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## North of the border

*Springfield police, DEA seize \$6 million worth of marijuana imported from Texas*

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — Township police worked side by side last week with the U.S Drug Enforcement Administration to seize more than one ton of marijuana from a local warehouse.

It only took a tip the DEA received from an anonymous source Feb. 2 to get the ball rolling, Springfield Detective Sgt. Judd Levenson explained Tuesday in an interview.

"Sometimes that's all it takes," he said, to "make the largest drug seizure in the history of the township."

In this case the tipster informed the DEA about a very large narcotics related activity going on in a local warehouse in Springfield that involved Mexican drug dealers. The DEA moved on this information right away, immediately bringing the Springfield police department up to speed on what they learned.

From there, Levenson said, the DEA contacted Springfield police and the investigation went into full swing. Two days later at 8:30 a.m., a joint DEA and Springfield police department surveillance began of

the warehouse-factory building on Brown Avenue off Route 22 in a commercial area.

Based on this surveillance, Springfield police Officer Michael Lagola and Officer Martin Costello were able to stop two vehicles they observed being loaded with what appeared to be marijuana. That is where the Union County Sheriff's office K-9 Unit was invaluable.

Officer Ryan Wilson and his drug sniffing canine partner Lorcan verified that the 84 separate bundles representing a combined weight of 473 pounds was indeed marijuana, according to police. At that point, police arrested the two 19-year-old suspects, Jamie Miranda of Riverside, California and Adrian Ponce of Anaheim, California, in the vehicle, but the job before them was only half completed.

Back at the warehouse on Brown Avenue, Springfield Police Officer Frank Cunha and Officer Michael Wlazlo along with DEA agents were busy arresting Mexican national Eduardo Lara, 32, of Guadalajara, Mexico.

Among the crates of peppers and limes in the warehouse officers recovered another 186 bundles of  
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## Little Giants

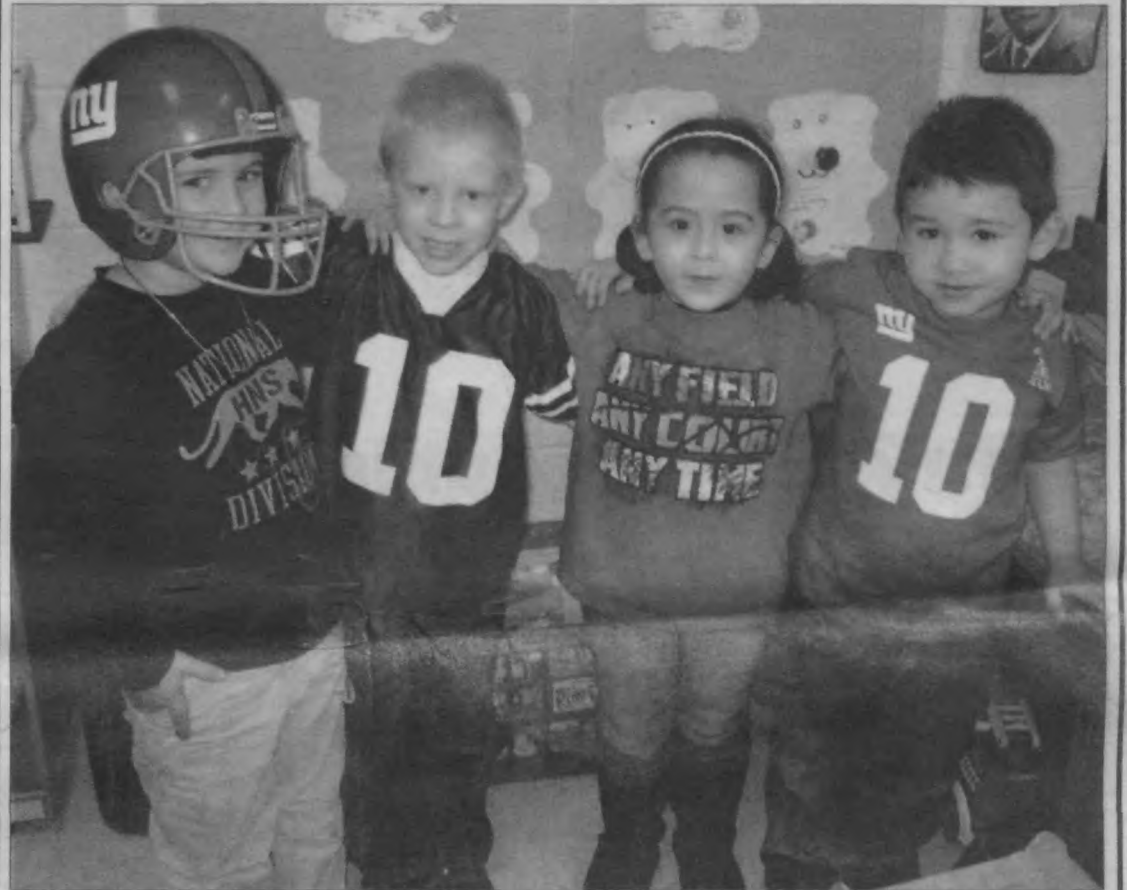


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The students in Mrs. Gallo's pre-kindergarten class at Franklin School in Rahway prepared for Super Bowl Sunday by wearing Giants' colors, participated in a cooking activity, exercised to team-themed music and laced paper footballs. They also read a story about the role of a coach and discussed the importance of cooperation, good sportsmanship and team spirit.

## Officials hope apartments will bring needed foot traffic

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

UNION — The owner of a string of retail stores in the center of town received the go ahead from the Planning Board to add two floors of apartments to the existing building along with major changes to the facade fronting Morris Avenue.

Although the township once thought the center needed major redevelopment to promote the foot traffic needed for retail sales, they now are looking to smaller projects as steps in the same direction.

The project proposed by Morris Avenue LLC encompasses the property that includes retail stores from 1988 through 1998 Morris Avenue. However, the owner and the township worked closely together to prepare a plan that was agreeable to both while addressing the concerns of the construction department.

There was little resistance by either the board or the few residents who questioned the project. The plan, which will see 22 one- and two-bedroom apartments along with several large studio dwellings added on top of

the one-story structure, borders township property adjacent to the municipal building and library.

Joseph Paparo of the law firm Hehl & Hehl in Union, the attorney representing 1988-1998 Morris Avenue, LLC, explained to the board that they were presenting a "fully conforming site plan," without any need for variance relief.


"The aesthetic improvements and realignment of facades to this commercial building represents our vision and yours of encouraging pedestrian foot traffic," Paparo


explained, asking that the board look to other towns in Union County, such as Summit, Cranford and Westfield, who all have approved similar projects that are thriving.

Also brought up by the attorney was the fact that this project is a fully permitted use that was conceived and worked on by both the owner of the building and the township.

The architect that designed the project, Daniel Alvarez of Cometo Associates in Morristown, described how the project would evolve. This included improvements

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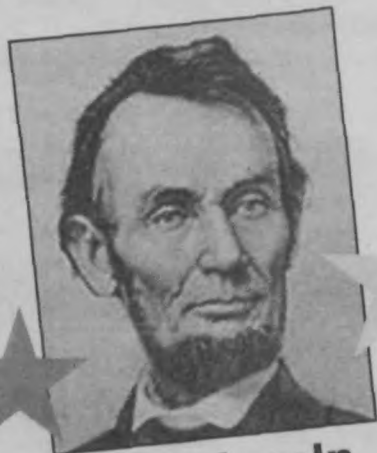

  
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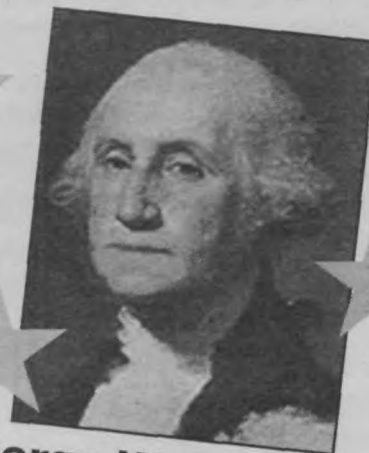
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# Political playground: Higher education in New Jersey

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

Late in 2007 a broad probe of New Jersey colleges and universities showed the entire system was vulnerable to abuse. Serious shortcomings in accountability, transparency and outright violations of public trust were found, not to mention political influence.

When the State of New Jersey Commission of Investigation launched this probe, the storm centered on the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Rutgers University and two others.

But while those who worked on this investigation fully expected their findings would elicit the changes needed, that has not happened. It does, though, explain why universities, like Kean, are able to do whatever they choose, with little chance of state reprisal.

The State of New Jersey Commission of Investigation said after UMDNJ was cleaned up, it would be "a dangerously premature conclusion" to think the worst is over for our state universities and colleges.

Kean University has been in the middle of a firestorm raised by the Kean Federation of Teachers union. They have produced documentation that they believe proves that Kean University President Dawood Farahi falsified his academic credentials. There is also strong evidence of the president's connection

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to powerful State Sen. Ray Lesniak who represents portions of Union County. But while this placed Farahi's credibility and ability to lead in question, the state has little or no say over the issue.

The commission, in its 189-page report, stressed that piecemeal changes to higher education in the state would be a "grossly inadequate strategy" in the face of the complex problems they found during their investigation of the state's colleges and universities.

These investigators also stressed it would be naive to believe the problems discovered were not "well beyond the narrow confines of a single institution."

The report pointed out that unless the state is willing to tolerate the risk of history repeating itself at one of the other state universities or colleges, "reform is the only sensible and responsible course of action." But with no legislation in effect that legally allows the state to provide oversight, universities and colleges can do what they want educationally, financially and polit-

ically. And without interference.

This was evidenced recently when the Kean Federation of Teachers called on the governor to conduct an independent investigation regarding Farahi falsifying his credentials. Although in December the Kean Board of Trustees agreed to investigate this matter on their own, there has been no indication what the result was from this inquiry.

So how did it come about that the state universities and colleges have free reign to do what they want?

During the 30-year period from the late 1960s to the 1990s, New Jersey's system of public higher education underwent a profound transformation from one of the most centralized and heavily regulated in the United States to one of the least.

It all began in the mid 1960s.

After considerable debate over the need for a unified structure for publically funded higher education, the legislature enacted the Higher Education Act of 1966. That statute

established a cabinet level Department of Higher Education, administered by a chancellor and directed by a statewide board of higher education.

This board exercised direct and complete control over the governing and operation of the state's nine senior colleges and universities. They also played a pivotal role in approving budgets, making appointments of key officers and the setting of tuition levels. But that soon changed.

A decade later the tide began to shift as educators and policymakers determined that this type of state control was too restrictive. At that point measures were taken so colleges and universities had more independence.

In 1986 Gov. Thomas Kean signed legislation allowing colleges and universities greater authority in a number of areas, including the ability to appoint chief executives on their own without approval by the chancellor.

It also allowed individual boards of trustees to negotiate contracts without the Department of Higher Education signing off on them. They also were able to accept grants, borrow money and deal with managerial and professional personnel outside state Civil Service regulations. That was the beginning of colleges and universities having complete autonomy.

Eight years later the state went

even further. In March 1994, shortly after taking office, Gov. Christine Todd Whitman proposed as part of her first annual budget message to the legislature that the department of higher education, the officer of chancellor and the Board of Higher Education be eliminated.

Whitman felt taxpayers would save millions of dollars by cutting this "excessive bureaucracy." She also called it a "first step" in making government smaller but smarter. That would later backfire when university administrators realized they could do what they wanted with no one from the state watching.

Under Whitman's plan, which within months won legislative approval, the state's role was basically reduced to research and policy under the new title of the Commission of Higher Education.

The implications of these changes was significant from practical and political standpoints. For one thing, the state no longer had any control and oversight over any essential aspect of the administrative and financial operations of its public colleges and universities.

The real clincher was that although the Commission on Higher Education was empowered by statute to conduct inquiries into the affairs of state colleges and universities, that power could only be invoked at the direct request of the

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## ATF pressures Christie over Kean

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

The 1.5 million strong American Federation of Teachers this week urged Gov. Chris Christie to investigate Kean University President Dawood Farahi.

"Mounting evidence of resume fraud by Kean University President Dawood Farahi necessitates both an independent investigation and protection of whistle-blowers who called academic claims into question," said AFT President Randi Weingarten in a release.

"Among the causes for concern," according to the release from the leader of the 1.5 million member union is that "Kean management recently removed athletic director Glenn Hedden, allegedly for reporting a host of NCAA violations, including rigging grades for student athletes by administrators."

The AFT president said to ignore the requests for an independent and prompt investigation into allegations of resume fraud by Farahi will make it all the more difficult to restore Kean University's integrity.

Weingarten wrote the above to the governor this week, reiterating

a request made by the Kean Federation of Teachers President James Castiglione in January.

The support from the nationwide union was another notch in the belt for the KFT, who produced documentation showing inconsistencies and inaccuracies in claims of publications, a deanship, editorial board position and scholarly presentations they allege constitutes fraud on the part of the university president.

The claims, spanning multiple resume versions over three decades, were reported to the Kean Board of Trustees by the KFT and an investigation was launched in December. But Weingarten points out in her letter to Christie that the Kean Board of Trustees delayed acting on the scandal for weeks before launching an internal investigation in December.

The KFT remains skeptical about the board of trustees initiating action against Farahi.

"The board's sluggish, inadequate response does not address the potential damage that these allegations have on impending Middle States accreditation and NCAA reviews," said Castiglione.

## Be their Valentine



Photo Courtesy of Denise Granrath

Students in the K-Kids Club at Frank K. Hehny Elementary School in Clark made Valentine's cards and wrote letters of appreciation for a group of U.S. soldiers. A Clark resident will hand deliver the cards to his fellow soldiers currently stationed in Afghanistan.



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An artist's rendering shows the proposed construction of two stories of apartments to be built on top of the existing retail stores in Union center facing Morris Avenue.

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that would be made so the building fits into the current streetscape design along Morris Avenue and incorporates 53 parking spaces from the adjacent municipal lot.

Alvarez explained that although the building does not present a uniform appearance now, after the project is completed the view will be considerably different.

"Right now the front is broken up into different facades, with no consistency, but our plan is to construct another building on top of the present one with masonry columns and finished in elements of brick and woodwork composite," the architect said.

French balconies, he said, will be added to provide more architectural interest.

The addition of the two stories will include a small addition in the back of the building for an entrance lobby for residents. However, there will be no access from the residential section to the retail area. Both the retail portion of the building and the residential portion will be completely separate. Access to the lobby will be by keypad only and the residential section will have a building manager.

Adding to this new design will be a renovated front to the retail establishments. Alvarez said this will provide uniformity, as will the addition of uniform signage and a canvas canopy along store fronts. These streetscape changes will also wrap around the building so the side of the building seen from Morris Avenue will present a more aesthetic view for drivers.

Although presently there are two separate driveways for ingress, after the project is completed there will only be one 24-foot entryway, which Alvarez said conforms to township code.

Each floor will house 11 apartments, an interior corridor and area for trash deposit. The smallest apartment at 585 square-feet will be a studio with den. This apartment has a full kitchen and stackable washer-dryer.

The largest apartment is a two-bedroom at 1,325 square-feet, featuring a 36-foot living and kitchen area

and den. Only this residential unit will offer a full sized washer and dryer, while the remainder will each have a stackable apartment sized version.

While parking in back of the building is limited to 15 spaces, 56 additional spaces are required by the township code. Alvarez explained that because of a shared parking ordinance passed by the township, this would not present a problem.

"This ordinance allows mixed use to utilize municipal parking," he said, pointing out that most residents would not be parking in the municipal lot during peak shopping hours.

There are currently 485 parking spaces available for shoppers and those visiting the municipal building and library. After residents receive parking permits and are allowed to park anywhere in the municipal lot, though, several residents questioned whether this was a wise move given it is difficult to find parking as it is during the day. Alvarez countered those concerns saying that with over 400 spaces available, "it was adequate for parking."

Resident Charles Connolly had a problem with sharing municipal parking, expressing how he perceived the current situation.

"Where will people going to the library park," he asked, but was assured by Alvarez and Planning Board members that this component of the project would be more fully addressed with township officials.

"We are not going to deprive the library visitors of parking," Alvarez said, adding that it will be up to the township to police this area to ensure that residential parkers are not all parking in the library area.

Another resident also brought up this issue, pointing out that the municipal lot already has parking problems without it being compounded.

"The township will determine how the municipal lots will be used," he added.

Despite some initial questions regarding the parking issue, the few residents that did step to the podium did express that they thought the project would improve the center and they approved of this change.

