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"We were looking for premises to bring all our activities under one roof and although it was unfortunate that Schott Glass had to close, their premises were ideal for us" said Pamela Petty, Managing Director and Daughter of Ebac's founder John Elliott. Her Sister Amanda is Production Director and both are married with three children. Her Father is Chairman of the Company and focusses on the future development, promotion and marketing of Ebac.

"We looked at many places in the area, but Aycliffe ticked all the boxes and these premises came up at the right time. We are a family business and all 200 staff are moving with us with an air of excitement and optimism for the future" added Pamela. There will be job opportunities for Aycliffe people as in addition to natural turnover of staff the company are looking for further expansion in the alternative energy market. They move this week and the company expects to be in production from Monday 26th April. We welcome Ebac to Newton Aycliffe and wish the company every success for the future.

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WISHING WELL CLUB MOVES

Dear Sir,
I wonder if you could let your readers know that the Wishing Well Club held its last ever meeting at St. Clares Church on Tuesday night and from the 27th of April we'll be at the Pioneering Care Centre every Tuesday 7pm to 9.30pm. We would also like to thank St. Clares Church for making us very welcome for the last thirty years. The club's members will be sad to leave the church but are looking forward to being at the Pioneering Care Centre and having access to their wonderful facilities. The Wishing Well is a club for anyone who has a learning disability and we will be having an Open Evening on Tuesday 27th April 7pm-9.30pm. Old and new members, carers and families are very welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.
Stephen Patterson (Volunteer)

SLIMMING EXPERT WINS AWARD

Helping people achieve their dreams especially when it comes to losing weight, is no mean achievement so winning a special ward for doing just that is pretty exceptional.

Debbie Wilson who holds groups at St. Clares Church on Thursdays says "This job is so very special, watching someone change from having no confidence, being embarrassed about their size and wearing shapeless clothes to someone who looks and feels great, brings its own rewards on a daily basis. But to have your work recognized in this way is a very proud moment for me". In the last three months she has helped members lose more than 850lbs, (60stone) making ST. CLARES CHURCH GROUP one of the best weight losing areas in the country. So well done DEBBIE WILSON and well done to the slimmers of ST. CLARE'S CHURCH GROUP. If you would like to join the times are 1pm and 5.30pm. Feel free to ring Debbie on 300615 for more information or just come along.

Dog Dirt Bins on Pathway

Dear Sir,
My thanks to whoever tidied up the woodlands and bridleway at the back of Harebell Meadows, but would it not be a good idea to install dog dirt bins along the pathway? The so-called responsible dog owners would then have no excuse not to clean up on their way round. It would also be a good idea to have a warden around sometime to jog their memory. May I thank Cllr Joan Gray for all her efforts to keep our area tidy.
M. Shenton

Care Home Sponsor Cumby Rovers



The Cumby Rovers Under 9's squad have received a new strip sponsored by Castlebeck Care Homes. The team is run by Gavin Johnson and Steven Wright and are unbeaten in two seasons. Their record is 37 games won, with two draws, scoring over 230 goals! They only need one point to win the league this season and have four games left. The team also reached the Cup Final. Any junior wishing to join the club should contact the Secretary Ann Newell on 311342.

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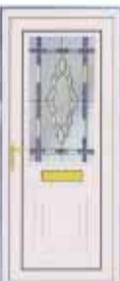
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Newtonian Wants to be Our MP

Newtonian Paul Gittins has joined the Election race, hoping this time he has a better chance to become the MP for the Sedgefield Constituency.



Paul, a County Councillor, Town Councillor and local J.P. decided to fight for the seat at the last moment having seen the candidates he is up against. "I believe I have just as good a chance as any of them and look forward to campaigning on local issues," said Paul. Paul, born in Newton Aycliffe ran a shop in the Town Centre for many years and is well known for his other business as a Disco and Sound System provider.

Grand Litter Pick

Dear Editor
The Heighington Parish Litter Group (HPLG) is delighted to report that on the 17th April a good number of people and children living in Heighington Parish and School Aycliffe took part in the Grand Spring Clean litter pick.

Between 10am and 12 we collected over 30 bags of rubbish and large discarded articles around the verges and sides of roads running through Redworth, School Aycliffe and Heighington. We were sorry to learn that some of our regular pickers missed the pick because they were abroad and their return flights were halted by the volcanic ash cloud.

