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A boring New Year

Here's wishing a very boring uneventful New Year's celebration for Ben Laganga. I'm certain he shares my sentiments. Laganga, in his position as director of the Union County Emergency Management Operations, will be spending the time at the turn of the new millennium at the brick building county command center on North Avenue in Westfield.

Laganga, under the direction of the freeholders and county manager, will be supervising the county's emergency response efforts to deal with any problems from the dreaded Y2K event on New Year's Eve.

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Adding to Laganga's merriment will be his evening guests, including representatives from PSE&G, GPU, the New Jersey National Guard, state environmental and emergency management personnel and Laganga's own staff.

If these wild and crazy guys get bored they can look next door to the offices of the Union County Police, who also will have staff on standby. The groups will pass the time monitoring the police radio transmissions in the various Union County communities.

While predicting that the Jan. 1, 2000 Y2K concerns will be "a non event," Laganga brings an interesting perspective and some good advice on the topic. "People should go out and enjoy the evening and New Year's Day. If, by chance, there isn't an immediate dial tone on the phone or other temporary inconveniences that is not the reason for panic."

Laganga's preparation for Y2K began on Jan. 1, 1999. Over the past year, through conferences, meetings with federal and state emergency management personnel the preparation and "what if" scenarios were played out. Commencing on Dec. 28 until Jan. 1, Laganga will be reporting at least twice a day to the State Police on compliance procedures and other developments.

The primary focus for Laganga are safety issues such as electric, gas and phone system breakdowns. He has engaged in ongoing dialogue with Bell Atlantic to ensure phone service is available.

The entire Y2K project has been only part of the unique aspects of 1999. Tropical Storm Floyd found Laganga spending his time with his staff directing the cleanup operations to the central Union County communities hard hit by water damage.

One county employee described
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The year of renovations, open space, agreement

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

A third consecutive year with Democrats controlling all nine seats on the freeholder board brought with it few dissenting votes cast and the party continued its dominance in freeholder elections with another clean sweep in November, although with a different look since a sitting freeholder was replaced on the party line. Although a referendum on a county open space trust fund did not appear on the November ballot, that did not stop the topic from being discussed throughout the year. Nearly any freeholder discussion began with the aspect of economic development as a master plan for the port was unveiled and the cross-county light rail continued on course.

Union County continued preparations for various renovations planned over the next several years. The county courthouse, portions of which were built in the early part of the century and as late as the 1960s, began a four-year, \$20-million rehabilitation project. During 1999, renovations at 32 Rahway Ave. in Elizabeth were completed and the Andrew K. Ruotolo Justice Center opened there in June.

Meanwhile, planning was started for renovations to the county's Venerri Complex on North Avenue in Westfield where the County Police are headquartered. That \$13-million project is expected to break ground in 2000 as is construction of a new \$15-million juvenile detention center under the Goethals Bridge in Elizabeth.

January

The year opened with a new chairman at the helm of the freeholder board, Nicholas Scutari of Linden,

and the chairman of 1998, Daniel Sullivan, as the board's vice chairman. While touting the initiatives of 1998, such as Project Pocket Parks and Access 2000, Scutari introduced several new items on the freeholder agenda for 1999: Project Downtown Union County, which provided \$5 million in grant funds for municipalities; the Freeholder Scholars Program where county would pay the tuition of students who maintained at least a B average at Union County College; and a mobile immunization clinic to immunize every child in the county.

County Manager Michael Lapolla introduced his 1999 executive budget which tipped the scales at \$286 million, including a record \$41-million surplus.

February

Democrats, now holding seven of nine seats, made their mark on the Union County Improvement Authority as the Board of Commissioners appointed the first full-time executive director: Doug Plaza, a former chief of staff for state Sen. Raymond Lesniak, D-Union. He replaced part-time financial administrator Bruce Linger. The new position was created with a 7-1 vote of the board with only Republican Wayne Smith dissenting.

March

A medical waste treatment plant proposed for Linden's Tremley Point

section appeared before the freeholders again. The freeholders in August 1998 referred the matter back to the Union County Utilities Authority for more study.

The board approved a \$38-million settlement with the Bergen County Utilities Authority relating to a lawsuit following the state Supreme Court's landmark decision regarding solid waste flow.

A yearlong discussion of open space was initiated when the county's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board heard a presentation on a county open space and recreation trust fund.

April

With the primary deadline loom-

ing, both parties selected candidates for this year's freeholder race. Democrats tapped incumbents Linda Siender of Fanwood and Scutari but in what may have been the story of the year, Donald Gonçalves was replaced by Elizabeth Board of Education member Angel Estrada on the party line. Gonçalves said Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage was behind the move because the two hated heads over city politics while Democratic party leaders said Gonçalves was not a team player. Meanwhile, Republicans chose former Summit councilman Al Dill, Richard Revilla of Elizabeth and former Cranford mayor Wally Shackell.

A public hearing on Linden's medical waste treatment plant featuring an expert hired by the county drew two dozen citizens, a majority of which spoke out against the project. Citing the hopeful spurring of economic development in the Tremley Point section of the city and posing few health concerns, the freeholder board unanimously approved the application.

The freeholders closed on the Olympia Trails bus depot under the Goethals Bridge which will be home to the county's new juvenile detention center. The 3.23-acre site went for \$2.185 million. The center, which was once proposed for the site of what is now the Andrew K. Ruotolo Justice Center, will be a \$15-million, 72-bed facility.

May

Freeholders approved a \$288-million budget for 1999, which decreased county taxes for 11 of 21 municipalities: Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, See OPEN, Page B2



Renovations are planned for several county buildings, including the Venerri Complex in Westfield which houses the County Police. Construction is expected to begin on several projects in 2000, including a new juvenile detention facility and continuing renovations to the county courthouse.

