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This special insert takes a look back at 2011 to review the brick-and-mortar progress in our towns during a difficult economy.

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Murray 'suddenly' resigns as president of county funded UCA

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

The president of the embattled Union County Alliance, Mike Murray, suddenly resigned last week, *LocalSource* has learned.

Last summer, the Union County Alliance came under fire by *LocalSource* for spending millions of taxpayer dollars without any accountability.

This week, Union County Communication Director Sebastian D'Elia confirmed that Murray had resigned unexpectedly and that 87-year-old Union County Alliance board member Mauro Checchio would be taking over the reigns of the UCA. But he stressed that the county had little to do with the Alliance.

Murray is married to the former wife of former county manager George Devaney, the nephew of democrat Senator Ray Lesniak.

"The UCA is not an agency of the county, they are only funded by the county," said D'Elia Tuesday, adding that he did not know what the UCA's plans were for the coming year.

Checchio, who sources reported is soon to undergo a heart angioplasty, is a former mayor of Scotch Plains. It is expected, D'Elia said, that Checchio will take over as UCA acting president until someone else is appointed. It is unknown who will be at the helm of the UCA until Checchio recuperates.

Tuesday the UCA website was not in operation, but D'Elia said that was because Murray was probably no longer taking care of it.

The UCA, classified as a 501-C4 independent non-profit organization, has been in operation since it was founded in 1993 and since then the county has pumped millions into it without any oversight.

In September, the new county manager Al Faella recommended to the freeholder board that \$70,000 be slashed from the UCA contract. At the annual freeholder reorganization meeting, the board actually slashed \$90,000, giving the UCA \$232,125 instead of \$322,125.

Last summer when questioned about its lack of oversight, county officials could not produce any substantiation or even recent reports the UCA completed to support the \$322,125 a year for the contract with the UCA.

Other than a health survey produced five years ago for the Governmental Public Health Partnership, a mandated organization of county municipal health officers, a brownfields report that UCA and county officials could not produce when asked, and "long range strategies involving the port," the only

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Schools jump on election date change

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

School districts around the county and the state are scrambling to determine whether they will take advantage of a new law allowing Board of Education elections to be moved to November.

As of press time Tuesday, *LocalSource* had confirmation that as many as 20 districts had already passed resolutions authorizing the change, including Cranford, Elizabeth and Linden.

The option to change election time was enabled by Governor Chris Christie's approval last week of S-3128, a bill that has been discussed for some time as one of the items in the governor's "tool kit" designed to help reduce the cost of government.

The law stipulates districts must

'We just have to be very careful it doesn't get political. Cranford really isn't like that so we don't see that happening.'

— Mary Venditti

make the shift at least 60 days before the next election, meaning decisions must be made in the next two weeks. This leaves little or no opportunity for lengthy discussions or public hearings on the subject.

In Hillside, Business Administrator Kenneth Weinheimer said school officials are aware of this new option but have not determined if they want to pursue it.

"There has been no decision yet by the board," he said. "We really just presented the information to them last week."

In Cranford, where the vote to

move elections was unanimous, Board of Education President Mary Venditti said the lack of public hearings prior to the vote did not trouble her. She said the only real concern on the board is the potential for school elections to become politicized because they are being conducted alongside general partisan races.

"We just have to be very careful it doesn't get political," she said. "Cranford really isn't like that so we don't see that happening."

The district anticipates saving
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Kean University's president claims mistakes made on his resumes were not made by him, but by staff members. However, the facts detail a continued legacy of poor academic standards, for Dawood Farahi and for the University.

The blame game

Kean's president blames staff for errors as university's reputation continues to falter

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

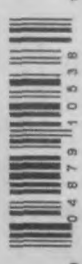
Although there is a firestorm surrounding Kean University President Dawood Farahi and whether he lied on his resumes or not, the smoking gun might be found in how the school compares to other New Jersey state universities.

After remaining mum on the entire issue revolving around allegations by the Kean University Federation of Teachers that the university president falsified his academic credentials, Farahi admitted last week in a *Star-Ledger* interview that some errors were made on his resumes.

However, the university president, who was appointed in 2003 at a salary of \$293,000 plus benefits along with longevity bonuses that individually tally \$200,000, placed the blame on Kean staff members who helped prepare his resume for routine accreditation reviews.

But, it appears some of the errors Farahi blamed on staff members actually can be traced back to 1983 when the former Union County

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SPRINGFIELD BRIEFS

Open house at St. James the Apostle

St. James the Apostle teachers and staff will hold an open house on Jan. 29 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in order to cultivate future leaders. The church is located at 41 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield.

The teachers and staff have announced that "We welcome and embrace the opportunity to give your child a balanced education with a combination of our Catholic faith, academics, focus on community service, discipline, and athletics." This combination, it was indicated, serves as an answer to the educational challenges America faces today.

"Our faculty and staff are aware of the enormous responsibilities entrusted to them," it was further stated. "They welcome and embrace the opportunity to serve the students within the framework of the teachings of the Catholic Church."

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Applications are being accepted. For an individual tour, call 973-

376-5194. The school is fully accredited by the Middle States Associations of Colleges and Schools.

Learn about children, disciplining positively

The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield is offering a seminar about Positive Discipline with Children on March 4 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Parish House of the church, 37 Church Mall, Springfield.

Positive Discipline is a program designed to encourage children to become responsible, respectful and resourceful members of their respective communities. Based on the best selling "Positive Discipline" books by Jane Nelson, and other co-authors, the program employs non-punitive methods for teaching valuable social and life skills in a manner that is respectful and encouraging for both children and adults and for parents, teachers, childcare providers and youth workers. This interactive informative presentation will be facilitated by Kathleen McClay, certified Positive Discipline parent educator and classroom educator.

Due to a grant intended to help young families, free baby sitting will be provided for all individuals who register in advance, it was announced. To register, call the church office at 973-379-4320. To

Short circuits



Photo Courtesy of Kenneth Knops

Students Zachary Dos Santos, John Petrucci, Jenna Thornton and Julia Huff work collaboratively on their electricity experiment trying to get a light bulb to light in Ms. Grigoli's fourth-grade class at Frank K. Hehny School in Clark. The class has been learning about electricity and circuits, and as part of a science experiment, each group of students was given a bag with a battery, two light bulbs, and wires.

Township settles lawsuit with former policeman

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — The past came back to haunt the township last week when former Police Capt. Pete Davis' lawsuit was settled.

Davis will receive a \$30,000 settlement as a result of the lawsuit he brought against the township in 2010. The former police officer claimed he was denied a promotion as retaliation because he testified against the township in a lawsuit brought by another police officer, patrolman Walter Brooks in 2009.

Although the township did not admit any wrongdoing, Davis still ended up getting \$30,000 as a result of the settlement. The amount, one source close said, was a compromise on a disputed claim, not an admission of guilt on the part of the township. But court documents did identify Mayor Ziad Shehady as the leader of the opposition against Davis.

Davis' attorney said the case was "not about money," but rather "retaliation" on the part of the township.

Brooks, the only black member of the department, had alleged in 2009 that former police chief William Chisholm had been racially biased in his treatment towards him, which resulted in the officer filing a lawsuit against the township.

Although the township police and fire departments are now structurally stable and operating smoothly, two years ago the situation was perilously close to collapse. The lawsuit brought by Davis became a by-product of this instability in the police department when the township decided to take a different

route in restructuring efforts.

Back in 2010 a series of departmental events left the police officer base structurally shaky. Part of the problem was that there had not been any promotions, which left the department without any officers ready to move up.

Rather than make an appointment of a new chief when Chisholm left, the township decided to slow the entire process down.

That decision ended up angering Davis, who believed he was not only the most qualified for the role of chief, but that he was also next in line to assume the position.

Davis subsequently filed a lawsuit against the township in November 2010, claiming he was denied a promotion in retaliation for testifying in court against the township in the Brooks' lawsuit.

As the highest ranking officer and only captain at the time, Davis led the department following the retirement of Chisholm in 2009. But Chisholm's leaving was not without drama, either.

After a year of complaints and a very public vote of no confidence, the Springfield Policeman's Benevolent Association Local 76 voted 34 to 4 to express their disapproval of Chisholm.

At the time PBA President Jim Mortin said the vote came as a result of poor communication on Chisholm's part and a strong belief that he was mismanaging the department. The PBA also demanded that township officials bring in new leadership.

At that point the governing body began discussing whether a public safety director

might be a better option for the township considering the continual problems festering in both the police and fire departments.

Just a year prior to this, the fire chief resigned and a fire captain was fired after charges were filed stemming from allegations that the firefighter's entrance exam was fixed in favor of relatives.

When Chisholm departed, he left behind a slew of lawsuits, including the one filed by Brooks that resulted in a settlement of \$250,000. Davis joined this lawsuit a year after it was filed, claiming he was transferred to the night shift because he supported Brooks in a court deposition.

Although a superior court judge dismissed several of the charges Brooks and Davis made against the township, a third complaint of intimidation resulted in the \$250,000 settlement by the township. Last year in March, Brooks received \$150,000 and Davis \$100,000 from this settlement, according to documents obtained by *LocalSource*.

The other case, filed by Springfield Police Sgt. James W. Fine, claimed Chisholm called him a "goofball and immature" in addition to accusing him of using steroids. This case was settled out of court in March 2010 for \$22,500. In all three cases, the township's insurance carrier paid the damages to police officers.

But the township's public safety woes were far from over. On June 23, the Prosecutor's Office was asked to step in to oversee the police department after Davis abruptly resigned from the officer in charge position

because the township refused to give him the nod as police chief.

This left the police department without any leadership command because there was no other police officer qualified to assume the position. Although Davis stayed on to help the prosecutor's office through this transition, and two weeks later prosecutor Theodore Romankow recommended to the governing body that he become acting chief, this did not pan out.

At the time, Shehady said the township was seriously considering hiring a public safety director and was looking for candidates. A week later Richard G. Rosell, who the mayor said was "an outstanding candidate of impeccable character with skill and unparalleled expertise," was brought aboard as the new public safety director.

Although neither Shehady nor other members of the governing body would comment about Davis or why he was not put into the chief position, at the time *LocalSource* reported that Davis took 139 sick days in 2009. However, the PBA did support Davis's ability to run the department by a vote of 33 to 1.

On Dec. 31, 2010, the prosecutor notified the township that they would be officially pulling out of the police department after spending six months helping with restructuring efforts.

Last year the township officially named Capt. John Cook the chief of police, but kept in place Rosell as public safety director over the police and fire departments.

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January 28, 2012

EVENT: Big Indoor Flea Market
PLACE: Roselle Catholic High School, 1 Raritan Road, Roselle
TIME: 9am-4pm
DETAILS: Call for information 908-245-2350
ORGANIZATION: Roselle Catholic High School.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY February 4, & 5, 2012

EVENT: Flea Market & Collectible Show
PLACE: Belleville High School, 100 Passaic Ave., Belleville, NJ 07109
TIME: 9-5PM Indoors/Outdoors
ADMISSION: Free
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FRIDAY, SATURDAY

February 3rd, 4th, 2012

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Farahi blames staff for errors; Kean's reputation is dropping Student to teacher ratio highest in the state

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consultant was applying for his first position at Kean. This means he was responsible for the contents of his original resume.

For example, both the letter and the Kean application completed and signed by Farahi in 1982 have the same inconsistencies brought out last week in a *LocalSource* article examining all six known resumes used by the university president in the past.

In the 1982 letter and resume Farahi used to apply to Kean, he noted he had tenured status at Avila College, but not that he was an academic dean. However, in a 2008 Curriculum Vitae the university president submitted, under the heading of "Other University Experience," Farahi said he served as Acting Academic Dean," at Avila College.

Also confusing is that Farahi lists a Fullbright-Hays Scholarship on all his resumes from 1972 to 1974, the same time he maintains he was at the University of Kansas studying for a political science degree.

At question is whether Farahi, a naturalized citizen who immigrated to the United States in 1972 as a college student was actually eligible for the Fullbright-Hays Scholarship.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the Fullbright Scholarship specifically sends U.S. citizens abroad "but does not provide reciprocal opportunities for international scholars to visit the United States."

While Farahi appears to have a long history of poor academic record keeping or not examining his own resumes prepared by Kean staff members, coincidentally Kean University has developed a similar record of setting poor academic standards.

For instance, last year in June Kean University and Essex County College were issued warnings after they failed a review by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the group that accredits colleges and universities in New Jersey and other mid-Atlantic states.

Both schools were cited for not having adequate systems to assess whether students and the school are meeting goals. Kean and Essex County College have until March 1 to submit reports proving they corrected problems, then a team of Middle States assessors will visit the campuses for another inspection.

Losing accreditation is one of the most serious sanctions a college or university can face because students at schools without accreditation may not be able to get

financial aid, transfer credits to other colleges or universities or use their degrees to attend graduate school.

The Kean Federation of Teachers, a union consisting of 480 professors, professional staff and librarians has strongly objected to how Farahi has operated the university in the past.

More recently, in a letter to the Kean Board of Trustees in November, the union faculty president strongly suggests that Farahi falsifying his academic credentials could put the university in a very bad light in many areas.

"False claims of academic achievements on official documents seriously jeopardize the academic integrity, the reputation and the accreditation of Kean University," Castiglione said.

Taking center stage right now with the faculty union, however, is that the Kean Board of Trustees investigation into Farahi's academic credentials which began in December has stalled.

The board's executive committee retained an independent council, McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, to investigate these allegations, but there has been no indication when that investigation will be completed.

Late last week the faculty union's patience with the board of trustees ended and they sent a letter to Gov. Chris Christie explaining they had requested the board establish an independent, academic investigation into allegations that Farahi falsified his academic credentials on his Kean application and many other resumes. They also asked for his intervention.

"The board's sluggish, inadequate response does not address the potential damage that these allegations have on impending Middle States accreditation and NCAA reviews. It is urgent that this matter be promptly and thoroughly investigated by an independent body above reproach," said James A. Castiglione, President of the Kean Federation of Teachers.

Castiglione also urged the governor to assure that if he launches an investigation there will be no cover-ups, falsification of public records and/or retaliation for whistle-blowing.

"This matter is too serious to the integrity of everyone to be treated as a non-consequential local dispute at a state university," he added.

Adding fuel to the fire that is growing day by day is the fact that Kean has a graduation rate of 16 percent in four years for students attending the school as their first

college, not taking into account transfers, drop outs, switching majors, and working and delaying graduation.

The 16,000-strong student body grew 46 percent between 2006 and 2010 and the administration foresees continued growth in that area, according to information provided by Kean to Moody's Investment Service. But while this could suggest "churning," or boosting of enrollment without concern for graduation rates, Farahi has continued to reduce faculty in favor of adjunct professors and increase administrator staff.

This, though, may be adding to the problem if you look at how other local state universities are doing things.

According to the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, Montclair State University has 135 more full-time faculty, 509 to Kean's 374, but 52 fewer administrators to manage a student body that is 25 percent larger than Kean's.

When compared with other four-year New Jersey state colleges, Kean also has the highest student to faculty ratio at 49 to 1, compared with the state average of 30 to 1. Kean's ratio increased from 44 to 1 since last year.

The faculty union believes that with 50 percent more administrators than Montclair, "it is clear that Kean is 'inordinately top-heavy.'" The union found this unsettling, especially since more money is being funneled into non-classroom expenditures, such as expanding the Kean campus.

Kean built several new facilities at the Union campus in the last two years, including a six-story, \$50 million building on Morris Avenue, The Center for Science, Technology and Math Education.

The faculty union finds this deeply concerning. Since Farahi took over in 2003, the university's debt soared from \$48 million to more than \$350 million, according to the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority.

In fact, Kean has the second highest debt load for a New Jersey public university.

And the \$50 million science building, according to sources, currently only holds seven faculty members, but does contain a New York Times reviewed restaurant called Ursino and offers catering.

Other charges by the union include that student fees continue to escalate, rising by 62 percent since Farahi came aboard, and only New Jersey City University ranks lower than Kean when it comes to state university and college graduation rates.

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DiLeo ousted from Linden job

Mayor gets votes needed to replace municipal judge

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

LINDEN — A controversial municipal judge appointment that has hung in the balance since 2008 was finally made last week.

The city council voted 6-5 approving Daniel Roberts as the city's new municipal judge, ousting Louis DiLeo, who has been in the position since 2003. The vote came after Mayor Rich Gerbounka tried unsuccessfully during the last three years to get the required council votes to replace DiLeo, 58, of Westfield.

DiLeo, who has been working without a contract since 2009, made \$126,991 annually as Linden's municipal judge, \$170,926 a year including benefits. DiLeo only had to preside over one day and two night court sessions as part of his municipal judge duties with the city.

Roberts, on the other hand, the mayor said, accepted \$75,000, 89,527 a year with pension and other contributions by the city, to do the same job with no health benefits. The mayor said the city will save approximately \$81,000 with Roberts as municipal judge opposed to DiLeo.

Although some city council members objected to the Roberts appointment because they felt he lacked the experience DiLeo had on the bench, Gerbounka disagreed.

"The law requires that a municipal judge have five years experi-

Gerbounka was pleading his case to replace DiLeo long before the complaint issue surfaced and the matter went before council for yet another vote.

ence, and Dan has 20 years as an attorney," the mayor said. "I feel we are getting a competent judge that will be fair but firm."

Gerbounka said he would never appoint someone who was not qualified because "my name is attached to this appointment."

The appointment of the municipal judge is a mayoral appointment, but one that must be approved by the city council. Because the council is primarily Democratic, Gerbounka has had a difficult time swaying them his way. But with the election of a new council member who like the mayor is an independent, that enabled Gerbounka to get the six votes needed to oust DiLeo.

The mayor has maintained publicly that DiLeo has been an "embarrassment" to Linden since a complaint was filed in court accusing the municipal judge of prosecuting the same case he presided over, among other things. Superior Court Judge Scott Moynihan called DiLeo's overseeing this case as "a Perversion of justice," and noted that DiLeo did not issue "fair and

proper sentences."

However, Gerbounka was pleading his case to replace DiLeo long before the complaint issue surfaced and the matter went before council for yet another vote.

The city council also approved an ordinance recently to continue the temporary judges brought aboard at \$400 a court session, to try and alleviate the backlog of cases that has bogged the local municipal court down.

"That doesn't mean we have to continue using them, but until that backlog has a good dent in it, we are keeping them," the mayor said.

The appointment of Roberts did not go without controversy, though. Third Ward Councilman Peter Brown questioned the Roberts credentials, making a motion to table the entire matter until council could discuss two other qualified candidates, Carl Marshall and Cassandra Corbett, who serve as per-diem part-time judges in the city. But Brown failed to get the support he needed for this move.

Brown also brought up that Roberts, who represented Gerbounka in the 2006 mayoral election recount, is a personal injury and real estate attorney, has not worked as a judge previously and will have to attend a special seminar for new judges prior to taking his seat on the bench.

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Irish have their man for the 2012 parade

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

An Elizabeth Police Lieutenant and Clark resident has been named as the Grand Marshal of the county's 2012 St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Lt. Bill Dugan will be helming the procession of vehicles and citizens that will march down Morris Avenue in Union on March 10.

Dugan, an Elizabeth native, is already familiar with the holiday event, having worked in the parade as a police officer to escort the parade. However, he is not sure what inspired organizers to select him.

He did not apply for the post and was surprised to come home one night and find a message from the parade committee on his telephone.

"I guess I was nominated at a meeting without my knowledge," he said.

Dugan said he was "very excited and humbled" to learn he will be joining the ranks of past grand marshals, many of them outstanding community servants who were also involved in Irish organizations.

The responsibilities of grand marshal include appearing at different "Irish functions" to help promote the event and speak on behalf of the parade committee.

"There's a lot of preparation," Dugan said.

Dugan said his family is thrilled to see him in action as grand marshal, especially his mother, who has been involved in Irish organizations for many years.

Dugan, 52, has lived in Clark for 12 years. He has a wife, Carol, and three children; a daughter Alison and two sons Ryan and Daniel.

He makes a point of keeping his children aware of their Irish heritage. Though he has no family in Ireland he is aware of, his family visited the Old Country a few years



Lt. Bill Dugan

ago to see the sights.

"We've always held our Irish heritage close to our hearts," Dugan said. "I think your roots are very important, especially to keep a family unit together and strong. It's important to remember where you came from and what you were before you can move on."

Dugan's family on both his mother and father's sides are Irish. He traces his roots on his father's side to County Wicklow and his mother's to Counties Antrim and Cork. His maternal great, great grandfather was the first to arrive in the U.S. He came to Elizabeth in 1853 and fought in the Civil War.

Dugan is familiar with various Irish organizations but not currently an active member, as he devotes most of his time to raising his children.

Dugan will be officially installed as Grand Marshal during the parade committee's annual investiture Mass at St. John the Apostle Church in Linden on Feb. 12 at 3 p.m.

The 16th Annual Union County St. Patrick's Day Parade will step off at 1 p.m. on March 10 on Morris Avenue in Union.

A way with words



Nicholas Mitchell and Caroline Morgan pose by their class' 'Cool Poetry' display. Third grade students in Mrs. Wojio's class at Frank K. Hehny School in Clark welcomed winter with their display. Students wrote winter-themed acrostic poems to go along with their mittens.

CLARK BRIEFS

Mother Seton students place 4th in math league challenge

Students from Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, placed fourth in Union County of the New Jersey Mathematics League competition. These results are after three of six contests. In addition, Mother Seton's team scored higher than any other all girls or coed Catholic high school in the state. Only two all boys' schools currently have higher scores, it was reported.

Leading scorers are seniors Maria Chua of Edison, Simran Johal, Carteret; Ana Enriquez, Clark; Sheryl Mathew, Colonia; Amanda Panicali, Rahway, and junior Caitilin Conroy, Scotch Plains.