We were, however, blessed with a warm sunny day and 23 adults and 5 children participated in the pick. We were particularly pleased to welcome several Mums and Dads with their children from School Aycliffe. At the end of the litter pick the Group returned to the Village Hall for refreshments where Mr Smyth, Chairman presented the children with a special certificate, to mark their participation.

The picture shows some the pickers with the children showing off their certificate. The Group will continue with the regular monthly litter pick with the next pick taking place on the 8th May 2010 between 10am and 12.00. We will be pleased to welcome new participants of all ages. Our meeting points for the picks, where help and tools are handed out, are Heighington Village Hall, 2 Main Road in Redworth and Old Farm Cottage in School Aycliffe. Refreshment will be served after the pick in Heighington Village Hall. For more information please look out for posters around the Parish. I hope you agree that this makes a great contribution to keeping our outdoor environment clean and tidy. Thanks.

Lou Bedocs



SAVE MONEY, RENEW SPORTS CLUB MEMBERSHIP NOW



Sports Club Chairman Bob Malvern is urging members to take advantage of the savings on offer by renewing club cards in April. All cards are up for renewal throughout the month of April, costing just £5 for the year, with new cards costing £7.

Bob, chairman of the club for the last seven years and coach of the club's rugby division, is reminding members of the benefits on offer at the club, which has undergone extensive refurbishment work in recent years.

"We're doing a lot of good things at Aycliffe Sports Club and it's all for the benefit of our members," said the 47-year-old. The club has evolved massively over recent years. You only had to go back five or six years or so when there was wallpaper peeling off walls, the tables were in need of replacing, a complete re-wiring job had to be done. Gradually over the last few years the club has invested heavily in modernising the club within a realistic and affordable budget but with good quality,

high-spec work. There are also plans to modernise the frontage of the club with new signage and improve the car park. The club are advising members that ladies must now also pay

annual subs for the club, which cost £7. Members can renew or take out cards during the following times: 7.30-9pm Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays; 1-3pm Saturdays, 12-1pm Sun.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given that:

The Parish Meeting for the Parish of Great Aycliffe will take place in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe on:

WEDNESDAY 5th MAY 2010
7.15pm

The Press and Public are cordially invited to attend.

"The Public Entrance to the Council Chamber will be open 70 minutes prior to the commencement of meetings."

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New Head Teacher

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The Governors are aware we need a Headteacher who will take education and our school into the 21st Century, who will ensure that students receive an education that will enable them to be part of our community, who will inspire our students and give them the confidence and the skills needed to succeed, no easy task, but one Mrs Forsyth is overjoyed to take on.

Mrs Forsyth has been instrumental in bringing the School Centred Initial Teacher Training to our town and school. This has now

been up and running for 5 years and over 100 students have become teachers and many are employed in our school, the county and surrounding area. It is recognised throughout the country as a centre of excellence. The two secondary schools in Newton Aycliffe, Woodham Community and Technology College and Greenfield School and Community Arts College, together with Sunnydale Community College for Mathematics and Computing in Shildon are now a Trust, Aycliffe and Shildon Schools Educational Trust (ASSET).

Mrs Forsyth works closely with the Headteachers of the other two schools to ensure the schools are best able to continue to serve our local communities and are able to offer the breadth of curriculum and progression for all students in the 21st Century, providing better opportunities for all our students.

Mrs Forsyth is passionate about education, students and our school; the motto of Woodham is "Achievement for All" and Mrs Forsyth will continue to inspire and motivate everyone in Woodham.

LET'S BE POSITIVE

Dear Sir,
 Many people are quick to criticise Aycliffe for it's shabby town centre, it's lack of facilities, Sedgefield Borough Homes forcing people off the town and I am one of them. But it occurred to me rather than criticise we should make it a better town to live in, so I ask the people of Aycliffe what would make it better?

People are trying to make changes, Stage One productions are putting on a play at St Clare's, there's rumours of a bowling alley being built and, at last, the demolition of the town centre is about to begin.

I personally would like to see an increase in Sedgefield Homes housing stock and more land made available for allotments for those of us who don't have gardens. What do you want? I'm not an MP after votes, just a citizen of the town who wants to make Aycliffe a better place to live.

