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## FLOOD ZONE

In Cranford, floodwaters keep rising, but so does the tension, and the number of obstacles preventing a solution. The entire past, as well as a possible future, is chronicled on Page 3.

## Farahi's resumes: The cause for concern

Multiple documents cite different dates, places and names for entries

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

Six resumes used by Kean University President Dawood Farahi since 1982 show numerous questionable or fraudulent changes on entries for publications, academic positions, dissertation, undergraduate degrees and the Fulbright scholarship he maintains he received.

Farahi took over as president of the state university in 2003, earning \$293,000 annually, with bonuses. Since then he has locked horns with the Kean Federation of Teachers over numerous issues, including whether the university president has lied about his credentials, positions prior to Kean, and number of published submissions to other universities and academic publishing houses.

The faculty union also has taken issue with how Farahi has expected more accountability from professors, including expecting them to teach more classes, spend additional hours on campus and account for their teaching time. In addition the union has called on the university for an independent audit to explain why Kean debt rose dramatically in just six years.

After several investigative articles by *LocalSource* in recent weeks brought out that the university president increased Kean debt from \$40 million to more than \$350 million in just six years and falsified his academic credentials, the Kean University Board of Trustees said the executive board would investigate these allegations.

In the meantime, *LocalSource* examined all six resumes that have been utilized by Farahi in the past, including one he used when applying for the position of president of Kean University.

Farahi makes a number of claims about publications on all six resumes that are false or unproven in various ways. Some claims, for instance, are false while others reference

journals or societies or publishing houses that do not exist or may not exist.

Others are non-peer reviewed documents that allegedly have been passed off as peer-reviewed publications. Noteworthy is that throughout all six resumes Farahi never used proper academic bibliographic formatting so his claims are difficult to find.

One of the problems that surfaced is that the university president often confuses reports that he produced as a paid consultant working for the county and various Union County municipalities, including Elizabeth and Union. The result is that there is nothing to back up his claims of having certain publications published at various university presses. This was substantiated in last week's *LocalSource* when responses from several university's showed they had no record of Farahi's reports or papers in their publications.

For example, Farahi has claimed to have over 50 technical articles in major publications, but either no record was ever found of these publications or they were merely a listing of consulting reports; not actual academic publications.

The university president also claimed publications by entities that either do not appear to exist or are not actual publishing houses. Searches, for example, for APC Publishers failed to turn up anything. Likewise, other alleged publishers include IPS. MPA at Kean, NJIT, AIM, PTI and American Police consultants.

Farahi also claimed on one of the six resumes to have a conference presentation on "Process Management: An integrated approach to program development, implementation and review" that was presented at the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Association of Developmental Scientists that appears to be about childhood development.

When it came to academic positions, the university president indicated he held certain academic positions that are



Photo By Paul Greulich

The multiple resumes of Kean's president, Dawood Farahi, don't add up, citing multiple dates, titles and descriptions that don't match.

either untrue or contradictory. For example, on his 1976 and 1983 resumes, he notes that he had been an acting academic dean at Avila College in Kansas City, MO. No substantiation can be found for this claim.

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## Luring false alarm tells of an educated youth

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — A suspicious incident last week resulted in an alert being sent out to local parents, but police and school officials later assured the public the incident was a "misunderstanding".

According to Police Chief Robert Weck, on the morning of Jan. 10 two female students were walking on Hawthorne Place on their way to Summit Middle School when they were approached by a woman driving a van who asked if they needed a ride to school. The girls refused the offer and informed adults at school.

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## Cranford thinks of ADAPTING to underage drinking problem

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — School officials are considering re-implementing a program to help curb alcohol use among minors after 47 local juveniles were arrested at a New Year's Eve party for underage drinking.

The Alcohol/Drug Assistance Program for Teens, or ADAPT, dif-

fers from the district's DARE program in that DARE is designed as a preventative measure introduced at the 5th grade level, while ADAPT is a high school-level program imposed on students who are charged with substance abuse. The program gives students information on the effects of drugs and alcohol on their bodies as well as the legal and personal consequences of

underage alcohol use.

The board will vote on whether to re-implement the program at the upcoming Board of Education meeting on Jan. 21.

Although ADAPT has been in place in Cranford for several years, enforcement was scaled back in 2010 after a Superior Court judge in Bergen County determined See LARGE, Page 7



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# The 'washed up' past of Cranford's flood control

List of obstacles blocking flood prevention keeps growing, but 'solutions' stay the same

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

Flooding in Union County is nothing new. It has wreaked havoc in towns like Cranford, Rahway and Springfield for decades. But despite efforts to stop the influx of floodwaters from the Rahway River during major storms, the battle goes on.

Towns like Cranford were especially hit hard because floodwaters came barreling down from the 31 square mile drainage basin to the north of the township, with water from South Orange, West Orange, Maplewood, Millburn and Springfield along with sections of Union and Mountainside.

The Rahway River meanders from north to south through Cranford, a community of less than 24,000 residents, for 4.8 miles. Bordered along its banks by large expanses of county and municipal parklands as well as residential homes, it earned the name "the Venice of America."

In the late 60s and into the early 70s Cranford was experiencing frequent and disastrous flooding that overspilled the dikes along the Rahway River at Riverside Drive and beyond.

However, that early reputation as the "Venice of America" was tarnished during the late 60s and early 70s by many years of neglect, coupled with large scale development, according to former township engineer Gregory Sgroi, who held that position from 1973 until 1984.

Sgroi came aboard during the township's worst period of flooding the township experienced. The flooding caused property values to plummet and Cranford to become known as the "flood town," a community which was shunned by people seeking a home.

Sgroi, though, was able to carry

out a mandate by the governing body to "solve the flooding," by dredging the river. Dredging encompassed deepening and widening to uniform widths and depths of the river for three miles.

Sgroi, now 94, has never wavered in his quest to ensure the township do what is necessary to keep the Rahway River from overflowing its banks. He points to the dredging back in the 70s, along with the Lenape Park, Brookside Park and Carpenter Place detention basins, which more than doubled the flow capacity of the river.

The former township engineer said these river improvements were followed by a yearly program of removing the inevitable formation of silt. Sgroi points to this as the reason the river maintained its hydraulic integrity. But that did not last long.

The engineer said that while the silt dredging continued for several years after he left as township engineer, in 1993 through 1995 it was not done at all.

Sgroi emphatically insists, decades later, that his engineering theory about dredging and desilting the river would vastly improve the flooding situation in Cranford.

He points to how dredging and desilting restructured the river, rechannelizing it from 20 feet wide in some areas to 50 feet wide in others to a uniform width of 45 feet in the upper area to 50 feet downstream of South Avenue.

"The characteristics of the river bottom and sides were outrageous. There were numerous fisherman's dams, huge boulders and trees as large as 20 feet growing in the river as well as smaller trees," Sgroi explained last week.

"We removed all the dams, boulders and trees," he added, noting that some people were not



Photo By Cheryl Hehl

A picnic table caught in the floodwaters of Tropical Storm Irene is no longer on the ground, but perched on a tree branch 10 feet above the Rahway River. The river winds for 4.8 miles through Cranford, and is bordered along its banks by large expanses of county and municipal parklands as well as residential homes. In addition, a foot bridge, bottom left, crosses over the river. Bottom right, the Gregory Sgroi pump house in Cranford.

happy with this, though.

But all of this work was done with in-house engineering, the former township engineer said, with the full support of various governing bodies. The cost? About \$250,000 for three-miles of dredging.

Today desilting the river would more than likely cost millions, if the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection would consent to issuing permits for the work to be done.

According to former Township Committeeman Daniel Aschenbach, who has spent the last 20 years or more dealing with issues concerning flooding in the township, dredging the river is no longer an easy option.

"Just look at what happened last week when the county wanted to

take some trees out of the river. They didn't have the permits. The same thing happened several years ago when the township decided to dredge without state approval. Residents alerted the DEP and the township was fined," the former mayor explained.

Aschenbach also points out that while Sgroi sees dredging as the ultimate answer to the township's flooding woes, times have changed. "He can keep talking all he wants about it but unless the state makes the process easier, it is a difficult task," Aschenbach said.

For instance, when Aschenbach was mayor in 2006, the township obtained state permits for dredging the area around McConnell Park. For some reason, though, he said it took until 2011 for the township to approve the project which is sched-

uled to begin soon.

"The cost of the permit and project is in excess of \$100,000 for 500 feet of the river," Aschenbach said, which is a far cry from the three miles of river that was dredged in the 1970's for \$250,000.

But Sgroi strongly believes desilting and dredging has to be done in order to stop the massive flooding the township experiences during a major storm.

He points to how, in recent years, storms have caused increasingly bad flooding and he believes this is attributable to the township not removing the silt so the river can hydrologically flow the way it was intended — naturally.

In 2008 a pumping station, the same one Sgroi insisted was necessary to keep floodwaters from over-

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## Attention to details: Farahi's resumes

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Farahi also noted on the 1986 resume, while a Kean professor of public administration, that he was a member of the editorial board and reviewer for articles on MIS for Public Administration Review. But no evidence was found for this claim either.

The university president also claimed in two places on one resume that he had military service from 1971 through 1972. But then he checked "no" on the veteran line on his Kean application. The explanation for this, however, may be the possibility that he served in the military in Afghanistan, not the United States, although Farahi will not respond to confirm this explanation.

While applying for a promotion to Associate Professor of Public Administration at Kean, Farahi cites different years of experience on the three most recent resumes. Those dates, though, vary widely and include 1981 to 1989 on two resumes, while one only cites 1983 and another 1983 to 1989 on the most recent resume.

In addition, a number of questions came up with Farahi's dissertation or thesis, which is a report or document penned and submitted by a candidate for an academic masters or doctorate degree.

Farahi cites two different titles, but both differ dramatically from the actual title of his dissertation.

The actual title of the university president's dissertation was "Economic Growth & System Stability: An Empirical Investigation of the Effects of Rapid Economic Growth on Political Stability." However,

Farahi changes his dissertation title in one resume to "Administrative Efficiency and Information Systems," while in another to "Coordination and Control: A Cybernetic Approach to Study of Organizational Effectiveness."

Important here is that while Farahi cites 1979 as the year he completed his dissertation, he doesn't defend it until 1980.

He also confuses the discipline of this paper from political science to public administration. And he cites multiple years for his master's degree.

There is a vast difference in how Farahi reported his undergraduate degree, specifically that he uses Bordeaux, France on several occasions, while on other resumes he uses Kabul University, in association with France from 1968-1971. Yet on one resume he notes that he was a full-time college student in Kabul, Afghanistan, with no mention of Bordeaux, France.

Finally, Farahi claims to have been awarded a Fulbright scholarship and other awards, but there are many discrepancies when it comes to this particular area. Important here is that the Fulbright-Hays Scholarship is for Americans studying overseas, which Farahi would not have qualified for prior to immigrating from Afghanistan to the United States.

Although Farahi, members of the Kean Board of Trustees and the university media relations department have been contacted numerous times by phone and email for interviews since the beginning of December, they have not responded.

## 'No one is minding the store'

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

So who is charged with watching over New Jersey state universities? Since 1994, no one.

The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education is a government agency in New Jersey that is responsible for providing "coordination, planning, policy development and advocacy" for the state's higher education system. Other than licensing institutions like Kean, Rutgers and other universities and colleges in the state and the administration of the Educational Opportunity Fund, there is no board overseeing the hiring of a university president. Nor is there any oversight monitoring how money is spent or how much debt accumulates.

No one is more aware of this than the Kean Federation of Teachers President James Castiglione, who, along with close to 400 faculty members at Kean, has been engaged in a war against Kean President Dawood Farahi. The faculty president does not sugar coat the manner in which New Jersey state universities and colleges have been overseen since 1994, either.

"No one is minding the store," he said Tuesday, but declined further comment on the subject.

Basically, the Higher Education Restructuring Act signed into law by Republican Gov. Christine Todd Whitman in June 1994 took away the New Jersey Department of Higher Education and replaced it with a more informal structure.

Under the looser and less structured Commission of Higher Education, all authority was given to individual autonomous boards of trustees. Before this the state carefully watched over who was hired as president and how debt accrued.

A source who previously worked at the state higher education level prior to 1994 pointed out that if a university was seeking a president, the Department of higher Education made sure their resume and background was flawless. That, she said, is not the case today.

This was supported by a State of New Jersey Commission of Investigation 189 page report in October 2007. This report, "Vulnerable to Abuse: The Importance of Restoring Accountability, Transparency and Oversight to Public Higher Education Governance," laid wide open what has transpired since 1994.

"In recent years politics and political players, including lobbyists, have become increasingly involved in the appointment of public college and university boards of trustees, and by extension, the administration of these institutions," the report notes.

# A long year ends for Linden, but the challenges still linger

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

LINDEN — As far as Mayor Rich Gerbounka is concerned, 2011 did not come to an end fast enough. Besides being tough economically for the city because of the record setting snowfall, Hurricane Irene pummeled the city with more than 10 inches of rain.

Despite all this, the mayor felt the one overriding downfall of 2011 was the governing body not making a commitment to work together. In fact, he remembers optimistically predicting that in 2011 things would be different. The lack of commitment, though saddening Gerbounka, was the basis for a resolution he made for 2012.

"Civility is a resolution we all should make," he said. "Fortunately we are all a year older and wiser. Hopefully we have learned from our mistakes and can chalk up last year's city government turmoil to growing pains.

At the annual reorganization meeting, after the mayor gave his annual mayors state of the city address, Brown seized the moment to take a jab at the mayor for not being more positive and energetic. He said Gerbounka's speech lacked vision and focused on making excuses for the administration's failure to stabilize taxes. The mayor completely disagreed.

The mayor saw it as continued unrest on council, but hoped things would change as the year went on. Gerbounka said the city had many other concerns, including city finances.

Gerbounka said this year's city budget process will be even more difficult than last year.

"Let's make no mistake, we are in the greatest recession since the great depression, but I am confident both Linden and our country are resilient enough to weather this storm and return safely to port," Gerbounka said during his state of the city speech for 2012 and in an interview Friday.

The mayor said elected officials, municipal workers and residents "are all in this economic mess together and it will take all of us to man the sails for a successful journey."

Again the mayor has called for council members to put aside petty bickering and collectively show the determination and political courage required to make hard decisions. Last year was marked by animosity by seven members of the council towards council president James Moore. This resulted in a face off at a council meeting that the mayor found "embarrassing."

Gerbounka, an independent in a city dominated by Democrats, said it has been a difficult year trying to bring this council together. Just when he thought things were getting back on an even keel, more confrontations erupted.

Later in the year 3rd Ward representative Peter Brown had separate confrontations with both the mayor and 7th Ward representative Jack Sheehy. This led to police reports and charges being filed by all parties.

While both issues are still pending in court, Gerbounka wants to see this animosity end once and for all.

"This is unnecessary and it takes away from the work we have to do," the mayor said.

As for 2012, the mayor said everyone, including employees will have to do more.

Several court battles have cost the city money, but also, the mayor explained, intimidated potential developers from building until the litigation was resolved.

"The New Jersey Supreme Court recently ruled in Linden's favor regarding South Wood Avenue Redevelopment, initiated some nine years ago.

This property, Gerbounka explained, next to school six, was to be developed by Verge Industries and include retail stores on the first floor with three levels of apartments or condo's above.

"Verge sued us claiming we didn't clean up the land



Rich Gerbounka

*'Make no mistake, we are in the greatest recession since the great depression, but I am confident both Linden and our country are resilient enough to weather this storm and return safely to port.'*

— Rich Gerbounka

fast enough and therefore they lost \$15 million in future profits," said Gerbounka, adding that they then wanted to settle out of court for \$2 million.

"We refused and went up the legal ladder ultimately winning in the highest court in New Jersey," the mayor said.

Now the city is in serious negotiations with a corporation that is willing to develop this property.

"The objective of this development is to encourage young professionals located in Linden to use the train to commute to Newark or New York and bring the business support services they need to our downtown," Gerbounka explained. "This is similar to what has occurred in Jersey city and Hoboken.

"Our train station is a diamond in the rough and every economic analyst predicts tremendous future growth in cities that are on the northeast corridor," the mayor added.

Gerbounka admits that it was distressing to hear that ShopRite in Aviation Plaza appealed the decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court that recently was ruled in favor of the city. The appellate decision upheld the city's right to rezone 45 acres of the old GM plant for retail development. The property fronts routes 1 and 9 but is directly across from Aviation Plaza.

"Whether they decide to hear it or not," the mayor said of the appeals court, it will take six months. That is six months when the developers of the former GM site can only do infrastructure work, such as widening the road. This topic is not one the mayor minces words on.

"ShopRite is costing the city a lot of revenue by using litigation to postpone the inevitable," he said, advising city residents who still do their grocery shopping at ShopRite "please don't complain to my office about high taxes."

"By patronizing ShopRite, you are paying a lawyer who is preventing Linden from collecting approximately \$5.2 million in ratables a year when Legacy Square is completed," the mayor pointed out.

Still, the mayor believes that better days are ahead and it is only a matter of time before the city is moving "full speed ahead."

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# False alarm in Summit

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School Superintendent Nathan Parker said the district reacted cautiously and consulted with police before sending out an alert to parents.

"We thought it was a significant concern at first," Parker said.

The Summit Police secured the services of a State Police sketch artist to obtain a composite sketch of the driver of the van. Detectives identified the suspect as a local resident, who at this point learned of the alert and stepped forward.

However, Weck described the suspect as a long-time Summit resident of good standing in the community. She did not appear to have criminal intentions and indicated that she meant to alarm the students or cause panic among residents.

"She just thought the girls were cold and offered them a ride," Captain Steve Zagorski said.

Although it does not appear that any danger was present, Weck said the students did the right thing by telling an adult of the incident.

"I'm very proud of these two young students for doing the right thing," said Weck. "They removed themselves from the perceived danger, notified an adult of the incident and remained calm and observant."

Weck said this reaction is testament to the years of "danger stranger" education that police, schools and parents instill in them throughout their young lives.

"This type of incident hopefully encourages parents and guardians to sit down with their school-age children and talk with them about what to do if they are put in a 'danger stranger' type incident," Weck said.

Police recommend against individuals inviting children they don't know into their vehicles.

Weck noted that while a focus has typically been put on educating children about safe conduct around adults they do not know, some adults may need to be reminded of the proper way to interact with children.

Weck said while some residents may believe they are doing a good deed by offering such help to local children, they should be aware their actions will likely create alarm in the community.

"In this day and age, the kids are trained in school not to accept rides from people they don't know," Zagorski explained.

Weck said police prefer to err on the side of caution by investigating suspicious incidents.

# Read all about it



Susan Petrow of Westfield meets weekly with Anthony Pugliese, 58, of Kenilworth in order to provide free literacy tutoring through Literacy Volunteers of Union County. For more information about Literacy Volunteers of Union County, visit [www.lvaunion.org](http://www.lvaunion.org) or call 908-755-7998.

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### YM-YWHA offers special programs in coming weeks

The YM-YWHA of Union County will present several special programs coming in the next few weeks. On Jan. 25, there will be a "Jewish Study Series" with Kean University, Union.

"The Influence of Jewish Culture on Literature, Music and Science" will be the first lecture and will be presented by Dennis Klein, chairperson of the Jewish Studies Department at Kean University. It will begin at 7 p.m. with an opening program from Israeli Emissary Natalie Elgrabi, who will

speak about "Israeli Hot Topics." Reservations can be made by calling 908-289-8112.

On Jan. 29 at 1 p.m., the Jewish Film Series will present "Barney's Version." On Feb. 26 from noon to 4 p.m., the Y will feature a Petting Zoo, games, food, prizes, art, Bounce House and a Costume Parade.

Also, there will be a Saturday Night Live at the "Y," March 3 at 8:30 p.m. with the Nachum Segal Show broadcasting from the Y.

Featured will be entertainment, prizes and food. It was announced that reservations are necessary.

Scheduled are a line-up of Purim festivi-

ties beginning on March 8 with A Megillah Reading at 10:30 a.m. with a special program for children. Both will be followed by a Seudah. Reservations are necessary.

All events take place at the YM-YWHA of Union County, 501 Green Lane, Union.

More information about the program can be obtained by calling Susan at 908-289-8112, Ext. 34.

### Holy Hour of Life

The Holy Spirit Respect for Life Ministry will hold its monthly "Holy Hour for Life" in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Feb. 1 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Holy Spirit

Roman Catholic Church, Suburban Road, Union.

### Find stress relief at the library, Jan. 25

Emily Adams, a licensed esthetician, trained in skincare and relaxation massage, will discuss and demonstrate the effects of stress on the body and the benefits of stress management at Union Public Library on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.

This is a rescheduled program. Adams is a Kean University graduate with a BA in psychology. She is currently working on a Master's degree in psychology.

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## Large arrest fuels renewed interest in ADAPT program

(Continued from Page 1) schools do not have the power to enforce consequences for offenses that occur outside of school at non school-related functions.

However, school officials noted the state anti-bullying policy put into effect this year expands the power of schools to punish students for actions that occurred in private residences, other municipalities, or other states.

The Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying, or HIB law imposes on school staff the new responsibility to report, investigate and compile interactions among children that might be bullying, including interactions that occur outside school, such as in private residences.

Board of Education member Camille Widdows said events that transpire outside school can potentially impact education because kids often talk about parties, arrests and other things that occur outside school.

"Some of us feel it really does have an impact on education," Widdows said.

On the subject of potential litigation related to ADAPT, Widdows deferred to School Board Attorney Anthony Sciarillo. Sciarillo could not be reached for comment.

If the board votes to enforce the policy, students like those arrested at the party earlier this month would be mandated to go through the ADAPT program. Student athletes involved in such an incident could be suspended from further sports activities until they completed the program.

Widdows said ADAPT had a positive effect when it was first put into effect in 2002.

"Sometimes a consequence like this educational program is enough to deter a youngster from making poor choices," Widdows said, noting one of the key purposes of education is to encourage

healthy choices.

Widdows said she did not know how much money the ADAPT program costs the district.

"But it's a lot cheaper than a funeral," she said.

District Superintendent Gayle Carrick did not return repeated calls for comment.

Board member Michael Caulfield, who moved the subject for a vote, said he feels there is enough support on the board for it to pass.