With Y2K on the horizon, officials prepare for anything

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

County officials are not expecting any major catastrophes when the clock strikes midnight tomorrow but they are planning to be prepared for anything.

"Y2K" will be the biggest non-event in history," Union County Emergency Management Director Ben Laganga said.

There has been speculation that computers will read "00" as 1900 instead of 2000, resulting in power outages and other electronic failures. Experts defined this as the Y2K bug. When computers were first

invented, programmers used only the last two digits to indicate the year either to save memory or simply because of an oversight.

Approximately 10 staff members of the Division of Emergency Management will be at the county complex in Westfield on New Year's Eve just in case anything should happen, along with representatives from PSE&G, GPU Energy and possibly the Red Cross and National Guard.

All local emergency management teams will be operating tomorrow night and relaying back and forth with the county for updates, Laganga said.

Since Tuesday, Laganga has been reporting to the State Police twice a day about the conditions and anything occurring "out of the ordinary that may affect public safety." The updates will continue through Tuesday.

But Laganga still expects a "quiet night." He recommends that residents do not panic but go about their business as they normally would. "Treat it as any other New Year."

There has been concern that people will check their phones just after midnight to make sure they are still working. A rush on the phone system could tie up the lines, Laganga sug-

gested that residents wait until 12:15 or 12:30 a.m. before using the phone.

The county has been preparing for Y2K all year, with a regional conference in March with State Police and a June seminar at Kean University's Parkersburg Institute. All the county's systems have been tested and are expected to be in proper working order, Laganga said. The county has been in contact with local emergency management, police and fire crews throughout the year.

Frank Croce, assistant director of the Division of Correctional Services, said the county jail has been "checked to make sure all the services provided are Y2K-approved."

"We're certainly making sure we're taking all the precautions in the unlikely event of any power outages." He declined to discuss staffing levels for New Year's Eve for security reasons.

Eight staff members will be working from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Division of Public Works, said Frank Dann, director of the Department of Operational Services. "There will be 5,300 gallons of diesel fuel available to retail generators and 5,000 gallons in a water truck along with a full sewer and mechanic crew in case any problems arise."

The county DPW yard in Scotch Plains will be up and operating like normal, Dann said. The entire facility is capable of running on generators as is the internal communication system.

Several municipalities crippled during the Labor Day storm in 1998, he said, used the DPW yard as refuel generators. The department has cases of water left over which the National Guard delivered after Tropical Storm Floyd in September.

"We are as prepared as we can be," said Dann, who along with other key personnel will have radios with them tomorrow night.

Freeholders reorganize

The Board of Freeholders will have its reorganization meeting Sunday at 1 p.m. in Assignment Judge Edward Beglin's chambers in the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth.

Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth will be elected chairman for 2000 and Alexander Mirabella of Roselle Park will become vice chairman.

Angel Estrada of Elizabeth will be sworn in to his first term as freeholder.

Freeholders amend solid waste plan

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

An ordinance to amend the county's solid waste management plan has environmentalists up in arms but county officials say the measure does not change the way pharmaceutical waste, historically, has been disposed of.

An ordinance to allow pharmaceutical companies to dispose of their nonhazardous waste by incineration at permitted facilities was approved by a 5-1 vote on Dec. 16 with three freeholders absent due to illness. Donald Gonçalves was the only freeholder to vote against the ordinance.

The ordinance amounts to an endorsement of incineration, said Bob Carson of Rahway. He had a problem with the definition of dry industrial waste, which included such things as oil spill cleanup waste and pesticides. "You can't have nonhazardous pesticides."

"We're stuck with ours," Carson said, referring to the incinerator. "We don't need to endorse the use of incineration elsewhere."

"Too often we're looking for the easiest way out versus dissecting waste streams," said Kerri Blanchard of Rahway, and pharmaceutical companies can do more responsible. See RESIDENTS, Page B2

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Open space a topic of discussion throughout the year

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 Plainfield, Roselle, Roselle Park, Springfield, Union and Winfield. The budget calls for the lowest tax rate since 1993 and the lowest tax levy since 1994.

The freeholders unveiled the Union County Port Master Plan, a comprehensive economic development plan for the eastern side of the county, particularly Routes 1&9. The plan, officials said, will put the county in a stronger position for state and federal funds.

June
 The Andrew K. Rutolo Justice Center opened at 32 Rahway Ave. in Elizabeth, across from the county courthouse and Administration Building. Rutolo, who died of cancer at the age of 42, served as Union County Prosecutor from 1991 until his death in 1995. The site was once proposed for a juvenile detention center, a hot topic during the 1997 freeholder election.

The new building, which cost \$2 million to renovate, houses the Union County Employee Day Care Center, Herli's House, and the Prosecutor's Office.

The cross-county light rail gains state priority, making it one of only seven projects statewide to be selected. The light rail is planned to connect Newark Airport with Midtown Elizabeth and eventually western parts of the county along the Raritan Valley Railroad Line.

July
 The freeholders are presented with the Union County Open Space and Recreation Master Plan. The 10-year, \$46-million plan calls for the acquisition of more than 90 acres of land and upgrades of various types at each of the county's 26 parks.

Surrogate Ann Conti dies after a yearlong battle with cancer. She served as county surrogate since 1983

and was re-elected to a five-year term in 1997.

Freeholders approve another \$50 million in bonds. Projects funded through the bonds include Project Pocket Parks, Downtown Union County grants and capital equipment purchases.

August
 Continuing the discussion of open space, the freeholders appoint an ad hoc committee to study the impact of a county open space and recreation trust fund. The trust fund referendum likely will appear on the 2000 ballot.