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# 'Unfunded' anti-bully law faces possible setback

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

A controversial state law placing new responsibilities on schools to report bullying incidents may be struck down next month after the ruling two weeks ago by the Council on Local Mandates that the law constitutes an unfunded mandate.

The law was challenged by the Board of Education of Allamuchy Township in Warren County. Several other districts supported the move. The council's ruling will take effect in March unless changes are made to the law.

The news was met with mixed reactions from Union County School districts that are laboring under the additional workload the regulation imposes. Districts must report, investigate, and compile any interaction between students that might be considered harassment, intimidation or bullying.

Some school officials hope changes can be made to the law to keep it in effect.

Union Superintendent Patrick Martin said

his district "has responded very well" to the anti-bullying initiative.

"It's a positive initiative," Martin said. "The faculty and parents have worked really cooperatively to stem the tide of bullying."

In Cranford, school officials were poised to use the expanded purview granted by the HIB law as a precedent to implement other kinds of policies that punish students for other types of incidents occurring in their private lives outside of school.

Board member Michael Caulfield said he expects the fate of the HIB law will not deter board members from potentially reinstating the ADAPT policy, which punishes students for alcohol and drug-related incidents that may occur outside school.

"I don't really see them as that unified," Caulfield said.

Caulfield said he as a board member favors the continuation of the HIB law.

"Some say it was an overreaction, but it has its purposes for sure and they're general-

ly good purposes," Caulfield said.

Springfield District Superintendent Michael Davino said he favors keeping the HIB law in place.

"I don't think the future of the law should be diminished in any way shape or form, because its intent is totally appropriate," Davino said.

Davino described the council's finding as a "tempest in a teapot" in the sense that all the state has to do to ensure the continuation of the law is to dedicate a new categorical line item in the state aid that is distributed to districts each year.

Such "demonstrative funding" is similar to what the state does for special education funding and transportation funding.

"There are lots of things that are mandated but are never funded at 100 percent," Davino said. "I think this is just going to be another one."

Davino said now that legislators must stop and consider cost, they have a "window

of opportunity," to look at revising the law to make it less expensive without impacting its effectiveness.

While school officials acknowledged the strain the law places on staff they were unsure of the actual monetary cost and how much funding would be ideal to continue meeting the mandate.

Davino said on average the policy could cost the Springfield school district one additional staff member per school to handle the duties imposed by the law. This would work out to \$250,000 to \$350,000 for the district, minimum.

Martin's estimate ran lower, in the tens of thousands range. Martin said even \$10,000 or \$20,000 in additional aid a year would allow them to pay teachers and administrators overtime pay for the extra paperwork and time they put in.

"We're making it work but I sure would like to be able to compensate the people who are doing the additional work here," Martin said.

## Cash cropped: Cops seize over one ton of marijuana

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wrapped raw marijuana, as well as a large digital scale and various types of wrapping materials.

Levenson explained that those "bundles" of bricks are the size of brick pavers, each weighing 5.5 pounds. When all the bricks were tallied, the total drug seizure came to 2,083 pounds, or in excess of one ton of marijuana, with a street value of approximately \$6 million, according to Levenson.

All three subjects were charged with with the 1st degree crime of possession with intent to distribute marijuana over 25 pounds, possession of marijuana, conspiracy to traffic in marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. All three remained in Union County jail in Elizabeth in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

The U.S. Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, was contacted and a deportation detainer was issued against the Mexican national.

Police Chief John Cook was more than pleased with the effort of his department. In fact he commended the actions of the department patrol officers who together with police detectives and DEA agents

"not only brought about these arrests, but demonstrated how agencies working together can show that suburban communities are not a safe harbor."

The police chief also is well aware that drug trafficking is no longer just an urban problem.

"Interstate, if not international drug trafficking is not something that only occurs in large cities. In fact, many organized drug gangs will seek rented warehouse space in suburban communities where they believe they can safely receive and package illegal drugs before transporting them to urban markets," Cook explained.

Levenson said that it was apparent that the drug operation was just getting started.

"They had only rented the warehouse for less than two weeks and from what we could tell we interrupted their first delivery," Levenson said, adding that there is a reason why drug dealers seek suburban locations for their operation. "In a large urban area they just can't get the protection they need," the detective sergeant explained, pointing out that they bear the risk of someone tipping off police out of revenge.

## First aid squad busy, looking for more help

On Jan. 30, the Summit First Aid Squad responded to a total of nine emergency 9-1-1 calls in Summit and rolled out to an additional three requests in neighboring towns that ended up being cancelled. "The crews were in ambulances all day long," said Squad Captain, Kari Phair.

Last year the First Aid Squad responded to 1,997 emergency calls, an average of roughly 5 calls per day. "There are days when we are not very busy, but others when we respond non-stop. Monday was like that. Fortunately we have the ambulances, equipment, and active volunteers to handle that kind of call volume," added Phair.

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad maintains four ambulances. Twice in January all four ambulances were put into service simulta-

neously responding to emergency calls in Summit.

The Summit First Aid Squad also assists neighboring towns when they are busy and require backup. Several of the 9-1-1 dispatches to the Summit Squad on Monday were to assist nearby communities. "We have mutual aid agreements with neighboring towns," explained Phair, "but thanks to our dedicated volunteers, we are seldom in a position where we need help from other squads to cover Summit." Last year the Squad responded to 161 calls for mutual aid in other towns, but only required assistance 15 times.

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# Fines levied put strain on Rahway Democratic party

Republican party hopes to take advantage with six contested seats in next election, 'will field a strong slate' of candidates

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — The state Election Law Enforcement Commission has ordered the local Democrat Committee in Rahway to pay \$68,750 in fines for campaign finance violations dating back to 2006, when the party is accused of failing to report tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions.

According to ELEC's consent order and final decision, submitted Jan. 25, the 20-count complaint filed against the committee and then-treasurer Dianna Anderson includes the late filing and non-filing of contribution and expenditure information and failure to file 48-hour notices during the 2006 and 2007 calendar years.

Mayor Rick Proctor, who was chairman of the Democrat committee at the time the violations occurred, did not return repeated calls for comment.

Council President Samson Steinman said he understands the fine is probably the highest levied against a municipal political organization in New Jersey. He blamed the violations on negligence on behalf of Proctor.

Councilman At-Large James Baker praised local officials for skillful negotiations that resulted in the fine being lowered from its original amount of \$120,000.

Baker said Proctor had effectively resigned from the party prior to the situation being widely known.

"It does not appear Mayor Proctor has acknowledged any responsibility in what happened," Baker said.

The committee will make quarterly payments over a five-year period. Steinman said \$5,000 has already been paid toward the fine.

The fine is expected to strain the committee's finances, and comes at

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— James Baker

an inopportune time for local Democrats as they prepare for the election race for six open ward seats on the council this November.

"It will certainly have an impact on the committee's capacity to finance the local elections coming up," said Baker. "The fine will make it difficult but not impossible."

Both Steinman and Baker said it is difficult to pinpoint why the donations were not reported, or when the situation became known among city Democrats. Steinman said it was years before Proctor informed them of the violations, omitting their magnitude.

"The chairman at the time gave assurances that the matter was being handled," Baker said. "The gravity of the situation didn't become seriously known until the latter part of 2011. The problem was it went unattended for so many years."

However, Rahway Republican Chairman Patrick Cassio said governing body members and residents should have been well aware of the faulty finance reporting almost from its start, as he and others brought up the subject repeatedly and publicly at council meetings. Cassio said he visited the state website to find out who was making contributions to the Democrats and discovering the appropriate information was missing many months after it should have been reported.

Steinman acknowledged Cassio

had raised the issue before the council, but said at the time he mistook the claims for political rhetoric.

Baker said the committee plans to call upon the public for donations, adding that he remains optimistic the fines will not jeopardize the party's strong presence in the local government.

"The Democrat party in Rahway is too important to fail," Baker said. Steinman agreed.

"We'll just have to raise more. It's an unfortunate and unnecessary situation," Steinman said.

However, Cassio believes the issue will hurt Democrats in the upcoming election and lead to them losing seats on council.

"It's proof positive the Rahway Democrat machine will not clean up its act," Cassio said. "They're out of touch. They continue to do things that don't help the homeowners."

Cassio said the local Republicans will field a strong slate this year.

"I've received many phone calls from people interested in running," Cassio said.

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# New nepotism policy creates stir for council

Mayor, council struggle to come to terms over hiring councilwoman's aunt as the new 9-1-1 dispatcher

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

LINDEN — The next time you dial 9-1-1, the city will be one full-time dispatcher short. But don't count on it being filled anytime soon unless elected officials can come to a meeting of the minds about who should take the position.

The entire problem revolves around whether Cynthia Cosby, the aunt of 5th Ward Councilwoman Rahshonna Cosby-Hurling, should be allowed to take the position that she was recommended for because she scored the highest on a city police department test.

Cosby, a former Verizon dispatcher with 31 years experience, received the top score on an in-house test and interview for the fulltime 9-1-1 city dispatcher position. She also was recommended to receive the position.

Cosby, though, made it clear from the beginning that she was related to Cosby-Hurling, but never was told she would be disqualified because of that relationship. The resident also went through four-months of waiting to find out if she did get the position, which included a background check and fingerprinting, all with the hope she would be getting the position.

But, Mayor Rich Gerbounka believes hiring Cosby is a direct violation of the city nepotism policy that bars relatives of city officials from being appointed to positions unless they receive the top score on a civil service test.

Linden happens to be a civil service municipality, which means the city has to abide by state rules governing civil service positions.

*'I can't, in good conscience, nominate someone when we changed the rules in the seventh inning of the ballgame. It's no fair for anyone.'*

— Mayor Rich Gerbounka

Complicating things is the fact that the city council voted recently to change the nepotism policy so it reads "passes any test," not just a civil service test.

The council realized this oversight in December and amended the nepotism policy to include in-house testing as an exemption. But this change was made after Cosby was notified that she was disqualified because of her relationship to a council member.

The mayor claims that while this is true and the council did approve changing the nepotism policy, the question of who could legally take the job occurred prior to this change in the policy.

Gerbounka believes Janet Bou, who came in second in the testing, should get the dispatcher position.

"We passed the personnel nepotism policy four months ago," Gerbounka said last week, adding that the city attorney was "adamant about doing this right."

"I can't in good conscience nominate someone when we changed the rules in the seventh inning of the ballgame," Gerbounka said. "It's no fair for anyone."

"The appointment of Bou was made under the old nepotism policy, before council voted to include all tests," the mayor added.

But at the Jan. 17 meeting the

council voted down Gerbounka's choice of Bou, leaving the entire issue of who would fill the position up in the air.

"I reached out to her and she said it is unfair that she is not getting the position because she is bilingual, and in a town like Linden that is a plus for a dispatcher," Gerbounka said.

Second Ward Councilman Rich Koziol, who often speaks on behalf of the Democratic members of council, took an entirely different view of the situation the city faces.

Not only does Koziol believe it is wrong not to take the person who came out first on the city test, but he believes being without a dispatcher, due to some perceived technicality, is wrong.

"Besides, Cosby was a dispatcher before and that is important," the 2nd Ward councilman said, adding that even Police Chief Sal Bivona gave Cosby a high score.

"The argument from the mayor was when we interviewed the candidates we had a different policy in place. This is not about nepotism, it's about the most qualified person for the position and that is Cosby."

Until this is hopefully settled later this month the city is relying on the services of two part-time per-diem dispatchers to fill in the gap.

# BOE highlights its upcoming priorities

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — School officials are getting ready with a new "game plan" to move the district forward beginning in the fall.

At a Jan. 19 meeting, the Board of Education approved four new focus areas that will guide the district's decision-making and resource allocations through the next three school years.

The new guidelines are the result of input provided by parents, staff, and community members at four "Planning for the Future" meetings held throughout November and December of last year and through an online survey conducted through the district's website.

Spokesperson Catherine Fernandez said hundreds of people attended these meetings, many with similar concerns.

"In fact the board felt that in the four planning sessions, a lot of the same topics kept coming up," Fernandez said. "The board felt confident people were on the same page and thinking a lot of the same thoughts there."

Board of Education President Michelle Stevenson said obtaining input from the community was a very important part of the process.

"Because of this type of collaboration we can face the coming school years with the certainty that we're addressing the expectations and needs of the community," Stevenson said.

The focus area planning process was facilitated by Gwen Thornton, a field representative of New Jersey School Boards Association.

Thornton asked the participants to consider the district's strengths and challenges and to prioritize the issues they thought the district

should be concentrating on during the upcoming three school years.

Thornton summarized the input of the participants and the survey respondents into four suggested focus areas, which were presented in December 2011.

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- Informing and engaging parents and the broader Summit community through enhanced communication and outreach.

The newly approved focus areas will replace those that are in effect this year. Focus areas change every three years as some are addressed and new issues emerge.

"We feel confident that the new focus areas are representative of the concerns and goals of the community," said Stevenson. "Attendance at the planning meetings exceeded our expectations, and the conversation and exchange of ideas during the discussions covered a broad range of topics."

Strategies for implementing the new focus areas will be a topic of discussion at the board of education's annual retreat, which will be held in the spring and are not open to the public.

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# Reports show state schools wide open to political influence

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governor. And that has only occurred once in the history of this newer system and not at all during the upheaval surrounding UMDNJ several years ago.

Monday, Randi Weingarten, the American Federation of Teachers President rallied the 1.5 million strong countrywide teacher's union behind the Kean Federation of Teachers, urging Gov. Chris Christie to launch an independent investigation of Farahi.

Whether Christie steps in remains to be seen because according to law, each university board of trustees has all the power, not the governor, or the state.

Specifically, under the new structure established in 1994, the boards of trustees of each college or university could recommend prospective trustees without any screening or input by an oversight authority.

For all practical purposes, the state's role was reduced to one of promotional advocacy and policy discussion while each college or university took on the task of self-governing themselves. Each board of trustees, through the administrators they hire, has direct authority over all matters concerning their institution.

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Among those questioning the wisdom of reducing the state's role so drastically was former Gov. Kean, who was then president of Drew University. He warned that any structure for higher education needed to provide for a "statewide system of accountability and responsibility."

Then president of Princeton Harold Shapiro warned prophetically that complete deregulation could expose the state college and university operations to "the unbridled intrusion of politics."

Like other special interests, public institutions of higher education hire lobbyists to gain direct access to those in positions of political power to open doors otherwise closed to them.

In recent years, politics and mega-political players, like Sen. Lesniak, have become increasingly involved in the appointment of public college and university board of trustees. In 2010, the KFT alleged that Farahi put Lesniak's relatives in high paying jobs.

In November an investigation by *LocalSource* revealed Lesniak got his sister Margaret Devanney what sources have called a "no-show job" at Kean for \$86,800 a year. In addition, Audrey Kelly was hired by the school, earning

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\$129,000 a year since 2004 as the executive assistant to the Kean Board of Trustees. She is the ex-wife of Lesniak's nephew George Devanney, the former Union county manager who resigned abruptly Aug. 1, 2011.

Prior to 1994, the state Department of Higher Education took an active role in screening and selecting qualified candidates to fill vacancies on state college and university boards. Previously, candidates were interviewed by a special committee established by the board of higher education and a list of the candidates who were judged most qualified was submitted to the governor, who would then make the final selection.

After 2001 when Gov. Jim McGreevey took office, the trustee selection underwent dramatic change, beginning with several first-term trustees not being reappointed, and without explanation of any kind, the report says.

Also, although the Board continued its practices of interviewing and vetting trustee candidates, their nominee submissions began consistently to fall on deaf ears in Trenton. By 2004, the Governor has made four appointments to the Ramapo Board."

The report also notes that at one point, a sitting member tendered his resignation, "complaining publicly that the Board was being politicized and losing its independence."

Former Gov. McGreevey currently teaches an ethics course at Kean University.

New Jersey's system of public higher education has grown dramatically over the last several years, but that growth has come at a price: a price taxpayers ultimately pay for.

The commission investigating

New Jersey state colleges and universities found they accumulated some of the heaviest long-term debt loads of any public higher education system in the nation. In fact, current bonded debt obligations carried by the state's public colleges and universities has nearly quadrupled to \$2 billion since 1985. That is only a portion of the anticipated cost after paying back the principal and interest.

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But public institutions are not required to conduct public hearings prior to issuing bonds for construction.

They also are allowed to alter the approved project list, which means universities like Kean can raise their debt level without consulting anyone.

The commission said that history has shown the state's wholesale disengagement from higher education in 1994 was a mistake. But, by the same token, the report also stressed that it would be unwise "to compound that error by turning back the clock."

"A balance must be struck for the proper governance and oversight of public higher education without returning to the highly regulated, top-heavy and overly burdensome structure of past state involvement," the commission noted in their report, adding that autonomy is important and must be retained, but it also must be coupled with effective oversight, accountability and transparency.