Caulfield said the ADAPT policy "supplements and assists" parental authority rather than usurping it as some opponents claim.

He said there is also significant support from parents as well as the Municipal Alliance.

Caulfield said he is aware of a recent increase in underage drinking only "anecdotally."

Widdows said she does not know if there has been any increase in underage drinking in Cranford.

"I think that when kids have a party, they're quieter and fewer people know about it," Widdows said.

Police Chief Eric Mason said that while the Dec. 31 arrests represents one of the largest underage drinking parties police have encountered, statistics do not show an increase in underage drinking incidents in Cranford.

"The numbers have been consistent, but underage drinking is clearly a violation of the law and we know it leads to tragedies," he said.

Widdows' said her personal opinion is that children and their parents need to respect the law even if they do not agree with it.

"If you don't like the law, change the law. Don't break the law," she said.

Widdows predicted a "very lively discussion" at the Jan. 21 meeting of the Cranford Board of Education.

## Longtime Union resident dedicated to helping others

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

Elaine Ratner of Union is clearly an inspiration to the human race.

Everything this senior citizen does and has done throughout her life is a blessing — or as they say in Yiddish — a mitzvah. She has presided over and led women's groups that assist the needy and has volunteered her time in numerous organizations practically all of her life. And even now, she does not know how to slow down.

Ratner visited this office the other afternoon to discuss the 65th anniversary of the Jewish Women International, once named the Batim-Union Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women. She is one of the founding members of the chapter, and for the past 59 years, has served as president "off and on," and practically in every fund-raising department as a chairperson. In fact, she and the organization were recently honored by Union Mayor Joseph Florio with the Township of Union Mayor's Award, one of many mayor awards throughout her career.

"Our purpose," Ratner explained, "is to strengthen the effectiveness of women, perpetuate Jewish life and values and to improve our communities and our lives. As a result, we have volunteers across the country to touch the lives of many people who need help."

The group used to meet evenings at Burnet Middle School in Union. "But two years ago, we moved to the YM-YWHA of Union County in Union and we meet every fourth Tuesday in the afternoons," Ratner said. And, she indicated, "we women have a stick-to-itiveness about our important work."

Ratner, who also serves as the mayor's aide, on the Union Township Board of Health and as a member of the Community Relations Board, used to be vice president of the Elin-Unger Jewish War Veterans Ladies Auxiliary "for a



Elaine Ratner

number of years." She also had been a long-time volunteer in the oncology department at the now defunct Union Hospital, and currently volunteers at Kessler Rehabilitation Institute every Monday in West Orange.

A lovely, active woman, Ratner, who was born in Newark, said that she can never remember "not volunteering and not helping people." She graduated from Weequahic High School in Newark and attended Upsala College in East Orange for three years, majoring in psychology.

"Actually," she recalled, "my parents, Nathan and Ida Stavitsky, motivated me, and I became involved immediately. You see," Ratner explained, "they were members of the William Unter-mann Chapter of B'nai B'rith, and a cousin of mine brought me into the chapter. I volunteered at Hillel at Rutgers University, where I led a pilgrimage. That really was my

first job. I also worked full time for 25 years as an administrative assistant for Manhattan Welding Co. in Hillside. But I continued to do important volunteer work. I made time for it because," she smiled her special smile, "I have always enjoyed spending my life doing this sort of thing. People labeled me as a 'professional volunteer.' I got a lot of satisfaction out of it; I still do. And I couldn't enumerate what it's done for me all of these years. You see, to me, it's a way of life."


In addition to everything else, Ratner is a trustee on the Senior Citizens Council of Union County newspaper.

The reason Ratner looks so healthy and so trim is probably because she has been exercising for more than 21 years. "Every morning, I walk through the Short Hills Mall. I used to belong to Curves in Union, but they just went out of business, so I joined another exercise business — Image 2000, also in Union."

Ratner also finds joy in her family. Her son, Howard, is a CEO of GDS, a management consulting firm in Ledgewood; her daughter, Karen Kurtz, is a mental therapist in Randolph, and her second son, Steven, teaches physical education in the Wayne school system and is the owner of Mind, Body Dynamics in Denville. She also has six grandchildren.

"I pray to God to give me strength to continue my noble labors in the vineyards of Tzedukah, which means 'charity,'" Ratner mused.

"Retire?" she chuckled. "Hardly. If you enjoy it, why stop?"



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Photos By Cheryl Hehl

The Rahway River, left, during Tropical Storm Irene rose well beyond the dikes, above, in Cranford, and into peoples homes.

## Sink or swim: Flood prevention's long, murky past

(Continued from Page 3)

spilling the dikes, was built and dedicated to the former township engineer as the Gregory A. Sgroi Pump Station.

So far no governing body has found or stuck with a solution that has solved the flooding problem in Cranford. Whether it be a former township engineer who has never stopped rallying for de-silting the river or the Mayors Council on Rahway River Watershed Flood Control or a five-phase flood control program that was financially unreachable or the Army Corps of Engineers or even a residents' grassroots effort, the flooding problem in Cranford has not been solved.

After Tropical Storm Floyd hit the town in 1999 and left the north east quadrant in shambles, then mayor George Jorn and commissioner Phil Morin were hoping the Army Corps of Engineers would be able to provide some relief for the flooding problem. They were wrong.

The Army corps representatives made it clear in 2000 that even if they could help, it would be four to six years before they could begin to look at the township's flooding problem.

Back then the township was looking for any flood relief solution to help its flood ravaged residents. Killam Associates, an engineering consultant, was hired to design a five-phase flood plan in 2001 at a cost of \$8.2 million.

Muddying the waters to a significant degree was that Killam would not definitively say their proposed plan would protect the northeast section of the township from 100-year storm floodwaters.

Although many public meetings were held to explain how their proposed project was suppose to provide protection from a 100-year level storm, residents living in the flood area were doubtful Killam could provide that level of flood protection. And they turned out to be right.

Subsequently, this grassroots effort became an organized group called the Concerned Citizens for Rational Flood Control. They immediately hired engineer and hydrogeologist P.W. Grosse to look at the Killam flood plan and provide a comprehensive report on the true picture.

The Cranford Eagle, which has since been merged into *LocalSource*, covered this as

well as many other meetings involving flooding issues in Cranford.

In the report Grosse provided to the governing body at a public meeting in mid-May 2001, the engineering firm said the Killam five-phased plan "specifically references a 50-year flood event," not a 100-year plan.

Backing that up was a high-ranking state Department of Environmental Protection official who spoke exclusively with this newspaper at the time. This official, well versed in the \$8.2 million flood improvement project Killam proposed, provided a shocking viewpoint of Killam's proposed plan.

"There is no such thing as a 100-year flood plan," he said, adding that "100-year protection is a sheer impossibility today."

"The only thing that could provide 100-year flood protection in Cranford is if they build channels coming from the river all over town," the DEP official said.

He also mentioned that even if the township completed the five-phase plan recommended by Killam, "it would not provide complete protection from flooding."

The DEP official also said "there would always be residual flooding in Cranford because of the way the river flows through town," adding that the township could see some partial protection "but not from a storm like Floyd."

So where did Killam stand after hearing this from the DEP? After maintaining for months that the flood project they were proposing would provide 100-year flood level protection, Killam representatives admitted at a public meeting their plan only provided "an optimum level of protection."

Despite backing down, Killam still maintained the project they designed would protect the north-east section of the township from a Floyd-type event. But the engineering firm refused to back this up in writing.

Adding heat to the smoldering fire of resentment was the fact that previously Killam had assured the township committee and residents living in the flood area the DEP would not provide the permits necessary for the project unless they could provide 100-year flood protection.

Then Township Engineer Jeff Sias sided with Killam and assured township officials that in order for Cranford to receive millions in flood relief money from the state, the

township had to prove the project was as close to a 100-year flood protection plan as possible. He also said Killam had already proved that fact.

The DEP official disputed that although, noting, for example, that the state agency he worked for had little to do with disbursing state monies. The money end, he explained, was handled by legislators with only a call to the DEP to "substantiate the validity of the project — not whether it is a 50- or 100-year plan."

With those myths dispelled, Killam focused on other phases of the proposed flood project and tried to convince the governing body that all five phases of their plan would result in flood abatement.

Strangely, the governing body never questioned Killam further on the information provided by the high-ranking DEP official or discussed getting another engineering consultant, such as Grosse, to draft a new plan.

Actually, then mayor George Jorn felt the DEP official's concerns did not matter.

"Fifty, one hundred, what difference does it make? We have zip now so anything would be better than nothing," Jorn said in May 2001 at a public meeting. But, then township commissioner Phillip Morin, who in 2012 was appointed township attorney, was concerned about Killam.

Morin said the perception of the community was "paramount in the project and the question of Killam's credibility was at stake."

Eventually, at a public meeting, Killam's engineer Michael Cox told the governing body the project they were proposing would not protect against a storm "greater than Floyd."

Adding fuel to the fire was the escalation in cost of the project. This was brought up periodically by several governing body members and eventually Killam admitted if the project was delayed they could not promise the cost would not go up as high as \$10 million.

The township passed a \$9 million bond ordinance in 2001 to fund Killam's flood project with the expectation the state and county would come through with financial help, according to Aschenbach.

After that, phases one and two of Killam's plan began in 2005 and were completed in

2006, with the state contributing about \$1.5 million and the county \$700,000 towards the project.

A \$3 million state appropriation was rescinded, Aschenbach said, because at the time there was local dissent about the route of a sewer line routing flood waters away from residential homes.

The state, the former mayor noted, felt that since the township was not ready to use the funds, the money should be returned.

The next crack in support locally was the vote on Phase 2, which township officials decided to break into two phases. Phase 2A involved building a pump station on Riverside Drive while Phase 2B tied sewers into the pump station.

Phase 2A was funded but phase 2B never was because one governing body member had concerns at the time about the \$2 million cost.

Today phases three and four are estimated to cost \$10-15 million and phase five, \$6 million. Both remain under review.

Phases three and four involve increasing the height of the river levees, or dikes, the 3- to 4-foot high embankments needed to keep floodwaters from spilling over into the northeast section of the township during a storm of record.

Recently the township received over \$4 million to bring 11 homes to a higher elevation with higher foundations. Sgroi fails to see how that will help the hundreds of other families whose homes are inundated with water up to six or seven feet high when there is a storm of record.

"I may not be around much longer, but I won't stop trying to explain what they have to do to make this flooding situation better," he said last week.

As for the Army Corps of Engineers, Sgroi believes their negative assessment of the township's flood control programs is a reflection of their competence.

"We should have great concern about their ability to solve our flood control problems," he said during an interview with *LocalSource*.

Meanwhile, residents in the northeast section of the township watch the skies, praying the next time will be different while an aging former township engineer continues his quest to help a township end flooding before he leaves this earth. \*



# County's Civil War exhibit set to open Feb. 9 at courthouse

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee announced the opening of an exhibit to commemorate Union County's role in the Civil War. The exhibit is scheduled to open on Feb. 9, at 2 p.m. in the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., in historic midtown Elizabeth.

"This exhibit of Civil War artifacts and photographs will focus on the unique contributions of Union County citizens to the war effort," said Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi, chairman of the Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee. "We'll place special emphasis on the experiences of Union County residents in the areas of the home front, the military, and the economic and political life of the County."

Speakers at the opening event will include Karen

Cassidy, Assignment Judge, Superior Court New Jersey; Union County Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella; the Rev. Robert Higgs, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth; and Union County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi. There will be entertainment and refreshments. The public is invited to the opening of the exhibit, but are asked to call Rajoppi's office at 908-527-4787 to reserve a seat.

The Civil War commemorative exhibit will be on display until 2015 and the displays will change from time to time.

Anyone wishing to loan historical artifacts from the Civil War era for the exhibit can contact committee member Katherine Craig at 908-282-7617. All objects will be secured, locked and acknowledged.

## ROSELLE PARK BRIEFS

### Events include chess, English classes

The following Roselle Park Library events have been announced:

The Children's Chess Club with Joao meets every Monday at 3:15 p.m. All ages and levels are welcome. There will be Conversational English classes every Thursday at 11 a.m.

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The Casano Community Center in Roselle Park will offer a Zumba class on a weekly basis.

Every Wednesday, the Casano Community Center will hold an

hour-long Zumba class from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. There is a fee for each class, and class level will be determined by evaluation of participants.

The class must consist of at least 12 participants for the center to maintain the activity. Also, pre-registration is required. To take the Wednesday class, visit or call the Casano Community Center at 908-245-0666 no later than tomorrow to make a reservation. The center is located at 314 Chestnut St., Roselle Park.

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## EDITORIALS

## Cheerleaders, too

A generation ago, cheerleading was more tame. The girls stood on the sidelines and inspired enthusiasm by jumps and pom-pom shakes. Not anymore. Cheerleaders now perform routines which require athletic training and gymnastic skill.

During halftime shows and in competitions, girls are performing two-story "pyramid" displays, and "basket tosses," in which a girl is heaved into the air by her squadmates and then caught on her way down. These girls are true athletes, performing routines that should be attempted only by those who are well trained by competent coaches.

Which is why the governor was right to sign a bill that expands the current law which regulates head injuries in high school athletes to now include cheerleaders. The bill was signed into law earlier this month; among its sponsors was Assemblywoman Mila M. Jasey, D-Essex.

That original law, enacted in December 2010, established a training program on head injuries for all coaches, school doctors and trainers, plus required the immediate removal from competition or practice of any student suspected of suffering a head injury. The law also bans a student from returning to activity until a doctor provides written approval. And a school must adopt a written policy for the handling of all athletic head injuries.

Cheerleading is arduous. Mistakes can cause serious injury. And practices are held several times each week for competition teams. In a reliable compilation of high school sports injuries from the academic years 1982-83 to 2006-07 assembled by the National Center for Catastrophic Sport Injury Research, cheerleading is by far the most dangerous sport for females. During those years, cheerleading accounted for 55 percent of all female "catastrophic injuries," trailed by gymnastics, at 11 percent, and track at 8 percent.

The original law passed in 2010 was a big step forward. The recent expansion of the law to include cheerleading is welcome in that it recognizes the potential dangers of the activity. Cheerleading, like all sports, is a valuable addition to the academic experience, and students should be as fully protected from injury as possible.

The law applies to all New Jersey schools, both public and private, but not private cheerleading clinics and traveling teams, which are governed by their own authority.

## 'Freedom to All'



The flag of the 127th U.S. Colored Infantry. In recognition of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and Black History Month, award-winning New Jersey historian Joseph G. Bilby will speak about New Jersey's black Civil War soldiers at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., on Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. His lecture will be based on his recently published book, "Freedom to All: New Jersey's African-American Civil War Soldiers."

## Deconstructing the tree, archiving past

Finally took down the tree. And the ornaments, decorations and lights. I sighed the sigh of a thousand sighs and wondered, once again, how to bring the joy back to this task. I'm pretty sure I enjoyed putting it all up — the tree, the lights, the decorations — but it all seems so long ago, December.

Christmas is a little like childbirth for me. I forget all about the labor once it's over and then by the time it comes around again I'm looking forward to it like a blissful bride. And then, neck deep in the frenzy, I remember.

I wonder if it's really the task of unhooking and wrapping, folding and storing that tugs at me, or the churning in my head. If it were solely meditative, my head would be empty, free to lovingly tuck the little ornaments, like dolls, into their sleeping bags of tissue paper, worn soft by years of use, then into plastic crates, snapping their lids shut with finality.

But my head is crowded; each ornament means too much. Some are sweet, like the Japanese paper cranes swiped at the end of a

## Pith Monger

By V.C. Chickering



friend's wedding to a Japanese girl. Her mother had lovingly folded hundreds of paper cranes to give as gifts to departing guests, who had left them on the tables. I rounded them up and now place them on my tree, red and silver symbols of love's hope and a mother's graceful diligence.

My mother took apart the wooden crib mobile my sisters and I shared as infants and gave each of us an ornament of a little wooden child happily astride a circus animal.

I still have the ornaments I made in Girl Scouts, cut from a mixture of flour and salt, and painted gold; my maiden name on the back. I picked three starfish off the beach one summer and aired them out on the back porch in the sun and rain for a month. They too

get hung on the tree with a simple, wire hook.

But also hanging and gently clanging against miniature, colored light bulbs, are the ornaments from my marriage; the ones he didn't take, the ones too pretty to toss.

Beautiful tertiary-colored Christmas balls, bought on sale from the MOMA gift store years ago, dangle near the ornaments culled from various vacations, back when an ornament and an unusual kitchen utensil were all we'd budget for as souvenirs.

I still hang the paper ornaments — cut out and hole-punched for hooks — from clever Christmas card graphics that I hung all around the bottom 3 feet of the tree when my son and his toddler buddies were prone to grabbing and eating whatever they could reach.

Coiling the chili-pepper lights reminds me once again of my Dad, who has died. When I was growing up, his tree signature was the placement of one strand of non-holiday lights around the lower

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**OP ED PAGE**

**Pith Monger by V. C. Chickering**

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 extremities of our tree. He got a huge kick out of the glowing pink flamingoes or red-hot chili peppers that alternated, as they broke and then were happily replaced.  
 Those lights served to remind us not to take ourselves, our tree — or the holiday, I suppose — too seriously. It worked; my tree continues his tradition of low-grade, rococo whimsy to this day.  
 Those chapters have long since closed, but I'm reminded of them every year as I dutifully unwrap

the treasures that archive my past. I like having a tree in my house for a few weeks — I really do — and I'm sad to see it go. I love the smell and the twinkling lights; this giant, looming thing in my living room, an invited guest, mute and still. I enjoy the tree's invitation to be creative, daring me to slap a hook on something and hang it up in the name of festive. I like that it shakes things up.  
 Once our tree is returned to its former self, we thank it for joining us in our home; appreciative for its

sacrifice and service; a vertical document of a life lived fully and, like its annual bearer, still growing.  
 Then, we drag it out onto the curb where we lay it to rest before going inside to vacuum. I look forward to the needles I'll uncover in June, like an offseason beach-comber who doesn't shake out her shoes too well, on purpose.  
**V.C. Chickering is a writer who lives in Maplewood. Read more of her engaging essays at vic-kichicki.blogspot.com.**

**Travel log**



Fourth-grade students in Cindy Tarello's Gifted and Talented Program from both Frank K. Hehny and Valley Road Elementary Schools in Clark attended the Union County Gifted and Talented Association's Convocation titled, 'Travel America' at Union County College in Cranford.

**Details of deer hunt released**

The Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal has released details of the Ash Brook Reservation Deer Management Program, which will begin today and continue through Feb. 11. This program is intended to reduce the white-tailed deer population in the Ash Brook Reservation and Golf Course in an attempt to minimize overbrowsing of the forested parkland, reduce browse damage on the landscape plantings of surrounding homes, reduce the incidence of deer-related motor vehicle accidents, and lessen the occurrence of Lyme disease.  
 A wildlife management contractor hired by the Township of Scotch Plains removed 241 deer from the

Ash Brook Reservation between 2006 and 2009. In 2010, licensed hunters from the Cranford Rod and Gun Club removed eight deer, and in 2011 they harvested 22 deer.  
 This year, seven members of the Oak Ridge Sportsmen's Association have been authorized to participate in this program and have completed a marksmanship test. Those hunters, using shotguns at baited sites, will remove deer from various areas of the park, including the Golf Course. The venison that is processed from some of the harvested deer will be distributed to the needy and homeless through the Community FoodBank of New Jersey.  
 Weather permitting, hunters

may be in the Ash Brook Reservation every day except Sunday. Shooting may only occur during daylight hours.  
 Participation in this program is limited to the seven members of the Oak Ridge Sportsmen's Association. Anyone else found hunting on this Union County park property outside the terms of this program will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Citizens observing any illegal activity at any time are urged to immediately contact the Union County Police at 908-654-9800.  
 For further information, contact the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal at 908-789-3682.

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## Happy Holley-days!



The Roselle Knights of Columbus was host to friends from the Roselle community at its second annual Christmas Day dinner. Roselle Mayor Jamel Holley joins many of the volunteer workers at the dinner. From left: Will Young of Union, Catherine Biddulph of Clark, Jacqueline Biddulph of Roselle, Michael Skrec of Roselle, KT Thomas of Elizabeth, Holley, Ashley Skrec of Roselle, Allison Skrec of Roselle, Megan Brewster of Cranford, and Libby Huegel of Roselle Park. In front, Samael Milevoix of Linden and Christopher Milevoix of Newark.

## Four vehicles snap into action

A two-car accident in Summit on Morris Ave. near Denman Place on Wednesday resulted in injuries to 3 people.

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad arrived to discover an unconscious driver of one car and two additional injured patients in another vehicle, one serious.

A second ambulance crew was on duty at the Squad's headquarters and responded immediately while a call for off duty members to staff the squad's third ambulance was quickly answered. The Summit Fire Department responded to forcibly open a door on one of the cars. A paramedic unit from Overlook Medical Center also responded to assist with treatment of two patients.

All three patients were transported by the First Aid Squad to the trauma center at Morristown Medical Center.

Meanwhile, an unrelated medical emergency call on DeForest Avenue, was answered by additional off-duty volunteers in Summit's fourth ambulance. That patient was transported to Overlook Medical Center.

The Summit First Aid Squad recently added a fourth ambulance to its fleet as a reserve unit and this is the first time that all four have been used simultaneously.

Squad Captain Kari Phair commented that she was proud to volunteer with such a dedicated group of people and that she was also impressed with how quickly off-duty members answered the call, particularly on a week day when most are busy with work or personal obligations.

The all volunteer First Aid Squad is always looking for new members to join its ranks.

All needed training, uniforms and equipment is provided. For information, call 908-277-9479, or visit their website at [www.summitems.org](http://www.summitems.org).

## SUMMIT BRIEFS

### Summit library can aid in job search

Looking for a way to improve your job search? Summit Free Public Library will be offering a free workshop on the Job & Career Accelerator database on Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attendees will explore how to organize their job search, explore new occupations, and create professional resumes and cover letters. The database also contains millions of job listings, as well as online tutorials for popular computer programs such as Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, Windows 7, and Mac OS X.