Local UNICO chapter donates money from 5th annual Italian fest

The UNICO Clark Chapter presented checks to various organizations, clubs and departments at the monthly Council meeting on Jan. 17 from the proceeds

of the fifth annual Italian American Feast last year on Oct. 7, 8 and 9.

"It was huge success far exceeding what we had hoped to profit," said Ralph Bernardo, Clark chapter president. "Mother Nature was very good to us as record warm weather really brought out the crowds."

"Many people ask us what we do with the proceeds from the feast. Being a nonprofit organization, all of the money must be given out within a year's time. Because this is a Clark chapter, the township as a whole reaps the benefits. Substantial dollar amounts were and are being given out to various organizations, clubs and departments in town."

He said, "In attendance this night to receive checks were Clark Recreation, ALJ Key Club, ALJ Italian American Club, ALJ Booster Club, Project Graduation, Clark Volunteer Fire Department, Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, Clark Emergency Management, Clark Police Department and the Clark Senior Citizens. We are happy to donate this money and help out the township in any way we can," said Bernardo.

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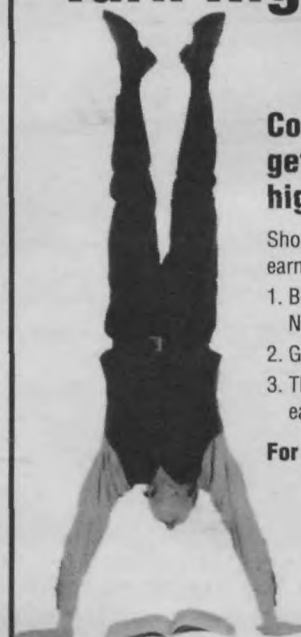
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On thin ice



Clark Recreation's 5th annual Family Skate Night saw the group renting out Warinanco Park Skate Rink for the Township from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday. There were approximately 300 in attendance and the snow that fell the previous night added ambiance to the night.

UCA president steps down after summer of controversy

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tangible piece of evidence that made it appear the UCA was using the money it received in the past five years to produce two tab-sized newspapers a year.

The UCA is supposed to facilitate business initiatives for the county, but in an interview last summer Murray was not specific about projects he was involved in, other than to say they were focused on economic development and bringing businesses to the county. When asked specifically what businesses he brought to the county, Murray said "it's difficult to say."

Murray, who earned \$115,861 a year to oversee the UCA, also was charged with maintaining the website, but last summer the website had not been updated since 2004.

The UCA also came under fire by The Union County Watchdog Association for violating the Open Public Records Act. In October the organization filed a lawsuit against the UCA and they fully intend to go to court in order to get this non-profit to open their books.

Union County Directions, the newspaper produced by Murray twice a year in the spring and fall, primarily focuses on Democratic Union County Freeholder accomplishments countywide.

Although the newspaper has occasionally put a column in the paper from a noteworthy Republican, it is rare.

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UCWA President Tina Renna believes that because the UCA is so tightly connected financially to the county Democratic stronghold, they should have to abide by OPRA laws.

Cranford votes on ADAPT program

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — School officials tabled a vote to reinstate a controversial alcohol education policy Monday night with the intention of conducting additional research and revisions. The decision came following comments from the public and an executive session discussion.

The Alcohol/Drug Assistance Program for Teens, or ADAPT, is a high school-level program imposed on students who are charged with substance abuse offenses. 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 revisit the 2007 version of the program, taking into account and make revisions based on input from the community. School officials plan to consult with the Cranford High School athletic director, the Municipal alliance, the juvenile division of the police department and the school board attorney.

"Hopefully in the next few months we can have a revised ADAPT program everyone can agree on," Board President Mary Venditti said.

Although ADAPT has been in place in Cranford for several years, enforcement was scaled back in 2010 due to concern over whether schools have the power to enforce consequences for offenses that occur outside of school at non school-related functions.

However, school officials recently noted the state anti-bullying policy put into effect this year expands the power of schools to punish students for actions that occurred outside school property or

school functions.

Board member Michael Caulfield, who moved the subject for a vote, said the ADAPT policy "supplements and assists" parental authority rather than usurping it as some opponents claim.

"The intent is not to punish — the intent is to join with and become a part of the community in which we live," Caulfield said.

Resident Louann Frediani, who has a child in the high school, spoke in opposition to this aspect of the program.

"If it is not a school event or on school grounds, it is my opinion it's not your responsibility to enforce consequences on students," Frediani said.

Frediani questioned the effectiveness of the ADAPT program being used in the past and expressed interest in developing an alternative version.

It is not clear yet how the new policy will address violations occurring outside school grounds.

Venditti said it will probably take a month to get the new plan worked out.

School officials began considering re-implementing the program to help curb alcohol use among minors after 47 local juveniles were arrested at a New Year's Eve party for underage drinking. Under the ADAPT program, these students would be mandated to go through the ADAPT program.

School officials were uncertain whether there has been a recent increase in underage drinking in Cranford. Police Chief Eric Mason said statistics do not show an increase in underage drinking incidents in Cranford.

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Army National Guard Specialist Nelson Agurto presents Roselle Park Police Chief Paul W. Morrison and the Roselle Park Police Department with a flag that flew over the Forward Operating Base Sharana in Afghanistan in honor of the Roselle Park Police Department during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Towns move BOE elections

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\$10,000 to \$12,000, but Venditti said the most attractive aspect of the new setup is that school budgets that come in under the state's 2 percent cap don't have to be voted on by the public.

"The biggest advantage is that the public will not have to vote on the budget as long as we keep it under cap," Venditti said.

The board will continue to hold budget presentations for the public, and the state and county must still accept budgets.

'Generally the popular perspective on the November election is it allows more people to vote for the board of Ed. race, which is a good thing.'

— Donald Goncalves

Last week the Elizabeth Board of Education also made the decision to move its elections to November. No figures were available for how much money this would save the city, but school officials claim the change will not only save money but increase voter participation.

"Generally the popular perspective on the November election is it allows more people to vote for the board of Ed. race, which is a good thing," district spokesman Donald Goncalves explained.

Elizabeth Board of Education member Francisco Gonzalez concurred.

"Wider participation in the electoral process is something that we believe in and will continue to endorse," Gonzalez said.

The vote was unanimous, though only six of the nine board members were present.

No public hearings were dedicated to the issue, and no one spoke on the topic during the public portion of the meeting, Goncalves said.

Gonzalez also claimed that "in places like Elizabeth," holding an election in November results in an open election rather than a partisan one.

Other school districts to pounce on the opportunity include East Brunswick and Manchester. Cranford School Business Administrator Robert Carfagno said he understood some districts "jumped the gun," passing their resolutions before the governor had actually signed the bill into law.

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CRANFORD BRIEFS

Cranford Police are awarded pedestrian safety grant

The Cranford Police Department was recently awarded a pedestrian safety grant funded by the federal government. The goal of the grant is to lower pedestrian fatalities and injury rates. The grant includes funding for overtime enforcement at pedestrian safety hot spots and educational outreach throughout the community.

In 2010, 139 pedestrians were killed in New Jersey. In this state, 25 percent of crash fatalities involve a pedestrian, well above the national average of 11 percent. Furthermore, during the most recent five-year period, more than 27,000 pedestrians were injured in traffic crashes in the state.

Chief Eric G. Mason added that pedestrian safety is a continuing priority in the township of Cranford. "This campaign will be comprehensive, focusing on education, enforcement, and engineering."

The pedestrian safety campaign will take place from Feb. 15 through March 21.

Skyscraper Museum passes now available at the public library

Cranford Public Library recently added passes to the Skyscraper

Museum to its lending collection. Located at Battery Place in New York City, the world's first and foremost vertical metropolis, the Skyscraper Museum celebrates New York's rich architectural heritage and examines the historical forces and individuals that have shaped its successive skylines. Through exhibitions, programs and publications, the museum explores tall buildings as objects of design, products of technology, sites of construction, investments in real estate, and places of work and residence. The library has two passes to the museum, each of which admits a family of five. The library also lends passes to the Frick Collection, Grounds for Sculpture, the Intrepid Air & Space Museum, the Morris Museum and the Montclair Art Museum.

Purchased for the library by the Friends of the Cranford Public Library, the passes can be borrowed by adult Cranford Library card holders and adult members of the Friends of the Cranford Public Library with MURAL borrowing privileges. Passes are available on a first come, first served basis. They cannot be reserved, nor can they be renewed. To see if a pass is available, search the library catalog at <http://catalog.cranfordlibrary.org/polaris> using the name of the museum in which one is interested. More information about the library

pass program and about each museum can be found at <http://cranford.com/library/friends/museumpass.asp>. For questions about the program, call the library at 908-709-7272 or email the library at library@cranfordnj.org.

Library board meets tonight at 7pm

The annual meeting of the Cranford Public Library Board of Trustees will be held tonight at 7 in the Community Center. The library is located at 224 Walnut Ave. Following the annual meeting, the board will hold its regular meeting.

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 notified 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.cranfordschools.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 to Polaris

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 and renew and reserve items.

ROSELLE PARK BRIEFS

RPPD arrest 15 for DWI

The Roselle Park Police Department took part in the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2011 Year End Statewide Crackdown" and arrested 15 motorists for driving while intoxicated. The nationwide campaign, which began on Dec. 5, ran through Jan. 2.

The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign is operated by the Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

The enforcement campaign focuses on increased police patrols during the busiest travel and holiday seasons. During the month-long crackdown, the Roselle Park Police increased roving patrols to focus on impaired driving. In addition to the 15 DWI arrests, RPPD officers made 18 drug arrests and 15 warrant/fugitive arrests. During the month of December, RPPD officers issued more than 750 motor vehicle summonses. In 2011, the Roselle Park Police arrested 101

motorists for driving while intoxicated. Most of these impaired motorists were apprehended by police officers on routine patrol, but several were taken into custody during DWI checkpoints as well as roving DWI patrols.

The department has recently added another tool in its fight to combat impaired driving. RPPD has taken pride by having one of its own officers, Patrolman Joshua Medrano, holding the position of Drug Recognition Expert. A Drug Recognition Expert is a highly trained and certified police officer, who can detect the use, abuse and presence of narcotics and controlled substances in the human body. Officer Medrano, a five-year veteran, is only one of a few drug recognition experts in Union County.

Chess, English classes held

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.

Weekly Zumba class puts the accent on fitness

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.

Historical Society to meet at Roselle Park Museum

The Roselle Park Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at The Roselle Park Museum, 9 West Grant Ave.

First Alert Network informs residents of emergency

Roselle Park Police use the Union County First Alert Network to contact residents during a crisis.

The UC First Alert Network delivers important emergency alerts, notifications and updates individual email, cell phone, pager and smartphone. When an incident or emergency occurs, authorized senders will instantly notify you.

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OPINION PAGE

EDITORIAL

The Farahi Syndrome

Dawood Farahi. By now we would hope most residents of Union County, as well as all of your senators, assemblymen and local representatives, are well aware of this man. He has been the president of Kean University since 2003, earned \$293,000 a year in that time, and helped increase the school's debt from \$48 million to over \$350 million. In addition, he has been under continuous fire for allegedly falsifying his credentials. But we would like to make sure that everyone understands the bigger, and likely more widespread problem.

Last week, we published an article detailing the many resumes Farahi has used since 1982. And, if nothing else, they show an utter lack of organization and a complete inattention to details. Dates, titles, places, and years don't match anywhere. On paper, Farahi does not appear to even know when he earned his masters degree, or where he was when it happened. Perhaps he's not even aware that Kean owes \$357 million, or that the student-to-teacher ratio is horrendous. Maybe he's not aware that the faculty has been shrinking, the student population has been growing, and the graduation rate has been dismal. After all, he doesn't seem to correctly recall anything else that happened in his life.

But last week, Farahi did at least acknowledge the errors in an interview with the *Star-Ledger*, but he failed to accept blame for documents tracing his own personal life. "I did not create the data sheet," Farahi said in the article, blaming staff members for the errors.

But Farahi is just one person. He is just the current front man that gives a name to the problem. He is the local face of what has become a systemic failure in the governance of state higher education. The Farahi syndrome is likely widespread, and opens every state college and university to its symptoms: abuse and political patronage.

The Board of Trustees at Kean University, headed by current chair Ada Morell, is responsible for the hiring, and any potential firing, of Farahi. The board is also empowered to increase the school's debt. But they are in no way required to punish Farahi for allegedly lying. They could simply wag a finger and say, "Bad job!" to their president, and nobody can stop them. There is no law in place requiring them to take action. In fact, at this point, we are almost expecting them to do nothing. And if they were to fire Farahi, his contract stipulates that he would receive one year's salary as compensation. But at least he would lose the \$12,000 he gets yearly toward a car and gas. If the allegations against Farahi by the Kean Federation of Teachers prove to be true, the board should take legal action to recoup money Farahi received under false pretenses, or fraud. But again, they are in no way required to, and no one expects they will.

And while the board of trustees is a large part of the problem at Kean, again, it is only a small piece of what is an entire statewide problem.

In June 1994, the Higher Education Restructuring Act signed into law by Republican Gov. Christine Todd Whitman 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 who was hired as president and how debt accrued at state institutions.

The board of trustees of any state school is appointed by the governor, but is voted on by the state Senate. And with the senate's consent needed for anyone to be appointed, senators like Raymond Lesniak, who represents Union, can essentially choose, through a process of delaying a vote, any appointee to the Kean board of trustees. And under the current laws, he can use them to curry favor as he sees fit, with no repercussions. It's perfectly legal. It's also perfectly legal for former Gov. James McGreevey to teach an ethics course to increase his pension payments from the state, and for Lesniak's sister to work at the school in what has been described by sources as a "no show" position. His sister, Mar-

garet Devanney, is the mother of former Union County Manager George Devanney, whose ex-wife, Audrey Kelly, has been paid \$129,000 a year to be the Kean Board of Trustees executive assistant since 2004.

Is any of this, including his run as governor, discussed in McGreevey's ethics class?

Probably not. But consider this. In October 2007, a State Commission of Investigation 189 page report, "Vulnerable to Abuse: The Importance of Restoring Accountability, Transparency and Oversight to Public Higher Education Governance," laid wide open what has transpired since the Higher Education Restructuring Act was signed by Gov. Whitman.

"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.

We are not only afraid that Kean is no longer run by people who care about the students. We feel confident that the numbers already show it.

The 156-year-old school has 16,000 students. Between 2006 and 2010 the student body reportedly grew by 46 percent. The College of New Jersey, Montclair State University, Rowan University, Ramapo College, and New Jersey City University, have a student to full-time faculty ratio of anywhere from 20 to 1 to 35 to 1, Kean's average is 49 to 1.

According to the U.S. Department of Education in 2008, just 16 percent of the students attending Kean University as their first college graduated in four years, and only 45 percent graduated in six. The numbers do not take into account drop outs, transfers, switching majors or working and delaying graduation, but still are very telling. Ramapo, for instance, graduates 53 percent in four years and 70 percent in six years. Rowan University graduates 43 percent and 65 percent in four and six years, respectively.

In September, Gov. Christie came to Union to discuss ethics on Lesniak's home turf. We would like to think that was no coincidence. But like the saying goes, talk is cheap. The mounting debt and cost of tuition at Kean is not.

Finding a politician and a university president that actual care about the students would be priceless.

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No experience required for this jam

Seven or eight years ago, on Hickory Drive in Maplewood, a man named Ford met a guy named Tim at a big, multi-family barbecue.

As the general chaos and cacophony of children and dogs swirled around them, they began talking and learned that, lo and behold, they had nothing in common — except that they both liked to play music. Ford ran home to get his guitar and Tim sidled up to the piano inside and, within minutes, the low-grade, disembodied hysteria of the barbecue ceased.

Michael Steiner, the host, remembers, "The kids stopped run-

Pith Monger

By V.C. Chickering



ning and started dancing. And there we were, kids and parents in the same room dancing, playing and singing together. It was amazing."

That gave Michael the idea of hosting a hootenanny. That May, he invited 100 or so neighbors and friends to his home for a musical party. The caveat was that at least one member from each family had

to perform, had to share something. He ended up with 30 to 40 acts, a huge success, and the party's been an annual event ever since.

Out of that, a second musical event was born, this one for adults. At the first "Jam," as it was dubbed, "eight folks stayed up until 2 a.m.," Michael said, "everyone singing, harmonizing and playing something. We kept trying to go home and then someone would think of another song. After that, I began putting a book of lyrics and chords together for folks to choose from."

That was five years ago. Now the lyrics and chords are projected

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on the living room wall in Ford's house. Michael continued, "25 folks cram in — 29 of them playing guitar. Everyone is very humble about their abilities, but there's a lot of terrific talent in the room."

I asked Michael about the talent; he said it's everything you can imagine.

"Dave is semi-professional, Mark worked in the music business and Nerissa played classical piano growing up, and has since learned uke. Christine had a band in college and Cat just learned the ukulele, too."

"What about you?" I asked. "I had two or three years of sax in middle school."

"That's it?"

"That's it. I just started teaching myself the guitar in the last nine years. I figured that far stupider people than me have figured this out. How hard can it be?"

The night I was invited to a Jam at Ford's house, there were 15 or so folks in attendance; eight of them had walked. We weren't crammed. Well, maybe a little.

There were keyboards and drums set up, plus big bongos standing in the corner.

People streamed in the door carrying ukuleles, mandolins and banjos, as well as guitars and basses.

As coats were peeled off and

popped in a pile in the foyer, the energy grew. People were excited to sing and play; they'd booked their sitters and had been looking forward to this for months. There was a generous bar set up in the kitchen and plenty of snacks in the dining room, but this wasn't about that. This was about playing music.

Ford got things going; he was their leader. "You've got to have a leader," Michael said, "or else things just break down. We used to be so bad. Someone would start a song and then not know the words and it would peter out and be so deflating. We've learned from that."

The night I was there, there was a pretty smooth method to the madness, I thought. Someone called out a song, Michael found it in his computer and threw it up on the wall, then Ford counted us off and we flew.

Most of the choices tended to be fun, harmonizing songs—Beatles, Eagles, Crosby, Stills and Nash, Monkees — and all the choices resonated with the 37- to 47-year-old crowd.

Like them or not, there are songs we can't help knowing after growing up with top-40 radio. We delighted in singing The Carpenters, Fleetwood Mac, Elvis Costello and Earth, Wind and Fire, and I was surprised to discover how many

verses I knew by heart.

"I don't know why more people don't do this," Michael said, "All you need is one decent musician to lead a song. The lyrics and chords are all online."

"You print them out or project them on the wall. It doesn't cost anything. And you get to feel like you're in a band for a night. Sit next to someone harmonizing and you feel like a million dollars."

Michael was right. It was so easy and so much darn fun; we were all singing our hearts out to melodies that had woven themselves into our DNA when we were young and still growing.

I sang harmonies for a while and then spied the tall, lonely bongos in the corner. I hopped over and stood behind them at the start of a Talking Heads tune that begged for percussion.

Although I'd never drummed before, the riffs and rhythms came out of me like a nursery rhyme I'd learned as a child.

I was having so much fun I felt I could have lifted off the ground and flown. "I'm still growing," I thought, and I felt like a million dollars.

V.C. Chickering is a writer who lives in Maplewood. Read more of her engaging essays at vickichicki.blogspot.com.

Time for your garden fantasies

Spring is leaping up from the pages of the catalogs that arrive by snail mail every day. The e-mail traffic from the plant vendors is also surging, with new offers and enticements appearing on an hourly basis.

My head spins at the color and the variety. My heart sinks, but only a little, at the thought of what my garden fantasies would cost if allowed to go unchecked.

But, now I have to get serious. The plant-ordering season is upon us, and if I want to have my pick of in-demand varieties, now is the time to narrow my wish list and brandish the credit card.

I will start where I always start: with snowdrops. I am not a galanthophile, or snowdrop fanatic. However, the bees that dare venture out in the early spring are as happy as I am to see the snowdrops emerge, so I add a few every year.

I order from the fascinating Hitch Lyman of Trumansburg, N.Y., proprietor of the Temple Nursery. Lyman specializes in exotic snowdrops and has an interesting array of species and varieties, many of which have intriguing histories.

The plants are expensive, but a happy snowdrop multiplies and, in general, they seem happy in my

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By Elisabeth Ginsburg

garden. I love the double-flowered varieties, and those with yellow — rather than the typical green — petal markings.

For size and vigor, nothing beats *Galanthus nivalis*, or *S. Arnott*, which has blossoms that are about twice the size of ordinary snowdrop flowers. The Temple Nursery does not supply an order form, does not have an internet presence, and does not accept credit cards. I don't care. The snowdrops are worth taking up the checkbook and typing out the order. After I finish with the snowdrops, I'll turn my attention to adding to my supply of groundcover plants. Tough, hardy groundcovers increase the overall beauty of beds and borders and decrease the need for mulching. Installing this kind of "green mulch," is much easier on the back than hefting bags of shredded cedar bark.

I have been involved in a long-

standing love affair with hardy geraniums, sometimes known as cranesbills, and there are several recent introductions that have caught my eye. I love *Geranium sanguineum*, *Elke*, which is rose pink with a narrow white edge on each petal. *Elke* is a sun lover, with nicely dissected leaves that look good whether or not the plant is flowering.

I generally order odd-numbered lots of plants, as they work better in garden groupings. Whether I order one or three *Elkes* depends on the amount of temptation I find elsewhere in plant vendors' inventories.

Two other cranesbills, *Dragonheart*, with dark-centered magenta flowers; and *Butterfly Kisses*, featuring late-blooming pink flowers and good fall color, have also caught my eye. If finances permit, the garden will be chock full of cranes — or at least their bills — come spring.

Though I grow relatively few edibles, I am intrigued by the idea of edging my beds with colorful basil. This will supply me with lots of pesto, but it is also a form of decorative companion planting.