September
 Tropical Storm Floyd wreaks havoc throughout the county, causing millions of dollars of damage. The county steps in to place like Cranford to help with cleanup efforts and also provides 90-day, \$1,000 no-interest loans to homeowners that suffered heavy damages.

Freeholders are presented with

eight alternatives for the cross-county light rail. Costs, transfer stations and types of rail cars are among the factors that officials need to come to a consensus on.

October
 The freeholder election kicks into high gear with Republicans differing with Democrats on such topics as the making of county government, the problem with one-party control and the need for two-party representation, and the county's enforcement of a residency requirement, which sparked a lawsuit. Democrats tout their initiatives for economic development and the stabilization of the county tax rate.

November
 For the fifth consecutive year, Democrats win all three seats available on the freeholder board, in addition to the county surrogate. Stender is re-elected to a third term while Scutari earns his second and Estrada is

re-elected a freeholder for the first time.

December
 Freeholders realize an additional \$450,000 is necessary to cover the cost of inmate health care due to the rising number of AIDS cases within detention facilities and the expensive medication needed to treat it, in addition to a catastrophic injury to an inmate.

With candidates lining up for next year's open seat in the 7th Congressional District, Democrats have County Manager Michael Lapolla mulling his first run for public office in more than a decade.

Only 14 of 49 residency requirement waiver requests are granted by the freeholder board at the recommendation of the county manager. The approximately 30 corrections officers and several county police officers denied waivers plan to continue in their lawsuit against the county.

Residents disagree with amendment to waste plan

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 blo things than incineration.

The ordinance simply allows pharmaceutical companies "to continue to do what they're doing," Freeholder Vice Chairman Daniel Sullivan said. However, now the companies will pay

the Environmental Impact Charge on every ton of waste — which was not done before — whether they incinerate it themselves or send the waste out of the county.

The companies believe they have a greater liability sending nonhazardous

waste to a landfill. The companies have contracts with incinerators outside of the county and cannot send the waste to the Union County incinerator, which is specifically prohibited, Sullivan said. The companies have been disposing of the waste for about 10 years with private contractors.

The problem with burning anything, said Joseph Parrish, pastor of an Elizabeth church, is that burning is a chemical reaction. One of the facilities that could be used is Essex County's incinerator in neighboring Newark. Elizabeth, he said, is affected by what is burned at the Newark incinerator.

"To incinerate anything that can be hazardous after it's burned although not before is folly," Parrish said.

Goncalves said he originally planned to support the ordinance but was compelled by Parrish's remarks regarding chemical reactions. "I haven't seen any reports that answer those charges," said Goncalves, whose term as a freeholder ends tomorrow.

"My experience on the freeholder board hasn't allowed me to appreciate all the history of waste in the county," said Freeholder Lewis Mingo.

Here's to a bring New Year's

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 Laganga in glowing terms. "He is so focused and helpful, it's not surprising that he is so effective."

For almost 10 years, Laganga, a Roselle Park resident, has led the county's efforts during natural disasters. Lt. Ed O'Neil who served as the state's coordinating officer describes emergency management as divided into four phases, including "preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation." In our current situation, pre-

paradise remains the key function. The State Police Emergency number on 92K problems is (800) 296-2686.

On the subject of Jodi Laganga, wife of the director, he said, "She understands my responsibility for this event and is supportive. It won't be a problem." Another example of preparation by Laganga to forestall a problem before it begins.

A resident of Cranford, Frank Capece is an attorney.

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BRITISH PINE EMPORIUM

By Fred Muntzer

When a war was lost and the winning side took possession of the land, the last part of resistance took place, the sociological phenomenon called assimilation, which meant both parties united into a culture without realizing it, usually to the benefit of both sides, making the loss that much less and the win that much more. Such a war was the American Revolution. Although we won the war, all our lasting institutions are British. Our law is based on British common law and the language is something we can not escape.

The strength and enduring factors of the old and the innovation of the new is what is being created at an antique shop called British Pine Emporium in Madison New Jersey. The owner Alan Lanza, and his father Jim have a unique talent for designing reproduction antiques with an eye for the new. They create a duplicate of the old and innovate on it. That way they create the best of both worlds, the strength and security of the old and the adventure and the flexibility of the new. Alan says "The true value of something is how long it will last, and with all its changes the true element that lasts is truly valuable. Modern and contemporary is fading out fast. Traditional will always be around."

The nature of art is to hide in the open but so people can't see it. You have to dig deeper as we block the valuable from our eyes, with preconceived thoughts of how things should be. They take what is in the open, that is what is endured in an antique and incorporate it with modern beauty.

They have designed many pieces, what caught my eye was an antique duplicate of a dresser, which in its original style the shelf did not have enough depth for a television, but Alan made it happen. It's almost as if he was in two periods of time. The price of a reproduction is less expensive than the original and with innovation the reproduction is current. For five years Alan has been at British Pine with his father Jim. I believe the next five after the millennium, will give them something even bigger to shoot for.

What I like about Alan's theory of the strength of the old and the beauty of the new, is that it reminds me of a friendship or marriage that was built on time, and now is young enough to enjoy it. We all want that.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Westfield revelers make plans for annual 1st night

The best place to be this New Year's Eve is one's own hometown among family, neighbors and friends.

Residents are invited to be a part of Westfield's First Night 2000, a Millennium Extravaganza, with memories that will last a lifetime. There will be acts for people of all ages to enjoy, and capping off the evening, the year and the century, will be Times Square at the Westfield "Y."