The Job and Career Accelerator database is provided by New Jersey State Library and the New Jersey Library Network. It is accessible to anyone with a library card from a New Jersey public library.

Attendance at the workshop is free, but seating is limited. Register by calling the Reference Desk at 908-273-0350, ext. 3.

Details about upcoming programs can be found on the Library's website at [www.summitlibrary.org](http://www.summitlibrary.org). The Summit library is located at 75 Maple St.

### Old Guard to hear from chiropractor

Dr. James McDaid, a chiropractor at Summit Medical Group, will speak at the Jan. 24 meeting of the

Summit Old Guard at the New Providence Municipal Center. McDaid will talk about the recent advances in chiropractic practices.

All area 50-plus active men are invited to attend meetings of the Summit Area Old Guard on Tuesday mornings at the New Providence Municipal Center at 360 Elkwood Avenue. A coffee hour starts at 9:15 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. short business meeting. Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes, trips, plays, concerts and cultural events. Call John McCloskey at 908-233-0236 for more information or visit [www.summitoldguard.homestead.com](http://www.summitoldguard.homestead.com).

### Bouras Gallery offers watercolorist's works

Watercolorist Arturo Morales of East Brunswick will exhibit at Bouras Galleries through February. The galleries are open to the public. For more information, call Linda Cole at 908-277-6054.

Morales studied fine art, graphic design and illustration at the School of Visual Arts in New York City. He worked as a graphic designer, art director and illustrator for 35 years and received graphic design and marketing awards.

After the economic downturn, he was forced into early retirement. Following the advice and encouragement of his family and friends he started painting again, featuring

watercolor.

Morales became a member of the Arts Guild of New Jersey in Rahway, where he studied Expressive Watercolor with Lito David, who encouraged him to display his art. He started exhibiting and has sold several of his paintings.

Morales said, "Watercolor has a magical quality, when at first you put brush to the paper it seems to talk back to the artist, the color says this is how strong and powerful I am or how soft and subtle."

Bouras Galleries is located in Bouras Properties at 25 Deforest Ave., Summit. Bouras, owner of the building, is community oriented and has supported charitable and civic organizations in town and throughout the country. Bouras Properties has also been the location for various city-sponsored events.

Along with the idea of a venue for New Jersey artists, there's an added bonus that part of the proceeds from any sales at the Bouras Galleries goes to benefit Overlook Hospital, Summit. Linda Cole can be contacted for appointments at 908-277-6054.

### Library art exhibition

Summit Free Public Library and the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey have announced that an exhibition of fine art prints by Salvatore Cammarata will be held in The Gallery at the Summit Free Public

Library, through Jan. 30.

A Millburn resident, Cammarata has exhibited his paintings, drawings, and graphic art in the New York metropolitan area for more than 30 years.

The style of his artwork falls into three broad categories: naturalism, surrealism and abstract expressionism, depending upon the medium and the period the work was done. In his naturalistic watercolors, he captures the light and color of the world. In his drawings and prints, he examines the mind's inner world of memory and feeling.

Cammarata studied fine art and architecture at The Cooper Union in New York City. He also studied privately with several artists: portraiture and oil painting with Lajos Markos, graphic arts with Robert Redburn, and watercolor with Maryann Neilson and W. Carl Burger.

Art and architecture have taken parallel tracks in Cammarata's life. Art has given his architecture a lyrical quality, and architecture has given structure to his art.

The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours. The Gallery is a public and private partnership. The library is located at 75 Maple St., Summit, and is open Monday to Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit [www.summitlibrary.org](http://www.summitlibrary.org).

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## CRANFORD BRIEFS

### Team holds skating event

The public is invited to skate with the Cranford High School Ice Hockey Team on Jan. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Warinanco Ice Rink in Roselle. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by way of CHS Ice Hockey Athletes. The evening also will include Score-O Shots and a 50/50 Raffle. For more information, contact Doreen at 908-653-9048.

### Are you READY?

Cranford public schools have offered an inclusive preschool program called READY.

The READY program is a regular education preschool program that places children with special needs with their typical peers. Entry into the READY program for non-disabled students is based on a lottery, it was announced.

The READY lottery for the 2012-2013 school year will be conducted on Feb. 22.

Children who will be three years old or four years old by Oct. 1 and are Cranford residents, are eligible for READY. Applications must be received by Feb. 17, at the Board of Education Office, 132 Thomas St. Applications will not be accepted after that date.

If a child is selected, parents will be noti-

fied by telephone shortly after Feb. 22. Due to the popularity of the program, the schools are unable to continue the practice of admitting both twins of one is selected. Applicants should be aware there is a tuition charge.

Applications for the READY program are also available online at [www.cranford-schools.org](http://www.cranford-schools.org) and in the main offices at all the elementary schools within the district.

For additional information, call The Office of Special Services at 908-709-6217.

### Library goes Mobile PAC

Cranford Public Library recently added a feature called Mobile PAC to Polaris, its automated library system. Mobile PAC is a Web-based public access library catalog that has been optimized for Mobile devices. It is compatible with iPhones, iPod Touch, Blackberries, Droids, Windows Mobile phones, iPads, and many other devices. Mobile PAC provides simplified access to many of the features that are currently available from the library's Polaris system. Mobile PAC users can search for items in the library catalog, renew and reserve items, access their accounts, view lists of new and popular items, and maintain a permanent list of items

they have borrowed. To access an account, a user must have a Cranford Public Library card number and a password. The Mobile PAC can be found at [catalog.cranfordlibrary.org/mobile](http://catalog.cranfordlibrary.org/mobile). For more information about Mobile PAC, call the library at 908-709-7272 and ask for the Reference Desk, or email the library at [library@cranfordnj.org](mailto:library@cranfordnj.org).

### Cranford Recreation and AARP can help with taxes

The Cranford Recreation Department in conjunction with the American Association of Retired Persons will be taking appointments for free tax assistance for Cranford and Garwood taxpayers, age 60 and older.

Appointments should be made by calling the Cranford Recreation and Parks Department at 908-709-7283 to reserve a time slot with a tax practitioner. Hourly appointments are to be made on either Monday or Friday beginning on Feb. 3 at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. All appointments will be at Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. in Room 204.

The last appointment to receive tax assistance will be April 13. No appointments will be made on Feb. 20, as the Community

Center will be closed.

It is recommended the taxpayers bring a copy of last year's State and Federal returns, and all information pertinent to this year's return. These will include: W-2 Forms, 1099 Interest Statements, 1099 Dividend Statements, 1099R Pension Statements, 1099 B Statements, Social Security Statement and Property Tax Bill.

### Organization enters 79th year of service

The College Club of Cranford, is marking its 79th anniversary and has as its mission the goals of informing college women of educational, civic, and social issues in the community, as well as to finance scholarships beyond the secondary school level for students who reside in Cranford.

Interested Cranford women with degrees from a four-year college are invited to join the organization. The club meets the second Monday of each month. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. with refreshments followed by a guest speaker.

For more information, contact Elaine Romano at 908-276-1875 or email [elainero-mano@verizon.net](mailto:elainero-mano@verizon.net).

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# Crime reports from county police departments

## Linden

• Jan. 10: Linden police officers responded to the Delta Gas Station, 2 W. St. George Ave., Linden, on an attempted robbery at 2:30 a.m., it was reported by Detective Lieutenant James Sarnicki of the Linden Police Department.

Officers spoke to the attendant, a male, 21, who stated that he was approached in his booth by a white or Hispanic male, five feet, seven inches, about 160 pounds, in his late teens, holding a large kitchen knife, who demanded the attendant's money. The attendant then grabbed the knife, causing a cut on his index finger.

The suspect then fled across the street without proceeds to an Exxon convenience store and asked the clerk to use the bathroom. His image was captured on the store's video surveillance system. The attendant was transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway for treatment of his injury. Anyone who may have information on the suspect is asked to contact Detective David Dehler of the Linden Police at 908-474-8538 or [crimetips@police.linden-nj.org](mailto:crimetips@police.linden-nj.org).

• Jan. 13: Linden police officers responded at 3:05 p.m. to the Family Dollar store, 1600 E. St. George Ave., on a report of a shoplifting. A store employee, male, age 35, told police he observed Edwin Lamar Bingham conceal an item under his jacket and attempt to walk out of the store.

The employee stopped Bingham at the exit door and demanded that he return the item, but Bingham elbowed him in the mouth, causing it to bleed. The employee then attempted to hold the exit door shut, but was elbowed in the face again before he and Bingham fell to the floor and began to wrestle. The employee was able to hold Bingham on the floor until police arrived.

Officers were placing Bingham under arrest when he kicked Sgt. Abdul Williams, 42, in the right knee. Bingham was charged with strong-arm robbery, aggravated assault on a police officer, and terroristic threats; for threatening the store employee afterwards.

He was held on \$110,000 bail, pending a court date set for Jan. 20 at Union County court. The officer and employee did not require medical assistance. Bingham was attempting to steal an Easy-Mix kitchen mixer valued at \$24.

## Cranford

• Jan. 3: Stanley G. Paul, 24, of Roselle was arrested at 4:35 p.m. in New Brunswick by the New Brunswick Police Department for outstanding warrants and contempt of court. He was subsequently turned over to Officer Matthew Nazzaro. Paul was released with a pending Cranford Municipal Court date.

## POLICE BLOTTER

• Jan. 3: Travis A. Martin, 27, of Edison was arrested at 11:23 p.m. on North Avenue at the Garden State Parkway by Cranford Patrolman Spencer Durkin for possession of CDS under 50g of marijuana and possession of CES paraphernalia. Officer Durkin stopped a 2007 Honda Civic in the area of North Avenue at the Garden State Parkway when he observed the driver not wearing a seat belt. After a brief investigation on the scene, Officer Durkin arrested Martin and charged him. He was released and had a Jan. 4 Municipal Court date.

• Jan. 5: Cranford Police Officer Nelson Hearn arrested Anthony J. Marks, 56, of Garwood at 11:19 p.m. on South Avenue at Washington Avenue, Cranford for contempt of court. The officer had stopped a 1992 Oldsmobile in the area of South Avenue for a motor vehicle violation. After a brief investigation on the scene, Officer Hearn arrested Marks for outstanding warrants out of Roselle, Elizabeth and Woodbridge. He was released to the Roselle Police Department with a Municipal Court date pending.

• Jan. 6: Shawn E. Emilus, 20, of Piscataway was arrested at 2:30 p.m. at Indian Spring Road, Cranford, by Patrolman Thomas Stiansen for contempt of court. Officer Stiansen had responded to a suspicious person call and after a brief investigation on the scene arrested Emilus for an outstanding warrant out of Dunellen. He was released pending Municipal Court proceedings.

• Jan. 7: Patrolman Brian Lopez arrested Curtis S. Thomas, 37, of Roselle at 1:32 a.m. on Centennial Avenue at Raritan Road, Cranford, for contempt of court. Officer Lopez stopped a 2005 BMW in the area of Centennial Avenue and Raritan Road for a motor vehicle violation and after a brief investigation on the scene, arrested Curtis on outstanding warrants out of Newark, Union, Roselle and Roselle Park. Curtis was released with pending Municipal Court dates.

## Union

• Jan. 6: Union police investigated a shoplifting at 1721 Morris Ave. Electronic equipment was taken.

• Jan. 6: An arrest was made by police at 2400 North Third St. of one juvenile for possession of CDS.

• Jan. 6: Police officers made an arrest at Astoria and Ohio streets at a motor vehicle stop of Leonardo Wilson for warrants.

• Jan. 7: A report of a burglary at 1601 Route 22 was investigated. Gas was taken.

• Jan. 7: Police responded to a simple assault at 2555 during a customer-employee dispute with an alleged assault.

• Jan. 8: An arrest was made by

a police officer at 2401 Route 22 at a motor vehicle stop of Carlos Sibri-Bermeo for possession of fraudulent documents.

• Jan. 9: A police officer arrested Louis Tripodo for warrants at a motor vehicle stop at 1721 Morris Ave.

• Jan. 9: Police investigated a theft at 7100 Stuyvesant Ave. of a laptop and digital cameras.

• Jan. 9: Police responded to a shoplifting report at 2235 Springfield Ave. Miscellaneous items were taken; non-indictable. The store will follow up with complaints.

• Jan. 9: Two Union policemen arrested Myrline Casseus at Tampa Terrace for filing a false police report.

• Jan. 9: An arrest was made at a motor vehicle stop at Byron and Springfield avenues of Kyi Horton for possession of CDS with intent to distribute.

• Jan. 10: Police investigated a report of shoplifting at 2690 Route 22. One female had a check negative, and the store employee advised of complaint procedures.

• Jan. 10: An arrest was made at 2520 Route 22 of Bruce Smith for a warrant during a dispute investigation.

• Jan. 10: Police arrested a male on Beechwood Avenue for warrant service for Woodbridge Township for a DVA.

• Jan. 11: An arrest was made at 2369 Morris Ave. of Calvin Lematy for possession of paraphernalia and aggravated assault on a police officer.

• Jan. 12: Police responded to a motor vehicle theft on Grove Road of a 2002 green Gran Am Pontiac.

• Jan. 12: An arrest was made by Union police at Winchester Avenue of Joseph Romano for CDS paraphernalia during a motor vehicle stop.

• Jan. 12: Police arrested a juvenile at 2400 North Third St. for possession of CDS.

• Jan. 12: An arrest was made by Union police of a male juvenile at Caldwell Avenue for burglary, theft and criminal mischief.

• Jan. 12: A Union policeman arrested Nicodem Sajouste on Hillside Avenue for warrants during a motor vehicle stop.

## Rahway

• Jan. 9: Rahway police officer Robert Dedics investigated a 42-theft at Hamilton Street.

• Jan. 9: Officer Jeffrey Urban responded to criminal damage and theft reported at St. George Avenue.

• Jan. 9: A theft report that an air conditioner was stolen at St. George Avenue was investigated by Officer Robert Dedics.

• Jan. 10: Officer Tara Hannan investigated a theft on Madison Avenue.

• Jan. 10: A theft was reported at Hemlock Street, and Officer Nicolas Robles responded to the rob-

bery. Medics were notified, and there was an adult arrest. A copy of the CIU and complaint on Paul Gruytch were given to Yvonne Briggs in Municipal Court on Jan. 12.

• Jan. 11: Officer Marcus Giammetta responded to a report of a theft on Route 27.

• Jan. 12: An investigation of a theft was made by Officer Christopher O'Brien at Hamilton Street.

• Jan. 12: A theft was reported on New Brunswick Avenue, and Officer Thomas Salvia investigated.

• Jan. 12: Police responded to a suspicious robbery event at Randolph Avenue. They included primary officer Steven Guinta and officers, Robert Zarzycki, James Connolly, John Pitts Jr., Thomas McComb, Christopher Daniele, Scott Durkin, Joseph Holley and Jon Miller. There was an ambulance. A K-9 was requested through the county pound, and K-9 responded.

• Jan. 13: A burglary was investigated at W. Main Street by two officers, Frank Wietry and Christopher Daniele.

• Jan. 13: A theft was reported at Barnett Street, and Police officer Andrew Webb responded to the burglary.

• Jan. 14: Officer Scott Durkin investigated a report of a theft on Union Street.

• Jan. 14: A burglary was reported on Thorn Street, and Officer Steven Guinta responded to the theft.

• Jan. 15: Police received a report of a dispute, and Officers Eric Seiden and William DiGangi, investigated the robbery.

• Jan. 15: A stolen motor vehicle was reported on St. George Avenue, and police officer Christopher O'Brien responded. A county broadcast was distributed and Linden and Woodbridge were notified.

• Jan. 16: Officer Robert Dedics investigated a stolen motor vehicle on Audrey Drive.

## IN MEMORIAM

BATTAGLIA — Olive J. Gibbert, of Linden; Jan. 10.

CALDERONE-STEWART — Lisa-Marie, formerly of Mountainside; Dec. 9.

CERRO — Johanna E., of Union; Jan. 13.

DAVIS — Charles, of Hillside; Jan. 7.

DE JOHN — Nina, formerly of Union; Jan. 15.

DITZEL — Susan, of Cranford; Jan. 15.

DRESSEL — Jack, of Mountainside; Jan. 9.

GOLDENBERG — Sally, of Cranford; Jan. 9.

GRAHAM — Earl Guan, of Linden; Jan. 2.

GRODER — Joseph, of Springfield; Jan. 8.

GRUNDER — Charles E. Jr., formerly of Union and Clark; Jan. 12.

GUALTIERI — Marion, of Cranford; Jan. 14.

HAYES — Marilyn E. Franklin, of Union; Jan. 12.

HUNTER — Thomas J., of Hillside; Jan. 9.

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## OBITUARIES

### Johanna E. Cerro

Johanna E. Cerro, 81, of Union passed away at Manor Care in New Providence on January 13th. A Funeral Service was held at Bradley Smith & Smith Funeral Home, 415 Morris Ave. Springfield on Tuesday, January 16th. Interment followed at Hollywood Memorial Park. Relatives and friends were invited to visit on Monday. For further information or to send a condolence, go to [www.bradleyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bradleyfuneralhomes.com).

A life long resident of Union, Johanna graduated from Union High School in 1949. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a

committee member of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 65. Johanna enjoyed gardening and bowling. Johanna, known to many as "Sparky", will be fondly remembered for her cheerful spirit.

Johanna was the beloved wife of the late Dominick Cerro. She was the loving mother of Wendy Mitchell, Brenda Cardinal, and Joseph Cerro and cherished grandmother of Mollie Rosenkrantz, Courtney Rosenkrantz, and Brendan Cardinal. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Johanna's memory may be made to the Boy Scouts of America, Patriots Path Council, 222 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, NJ 07932

## KENILWORTH BRIEFS

### Bus trip to Mohegan Sun

The Kenilworth Historical Society will be host to a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino, Uncasville, Conn., on Feb. 25.

A bus will depart from Kenilworth at St. Theresa's School parking lot at 8 a.m. and return to Kenilworth at approximately 9 p.m. The cost will include motor coach transportation, an approximate six-hour visit to the casino, which additionally houses a wide range of shops and restaurants; a \$10 coupon

for free bets, and a \$10 coupon for food.

There will be complimentary door prizes on the trip. For further information and reservations, call 908-709-0391 or 908-709-0434. It was announced that space is limited, and it is suggested that reservations be made early to ensure availability. Gift certificates are available.

Proceeds will benefit the Kenilworth Historical Society's ongoing project to restore the local 19th-century Oswald J. Nitschke House and transform it into a "living history"

museum and cultural arts center.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of local history and culture.

### Rotary Club convenes at new meeting place

Kenilworth Rotary Club's new meeting place will be BoulevardFive72 Restaurant on

the Boulevard in Kenilworth every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. for lunch and a program. The Board of Directors welcomes everyone to view its new website at [www.kenilworth-jrotary.org](http://www.kenilworth-jrotary.org).

For membership information and a program schedule view the website. Kenilworth Rotary Club has been serving the needs of the community as part of the world's largest service organization since 1947.

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#### Open house at Mother Seton High School

Mother Seton Regional High School, Valley Road, Clark, will hold an informal open house on Jan. 24 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for all fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls and their parents.

The program will be informational for girls who are planning to enter high school in the near future. Eighth graders can call 732-382-1952 for application information or

visit the Mother Seton website at [www.motherseton.org](http://www.motherseton.org). Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be held on Feb. 4 at 9 a.m. It was announced that any eighth grade girl, who wishes to be considered for admission, should send her elementary school records to Mother Seton immediately. In the Archdiocese of Newark, acceptance letters are mailed on Jan. 19.

The open house is designed primarily for parents and for students who are interested in attending

Mother Seton Regional High School or in exploring some of the high school options available to them. Parents and students will have an opportunity to tour the school, meet with the administration, parents, guidance and faculty members, examine the curricular and co-curricular programs and investigate transportation. Parents or students are invited to come alone if the evening is not convenient for both.

An informal social will follow

at which parents and daughters can mingle with faculty and students of Mother Seton Regional High School, located at 1 Valley Road, Clark.

#### Panda-monium at St. Agnes

Students at St. Agnes School in Clark recently adopted a Red Panda.

Red Panda's are endangered due to habitat loss and destruction. As

part of their science curriculum, each student in second grade donated \$3 to the World Wildlife Fund, whose mission is to conserve nature and reduce the most pressing threats to the diversity of life on Earth. Students received an adoption certificate along with a plush Red Panda.

This is the second year the second grade class at St. Agnes School adopted an endangered pet.

#### Stories and more

Theme-based stories, movement, songs and a craft for active listeners is offered each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at Clark Public Library for children ages 3 to 5 years old.

Registration is required. Call 732-388-5999 or register at [www.clarklibrary.org](http://www.clarklibrary.org).

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## Crowning achievement



Daisy Troop 425 had no idea why they were asked to wear their favorite crowns to their monthly meeting on Jan. 9. Troop leaders wanted their special guest to be a surprise. Mrs. New Jersey 2011, Catherine Zalewski, visited the Clark Daisy Troop to talk to the girls about eating healthy, exercising everyday and being courageous by trying new foods.

## Troopers help buy coats for students

Elizabeth public school students who are in need of a warm coat this winter will be receiving one thanks to a collaborative effort between the New Jersey State Troopers and Elizabeth Public Schools' administrators. In total, 171 coats will be distributed to students throughout the school district.

Seventy-four winter coats were purchased through the generosity of the Marshall C. Brown Chapter of the National Black State Trooper Coalition of the New Jersey State Police. The Coalition has been running the coat drive in the cities of Newark, Irvington, Camden, and Trenton for several years. Sgt. First Class Carla Thomas, a member of the Coalition, along with Trooper Reinaldo Cruz Jr., a former teacher in the Elizabeth public schools, saw a need and added Elizabeth to their annual coat drive. The Coalition uses donations from State Troopers, community members, local faith groups, and local businesses.

Elizabeth's Administrators donated funds to purchase the remaining ninety-seven coats needed to furnish every student in need with a coat. The New Jersey State Troopers worked with the Elizabeth public schools' guidance counselors and social workers to identify those students most in need.

Winter coats were purchased at a substantial discount from KidsTown USA and Old Navy. KidsTown USA also generously donated a pair of gloves with each coat.

