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The Union High School soccer field is now known as Jim Jeskey Field. It was officially named after the long-time coach during a ceremony Saturday morning.

City Hall project updated

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — The city Redevelopment Agency announced its plan to scale back the long anticipated Rahway Town Center and has chosen a new developer on the project.

Officials had proposed demolishing City Hall and developing the surrounding property into a downtown retail center.

The current state of the retail market, however, has made the plan less feasible, according to Peter Pelissier, director of the Redevelopment Agency. "[We] want to focus on building residential property. That component may entice retailers [to the area] at a later date — five to eight years down the road," he said.

Now, the agency wants to develop approximately 300 residential units on a 4.5-acre site near the cur-
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Remembering loved ones



Area residents with lit candles stand in front of town hall in Union and listen to speakers during a Sept. 11 memorial service.

Photo By Jacqueline Leon

Court to Exxon: clean up

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

LINDEN — ExxonMobil was found liable for accidental spills and active dumping that damaged and polluted much of the Arthur Kill, Morses Creek and the wetlands surrounding the Bayway Refinery, according to a Superior Court ruling issued last week.

The corporation, which sold the site to ConocoPhillips in 1993, was also busted for contaminating the area near its Bayonne Refinery. ExxonMobil and the company's predecessors had owned the site since the late nineteenth century.

The lawsuit, filed by the state Department of Environmental Protection against the oil company, called for the company to compensate the public for the loss of natural resources and to restore damaged resources through a cleanup
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Board request for \$80K toward master plan withdrawn

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — Planning Board officials responsible for approving updates on the township's master plan rescinded their request for additional funding to support more public meetings on the proposed changes and the services of T&M Associates, the planning firm handling the review.

The turnabout, which occurred a day after it was proposed, disturbed several township commissioners, who questioned how well the board is operating.

A day prior to the Planning Board meeting Sept. 9, Chair Bob Hoeffler had estimated another \$80,000 would be required, but Stan Slachetka, a manager at T&M

Associates, said all costs associated with the master plan were covered within the original contract.

"We have a contract with the township, and we are going to be sticking to it," Slachetka said. "There will not be any additional costs unless the board or the township asks us for services not covered by the contract."

While Slachetka noted it was impossible for Hoeffler to anticipate additional meetings or services that the planner was not aware of, Hoeffler suggested he was able to convince T&M to complete the remaining work without additional funding.

"Apparently the planner will get the job done for the money we've already paid," said David Robin-

son, deputy mayor and finance commissioner.

Robinson joined other commissioners at the meeting who were pleased to learn extra funding was not needed, but were disturbed by what they saw as an apparent break in communication between the Planning Board and its planner.

"It becomes an agenda item, it gets in the public eye, and it turns out those questions weren't asked at the Planning Board level first," Robinson said. "Is anybody in control in the master plan project?"

The master plan languished after being authorized in 2006. The first draft of the revised plan was completed in 2008 but has not been made available to the public. The review of the draft was expected to

be completed in the spring or summer of this year.

Commissioners discussed how the Township Committee might take action to put an end to delays and miscommunication surrounding this crucial project.

Robinson said he didn't know why the process was taking so long, or why recommendations in an earlier draft of the plan, such as the designation of Birchwood Avenue as a high-density area, were not being defended or explained.

"I think its difficult for some of the Planning Board members to get their arms around the project when recommendations were made by master plan subcommittee members who don't stand behind what they said and aren't held account-

able," Robinson said.

Hoeffler said the problems and delays in the process have been exaggerated and that they are a result of much discussion among "dedicated" board members working carefully on a detailed plan that is going to be important to Cranford's future.

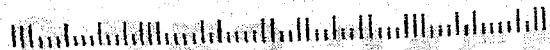
Slachetka said T&M is waiting for the Planning Board to finish discussing the current draft of the plan and expects to receive their requested changes and revisions soon.

Hoeffler said the planner should have the review back in about three months.

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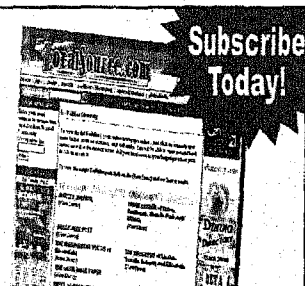
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Robbery suspect nabbed

Bail set at \$250,000

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

UNION — A Linden man has been arrested in connection with the robbery of the Wachovia Bank on Stuyvesant Avenue Aug. 6.

On Sept. 9, James Batir, 49, was charged with first-degree bank robbery after he was identified as the possible suspect by an employee at a township store located in the Five Points area.

The store employee reported Batir looked suspicious and matched the description of the bank robbery suspect, according to a formal press release issued by the Union Police Department.

Just after 11 p.m. the bank suspect, believed to be Batir, was seen limping away from the scene of the crime on 1057 Stuyvesant Avenue with approximately \$200 in cash.

According to law enforcement officials, no weapon was used during the robbery and no one was hurt.

Batir was being held at Union County Jail on a \$250,000 bail.

For the last month, Detective Chantel Brochu of the Union Police Department lead the investigation and had circulated pictures of the suspect in town.

Batir was also arrested for active warrants out of other towns, according to Detective Captain Scott Breslow.

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New Firehouse No. 2 opened in Linden

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

LINDEN — The first leg of a plan to give four city fire departments a facelift is complete.

Linden Firehouse No. 2, located on West St. Georges Avenue and Dewitt Terrace, opened last week and was constructed for approximately \$3.3 million; about \$200,000 under budget, according to Union County Improvement Authority officials.

The UCIA is funding updates to the four firehouses designated for repair.

"The firehouses are an...asset

for Linden, and will serve in the mission to protect our residents," said Anthony Scutari, UCIA board chairman and a Linden resident.

The former facility opened in 1946. In recent years, firefighters complained it was out of date, citing they could barely open the firetruck doors and that the building was lacking some needed equipment.

The new firehouse is a two-story, 10,200 square-foot facility, with a sleeping area for up to 10 firefighters, offices for the department's credit union and more space for gear.

The design won an award from the Fire Industry Equipment Research Organization for efficient use of available space and for the facade.

"With this opening...we continue to make progress in assisting our emergency responders with the facilities they need to address emergency conditions in an urban environment such as Linden," said UCIA executive director Charlotte DeFilippo.

Next up for the department is the total reconstruction of Firehouse No. 1 on Wood and Morris avenues.

The UCIA and contractors are trying to set a date to begin construction, which will take between 14 and 16 months to complete, according to acting fire chief Joseph Rizzo.

Also in the works are plans for a new facility at Firehouse No. 3 on Elizabeth Avenue and renovations to Firehouse No. 4 on South Wood Avenue.

The total cost of the construction projects is estimated at \$25 million.

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CLARK BRIEFS

Senior club meeting

The Clark senior monthly meeting will be held today at Brewer Senior Center, 430 Westfield Ave., at 1 p.m.

The speaker will be David De La Fuente, the clinical director of Cornerstone Physical Therapy.

For information, contact Phyllis Cupo at 732-382-7134.

Gaming afternoon

The Clark Public Library hold will hold afternoon games for youth Fridays at 3 p.m.. Snacks and soda will be available.

Teen dance party

The Clark Public Library hold will hold Dance Dance Revolution for teens Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

Learn to get organized

Eva Abreu, professional organizer, will teach a workshop at the Clark Public Library on how to take the first steps toward getting organized on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Register for the workshop at www.clarklibrary.org.

Out for a morning stroll

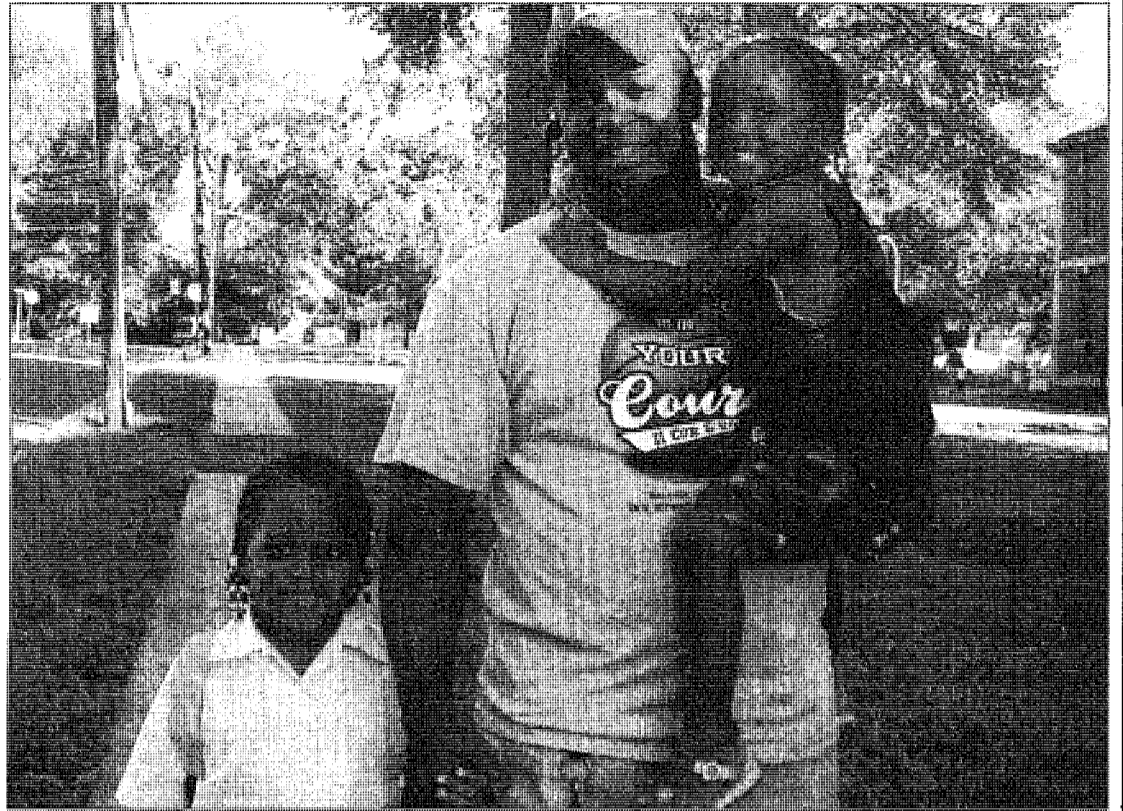


Photo By Dan Burns

Roselle resident Dwayne Dixon walks his daughter Madison, 5, to school at Washington Elementary School on Sept. 8, while 3-year-old Montana tags along. Dixon participated in Roselle Public Schools' "Calling All Men" walk to school.

S&S held up; employee struck with gun

Rahway

• On Sept. 4, at 6:25 p.m., police responded to a report of a robbery at S&S Convenience store on West Grand Avenue.

According to police, two men, one of which had a silver handgun, entered the store and demanded money. One suspect allegedly held the gun to the employee's head, while the other attempted to break into the cash register. The employee was bleeding from a cut on their head they received from being struck with the gun barrel. The suspects allegedly fled with more than a

POLICE BLOTTER

\$1,000, in cash and coins. They are described as black, in their 20s, both wearing black masks and dark gloves.

Clark

• German Segura, 39, of Matawan was arrested at 9:33 a.m. on Sept. 2 at the Essex County Jail for having an outstanding warrant for contempt of court/motor vehicle violations.

Cranford

• Richard Genova, 46, of Garwood was arrested by officer

Robert Jordan. at 2:09 a.m. on Sept. 6 after being pulled over on Springfield Avenue at Orange Avenue for driving with his headlights off. He was charged with driving while intoxicated and improper maintenance of lamps.

Kenilworth

• On Sept. 10, at 6:55 p.m., an Elizabeth man was struck by a car while riding his bicycle on Galloping Hill Road. He was not injured.

Linden

• Jerry Lee Bridgeforth, 42, and James Everette, 44, were arrested Sept. 9 on drug charges. The arrests stemmed from a monthlong probe

into the pair. When police searched their home on Van Buren Street, they found more than 20 packages of cocaine. They were charged with possession of narcotic and possession of drug paraphernalia. They were being held at the Union County Jail.

Springfield

• Luis Ortiz, 44, of Newark was arrested at 1:12 p.m. on Aug. 25 at the Essex County Jail on a warrant.

Summit

• Ruppert Geoffrey, 39, of Summit was arrested at 12:32 a.m. on Aug. 19 at police headquarters for contempt of court.

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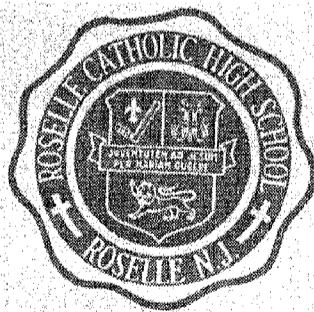
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Military: Stamping company shows support

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

MOUNTAINSIDE — In an effort to show off a bit of New Jersey's part in aiding the military, AK Stamping Inc. recently offered members of the military a peek into some of their capabilities.

On Sept. 15, the company hosted Brigadier General William Phillips, along with 1st Lt. Todd Anderscott and Capt. Brian Swan of the United States Army's Picatinny Arsenal. This was the highest level tour so far at the facility, according to Dave Bongiovanni, a quality assurance official at the factory, which creates bullet links used by the military.

The three officers were invited to tour the factories, which manufacture, quality check and assemble plastic links that hold together strings of bullets for the military.

According to Swan, AK Stamping representatives first invited Phillips to the facility, located

on Route 22 in Mountainside, during a small business conference in Denville in August.

Since June, Phillips has been responsible for serving as the commanding general of Picatinny Arsenal, the commander of Joint Munitions and Lethality Life Cycle Management, and as the program executive officer of ammunition.

AK Stamping owner Arthur Kurz led the 15-person tour, which also included AK Stamping employees and other military personnel, through the factory floor area and some assembly rooms used to manufacture and check the quality of the links.

Phillips said he was impressed by the whole operation. "It is great to see what their capabilities are," he said.

He was most intrigued by the company's focus on Statistical Process Control.

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development, production and high-volume assembly to global leaders in computer and electronic industries since 1954. The company employs 95 workers.

Phillips said he feels being a veteran-owned, small business brings certain values to the AK Stamping. "You can see their precision and passion shine through the quality products they manufacture here," he said. "They are giving our soldiers and warriors...the best equipment possible."

After the nearly two-hour tour, Phillips summed up his visit in two words: very refreshing.

Kurz also saw the day as a success. "We simply wanted to make them aware of what this state can do to aid the war effort overseas," he said.

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CRANFORD BRIEFS

Hear from DTV expert

The Cranford Public Library and RadioShack will present a seminar to help people prepare for the DTV transition today at 7:30 p.m. in the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. For information, contact the Cranford Public Library by calling 908-709-7272 or by e-mail at library@cranfordnj.org.

Book discussion

A book discussion of "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday at the

Cranford Public Library, 224 Walnut Ave. For information, contact John Malar at 908-709-7272 or visit www.cranford.com/library.

Join in litter pick-up

The Cranford Clean Communities Committee is inviting volunteers to sign up by Sept. 30 for its sixteenth Townwide Litter Pick-up Day, which will be held Oct. 4 from 10 to noon, rain or shine.

To register, call the Clean Communities Coordinator at 908-709-7299.

Club's calendar here

The 35th Edition of Cranford College Women's Club Calendar is now on sale. The calendar runs from September to September 2009 and includes a reference of local services and merchants. Buy calendars from any College Club member or from the following businesses: Maddie's Hallmark at 117 North Union Ave., Perrotti's Quality Meats and Groceries at 23 South Union Ave., Periwinkle's Fine Gifts at 17 North Union Ave. and the Cranford Library.

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- **Rahway:** "Fire Dept. officers to pay into benefits; three sworn in"
 - **Linden:** "Linden seniors celebrate their 'home away from home'"
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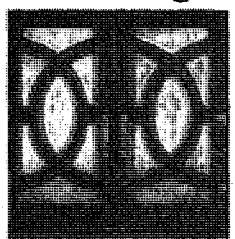
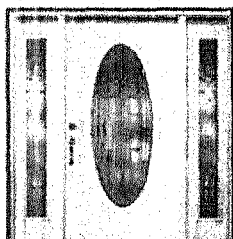
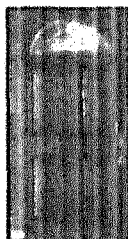
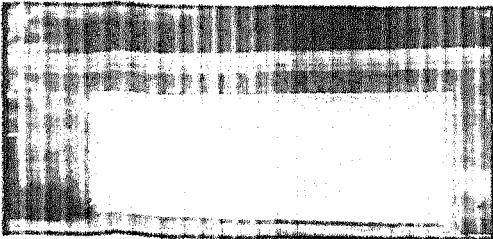
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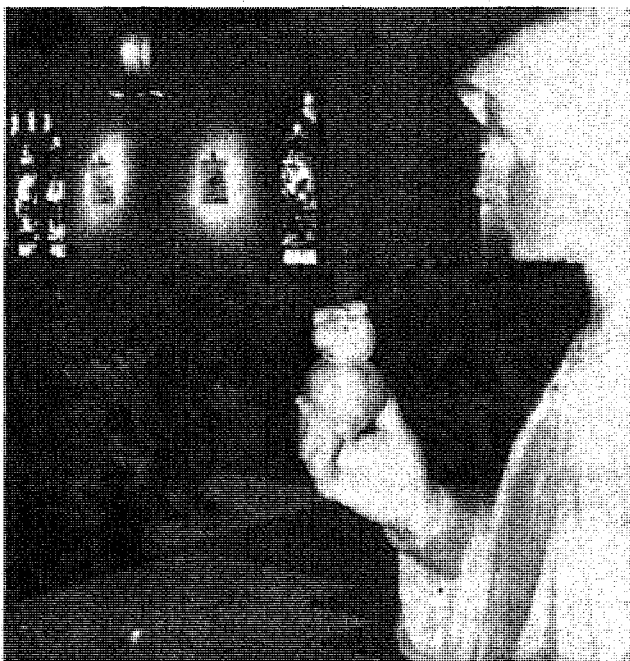
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From left: Congressman Rush Holt, House of the Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Assemblywoman Linda Stender and Congressman Frank Pallone during an fundraiser for the Assemblywoman held at Boulevard Five72 on Sunday.

Stender welcomes Pelosi, supporters at fundraiser

By Jackeline Leon
Staff Writer

ELECTION 2008

The intense race for a 7th Congressional District seat was brought to the streets of Kenilworth this week.

Assemblywoman Linda Stender, D-Union, sponsored the fundraiser at Boulevard Five72.

The event, which took place on Sunday afternoon, attracted approximately 100 supporters, including House of Representatives Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, and generated approximately \$50,000 for Stender's campaign.

Senator Robert Menendez, Congressmen Rush Holt and Frank Pallone and Assemblyman Joseph Cryan, D-20, were also present to support Stender. "Having the speaker of the house come here is a big honor and shows that this race is clearly important on a national level," Cryan said.

Stender and state Sen. Leonard Lance, R-23, are vying for a seat

vacated by Republican U.S. Sen. Mike Ferguson.

During the fundraiser event, Stender, who is currently serving her fourth term in the New Jersey General Assembly, pointed an angry finger at President George W. Bush and his "failed economic policies." She said she wants to help bring change to the county.

"We've seen good-paying jobs flee areas like Kenilworth and Linden, with little to replace them," Stender said. "I worry that my children and grandchildren are losing access to the same American Dream that allowed my father, a World War II veteran, to get a college education, a good paying job and an affordable home for his family."

Pelosi pointed out the specific effects the country's economic downturn has had on local busi-

nesses. "After eight years of economic mismanagement under President Bush, we've seen a General Motors plant leave Linden and the announcement this summer that Schering-Plough would be laying off hundreds of workers, the majority based in Kenilworth," Pelosi said.

Borough councilman and Republican, Brian Joho said he stands behind Stender's opponent, State Sen. Leonard Lance, R-23. "He has experience in the state assembly, he knows the state quite well and his ultimate goal is to make sure New Jersey gets what it deserves in Washington," Joho said.

Cryan said that President George W. Bush is expected to endorse Lance later this week at an event in New Jersey.

Voters need to make a choice, and they will be able to see the contrast between the candidates this week," Cryan said.

RAHWAY BRIEFS

'Jersey Fresh' goods

The Jersey Fresh Farmers Market will be held at Rahway Train Station, East Milton Avenue and Irving Street on Thursdays through Oct. 16, from noon to 6 p.m.

RCP board to meet

The Rahway Center Partnership Board of Trustees will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, One City Hall Plaza.

information or to register, call the hospital's Hospice Office at 732-499-6169.

Craft vendors wanted

The Rahway Division of Parks and Recreation is looking for vendors for their Annual Holiday Craft Market from Nov. 28 to Nov. 30 at the Recreation Center. Vendors who sell handcrafted items only, and new items such as Avon are wanted.

For information, call 732-669-3616.

City dancers perform

Rahway Dance Theatre will perform at the New Jersey's 3rd statewide cultural celebration on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in South Riverwalk Park, Riverview Plaza, Trenton. For information, call 609-777-0881.

Bereavement group

A new bereavement group is forming at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway on Wednesday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the hospital, located at 865 Stone St., Rahway.

Registration is required. For

Town Hall Center plans scaled back

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rent in-line skating bubble near City Hall, as well as 30 to 40 thousand square feet of retail space on Main Street in the first phase of development for the town center project. A parking deck would also be built on-site to make up for spaces lost to new buildings, according to Pelissier.

The Florida-based DeBartolo Development company, which was recently appointed to take the reins on the new plans, estimated to cost \$85 million. The developers could take several months to draw plans for the construction and present them to the city's Redevelopment Agency.

DeBartolo had been assisting Diversified Communities of Parsippany, formally the lead developer on the town center project.

"The designation expired for Diversified and the city took another look at other redevelopers and thought it would be...best...to go with DeBartolo, which had

experience in development of retail," said Pelissier.

DeBartolo Development, a 60-year-old company, specializes in developing open space retail, mixed use and community center real estate.

Original plans to revamp the City Hall site were proposed in 2007 and called for the construction of 175,000 square feet of retail space, nearly 400 residential units, a hotel and a civic plaza.

All city offices currently located in City Hall would have been relocated to vacant space above the library and a new police headquarters would possibly have been rebuilt.

For now, city offices will not be moved and SDI Technologies, which owns the offices above the library, plans to sell the space to a private developer.

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Exxon ordered to clean Bayway site

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of hazardous substances in the wetland areas. Total damages will be determined at a future trial.

"This decision is important in our ongoing effort to hold polluters accountable through litigation," said Attorney General Anne Milgram.

"We remain committed...to have those who damage our environment held legally responsible, and to obtain compensation for natural resources lost to contamination," she added.

Calls to the ExxonMobil corporate headquarters were not returned.

Between 1909 and 1972 the two facilities in Linden and Bayonne were connected by a pipeline that allowed fuel and chemicals to flow from one facility to the other. The court found that during that time, crude oil, pesticides and chemicals, such as chromium and arsenic, leaked into the ground. The chemicals can be deadly in high enough doses and did damage to much of the wildlife in the area.

According to studies conducted by the DEP before cleanup efforts began in 1991, the Bayonne location was saturated with seven million gallons of oil, in layers between 7 and 17 feet thick.

One DEP official referred to the area around the Bayway Refinery as "tar flats," according to court reports.

DEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson said lawsuits against companies responsible for pollution have resulted in more than \$55 million for ecological enhancement projects and the protection of more than 6,000 acres of land since its inception in 1970.

Since the sale of the property, ExxonMobil has had a remediation team working on-site at both the Linden and Bayonne refineries.

Representatives from Conoco-Phillips said they have not had contamination problems since they took over. "We're essentially responsible [for the property] from when Exxon sold the refinery," said Bayway Refinery spokesman Mike Karlovich.