Join friends at the Westfield Firehouse at the Northside Train Station at 11:30 p.m., where a fire-truck and marching band will lead the parade to the Westfield "Y" to ring in the millennium. The gym will be transformed into a ballroom, decorated with balloons, streamers and a disco ball. There will be noisemakers and confetti for all. Large screens will provide live cable feed from Times Square so that everyone can witness the spectacular Waterford crystal ball countdown. Videos of past First Nights will be shown, interspersed with live coverage of what is happening around the world. Dancing will continue until 1 a.m. to the sounds of the William Raye Orchestra.

First Night Westfield is a drug-free, alcohol-free community celebration of the arts for people of all ages. The purchase of a First Night Westfield 2000 button entitles guests to admission to all of the evening's festivities. Performances will be held at various venues around town, and there will even be heated towel service so there is no need to walk in the cold.

Buttons have been on sale since Dec. 1. The price is \$10 per button through today, and \$12 per button on Dec. 31. They can be purchased at the following locations: the Westfield "Y," the Westfield Leader, Baron's Drug Store, the Leader Store, Little Treasures, Lancaster Ltd., the Westfield Recreation Department, the Scotch Plains/Fanwood YMCA, and Kings of Garwood.

Volunteers to man the various sites are being organized at this time. Individuals who wish to work two- to three-hour slots between 6:45 and 11:45 p.m. should phone the First Night Hotline at (908) 518-2983. Assignments will be made by the First Night Volunteer committee. All volunteers will receive a First Night Westfield T-shirt, which entitles them to entry into all other venues when they are not working. Venues are limited and they go quickly, so don't delay.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Book's glimpse at Washington's war years inspires

The United States of America commemorated the 200th anniversary of the death of its first president, George Washington, on Dec. 14.

Michael R. Yesenko of Union — retired supervisor of social studies for secondary schools in Union Township after 40 years, president of the Union Township Historical Society and former president of the Union County Historical Society — observed the anniversary by writing a high-ranking book attracting adults and youngsters alike. The book is called "General George Washington's Campaigns of 1775, 1776 and 1777." It was published in September by MRY Publishing Co. Inc., Union.

What makes this book unique is the fact that the knowledgeable historian has answered in intricate detail questions asked by students about Washington's life during the war years, of how he thought and felt — and even more important, what he said in certain situations. It is peppered with 30 marvellously fine drawings and illustrations, beginning with the famous "Washington Crossing the Delaware" from the painting by E. Leutze showing large chunks of ice impeding the passage of boats in the early hours of Dec. 26, 1776.

The book — which reads more like a novel than a history text, which was Yesenko's approach in writing it — contains in 11 chapters, an educational and personal account of the Father of our Country, his friends, compan-

On the Shelf

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

ions and enemies. It also gives a history of the general's life from 1775 to 1777, a chronology, Washington's correspondence, maps, a bibliography, an index and footnotes.

In factual detail, from the first through the fifth chapters, Yesenko describes the year 1775, with "The War Begins," "The Second Continental Congress," "The Continental Army at Boston," "Expeditions to New York and Canada" and "Disaster in Canada."

He talks about managing two armies a year, with the first army enlisting serving, too short military terms to be of any help to him. When he was appointed commander in chief by the Continental Congress, his American Army at Boston, Mass., included 14,000 men, with little or no training, and "inadequate supplies of muskets, powder, uniforms and artillery and poorly constructed fortifications" — while the British had 11,000 well-trained troops in Boston. Yesenko tells about the officers who were appointed by the 13 provinces, or colonies, "to recruit local men," and how Congress made the "final decisions for major generals and bri-

gadier generals." It also covers in detail Benedict Arnold's difficult expedition from Massachusetts to Canada and the disastrous results.

Chapters six to nine, covering the year 1776, carry such titles as "The Expedition to Canada Fails," "American Victory at Boston," and "War in New York Province" and "War in New York Province." Chapters 10 and 11, 1777, complete Washington's war years with "The British Move South" and "Valley Forge," the latter explaining in detail how the American troops on Dec. 18, 1777, were issued orders from Washington directing the soldiers to build their own huts in very, very cold weather in a desperate situation with dire shortages of food and clothing. There is an illustration describing the forlorn scene.

The fact that Yesenko's book has touched every American who has read it, and will, indeed, touch many, many more with what our country and our people had to endure during those war years, is proof that one would never allow this book to gather dust on one's library shelf.

It can be referred to and read and enjoyed — and educate, at the same time — and eventually become dog-eared. It comes highly recommended. After all, millions of people look at George Washington's face on a dollar bill. It is more inspiring to look at George Washington's face on the cover of a book by the excellent historian Michael R. Yesenko. It really has so much more meaning!



This engraving of British Gen. Lord William Howe is one of the many informative illustrations in "General George Washington's Campaigns of 1775, 1776 and 1777," written by Union resident and historian Michael R. Yesenko.

NJSO inks collaborative three-year musicians' contract

The Board of Trustees and Musicians of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra have announced the ratification of a new three-year contract.

The current musicians' contract does not expire until September 2000. Building upon a framework of trust, mutual respect and a sense of institutional harmony, the negotiation process began in mid-November without counsel present.

"Following the lead of our chairman, Victor Parsonnet, the NJSO has been striving to establish a collaborative environment of trust among the musicians, artists and staff. It was a true pleasure to arrive at an agreement in such a special atmosphere," said NJSO Executive Director Lawrence Tamburri. "We focused primarily on the artistic opportunities for our organization, our future, and how they relate to the needs of our musicians. I believe everybody left the process extremely excited about the direction in which this agreement will take us."