Superintendent of Schools Pablo Muñoz said, "When district administrators became aware that there were still coats needed for students, they immediately reacted by donating money to ensure every child would get a warm winter coat. I would like to thank the NJ State Police, KidsTown USA, Old Navy and the Elizabeth Public Schools team members for their outpouring of love."

On Jan. 13, representatives of the New Jersey State Troopers will join representatives from Elizabeth Public Schools in distributing the coats to students at their respective schools.

"It is wonderful to see the greater community, including our fine State Troopers, working together with our Elizabeth Public Schools' team members to ensure that the children of Elizabeth have the items necessary to live and learn and reach their potential," commented Board Member Francisco González.

For further information on Elizabeth Public Schools, visit [www.epsnj.org](http://www.epsnj.org).

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## You'll never guess how much fun you'll have at 'Rehearsal'

*Murder mystery is a delightful surprise for theater-goers*

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

A theater-goer, particularly a mystery theater fan, becomes fully aware of the ingenuity of a writer — or two — who can assure an audience that it will never guess who is the real murderer.

And the unsolved mystery of the production becomes quite evident throughout the play, "Rehearsal for Murder," adapted for the stage by D. D. Brooke from the television play by Richard Levinson and William Link and uncovered by the Westfield Community Players last Saturday evening. In fact, mystery fans will get two more chances tomorrow and Saturday evenings to compile the evidence and determine the unveiling of the real murderer. Be assured. They'll never guess.

Every inch of the tiny Westfield theater was utilized in "Rehearsal for Murder;" every seat occupied, and the principal actors, walking, strutting or running up the left side of the aisle to the stage to perform their mysterious roles.

Actually, it's all about a playwright, Alex Dennison, played by A. J. Liana, who returns to an old

Broadway theater on the anniversary of a tragic "suicide" of his leading lady, Monica Welles, played by Angel Duncan, in order to prove that the suicide was actually a murder.

He has written a new play, within a play, concerning the opening of a murder mystery in the old Broadway theater, has gathered the same cast and crew, and by narrating to the audience what happened a year ago, proves that the suicide was a murder.

The playwright, in a flashback, attempts to assure his fiancée, Monica Welles — they are to be married the day after the opening — that it doesn't matter that the critics have given it the thumbs down. The cast and crew will work together to make it better, he says confidently.

Unfortunately, it appears that every member of the cast is a suspect. And while they reenact the goings-on of a year ago, the audience is offered an opportunity to make up its mind about the real murderer.

Actually, Dennison was right. He proves that a murder was definitely committed. And the only

unsuspecting person is Sally Bean, portrayed by Ami Martino, as Sally is Dennison's new secretary. She wasn't around, back then.

But there are the producers, the actors, the actresses, members of the police force, and even a crew member, all of whom have legitimate reasons to do away with Monica Welles: Jealousy. Hatred. Love. Betrayal. Burglary. Blackmail. You name it; they have reason.

The entire cast is excellent and ever so convincing and believable, including Russ Ortiz, Mark Schumacher, Laura Casey, Kristina Hernandez, Craig Tiede, Peter Curley, Mandy Russell, Ken Webb and Robert Pape, who plays three roles.

Brian Remo does an exciting job of directing this complicated piece of theater. He even has a gun go off twice in the darkness of the theater that utterly had the members of the audience jump in fright.

"Rehearsal for Murder" is a real mysterious piece of work. It entertains and frightens, all at the same time. And this reviewer dares any member of the audience to guess the name of the real murderer in this play. Really. It simply can't be done!



The cast of 'Rehearsal for Murder' seen rehearsing for their production. The show is being performed by the Westfield Community Players for two more evenings; tomorrow and Saturday.



ABSTRACT — First graders in Mrs. Russoniello's art classes at Aldene and Sherman School recently learned about abstract art and the artwork of Wassily Kandinsky. They explored Kandinsky's art, which consists of the basic elements — line, color and shape.

## Ancient art brings floral inspiration

We are currently enjoying a mild winter but, even so, I miss my garden and the flowers that provide me with inspiration during the growing season.

My front beds are full of clusters of emerging daffodil tips but, instead of giving me joy, their presence this early worries me. The holly trees are bright with berries and there are flashes of color from other fruiting species, but those flashes are only tantalizing pinpoints. I need more.

Last weekend, I sought floral inspiration at the Metropolitan Museum of Art's newly refurbished Galleries for the Art of Arab Lands, Turkey, Iran, Central Asia and Later South Asia. The galleries cover many countries, ethnic groups and time periods; one of the common themes is a tradition of painstaking embellishment of all kinds of objects, from complex carpets to everyday vessels.

Color and stylized images were present in head-spinning abundance. I focused on the floral motifs, which are everywhere in the galleries. My favorite flowers deco-

### The Gardener's Apprentice

By Elisabeth Ginsburg

rate the tiles and pottery vessels from Iznik in Turkey.

Iznik, known historically as Nicaea, was founded in the 4th century B.C. Perched by Lake Iznik in northwestern Turkey, it has been a walled city since ancient times. Until recently, it has been primarily an agricultural town, but during the Ottoman Empire in the 17th century, it was an artistic center, producing vivid pottery used to decorate mosques, palaces, homes and public buildings.

You may not know the name "Iznik," but you have probably seen reproductions or pictures of Iznik pottery, especially in the form of decorative tiles. The pieces are composed largely of quartz and quartzite, giving them a hard,

bright quality.

At the height of Iznik's popularity, artisans took images — including familiar flowers — and translated them into decorative motifs. Jewel-like tones of blue, turquoise, green and red stand out against white backgrounds. Tulips abound on Iznik objects, as do carnations and hyacinths. Graceful leaves and curling vines repeat throughout the designs, and other flowers dance over the tiles and vessels, though some are too stylized to identify.

The elegant tulips of Iznik tiles are far removed from bulbous modern-day favorites. They resemble contemporary lily-form varieties like Ballade and White Triumphator, with tall, slender blossoms that narrow at the petal tips.

Almost all the Iznik tulips are portrayed with the petals tightly closed. If those blooms were to leap from the tiles and open up, the slender petals would become reflexed, or curved back, corrupting the elegant silhouette favored by Iznik artisans.

Iznik carnations, or dianthus,

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# Leavel enjoys the stage

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

Perhaps the reason that Tony Award-winning Beth Leavel is in a constant state of delight is because she enjoys her stage appearances — no matter where — and the people with whom she works, she admitted. “So thoroughly.”

Leavel, who has appeared in 10 Broadway musicals and numerous other theatrical productions, plays the role of the droll housekeeper, Berthe, in the comedy, “Boeing-Boeing,” which opened Wednesday at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn.

“We had a blast of rehearsal time,” Leavel exclaimed during a telephone conversation at this reporter’s home. “And I’m really getting a workout in this hilarious comedy. I have to wear flat shoes, and they’ve made my dress longer, which makes me feel, uh, really beautiful,” she mused.

The actress admitted that “it’s nice not to have to sing this time around, although,” Leavel chuckled, “at the end of ‘Boeing, Boeing,’ they did give me a little song to sing.”

How did the role of Berthe come about?

“Well,” she recalled. “I had just finished an off-Broadway play, ‘Standing on Ceremony,’ which was about a gay marriage, when I learned that they were planning to do this slapstick comedy. They had



Beth Leavel

no idea what to do with the role of Berthe, so the director, James Brennan, with whom I’d worked a while back, said, ‘just give it to Beth and see what she could do. Well, here I am. My fingerprints are all over the role.’

She mentioned that “this is a great company. It’s the first time I’ve ever played at the Paper Mill. Why, it’s so beautiful. It’s like a Broadway theater — a wonderful place to work. And there’s so much room to work around. The play is a door-slaming farce. There’s a lot of slapstick at the Paper Mill. There are six doors on stage, and it’s not unusual to have a door slammed in your face,” she laughed.

Leavel said, “You know, the

director, James Brennan and I go back a long way. We worked together in the musical, ‘42nd Street,’ and that wonderful Lee Roy Reams was in it, too. And Jimmy and I were together in ‘Crazy for You.’ This is just an unbelievable time. I can’t wait for the revival,” she laughed.

In addition to receiving four awards for “The Drowsy Chaperone” — in 2005, the Los Angeles Drama Circle Award for a featured performance, in 2006, the Tony Award for Best Featured Actress in a Musical; the Outer Critics Award and the Drama Desk Award — Leavel was featured in such musicals as “The King and I,” “Promises, Promises,” “Can-Can,” “Grease,” “Showboat,” “The Gershwins’ Fascinating Rhythm,” “The Jazz Singer,” “The Pajama Game,” “Annie,” “A Little Night Music,” “Mame,” “Dancing in the Dark,” “No, No Nanette,” “Young Frankenstein” and “Minsky’s.”

She also appeared in off Broadway productions, on television and in commercials.

“It’s been very exciting for me,” Leavel said. “It’s all so good. I really can’t complain.”

And after the Paper Mill?

“I have a couple of things in my pipeline. I may take a break. But I’m not happy when I’m not working,” she explained. “I love to work. It gives me a lot of joy. It really is so satisfying.”

## The Gardeners’ Apprentice

(Continued from Page 18) are easily recognizable because of their characteristic ragged petal edges. Popular in gardens for millennia, dianthus, in the forms of carnations, cottage pinks and sweet William, still shine in today’s cottage gardens.

Cultivated varieties of the common carnation, *Dianthus caryophyllus*, were used by the Romans for medicine and improved by the Turks of the Ottoman Empire. Now, they are standard in florist’s shops and flower markets everywhere, beloved for their good looks, sweet scent and long-lasting natures.

The origins of the Iznik style lie in the blue and white Chinese Ming dynasty porcelain favored by Turkish sultans. Originally, the decoration on Iznik pottery was strictly cobalt blue and white, like that of its Chinese forebears. Over the course of the 16th century, turquoise was added to the designs, followed by shades of green and, finally, red. The colors still shine in the Iznik pottery on display at the Metropolitan Museum.

Iznik pottery reached its peak of popularity in the 16th century, the era of Suleyman the Magnificent. A traveler in the 17th century reported that there were 300 pottery workshops in the town. According to the website run by

the Republic of Turkey, Iznik products were exported via the island of Rhodes, which, at the time, was controlled by the Turks.

As the Ottoman Empire declined, so did the popularity of Iznik pottery. By the 20th century, the town had become a shadow of what it was during the height of its fame. It was burned to the ground in 1920 during the Turkish War of Independence, then later rebuilt and resettled.

In 1989 a cultural revival began; in 1993, the Iznik Foundation was launched to facilitate research into Iznik history, sponsor archeological digs, recreate traditional pottery-making methods, and spearhead a rebirth of the pottery industry. Now the flowers dance again on pottery manufactured in Iznik, and students are mastering ancient techniques.

My daughter brought two modern Iznik tiles back from a trip to Turkey, one with tulips and the other with carnations. I prop them up on my desk to remind me that beautiful things — like tulips and Iznik tiles — may fade away for a time, but they always return.

Elisabeth Ginsburg, a resident of Glen Ridge, is a frequent contributor to Worrall Community Newspapers. The writer archives past columns at <http://www.gardenersapprentice.com>.

## Blast from the past



Photo By Dave VanDeventer

The venerable White Rose System on Elizabeth Avenue in Linden is still cranking out classic diner delights at affordable prices for a new generation of fans.

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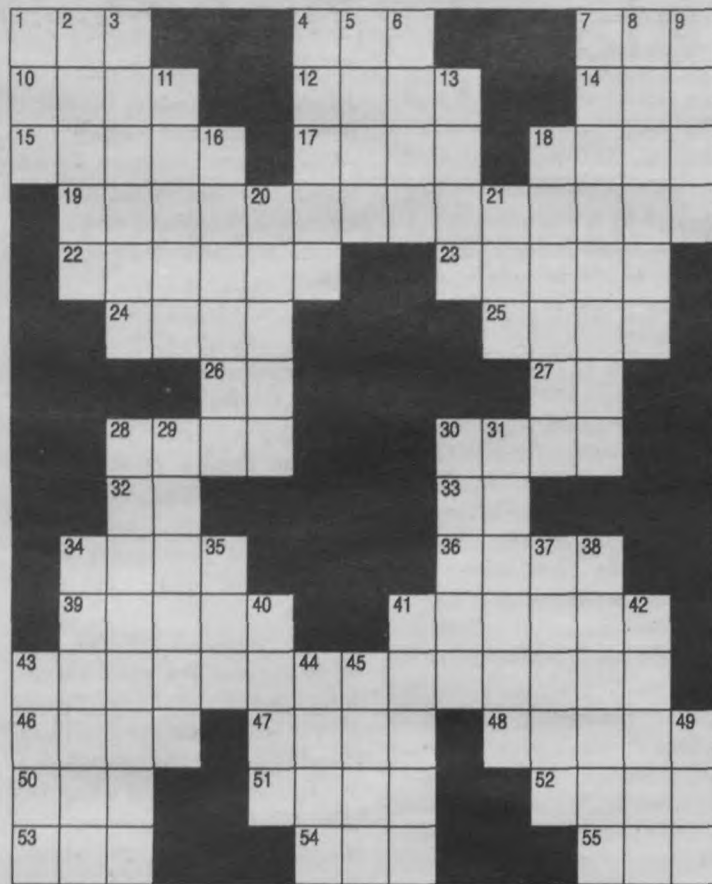
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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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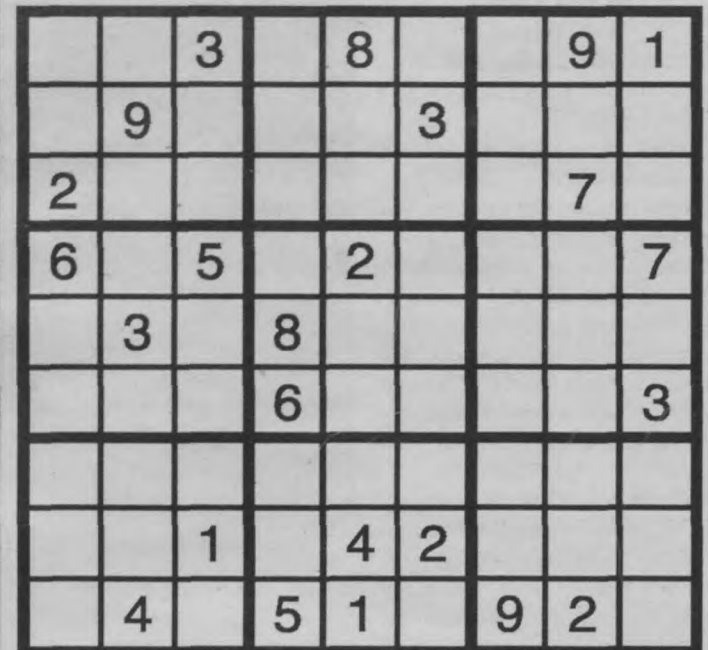
- 1. Tooth caregiver
- 4. Greek counterpart of Rhea
- 7. A numbered mail compartment (abbr.)
- 10. New Zealand parrots
- 12. Political action committees
- 14. Fringe-toed lizard
- 15. Reposes
- 17. Winglike structures
- 18. MacMurray of "My Three Sons"
- 19. Oprah's Broadway show
- 22. Ceaser, egg and tossed
- 23. Oarlock
- 24. Agile, lively (nautical)
- 25. Skim or dart
- 26. And (Latin)
- 27. Embodies
- 28. Gallivants
- 30. Hyperbolic cosecant
- 32. Rural delivery
- 33. Atomic #89
- 34. Opposite of wealthy
- 36. Imus and Knotts
- 39. Yellow ageratum species
- 41. Large tropical Am. lizard
- 43. Late Show star
- 46. Armor breastplate
- 47. "Death in the Family" author
- 48. Liquors from rice
- 50. Bread for a burger
- 51. Yeast
- 52. 100 = 1 tala in W. Samoa
- 53. Two-year-old sheep
- 54. Hyrax or cony
- 55. Engine additive

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Danish krone (abbr.)
- 2. Insect repellents
- 3. Move sideways
- 4. October's birthstones
- 5. \_\_\_ Alto, California city
- 6. Mark of healed tissue
- 7. Somewhat purple
- 8. Egg mixture cooked until just set
- 9. Past tense of bid
- 11. Ancient stone slab bearing markings
- 13. 9th month (abbr.)
- 16. Thrown into a fright
- 18. A playful antic
- 20. "Waiting for Lefty" playwright
- 21. Ultrahigh frequency
- 28. Cutting gun barrel spirals
- 29. Youth loved by Aphrodite
- 30. Get by begging
- 31. Cleans by scrubbing vigorously
- 34. Bubonic calamity
- 35. Radioactivity unit
- 37. South African peoples
- 38. Legless reptiles
- 40. Thick piece of something
- 41. A distinct part of a list
- 42. Regarding (Scottish prep.)
- 43. Something that is owed
- 44. Mild exclamation
- 45. Etce\_\_\_: continuing the same
- 49. Variation of 17 down

ANSWERS APPEAR IN OUR CLASSIFIED SECTION

# SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

ANSWERS APPEAR IN OUR CLASSIFIED SECTION

# HOROSCOPE

## Jan. 22 to 28

**ARIES**, March 21 to April 20. Aries, put aside any selfish thoughts and give any and all tasks your utmost energy today. Energy is better spent on others, so keep this in mind when you get busy.

**TAURUS**, April 21 to May 21. Taurus, your co-workers are all excited and fussing over something that is evidently a bigger deal to them than it is to you. Don't try to rain on their parade.

**GEMINI**, May 22 to June 21. Gemini, your love life is in a really good place this week, which enables you to spend some quality time with the one you love. A romantic dinner sounds like the ticket.

**CANCER**, June 22 to July 22. Your partner is the most important person in your life right now, Cancer. So much so that this week every bit of your attention will be devoted to his or her way.

**LEO**, July 23 to Aug. 23. Leo, money is burning a hole in your

pocket, so you may want to go on a spending spree. Keep in mind that there are a few big-ticket purchases waiting in the wings.

**VIRGO**, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22. Virgo, you don't always have to be decisive. Sometimes you can kick back and let someone else call the shots for a change. This is a great way to recharge your batteries.

**LIBRA**, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23. A few tasks need to get done, Libra. But afterward you should have enough time for some social interaction, whether that be a party or simply a movie night out.

**SCORPIO**, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22. It's time to be a bit introspective, Scorpio. Think about the things you want instead of what other people want. It's alright to be a little selfish once in a while.

**SAGITTARIUS**, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21. Sagittarius, you're having fun this week and so are all the other people around you simply for being in your presence. This situation will continue in the days ahead.

**CAPRICORN**, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20. Capricorn, the next challenge on your list is a big one. But if there is anyone who can handle the pressure it is you. Don't be afraid to call on friends if you need them.

**AQUARIUS**, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18. Get out into the world and try a few new things, Aquarius. Your social energy and curiosity are peaking this week, and you need new experiences to feel satisfied.

**PISCES**, Feb. 19 to March 20. Your finances need an overhaul, Pisces. This could mean taking a new job or expanding what you're doing to earn more.

### Famous folks birthdays

- Jan. 22, Guy Fieri, chef, 44
- Jan. 23, Mariska Hargitay, actress, 48
- Jan. 24, Mischa Barton, actress, 26
- Jan. 25, Alicia Keys, singer, 31
- Jan. 26, Ellen DeGeneres, TV host, 54
- Jan. 27, Patton Oswalt, comedian, 43
- Jan. 28, Elijah Wood, actor, 31



## Fit for a crowd

These fried salami and cheese turnovers will please any Super Bowl crowd.

### PANZAROTTI

#### Dough ingredients

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. sugar
- 1 ½ sticks cold butter, cut up
- 4 ½ tbsp. cold vegetable shortening, cut up

#### Filling ingredients

- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 egg beaten with 2 tbsp. water to make an egg wash
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 1 cup fresh mozzarella, diced
- ½ lb. Genoa salami, diced
- 4 to 5 tbsp. grated parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper
- ¼ cup Italian parsley, chopped

#### Method for dough

Mix together the flour mixture with the butter and vegetable shortening until it resembles cornmeal. Add about ½ cup ice water, 1 tbsp. at a time, mixing with a fork.

Form the mixture into a ball and chill for about 1 hour.

#### Method for filling

Mix together the eggs, ricotta, mozzarella, salami, parmesan, salt and pepper.

Roll the dough out to about 1/8-inch thick. Cut into rounds with a 3-inch cutter.

Put 1 tsp. filling on the lower half of each round.

Brush the rounds with the egg wash.

Fold the dough over the filling and seal the edges of each round by pressing them with the tines of a fork.

#### Method for frying

In a large skillet, heat vegetable oil to about 375 degrees.

Fry the turnovers, turning them with a spoon, for about 3 to 4 minutes until golden brown.

Drain on paper towels and serve.

Makes 40 to 50 turnovers



## Union boys' basketball tops Summit for 1st win *Cummings scores 19 to help lift Farmers*

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

Kevin Feeley has been part of a lot of winning. As an assistant baseball coach at Cranford under Dennis McCaffery he was a valuable member of one of the state's most successful programs. His assistance was a key ingredient to Cranford winning countless conference and county championships and also a state title in 2010.

As an assistant basketball coach the last four years at Roselle Catholic he was part of an up-and-coming program that captured division crowns the last two years.

It took him nine games, but he finally tasted victory as a head coach for the first time last Friday afternoon when his Union boys' basketball team dominated visiting conference-crossover foe Summit 60-42.

Union, which began the week with a 1-9 overall record, lost at the buzzer in its first game and held its own in several others before finally reaching the win column Friday.

"I'm happy for the kids," said Feeley, who will remember his first victory as a varsity head coach coming on Friday, the 13th. "We're coming together as a team. We ask for constant effort and for our players to make the right basketball decisions."

Feeley's decision to put Jamal Cummings on the floor Friday proved to be quite beneficial. The emerging 6-6 junior forward poured in a season-high and game-high 19 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and blocked three shots.

Cummings provided a spark offensively after junior guard Jaleel Chain, who is averaging 11 points, went down in the first half with an ankle injury.

Feeley cited the solid play of senior guard Yvelt Exil and sophomore Diego Rios. Although Exil did not score, he did come down with four rebounds and dished out three assists.