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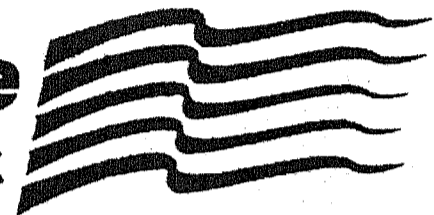
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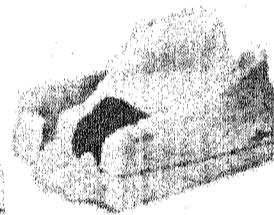
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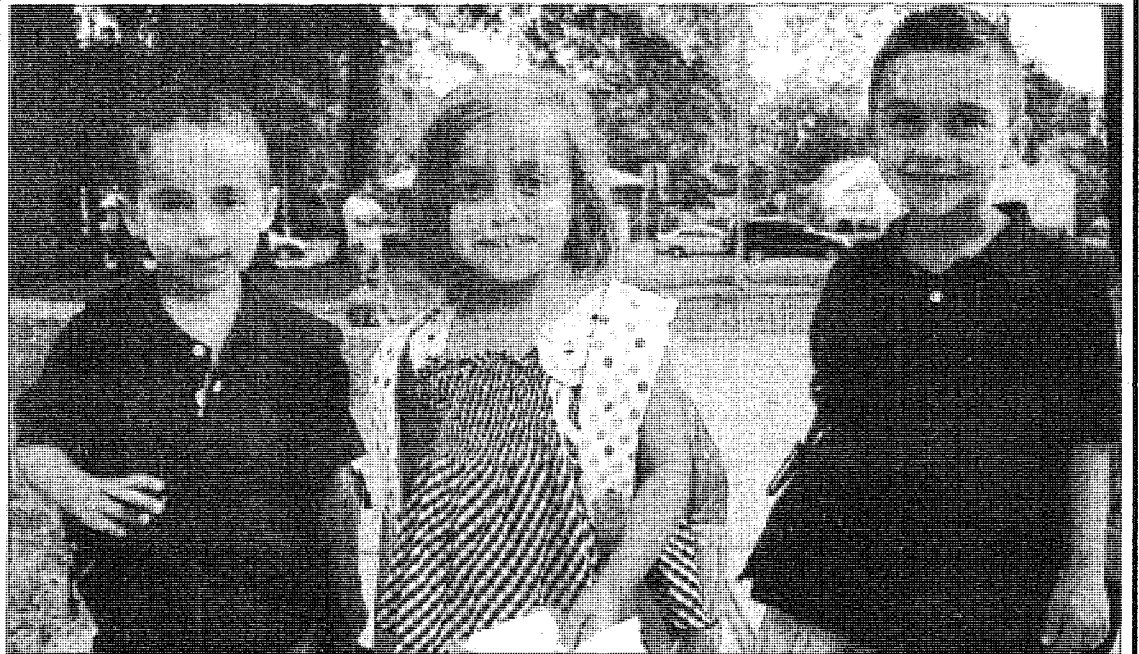


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The Halkias triplets, from left, Niko, Victoria and Louie, cannot wait for the doors to open on the first day at School 10 in Linden.

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Residents pursue new field

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — A plan to build a new field for Jonathan Dayton High School athletic teams has been put on hold by municipal and school officials.

Local residents, however, are considering taking on the project.

For several years, Dayton teams that perform outdoors have been without a home field.

Last year, the previously contaminated, county-owned Meisel Park was completely renovated so Dayton football, soccer, baseball, softball and outdoor track and field teams would have a place to host games and meets. The total remediation of the park cost \$2.7 million, and was funded by county trust funds and the state Green Acres Program.

Unfortunately, those plans were short-lived. The field was recently deemed "in disrepair" by both the Township Committee and the Springfield Board of Education one year after it was renovated, according to Mayor Bart Fraenkel. "The county let any...resident use that field. Because of people playing soccer on it during or immediately after rainstorms, the grounds were torn up," Fraenkel said. "I recently took a walk on the field, and there were sprinkler heads above the ground level and large stones all over."

Union County Director of Communications, Sebastian D'Elia, explained that the county will be meeting with township officials today to discuss how to solve the problems. One option is not allowing certain groups to use the field, another option may be switching from grass to artificial turf. "The field is really a victim of it's own success. It became wildly popular and got constant, year-round use. The usage outstripped any maintenance we could do," D'Elia said.

In April, a group of independent fundraisers — made up of nearly a dozen concerned parents and taxpayers — brought to Township Committee and the school board the idea of building a turf field in the dually-owned vacant lot in front of the high school.

Both Fraenkel and district Superintendent Michael Davino agree the idea is a good one, if taxpayers are not asked to foot the bill. "We gave them our blessings and agreed to work with them in building a facility there, granted all the money is privately raised," Davino said.

Denise Yannazone, a Springfield parent who has led the volunteer fundraising effort for the new field, submitted a building plan to the Township Committee in August.

After reviewing the plan, Fraenkel said he is concerned the volunteers may not be up to the task.

"The plan was more of a wish list than a business plan. We need to know up front some of their projections. They need to approach it in more of a business manor."

Davino agreed, saying the volunteers will need to create a comprehensive business proposal before any work can be done.

A few township committee members questioned how much the project would cost, how the use of the field would be split between the township and the school board, what funds would be allocated for repairs and who would be responsible for the future of the facility. "The committee is totally behind this project, but we do not want to create a burden for anyone here, including future taxpayers," Fraenkel said.

Yannazone said volunteers are willing meet with township officials to discuss their proposal, but noted some questions officials may have would be difficult to answer.

"The township is asking us to conduct an engineering study on the grounds, but I can't see spending \$1,500 on a study when we don't know if it's a go or not," Yannazone said. "This whole process is very time consuming, which has created some frustration. We are just asking the township to take a chance on this field for our youth."

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LINDEN BRIEFS

Paper-shredding open

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold a mobile paper-shredding program today at 2 Donaldson Place, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine.

For information, call 908-654-9889 or visit www.ucnj.org/recycle.

Library board to meet

The Roselle Library Board will meet today at 104 West Fourth Ave.

Spaghetti fundraiser

The Reform Church of Linden will hold a Spaghetti Dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday at the church, 600 North Wood Ave. Call 908-486-3714 for tickets.

Out-of-town officers bolster Hillside PD

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

HILLSIDE — Three new officers appointed through the state-run Intergovernmental Transfer Program, a measure allowing the department to replenish its ranks with officers from other municipalities, will be joining the township police department.

Timothy Middlebrooks and Sha-keema Wilson, both previously of the Newark Police Department, and Matthew Casterline from the Bordentown Police Department will be joining the department.

Casterline is a veteran of the U.S. Army who has done tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq. While other Hillside officers have taken a leave of absence to serve in the military, Casterline is the first veteran the department has hired in recent years. "There's a lot of work to be done as an officer," Casterline said about his choice to join the force.

Casterline said he is unsure when he will begin work in Hillside.

Officers Middlebrooks and Wilson were not available for comment at press time.

Police Chief Robert Quinlan said the department has been understaffed for two years. While attrition has played a part in this shortage, he said there has also been a lack of qualified candidates in town.

According to the police chief, there appears to be more Hillside residents with criminal records or poor driving records in recent years. "Our standards are high. We want to attract and retain the best we can get to police this township."

Unlike the traditional hiring process, which draws from local residents, the Intergovernmental Transfer Program does not require a department to pay a recruit's salary during the five or more months of training needed before they can begin active duty.

"It's a benefit to the township, because we're getting officers who are already trained and experienced," Quinlan explained. "As soon as we appoint these officers they're ready to go on the street."

He noted there are many reasons a police officer would choose to transfer to another department. These often involve circumstances pertaining to their personal life or a

desire to pursue a different or more challenging work environment.

Hillside's good reputation and location between major cities — Elizabeth, Newark and Irvington — present challenges many law enforcement professionals find attractive. "When you look at our crime rate compared to cities around us, it's very evident our officers make a big difference," Quinlan said.

Hillside officers have also taken advantage of the program to transfer to other departments. "For every officer that either retires or transfers from here, we're finding a lot of officers from other police departments are interested in transferring to Hillside," Quinlan said.

The Intergovernmental Transfer Program emerged nearly ten years ago, primarily for the purpose of diminishing the impact of layoffs at all levels of government by allowing trained professionals to easily transfer to new positions, according to Mark Perkiss, a spokesman with the State Department of Personnel, which runs the program. "It's a benefit to the hiring town and it's a benefit to the person facing impending layoff," he said.

Although the program is often used by law enforcement, it can also be used by other government departments, Perkiss said.

Hillside law enforcement officials began using the program this year. The first officer hired using the method was Ronald Bartell, previously an officer with the county Sheriff's Department. He was appointed on July 1.

Quinlan stressed that the department intends to continue hiring officers through the traditional process as well, saying the Intergovernmental Transfer Program is a stop-gap measure to help them maintain staffing levels. "I want to keep our department strong, and that means keeping officers highly visible," he said.

The department's table of organization allows for a maximum of 81 officers. The three new appointees brings the roster to 75. However, this number also includes two officers presently on extended disability and one who is suspended.

Quinlan said he hopes to appoint at least one or two more officers through this program before the end of the year.

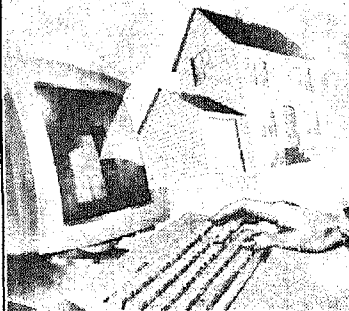
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UNION BRIEFS

Historic group to meet

The Union Township Historical Society will meet at the Caldwell Parsonage on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Flea market at Grace

Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, will hold a

flea market on Sept. 27 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside on the church grounds. The rain date is Oct. 4. There is a fee for vendor space. Reservation forms for space may be picked up at the church or can be mailed.

For information, call 908-686-3965.

OPINION PAGE

EDITORIALS

Back to school safely

Summer is over, school has begun and children have returned to the classroom.

With all the excitement related to back to school, sometimes important things can be overlooked.

Local law enforcement officials offer the following tips:

Parents should take time to review the basic safety rules with children, including the routes they should be taking to and from school and the locations of school crossing guards. Encourage use of the same route each day. Young children should be advised of basic safety rules, including the importance of not talking to strangers.

Parents who drive students should remember to pull up to the curb before letting children out and they should only park in designated areas around schools. Disregard of parking regulations, especially around schools, can create dangerous situations for both drivers and children.

Parents of students who take the bus to school should prepare children to get there at least five minutes early. Young children should be aware that the safest place to stand is five steps back from the curb, away from the bus and never behind it where a driver can not see them. Young children should be encouraged to stay quiet while riding on the bus, but to speak up when exiting if they have dropped their books or have snagged their clothing on the door.

Parents of students who walk to school, middle and high school age, should be aware that walking in the street, rather than on the sidewalk, is dangerous for students.

Parents of students who ride bicycles to school should know that any person under 17 years of age is required to wear a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet.

The safety of the students should be a concern of all, so following these rules will help make local communities safe for the children on their way to and from school.



'DEWEY FOR PRESIDENT' — Former Union Mayor F. Edward Biertuempfel, second from left, joins members of the Dewey for President Club as they pose next to a portrait of 1948 Republican presidential candidate Thomas Dewey at the corner of Morris Avenue and Johnson Place. Dewey lost the race to Harry S. Truman.

The 'long run' of a green economy

Come Oct. 7, the Summit Common Council will strike a blow to the "green economy."

Their efforts highlight a gambit of environmental changes that sometimes end up in local government and other times in the courts.

A Summit ordinance sets fees under the city's construction permit schedule for photovoltaic systems. To the "ungreen" that is better known as solar panel fees.

Recently, it was speculated that these projects are becoming increasingly attractive. In a comparatively short period, the savings from the PSE&G electric bill can offset the start up cost.

Actually, the fees in Summit seem pretty small even if their calculations are tough. A panel system producing one to 50 kilowatts sets the applicant back \$50.

Green groups are pushing Congress for an incentive program to provide funds so construction workers idled by the building slump can go to work building solar panels and installing energy efficient windows.

Jeff Tittel, the executive director of the New Jersey Sierra Club, said of the solar panel boom, "this is a short-term investment being talked about for saving money in the long run." He was part of a group last week touting a study that New Jersey could have 57,000 new jobs if a push for green took place.

The battle for solar panel acceptance highlights the long, almost tedious, steps taking place on the environmental front in search for the long run benefits.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Often, the battles end up in the courtroom. Last week, New Jersey Attorney General Anne Millgram praised a Union County court decision finding Exxon guilty for pollution of Morses Creek in Linden back in the 1970s.

Millgram said, "This court decision is important in our ongoing effort to hold polluters accountable through litigation. We remain committed to working with DEP to have those who damage our environment held legally responsible, and to obtain compensation for natural resources lost to contamination."

The state, utilizing special Counsel Allan Kanner, an Ivy Leaguer from New Orleans, asserted successfully that DEP had the authority under the Public Trust Doctrine to protect the public's right to an uncontaminated environment.

The actual damages will be the subject of yet another trial at some date in the future.

Sometimes the decisions can come a lot faster. "New Jersey Law Journal" last week hailed as one of the major cases of the year a New Jersey Supreme Court decision concerning the developer, Toll Brothers. The essence of the win by the developer was to limit planning boards to charging developers only

their pro-rated share for off tract improvements.

Developers have often complained that planning boards holding the hammers of approval and just plain delay, had forced developers to spend more in off-tract improvement just to gain their permits.

Writing for the "Law Journal," attorney Edward Buzak wrote "Developers have hailed this decision on the basis that it prohibits a Planning Board from over-reaching."

You do have to wonder where the over-reaching and the green economy actually intersect in the long run.

Column note: Last week Herman "Nook" Schriber from Union passed away. A close confidant of former Elizabeth Mayor Thomas Dunn, in recent years he shared a strong relationship with Union Township and State Democratic Chairman Joseph Cryan.

It was, however, his passion for the "little people" that was more important. The longtime owner of Nooks "Candlight Inn" in Elizabeth, he even made a run for freeholder in 1980. His passions were his family, the underprivileged, golf and always there was a kind word. He was, using the words of the clergy, one who had a life well spent. For those of us who were privileged to know him, we are undoubtedly better for the experience.

An attorney, Frank Capece is a resident of Cranford.

What is your opinion about this subject?

Responses will be published next week.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town is also to blame

To the Editor:

Cranford residents should take little pride in the fact that their town can now efficiently, and in short order, pump 50 times more storm water into the beleaguered Rahway River.

When township officials, community organizations, and residents stop to notice the dire circumstances of that pathetic little river, they should know they are as much to blame as anyone.

James Loderstedt
Cranford

Not so family-friendly

To the Editor:

If the circumstances were different, I would have known better than to bring my 7- and 10-year-old children to this year's expanded Union County MusicFest, complete with Kids' Kingdom.

Unfortunately, I do not own any recordings by the band Everclear. Apparently, neither do any of the members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

After the Democratic Freeholder Board took the stage on Friday night to take credit for their MusicFest, as well as to introduce Everclear, what ensued was shocking to me as a parent. The audience was treated to an expletive-laden evening, where lead singer Art Alexakis introduced his songs with vulgarity and four-letter words, and sang about, "My Sexual Life" and a "Heroine Girl." All of this occurred before we could pack up our wagon and folding chairs, weave our way through the crowd, and begin our escape from the park.

Judging by the exodus of families after the third song, my wife and I were not the only set of parents shocked by Everclear. I asked to speak to one of the freeholders when we passed the Union County "Mobile Command Bus," but unfortunately, the freeholders were too busy enjoying the show from their V.I.P. seats to the front of stage left.

Since this is the latest in a long line of MusicFests that have been billed as fun-for-the-whole-family events, it was reasonable to assume that someone performed some sort of diligence when picking the bands to ensure that they were not vulgar and were somewhat "family-friendly."

Barring that, it is also reasonable to assume that one on the freeholders crowding onto the stage could have had a conversation with the band to discuss the family-oriented nature of the event to ensure an appropriate tone was kept during the show.

It has always been understood by the taxpayers of Union County that the timing of the MusicFest for the end of the summer is intended to serve as a sort of political convention for any of the Democratic freeholders seeking re-election. Maybe if the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders believes four-letter words, vulgarity and obscenities are appropriate for an event that they billed as being fun for the whole family, then we need to add some new Republican members to the board immediately.

Bill Garbarini
Cranford

Seek private funding

To the Editor:

The Union County MusicFest is a terrific event, but it should not be paid for by the taxpayers or managed by the freeholders of Union County.

Half of the \$600,000 in expenses associated with the event was paid for by the taxpayers and it's apparent to me that our elected officials use this festival to sponsor what has become the equivalent of an employee picnic for themselves.

On Saturday, the threat of rain kept the crowds to a minimum. My 7-year old daughter and I walked over to a set of bleachers next to the main stage to hear some music and was informed by a staff person

assigned to guard that section that we could not sit there, because the bleachers were reserved for VIPs. They were completely empty.

I walked over to the VIP tent and saw freeholder, Bette Jane Kowalski. I asked her why attendees could not sit on the bleachers, particularly since no one else was even using them. Ms. Kowalski politely stated that she did not have anything to do with the logistics involved in determining who had access to seating and other amenities and then walked back into the VIP area.

She did not offer to find out who was in charge of such things, so my daughter and I sat on the ground — not a big deal in the grand scheme of things — but a little unnecessary considering the 10 rows of empty bleachers less than 10 feet away. Somewhere, someplace, common sense lies buried in an unmarked grave.

The whole notion of assigning V.I.P. status to elected officials, state and county employees for an event paid for by taxpayers is arrogant and elitist.

The UC Musicfest is a worthwhile event and I applaud those who initiated the concept. But now, it is time for our freeholders to step back and let someone else from the private sector take over. It's not lost on me that this year's music fest expanded to two nights, with more stages and real estate allocated and more street parking restrictions and more security and other staffing added.

It's easy to think big when you're using someone else's money and there are more than a few people, across all party lines — for all you conspiracy theorists out there — who feel that this event should not be paid for with our tax dollars.

Can't help but wonder if any of our freeholders stood up during the county budget process and asked how many struggling families in Union County could be helped with say, an extra \$300,000.

John Hartnett
Cranford

Two 'ideal' candidates

To the Editor:

Chris Drew and Mark Dugan are running for the Cranford Township Committee and I believe both of these men are extremely qualified to serve the residents of Cranford. Their leadership skills and commitment to public service make them ideal candidates for our governing body.

Chris Drew earned a master's degree in education from Seton Hall University and is a valued administrator at Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington. He is a member of the Cranford Zoning Board of Adjustment and is well-versed in the land use issues currently facing our town. Mr. Drew served as a Port Authority Police Officer and consistently demonstrates the problem-solving skills necessary for a member of our town council.

Mark Dugan is a practicing attorney with extensive municipal experience having served as Township attorney in Hillside. Mark led the opposition against an entrenched Democratic establishment in Union County. In a hard-fought campaign, Mr. Dugan once helped Barbara Rowen defeat Charlotte DeFillippo's endorsed candidates.

That accomplishment should be very meaningful to the many Cranford residents who are tired of the tax and spend policies of the county politicians in Elizabeth and their negative impact on our town.

Both candidates have been involved in supporting Cranford youth through coaching. They have volunteered many hours in community service trying to improve the lives of our neighbors. Chris Drew and Mark Dugan have proven to be sound decision-makers who have shown consistent and fair judgment throughout their professional lives.

I am encouraged to see such well-qualified citizens willing to put their name on the line for Cranford and urge all residents to support these fine candidates.

Donna Fox
Cranford

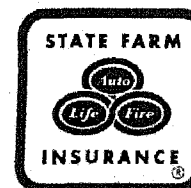
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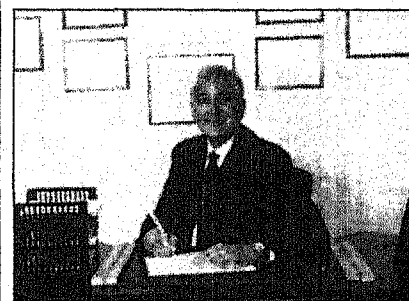
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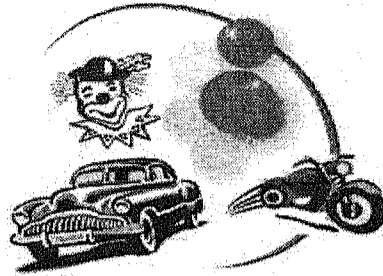


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Township seeks state loans for flood project

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — Township officials looking toward the next phase in the flood project again face the option of subdividing work to cut costs, but will need to pursue funding to complete the project.

The fifth phase of the project entails duplicating the work of phase 2—adding a pump station and express sewer, but on the opposite side of the Rahway River. As with phase 2, the pump station and sewer will be addressed separately as phases 5A, expected to cost about \$65,000, and 5B. “Its a way of approaching it in manageable fiscal chunks,” Engineering Commissioner Mark Smith said.

Smith explained breaking the phases into individual efforts is also helpful because some grants funding the project are designated to be used only for specific types of flood control work.

The five-phase Northeast Quadrant Stormwater Management project, designed to mitigate chronic flooding in town, was originally estimated to cost approximately \$9 million, with the county and state each donating a third of that sum. The plan is now projected to cost as much as \$30 million by the time it's completed, with no substantial contributions anticipated from the county or state, according to township officials.

They hope to attract funding for the remaining phases of the project — 3, 4 and 5. “In order to qualify for grants and loans, you have to have a plan, and these plans can take more than a year to develop. That's why we're continuing to look at additional studies,” Smith said.

Commissioners expect the Flood Advisory Committee will soon recommend the contract for phase 5A — adding the express sewer — be awarded to the Hatch Mott MacDonald engineering firm of Millburn, which handled the other phases of the flood project.

It is unknown when money to pursue this part of the project will be available, but officials said they are looking into applying for a loan from the state Department of Environmental Protection by October. A loan from the DEP allowed Phase 1 — adding a swate and an express sewer between Oak Lane and Henning Drive — and 2A to be completed.

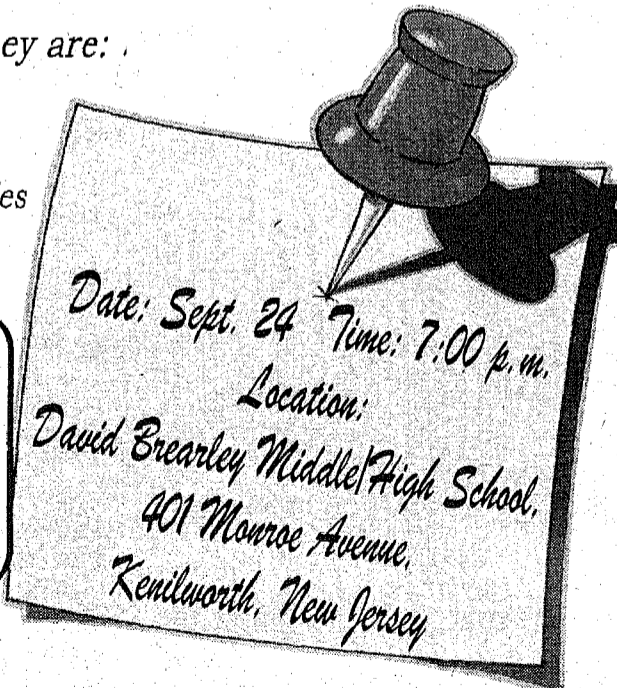
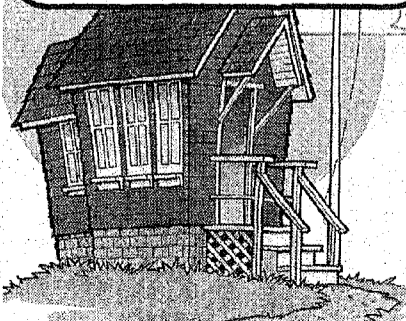
Vice-President of Hatch Mott McDonald Leo Coakley said these 20-year loans from the DEP can range from a few hundred thousand dollars to millions depending on the needs on a particular project. “Cranford's projects would be well within the range of potential funding,” he said.

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Animal kingdom



Amazing Animals was recently presented by Travis Gale at the Kenilworth Public Library. Children and their families had an opportunity to learn about several animals, including a fennec fox, wallaby, wolf, parrot and ferret. Gale educates children about the fennec fox.

Obama receives a little local support

By John O'Reilly
Staff Writer

ROSELLE — Darius Smith may be too young to vote, but that doesn't stop the 10-year-old from having an opinion about the upcoming presidential election.

"I understand where Barack Obama is coming from. He grew up without a dad like me...and he wants to make things better," Smith said about his favorite presidential candidate.

Darius showed an interest in the election after his mother, Patricia, convinced him to watch news coverage of both the Republican and Democratic national conventions.

"I feel very good about Darius getting involved," Patricia said. "It's important people understand that although children can't vote, their input is still important. They are the future."

Darius said he likes Obama's interest in change and helping youngsters like himself, but he is most impressed by what the candidate's wife, Michelle, had to say about her family during her convention speech. "It touched my heart...because my mother loves me and my brother the same way," he said.

His energy and passion for community involvement began at a young age, when his family started telling him stories about his socially-active great-grandmother Tessi Massey.