"In time, when many orchestral musicians are still struggling to effectively communicate with their employers, it was so satisfying to have been involved in discussions that place equal importance on what is best for the musicians and for the organization," said Orchestra Committee Chairman Robert Wagner. "The increases in sal-

ary and season length certainly demonstrate the NJSO's commitment not only to the musicians and our families, but also to our continued artistic growth as an orchestra. This agreement further commits the musicians to work even closer with the trustees and staff in shaping the NJSO's future."

"I am thrilled that our musicians and trustees have pledged themselves to furthering the artistic interests of our orchestra," said music director Zdenek Macal. "This agreement challenges us to achieve even greater artistic and organizational successes."

• Vision-based bargaining
The philosophy behind the new agreement stemmed from the premise that the NJSO, as an organization, must address and balance three complementary factors that seem to compete for resources — The Art, Financial Success and Personal Growth. Throughout discussion of these factors, issues were identified and creative approaches were used to address ideas and concerns for both sides. Small work groups — usually joint musician and staff — were assigned the task of developing these concepts to become the basis for the final agreement. During virtually the entire process of negotiations, the traditional bargaining concept of "proposals" as a list of demands was not present. This "vision-based

bargaining" resulted in changes to the Master Agreement that ensure a collaborative spirit to resolve concerns by mutual agreement at all times. The agreement formalizes the involvement of musicians on search committees for trustee, artistic and administrative leadership positions. An innovative clause, unique in the industry, was added to provide a mechanism to have musicians attend performances as members of the audience in order to personally experience the quality of presentation and observe audience reactions.

The financial terms of the new agreement include a guaranteed minimum season length of 35 weeks per year for 2000-01 and 36 weeks for 2001-2002 and 2002-03. One of the guaranteed weeks will be a week of services under the NJSO's Resources for Education and Community Harmony program that has been offered to musicians since the 1998-99 season, but not guaranteed under the current Master Agreement. The minimum weekly salary, at \$1,000 for the current 1999-2000 season, increases in each year of the three-year agreement to \$1,060, \$1,112 and \$1,200 respectively, including an Electronic Mile Guarantee.

"I am extremely proud of the spirit of cooperation that exists between the musicians, trustees and staff," said Parsonnet. "Together, we have ensured that this organization will continue to

grow. We have set a unique precedent for years to come and an example of proper conduct of collegial negotiations."

"I was quite taken with the high level of honesty, commitment and competency demonstrated by all participants in the negotiations," said Les Blas, president of the Musicians Guild of Essex County Local 16. "I could not be more satisfied with the outcome brought about by everybody's hard work."

The new contract continues the positive momentum of the organization. Other recent highlights include:

- Subscriptions for the 1999-2000 season have reached an all-time high of 25,000.
- National attention given to the NJSO's Winter Festival Programming.
- Awarded prestigious Andre W. Mellon Foundation grant;
- The appointment of Eric Wyrick as concertmaster;
- 1,300 new individual donors during the 1998-99 season;
- New commissioning initiatives established;
- Successful collaborations with numerous community organizations through the NJSO's R.E.A.C.H. program; and
- Establishment of new Greater Newark Chamber Orchestra.

Historical museum looks to millennium in planning programming

The Miller-Cory House Museum, located at 614 Mountain Ave. in Westfield, will open its winter season Jan. 9, featuring a demonstration on early American sausage making.

Sausage was a very popular food during colonial times and was often prepared using meat or leftover food, such as stew. Cooked grain or bread crumbs were often used as a binder.

Mae Franz of Cranford will demonstrate how sausage was made during colonial times. Colonial cooks usually used beef, pork or lamb intestines as the casing for the sausage. During the warm summer months, prepared sausages were smoked for preservation purposes.

On Jan. 23, the museum will feature "Iron Pots and Colonial Cooking

Techniques" by Pam McGovern of Westfield. For information about the museum and its calendar of events, call the museum office at (908) 232-1776 weekdays mornings from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Step back in history with a tour by costumed docents of the farmhouse built in 1740 by Samuel Miller for his wife, Sabra. The Miller Cory House

stands on the "road to the mountains in the West Fields of Elizabethtown."

The quaint museum shop has an inventory that is appropriate to the historical era of the museum and includes education material, colonial reproductions and handcrafts, including cook books and colonial recipes prepared by Miller-Cory volunteers.

The Miller-Cory House Museum is open on Sunday afternoons. In January and February, the hours are from 2 to 4 p.m. The open-hearth cooking demonstrations will resume Feb. 27. The regular Sunday hours — 2 to 5 p.m. — will resume March 5. The following is the museum's winter schedule — Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27, and March 5, 12, 19 and 26.

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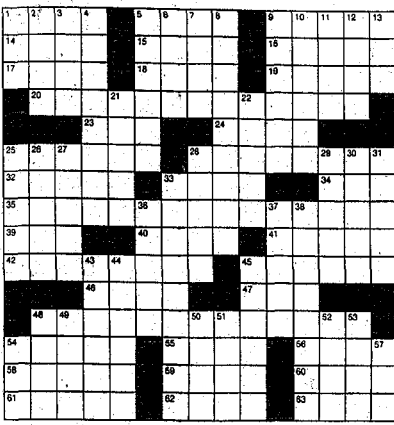
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For Jan. 3 to Jan. 9

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The emphasis this week is on professional or career interests. Associate with influential individuals and develop new projects.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Distant friends or relatives influence your life in some way. Iron out any legal problems with the help of an experienced professional.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You're very much in control this week and able to handle the unexpected with ease. Look for creative investments to help meet your financial goals.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Cooperation is your key word during this forecast period. Make an extra effort to understand others and to see their side of an argument.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your goal is to get organized, especially on the job. Stop putting off a major cleanup job, and find a more efficient method to file information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Social activities include political or phisoso-

phical gatherings. Pursue a candidate or professor with interests similar to your own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Making major changes in the domestic environment can be very unsettling for family members. Do your best to keep peace and harmony on the home front.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Do your homework and stay on top of what's happening in the news. A lead story is likely to affect your job and future security.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is a great time to review your budget with the goal in mind being to stabilize your finances. Cut down on impulsive spending.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put your best foot forward. Expect success from a personal creative project. Use your energy in the most productive and constructive ways.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If given a chance to correct previous mistakes, jump on it. Clear the slate as much as possible, and prepare for new beginnings.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You have the ability to communicate on a

very powerful level. Before getting involved in a group endeavor, make sure that your objectives are clear.