Rios scored all seven of his points in the first half, tying Cummings for the most for Union in the first 16 minutes as the Farmers led 30-17 at intermission.

"Exil held (Summit's Ba'Shawn) Mickens in check," Feeley said.

Mickens, considered one of Summit's top players, was held to a quiet 11 points, including only four by halftime.

"Rios made some big shots for us and went to the basket well," Feeley said. "We lacked energy in the first quarter and Exil and Rios gave us a lift off the bench."

Union's lone returning starter Marcus Carter, a solid senior forward, added 10 points and 10 boards.

"We've been waiting for this all season," Carter said.

Union opened with a 49-46 buzzer-beater loss at home to Elizabeth and also lost at Franklin 59-55.

"The difference (vs. Summit) was that we came out to play in the first half," Carter said.

Union junior guard Erick Lofton-Harris contributed 12 points, including 10 in the second half. He displayed an ability to pull up and hit long-range shots in addition to driving to the basket for inside points.

"We've worked hard and for a lot of these guys this is their first year," said Carter, who last year was a prominent player on Union's 13-12 state tournament-qualifying squad.

Summit, which lost in double-overtime at home to Scotch Plains 61-57 and has two other setbacks by eight points or less, was paced offensively by Jon Mendez, who poured in 15 points, including a game-high nine by intermission. Ryan Sweeney added 10 points.

Union began a four-game road stand last Saturday, falling at East Brunswick 72-40.

The next three road games are Watchung Division contests vs. Westfield Saturday at 2 p.m., against St. Patrick Tuesday night 7 and vs. Elizabeth next Thursday at 4 p.m.

Union's next scheduled home game is vs. Watchung Division rival Linden Jan. 28 at 1 p.m.

"Losing is always frustrating," Feeley said. "But the kids are working hard every day and if they continue to do that, only good things will come."

"I'm seeing some positive signs."



Photo by JR Parachini

First-year Union boys' basketball coach Kevin Feeley got his initial victory last Friday afternoon when his Farmers defeated visiting Summit.

**37TH ANNUAL UNION COUNTY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT AT UNION HIGH SCHOOL'S LOUIS J. RETTINO GYMNASIUM TO COMMENCE SATURDAY AT 9 A.M.**

### RETURNING CHAMPIONS:

Gov. Livingston junior Jon Mele - won at 103 last year  
GL senior Ryne Morrison - won at 112 last year  
Brearley junior Anthony Rice - won at 125 last year

Brearley senior Nick Lospinoso - won at 140 last year  
Lospinoso is ranked No. 8 in the state this week at 145

Cranford senior J.P. Christiano - won at 160 last year  
Christiano is ranked No. 6 in the state this week at 170

Roselle Park senior Vic Pozsonyi - won at 171 last year  
Pozsonyi is ranked No. 3 in the state this week at 182

### 2-TIME CHAMPIONS:

Anthony Rice, Brearley; Nick Lospinoso, Brearley

### TEAM CHAMPIONS FROM 2011 TO 1990:

2011: Brearley. 2010: Brearley. 2009: Brearley. 2008: Brearley.

2007: Brearley. 2006: Brearley, first time. 2005: Rahway.

2004: Scotch Plains, first time. 2003: Roselle Park.

2002: Roselle Park. 2001: Roselle Park. 2000: Roselle Park.

1999: Roselle Park. 1998: Roselle Park. 1997: Roselle Park.

1996: Rahway. 1995: Rahway. 1994: Union. 1993: Roselle Park.

1992: Roselle Park. 1991: Union. 1990: Westfield.

• Big week for Pozsonyi, Page 22

Union senior forward Marcus Carter scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in last Friday's 60-42 home win over Summit.



Photo by JR Parachini

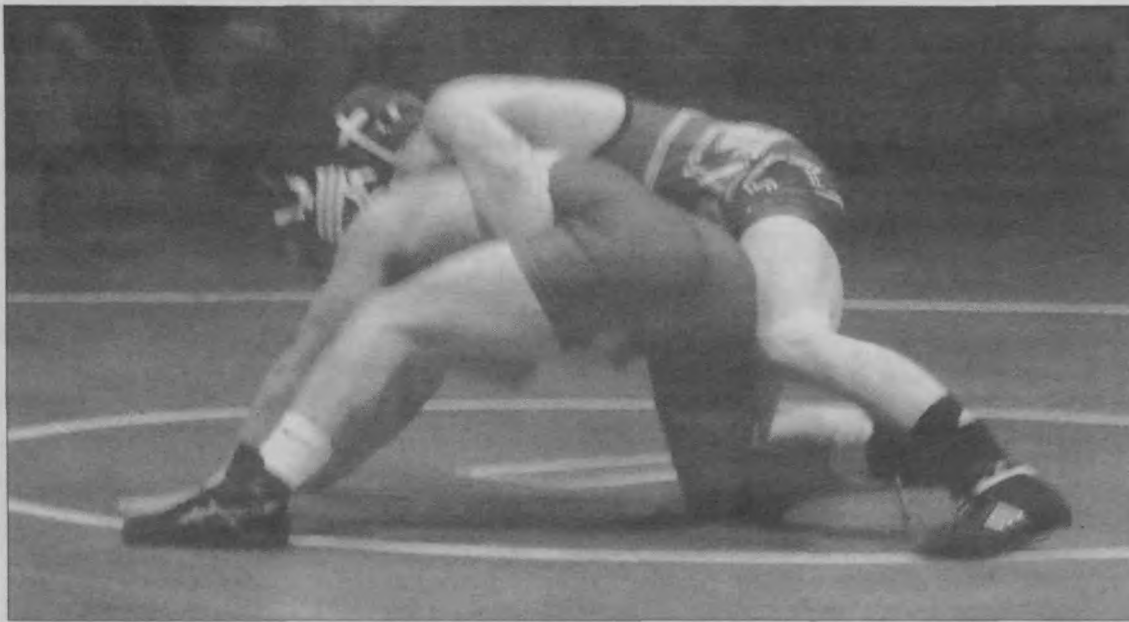


Photo by JR Parachini

Roselle Park standout wrestler Vic Pozsonyi, top, beat Brearley senior Dillon Geoghegan, bottom, twice last season, including here by the score of 2-1 in Brearley's 36-31 win at Roselle Park last January. Pozsonyi then shut out Geoghegan 1-0 in last year's Union County Tournament final at 171. Pozsonyi will be the top seed at 182 for this Saturday's 37th annual UCT at Union.

# Big week for standout RP wrestler Pozsonyi

## To compete in All-Star match on Sunday

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

This is a big week for Roselle Park standout senior wrestler Vic Pozsonyi.

Ranked third in the state at 182, Pozsonyi will compete against top-ranked Dallas Winston of Jackson in Sunday's annual All-Star Invitational at Brick Memorial, which will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Winston, a senior, has not lost to an in-state opponent yet this season.

Before that, Pozsonyi and his teammates wrestled at Brearley Tuesday night and were to host Elizabeth last night.

Next up is the 37th annual Union County Tournament Saturday at Union, which will commence 9 a.m.

Pozsonyi won his first UCT crown last year, capturing the 171 title as the top seed. He will be the top seed at 182 on Saturday.

In last year's 171 final, Pozsonyi shut out Brearley senior Dillon Geoghegan 1-0. Pozsonyi was Roselle Park's only 2011 UCT champion.

Pozsonyi's only setback so far this year - as of Tuesday - came on Dec. 27, which was a 7-4 decision to Piscataway senior Devin Shaw, who is ranked No. 2 in the state at 182.

Also last year, the Apex Wrestling School grappler finished seventh in the NJSIAA Tournament at 171 and was then eighth in the nation at 171 at the NHSCA National Championships held in Virginia Beach, Va.

There are Apex Wrestling School locations in Kenilworth and Teterboro.

### WRESTLING SCHEDULES

#### GOV. LIVINGSTON HIGHLANDERS

Jan. 25 at Elizabeth, 5 p.m.  
Jan. 27 at Roselle Park, 7 p.m.  
Feb. 3 Cranford, 4 p.m.

#### SUMMIT HILLTOPPERS

Jan. 25 Torah Academy, 6:30 p.m.  
Jan. 28 at Union and also Linden, Scotch Plains, 10 a.m.  
Feb. 1 Irvington, 7 p.m.

### KEY TEAM RESULTS SO FAR

Key Union County team results so far this year include:

**Jan. 4:** Westfield 43, Roselle Park 24 - at Westfield  
**Jan. 5:** GL 31, Brearley 29 - at Brearley

**Jan. 13:** Westfield 36, S. Plains 30 - at Scotch Plains Records (as usual, to be taken with a grain of salt) as of Monday included:

Westfield (9-0), Scotch Plains (10-1), GL (8-2), Roselle Park (9-3) and Brearley (3-1).

GL lost to Brearley by 1.5 points in last year's UCT. The Highlanders may be the favorite to win the UCT Saturday, which would be for the first time if they do so.

### BIG UPCOMING TEAM MATCHES

Big upcoming team matches including and still include:

**Jan. 17:** Roselle Park at Brearley  
**Jan. 18:** Westfield at Brearley  
**Jan. 27:** GL at Roselle Park, 7 p.m.  
**Feb. 1:** GL at Westfield, 4 p.m.

### GL'S IACONO REACHES 300 WINS

Veteran GL head coach Rick Iacono reached 300 wins Friday after his Highlanders defeated Linden and Kearny at home.

Iacono was also the head coach at Dayton 20 years ago.

# Hot Stove Dinner is on deck for Feb. 12

The Union County Baseball Association will induct four new members into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame during award ceremonies on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 12. The four inductees will be honored for their outstanding contributions to our national pastime on the baseball diamonds of Union County, New Jersey.

Dennis McCaffery of Cranford, Ed Murzinski of Linden, Bob Riesener of Linden, and Jamie Shriner of Roselle Park will be honored with induction into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame at the 76th Annual Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner on Feb. 12, which begins at 1 p.m. at the L'Affaire Banquet Center, 1099 Route 22 East, Mountainside. The dinner is sponsored by the Union County Baseball Association, in cooperation with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Department of Parks and Community Renewal.

"We're delighted to welcome four extremely deserving new members into the Union County Baseball Hall of Fame," said Freeholder Chairman Deborah Scanlon. "We hope that family members and friends of all the honorees will enjoy the Sunday afternoon ceremonies and support youth baseball in Union County."

In addition to the new Hall of Fame inductees, the Hot Stove League Baseball Dinner also will honor young athletes from local baseball leagues for their achievements in 2011.

Tickets for the dinner are \$40, with proceeds going to help fund the Union County Summer Youth Baseball League for youngsters 8 to 15 years and the Fall Teen League.

Since 1937, the Hot Stove League Dinner has been the primary fundraising effort for the Union County Baseball Association's summer and fall programs. Over the years, the awards dinner has honored many local and national baseball luminaries - including Phil Rizzuto of Hillside, Don Newcombe of Elizabeth, Joe Collins of Union, Willie Wilson of Summit, Jake Wood of Elizabeth, and Elliott Maddox of Union.

Tickets for the 76th Annual Union County Baseball Association Hot Stove League Dinner on Feb. 12th are available by mail for \$40 from the Union County Baseball Association, PO Box 176, Fanwood, New Jersey 07023.

### UNION BOWLING RESULTS

#### Jan. 14: Central Jersey Winter Classic

Nnamdi Ike 117-80-100: 297 / Mike Mabeza 134-119-124: 377  
Ed Rodriguez 136-166-136: 438 / Brandon Burwell 234-235-235: 704  
John Stigall 224-244-228: 696

#### Jan. 12: Westfield 3, Union 0

Ed Rodriguez 137-133-147: 422 / Mike Mabeza 131-130-112: 373  
John Stigall 214-223-243: 680  
Vacant X-X-X: 360 / Vacant X-X-X: 360 / Total pins: 2,195

#### Jan. 11: Scotch Plains 3, Union 0

Mike Mabeza 96-107-167: 370 / Nnamdi Ike 105-89-75: 269  
Ed Rodriguez 174-197-135: 506 / John Stigall 241-195-208: 644  
Vacant X-X-X: 360 / Total pins: 2,149

### WRESTLING SCHEDULES

#### UNION FARMERS

Jan. 25 Johnson, 4 p.m.  
Jan. 28 Summit, Linden and Scotch Plains, 10 a.m.  
Feb. 1 Rahway, 4 p.m.  
Feb. 3 at Barringer, 6 p.m.  
Feb. 4 at Newark Academy, 10 a.m.  
Feb. 8 at Kearny, 5 p.m.  
Feb. 10 Millburn, 4 p.m.

#### ROSELLE PARK PANTHERS

Jan. 25 Cranford, 7 p.m.  
Jan. 27 Gov. Livingston, 7 p.m.  
Jan. 28 Warren Hills and Ocean, 9 a.m.  
Jan. 31 at Scotch Plains, 7 p.m.  
Feb. 1 at New Providence, 7 p.m.  
Feb. 2 Irvington, 7 p.m.

#### BREARLEY BEARS

Jan. 25 at New Providence, 7 p.m.  
Jan. 27 at Cranford, 7 p.m.  
Feb. 1 St. Peter's Prep, 7 p.m.  
Feb. 3 at Rahway, 7 p.m.

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Photo by JR Parachini

Summit senior Nicole Johnson scored 17 points in her team's convincing 57-30 home win over Johnson last Friday night.

## Summit girls' lifted by 3 stellar seniors

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

SUMMIT – There comes a point in the season when the most prominent players slowly begin to step up their games.

That time continued for Summit seniors Nicole Johnson, Kate Martino and Kelly Osmulski last Friday night.

The standout Hilltopper triumvirate combined for 51 points in leading the Summit girls' basketball team to a commanding 57-30 Union County Conference-crossover triumph over Johnson.

Summit won its third straight to improve to 5-3, while Johnson – which had won two of its previous three and the loss in between was in double overtime – fell to 3-6.

Nicole Johnson, Martino and Osmulski each took over a quarter, with Johnson scoring nine of her 17 in the first, Martino eight of her 13 in the second and Osmulski 12 of her game-high and season-high 21 in the fourth.

Not counting a 4-4 deadlock after Johnson senior Cyndi Wilson grabbed an offensive rebound and hit a jump shot – she paced the visiting Crusaders with a 13-point performance – Summit led from start to finish.

The Hilltoppers followed up a big 56-50 Watchung Division triumph Jan. 10 at Scotch Plains. Last year, Summit was swept by Scotch Plains in division play and also lost to the Raiders in the first round of the Union County Tournament. Then Summit fell to Johnson in the first round of the Central Jersey, Group 2 playoffs.

“We lost to Johnson in the states last year, so we wanted to come out and play really hard right from the start,” said Osmulski, who also paced Summit Tuesday with 19 points vs. Scotch Plains.

After the only tie at 4-4, Summit ended the first quarter on a 10-2 run that included the final six points. Johnson was hurt by 13 turnovers and Summit took advantage.

Following Johnson pulling to within 15-11 on an inside basket by junior Eryka Underwood with 6:18 to go in the first half, Summit closed the second quarter on a 12-2 run that included the final four points of the period. Martino scored all four of those points, including two free throws and then a buzzer-beater shot from the lane that banked off the glass.

“We started off well, ran all of our plays and played good defense,” Osmulski said. “We all played together.”

Up 27-13 at the half, Summit grabbed the first possession of the third quarter and began to slow things down. Moving the ball from side to side, it was the 11th pass – by No. 11 Martino – that found a wide open Osmulski underneath for an easy inside basket. The field goal came 1:11 into the period as the Hilltoppers were able to take more than one minute off the clock to increase their lead to 16 at 29-13.

“Kate was driving and then she saw an opening,” Osmulski said. “We wanted to slow it down there and look for a good shot. Our lead at the time enabled us to do that. From that point on everyone contributed.”

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# Hillside girls' basketball is led by freshmen class

## Comets began week 8-1, leading Valley

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

At this time last year the Hillside girls' basketball team was winless. The Comets were in the midst of a second straight under-.500 season as a member of the Mountain Division of the Union County Conference.

The year before was not that bad, with Hillside finishing 9-13 in 2010 and even winning a county tournament game under first-year head coach Sjoqueelyn Winstead, who played for the Comets herself before graduating in 2005.

Last year saw Hillside – following an 0-7 start – win its first game at Lindenwold 37-18, which is the team it hosted this past Saturday, and then edge Elizabeth 44-43 at home five days later for its final victory in an eventual 2-17 finish.

Hillside split with Elizabeth and finished 1-11 in the Mountain Division.

A year ahead of schedule, Hillside dropped down to the UCC's Valley Division this season after Dayton made a plea to move up to the Mountain based on the fact that it returned all five starters, including three prominent seniors that had started at the varsity level since their freshmen campaigns.

The move has worked out well for both teams so far. Dayton, which last year shared the Valley Division championship with Kent Place, stood at 7-3 overall and 3-3 in the Mountain Division before playing at Hillside Tuesday afternoon.

Dayton has big home wins over Mountain Division foe Cranford and defending Watchung Division champion Roselle Catholic. Dayton defeated Cranford in last year's Union County Tournament quarterfinals and then lost to eventual three-peat champion RC in the semifinals.

Hillside entered Tuesday afternoon's home conference-crossover clash vs. Dayton with an 8-1 record, six-game winning streak and perfect 6-0 mark in the Valley Division.

Hillside's last two wins the past week both came at home. Hillside defeated Valley Division foe Brearley 57-21 Friday and then were even more decisive in downing Lindenwold 62-11 Saturday.

The Comets have swept Rahway and also defeated St. Patrick, Kent Place, St. Mary's of Elizabeth and Brearley in Valley Division play so far.

Hillside still has to play division foes Roselle Park and Benedictine Academy the first time around.

So far the Comets have been sparked by a freshmen class that includes four players on the varsity roster. One of them is Afeni Richardson, who Winstead reports is the team's leading scorer despite not being one of its five starters.

The other three freshmen include starting forward Yasmine Robinson-Bacote and reserves Tia-Monique Cole and Chioma Emeana.

“We've been able to bring in a group of freshmen and retain them,” said Winstead, who as a junior in 2004 was part of a 19-6 Hillside squad that reached the North 2, Group 2 championship game. “They're the future of our program.”

They are also the present. On Jan. 10, Robinson-Bacote paced Hillside with 12 points in a dominating 65-13 win at division foe St. Mary's of Elizabeth. Richardson had nine and Cole four in Hillside's highest scoring game so far.

“There was a lot of development of their skills during the summer season,” Winstead said. “We have players that can play all positions and girls' that can play basketball.”

The point guard is senior Khadijah Callahan, who scored 11 points in the St. Mary's triumph.

“This is a big role for her because she's never played the point before,” Winstead said. “As a freshman she rode the bench and as a sophomore and junior she played the 2-guard. She's reduced her turnovers tremendously.”

Taking over the 2-guard position is junior Rah'Shanai Cole.

“Her strength is her jump shot from the wing,” Winstead said. “Defensively, she irritates opponents and rebounds everything.”

Winstead said Robinson-Bacote can also play guard. “She can attack off the dribble,” Winstead said. “She has a B-plus basketball IQ. One of her best moves is along the baseline.”

Also scoring nine points vs. St. Mary's was junior forward Jasmine Lombard.

“She's a tough, low post player, who has a turn-around jump shot,” Winstead said. “It's very difficult to guard her one-on-one. She worked very hard during the summer, seven days a week.”

Rounding out the starting five is junior forward Jovania Pierre.

“Jovania shows leadership skills,” Winstead said. “She likes to attack off the jump shot. She can get off a good shot anywhere in the paint.”

Another key player off the bench is junior Chantel Turner. She also scored in double digits against St. Mary's, pouring in 10 points.

“Turner and Richardson give us that second run that we need,” Winstead said.

Hillside is on its way to finishing over .500 for the first time since a 13-12 conclusion in 2009, which was also the last year it qualified for the state playoffs, making the grade that season in Central Jersey, Group 2.

The Comets remain in CJ, G2 for this season. “Our three goals are to finish over .500, qualify for the states and get a comfortable seed and win our conference,” Winstead said. “When I played at Hillside the program was revitalized.”

“Our goal here is to show Union County that players from Hillside want to play. We want to show that we can be disciplined and focused.”

Winstead has run two successful summer camps and one fall clinic so far for girls in town. Her first summer camp in 2010 at Calvin Coolidge Elementary School drew 30 girls. A fall clinic in 2010 at Hurden Looker School, where she is a 4th grade teacher, drew 45. Her camp last summer at the Hillside Recreation Department drew 20.

“Of all the towns in Union County there are 11 (including Hillside) that don't have recreation (feeder) programs,” Winstead said. “That's why I started the camps. I'm from the community and part of the community and I want to get the girls from the community involved.”

Other varsity players include senior Joshlynn Moore, junior Jasmine Crockett and sophomore Shantay Boyd.

### REMAINING VALLEY DIVISION GAMES:

Jan. 20 at Benedictine, 4 p.m.  
Jan. 24 at Roselle Park, 4 p.m.  
Jan. 26 St. Patrick, 4 p.m.  
Jan. 27 Kent Place, 4 p.m.  
Feb. 2 St. Mary's, Elizabeth 4 p.m.  
Feb. 3 at Brearley, 7 p.m.  
Feb. 7 Benedictine, 4 p.m.  
Feb. 10 Roselle Park, 4 p.m.

### REMAINING NON-DIVISION GAMES:

Feb. 9 New Providence, 7 p.m., conf.-crossover

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# Roselle boys' basketball works hard year round

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

There are plenty of ways to go after success.

The path taken by the Roselle Rams continued immediately following last season's 18-10 finish and continued right until the Monday after Thanksgiving when practice officially commenced.

Sharing the Union County Conference's Valley Division title with New Providence and Dayton might have been good enough last year. Losing a close Union County Tournament prelim game and winning one state tourney contest might have been respectable.

However, with three returning starters — all juniors — this year's goals seem to be much loftier.

The Roselle boys' basketball team feels it can do much better than last year and is off to the kind of start that indicates that.

The Rams began the week at 8-3 after falling to Rahway 72-57 last Saturday at the Rahway Recreation Center and to Ewing 51-39 Monday at New Brunswick.

More importantly they also began the week leading the Valley Division all by themselves with a perfect 5-0 mark.