He hopes other children will become more engaged in their communities, as well as in the November elections, though they may find it difficult.

In the past few years, campaigns such as VH1's Rock the Vote and MTV's Citizen Change have targeted youth in movements to get more people involved in the voting process. But organizations focusing on even younger minds are still uncommon, according to some industry insiders.

"There really isn't a lot out there for the kids," said Tammy Weeks of Georgia, a teacher and web coordinator for Gallopade International, which runs *electionsforkids.com* — a resource for parents and teachers interested in educating students about everything from the candidates to the voting process. The site is geared for children ages 7 to 14.

"It's important to make children responsible and active citizens; so why not start young," said Weeks.

Darius agrees. He plans to get involved with volunteering in his community and aspires to become president, because his involvement may change things. "I could have a good future, and I could make my community better," he said.

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MOUNTAINSIDE BRIEFS

Showboat Casino trip

The VFW of Mountainside is sponsoring a trip to Showboat Casino in Atlantic City today. The bus leaves Our Lady of Lourdes parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 7:30 p.m. There is a fee. Bring player cards for slots. For information, call 908-789-8568.

Get to parish picnic

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountainside, will hold a Parish Picnic Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. There is a fee.

For information, call Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory at 908-232-1162, Eve at 908-789-8568 or Regina at 908-233-7129.

Chill out with family

The Mountainside Service Unit of the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council has reserved the ice from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. on Sunday for "Family Community Ice Skating" at the Union Sports Arena, Union. There is a fee. Reservation forms are at the Borough Hall.

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Link probed in rash of home burglaries

By Joseph M. D'Alise
 Staff Writer

SUMMIT — Police are busy investigating a link between several recent burglaries resulting in the loss of more than \$30,000 worth of jewelry from city homes.

The Detective Bureau has been looking into four separate, yet similar incidents that occurred between Aug. 22 and Sept. 6.

Detective Lt. Steven Zagorsky said police do not suspect the crimes are gang-related, but they have not ruled out that possibility.

On Aug. 22, authorities received a report of a burglary and theft from a Passaic Avenue residence. A resident of the home told police it was “ransacked” and reported a purse missing, city authorities said.

Two weeks later, on Sept. 4, a nearby Constantine Place residence reported the theft of nine pieces of jewelry, with a combined value of approximately \$18,000.

Similarly, on Sept. 6, police responded to a second report of jewelry, this time from a Bedford Road home. The jewelry reported missing, including a pair of 18k gold and diamond earrings with a matching ring and a white gold diamond engagement ring, was valued at a total of \$12,000.

The fourth home burglary occurred on Sept. 5. A theft was reported at a Glenside Avenue residence. Items reported missing included a 47-inch television, a desktop computer and monitor, a Playstation 2 with 30 games, a Wii game system with approximately seven games, a Sony camcorder, a Sony digital camera and a Dell laptop computer, all with a combined value of approximately \$7,700.

Zagorsky explained that these crimes are not uncommon, but when several occur in a short period of time, it is worth investigating a link. “Summit is...an affluent town, which unfortunately can attract these things from time to time,” he said.

He did note that the Constantine Place and Bedford Road robberies both involved the theft of jewelry, while the Glenside Avenue robbery involved the theft of large electronics, so they may not be related.

Because the probe is ongoing, Zagorsky decline to comment further, but assured that police are investigating the crime scenes and have found some physical evidence that will be analyzed by a lab.

According to Zagorsky, many of the houses that were robbed had unlocked doors or windows.

“We live in a fairly safe community,” Zagorsky said, “but I would advise homeowners to lock-up regardless. We also ask that everyone be good neighbors and report any suspicious activity to avoid these situations in the future. In this case, be a nosy neighbor.”

Anyone with information regarding the burglaries can contact the Summit Detective Bureau at 908-273-0051.

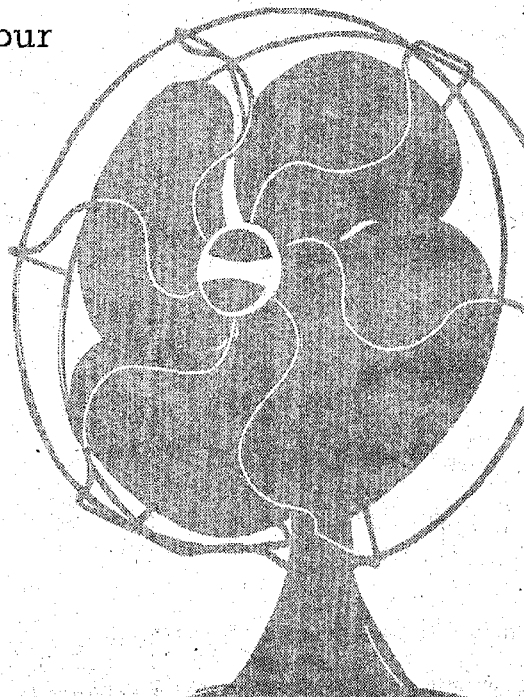
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Noddin art exhibit

The Kent Place Gallery will present an exhibition of art by Liane Noddin through Oct. 10.

There will be a reception for the artist from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. The Kent Place Gallery, located in Summit on the campus of Kent Place School, is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by appointment with Director Ken Weathersby.

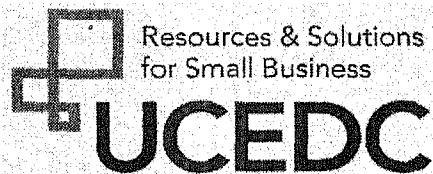
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Caught on camera

Technology helps catch car thieves

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

A special Union County Auto Theft Task Force was recently given a piece of unique technology, which was originally designed to scan and sort mail in Italy, but now is now being used to scan license plates in an attempt to find stolen vehicles.

According to ATTF agent, Detective Dan Papa, police officers will no longer need to type license plate numbers and letters into a dashboard computer or call in a phonetic alphabet to find out if a car is stolen or if a registration has lapsed.

The technology will allow officers to keep their eyes on the road, while this new Automatic License Plate Recognition device, designed by PlateScan in California, quickly identifies and scans all license plates near the police cruiser. The system then runs the plate numbers through the FBI's National Crime Information Center and the New Jersey State Police database, which contains information on every reported stolen car and wanted person associated with a vehicle.

"The four, infrared cameras that are mounted strategically on the roof of the police vehicle are designed to detect dark lettering on a particular background, as you would see on a plate," Papa said. "We can also use the cameras in

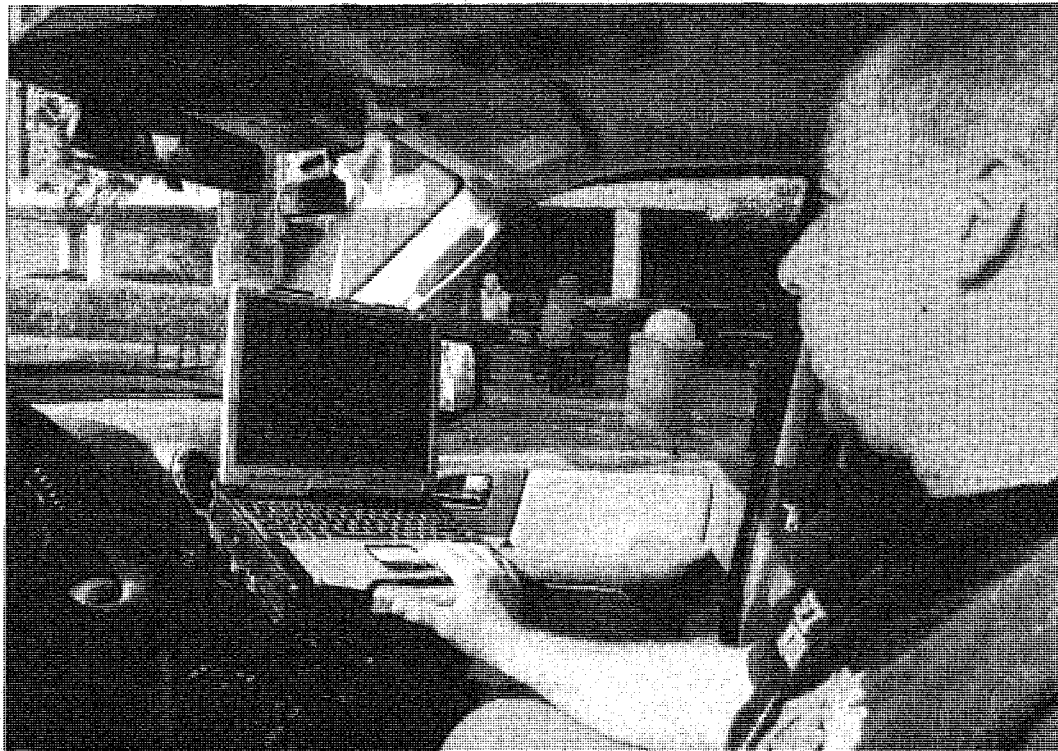


Photo By Frank Wood

Union/Essex Auto Theft Task Force agent, Detective Dan Papa, demonstrates computer equipment that can scan license plates to determine if a car has been reported stolen.

an Amber Alert (child abduction) situation."

The cameras have the capability to scan approximately four plates per second. If an officer manually typed in a plate number to search, however, it would take approximately 10 seconds per plate.

"On an average night, between 2,500 and 4,500 are scanned per vehicle, and there are three vehicles we use with these cameras," Papa said.

The first set of these cameras were installed in Union County police vehicles in May. Union is one of the first counties in the state to obtain the new devices. The units were purchased at a cost of \$20,000 each and were funded by a federal Homeland Security grant, acquired by the Union

County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

"Union County was very interested in obtaining this equipment from the start," said Freehold Chairman Angel Estrada in a recent press release. "We observed it in action in other jurisdictions, we were convinced that it was a worthwhile investment, and we put it in place."

The technology is currently used by approximately 300 agencies throughout the country, but is relatively new to the Garden State, where only four other departments — Bridgewater, Newark, Roxbury and the New Jersey State Police — have the cameras in their police vehicles, according to officials.

"Now that we've had a chance to vet the new technology our-

selves, we are confident that it can be used effectively in other local jurisdictions," Detective Tony DeDuca, ATTF commander, said in a press release. Additional ALPRs could potentially be given to the Linden, Union and Elizabeth police departments, along with Union County.

The Union/Essex ATTF has been recognized nationally for its high-tech equipment and innovative tactics. The squad has recovered about \$74 million worth of vehicles and has made 3,700 arrests since it started operating in 1991.

The Task Force and the new ALPRs are being featured in a 13-week "reality" series on A&E called "Jacked," and on the television show's Web site in a video titled, "It's A Numbers Game."

Man to serve 45 yrs.

Baby's killer sentenced

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

An Elizabeth man was sentenced to 45 years in prison for savagely bludgeoning a 2-year-old child to death, a Union County judge decided earlier this month.

Two-year-old Julio Godamora was murdered on Aug. 8, 2004. His convicted murderer, Max Merlain, 38, was sentenced to 45 years in prison by Superior Court Judge James Heimlich on Sept. 5. Merlain must serve at least 80 percent of his sentence, making him 76 years-old, before he is eligible for parole.

Merlain — who was dating the victim's mother when the incident occurred — was found guilty of first degree murder and second degree endangering the welfare of a child, according to Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow.

The court determined that the child had been severely beaten, causing bleeding and injuries to his internal organs, ultimately leading to his death.

"The defendant's actions were unusually cruel and heinous," Judge Heimlich said. "After inflicting these blunt force traumas to the child, (Merlain) took no action and let the child suffer."

Assistant Prosecutors Ann Luvera and Michael Henn, who prosecuted the case, argued that Merlain fatally struck the child while he was babysitting him.

When the child's mother, Dominique Goda, returned from work to pick up her son, Merlain told her that the boy had accidentally fallen in the bathtub and urged her not to call paramedics.

"The boy's injuries were just too extensive to be associated with a minor fall," said Henn.

Romankow was particularly disturbed by the case, but feels that justice has been served.

"The voice of Julio was not silenced by the cowardly acts of the defendants," Romankow said in a recent press statement. "It was heard loud and clear by the prosecution team and the jury from his place in heaven. Life in prison is the defendant's reward for his dastardly acts of cruelty."

Schools give 'twins' bill two thumbs up

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

Parents of twins in Union County now have the right to choose whether their children will be educated in shared or separate classrooms, thanks to legislation signed into law by Gov. Jon Corzine on Sept. 2.

School officials in several Union County school districts support the measure, although some already have policies in place regarding twins.

The bi-partisan bill was sponsored by Assemblywoman Alison Littell McHose, R-24. It was co-sponsored by Assemblyman Louis Greenwald, D-6; Sen. Thomas Kean, R-21; Assemblywoman Joan Voss, D-38 and Sen. Steve Oroho, R-24.

Lou Crescitelli, McHose's chief of staff, described the law as a measure that empowers parents.

"Anything we can do to increase parental involvement in the educational process is something we should do," Crescitelli said. "Because who knows the students best but their parents?"

The bill's origin involves Jennifer Kovach, a Sussex County resident and mother of 6-year-old twins. Kovach's children attended school with two other sets of twins.

Kovach said local parents supported her feelings on this matter, especially in instances when students were younger and their parents knew them better than the school did. The decision was up to the schools prior to this bill.

"My understanding is that most schools have

a policy that they automatically separate multiples," Kovach said.

Kovach said schools often take this action, in part, to help twins better develop separate personalities.

"Sometimes when you have multiples, they rely on each other for their identity," Kovach said.

However, this did not prove beneficial to her own twins, Katie and Jacob, both 6. Katie, in particular, experienced difficulties in school after being separated from her twin brother.

"It turned out that being separated from her brother was the main reason she had so many problems when she started kindergarten," Kovach said.

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A ride to remember



Mike Nehlsen, director of operations of Hillmann Environmental Group, Union, completed an 18-day, nearly 6,000-mile cross-country motorcycle ride to raise awareness of spinal cord injuries. The riders left Seattle, Wash. on Aug. 7 and arrived at Liberty State Park in Jersey City on Aug. 25.

Police bust drug delivery service

By Joseph M. D'Alise
Staff Writer

Three entrepreneurs in Union County attempted to start a unique delivery service based out of a house in a quiet neighborhood on Scotland Road in Union.

The only thing that deterred their business' "success" was that the three men were gang members, and the product they were allegedly delivering was cocaine.

On Thursday, Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow announced the conclusion of a large-scale, five-month investigation into the cocaine delivery service being run by the Irvington-based G-Shine group of the Bloods street gang.

According to Romankow, the trio — Rashad Clark, 28 and Damon Greene, 35, both of Newark, and Sharif Clark, 32, of Union — ran a delivery service where "customers" would call a particular phone number and request a specific amount of cocaine, to be delivered wherever the customer lived.

"Once law enforcement discovered the telephone number, they were able to make numerous undercover purchases of cocaine from five separate gang members," Romankow said in a press release. "Because the investigation was based upon undercover purchases only, the scope of the gang's delivery operation remains unknown. The investigation showed the gang

received in excess of one thousand calls a week over that one phone. It is unknown at this time whether they utilized additional phones."

Usually within 30 minutes, one of the three members would arrive at the meeting location and deliver whatever amount of the drug the customer requested — often \$50 to \$100 worth at a time, according to authorities.

Police seized more than a half-kilogram of cocaine, two handguns, and approximately \$2,000 from 555 Scotland Road, which was reportedly one of the houses from which the gang operated. Police also found approximately 62 small bags of cocaine in the vehicle Sharif Clark was driving at the time of his arrest, according to the Prosecutor's Office.

All three suspects were charged with distribution of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of cocaine, first degree possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of firearms during the commission of a controlled dangerous substance offense and a weapons offense.

In addition, Rashad Clark and Greene were charged with distribution of a controlled dangerous substance within 1,000 feet of school property. Rashad Clark is being held on \$350,000 bail, Green on \$275,000 and Sharif Clark on \$310,000 bail. All three were taken to Union County Jail in Elizabeth.

'Twins' bill gets parents more involved

(Continued from Page 16)

Kovach said she contacted McHose's office in 2006 and found her receptive to the idea.

The sponsors expect many parents to take advantage of this law.

"Depending on the circumstance, I'm sure they're going to make their feelings known to their school districts," said Crescitelli.

Cranford Superintendent of Schools Gayle Carrick said she has found that while most districts aim to help twins develop separate identities as they grow older, they are still receptive to parents' requests.

"In all my experience, school districts have been implementing the law prior to it having been established," Carrick said. "There have always been cases when the parent felt the twins were not ready to be separated yet, and school districts generally honor that request."

Roselle Park Superintendent Patrick Spagnoletti spoke of similar experiences with twins.

"Since I've been here, we've left it up to the parents to decide," Spagnoletti said. "This is an issue in which we definitely feel the parents wishes should be honored."

Because each set of twins is different, Spagnoletti said the deci-

sions are often made on a case-by-case basis.

He also said it's important to honor the wishes of the parents and to talk to them about their children when deciding whether they should be in the same class, or separated.

"We certainly bring all the issues to the table with the parents. They appreciate us expressing our concerns, and they know that ultimately, we'll let them decide."

Summit Superintendent of Schools Nathan Parker and Clark Superintendent Renae LaPrete declined to comment until they'd reviewed the bill.

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Play is one 'Rabbit hole' worth entering

By Ruth Ross
Correspondent

That the death of a child can wreak havoc on a marriage is well-documented, statistically and anecdotally, and if that death is the result of an accident, there is usually more than enough blame — spoken or unspoken — to go around. Add to that different modes of dealing with the loss and you have a recipe for relationship train wreck.

This sad situation is the premise of David Lindsay-Abaire's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, "Rabbit Hole," now receiving its New Jersey premiere at the aptly named Premiere Stages at Kean University in Union.

Under John Wooten's crisp yet compassionate direction, a cast of talented actors bring to life the involving story of the Corbetts, Becca and Howie, who eight months before lost their 4-year-old son, Danny, when he chased his dog into the path of a car driven by a local teenager.

When we meet them, Becca is preparing to give Danny's clothes away to Goodwill and talks about selling their house while Howie wants to "try again" for another child; his watching videotapes of his son and his subsequent rage upon discovering that Becca has taped over the one of Danny just before his death put the lie to his assertions that he has in fact "moved on."

Tensions are exacerbated by



Photo By Roy Groething

In the Premiere Stages' production of 'Rabbit Hole,' running through Sunday in the Zella Fry Theatre on the Kean University campus, from left, T.J. McNeill is Jason, Tom Hammond is Howie and Sue Cremin is Becca.

Becca's younger slacker sister Izzy's announcement that she is pregnant by her boyfriend and by the tactless chatter of Becca's mother, Nat, who goes on and on about Rose Kennedy and the losses her family has incurred and her own loss of her 30-year-old son, Arthur, who died of a heroin over-

dose. And the appearance of Jason, the teenage driver, first through a letter enclosing a short story he has dedicated to Danny and then at the open house, affects the spouses differently, ultimately setting them on a path to comfort and, hopefully, reconciliation.

In a stunning performance as

Becca, Sue Cremin is repression personified, tightly wound, barely keeping her grief in check, keeping busy to keep from grieving.

Tom Hammond's sympathetic, likable Howie seems to be her diametrical opposite, dealing quite well with his loss, but cracks appear in the facade when he

explodes over the ruined videotape and Jason's appearance, collapsing in sobs over the first instance and ready to punch the boy in the second.

And while Sheila Stasack's Nat is a woman you'd like to smack yourself — there's a number of off-stage physical fights reported in this play — she reveals a poignant side to her chatty character when she talks about the loss of her own child. T.J. McNeill, the only non-professional actor in the play, portrays Jason's awkwardness and earnestness very well, especially in his scene with Becca. He's all arms and legs, stammering and shifting from foot to foot, but the two connect emotionally over his description of parallel universes one reaches by going down a "rabbit hole" to a place where events can play out differently, more happily, from the way they already have.

"Rabbit Hole" could be a depressing play, but Lindsay-Abaire presents us with simmering dramatic conflict, convincing dialogue — delivered naturally by believable characters — and a ray of hope to remind us what a well-crafted play should be.

"Rabbit Hole" runs through Sunday. Performances take place in the intimate Zella Fry Theatre on the campus of Kean University on Morris Avenue in Union.

For tickets, call the box office at 908-737-7469 or go to www.kean.edu/premierestages.

Singer's youth comes alive in book

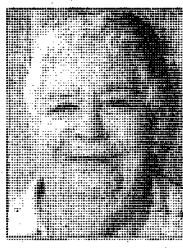
It is extremely easy to become enchanted with a special book that appears to be made for children from grade three — and older. By reading between the poetic lines and looking at the brightly creative artwork of the book's demonstrative characters, a reader is given an idea of what the author's childhood was like and how she started in show business.

The large, attractive, inspirational coffee-table book, "Say a Little Prayer," was written with love by veteran musical icon, Dionne Warwick of East Orange and Brazil. Apparently, she was ably assisted by two professional people, David Freeman Wooley, who advocates children's arts and education programs, and award-winning Tonya Bolden, who has written more than 20 books for children and adults.

The illustrations of the little girl, who is Dionne Warwick, her relatives, friends and neighbors, in the book are large, bold, bright and

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By Bea Smith



realistic enough to seem to move magically in association with the words. They were created with simplicity, intricacy and care by another award-winner, Soud, of Brazil, a freelance illustrator for books and magazines.

Above all, "Say a Little Prayer" offers an appropriate, invaluable compact disc, in which Warwick narrates the story in her own inimitable style and softly sings "Jesus Loves Me," which she sang as a child with a church choir. It was the first gospel song that brought her to the knowledge she had a gift from God — a voice that could reach her public, people of all ages, national-

ly and internationally, deep down into the depths of their hearts — and bring forth happy thoughts.

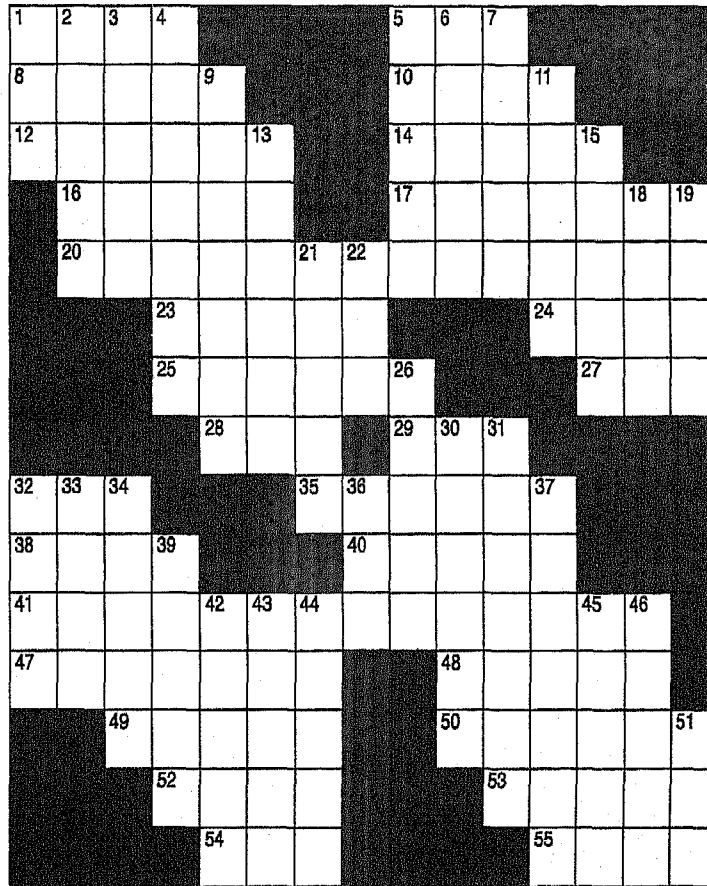
In the text, Warwick reiterates, "Little Di — that's me," and advises her readers, "If you can think it, you can do it," a philosophy that apparently has worked for Warwick and has followed throughout her life. The story tells of a day or a week or a year in the life of little Dionne Warwick. "Say a Little Prayer" is decorative and large enough to be offered as a gift or just an everyday loving gift for one's home. It was published by Running Press Kids, an imprint of Running Press Book Publishers in Philadelphia. This very special book may not find a place on the shelf of this reviewer's book case, but will definitely take its place of honor among the coffee table books exhibited in the living room.

Bea Smith can be reached at 908-686-7700 or editorial@thelocalsource.com.



'Young Di,' a young Dionne Warwick, dances for joy in an illustration from her new coffee-table book, 'Say a Little Prayer.'