If your birthday is this week, establish a workable routine and play your cards pretty close to your chest during the coming year. Disciplined thinking is your forte. Take on the planning or leadership role whenever necessary. Watch out for and make an attempt to break an emotional attachment to money or possessions. Distant travel with a friend or companion is probable.

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Artist displays black and white work in Palmer Museum exhibit

Art Carlson of Hillsborough will be showing his black and white photography in an exhibit at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library from Jan. 7 to Feb. 10.

Carlson, who specializes in black and white photography, groups his work into three categories — landscapes, architectural studies, and close-up views of both landscape and architectural subjects. He is largely self-taught and does his own developing, printing, mounting, matting and framing.

One reviewer said, "Art Carlson's background is in architectural work and that comes through in his photographs, which range from the geometric precision of the Brooklyn Bridge suspension cables to the serenity of a fog-covered pond."

Carlson has exhibited his work in several one-man shows in northern New Jersey and also has participated and won awards in local art shows. In this exhibit at the Palmer Museum, he will be displaying several prints from his recent trip to Italy. He is past president of the Plainfield Camera Club and, after living many years in Westfield, now operates an architectural photo studio from his home in Hillsborough.

There will be an opening reception at the Donald B. Palmer Museum Jan. 9 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

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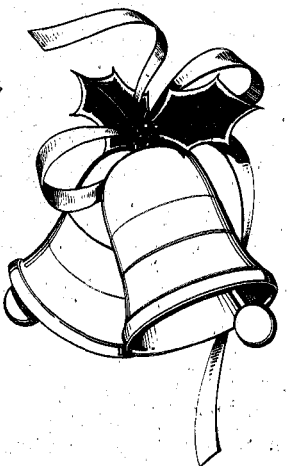


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3 ARTISTS, 3 STORIES will be on an exhibit through Jan. 16, 2000 at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit.

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THE HUMAN PRESENCE, an exhibit by The New Art Group, will be on display at The Gallery at the Arts Guild of Rahway through today.

PHOTOGRAPHER ART CARLSON will exhibit his black-and-white works at the Donald B. Palmer Museum in the Springfield Free Public Library from Jan. 7 to Feb. 10.

INDUSTRIAL IMAGES, paintings by Michael McGinley and Tim Gaydos, will be on exhibit at the Arts Guild of Rahway from Jan. 12 to Feb. 9.

ART AT OVERLOOK will be on exhibit at Overlook Hospital, featuring the work of New Jersey photographer Dwight Hiccano through January 2000.

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CHRISTMAS MINIATURES, an exhibit of mixed media, will be on display at the Swain Galleries through Friday.

THE BRIDGES OF NEW JERSEY, works by photographer Jay Gehring Smith, will be on exhibit Friday through Jan. 6, 2000 at the Donald B. Palmer Museum at the Springfield Public Library.

ART AT OVERLOOK will be on exhibit at Overlook Hospital, featuring the work of New Jersey photographer Dwight Hiccano through January 2000.

AUDITIONS

CARNIVAL PRODUCTIONS in Rahway is still seeking personnel — actors and support staff — for "Bus Stop" by William Inge.

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SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will meet weekly at The Connection, formerly Summit YMCA, to learn dances of other countries.

FILM

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway continues its Film Series Jan. 12 with "Driving Miss Daisy" starring Jessica Tandy in an Oscar-winning performance.

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway continues its Film Series Jan. 19 with "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" starring Katharine Hepburn in an Oscar-winning performance.

GOLF CLINIC for children ages 10 to 13 will take place at the Baltusorg Golf Club in Springfield from 10 to 11 a.m.

SINGLES

INTERFAITH SINGLES will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast.

Information, call Freeman Miller at (212) 614-4216.

KIDS

UNION COUNTY ARTS CENTER in Rahway continues its family series "The Hundred and One Dalmatians" Jan. 9 at 1 and 4 p.m.

TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER, 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside, will sponsor workshops for families this fall.

TRAILSIDE NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER is located at 425 New Providence Road in Mountainside. For information, call (908) 789-3670.

UNION RECREATION Department will sponsor weekly ceramic classes for children between the ages of 7 and 12 at the Recreation building, 1120 Commerce Ave., Union, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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KISMET THEATRE will sponsor several events in the coming weeks.

For information, call (908) 232-8872 or visit the website at www.thatskismet.com.

THEATER

PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE will continue its 1999-2000 season with the farce "Noises Off" Jan. 5 to Feb. 3.

Evening performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees are Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., and Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.

VARIETY

CROSSROADS in Garwood will present a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts.

Today — Cup of Joe Dec. 31 — Blunt Force Jan. 1 — BBO Bob & the Sparabris

Crossroads is located at 78 North Ave. in Garwood. For information, call (908) 232-5666.

VAN GOGH'S EAR CAFE IN Wall will present a series of jazz concerts every Sunday at 8 p.m. throughout the winter. Cover charge is \$3 for all concerts.

Students' artwork tours local schools

Have residents been wondering where their children's artwork is? The Springfield School District is hosting a touring art show of student work.

