center at Belleville; assisted living and long-term care through the Continuing Care Center at Kearny; home care services through JerseyCare Home Health; and diagnostic radiology services through Progressive Imaging Center.

Other centers of medical excellence include the Women's Health Center, nuclear medicine, the Cancer Center at Clara Maass, diagnostic cardiac services including cardiac catheterization, same day surgery, and maternal/child health programs. For more information about Clara Maass or to receive a complete directory of services, call (800) 252-7262 or visit the website at www.saintbarnabas.com.



## Practical tips can help avoid back pain in winter

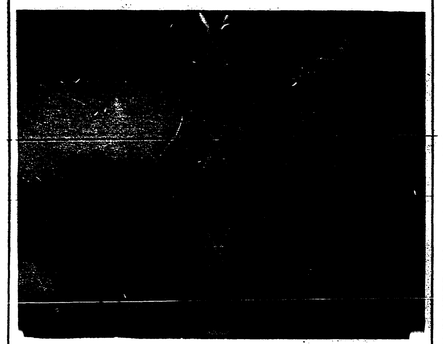
Filling up on holiday food and pushing away from the table in agony may be the start of a painful experience that can be avoided, says the International Chiropractors Association.

A bulging stomach can put extra stress on the lower back, warns Stephen J. Levine, chiropractor, of South Orange Chiropractic Center. "Every extra pound on the stomach puts 10 pounds more stress on the low back."

Whenever weight is added in the front, it can increase stress on the discs of the low back, explains Levine. As extra pounds cause you to lose your shape and weaken your muscles, the added weight on your abdomen can force the pelvis to shift, accentuating the curve of the low back and leading to possible pain there and in the legs.

Eat in moderation, Levine urges, and follow ICA's health tips to protect your back and muscles during and following the holiday season.

## Artwork by the book



**STRAIGHT-LACED CHILDHOOD** by Laura Chenicek is the works of Chenicek and Barbara Mathis in Open and Shut, which is on exhibit at the Ken Place Gallery in Summit through March 2. The gallery is located at 42 Torwood Ave. For more [illegible]

## NJPAC announces its 2000 lineup of performers

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center welcomes the dawn of a new century, heralding the success of its third season which has already seen nearly 40 sold-out performances in Prudential Hall and the Victoria Theater, including appearances by Krystian Zimmerman, Sarah Brightman, Sting, Paco de Lucia, Sonny Rollins, Savion Glover and two nights of "Nutcracker on Ice," among more than two dozen NJPAC FamilyTime presentations.

The second half of the 1999-2000 season features more of the richly diverse programming that audiences have come to expect from the Arts Center. Tickets for Arts Center performances may be obtained at the NJPAC box office, 1 Center St., Newark, or by calling (888) 466-5722.

Among those making their NJPAC debut during the first six months of the 21st century is conductor Michael Tilson Thomas with the Pittsburgh Symphony, Friday.

Also on tap are first-time visits by Grammy-nominated singer and pianist Diana Krall, March 3; contemporary music master Philip Glass, performing with Gambian kora player Foday Musa Suso and Brazilian vocalist Virginia Rodrigues, March 30 and 31; Irish pop sensation Mary Black, April 1; legendary sitarist Ravi Shankar, with daughter Anoushka, April 28; and opera diva Renee Fleming, accompanied by pianist Andre Previn, May 3.

Return engagements include Urban Bush Women and National Song and Dance Company of Mozambique, March 24 to 26; the Boston Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Seiji Ozawa, April 7; the New York City Opera National Company, with its exquisite production of "The Barber of Seville," April 15; pianist Awadagin Pratt, April 16; female a cappella quintet Sweet Honey in the Rock, May 6; the beloved Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, May 12 to 14; and conductor James Levine with The Met Orchestra, May 19.

Tony Award-winning musicals return to NJPAC with the story of Aida and the King of Siam — and all of its memorable Rodgers and Hammerstein music — in "The King and I," March 21 to 26.

And NJPAC's signature "World Festival" III: Spanish Routes & Rhythms" adds to its eclectic repertoire with Cape Verdean Ensemble Sirventura, sharing a bill with Mexican folk group Mono Blanco, March 18; a return visit from Urban Bush Women and National Song and Dance Company of Mozambique, with limited tickets available for the March 24 performance only; and the second installment of Land of Fado, a sold out hit from NJPAC's inaugural season, focusing on the traditional poetic song form unique to Portugal, April [illegible].

Upcoming limited-seating performances include Itzhak Perlman, March 5; Salzburg Marionettes, March 3 to 5; The Chieftains, March 11; Audra McDonald, March 19; and Philadelphia Dance Theater, April 14 to 16.

Plans are already underway for NJPAC's 2000-2001 season, promising both exciting premieres and return engagements by past season sell-outs. Subscription brochures will be in the mail in early March.

NJPAC's 1999-2000 season sponsors include AT&T, Aetna U.S. Healthcare, American Express, Bell Atlantic, Chase, The CIT Group, Continental Airlines, First Bank, Merrill Lynch, Pepsi, Pfizer, Target Stores and Warner-Lambert.

Funding for the New Jersey Performing Arts Center has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/[illegible] of State and [illegible].

### Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for Union County Chronicle articles:

Weddings — [illegible] noon.

Entertainment — Friday [illegible]

Sports — Monday noon.

Letters to the Editor — Monday [illegible]

General — Monday 5 p.m.







## Volunteers sought for Teen Arts

Do you like working with artists, teachers and students? The Union County Teen Arts Festival provides an opportunity for volunteers to get involved.

The Union County Teen Arts Festival, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, is a two-day celebration of the arts sponsored annually at Union County College in Cranford. The event, scheduled for March 15 and 16, is open to all students from public, private and parochial middle and high schools in the county.

"At the Festival, 3,000 students participate in performances, engaging seminars, master classes and workshops with a staff of 50 professional artists in every discipline — visual art, music, creative writing, theater and dance," said Freeholder Mary P. Rusiecki, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

Volunteers are needed to assist artists with workshops, manage performance sites and staff information stations. Rusiecki added, "We appreciate the invaluable assistance of our county residents."

If you are interested in any of these activities, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202, or call (908) 558-2550. Bell Atlantic Users should call (800) 852-7899. E-mail inquiries should be sent to [illegible]

## What's Going On?

### FLEA MARKET

FRIDAY
March 3rd, 2000
(Snow Date March 11th)
EVENT: Flea Market
PLACE: Redeemer Lutheran Church, 154 Prospect Avenue, Irvington, NJ
TIME: 10am-1pm
PRICE: New and used clothes, shoes, records, housewares, books, etc. For [illegible]
ORGA[illegible]: Redeemer [illegible]

SUNDAY
March 5, 2000
EVENT: Flea Market and Collectibles Show, Indoors/Outdoors
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Avenue (Belleville [illegible] mon Street)
TIME: 9:00am-4:00pm
PRICE: Now held on first Sundays, unless a holiday, then the Second Sunday. Featuring over 100 quality dealers selling a variety of merchandise including new & used items, baseball cards, memorabilia, toys, fashion clothing, jewelry, coins and much more! Free parking.
For call 201-997-1535.
ORGANIZATION: [illegible]

### CRAFT

SUNDAY
March 5th, 2000
EVENT: Ladies Fashion [illegible] Show
PLACE: Salaam Shrine, 1 Mount Pleasant Ave., Lower Ball Room
TIME: 10:00am-4:00pm
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### WORKSHOPS EDUCATIONAL

FRIDAY
March 3, 2000
EVENT: Free Clinical Presentation
PLACE: The Psychoenergetic Center, 2 Northfield Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey.
TIME: 8:00pm-9:30pm
PRICE: Free. For reservations or information call 973-756-7600
ORGANIZATION: The "Psychoenergetic" [illegible]

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## Teen arts panel seeks young filmmakers

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is pleased to announce two upcoming artistic opportunities for teen aspiring artists in the genres of photography and filmmaking.

The first of these opportunities is the Young Composer's Festival, funded by a grant from the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation, which will take place at Westminster Choir College in Princeton. The other is the Young Videographer's Festival, funded by a grant from the Telluride New York Foundation [illegible] announced soon.

We encourage Union County student artists between the ages of 13 and 19 to sign up now to be involved in these professional artistic programs, said Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan. These festivals will be great chances for the skills of our creative teen ages.

For applications and information, please call the New Jersey State Teen Arts Office at (609)397-0505, or the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs (908)558-2550.