Alan Bennett

AGNEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

Please note that the New Parent & Toddler Group is now on a THURSDAY 12.30 to 2.30 in term time only. For any information please ring Jacki on 07979 746 458.

MINI BEAST HUNT

During the Easter holidays the children at Woodham Burn Out of School Club were visited by Steve Cooper from Moore Lane Eco Centre. The children had the opportunity to participate in Steve's 'Jeepers Creepers' mini beast hunt around the schools premises. The children listened intently as Steve described and talked about the mini beasts they may discover. With Steve, the staff and children set out to discover this miniature world of mini beasts. They used information sheets, magnifying glasses, containers and along with Steve's help, found many creatures hiding beneath the tress, leaves and under rotten logs.



Kyle, age 7 said: "I found a worm under a tree stump. I didn't find a caterpillar but I found a daddy long legs. It was really, really, really great fun."

The staff and children at Woodham Burn Out of School Club would like to thank Steve for taking the time to visit us, THANK YOU.

Woodham Burn out of School Club is open 7.45 am to 6pm during the school holidays and term time before school (7.45-9am) and after school 3pm to 6pm. A drop off and pick up service is available to and from other schools. If you would like more information about the facilities we have available or would like to arrange a visit, please contact Kendra Green on 300080.

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LIB DEMS SUPPORT SHAFTO HOUSE

Dear Sir,
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We as Liberal Democrats are heartily sick and tired of the Labour Party controlled DCC, attempting to ride roughshod over the views of the ordinary men and women of our community. Our FOCUS returns show that there is a groundswell of opinion running strongly against the closure of Shafto House. It is the intention of Great Aycliffe area Liberal Democrats to generate a petition, to allow the views of all Newtonians, opposed to this purely political decision, to be expressed. The Labour Party may attempt to ignore these views, but they WILL be heard.
Janine Mawson,
Liberal Democrat Party

POPULAR RAILWAY EXHIBITION

The Model Railway Exhibition organised by the Rotary Club at the Youth Centre raised £450 for the eradication of Polio throughout the world. Rotary started the campaign over 25 years ago and only four countries now have the disease which cripples children. The event was so successful it is likely to be repeated next year. The club thanks the "Youthy" for the use of their excellent premises and Newtonians who visited the exhibition.



JUNIOR ATHLETE'S DEBUT FOR NEW CLUB

Henry Johnson (12) has made an excellent debut for Chester le Street over the Easter weekend. His decision to join the new club was based on being selected to run for the North East of England, placing him in the top 10 of the U13 boys. "I am delighted to join a new club as many of the top runners go to Chester le Street, and it will improve my running" said Henry. He will still run for NAAC second claim, and trains regularly with his old club members. His first race wearing the Chester le Street vest was Elswick Harrier Good Friday race. Due to extremely bad weather on the days before the event, the organisers decided to reroute the course. The 1.74 mile event was fast and flat and Henry finished in 9th place in 10.09. The club gained overall 2nd place for the teams.

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can win in the Newton Aycliffe area on his way to representing you as the Lib Dem MP for the Sedgefield Constituency. He is already receiving a warm welcome on the doorstep, wherever he goes. Alan will continue to be out-and-about, meeting and talking to as many of you as possible. We were a strong second in the 2007 By-Election, when Labour got less than 50%. We are the only party that can defeat this tired, discredited government - so the choice is yours. Councillor Alison Palmer, Liberal Democrat Party

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lack of compassion? Do we forget the principle of supporting social programmes and looking after disadvantaged people and that there is more to society than just balance sheets? He mentioned that those people (i.e. almost everybody) who are opposed to the closure never mention the cost of keeping them open and who will pay

the extra cost. Judging by that comment it can be assumed that a review of the exact costs involved took place. He then mentions that the average cost of care in a council home is £300 per week per resident more than private care. For those who are not County Councillors with access to the financial data which is kept private, how does anyone know how much it costs? Private Care homes do give information on how much you

pay, whereas the DCC website for care in a council home says you will be required to contribute towards the cost and a financial assessment will be carried out to work out how much you can afford. There are so many variables under the current system of care, that I find it silly to use approximations on average costs to justify closing care homes. The real question is, "Do we want to look after those who need care and not allow them to be exploited as in the past, when people lost their homes to pay for private care?" If we do, then it's a burden worth paying! He also states that if the County did not come up with a viable strategy to stem the losses the government would take over and impose their own solution. Is central government paying for care through PAYE, or the local taxpayer through Council tax? If we pay through local Council Tax then taxpayers voices should be heard.
Kenneth Stubbs