Basil, with their strong, minty fragrances, deter some predators

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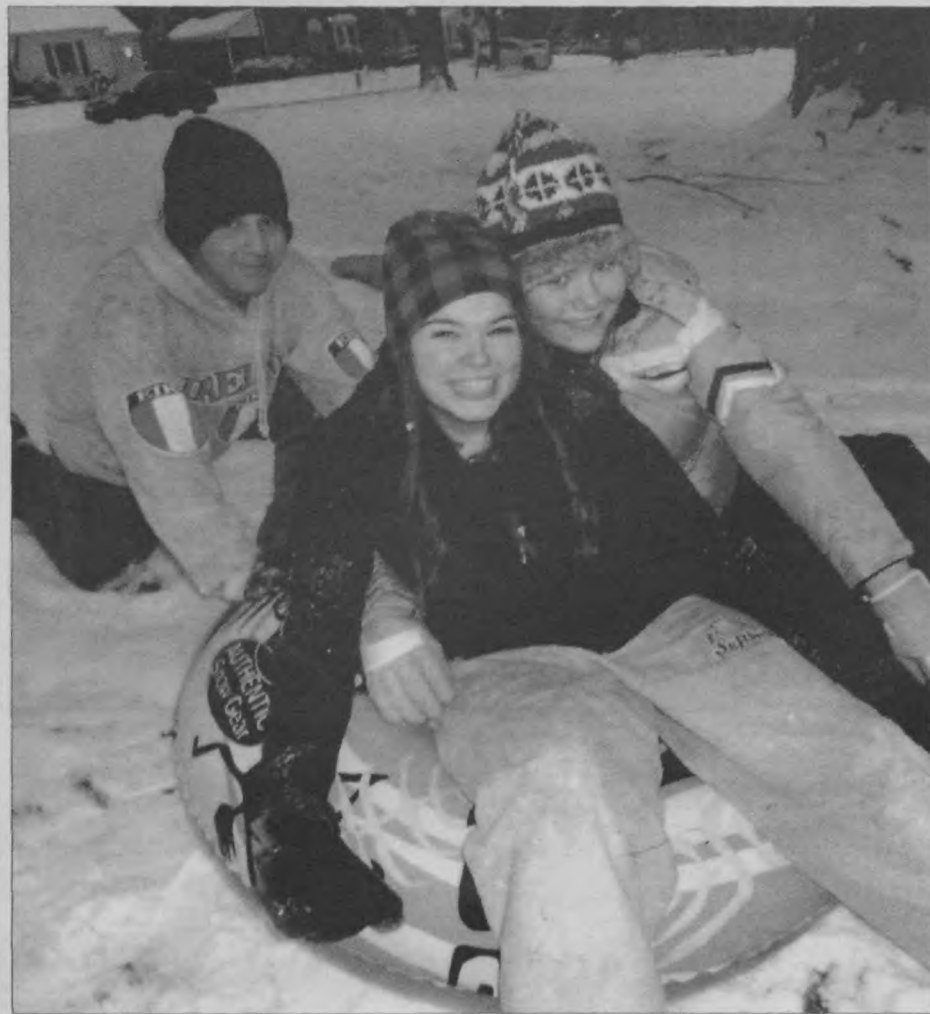
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A real winter wonderland in Rahway



Photos By Dave VanDeventer

Rahway residents made the most of the recent winter snowstorm that swept through the area last weekend. Although it paled in comparison to last year's monstrous snowfalls, local teens were able to tube the hills of Milton Lake Park while hikers braved the elements along the park's waterfalls.

SUMMIT BRIEFS

Old Guard hears from 'Jack' of all trades

Shari Jack, regional marketing director of Prudential Annuities, will speak at the Jan. 31 meeting of the Summit Old Guard at the New Providence Municipal Center. The presentation will include the question: "Are You Prepared for the Financial Challenges of Retirement?"

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 Ave.

A coffee hour starts at 9:15 that is followed by a 10 o'clock brief business meeting. Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes, trips, plays, concerts and cultural events.

For more information, call Ralph Ortega at 908-244-4384 or visit www.summitoldguard.homestead.com.

SAGE Eldercare is looking for your vehicle donations

For those who have a car, boat, motorcycle or RV that is not being used and wish to donate them to a cause, they can consider contacting SAGE Eldercare in Summit about its car donation program. SAGE provides a wide variety of services to elderly residents in Union,

Essex, Morris and Somerset counties. The car donations it receives support these services.

"SAGE will arrange to have the vehicle towed at no expense, and the donor will be provided with a tax deduction form for their future tax filing," said a representative. "A portion of funds obtained from this program will be used to replace an outdated vehicle of our own. We provide transportation for some of our home health aides to local residents who use SAGE's service for in-home aides and our van is in need of replacement," added Jessica Rosenzweig, executive director of SAGE Eldercare.

"My car was costing me a lot to maintain and it wasn't worth it to keep it. Although there are many places that would have taken my car, when SAGE started their car donation program, I decided to donate it to them," said August Piccolo, a Berkeley Heights client of SAGE Eldercare.

"Prospective donors may call me at 908-598-5503 for more details, and provide me with the make, model, and year of the vehicle.

Through a third-party, the vehicle is sent to auction, and they will provide the paperwork for your future tax filing," advised Dawn Knill, director of Development at SAGE. "Vehicles can be picked up from anywhere in the contiguous United States, so if you have relatives across the country, they can

contribute to SAGE, too. Additional information on our car donation program, as well as other ways to donate to SAGE, and a full description of our services are available on our organization's website."

Summit library can aid in your job search

Looking for a way to improve your job search? Summit Free Public Library will be offering a free workshop on the Job and Career Accelerator database on 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. The Summit library is located at 75 Maple St.

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and insects, and are valuable even if they never make it to the kitchen. I especially like the purple-leafed Red Rubin and Aromatto for color, taste and scent. These are good for pots as well. Basil is ridiculously easy to start from seed, so it is a good investment for me to sow my basil indoors in March and set it out when the weather gets warm.

What else do I need? Realistically, nothing. My beds are full of plants that can be divided and spread around to fill any gaps. Many of them are both exceptionally worthy and in desperate need of division.

Still, I can't resist some new introductions. Weeks Roses has introduced Sugar Moon, a French-bred, hybrid tea rose with a lemon scent and big, white blossoms. Despite my reservations about hybrid teas, I would love to try them. Seeds of Change, a terrific purveyor, is offering a pale-yellow cosmos called Yellow Garden. It would look lovely amid some blue-purple flowered cranesbills. I saw an irresistible, shell pink, semi-double peony — improbably named Spumoni Whisper — in the pages of the Klehm's Song Sparrow Farm and Nursery catalog.

The inner-petal bases have just a hint of green, hence the "spumoni" in the name. It is ravishing and I need it in my garden, though at the moment I can't think where I will put it, unless I appropriate my neighbor's yard.

Every year, I entertain that possibility. So the winnowing process continues, as does the reconciliation of needs and wants that is part of every garden fanatic's planning strategy. My neighbor had better watch her property line. She may find the fence moving.

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>.



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Gang member sentenced for conspiracy to commit murder

A member of the Fruit Town and Brick City Brims set of the Bloods street gang was sentenced today to 105 months for conspiring to murder a rival gang member in April 2009 and illegally possessing firearms, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Samad McCallum, 24, of Elizabeth previously pleaded guilty to an information charging him with one count of conspiracy to commit murder in aid of racketeering and one count of possession of two firearms while a convicted felon. McCallum previously pleaded guilty before United States District Judge Stanley R. Chesler, who also imposed the sentence today in Newark federal court.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court: McCallum admitted that he conspired with other Fruit Town and Brick City Brims members, including Gerard Jennette, 27, a/k/a "Swizzy," and Thomas Haskins, 26, a/k/a "Tommy Gunz," to kill a rival gang member, identified in court documents as "M.B."

They believed M.B. was responsible for ordering the murder of two Fruit Town and Brick City Brims

members in Jersey City. Haskins and Jennette have both previously pleaded guilty; Haskins was sentenced to 10 years in prison, Jennette is awaiting sentencing.

On April 27, 2009, McCallum, Jennette, and Haskins were arrested in Jersey City in a van with a loaded Kahr 9-mm handgun, a loaded Intratech Luger 9-mm semi-automatic Tec-9, and three ski masks.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Chesler sentenced McCallum to three years of supervised release.

United States Attorney Fishman credited special agents of the FBI, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael B. Ward; law enforcement officers from the Hudson County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Frank X. Schillari; the Jersey City Police Department, under the direction of Police Director Samuel Jefferson and Chief Thomas Comey; and the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office, under the direction of Prosecutor Edward J. De Fazio.

The government is represented by Assistant United States Attorneys Melissa Jampol, Lisa Colone and Robert Frazer of the United States Attorney's Office Organized Crime/Gangs Unit in Newark.

Union County police reports

Clark

• Jan. 11: In the vicinity of Lake Avenue, Clark Police Officer Christian Lott arrested Joseph Dunn, 21, of 230 Hawthorne St., Scotch Plains, for possession of CDS paraphernalia. He was subsequently released on his own recognizance pending a court date.

• Jan. 11: At police headquarters, Officer Daniel Pitts arrested Todd Weber, 37, of 2608 Cleveland Ave., Washington Township, for possession of CDS. He was subsequently transported to the Union County Jail.

• Jan. 16: Clark Police took a report of criminal mischief at 196 Westfield Ave. The incident is under investigation. Officer Brian Renda was the investigating officer.

• Jan. 18: Police made an arrest in the vicinity of Victoria Drive of Ian O'Keefe, 23, of 1196 Cellar Ave., for burglary and theft. Bail was set at \$100,000, and he was subsequently transported to the Union County Jail.

Antonio Manata was the arresting officer.

• Jan. 19: Police Officer Manata made an arrest in the vicinity of Willow Way and Lake Avenue of Edward Carter, 38, of 330 Livingston St., Westfield, for outstanding warrants from Livingston, Newark, North Plainfield and the Union County Sheriff's Department totaling \$1,992 for contempt of court. He was subsequently transported to the Union County Jail.

• Jan. 19: Police took a report of criminal mischief at 76 Central Ave. The incident is under investigation. Keith Meehan was the investigating officer.

Union

• Jan. 13: The Union police arrested Tomas Chapman and Pavel Shevchekno on Valley Street for

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possession of CDS during a motor vehicle stop.

• An arrest was made by police on Union Avenue of Shane Lyon for possession of CDS during a motor vehicle stop.

• Jan. 13: Union police investigated a burglary to a motor vehicle on Halsey Street.

Entry was made through the driver side door by breaking the lock. A theft was reported of a Bluetooth headset and insurance card.

• Jan. 13: Police responded to a burglary to a residence on Jeanette Avenue. Entry was gained through the first floor bedroom window, and exit, through the rear door.

• Jan. 13: An arrest was made by Union police at 2245 Springfield Ave., of Constance Phillips for shoplifting and warrants.

• Jan. 13: Christian Sanchez-Perez was arrested by police at 2690 Route 22 for exhibiting false documents and fraudulent use of a credit card.

• Jan. 14: Union police investigated a shoplifting report at 900 Springfield Road. Miscellaneous items were taken.

• Jan. 14: An arrest was made by police on Brookside drive at a motor vehicle stop, of Jose Dias and one male juvenile for warrants.

• Jan. 16: Police responded to a burglary on Lehigh Avenue. Entry was gained by cutting a lock on a fence. Taken were a flat bed truck, PA/YXC-7140 trailer and a ditch witch.

• Jan. 16: An investigation was made by police of a burglary on Orange Avenue. Entry was gained by cutting a lock. Nothing was known missing at this time.

• Jan. 16: The Union Police

cooperated with the Mountainside Police on Route 22 and Fairway during a stop of a vehicle that led to an arrest for theft of gas in their jurisdiction. The vehicle also was involved in a previous job in Union.

• Jan. 17: Police investigated a motor vehicle burglary on Brookside Drive. A pry tool was used to gain entry into the vehicle on the driver's side of the car. No entry was gained. The suspect vehicle was a silver Chevy Cobalt.

• Jan. 17: A motor vehicle burglary on Palisade Road was reported. Entry was gained into an unlocked vehicle. A GPS and cash were taken.

• Jan. 17: Union police arrested Tyrone Taylor at a pedestrian stop on Vauxhall Road for warrants.

• Jan. 18: The Union Police cooperated with the Hillside Police on Garden State Parkway during the arrest of two suspects after Hillside lost sight of the vehicle they were pursuing.

• Jan. 18: Police made an arrest on Jackson Avenue of Michael Ribeiro for possession of CDS during suspicious acts investigation.

• Jan. 18: An arrest was made at 900 Springfield Road of Donald Snow for shoplifting and warrants.

• Jan. 19: Union police arrested Lauren Dobbs on 995 Morris Ave. for DUI and aggravated assault from a motor vehicle accident.

Rahway

• Jan. 16: Rahway Police Officer Robert Dedics responded to a stolen motor vehicle report on Audrey Drive.

• Jan. 18: Officer Jeffrey Urban investigated a theft on Wescott Drive.

• Jan. 19: A suspicious event on Hamilton Street was reported, and Officer Marcus Giammetta responded to the burglary.

IN MEMORIAM

BELLIFEMINI — Joseph G., of Roselle Park; Jan. 15.
 BOOTH — Ricky L., of Hillside; Jan. 18.
 BOSTON — Dorothy May, formerly of Roselle; Jan. 14.
 COLE — Samuel III, formerly of Linden and Roselle; Jan. 16.
 CRAWLEY — Joey LiShone, formerly of Rahway; Jan. 19.
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 GUALTIERI — Marion, of Cranford; Jan. 14.
 HANEWALD — Edward R., of Clark; Jan. 18.
 HARMS — Gregory, of Union; Jan. 16.
 HARRIAT — Marsha Chapman, formerly of Linden; Jan. 15.
 HUDAK — Amelia, of Kenilworth; Jan. 17.
 IARIA — Shirley B., of Clark; Jan. 15.
 IGNOMIRELLO — Genevieve, of Union; Jan. 16.
 JOHNSEN — Margaret S., of Union; Jan. 15.
 KASTNER — Charles T. Sr., formerly of Union; Jan. 19.
 LAGANGA — Benedict, of Roselle Park; Jan. 15.
 LIPKE — George L., of Kenilworth; Jan. 20.
 MAY — Harriet Elizabeth "Betty" Dewey, formerly of Summit; Jan. 15.
 MCGOVERN — Violet M., of Mountainside; Jan. 22.
 MCNAMARA — Ellen M., of Roselle; Jan. 14.
 McWHORTER — James G., of Cranford; Jan. 14.
 MULRENNAN — Mary Elizabeth, of Rahway; Jan. 15.
 MUZYCHKO — Frances K. Squishic, formerly of Rahway; Jan. 21.
 NAPOLITANO — Grace M., of Summit; Jan. 18.
 PETERSEN — Louise, formerly of Linden; Jan. 17.
 PINOLA — Dorothy A. "Penny," of Cranford; Jan. 20.
 REIG — Maria, of Springfield; Jan. 16.
 REO — Mary DeVasto, formerly of Cranford; Jan. 18.
 SCHAFFER — Marguerite J. "Peggy," of Roselle Park; Jan. 18.
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ENSEMBLED — Howard Toplansky is the director of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Concert Band in Westfield, a music teacher in Kenilworth and a resident of Union. His passion for sharing his love of music has brought him before many audiences, and possibly more students. See story, Page 31.

Give a hoot with Trailside lectures

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Community Renewal have announced a new series of programs for adults at Trailside Nature and Science Center in Mountainside.

“Audubon Lecture: Owls of New Jersey” is the first of the Winter 2012 Adult Program Series. This lecture, for adults 18 and older, will run on Feb. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. There is a fee per person. Pre-registration is required.

“Trailside’s Winter Adult Program Series offers a unique opportunity for residents to learn new and interesting facts on a myriad of nature-related and historical topics,” said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella. “The Audubon Lecture: Owls of New Jersey, the first topic in the series, is sure to be an informative and

engaging program.”

There are eight species of these raptors living in New Jersey, four of which commonly nest in the Watchung Reservation. Dorothy Smullen, teacher/naturalist with the New Jersey Audubon Society will present an illustrated program that explains the adaptations that make these birds successful hunters. The audience will have an opportunity to view mounted specimens, listen to owl calls and learn to identify their pellets.

For more information about the “Audubon Lecture: Owls of New Jersey,” or other programs for adults or special events at Trailside, call 908-789-3670 or visit www.ucnj.org/trailside. Trailside Nature and Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road in Mountainside.

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PROGRESS & PRIDE

Tracking progress in Union County

By Patrick Bober
Regional Editor

Throughout Union County, it can be hard to measure physical progress from 2011. Just like the rest of the nation, the downtrodden economy has in many places stalled efforts to improve infrastructure and develop towns.

But still, with housing prices at all time lows, and more and more residents struggling to pay their bills, cities have found ways to give their locales the boost necessary to keep their local economies alive, and give the hope associated with maintaining and achieving notable progress.

In some instances, development designed to attract more foot traffic to small businesses is either underway or planned for the near future.

In Union, businesses are looking into the installation of residences on their roofs, hoping the increase in renters will provide an increase in dollars spent.

In addition, a booming development of the Station Square area will look to increase commuter residents hoping to live near quick access to New York City. (Page 20).

Other communities have overcome other hardships, like Rahway, where a fire deemed

as arson by the police department burned down the Brookside residential units last January.

The developers of the site bulldozed the rubble of its former apartments, and from its ashes built a new structure much the same as the first, all in less than a year, and now with 24-hour security. (Page 18)

But perhaps one township has had more turmoil than most.

In Cranford, residents overcame a tropical storm of problems that stalled structural progress, including a decade-long struggle for the right plans, but is now finally well into its Riverside public-private mixed use construction.

It's been almost eight months since the first backhoes arrived in Cranford at the 3.5 acre site across from the train station, and it's been less than five months since four feet of water from Irene made the town look like a war zone. Today this Cranford project is well on its way. (Page 21)

And throughout the county as a whole, the freeholders themselves have been busy, working through difficult economic times to build a bigger and stronger framework in which the residents can live, work and play.



Photo By Cheryl Hehl

In Cranford it's been a decade-long struggle for the Township as it sought progress at the Riverfront redevelopment, but the first backhoes arrived eight months ago and today construction of the public-private project is well underway. See story on Page 21.



Photo By Cheryl Hehl

Overcoming delays due to a poor economy, the Green Lane residential properties near the train station are not too far away from being used by their ideal owners; commuters seeking a domicile with quick access into New York City. See story on Page 20.



Photo By Paul Greulich

In Rahway, the Brookside apartment complex went up in smoke, quite literally, in January of 2011 when the structure fell victim to arson. But in less than a year, the developer managed to rebuild the homes, with added 24-hour security. See story on Page 18.

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Brookside apartments rise from the ashes

By Paul Greulich
Staff Writer

The city's newest apartment complex got off to a dramatic, if rocky start in 2011.

Brookside at Rahway, a 50-unit rental complex located on Saint Georges Avenue, was destroyed by a fire in January, demolished in the Spring and rebuilt by the end of the year.

Councilman James Baker praised the developer's persistence and said the project will bring tax rateables and new families to the city.

"I'm very thrilled that the developer decided to maintain the project in Rahway," Baker said. "It's a good resolution to a promising situation that took a turn for the worst."

The journey from apartments to ash and rubble and back again was a challenge for United Excavating, the Fanwood-based firm that owns the site.

Company President Jim Sisto declined to provide figures for costs associated with the fire but said it was a "considerable amount." This presented a serious challenge to the multi-million dollar project.

"It has not been easy. In my wildest dreams I didn't think anyone would go and light it on fire," Sisto said.

Sisto purchased the vacant site from a pri-

vate owner about 20 years ago.

Work on the project was underway from 2009 through 2010. Construction was almost complete when the late-night blaze broke out in January 2011. Subduing the fire demanded the efforts of more than 100 firefighters from 12 departments.

Police concluded arson was the cause.

Demolition began in April. Reconstruction was complete by the end of the year. The construction utilized modular construction, which involved each unit being brought in on a trailer and installed whole. Units were 70 percent complete when delivered, Sisto said.

The design was not significantly altered from its first incarnation and the contractors Sisto hired to rebuild the complex were the same as those that built it the first time. Private security has also been employed at the site on a 24-7 basis.

Sisto expects it to be open for tenants around April 1. Rates will be \$1,600 a month for a two-bedroom unit and \$1,300 a month for a one-bedroom unit.

"It's a great project, and a great building. It's a real positive thing for the community," Sisto said.

Sisto said he has strong ties to Rahway, having been born at Rahway Hospital to par-

See **BUILT**, Page 19



File Photo

On Jan. 4, 2011, a four-alarm fire tore through the 100-unit Brookside condominium complex that was under construction on St. George Avenue and Stone Street in the early morning hours. The large complex, the size of a football field, was expected to be completed by spring 2011, but due to the fire, which was classified as arson, the complex was demolished and rebuilt anew.

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Built anew from ashes, Rahway progresses

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ents who were city residents.

Rahway Redevelopment Agency Chairman William Rack said he foresees the complex will attract considerable interest.

"I'm glad they rebuilt it," Rack said. "Apartments are what people are looking for now. Nobody wants a home and nobody wants a condo, so people are renting."

Baker noted the site is in good proximity to the Garden State Parkway, the hospital, and local recreation facilities.

"I think it's in a pretty good location and I hope the residents that will soon occupy the place will take advantage of things that are available," Baker said.

Mayor Rick Proctor was also pleased.


"I'm happy to see the project is coming to fruition and I expect it to be as successful as the other projects we've seen in town," Proctor said.

According to the Rahway Police Department, the arson case is still active, but remains unsolved.



File Photo

Reduced to a pile of rubble, bottom right, the Brookside apartment complex in Rahway was bulldozed and rebuilt inside of a year after a four-alarm fire ripped through the residential structure, which at the time was still under construction.



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Despite economy, Union development 'booming'

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

UNION — Despite a sagging economy, the township has been booming with development in the last year, with more to come in the near future.