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5. Behave in a certain manner
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17. In heat
20. Oprah musical
23. Mahjong pieces
24. New Rochelle college
25. Copyread
27. Male sheep
28. Yeddo
29. Sizable roll of cash
32. Greatest in an indefinitely large series
35. Glass with many small bubbles
38. Polite interruption sound
40. With a red quality
41. Slated window coverings
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48. Electronic communication
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50. Less light
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FASHION

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SATURDAY

September 27, 2008

EVENT: Ebony Fashion Fair Show
PLACE: Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Place Newark, NJ 07102
TIME: 8pm
PRICE: \$40 Adults; \$25 Children
ORGANIZATION: Committee of 100 Inc
 For more information and Tickets please call 973-674-1970

Sunday, October 5, 2008

EVENT: Tricky Tray
PLACE: The Chandelier, 340 Franklin Ave, Belleville.
TIME: 2 PM
ADMISSION: Tickets \$45
DETAILS: The Friends of Bukowski's Animals Shelter will be hosting its Tricky Tray include a huge family style dinner.. salad through dessert. Unlimited wine, beer and soda, a starter pack of tricky tray tickets and a door prize ticket, and... a valet parking. This year's event promises to be bigger and better than before. Some of the prizes are a Signed Vince Carter Basketball, 4 floor tickets to a Nets Game, a Garmin GPS, Phantom of the Opera Broadway Tickets, along with the usual great baskets, with more coming in each day. And 50/50 too!
 For Information or to make a donation for the event Call 201-306-3574 or email TT08_FoBAS@yahoo.com
ORGANIZATION: Friends of Bukowski's Animals Shelter

OTHER

THURSDAY

September 25, 2008

EVENT: TRICKY TRAY-
PLACE: Maplewood Woman's Club, 60 Woodland Road, Maplewood, 07040
TIME: 6:30 PM
PRICE: Admission is \$20
DETAILS: Call 973-941-3153, to purchase tickets early. They are going fast. Admission includes sheet of tickets, and a souvenir gift for all at your table. Bring you supper we will supply dessert and beverages.
 For additional information & directions Email: fleaboutique@webtv.net
ORGANIZATION: Maplewood Woman's Club

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Sept. 21-27

ARIES, March 21 to April 20: Aries, suspicions have you jumping around like a circus acrobat.

Calm down and put your anxiety into perspective or you'll run the risk of burning bridges.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21: Taurus, if you feel you've lost your way, rest assured that you are not alone.

This may be a good time to discuss your worries with someone close to you who has been there.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21: Help someone who could use a little more attention this week, Gemini. But don't use your own personal problems to set any examples. They're out of place in this situation.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Make good use of your time, Cancer, particularly on Tuesday when others need guidance and leadership. You're the perfect candidate for the job.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23: Think outside of the box when stressful events spring up this week, Leo. Remember that there are more than just two options and you're bound to find the right one.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22: Virgo, capitalize on your speed and strengths this week.

They'll help you to pull through with flying colors when a work assignment leaves everyone feeling down.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Enjoy the process of learning when you have a chance to sit in on an important meeting. You're given a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity so make the most of it.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22: When you engage in an experiment this week, Scorpio, you're reasonably sure of what the outcome will be.

Positive reinforcement from friends is another good sign.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21: Feeling like you're getting

all of the advantages with none of the responsibilities, Sagittarius? Well, times are changing. Expect a bumpier road ahead this week.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20: Capricorn, now is not the time to be making waves.

It's best if you just go with the flow — that challenge you've been pondering is not worth the headaches.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18: Invest what you can afford to lose in a big decision that plagues you on Wednesday. Just remember to hope for the winning numbers, Aquarius.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: Pisces, being overly dramatic serves your purposes well this week.

Those who believe you are serious cater to your every whim.

Also born this week: Nicole Richie, Scott Baio, Matt Hardy, Wrestler, Nia Vardalos, Heather Locklear, Linda Hamilton and Gwyneth Paltrow.

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: *Worral Community Newspapers, 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., P.O. Box 3109, Union, NJ 07083* or editorial@thelocal-source.com.

ART SHOWS

"BODY PARTS," an exhibit that focuses on partial views of the human body or individual parts will run through Oct. 3 at The ARTS GUILD OF RAHWAY. The opening reception is Sept. 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. and admission is free. Gallery hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., or by appointment. The exhibit includes paintings, prints, sculpture and mixed media. Featured artists are Catherine Bebout, Elaine Becker, Frances Canisius, Jennifer Mazza, Anne Oshman, Judith Peck, Michiko Rupnow, Carol Schwartz, Doreen Valenza and Bill Westheimer.

Dr. Allyson Hurley, a dentist and photographer from Chatham will be exhibiting her photographs at BOURAS GALLERIES in Summit. Her show will provide a balance of images between flora and fauna. The exhibit runs through October. The gallery is open to the public by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Linda Cole 908-277-6054.

BOOKS

The book discussion group of the Kenilworth Public Library will meet Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. to discuss "MOTHERLESS BROOKLYN," by Jonathan Lethem. This novel takes the reader back to the early 1970s and into the world of Lionel Essrog, a victim of Tourette's syndrome who is also known as "The Human Freakshow." Participation in the book group is free and open to all members of the general public, including people who reside in communities other than Kenilworth. However, because space is limited, preregistration is required and can be done either in person at the library or by calling 908-276-2451 during regular library hours.

THE READERS' FORUM, the book discussion group of the CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY, will begin its 16th year with a discussion of "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen on Monday. Subsequent titles and dates for the remainder of 2008 include: "The Reader" by Bernhard Schlink, Oct. 27; "The Abstinence Teacher" by Tom Perrotta, Nov. 24; "Uncommon Arrangements" by Katie Roiphe, Dec. 29. The following books will be discussed in 2009: "Nineteen Minutes" by Jodi Picoult, Jan. 26; "Alexander Hamilton" by Alex Chernow, Feb. 23; "Bridge of Sighs" by Richard Russo, March 30; "The Gathering" by Anne Enright, April 27 and

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"Unaccustomed Earth" by Jhumpa Lahiri. All discussions will take place Mondays. New members are welcome at any time. Sessions start at 7 p.m. in the library's Fridlington Room. For information, call the library Reference Department at 908-709-7272, or e-mail the library at library@cranfordnj.org.

CRANFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY has announced its fall schedule of PRESCHOOL STORY HOURS. The sessions will run for an eight-week period Oct. 30. These programs are for Cranford residents and holders of paid Cranford out-of-town library cards. The drop-in sessions for 3- and 4-year-olds will be Tuesday mornings at 10:15 a.m. or Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. An adult responsible for the child must remain in the library during story hour. The sessions for 2-year-olds and their accompanying adults will be Wednesday or Thursday mornings at 10:15 a.m. from Sept. 10 through Oct. 30. Pre-registration is required for this program, and siblings are invited to attend. Registration for this group must be made in person by a parent at the library beginning Tuesday. Each 2-year-old must be accompanied by an adult in story hour.

CLASSES

Following successful summer runs of the musicals, "1776" and "Midnight Madness" at the NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, Cynthia Meryl, artistic director of the New Jersey Youth Theatre, has announced NJYT's 17th season of professional classes in the performing arts beginning the week of Oct. 14. Providing top-notch training to the greater New Jersey area, NJYT will hold registration sessions for drama, voice, musical theater and dance classes at its studio at 172 W. Westfield Ave. in Roselle Park on Sept. 24 and 25 from 4 to 8 p.m.

This fall The ARTS GUILD OF RAHWAY will present DAYTIME ADULT CLASSES from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes begin next week and run through mid-November. Daytime adult classes include acrylic painting, oil painting, watercolor and drawing. Registration begins this week. To register, call 732-381-7511 or email arts-guild1670@verizon.net. Visit www.rahwayartsguild.org to view the online catalog for complete course descriptions and class schedules. To register in person, visit the Arts Guild office Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and noon or from 1 to 4 p.m. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Many of the Adult classes are suitable for children 12 years of age or older. All classes run for eight weeks. Fees vary and adult students are responsible for their own materials. A supply list will be distributed at the time of registration.

THE DUCRET SCHOOL OF ART is located at 1030 Central Ave. and is situated on a seven-acre campus in a historic residential area of Plainfield. The school offers full-time and part-time day and evening classes in fine arts, graphic design/computer graphics and illustration. For information, call 908-757-7171, fax: 908-757-2626, or visit www.ducret.edu.

COMEDY

COMEDY NIGHT, featuring Ted Daniels, Brian Kiley and Kevin Israel will take place Saturday at 7 p.m. at Saint Mary's and Elizabeth Academy, 170 Husa St., Linden. For information and ticket prices, call Karen at 908-862-1745 or visit www.smeacademy.org.

CONCERTS

CHANTICLEER, the Grammy Award-winning a cappella ensemble, will perform Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. at Summit High School, 125 Kent Place Blvd., Summit. Tickets are available through www.brownpapertickets.com or by calling 800-838-3006. For information, call 862-926-9605 or www.summitchorale.org.

NEIL SEDAKA will perform at Union County Performing Arts Center, 1601 Irving St., on Sept. 26 at 8 p.m.

On Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, WESTFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will accompany Boris Karloff's famed 1931 classic film "FRANKENSTEIN," with a live symphonic soundtrack.

DANCE

LUNA LOUNGE hosts "Tasty Thursdays" with DJ Richie, who spins reggae and hip-hop. Patrons must be 21 or older to enter. Dress is casual but trendy. Parking is available. Luna Lounge is located at 1906 E. Georges Ave., Linden. Call 908-925-4120 for details.

FESTIVALS

The Polish Cultural Foundation of Clark will host the annual POLISH HARVEST FESTIVAL on Sunday at 3 p.m. There will be plenty of Polish food as well as cash bar. Music by D.J. Jaroslaw Kaczynski will be provided. The Polish American Folk Dance Company, dressed in colorful costumes, will entertain with songs and dancing. The Dozynki or Harvest Celebration is by far considered to be one of Poland's most revered traditions. The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway in Clark.

The ROSELLE STREET FAIR will

take place Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Chestnut Street, between First and Third avenues. Hillside fair proceeds will benefit the Borough Recreation Fund for Youth and Senior Citizens.

A STREET FAIR, sponsored by the HILLSIDE URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONE, will be held on Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The rain date is Oct. 4. For information or to volunteer, call 973-926-1054 or stop by the UEZ Office at town hall, located on Liberty and Hillside avenues.

On Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Pride in Kenilworth Committee will sponsor the annual KENILWORTH OCTOBERFEST street fair on the Boulevard, between 18th and 23rd streets. The event will include rides, games, food and entertainment as well as vendors selling crafts and other items.

HOBBIES

On Friday, AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS INC. will conduct its monthly membership meeting at 8 p.m. in the Main Lecture Hall of the Nomehegan building at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Immediately following the business meeting at approximately 9 p.m., the club will present a lecture on "The Hubble Space Telescope: An idea that would not die," given by Robert Zimmerman. Following the lecture, attendees will be invited to the William Miller Sperry Observatory that is located nearby on campus, and will have the opportunity to speak with club members and tour the facility. Refreshments will be served. If weather permits, a celestial viewing focusing on Jupiter will be conducted using the club's two large telescopes. For information on AAI and directions, visit www.asterism.org or call 908-276-STAR.

Those who are interested in learning and singing great choral music, are invited to join THE CHORAL ART SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY. Rehearsals are conducted weekly on Tuesdays from 8 to 10 p.m., from Sept. through May, at The Presbyterian Church of Westfield, at the corner of Mountain Avenue and East Broad Street. Singers interested in joining are invited to attend a rehearsal and meet with James S. Little, the society's musical director. The fall semester will be spent preparing for Jan. 17, performance of Handel's "Solomon." The winter/spring semester rehearsals will begin Jan. 20 in preparation for a performance on May 16; location and program to be announced.

JAZZ

LANA'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE at The Hyatt Hills Golf Complex, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark,

732-669-9024. Enjoy cuisine and world-class Jazz every Thursday and Friday. Thursdays, 7 to 11 p.m.: Cornetist WARREN VACHE'S QUARTET, featuring Eddie Monteiro on cordovox. Fridays, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.: Different groups. Friday: Latin trumpet star RAY VEGA'S QUARTET. Never a cover charge or minimum.

KIDS

Tickets are available for FRIDAY NIGHT HAY RIDES AND CAMPFIRES at Trailside Nature & Science Center, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. There are still seats for hay rides on Friday, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 17, and Nov. 7. Seating for the hay rides is limited. Rides begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance and no tickets will be sold at the hay rides, so register early. For information, call Trailside at 908-789-3670, or the Union County Department of Parks & Community Renewal at 908-527-4900; or visit the Union County Web site at www.ucnj.org.

SCRIPTS

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

SINGLES

THE SINGLES GROUP will meet each Sunday, on the following dates: Sept. 21 and 28, at 9 a.m. in the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield.

This is a discussion group that deals with singles issues, fosters friendships and shares experiences. Other activities include winter movie nights, picnics and holiday get-togethers.

Coffee, cake and bagels are served. A donation is requested. The group is non-denominational, and all are welcome. More information can be obtained by calling 908 889-4751 or Ed at 908 526-2649.

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

VARIETY

Complimentary WINE TASTINGS are held every Tuesday and Friday at Coolvines from 5 to 8 p.m., 23 Elm St., Westfield. For information and a complete listing of other events, call 908-232-0123 or visit www.coolvines.com.



Harriett Trangucci of Summit and Jenelle Sosa of Jersey City perform a scene from Jane Anderson's 'Defying Gravity,' which opens next week at Union County College in Cranford.

Production will 'defy gravity'

In Honor of Union County College's 75th anniversary, and a tribute to teachers everywhere, The Theater Project at Union County College presents "Defying Gravity." Jane Anderson's play about Christa McAuliffe, the Challenger explosion and humankind's need to reach for the stars.

Performances, which run Sept. 25 through Oct. 12, will be held in the Roy Smith Theater at Union County College, 1033 Springfield Ave. in Cranford.

The cast features Harriett Trangucci of Summit, Jenelle Sosa of Jersey City, Gary Glor of Essex Fells, Angela Della Ventura of Watchung, Jeff Maschi of Highland Park, Daaimah Talley of Plainfield and Andre De Sandies of Englewood.

"Defying Gravity" brings art and science together by linking seemingly unrelated characters like the impressionist painter Claude Monet and "The Teacher," a fictional impression of Christa McAuliffe, the extraordinary educator who was chosen to ride the space shuttle with the astronauts. The play takes place on the day of the Challenger tragedy, Jan. 28, 1986. Author Jane Anderson reminds the audience that science and art are both leaps of imagination and faith that open startling new possibilities for humankind.

"Curiosity and the thrill of discovery have inspired men and women to new heights since the

beginning of time," said Mark Spina, artistic director of The Theater Project. "'Defying Gravity' celebrates this spirit of exploration and achievement even when faced with the many risks involved."

Jane Anderson is a multi-award winning writer and director who has created some of the most thought-provoking television, theater and film in the last decade. Her plays have been produced Off-Broadway and in theaters around the country, including Actors Theatre of Louisville, McCarter Theatre Center, Long Wharf, Geffen Playhouse and The Pasadena Playhouse.

She wrote "The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader-Murdering Mom" for which she received an Emmy, a Penn Award and Writers Guild Award for best teleplay.

Her other screenwriting credits include "The Prizewinner of Defiance, Ohio;" "How to Make an American Quilt" and "It Could Happen to You."

Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m.

To purchase tickets, call Brown Paper Tickets at 800-383-3006 or visit www.brownpapertickets.com.

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REUNIONS

Worrall Community Newspapers seeks information on reunions of Union County schools.

Send news of your reunion plans to editorial@thelocal-source.com, with "reunions" in the subject line. Include all pertinent contact information, such as the names of contact personnel, phone numbers and e-mail addresses, so that attendees may inquire about the reunion. The following schools are planning reunions:

- Sacred Heart High School, Class of 1958, will hold its 50th year reunion Sunday, at the Quality Inn, Rt. 37 West, Toms River, from 1 to 5 p.m. If you know of anyone from the class, or for information, please contact Mary Ellen

Malone Damiano 908-862-4089 or e-mail adamiano14@comcast.net.

- The Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 1977 reunion will take place on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Mountainside Elks Club, Route 22 East, Mountainside. Only the first 150 people who make reservations will be able to attend. E-mail pictures you would like included in the souvenir DVD in jpeg format or direct questions to Diane Klueber Pezzuti at pezzuti@optonline.net.

Check out jdrhsreunion1977.com on the Web for information.

- The Rahway High School Class of 1958 will hold its 50th class reunion on Sept. 26 and 27 at the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel,

Route 35 and Industrial Way East. For information call 908-839-9000.

- There will be a 50th class reunion for the class of 1958 Linden High School on Oct. 18. Get in touch with Gail Hudak, 908-86242Russell230@comcast.net or Juliet Yorke, 732-528-7440StanYorke@msn.com.

- The Weequahic High School classes of 1943, January and June, reunions is postponed until October.

Alumni, or anyone having whereabouts of former classmates please contact for the January class, Selma Rosenstock Cohen at 973-731-4170 or Leona Lubin Kaufman at 732-846-3322.

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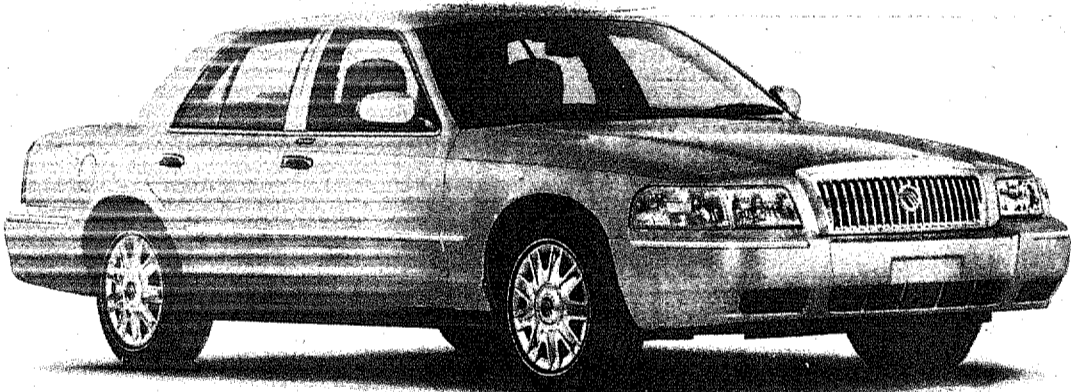


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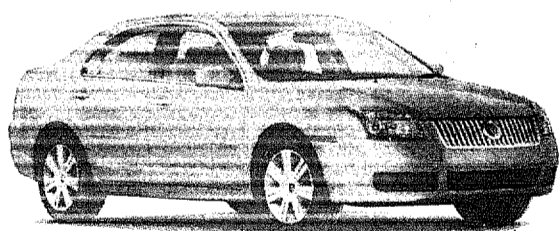


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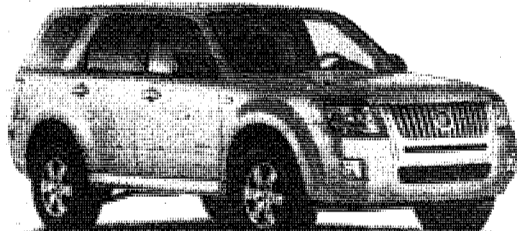
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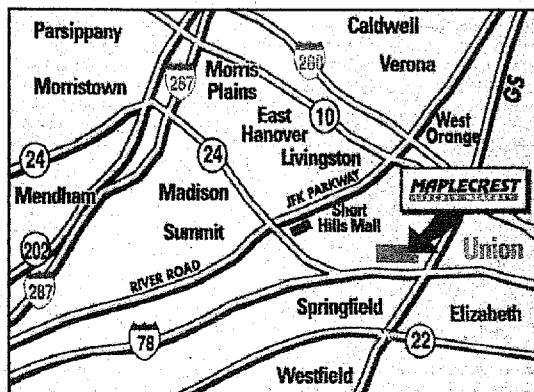
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 Adult School of the Bible
 Friday Services:
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BAPTIST

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

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JEWISH-TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

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JEWISH-ORTHODOX

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JEWISH - REFORM

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BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH, 77 Liberty Ave., Union, 908-686-LAMB. Rev. Percival Gordon, Pastor. Sunday Worship 10:30 am.

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

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UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST

UNITARIAN CHURCH IN SUMMIT, 4 Waldron Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. 908-273-3245. www.ucsummit.org. A member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern, minister. Our church draws members from various religious and cultural backgrounds who join together in their individual quests for truth and meaning. There is no creed or test of membership, but the community is bound together by principles, shared values and a desire to serve. Sunday services and Children's Religious Education classes at 9 and 10:45am Green Vespers, 6:15pm, 3rd Saturday of each month. For more info, visit our website or call 908-273-3245.

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CCWU president represents church at 'Women's Gathering'

Lillie Brown, president of the Cranford Church Women United, was one of nine women from New Jersey to attend the recent national gathering of committed members of local churches.

"Claim a New Vision Together," the theme of the Ecumenical Women's Gathering sponsored by Church Women United, in Independence, Mo., brought together more than 1,000 people from 22 denominations, and developed the following daily themes: envision; equip; empower and engage.

Many participants sent 300 postcards to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice regarding genocide in Darfur. Small groups encouraged interaction from attendees, offering information and opportunities for helpful purchases from displays like those at an international Fair Trade gift shop. Participants also filled four boxes with used cell phones to be refurbished or recycled by charities. Attendees such as Lillie Brown returned home inspired by their ecumenical experiences together in Missouri.

Services planned for Jewish holidays

Welcome the Jewish high holidays with Congregation Beth Hatikvah in Summit.

Prepare for the holidays with the Selichot service on Saturday at 8 p.m. Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, will be celebrated on Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sept. 30 at 9:30 a.m.

Yom Kippur, a day of fasting and atonement, begins at sundown on Oct. 8 with the Kol Nidre service at 7 p.m. On Oct. 9 Yom Kippur worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. The Beth Hatikvah Singers and Musicians will provide vocal and instrumental music. Yom Kippur will end with the CBH Community Break-

the-Fast meal.

A Young Family 45-minute service for children and their parents will be held on Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur at 2:30 p.m. There will also be a High Holiday Youth Program, led by a Youth Rabbi, for grades one through seven. Children will write prayers and blessings and help create their own service.

CBH also has a complete B'nai Mitzvah program and Religious School.

There are also many adult programs including: Saturday morning Torah Study, an Adult Learning class, a Renaissance Group for

"older" members and more.

Beth Hatikvah's Rabbi Amy Joy Small is active in local, national and international Rabbinical Associations, and guides all their members in Jewish learning.

Congregation Beth Hatikvah and its Religious School are affiliated with the Reconstructionist movement. Reconstructionist Judaism integrates respect for tradition with progressive religious, social and intellectual values.

Information about Congregation Beth Hatikvah, high holiday services, and Religious School is available at 908-277-0200 or visit www.bethhatikvah.org.

RELIGION

Tot Shabbat program to continue at temple

Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim of Cranford will continue its successful Tot Shabbat program for children ages 2-5 years old and their families. This popular interactive program includes Shabbat stories, holiday celebration, singing, dancing and snacks.

Dates are as follows: Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Dec. 6. The 2009 dates include: Jan. 24, Feb. 28, March 28, April 25 and May 9. The program

takes place from 10 to 11 a.m.

For information, call Tamara Ruben, director of education, at 908-276-7351.

Confirmation classes open for deaf youth

St. Marks Lutheran Church for the Deaf, meeting and worshiping at Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, is offering confirmation classes for deaf youth in grades seven to eight.

The classes will be conducted

on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

To register information, call the church office at 908-686-3965 or e-mail gracelu4u@yahoo.com.

Holy Hour for Life

Holy Spirit Respect for Life Ministry will conduct the monthly Holy Hour for Life in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Rosary for Life on Oct. 1, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church, Suburban Road, Union.

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OBITUARIES

Jaami Bilal

Jaami A. Bilal, 56, of Hillside died Sept. 5 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Norfolk, Va., Mr. Bilal lived in Hillside. He was an electrician with IBEW Local 80.

Surviving are his wife, Trayce McCullin-Bilal; two sisters, Shukriyyah Ali and Khayriyyah Azeez; a brother, Wilbur Peoples; six children, Tonya Wallace, Stacie Peoples, Maryum and Miah Bilal, Jessica Wemberly and Nia McCullin, and eight grandchildren.