"I'm excited, it's always a pleasure to have a winning season," said Mike Smith, who is in his second stint as the head coach.

Smith has coached successful teams before at Roselle, with some following a couple of down seasons.

Winning is not new at Roselle.

That's not to say that the ceiling could still be very high for this Ram squad.

"It's a challenge to continue in the positive direction we're going in," Smith said. "This is a pretty close-knit group."

Returning starters such as Jamar Redmond and William Nelson played varsity as freshmen two years ago. The third returning starter is Evin Jimenez. Smith said, in addition to being excellent students, they are also the team leaders.

"Those guys are part of our feeder program called the Roselle Running Rams," Smith said.

After last season ended with a 72-67 loss to Ewing in the Central Jersey, Group 2 quarterfinals on March 2, the Rams took part in a spring league. Then came participation in the Rahway Summer League.

"That was part of a very busy summer," Smith said. "Workouts continued in August and off-season training took place in October.

"There was a fall league too. The kids worked very hard all year round."

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**UNION COUNTY**

**Union County Utilities Authority  
Notice of Request for Qualifications**

The Union County Utilities Authority ("UCUA") is soliciting Qualification Statements from interested persons and/or firms for the provision of the below-listed services. Through a Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") process, persons and/or firms interested in assisting the UCUA with the provision of such services must prepare and submit a Qualification Statement in accordance with the procedure and schedule set forth in the applicable RFQ. The UCUA will review Qualification Statements only from those persons and/or firms that submit a timely Qualification Statement containing all information required by the UCUA as set forth in the applicable RFQ. The UCUA intends to qualify persons and/or firms that (a) possess the professional, financial and administrative capabilities to provide the proposed services, and (b) agree to and meet the terms and conditions determined by the UCUA.

The selection of qualified persons and/or firms is not subject to the bidding provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., but is to be guided by the "New Jersey Local Unit Pay-to-Play" Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. The UCUA has structured a procurement process that seeks to obtain the desired results, while establishing a competitive, fair and open process, to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a Qualification Statement in response to the RFQ.

The RFQ documents will become available on **Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 10 a.m.** They may be obtained via download from the UCUA's website - [WWW.UCUA.ORG](http://WWW.UCUA.ORG). Questions pertaining to this Notice should be directed to Lisa M. DaSilva, RMC, Deputy Clerk/Office Manager, Union County Utilities Authority, at (732) 382-9400.

Qualification Statements must be delivered to, and be received by, Daniel P. Sullivan, Interim Executive Director, Union County Utilities Authority, 1499 Routes 1&3 North, 3rd Floor, Rahway, NJ 07065 on or before **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.** Qualification Statements must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, bearing the name and address of the respondent and identifying the services the respondent seeks to provide. **Qualification Statements will not be accepted by facsimile transmission or e-mail.** Qualification Statements received after 2:00 p.m. on February 1, 2012, will be automatically rejected and returned to the sender.

**SERVICES:**

1. Financial Advisor
  2. Legal Counsel Services
  3. General Engineering Services
  4. Special Engineering Services
  5. Insurance Services
  6. Auditing Services
  7. Public Relations Services
  8. Employee Counseling Services
- U288878 WCN Jan. 19, 2012 (\$41.16)

**UNION COUNTY**

**REVISED MEETING NOTICE**

UNION COUNTY MORSES CREEK FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION MEETINGS FOR YEAR 2012 WILL BE AT **10:00 AM** AT ROSELLE BOROUGHS HALL, 210 CHESTNUT STREET. U288819 WCN Jan. 19, 2012 (\$4.90)

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**ROSELLE PARK**

**ANNUAL NOTICE**

**ROSELLE PARK MUNICIPAL LAND USE BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2012**

Date: January 9, 2012

**Meeting Dates**

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February 6, 2012  
March 19, 2012  
April 16, 2012  
May 21, 2012  
June 18, 2012  
July 16, 2012  
August 20, 2012  
September 17, 2012  
November 5, 2012  
December 17, 2012  
January 9, 2013

All meetings are held in the Municipal Building, 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park on Monday evenings starting at 7:00 P.M.

Gail Scaglione,  
Roselle Park Municipal  
Land Use Clerk  
U288742 UNL Jan. 19, 2012 (\$15.19)

**UNION**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The Township of Union Division of Purchasing will receive sealed Bids for Various Printing 2012-2013 at the Main Meeting Room, Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Township of Union, Union County, New Jersey on Thursday, February 2, 2012, at 9:30 A.M., sharp at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Proposed Forms of Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, are on file in the Division of Purchasing Office, Township of Union.

Copies of the documents may be obtained in person only, at the Division of Purchasing Office, Lower Level, Municipal Building, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday. **DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE MAILED. BIDDERS MUST APPEAR IN PERSON AT THE SPECIFIED TIME AND DATE OF BID OPENING.**

Each Proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to the Township of Union in an amount equal to Ten Percent (10%) of the Bid. The Surety on the Bid Bond must be a Corporate Surety licensed to sign Surety Bonds in the State of New Jersey. No Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond will be accepted if the amount is less than Ten Percent (10%) of the Total Bid Amount but in no event need the same exceed \$20,000.00. Deposits accompanying Bids shall be sealed in the Bid Envelope.

Alternative Bids will not be considered unless specified otherwise in the Technical Specifications. The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for a satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 C.127, N.J. (NJAC 17:27), Affirmative Action Act P.L. 1963, Chapter 150 (Prevailing Wage Act), and Chapter 33, Laws of NJ 1977 (Contractors Names). If awarded a contract your company/firm will be required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 C.127 (NJAC 17:27).

Legislation signed into law that will affect certain public contracts P.L. 1999, c.238, "THE PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT" IS IN EFFECT.

Contractors performing covered Public Work on the effective date must apply for Registration within thirty (30) days of the effective date. Contractors not performing Public Work on effective day of the Act must apply for registration before bidding on a Public Works contract. A copy of the registration application will establish eligibility for award for a period of thirty (30) days. For purposes of "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act" "Public Works" is defined as "the Construction, demolition, alteration, repair or maintenance of a public building regularly open to and used by the general public or a public institution, and includes any subcontractor or lower tier subcontractor as defined herein, except that, for purposes of the Act, no pumping station, treatment plant or other facility associated with utility and environmental construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, repair or maintenance shall be regarded open to and used by the general

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public or a public institution." It is important to note that, although not required to register, contractors who perform covered work on public projects not included in this definition of "public works" must still comply with the provisions of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act (N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et. Seq.) as regards the payment of prevailing wage rates and the keeping/submitting of certified payroll records.

The Township of Union reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities, in the bidding. The Township of Union reserves the right to sever and make awards of all or parts of any Bids to one or more bidders. No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of Bids without the consent of the Township of Union.

One (1) copy of the Bid must be fully executed and presented on the proposal form provided.

Bids must be presented in person by a representative of the Bidder, when called for by the Purchasing Division and not before or after. **BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL.** Specifications are not to be submitted with Bid documents.

By Order of the  
Township of Union Committee  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk  
U288845 UNL Jan. 19, 2012 (\$62.23)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**RAHWAY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY**

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on January 9, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said governing body to be held in City Hall, City Hall Plaza, Rahway, New Jersey 07065, in said County, on February 13, 2012 at 7 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

**ORDINANCE - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY**

**0-2-12**  
Title: **BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING IN ITS ENTIRETY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 0-11-11 ADOPTED APRIL 11, 2011 AND ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR DEMOLITION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS PROPERTIES WITHIN A DULY DESIGNATED REDEVELOPMENT AREA IN THE CITY, APPROPRIATING \$200,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR PAYING THE COST THEREOF FOR SAID IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY" TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZED BONDS AND NOTES TO \$285,000 AND TO MAKE SUCH OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES AS APPROPRIATE**  
Purpose(s): Demolition of 65 Cherry Street and improvements thereto, improvements to Dornoch I property and to Dornoch II (Parking Lot B), to include all materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.  
Appropriations: \$285,000  
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$285,000  
Section 20 Costs: \$75,000  
Useful Life: 10 years  
Jean D. Kuc, RMC  
City Clerk  
U288729 PRO Jan. 19, 2012 (\$33.32)

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**ELIZABETH**

SHERIFF'S SALE  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-11006286  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F2178909  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: TRUCAP GRANTOR TRUST 2010-1  
VS

Defendant: NELSON GOMEZ; LUCIANA GOMEZ; MONMOUTH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CITIZEN SERVICES; DIVISION OF WELFARE; HERMEL REATIVA  
Sale Date: 02/01/2012  
Writ of Execution: 11/23/2011

By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales. **PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN: City of Elizabeth, County of Union, in the State of New Jersey. PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: R 821-R 835 Jersey Ave 2D Elizabeth, NJ 07202.**  
Mailing Address: 821 Jersey Avenue 2D Elizabeth, NJ 07202  
TAX LOT # 1108 C-2d BLOCK # 10  
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: Condominium  
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Acme Street

**Taxes:**

Current through 4th Quarter of 2011\*  
Subject to any lien in favor of a condominium association which is granted priority pursuant to N.J.S.A. 46:8B-21(b)(1), if any.

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

**THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.**  
A FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PREMISES CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF UNION COUNTY.

**JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$267,371.05**  
**Two Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-One and 05/100\*\*\***  
Attorney:  
PARKER MCCAY - ATTORNEYS  
9000 MIDLANTIC DRIVE  
SUITE 300 - P.O. BOX 5054  
MT. LAUREL NJ 08054-1539  
(856)596-8900  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$273,718.14\*\*\*Two Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and 14/100\*\*\*  
January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012  
U288243 PRO (\$180.32)

**RAHWAY**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY  
BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENTS AND SUMMARY**

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on January 9, 2012 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordi-

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nance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

**0-41-11**  
Title: **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, APPROPRIATING \$38,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$38,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR PAYING THE COST THEREOF FOR SAID IMPROVEMENTS, AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY.**

Purpose(s): 1) Sanitary and Storm Line Main Repair-Main Street, E. Hazelwood Avenue, 2) Sanitary Manhole Repair-W. Grand Avenue, 3) Culvert Grating for Orchard & Jefferson; Linden & W. Scott Avenue, 4) Acquisition and installation of ATS switch for pumps - Dock Street Sanitary Pump Station, all of the foregoing to include all materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

Appropriations: \$38,000  
Bonds/Note Authorized: \$38,000  
Section 20 Costs: \$15,000  
Useful Life: 35.5 years

JEAN D. KUC, RMC  
City Clerk  
U288731 PRO Jan. 19, 2012 (\$28.91)

**ELIZABETH**

**SHERIFF'S SALE**

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000035  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F607108  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: GULFSTREAM CAPITAL CORPORATION, A DELAWARE CORPORATION AS ASSIGNEE FROM FIRST BANKAMERICANO  
VS

Defendant: CESAR MARINO, MERCEDES MARINO AND LA SORPRESA SUPERMARKET  
Sale Date: 02/08/2012  
Writ of Execution: 05/06/2010

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

**DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY**  
1. The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, and State of New Jersey. Premises are commonly known as: 407 Elizabeth Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206  
Tax Lot No. 272 in Block No. 5  
Nearest Cross Street: Fourth Street  
2. DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 2,500 sq. feet  
Regular Lot.  
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.  
**JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$326,364.16**  
**\*\*\*Three Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Four and 16/100\*\*\***

Attorney:  
ALBERTO ULLOA, P.C.  
1435 MORRIS AVE  
THIRD FLOOR  
UNION, NJ 07083  
(908)687-8080  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$350,156.52 \*\*\*Three Hundred Fifty Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Six and 52/100\*\*\*  
January 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 2012  
U288532 PRO (\$121.52)

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ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000040
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F4441109
County: Union
Plaintiff: FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
VS
Defendant: SANDRA GUADALUPE, MR. GUADALUPE, HUSBAND OF SANDRA GUADALUPE, EDGAR VILLAVICENCIO, MRS. VILLAVICENCIO, WIFE OF EDGAR VILLAVICENCIO, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST MAGNUS FINANCIAL CORPORATION
Sale Date: 02/08/2012
Writ of Execution: 01/14/2011
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
CONCISE STATEMENT OF DESCRIPTION OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD
MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth
COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.
STREET & STREET NO: 217 Loomis Street
TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK: 874 LOT: 5
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 100.00' x 37.50'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 198.66' from Second Avenue
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$269,206.13
Two Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Six and 13/100
Attorney:
POWEYS KIRN - COUNSELORS
728 MARNE HIGHWAY
P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200
MOORESTOWN NJ 08057
(856)802-1000
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$291,863.60\*\*Two Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Three and 60/100\*\*
January 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 2012
U288519 PRO (\$160.72)

LINDEN

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-11006287
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: DJ14142409
County: Union
Plaintiff: VELOCITY INVESTMENTS LLC
VS
Defendant: THEOTONIO SOARES
Sale Date: 02/01/2012
Writ of Execution: 05/18/2011
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
DESCRIPTION
NAME OF SALE: VELOCITY INVESTMENTS LLC vs. THEOTONIO SOARES SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY UNION COUNTY LAW DIVISION Docket No. DJ-141423-09 DC24415-05 STREET AND STREET NUMBER: 1300 Winans Ave., Linden, NJ 07036
TAX LOT AND BLOCK NUMBER: Block 554, Lot 3 on the Tax Map of the Linden NJ 07036
NUMBER OF FEET TO NEAREST CROSS STREET: 100' to Twelfth Street
DIMENSIONS: 100' x 72.50'
FULL DESCRIPTION: Deed Book 4184 Page 249
PRIOR LIENS: None known
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$15,073.97 Fifteen Thousand Seventy-Three and 97/100
Attorney:
RAGAN & RAGAN - COUNSELORS AT LAW
BRINLEY PLAZA BUILDING ONE
3100 ROUTE 138 WEST
WALL, NJ 07719
(732)280-4100
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$15,894.64\*\*Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Four and 64/100\*\*
January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012
U288244 PRO (\$117.60)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000053
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F05902910
County: Union
Plaintiff: CROWN BANK, N.A. N/K/A CROWN BANK
VS
Defendant: PAULO J. SILVA, ANTONIO O MENESES, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Sale Date: 02/08/2012
Writ of Execution: 09/19/2011
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
All that certain land and premises situated in the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey, being more particularly described as follows:
Lot: 115-N; Block: 1
on the Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth
Nearest Cross Street: Port Avenue
Approximate Dimensions: 110.00ft x 31.10ft x 110.00 ft x 31.10ft
Being more commonly known as: 247 First Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07201
Pursuant to a municipal tax search dated November 9, 2011,
Subject to: 4th quarter 2011 taxes \$5,007.92
Water: \$246.59 open + penalty
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$389,189.46
Three Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Nine and 46/100
Attorney:
HIRS WALLACK LLP
202 CARNEGIE CTR
CN 5226
PRINCETON NJ 08543-5226
(609)924-0808
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$400,455.43 Four Hundred Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five and 43/100
January 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 2012
U288521 PRO (\$160.72)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENTS AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Rahway, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on January 9, 2012 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:
0-39-11
Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS, APPROPRIATING \$137,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$130,150 BONDS AND/OR NOTES OF THE CITY FOR PAYING THE COST THEREOF FOR SAID IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE CITY OF RAHWAY, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY
Purpose(s): 1) Essex Street Emergency Road Repair, 2) Acquisition of material for temporary road repairs, 3) Acquisition of Safety Equipment, including but not limited to barricades and cones, 4) Roof repair-Main Street Fire House, 8) Mold Abatement - Arts Guild, and 9) Heating and Hot water system replacement - Arts Guild, all of the foregoing to include all materials, equipment, labor and appurtenances necessary therefor or incidental thereto.
Appropriations: \$137,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$130,150
Section 20 Costs: \$42,000
Useful Life: 9.65 years
JEAN D. KUC, RMC
City Clerk
U288733 PRO Jan. 19, 2012 (\$28.91)

LINDEN

City of Linden Board of Adjustment

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DECISION is

PUBLIC NOTICE

hereby given to all persons that a meeting and public hearing of the Board of Adjustment of the City of Linden was held on December 12th, 2011 at which the following application(s) were called for public hearing.

Case# ZBA-09-2011
FELIX and DOMENICO LETTINI
Represented by: Gregory M. Juba, Esq.
Property: 312 East Blancke Street, Block 197 / Lot# 37
Zone: R-2B
Proposed - Sub-divide lot and construct two single family dwellings as attached
STATUS: APPROVED w/conditions

Case# ZBA-10-2011
K & J NIEMCZYK
Represented by: Gregory M. Juba, Esq.
Property: 306-308 West Morris Avenue, Block 464 / Lot# 3.02, 34 and 35
Zone: R-2B
Proposed - Construct 9 unit multi-Family Dwelling
STATUS: RESERVE DECISION

Said application(s) were granted or denied as indicated. The Board adopted and memorialized said resolution at its January 9th, 2012 meeting. Decisions are on file with the Board's Secretary and are available for inspection at the Construction Code Department between 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

Brian C. Fritzsche
Secretary of the Board
U288762 PRO Jan. 19, 2012 (\$23.52)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-11006282
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F00377211
County: Union
Plaintiff: AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC
VS
Defendant: JACEK KACZYNSKI, MARIA KACZYNSKA AKA MARIA KACZYNSKI
Sale Date: 02/01/2012
Writ of Execution: 11/29/2011
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth
COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.
STREET & STREET NO: 908 Pennington Street
TAX BLOCK AND LOT: BLOCK: 10 LOT: 1747
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 140' x 40'
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Standish Street
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$318,071.81
Three Hundred Eighteen Thousand Seventy-One and 81/100
Attorney:
POWEYS KIRN - COUNSELORS
728 MARNE HIGHWAY
P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200
MOORESTOWN NJ 08057
(856)802-1000
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$326,498.87\*\*Three Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Eight and 87/100\*\*
January 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012
U288242 PRO (\$141.56)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Municipal Council of the City of Rahway has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. This contract and Resolution AR-34-12 authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk. The contract has been awarded to Michael L. Ricca 1078 Madison Avenue, Rahway, NJ 07065 for a fee of \$30,000.00. The purpose of this contract is to manage the City's manage its local area network (LAN) and related information technologies. This company complies with the requirements of P.L. 2004 c.19 (N.J.S.A. (19:44A-20.5 et seq).

Jean D. Kuc, RMC
Municipal Clerk
U288735 PRO Jan. 19, 2012 (\$13.23)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000048
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F04526010
County: Union
Plaintiff: FLAGSTAR BANK, F.S.B.
VS
Defendant: WILSON ARIAS
Sale Date: 02/08/2012
Writ of Execution: 12/19/2011
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
Concise Property Description
The property to be sold is located in the City of Elizabeth.
In the County of Union and the State of New Jersey
Premises commonly known as: 870 Kilsyth Road
Block 11, Lot 543
Dimensions of Lot (approximately): 40' x 122'
Nearest Cross Street: Durant Street
Subject to: \$0.00
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$460,641.38\*\*
Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Six Hundred Forty-One and 38/100
Attorney:
MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C.
216 HADDON AVE
SUITE 303
WESTMONT NJ 08108
(856)858-7080
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$469,185.63\*\*Four Hundred Sixty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Five and 63/100\*\*
January 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 2012
U288520 PRO (\$141.12)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000037
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F4246709
County: Union
Plaintiff: LYNX ASSET SERVICES LLC
VS
Defendant: ALFREDO JOVEL; MARIA JOVEL; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS AS NOMINEE FOR ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS, INC. A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS
Sale Date: 02/08/2012
Writ of Execution: 12/21/2011
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
PREMISES ARE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 569 Adams Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07201
LOT NO.: 27
BLOCK NO.: 8
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: Approximately 27x143
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Julia Street
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE UNION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
Tax information:
Current
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$295,672.47
Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Two and 47/100
Attorney:
MICHAEL A. ALFIERI - LAW OFFICE
30 FRENEAU AVE
MATAWAN NJ 07747
(732)360-9266
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office
Total Upset: \$308,907.21\*\*Three Hundred Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seven and 21/100\*\*
January 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 2012
U288534 PRO (\$133.28)

LINDEN

Storage Post, Inc., will sell at Public Auction under New Jersey Lien laws for cash only on February 14, 2012 at 11:00AM and on such succeeding days and times as may be necessary at 401

PUBLIC NOTICE

S. Park Ave., Linden, NJ 07036 the property described herein as belonging to:
Luis A. Cruz #1182: bags, plastic fence; Evaristo Martinez #1194: ice machine, handtruck, counter; Rosario A. Santana #1198: cartons, totes, air conditioner; Leslie Quaynor #1217: refrigerator, washer & dryer, furniture; Charles A. Truitt #2084: cartons, bags, toolbox; Charles A. Truitt #2089: toolbox, air tank, cartons; Charles A. Truitt #2104: bags, cartons, exercise bench; Don D. Hall #2109: refrigerator fans, handtruck; Don D. Hall #2132: table, sofa, dressers; Maliketrice R. Boone/Maliketri R. Boone: 2112: love seat, sofa; Regina Walker #2178: toys, trunk, bags; Ana L. Alicea #3124: air conditioners, pictures, plastic tubs; Elisa Maria Sabat #3052: sofas, tables, suitcases; Leeden Fils-Aime #3271: air mattress, bag, car mat; Andre L. lane #3288: clothes, TV, cartons; Wanda Yeh #4030: furniture, luggage, bedding; Jurene M. Yarwood #5005: bedding, washer; Rosa Cruz #3290: suitcase, chair, bins; Joe McGill #P0026: 1997 trailer parts; Felecia Nicole McRae #3155: couch, cartons, table.
Donald Bader & Patrick Williams, Auctioneers as Agents. Storage Post reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel the auction for any reason.
January 19, 26, 2012
U288739 PRO (\$43.12)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway, County of Union, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on January 9, 2012. A public hearing and final adoption will be held at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway in the Municipal Council Chambers, City Hall Plaza, on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 7 p.m. Copies of said Ordinance are available at the City Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who shall request same.