When Green Lane became a commuter hub, it was the perfect opportunity for developers to seize the moment and build the area with town houses or condos. But while that initially looked like what was happening, the downturn in the economy and housing market put that developer's plans on hold.

That is when K. Hovnanian stepped into the picture with a plan for Station Square. This private enclave of townhomes, offering future residents two distinctive home designs to choose from, was everything township officials wanted for this particular area of the township.

K. Hovnanian is a nationally recognized homebuilder that has been in business since 1959. With ventures in 18 states, including New Jersey, New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania, this developer is known for building quality homes in a timely manner.

Mayor Joseph Florio is the first to admit that when this burgeoning development of townhomes is completed this spring, it will be a boon to the township.

"This property was previously owned by



Photo By Cheryl Hehl

Despite an economy that has been sour for years, Union has managed to move ahead with multiple development projects, including the construction of Station Square, a commuter hub for residents hoping to have easy access into New York City.

another developer and received approval from the township to move ahead with building townhomes, but when he couldn't devel-

op it because of financial problems, the land remained vacant," the mayor explained.

The township also faced another problem, one that most towns with a train do not.

"Our train station isn't in the center, like Cranford, Westfield or Linden, which made it more difficult to promote Union as a com-

muter town," the mayor said, adding that the train will be a draw for prospective homeowners who commute.

K. Hovnanian entered the picture as an old friend, one who had taken a deteriorating piece of land near a defunct rail line on Vaux-

See **BAD ECONOMY**, Page 26

In 2011, new vehicle helped prepare county's bomb squad

One year ago, in January, Union County acquired a new bomb squad response vehicle that is better equipped with state-of-the-art technologies.

The Union County Bomb Squad is a primary responder to Newark Liberty International Airport, Port Elizabeth Marine Terminal, the Linden ConocoPhillips Bayway Refinery and to a complex infrastructure network including the Garden State Parkway, the New Jersey Turnpike and Routes 1&9.

"This new vehicle greatly enhances our preparedness and response to explosive threats," said Freeholder Chairman Deborah P. Scanlon in a release last year. "Rest assured, this board of chosen freeholders will always place a high priority on our county's

homeland security and to the safety of our residents. This new vehicle is testament to that."

The new bomb squad vehicle, which replaced a 15-year-old truck that was decommissioned, supports the necessary bomb detection and disposal technology presently utilized by the Union County Bomb Squad.

The new bomb squad response vehicle carries sophisticated and confidential bomb detection equipment that was funded through homeland security grants.

The vehicle, financed entirely through the County of Union at a cost of approximately \$300,000, was quickly outfitted and prepped by the Bomb Squad and has been in use ever since.



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Cranford's Riverfront proves very resilient

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — It's been almost eight months since the first backhoes arrived at the 3.5 acre site across from the train station that borders South Avenue and Chestnut Street. But at one time Riverfront was a far cry from the redevelopment project depicted in renderings.

Today this project is well on its way, with work progressing since last May when the first bulldozer's moved in to clear the land.

It has been a long and often difficult journey for this site that once contained a medley of rundown retail stores, a gas station with looming DEP problems, and the former Holt Machinery factory that also was in need of remediation efforts.

Back in 1998 when this property was declared an area in need of redevelopment, there was much concern by residents and former township officials about undertaking such a large venture as a public-private venture. Especially since just a block away, plans were moving forward quickly for Cranford Crossing, a mixed use retail and residential project where the round bank and municipal parking lot stood.

Today the concept of Cranford Crossing is a reality, despite all the detours and pitfalls

the township encountered along the way. This redevelopment project is now a vibrant part of the downtown, housing not only several floors of upscale apartments that commuters quickly rented, but also retail establishments and restaurants that are flourishing.

Certainly over the years there was no disagreement among Township Committee members that it would be awhile before the Riverfront area would be redeveloped, but few expected it would be a decade or more.

Because the Riverfront project is a public-private partnership where the township works with the developer to ensure the concept ties in with the downtown, the end result had to receive the stamp of approval from the township. But this project has come a long way since 1998.

Armed with just a conceptual design in 2000, the township sent out requests for proposals, entertaining several developers whose designs meshed with their own. But, as the process moved forward, several developers failed to come to a meeting of the minds with township officials and the project was put on hold.

When Garden Commercial Properties came on the scene in 2007, the company See **IT'S BEEN A STRUGGLE**, Page 22

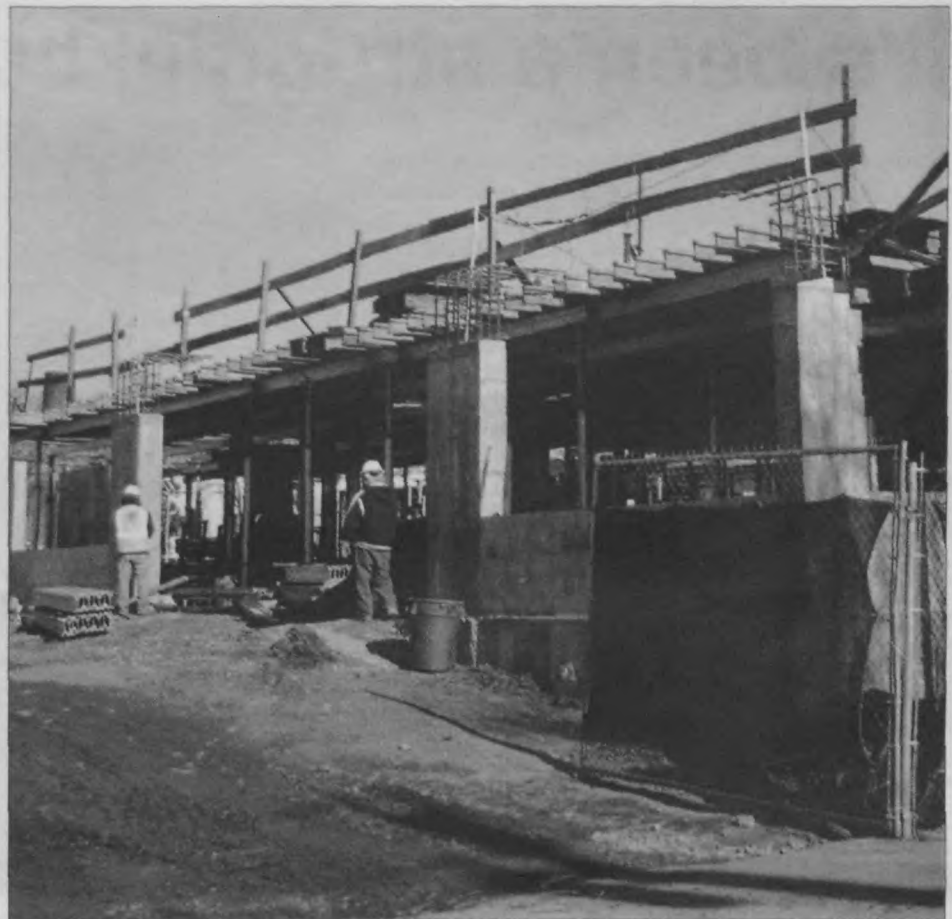


Photo By Cheryl Hehl

Needing to overcome multiple obstacles, including settling on a workable plan for the council, the redevelopment is turning what was a deteriorating locale into mixed use zone, with retail and residential properties.

"It ain't over 'til it's over, and for me it ain't over yet. I still love to play golf, and my back was so tight I couldn't swing a club. After a month with John Gallucci, I was able to play 18 holes six days in a row. I may be 86, but I still want to play, and JAG Physical Therapy got me back on the course."

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It's been a struggle, but progress is building

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already had most of the blighted properties under contract and were ready to move forward as soon as the township put their stamp of approval on the project.

In 2008 the township, along with Tony DiGiovanni, a Cranford resident, agreed that five mixed-use residential and retail buildings would fit into the landscape of the downtown and the deal was sealed.

Downtown Management corporation Director Kathleen Miller Prunty, who has seen both redevelopment projects from their inception, was instrumental in keeping the process moving. She readily admitted last summer when the riverfront area was being cleared that despite setbacks, delays and controversy, the wait was worth it.

Interim Township Administrator Eric Mason agreed, reporting last week that not only had things progressed since June, but there "are definite signs that Riverfront is on its way."

"The foundations are in and there are pilings up now," he said.

While there were concerns about the Riverfront project after Hurricane Irene hit because the area was under four or five-feet of water, township officials maintain that this was a 500-year storm and not one that normally occurs.

Miller Prunty in the past has maintained that there is no perfect project, and certainly for Cranford, this has been true over the years. Still, as work progresses on the Riverfront site, one only has to walk up a block to see what the result is when a redevelopment project is completed.

A critical part of this project, as well as Cranford Crossing, was to draw foot traffic to the downtown. Miller Prunty reported in June that foot traffic has increased and retailers are doing well.



Photo By Cheryl Hehl

The Cranford Riverfront project, a mixed use, public-private endeavor, has seen its fair share of struggle in the more than 10 years it has been in the development stage, but construction has been underway for more than eight months now at the 3.5 acre site across from the train station.

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Photo Courtesy of City of Rahway

A rendering shows the new Rahway project currently called Meridia Water's Edge Urban Renewal, which will include a 108-unit rental complex slated to be finished by May 2013. The three-quarter-acre site is adjacent to the library, Center Circle and Rahway Plaza apartments.

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GRONDBREAKING WORK — In May, Union County Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, left, and Assemblywoman Linda Stender, right, watched as Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr and Tom Powers, second from left, and Amerigo Checchio of Elite Properties break ground for the Fanwood Crossing project, a mixed-use retail and apartment complex that is being built at the corner of South and Martine Avenues in the heart of downtown Fanwood.

County approved new park equipment at Loop

On Aug. 17 of last year, the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders announced that new equipment would be coming to the Loop playground at Watchung Reservation. Construction was expected to occur at the end of last year or early this year, according to the county.

The popular playground's makeover is set to include new climbing equipment and slides, along with the addition of flower-like misting devices and soft-impact rubber surfacing. The layout also includes wheelchair accessible equipment.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders approved the purchase and installation of the new equipment on July 28, 2011. The total cost of the project was \$685,235. The Union County Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund provided \$425,235 and the remaining \$260,000 came from the Union County capital budget.

"Playgrounds are taking on an important new role as we encourage families to help prevent childhood obesity by engaging in healthy outdoor activities," said Union County Freeholder Chairman Deborah Scan-

lon in a release in August. "The Loop is a heavy-use area and the upgrade is needed to ensure that this popular playground continues to be a safe and attractive place for children."

The Trust Fund was established in 2000 by popular referendum, in order to preserve open space and improve public recreation in Union County.

So far the Trust Fund has saved more than 300 acres of open space from development, including a unique urban reservoir in Clark and some of the last remaining farmsteads in the area.

Trust Fund monies have also gone to improve playgrounds and other facilities in both County and municipal parks, and to fund recreation scholarships for income-eligible children.

"Thanks to the foresight of voters who voted 'yes' for the Trust Fund ten years ago, even in these tough economic times we still have the means to keep improving the quality of life for all Union County residents," said Scanlon. "It's a matter of civic pride and a lasting legacy for future generations."



File Photo

A rendering, provided by the county, shows the upgrades to Mountainside's Loop playground equipment approved by the board of freeholders in August.

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Photo By Cheryl Hehl

The Station Square project is well underway in Union, but it's just one of a few development projects in the works. A plan is being developed to create more foot traffic for the downtown area by adding apartments above some of the existing businesses.

Bad economy can't halt the progress in Union

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hall Road and erected Hickory Manner townhouses.

The fact that this developer was ready to buy this property and develop 52 luxury townhomes in an economy that was just starting to rebound was a good sign to Florio and the governing body.

Making things easier for K. Hovnanian was the fact that the previous developer had already received footprint approval from the township for townhomes, so they did not have to go before the planning or zoning boards to move forward.

The townhomes, under construction now, should be ready by spring. With N.J. Transit's Union Station within walking distance, Florio believes these luxury townhomes offering two designs of 1,646 or 2,096 square feet and priced in the low \$300,000 range will add yet another dimension to this municipality.

Meanwhile, on the other side of town, a former blighted area of the township has turned completely around in the last year, much to the delight of the mayor.

"One of the projects we are especially proud of is the area at Morris and Elmwood avenues," Florio said, explaining that now this junction has several businesses that are new and thriving.

CVS chain drug store and Aldi's super-market replaced a former car dealership, while right down the road is a child care center. Just across the roadway in the triangle shaped parcel of land that remained vacant for several years is now a 7-Eleven and next door is the Mexican restaurant Red Cadillac.

Florio proudly boasted about the great write up Red Cadillac received in the New York Times recently, noting that this eatery was a most welcome addition to Union.

But Union also has plans for the center, one that should increase foot traffic and

bring renewed vitality to a retail area in need of a boost.

Like most downtown areas in local municipalities, small businesses have had a difficult time maintaining local foot traffic during the week. Some towns, like Cranford, undertook redevelopment projects that provided not only retail stores but the valuable asset of residential units, which brought much needed foot traffic to their downtown area.

Florio pointed out that in the past the township tried to bring about this type of change in the center on a larger scale but it failed due to property owner's not backing the venture.

Wiser now, the township is content to look at smaller ventures that will result in the center achieving the same results on a much smaller scale. Florio believes that an improvement project by one center property owner is not only a step in the right direction, but one that other property owners might look to in the future.

This property runs from the corner of Morris and Stuyvesant Avenue to the township municipal lot, but while right now it only contains retail stores, hopefully in the near future it will also have two floors of residential apartments above. Although parking for residential units could have been a problem, Florio explained that the township helped solve that dilemma.

"We passed an ordinance that provides for shared parking with property owners, which will provide parking on property the township owns," the mayor said.

Florio said there are several other center property owners interested in building above their retail stores and township officials are interested in helping them move forward with these plans.

"It's been a good year in Union," the mayor said.

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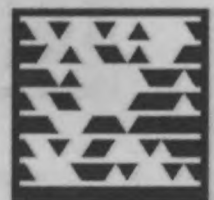
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Paper Mill's 'Boeing-Boeing' a riot

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Matt Walton may have had only "One Life to Live" on the defunct television soap, but in the hilarious farce "Boeing-Boeing" at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, he has three lives to live. And, in a fine performance, he lives them to the utmost.

That is, in the role of Bernard, an American playboy, back in the 1960s in Paris, Walton not only manages to juggle three beautiful flight attendants — all his fiancées — but happily keeps a strict record of their flight schedules: American, French and German, Gloria, Gabriella and Gretchen. He is in his glory, until all three airlines change their timetables.

In this riotously funny recapitulation of Marc Camoletti's creation, which he had written in French back in the early 1960s, and which was translated in English by playwright Beverley Cross and Francis Evans, the Paper Mill Playhouse has gifted its audience with roar-a-minute laughter from beginning to end, with particular thanks to its Tony Award-winning star, Beth Leavel, and actually, the rest of the cast. And these days, the public craves such rare moments.

Back in 1965, Tony Curtis and Jerry Lewis provided such laughs in the movie version. The play was revised in London in 2007, and again on Broadway in 2008, during which it was rewarded with two Tony awards and two Drama Desk awards.

And now, here it is again. "Boeing, Boeing" in Millburn.



From left, Beth Leavel, Anne Horak, John Scherer, Matt Walton and Brynn O'Malley star in 'Boeing-Boeing' currently running at the Paper Mill Playhouse. Bottom left, Scherer and Leavel. Bottom right, Walton and Leavel. Walton plays Bernard, an American playboy, in 1960s Paris, who attempts to balance three flight attendants, all of whom happen to be his fiancées. The comedy runs until Feb. 12.

The very moment the exceptionally funny Leavel appears onstage as Walton's weary French housekeeper-cook, Berthe, who is fully aware of her employer's antics and although tolerant, frequently complains in her funny French accent, she causes a riot among the members of the audience. All she has to do is open her mouth to speak, and the audience goes absolutely wild. Leavel is short of being a magnifi-

cent comic, and just imagine, a singer in nearly a dozen Broadway musicals.

The story takes place in one day, morning, afternoon and evening, in an attractive living room, beautifully designed by Ray Klausen, with five doors, which are constantly opening and closing, often in people's faces.

It begins with an American friend of Bernard's, Robert, won-

derfully played by John Scherer, who has come to visit on his way to a destination. He's a simple guy from Wisconsin, unused to such a deceptive, unconventional life. He is invited to stay the night — and this is where the fun begins.

The American airline attendant, beautiful Gloria, wonderfully funny, and played by Heather Parcells, is first introduced. With Berthe muttering about Gloria's

eating habits — and other atrocious goings on — after much loving and kissing, Gloria is off to work, and before long, the fiery Italian fiancée, Gabriella, appears in the form of Brynn O'Malley. She is greeted lovingly by Bernard, disdainfully by Berthe and awkwardly by poor Robert.

But it is when Anne Horak as Gretchen, the German, pounces upon the stage, she unearths an unforgettably riotous performance. With her stomping around, mashing her German-accented language, and intriguing, not only her fiancée, Bernard, but an innocent Robert, she competes with Leavel in stealing the entire show.

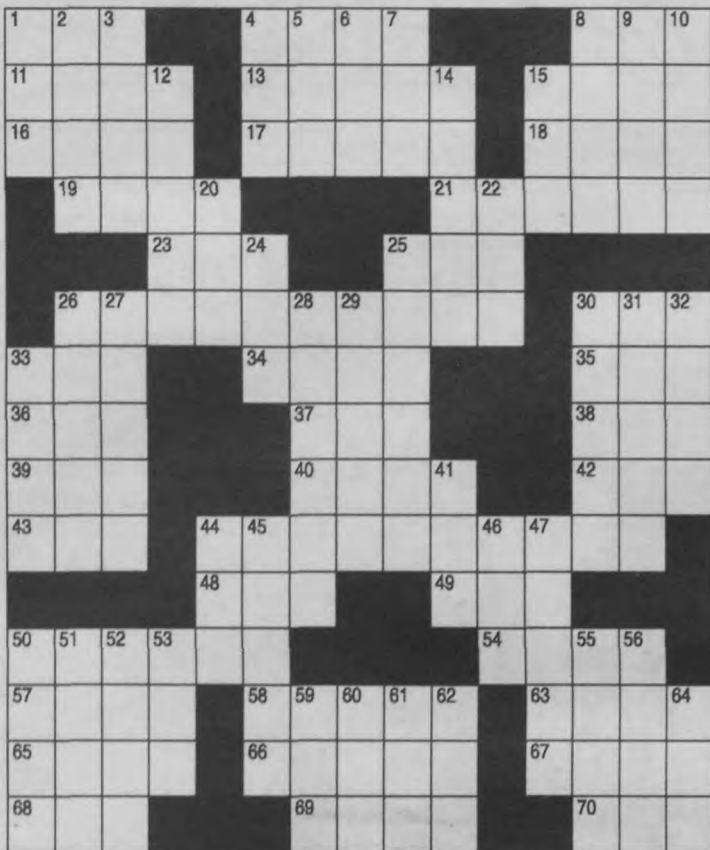
In between the laughter and gasping for breath, and the pending disaster up on stage, the audience is provided with near collision moments, thanks to the clever and dire direction of James Brennan. Timing in "Boeing-Boeing" is of the utmost importance. And Brennan is to be congratulated for his ingenuity.

The stunning costumes of the 1960s, although a bit more revealing, were designed by Brian Hemesath. And the project, including the cast, as a whole, is absolutely brilliant.

Following a standing ovation on Sunday afternoon — with thunderous applause for the marvelously versatile Leavel — the audience, still in laughter mode, was reminded of the adage: "Always leave them laughing." That is, up until the end of the day on Feb. 12, when the Paper Mill will move on from "Boeing-Boeing."



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

1. Point one point E of due S
4. Slithered
8. The brain and spinal cord (abbr.)
11. Direct the steering of a ship
13. Chops with irregular blows
15. Plural of hilum
16. Incline from vertical (geo.)
17. Simple word forms
18. Paddles
19. Roman garment
21. Meat skewers
23. Ethiopia (abbr.)
25. The cry made by sheep
26. Beatty-Bening movie
30. Concealed
33. Political action committee
34. High rock piles (Old English)
35. Scottish County (abbr.)
36. Goat and camel hair fabric
37. A very large body of water
38. Fabric stain
39. Israeli city ___ Aviv
40. Shoe's underside
42. Military legal corps
43. Patti Hearst's captors
44. Undecided
48. ___ death do us part
49. Supervises flying
50. Many headed monsters
54. Literary language of Pakistan
57. Halo
58. Hawaiian hello
63. Lubricants
65. Mild exclamation
66. Greek fresh-water nymph
67. Nickname for grandmother
68. A restaurant bill
69. Automaker Ransom E.
70. A young man

CLUES DOWN

1. Schenectady County Airport
2. Small water craft
3. Opposite of ecto
4. The woman
5. Skeletal muscle
6. Devoid of warmth and cordiality
7. Decimeter
8. Italian goodbye
9. Mediation council
10. Impudence
12. A desert in S Israel
14. Japanese seaport
15. Nob or goblin
20. Ingested
22. Swiss river
24. Protects head from weather
25. Lava rock
26. Designer identifier
27. 34470 FL
28. Petrified ancient animal
29. Gas used in refrigeration
30. Journeys to Mecca
31. Eighth month, Jewish calendar
32. Small indefinite quantity
33. Taps
41. Extremely high frequency
44. Iguanidae genus
45. From the Leaning Tower's city
46. Cologne
47. Moses' elder brother (Bible)
50. A minute amount (Scott)
51. Hindu name for 4 epochs
52. Faded and dull
53. Radioactivity unit
55. The face of a clock
56. The inner forearm bone
59. Tai language of the Mekong region
60. Embrocate
61. Possessed
62. Public promotions
64. Sorrowful

ANSWERS APPEAR IN OUR CLASSIFIED SECTION

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ANSWERS APPEAR IN OUR CLASSIFIED SECTION

HOROSCOPES

Jan. 29 - Feb. 4

ARIES, March 21 to April 20: Aries, though you always have energy to burn, this week isn't about pushing personal boundaries. It's about working collectively with others for a common goal.