- Walton Elementary School, Feb. 14 to 29. Springfield Public Library, March 1 to 31. F.M. Gaudinier Middle School, April 3 to 20. Jonathan Dayton High School, May 1 to 19.

Caldwell Elementary School, now through Jan. 14. Sandvimer Elementary School, Jan. 18 to Feb. 4.

Family programming is announced

After a fall season that included Scholastic's "Magic School Bus" and a sold-out performance of "Winnie the Pooh," the Union County Arts Center has announced three performances for families this spring.

The traditional favorite of girls throughout the world, "Black Beauty" trots onto stage at 3 p.m. April 2. An all-new musical featuring Black Beauty, Ginger, Merrygoats and all of their friends, "Black Beauty" is presented by Harmony Artists.

"Jack and the Fire Dragon" is the Arts Center's "Family Week at the Theater" show. A collection of exciting folk tales presented by the Shooting Players.

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Kean seeks area theaters for 2nd incubation project

The Arts Incubator Project at Kean University in Union is seeking "homeless" New Jersey theater groups and playwrights.

The project provides rent-free rehearsal and performance space at the university and, when possible, assists with technical needs for productions.

According to Project Director Susan Appelbaum of Kean's Communication and Theatre Department, "This year we are expanding the use of facilities and increasing their availability to accommodate more groups.

Area music school lists its 2000 class offerings

The Suburban Community Music Center, at 570 Central Ave. in Murray Hill, is now registering students for spring semester, which runs from Jan. 25 to May 20.

babies responses include singing, listening, rocking, bouncing, dancing and the use of rattles, sticks, and scarves.

MUSIC FOR TODDLERS is a half-hour class in which children interact with parent/caregiver in singing, chanting, moving, listening, and playing simple instruments.

In Music for Babies, a half-hour class, parents/caregivers learn to play musically with their babies, forming an intimate bond which establishes a foundation for a lifetime of active involvement with music.

In Music Makers, children are engaged in singing, movement, ear training, musical games, ensemble work, rhythmic training, and learning to read and write music.

FUNDAMENTALS OF SINGING, with two groups for grades 1 to 4 and 5 to 8, focuses on correct breathing, tone production, diction, phrasing, ear training, and unison and simple part-singing.

Private lessons are available for beginning to advanced students in piano, guitar, recorder, saxophone, and in most orchestral instruments.

Volunteers sought for Teen Arts

Do you like working with artists, teachers and students? The Union County Teen Arts Festival provides an opportunity for volunteers to get involved.

open to all students from public, private and parochial middle and high schools in the county.

performance sites and staff information stations." Ruotolo added, "We appreciate the invaluable assistance of our county residents with this exciting program."

The Union County Teen Arts Festival, sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, is a two-day celebration of the arts sponsored annually at Union County College in Cranford.

"At the Festival, 3,000 students participate in performances, critiquing seminars, master classes and workshops with a staff of 50 professional artists in every discipline — visual art, music, creative writing, theater and dance."

If you are interested in any of these activities, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202, or call (908) 558-2550. Relay Users should call (800) 852-7899. E-mail inquiries should be addressed to SCoem@UnionCountyNJ.org.

County to sponsor workshop for artists

Are you an artist en route to success? "In Pursuit of Professional Recognition," a workshop for visual artists, will supply a detailed road map, with five panel members presenting five fresh perspectives on the journey.

Hamilton Park Conference Center at 175 Park Ave., Flohark Park, will host the event from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 15.

Phoebe M. Pollinger, artists' representative, will moderate. Panel members will include Arthur H. Bolden, director of Art in the Atrium Inc., a non-profit arts organization in Morris County, and Charles Chamot, artist and owner of Chamot Gallery, a commercial venture in Jersey City.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, Department of Economic Development, and the Arts Council of the Morris area are co-sponsoring this half-day workshop.

"We are delighted to be able to extend a morning of nuts-and-bolts information and networking to our thriving art community," said Freeholder Mary P. Ruotolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Advisory Board.

"The Jan. 15 workshop is partially funded by a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, which is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Artists will gain insight into the competitive world of promoting their art and presenting themselves. They will learn what galleries are looking for, from the people who run them. Panelists will advance tips on everything from preparing for gallery submissions to putting invitation lists together.

Registration, including a \$15 fee, is required by Jan. 7. To request a brochure or more information, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202. The telephone number is (908) 558-2550. Relay users are available on request.

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Westfield Players to raise curtain on classic 'film noir' mystery

Director Jay Christopher More, known to local theatergoers for his many past efforts at Westfield Community Players, has assembled an ensemble cast for "Laura" by Vera Caspary and George Sklar.

The show opens Jan. 8, and continues Jan. 14, 15, 21, and 22 at 8 p.m. in the WCP theater, 1000 North Ave. West in Westfield. All tickets are \$12.

Larry Alshine of Piscataway is Detective Mark McPherson, in love with the picture of Laura that hangs above a grisly murder scene. Eileen Hladky of Somerset is Laura, who turns to Mark for comfort, or is she trying to get away with murder herself?

Opening night patrons are invited to stay after the curtain falls for a dessert and coffee hour with the cast in the main lobby. All tickets are \$12 and can be reserved by calling the 24 hour ticket line at (908) 232-1121.

Los Faroles offers traditional Latin experience

One of the benefits of living in a town like Elizabeth, with a large and ever-growing Latino population, is the availability of South and Central American food. From the bodegas serving Cuban sandwiches to the Colombian bakeries on Elmora Avenue selling empanadas, arepas and bunuelos, those with a taste for rich meaty food are never at a loss in Elizabeth.

One of the most upscale, and excellent, eateries in Elizabeth is Los Faroles, located at the intersection of Westfield and Elmora avenues, next door, as if for contrast, to White Castle. The restaurant provides plenty of parking and has a spacious banquet area.