ORDINANCE - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY 0-1-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 401 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) - HANDICAPPED PARKING
The subject ordinance establishes a handicapped parking space in front of 60 W. Grand Ave.
Jean D. Kuc, RMC
City Clerk
U288730 PRO Jan. 19, 2012 (\$17.15)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Municipal Council of the City of Rahway has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. This contract and Resolution AR-33-12 authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the Municipal Clerk. The contract has been awarded to Michael J. Costello Co., Inc., 22 Garvey Drive, Monroe Township, NJ 08831 for a fee of \$15,000.00. The purpose of this contract is to manage the City's inventory of copiers and related equipment. This company complies with the requirements of P.L. 2004 c.19 (N.J.S.A. (19:44A-20.5 et seq).

Jean D. Kuc, RMC
Municipal Clerk
U288736 PRO Jan. 19, 2012 (\$13.23)

RAHWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE

The Ordinance published herewith, was finally adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Rahway, County of Union, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held on January 9, 2012. Copies of said Ordinance are available at the City Clerk's Office to the members of the general public who shall request same.

ORDINANCE - CITY OF RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY 0-40-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RAHWAY TO ESTABLISH A CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Jean D. Kuc, RMC
City Clerk
U288732 PRO Jan. 19, 2012 (\$12.25).

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the disposal of Township of Springfield's Surplus Property.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD RESOLUTION NO. 2012-24

WHEREAS, The Township of Springfield the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Committee members are desirous of selling said surplus property in an "as is" condition without

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

express or implied warranties.  
 NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Committee of Springfield, Union County, as follows:  
 (1) The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967/ T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals are available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Township.  
 (2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com.  
 (3) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008/9.  
 (4) A list of the surplus property, including but not limited is attached.  
 (5) The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.  
 (6) The Fire District reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

**GovDeals Auction Items**

**Springfield Police Department (Detective Bureau)**

Miscellaneous Cameras, Clothing, Monitors, Telephones, Televisions And Video Game Systems.

TAKE NOTICE foregoing Resolution was adopted at a Regular Meeting by the Township Committee, of the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, on January 10, 2012.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC  
 Township Clerk  
 U288831 OBS Jan. 19, 2012 (\$31.85)

**SUMMIT**

**BID NOTICE  
 CITY OF SUMMIT**

**PROJECT: GREENFIELD AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS**  
**DEPARTMENT: Department of Community Services**

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Department of the City of Summit, Union County, New Jersey at 11:00 A.M. prevailing time, Tuesday, January 31, 2012 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey for:

**GREENFIELD AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS**

in accordance with the specifications and proposal forms for same which may be obtained at the office of the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, N.J. during regular business hours, 7:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday, for a refundable fee of \$75. Said fee will be returned to all bona fide bidders if plans and specifications are returned within 10 business days.

All bids shall be addressed to **DAVID L. HUGHES, PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, 512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, SUMMIT, NJ 07901**. Bids, along with bid securities, must be enclosed in a properly SEALED envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and the NATURE OF THE BID CONTAINED THEREIN.

A Bid Security is required in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid, not to exceed \$20,000, in the form of a bid bond, certified check or cashier's check, made payable to the City of Summit.

Bidders, when appropriate, shall comply with the provisions of the following laws of New Jersey: N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et seq. (Prevailing Wage Act); N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 (Corporation and/or Partnership Owner Information); and any subsequent amendments thereto. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Affirmative Action) and N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 (Business Registration).

The Common Council reserves the right to reject all bids or proposals, waive any minor defects, and in the case of a tie, award on the basis of reasonable grounds, or accept the bid that in its judgment will be for the best interests of the City of Summit, and consider bids for sixty (60) days after their receipt.

No charge shall be made or recovery had for publishing any official advertising unaccompanied by such statement of price.

All work must be completed by June 29, 2012.

HMA Milling, 2"	3,800	SY
Hot Mix Asphalt Mix 1-5	480	Tons
Granite Curb	2,350	LF
Reinforced Concrete Pipe, 15" Class IV	515	LF

David L. Hughes, City Clerk  
 Dated: 12/20/2011  
 U288882 OBS Jan. 19, 2012 (\$41.65)

**MOUNTAINSIDE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions were made at a public meeting by the Mountainside Planning Board on November 30, 2011 at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

Han, Wei/Zhong, Mi located at 246 South Fork Road, Block 3.C, Lot 27 -

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Applicant requested approval to keep an existing patio and retaining wall in the rear and side of a single-family dwelling with variances. APPROVED

Sobel, Jeffrey located at 335 Darby Lane, Block 7.G, Lot 14 - Applicant requested approval to construct a second floor addition onto a single-family dwelling, with variances. APPROVED

The ARC of Union County located at 1137 Globe Avenue, Block 23.C, Lot 8.Q - Applicant requested approval to construct an awning in the rear of a commercial building in order to provide shade for their playground. There were no variances. APPROVED

Ruth M. Rees  
 Secretary  
 U288820 OBS Jan. 19, 2012 (\$18.13)

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD**

**PLANNING BOARD**

**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND OTHERS ENTITLED TO SERVICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the undersigned, MJK Enterprise of NJ, Inc. is the Applicant regarding certain property located at 631 Morris Turnpike and designated as Block 502, Lot 11 on the Springfield Tax Map. The property is located in the S-G-C Zone.

At this time, the Applicant seeks preliminary and final site plan approval pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-46 and 50 along with ancillary "c" variances pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70c to allow the premises to be used as a retail drycleaner.

The Applicant seeks the variance relief the Township of Springfield Ordinance for parking, lot area, front and rear yard setbacks, lot depth, and signs as follows:

The existing lot area is 3,266 SF where 7,500 SF is required; the existing lot depth is 90.27' where 100' is required, front setback of .53 feet where 1 foot is required; a rear setback of 1.28' where 30 feet is required; lot coverage of 100% where 90% is required, and parking as 7 spaces are required, but only 3 are provided on site. It should be noted that all of the above variances are existing non-conforming conditions.

The Applicant shall also apply for such variance relief, exceptions, waivers, departures, permits, approvals or licenses that are deemed necessary or appropriate by the Applicant or the Planning Board, and which may arise during the course of the hearing process.

This application is now on the calendar for a meeting of the Springfield Planning Board. The public hearing in regard to this meeting has been set for February 1, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. When the case is called you may appear either in person or by an attorney for the purpose of being heard with respect to this application. However, the Planning Board reserves the right to exclude repetitious testimony. These matters may be heard on the above date or any adjourned date designated by the Planning Board at this public meeting without additional notice. All documents relating to this application may be inspected by the public Monday thru Friday during regular business hours in the Annex Building, 20 North Trivett Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey.

MJK Enterprise of NJ, Inc.  
 Applicant  
 U288990 OBS Jan. 19, 2012 (\$36.26)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SUMMIT**

**BID NOTICE  
 CITY OF SUMMIT**

**PROJECT: 2011 FY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**  
**DEPARTMENT: Department of Community Services**

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Department of the City of Summit, Union County, New Jersey at 11:00 A.M. prevailing time, Tuesday, January 31, 2012 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey for:

**2011 FY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

in accordance with the specifications and proposal forms for same which may be obtained at the office of the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, N.J. during regular business hours, 7:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday, for a refundable fee of \$75. Said fee will be returned to all bona fide bidders if plans and specifications are returned within 10 business days.

All bids shall be addressed to **DAVID L. HUGHES, PURCHASING DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, 512 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, SUMMIT, NJ 07901**. Bids, along with bid securities, must be enclosed in a properly SEALED envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and the NATURE OF THE BID CONTAINED THEREIN.

A Bid Security is required in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid, not to exceed \$20,000, in the form of a bid bond, certified check or cashier's check, made payable to the City of Summit.

Bidders, when appropriate, shall comply with the provisions of the following laws of New Jersey: N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25 et seq. (Prevailing Wage Act); N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2 (Corporation and/or Partnership Owner Information); and any subsequent amendments thereto. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27 (Affirmative Action) and N.J.S.A. 52:32-44 (Business Registration).

The Common Council reserves the right to reject all bids or proposals, waive any minor defects, and in the case of a tie, award on the basis of reasonable grounds, or accept the bid that in its judgment will be for the best interests of the City of Summit, and consider bids for sixty (60) days after their receipt.

No charge shall be made or recovery had for publishing any official advertising unaccompanied by such statement of price.

All work must be completed by June 29, 2012.

48" Reinforced Concrete Pipe  
 252 LF

David L. Hughes, City Clerk  
 Dated: 12/20/2011  
 U288880 OBS Jan. 19, 2012 (\$40.18)

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Shade Tree Commission of the Borough of Mountainside will hold its annual meeting on Friday, January 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ in the second floor lounge. All are welcome to attend and participate.

Pat Gilstrap, Secretary  
 U288723 OBS Jan. 19, 2012 (\$8.33)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**HILLSIDE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time, at Highway Towing, 548 Trumbull Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, the Township of Hillside will offer for sale at public auction the following motor vehicles which came abandonment by owners:

**CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR ABANDONED VEHICLES**

**CLEAR TITLES**

1.	1998	GMC	Pick-up	1GTCS19W2W8534955
2.	1997	PON	2 door	1G2WP1218VF319740
3.	1993	LIN	4 door	1LNLM82W1PY732467
4.	1992	TOY	4 door	4T1SK12E0NU057411
5.	2001	PON	4 door	1G2HZ541X14290030

The vehicles listed above will be sold at Public Auction in excess of the lien cost to the tower, no bid will be accepted which does not exceed the amount that the towing company has, as vested interest in the cars to be auctioned, pursuant to the contract between the Township of Hillside and the towing contractor. Terms: Fifty (50%) percent down payment in cash or certified check payable to the Township of Hillside due immediately upon acceptance of bid. Sale to be consummated within seventy-two (72) hours by the successful bidder paying the Township of Hillside, the balance in cash or by certified check at the Clerk's Office, Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, Hillside, New Jersey.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof, to waive any informalities therein and to accept any bids which as it may deem necessary in the best interest to the Township of Hillside and shall reserve the right to place a minimum bid per vehicle to cover towing and storage. Inspection: The aforesaid vehicles may be inspected from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Failure to inspect will not be considered grounds for any claim or adjustment of bid offered.

Janet Vlaisavljevic  
 Township Clerk  
 U288738 UNL January 19, 2012 (\$38.22)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MOUNTAINSIDE**

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE  
 COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside, at the January 12, 2012 meeting, adopted the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION 01-2012**

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Attorney is required to perform services for the Borough beyond the scope of services upon which his salary is based; and

WHEREAS, such services constitute professional services within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside desires to appoint the Planning Board Attorney as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and 20.5; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate Borough official has determined that the value of these services may or will exceed \$17,500, but not to exceed \$30,000 over the life of the contract; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of the contract is one year; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Loughlin, Esq. of Loughlin Law Firm will complete and submit a business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that it has not made any reportable contributions to a political candidate or committee in the Borough of Mountainside in the previous year, and acknowledging that the contract will prohibit it from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside, that Vincent Loughlin, Esq., the Board Attorney, be and he hereby is appointed to perform such legal services as may be required by the Planning Board and which are beyond the scope of the services upon which the Board's Attorney's salary is based; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be published in an appropriate newspaper within ten days hereof.

U288839 OBS Jan. 19, 2012 (\$29.89)

**MOUNTAINSIDE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Construction Board of Appeals of the Borough of Mountainside, in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ in the year 2012, the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. The Construction Board of Appeals will meet only when required.

February 14 (Reorganization meeting or the first meeting in 2012)

- March 13
- April 10
- May 8
- June 12
- July 10
- August 14
- September 11
- October 9
- December 11

Note: There will be no meeting in November.

Ruth M. Rees  
 Secretary  
 U288743 OBS Jan. 19, 2012 (\$16.17)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CLARK**

**TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
 CORPORATION NOTICE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ordinance was duly adopted and approved on final reading at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council, Township of Clark on January 17, 2012.

**ORDINANCE 12-01**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE; REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR TAMPERING WITH THE CODE; AND MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES**

Edith L. Merkel, RMC  
 Township Clerk  
 U288741 EAG Jan. 19, 2012 (\$15.19)

**CLARK**

**TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
 CORPORATION NOTICE**

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**ORDINANCE 12-02**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A 16 AMBULATORY/2 WHEELCHAIR MINI-BUS AND ANY ANCILLARY COSTS RELATED THERETO AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$75,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK**

Edith L. Merkel, RMC  
 Township Clerk  
 U288740 EAG Jan. 19, 2012 (\$14.70)

**CLARK**

**Notice  
 Township of Clark**

The Tax Assessment Book will be open to the public for inspection in room 19 of the Clark Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, NJ on Monday, January 30, 2012, between the hours of 8:30 am and 9:00 pm

Michael Ross  
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 U288833 EAG Jan. 19, 2012 (\$7.35)

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Persons requiring a sign language interpreter should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at 908-527-4140.

**REORGANIZATION MEETING-SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012 at 12:00pm**  
 Assignment Judge Karen M. Cassidy's Courtroom,  
 2 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ

**AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS**

- January 19, 2012
- February 2, 2012
- February 16, 2012
- March 1, 2012
- March 15, 2012
- April 5, 2012
- April 26, 2012
- May 3, 2012
- May 17, 2012
- June 14, 2012
- June 28, 2012
- July 12, 2012
- August 9, 2012
- September 6, 2012
- September 20, 2012
- October 4, 2012
- October 18, 2012
- November 8, 2012
- Tues., November 20, 2012
- December 6, 2012
- December 20, 2012

**REGULAR MEETINGS**

- January 26, 2012
- February 9, 2012
- February 23, 2012
- March 8, 2012
- March 22, 2012
- April 19, 2012
- April 26, 2012
- May 3, 2012
- May 31, 2012
- June 14, 2012
- June 28, 2012
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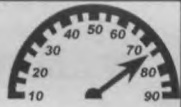
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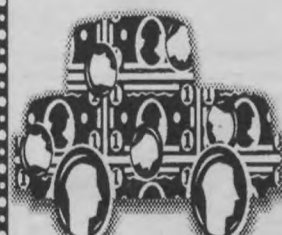
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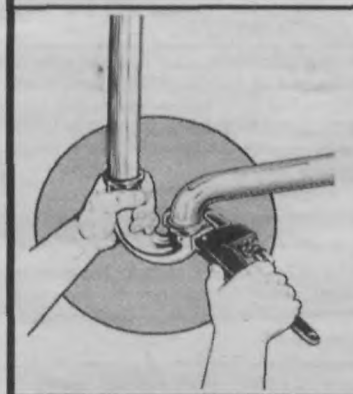
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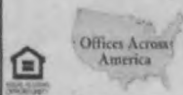
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## UCC offers classes for basic computing

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Lisa Hiscano, director of IBI said, "This is proving to be a great resource for local companies. The benefits are immeasurable. We also have a mobile computer lab and can bring these classes to a single company at its premises if there are at least 10 people for a single class." Microsoft applications are used in virtually every office. Better use of these basic programs can enhance communications with customers, help keep track of customer purchase and service history and encourage repeat business. Keeping track of your customers either through MS Outlook, MS Excel or MS Word prepares one to take advantage of new social media networking and marketing efforts available through platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. "You've got to know which customers you want to target with social media efforts. Outlook and Excel are the first places to manage your customer lists," says Hiscano. "This is where to start."

Please note that all classes are one day in length from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Elizabeth Campus, Elizabeth I. Kellogg Building, 40 W. Jersey St., Elizabeth.

Cranford Campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford.

On the Cranford campus on Wednesdays, the class in Word I is held Jan. 25; Word II, Feb. 1; Outlook, Feb. 8; Windows, Feb. 15; Excel I, Feb. 22, and Excel II, Feb. 29.

On the Elizabeth campus on Fridays, the class in Excel I is held Jan. 27; Excel II, Feb. 3; Windows, Feb. 10; Outlook, Feb. 17, and Word I, Feb. 24.

The classes are offered through a unique partnership of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, the New Jersey Community College Consortium, and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development. Through the grant-funded NJBIA Project, companies with a minimum class of 10 participating employees can bring these classes to their own premises with the Industry-Business Institute's new mobile computer lab.

Training is available in the following areas: Computer Applications: Windows, Outlook, Excel, Word. NJBIA program also offers Mathematics and Measurement, Communications, verbal, written and customer relations, and English as a Second Language on a demand basis. For a complete schedule visit the Industry-Business Institute's website at [www.ucc.edu/go/ibi](http://www.ucc.edu/go/ibi). For Ongoing Grant Funded Programs, call 908-965-2359, or email [ibi@ucc.edu](mailto:ibi@ucc.edu). Registration is required.

The NJBIA Project program was designed to simplify employee training for New Jersey businesses.

Now in its fifth year, this program has already benefited more than 16,550 employees with 1,125 companies and is available through all 63 of the state's community college campuses.

## RWJ offers heart-healthy questions and answers

Cardiologist Paul Schackman will field heart-related questions at a special program Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. This useful session will be followed by a heart-healthy cooking demonstration with chef and dietitian Diane Weeks.

The program is held at the Robert Wood Johnson Rahway Fitness Wellness Center, 2120 Lamberts Mill Road, Scotch Plains. There will be recipes and samples from the cooking demonstration.

Schackman, a board-certified cardiologist with a practice in

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## Region already game planning for 2014 Super Bowl

By Rod Hirsch



MetLife Stadium

Although the coin toss of Super Bowl XLVIII is more than two years away, New Jersey and New York already are clear winners in what is arguably the biggest sporting event in the world.

The world's greatest two-week tailgate party, the Super Bowl will draw tourists, football fans, corporate America, celebrities, media and – perhaps most important – welcome revenue to the towns and cities that spread across northern New Jersey, southern New York state and Manhattan.

Just 8 miles from Times Square, MetLife Stadium – home of the Giants and Jets in New Jersey's Meadowlands – will host Super Bowl XLVIII February 2, 2014, an economic shot of adrenalin expected to generate between \$550 and \$600 million for the local economy.

Much of that money already is being pumped into infrastructure improvements and hotel expansions, with Triple Five, the parent corporation of the American Dream

Meadowlands Project (formerly Xanadu), promising to spend more than \$1 billion to open the stalled entertainment/shopping complex in time for the game.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is banking on that.

"When people come to the Super Bowl in 2014, they'll be spending a lot of time here," the governor said at a press conference last spring unveiling plans for the 2.4-million-square-foot complex. "This will be an important part of the Super Bowl experience."

Approximately 9,000 construction workers will be employed finishing the project, with the potential for 35,000 permanent jobs waiting upon completion.

The National Football League voted to grant the lucrative Super Bowl to the New Jersey/New York partnership last April, gambling on a cold weather locale. The sometimes contentious relationship between New Jersey and New York has been swept aside in favor of an all out blitz to promote business and tourism on both sides of the Hudson River.

"No way we would have this game if we didn't have the assets of (both) New Jersey and New York," said Al Kelly, chief executive office of the 2014 Super Bowl Host Committee. "Neither (state) would have the assets by themselves for us to have won this game, that's the reality."

Kelly, former chief executive of American Express, is focused on the game's impact on the local economy.

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## Local stores still register with Europeans

By Michael Daigle

With apologies to Gertrude Stein, a hat is a hat is a hat. Unless that hat was purchased by an English tourist at, say, a store in the Jersey Gardens Mall in Elizabeth.

Then that hat is an object in the tug of war between the U.S dollar and the Euro, an issue in the ever-changing landscape of currency exchange and international trade. The hat transforms into an item that helped fill a seat on an airliner crossing the Atlantic, supported a job for a New Jersey resident and put a few pennies in the state's sale tax account.

Such transactions as this added millions of dollars to the New Jersey economy as part of a tourism business that generated \$35.5 billion in sales in 2010, supported 309,876 jobs and produced \$7.2 billion in state taxes, according to a study conducted last year for the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism.

Part of that tourist-related business is providing a shopping experience, according to Crystal Stell, marketing director for the Jersey Gardens Mall.

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# The Canterbury Sales

Why proving is critical to selling - *The case of Richard Saunders*

By Andy Gole

Growing up many of us witnessed the burden of proof fallacy – the absurd argument.

*Faulty Reasoning: "The Moon is made of green cheese, prove that it isn't."*

*Logical but Flawed Response: "But our astronauts have visited the moon and there isn't any green cheese there."*

*Faulty Reasoning: "We visited the phony moon. The real moon, hidden behind the phony moon, is made of green cheese."*

The response is flawed. It ignores the burden of proof requirement, that the person who asserts a position – e.g. "The Moon is made of green cheese" – has the burden of proving it.

In selling, relying on the burden of proof fallacy can be deadly.

You have probably felt the challenge of "burden of proof" when selling to a skeptical prospect who is satisfied with the incumbent supplier. The prospect doesn't seem to believe what you say. How do you prove it?

More generally, how do you handle the three basic proofs in selling?

- 1) The salesperson
- 2) The solution – (a) specific product/service that solves the customer's need or problem; (b) economic justification for the solution
- 3) The company as a credible, consistent source of the solution

**The Salesperson** – The salesperson must convince the decision-maker he/she is an authentic/skillful source of solutions. Generally this entails winning respect as an expert in the problem/solution set, as an advisor if not a consultant. This is a critical part of bonding and relationship-formation, in which most successful salespeople excel. However, many salespeople unnecessarily rely on this first proof – to the detriment of a profitable sale.

**The Solution** – Most salespeople are good at the first part of the solution: the specific product/service required. Too often they neglect the economic justification, especially important when they aren't the low-priced provider. They will talk about quality but not show the long-term return on investment. These salespeople allow the buyer to decide on "first cost" – the purchase order price – as compared to the total cost in use.

**The Company** – Very few salespeople effectively prove their company's worth to a new prospect – showing they are a consistent source of quality solutions. This proving reduces the perceived risk of switching to us from the incumbent. We need a proving kit, with appropriate case histories and testimonials.

Can we close a sale without all three proofs? We can but it is unlikely we will get the best price for our product/service. In fact, we may even lose money without the three proofs.

In the context of the three proofs, the burden of proof fallacy is egregious. It can take the form of: "You'll never know how good we are until you give us an order" or "How are we supposed to prove we are good if you don't give us a chance?"

Of course, you might use the "burden of proof" fallacy as a joke, as did Richard Saunders in the early 1700s. In his new periodical, which competed with another dominant periodical published by Titan Leeds, Saunders claimed Leeds would die on Oct. 17, 1733, at 3:29 p.m.