TAURUS, April 21 to May 21: Life is only as boring as you make it, Taurus. This week when you feel the doldrums setting in, get up and try a new activity that is sure to bring some excitement.

GEMINI, May 22 to June 21: Gemini, whether you're working for your own agenda or the greater good, stay informed when you deal with others to see if they're receptive to your ideas.

CANCER, June 22 to July 22: Cancer, you won't be timid this week, but work associates will not be hearing much from you, either. You're being selfish with your energy because it's dwindling.

LEO, July 23 to Aug. 23: Leo,

jump start your social life and host a party or go out for some fun. This week should be fun for everyone who hangs out with you.

VIRGO, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22: Virgo, if you're in a relationship with someone special, you will be fighting for equality but also for greater levels of commitment. Your partner may be receptive.

LIBRA, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Libra, it's one thing to have good manners, but it's another thing to capitulate to what someone asks each and every time. You have a voice, so speak up and make your opinions known.

SCORPIO, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22: A work project may be stretching out a little further than you'd hoped, Scorpio. It's leading to restlessness, but teamwork can turn the routine into something engaging.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21: You're ready to take a fashion risk, Sagittarius. Inspired by the runway and passersby, go window shopping and find a look

that appeals to you. The results may be surprising.

CAPRICORN, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20: Capricorn, be assertive when expressing an important opinion this week. Your message will be loud and clear, and it will make a significant impact.

AQUARIUS, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18: Aquarius, although you are great in a group setting, you're equally as impressive all on your own. Step out solo and experience a change of pace this week.

PISCES, Feb. 19 to March 20: Feelings of uncertainty transform into something much more tangible, Pisces. Now you know what has been bugging you.

Famous folks birthdays

- Jan. 29, Adam Lambert, singer, 30. Jan. 30, Christian Bale, actor, 38. Jan. 31, Minnie Driver, actress, 41. Feb. 1, Lauren Conrad, actress, 26. Feb. 2, Christie Brinkley, actress/model, 58. Feb. 3, Isla Fisher, actress, 36. Feb. 4, Natalie Imbruglia, singer, 37.



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Ingredients

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- 3 tbsp. butter
- 2 blocks extra-sharp cheddar cheese, grated, approximately 4 to 5 cups
- 1 cup beer
- 2 tbsp. coarse mustard
- 2 to 3 tbsp. horseradish
- 1 to 4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes, to taste

Tabasco sauce to taste

Method

In a mixer or food processor, mix cheeses and butter together. Process until smooth, while adding the beer. Add the remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Serve spread with crispbreads, pretzels, your favorite cracker, or fresh apples or pears.

Ellie Esposito, a self-taught chef, has been practicing her craft for 30 years, currently at Tom the Greengrocer, in Scotch Plains. Her online cooking show, "Cooking On The Block, with Chef Ellie Esposito," is found at www.chefellieespo.com, where you can also print out her recipes. A cookbook is in the works. She may be contacted at chefellieespo@gmail.com, or you may view her recent videos by visiting www.youtube.com/user/chefellieespo.

Kenilworth teacher shares his love of music

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

There is something very special about a man, whose love of music and musical instruments, allows him to reach out to the world to share this love — and the experience of the very wonderful qualities which they enhance.

And that man happens to be Howard Toplansky of Union, an instrumental music teacher at Harding School in Kenilworth and the founder and woodwind instructor of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts Concert Band in Westfield.

Toplansky, who passionately instructs and conducts the multi-generational ensemble of perhaps 50 or more music enthusiasts of all ages and professions, leads with his heart and soul.

He stopped by this office the other day after his day at Harding School, where he has taught for 38 years, to discuss the need for “anyone who has ever played an instrument, has given it up, would like to play again, but can’t find a location.”

Toplansky also mentioned his NJWA Concert Band Sunday series, which he also directs, has scheduled a program Feb. 19 in Temple Emanu-El, 756 Broad St. in Westfield.

The concert band, a semi-professional ensemble of advanced students, adult players and professional musicians, which has year-round Saturday rehearsals at the Westfield Y on Clark Street, performs in public concerts in addition to benefit concerts.

“Out of approximately 200,000 people in Union County,” Toplansky said, “we estimate that we should get at least 100 interested music lovers, who played an instrument at one time or another. We’re trying to get a band of them somehow. You know,” the tall, handsome, distinguished-looking teacher-conductor explained, “the band was created for advanced students and adults who need a place to play.”

Right now, he indicated, “among our instrumentalists, we have a nurse from England, an accountant, a number of engineers, other professional people from various occupations — a repertoire of very high caliber. Everyone is welcome,” Toplansky declared.

“My private students are highly motivated,” he said. “They are excellent students, remarkably accomplished.”



Howard Toplansky

Music has always come naturally to Toplansky, who was born in Bayonne and lived most of his life in Union. “My father, Herman Toplansky,” he said, “was a music teacher in the Elizabeth schools. I was always playing music, always involved with music. It was just there. Actually, I started playing in the second grade at Washington School in Union.”

After he graduated from Union High School, the musically-inclined student attended the University of Michigan, where he majored in chemistry.

“I also played the clarinet in the University of Michigan Symphony Band,” he said. “And we were the first college group to go on a world tour from the State Department under Eisenhower’s Cultural Exchange Program, which also included the Soviet Union, the Middle East, Poland and

Romania. When we returned, the band recorded ‘Touchdown USA,’ which included the Big 10 and other college fight songs. You know, it’s been 51 years and it’s still in print.”

Toplansky admitted that he “switched to music in 1964 and transferred to the music school at the university.” He grinned. “Really, the chemistry degree made me smarter. Science and music go together. My whole approach to music is science and math. I got a bachelor’s degree in music in 1966 and a master’s degree in music in 1968. In fact, my master’s thesis became a published book, ‘Essentials of Bassoon Technique,’ and it’s been in print for 44 years.” He mused. “It’s considered the Bassoonist’s Bible.”

In addition to his certifications as a music teacher, kindergarten to 12th grade, and elementary education, kindergarten to eighth grade, and as director of the NJWA Summer Band, concert band, and music Studio instructor, and the group’s instructor of all woodwinds and brass winds at the music studio, Toplansky had served as music instructor in Newark schools, band director of Hillside High School and instrumental music instructor in Kinnelon.

He also has served as principal oboist with the Whitehouse Wind Symphony, guest conductor with the Blawenburg Band, cellist with the Union County Symphony Orchestra, conductor of Union Township Municipal Band and Hillside Orchestra and cellist with the Elizabeth Civic Orchestra.

He initiated the idea of a Concert Band Benefit Series and has helped organizations and communities’ fund-raising events. The concert band is part of numerous divisions of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts and rehearses every Saturday at the Westfield YMCA, 220 Clark St., Westfield.

Toplansky mentioned that “one of our NJWA projects is to perform Russian band music. You know,” he said, “Russia has some of the best band music ever written and is largely unknown to the west because of the former Iron Curtain secrecy. Most of the great composers wrote for concert wind bands. And we, at NJWA try to use at least two Russian selections in our concerts.”

Toplansky said, “I’ve never been to Russia. I’ve been involved in music for the most part in the United States. But,” he shrugged, “that doesn’t mean that I’ll never go there.” Perhaps, he indicated, one day.

Same house, different season



Photos By Dave VanDeventer

The striking difference between autumn and winter is clearly visible at the intersection of Chestnut and West Chestnut Street in Union. The old red farm house that sits only a few feet from the

Route 22 overpass was first photographed, at left, two months ago at the height of fall foliage, and again during last weekend’s modest snowfall.

Brearley wrestlers grab 7th straight UCT crown *Bears lead the way with 5 champions*

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

UNION — After a week in which it fell to arch rival Roselle Park for the first time in seven years and was then downed by undefeated Westfield the next night — with both matches decided in the 14th and final bout — the Brearley wrestling team was still very confident it would prevail come tournament time.

“We still feel like we have a good chance in a tournament setting,” second-year Brearley head coach Scot Weaver said following his team’s 34-28 home loss to Roselle Park Jan. 17.

Brearley grapplers backed up the words of their head coach Sunday, with five Bears capturing championships to lead the Kenilworth school to a seventh consecutive Union County Tournament championship at the Louis J. Rettino Gymnasium.

Brearley scored 180 points, with Westfield second at 153 and Roselle Park third at 146.5. This was Westfield’s highest finish in some time, with the Blue Devils last winning the crown in 1990. Roselle Park finished third for the second year in a row.

The only other school to win seven straight titles was Roselle Park, which did so from 1997-2003. Roselle Park has won the most county crowns, with 11.

Brearley is moving up, now the owners of seven total championships — all since 2006.

Winning titles for Brearley were senior Anthony Tanes at 195, sophomore Nick DeMarco at 106, senior Nick Lospinoso at 145, junior John Balboni at 160 and sophomore Joe Balboni at 170. Placing second was senior Mike Christian at heavyweight and third were senior Mike Disko at 132 and freshman Jeff Velez at 182.

Lospinoso, the 140 champ last year, won his third title. “This means a lot,” Lospinoso said. “To be in a group with three-time winners, there’s not that many.”

Lospinoso, one of nine top seeds to go on and win their weight classes, was in control of second-seeded Justin Becker of Rahway throughout the entire six minutes they wrestled. He bested Becker in the final 6-1.

His strategy against Becker was quite simple. “Just win,” Lospinoso said. “I just wrestled my match.”

Other top seeds that won included Gov. Livingston’s Jon Mele at 113, Westfield’s Mike Kalimtzis at 120, Summit’s Nick Abbott at 126, Brearley’s John Balboni at 160, Roselle Park’s Vic Pozsonyi at 182, Brearley’s Anthony Tanes at 195, Scotch Plains’ Andrew Jacobs at 220 and Scotch Plains’ Anthony Tufaro at heavyweight.

With Saturday’s snowfall moving the UCT up a day to Sunday, Pozsonyi was unable to become the first Roselle Park wrestler to compete in the annual All-Star Invitational at Brick Memorial, which took place as scheduled on Sunday. Pozsonyi, ranked third in the state at 182, was to wrestler senior Dallas Winston of Jackson, who is the top-ranked grappler at that upper weight.

What Pozsonyi, a senior, did Sunday at Union was capture a second straight UCT title, downing Zach Heissler of GL 7-1 in the 182 final. Pozsonyi won his first title as a junior last year when as the top seed he captured the 171 crown.

Five of last year’s six returning champions competed Sunday, with Brearley junior Anthony Rice — out for the season with a torn ACL from football — the only one that couldn’t. Rice won UCT titles as a freshman and sophomore, including at 125 last year.

Of the five returning champions that competed, Pozsonyi, Mele and Lospinoso won again, while Cranford senior J.P. Christiano and GL senior Ryne Morrison finished second. Christiano, last year’s champion at 160 and ranked sixth in the state this week at 170, lost the 170 final to Brearley’s Joe Balboni, the second seed, 5-2. Morrison, the second seed at 120 and the champion at 112 a year ago, lost the 120 final to Kalimtzis 2-1.

Kalimtzis was the 103 champ as a sophomore in 2010 and lost in the 103 final to Mele last year.

HOST FARMERS HAVE COCCHIARELLA PLACE THIRD

Union senior Jake Cocchiarella placed for the first time, finishing third at 220.

“He’s very aggressive and he showed that today,” Union head coach Dino DeBellonia said. “He gave the champion from Scotch Plains (top-seeded Andrew Jacobs) a go of it in the semifinals.

Jacobs won 7-4 after the bout was tied 4-4 going into the third period.

“Jacobs took advantage of leverage position,” DeBellonia said. “We tip our hats off to him.

“For Jake it was a huge improvement from last year and a big boost for our team.”

Placing fifth for Union were senior Brian Homere at 195 and junior Jeremy Randolph at 138.

NOTES: Roselle Park junior John Devito was the only top seed that did not make it to the finals. In the semifinals, Devito was defeated by fourth-seeded Nick DeMarco of Brearley 4-1.

T. Ralph Williams award winner Jim Abbott, parent of 126 pound top seed and champion Nick Abbott, helped resurrect the program at Summit.

Coach of the Year award winner Glenn Kurz of Westfield is in his 14th season as the Blue Devils head coach, with a record announced at 132-91. He is a former county, district and region coach of the year.

Westfield began the week perfect at 13-0.

GL head coach Rick Iacono, the Union County Coach of the Year the past two seasons, won his 300th match earlier this season. He was first an assistant coach under Buddy Frezza for three years at Rutgers Prep from 1971-1972 to 1973-1974.

His first head coaching position was at Dayton, which lasted 23 years, from 1974-1975 to 1996-1997. His first two years there he said the Bulldogs went 5-24.

Iacono was then the head coach at Middlesex for four years from 1997-1998 to 2000-2001. His first two years there he said the Blue Jays went 5-23-1.

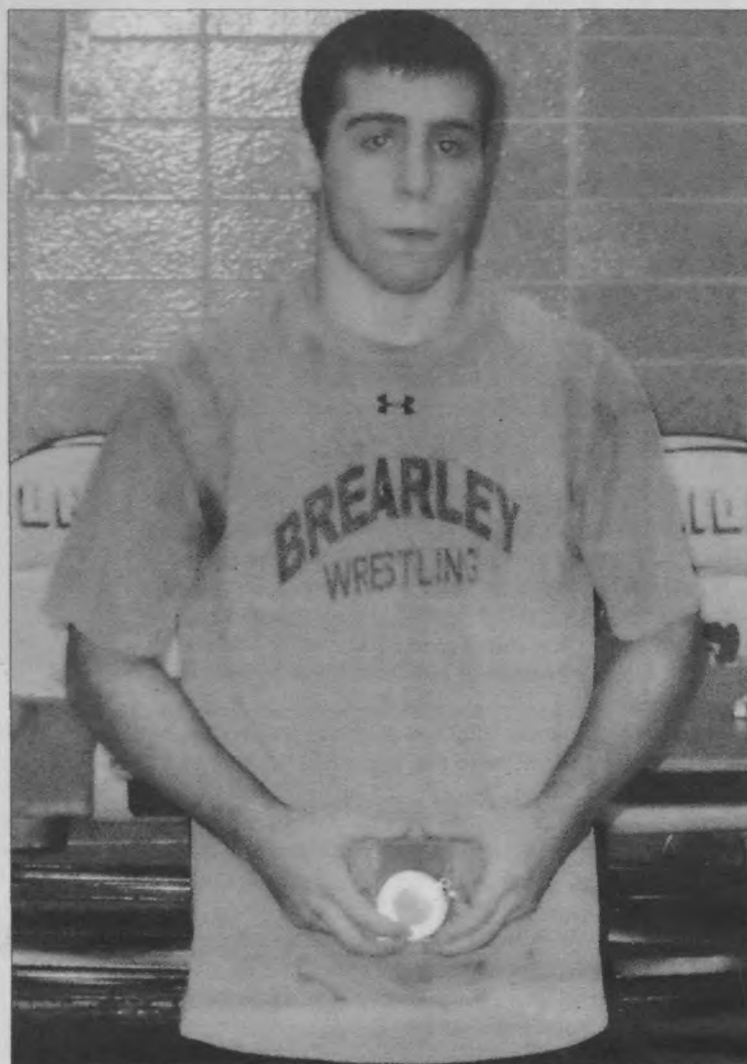
This is his 11th season as the head coach at GL, with his stint beginning with the 2001-2002 season. He said GL was 9-9 his first season, 9-10 his second and 9-31 his next three years.

He also said GL has had winning seasons every year since, beginning with the 2006-2007 campaign. The Highlanders (9-2) are on their way to a sixth straight winning season.

This is his 38th consecutive season as a head wrestling coach. Iacono said Sunday that he plans on returning for a 39th.

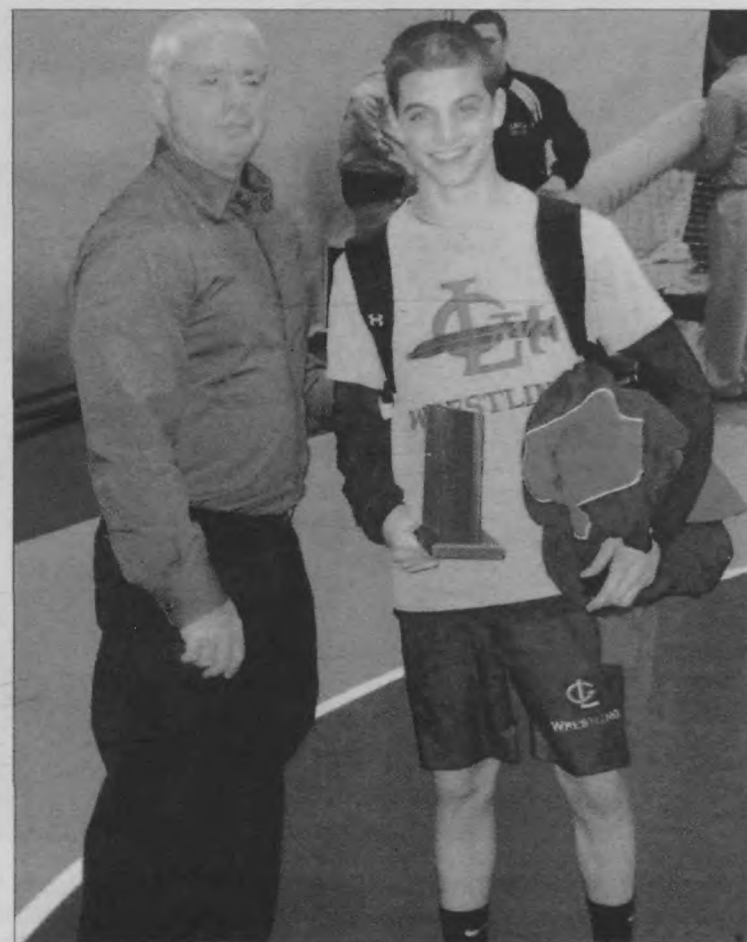
Also the head softball coach at GL, leading the Highlanders to last year’s UCT title, Iacono is at 186 wins in that sport entering the 2012 campaign.

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Photos by JR Parachini

Above, Brearley senior Nick Lospinoso won the 145 pound championship as the top seed and captured his third UCT crown. Below, GL junior Jon Mele accepts the award for the most pins — 3 — in the least amount of time — 8:08 — from former Roselle Park head coach Sam Appello.



37TH WRESTLING UNION COUNTY TOURNAMENT AT UNION'S LOUIS J. RETTINO GYMNASIUM

TEAMS: 1-Brearley 180. 2-Westfield 153. 3-Roselle Park 146.5. 4-Scotch Plains 139. 5-Gov. Livingston 129.5. 6-Cranford 107.5. 7-Linden 86.5. 8-Rahway 65. 9-Elizabeth 55. 10-Plainfield 52. 11-Union 50. 12-Johnson 49. 13-Summit 46. 14-New Providence 35.

FINALS:

182 – Vic Pozsonyi, Roselle Park, dec. Zach Heissler, GL, 7-1
195 – Anthony Tancs, Brearley, dec. A.J. Iarussi, Summit, 1-0
220 – Andrew Jacobs, Scotch Plains, pin Jeff Weiss, Cranford, 5:19
HWT – Anthony Tufaro, S. Plains, dec. Mike Christian, Brearley, 3-0
106 – Nick DeMarco, Brearley, dec. Nick Tekula, Linden, 5-3
113 – Jon Mele, Gov. Livingston, pin Gabe Magalhaes, Linden, 1:25
120 – Mike Kalimtzis, Westfield, dec. Ryne Morrison, GL, 2-1
126 – Nick Abbott, Summit, dec. Isaac Valentin, Rahway, 3-0
132 – Ryan Hoy, GL, pin Brendan Leary, Roselle Park, 5:34
138 – D'ondre Floyd, Elizabeth, dec. Nick Rotondo, Westfield, 8-3
145 – Nick Lospinoso, Brearley, dec. Justin Becker, Rahway, 6-1
152 – Sean Cannon, S. Plains, dec. Brian Merkle, Roselle Park, 10-9
160 – John Balboni, Brearley, dec. Shane Haddad, GL, 8-6
170 – Joe Balboni, Brearley, dec. J.P. Christiano, Cranford, 5-2

THIRD-PLACE FINISHERS:

106 – John Devito, Roselle Park
113 – Tommy Cunningham, Scotch Plains
120 – Gavin Murray, Cranford
126 – Brian Lapham, Scotch Plains
132 – Mike Disko, Brearley
138 – Dominick Natale, Scotch Plains
145 – Ellis Opoku, Westfield
152 – Colin Barber, Westfield
160 – Mike DeLouisa, Westfield
170 – Travis Foster, Linden
182 – Jeff Velez, Brearley
195 – Joshua Knight, Plainfield
220 – Jake Cocchiarella, Union
HWT – Kyle Kania, Westfield

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HWT – Anthony Tufaro, Scotch Plains

T. Ralph Williams Award: Summit parent Jim Abbott

Coach of the Year: Glenn Kurz, Westfield

Most falls in least amount of time: Jon Mele, GL, 3 in 8:08

Outstanding Wrestler (106-145): D'ondre Floyd, Elizabeth, 138

Outstanding Wrestler (152-HWT): Sean Cannon, S. Plains, 152

RETURNING CHAMPIONS FOR 2013:

Brearley sophomore Nick DeMarco - 1-time champion

Gov. Livingston junior Jon Mele - 2-time champion

Summit junior Nick Abbott - 1-time champion

Gov. Livingston sophomore Ryan Hoy - 1-time champion

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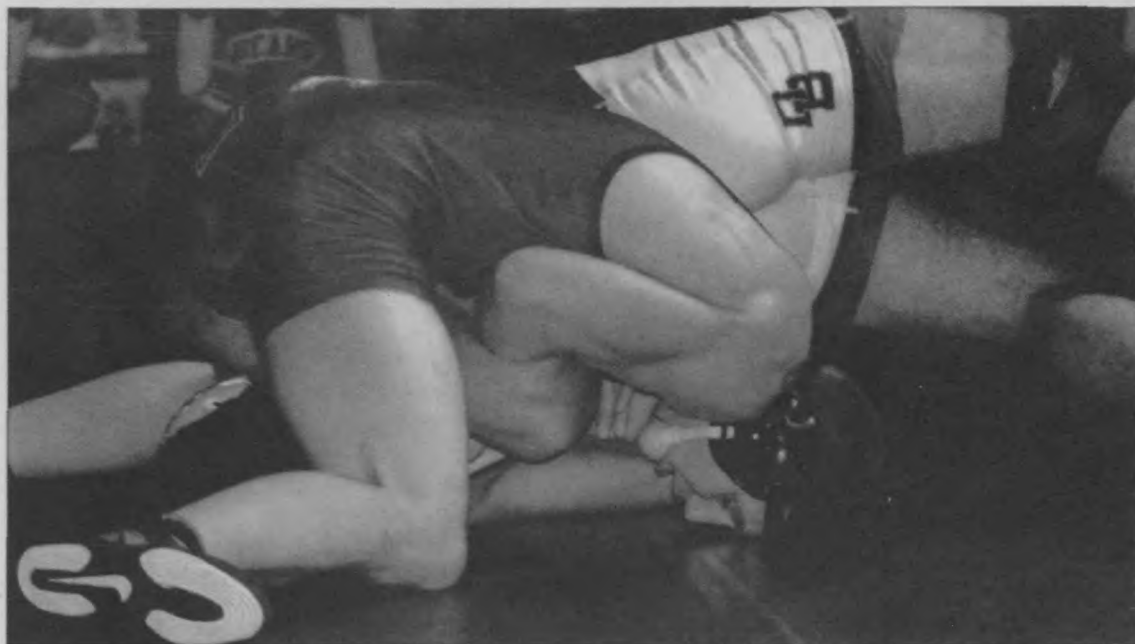


Photo courtesy of Ricky Badillo

Roselle Park senior Vic Pozsonyi, top, defeated Brearley's Anthony Scorese by fall in 2:46 at 195 pounds during last week's Panther victory in Kenilworth. Roselle Park won the final five bouts to garner a 34-28 triumph, which was its first over Brearley in seven years.