## HOROSCOPE

### For Feb. 28 to March 5

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take time out to pamper yourself this week. This is also a great time to start an exercise program to rid yourself of stress in your mind and body.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't hold yourself back from expressing your creativity. A club or group setting is the best venue. A friend calls with great news. Help him celebrate!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You tend to be a bit bossy as a result of recent achievements or success. Drop the know-it-all attitude, and work in unison with other key players.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). An intellectual discussion leads to some special insights in religion, philosophy or foreign affairs. Clarify your position with a teacher or mentor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Obtain trustworthy counseling concerning a financial matter. You can make important strides in your career with special training or additional schooling.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Meet with a partner, and make plans for a much-needed future endeavor. Joint funds are a big concern. Work out the details on paper.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Be alert and thoughtful of your co-workers. Your efforts are appreciated by a boss or superior who will tell you so. Keep up the good work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): A children's event is charming and fun and brings back some special memories. Open your heart, and reach out for pleasure and love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Resolve any negative emotional issues with family members and restore peace and harmony on the homefront. An elder or parent is watching, but not judging.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Play a leadership role. Get involved in making neighborhood improvements, and connect with a variety of interesting people in your community.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This could be a lucky period as far as your finances are concerned. Put your moneymaking ideas to work, and watch your bank account grow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A positive spirit and a willingness to work hard are all you need to succeed. Don't miss out on an opportunity to advance your career. Go for it!

If your birthday is this week, communication is your key word for the coming year. Your mind is very active and packed with wonderful ideas. Find a way to express your thoughts effectively and creatively. Consider writing, painting or public speaking as a way to reach a large group of people. Be prepared for an unexpected turn of events surrounding romance and your finances. Look to a female family member to help settle a domestic dispute.

Also born this week: Mario Andretti, Anne Lee, Sandro Botticelli, Mikhail Gorbachev, Alexander Graham Bell, Irini Ratushinskaya, Pier Paolo Pasolini, Bernadette Peters and Tommy Tune.



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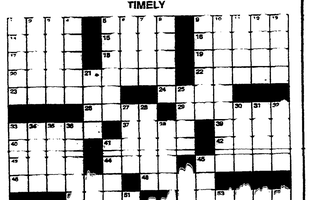

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## REUNIONS

[illegible] information, contact Evelyn [illegible] Bagshaw at (407) 647 8119.

• Summit High School Class of 1960 will conduct its 10th reunion July 29. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617 1000.

• Union High School Class of 1980 reunion is scheduled for Aug. 19. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Summit High School Class of 1980 will conduct its 20th reunion Oct. 7. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Cranford High School Class of 1975 will conduct its 25th reunion Oct. 7. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Cranford High School Class of 1974 will conduct its 26th reunion Oct. 14. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Union High School Class of 1970 will conduct its 30th reunion Nov. 24. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Cranford High School Class of 1980 reunion is scheduled for Nov. 25. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617 1000.

• Westfield High School Class of 1980 will conduct its 10th reunion Nov. 25. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617 1000.

• Westfield High School Class of 1989 reunion is scheduled for March 25. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617 1000.

• Westfield High School Class of 1970 reunion is scheduled for April 7. For information, call (732) 617-1000.

• Scotch Plains High School Class of 1980 will conduct its 20th reunion April 15. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Union High School Class of 1965 will conduct its 35th reunion April 29. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• St. Joseph's School in Roselle Class of 1950 reunion is planned for May 2000. Contact Jane Geoghegan Burke at (732) 388-7363, Al Haase at (203) 744-7896 or George Schmidbauer at (920) 432-0210.

• Union High School Class of 1990 reunion is scheduled for June 10. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

• Jefferson High School Class of 1940 reunion is scheduled for June 24 at the Jefferson Performing Arts House in Elizabeth High School. For information, call Patrick Gargano at (908) 272-5485, or write to him at 322 North Ave. East, Cranford, NJ 07016-2435.

• Union High School Class of 1940 reunion is scheduled for July 13. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

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## Shakespeare Fest mounts 'Live' tour

Shakespeare Live!, the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival's educational touring program, begins its 2000 season of tours to schools, churches, libraries and civic organizations this month with productions of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" and two age-appropriate versions of [illegible] summer [illegible]

Sponsored by AT&T, Shakespeare Live! is the tri-state area's only touring company dedicated to performing Shakespeare [illegible] annually.

Shakespeare Live!, a company of 10 Shakespeare Festival actors, tours 45-minute to one-hour versions of Shakespeare's plays to schools and organizations. Following each

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performance a discussion [illegible] chaired with the cast are [illegible] topic-laden themes or issues of the play. Teachers receive a comprehensive study guide which includes information on Shakespeare, the play, classroom exercises, and Core Curriculum applications. Bookings are now being accepted. For more information or to book a performance, call the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival Education Department at 408-3064.

The years 2000 marks the fourth season for Shakespeare Live!, which has received high evaluations from students, teachers and administrators throughout the tri-state region and support from corporations such as AT&T as well as national organizations such as the National Endowment for the Arts. Performances of Shakespeare Live! help to fulfill the state mandated New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for the Performing Arts.

Performances can also be used as a springboard to fulfill standards for social studies, history and language arts literacy.

Now available for booking is a one-hour version of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Back by popular demand, Shakespeare's tragedy of the star-crossed lovers is brought vibrantly to life in this new captivating production directed by festival artistic associate Joe Discher.

Shakespeare Live! will also tour two age-appropriate productions of Shakespeare's hilarious comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "The Tempest" — one 45-minute version for grades 3 to 6 and a one-hour version for grades 7 to 12.

In "A Midsummer Night's Dream," students follow the mishaps of a traveling band of misfit players — Mechanicals — and four young lovers as they become the object of pranks from the fairy kingdom in the woods outside Athens. In "The Tempest," romantic young lovers, treacherous nobles and bumbling servants find themselves stranded on a magical island ruled by a mysterious sorcerer. "The Tempest" is directed by Festival director of education Brian B. Crowe and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is directed by guest director Jemma Levy.

Bookings for "Romeo and Juliet," "The Tempest" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" are now being accepted. Discounts are available for multiple bookings. For more information, or to book a performance, call the NJ Shakespeare Festival Education Department at 408-3964.

Shakespeare Live! is sponsored by AT&T. The Festival's additional education efforts are funded in part by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the F.M. Kirby Foundation, and through a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival is the state's only professional theater dedicated to the presentation of Shakespeare's canon and other classic masterworks, and has a long-standing commitment to the development and education of young audiences.

The festival also has an in-school residency, "The Shakespeare Experience," which brings theater professionals into the schools to collaborate on a fully-produced Shakespeare play.

The New Jersey Shakespeare Festival is a not-for-profit organization. The festival is funded by a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as many corporations, foundations, businesses and individuals.

## Craft contenders are sought for 26th annual folk festival

Craft applications are now being accepted for the 26th Annual New Jersey Folk Festival, to be conducted April [illegible] at the Douglass Campus of Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

The festival typically attracts a crowd of 10,000 to 12,000 people from all over New Jersey as well as its neighboring states. The festival is a day-long, free event featuring a juried craft show, four stages of music, dance and workshops, a children's activities area as well as a variety of food and other vendors. This year the festival theme will be "Women in Music," with the world-renowned Cherish the Ladies headlining.

Interested craftspeople are invited to submit color slides of their work to be considered for participation in the juried craft market. While the primary focus of the craft show is on traditional folk crafts, craftworkers are encouraged to apply. A knowledgeable, impartial panel of jurors will review all submissions. A $5 non-refundable jurying fee along with a $100 booth fee (which is returned if the artist must accompany [illegible]) must accompany the application.

Deadline for entries is March [illegible]. Applications may be downloaded from the festival Web site (rutgers.edu/njfolkfestival) or [illegible] by calling [illegible].

## Students artwork [illegible]rs area schools

Have residents been wondering where their children's artwork is? The Springfield School District is having a touring art show of students' work. The compiled work is a sample of the best painting, printing, drawing, computer graphics, and multimedia within a variety of classes per each grade level. The show includes work from the K-12 high schools and all Title I schools and all the middle schools. The schools' [illegible] Participating teachers are Molly Callahan, coordinator; M[illegible] Schwartz; Barbara [illegible]; Suzanne [illegible].

## Broadway actress to lead classes

It has been announced that a new school has opened in Scotch Plains: The Performing Arts Studio made its debut this month.

The Performing Arts Studio offers classes in acting and musical theater at all levels from third grade through high school. Classes are designed to heighten the students' sense of confidence, imagination and creativity as well as [illegible] positive self image.

Acting classes concentrate on improvisation, speech, movement, pantomime, character development and scene study. In musical theater class, students learn proper vocal technique during rehearsals, basic acting skills and total stage presence.