Instead of ignoring this absurd argument, Leeds responded, giving publicity and readership to Saunders, who continued the hoax, advising readers Leeds had died but that someone was using his name.

This "feud" continued for five years, helping Saunders build his circulation. Saunders' publication – *Poor Richard's Almanac* – developed quite a following and Saunders – the pseudonym used by Benjamin Franklin – became very successful.

But selling isn't a joke. And we don't want to wait five or more years using absurd arguments to close the sale. We want to close today, which is why we need to commit to the three proofs.

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## Local stores still register with Europeans

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That's where the hat comes in.

"We have tremendous success with international visits to the mall," Stell said, noting that in 2011 visitors from 161 countries shopped at Jersey Gardens. The mall is a top destination for visitors from three European countries -- Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom, according to Stell.

Those three nations are among the leading international markets for New York City, as well, according to NYC & Company, the city's tourism information center.

In 2010, New York City had 9.7 million international visitors, up from 6.8 million in 2000, according to the organization. There were 1,005 million visitors from the United Kingdom; 596,000 from France; 528,000 from Germany; 469,000 from Italy; 388,000 from Spain; 376,000 from Scandinavia; 343,000 from Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg; and 225,000 from Ireland. For the past four years, the city has averaged between 8.6 million and 9.7 million international visitors.

Total visitors to the city in 2010 reached 39.1 million, up from 29.4 million in 2000, who generated \$31.5 billion in direct visitor spending.

Marjan Inbar, director of communications for NYC & Company, said the steady level of visitors reflects the city's reputation as a cultural center and as one of the great cities of the world.

The visitors come even with uneven world economies, especially in Europe, and airfare that can range from several hundred to several thousand dollars, Inbar said.

According to professor Joseph Seneca of the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University, European visitors are paying more to region because the dollar is

right now those travel and stay in the in a relatively strong

position compared to the Euro. When there is a weak dollar, travel to the United States for Europeans costs less.

That said, the exchange rate is less of a factor in general that the relative state of the European economy, Seneca said. Concern over the soft European economies, except for Germany, could be a factor in the future, he added.

For the Jersey Gardens Mall, the trick is how to take advantage of those visitors who come.

"Jersey Gardens is positioned perfectly to reach European markets," said Stell. "We are close to Newark Airport and New York City and have outlet pricing and top American brands."

The mall works with international tour operators, airlines and travel web sites, according to Stell. The mall places advertisements in guide books and airline publications and works with New York and New Jersey hotels to get the mall's name before guests.

Jersey Gardens coordinates with companies based in New York which provide day trips for visitors and ensure the mall is on their itineraries, according to Stell. In addition, the mall has a tourism consultant who represents it at trade shows and international conventions, she added.

The state tourism division's study shows that international visitors to the state spent \$604 million in 2010. While that represents just 2 percent of the total of all visitors to New Jersey, the number grew 10.7 percent in 2010, according to the report.

Of the total expenditures that year, shopping accounted for \$5.9 billion, accommodations for \$11.6 billion and food for \$7.7 billion.

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## Region already game planning for 2014 Super Bowl

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"All the surrounding events, the economic benefits arguably are more important to the region than the game itself," he said.

"This game can be a catalyst for continuing to drive tourism as well as other events in this area, which is important to Gov. Christie, Gov. Cuomo and Mayor Bloomberg," Kelly added. "Christie, Cuomo and Bloomberg, from the beginning have been extremely helpful and cooperative."

Preparation and planning still is needed, according to Kelly, conceding both sides of the Hudson are not yet fully coordinated. Toward that end he serves as the coach at the chalkboard drawing up the plays and devising a strategy for the big game.

"Right now, it's as much about being as thoughtful as you can," he said. "(Thinking about) what can go wrong (and) working redundancy into your thinking."

That part of the strategy will come into play as the game draws closer.

"For example, (there is) the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, in terms of bridges, tunnels, extra traffic, keeping the airports open for extra flights," Kelly said. "We can only get the economic benefits if we can get people into town."

New York has Times Square and Broadway shows but New Jersey has the Meadowlands and MetLife Stadium, the epicentre of the economic boom. The opposing teams will practice at the Giants' Timex Performance Center adjacent to the stadium and the Jets' facilities in Florham Park. The teams will live at hotels in New Jersey, according to Kelly.

The NFL base of operations will be in New Jersey, as well as NFL-sanctioned parties celebrating the game, according to Kelly. TV networks, media and camera crews, production trucks, photographers and journalists, and sports and Hollywood celebrities will be camped out nearby, weeks in advance of the game.

Jim Kirkos, executive director of the Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce, said it is safe to assume every hotel room in northern New Jersey will be booked far in advance of the game.

The Newark Airport Marriott already is expanding in anticipation of the game,

according to John Magnifico, general manager of the 591-room property. The hotel has committed \$34 million to renovate the lobby and all food and beverage outlets and to add a 10,000-square-foot ballroom.

"This is all in preparation for the Super Bowl," Magnifico said. "We anticipate the space will be used potentially by groups or sponsors or businesses having to do with the NFL, or we may end up with one of the teams. It's still too far out to be specific on the amount of business at this point but we have had a few inquiries from companies concerning space."

"We would anticipate, based on information from previous Super Bowls, our location will be very convenient for people attending," he added.

More than 100,000 visitors will stream into the metropolitan area and they will need to get around. Public transportation stands to benefit, from the airlines at Newark Liberty International Airport to NJ Transit, bus companies, liveries and taxis.

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"It will be an exciting time and like our partners in the ground transportation and hotel industries, United anticipates seeing a spike in passenger flow which should spur increased spending and have an overall positive economic impact in the state and region."

On both sides of the Hudson, businesses of all sizes and those they employ will benefit from Super Bowl XLVIII – from taxi and livery drivers, bartenders, waiters and street vendors to caterers and restaurants, hotels, tour operators and Broadway theaters to sports apparel manufacturers, retailers and Fortune 500 companies.

One of Kelly's many priorities is to raise more than \$50 million from New Jersey and New York sponsors and, more importantly, to engage businesses of all sizes, convincing them of the need to support the marketing effort.

"My job is to work with government, community and business leaders to make sure we're

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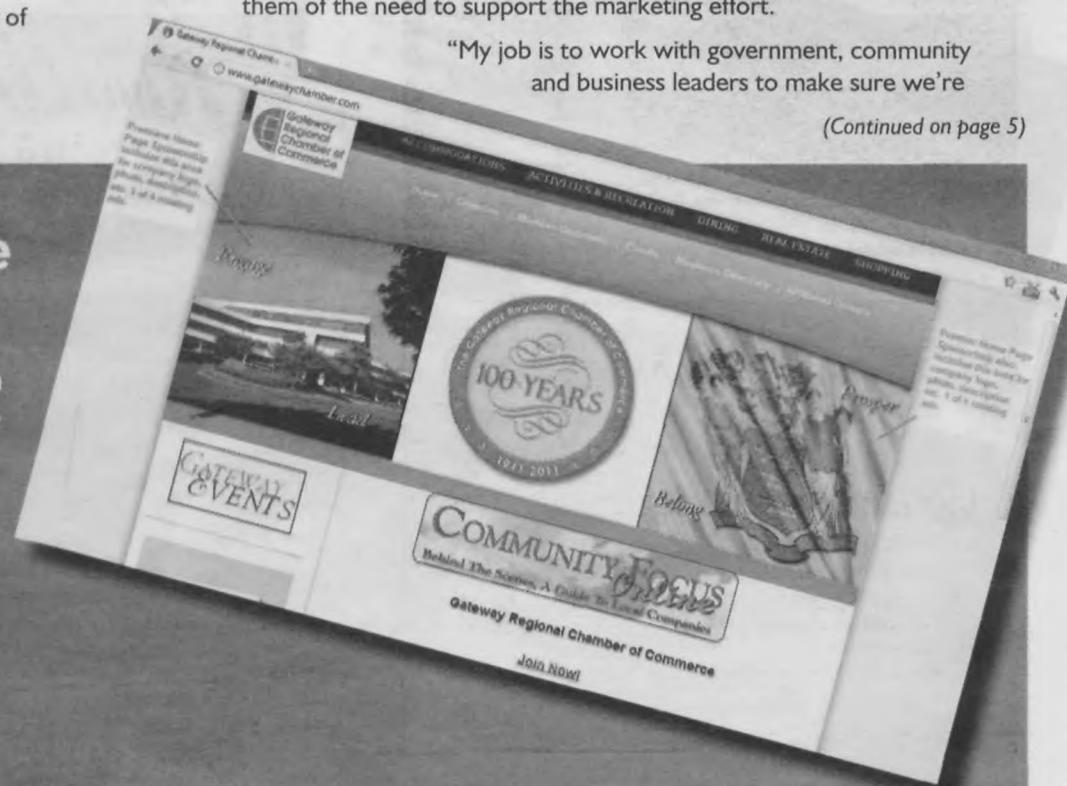
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approaching this at a practical level, to maximize benefits to the region so that each individual business owner, bus company and taxi driver is happy," Kelly said. "It's normally a quiet time of the year but they're going to see for a week's time a pickup in business they wouldn't see in any normal year."

Kirkos, whose membership exceeds 1,000 businesses, sees benefits lasting beyond the final whistle.

"Our goal is to help our region and New Jersey capture as much of the anticipated

economic impact as possible," he said. "We also want to show those who travel to New Jersey why they should come back in the future. That means more to us, the future economic impact, more than the week of or the day of the game."

Kirkos is encouraging members to do a number of little things to prepare, such as sprucing up properties and increasing customer service training.

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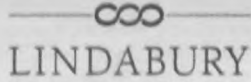
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## Inside Views

### Voting rights – redux

I was not displeased when right before Christmas I heard the results of the Congressional Redistricting Commission. Tasked with downsizing New Jersey's congressional districts from 13 to 12, the final decision defined six Democratic districts and six Republican districts.

On the surface it seemed so much fairer than the redistricting of the state legislative districts that took place last spring, which ensured the lock on the Legislature for the next decade by the Democrats.

Upon reflection, however, I have changed my mind.

The stated goal of congressional redistricting is to create 12 districts with equal populations that are compact and reasonably contiguous; that do not impede the ability of minority communities to elect minority representatives; and which keep towns in the same district as much as possible.

The real goal, however, is to make the districts as safe as possible for the individual legislator.

When you look closely at the way the districts were drawn it is obvious they were done so to make them safe districts for one party or the other. In a way that makes sense. Seniority is very important in Congress so if you switch back and forth each election you will never gain the powerful chairmanships that can give so many benefits. Pork barrel politics are alive and well.

So redistricting has resulted in 12 districts, all but one of which, the 5th, are safer for the incumbent than they were before redistricting. This redistricting achieves stability, longevity and safety. From each party's perspective, it is a good compromise.

It also disenfranchises most of New Jersey's voters. If you are a Democrat living in the 7th Congressional District, your vote doesn't count. There is no way you can overturn the sitting Republican. On the other hand, if you are a Republican living in the 8th Congressional District, again your vote doesn't count. In fact, since the primary determines who the candidate will be, if you are an independent voter, again your vote doesn't count.

Current districting effectively disenfranchises about 70 percent of the voters in New Jersey.

This matters for reasons beyond the basic unfairness of disenfranchising the bulk of the electorate. It matters because of the type of representative that is elected from a gerrymandered district. The safer the district, the more radical its representative will become.

This is because the primary becomes the important election in a safe district. Since most primary voters tend to be the most ideological in either party, they become the most important constituents of any elected official.

Congress is filled with radical hardliners who refuse to cooperate. This is the consequence of decades of gerrymandered congressional districts. Over and over we ask how these guys get reelected with an 8 percent approval rating. Well, it's pretty easy when only your most strident supporters go to the poles in the primary. After that it is a cakewalk.

Different states use different methods to redistrict. Some have their legislatures determine the districts. New Jersey lets the parties come up with maps and then has a tie-breaker pick which map to use. Both these systems perpetuate the problem because they bring partisan politics into the process.

Wouldn't it be nicer if we had choice in elections? Wouldn't it be nice if our elected officials represented mainstream values and not small-minded radicals? Wouldn't it be nice to have them compromise and work out solutions rather than one side shoving things down the throat of the other side?

These are not pipedreams. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 set out standards to define districts with minority populations. A new Voting Rights Act that equalizes partisanship rather than maximizes it would go a long way toward correcting this current problem. Passing federal legislation which requires that balancing party affiliation within a district be a key determinant would keep districts competitive and legislators responsive to the needs of their whole district rather than just a few voters.



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## Where the Chamber Stands...

### Toasting competition and choice

Cheers to the New Jersey Legislature for a sober decision to pass a law enabling state consumers to purchase wine directly from producers, either online or at wine tasting storefronts. In passing the bill chiefly sponsored by Senate President Steven Sweeney in their final session, state legislators introduced greater competition into this growing market. With competition comes choice, consumer satisfaction and, usually, savings.

Like the finest wine store with hundreds of selections, there is something for nearly everyone in this bill.

Specifically, the bill allows wineries that produce less than 250,000 gallons of product per year to sell and ship wine directly to consumers or retailers, either from their vineyards via online ordering or from wine tasting storefronts. This applies to both New Jersey vineyards as well as those located in other states that allow out-of-state shipping.

Until now the sale of wine in New Jersey has been greatly restricted by out-of-date laws enacted after the end of Prohibition that sought to establish three distinct tiers in alcohol distribution – producers, wholesalers and retailers – each taking a cut along the way. In New Jersey consumers and retailers have been precluded from buying wine directly from many producers and having that wine shipped to them, essentially protecting the middleman – and his cut.

Not surprisingly, wine distributors opposed this bill. They and their cronies in Trenton were the lone holdouts picketing outside the wine shop while everyone else found something good inside. The Legislature should be applauded for turning a deaf ear to this special interest group.

Just as pasta marinara demands a full-bodied red, this was a no-brainer.

Online shoppers win. While New Jersey residents already were able to order out-of-state wine and have it shipped to their homes they could not visit an in-state vineyard's web site and order a case delivered.

Overall U.S. online retail is expected to grow to \$335 billion in 2012, according to Forrester Research. Online sales are expected to see annual growth of 14 percent, versus 2.6 percent for brick and mortar sales. Clearly, Americans are online shoppers.

Yet imagine if New Jersey precluded state residents from buying books online from Barnes and Noble and required they only purchase them in person. We would scream bloody murder. Now state wine lovers will have that same freedom with their wine.

Consumers also may see a price benefit in the long run. While online wine selections tend to be more expensive than in-store options, especially with shipping costs, it is estimated that wine consumers pay 18-25 percent more for their wine at retail outlets due to wholesalers being in the picture. When you eliminate the middleman you eliminate that additional cost. Plus, the free market is founded on competition and choice and those two forces usually combine to bring better prices to consumers.

The state's vineyards also are toasting this legislation. New Jersey boasts about 50 vineyards, many of them award-winning. By allowing them to ship their product directly to in-state consumers this legislation will bolster an agribusiness that offers tremendous upside. New Jersey ranks sixth in wine production in the United States, according to the *Star Ledger*. With the state's residents placing New Jersey fifth in consumption, there only is room to grow the vine.

This action is long overdue. Yet more is needed.

Like the plethora of efforts taking place throughout New Jersey's government to make the state more business-friendly and profitable, more can always be done. New Jersey maintains other restrictions on alcohol sale and consumption that continue to hamper both businesses and nonprofits.

It is easier for an 18-year-old with a phony ID to get a six pack of beer than it is for a new restaurant to obtain a liquor license. The result is less business for the restaurant and fewer taxes collected for the state.

Wine tasting events remain a popular means of fundraising for nonprofits yet they are not nearly as beneficial as if their guests were able to order a case of out-of-state wine they are enjoying.

None of this is about encouraging more consumption of alcohol. Responsible consumption must always remain at the forefront.

Rather, passage of this bill and, we hope, others to come, is about increasing consumer choice, competition and business growth. The United States is now the largest wine-consuming nation in the world, in bottles, according to the California Wine Institute. Until now, New Jersey was unnecessarily keeping a cork on a good thing.

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# Insight *As sports remains profitable sport management provides opportunities*

By Ann Mayo

Organizers of the 2014 Super Bowl expect it to generate approximately \$550 million for the local economy. The selection of the Meadowlands as the site was probably beneficial in helping to sell the naming rights for the \$1.6 billion football stadium to MetLife, Inc., which bought in for nearly \$20 million per year through at least 2014.

While most of the U.S. economy suffered through a recession, the New Jersey sports world had a banner year in 2011. The Red Bull Arena and the new Met Life Stadium were among six entrants for "2011 Sports Facility of the Year" while the Jets were chosen as one of five finalists for "Professional Sports Team of the Year" by Street & Smith's *SportsBusiness Journal*.

*Forbes* named the Jets the 10th most valuable franchise in the world with a value of \$1.14 billion. The Prudential Center ranked third in the Continental U.S. and eighth in the world in earnings for concerts and family shows for the most recent six months, behind only Madison Square Garden in New York and the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

While the sports business is not recession-proof, it is perhaps more recession-resistant than some other industries. If we can't afford those expensive tickets, we can still follow our favorite team on our favorite screen. Estimates of the economic value of the sport industry have ranged from \$250 to \$350 billion per year, larger than the automotive and motion picture industries.

Thus, even during a recession the very competitive sports business remains very attractive to students, career-changers and entrepreneurs.

Sport management education has grown enormously in the wake of the sport industry. Sport management programs are now found at more than 300 colleges and universities at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral level. Programs are offered at a growing number of community colleges and some high schools that offer sport marketing courses.

Career opportunities in the sport industry range far beyond those which immediately come to mind: professional sports; sport facilities; sport marketing; intercollegiate athletics; and sport broadcasting and journalism. The industry as a whole is much broader

and offers many more opportunities.

Areas expected to see growth include: sporting goods and athletic apparel; the health club, spa, resort industry; sports travel and tourism; athletic training; and licensing and merchandising, among others. Opportunities in the global markets are opening up on all fronts and entrepreneurs might want to pay close attention.

There also has been demonstrated growth within sport organizations in the last several decades. For instance, the Dallas Cowboys employed 79 employees in 1989 and a total of 216 in 2009, with increases in front office, ticket office, accounting/finance and marketing jobs, the latter increasing from zero in 1989 to 17 in 2009.

However, even with a great education competition for jobs in the sport industry is high. Networking and experience are critical. Traditionally, experience in the sport industry is built through internships which can only be gained while one is enrolled in an academic program. Many sport internships are unpaid or come with just a small stipend.

The internship tests ones commitment to the work and gives one perspective on what working in the industry is about. Most interns in the sports world work many more hours than are minimally required, learning that those who are employed in sports work for the love of sport.

Entry-level salaries can be low, as well, ranging in the low \$20,000s through the mid-\$30,000s, depending on the position. There are many opportunities to move up and move quickly, once you get your foot in the door. However, turnover also can be slow.

A minimum of a four-year degree is a necessity to work in the sport industry. Yet perhaps the best advice is to leave oneself as flexible as possible. Build a curriculum that allows coursework in sports and the flexibility to add another major or minor – marketability for now and a possible transition later in one's career.

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Feb 15	Employer Legislative Committee Meeting.....	8:00 AM	Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & South 31st Street, Kenilworth
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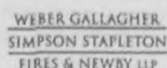
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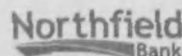
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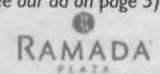
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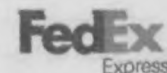


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## High-tech needs high-touch

By John Tschohl

No one would dispute the benefits that technology – specifically the computer – has had on every aspect of our lives. It has put information at our fingertips and allowed us to communicate with others whenever and wherever we happen to be. Technology also has allowed businesses – no matter their size, location, products or services – to compete on a global basis.

However, for many businesses technology has a downside.

They have used technology to provide their customers with the speed and convenience of online shopping but in the process have downgraded the importance of human interaction to the stage of near extinction. Many of those businesses don't even include an e-mail address or a telephone number on their web sites so that customers cannot contact them.

The message that sends to customers is this: "Please place your order and select your payment option but do not, under any circumstances, attempt to contact us. We are not interested in, nor do we allow, human interaction."

What these businesses fail to realize is that most consumers turn to the Internet to compare products and prices before they make their purchase decisions. If during that process they have a question or two but are unable to contact that company, they will move on to the next option. Almost worse are companies that do provide e-mail options and telephone numbers but don't respond in a timely manner to customer inquiries.

During 2010 e-commerce in the United States reached \$165.4 billion, up from \$144.1 billion in 2009. How much of that revenue did your organization take in? How much more could you have had if you had provided potential customers with the opportunity to communicate with your employees?

If you are to be successful and grow your business, it is critical that you combine high-tech with high-touch.

Amazon, Redbox and Go Daddy are three companies that have mastered this concept. Each relies heavily on technology to attract customers but their employees are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to serve those customers.

Amazon was one of the first and most successful companies to market entirely online. In 1985 Amazon had sales of about \$600,000; last year it had sales of \$30 billion.

Today's consumers want speed and convenience but they also want a great customer experience. If you don't provide those three elements, along with quality products and services at competitive prices, you will be doomed.

You must include a phone number on your web site and man your phones seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Train your employees to respond quickly to customer inquiries – to answer phones within three rings and to respond to e-mails within an hour. The more available you are to your customers, the more money they will spend with you and the more successful your business will become.

Remember: When it comes to online sales, you are just one click away from extinction.

John Tschohl is a service strategist and founder and president of the Service Quality Institute in Minneapolis. His monthly strategic newsletter is available online.

## The Inside Look...

**Berkeley College** recently held its 7th Annual Charity Car Show, in which 345 cars helped raise more than \$25,000 for the Boomer Esiason Foundation to find a cure for cystic fibrosis. The show was supported by a team of Berkeley College associates and students, along with families and friends.

In addition, the second Berkeley College Buy-One-Give-One campaign resulted in a donation of more than 100 stuffed bears worth \$1,400 to the American Red Cross of Northern New Jersey. The donations were distributed to children in need of comfort during emergencies.



Bob Fishbein and Luis Collazo of Berkeley College (left and right, respectively) present stuffed bears to Nancy Asaro and Ron Dorrell of the American Red Cross of Northern New Jersey.

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