Within the main dining area, the atmosphere is friendly and welcoming. The lighting is kept at a comfortable level; unlike some restaurants, it is possible to read the menu without a flashlight. And what is offered on the menu is, without exception, excellent.

When we arrived, we were shown to a table with a window view, from which we had a clear vantage point to see the rest of the diners at other tables. Everyone, in groups large and small, seemed to be enjoying the meal greatly.

Our waitress arrived very quickly and brought drinks nearly as soon as we had ordered them. Los Faroles offers a range of domestic and imported beers, as well as a full bar.

Dining Out

By Philip Freeman
Staff Writer

As stated above, South and Central American cuisine is very rich and nearly entirely beef- and pork-based. The range of appetizers offered runs the gamut from fried pork — called chicharron — to sausages and a vast, almost over-popping dish called picada, which is basically a glistening tray of meat, encompassing chicharron, chunks of sausage, pieces of breaded and fried chicken and breaded pieces of veal, with a few pieces of lettuce, tomato and onion thrown into the mix seemingly as a decorative afterthought. The tray is ringed with flat, fried discs of plantain, a large Central American banana. We ordered this as an appetizer, along with a delicious cream of mushroom soup, and immediately doubted our ability to also consume any kind of main course.

The remainder of the menu items were too tempting, though, and we did order complete dinners. My companion ordered a flank steak, which came with rice and an excellent salad with a dressing similar to Russian dressing, but slightly diffe-

rent, and I ordered broiled chicken in mushroom sauce — one of the relatively few non-beef or pork items I saw.

The chicken was delicious, cooked very well without becoming dry or hard, and the mushroom sauce provided a rich flavor which left me wanting more even after the picada had thoroughly stretched my stomach.

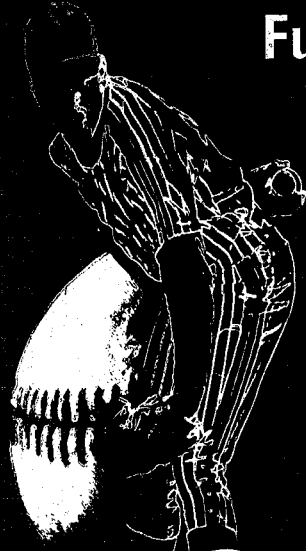
The service throughout the meal was better than average, and though our dishes took some time to prepare, the waitress was solicitous and considerate, checking on us frequently. All the restaurant's patrons received the same level of concern for their pleasure, something which is always a mark of Central or South American hosts.

When we finally left, slightly more than an hour after we had arrived, we were both thoroughly impressed with the delicious food, the atmosphere of friendliness and professionalism in which it was presented, and the dining experience as a whole. Anyone who likes South or Central American cooking, and is in a mood to do some serious eating, would do well to visit Los Faroles at earliest opportunity.

Los Faroles is located at 624 Westfield Avenue in Elizabeth. Hours are 7 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week. All major credit cards are accepted. For information, call (908) 289-9289.

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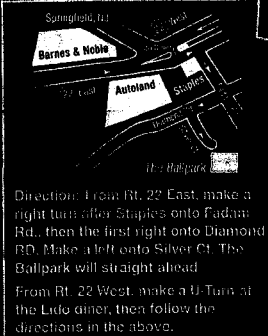
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YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon FEIN: SUCH KAHN & SHERARD, attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, NJ 07054, telephone number (973) 538-4700, an Answer to the Complaint (and amendments) to Complainant. If any, filed in a civil action in which GE CAPITAL MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. is Plaintiff and IRVING THROBBS, et al., are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, under captioned case bearing Docket No. F-19378-99, within thirty (30) days after the service of this notice, bearing exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You should appear in person at the Superior Court, Hudson Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated November 21, 1990 made by IRVING THROBBS and ESTHER THROBBS as mortgagors to TRAVELERS MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. (N.Y. DE CAPITAL MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.) recorded on 11/20/90 in Book #183 of Mortgages for UNION COUNTY, Page 2008, of said, which GE CAPITAL MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. is Plaintiff herein, is the holder of the mortgage, and (2) to recover possession of, and title to, the premises commonly known as 1208-10 WATCHING AVENUE #24, PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060.

PUBLIC NOTICE

If you cannot attend an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County of venue by calling (908) 254-4340 or the legal services office of the County of your residence if you reside in New Jersey. If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may call or communicate with the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of Venue at (908) 254-4315, or at the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of your residence if you reside in New Jersey. If there is none, contact the Lawyer Referral Service of an adjacent county.

YOU, METRICK FUND, INC. are made party defendant to this foreclosure action because you hold a judgment lien mortgage which may be against the owner/mortgagors and for any right, title and interest you may have in, to or against the subject property. Upon request, a copy of the Complaint and Answer to Complainant, if any, will be supplied to you for perusal. Dated: December 15, 1999.

DONALD F. PHELAN, Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, L.S. US769 WCH Dec. 30, 1999. (254.60)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County, bearing Docket No. F-14409-99 within thirty-five days (35) after December 30, 1999 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so judgment by Default may be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint and Amendment to Complainant, if any. You shall file your Answer and Plead of Service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hudson Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the mortgage dated December 20, 1990, and made by Luis Santamaría and wife, to Norwest Mortgage, Inc., recorded in the Union County Clerk's Office Book #805, at Page 231 to recover possession of and title to the premises located at 283 E. Sixth Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

YOU, Luis Santamaría, are made a defendant because you are the maker of said mortgage and mortgage and owner thereof. You may contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-254-4315. If you cannot attend an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-254-4315.

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