Classes began in early February and will be conducted at All Saints Episcopal Church [illegible] Scotch Plains.

The director of the school in Scotch Plains resident Robin Gerson Wong. Gerson Wong is a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music, where she received her degree in theater arts and musical theater. She performed on Broadway and in the national touring company of the musical, "Good News." As a professional actress, she appeared on daytime television and in regional theater. Gerson Wong starred in Atlantic City musical revues at the Sand Bar and Harrah's Casino and sang on several Caribbean cruise ships. She performed in Buenos Aires with her own band, and was the director of being the first woman singing "Don't Cry For Argentina" in Argentina. She has [illegible] singer throughout the New York metropolitan area and sang for New Jersey's Governor and [illegible] their Sweetheart Ball.

Robin Gerson Wong

Gerson Wong taught theater at Cherokee High School in Hopatcong and Summit Middle School. During her career as a performer, she was a member of Actors' Equity Association and [illegible] Screen Actors Guild [illegible] Artists.

Whether children have aspirations of becoming professional entertainers or just want to experience the joy of performing, The Performing Arts Studio welcomes them to be a part of their theater group. For more information and personal [illegible] brochure, [illegible]

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## Palmer Gallery exhibits works by local artists

Alice Bryan Hondro of Maplewood and Christopher Pacio of Murray Hill will be showing their paintings at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library through March 16.

Bryan Hondro's art is titled "Color, Line & Form." Her painting evolved from many years of teaching the use of color, line and form in clothing construction. Her art mainly concentrates on paintings and drawing in oils, water media and pen-and-ink. The influence of growing up in China and Japan appears in her printer's inking with her use of [illegible] lines.

Born and raised in Shanghai, China, Bryan Hondro is a graduate of Texas Women's University, and did graduate studies at Douglass College of Rutgers University. She then studied at the Arts Students League in New York City. In her [illegible] she has taught Pelham Schools.

Bryan Hondro has exhibited in group and one-person shows in New Jersey, including the Arts Council of Livingston, Watching Art Center, Essex Watercolor Club, and Millburn Library. She has won awards for her works, including the "Award of Excellence" from the Essex Watercolor Club, and the Union County Juried Arts and Craft Show 1999, among others. She is a member of the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit and an ex-state member of NJWCS Paper Mill, where he [illegible] of [illegible] show.

Pacio will be showing his watercolor paintings, which will include wild life in their habitat, and paintings of New England lighthouses. He will also display T-shirt art and wood carvings. Pacio has enjoyed the visual arts from the time he was a young child. At that time, he attended various courses at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. After graduating from Governor Livingston Regional High School, he attended the duCret School of the Arts, where he studied under the auspices of William Senior. He studied and performed many mediums, among them wood carving, air brush, ceramics, oil painting, pastels, pen and-ink drawings, silk screen, T-shirt art and his most favorite, watercolors. After receiving his certification in fine art, he became a free-lance artist. Pacio maintains a studio in Berkeley Heights, and is employed by the Summit Board of Education.

Pacio has participated in many juried shows, including Animal Imagery hosted by St. Hubert's Giralda in Madison. He has displayed his work in several solo shows, his most recent show was at ADP Corporate Headquarters in Roseland. Pacio is a member of The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit, and participates in the Members Show during the summer. Last summer, Pacio received honorable mention for his painting of the "Victory Boat," which will be on display in this exhibit.

The Donald B. Palmer Museum is located in the Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. The hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

## Westfield Players offer memberships

Westfield Community Players Membership Director Letty Hudak announced that membership for the remaining two shows of the 1999-2000 season are now available for $20. She noted that this represents a savings of $7 over purchasing tickets individually for the last two shows.

The final shows of the current season are the Arthur Miller drama "The Price" in March, and Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe's musical "Brigadoon" in May and June.

To purchase individual membership for $20 each, make checks payable to Westfield Community Players and send to Letty Hudak, 409 Harrison Ave., Westfield, NJ 07090.

Westfield Community Players, founded in 1934, is one of the oldest continuously operating community theaters in New Jersey and has brought to life more than 180 comedies, dramas and musicals in their own 150-seat theater in Westfield, 1000 North Ave. West.

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

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# Rahway Arts Guild plans to examine 'lay of the land'

Now through March 10, The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway will present "The Lay of the Land," an exhibit of the landscape.

The show features the landscape paintings of four local artist. Peter Rebbert, a church, art and a weekly based in the landscape, is a lifelong Mattger of the physical and photogenic.

Landscape has been a favorite subject of artists from the time of the new New Greeks and Romans. Beginning in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the Impressionists in the 19th century. During the 20th century, painters abandoned landscape was a subject of the Taipei as a analytical form of the only part of the century. In the 21st century, landscape painting has taken a different form in art. Still landscape painting is a very art world in the early 21st century. Perhaps because it is a form of visual art, it works based on the elements and principles of design. With the Rahway's current exhibition, we invite all people to enjoy the art of nature through the lens of four artists. We are happy to have the opportunity to bring this exhibition to our community.

The exhibition will be in the Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway presents three artists who will use the landscape based art. The show includes the meticulous oil paintings of Schepsis which realistically portray nature in works whose breadth far outpaces their small scale. These paintings are strangely silent for foreign with a pronounced formal purity emphasizing the relationship of the elements of the picture in a manner reminiscent of abstract compositions.

Metzger a professor of art at Kean University and frequent exhibitor, is an abstract painter whose works are based on landscape. These organic paintings present the very essence of light, earth and water through three color and rich texture. These paintings inevitably lead the viewer to reflect on the natural world as delineated through abstract means.

The third artist in the exhibit is Owen Kanzler, who makes his living as an aerial photographer. Aside from his commercial photos, he produces aerial pictures as fine art and has exhibited widely around New Jersey for many years. Kanzler has a knack for creating images that show the abstract nature of landscape when viewed from the air.

Whether the visitor favors realism, abstraction or photography this exhibit holds something everyone will be sure to appreciate.

The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway is located at 1670 Irving St. at the corner of Seminary Avenue in downtown Rahway. Gallery hours are Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., or by appointment. For information, call (732) 381-7511. Admission is free.

## Grants are available

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites community arts organizations, schools and other non-profit organizations that wish to present cultural programming to apply for funding from the Union County Arts Grant Program.

Funds for this program are made available through the Local Arts Program of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State.

The purpose of the grant program is to enrich the quality of life in Union County by stimulating and supporting the production, presentation and creation of the arts," said Nicholas P. Scutari, chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. "Arts activities taking place between Jan. 1, 2001 and Dec. 31, 2001 are eligible for consideration. The deadline for proposals is March 6, 2000."

"We are pleased to continue the Arts Education Special Project initiative this year," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Affairs Advisory Board. "The programming in the schools as well as other organizations to apply for funding to enhance arts education and teacher professional development."

Union County Arts Grant Program is administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development. The division was designated a Major Arts Service Organization by the New Jersey State Council for the Arts for the third consecutive year.

For an application and guidelines, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202. Telephone inquiries may be directed to (908) 558-2550. Relay users dial (800) 852-7899.



# Paper Mill lists theater events for the family

Classic children's tales such as "Alice in Wonderland," "Hansel and Gretel," "Snow White" and "Peter and the Wolf" highlight the Spring Weekend Children's Theater Series at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn. The professional children's theater performances for youngsters, 3 years old and older, and their families are Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. and begin April 1. The box office is open Monday through Saturday noon to 6 p.m.

"Alice In Wonderland" is performed by Vagabond Puppets on April 1 and 2.

Journey with Alice through her magical daydream as she meets the famous characters from the Lewis Carroll classic. Everyone is on board including the tardy White Rabbit, the elusive Cheshire Cat, the desperate Mad Hatter, and Alice herself as she always navigates her own adventure. Featuring original songs, lively dances and colorful puppets and masks, Alice and friends promise to delight the eye and inspire the imagination.

"Peter Rabbit" performed by Dimensions Theatre Company on April 8 and 16.

Spring has sprung and adventure is just around the corner in this creative and musical presentation based on the famous stories of Beatrix Potter. The cheerful romp begins when the mischievous Peter disobeys his mother and sneaks into Farmer McGregor's forbidden cabbage patch. Despite Mopsy and Cottontail's soon follows him, and one of the funniest have ever imagined ensue as the story unfolds with a surprise ending.

"Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping and Other Stories In a Star" Salad performed by Mad Cow on April 29 and 30.