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## Save the law

The recent ruling by the state's Council on Local Mandates which said that portions of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights were unconstitutional really shook up the education community. At first, there was uncertainty about what should be the proper response.

When the law was first implemented in September, there was quite a bit of grumbling from school districts. After all, it was the most comprehensive and extensive anti-bully law in the country, and it would take time, training and a lot of hard work to set it in motion. But school administrators and boards of education went to work since everyone seemed to agree that bullying must be resisted with full force.

But now, after five months, parts of the law have been swept away. Or maybe not. And that's the problem. Nobody is really certain what will happen next. The ruling by the Council on Local Mandates will not take effect until late April. Which leaves several options: the Legislature will have to come up with funding for the struck-down portions; or find a way to rewrite the law to be in compliance with the Constitution; local school boards will have to absorb the costs; or the schools will make do with that portion of the law unaffected by the recent ruling.

The law ran afoul of the state Constitution's State Mandate, State Pay amendment passed by the voters in 1995. The Council on Local Mandates was created to rule on all cases involving that amendment. There is no appeals process. It was the school district in Allamuchy that filed suit, claiming they had spent \$6,000 and when they asked the state for money, they were told there was none. At the hearing, the state contended the Anti-Bully Bill of Rights was merely an extension of an existing law, and the requirements could be met by existing staff. But the Council on Local Mandates decided that was not the case.

One part of the law that remains is that which created the Week of Respect, to be observed every October to allow students to foster kindness and acceptance toward one another and to stamp out bullying. During the first Week of Respect, held this past October, students embraced the law as they have embraced recycling efforts. It seemed natural to them, and the right thing to do. We would like to see that attitude continue, and view it as one of the best hopes for those children who are the victims of bullies.

During these coming 60 days, the Legislature, educators and administrators should be goal-oriented in their approach to preserving this law: don't go overboard on the spending, don't gut the law so it's ineffective, see what you can accomplish with the resources you have, and protect our children from bullies.

If you saw it happening on the street, you would say, "Hey, stop that." Don't let it happen in the schools.

## Loopty-loop



Union County work crews clear the old Loop playground in the heart of Union County's Watchung Reservation. The new playground is expected to be completed in the Spring, depending on the weather. The Watchung Reservation extends over five communities, Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, Springfield, and Scotch Plains, in Union County and Watchung in Somerset County.

## Caring for elders takes painful planning

"A Bitter-Sweet Season: Caring for Our Aging Parents and Ourselves" by June Gross is a new book everyone should read who has an aging parent or expects to be one. It is partly a memoir of the author's caring from her mother and partly a handbook for helping others do better at it than she did.

It is a book that many of us, perhaps, could have written, but did not. It is a subject that most of us try to ignore until it is too late. Then we must go forth unprepared. In fact, no one can be prepared perfectly, but we can do some things that help.

Talking about it with family members years before any decisions need to be made is very helpful. Who will have power of attorney, and power of attorney for health care can be decided dispassionately. Waiting until someone needs to be appointed will just add one more point of stress at a time when everyone will already be stressed to the limit.

Deciding in advance who gets Mom's dining room table or Dad's woodworking tools makes life easier for everybody. Deciding how to distribute property of more significant value will be more helpful.

Gradually taking an active role in your parents' health care early on is also important. Today, so many medical decisions are made by spe-

## Just Off Main and Day

By The Rev. Darrell Berger

cialists it can be impossible to get a coordinated plan of care. I have known many incidents in which one doctor prescribed a medication that conflicted with another's.

Learning what Medicare and Medicaid cover is important. Some families are surprised to learn that neither of these pay for some of the most important aspects of elder care, like visiting nurses. Don't assume what will be paid. Find out.

Likewise, there are many levels of elder care depending on what is needed. There are also, like everything else in this society, many price points. Some facilities are basic, others quite plush.

My mother lived in Ohio all her life until I brought her to a nursing home in New Jersey after she took a bad fall at age 85. I have no siblings. People said to me, "It must be hard doing this alone."

I told them, "I don't have any siblings to help me, nor any to fight with. I figure it's a wash." In reality, I needed all the help I could get,

and I didn't ask for as much as I needed, even though I counsel people not to try and bear these things alone.

Looking back, my mother probably should have moved out of her house at least a year or more before she fell. Again, I always counsel people to get ahead of the curve. I now realize this is impossible, for one simple reason: my mother was not going to give up her independence one minute before she had to.

Yes, she had trouble walking, and a fall was easily foreseen. She no longer drove at night. She had meals on wheels and house-cleaners. She had good neighbors. I occasionally pushed the issue, "Would she think about coming to stay with me or near me?"

We discussed this and we had a great relationship. She loved my wife and our family. But finally, the answer was always, "No, thanks."

She valued living independently more than, well, living any other way.

My mother was a very solid, self-sufficient Midwesterner. She would not have felt like herself living anywhere but the farm country outside Toledo, where she lived all her life. There are people like her from every part of the country and from every economic category. I can't blame them, and for all I

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**OP ED PAGE**

**Caring for our beloved elders**

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 know I will be one of them someday. You have to respect this position, even if and when it becomes painful or burdensome to the next generation.

I did discover that there are some resources out there that one might not know exist. When my mother moved to New Jersey for the last few months of her life, I had a special estate sale and auction, which disposed of all her property I did not want, including her house and car. I didn't get top dollar for anything, but I got it sold, which was more important for a son who lived 500 miles away.

I also discovered there are now special senior care consultants, many who used to work in the industry, who can guide you

through the maze of health and other decisions. This can be especially important if a parent is in a nursing home or assisted living facility miles away.

Elder care is like any other kind of care: the squeaky wheel gets the grease. If a resident doesn't have someone visiting almost every day, that person is at risk of getting less than maximum care.

It is not that facilities are uncaring, but no aide, nurse or even doctor is going to care about or know as much about your parent's condition as you do. An elder-care consultant can act as your surrogate, looking out for you and your parent's interest.

Will my generation be any better at aging than our parents? Probably not. We may be a whole lot

worse, given that baby boomers are not exactly known for their stoic bravery in the face of pain and adversity.

Who knows what the health care system will look like in the future? Or if any of us will have the resources needed to buy it, since it looks unlikely that government is going to be much help.

All we can do is try to be as informed about the options for care as possible and try to make it as easy on the kids as possible. As long as they don't want me to quit driving. Or taking the subway. Or walking the dog. Or move.

**The Rev. Darrell Berger is minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Essex County in Orange.**

**LETTER TO EDITOR**

**'Sporting' an idea on bullying**

To the Editor:

After reading the OP ED "Bullying is too prevalent in schools" which appeared last week, I have the following suggestion for consideration of school superintendents. Boys and girls who are in athletic programs in school are usually respected and well known to fellow students.

Why not form a sports anti-bullying group of volunteers with the mission to stop bullying of fellow students. This group would confront peaceably any stu-

dent they observe bullying. If the bully is not receptive the sports girl or boy would report him or her to the principal. If a 200 pound wrestler or 6 foot 2 basketball player talks pleasantly to a bully, I would hope the bully would get the message.

Also, the sports group could assign a sports friend to anyone who reports they are being bullied. Since a small amount of students tend to be bullies why not use their fellow students to help stop the harassment?

Bob Barrett  
 Clark

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medications and higher-strength prescription cortisone creams.

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# 100 years later: fire torched Cranford

It was 100 years ago on Feb. 3, 1912 that Cranford Township residents were witness to one of the most destructive fires in its history — the Opera House Block fire.

The fire was put out by the Cranford Fire Department with help from the Westfield and Elizabeth Fire Departments. No surrounding buildings were damaged as the fire was confined to just the Opera House Block. Though not confirmed, rumors have it that the fire was started by a careless cigarette smoker.

Thankfully, no lives were lost but the fire leveled the largest and most important building in town. Damages were assessed at more than \$125,000. At the time of the fire, the Opera House Block was owned by Cranford Resident William Sperry of S&H Green Stamp Company. It was eventually replaced by the Cranford Suburban Trust Company Block.

Built in 1892 by J. Walter Thompson, the Opera House Block was located on North Avenue from Eastman Street to North Union Avenue. It was designed by Franklin Townsend Lent, a well-known suburban architect and author of *Sound Sense in Suburban Architecture and Sensible Suburban Residences*.

According to Cranford Souvenir, "Opera House Block contained accommodation for eight shopkeepers, the post office, a dozen and 1/2 fine business offices, one of the private schools, a barber's shop, a magnificent suite of lodge rooms and lastly, that which everyone in Cranford is very proud of, namely its Opera House or Music Hall, in which the majority of the larger entertainments take place.

The Opera House Block was built at a cost of some fifty odd thousand dollars.

It is a thoroughly equipped building, being heated throughout by steam, lighted by electricity, well arranged, well ventilated, and well kept."

The Opera House was managed by Edward Beadle who was in charge of renting it for balls, parties, receptions and public meetings. He also secured theater companies to produce plays at the Opera House.

The Opera House Block stood on the most important corner of Cranford. As commuters passed through Cranford on the Lehigh Valley Line, they could not miss this unique building which stood upon the most important corner of town.



Opera House, Cranford, N. J.

Photos Courtesy of Cranford Historical Society

One hundred years ago, on Feb. 3, 1912, the Cranford Opera House Block fire consumed Cranford's most important and notable buildings, which housed many businesses, including the opera house. The fire was put out by firemen, but destroyed the building, which was assessed at \$125,000 and constructed in 1892 at a cost of 'fifty odd thousand dollars.'





## A 'Giant' fan



Roselle Park Library showcases Lego creations from middle schooler Nick Sanchez. The Lego Club meets every Wednesday from 3:15 to 4 p.m. and the last Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m. to noon.

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## ROSELLE PARK BRIEFS

### Officials make move to texting

Borough officials have launched a new system in which to communicate with residents and business owners by way of a text message. The initiative has been spearheaded by Mayor Jamel Holley to provide residents with a constant stream of information from Borough Hall.

Registration is simple and quick. The borough is offering two convenient options: sign up at the borough's website — [www.boroughofroselle.com](http://www.boroughofroselle.com), or by cell phone, by texting the keyword Roselle to 46786.

During his campaign for mayor, Holley said, strong constituent communication would play a significant role within his administration. Residents who sign up for the free program will be able to receive messages on their cell phones, informing them of upcoming events, emergency alerts and other special notices.

"This initiative allows key borough personnel to communicate directly and cost-effectively with

our constituents," said Holley. "Our goal is to provide residents with timely announcements so they can be informed of any developments within our community. We believe this is another important way in which we can all stay connected."

### An early celebration of love in Roselle Park

Valentine's Day will be celebrated a little early on Feb. 10 at a Valentine Bingo Brunch at the Casano Community Center in Roselle Park. There will be a 50/50, door prizes, a catered buffet of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, muffins and French toast, followed by bingo games.

Brunch will start 11 a.m. and bingo will run through to approximately 3 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance, it was announced. For more information, call the center at 908-245-0666 or come to the center at 314 Chestnut St., Roselle Park, which is open Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# SAGE seeking vehicle donors

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.

Prospective donors can call Dawn Knill at 908-598-5503 for more details, and provide 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 a future tax filing.

## How lovely

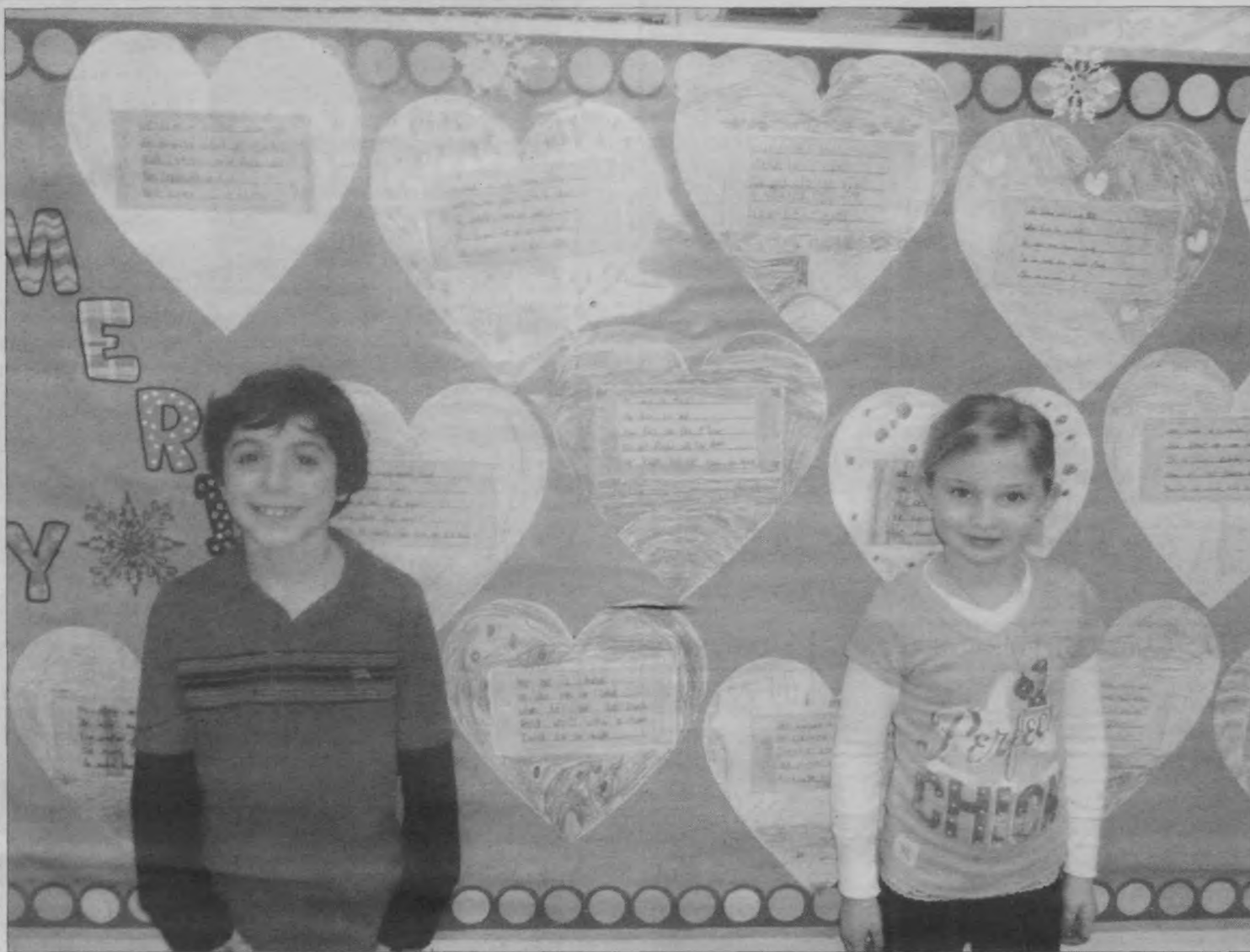


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Second grade students in Jennifer Lewis' class at the Frank K. Hehly School in Clark show off their Lovely Limericks that they created for the month of February. Anthony Cundari and Tatum Dobbins stand in front of their class' limerick bulletin board display.

## UNION BRIEFS

### Library has a variety of upcoming events for kids

The Children's Department of the Union Public Library has scheduled several programs in the Main Library during the month of March:

On March 2 at 3:30 p.m., there will be a Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Birthday Party. Stories will be read, songs will be sung and a birthday cake will be served. This program is for children of all ages and their caregivers.

The children's film, "Kung Fu Panda," will be shown March 5 at 7 p.m. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend. No registration is required.

Mother Goose Time, for children one and-a-half to two and-a-half, and their caregivers, will be held on Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required.

Preschool Storytime for children, three and-a-half through kindergarten, will be held on Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required.

Toddler Time, for children, two and-a-half to three and-a-half, and their caregivers, will be held on Thursdays, March 1, 8, 22 and 29 at 10:30 a.m. No registration is required.

St. Patrick's Day Storytime and Craft Program will be held on March 10 at 11 a.m. Children of all ages and their caregivers are

welcome to attend. No registration is required.

There will be a "Playful Puppies" Storytime and Craft Program on March 12 at 7 p.m. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend. No registration is required.

Youngsters can come in pajamas for songs, stories and games at a Bedtime Storytime to be held on Mondays, March 19 and 26, at 7 p.m. Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to attend. No registration is required.

A "Fly a Kite" Storytime and Craft Program will be held on March 24 at 11 a.m. Children of all ages and their caregivers are welcome to attend. No registration is required.

### Concert for Valentine's Day

The Union Municipal Band, under the direction of John H. Bunnell, will present a Valentine's Day Concert, featuring music of the season, as well as several selections from the American Songbook. The concert will be held in the Hannah Caldwell School auditorium, 1120 Commerce Ave., Union. Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend.