SOLDIER THANKS STUDENTS FOR CHRISTMAS PARCELS



A group of Year 9 students from Woodham Community Technology College were thrilled to finally meet Drummer Kilcullen the soldier they sent Christmas presents to in Afghanistan. Dmr. Kilcullen of the Coldstream Guards took precious time out of his two-week leave to visit tutor group 9LD to thank them for their kind gifts. During his visit Dmr. Kilcullen was bombarded with questions about military life and conditions in both Afghanistan and Iraq. Teacher Mrs Drew said "It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to ask questions about life at Camp Bastion". Dmr. Kilcullen will be going back to Afghanistan and the tutor group will be following his progress with interest.

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The Accounts and all supporting financial documents will be available at the offices of Great Aycliffe Town Council for inspection by any person interested during office hours from the 4th May 2010 to the 1st June 2010. Appointments to view the Accounts should be made to the Finance Manager at the Council Offices (telephone number 01325 300700 ext 232).

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The Auditor will give to any local government elector for the area of Great Aycliffe, on the 2nd June 2010 at the offices of Great Aycliffe Town Council, and subsequently until such time as the Auditor certifies the completion of the audit, an opportunity to question the Auditor about the Accounts.

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Obituary

ARROWSMITH April 15th, suddenly at home. Colin, aged 68 years of Oakfield, Newton Aycliffe. Dearly loved partner of Mary, much loved Dad of Carol, Stuart and Sam, Stepdad of Lee, Ian and Karen, a dear Father-in-Law of Martin, Theresa and Mark, also a devoted Grandad and Great Grandad. Funeral Monday 26th April. Would friends please meet at 10.45am for Service at St Clares' Church prior to cremation at Darlington Crematorium. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu for Cancer Research may be made at the Co-operative Funeralcare, Macmillan Road, Newton Aycliffe in Colin's memory.

WILSON John of Newton Aycliffe, passed away peacefully on Saturday 17th April, aged 87 years. Devoted Husband of the late Dora. Loving Dad of the late Keith, dearly loved Dad to Pauline. Father-in-Law, Grandad and Great Grandad.

MURPHY April 19th, suddenly at home, Pat, aged 72 years of Eden Road, Newton Aycliffe. Dearly loved Husband of Joan; loving Father of Peter, Christopher and Paula; Stepfather of Clint and Clare. Also a dear Father-in-Law, Grandad, Brother and Uncle. Funeral: Tuesday 27th April, would friends please meet at 2pm for Service at St Mary's RC Church, prior to burial on West Cemetery, School Aycliffe.

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Dear Sir,
 May I assure 'Angry Newtonian' who expressed his disgust, in last week's Newton News, that the Labour Party election printing was done in Essex, that all of the Alan Thompson, Liberal Democrat Party, leaflets and election material is being printed and published, here in the North-East, at either Eaglescliffe or Newton Press. We are proud to source all our printing locally; securing local jobs for local printing staff. Top quality printing in our own back yard.
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"Regulations identify the items which can be considered and determined by the Cabinet and which by the full Council. The issue of the Residential Homes Closures is a matter to be determined by the Cabinet, not the full Council. Cabinet meetings are open to the general public who are welcome to attend.

Durham County Council will decide on the issue of the Residential Homes Closures in the summer.

Editor: None of the 7 Unitary Councillors from Newton Aycliffe will have a vote on the matter. Whether they have any say or input at all we may never know as this will not come before the full Council to decide. This brings the whole idea of local democracy and accountability into question.

PETITION TO KEEP SHAFTO HOUSE OPEN AS A CARE HOME & RESPITE CENTRE

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was "tremendously proud" to have achieved the accolade from RoSPA for the third time. "It's no mean feat and shows the commitment of everyone here at Aycliffe," he said. The award presentation is due to take place at a special ceremony in Birmingham next month.