Designed to whet the appetite of beginning readers, this salad of eight favorite stories has been harvested from around the world. It is lovingly tossed together and presented by a cast of storytelling chefs who add a pinch of comedy, a sprinkling of singing and dancing, and a generous dash of audience participation to create a wonderful feast for the imagination. This delightful production will have young readers reaching for library bookshelves! Recommended for ages 5 to 10.

"Hansel and Gretel" and "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" performed by the Gingerbread Players & Jack, May 6 and 7.

A wonderful treat is in store with this double bill of childhood favorites! Each tale unfolds individually with songs, dances, laughter, and happy endings for all! Recommended for ages 3 to 7.

"Snow White" performed by the Gingerbread Players and Jack, May 13 and 14.

This enchanting musical version of the classic tale features picture-book settings and a group of surprisingly merry and mischievous dwarfs who help the innocently beautiful Snow White find lasting happiness. Recommended for ages 3 to 7.

"Peter and the Wolf" performed by the Pushcart Players, May 20 and 21.

Adapted from a traditional Russian folk tale and set to music by the composer Sergei Prokofiev, this magical and multi-faceted theater piece offers young audiences a precious moment of entertainment they will long remember. Recommended for ages 5 to 10.

Titles and dates are subject to change. For information, call the box office at (973) 376-4343. Visa, Master Card, Discover are accepted. The Paper Mill's music can be found at www.papermill.org.

Paper Mill is barrier free — wheelchair accessible, and offers sign-interpreted and audio-described performances for children's theater productions upon request.

## Panel talk is Sunday

The New Jersey Center for Visual Arts will sponsor a panel discussion Sunday from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

The topic will be the International Juried Show 2000 exhibition. An outstanding group of contemporary art professionals will participate, including Dan Cameron, senior curator at the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York and the US 2000 juror; Lisa Dennison, deputy director and chief curator, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum; and Donald Kuspit, NJCVA curator Perijane Zaremba will moderate the event. The jurying process and the importance of juried exhibitions will be the focus of the discussion.

The panel discussion is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (908) 273-9121.

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# Families can go backstage at Paper Mill

Page B20 Playhouse will join in the celebration for young people at their familiar March 5 as part of the National Education Association's Annual AT&T Family Week at Theater with a [illegible]

Families will learn about Paper Mill's 60-year history, see its costuming and scenery in action, participating a glitzy pre-gig tea while backstage that [illegible] the [illegible]

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. The tours begin at 10 a.m. with a [illegible] every 20 minutes. The last tour will be offered at [illegible] Spaces limited. Advanced [illegible]

[illegible]

AT&T Family Week (Mar. 5) is an opportunity to experience together the thrill of professional theater by offering affordable, exciting [illegible] who work in the theater, one night [illegible] Adler, executive director of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State and the Prudential Foundation.

Funding for AT&T Family Week is provided by Chase Manhattan Foundation, AT&T, Prudential Foundation, New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State and the Prudential Foundation.

For a schedule of AT&T Family Week events, call (800) 843-2782.

## Linden Playhouse seeks hopefuls for arts scholarships

The Linden Summer Playhouse is [illegible] for its 2000 Annual Performing Arts Scholarship.

Applicants must [illegible] must be between the ages of 18 and 22 years old, be a resident of Union County or be a student attending school in Union County, and be continuing an interest in theater education, [illegible] dance school, etc. Interested applicants should send information to LSP 304 Linden Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036. Applications are due no later than April 1.

Information required from applicants includes name, address, date of birth, activity for which they would like the scholarship, 6-8 dance lessons, which dance style, how long have you been dancing, why will take place, the cost of this activity, and a current photo and photo release form. Applicants selected must be an academic record or copy of student transcript, an essay (a 500 word or less essay on "Dance is Life" or "I want to pursue the arts," prior performance and experience, a list of training received, including performing arts schools and dance studios, and a current written recommendation from at least one performing arts teacher.

The Linden Summer Playhouse is a non-profit organization, has provided theater education to children and young adults in Union County for over 40 years. The Playhouse closed its doors in the fall of 1997, but continues its mission by providing scholarship assistance to students who attend summer or until funds are depleted. For an application or more information, please call Playhouse President Amy King during business hours at (732) 602-9300.

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# 'Chicken Soup' editors seeking gardening tales

The creators of the New York Times bestselling [illegible] "Chicken Soup for the Garden."

"Chicken Soup for the Garden" [illegible] 2001, will feature stories about [illegible] gardening.

The "Chicken Soup" series, created by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen, is the most successful line of inspirational books in the world. The series has sold more than 54 million copies and has been translated into 34 languages. [illegible]

The editors behind the series are looking for stories that will touch the hearts of gardeners. Stories should be [illegible] story details, it doesn't matter if the [illegible]

A good "Chicken Soup" story is [illegible] paragraphs or less, generally. It is a personal story [illegible]

Gardeners with a story worth sharing have two options. [illegible] asked to email it to "Chicken Soup for the Gardener" (Soul_Fit@aol.com) [illegible] 2000, through the end of [illegible] stories will be accepted with manuscripts should include the writer's full name, address and phone number.

Details, advice and photos on Web readily. Writers' guidelines and sample stories are available by calling (800) 426-7836, ext. 7, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to "Chicken Soup for the Gardener," [illegible] Authors selected will receive a $300 on publication.

## Contestants are being sought for Mrs. New Jersey

Contestant applications are now being accepted for the 2000 Mrs. New Jersey International Pageant. The pageant will take place in July 2000 at the Somerset Marriott Hotel in Somerset.

Prospective contestants must be between the ages of 23 and 56 years old, married or never married, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of New Jersey for at least six months. The contestant will participate in a personal interview with a panel of judges, an evening gown competition, platform, and aerobic wear competition. Dinner/Dance tickets are $35 [illegible]

The Mrs. New Jersey Pageant has announced that Mrs. New Jersey International 1999, Theresa Hill of Newark, will defend her title of Mrs. U.S. International 1999-2000 this year.

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## Editorial deadlines

Following are deadlines for news, church, club and social: Thursday, noon.
Entertainment: Friday, noon.
Sports: Monday, noon.
Letters to the editor: Monday, 5 p.m.
General: Monday 5 p.m.

# Feldshuh returns to The Manor

Broadway star Tovah Feldshuh will appear at Le Donne in The Manor in West Orange this evening for one night-only performance.

For her work on the New York stage, from Yentl the Yeshiva Boy to Sarava to I and Me a Tovah Feldshuh has won the Tony Award nominations for Best Actress, three Drama Desk Awards, four Outer Critics Circle awards, the Fred Astaire and the Theatre World Award. Some of her other New York roles include title roles in Hapgood at Theatre One, Sweet Bird of Youth at Circle Repertory Theatre, Queen of Sheba at Lincoln Center and Golda's Balcony at the Golden.

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Tonight's show takes place at 8 p.m. at Le Donne at The Manor, 1 Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange. Cost is $35 per person. For reservations, call 731-2369.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS (L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO:

JOSE CHAVEZ, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their, or any of their successors in right, title, and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon ZUCKER, GOLDBERG & ACKERMAN, ESQS. plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 1139 Bloomfield Avenue, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092, Attn. Claims Section, Tel. No. 1-908-233-8500, an answer to the Complaint filed in a civil action in the COMMONWEALTH UNITED MORTGAGE COMPANY, plaintiff, and JOSE CHAVEZ, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, Docket No. F-13411-00 within thirty-three (33) days after February 24, 2000 exclusive of such day, if you be within this state, or if you shall be served out of this state, then within sixty days after service hereof upon you, exclusive of such day, to 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. Together with our check in the sum of $135.00 representing the filing fee in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage dated January 20, 1998 made by Jose Chavez, as mortgagor, to National City Mortgage Co. dba Commonwealth United Mortgage Company, recorded on February 5, 1998 in Mortgage Book 7000 Page 100 in Union County, Page 10, and (2) to recover possession of and concrete premises commonly known as 1420 Westervelt Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey Bar Association by calling 609-394-1101. 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 Office of the County of venue by calling 1-908-558-1642.

JOSE CHAVEZ, his heirs, devisees, and personal representatives, and his, their or any of their successors in right, title and interest are made party defendants to this foreclosure action because he executed plaintiff's obligation and mortgage being foreclosed herein and may be liable for any deficiency which may arise out of the sale of record of the mortgaged premises being foreclosed herein and for any lien, claim or demand he may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

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# Suburban Music Center lists its class offerings

The Suburban Community Music Center, at 570 Central Ave. in Murray Hill, is now registering students for spring semester, which runs now through May 20. Classes for young children include Music for Babies, for babies as old as 16 months; Music for Toddlers, between the ages of 16 months and 3 years; Cycle of Seasons, for children between the ages of 3½ to 4½ and Magic Makers, for ages 4 to 7.