It was announced that famous American composers will be represented at the concert, including John Philip Sousa, Leroy Anderson, Morton Gould, Meredith Wilson and Henry Mancini.

The concert will include such selections as "America, the Beautiful," "Fantasy on American Sailing Songs," "Cowboy Rhapsody," "Prisoner of Love," "The Music Man" selections, Dixieland Festival — A Tribute to Louis Armstrong — King Cotton March, A Trumpeter's Lullaby — Trumpet Soloist, Bunnell; Highlights of George Gershwin, "Shenandoah," Mancini Magic and selections from the Broadway show, "A Chorus Line."

The band is inviting musicians from Union and the surround communities to join the group. For more information, call Bunnell at 973-377-8058. The concert will be sponsored by the Union Recreation Department, Matty Magliacano, director, Clifton People, commissioner, and Joseph Florio, mayor.

### April 14 flea market is seeking vendors

The Presbyterian Women's Association of Connecticut Farms, Union, has scheduled its annual In-door Flea Market April 14 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Stuyvesant Avenue and Chestnut Street. It was recently announced that vendors are needed.

The Flea Market will feature a variety of new and "gently used" merchandise. Hand-crafted items also are acceptable.

For further information or to rent a table, call 908-245-0562.

Proceeds from the Flea Market will go to the many mission projects of the Presbyterian Women's Association.

### Purim celebrations planned

The YM-YWHA of Union County, Union, is planning Purim celebrations, beginning on Feb. 26. The annual Early Bird Purim Carnival will begin the festivities at noon.

There will be a petting zoo, more than 20 game booths, spin art, moon bounce, goldfish, and a 2 p.m. costume parade. Traditional refreshments will be available from "The Nosh," and everyone gets to leave with prizes. The event will continue until 4 p.m. As a special treat for JOY members, there will be a Purim Magic Show at 11 a.m. and a camp information session at 10 a.m. for everyone.

On the holiday of Purim itself, March 8, the day will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a community Megillah reading for the children conducted by a professional storyteller. A three-course traditional holiday meal, known as a Seudah, with entertainment will be offered for both a family and individual fee. Discounts will be for Y and JOY members. Reservations are necessary for the Seudah. For more information, access the website at [www.uniony.org](http://www.uniony.org) or contact Jani Jonas or Jackie Baranoff at 908-289-8112. The Y is located at 501 Green Lane.



## RAHWAY BRIEFS

### Students honored by Union County freeholders

Two Rahway High School students, junior Kenzo Mari Teves and senior Jalil Newman, were among the young people recognized by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders on Dec. 1 in the presence of supporters and family members.

The recognition occurred because this past summer both students completed the Toastmasters International Youth Development Program. The program was conducted by team leaders from the Merck & Co./Toastmasters Group at the pharmaceutical company's site in Rahway.

This eight-week program was organized through collaboration between local government, Merck & Co. and Toastmasters International. The project was managed by the Union County Department of Human Ser-

vices, Division of Youth Services, in Linden. Student participants were provided weekly support group sessions covering topics including presentation preparation and writing skills, coached in presentation delivery techniques and given take-home assignments for video critique sessions. Project team member Rahway Councilman Dave Brown commented, "Speaking in front of a group can be stressful and sometimes frightening experience for anyone. The students met the challenge, and we, in Rahway, are proud of their success."

Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. With headquarters in Ranch Santa Margarita, Calif., the organization has more than 270,000 members in more than 13,000 clubs in 116 countries.

Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people of all backgrounds become more confident in front of an audience.

### HSPA testing nears

On March 6, 7, and 8, juniors at Rahway High School and throughout New Jersey will take the High School Proficiency Assessment which measures the knowledge and skills needed to be able to be a productive citizen and to succeed on the job, in college, or in the military.

Students are required to pass the HSPA to graduate from high school. Freshmen and sophomores take another test that predicts how likely it is that they will pass the HSPA as juniors.

To help students prepare for this testing, Rahway has instituted a number of practices. Students are being instructed in small-group tutorial sessions once a week. Mathematics

teachers start each class with a warm-up "Do Now" problem that emphasizes an HSPA skill. Science teachers focus on data analysis activities similar to what the HSPA contains. Math Club members are creating HSPA posters for bulletin boards, and the broadcast journalism class, Kudos, is making commercials to appeal to students' minds and hearts in the days immediately before the test. Even art students have helped by creating a motivational banner.

Finally, on the day on which students take the test, they will start their day with a school-provided breakfast.

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# Woman gets 5 years for drunken driving death

On Feb. 3, Priscilla Natal, 21, of Newark was sentenced to five years in prison for her role in the death of an 18-year-old friend following a drunken driving accident in 2010, according to Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow.

Natala was driving her vehicle on the Garden State Parkway in Kenilworth about 2 a.m. on May 8, 2010, when she lost control and struck another vehicle while traveling northbound. Her friend, Herman Sanchez Jr. of Union, was a backseat passenger in the car and was ejected from the vehicle and died as a result of his injuries, reported Assistant Prosecutor Caroline Lawlor, who prosecuted the case. Another passenger also was ejected and suffered severe injuries, requiring treatment at a local hospital for several months. Natal, and two others in the vehicle, were uninjured.

The vehicle that Natal struck was driven by Jason Montanez, 21, of East Orange. He fled the scene following the accident and was arrested several weeks later following an investigation by Sgt. Sal Ingui and Det. Harold Ramirez of New Jersey State Police, said Lawlor. Montanez was charged with leaving the scene of a fatal accident and pled guilty late last year and was sentenced this morning to three years of probation and one year in the Union County Jail. Natal pled guilty to vehicular homicide and driving while intoxicated. She must serve at least 85 percent of her sentence before being eligible for parole, said Lawlor.

At sentencing, Union County Superior Court Judge Stuart Peim said these types of crimes can be avoided and said he hoped the sentence would serve as a deterrent to others.

## Linden

• Feb. 2: Linden police were called to JTG Scaffolding Inc., 309 W. Elizabeth Ave., on a report of a theft of a tow truck. An employee, 21, told officers that someone stole the tow truck from the driveway of their business. A review of a video surveillance camera showed two men enter the truck at 11:20 p.m., Feb. 1, and drive the vehicle out of the lot heading east on W. Elizabeth Avenue. The tow truck has a tow bar and is valued at \$25,000.

## Clark

• Jan. 23: At 76 Central Ave., police arrested Martin C. Phillips, 39, single, unemployed, of 120 Columbus Place, Roselle Park, for shoplifting merchandise valued at \$98.49 from the ShopRite Supermarket at 76 Central Ave. He also was detained on outstanding warrants totaling \$2,255 from Garwood, Kenilworth, Rahway and Roselle Park for contempt of court. He was subsequently turned over to the Garwood Police Department. Police Officer Brian Pereira was the arresting officer.

## POLICE BLOTTER

• Jan. 24: Police responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident with no injuries in the vicinity of Central Avenue. On arrival, there were no injuries, and the appropriate accident report was filed. Police Officer Pedro Oliveira was the investigating officer.

• Jan. 25: Police Officer Miguel Acabou was the investigating officer when police responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident with no injuries in the vicinity of Lake Avenue.

• Jan. 26: Police Officer Kenneth Gaulette was the investigating officer in response to a report of a motor vehicle accident with no injuries in the vicinity of 118 Central Ave.

• Jan. 28: Police Officer Antonio Manata was the investigating officer for a report of a motor vehicle accident with no injuries in the vicinity of 1300 Raritan Road.

• Jan. 29: Police took a report of criminal mischief to a motor vehicle, which was parked at a residence at 21 Westfield Ave. The incident is under investigation. Police Officer Omer Olmeda was the investigating officer.

• Jan. 30: Police Officer Marty Venezia was the investigating officer during a response to a report of a motor vehicle accident with no injuries in the vicinity of Madison Hill Road.

• Feb. 1: In the vicinity of 82 Broadway, police arrested Barry masker, 35, single, an arborist of 169 Clinton Ave., Newark, for possession of CDS and possession of CDS paraphernalia. He was subsequently released pending a court date. Police Officer Christopher Tuccio was the arresting officer.

• Feb. 2: Police Officer Steven Francisco took a report of a theft of items from a motor vehicle that was parked at a residence at 8 Gloria St. The incident is under investigation.

• Feb. 2: In the vicinity of 60 Walnut Ave., Police Officer Kenneth Gaulette arrested George Scott, 37, single, a bail bonds agent of 190 Lewis St. Apt. 221 in Rahway on outstanding warrants totaling \$1,500 from East Orange and West Orange, for contempt of court. He was subsequently released after posting bail.

• Feb. Feb. 3: In the vicinity of Brant Avenue, Det. Antonio Manata arrested Frederick Jones, 60, single, unemployed, of 460 Union Ave., Irvington, on an outstanding fugitive warrant for robbery from New York, N.Y. He was subsequently transported to the Union County Jail awaiting extradition to New York.

• Feb. 4: In the vicinity of Broadway and Joseph Street, police arrested Vanisha McMullan, 38, single, unemployed, of 602 South 18th St., first floor, Newark, for

obstruction of justice, resisting arrest and numerous traffic violations with a total bail of \$17,050. She was subsequently transported to the Union County Jail. Det. Antonio Manata was the arresting officer.

## Union

• Jan. 27: Union police investigated a motor vehicle theft of a green 1998 Ford Escort on Grandview Avenue. There was a delayed hit and the vehicle was stopped by the Rahway Police Department. The driver was identified. The vehicle had been involved in a motor vehicle accident in Elizabeth.

• Jan. 27: An investigation was made of a theft on Allen Avenue. The suspect, who claimed to be from the water company, was able to gain entry into the residence and steal money.

• Jan. 28: Police made an arrest at 2401 Route 22 of Hector Olivares for a DWI during a motor vehicle stop.

• Jan. 28: A arrest was made on Vauxhall Road by Union police of Dion Morton for possession of CDS during a motor vehicle stop.

• Jan. 28: Union police arrested Meisha Harris and Keyanna Walker for shoplifting at 2690 Route 22.

• Jan. 29: Lakeisha Perkins was arrested by Union police on Stuyvesant Avenue for a warrant and for presenting a fraudulent insurance card during a motor vehicle stop.

• Jan. 29: An arrest was made on Walker Avenue of Chevaughn Crawford for a warrant during a motor vehicle stop.

• Jan. 29: Union police made an arrest on Salem Road of Jene Dunsen and Bryan Ramos for warrants during a motor vehicle stop.

• Jan. 30: An arrest was made at a motor vehicle stop on Elaine Street of Charles Collins and Wesley Collins for possession of CDS.

• Jan. 30: Police arrested Jose Salguero on Barbara Avenue for possession of a weapon and criminal mischief.

• Jan. 31: Police made an arrest on Stuyvesant and William Avenues during a pedestrian stop of Jelani Howard and one male juvenile for possession of CDS.

• Jan. 31: A house fire was reported on Meiser Avenue. A home was fully engulfed and totally destroyed. The resident was able to escape without serious injury. The fire was brought under control.

• Jan. 31: Police arrested a male juvenile of 2400 North Third St. for possession of CDS.

• Jan. 31: Police made an arrest at a pedestrian stop on Springfield and Montclair Avenues of Kyle Simonson, William Christmas, Robert Williams and one male juvenile for obstruction. The juvenile also was charged with a curfew violation.

• Feb. 1: Police investigated a

motor vehicle burglary on Long Terrace. An individual attempted to gain entry into a vehicle and was scared off. The suspect was a thin white male in his 20s.

• Feb. 1: An arrest was made at 2400 North Third St. of a male juvenile for possession of CDS.

• Feb. 2: Union police responded to a motor vehicle burglary on Meeker Road. Entry was gained through an unlocked door. A book bag was taken.

• Feb. 2: An arrest was made of Drew Ferraro on Route 22 and the Garden State Parkway at a motor vehicle stop for possession of CDS.

• Feb. 3: Police investigated suspicious acts at 1721 Morris Ave. An attempt was made to take blackberry notebooks by a white man wearing a North Face jacket. He left in a red 1994 Honda Accord, license plate NJ Reg. YMT84F.

• Feb. 3: An arrest was made on Buchanan Drive of Jose Periera and Severino Piles for possession of CDS, and of Inacio-DaSilva for a warrant during suspicious acts.

## Roselle

• Jan. 31: Roselle Police Sgt. Brian Byrnes was in the area of

Aldi's Supermarket, 1235 St. George Ave., enforcing quality of life issues. He observed an individual in possession of 143 DVDs and 145 CDs, which were located inside a suitcase in front of the store. After a subsequent investigation, it was determined that the DVDs and CDs were counterfeit. Paul N. Long, 39, of 1028 Thompson Ave., Roselle, was placed under arrest and charged with the New Jersey Anti-Piracy Act and also issued a Special Complaint from the Borough of Roselle for Soliciting Without a Permit. Long was processed and released on a summons.

• Feb. 2: A parking enforcement officer was assaulted after she issued a parking summons to a vehicle which was parked at 916 Spruce St., Roselle. The officer suffered a fractured wrist and was transported to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital at Rahway for treatment. The officer was treated and released. Cecil Morrison, 48, of 1824 Berkshire Drive, Union, was placed under arrest and charged with aggravated assault. Bail was set at \$5,000, cash only.

## IN MEMORIAM

BILODEAU — Helen D., of Rahway; Feb. 1.  
 BOWEN — Vincent J., of Summit; Feb. 4.  
 BRIGGS — Leonard C., of Summit; Jan. 31.  
 BURRIS — Elizabeth Robinson, formerly of Roselle; Jan. 31.  
 CAHILL — Thomas F. Sr., of Summit; Feb. 2.  
 CASS — Katharine D., of Union; Feb. 1.  
 CHRISTMAN — Marie (Cenci), of Cranford; Feb. 1.  
 CONSUEGRA — Dolores T. Lasky, of Linden; Feb. 4.  
 CIURCZAK — Stanley J., of Linden; Feb. 3.  
 CUPREWICH — Vincent J. Sr., of Linden; Feb. 3.  
 DAGNER — Lester Henry, of Summit; Jan. 25.  
 DOYLE — Lorena, formerly of Rahway; Feb. 3.  
 DUFFY — Matthew C., of Summit; Feb. 3.  
 EIGNER — John "Jack," of Roselle; Feb. 4.  
 FOYLE — Albert Leslie, of Cranford, formerly of Roselle; Jan. 20.  
 GROM — Charles Eugene, formerly of Union; Jan. 28.  
 HOFFMAN — Donald, formerly of Union; Feb. 3.  
 KIEMPISTA — Helen J., of Clark; Feb. 1.  
 KOLTUN — Elizabeth "Betty," of Linden; Jan. 31.  
 La POINT — Philip M., of Union; Feb. 3.  
 LeCOMPTE — John M. "Jack," formerly of Union; Jan. 29.  
 LEONARD — Terrence T., formerly of Roselle; Feb. 3.  
 LUTEY — Lyda A. Hallermeier, formerly of Rahway; Feb. 1.  
 McCANDLESS — Jean, of Rahway; Feb. 1.  
 MILASUS — Aloysius G., of Linden; Jan. 31.  
 PAOLERCIO — Mary, of Rahway; Jan. 30.  
 PARKER — Mae Bell, of Rahway; Jan. 28.  
 PUGLIESE — Anthony Victor, formerly of Roselle Park; Jan. 14.  
 REILLY — Kathryn, formerly of Rahway; Jan. 31.  
 RIMLI — Marilyn, of Cranford; Jan. 27.  
 RUBENSTEIN — Solomon H., of Cranford; Jan. 27.  
 SCOTT — Jeanne A., of Mountainside; Jan. 30.  
 SILVA — Karen, formerly of Roselle Park; Feb. 1.  
 STAPPERFENNE — Albert G., of Roselle; Jan. 15.  
 SWICK — Donald C., formerly of Roselle Park; Feb. 2.  
 WEISS — James E., of Linden; Jan. 30.

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## LINDEN BRIEFS

### Kiwanis Club raises money for Children's hospital

The Kiwanis Club of Linden provides leadership and service opportunities for youth through its Service Leadership Programs. K-Kids are part of Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs, and they are sponsored by the Linden Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanis Club of Linden members, with the help of Conoco Phillips, Infineum, K-Kid Clubs of Linden Public Schools and the Linden community raised \$2,000 for Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside. Money was raised as a result of the 2011 Halloween Walkathon at the Linden elementary schools. The community has offered its gratitude to all who contributed — children supporting children.

Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Danielle Piscino is Linden School No. 4 K-Kids advisor, Beth Anne Myarick, Community Relations director of Children's Specialized Hospital; Rocco Tomazic, superintendent of Linden public schools; June

Lazaro, president of Kiwanis Club of Linden, and Anthony Cataline, principal of Linden School No. 4.

### Year of the Dragon

Linden High School celebrated Chinese New Year, the Year of the Dragon on Jan. 23 with a special morning program in the school auditorium. It featured Linden students in a variety of cultural and language performances.

Joining the celebration were 26 visiting Chinese high school students, on an exchange visit to Linden High School through Jan. 29. The students are from the Xiamen Foreign Language School and Fuzhou High School No. 3 of Fujian Province, China.

The performance featured Linden High School students in a variety of Chinese events, including song, dance and music. Highlighted were the bringing to life of two Chinese lions by Linden Mayor Richard Gerbounka and Susan L. Hudak, president of the Linden Board of Education. Also featured were Chinese dragon teams performed by the Linden High School Navy Junior ROTC cadets.

Following the morning ceremony, a traveling contingent of Linden High School students, together with the visiting Chinese exchange students, toured district middle schools and elementary schools. The schools were decorated with lanterns and other student-made crafts to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

The Linden Public School District is in its fifth year of teaching Chinese, providing instruction at all levels from grades one to 12, including the high school International Baccalaureate Program. Twenty-five percent of the students in grades one through 12 are studying Chinese, which represents nearly 975 students.

In the evening, a reception was held for the visiting Chinese exchange students in the Linden High School library. The Chinese students and teachers are living with host families in Linden, and the reception allowed the students to come together to put on a brief program. Linden High School students will be returning the exchange visit to Xiamen and Fuzhou in late March or early April of this year.

The Xiamen Foreign Language School is a partner school with Linden High School.

Together, Xiamen and Linden are joint Confucius classrooms under the leadership of the Confucius Institute at Rutgers University. It was reported that the Linden Public Schools District also is a model district for the use of the Great Wall Chinese Program in the United States.

### Library hosts blood drive

Linden Public Library will be host to a blood drive on March 13 from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Columbia Bank Room.

For more information, call Dennis Purves at 908-298-3830, Ext. 11. For specific information about giving blood, call 800-NJBLOOD.

### Day camp registration begins

Registration for Linden Day Camps is taking place through May 25.

Linden Day Camps will run from June 25 through Aug. 16, with hours of operation from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The fee can be paid all at once or in monthly increments.

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# WORSHIP CALENDAR

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Morning Worship (Berkeley campus) - 11:00am

Berkeley Sunday School 10:00am

\*All Sunday morning services include childcare and Kidz Church for ages 2-10!  
Sunday School for All Ages - 10:00am

Evening Service - 6:30pm

Weekday Schedule:

Ladies Bible Study - Wed. @ 10:00am  
Family Night - Wed. @ 7:30pm  
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Youth Night - Fri @ 7:30pm

College & Career - Fri @ 7:30pm

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Rev. Walter Cebula, Pastor

\*\*Note: All services are in English.

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday Evening: 6:30 PM

Food Pantry (Wednesday) 5-6:45 PM

Wednesday Family Night: 7:00 PM

Spanish Service (Saturday): 7 PM

### BAPTIST

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

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### MORAVIAN

**BATTLE HILL COMMUNITY MORAVIAN CHURCH**, 77 Liberty Ave., Union, 908-686-LAMB. Rev. Percival Gordon, Pastor. Sunday Worship 10:30 am. Sunday School 9:15 am. Women's Group meets first Wednesday of every month 1:30 pm. Men's Group meets every other Wednesday 9:00 am. Wednesday, Bible study and Prayer Group 7:00 pm.

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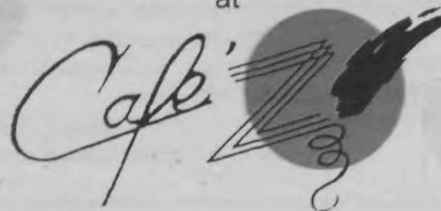
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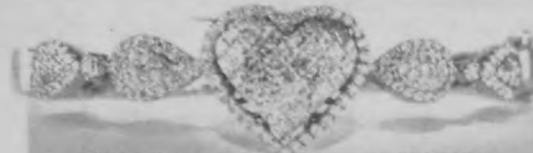


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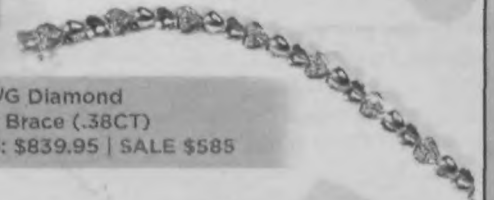
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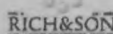
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## CLARK BRIEFS

### Hungry Writers Club begins at Valley Road

Kindergarten teacher Melissa Sakowski and second grade teacher Jennifer Kelleher started the first Hungry Writers Club at Valley Road School in Clark. This club was opened to kindergarten and second grade students. It was reported that due to the overwhelming number of "hungry writers" who wanted to join, two groups were created. During these meetings, students are able to write about any genre, while still learning about different writing strategies. The second grade students will also be mentors to the kindergartners.

### Bishop presides over Clark mass at St. Agnes

On Sunday, St. Agnes Parish in Clark held a special mass presided and preached by Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, regional bishop for Union County. Upon completion of the noon mass, Bishop Cruz lead the procession followed by all St. Agnes School and CFF children, along with fellow parishioners to the newly constructed Community Center. Rev. Dennis J. Cohan, pastor at St. Agnes Parish, thanked all who were instrumental in the success of building the new Community Center. Streamers were given to all of the children.

Parishioners donned red to also honor their Patron Saint — St. Agnes.

### UCPAC debuts 'Defending the Caveman'

"Defending the Caveman," reportedly Broadway's longest running one-man show, will offer insights on the ongoing battle of the sexes at Union County Performing Arts Center in Rahway on Feb. 25. The special one-night performance will be brought to the UCPAC by the Clark Education Fund Inc., a nonprofit volunteer organization. A portion of ticket proceeds will help the fund continue its mission to supplement classroom learning by providing grants for innovative educational classroom programs and materials. As a special bonus for ticketholders, the Clark Education Fund will provide complimentary shuttle transportation between the Rahway parking deck and theater continuously before and after the show.

Written by comedian Rob Becker after informal studies in psychology, sociology and prehistory, "Defending the Caveman" has comical scenarios that celebrate the differences between men and women. It was produced by Theater Mogul.

Tickets are available for purchase online at [www.UCPAC.org](http://www.UCPAC.org), by calling 732-499-8226 or in person at the UCPAC Box Office at 1601 Irving St., Rahway.

## Modern readers

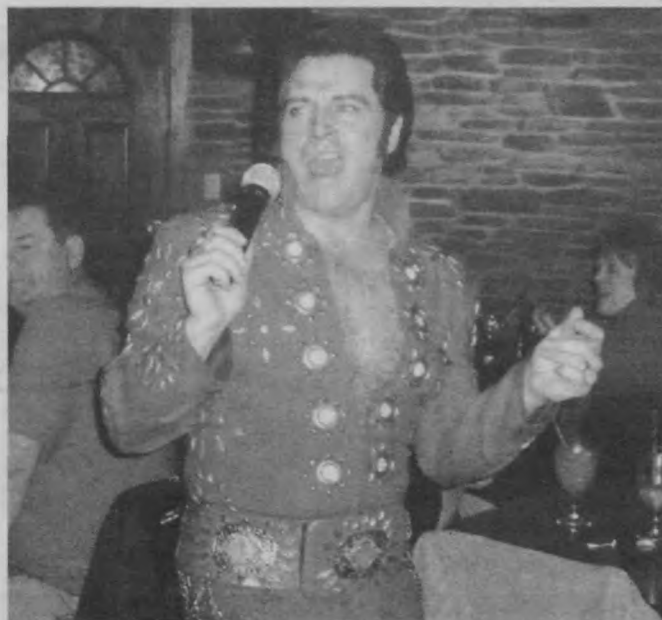


This past week Carl H. Kumpf School in Clark saw the sixth grade reading students receive their very own Nook Simple. As part of a new pilot program at Carl H. Kumpf, Doreen Babis and Christine Casale's reading classes were chosen to receive the technology. Clark Barnes and Noble Manager Yinam Chung visited the two classes to demonstrate the Nooks' functions and capabilities.

## 'Elvis' rocks Linden



Photos By Dave VanDeventer



LONG LIVE THE KING — Professional Elvis Presley impersonator Craig Newell played to a packed house recently at Abigail's Cafe in Linden. Newell, a popular fixture on the Las Vegas circuit, covered a wide range of tunes from Presley's legendary career, much to the delight of the local audience.

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## 'Navigating the road' many students travel

It appears that every concern, every apprehension, every hope and every dream that parents contemplate during their teenager's transition from high school to college, is thoroughly covered in an excellent book called "Navigating the Road to College: A Handbook for Parents," in which Kris Hintz can take a great deal of pride.

Hintz, who resided in South Orange for more than a decade, is a college admissions consultant, with a private practice called Position U4 College, serving families throughout northern and central New Jersey. The firm also handles graduate school and career consultation clients in Basking Ridge.

With a bachelor degree in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, a master's degree in marketing from the Wharton School and a master's degree in psychology from Columbia University Teachers College, plus a college consulting certificate from UCLA, and an abundance of management experience in the corporate world, she is certainly capable in providing such an important handbook.

But above and beyond these attributes, what makes this book a real treasure is that Hintz has deeply emotional feelings, which she expresses on every page; pride and empathy for mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters. And she reaches out, most of all, to the prospective student himself, or herself.

How did the idea for such a book materialize?

"It all began when I had been giving a blog called 'College Blog,' which was directed to parents of college-bound teens," explained Hintz during a recent chat. "I had been writing, and some of the chapters came from the blogs. Someone said, 'Blogs have become very popular. Why don't you put it all in a

### On The Shelf

By Bea Smith



book?" I thought it was a good idea. But my goal," she said, "was not to write a how-to book, but I wanted it to have an emotional impact, too. It was sort of like helping a friend, who has been asking specific questions, technical or emotional. It also is psychological. You know, things you go through as a parent, when you're trying to launch the educational future of your teen-to adult child."

Hintz explained that "what I wanted it to be was human and have empathy for parents, whose children are going to college. It's a tough process," she said. "Your kid is growing up. And you're helping him to become more independent. I also try to explain some of the joys of the process, and your pride in what your youngster is doing with his life. Hey, you can say to yourself, you did a pretty good job. I'd like to think that I can work a little magic sometime. Just to have a little bit of influence is such a gift. It's a privilege. And it really means a lot."

Hintz has been married for more than 30 years to Brad Hintz, an equity analyst for the securities industry. They have a son, Eric, an economics major at Emory College. In utilizing her personal experiences with a teenage son, preparing to go to college, and further experiences with a niece, Laura Snider, Hintz has provided the key to every complex and stressful aspect of what the road to higher education can be like for both parents and the applicant offspring.

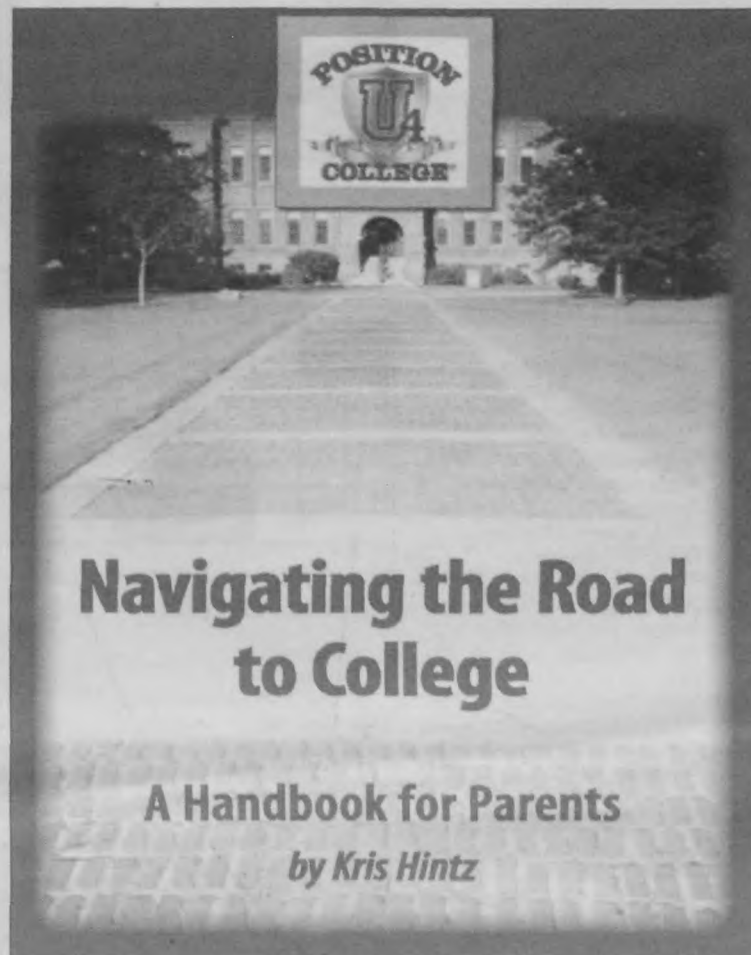


Kris Hintz

"Navigating the Road to College" is not merely a guidebook, but an expression of hope and help, and by personalizing it, therefore, easier to peruse. Hintz emphasizes the importance of finding the right school for both student and institution — and how to go about it. She begins with chapters on college importance, public and private universities and liberal arts colleges, college consultants and affordable tuitions.

And she begins each chapter with a quotation from entirely diverse personalities, from JK Rowling, Mohandas Gandhi, William Shakespeare, Viktor Frankl, Australian psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor; Robert Frost, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Yogi Berra, Lucille Ball, Leonardo da Vinci, John Wayne, Sir Winston Churchill and Agnes de Mille.

She delves into high school days — and years — and the students' communication with teachers, family and friends, SATs, and how to study for them, how high school



students should spend summer vacations just before attending the college of choice, and how to prepare for college essays.

Hintz emphasizes the need for teacher recommendations, the waiting day and the actual experience and adjustment of attending college classes, the easing off of too-close parental attachments, and making new friends. From adolescence to adulthood — the adjustment can be profitable and/or devastating.

"With some perspective of which college is the right college," she said, I want people to be calmer about everything. You know," she mused, "there's a college for everybody. And you can find a place

where your son or daughter will be happy, will thrive and grow. It's a real transformation."

About her book, Hintz said, "I do expect that I will revise and update my book in several years. I do have some ideas for future books. I really would like to do it again. I really enjoyed writing this one. I'd like to think I have helped a lot of people."

And Hintz will be right there with the proper advice, encouragement and inspiration. Due to the fact that the author has created so important a book for so many millions, this volume has found its home on the shelf among the top rung of this reviewer's library case.

## Botanical renderings tide gardeners over 'til spring

I first "met" Jane C. Webb Loudon when I developed an interest in botanical art some time ago. A local dealer offered some original prints of her botanical illustrations and I fell in love with them. Those prints started me off on a small-time collecting hobby and now, even when the wind is cold and the earth is bare, I have blooming flowers on the walls.

Loudon is a footnote in literary and horticultural history now, which is a shame, because she deserves better. She was born into a wealthy English family in 1807, at the end

### The Gardener's Apprentice

By Elisabeth Ginsburg

of the reign of King George III. Her life, which lasted only until 1858, still extended through the Regency period and well into the Victorian era. One of the most interesting things about her is that she became a working woman by necessity at

the age of 17. Her career was enhanced by her marriage to J.C. Loudon, continued after the birth of their daughter, Agnes, and flourished until her death.

In fact, Loudon's life reads almost like a Victorian novel. Her wealthy father provided her with a good education, but eventually ran into what were quaintly called "financial difficulties." When he died, his only daughter realized she had to support herself. She did that by publishing "The Mummy! Or a Tale of the Twenty-Second Century," a work of science fiction.

While not as popular as "Frankenstein" by her contemporary, Mary Shelley, "The Mummy" received good reviews and earned a place in literary history as one of several, pioneering science-fiction works authored by women.

Because the book made reference to the improved farming implements of the 22nd century, it was reviewed in The Gardener's Magazine, a popular periodical edited by John Claudius Loudon. The editor then arranged an introduction to the author, whom Loudon assumed was male. When

J.C. Loudon met Jane Webb, he apparently overcame his surprise at her gender and eventually fell in love with her. The couple married in 1830.