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

Muriel Brown

Muriel L. Brown, 86, a longtime resident of Union, died Sept. 9 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Brown lived in Union for most of her life. She worked in various capacities with New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. for more than 35 years and retired in 1986. Mrs. Brown was a member of the Union Township Active Retirees Monday Club and the Union Chapter 4026 AARP and St. Michael's Church, Union.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Butkiewicz; a brother, Robert Lynch; a sister, Jane Temple; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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

Dorothy Donnelly

Dorothy Donnelly, 91, a lifelong resident of Union, died Sept. 7 at home.

Mrs. Donnelly was born in Bayonne. She was formerly employed as a beautician.

Surviving are three daughters, Barbara Donnelly Conte, Kathleen Dorothy Donnelly and Janet Elizabeth Karlo; a sister, Agnes Sheren, and three grandchildren.

The McCracken Funeral Home, Union, handled the arrangements.

Doris Edelman

Doris Edelman, of Springfield died Sept. 8 at home.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Edelman lived in Union before moving to Springfield. She was a member of the inaugural class of the Hebrew Youth Academy of Newark, which is the current Kushner Academy in Livingston.

Mrs. Edelman was a graduate, alumna member and supporter of Weequahic High School, Newark, and attended Newark State Teachers College, now Kean University, Union.

She was a longtime member of Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield, and its Women's League, Hadassah and ORT. Mrs. Edelman was a past president of the Park Place Association and was a participant in the community's development. She and her husband, Sam, were mem-

bers of the Couple's Club of JCC, Whippany. Also surviving are her children, Abbe and Robin Edelman and Allan and Jane Links; a sister, Joy Daun, and four grandchildren.

The Bernheim-Apter-Kreitzman Suburban Funeral Chapel, Livingston, handled the arrangements.

Gertrude Glasston

Gertrude "Goldie" Glasston, 97, of Linden died Sept. 12 at home.

Born in Hoboken, Mrs. Glasston lived in Elizabeth before moving to Linden in 1949. She was an executive secretary with the Linden Board of Education and retired in 1961. Mrs. Glasston was a member of the Sisterhood of Congregation Anshe Chesed, Linden, where she was "Woman of the Year" in 1998. She also was a founding member and first president of the Hilda Gould Chapter of Deborah.

Surviving are three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Congregation Anshe Chesed Synagogue Center handled the arrangements.

Mark Golebiowski

Mark Golebiowski, 66, of Roselle Park died Sept. 8 in Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, Mr. Golebiowski came to the United States in 1975, settling in Hartford Conn. He then lived in Roselle Park for 29 years. Mr. Golebiowski was a mechanical engineer for Lockheed, Denville, and retired 15 years ago. He received a bachelor's degree in engineering in 1970 and a master's degree, both from Polytchnic University of Warsaw.

Surviving are his wife, Alexandra; two sons, Michael Golebiowski and David Christopher Baten, and a daughter, Olivia Golebiowski Wintermunt.

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

Edward Grogan

Edward M. Grogan, 75, of Kenilworth died Sept. 12 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Grogan lived in Kenilworth since 1965. He worked for more than 30 years as an electronics technician with Analytical Measurements Co., Chatham.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; three sons, Edward, Daniel and Tim, and two grandchildren.

The Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, Westfield, handled the arrangements.

Jane Hadley

Jane Lewellyn Hadley, 74, of Springfield died Sept. 9 in the Center for Hope Hospice, Scotch Plains.

Born in Newark, Miss Hadley lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield in 1983. She was employed as a finance clerk with New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.,

Newark, for 34 years and retired in 1992. Miss Hadley was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and Springfield Senior Citizens Group I.

Surviving is a sister, Florence Granata.

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

Minnie Kern

Minnie D. Kern, 93, of Kenilworth died on Sept. 7.

Born in Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Kern lived in Newark and Irvington before moving to Kenilworth in 1941. She worked for Catholic Charities. Mrs. Kern worked for many years in St. Peter and St. Walburgh orphanages. During the war, Mrs. Kern worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" as a spotter for Mitchell Field Co. and received her gold wing.

At St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church in Kenilworth, she was a founding and oldest member of the Rosary Society and held every office many times, including president eight times, brought by-laws from St. Ann's Church in Newark, started the first Catholic Girl Scout Troop and was a leader for seven years, worked at the carnival and was chairperson of the calendar party and card parties. Mrs. Kern also was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America. She was a member of AARP, the Kenilworth Senior Citizens and the Kenilworth Historical Society. Mrs. Kern was honored by the township of Kenilworth on the occasion of its centennial as the second oldest and longest person living in town.

Surviving are a daughter, Corine Kern Vollmuth; a brother, Frederick Rittweger; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, Westfield, handled the arrangements.

Ernest Klein Sr.

Ernest C. Klein Sr., 88, of Linden died Sept. 14 in the Center for Hope Hospice, Scotch Plains.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Klein lived in Linden since 1954. He was employed by Exxon USA Bayway Refinery, Linden, as a tinsmith for 36 years and retired in 1982. Mr. Klein was a World War II Army veteran.

He was a staff sergeant and served with Co. 1, 16th Infantry and was involved in the Normandy invasion. Mr. Klein received two Silver stars, one Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

He was a member of the VFW John Russell Wheeler Post 1397, Linden, and the Old Guard of Elizabeth, the Linden Senior Citizens and the Exxon Annuitants Club. Mr. Klein was a former member of the Deutscher Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Lou Zach; a son, Ernest Klein Jr.,

OBITUARY LIST

BILAL — Jaami A., of Hillside; Sept. 5.
 BROWN — Muriel L., of Union; Sept. 9.
 CAPAGE — Ida, of Union; Sept. 11.
 DIXON — Raymond E., formerly of Roselle Park; July 15.
 DONNELLY — Dorothy, of Union; Sept. 7.
 EDELMAN — Doris, of Springfield; Sept. 8.
 GLASSTON — Gertrude, of Linden; Sept. 12.
 GOLEBIOWSKI — Mark, of Roselle Park; Sept. 8.
 GROGAN — Edward M., of Kenilworth; Sept. 12.
 HADLEY — Jane Lewellyn, of Springfield; Sept. 9.
 KERN — Minnie D., of Kenilworth; Sept. 7.
 KLEIN — Ernest C. Sr., of Linden; Sept. 14.
 KOSINSKI — John T., of Clark; Sept. 9.
 LAFFEY — Norma J., of Union; Sept. 7.
 LOMBARDI — Margaret V., formerly of Union; Sept. 7.
 MAC GREGOR — James A., of Clark; Sept. 14.
 MCCUTCHEON — Frances K., of Clark; Sept. 10.
 MOENICKHEIM — Irmgard M., formerly of Hillside; Sept. 9.
 O'CONNELL — Cecile M., of Cranford; Sept. 12.
 O'CONNOR — Robert, of Rahway; Sept. 6.
 PICCIUTO — Anthony, of Summit; Sept. 10.
 RHINE — Shirley, of Mountainside; Sept. 13.
 SANN — Grace C., of Union; Sept. 6.
 SAUNDERS — Kenneth C., of Linden; Sept. 13.
 SCHEUERMANN — Donald, of Union; Sept. 7.
 SCHWARTZ — Marven, of Springfield; Sept. 8.
 SCHWINDINGER — Marie, formerly of Rahway; Sept. 7.
 SPACCIANTE — Emma, of Union; Sept. 10.
 THOMAS — Martha Maria, of Summit; Sept. 9.
 VALENTE — Elizabeth, of Cranford; Sept. 11.
 WEAVER — Jane Case, of Rahway; Sept. 11.
 WILLIAMS — Herman Light, of Linden; Sept. 6.

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

and four grandchildren.

The Werson Funeral Home, Linden, handled the arrangements.

Norma Laffey

Norma J. Laffey, 65, of Union died Sept. 7 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Laffey moved to Union in 1954. She lived in Hamilton Township from 1977 to 1989, then returned to Union. Mrs. Laffey worked for the Mercer County Community College in the Admissions Department and then as program coordinator for the Leukemia Society's Northern New Jersey Chapter, which was located in Springfield. After her retirement, she worked part-time as a receptionist for Dental Laser Group in Union.

Surviving are two daughters, Cynthia A. Laffey and Rosann Skwarek, and a son, William J. Jr.

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

James MacGregor

James A. MacGregor, 69, of Clark died Sept. 14 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Flemington, Pa., Mr. MacGregor lived in Lakewood before moving to Clark 43 years ago. He was a plumber for Local 14 of Lodi for 30 years.

Surviving are his wife, Roslyn; two sons, John K. and Michael S.; two sisters, Blanche Meier and Florence MacGregor, and two broth-

ers, Eugene and Frederick, and a grandchild.

The Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home, Clark, handled the arrangements.

Frances McCutcheon

Frances K. McCutcheon of Clark died Sept. 10 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Philadelphia, Mrs. McCutcheon resided in Maplewood before moving to Clark 39 years ago. She was a registered nurse for Consultants in Asthma, Allergy and Immunology in Clark for more than 30 years. Mrs. McCutcheon also was a former nurse in the Multi-Care in Clark.

Surviving are are husband of 46 years, Charles "Buddy," a son, Chuck; two daughters, Caren Van Wyk and Megan Quigley; three sisters, Marie Gallagher, Barbara Taylor and Susan Krumich; a son, Robert Kaufman, and two grandchildren.

The Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home, Clark, handled the arrangements.

Robert Milkosky

Robert G. Milkosky, 58, of Cranford died Sept. 13 at home.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Milkosky lived in Linden before settling in Cranford, where he lived for more than 30 years. He had a long career as a financial consultant and CPA. Mr. Milkosky was the opening

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OBITUARIES

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speaker for the Cranford Relay for Life this past May.

Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Debra; three daughters, Karen, Christine and Allison; his mother, Margaret Milkosky; a brother, David, and two sisters, Mary Jane and Patty.

The Dooley Funeral Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

Cecile O'Connell

Cecile M. O'Connell, 91, of Cranford died Sept. 12 in Peggy Coloney's House in Scotch Plains.

Born in Manchester, N.H., Mrs. O'Connell lived in Quebec, Canada, before moving to Cranford in 1949. She was a painter and sculptress. Mrs. O'Connell was a former member of the Cranford Creative Art Group. She was a eucharistic minister in St. Michael's Church, Cranford, and was active in the Legion of Mary.

Surviving are a son, Dr. Patrick O'Connell; a daughter, Kathleen A. O'Connell; two sisters, Vera Hewitt and Pauline; three brothers, Joseph, Raymond and Guy

Carrier. The Dooley Funeral Home, Cranford, handled the arrangements.

Anthony Picciuto

Anthony Picciuto, 43, a lifelong resident of Summit, died Sept. 10 in Rumlens Specialized Hospital of Union County, Berkeley Heights.

Mr. Picciuto was born in Summit. He graduated from Kean University, Union, where he received a bachelor of science degree in business. He had been a partner in J. Picciuto and Sons Excavating, Summit.

Surviving are two sisters, Sally Shepack and Karen Salamone.

The Paul Ippolito Summit Memorial, Summit, handled the arrangements.

Shirley Rhine

Shirley Rhine of Mountainside died Sept. 13 in Mountainside.

Born in Newark, Miss Rhine lived in New York City before moving to Mountainside four years ago.

She worked with Alan

Greenspan as an economist in New York City at the Conference Board. Miss Rhine graduated as valedictorian from Weequahic High School, Newark, in 1940 and from Douglass College, New Brunswick.

Surviving is a sister, Roslyn Feid.

The Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union handled the arrangements.

Marven Schwartz

Marven Schwartz, 86, of Springfield and Union, died Sept. 8 at home.

Born in California, Pa., Mr. Schwartz lived in Union and Springfield for the past 36 years. He was self-employed in the coin-operated laundry business and was president of the N.J. Coin Laundry Association in the 1990s. Mr. Schwartz served in the Army Signal Corps in Alaska during World War II.

He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans and B'nai B'rith of Springfield.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Marilyn; two daughters,

Jerri Eskow and Audrey Wilf; a sister, Edythe Zuckerberg, and six grandchildren.

The Menorah Chapels at Millburn in Union handled the arrangements.

Marie Schwindinger

Marie Elizabeth Schwindinger, 99, of Kendall Park, formerly of Rahway, died Sept. 7 at Genesis Health Care Systems, Monmouth Junction.

Born in Rahway, Mrs. Schwindinger lived in Philadelphia for 10 years and moved back to Rahway, where she resided for 55 years before settling in Kendall Park in 2005. She was a secretary at Royal Waist Manufacturing, Perth Amboy, for 15 years and retired in 1965.

Surviving are a son, Frank X. Jr.; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The Lehrer-Gibilisco Funeral Home, Rahway, handled the arrangements.

Martha Thomas

Martha Maria Thomas, 96, recently of Summit, died Sept. 9 as

a resident of Manor Care, which is located in New Providence.

Born in Frankenbach, Germany, in 1912, Mrs. Thomas emigrated to the United States in the early 1930s and lived in Summit. She worked as an administrative assistant for the Newark Museum.

Surviving are a son, Leo F.; a daughter, Elizabeth M. Kuchne; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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

Herman Williams

Herman Light Williams, 77, of Linden died Sept. 6 in Elizabeth.

Mr. Williams was a cook in the East Jersey State Prison, Woodbridge, for 10 years. He was a member of the Union Baptist Church, Passaic.*

Surviving are his wife, Mary; 14 children, four step-children, eight brothers and sisters, as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The G.G. Woody Funeral Home, LLC, Roselle, handled the arrangements.

MEETINGS

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

Today

- The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will meet for an agenda/work session meeting at 7 p.m. in the freeholder meeting room, located on the sixth floor of the Administration Building, 10 Elizabeth Plaza, Elizabeth.

Monday

- The Springfield Board of Education will conduct a public session meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Instructional Media Center at Jonathan Dayton High School, located at 139

Mountain Ave., Springfield.

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

Tuesday

- The open public portion of the regular meeting of the Clark Board of Education will take place at 7 p.m. in the IMC at Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave., Clark.

- The Cranford Township Committee will conduct a regular, public meeting at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers in town hall, 8 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

- The Kenilworth Borough

Council will conduct a work session meeting in the right-hand meeting room, located on the second floor of the Municipal Building, 567 Blvd., at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

- The Kenilworth Borough Council will conduct a regular, public meeting at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers, located on the second floor of borough hall, 567 Blvd., Kenilworth.

Sept. 25

- The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will meet for a regular public meeting at 7 p.m. in the freeholder meeting room, located on the sixth floor of the Admin-

istration Building, 10 Elizabeth Plaza, Elizabeth.

Sept. 29

- The caucus meeting of the Hillside Township Council, originally scheduled for 7 p.m., has been cancelled.

Sept. 30

- The regular meeting of the Hillside Township Council, originally scheduled for 7 p.m., has been cancelled.

Oct. 2

- The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will meet for a regular public meeting at 7 p.m. in the freeholder meeting room, located on the sixth floor of the Admin-

istration Building, 10 Elizabeth Plaza, Elizabeth.

Oct. 6

- The Springfield Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Jonathan Dayton High School Instructional Media Center.

Oct. 7

- The Roselle Park Board of Education will conduct a public meeting at 7 p.m. in council chambers at Roselle Park Borough Hall, 110 East Westfield Ave., Roselle Park.

- The Rahway City Council will conduct a pre-meeting conference session at 7:30 p.m. in Rahway City Hall.

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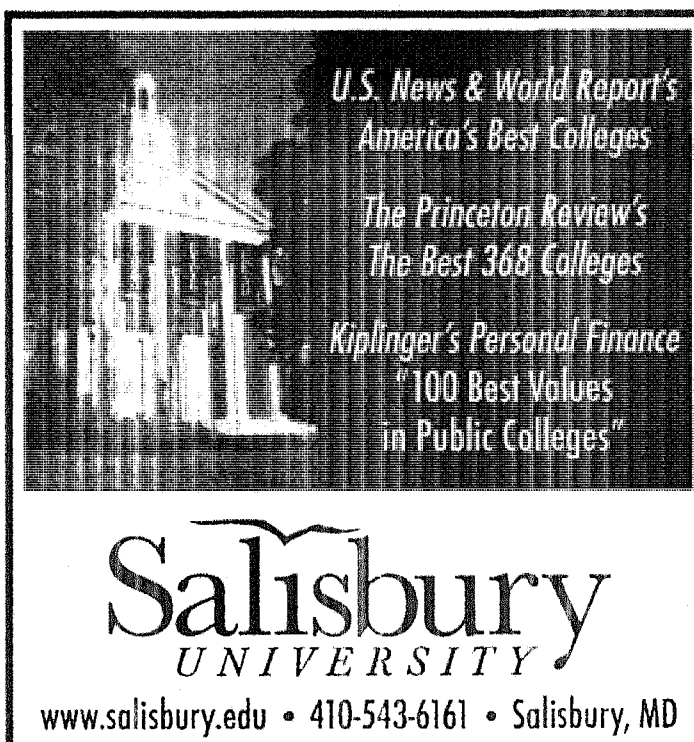
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**THIS WEEKEND'S
UNION COUNTY GAMES**
Thursday, Sept. 18 (1 game)
Johnson at Newark Central, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 19 (5 games)
Linden at Elizabeth, 7 p.m.
Westfield at Kearny, 7 p.m.
Summit at Mendham, 7 p.m.
Roselle Park at Middlesex, 7 p.m.
Dayton at Manville, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20 (5 games)
Union at Plainfield, 1 p.m.
Irvington at Scotch Plains, 1 p.m.
Rahway at Hillside, 1 p.m.
Brearley at Roselle, 1 p.m.
Cranford at New Providence, 1 p.m.
Off: Governor Livingston.

**LAST WEEKEND'S
UNION COUNTY RESULTS**
Friday, Sept. 12 (4 games)
Linden 7, Barringer 6
Watchung Hills 13, Plainfield 12
DePaul 26, Cranford 0
Brearley 33, Pennington 6
Saturday, Sept. 13 (9 games)
Irvington 34, Union 14
Rahway 23, Bishop Ahr 22 (OT)
Hillside 14, Passaic 0
Gov. Livingston 15, Johnson 14
Bound Brook 20, Roselle 13
Metuchen 21, Roselle Park 0
Dayton 26, South Hunterdon 0
Parsippany Hills 31, Summit 7
Westfield 33, Shabazz 8
Off: Elizabeth, Scotch Plains,
New Providence.

JR'S PICKS THIS WEEK (11)
Johnson over Newark Central
Elizabeth over Linden
Westfield over Kearny
Mendham over Summit
Roselle Park over Middlesex
Dayton over Manville
Union over Plainfield
Irvington over Scotch Plains
Rahway over Hillside
Brearley over Roselle
New Providence over Cranford
Best bet: Elizabeth over Linden
Upset special: RP over Middlesex
Last week: 8-5
This year: 8-5 (.615)
Best bets: 0-1
Upset specials: 1-0

JR's UNION COUNTY TOP 10
1. Elizabeth (0-0)
2. Rahway (1-0)
3. Union (0-1)
4. Scotch Plains (0-0)
5. Westfield (1-0)
6. Plainfield (0-1)
7. Linden (1-0)
8. Governor Livingston (1-0)
9. New Providence (0-0)
10. Brearley (1-0)
Rest of the county: Hillside (1-0),
Johnson (0-1), Dayton (1-0),
Cranford (0-1), Summit (0-1),
Roselle (0-1), R. Park (0-1).



Photo by Barbara Kalkhals

The Union High School varsity soccer field is now named Jim Jeskey Field, with a scoreboard bearing the name of the former longtime coach who guided the Farmers to more than 500 wins and four county championships. Jeskey is pictured here at right taking the cover off the new scoreboard last Saturday.

Jeskey, a 'true gentleman', is honored

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

UNION — The Union High School varsity soccer pitch was officially named "Jim Jeskey Field" last Saturday morning in a ceremony held before the boys' soccer team's season-opener.

A brand new scoreboard which reads — Jim Jeskey Field — was unveiled before a very nice crowd that included UHS school officials, former Jeskey players, Union girls' soccer team members and Jeskey with his family and friends.

The scoreboard was covered at the beginning of the ceremony and then the cover was taken down to reveal it for the first time.

"It's very nice and I'm moved by it," Jeskey said. "I enjoy everybody coming out and seeing guys that played for me all the way back to the beginning."

Jeskey, 74, was the head boys' soccer coach at Union for 47 seasons from 1961-2007 before retiring in June from teaching and coaching at UHS for more than 50 years.

He coached the boys' soccer team to more than 500 victories, including all four of its Union County Tournament titles.

"It was something to always look forward to," Jeskey said. "It carried you right through the school year. I then looked forward to baseball season. It was good. I think players should play two or three sports and not specialized in one. It makes you a better athlete I think."

Union is one of the largest schools in New Jersey and has such a big-time tradition in many of its sports.

"You go different places and they've heard of Union and they knew its sports program and all sports were top-notch and it was great," said Jeskey, a Caldwell High School graduate, who graduated from there three years after present New Providence head football coach Frank Bottone did. Bottone is now in his 44th year as the only varsity football coach New Providence has ever had.

"When I came here the first day I never looked to go anywhere else," Jeskey said.

Jeskey is thought of by many as so much more than just a coach.

"Jim is a gentleman and very few gentleman are still involved in coaching," said George Chapla, who played on Union's first UCT championship team in 1967, which was his senior season, with Chapla being a 1968 UHS graduate.

Chapla was also Jeskey's assistant coach for 30 years. Jeskey always refers to Chapla as him being the best soccer player ever at UHS — among many other great ones as well.

"Jim really went over and above," Chapla said. "He never had any problems with an official, which is very unusual for a coach nowadays with them screaming and yelling. He was a competitor — don't get me wrong — and he competed."

"He always handled himself as a gentleman in situations with parents and players and, like I said, we're going to miss him as a coach."

"One thing that really stands out with Jim is that he was always there," Chapla continued. "For example, I had surgery and he visited me in the hospital and he showed concern for my kids with a phone call and this just goes to show what he was all about."

When Chapla played for Jeskey more than 40 years ago, soccer in Union County — or the entire United States for that matter — was not quite like it is now.

"The equipment alone was so different," Chapla recalled. "They presented me with a pair of brown boots — just like Timberline. I said, 'I can't play in these.'"

"So I had to go to all the way to New York City to get myself a pair of soccer shoes, that's where they actually were. They didn't have soccer stores like they have now. That was one little example."

"The formations were a lot different. I played up front — on the left wing — because I couldn't run too much. Jim said, 'the guys got skill so I'll put him up there on the left wing.'"

Not many coaches last beyond a few years. Jeskey earned a great deal of respect from many for the way he exhibited a passion to continue season after season.

"Year after year he was always excited," Chapla said. "He would give me a call over the summer and ask if I was ready to get started. He would invite alumni players to work the practice session with him on Saturday mornings."

"We kind of formed a bond. At Farchers Grove in Union I played semi-professionally and Jim would go there and have a little beverage and have a little knockworst with some of the other coaches and watch us play."

"Those guys would come over here on a Saturday morning and one of those players was Manny Schellscheidt, who is still the coach at Seton Hall University."

Soccer field named after Union mentor

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Schellscheidt's grandson, UHS freshman Daniel Bartok, is a starting forward on the varsity team now coached by UHS teacher and former Clifton High School and Kean University standout goalie Lester Lembryk.

"My personality is very close to Jim's, which is very laid back," Chapla said. "I'm usually not this talkative. I'm quiet and like to stay in the background. We really worked well together."

Union's second, third and fourth county championships were attained in 1978, 1990 and 1999, with Chapla an assistant to Jeskey during those fine seasons.

"I was with Jim along the way and Jim was very good because he would give me a lot of leeway," Chapla said. "I would say something and he would say, 'okay, let's try it.'"

LeMatty was the head baseball coach at Union for 33 consecutive winning seasons from 1959-1991. After his final year he was the winningest baseball coach in the state with more than 600 wins. He is still the winningest in Union County, with Elizabeth's Ray Korn right behind him.

Jeskey was LeMatty's assistant baseball coach for a good three decades in addition to being his assistant soccer coach for a couple of years in the very beginning of the program.

"This is well-deserved," LeMatty said. "I can't think of any person who deserves this more. This is the pinnacle of success when you're remembered in this manner."

"I really mean that I don't think you can find any person more deserving."

"All those things that were said about him, none of them were made up. They're not myth. They're accurate."

One person there clapping among the many was Union second-year head football coach Brian Sheridan, a 1993 UHS graduate. He still had a 1 p.m. season-opening home game against arch rival Irvington to think about, but he took the time out to show his respect for Jeskey.