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Katie Harper



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Molly Jessica Hughes



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Thomas Archer



HAPPY 18th BIRTHDAY
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Ruby Maul



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HAPPY 14th BIRTHDAY
30th April 2010
Hope you have a great birthday gorgeous girl. All our love, Mum and Dad xxxxx

Katey Brown



HAPPY 18th BIRTHDAY
23rd April 2010
Congratulations on your 18th birthday Katey. Have a great weekend. Lots of love, Mam, Dad, Lauren and all the family xxxxx

Beverley Watkins



Happy 40th Birthday
28th April 2010
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Big Sis



Happy 14th Birthday Maddie.
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Two Today!
20th April
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Warren Richardson



Happy 21st Birthday
21st April 2010
Congratulations on your 21st birthday Warren. All our love, Mam, Dad and Nanna xxx
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Happy 14th birthday
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28th April
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Births

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Thank You

LYNDESE SNOWBALL and Nathan Brown would like to thank everyone that attended their Engagement Party on Saturday night. We would also like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts we received.
THANKS to Paula and staff at the Cummy Arms, Heighington for a wonderful venue and brilliant service. Also great music from John Melvin, cheers John, Colin and Sharron.
MANY THANKS to Mandy, John and staff at the Bay Horse, Middridge for the excellent food and service, Colin and Sharron
NEWLYWEDS Colin Bell and Sharron Bell (17-4-2010) would like to thank our family and friends for making our Wedding Day so special and also for all our lovely gifts received. Many thanks.
BIG BIG thank you to George, Barbara, John, Mandy, Paul, Marie, Mick and Steve for the superb chauffeur wedding car, also Martin for transporting the Groom and Best Man in his American classic. Thanks again.

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All the controversy over County Councillors keeping mum on the closure of Shafto House has proven to be completely needless. They refused to attend meetings, refused to speak on the matter and have walked out of Town Council meetings when the matter was being discussed, claiming it would compromise their position when they came to vote. Newton News have been

informed they will not take part in the final decision after the consultation process as this will be the responsibility of Cabinet Members only. We can only assume they did not realise themselves they weren't involved in the decision making. Newton News has asked the County Council to explain what seems to be an undemocratic system. This has let our local Councillors off the hook as we were going to reveal who voted for what, but it also allows them to redeem themselves and truly represent the town by lobbying the Cabinet on our behalf.

Our County Councillors could do the job we voted them to do by fighting to keep Shafto House open and improve the services it offers to the elderly in our town. The Town Council have asked the County Council to consider expanding Shafto House facilities to provide a Centre of Excellence for care of our elderly. This is what the majority of the residents in Aycliffe want and our County Councillors would do their future political careers a power of good by following this line.

BIG EVENTS AT NEVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Neville Community Centre are holding a South Durham "X Factor" Contest on Saturday 10th July. Entry is £3 for individuals and £5 for Groups. Cash Prizes and Trophies to winners for 7-10 yrs; 11-13yrs; 13-15yrs; 16-18yrs. North East Meccano Exhibition on Saturday 5th June from 11am-4pm. Bouncy Castle and Face Painting etc. Art Festival for local artists on Saturday 17th July. come and Exhibit your work. For details of all above events ring 313924. Congratulations to Great Aycliffe and County Councils landscape garden personnel for all your efforts. The spring flowers and roundabouts are magnificent!

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Dave Lees Review: (Captain Rock at The Turbinia, Christmas 2008). 'The pub was full and the crowd were up for some Christmas shenanigans... Shenanigans are a Captain Rock thing, lots of wandering into the crowd, guest appearances galore. Captain Rock are four very good musicians, playing some very good music. Al and Mikoy are solid at the back, Steve's got a great voice and Lowry's playing gets better all the time'. Tracks covered by Who, Pearl Jam, Black Sabbath, Deep Purple, Blue Oyster Cult, AC/DC, Thin Lizzy, Metallica and more

Saturday 1st May - "Remedy"

(Formerly known as Alcatraz)

'The rhythm section impressed the hell out of me, and not only did they sound great with the drums and bass working off each other so well, but they kept the dynamics of the music alive. Graham is becoming a very competent guitarist as well, and over the last few years I've seen him become far more accurate and exact with his playing style, making him sound very experienced for his relatively youthful age. But for me the biggest shock came with Jen as I really got to hear her voice sounding very sweet and natural. She's coming along as a fantastic singer, really gaining her confidence now, and the mix that her partner Graham got on her voice was right on the money. All 4 members of the group have come a long way since they first started out under the collective name of AHB' Rockersmouth Review.