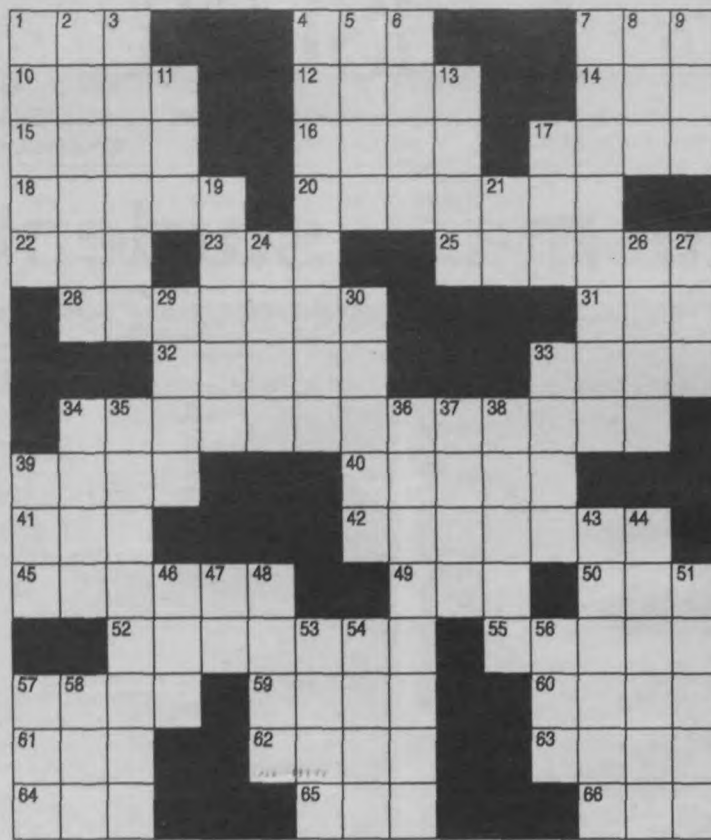
The burgeoning middle class of the Loudons' time had an appetite for gardening and J.C. Loudon fed it through numerous books and magazines. He was well-established and very popular by the time he married Jane, who was 24 years younger.

Though she knew little of gardening when she met Loudon, she

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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## CLUES ACROSS

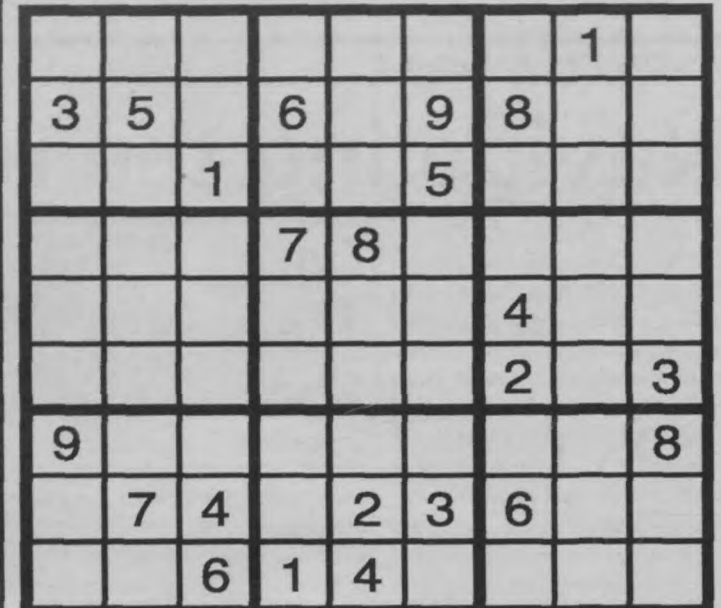
1. Film Music Guild
4. A rubberized raincoat
7. An upper limb
10. Wander
12. Biblical name for Syria
14. Former OSS
15. Norwegian capital
16. No. Am. Gamebird Assoc.
17. Taxis
18. Ancient Chinese weight unit
20. Third tonsil
22. Ancient Hebrew measure = 1.5 gal.
23. Piece of clothing
25. Overrefined, effeminate
28. Housing for electronics (TV)
31. Cut grass
32. Ghana's capital
33. Prof. Inst. of Real Estate
34. Shares a predicament
39. Old World buffalo
40. Loads with cargo
41. What part of (abbr.)
42. Partakers
45. Expressed harsh criticism
49. Doctors' group
50. OM (var.)
52. A dead body
55. Jewish spiritual leader
57. An almost horizontal entrance to a mine
59. Anglo-Saxon monk (672-736)
60. Database management system
61. A swindle in which you cheat
62. Arabian Gulf
63. Six (Spanish)
64. Price label
65. Black tropical American cuckoo
66. Teletypewriter (abbr.)

## CLUES DOWN

1. Foam
2. Tessera
3. Major ore source of lead
4. Directors
5. 9/11 Memorial architect
6. The goal space in ice hockey
7. The academic world
8. Standing roast
9. More (Spanish)
11. Gram molecule
13. Head of long hair
17. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
19. Line of poetry
21. Originated from
24. One time only
26. A civil wrong
27. Female sheep
29. Bay Area Toll Authority
30. Afrikaans
33. Hold a particular posture
34. South American Indian
35. Paying attention to
36. Wife of a maharaja
37. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
38. Central Br. province in India
39. 4th month (abbr.)
43. Grooved carpentry joint
44. Present formally
46. Skeletal muscle
47. —, denotes past
48. ABA ———— Honeymoon
51. Young lady
53. Any of the Hindu sacred writing
54. Where Adam and Eve were placed
56. Promotional materials
57. Play a role
58. Arrived extinct

ANSWERS APPEAR IN OUR CLASSIFIED SECTION

# SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

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

ANSWERS APPEAR IN OUR CLASSIFIED SECTION

# HOROSCOPE

## Feb. 12 to 18

**ARIES**, March 21 to April 20: It's best not to make any trouble this week, Aries. Simply fly under the radar, and others may not know you are around, which can work to your advantage.

**TAURUS**, April 21 to May 21: Taurus, you might want to keep a few things close to the vest, but sharing with others might help as well. Consider both angles and make the best decision for you.

**GEMINI**, May 22 to June 21: Hiding emotions will be difficult this week, Gemini. Your emotions will be written right on your face when you interact with others, but that's OK because you're in a good mood.

**CANCER**, June 22 to July 22: Cancer, teamwork is the name of the game at the office this week. Work with co-workers and respect their ideas and insights and everything will go swimmingly.

**LEO**, July 23 to Aug. 23: Focus your attention on matters at home,

Leo, which should take precedence in the coming weeks. Use this opportunity for a little early spring cleaning.

**VIRGO**, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22: Virgo, fun might have to be put on the back burner this week. While it's healthy to enjoy yourself, it's now time to get back to business. Step up your game at work.

**LIBRA**, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Libra, it is almost crunch time for you, and you'll have to buckle down for the next few weeks to get everything completed. Don't leave things until the last minute.

**SCORPIO**, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22: Scorpio, a change of pace will prove refreshing this week. Instead of sticking to your normal schedule, do things out of the ordinary for some excitement.

**SAGITTARIUS**, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21: Emphasize spending quality time with family this week, Sagittarius. Tackle a few home-related tasks or simply hang around the house for some good times.

**CAPRICORN**, Dec. 22 to Jan.

20: Capricorn, finances may be tight for a while, but it's nothing you haven't seen before. You may need to buckle down a little while longer until the accounts fill up.

**AQUARIUS**, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18: Aquarius, a spending spree is about to end. While it was enjoyable while it lasted, it's now time to replenish the coffers and go easy on the shopping.

**PISCES**, Feb. 19 to March 20: Pisces, there are certain health remedies that you can try to improve your levels of energy. Stick with the regimen.

### Famous folks' birthdays

Feb. 12, Christina Ricci, actress, 32

Feb. 13, Stockard Channing, actress, 68

Feb. 14, Teller, magician, 64

Feb. 15, Amber Riley, actress, 26

Feb. 16, Ice-T, actor/rapper, 54

Feb. 17, Jerry O'Connell, actor, 38

Feb. 18, Molly Ringwald, actress, 44

**Cooking on the Block**

**with Chef Ellie Espo**

## Colorful salad

This colorful salad is loaded with color and texture.

### ROASTED BEETS WITH FETA CHEESE OVER BABY ARUGULA

#### Ingredients

- 2 bunches beets, yellow or red
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 8 oz. feta cheese
- ½ cup pistachios, toasted
- 1 Asian pear, peeled and sliced to match-stick size
- 4 cups baby arugula
- 2 Belgian endives

#### Dressing ingredients

- 1 cup pomegranate juice
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 1 orange, juiced
- 1 tbsp. honey
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- ¼ cup sherry vinegar
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- ¼ tsp. dried chervil
- ¼ tsp. fresh thyme leaves

#### Method for beets

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Trim the tops from the beets. Wash the beets, dry them completely and coat with olive oil, salt and pepper. Place the beets on a parchment-lined baking sheet, and roast until tender, about 45 minutes.

Place the beets in a bowl and cover with plastic wrap.

When cool, peel away the beet skins, slice thinly and place in a bowl.

#### Method for vinaigrette

Mix the pomegranate juice with the sugar in a small saucepan, and reduce to a syrup, about 10 minutes.

Put half the glaze, about 2 tbsp., into a small bowl.

Add the vinegar, salt and pepper, orange juice, mustard, honey and herbs. Mix, then slowly whisk in the olive oil.

#### Method for salad

Assemble the endive and arugula on a large platter.

Add some of the dressing to the beets and mix thoroughly.

Mound the beets on top of the arugula.

Place the Asian pears on top of the beets, along with chunks of the cheese and pistachios.

Drizzle with more dressing, and season with salt and pepper.

Serves 4 to 6



## Concert Band series, Feb. 19

The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts will present its Concert Band Sunday Series, under the direction of conductor Howard Toplansky of Union on Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 756 East Broad St., Westfield.

The winter concert is the third of a five concert series for the 2011-2012 concert season. The event is open to the public. There will be a fee for patrons.

"We are delighted to be invited back to play at Temple Emanu-El," said Toplansky. "Our musical selections are geared to place a variety of musical tastes and range from Renaissance to Ragtime favorites."

Featured on the program will be the "Zampa" Overture by Louis Herold, highlights from "South Pacific" by Richard Rodgers and "Ballet Parisien" by Jacques Offenbach.

The concert also will offer "Chili Sauce Rag" by Henry A. Fischler and "Vera" Waltzes by Alex F. Lithgow. Several marches also will be performed on the program, which include "Solid Men to the Front" by John Philip Sousa, "Cherokee" by Edwin Franko Goldman and "Parade of the Athletes" by Russian composer Zinovi Binkin. Rounding out the concert will be "Sun Valley Mountains" by Gene Ogden, a march from the movie, "The Bench Warmer," by Isaak Dunaevsky and "Toward the Summit" by the American band composer Frank Erickson.

For additional information about the concert or to learn how to become a member of the NJWA Concert Band, call 908-789-9696, or e-mail at njwa-band@att.net.

## Hilltoppers to hold fundraiser for SHS Lacrosse teams

The Summit High School Men's and Women's Lacrosse teams will be part of an evening of food and music.

A fundraising event for the Hilltoppers Lacrosse Program will be held on Feb. 24 from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, at the Summit Elks Club, 40 Maple St.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Heidi Weber at rweb-six@aol.com or Mary Martino at martinolm@comcast.net.

## Waiting for spring can be the hardest part

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learned quickly and became proficient, helping Loudon in the garden as well as with his large and encyclopedic literary endeavors. Annoyed at the complexities of the garden manuals of her time, she wrote and illustrated "Instructions in Gardening for Ladies," a practical guide to garden basics. Its direct, anecdotal style caught on. The book sold extremely well and was reprinted many times. It led to a succession of other gardening books, all drawn from her own experience and enlivened by her watercolor illustrations.

Her husband was never robust,

and he died when his wife was only 36, leaving her with their young daughter, Agnes, to support. Mining the mother lode of her own life, Jane Loudon wrote prolifically, with an output that included memoirs and works of fiction in addition to horticultural writing. She edited magazines as well.

Allegedly, Agnes' expensive tastes kept her working hard into middle age. Though she found fame relatively early, she never achieved real fortune, and most accounts suggest that she was relatively poor at the time of her death at the age of 51.

The Victorian era was full of

ladies who learned watercolor painting as part of a sketchy, but "suitable" education. Some, like Loudon, became very accomplished. I am drawn to the Loudon prints because the flowers and plants are delicate and graceful. The anatomical details are all there, but the pictures are inspiring rather than purely didactic.

In well-preserved prints, the colors of parrot tulips, crocuses and other flowers are bright and clear. If her carefully written gardening instructions didn't make her readers long to grow flowers, her illustrations surely must have done so. They do it for me.

Thanks to the Internet, at least some of Jane Loudon's books live on, and a few are available for free. You can also find ads for both authentic and reproduction prints of her illustrations.

A few restorative minutes with her renderings of daffodils, and other spring flowers, are enough to tide me over until the real things begin appearing in a month or so.

**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>.**

## Learn about positive discipline, March 4

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, child-care 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. To register, call the church office at 973-379-4320.

## Auditions in Westfield

The Westfield Community Players will hold auditions for Marc Camoletti's comedy "Don't Dress for Dinner" on Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. with callbacks on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and Feb 19 at 6 p.m. Auditions will be held at the theater located at 1000 North Ave., West, Westfield. The show runs May 5 through 19. For information, check [www.westfield-communityplayers.org](http://www.westfield-communityplayers.org).

Character breakdown as follows:

- Bernard, age 27 to 35. Handsome businessman, flirtatious, playboy with British accent.
- Jacqueline, age 24 to 32. Bernard's wife. Lovely, assertive,

romantic with British accent.

- Robert, age 27 to 35. Bernard's best friend and Jacqueline's lover. Handsome, reserved, British or may be American.

- Suzanne, age 21 to 25. Bernard's mistress. Fashion model with great body, chic, stylish French or British accent.

- Suzette, 21 to 30. The cook. Friendly, working class, funny, great body, French accent.

- George, 27 to 35. Suzette's husband. Big, huge, tall, muscular, protective of Suzette with French accent.

- Physical comedy is required by all roles. Scripts will be provided at auditions.

## Structurally sound



Photo By Paul Greulich

On Jan. 29, Summit residents David and Lauren Trindell constructed a tudor-style building to help build Summit from Legos during an event to benefit the Summit Historical Society. The Lego buildings were placed on a map of the city to complete the illusion.





## Linden grid star Peele ready to roll at Rutgers *Proves quite a catch for Scarlet Knights*

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

The main reason why Linden senior Ruhann Peele decided to honor his verbal commitment and sign with Rutgers last Wednesday was because he thought wide receivers coach P.J. Fleck was going to remain on staff.

Two days after Rutgers promoted offensive line coach Kyle Flood as its next head coach to replace Greg Schiano, Fleck left the staff to become the offensive coordinator at his alma mater, Northern Illinois.

Despite Fleck's departure, Peele (6-1, 170) is sticking with Rutgers, similar to the way many footballs stuck to his body once he caught a pass.

"P.J. was real cool and the reason why I committed so early," said Peele, who gave Rutgers a verbal commitment last spring. "I know it's all part of the business. Had he stayed I would have enjoyed being coached by him."

Peele is just as enthusiastic and ready to go with whomever the new wide receivers coach will be.

"It will be an opportunity for a coach to come in from scratch and I'm going to work just as hard so I can get on the field," Peele said.

"I found out (last) Wednesday night when P.J. sent me a text," Linden head coach Deon Candia said of Fleck leaving Rutgers.

"He has ambitions of being the head coach there (Northern Illinois) and this was the time for him to make a move.

"He was waiting for Ruhann to get settled at Rutgers. I sent him a text back thanking him."

Fleck recruited Peele, attending a Linden home game on the sidelines in November of 2010.

"He contacted Ruhann about leaving," Candia said. "We really wanted him to coach Ruhann because we felt he was one of the best wide receiver coaches in the country by far and also a great recruiter.

"P.J. assisted Ruhann and myself through the process and became a good friend.

"I talked to Ruhann today (Thursday) and Rutgers itself is where he wants to be. Had Fleck stayed that would have been icing on the cake.

"Ruhann still believes Rutgers is his school and he will move on from here."

Peele's surname is quite appropriate for the style of football he plays. Get Ruhann the ball and — whether it's thrown over the middle or to either sideline — he will almost assuredly catch it and then peel away from opposing defensive backs.

"He's a very competitive kid," Candia said. "It's what he does without the ball that draws attention from him being active. What he does after the catch is amazing.

"He has moves, but will run through you. He's not the fastest, but he's elusive enough to run right past you."

Candia said Peele's 40 dash time is 4.5 seconds.

"He doesn't have tremendous speed, but I think he'll become more explosive," Candia said.