Sometimes football and soccer ideologies clash, so that was nice to see.

"You will not find anyone, after all the years I've known him — and I'm going back now 50 years — that I've ever heard say anything negative about Jim Jeskey," LeMatty said.

"In baseball — when he coached first base and I coached third base — he knew, he could tell when I was sending a runner. After awhile it was second-nature. He knew in advance and he had that guy going into second base behind the other runner."

"He anticipated. He didn't wait until I sent the runner in. He knew I would be sending a runner home. It was just such a great relationship."

"He was always the kind of person that if he thought you were doing the wrong kind of thing he would let you know — in his own nice way."

Jeskey was the boys' soccer coach for 47 seasons, LeMatty the baseball coach for 33. Its rare you that you get that kind of dedication at one school.

"It's indescribable when you really think about it," LeMatty said. "It becomes almost second nature, because you're here so long. You know the routine. You know the procedure and everything else. You know the fields and you know the coaches and so on."

"It's not like when you're in a new situation when you're on tip toes because you don't know. Here, we knew."

"We knew the kind of support we had and the kind of players we were going to have. You just become a part of the place, like a blade of grass growing in the field."

One of Jeskey's former players at the ceremony was 1962 UHS graduate Bobby Johnson, who was a senior All-State goalie on Jeskey's first team in 1961.

"I still call him Mr. Jeskey after all these years," said Johnson, who is now again a Union resident. "It was a different time. Mr. Jeskey and Mr. LeMatty kind of took everybody under their wing. They made sure you were on the straight and narrow."

"They were friends and mentors more than anything else. It stayed with me my whole life. I learned a lot from both of them."

"It almost brought a tear to my eye seeing his (Jeskey's) name up on the scoreboard. It's a well-deserved honor. Because of the respect that he showed us, they really showed him respect by doing this."

"Dr. (Theodore) Jakubowski said his kids call him Mr. Jeskey. I call him Mr. Jeskey and he's only 10 years older than I am. I would never think of anything but Mr. Jeskey and Mr. LeMatty."

Johnson played soccer one year in college at Monmouth and then in Germany on a team when he went into the service.

"It's a testament to Mr. Jeskey that he never lost the passion for the kids," Johnson said.

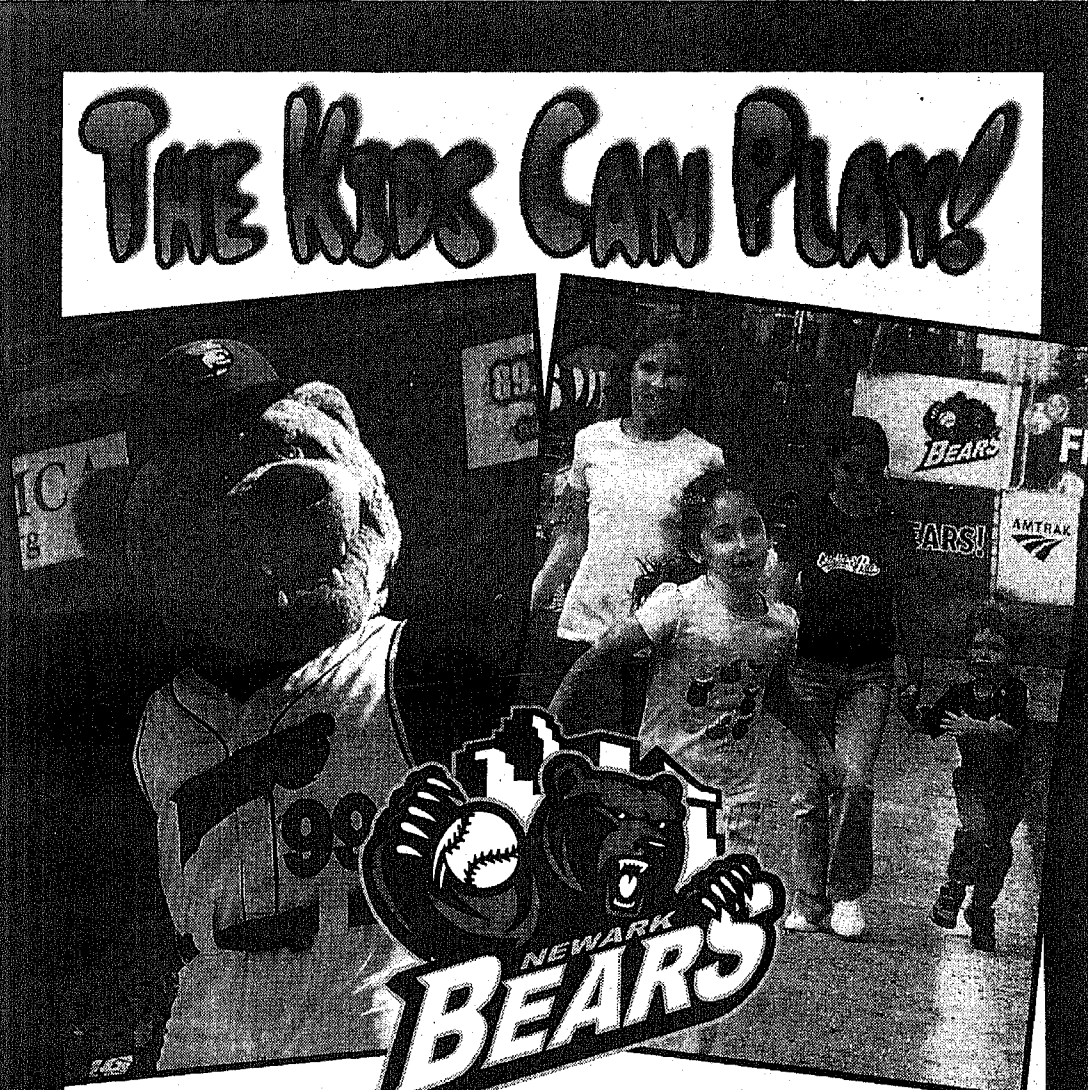
"He always wanted to teach the kids. With him, it's always about everybody else."

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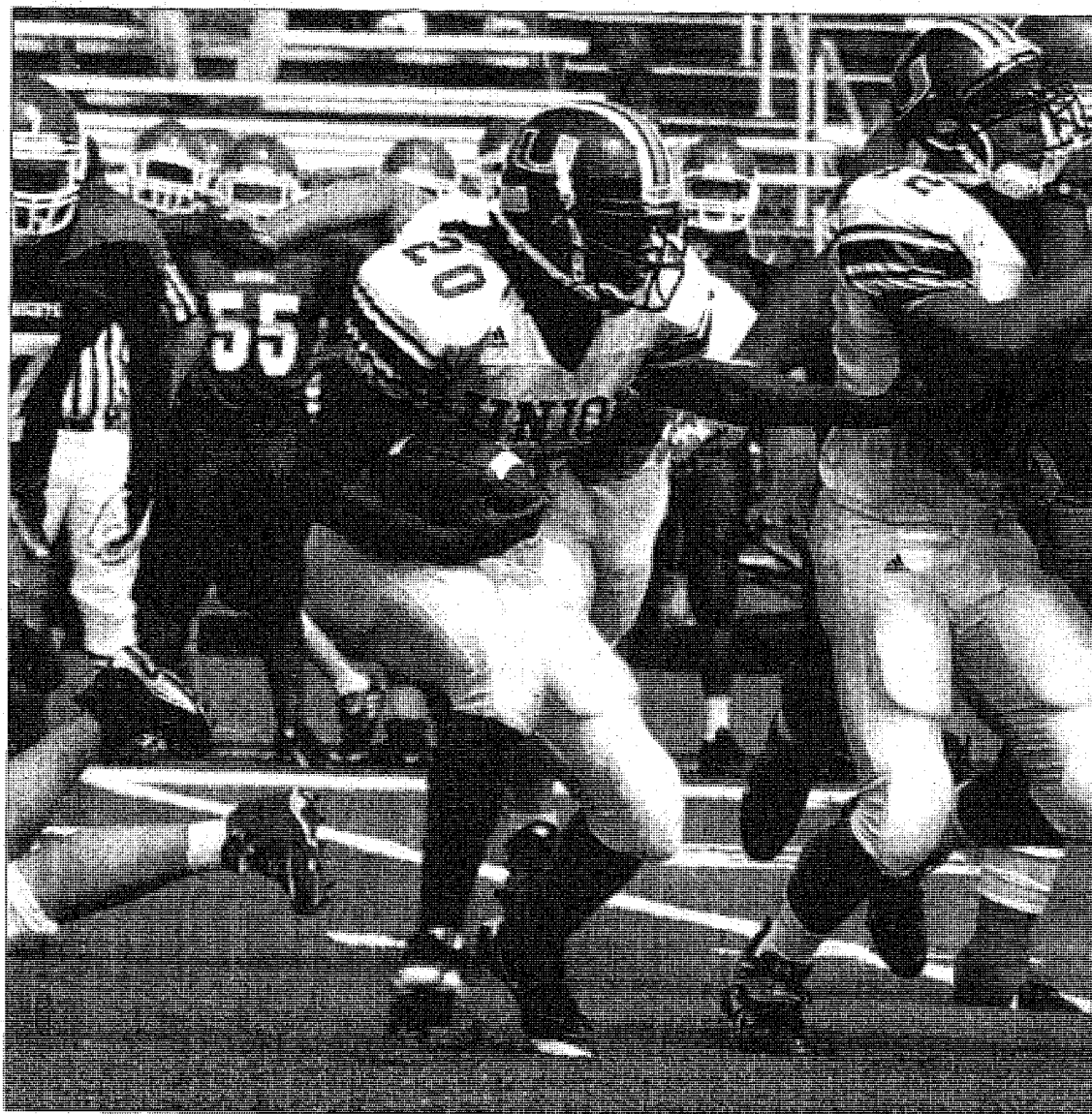
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Above, Union senior quarterback Dion Nesmith (No. 14) looks to hand the ball off. Below, Union senior running back Reginald Swinney (No. 20) follows a block en route to yardage. Last Saturday's game at Cooke Memorial Field against Irvington was Union's first on its brand new field turf.



Union FB seeks to rebound Saturday

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

UNION — After last Saturday afternoon's annual Watchung Conference football clash between visiting Irvington and host Union, let's just say for arguments sake that Irvington is probably a bit more dismayed that it might have been the last time the teams will meet on the gridiron.

Why? The reason is that Irvington finally has Union's number.

After many years of getting pushed around by Union and losing most of the games in the series Irvington has now defeated Union five years in a row.

Behind outstanding performances from senior quarterback Joshua Evans and junior running back Rashon Evans — Joshua is Rashon's uncle — among others, Irvington rolled to a dominating 34-14 season-opening triumph on the first field turf game played at Cooke Memorial Field.

Irvington will also play on brand new field turf this Saturday when the Blue Knights visit Scotch Plains at 1 p.m. to face the Raiders in their season-opener. Irvington defeated Union and Scotch Plains on the road last year and will be seeking to do the same this season.

Irvington outgained Union in total yards 403-163, with the Blue Knights carrying the ball 41 times for 332 yards. Irvington scored four times on the ground and once in the air.

Irvington takes a great deal of momentum going into next weekend, while it's back to the drawing board for Union, which will play at Plainfield this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Hub Stine Field in a battle of 0-1 squads.

Plainfield lost at Watchung Hills 13-12 last Friday night in its season-opener, so for the second straight season Union and Plainfield will be playing each other in Watchung Conference play both looking for their first win.

For the fifth straight year in the season-opener for both Irvington prevailed over Union, meaning the Farmers are 0-1 for the fifth straight year.

Union last beat Irvington 14-0 at home in 2003, which was the second game of the season for both.

Irvington head coach Darnell Grant is now 5-2 against Union and 47-17 (.734) in six years plus one game at the helm of the Blue Knights. That includes a 3-5 playoff record which includes the school's first playoff win and first appearance in a state championship game.

Grant and his Blue Knights have winning in September down pat. They need to finish better in December when the state championships are on the line.

"That's the goal every year, to win a state championship," Grant said.

Grant came close with his 2006 Irvington squad as it lost a heartbreaking 18-14 decision to New Brunswick in the North 2, Group 3 final at Rutgers. For the third straight season the Blue Knights are among the teams to beat in that section.

Irvington received touchdowns from No. 8 on the roster Aaron Yarbough (how it was spelled on the roster handed out Saturday), Rashon Evans and Joshua Evans in the first half to get out to a commanding 21-0 halftime lead. Union was limited to just 54 yards of offense in the first two quarters, 39 on the ground and 15 passing. Irvington fell a yard shy of scoring a fourth touchdown in the first half when time expired.

Joshua Evans, a bonafide Division 1-A recruit and without-a-doubt one of the best players in the entire state, had a campaign-opening senior season game to remember.

Here's what Joshua Evans did:

- He completed 9-of-15 passes for 71 yards, including one interception and one touchdown. He completed 5-of-8 for 43 yards and one pick in the first half and 4-of-7 for 28 yards and one TD in the second.

- He rushed 16 times for a game-high 181 yards and two touchdowns. In the first half he gained 43 yards on eight carries, scoring once on a two-yard run. In the second half he carried eight more times for 138 yards, scoring once on a 66-yard sprint down the right sideline.

- He also completed a two-point pass to Rashon Evans in the first half in addition to coming up with one of two Irvington interceptions in the first half, with the Blue Knights finishing with four total on the day.

- Also an outstanding punter, Evans had four kicks that totaled 171 yards, good for a 43-yard average.

- He was also in on several tackles from his safety position, which is where he will play in college.

"We feel like we can do this all the time," said a confident Joshua Evans moments after the victory. "We know what's at stake. We want to win a state championship and we're working hard toward that goal. We have to continue to work harder each week."

"You see what he can do on the field and it's for real," Grant said. "He has so many roles for us and does so many things well. We rely on him a great deal."

Rashon Evans returned two kickoffs for touchdowns against Union last year, with his second one proving to be the game-winning score with less than a minute remaining in a 28-22 triumph here.

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ALJ field hockey is out to stick foes once again

Crusaders have another talented squad

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

CLARK - Wasting no time proving that it will be among the elite teams once again in Union County, the Johnson field hockey team improved to 2-0 Monday night, Sept. 15, after beating non-conference foe Boonton 5-0 on its home field.

The Crusaders, despite losing many talented seniors to graduation, appear ready to keep up their reputation as the top public school program in the county.

"This team has everything," said senior Monica Slodowski, one of three captains, with the others being fellow seniors Nicole Nardone and Jamie Mytrowitz. "We have quickness, stick work, defense - we're going to go far this season."

All three captains are three-year varsity performers.

Johnson is coming off a 16-4-1 season in which it reached the Union County Tournament championship game for the fourth consecutive year and then the North 2, Group 2 quarterfinals. Johnson lost to Oak Knoll 2-1 in overtime in the UCT final and then to Chatham 3-2 in the section, with both of those games on their brand new field turf last season. Johnson was downed by Oak Knoll in the UCT final for the fourth consecutive season.

The Crusaders opened Friday with a convincing 7-0 home win over Mountain Valley Conference rival Cranford.

"Our passes have to be stick-to-stick, our hits have to be hard and we have to give 100 percent each game," Slodowski said.

Johnson lost six senior starters to graduation. On the flip side of that, the junior varsity team won its county championship the last two seasons, with players ready to step in and add depth.

"The team is never rebuilding," Slodowski said. "It's always, year after year, we've got everything every year. We're coming strong every year."

Boonton was the one team Johnson tied last year, with the final score 2-2 in Boonton.

Johnson scored three goals in the first half and two in the second against the Bombers Monday night, with the Crusaders in control pretty much the entire game.

"We played as a team and did everything we had to do and just went in there and got it done," Slodowski said.

No doubt Johnson will still be the favorite against most regular season competition, with, perhaps, Oak Knoll being the exception. The Crusaders are to play at Oak Knoll before the UCT starts on Oct. 1 and then host the Royals after the UCT will be completed on Oct. 27.

"With our teamwork, we're all in it to win it this year," Nardone said. "We mesh well together. Our conditioning is awesome this year. We worked really hard in the off-season and I think it's going to show for us as we go into the counties."

You could say that the favorites to get to the UCT final again would be Oak Knoll and Johnson. If that does happen one month from now, could the fifth time be a charm for the Crusaders?

"It just fires us up more," Nardone said. "It gives us more reason to go out and play our hearts out because we know we can. It's just a matter of getting it finished."

Mytrowitz scored twice against both Cranford and Boonton, netting Johnson's first two goals against the Bombers.

"We mesh so well together and know exactly where each other is," Mytrowitz said. "We're going to go far. If we all have such great capabilities of going far in the counties and the states and our hearts are in it, we will be there."

Of the four consecutive county finals played against Oak Knoll, last year was the closest Johnson came to beating the perennial parochial power.

"That just gets us more pumped and fired up to know that we came so close last year, that we can definitely take them on this year," Mytrowitz said.

Asked if it might be a perfect world if Oak Knoll was not in Union County, Mytrowitz said, "no, because the only way to be the best is to beat the best."

After a long string of games against Oak Knoll that did not result in a single victory, Johnson found a way to beat the Royals a few years ago at the end of the season to share the MVC title.

Johnson ninth-year head coach Katrina Anderson-Dobbins will prepare her team for the Royals when the time comes. For now it's the usual concentration of one game at a time.

"We're not looking to win a county championship at this point in the season," Anderson-Dobbins said. "We're looking to win tomorrow. We're trying to do what we can do well - well - and we're trying to minimize silly mistakes and silly errors and things that are avoidable."

"Any time you give the ball away - whether you earn a free hit and then give it away because your hits are not good, or you give it away after you make a great tackle - that's the stuff that this team can work on. We're trying to bring our best game every game."

Against Cranford, Mytrowitz and senior Cassandra Martin scored twice and junior Jess Rusin, junior Stephanie Lewis and senior Megan Etzel once. Earning assists were Martin, Rusin, Lewis, Gina Trani, Megan Fiasconaro and Nardone.

"This is one of those exceptional years," Anderson-Dobbins said. "The girls are incredibly tight. They're totally selfless, the scoring's really distributed and we don't have just one player to focus on."

Lewis scored on a penalty stroke in the first half against Boonton and had one stopped by the Bomber goalie in the second half. Rusin scored Johnson's other two goals against Boonton, both coming in the second half, with the latter on a penalty stroke.

"We have 11 players to focus on," Anderson-Dobbins said. "You can't coach chemistry and that's the thing that I think that this group has more than any other team I've ever coached."

"They have chemistry, They are totally selfless. I tell them all the time that they all play for the name on the front and not the number on the back. That's invaluable to me."

Mytrowitz has four goals in the first two games after netting nine through Johnson's first 17 last season.

"That's Jamie's job, to put the ball in the cage," Anderson-Dobbins said. "We've known that about her since sophomore year. She's just got an awesome stick on the left side and she has great eye-hand coordination. She's a finisher."

NOTES: Last year's goalie - Shannon Syciarz - is already starting at The College of New Jersey in Ewing Township and Anderson-Dobbins reports that she is off to a 5-0 start.

Jen Goldberg, a senior who was Johnson's JV goalie, is off to a fine start for her first and only season as a Crusader varsity starter. She made a couple of nice saves of close-range shots fired by Boonton.

"Jen's great and she's a super hard worker," Anderson-Dobbins said. "She appreciates every minute that she's out there. She's worked really hard the last couple of years. It was a tough position to be one year behind Shannon, who was a four-year varsity goalie."

"Jen did it graciously and she's totally stepping up now."

Other standout seniors who were a big part of Johnson's success last year included Meghan Howlett, Allison Nudo, Casey Agront, Courtney Maulen, Kathleen Sullivan and Brittany Dolan. Captains last year were Sullivan, Dolan and Syciarz.

Anderson-Dobbins began the season with her record at Johnson being 103-43-14 (.706).

• See roster and schedule on JR's Sports Blog at www.localsource.com.



The Union boys' soccer team is sparked by the play of junior forward Robert Barrera. He scored the winning goal Monday in Union's 2-1 overtime triumph at Kearny. The Farmers improved to 2-0.

Union boys' soccer well-rounded team

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

UNION - For the first time since the fall of 1960, someone other than Jim Jeskey is guiding the Union boys' soccer team.

For those into sports history that was when Bill Mazeroski of the Pittsburgh Pirates made Mickey Mantle cry and when the Philadelphia Eagles were about to go on and win what will be still be to this day their last NFL crown.

After Jeskey guided Union to more than 500 wins and all four of the team's Union County Tournament championships from 1961-2007, UHS teacher Lester Lembryk is now in charge of the program.

Lembryk guided his first team to a season-opening 6-0 home win over non-conference rival Hudson Catholic last Saturday. The victory came shortly after the Union varsity soccer field was named Jim Jeskey Field, with a scoreboard bearing that name.

Lembryk inherits a team that went 15-6-1 last year and reached the UCT semis and North 2, Group 4 quarters, losing in both tournaments by one goal.

Union last won the UCT in 1999, while the Farmers have never won North 2, Group 4, last reaching the final in 2000.

Lembryk was a standout goalkeeper at Clifton High School - class of 1994 - and at Kean University - class of 2000.

His older brother Stan - formerly the girls' coach at Clifton - is making his debut this year as the boys' coach at Bloomfield.

"I owe a lot to my brother," Lembryk said Saturday, moments after his first win at Union. "He's a real inspiration to me."

Saturday's game was more like a practice for Union, which was far superior to its Hudson County foe. The Farmers scored all six of their goals in the first half and really used the second half as more of a let's-see-what-we-can-work-on session.

"We had a good pre-season," Lembryk said. "The kids are determined."

Union's starting lineup - a 4-4-2 formation - included senior Jason Esteves in goal; sophomore Manuel Martis, senior David Lopes, junior Kamil Kaczmarczyk and senior Wellington Rossi on defense; sophomore Andrew Lopes, sophomore Rafael Braga, sophomore Marco Avella and junior Bryan Meza in the midfield and junior Robert Barrera and freshman Daniel Bartok up front at the forward position.

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Farmers fall to Irvington for fifth straight time

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Evans did not return any kick-offs Saturday, but set the tone by zig-zagging his way through gaping holes provided by an efficient offensive line.

"We wanted to try to do some different things against Union in the beginning," Grant said. "Brian (Sheridan) is a great coach and we know it's never going to be easy against those guys. Rashon used his speed well and was able to get out in the open and do his thing."

Union cut Irvington's lead to 27-14 in the fourth quarter after senior quarterback Dion Nesmith's second one-yard touchdown sneak. Then senior placekicker Chris Ruiz executed a perfect onside kick that was recovered by Union senior Reginald Swinney.

However, on the next play, Irvington senior quarterback Anthony Howard jumped up and came down with his second interception of the second half. Reginald West, a junior, had Irvington's other interception.

On the very next play after Howard's second pick, Joshua Evans put the game away with his long touchdown run, one that he went through a hole and was untouched on.

"It's a long season and we still have a way to go," Grant said. "This, again, is a good start."

NOTES: Irvington has now won 15 consecutive regular season games. The Blue Knights won their last five in 2006, all nine in 2007 for the first time and their first in 2008.

Irvington's last regular-season loss was at Elizabeth 14-0 on Sept. 30, 2006. That came after a 42-21 home playoff win over Elizabeth in 2005 - Irvington's first-ever playoff victory and a game it led 42-0 at the half - and before Irvington's 36-3 regular season win at home over Elizabeth last year.

Union defeated Plainfield 21-0 at home last year for its first win after its first 0-4 start since the 1970s before Lou Rettino. The Farmers rebounded to finish 5-5.

Plainfield won three of its last four games last season after a 0-6 start and ended up going 3-7.

Union senior defensive end Michael Larrow - who has already given a verbal commitment to continue at Rutgers - made a nice tackle of Rashon Evans in the second half, which resulted in a 15-yard loss. He also caught one pass for six yards at tight end near the end of the game.

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Dayton wins rare grid opener

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

Not only did the Dayton football team open with a big shutout victory Saturday, but the Bulldogs will now be playing three games at Brearley's Ward Field in Kenilworth as the home team.

Dayton opened with a convincing 26-0 triumph at South Hunterdon, snapping an eight-game losing streak.

It was Dayton's first shutout victory since winning at Manville 14-0 in November of 1997, which was one of two wins in a 2-7 season.

Last September, Dayton edged Manville 22-20 at Meisel Field in Springfield for its first varsity win since the final game of the 1999 season, which snapped a 21-game losing streak.

Dayton concluded its last winning season in 1999 with an 18-15 win at home over Brearley on Thanksgiving, which was the last time Dayton defeated Brearley.