In Music for Babies, a half hour class, parents/caregivers learn to play musically with their babies, forming an intimate bond which establishes a foundation for a lifetime of active involvement with music. Activities that stimulate the babies' responses include singing, listening, [illegible] bouncing, dancing and [illegible] sticks, and scarves.

Music for Toddlers is a half hour class in which children interact with parents/caregiver in singing, chanting, moving, listening, and playing simple instruments, facilitating the process of musical growth and introducing a lifetime of music in the very young child.

Cycle of Seasons, a one-hour class includes singing, structured and creative movement, rhythm development, dramatic play, use of percussion instruments, and musical games to foster musical participation and appreciation. Parents and siblings join the children for the last 15 minutes of each class to enjoy [illegible] refreshments, and games.

In Music Makers, children are engaged in singing, movement, ear training, musical games, ensemble work, rhythmic training, and learning to read and write music.

For children who love to sing Fundamentals of Singing, with two groups for grades 1 to 4 and 5 to 8, focuses on correct breathing, tone production, diction, phrasing, ear training and [illegible] of simple [illegible] singing.

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The Suburban Community Music Center, a non-profit educational institution in its 15th year, is full member of the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts. All classes and lessons are taught by a highly professional faculty dedicated to bringing out the best in each student. For more information, call (908) 790-0700.

# Auditions are set

Westfield Community Players will conduct open auditions for Frederick Loewe and Alan Jay Lerner's musical "Brigadoon."

Auditions will take place Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the WCP theater at 1000 North Ave. West. Those cast in the show, must become dues paying members of WCP.

"Brigadoon" revolves around two American tourists who stumble upon a misty little Scottish village, that only comes to life for one day every hundred years. Featuring the lush, haunting lyrics of "The Heather on the Hill," "Almost Like Being in Love" and "I'll Go Home with Bonnie Jean," the 1947 Broadway opening of "Brigadoon" firmly established Lerner and Loewe as premier musical theater talents.

Those auditioning should prepare a song and bring sheet music in the appropriate key. Reading from the script and a simple dance audition will also be required. Directed by Anne King with musical director Jonathan Flowers, rehearsals will be Sunday afternoons and Monday and Wednesday evenings, beginning March 20. Choreography is being done by Ann Marie Squerrini.

Leading roles are available for nine men and four women. A non-singing man and woman must also be cast.

The show opens May 13 and continues May 19 and 20 and June 2, 3, 9 and 10, with all tickets available for $15.

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

For more information, call WCP at (908) 232-9568.



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### Clark

Christopher Cape sold property at 22 Ross St., to Ronald and Francine ...esserl... for $140,000 on June 23.

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Stephen A. Mindnich sold property at 15 Canterbury Drive to Peter and ... for $310,000 on July 2...

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Antonio and Emilia Spelliero sold property at 14 Nassau St., to George ...mpbell for $142,000 on July 30.

Wanda I. Peters sold property at 270 Valley Road to Eddie Smele for $175,000 on July 30.

Jerome J. and Margaret C. Kovach sold property at 14 Durham Drive to John M. and Susan ... for $219,500 on July 30.

Kenneth and Anne McMurdo sold property at 36 Adams St., to Richard J. and Patricia ... for $... on Aug. 13.

Stephen A. Gorda sold property at 1138 Forest Drive to John M. and Cheryl A. Duffy for $190,000 on Aug. 16.

John P. and Rose Coscia sold property at 448 Oak Ridge Road to Jorge A. and Adelaida Saraceno for $207,000 on Aug. 18.

Kenneth D. Demont sold property at 112 Briarheath Lane to Melvin and Barbara Levitz for $212,000 on Aug. 20.

Gary and Ruth Cipriano sold property at 45 Washington St., to Robert and Arlene Ringwood for $237,000 on Aug. 20.

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Helen Muszynski sold property at 4 Van Buren Ave., to John and Sharon Kasperan for $222,500 on July 22.

Maria Kuchar sold property at 205 N. Lehigh Ave., to Todd R. and Mary J. Whitelock for $220,000 on July 26.

Lennart Borgstrom sold property at 215 Arbor St., to Jeffrey and Warbeck V. Gal for $205,000 on July 26.

Margery S. Hoff sold property at 89 Glenwood Road to Mohsen and Anna Mozaheri for $174,500 on July 27.

Catherine A. Maher sold property at 472 Ludlow Ave., to Rocco D. and Josephine ... for $125,000 on July 28.

Tiberiu T. Zuhl sold property at 15 Evelyn Court to Glenn R. and Mary A. Zuhl for $167,550 on July 29.

Howard L. Ackermann sold property at 211 Thomas St., to David A. and Patricia F. Swetland for $225,000 on July 29.

Lawrence J. and Betty Docimo sold property at 323 Walnut Ave. to Roger A. and Lori A. Morales for $249,000 on July 30.

Claire M. Silber sold property at 10 Mohawk Drive to Lawrence and Betty Docimo for $232,000 on July 30.

Donald L. and June Johnson sold property at 410 Manor Ave., to Amir H. and Anne L. Sharifi-Mehr for $234,000 on July 30.

Kermit W. and Joan K. Kimm sold property at 51 Richmond Ave., to Nelson and Brenda Seda for $222,000 on July 30.

Oscar and Mirna Vasquez sold property at 2 Mallard Way to Virginia Lanzkron for $178,000 on Aug. 3.

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Manuel and Cristina Oliveira sold property at 302 Fitzpatrick St., to Felix Najar for $145,000 on June 28.

Irma Whitaker sold property at 1558 Munn Ave., to James A. and Arrington T. Elam for $118,000 on June 30.

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Mary Healy sold property at 853 Jerome Ave., to Adam S. and Estelle B. Cantor for $137,500 on July 1.

Delta Funding Home Equity Loan sold property at 11 Coe Ave., to Manuel Costa for $70,000 on July 9.

Pedro L. Anson sold property at 529 Harvard Ave., to Raphael Lugo for $102,000 on July 12.

Fuhad H. Zeik sold property at 148 Glenwood Court to John Wohlrab for $235,000 on July 16.

Willie and Onita Singletary sold property at 1445 Hiawatha Ave., to Ronald Singletary for $106,000 on July 27.

Donald L. and Gay Lumsden sold property at 215 Exeter Way, to Jay C. and Evabeth Weinbach for $176,750 on July 27.

John and Mary A. Gustitus sold property at 51 Valley View Road to Portia A. and Tashana M. ... for $125,000 on July 28.

Joaoc and Maria R. Cunha sold property at 1228 S. Long Ave. to Albino and Margarida ... for $135,000 on July 28.

Carlos A. and Rosario D. Morales sold property at 281 Millard Ave., to David and Santos S. Fernandes for $136,000 on July 29.

Ida Lupkin sold property at 1135 Fanny St., to Luis Garcia for $139,000 on July 30.

Delizia Pannullo sold property at 1100 Chester St., to Jose Aponte for $130,000 on July 30.

Samuel and Arlette Frierson sold property at 1415 Orchard Terrace to Kevin O. and Rodriguez M. Barron for $139,500 on July 30.

Gladys Davis sold property at 1437 Orchard Terrace to James Footman for $111,000 on Aug. 4.

### Kenilworth

Costa Rental Properties LLC sold property at 30 N. 9th St., to Donald A. and Debra Scofese for $235,000 on July 29.

Summit Bank sold property at 662 Trenton Ave., to Vita Cristiano for $160,000 on Aug. 17.

### Linden

Eloise Jones sold property at 573 Walnut St., to Izer and Danita E. Dixon for $160,000 on June 10.

Julia Tirch sold property at 305 N. Park Ave., to ... for $120,000 on June 25.

Robert J. and Catherine E. Cmil sold property at 130 Walter St., to Gl... for $115,000 on June 28.

John and Barbara Begarney sold property at 100 W. Elizabeth Ave., to James and L... for $157,500 on June 30.

Lillian Valenti sold property at 1301 N. Wood Ave. to Dennis V...nti for $70,000 on July 8.

Anne A. Chowyuk sold property at 616 Chandler Ave., to Alexander and Roslyn Bullock for $123,000 on July 8.

Huy C. Dao sold property at 311 Grant St., to Norma Gonzalez for $207,000 on July 12.

Jan and Ewa Kula sold property at 2012 E. Saint Georges Ave., to Francisco and Andrea C. Muniz for $152,000 on July 16.

Homecomings Financial Network Inc. sold property at 212 Thelma Terrace to Tomasz Supinski for $138,000 on July 22.