"I want to get my weight up," said Peele, who is interested in studying criminal justice. "I want to get situated in school and get on the field however I can."

A big part of Peele being a senior captain this past fall was him accepting a role as a running back at times.

"Sacrificing for the team made me a better leader," Peele said.

"He had already committed to Rutgers and did not need to impress any scouts," Candia said. "He was so competitive and the younger players picked up on that."

Peele, who moved to Linden from New York when he was in middle school, is the first big-time Rutgers recruit sent by the Tigers since 2006 graduate and standout defensive lineman Ray Wegrzynek, who finished with a solid collegiate career at Kean.

Peele has aspirations of taking his game to the NFL and joining the ranks of former Linden stars that made it professionally, including Troy Stradford, Craig Taylor, Michael Pringley and present New York Jets defensive lineman Muhammad Wilkerson.

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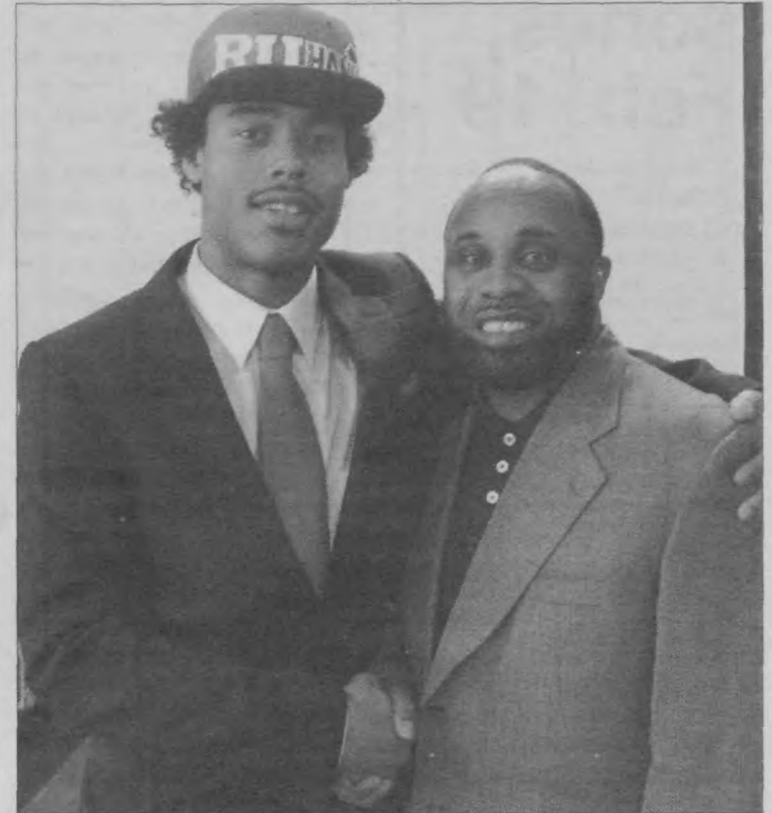


Photo courtesy of Christine Hudak/Linden Public Schools

Ruhann Peele was a standout player for head coach Deon Candia.

## UCT basketball will begin this weekend

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

The Union County Tournaments were to be seeded yesterday, with Plainfield expected to get the top seed for the 76th annual Frank J. Cicarell Boys' Basketball Tournament and Governor Livingston the top seed for the 37th annual Frank J. Cicarell Girls' Basketball Tournament.

Games start this weekend, while the title contests will take place at Kean the last weekend in February.

Here's a look at the Union County Conference division standings as of Tuesday:

### BOYS' BASKETBALL WATCHUNG DIVISION:

Plainfield (9-1)  
St. Patrick (7-2)  
Roselle Catholic (6-2)  
Elizabeth (5-4)  
Linden (4-5)  
Westfield (0-8)  
Union (0-9)  
\*Plainfield and RC will play each other only once.

**MOUNTAIN DIVISION:**  
Rahway (12-1), champion  
Union Catholic (9-5)  
Scotch Plains (9-5)  
St. Mary's, Elizabeth (7-6)  
Gov. Livingston (6-7)  
Hillside (4-9)  
Cranford (3-10)  
Summit (3-10)

### VALLEY DIVISION:

Roselle (10-0), champion  
Dayton (7-3)  
New Providence (6-5)  
Oratory Prep (5-5)  
Johnson (5-6)  
Roselle Park (3-7)  
Brearley (0-10)

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL WATCHUNG DIVISION:

Roselle Catholic (11-1)  
Linden (9-3)  
Summit (9-3)  
Scotch Plains (6-6)  
Union (5-7)  
Westfield (4-8)  
Plainfield (4-8)  
Roselle (0-12)

### MOUNTAIN DIVISION:

Gov. Livingston (12-1)  
Cranford (11-2)  
Dayton (8-5)  
Oak Knoll (8-5)  
New Providence (6-7)  
Johnson (4-9)  
Union Catholic (3-10)  
Elizabeth (0-13)

### VALLEY DIVISION:

Hillside (12-0)  
Kent Place (10-2)  
Rahway (8-4) plus at St. Patrick  
St. Patrick (6-5) plus Rahway  
Brearley (6-6)  
Benedictine Academy (4-8)  
Roselle Park (2-10)  
St. Mary's, Elizabeth (0-13)



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Linden senior Ruhann Peele signs his letter of intent to continue playing football on scholarship at Rutgers.



# GL players going to Div. 1-AA colleges

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

A consistent level of gridiron excellence at Governor Livingston was never more personified than by the exemplary efforts put forth by Highlander senior captains Tony Manganiello and Andrew Romeo.

"Tony was a good player, but from his junior to senior year he became a great player," said GL head coach Terry Hanratty, who has guided the Highlanders to four of their five playoff victories and six straight playoff seasons from 2004-2009.

"It was because of his wrestling, his hard work in the weight room and his training.

"He made strides that I haven't seen a player I've coached before make because of all the hard work he put in.

"Andrew can flat out block and he can run and he has a lot of passion for the game."

Hanratty will surely miss having those players lace up their cleats for his Highlanders.

Last Wednesday they graduated to the Division 1-AA collegiate level, making a splash on National Signing Day. Manganiello (6-2, 260) will continue playing at Lehigh and Romeo (6-0, 210) at Colgate.

Ironically, Romeo's father Bob played at Lehigh.

Both three-year varsity starters signed their letters-of-intent at GL last Wednesday.

Manganiello earned third team, all-state and first team all-area honors after leading the Highlanders with 85 tackles. He was ranked as one of the top two-way linemen in Union County.

A first team all-conference performer in 2010 and 2011, Romeo rushed for 2,700 yards in his career, including 1,200 his junior year, and scored 20 touchdowns.

Sparked by the play of Manganiello and Romeo, GL rushed for 1,800 yards in 2011, which Hanratty said was a monumental achievement.

Hanratty can see Manganiello playing on either the offensive or defensive line at Lehigh.

"When we played Immaculata, who was the No. 9 team in the state at the time, Tony dominated on both sides of the ball," Hanratty said. "I could see him playing an inside position on the offensive line, perhaps center or guard, or I could see him as the nose guard on the defensive line, depending on Lehigh's defensive schemes."

Hanratty is seeking to get Manganiello in June's North-South All-Star Game at Kean.

Romeo will most likely play for the Union County All-Stars in July's Snapple Bowl at East Brunswick.

"Andrew is very strong and hard to take down," Hanratty said.

Both players helped lead GL to the state playoffs for the sixth year in a row in 2009 when the Highlanders qualified in North 2, Group 2.

They were two of the top players in Union County during their careers at GL and players that others could look up to for the dedication to the sport they displayed.

This past season GL finished 3-7, competing out of the Mountain Division of the Mid-State 39 Conference.



Photo courtesy of Christine Hudak/Linden Public Schools

The Linden High School library was the venue last Wednesday for senior Ruhann Peele to sign his national letter-of-intent to play football at Rutgers on a full scholarship. Pictured, from left, are Dr. Danny Robertozzi, Principal, Linden High School; Ruhann Peele; Ruhann's mother Diane Rollins and Superintendent Dr. Rocco Tomazic.

# Standout wide receiver will catch on at Rutgers

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Look for Peele to be a member of the North squad for the 34th annual North-South All-Star Game, which is scheduled for June 25 at Kean.

A few of the other 18 players that signed with Rutgers last Wednesday may join Peele in what is now once again the state's premier all-star football game.

"It feels good to be part of this recruiting class," Peele said. "We've got some good guys coming in to replace the seniors that are leaving."

Believe it or not, Peele disclosed that he never watched a college football game until last year.

"I watch the NFL and the NBA," Peele said. "I like Rams."

Peele's connection to the St. Louis Rams started when they won the Super Bowl 12 years ago following the 1999 season.

Ten years later, during his first game as a sophomore, Peele made a play that got him out of the dog house and into the spotlight.

"We opened with Rahway and I was having a bad game," Peele said of Linden's 2009 season-opener at Cooper Field.

"I made a couple of bad plays, but coach Candia told me to relax and he said that I was going to make a big play."

Linden came back in the fourth quarter to defeat Rahway 21-12.

Following Rahway's second and final touchdown, Peele made up for some earlier miscues by returning the ensuing kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown.

Although Linden did not make the playoffs during Peele's time with the program, the Tigers did fashion a 7-3 mark in 2010, failing to garner enough power points to qualify in North 2, Group 4 with a 6-2 record at the cutoff date.

Linden closed out its season with a sectional consolation home win over Perth Amboy and a loss at Union on Thanksgiving.

A 7-3 finish was bittersweet.

"That was tough," Peele said. "We had a good team that year and it was tough not being able to go to the playoffs."

Playing in a big-time bowl game - perhaps the first BCS bowl game that Rutgers will qualify for - could surely make up for that.

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Linden senior Shannon Wheeler (No. 3 here at the free throw line) made six foul shots as part of her game-high 18 points in last Saturday afternoon's come-from-behind 39-31 Watchung Division victory over leader Roselle Catholic.

## Linden girls' basketball comes back to beat RC Wheeler leads all scorers with 18 points

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

LINDEN — In order to beat a defensive-minded team like Roselle Catholic, Linden felt it had to step up its own performance when not in possession of the ball.

That meant not only lifting arms up, but getting right in the faces of the Roselle Catholic players and swarming as close as they could without committing a foul.

That defensive exuberance eventually paid off for the host Tigers on the scoreboard when Linden took the lead for the first time in the third quarter.

Once Linden went ahead the Tigers quickly built on their lead. Roselle Catholic made a run in the fourth quarter, but it was too little too late.

Sparked by a team effort that was led by the outstanding play of senior guard Shannon Wheeler — who paced all scorers with 18 points — Linden came back to defeat Roselle Catholic 39-31 last Saturday afternoon in Union County Conference-Watchung Division play.

"We played hard as a team and really brought our intensity," said Wheeler, who scored 10 of her points in a game-changing third quarter that saw the Tigers outscore the visiting Lions 16-2.

Linden won its second straight to improve to 14-4 overall and 9-3 in the Watchung Division. Roselle Catholic had a five-game winning streak snapped and fell to 13-5 overall and 11-1 in the Watchung.

Roselle Catholic still needed to win just one of its two remaining division games to repeat as Watchung champions.

The Lions were at Scotch Plains Tuesday night, seeking to clinch again.

Roselle Catholic defeated Linden 50-45 at home in division play back on Dec. 20 and entered Saturday's game having held its previous last eight opponents to 27 points or less in regulation.

Roselle Catholic got out to a good start in this game as well, leading 6-0 before Linden finally scored with 3:02 left in the first quarter after sophomore Keajah Hall hit an outside shot.

Linden pulled to within one point twice in the second quarter at 11-10 and 13-12 before Roselle Catholic finished the period leading 16-12 at intermission.

Neither team shot well in the first half, with Roselle Catholic making four-of-16 field goals and Linden six-of-27.

After both teams missed several layups, Wheeler began the third-quarter scoring by grabbing an offensive rebound and putting the ball in. That basket began the first of two 8-0 runs the Tigers would go on in the third quarter sandwiched around the only basket Roselle Catholic produced, which was an inside shot by sophomore center Tori Pozsonyi, who paced the Lions with 12 points.

Linden junior forward Jada Lewis came alive in the third quarter, scoring the first four of her 10 points. Wheeler scored Linden's final four points in the period to give the Tigers a 28-18 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

"We fought hard and really wanted this win," Wheeler said.

"Everything we do, we just picked up in the third quarter."

Including the first four points of the fourth quarter, Linden went on a 20-2 run to take a 32-18 lead with 3:53 to go.

"That 12-minute stretch was the difference," Linden head coach Paul Gorski said. "We made some adjustments in the locker room at halftime and then played really well defensively.

"We had to match Roselle Catholic's intensity in order to have a chance to beat them. We did that and kept our composure."

Roselle Catholic went on an 11-2 run to pull to within five at 34-29 with 1:17 to go before Linden sophomore point guard Nah-Quasia Robinson made one of two free throws with 43.3 seconds to go. Lewis followed with back-to-back baskets, the first one coming after she grabbed a big offensive rebound.

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## Rahway boys' win Mountain Division Kornegay reaches 1,000

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

RAHWAY — Sometimes things just have a way of working out.

They sure did for Rahway senior Hakeem Kornegay last Saturday in front of a capacity John "Butch" Kowals Game home crowd.

First Kornegay stole the ball and then produced a lefty layup field goal to give him five points in the game and 1,001 for his career.

Then Kornegay, whose individual performance sparked a total team effort, went on to pour in a game-high 24 points in leading the Indians to a more-than-decisive 86-58 Union County Conference-Mountain Division clinching victory over Union Catholic.

"This was a big night for me," said Kornegay, who reached the varsity as a freshman and has started since his sophomore year.

Rahway, which had won six straight and was waiting to play this game for more than two weeks since falling at Union Catholic 69-63 for its only division loss back on Jan. 19, captured the Mountain Division championship with one division game to go.

"The first time we played them we were out-hustled and didn't play our game," Kornegay said.

"Offensively, we wanted to slow it down a bit," sixth-year Rahway head coach Kevin Conroy said. "In the first game they doubled Hakeem, so in this game we wanted to set the pace by possessing and controlling the ball."

The Indians — who lead Union County in wins — also improved to 17-2 overall with their seventh straight triumph. Rahway, with a division record of 12-1, will wrap its Mountain Division schedule at Summit Tuesday night at 7.

Union Catholic came into Saturday's game winners of four straight and six of seven, with the only loss a one-point defeat at Summit. After a 5-4 start, Union Catholic won six of its next eight, with both of the losses coming by one point.

Union Catholic slipped to 11-7 overall and 9-4 in the Mountain.

Rahway's winning streak includes two one-point victories and a two-point double-overtime triumph at Scotch Plains Thursday.

Saturday's game was not in that vein at all. Rahway got out to a 6-0 lead and then gave it up only once, with Union Catholic taking its only lead at 13-12 with a little over two minutes to go in the first quarter.

It was a basket off an offensive rebound by senior Aaron Peters — who finished with 13 points — that gave Rahway the lead for good at 14-13.

Rahway closed the first quarter on an 11-2 run to take a 23-15 lead. Kornegay, who also came up with 10 steals, scored nine of his points in the first eight minutes.

"Today we had unfinished business," Kornegay said. "Our first goal was to win the division and at 17-2 we're off to a good start."

In addition to Kornegay and Peters, senior Ja'Quan Matthews also scored in double-digits, netting 21 points, including 10 in the first half and 11 in the second.

"We came ready to play," Conroy said. "All week long we were looking to this game, but also realized we had to play Governor Livingston and Scotch Plains."

Rahway, which was too fast and long for Union Catholic Saturday, further distanced itself in the third quarter when a 9-0 run near the end of the period put the Indians out in front by 25 at 66-41.

"Hakeem was a handful, but we also got great games from Peters and Matthews," Conroy said. "It really was a team effort."

Kornegay scored his final two points on a layup midway through the fourth quarter.

Most times Union Catholic could not keep up with him as he raced past defenders on his way to inside baskets on both sides of the rim.

"The only thing I could say against Hakeem is that he's not a great shooter," Conroy said. "Jose Pena Benjamin (2009 graduate and the last Rahway 1,000 point boys' scorer before Kornegay) was so quick and dynamic. Hakeem is even a bit more."

"Hakeem always has his best performances in big games. He also played extremely well against Roselle (this year) and Plainfield (in last year's UCT quarterfinals).

"He's a special competitor who is able to rise to the occasion."

Rahway's last five points gave the Indians their biggest lead of 30 at 86-56.

Rahway's previous high point total this season came on Dec. 20 in its second game, which was a 75-49 division home win over St. Mary's of Elizabeth.

"The Mountain Division is a great league," Conroy said. "UC is very good and Scotch Plains could have beaten us the other night. Summit's very good."