Dayton then went 0-10 in 2000 and did not have varsity football from 2001-2005.

Football returned in 2005, with a junior varsity team going 3-5-1.

Varsity football returned in 2006, with Dayton going 0-10 with all the games on the road.

Play resumed at Meisel Field last year with Dayton going 1-9 and the Bulldogs playing eight games at Meisel.

Unfortunately for Dayton, Meisel Field was deemed unplayable again because of poor field conditions right before the start of the season.

Games at Brearley where Dayton will be the home team include Newark Central Sept. 27 at 1 p.m., Roselle Oct. 11 at 1 p.m. and New Providence Nov. 8 at 1 p.m., which is the playoff cutoff date weekend.

Dayton will also play at Brearley Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. as the visiting team.

Going back to my year-by-year Dayton records, the Bulldogs had not won a season-opener since at least 1991.

Dayton was 8-0 and then finished 8-2 in 1988 after losing in the first round of the North 2, Group 2 playoffs and then in its season-finale.

So, if Dayton did not win its opener in 1989 or 1990, then Saturday's win over South Hunterdon - a team it lost to 13-6 on the road in its 2006 season-finale - was its first on Opening Day in 20 years.

In Saturday's win, senior Rob Yannazzone and junior John Hoehn both played well at quarterback according to Dayton head coach Joe Goerge.

"Both led the offense, while we threw only one pass," Goerge said. "Rob carried nine times for 51 yards and John played real well at cornerback."

• More of this story is on JR's Sports Blog at www.localsource.com.

Brearley football preparing for Roselle after opening with home win over Pennington

The Brearley football team is now preparing for its first Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division game which will be at Roselle this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Arminio Field. Brearley opened with a 33-6 non-conference win at home last Friday night against Pennington, while Roselle lost a non-conference contest at home to Bound Brook 20-13 last Saturday.

Brearley senior quarterback Tom Mannix carried 18 times for 146 yards, rushed for three touchdowns and threw a TD passes to Matt Padlo and Mike Palmadessa.

Linden holds on to edge visiting Barringer

Linden played well enough to hold on for a hard-fought 7-6 home non-conference win over Barringer last Friday night. An interception by senior cornerback Jihaad Burns set up Linden's only score, a two-yard touchdown run by junior quarterback Trell Myers. Sean McDonald's extra point was the difference. More of this story is on www.localsource.com.

• See Rahway at Hillside preview on www.localsource.com.

Roadrunners boot Spiders in opener

The Springfield Roadrunners 13-and-under traveling boys' soccer team defeated the Hopatcong Spiders 3-1 Sunday in their season-opener at Dayton. Scoring were Andrew Maldonado, Asmar Johnson and Roy Bahar.

Also playing well were defensemen Patrick Zahn, Kevin Shulca and Austin Lopes and Nile Gregory, Kevin Astebianco, Kevin Chabla, Eric Pereira, Jason Barreira, John Chumbiauca, Noah Guber, Arrington Joyner-Corniffe, Stephano Gonzaga, Danny Micolta, Tristen Fekete and Tyler Citrin. Springfield is set to host the Kinnelon United this Sunday at 1 p.m.

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UC Realtors collecting items for local shelters

Towels, toiletries and linens are being collected by the Greater Union County Association of Realtors for distribution to local shelters for abused women and the homeless. The 14th annual drive will conclude today. Sponsored by the Realtors Community Service Committee, the public is invited to donate towels and linens that are still serviceable, but perhaps no longer suitable for guests or may not match the current decor.

For the eighth year, the committee has expanded the collection to include bed linens, such as spreads, quilts and blankets, either for adults or children. The committee requests that all donated towels or linens be laundered and that toiletries be unopened.

Items can be brought to the Greater Union County Association of Realtors at 767 Central Ave., Westfield, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Coffee house will 'perk up' park

The award-winning coffee at Rockn' Joe Coffeehouse + Bistro helps perk up hundreds of patrons every morning, and now, Rockn' Joe coffee is playing a role in perking up Hanson Park in Cranford.

Kevin Brennan, chief executive officer of Rockn' Joe Franchise Systems, is donating the used daily coffee grinds to the Hanson Park Conservancy, a non-profit group of Cranford residents who serve as stewards for the two-acre riverfront park. The grinds will be used to create a compost blend that will fertilize areas of the park.

"Every day, we had been throwing out pounds and pounds of these grinds," Brennan said. "We figured

if these grinds can serve a community purpose, we can help a local organization and keep them out of a landfill."

Brennan reached out to Lynda Feder, president of the Hanson Park Conservancy, to donate the coffee grinds from the Cranford coffeehouse. Feder said she "jumped at the opportunity," as the non-profit group works on limited budget and is always looking for resources to help fulfill its mission to maintain and restore the park.

Feder said her 4-year-old organization will use the coffee-infused compost to create rich, healthy soil for planting.

He noted the coffee grinds can

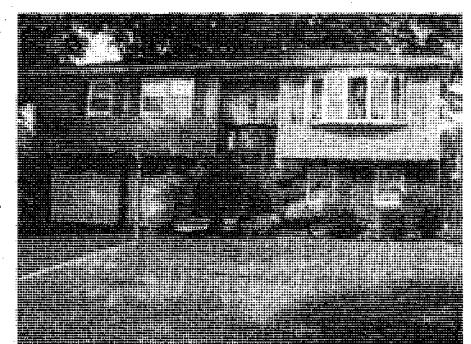
be used as a slow-release nitrogen for plants, can increase the nitrogen balance in compost files, can be diluted with water as a gentle, fast-acting liquid fertilizer, can be mixed into the soil of houseplants and vegetable beds and can be spread around plants to repel pests. In addition, with fall around the corner, the naturally-acidic grinds can help make fallen leaves at Hanson Park decompose.

Brennan said Rockn' Joe will create a sign that will tally how many pounds of coffee have been recycled. It is expected that more than 500 pounds of coffee grinds will be available each month for recycling.

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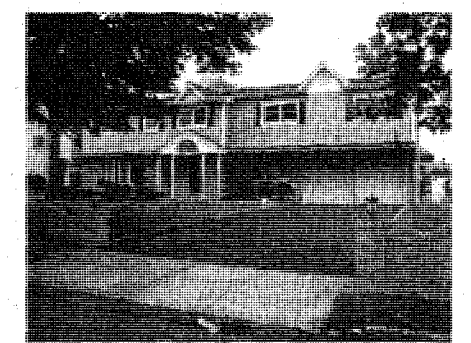
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Chamber will honor business owners

The Roselle Chamber of Commerce will host its sixth annual dinner and report to the membership on Wednesday. The event will be conducted at the Roselle Golf Club, and will start at 6:30 p.m.

RCC president Valerie Dering, of Century 21-Ratzman Agency, will give a report on the past year's activities and a look into the future activities for the 50 business organization.

The sixth annual Citizen of the Year Award will be presented to the Ginsberg Family, owners of the Roselle Foodtown. The fourth annual President's Award will be given to John Bush, owner of On-Time Transport and a founding member of the Roselle Chamber of Commerce.

Ron and Barbara Ginsberg, along with their son Marc, took over the site of an old supermarket at the Roselle Shopping Center in 1987, and opened a Foodtown shortly thereafter. Son Mike joined the business three years later, and since then, the store has been the prime draw at the outdoor mall. The Ginsbergs also own Foodtown stores in Springfield and Union.

In the 20-plus years of being a business owner in Roselle, the Ginsberg family has been very supportive of the community. Among their regular charitable contributions are the Roselle public and private schools, local churches,

Pinewood Hall, the NAACP, Roselle Pop Warner and Little League and GAL.

One measure of their ties to Roselle was the recent renovation of the store, which included the installation of large photomurals of the Roselle Shopping Center as it was originally designed. Shortly after their installation, however, Ron Ginsberg passed away.

President's Award winner John Bush started On Time Transport in his mother's basement in 1990. Eighteen years later, it has grown to nine locations around New Jersey, employing more than 240 drivers and other staff, many of them from Roselle.

On Time serves more than 400 patients daily as they need to be transported to medical appointments. Bush, who grew up in Cranford and is a graduate of Union County College and the University of Maryland, has headquartered On Time Transport in Roselle since 1992. He has purchased four buildings in the East Highland Avenue area, rehabilitating each one inside and out. He is also the owner of the NAPA Auto Parts store on Chestnut Street.

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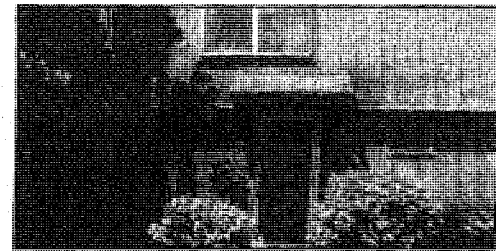
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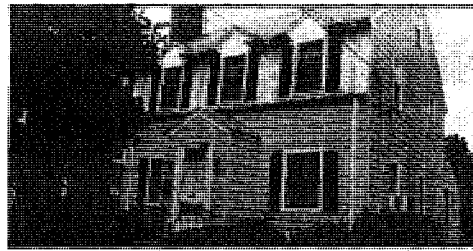
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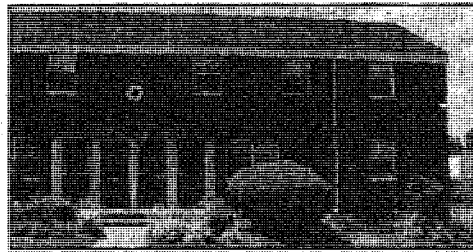
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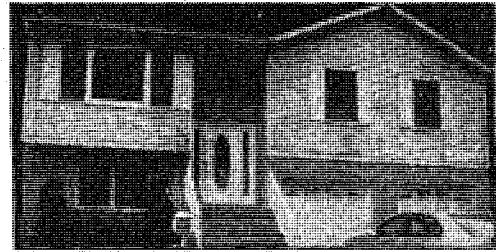
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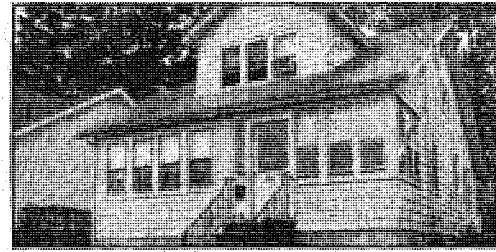
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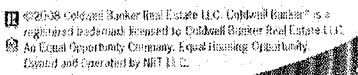
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Renewable Energy Burns Hot

By Karen Miller

It is as popular as mom and apple pie – and feels just as good.

It is economically friendly, environmentally sound and even politically correct. Renewable energy is hot.

From oil magnate T. Boone Pickens to former Vice President Al Gore and both presidential nominees, the development and implementation of clean and renewable energy is being touted everywhere and from every side of the political fence as the best option for America's energy future.

So where does the state of New Jersey stand on encouraging the development of alternate energy programs for residential and business energy users?

Firmly behind and pushing, according to Doyal Siddel, public information officer for the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the state agency responsible for the New Jersey Clean Energy Program. The Clean Energy program promotes increased energy efficiency and the use of clean, renewable sources of energy such as solar, wind, geothermal and

sustainable biomass. That support comes in a variety of ways, including financial incentives and programs and services for residential, commercial and municipal customers.

One of the best known programs backed by New Jersey Clean Energy is its solar initiative, which has been instrumental in encouraging the "exponential growth we have seen in the last few years" in the installation of solar photovoltaic panels in homes, businesses and municipal buildings, according to Michelle Peal, market manager for renewable energy

communications with Clean Energy.

Since 2001, solar installations have grown from just six to more than 2,500 throughout the state. As installations have increased the state has moved from a rebate program, which gave upfront financing for more than 50 percent of the cost of a solar installation, to a "market-based program," according to Peal. The Solar Renewable Energy Certificate Trading Program provides energy credits based on kilowatt hours that can be sold at market price to state utility companies.

The state also has several other programs for both residential and commercial customers.

The Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program offers "home improvement contractors and builders a new approach" in their work on remodeling and improving existing homes, said Gayle Nowak, Clean Energy market manager for residential energy efficiency communications. The program emphasizes a whole-house approach to increased energy efficiency, comfort, health and safety. Incentives are available for comprehensive home upgrades in insulation, air sealing, duct sealing, high efficiency heating and cooling equipment, and ENERGY STAR

qualified windows, doors, appliances and lighting.

A second program aimed at new home builders, the ENERGY STAR Homes Program, is designed to increase the energy efficiency of residential new construction by 15-35 percent compared to conventionally built homes.

There also are several other programs aimed at both residential and commercial customers. One of these, the New Jersey SmartStart Buildings Program, is designed to "address key market barriers to efficient construction for commercial and industrial customers," according to Dr. Ronald Maslow, P.E., market manager for NJ SmartStart Buildings Program. The program went into effect in 2001 and is designed for all commercial customers.

"We aren't here just for industrial applications," Maslow said. "We've helped churches and municipalities, also."

The program focuses on both remodeling and new construction.

"The savings in installing more energy-efficient products such as heating and AC units is often long-term, rather than upfront," Maslow

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Renewable energy at the Johnson & Johnson pharmaceutical facility in Titusville comes from 500-megawatt solar panels that avoid 530,000 pounds of carbon dioxide annually, the equivalent of 52 acres of trees.

Businesses Turn Green with Envy at School House Lessons

By Freddy Sebastian

Autumn is about to fall, the school bell has chimed and windows will soon be closing for the cold winter. While the leaves come alive with color, it is inside the classroom where the real breeding is taking place – the breeding of illness fed by students and faculty sharing poorly ventilated spaces within sickly buildings.

Yes, students and teachers can get sick from the building itself.

A lack of fresh air common in many schools can lead to signs of discomfort such as nausea, eye, nose and throat irritation or headaches and fatigue, often resulting in low productivity or increased absenteeism.

In answer to this environmental

challenge, many school districts have introduced or are already implementing methods to become environmentally aware and budget-conscious as the concept of Building Green gains force in schools and other public places such as local, county and state government buildings.

Equally important, the business

community is now heeding the lessons of Building Green being learned in the classroom – benefits that include increased worker production, reduced absenteeism and improved morale, all of which translate into dollars.

Just exactly what makes a green building is up for interpretation, but simply put, anything that saves energy

and reduces waste and pollution qualifies.

With energy costs rising, building owners and developers are looking for ways to mitigate and offset costs as well as improve air quality.

"The rising (energy) costs are the hot issues," said Michael Kerwin,

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"Gateway to Growth"

"Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive..."

By John L. Picard

When I was a boy I would rush home to hear those fateful words of introduction to my favorite TV show. Yes, it was Superman! The one thing I could never understand was why Lois or Jimmy never caught on to the fact that Clark Kent and Superman were the same person.

Many businesses are a lot like Lois. They see one view of a customer and think that this single, static identity is the only truth. Fact is, across different places and times, one individual can have multiple identities. Our identity (sense of self, values, community) influences our purchases and our buying relationships. A better description of customer identity would be more like a gallery of pictures, depending upon location, timing, context and personal history.

Are you exploiting the power of your customer's identity? – These complex, deeply enduring aspects of the customer go beyond traditional demographics or psychographics in explaining purchase decisions and relationship commitment. Using today's technology, you can quickly change your message and your marketing channels to reflect the customer's sense of who they are... or aspire to be.

A tool to understand your customer relationship – Every relationship has a number of critical moments and experiences that are influenced by both the customer's and business's identity. These moments are built on the stories and influences that form each identity. These influences can mean the difference between success and failure in your relationship sales and marketing. Consider:

Community – The groups or individuals surrounding and influencing the customer. Though they may be beyond your field of vision, they are critical to the intensity and need to act (bosses, family, peers, clubs, profession, lifestyle and traditions could be lines and bonds that form their community).

Values – How does your offer relate to the customer's personal values? Incorporate the values and purpose of the buyer into your marketing message. Is your buyer a guy who wants his BMW to make a statement of success or a parent who is looking for safety, above all, for the family.

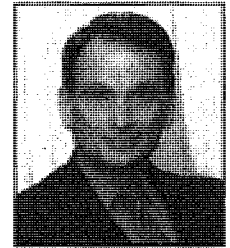
Relationship style – We all learn and relate to others in unique ways. Are you choosing your language and marketing tools to reflect customer identities at these critical moments? Choose channels and wording to sound like you and them. Consider long copy and case studies for story tellers and headlines and bottom line messages for busy performance-driven individuals.

Emotionality – A customer may wear his heart on his sleeve with one identity and may seem more like a stone in another. Trust, satisfaction, intensity of feelings, comfort and level of commitment are critically associated with capturing the right emotional tone.

Origins and history – The homes we grow up in, our roots, family and traditions and even our faith, all impact our identities and relationship expectations. Make sure you incorporate the intangibles in your wording, style, color and offers.

Connectedness – How does the prospect or customer see their relationship with you? Is it personal, business, partnership or situational? Consider the level and depth of the relationship. (Consider whether they are frequent buyers, first time buyers or even former customers who are being given an incentive to come back).

Use identity to support strategy – Align your sales and marketing to focus on the point(s) where these variables come together to address the customer's changing identity and need. I can't promise you will always avoid delivering kryptonite, but I do think that reaching into the sphere of identity components that define your customer's identity will help you leap tall buildings in a single bound.



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president of SSP Architects, a state leader in designing green architecture. "Here in New Jersey, we've crossed the tipping point in the past year or so. The discussion no longer is on whether or not a building should be green, it's a discussion on how to make it green."

While building green took root in the public sector, driven in large part by government responsibility and the ability to think long term, the business community is fast catching up. Many businesses have started to reexamine the way things have been done in the past, Kerwin noted.

There is a growing recognition that there are benefits to be gained from a facility design being in accordance with Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a non-profit organization that promotes sustainable building practices and is the nationally-accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings.

LEED was created to (in part): define "green building" by establishing a common standard; raise consumer awareness of green building benefits; and transform the building market.

According to the USGBC, buildings around the nation "use one-third of our total energy, two-thirds of electricity, one-eighth of our water and transform land that provides valuable ecological resources."

These realities helped convince Pittsburgh-based PNC Bank to go green about a decade ago. Two years later PNC Firstside Center opened as the nation's largest corporate, green building.

Since 2000, PNC Bank's construction has all been green, and will include a new Pittsburgh building slated to open in 2009 and a new regional headquarters in Washington, D.C., set for a 2010 opening. The company has more buildings certified by the USGBC than any other company.

"Employees, shareholders, customers and the community – our green-building fits the needs for all four of them," said PNC spokesperson Ed Kozmor.

PNC's latest green branch in New Jersey, its 17th, is slated to open in October in Montvale. In addition, many branches that were either acquired through merger or those already in existence have been renovated to meet LEED standards.

"Whether we lease or own, we try to add as many green elements as possible to the building such as recycled carpeting, countertops made of wheatboard, etc.," Kozmor said.

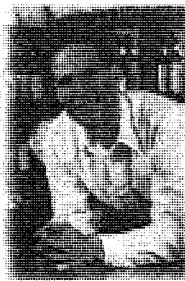
Another well-known business, L'Oreal – the largest cosmetics company in the world – is slated to open its new green headquarters in Berkeley Heights in 2009. This building received the Gold LEED Certification.

Last year, a record number of 14 states took actions to approve green-building policies, compared with one state in 2004, according to the USGBC. So far this year, at least eight states, including New Jersey, have endorsed green policies.

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities sponsors the New Jersey ENERGY STAR Homes Rebates program for energy-efficient new home construction that targets Smart Growth Areas. New Jersey Energy Star Homes are at least 15 percent more energy-efficient than standard built homes. The BPU also provides financial incentives for green construction in the commercial and industrial sectors.



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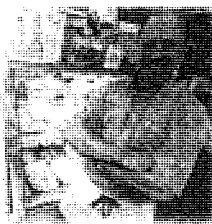


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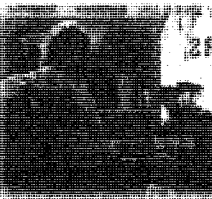
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Largest Ground-Mounted Solar Power Tracking System East of the Mississippi

By the end of 2008, the world headquarters of Merck & Co., Inc. in Whitehouse Station will have the largest ground-mounted solar power tracking system in the eastern half of the United States. A 1.6-megawatt Sun Power solar tracking power system, comprising approximately 7,000 solar panels, will cover seven acres of Merck's 1,000-acre site.

Through a type of arrangement that is making large solar installations more feasible, the system will be owned and operated by UTC Power, a United Technologies Corp. company. UTC Power will supply solar power to Merck under a 20-year power purchase agreement. UTC Power also will own, and be free to trade, the Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECs) and other environmental attributes associated with the system.

The solar power system will supply up to 7 percent of Merck's electrical energy needs at its headquarters, where approximately 2,800 people work. Construction recently began – and the system will be operational by the end of 2008. The project will be among the largest of its type at any corporate setting in the country.

"As a healthcare company, we are concerned about our environment," said Roger Humphrey, executive director, Merck Global Site Services. "Supporting the use of clean, reliable solar power is consistent with our business mission. We also expect to realize energy savings by reducing the amount of electricity we need to purchase from the grid."

The project is being developed by Dome-Tech, Inc., a UTC Power company based in New Jersey, which specializes in energy consulting and project development and has extensive solar energy experience. Dome-Tech has performed energy audits and services for Merck over a 15-year period to help ensure energy is used efficiently at Merck facilities.

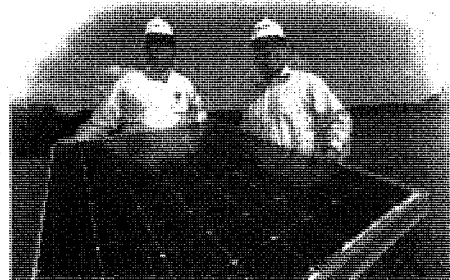
The new solar system will be installed by SunPower, a manufacturer of high-efficiency solar cells, solar panels and solar systems, under a turnkey contract with UTC Power.

It is estimated that the project will generate 2.5 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) per year and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by more than 1,300 tons per year. The environmental benefit equates to removing 216 automobiles from the road, or planting 268 acres of trees annually (trees produce oxygen and remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere).

Charles Braunstein, Dome-Tech president, added, "Companies like Merck that take a comprehensive approach and combine traditional energy conservation measures with supporting clean, renewable energy sources are the most effective at reducing energy consumption and helping to reverse the effects of climate change."

The solar project at company headquarters is Merck's latest venture into clean energy. At the Rahway/Linden research and manufacturing facility, Merck has integrated solar, fuel cell and micro turbine systems demonstrating that clean energy technologies can be part of an effective, long-term strategy for companies committed to green solutions.

Merck has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is an "Energy Star Partner of the Year" for the past three years. The American Chemistry Council also awarded Merck its energy efficient award in 2007.



Mark Giroud, senior engineer, and Robert Colucci, senior director, global energy planning and management, hold one of the 7,000 solar panels for the new solar project at Merck's Whitehouse Station corporate headquarters that will create the largest ground-mounted solar power tracking system in the eastern half of the United States.

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said. Because units with lower energy savings are often less expensive than more energy-efficient units, the SmartStart Buildings program uses incentives to reduce the payback period to about two years.

Merck & Co. is a leader among New Jersey corporations working with the New Jersey Clean Energy Program to reduce its carbon footprint and increase its use of renewable and alternative energy sources. The company has been named the EPA Energy Star® Partner of the Year for the last three years, and praises the state's program for helping Merck achieve its energy reduction goals, according to Robert Colucci, senior director, global energy planning and management at Merck.

In the past few years the corporation has installed a 500-kilowatt solar system at its Rahway plant, is installing a 1.6-megawatt solar power system at its Whitehouse Station facility that will be online by the end of this year, and is initiating a number of other projects. These include increasing the efficiency of older utility systems through retro commissioning. That project alone has increased HVAC efficiency by 15 to 20 percent, according to Colucci.

Merck also focuses on employee education in simple things such as turning off lights or equipment when not in use. It may seem like a small item, but it can add up to a lot of energy savings in a large corporation with thousands of employees, Colucci notes. Merck also has worked to improve trip efficiency and in reducing business travel by investing in "collaborative tools" such as videoconferencing.

A program as extensive as that at Merck takes cooperation at all levels, from the CEO on down, according to Colucci and Bill Tortoriello, senior director of global operations east for Johnson and Johnson (J&J). Tortoriello worked at Merck and was involved in its energy program before moving to J&J a few years ago.

"We currently have a team of about 45 people at 20 different (J&J) sites directly involved in our program," Tortoriello said.

The first goal the corporation established was to reduce energy use by 15 percent in three years.