Issac and Pandora Norman sold property at 538 Union St., to Ryan and Stella Evans for $119,000 on July 26.

Pic Legacy Realty Corp. sold property at 1303 McCandless St., to Deborah Mosley for $79,000 on July 28.

Eva C. Brame sold property at 17 E. 19th St., to Joyce Cody for $95,000 on July 28.

Donald L. and Janice H. Wenk sold property at 11 W. Gibbons St., to Steven G. and Maryann Cantara for $144,000 on July 28.

Antonio P. and Eugenia C. Merces sold property at 2624 Tremley Point Road to Krystyna Legecka for $147,000 on July 28.

Elias and Evagelia Vitoroulis sold property at 37 W. Price St., to Jose C. and Gomes N. Dos Santos for $156,000 on July 28.

Helen Miller sold property at 17.. Dewitt Terrace to Loretta and ... Lavin for $155,000 on July 28.

Carol J. Kosiarski sold property at 2714 Orchard Terraceto Susan Albury for $168,500 on July 28.

Margaret Kromer sold property at 623 Fairway Road to Jaime O. and Ana M. Sanchez for $130,000 on July 29.

Mario and Jane M. Miralles sold property at 730 Haven Place to John and Lori A. Sigley for $197,000 on July 30.

Craig R. and Diane K. Smith sold property at 1618 Orchard Terrace to Luz Marrero for $155,000 on Aug. 10.

### Mountainside

Irving and Lenore G. Halper sold property at 1019 Sunny Slope Drive to Alan M. and Arlene Wachstein for $565,000 on July 15.

Richard and Caroline J. Wills sold property at 1144 Corrinne Terrace to Peter J. and Maria Stapleton for $285,000 on July 23.

Michael J. and Lydia T. Huk sold property at 1513 Fox Trail to Richard E. and Caroline J. Wills for $395,000 on July 23.

Libbie and Richard J. Carell sold property at 1520 Longmeadow Road to Michael and Alina M. Balmann for $385,000 on July 23.

Charles H. and Betty R. Bowlby sold property at 319 Rolling Rock Road to Anthony C. and Janine I. Cardone for $340,000 on July 26.

Margaret L. Alcott sold property at 326 Rolling Rock Road to Clifford W. and Lillian Detjen for $362,000 on July 29.

Michael and Jill Bisk sold property at 256 Meetinghouse Lane to George M. and Virginia ... for $380,000 on July 30.

Louise A. Molinaro sold property at 1592 G...ouse Lane to Stephen ... and ... on Aug. 1...

### Rahway

Betty Kisch sold property at 565 New Brunswick Ave., to NJ Affordable Homes Corp. for $45,000 on June 8.

Helen Stanichar sold property at 1387 Fowler Place to Chris Szpirch for $145,000 on July 15.

Susan H. Lynch sold property at 939 Midwood Drive to Michael S. and Betty G. Shoor for $215,000 on July 26.

Loretta E. Simpson sold property at 669 W. Hazelwood Ave., to Jan and Irena Wtorek for $157,000 on July 26.

Margaret Fain sold property at 2255 Allen St., to Thomas L. and Ericka K. Prestlow for $124,500 on July 30.

Robert and Rosemary Melick sold property at 2213 Church St., to Carlos Pinho for $120,000 on Aug. 3.

Robert P. and Teresa Obiedzinski sold property at 216 Albermarle St., to William Green for $125,000 on Aug. 5.

Clifford J. Taylor sold property at 482 Booth Court to Mitchell Taylor for $25,000.00 on Aug. 12.

Paula J. Brainard sold property at 2358 Whittier St., to William and Eleonora Guadalupe for $92,000 on Aug. 12.

Ella L. Brown sold property at 710 Union St., to Ame... for $119,000 on Aug. 12.

### Roselle

Eon Institute sold property at 109 Vine St., to Donald ... for $135,000 on July 23.

Rudolph Romagnano sold property at 26 Westbrook Court to Essie Pembridge for $105,000 on July 27.

Kevin and Ann M. Hem sold property at 410 Wheatsheaf Road to Don...y Myers for $123,000 on July 27.

Marco A. Pedreira sold property at 129 Dennis St., to Osborne and Augusta Hank... for $125,000 on July 28.

Anthony J. and Yvonne D. White sold property at 129 William St., to Roberto and Drada N. Salamanca for $125,000 on July 29.

Paul and Marie Singleton sold property at 428 W. 4th Ave., to Aaron E. and Veronica Johnson for $155,000 on July 29.

Carlos E. Simmons sold property at 415 Drake Ave., to Patrick and Carly Romeus for $118,500 on July 30.

Nelson and Isabel Thompson sold property at 749 Sheridan Ave., to Everett Collier for $109,500 on July 30.

Harry and Norma J. Zander Jr. sold property at 1257 Crescent Ave. to Michael and Nadine Minor for $110,000 on Aug. 11.

### Roselle Park

Alex and Catherine Mikos sold property at 43 E. Webster Ave. to Juan and Alba Benjumea for $139,000 on July 15.

Michael and Loretta Durkot sold property at 302 E. Lincoln Ave. to Scott Bruckenstein for $160,000 on July 20.

Karin Connelly sold property at 132 Berwyn St., to Erik Aragon for $125,000 on July 22.

Robert A. and Cynthia M. Parducci sold property at 715 Hemlock St., to Belinda Amador for $122,000 on July 22.

Maria Tignini sold property at 105 Chestnut St., to Rita Mariano for $120,000 on July 23.

Rose M. Fisher sold property at 108 Roosevelt St., to Dennis G. and Marlene A. Murray for $155,000 on July ...

Nicola and Donna M. Trasente sold property at 118 Galloping Hill Road to Eduardo ... for $1... on July 28.

### Springfield

Harry H. and Cynthia L. Holdorf sold property at 244 Short Hills Ave., to Briana Buchholz for $213,000 on July 21.

Pablo N. Blanco sold property at 57 Mountain Ave., to Pauline Berke for $203,000 on July 26.

Robert J. and Janice L. Mallon sold property at 23 Garden Oval to Battista S. and Silva Migliaccio for $239,000 on July 29.

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## *At Home in Cranford*

Cranford is now recognized as having one of the most beautiful downtowns around," says Bob Hoeffler, who notes that the business district includes North, South and Centennial Avenues.

Hoeffler says Cranford has always benefited from its location, which has proven to be a strong attraction for both business and residents.

Both Exits 136 and 137 of the Garden State Parkway take drivers into the center of Cranford. The north-south thoroughfare also provides convenient access to such major roads as the New Jersey Turnpike, Route 9, Route 22 and Interstates 78, 287 and 80.

New York City is only about 15 miles away and can typically be reached in about 40 minutes. The Raritan Valley Line stops at the Cranford train station, and the World Trade Center in Manhattan, as well as to Newark. NJ Transit offers bus service to Elizabeth, Newark and the New York Port Authority Terminal.

The Planning Board recently approved the long-anticipated Cranford Crossing project, the first mixed-use buildings to be built in the downtown in almost a century. The project will create about 80,000 square feet of retail, office and residential space in two separate buildings at the corner of Walnut and South Avenues. The ground floors of one building will house professional offices. Residential condominiums are planned for the second and third floors of the other building.

The present downtown already includes more than 200 smaller-sized retail service businesses, including clothing, antiques, sporting goods and jewelers. The downtown also boasts a five-plex movie theater, as well as a variety of restaurants.

"The community center has always been a strong tradition in Cranford. We've always had a community center in one location or the other, but there was a need for a new building," says Nicholas Giuditta. "The new community center will have activities geared for all age groups, and there'll be one area dedicated exclusively for teens. This symbolizes our commitment to the family and the high priority that we place on our youth. Cranford has always been a good, family-oriented town, and there has always been a strong focus on quality education."

Cranford High School sends nearly 90 percent of its graduating class to two- and four- year colleges.

There are approximately 890 students enrolled in the public school system. There also are a number of preschools and private schools located in Cranford, as well as the 48-acre campus of Union College, which is located on Springfield Avenue.

# TRANSACTIONS

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## Summit

Christian M. and Renee Malmquist sold property at 8 Irving Place to Merrell and Angelica A. Shea for $300,000 on June 24.

Mark and Elizabeth R. Teare sold property at 22 Shadyside Ave. to Mark L. and Lisa M. Washburn for $475,000 on July 28.

Gregory M. and Beri B. Stowe sold property at 276 Woodland Ave. to Daniel L. and Kaly Thirivamaygam for $476,200 on July 29.

Rodolfo W. Ferrarese sold property at 20 Woodfern Road to Ervin L. and Julia Bales for $365,000 on July 30.