RP grappers top Brearley for first time since 2005

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

KENILWORTH – The Roselle Park wrestling program may want to go back in time and see if it might have broken a mirror following its 2005 win against Brearley.

That's because it took the Panthers seven years to beat the Bears again.

Down by 13 points, Roselle Park won the final five bouts – all at the lower weights – to stun host Brearley 34-28 Jan. 17.

Roselle Park defeated Brearley for the first time since winning a 39-27 decision at Brearley on Jan. 12, 2005.

Brearley saw a six-year regular season winning streak and an overall string of eight consecutive victories – which included two sectional finals – vs. Roselle Park come to an end.

A proud Roselle Park program was defeated 61-9 by the Bears the last time the teams clashed at Brearley in 2009. Roselle Park was much more representative the past two years in matches at Roselle Park, falling by five points each time.

When Roselle Park sophomore Matt Swain won by fall in just under a minute at 126 pounds his six points put the Panthers back in the lead at 31-28.

All of a sudden – in a match that went pretty quickly and finished well under two hours – Roselle Park was on the verge of a victory against arch rival Brearley.

The final bout at 132 pitted seniors Brendan Leary of Roselle Park vs. Brearley's Mike Disko.

"My game plan was to go out and dominate on my feet, open up, get backs and extend my lead," said Leary, who is a three-year varsity wrestler.

Early in the match, Disko flipped Leary over for the first two points and then led 2-1 after the first two minutes.

The match was even at 3-3 with 1:15 to go in the second period after a Disko escape. The score remained that way going into the third period.

"At that point I had to get my mind right," Leary said.

Disko escaped again, but Leary immediately took him down for a 5-4 advantage. Disko escaped once more to tie the match at 5-5 with 1:29 to go.

"At 5-4 I had it in my mind that the third period was the time to turn it on," Leary said.

Leary made his best and strongest move with 50 seconds left when he got Disko on his back for what looked like an apparent pin. Disko fought Leary off, but Leary gained five points for a 10-5 lead.

"Leary has very good hips," Roselle Park head coach John Ranieri said. "He was very determined. He's a very positive leader."

Disko hung tough and gained three points before the final whistle, but it was too little, too late. Leary hung on for a 10-8 victory to clinch his team's long-awaited triumph.

"My goal was to go out and wrestle my match no matter what," Leary said. "For us to beat Brearley for the first time in seven years is very rewarding. As a senior it's a great way to go out on top."

The first two Roselle Park grapplers to win by fall were sophomore Bobby Vail at 138 and then senior Vic Pozsonyi wrestling up at 195.

Pozsonyi, ranked third in the state at 182, halted Anthony Scorese in 2:46 for Roselle Park's only victory in a six-match stretch from 160-285.

"We were all pretty confident and ready to wrestle," Pozsonyi said. "Our team is right where it should be now. We've come a long way since the beginning of the season."

"We treated this match just like any other one. Beating Brearley was great and it feels good."

Before Swain's win by fall gave Roselle Park its third advantage and the lead for good, the Panthers won by decision at 106, 113 and 120.

The crowd began to get into the match with a great deal more enthusiasm when Roselle Park junior John Devito and Brearley sophomore Nick DeMarco clashed at 106.

Devito scored the only point in the second period for a hard-fought 1-0 triumph.

"We had to get out from bottom," second-year Brearley head coach Scot Weaver said. "Devito is a tough kid and he was in good condition."

The most intense match of the evening followed at 113 between Roselle Park sophomore Hugo Perraga and Brearley freshman Frank Chessa. The sold out crowd was on its feet shouting at every move each grappler maneuvered.

The score was tied at 2-2 heading into the second period before Perraga took a 5-2 lead and looked like he might pin Chessa.

However, Chessa came right back by escaping and then getting Perraga on his back, although not all the way.

At that point the crowd was going wild as the score evened at 5-5 heading into the third period.

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Photo courtesy of Roselle Catholic

From left are the Roselle Catholic Lion, Principal Dr. Robert Stickles, Jameel Warney, President Brother Owen Ormsby and Assistant Principal and former boys' basketball coach Pat Hagan at RC on Jan. 14 in a pre-game ceremony that recognized Warney becoming the school's all-time leading scorer.

RC's Warney is honored as all-time leading scorer

In the 53-year history of Roselle Catholic and RC basketball — which includes girls basketball teams since 1983-84 when the school went co-ed — only seven players have scored 1,000 or more points in their varsity careers.

Four of them were in The Lions' Den Jan. 14 when RC honored the latest one — senior Jameel Warney — as its all-time leading scorer.

Roselle Catholic President Brother Owen Ormsby, Roselle Catholic Principal Dr. Robert Stickles and RC Assistant Principal Pat Hagan were at center court for a brief ceremony.

Before Roselle Catholic's new all-time leading scorer Warney was recognized, announced were some of RC's greatest basketball alums.

The fourth player and third boy to reach the 1,000-point milestone, Jamaal Hilliard, averaged more than 10 points and 10 rebounds playing for head coach Pat Hagan his senior season at RC.

Hilliard, who played professionally in England, finished with 1,056 points.

Allison Skrec, Class of 2010, became just the second Roselle Catholic female player to surpass the 1,000-point plateau and concluded her senior season with more points than any basketball player who ever wore a Roselle Catholic uniform. Twice selected as Union County's Player of the Year by The Star-Ledger, Skrec finished with 1,338 points.

Melissa Tobie, Class of 2011, led the way as Roselle Catholic completed a rare 3-peat, winning a third consecutive UCT championship last February. A three-year varsity player, Tobie concluded with 1,016 points.

On Dec. 19 Warney became Roselle Catholic's all-time leading scorer after netting 23 in a win at North 13th St. Tech. Warney became just the seventh player in school history — and the first junior — to reach the 1,000-point mark in a home win against St. Mary's of Elizabeth last season. A four-year starter, Warney will continue playing on scholarship at Stony Brook.

He had 1,495 points as of Tuesday.

• This entire feature story can be read at www.localsource.com — Union County Navigator.

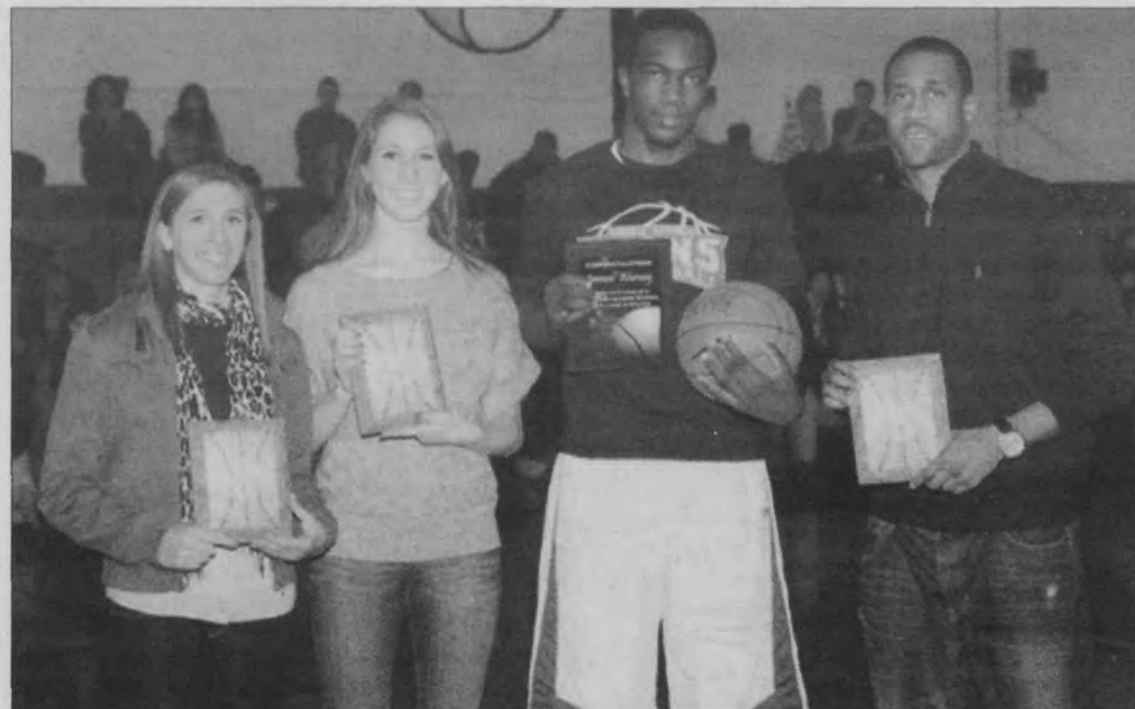


Photo courtesy of Roselle Catholic

From left are Allison Skrec, Class of 2010; Melissa Tobie, Class of 2011; Jameel Warney, Class of 2012 and Jamaal Hilliard, Class of 2002, who are four of the seven members of the Roselle Catholic 1,000-point club. They are pictured here at RC on Jan. 14.

Panthers win last 5 bouts to stun Bears

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Just when it looked like Perraga might win by fall, Chessa turned the tables and looked like he might,

With the crowd cheering and yelling at a much higher pitch, Perraga managed a takedown for a 7-5 lead with 48 seconds left before Chessa got one of those points back seven seconds later. Both wrestlers were called out with 14.34 seconds left and then with 8.96 seconds remaining.

The match was so intense at that point that one of the referees had to tell Ranieri to get off the mat.

Down to his final move, Chessa shot straight at Perraga in an attempt to score more points, but Perraga held him off and walked away with an emotional 7-6 victory to pull Roselle Park to within 28-21.

"Hugo is one of our younger guys," Ranieri said. "He's right there, working hard in the room every day. He wrestled a very nice match."

"Frank is a freshman and he's learning," Weaver said.

This has been a different kind of season so far for Brearley. The defending Group 2 state champions — enjoying that honor for the first time in program history — are not state-ranked for the first time in more than a few years. Brearley also lost to Governor Livingston 31-29 at home on Jan. 5 and then to Westfield 31-25 at Dayton on Jan. 18.

"We have a young team and we've had some injuries," Weaver said.

Weaver mentioned the wrestlers who were out with injuries — junior Anthony Rice for the entire season after a torn ACL from football season and 220-pounder David Yablansky and 120-pounder Matt Samansky because of concussions — but didn't use that as an excuse for his team losing to Roselle Park.

"Roselle Park is a good team and John (Ranieri) does a great job with those kids," Weaver said. "I was unhappy with the way a couple of our kids wrestled."

Rice won UCT crowns his freshman and sophomore seasons and was halfway there to becoming the eighth grappler and third from Brearley to notch four.

Teammate Nick Lospinoso won his third UCT crown Sunday, capturing the 145 title as the top seed after winning as the top seed at 140 a year ago.

Weaver said Yablansky bumped heads with the Elizabeth wrestler he tangled with two weeks ago before winning the match by fall. Weaver explained that the last time Samansky wrestled was Jan. 7 at Brearley's one-day tournament.

"With those kids out we had to slide some kids around," Weaver said.

Weaver also said that he's not sure when Yablansky and Samansky will be healthy enough to wrestle again this season.

Ranieri was very pleased with the way his grapplers competed against Brearley as they showed no quit by the way they kept on attacking.

"We entered the season an inexperienced and young team," Ranieri said. "We're right there now ready to turn the corner."

"Matches like these against your rivals help a lot. It's part of the process of learning and getting better in the (practice) room."

ROSELLE PARK 34, BREARLEY 28 - AT BREARLEY

138: Bobby Vail, Roselle Park, pinned Eoghan Savona, Brearley, 2:33. Roselle Park leads 6-0.

145: Nick Lospinoso, Brearley, pinned Sergio Escobar, R. Park, 1:18. Match tied at 6-6.

152: Brian Merkle, Roselle Park, dec. Andrew Scarillo, Brearley, 9-4. Roselle Park leads 9-6.

160: John Balboni, Brearley, dec. Phil Woods, Roselle Park, 10-4. Match tied again at 9-9.

170: Joe Balboni, Brearley, tech. fall 4:13 Steve Loevsky, R. Park, 25-10. Brearley leads 14-9.

182: Jeff Velez, Brearley, maj. dec. Juan Carmona, Roselle Park, 14-2. Brearley leads 18-9.

195: Vic Pozsonyi, R. Park, pinned Anthony Scorese, Brearley, 2:46. Brearley leads 18-15.

220: Anthony Tancs, Brearley, maj. dec. Marc Signorello, R. Park, 19-7. Brearley leads 22-15.

285: Mike Christian, Brearley, pinned Vincent Picarelli, R. Park, 1:20. Brearley leads 28-15.

106: Nick DeMarco, Roselle Park, dec. John Devito, Brearley, 1-0. Brearley leads 28-18.

113: Hugo Perraga, Roselle Park, dec. Frank Chessa, Brearley, 7-6. Brearley leads 28-21.

120: Andy Santamaria, Roselle Park, maj. dec. Dylan Oliva, 14-4. Brearley leads 28-25.

126: Matt Swain, Roselle Park, pinned Nick Cantalupo, Brearley, :59. Roselle Park leads 31-28.

132: Brendan Leary, Roselle Park, dec. Mike Disko, Brearley, 10-8. Roselle Park wins 34-28.

GL girls' basketball tops Cranford in final minute

By JR Parachini
Sports Editor

CRANFORD – An important part of the game of basketball is to be in the right position at the most opportune time.

Governor Livingston senior Rebecca Johnson positioned herself right underneath the basket in case a shot by teammate Alyssa Polimeni didn't go in.

After Polimeni drove through the lane and put up a shot that didn't fill the hoop, Johnson was underneath on the left side to grab the offensive rebound and put the ball in off the glass.

Johnson's inside basket with 50 seconds left snapped the game's third tie and propelled the visiting Highlanders to a gritty, come-from-behind, 42-38 Union County Conference-Mountain Division triumph over Cranford last Thursday at Martin Gymnasium.

Johnson's game-winning field goal put GL ahead for good at 40-38 after Cranford junior Kaitlin McGovern made two free throws to tie the game at 38-38 with 1:14 to go.

"We always want to crash the boards, so I was looking for a possible rebound," said Johnson, who tied Polimeni for the team lead in points with 14 and also grabbed nine rebounds, three of them on the offensive end.

In addition, Johnson - after getting fouled by Cranford senior Morgan Miller, which was her fifth - made two free throws with 15.9 seconds remaining. Johnson ended up scoring the game's final four points and poured in 10 of her 14 in the second half.

"We're all working really hard," Johnson said. "It was just a matter of who was going to get it (the rebound for the winning basket) for us."

"Rebecca was great," GL head coach Andy Silvagni said. "She came down with a big offensive rebound and gave us a great finish. Her free throws sealed the game."

GL began the week 12-0 overall and leading the Mountain Division at 7-0.

Cranford began the week 10-3 overall and in second place in the Mountain Division at 5-2.

"I thought we played well defensively, but their offensive rebounds really hurt us," said Miller, who paced all scorers with 15 points, including a game-high three 3-pointers.

"We allowed too many offensive rebounds. To me that was the difference," Cranford head coach Jackie Dyer said. "GL is a very aggressive team. We don't play teams as aggressive as they are."

"Our defense was good and I thought we shut down (Mallory) George (five points) and (Erin) Ferguson (four points). We didn't stop their rebounding."

GL had to overcome a first quarter that saw them fall behind 5-0, not take a shot until almost three minutes into the game, take only four shots for the entire period and eventually get outscored 7-4.

GL made it 5-2 when Polimeni scored on a layup - which was GL's first shot - with 5:12 left in the first quarter.

"This was a big game and we might have had a few jitters early on," Silvagni said.

"It was a little uncharacteristic of us to take so few shots in the first quarter," said Polimeni, who also grabbed three rebounds and came up with three steals. "We had to stay patient and eventually we calmed down and made easier passes."

"We came out strong and focused to start, but then had problems finishing out plays," Miller said.

The Highlanders shot the ball right away in the second quarter and did a much better job on the boards from the halfway point of the second until the game's conclusion.


For example, GL took only three shots in the game's first six minutes. In contrast, the Highlanders had already taken four shots in the first minute-and-a-half of the second quarter.

Still, GL needed to close the first half on a 5-0 run just to pull to within three points at intermission at 16-13. Miller's first 3-pointer gave Cranford the game's biggest lead at eight for a 16-8 Cougar lead with less than three minutes to go in the first half.

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UCT BOWLING CONTINUES TODAY AT JERSEY LANES

The bowling Union County Tournament was to continue yesterday at Jersey Lanes in Linden, with competition commencing in the afternoon right after practice. The team finals are scheduled for today at Jersey Lanes, with practice to commence 3:15 p.m. and competition at 3:35 p.m.

Here are the team scores from Monday's competition. Scores do not carry over to today. All six teams start over from zero:

TEAM RESULTS:

- 1-Johnson 2,980. 2-Dayton 2,825. 3-Westfield 2,779.
- 4-Scotch Plains 2,710. 5-Rahway 2,676. 6-Roselle Catholic 2,624.
- Next six finishers:
- 7-Linden 2,583. 8-Oratory Prep 2,581. 9-Union Catholic 2,544.
- 10-St. Mary's, Elizabeth 2,476. 11-Union 2,471. 12-Cranford 2,409.

These Top 6 girls advanced to yesterday's finals at Jersey Lanes. Scores did carry over from Monday. The top three girls after yesterday's competition advance to the step-ladder finals.

GIRLS' RESULTS:

- 1-Briana Reid, Linden, (654) / 2-Brianna Boze, Summit, (505)
- 3-Sam Ramirez, RC, (497) / 4-Chrissy Campanelli, RC, (495)
- 5-Monesha Smith, Linden, (487) / 6-Jen Wageman, GL, (489)

These Top 16 boys advanced to yesterday's finals at Jersey Lanes. Scores did carry over from Monday. The top five boys after yesterday's competition advance to the step-ladder finals.

BOYS' RESULTS:

- 1-Darius Singletary, Rahway, (701) / 2-Rob Smith, Rahway, (695)
- 3-Michael Griffin, Johnson, (694) / 4-Nick Stawicki, S. Plains, (688)
- 5-Bobby Weisenc, Johnson, (671) / 6-Brandon Burwell, Union, (669)
- 7-Tom Losito, Dayton, (664) / 8-Lucas Cruz, Westfield, (663)
- 9-Mike McDowell, Roselle, (648) / 10-Matt Borrello, St. Mary's, (622)
- 11-Brandon Bongo, Oratory Prep, (614) / 12-Ben Heish, Dayton, (608)
- 13-Nick Campanelli, RC, (602) / 14-John Messina, Johnson, (598)
- 15-Eric Saunders, Westfield, (592) / 16-Tyler Bongo, Oratory Prep, (588)

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION
TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinance set forth below was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, held on January 24, 2012 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on February 14, 2012 at 7:30 o'clock P.M., at which time and place all persons interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance. During the week prior to and up to the time for final passage, copies of said ordinance will be available in the Municipal Clerk's office, at no cost, in said Municipal Building, to the members of the general public who shall request a copy of same. This ordinance will also be posted outside the Municipal Clerk's office, as required by law.

EILEEN BIRCH
Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF RESTRICTED PARKING SPACES FOR USE BY PERSON WITH SPECIAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CARDS, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (This ordinance deletes previously created handicap parking spaces on Crawford Terr., Dewey St., Hadfield Ave., Hollywood Ave., Schmidt Ave., Stiles St., Arcadia Pl. and Burnett Ave.)
U289202 UNL Jan. 26, 2012 (\$22.05)

UNION
UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The Union Township Board of Education having found certain items of school equipment no longer necessary

PUBLIC NOTICE

for school use offers them for public sale. A public sale will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7th, 2012 at which time sealed proposals will be received in the office of the Board Secretary, Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ 07083.