"We blew past that rather quickly because of the collaborative effort. It feeds on itself," he said.

J&J corporate headquarters also has fueled interest and participation by local sites by allocating \$40 million for energy-related improvements that return at least 15 percent on the metrics.

"If a project meets the metrics, corporate will give the site the money for the project," Tortoriello explained.

J&J's program does not just focus on sites in New Jersey, or even the United States, with the company's European plants also participating.

Work to develop new, renewable energy sources is taking place locally as well as at the state and corporate levels. City officials in Linden are working to develop a former landfill into an energy farm where windmills, solar panels and methane gas would generate electricity.

"We are moving as fast as the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) will let us," said Linden Mayor Richard Gerbounka.

The city also is teaming with the Audubon Society to develop a site plan to turn some of the land adjoining the site, the Hawk Rise area, into a passive recreation facility, so that the former landfill will not only generate clean, alternative energy but also will become a green oasis for humans and wildlife.

"We are working with the engineers to determine where nature trails or boardwalks should go, as well as restoration of the wetlands area," said Dale Russelet of the New Jersey Audubon Society. The site will be open for activities such as walking, photography and bird watching.

The program is in the early planning stages, and cost estimates have not been completed. Ultimately, it may be possible to offset some of the initial costs through the energy savings to be realized through the energy farm.

In fact, that is the biggest incentive for most renewable and alternative energy programs. While the initial investment often is high, the long-term payback – not only in cost savings but also in reducing the nation's dependence on oil and improving the environment – is almost incalculable.

Today, perhaps more so than a mother's hug or a bite of homemade apple pie.

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Relationship Selling and the Parole Officer Scam

By Andy Gole

"I'm a relationship salesperson!"

You've probably heard this from many salespeople. This statement can be a well-earned badge of distinction or an evasion by a salesperson who won't challenge prospects.

Here's a clue to interpreting the statement: There is no relationship if the prospect isn't buying from us. Creating a relationship usually requires us to challenge the prospect.

One reason we need to challenge prospects is to avoid the *Parole Officer Scam*.

I first heard of the *Parole Officer Scam* more than 30 years ago when I helped manage a pizza parlor in Berkeley, California. My responsibilities included hiring drivers to deliver orders. One day I interviewed a walk-in applicant who wasn't a fit for the job. He had no hard feelings. Recently released from prison, he then told me the story of how to con a parole officer.

When he was released from prison, he was assigned a parole officer to monitor his behavior; they met periodically. The first time he met the parole officer, he slouched in the chair, wore a ripped shirt, had long unkempt hair and a disheveled beard, and talked somewhat incoherently.

He wanted the parole officer to note this in his records.

For the second visit, he sat straight in his chair and wore a new, clean shirt. The parole officer made notes again. By the third visit, he had cut his hair and beard, and looked like a solid citizen. Yet again the parole officer took notes.

By the next visit, the ex-inmate had a job. The parole officer wrote something like: "Re-integrating into society, Discharged."

The ex-con looked me in the eye and said, "Now, I was ready to pull my next robbery."

We may be more familiar with this kind of behavior when our children – particularly teenagers – manifest it. Sometimes it can be amusing.

It is not amusing when prospects pull the "parole officer scam."

How does this happen?

Let's say a prospect wants me to quote a job, to beat the incumbent supplier into shape, get the incumbent to "improve the offer." All I am to this prospect is a "third price."

Suppose the prospect said, "Listen Andy, I will never give you a stick of business. But I want to beat the living heck out of my incumbent supplier, Joe. So would you mind taking eight to 10 hours to visit, find out my needs and prepare a proposal?"

I would say no, just as you would say no. The prospect knows this, so instead she says, "Andy, I realize I haven't given you any business in the years I have known you, because I relied on Joe, whose company always performed with excellence. Perhaps I relied excessively on this source. But something has changed in the last six months and I am very disappointed in Joe. Service has deteriorated, there have been unexplained charges, and Joe has been slow in returning my calls. I am very disappointed. By contrast, I've been hearing good things about you, Andy, and I think this is your year. Could I invite to visit and prepare a proposal for me?"

That is exactly what I want to hear. So I visit and prepare a proposal – which the prospect will use to beat the living heck out of Joe, the incumbent supplier.

And I am victim of the parole officer scam. Again.

Maybe I fell victim because I'm a "relationship" salesperson. I reason she'll buy from me because we have a "good relationship."

There is no relationship if the prospect doesn't buy. And you will typically have to challenge the prospect to give him/her a reason to buy, to change their behavior, to form a "real relationship."

Of course, we want prospects to like us. And this typically will happen when we do business.

But don't confuse cause and effect when evaluating relationships. There is no relationship if you aren't doing business.

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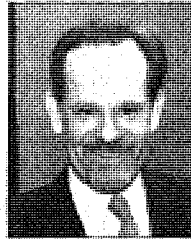
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Inside Views

Failing Curriculums Don't Add Up

I want to continue with a theme I started last month: our schools' inability to prepare students for life. Last month I made the point that our schools have fallen short in preparing students for the functional aspects of life like balancing a checkbook and understanding credit. This is true of all students, whether they are going on to college – where these skills are not taught, either – or entering the workforce directly after graduating from high school.



Jim Coyle

I also noted that this has implications that go well beyond the individual. When aggregated, this lack of financial sophistication can be traced as the underlying cause of the subprime mortgage collapse, a development that has had far reaching consequences for the entire economy.

The second gaping hole in our education is the almost total lack of instruction in economic fundamentals. In this election season we are told repeatedly how important economic issues are to the voters, but it is incredible how lacking are both the voters and the politicians in their understanding of these issues.

Most high school graduates are better equipped to discuss the existentialist principles of Albert Camus' *The Stranger* than they are to understand the money multiplier. They can tell you when Columbus discovered America, but they have no idea of how fiscal policy affects economic growth. The average student is literate, but woefully unable to comprehend the issues that will have more to do with success and happiness than any other.

For most, things like the stock market, banks or taxes are a complete mystery. They are out there, we hear about them, we use them, or in the case of taxes we pay them, but only a very few understand how they work and why.

There is an old saying that *Knowledge is power*. While in many cases this holds true, in politics it is actually the lack of knowledge that empowers politicians. They use our lack of sophistication to foment groundswells of support for or opposition to issues like tax cuts, social security reform or free trade. It doesn't really matter how detrimental their position is to the overall good, if they can rouse enough indignation, they get elected, and that is what it is all about.

In the current election, trade and immigration are big topics. Candidate Obama never met a trade agreement he liked. He talks about how the result is the export of "good" U.S. manufacturing jobs. For a lot of people this sounds convincing.

However, they fail to realize that U.S. manufacturing output has tripled since the 1970s when this massive outflow was supposed to have started, that American workers are the most productive in the world, and that there is a shortage of the highly trained workers needed in this sector. This position also fails to mention that nobody wants their kid to grow up to be a low-end factory worker, and that creating wealth in other countries is a good thing for us and them.

Candidate McCain, on the other hand, has done a flip flop on immigration. He went from a position that recognized how important large-scale immigration is to our country to one that tries to put an end to it. This is in response to a public outcry against immigrants. If McCain had continued to support reform, he probably would not have won the primary election.

It is sad that we are not sophisticated enough in this country to have constructive debate on economic issues. They are the issues that most affect us on a daily basis.

It is not surprising, however, that we cannot. Far too few people have the basic understanding of the economic principles needed to have this debate. It is a major failing on the part of our schools that they do not think economics is important enough to include in the general curriculum.

The result is fear mongering.

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Where the Chamber Stands...

New Jersey - We Know Change

Change. We hear so much about the need for change during this presidential election season.

Both the Democratic and Republican candidates claim to be agents of change. They tell us the country is hurting and in need of change. Change from the policies of the past – be it the past eight years of Republican misgovernance or the past 50 years-plus years of Democratic tax and spend philosophies.

We hear so much about change that the word itself is becoming stale and redundant. Perhaps they need to change the word.

Or perhaps we can take a moment to both step back and look back – back at a *real* source of change, the very state in which we live.

New Jersey has always been a state built upon the bedrock of change. And not just change for its own sake but change that has altered the world.

New Jersey and its residents, government leaders and business pioneers have been at the forefront of countless dramatic developments throughout our nation's history, some of which had far reaching effects well beyond our borders.

Our state was a keystone in the nation's foundation of independence, with New Jerseyans playing vital roles in both the Continental Congress and on the battlefield during the American Revolution (see our page 9 feature on Elias Boudinot).

We were no strangers to another key revolution that affected the world. The Industrial Revolution brought significant change to agriculture, manufacturing and transportation, three staples of New Jersey commerce stretching from the 18th to the 21st Centuries.

Alexander Hamilton chose Paterson as the site for the nation's first planned industrial city that would be fueled by the renewable energy of the Great Falls (see our page 1 feature on renewable energy). Hamilton felt the United States needed to reduce its dependence on the import of foreign goods and recognized the importance of industry – and the inherent efficiencies of industrial cities – in achieving that.

Paterson grew around the textile, firearms, silk and railroad industries that reflected the development – and change – taking place in New Jersey and the nation. In the process, Paterson itself became a leader in change to the areas of child labor, safety, wages and working conditions.

In Hoboken other visionaries were at work in the late 1700s and early 1800s. John Stevens, of the family for which Stevens Institute is named, was a pioneer in the development of the steamboat and the steam locomotive. His son invented the T-rail, the form of railroad track that enabled expansion of America's rail system – and commerce – and which is still used today throughout the world.

New Jersey was home to Thomas Edison and his Menlo Park incubator of creativity. Here Edison devised and developed the phonograph, light bulb and motion pictures, among countless other inventions.

The second half of the 20th Century saw an explosion of change rise from the fire bed of creativity in New Jersey. Bell Labs alone gave us the first binary digital computer; the solid-state chip, at the heart of modern products such as digital cameras, high-definition TV, medical endoscopes and satellite surveillance; the first single-chip digital signal processor, which laid the foundation for today's cellular phones and modems; and the laser light.

And New Jersey's pharmaceutical giants have long been revolutionaries in the field of health care, helping to heal not only the nation but the world.

Now we are told we need more healing, more change.

Perhaps as a nation we do.

Yet there is so much right here in New Jersey that needs no change. The Jersey Shore in September and October – with sunny afternoons and invigorating evenings – rivals any seaside atmosphere. The change of seasons in the Gateway Region of Northwest New Jersey seems more pleasant than any change in tax structure or foreign policy.

The quaint downtowns of Andover, Cranford, Basking Ridge and Cape May Courthouse have resisted change and retained their charm to the delight of residents and visitors alike.

The real agents of change – Einstein and Edison, Elias Boudinot and Bruce Springsteen, the silk weavers of Paterson and the life savers of the pharmaceuticals – have always been right here in New Jersey.

So as New Jerseyans wade through the traffic of political discussion and debate this fall, they can take comfort in the knowledge that they reside in a state that has long been a leader of innovation and change – a state that leads the way to a better tomorrow.

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Capital Page...

New Jersey Senate President Richard J. Codey (D-Essex)

The Time to Act is Now and New Jersey is Taking the Lead

August marked the five-year anniversary of the big Northeast Blackout of 2003. From New Jersey to New England and from Ohio to Ottawa, roughly 50 million people were affected.

This event underscored one critical factor – our energy supply is struggling to keep up with our demand. In New Jersey alone, peak demand is projected to grow about two-and-a-half times as fast as supply through 2018.

Compounding this problem, of course, is the emerging climate crisis, which is becoming a challenge of generational proportions. This is the type of challenge that can only be solved through collective sacrifice, a challenge on par with putting a man on the moon or winning World War II. It needs to be a concerted and deliberate effort with intentional sacrifices from everyone, including government, industry and individual citizens.

What we really need to do is take a step back and examine things in a new light. What we see now as an energy crisis could potentially create an enormous opportunity for businesses and consumers alike. It's an opportunity for both new enterprises and established companies to develop technologies to harness the clean energy in solar, wind and geothermal activity, from which we can all benefit through cleaner air, a stabilized climate and lower energy costs.

The good news is that if you operate in New Jersey, we're going to do everything we can to help. Over the last several years our state has emerged as a leader in responding to the energy and climate crisis.

Presently, we are in the process of enacting policies to reduce our energy demand to meet the requirements of the Global Warming Response Act (GWRA). This landmark legislation will no doubt require sacrifices if we are going to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by the year 2050.

With this in mind, we are developing the regulations for the GWRA in conjunction

with the state's new Energy Master Plan in order to create a strategic blueprint for action. Unlike previous master plans, this latest one will lay out a clear strategy for a clean and sustainable energy future by maximizing energy conservation and efficiency, reducing peak demand for electricity and stimulating growth in renewable and alternative energy technologies.

We also have a number of other programs available to homeowners and business alike to increase energy efficiency and aid in the transition to renewable alternatives.

The BPU's Clean Energy Program offers grants and financing to encourage the development of large-scale renewable energy facilities. The CORE program offers rebates for residential renewable energy systems to help reduce the initial cost of installation. There are also Solar Renewable Energy Certificates, which families and businesses can sell on the open market. The Smart Start Buildings program offers technical assistance and incentives for commercial and industrial projects looking to maximize energy efficiency.

The EDA also offers a tax-exempt bond financing program for upstart technology companies.

And on the frontlines, the BPU will soon decide on the fate of a large-scale off-shore windmill project. When I was Governor, we created a blue ribbon panel to study the pros and cons of the issue. Now, less than four years later, this viable energy source could soon become a reality. In addition to alleviating stress on our energy grid, it would also eliminate countless tons of pollutants.

The one thing that distinguishes the present energy crisis from other generational challenges is that we have yet to ask anybody to make real sacrifices like those on par with World War II. But one thing is for certain – New Jersey will continue to help lead the way. And rightfully so. After all, we are the home of Edison and Einstein. We have a long proud history of innovation and there is no reason why we shouldn't be a leader when it comes to alternative energies as well.



Insight *Energy Challenges Promise Economic Opportunities*

By Jeanne M. Fox

It would be hard to pick a topic that is more discussed these days than energy. Everyone is concerned about it, but at the same time most of us also realize our energy challenges represent the most promising economic opportunities we have had since the Internet revolution.

With among the most aggressive clean energy goals in the country, New Jersey is a model for the rest of the nation in how to structure the right combination of financial incentives, programs and services to meet growing demand for clean, renewable energy technologies. We have an unprecedented opportunity to position our state to compete in the growing regional and global "green" economy.

Integral to that positioning are the forward reaching goals of the New Jersey Draft Energy Master Plan (EMP), which was released last spring and is currently being finalized. The draft EMP calls for reducing projected energy use 20 percent and meeting 20 percent of the state's electricity needs with renewable energy sources by 2020. It also includes stabilizing New Jersey's greenhouse gas emissions at 1990 levels by 2020 and reducing them to 80 percent below 2006 levels by 2050.

To meet those goals, New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, administered by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU), has been and will continue to be a key driver for our renewable energy and energy efficiency efforts. Since this program's inception in 2001, New Jersey has already saved 650 megawatts – enough electricity in New Jersey to power a mid-sized power plant. Over the past six years, New Jersey has been at the forefront in setting policies and providing incentives to businesses that have helped foster investment in the green economy.

Each year, the Garden State provides more than \$200 million to business and residential customers so they can install energy efficient and renewable energy technologies, including solar photovoltaic systems. Over the next four years, New Jersey and the surrounding PJM Mid-Atlantic region is expected to be a leading market for emerging clean technologies, including solar, wind and high efficiency technologies that save energy and reduce greenhouse gases.

In keeping with New Jersey's role as one of the leading clean energy markets in the country, the BPU will host the fourth annual Clean Energy Conference, with the theme of "Investing in a CleanTech Economy." Scheduled for October 17 in Jersey City, the conference will bring together more than 800 leading business, cleantech professionals and clean energy leaders who understand that curbing global warming is not only good for the environment, but also good for the bottom line. It will feature networking sessions and roundtable discussions, presentations by leading energy experts and breakout sessions on topics such as technology, financing and business strategies.

Lois Quam, head of strategic investments at Piper Jaffray, a global investment bank with a leading clean technology and renewable energy team, will deliver the keynote address at the conference. As head of strategic investments, Ms. Quam is responsible for the development of new business opportunities in the cleantech sector. In her keynote address, Ms. Quam will discuss the latest cleantech market trends and opportunities for economic growth and business investment.

New Jersey's bold and comprehensive approach to investing in clean energy in our state aids both our environment and our economy. We must keep our energy prices competitive with our neighbors in order to retain our businesses and industry. By reforming our energy use and supply in a sustainable way, we also position New Jersey to be a leader in the new energy economy.

In New Jersey, we recognize why we need to fight the harmful effects of global warming, and we are taking aggressive actions to do so. Internationally, the world has recognized that now is the time to act. New Jersey and the world will be facing a carbon-constrained future. Through our energy policy we won't just be able to just deal with those parameters – rather, New Jersey will be a leading economic force in that world.

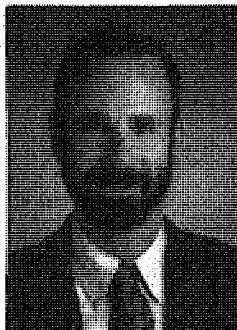
Jeanne M. Fox is president of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. To register for the fourth annual New Jersey Clean Energy Conference, or to learn more about exhibit and sponsorship opportunities and nominations for this year's New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards, please visit www.njcleanenergy.com. To learn about New Jersey's draft Energy Master Plan, visit www.nj.gov/emp.

The Inside Look...

Kate Conroy, vice president of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce, has graduated from the Institute for Organization Management (IOM), the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's premiere executive training program. IOM participants spend one week each summer for four years attending classes at Villanova University, learning about such topics as non-traditional revenue streams, community organizing, lobbying, persuasion, ethics and leadership.

In addition, IOM participants are chamber executives from across the nation, allowing them to network, problem-solve and discuss best-practices with professionals familiar with and experienced in specific chamber needs. Conroy and her classmates enjoyed a late July graduation at Villanova University in Pennsylvania. Conroy received a signature orange color in exchange for a \$5 donation to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and raised \$800 for the cause.

At her graduation from the Institute for Organization Management (IOM), Kate Conroy of the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce is flanked by IOM's Steven Davis (left) and Gary LaBranche.



Northfield Bank has announced that **Larry Sherman** has joined Northfield as a vice president in its commercial lending division. Sherman will be based out of Northfield's Avenel office and focus his business development efforts across the New Jersey/New York region. Prior to joining Northfield, Sherman spent 13 years at GE Commercial Finance. He earned a master of business administration degree in corporate finance from Fairleigh Dickinson University and an undergraduate degree from George Washington University.

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Oct 2	Workforce Education Committee Meeting	8:45 AM	Chamber of Commerce Office, 135 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth
Oct 8	Kenilworth Chamber Meeting	8:30 AM	Check our website for meeting location
Oct 10	Local & County Affairs Committee	8:30 AM	Township of Winfield Municipal Building, 12 Gulfstream Avenue, Winfield
Oct 15	Employer Legislative Committee Meeting	8:00 PM	Lana's Fine Dining, 1300 Raritan Road, Clark
Oct 16	Gateway Association of Business Women Luncheon Guest Speaker: Frank Robinson of NJBIA will discuss the upcoming election and what its outcome will mean to New Jersey Businesses.	11:45 AM	La Casa di Martino, 301 W. Clay Avenue, Roselle Park
Oct 21	Irish Business Association (IBA)	6:00 PM	Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road, Clark
Oct 22	Clark Chamber Meeting	8:30 AM	Check our website for meeting location
Oct 23	Springfield Chamber Meeting	8:30 AM	OEM Office - Springfield Firehouse, 200 Mountain Avenue
Oct 24	Somerset Hills Business Network Meeting	8:00 AM	Royce Brook Country Club, Warrenville, NJ
Oct 28	Linden Chamber of Commerce Meeting	8:30 AM	Check our website for meeting location
Oct 30	Rainmaker Seminar Series "Call Me Back in Two Weeks!" presented by Andy Gole, President - Bombardil	8:00 AM	Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road (GSP 135), Clark

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Lost Play to Raise Curtain on New Jersey Statesman

By Christopher Reardon

*Be religiously careful in our choice of all public officers...and judge of the tree by its fruits.
Elias Boudinot – President of the Continental Congress 1782-1783*

The words of Elias Boudinot – New Jersey resident and key player in the American Revolution often called the First President of the United States – ring insightful during this presidential election season.

Those wishing a respite from or new vantage on today's politics can take a sojourn into the past of Boudinot this fall through a revival of a play about the man and his life that will be staged in Basking Ridge and Elizabeth in October. In doing so, theater-goers will be able to judge the tree of the man by the fruits of his life's labor and his passion for America.

Yet *Elias* is a play that carries a tale unto itself. While exploring Boudinot, the story of the play also paints a portrait of passion and commitment of the play's author and those who are now bringing his work back to life a quarter century after its birth.

Elias will be performed October 11 and 12 at the Boudinot-Southard-Ross Property in Basking Ridge as part of Somerset County's "Weekend Journey through the Past," and October 18 at the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth. The October 18 performance will be followed by a tour of Boxwood Hall, Boudinot's residence while he lived in Elizabeth and served in Congress.

First, however, came *Elias* the man.

Elias Boudinot was born the son of a tradesman in Philadelphia in 1740. He attended Princeton University, became a lawyer and practiced in Elizabeth, where he lived from 1772 to 1795. Elected to the state's provincial assembly in 1775, he became active in the war effort before becoming a delegate to the Continental Congress in 1778.

Boudinot served as president of the Continental Congress from November 1782 to November 1783, during which time the Treaty of Paris – in which Britain recognized America's independence – was signed, leading many to consider him the First President of the United States. (The treaty was not ratified by Congress until after Boudinot's term expired, technically making his successor, Thomas Mifflin, the first President.)

Now fast forward to 1976 and the nation's Bicentennial celebration. Thomas Burns of

Lake Hopatcong, an amateur historian and artist, wrote a two-act musical play about Boudinot following more than eight years of research sparked by Burns' discovery of a historical document with the colonialist's name. While Burns had no theater experience other than producing performances for young people at his church, he teamed with a score writer and created a production comprising a cast of 60 and 15-piece orchestra that was staged at various New Jersey locations as part of the state's Bicentennial activities.

Fast forward again, this time 30-plus years to Boxwood Hall in Elizabeth. Caretaker and curator Katherine Craig discovered the manuscript of *Elias* among papers in Boxwood Hall and shared it with David Becker, president of the local historical society in Basking Ridge. Becker, a vice president at PNC Bank, reached out to veteran theater director Jay Barre, president of Trilogy Repertory Company of Basking Ridge. They decided to revive the work in time for the 225th anniversary of Boudinot's October 18, 1783, declaration proclaiming the date a day of thanksgiving for the end of the war.

Elias now rests in the hands of Barre and her hand-picked cast. The director is culling the original play into a one-act, one-hour performance while retaining Burns' original flavor and historical accuracy.

"I'm trying to use his research and method of production," she said. "We're going to get the meat out of his play and do it with 10 people."

Reviving a play written in 1976 about a man who lived 200 years earlier carries certain challenges, including the two locations with differing dimensions and sets; costumes, which Barre insists be authentic; and language, which the director wants to be historically accurate and colloquial yet understandable.

While the cast is the most important element of most plays, its role takes on greater significance with a historical work, Barre said.

"We want people who are well versed in history as well as theater," she said.

When the curtains come down, Becker, Barre and the many others involved in bringing *Elias* back to life hope viewers leave the performance respecting a man they may have known nothing about when entering the theater or church.

"I'm hoping people will gain a better appreciation for this unsung hero of the Revolution," Barre said. "As much as he tried to stay behind the scenes, he was a major contributor to our history and state. He's not a household name. Likely he never will be. (But) it would be nice if people learn another facet of the American Revolution."

Tickets are not required for *Elias*.

The Basking Ridge showings will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 11, and Sunday, October 12, at the Boudinot-Southard-Ross Property, 135 North Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge.

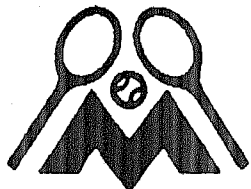
The Elizabeth performance will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18, at the First Presbyterian Church, 42 Broad Street, Elizabeth.

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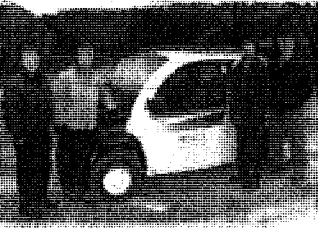
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