Bernard D. and Regina M. Feeney sold property at 156 Division Ave. to David L. and Susan L. Lowe for $462,500 on July 30.

Robert L. and Roseleann Neuwirth sold property at 2 Kings Hill Court to Richard and Suzanne P. [illegible] for $525,000 on July 30.

Lawrence and Bonnie C. Shea sold property at 1 Edgar Pl. to Peter H. and Mary F. [illegible] on July 30.

## Union

Norman McCloud sold property at 1420 Gustav Ave., to Union Township for $92,500 on June 8.

Dorothy M. Corrigan sold property at 1030 Rutgers Road to William Corrigan for $165,000 on June 9.

Arthur J. Kastner sold property at 2078 Aberdeen Road to Pablo A. and Ana M. Dubon for $175,000 on June 30.

Marco G. and Suzanne M. Peralta sold property at 892 Madison Ave., to Jose and Janice Cardoso for $170,000 on June 30.

Lucille Colon sold property at 9 Creston Ave., to Abraham and Cynthia Taylor for $147,000 on June 30.

Nancy Venuto sold property at 358 Forest Drive to Melvin L. and Gorley H. Hall for $240,000 on July 7.

Adeline Tomasso sold property at 1769 Oak Hill Drive to Joaquim and Maria T. Alves for $130,000 on July 13.

George and Vasilik Caravassilis sold property at 801 Palmer St., to Licinio D. and Aurea M. Santos for $183,000 on July 14.

Egon and Gretchen Gruenhut sold property at 888 Peach Tree Road to Eloy and Lourdes Aguirre for $220,000 on July 15.

Silton and Cassia Guimaraes sold property at 1032 W. Chestnut St., to Frederick D. and Eileen R. Hill for $166,000 on July 15.

Dolores Tobia sold property at 620 Twain Place to Alexis M. and Teresita C. Garcia for $152,000 on July 16.

Bertha Vlahakis sold property at 518 Bailey Ave., to Urvish and Kalpana Patel for $160,000 on July 16.

John M. and Susan L. Kirman sold property at 7159 Bushnell St., to Joel and Brenda Davis for $181,000 on July 20.

Paula Hotz sold property at 1027 Stowe St., to Jose and Adelaide Oliveira for $145,000 on July 21.

Maria Lipert sold property at 513 Conant Ave., to Halina and Backie B. Chaimbi for $144,000 on July 21.

Elizabeth Schaefer sold property at 1244 Clapp Ave., to Stephen B. and Juanita [illegible] on July 22.

Marilyn D. Koh sold property at 343 Tuttle Ave. to Modesto and Sara [illegible] on July 30.

Glen L. and S. Prince sold property at 75 Richard Terrace to Stephen and Victoria [illegible] on July 27.

Alfonso and Carolyn S. Granato sold property at 2263 Stecher Ave., to Allanzo and Claudette [illegible] for $162,000 on July 31.

Judith L. Briscoe sold property at 931 Lafayette Ave. to Deputy Member for $138,000 on July 31.

Anthony and Kimberly A. Novello sold property at 2153 Stecher Ave., to Ramiro and Dolores [illegible] for $149,100 on July 26.

Frank and Rosaura Palumbo sold property at 1028 Falls Terrace to Jose Mendoza for $130,000 on July [illegible].



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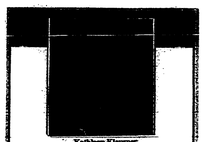

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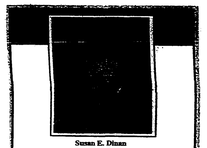

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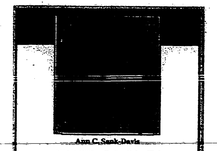

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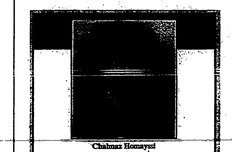

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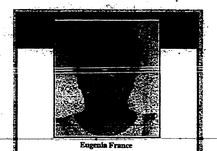

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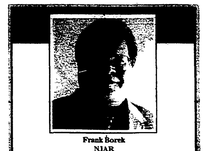

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# AUTOMOTIVE

## Multi Chevrolet assists child car-seat campaign

By Walter Ellett
Staff Writer

About 100 motorists were ushered from Route 22 west onto the Multi Chevrolet parking lot for a vehicle check Monday afternoon. While several Union County and Roselle Park police officers were conducting the inspections, dozens and their children were [illegible] Mr. Goodoff the Crime Dog and refreshments.

This extraordinary check was the county kickoff for Child Passenger Safety Week and the New Jersey SAFE KIDS Campaign. The New Jersey State Safety Council of Cranford and [illegible] sponsored drivers to properly child secure [illegible] Safety Week by visiting.

"In the last few years we've made good progress in educating people in having child and infant safety seats," said campaign director Carol Ann Giardelli. A 1998 survey shows 97 percent of children were in child safety seats, up from 69 percent in 1987. [illegible] percent of those were not properly secured.

Child and infant car seats explained Giardelli and council president William Margaretta, have to match age, weight and size of a growing child. Part of the high failure rate is also due to these being improperly mounted or placed on the front passenger seat.

"New Jersey and most other states have mandatory infant and child seat use laws governing children up to 4 years old," said Margaretta. Another problem is when the child grows older and seat restraint use somewhat declines. As Giardelli said, the greatest cause of death [illegible] through 14 years old is from motor vehicle accidents.

The council, whose members include the AAA General Motors and the national and state highway safety administrations, launched the child car seat safety inspection program. Drivers go through a 14-point check list by state-certified child seat inspectors. The inspectors, which include dealership mechanics and police officers, have [illegible] specially trained since last year.

"I took my six-day training and certification test last October in Morris County," said Roselle Park Police Sgt. Carl Holmenson. "It is the only place where there were spaces available at the time. More training sessions will come, but I, a Summit policeman and three Union County Police Department officers are the only ones certified for Union County."

Holmenson, who emphasized that the campaign is about education, was checking final points on driver Ann Marie Harvey, child seat Harvey and daughter [illegible] Harvey's car checked.

"I drove past Multi yesterday and saw the sign," said Harvey. "What I learned from this check-up is to read the car and child seat instruction manuals."

The SAFE KIDS Campaign intends to have its Multi-donated checkup vans at various functions in the state. The [illegible] also available to check child car seats by calling 654-9830.

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## School budget contains no tax hike, funding will roll

By Robert Coakley
Staff Writer

The Board of Education Tuesday introduced a $44.3-million budget for the 2000-01 school year which contains no school tax increase. A considerable amount of state aid is included to help renovate the elementary schools.

The board board adopted a proposed school budget, although it may undergo changes before being presented for public approval on April 18, said William Pettino, superintendent of schools.

"The budget is a year-round activity," Pettino said. [illegible] year.

Pettino called the budget a "work in progress," but maintained that taxpayers would be satisfied with what the budget was so far.

The total school budget has gone from $36.2 million for the 1999-2000 school year, to a tentative $44.3 million for the 2000-01 school year. This is an increase of about $8 million, or 22 percent. Approximately $6.5 million will be covered by state Early Childhood funding reserves for building aid to the district, said Pettino.

The state aid will cover the expansion of the elementary schools to make room for the full-day kindergarten session. Since the state has provided $6.5 million [illegible] impact, Pettino said.

Without this $6.5 million in state aid, the budget increase is approximately $1.6 million or 4 percent, a fairly typical increase for Rahway, according to the superintendent.

"Because of the increase in ratables in the city last year, the increase in the budget is not going to cost the homeowner anything more in school taxes than they paid last year," Pettino said.

Approval of the base budget would result in the tax rate staying the same at $1.63 per $100 of assessed property. The average homeowner with property assessed at $133,000 would continue to pay approximately $2,170 in school taxes for 2000-01, the same as it was for the current school year, said Pettino.

There also would be significant staff additions such as new teachers, aids, guidance counselors and librarians would be added to the district under the spending plan.

Various construction renovations would be done as well, including the gym floor and stage curtains at Franklin School, the auditorium ceiling and lights at Grover Cleveland School, the cafeteria floor at Madison School, the library ceiling and lighting at Roosevelt School, the auditorium at the intermediate school and [illegible] at the high school.

In addition to the base budget, the public will vote on a second budget question April 18 regarding the Veterans's Memorial Athletic Field Complex.

Approximately $572,500 is proposed to restore and maintain Veterans's Field which was heavily damaged during Tropical Storm Floyd last year. The additional levy will provide funds for construction services to rebuild press box, field houses, concession stand, the baseball and football fields, and architectural, engineering and reproduction cost, said school officials.