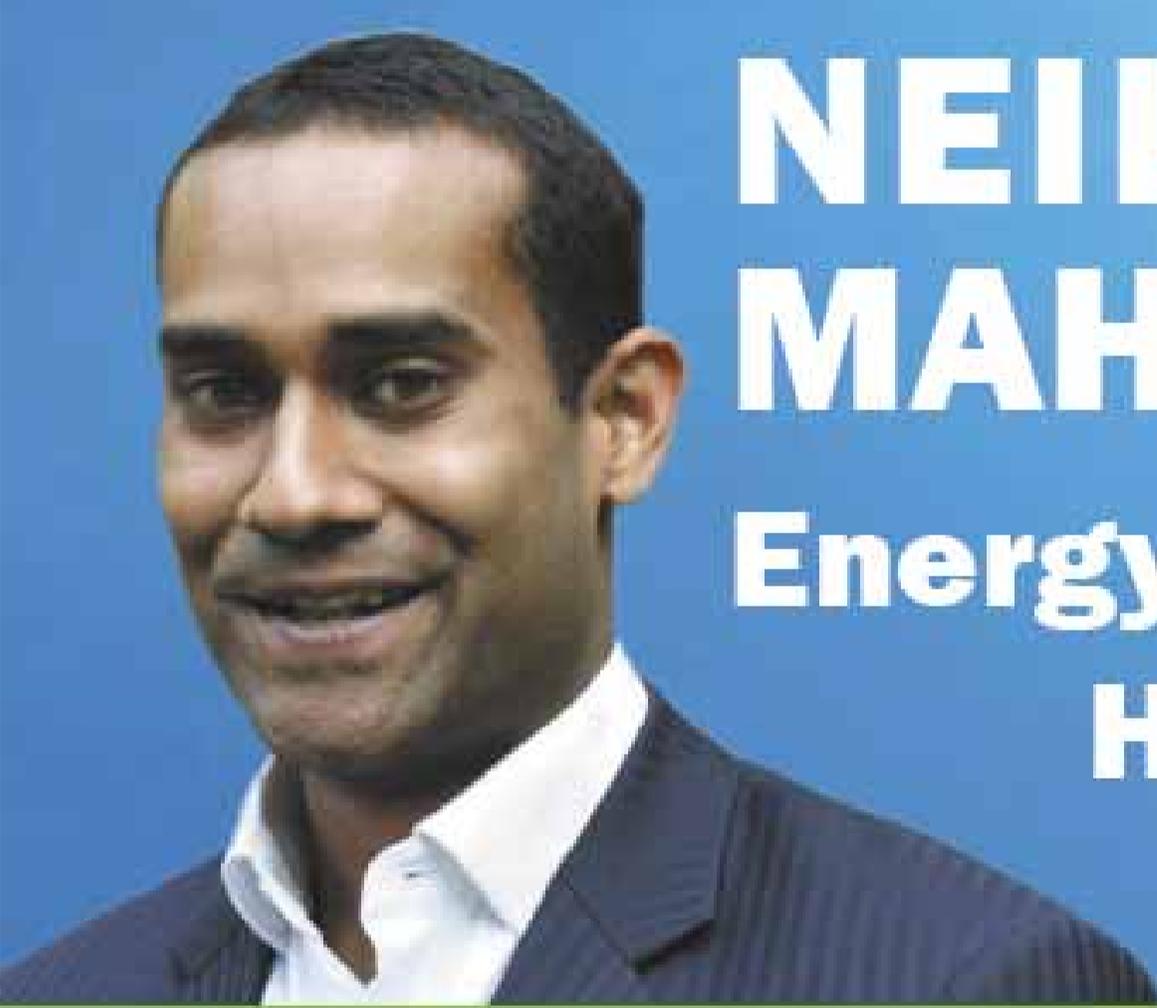
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