1. Bags - Reebok
2. Boys Basketball Practice Jersey's
3. Girls Basketball Break-away Pants
4. Girls Basketball White Jerseys
5. Girls Basketball Maroon Jerseys
6. Girls Basketball Shooting Shirts
7. Girls Basketball Shorts/Maroon
8. Girls' Basketball Maroon Shorts
9. Girls' Basketball Break-away Pants
10. Girls' Basketball White Game Shirts
11. Girls' Basketball Practice Shorts
12. Girls' Basketball Shorts White
13. Girls Basketball Practice Shorts
14. Shooting Shirts
15. Soccer Shorts
16. Soccer Shirts
17. Soccer Bags
18. Tennis Skirts
19. Track Warm-up Pants
20. Track Short
21. Track Shirts

The property is offered "as is where is" without any representation as to quality or condition and without any warranties as to fitness or merchantability. Please be advised this equipment may be in very poor condition and has been used. Equipment is located in Union High School.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof. The Board reserves the right to establish minimum prices and to reject any or all bids, or to accept the bid, which in its judgment will be in the best interest of the Union Township Board of Education.

By Order of the Union Township Board of Education, Township of

PUBLIC NOTICE

Union, County of Union, New Jersey.
U289277 UNL Jan. 26, 2012 (\$32.34)

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EILEEN BIRCH
Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
U289204 UNL Jan. 26, 2012 (\$21.07)

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THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION
IN THE COUNTY OF UNION
PUBLIC NOTICE

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Governing Body of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on January 24, 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 not 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:
Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE HALL STADIUM AND OTHER PARK IMPROVEMENTS, APPROPRIATING \$200,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$95,000 OF BONDS AND/OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

Purpose(s): (i) Hall Stadium Improvements including but not limited to Sports Lights installation on the Little League Field on Lehigh Ave (ii) installation of MUSCO control light box at Biertuempfel Park Softball Fields, (iii) Twenty (20) picnic tables for various parks, and (iv) converting the softball field to soccer field at the Department of Public Works, all of the foregoing to include all improvements, costs, equipment and appurtenances related thereto and/or necessary therefor.
Appropriation: \$200,000
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$95,000
Section 20 Costs: \$40,000
 useful Life: 15 years

EILEEN BIRCH, Township Clerk
Township of Union
County of Union, New Jersey
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HILLSIDE

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Notice is hereby given that the Township of Hillside will receive request for qualifications on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in the Office of the Township Clerk, Township of Hillside Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, Hillside, NJ for the:

WEB DESIGN FOR THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF HILLSIDE TOWNSHIP

Requests for Proposals are being solicited through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5.

Requests for Proposals may be obtained on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at the Office of the Township Clerk, Township of Hillside Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, Hillside, New Jersey during normal business hours between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Questions should be directed to Janet Vlaisavljevic at 973-926-3000.

Request for Proposals must be made in the form required by the specifications and one (1) original and one (1) copy must be delivered to reach the Office of the Township Clerk, prior to the stated time for the receipt of Request for Proposals.

All information requested in the Request for Proposals must be provided or the proposal may be disqualified. Request for Proposals must be sealed and labeled "REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE [specify the position in question]" and received no later than 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2012. The Township of Hillside reserves the right to terminate the process as to any position at any time, to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the RFP process, and to accept any proposals which, in their judgment, are most advantageous and other factors considered, and will best serve the interest of the Township. Proposal Statements will not be accepted by facsimile transmissions or e-mail.

Request for Proposals are required to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 17:27, and the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

Janet Vlaisavljevic, RMC
Township Clerk

U289112 UNL Jan. 26, 2012 (\$33.32)

UNION

**THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION
IN THE COUNTY OF UNION
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 Township of Union, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on January 24, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the governing body to be held at the Township Municipal Building, Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue Union, NJ 07083, in said County, on February 14, 2012, at 7:30 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:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 5195 ADOPTED MAY 24, 2011 WHICH AMENDED BOND ORDINANCE NO. 5168 ADOPTED OCTOBER 26, 2010 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY PROVIDING FOR UPGRADES TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S RADIO SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP AND APPROPRIATING \$700,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$665,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION TO FINANCE THE SAME" TO INCREASE APPROPRIATION TO \$1,710,834 AND TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND/OR NOTES TO \$1,625,290.

Purpose(s): The upgrading of the Township's Fire Department's radio system, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.
Appropriation: \$1,710,834
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$1,625,290
Section 20 Costs: \$233,000
Useful Life: 7 years

EILEEN BIRCH, Township Clerk
Township of Union
County of Union, New Jersey
U289206 UNL Jan. 26, 2011 (\$32.34)

UNION

**THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION
IN THE COUNTY OF UNION
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENTS
AND SUMMARY**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Governing Body of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on January 24, 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 not 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:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5024 ADOPTED JULY 26, 2011 ENTITLED: "ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF THE RETAINING WALL FOR LIGHTNING BROOK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$529,524 FOR SAID PROJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, NEW JERSEY" TO CANCEL THE APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL SURPLUS FUND AND TO APPROPRIATE \$529,524 FOR SAID PROJECT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF \$503,024 OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, AND TO MAKE SUCH OTHER CHANGES AS NECESSARY FOR THE PROJECTS AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP.

Purpose(s): Repair and replacement of Existing retaining walls for Lightning Brook and all of its tributaries, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.
Appropriation: \$529,524
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$503,024
Section 20 Costs: \$110,000
Useful Life: 15 years

EILEEN BIRCH, Township Clerk
Township of Union
County of Union, New Jersey
U289216 UNL Jan. 26, 2011 (\$31.85)

UNION

TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinance set forth below was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, held on January 24, 2012 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on February 14, 2012 at 7:30 o'clock P.M., at which time and place all persons interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance. During the week prior to and up to the time for final passage, copies of said ordinance will be available in the Municipal Clerk's office, at no cost, in said Municipal Building, to the members of the general public who shall request a copy of same. This ordinance will also be posted outside the Municipal Clerk's office, as required by law.

EILEEN BIRCH
Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266-59 SCHEDULE XVIII ENTITLED "TIME LIMIT PARKING" BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (This ordinance applies to Berwyn Street, Midland Blvd., Alfieri Court and Morris Avenue)
U289201 UNL Jan. 26, 2012 (\$20.58)

UNION

TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinance set forth below was introduced at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, held on January 24, 2012 and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey on February 14, 2012 at 7:30 o'clock P.M., at which time and place all persons interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance. During the week prior to and up to the time for final passage, copies of said ordinance will be available in the Municipal Clerk's office, at no cost, in said Municipal Building, to the members of the general public who shall request a copy of same. This ordinance will also be posted outside the Municipal Clerk's office, as required by law.

EILEEN BIRCH
Township Clerk

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266.66.2 "RESIDENTIAL PERMIT EXEMPTIONS" BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. (This ordinance affects Midland Blvd. and Alfieri Court)
U289203 UNL Jan. 26, 2012 (\$20.09)

ROSELLE PARK

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

PUBLIC NOTICE

following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, New Jersey, at a public meeting held on January 19, 2012 and that said ordinance will be taken up for passage, and public hearing on February 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at the regular meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held at the Borough Hall in said Borough of Roselle Park, and that all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

By order of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park.

**INTRODUCED
ORDINANCE NO. 2347**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 7-10(b), OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK

Doreen Cali
Borough Clerk
U289129 UNL Jan. 26, 2012 (\$18.62)

ROSELLE PARK

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, New Jersey, at a public meeting held on January 19, 2012 and that said ordinance will be taken up for passage, and public hearing on February 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at the regular meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held at the Borough Hall in said Borough of Roselle Park, and that all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

By order of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park.

**INTRODUCED
ORDINANCE NO. 2349**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, SECTION 10-4.1, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK - FEES FOR RECREATION/COMMUNITY CENTER

Doreen Cali
Borough Clerk
U289131 UNL Jan. 26, 2012 (\$18.62)

ROSELLE PARK

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park, in the County of Union, New Jersey, at a public meeting held on January 19, 2012 and that said ordinance will be taken up for passage, and public hearing on February 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at the regular meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held at the Borough Hall in said Borough of Roselle Park, and that all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

By order of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park.

**INTRODUCED
ORDINANCE NO. 2348**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-24.3, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK - POLICE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED

Doreen Cali
Borough Clerk
U289130 UNL Jan. 26, 2012 (\$18.62)

UNION

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Township of Union**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a **MID-YEAR PLANNING MEETING** of the Board of Education on **Saturday, February 4, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.** at the James Caulfield Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss board business including: Education and Student Discipline; Fiscal and Planning; Operations; Policy; Personnel; Legal/Residency; Negotiations; Technology or any other business that may properly come before the Board. **NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

The Board may move for Executive (closed) Session for any of the reasons permitted under N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 et seq., during said meeting.

JAMES J. DAMATO
BOARD SECRETARY/
GENERAL COUNSEL
U289039 UNL Jan. 26, 2012 (\$14.70)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ROSELLE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2419-12**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE ROSELLE GOLF CLUB PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, ET SEQ.)

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle ("Council"), previously determined by Resolution R-2007-330, adopted on October 11, 2007, that the entire Borough of Roselle was declared an Area in Need of Rehabilitation, including Tax Block 750, Lot 30, upon the Official Tax Map of the Borough of Roselle, pursuant to the New Jersey Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the "LRHL"), and the Council also previously executed actions prescribed in the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone ("UEZ") Act for the UEZ area and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5(g), such actions are considered sufficient for the determination that the area is in need of redevelopment for the purposes set forth therein, which UEZ area includes part of Lot 30 (which portion of Lot 30 is therefore also designated as an area in need of redevelopment), (the entire Lot 30 being referred to here as the "Roselle Golf Club" or the "Redevelopment Plan Area"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council on March 17, 2010, referred a proposed Redevelopment Plan for the Redevelopment Plan Area and the adjacent shopping center, prepared by Pennoni Associates, Inc., to the Planning Board of the Borough of Roselle ("Planning Board") for review and recommendations, and the Planning Board adopted a resolution transmitting a Report on Golf Club and Shopping Center Redevelopment Plan to the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the LRHL, the Council authorized the preparation of a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Plan Area; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Planner, Maser Consultants, has prepared a redevelopment plan for the Redevelopment Plan Area dated September 20, 2011, revised October 12, 2011 (the "Redevelopment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council on October 19, 2011 (Resolution No. 2011-340) referred the proposed Redevelopment Plan dated October 12, 2011 to the Planning Board, for review and recommendations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby determines that the Redevelopment Plan for the Redevelopment Plan Area is necessary and appropriate and will result in the successful redevelopment of that Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Borough of Roselle, in the County of Union, that the Redevelopment Plan dated October 12, 2011 of Maser Consulting entitled "Redevelopment Plan for the Roselle Golf Course", attached hereto, is hereby adopted for the Redevelopment Plan Area.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Redevelopment Plan shall supersede applicable provisions of the development regulations of the Borough as set forth in the attached Redevelopment Plan, and therefore by adoption of this Ordinance, the Borough explicitly amends the zoning district map included in the zoning ordinance to identify the Redevelopment Plan Area as the area to which the Redevelopment Plan applies.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any prior Ordinances that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law, as the "Ordinance Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for the Roselle Golf Club."

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title for the first time at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle held on January 18, 2012, and this Ordinance will be considered for final passage at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held February 15, 2012, at 7:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at Borough Hall, Council Chambers, 210 Chestnut St., Roselle, NJ, at which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

Rhona C. Bluestein,
M.B.A., R.M.C., C.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

U289273 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$64.19)

ROSELLE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2417-12**

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 78A, LITTERING, ARTICLE I "LITTERING AND HANDBILLS" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROSELLE, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 1. Chapter 78A, Littering, Article I "Littering and Handbills" of the Borough Code of the Borough of Roselle is hereby amended as follows:

ADD: Section 78A-18A "Casting of Newspapers and Advertisements".

Section 78A-18A Casting of Newspapers and Advertisements. No person shall cast or place, or cause to be placed, in any of the streets of the Borough or on the sidewalks thereof, or into vestibules or yards, or upon porches of any dwelling houses or other buildings, or on private property within the limits of the Borough, or into any vehicle while on the public highways or public places thereof, any paper, advertisement, handbill, circular or waste paper; provided that nothing contained herein shall be held to apply to newspapers and addressed envelopes delivered to subscribers and addresses.

1. All deliveries of newspapers, tabloids, or any other type of periodical not sent via the United States Postal Service to any residence shall be made by placement of the aforesaid newspaper, tabloid or periodical by the delivering party upon the porch or uppermost step leading to the front or side entrance to such residence, but in no event shall any such newspaper, tabloid or periodical be placed further than three (3) feet from the door of said entrance.

2. In no event shall any item subject to delivery referred to in the preceding paragraph be left, thrown, or otherwise deposited upon or into the shrubbery, lawn, or sidewalk of said residence.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title for the first time at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle held on January 18, 2012, and this Ordinance will be considered for final passage at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held February 15, 2012, at 7:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at Borough Hall, Council Chambers, 210 Chestnut St., Roselle, NJ, at which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

Rhona C. Bluestein,
M.B.A., R.M.C., C.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

U289271 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$40.18)

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'
THE 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:
POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS
728 MARINE 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)

LINDEN

Union Cnty - Linden, NJ
Take notice the undersigned complying with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6, shall expose for sale, at public auction, in AS IS condition on February 10, 2012 at 10:AM at 1000 E. Elizabeth Ave., Lin-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

den NJ a 1966 Dodge vin# XP29G61300180. This vehicle came into the possession of the seller through abandonment or failure of owners to claim same. Inspection of vehicle can be 1 hr prior to sale. The minimum bid will be announced at time of auction. January 26, February 2, 2012 U289121 PRO (\$17.64)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000318 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F0108310 County: Union Plaintiff: CROWN BANK VS Defendant: NEW POINT ROAD LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; MANGOS LOUNGE CORPORATION; NEW JERSEY BUSINESS FINANCE CORP.; ELIZABETH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Sale Date: 02/22/2012 Writ of Execution: 06/01/2011 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: Pursuant to a municipal tax search dated December 22, 2011, Lot: 928 Block: 7 Being more commonly known as: 652-654 New Point Road Elizabeth, NJ 07206 Subject to: 1st quarter 2011 taxes \$3,237.11 open + penalty 2nd quarter 2011 taxes \$3,237.11 open + penalty 3rd quarter 2011 taxes \$3,266.01 open + penalty 4th quarter 2011 taxes \$3,266.01 open + penalty 1st quarter 2012 taxes- to be determined

Miscellaneous 6% Penalty: 2011 2nd quarter \$837.54 open + penalty Lien: 2007.2008 3rd party lien, Cert No. 08-00197 sold on 6/1/2009, in the amount of \$50,868.79 to Plymouth Park Tax Services LLC Subject to Tax Sale. Subject to Additional Fees. Pursuant to a municipal tax search dated December 22, 2011, Lot: 494 Block: 7 Being more commonly known as: 655 Franklin Street Elizabeth, NJ 07206

Subject to: 3rd quarter 2011 taxes \$2,430.92 open + penalty 4th quarter 2011 taxes \$2,430.91 open + penalty 1st quarter 2012 taxes- to be determined Lien: 2007.2008 3rd party lien, Cert No. 08-00187 sold on 6/1/2009, in the amount of \$49,516.78 to U.S. Bank-CUST/SASS MUNI V DTR Lots: 494 and 928; Block 7 on the Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth Nearest Cross Street: Seventh Street Approximate Dimensions: 49.80ft x 75.00ft x 91.75ft x 184.97ft x 5.22ft x 200.00ft

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: \$435,000.00 ***Four Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand and 00/100*** Attorney: HILL WALLACK LLP 202 CARNEGIE CTR CN 5226 PRINCETON NJ 08543-5226 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office Total Upset: \$455,430.23 *** Four Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty and 23/100*** January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2012 U289162 PRO (\$237.16)

LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. The contract was awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" as per N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk. AWARDED: Remington, Vernick & Arango, Engineers 300 Penhorn Avenue, 3rd Floor Secaucus, NJ 07094 SERVICE: To retain services of a licensed land surveyor to maintain and update the tax Maps for 2012. TIME PERIOD: For the year 2012. COST: At a fee not to exceed \$2,000.00

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. The contract was awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" as per N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

AWARDED: Edward Cooper, Esq. 812 North Wood Avenue, Suite 303 Linden, NJ 07036

SERVICE: To serve as an Acting Public Defender in a Municipal Court Matter.

TIME PERIOD: The term of said contract shall be until the conclusion of the work to be performed, or until said amount has been exhausted, whichever occurs earlier.

COST: At a fee not to exceed \$350.00 DATED: January 17, 2012

Joseph C. Bodek City Clerk U289106 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$19.60)

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)

LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. The contract was awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" as per N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

AWARDED: Remington, Vernick & Arango, Engineers 300 Penhorn Avenue, 3rd Floor Secaucus, NJ 07094

SERVICE: To retain services of a licensed land surveyor to maintain and update the tax Maps for 2012.

TIME PERIOD: For the year 2012.

COST: At a fee not to exceed \$2,000.00

PUBLIC NOTICE

DATED: January 17, 2012 Joseph C. Bodek City Clerk U289066 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$18.62)

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: POWERS 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 Sixty-Three and 60/100*** January 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 2012 U288519 PRO (\$160.72)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000300 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F03522510 County: Union Plaintiff: WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. VS Defendant: KYE CO. ORGANIZATION, LLC, AND KEB NY FINANCIAL CORP. Sale Date: 02/22/2012 Writ of Execution: 12/02/2011 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: City of Elizabeth County and State: Union County, New Jersey Street and Street Number: 23-27 Westfield Avenue Tax Lot and Block Number: Lot 1592, Block 11 Dimensions (Size of Property): 11,625 sq. ft. Nearest Cross Street: Morris Avenue JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$1,575,027.49 ***One Million Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Twenty-Seven and 49/100*** Attorney: SILLS CUMMIS & GROSS P.C. ONE RIVERFRONT PLAZA NEWARK NJ 07102 973-643-7000 Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office Total Upset: \$1,674,276.55 *** One Million Six Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Six and 55/100*** January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2012 U289144 PRO (\$107.80)

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 110.00ft 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: HILL 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)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000315 Division: CHANCERY Docket Number: F1157508 County: Union Plaintiff: LYNX ASSET SERVICES, LLC VS Defendant: WELLINGTON TEIXEIRA; CELEBRITY MORTGAGE, LLC Sale Date: 02/22/2012 Writ of Execution: 01/04/2012 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: 1055 Bond Street, Elizabeth NJ 07208 LOT NO.: 187 BLOCK NO.: 12 DIMENSIONS OF LOT: Approximately 25x100 NEAREST CROSS STREET: Catherine 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: \$638,715.23 ***Six Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen and 23/100*** 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: \$651,729.68 *** Six Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Nine and 68/100*** January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2012 U289159 PRO (\$123.48)

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)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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)

ELIZABETH

SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000320
Division: CHANCERY
Docket Number: F591210
County: Union
Plaintiff: LYNX ASSET SERVICES LLC VS
Defendant: IODETE PEREIRA
Sale Date: 02/22/2012
Writ of Execution: 01/03/2012
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: 542 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth NJ 07201. LOT NO.: 626 BLOCK NO.: 12 DIMENSIONS OF LOT: Approximately 50x145 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: \$581,720.27 ***Five Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty and 27/100***
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: \$592,549.82 ***Five Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Nine and 82/100*** January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2012 U289161 PRO (\$119.56)

LINDEN

Public Notice
CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY
NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD
The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded an amendatory contract without Competitive Bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
AWARDED: C & S Engineers, Inc. 499 Col. Eileen Collins Boulevard Syracuse, NY 13212

SERVICE: Retaining the services of a consultant for the Construction Observation Services for the Runway 9

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bypass Taxiway at the Linden Airport.
TIME PERIOD: For the year 2012.
COST: Additional amount not to exceed \$ 10,717.00
DATED: January 17, 2012.
Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U289058 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$17.64)

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)

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING BY THE Council of the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on January 17, 2011, and will be presented for further consideration and hearing to be held on February 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
#56-04

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER XVIII SEWER AND WATER, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999, A PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED.

Amend Chapter XVII, Sewer and Water, as follows:

DELETE: Section 17-8.10 USER CHARGES
ADD NEW: Section 17-8.10 USER CHARGES
DELETE: Section 17-8.11 COLLECTION OD O&M COSTS
ADD NEW: Section 17-8.11 COLLECTION OD AUTHORITY'S COSTS
DELETE: Section 17-8.12 COLLECTION OF DEBT SERVICE
ADD NEW: Section 17-8.12 CITY'S SHARE OF AUTHORITY COSTS

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U289101 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$25.97)

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
AWARDED: Skoloff & Wolfe, P.C. 293 Eisenhower Parkway Livingston, NJ
Dated: 1/17/12
U289053 OBS January 26, 2012 (\$69.09)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SERVICE: To retain services of Special Tax Counsel to represent the City in defense of real property tax assessment appeals concerning the assessment of commercial, industrial and multi-family residential properties.
TIME PERIOD: For the year 2012.
COST: At a fee not to exceed \$45,000.00, from January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012.
DATED: January 17, 2012
Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U289094 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$19.60)

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING BY THE Council of the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on January 17, 2011, and will be presented for further consideration and hearing to be held on February 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
#56-02

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

Amend Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-14, Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Streets, as follows:
7-14 PROHIBITED PARKING
DELETE: Klem Avenue South - No Parking except Mondays from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. between Gilchrist Avenue and Allen Street.
ADD: Klem Avenue South - No Parking except Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. between Gilchrist Avenue and Allen Street.