"It is important to emphasize that we are doing a lot of things that need to be done that could not be done in the past because we [illegible] difficult," Pettino said.

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## New signals placed near city's schools

### Lights placed along busy avenue

By Robert Coakley
Staff Writer

There is a new flashing speed limit sign to mark one of the school zones in Rahway, with more to follow in the future. The signs will allow drivers to see that they are passing near a school, even when the school is not in their immediate line-of-sight.

Third Ward Councilman Jerry Scanuro proposed having a sign that warns motorists they are entering a school zone near Franklin School on St. Georges Avenue. The busy street has one sign for each side of the road that will slow down traffic as it passes the school.

Scanuro first looked into having a flashing school zone sign near the Roosevelt School, which also is on St. Georges Avenue, but closer to the city of Woodbridge. When Walgreen's was built close to the school, parents told Scanuro they were concerned about traffic so close to the school. Also, drivers can not see the school until they are right next to it because of curves in the road.

Other flashing signs to warn drivers will soon come, Scanuro said. Signs for Roosevelt School are planned, as well as signs for Madison School and Grover Cleveland School.

"I called Police Chief Edward Tilton up, and he gave me Lt. Edward Hannan, who is retired now, and we started this project," Scanuro said. "We put in Franklin because that is on St. Georges Avenue on a highway too. And we didn't get too far, so we went to see Assemblyman Joe Saliga, and he was instrumental in helping us a lot in."

Saliga called the state in, and a few meetings with the state were held. The effort started getting attention and action was taken. State officials agreed that Franklin School needed a flashing sign first, and that one near Roosevelt would go up next, according to the board member.

"I was happy to assist Councilman Jerry Scanuro and other Rahway officials who have worked tirelessly to bring this project to fruition," Saliga said. "By coordinating our efforts, we were able to reach our goals and make traffic safety a priority around Franklin School."

Route 27 is a heavily travelled roadway, which can pose a danger for any pedestrian, especially youngers, Saliga said.

"It's not just because of the traffic that we wanted the sign," Scanuro said. "The school zone wasn't marked. If you ride down there, coming from Linden, the school is on a curve. You can't see the school."

"That's what our good selling point was to the state when Saliga had us sitting down with them. It's not a school crossing you can see. You are almost on top of it once you realize you are coming to a school zone."

Scanuro's main goal is for speed limit signs to go where all the elementary schools in Rahway are located.

"I look forward to working with the City of Rahway and getting another set of flashing speed limit signs installed near the Roosevelt School in the future," Saliga said.

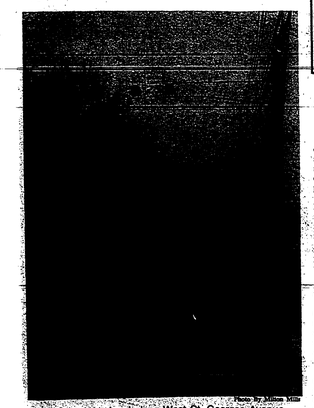
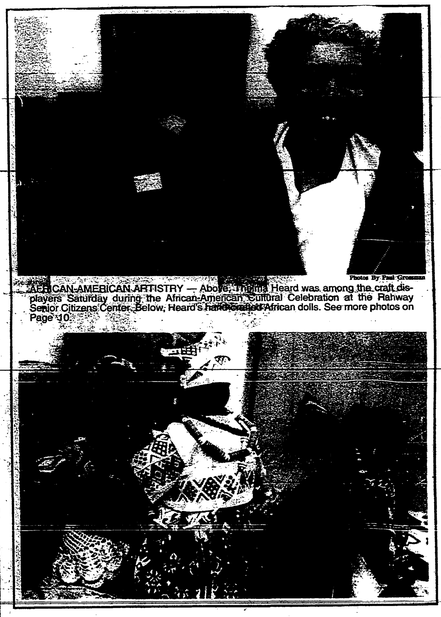


Photo by Milton Mills

A new street signal along West St. Georges Avenue has been installed to warn drivers about a nearby elementary school.



Photos by Joel Grossman

AFRICAN-AMERICAN ARTISTRY — Above, Thelma Heard was among the craft displayers Saturday during the African-American Cultural Celebration at the Rahway Senior Citizens Center. Below, Heard's hand-crafted African dolls. See more photos on Page 10.

## New fire pact OK'd

By Robert Coakley
Staff Writer

The Rahway City Council approved a new contract Feb. 14 with the Rahway Fire Chief Officers Association. The contract is retroactive effective from July 1, 1999, and will expire June 30, 2003.

The salary increases are standard for the four years, said Deputy Chief David Hummel. There will be a 3-percent raise the first year and again the second year, and 3¼ -percent raises fo the third year and fourth year of the pact.

This contract is between the city of Rahway and officers of the Fire Department, not the firefighters, which includes five battallions chiefs and the deputy chief.

The initial negotiations did not start right away. The Firemen's Benevolent Association settled its contract before the start of the fiscal year in July, according to Hummel.

A preliminary meeting was held in the fall, and follow-up meetings were not held until November, Hummel said, because Rahway Business Administrator Peter Pelissier was working on the new city police contract and did not want to handle two contract negotiations at once, Hummel said.

The fire officers agreed to wait, and the final meetings were held in January of this year. The contract had an amicable settlement between the fire officers and city, and will be in effect until the end of the 2003 fiscal year.

Battalion Chief Robert Watt and Battalion Chief Gerard Dodman negotiated the contract for the union.

There is not much difference between the previous contract and the current contract, Hummel said. There were some changes made regarding the 24/72 shift, with fire officers on call at headquarters for 24 hours, then be off for 72 hours.

"They rewrote a lot of the contract to clarify some language, and put language in that was required due to the changes in the 24-hour work schedule," Hummel said.

"This chief officers contract not

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## Funding approved for parks and trails

By Robert Coakley
Staff Writer

The Rahway City Council introduced a $668,000 bond ordinance at a special meeting Monday which includes the city's participation in the county's Project Pocket Parks program.

In addition to funding throughout Pocket Parks, the capital improvements covered under the bond ordinance are being subsidized by Community Development Block Program grants and grants from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and Environmental Protection.

City officials will issue approximately $182,000 in bonds or notes to finance parts of the cost.

The capital improvements include the purchase and planting of trees along and in the Gateway area of the city, the installation of decorative streetlights in and along the Gateway Area, and the improving and resurfacing of various streets within the city.

Other improvements covered under the bond ordinance are repairs and improvements to the Rahway Senior Citizens Building, the Art Ceger Park, and Madison Avenue Park.

Bridge Street will be improved and reconstructed from Grand Avenue and Clarkson Place, including curbs, sidewalks, and drainage improvements, according to city officials.

The governing body also accepted a $500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for various improvements at the Essex Street Riverfront Park Project.

An appropriation of a $500,000 grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation will go towards the installation and construction of bicycle trails in the Essex Street Riverfront Park, Green Field Park and Milton Lake Park.

An ordinance was amended to provide bicycle trails in various parks throughout Rahway. Two grants will go toward two different improvements.

Part of the ordinance to include a bike trail in Rahway Cemetary was omitted, as the owners of the cemetery and the council felt it would be inappropriate to put a bike trail in a cemetary.

These ordinances will come up for public hearing and adoption at the council meeting March 13.

Bike trails also will be constructed throughout the city to connect the parks. A pedestrian bridge that includes a bike trail will be constructed in Milton Lake Park along Madison Hill Road.

In other business:

• A resolution reaffirming Mayor James Kennedy's appointment of Ilanda Kerobo to Rahway's Local Assistance Board was tabled.

Since the Local Assistance Board can only have three or five members, and there were currently three members, the council decided that a resolution allowing five members on the board would have to be passed first.

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## Progress reporter wins press award

The *Rahway Progress* will collect a first-place award in April when the New Jersey Press Association honors the winners of its annual Better Newspaper Contest.

*Progress* Staff Writer Robert Coakley won first place in the Robert P. Kelly Award-category, for journalists with less than 12 months of experience. His entry, "Murder clues sought," covered the October murder of 84-year-old Helen Smith of Rahway and the subsequent police investigation.

Worrall Community Newspapers, a group of 17 weekly newspapers serving Union and Essex counties, garnered at total of 20 Editorial awards overall in the association's 1999 Better Newspaper Contest. The company earned five advertising awards and two photography awards, for a total of 27.

The number is 11 more than the company received in last year's contest and the second highest in the state among weekly newspapers.

The awards were announced Feb. 19. The contest this year drew 2,254 entries in more than 30 categories.

Contest winners will receive their awards in April at the annual NJPA conference in Princeton.