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U289103 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$24.01)

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. The contract was awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" as per N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
AWARDED: Parker McCay 9000 Midlantic Drive Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

SERVICE: To retain services of Bond Counsel in connection with the City's participation in the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program.

TIME PERIOD: For the year 2012.
COST: At a fee not to exceed \$10,000.00
DATED: January 17, 2012
Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U289063 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$18.62)

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-8.8 PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS (Crescent Avenue bus stop removal)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 7-8, PARKING, subsection -7-8.8 Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Streets - No person shall park a vehicle between the hours specified below on any day (except Sundays and public holidays) upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets - of the Code shall be amended and supplemented as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Name of Street, Sides, Hours, Location. Row 1: Crescent Avenue, North, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on schooldays, From a point 85 feet westerly from the northwest curbline of Woodland Avenue to the intersection of Hill Avenue to the intersection of Hillside Avenue (except for School Bus parking only from a point 25 feet westerly from the northwest curbline of Woodland Avenue to a point 85 feet westerly therefrom).

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall take effect upon certification by the City Engineer and after final passage and publication as provided by law.

(Last additions in text indicated by underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~)

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Summit, in the County of Union, New Jersey held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a regular meeting of said Common Council in the Council Chamber at 512 Springfield Avenue in said City on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. During the weeks prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office in said City Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Dated: 1/17/12
U289053 OBS January 26, 2012 (\$69.09)

PUBLIC NOTICE

COST: At a fee of \$350.00 per court appearance.
DATED: January 17, 2012
Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U289057 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$16.66)

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING BY THE Council of the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on January 17, 2011, and will be presented for further consideration and hearing to be held on February 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
#56-05

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

Amend Chapter II, Administration, Article IV, Department Established, Section 2-27 Department of Public Property, as follows:
ADD NEW: Section 2-27 Department of Public Property
ADD NEW: Section 2-27.4 - Requirement for Criminal History Background Checks for Employees and Volunteers Involved in Recreational Programs.

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U289100 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$23.03)

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. The contract was awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" as per N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
AWARDED: Parker McCay 9000 Midlantic Drive Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

SERVICE: To retain services of Bond Counsel in connection with the City's participation in the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program.

TIME PERIOD: For the year 2012.
COST: At a fee not to exceed \$10,000.00
DATED: January 17, 2012
Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U289063 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$18.62)

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF SUMMIT

PENDING ORDINANCE #12-2970

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE, CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, SECTION 7-8.8 PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS (Crescent Avenue bus stop removal)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 7-8, PARKING, subsection -7-8.8 Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours on Certain Streets - No person shall park a vehicle between the hours specified below on any day (except Sundays and public holidays) upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets - of the Code shall be amended and supplemented as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Name of Street, Sides, Hours, Location. Row 1: Crescent Avenue, North, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on schooldays, From a point 85 feet westerly from the northwest curbline of Woodland Avenue to the intersection of Hill Avenue to the intersection of Hillside Avenue (except for School Bus parking only from a point 25 feet westerly from the northwest curbline of Woodland Avenue to a point 85 feet westerly therefrom).

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall take effect upon certification by the City Engineer and after final passage and publication as provided by law.

(Last additions in text indicated by underline; deletions by ~~strikeout~~)

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

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Dated: 1/17/12
U289053 OBS January 26, 2012 (\$69.09)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CITY OF LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING BY THE Council of the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on January 17, 2011, and will be presented for further consideration and hearing to be held on February 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
#56-08

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

Amend Chapter VII, Traffic, as follows:
7-33 Handicapped Parking Regulations
7-33.1A Handicapped Parking On-Street

Name of Street No. of Spaces

Table with 2 columns: Name of Street, No. of Spaces. Row 1: 119 E. Henry Str. 1

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U289097 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$22.54)

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CITY OF LINDEN

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Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
#56-06

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

Amend Chapter II, Administration, Article VI, Municipal Court, section 2-46.2, as follows:
DELETE: 2-46.2 Judge of the Municipal Court, Powers and Duties in its entirety.
ADD NEW: 2-46.2 Judge of the Municipal Court, Powers and Duties

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U289099 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$22.05)

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CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

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Dated: 1/17/12
U289053 OBS January 26, 2012 (\$69.09)

David L. Hughes, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

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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 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; Malikette 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. Iane #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)

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CITY OF LINDEN PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING BY THE Council of the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on January 17, 2011, and will be presented for further consideration and hearing to be held on February 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

Joseph C. Bodek City Clerk

#56-01 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER VII, TRAFFIC, OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, 1999," PASSED NOVEMBER 23, 1999 AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 24, 1999, AND AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED.

Amend Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-12, Two Hour Parking Limit, as follows: 7-12 TWO HOUR PARKING LIMIT DELETE: East Elizabeth Avenue between North Park Avenue and Roselle Street.

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U289104 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$21.07)

LINDEN

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

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as an "Extraordinary, Unspecifiable Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 et seq. The contract was awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" as per N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.4 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

AWARDED TO: Genex Consulting, LLC 212 Carnegie Center, Suite 205 Princeton, NJ 08540

SERVICE: To retain Computer Consulting services for the City of Linden.

TIME PERIOD: For a period of one year, commencing January 1, 2012 and terminating December 31, 2012.

COST: At a cost of \$ 25,000 for Non Public Safety Departments and \$20,000 for Public Safety Departments.

DATED: January 17, 2012

Joseph C. Bodek Municipal Clerk U289095 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$21.07)

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING BY THE Council of the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on January 17, 2011, and will be presented for further consideration and hearing to be held on February 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

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Joseph C. Bodek City Clerk #56-07 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF TITLES, SALARY RANGES AND REGULATIONS FOR MAINTAINING THE CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY STANDARDIZATION PLAN OF ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LINDEN," PASSED AUGUST 15, 1995 AND APPROVED AUGUST 16, 1995

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036 U289098 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$17.64)

LINDEN

CITY OF LINDEN PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING BY THE Council of the City of Linden in the County of Union, State of New Jersey on January 17, 2011, and will be presented for further consideration and hearing to be held on February 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

Joseph C. Bodek City Clerk

#56-03

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

Amend Chapter VII, Traffic, Section 7-7 Parking, as follows: DELETE SECTION 7-7.3a ADD SECTION 7-7.3a

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U289102 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$20.09)

LINDEN

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

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AWARDED TO: Pascack Data 55 Harristown Road

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO CALENDAR YEAR 2012 MEETINGS WORKSHOP SESSIONS, PRE-AGENDA MEETINGS AND REGULAR MEETINGS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle, that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-18 that for the period beginning on January 1, 2012 and ending on December 31, 2012, the Mayor and Borough Council adopted Resolution No. 2011-407 that detailed the schedule of Workshop Sessions, Pre-Agenda Meetings and Regular Meetings in the Council Chambers on the first floor, at Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle, New Jersey, which is hereby amended by Resolution No. 2012-029 to change only the meeting start times as follows:

Table with columns: DATE, DAY, TIME, TYPE OF MEETING. Lists meeting schedules from Jan 6 to Dec 19.

Rhona C. Bluestein, M.B.A., R.M.C., C.M.C. Municipal Clerk U289282 PRO January 26, 2012 (\$57.82)

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Glenn Rock, NJ 07452 SERVICE: To retain Computer Consulting services for the City of Linden.

TIME PERIOD: For a period of one year, commencing January 1, 2012 and terminating December 31, 2012.

COST: At a cost of \$2,500.00

DATED: January 17, 2012

Joseph C. Bodek Municipal Clerk U289109 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$19.11)

LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD

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AWARDED: Trenk, DiPasquale, Webster, Della Fera & Sodono, P.C. 347 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Suite 300 West Orange, NJ 07052

SERVICE: To retain services of Special Counsel to represent the City in connection with certain bankruptcy issues.

TIME PERIOD: For the year 2012.

COST: At a fee not to exceed \$10,000.00, based upon an hourly rate of \$125.00 per hour to \$150.00.

DATED: January 17, 2012

Joseph C. Bodek City Clerk U289067 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$20.09)

LINDEN

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AWARDED TO: Personal Counseling Services, LLC 215 Elm Avenue Rahway, NJ 07065

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SERVICE: To provide an employee assistance program.

TIME PERIOD: For a period of one year, commencing January 1, 2012 and terminating December 31, 2012.

COST: At a cost of \$13,500.00

DATED: January 17, 2012

Joseph C. Bodek Municipal Clerk U289108 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$19.11)

LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD

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

AWARDED: Lawrence M. Centanni, P.C. Steven H. Merman, Esq. Howard Egenberg, Esq. Drew J. Bauman, Esq. Moshood Muftau, Esq. Kevin D. Harris, Esq. Antonelli Minchello, P.C.

SERVICE: Retaining the services of a Substitute Municipal Prosecutor where the regular Municipal Prosecutor is absent.

PUBLIC NOTICE

MOUNTAINSIDE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following proposed ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside in the County of Union, New Jersey, held on the 17th day of January 2012 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration for final passage at the meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, New Jersey on the 21st day of February 2012 at 8:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as said matter can be reached, at which time and place all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

Martha Lopez Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE 1194-2012 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER X, SECTION 1.14, SECTION a. AND b., OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY REGARDING MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR USE OF THE MOUNTAINSIDE COMMUNITY POOL

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mountainside, County of Union, State of New Jersey, that Chapter X, Section 1.14-a, and Section 1.14-b. of the Borough Code be, and the same is amended and restated as follows:

10-1.14 Fees Established:

a. The resident and full time employee membership fees and guest fees shall be as follows:

Table with columns: Item, Fee. Lists membership and guest fees for various categories.

b. Non resident membership fees and guest fees shall be as follows:

Table with columns: Item, Fee. Lists non-resident membership and guest fees.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other sections of Chapter X shall remain unchanged.

This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after the first publication hereof after final passage U289126 OBS January 26, 2012 (\$98.00)

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absent. TIME PERIOD: For the year 2012. COST: At a fee of \$300.00 per day. DATED: January 17, 2012. Joseph C. Bodek City Clerk U289056 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$19.11)

LINDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LINDEN, NEW JERSEY NOTICE OF A CONTRACT AWARD

The City of Linden, New Jersey has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a Professional Service, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. The contract was awarded pursuant to a "Non-Fair and Open Process" as per N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

AWARDED: Rahway Animal Hospital 175 West Grand Avenue Rahway, NJ 07065

SERVICE: To provide euthanasia services to the Linden Animal Control Facility.

TIME PERIOD: For the year 2012.

COST: At a fee not to exceed \$7,875.00

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DATED: January 17, 2012
Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk
U289107 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$17.64)

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CITY OF LINDEN

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Joseph C. Bodek
City Clerk

#56-09

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINDEN, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, DESIGNATING THE UNION COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY TO ACT AS REDEVELOPMENT ENTITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ISP REDEVELOPMENT AREA.

The complete ordinance is on file in the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 301 North Wood Avenue, Linden NJ 07036. U289096 PRO Jan. 26, 2012 (\$17.15)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT
PENDING ORDINANCE #12-2969

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, et seq. [Sale of 2 Walnut]

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Summit by resolution # 33865, dated February 16, 2010, directed that an ordinance be prepared to sell a certain parcel of land owned by the City of Summit that is not needed for public use known as 2 Walnut Street, Block 3307, Lot 57, and WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interests of the City to sell said land pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 et. seq., and WHEREAS, the ordinance which authorized the subject sale, # 10-2894, had a defective pending advertisement issue which nullified it and therefore requires introduction of a new ordinance to authorize the sale of 2 Walnut Street, Block 3307, Lot 57. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. That 2 Walnut Street, Block 3307, Lot 57 shall be sold by public sale to the highest bidder pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13 et. seq. with the terms of sale to be set forth in the bid sale resolution and advertisement.

Section 2. The sale of the above described property shall be subject to the terms and conditions established by bid sale resolution and advertisement.

Section 3. The successful bidder shall be responsible for City's legal expenses and disbursements.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith including ordinance # 10-2894 are hereby repealed and this ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

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David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: 1/17/12
U289052 OBS Jan. 26, 2012 (\$40.18)

MOUNTAINSIDE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that public hearings will be held by the Planning Board of the Borough of Mountainside, in the Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside NJ on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. on the following applications.

Triboro Sports LLC, 270 Sheffield Street, Block 7.M, Lots 23 & 24 - Continuation of the application. Applicants are proposing to construct a new indoor sports center. There are no existing variances. New variances include a use variance, retail sales, cafe, foundation area over 35 percent

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where 51.3% is proposed, lot coverage over 75% where 86% is proposed, HVAC system location, insufficient buffer area, insufficient parking spaces, parking spaces in the front yard, side yard parking, parking space size 9' x 20' is required and 9' x 18' is proposed, and an accessory structure.

Trilos Realty (Echo Park Restaurant and Grill), 1079 Route 22, Block 24.A, Lot 1 - Continuation of the application. Applicant proposes a Site Plan and Development, Change of Tenancy and renovations to an existing restaurant. Existing variance includes lot width under 125 ft. - 200 ft. on Route 22. New variances include retail sales, use variance, front yard under 30 ft. - 50 ft. on Route 22 where 13.48 ft. is proposed, lot coverage over 75% where 83 percent is proposed, parking space 250, front yard parking, loading spaces and signs.

Goggi, Carol and Peter, 1125 Ridge Drive, Block 5.B, Lot 5 - Applicant proposes to install solar panels on the roof of a single-family dwelling. Existing variances include lot area under 15,000 square feet, lot width under 100 feet, foundation area over 15 percent, ground projections over 3.75 percent, lot coverage over 30 percent, and lot area within 150 feet. New variance includes a use variance for the solar panels, which are considered an accessory structure.

All applications are subject to the Mountainside Land Use Ordinance and bulk variances may be required. If requested by the board, additional variance and waiver relief may be required.

Other issues may be discussed and action may be taken.

Ruth M. Rees
Secretary
U289164 OBS Jan. 26, 2012 (\$33.32)

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT
PENDING ORDINANCE #12-2968

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE, CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2-8 CITY SOLICITOR (Appoint City Solicitor)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT:

Section 1. That CHAPTER II, ADMINISTRATION, of the Code be amended and supplemented to add a new section as follows:

2-8 CITY SOLICITOR
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-139, Attorney; appointment; term. "In every municipality the governing body, by ordinance, shall provide for the appointment of a municipal attorney who may be designated as the corporation counsel or municipal attorney and unless otherwise provided by law the term of office of the municipal attorney shall be 1 year, that Thomas P. Scriver is hereby appointed as the municipal attorney [City Solicitor] for a one [1] year term to begin retroactively to December 6, 2011.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon publication after final passage as provided by law.

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

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David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: 1/17/12
U289050 OBS Jan. 26, 2012 (\$30.38)

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT
NOTICE OF CHANGE ORDER

The Common Council, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-4 et. seq., has authorized a change order for the project named below.

The authorizing resolution is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Project: Sunset Drive Improvement Project

Contractor: Cifelli & Son General Construction, Inc.

Additional Work and its Necessity: Increases and decreases in materials and labor.

Original Price: \$344,580.85

Total of Change Order #1: (\$16,988.10)

Total of Previous Change Orders: \$0.00

Total Contract to Date: \$327,592.75

David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: 1/17/12
U289048 OBS Jan. 26, 2012 (\$17.64)

SPRINGFIELD

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF UNION, NJ

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular monthly Meetings of Rent Leveling Board of the Township of Springfield are held on the last Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held in the Municipal Building, 2nd Floor, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ, at 7 p.m.

The following are the dates for the year 2012:
Thursday, January 26, 2012 (Reorganization and Regular Meetings)
Thursday, February 23, 2012
Thursday, March 29, 2012
Thursday, April 26, 2012
Thursday, May 31, 2012
Thursday, June 28, 2012
Thursday, July 26, 2012
Thursday, August 30, 2012
Thursday, September 27, 2012
Thursday, October 25, 2012
Thursday, November 29, 2012
Thursday, December 27, 2012

Any changes or additions to this calendar will be announced and advertised separately.

William Ruocco, Secretary

U289125 OBS Jan. 26, 2012 (\$18.62)

SUMMIT

NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Bollinger Group, Inc.

For the Period: January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

Services: Risk Management Consultant

Cost: Maximum amount of contract is equal to 6% of the city's annual assessment as promulgated by the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk
Dated: 1/17/12
U289047 OBS Jan. 26, 2012 (\$15.68)

SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT
NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Neglia Engineering Associates

For the Period: From the Date the Fully Executed Agreement is received to December 31, 2012

Services: Sanitary Sewer Consultant Engineering Services

Cost: Not to exceed \$10,000.00 quarterly

David L. Hughes, City Clerk
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SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH
2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

January 11, 2012
February 8, 2012
March 14, 2012
April 11, 2012
May 9, 2012
June 13, 2012
September 12, 2012
October 10, 2012
November 14, 2012
December 12, 2012

No meetings are scheduled during the months of July & August

The above listed meetings are scheduled for 6:30 PM on the second Wednesday of the month. All meetings are scheduled to be held in the Council

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the following applications for Zoning Variances were heard by the Board of Adjustment of the Township of Union on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Friberg Park, Union, New Jersey Resolutions memorializing.

Table with 4 columns: Calendar #, Name of Applicant & Premises Affected, Variances Requested, Decision of the Board of Adjustment. Includes entry for ACuPowder International, LLC.

PUBLIC NOTICE

cil Conference Room located on the second floor of the Springfield Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield. U289040 OBS Jan. 26, 2012 (\$13.72)

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CLARK

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
CHANCERY DIVISION
UNION COUNTY
DOCKET NO. F-172-12

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: CYNTHIA RIEDER

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 7 Century Drive, Suite 201, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, telephone number #(973) 538-9300, an Answer to the Complaint and Amended Complaint, if any, filed in a civil action, in which NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is Plaintiff and MARTIN C. RIEDER, et al., are defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, UNION County and bearing Docket No. F-172-12 within thirty-five (35) days after 01/26/2012 exclusive of such date, or if published after 01/26/2012, thirty-five (35) days after the actual date of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, Judgment by Default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Hughes Justice Complex, CN-971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure.

This action has been instituted for

PUBLIC NOTICE

ROSELLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOROUGH OF ROSELLE
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2418-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 113 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO DESIGNATE HANDICAP PARKING SPACES RESERVED FOR HANDICAP DESIGNATED VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Police Department has received an application for a personalized handicap parking space pursuant to N.J.S. 39:4-197.5 along with the requisite \$25.00 fee; and WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have approved said application and the Borough Clerk has collected the additional fee of \$150.00 for same prior to adoption of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle as follows:
Section 1. Article III of Chapter 113 of the "Code of the Borough of Roselle" is amended by adding the following to 113-29.2 -Handicap Parking Spaces.

A. The locations listed on Schedule XXIX, §113-75, are hereby designated as restricted parking spaces reserved for use by a persons in front of a properties who has been issued special vehicle identification cards by the Division of Motor Vehicles, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 39:4-205, when using a motor vehicle on which is displayed a certificate for which a special vehicle identification card has been issued, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-206. All spaces indicated hereby shall be painted and signed in accordance with the applicable regulations issued from time to time by the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation.

B. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; SCHEDULE OF RESTRICTED HANDICAP PARKING SPACES.
Any person parking a motor vehicle in a parking space restricted for use to persons who have been issued special vehicle identification cards or wheelchair symbol license plates by the Division of Motor Vehicles without such a special vehicle identification card or wheelchair symbol license plate shall be liable to a fine of \$250 for the first offense and, for subsequent offenses, a fine of at least \$250 and up to 90 days' community service on such terms and in such form as the court shall deem appropriate, or any combination thereof. This penalty provision shall apply to vehicles parked on public or private property.

Section 2. Article VI of Chapter 113 of the "Code of the Borough of Roselle" is amended by adding the following new section: §113-75, Schedule XXIX: Restricted Handicap Parking Spaces as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Address of residence, Street, Side, Name of Person, Special ID#. Includes entry for 400 Pine Street, Pine Street West, Charles Simmons, P922681.

Section 3. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain valid and effective.

Section 4. All ordinances or part of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after public hearing and final adoption and publication according to law.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing proposed Ordinance was introduced and read by title for the first time at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Roselle held on January 18, 2012, and this Ordinance will be considered for final passage at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held February 15, 2012, at 7:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached, at Borough Hall, Council Chambers, 210 Chestnut St., Roselle, NJ, at which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

Rhona C. Bluestein, M.B.A., R.M.C., C.M.C.
Municipal Clerk
U289276 PRO January 26, 2012 (\$68.60)

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UNION

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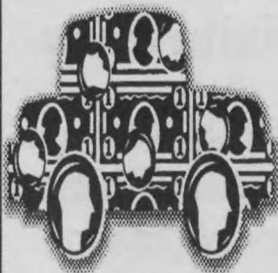
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Trinitas Center to host two health events in February

Focus is on American Heart Month

In honor of American Heart Month in February, Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth will host two heart healthy events to help educate the community. Guests are encouraged to wear red to the events to help celebrate.

On Feb. 8, cardiologist Meherwan Joshi will be the speaker whose subject will be "Recognizing Cardiac Signs and Symptoms: When Should You See Your Doctor?" This "Go Red for Women" event, exclusively for women, will be take place 5:30 to 7 p.m. at The Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood. Dinner will be served and all women are encouraged to attend.

Women and men are invited to

attend a second event on Feb. 22, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Meherwan Joshi, MD, will again speak at the "Joyful Heart" Tea at which a light, heart-healthy dinner will be served. The event is designed to give the entire community education and information about heart health. The event will take place at Echo Executive Plaza, Suite 1A, 899 Mountain Ave., Springfield.

Both events are free, but seating is limited. Call 908-994-8939 to RSVP to either program.

In addition, during the entire month of February, the Williamson Street campus of Trinitas Regional Medical Center will be illuminated in red as a tribute to American Heart Month.

Snow day



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