"There's not a weak team. It's very competitive."

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# Indians produce a superb team effort

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Union Catholic received a fine, 22-point performance from junior guard Damon Lynn of Hillside. He was the only Viking to score in double digits, with junior Dayne Horrobin and sophomore Robert Lewis next with nine points each.

**NOTES:** With the 76th annual Frank J. Cicarell Union County Tournament to be seeded yesterday, here's what Conroy thought as of Saturday: "No doubt the Watchung (division) is the better league. You just can't compare the leagues.

"We would love to reach the semifinals, but in order to do that we're going to have to knock off one of the big schools."

Saturday's other two Kowal Games scores from Rahway included Dunellen beating Westfield 60-55 in the first game and Roselle Catholic downing Cardinal McCarrick 64-56 in the nightcap.

## UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE-MOUNTAIN DIVISION

### BOYS' BASKETBALL GAME AT EARL WALTER GYMNASIUM

UNION CATHOLIC (11-7, 9-4)	15	19	9	15 - 58
RAHWAY (17-2, 12-1)	23	20	23	20 - 86

### UNION CATHOLIC VIKINGS (58):

- 34-Berlin Simplice, freshman, 1-0-0-2
- 15-Robert Lewis, sophomore, 2-1-2-9
- 5-Damon Lynn, junior, 4-3-5-22
- 22-Devin Eke, sophomore, 3-0-1-7
- 23-Dayne Horrobin, junior, 3-1-0-9
- 4-Ashton Lofton, sophomore, 0-0-3-3
- 20-David Hawthorne, sophomore, 3-0-0-6
- Starters:** Lynn, Lofton, Horrobin, Hawthorne, Eke
- Totals:** 16-5-11-58

### RAHWAY INDIANS (86):

- 10-Jeremy Mendez, junior, 0-0-1-1
- 21-Chad Gayle, senior, 1-1-0-5
- 4-Jamill Babrow, senior, 1-0-0-2
- 11-Ja'Quan Matthews, senior, 4-4-1-21
- 55- Matt Gregory, junior, 2-0-4-8
- 15-Hakeem Kornegay, senior, 10-0-4-24
- 23-Aaron Peters, senior, 6-0-1-13
- 3-Anthony Beam 1-1-2-7
- 25-Jevon Allen, junior, 2-0-1-5
- Starters:** Kornegay, Peters, Allen, Matthews, Gregory
- Totals:** 27-6-14-86

### UNION BOWLING RESULTS

#### Feb. 1: Scotch Plains 3, Union 0

- Corey Wright 71-76-85: 232
- Nanamdi Ike 86-150-83: 314
- Ed Rodriguez 154-124-145: 423
- John Stigall 196-205-167: 568
- Final record:** 1-13

#### Jan. 30: Woodbridge Classic

- Ed Rodriguez 142-144, Game 1 - 171 (Baker Rules)
- Nnamdi Ike 117-90, Game 2 - 156
- Mike Mabeza 148-132, Game 3 - 164
- Brandon Burwell 149-278, Game 4 - 161
- John Stigall 172-132, Game 5 - 152
- Pin total:** 2,299

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Photo by JR Parachini

Linden and Roselle Catholic had a hard-fought game last Saturday, with the host Tigers coming out on top 39-31 to improve to 14-4.

# Tigers post division win over first place R. Cath.

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"When we play our game we play hard and as a team," Wheeler said.

"We're not too confident and not under confident. We just play at our own level."

Wheeler was clearly the best player on the floor and when she is Linden has an excellent chance of coming out on top.

"Shannon does it in the team concept," Gorski said. "She lets the game come to her."

Roselle Catholic junior point guard Marcia Senatus was held to nine points, including a basket at the very end.

What hurt the Lions a great deal was that they missed too many layups. They were able to get to the basket, but they were not able to finish.

Roselle Catholic managed to outscore Linden in the first and fourth quarters, with the second quarter being a tie.

**NOTES:** Two transfer players who were not yet eligible to participate in the Dec. 20 contest were Roselle Catholic junior Renee Oliver and Linden sophomore Emily Nicole.

Oliver started the last two years at Scotch Plains and the 6-1 Nicole last year at Rahway.

"Emily gives us some size, increases the competition in practice and gives our other big girls a breather," Gorski said.

## UNION COUNTY CONFERENCE-WATCHUNG DIVISION

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL GAME AT LINDEN

RC (13-5, 11-1)	10	6	2	13 - 31
LINDEN (14-4, 9-3)	6	6	16	11 - 39

### ROSELLE CATHOLIC LIONS (31):

- 5-Marcia Senatus, junior, 3-1-0-9
- 32-Tori Pozsonyi, sophomore, 2-0-8-12
- 14-Katie Tobie, sophomore, 1-0-0-2
- 3-Niavanni Grant, senior, 1-0-3-5
- 44-Renee Oliver, junior, 1-0-1-3
- 10-Tyfanni McQueen, freshman, 0-0-0-0
- 24-Danielle Franklin, junior, 0-0-0-0
- Starters:** Grant, Oliver, Senatus, Pozsonyi, Tobie
- Totals:** 8-1-12-31

### LINDEN TIGERS (39):

- 3-Shannon Wheeler, senior, 6-0-6-18
- 23-Jada Lewis, junior, 5-0-0-10
- 2-Keajah Hall, sophomore, 3-0-0-6
- 24-Nah-Quasia Robinson, sophomore, 1-0-1-3
- 13-Jhaya Johnson, senior, 0-0-0-0
- 20-Emily Nicole, sophomore, 1-0-0-2
- Starters:** Hall, Robinson, Johnson, Lewis, Wheeler
- Totals:** 16-0-7-39

# ALJ wrestlers impress in Colt Classic

The Johnson wrestling team performed well enough to place second in the 10-team, second annual Colt Classic at Kinnelon, which was held Jan. 14.

Crusader champions included Kyle Mogensen at 152 pounds, Mark Vinegra at 160 and Sal Montouri at 195.

Placing second for Johnson was Ed Olenick at 220 and third were John Coler at 132 and Jake Egner at 145.

Other schools that competed in addition to host Kinnelon and Johnson were Hasbrouck Heights, Morris Catholic, East Orange, Chatham, Bayonne, Woodbridge, Wayne Hills, and West Windsor/Plainsboro North.

Johnson, coached by Ric Ortega and three-time Union County Tournament champion Eric Swick of Roselle Park, began the final week of the dual meet season with a 7-11 record.

The Crusaders have wins over Summit, West Windsor/Plainsboro North, Morris Catholic, New Providence, Metuchen, Plainfield and Mountain Lakes.

Johnson had a home match scheduled Tuesday night at 6 p.m. vs. Carteret and will wrap its dual meet season with a tri-meet at home scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. against Kinnelon, New Brunswick and Hudson Catholic.

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# Cranford girls' bounce undefeated Gov. Livingston

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

BERKELEY HEIGHTS — Getting a second chance to knock off an undefeated Governor Livingston squad, Cranford knew it had to do a much better job on the boards this time.

"We definitely pulled it together, especially in the second half when we allowed only three offensive rebounds," said senior guard Morgan Miller, who paced all scorers with 25 points.

Cranford overcome a first-quarter deficit, played its best eight minutes of the season in the second quarter to take a double-digit halftime lead and then held on in the second half to defeat GL 49-44 last Friday night in Union County Conference-Mountain Division action.

There are no more undefeated basketball teams in Union County, with GL slipping to 17-1 overall and 12-1 in the Mountain. The Highlanders were out to capture the Mountain Division championship outright Tuesday, seeking a win at Oak Knoll in their final division game of the season.

Cranford, which - ironically - was outscored in three of the four quarters, won its seventh straight to improve to 16-3 overall and 11-2 in the Mountain. Cranford's last loss was its 42-38 defeat at home to GL on Jan. 19, with the Highlanders scoring the game's final four points in the last minute, with the first two coming after an offensive rebound.

"We definitely knew we had to box out and limit their offensive rebounds," Miller said. "We had to keep our composure and not get rattled. I think we got a little bit rattled when they started to make a run, but we pulled it together and were able to finish it out and get the win."

Cranford sought another win Tuesday at home against Elizabeth, which was its final Mountain Division game.

With Cranford leading the Highlanders 47-44, GL senior guard Alyssa Polimeni - who paced the Highlanders with 17 points, but did not score in the fourth quarter - drove through the middle of the lane for a layup that missed.

The difference this time was that there was a Cranford player there for the defensive rebound, which was Miller. Of Cranford's 14 second-half points, Miller scored 12 of them, including all seven in the fourth quarter.

After grabbing that important rebound, Miller was fouled with 15.4 seconds to go. Miller made two free throws to put Cranford up 49-44.

Polimeni, teammate Sam Dowling and then Polimeni again fired three-point shots in the final seconds that all missed.

"Defensively, we were pressuring the ball and we were helping well and then we were finishing out possessions by boxing out," Miller said.

The game was even in the first quarter and tied for the third time already at 8-8 before Polimeni scored her first nine points - all in a row - to put GL in front 17-8. Polimeni made a righty layup, her only 3-pointer - which came from the right side - a lefty layup and then banked in a shot off the glass from the middle of the lane.

Then, without anyone covering her, Miller took a shot from half court that banked in hard off the glass for a first quarter-ending three-pointer that pulled Cranford to within six at 17-11.

It was the first of a game-high five three-pointers by Miller and her first points of the game.

Little did anyone know that it was going to be the precursor to Cranford's finest eight minutes of basketball this season.

"I never made a shot like that in a game, maybe in practice," Miller said.

Miller began the second quarter by hitting a three-pointer from the right side. Then Polimeni followed with a layup.

Cranford - which began to speed the contest up behind a transition game that had the Highlanders a bit on their heels - then went on a 10-0 run, receiving scoring in the surge from starters Mairead McKeary, Jenna Goeller, Miller and Jessica McCoy.

After a layup by GL junior Mallory George halted the run, Cranford scored the game's next 11 points, beginning with an inside basket by starter Kaitlin McGovern.

During a combined 21-2 run, Miller scored seven points, McKeary, McCoy and McGovern four each and Goeller two. Earning assists were McCoy with three and Goeller and McKeary with one each.

## UCC-MOUNTAIN DIVISION GIRLS' BASKETBALL AT GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON

Cranford (16-3, 11-2)	11	24	7	7 - 49
G. Livingston (17-1, 12-1)	17	6	13	8 - 44

## CANFORD COUGARS (49):

- 3-Morgan Miller, senior, 4-5-2-25
  - 13-Mairead McKeary, sophomore, 3-0-3-9
  - 20-Jessica McCoy, junior, 3-0-0-6
  - 22-Kaitlin McGovern, junior, 2-0-0-4
  - 4-Jenna Goeller, junior, 1-1-0-5
  - 15-Carly Maucione, sophomore, 0-0-0-0
- Starters:** Goeller, McCoy, McKeary, McGovern, Miller  
**Totals:** 13-6-5-49

## GOV. LIVINGSTON HIGHLANDERS (44):

- 3-Bari Machado, senior, 0-0-2-2
  - 15-Mallory George, junior, 5-0-2-12
  - 22-Erin Ferguson, junior, 3-0-2-8
  - 42-Sam Dowling, senior, 0-1-0-3
  - 14-Alyssa Polimeni, senior, 7-1-0-17
  - 21-Rebecca Johnson, senior, 1-0-0-2
- Starters:** Ferguson, George, Machado, Johnson, Polimeni  
**Totals:** 16-2-6-44

You can read more of this game story with pictures at [www.localsource.com](http://www.localsource.com) - Union County Navigator.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**UNION COUNTY**  
Take notice that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:10 - 12, application has been made to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, Trenton, New Jersey, for duplicate certificate of ownership for 1969 Chevrolet, VIN 123379N614090. Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Commission, Special Title Unit, P.O. Box 017, Trenton, New Jersey, 08666.

Management Operation Services  
Special Title/Duplicate Title Unit  
PO Box 017  
225 E State St 2nd Floor  
Trenton, NJ 08666-0170  
February 2, 9, 16, 2012  
U289384 WCN (\$32.34)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**UNION COUNTY**  
Note complying with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6, application has been made to the Chief Administrator of "NJ MVC", Trenton, NJ to get title papers allowing the sale of the following vehicles: 2005 Lexus ES 4dr, vin# JTHBA30G055074385 and a 2007 Toyota Cam 4dr, vin# 4T1BE46K57U680423. Any objections, are to be made in writing to the NJ MVC, Special Titles, P.O.B. 017, Trenton, NJ 08666-0017, February 2, 9, 2012, U289289 WCN (\$15.68)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**UNION**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Please take notice that an application has been made by Roman Inocencio for a variance from the requirements of the Township of Union Land Ordinance as to permit installation of a baluster system (fence) 3 feet high located at 1057 Bertram Terrace, Union, New Jersey which is in violation of section(s) 170-145 of Land Development Ordinance.  
Any persons affected by this application may have the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing to be held by the Board of Adjustment on February 22, 2012 at 7:30 pm in the Municipal Building, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey.  
All documents relating to this application may be inspected by the public between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment in the Municipal Building, Building Department, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey.  
U289686 UNL Feb. 9, 2012 (\$14.70)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ROSELLE PARK**  
**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK**  
**UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ordinance, title of which is set forth below, was finally passed and approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park at a public meeting held in the Borough of Roselle Park, 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey on February 2, 2012.

PASSED  
**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  
U289688 UNL Feb. 9, 2012 (\$13.23)  
**ROSELLE PARK**  
**BOROUGH OF ROSELLE PARK**  
**UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an ordinance, title of which is set forth below, was finally passed and approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Roselle Park at a public meeting held in the Borough of Roselle Park, 110 East Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park, New Jersey on February 2, 2012.

PASSED  
**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  
U289687 UNL Feb. 9, 2012 (\$12.74)  
**UNION**  
**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS**  
**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY**  
**UNION COUNTY**  
Docket No. F-001367-12  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY, to: ANA CHUQUI**  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon Pluense, Becker, & Saltzman, LLC, whose address is 20000 Horizon Way, Suite 900, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, An Answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action in which Federal National Mortgage Association, is Plaintiff and Stanley C. Hinds, et al, are Defendants, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Union County,

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
bearing Docket No. F-001367-12, within thirty-five days (35) after February 9, 2012 exclusive of such date, or if published after February 9, 2012, (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 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, P.O. Box 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the Rules of Civil Practice and Procedure. A filing fee payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey and a completed Case Information Statement (available from the deputy clerk of the Superior Court) must accompany your answer when it is filed.  
This action has been instituted for the purpose of foreclosing the mortgage dated June 1, 2006, and made by Absolute Home Mortgage Corp., to Stanley C. Hinds and So Young Park recorded in the Union County Clerk's Office, on June 16, 2006 Book 11733, at Page 0624; to recover possession of and concerning real estate located at 973 Valley Street, Unit 1 Building 5, Union Township, NJ with a mailing address of 973 Valley Street, Vauxhall, NJ 07088, and being also known as Lot 12.31, C0031, and Block 4701 on the tax map of the Township of Union, County of Union and State of New Jersey.

By written assignment dated June 1, 2006, Absolute Home Mortgage Corp. assigned its mortgage and bond/note to Citimortgage Inc which was recorded on June 16, 2006 in Book 1348 Page 0538 and was subsequently assigned as follows:  
By written assignment dated November 23, 2010, Citimortgage Inc., assigned its mortgage and bond/note to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for Federal National Mortgage Association which was recorded on December 2, 2010 in Book 1387 Page 520.  
By written assignment dated October 10, 2011, the said Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for Federal National Mortgage Association, assigned its mortgage and bond/note to Federal National Mortgage Association, plaintiff herein, which assignment is about to be recorded.

You, Ana Chuqui, are the holder of a docketed judgment in the Superior Court of New Jersey. Your lien is subordinate to that of Plaintiff.  
You may contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-387-1835. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Office of the County in which this action is pending by calling 908-475-2010 or by calling the Legal Services of New Jersey Statewide Hotline at 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529). File 069467  
DATED: January 2, 2012

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
JENNIFER M. PEREZ, CLERK  
Superior Court of New Jersey  
U289680 UNL Feb. 9, 2012 (\$50.96)  
**HILLSIDE**  
**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000494  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F2914708  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: BELTWAY CAPITAL, LLC  
VS  
Defendant: WANDA MCNEIL; BARBARA MCNEIL; HER HEIRS; DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES; AND HIS, HER, THEIR OR ANY SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT TITLE AND INTEREST; STATE OF NEW JERSEY; DYWANN MCNEIL, SON  
Sale Date: 03/07/2012  
Writ of Execution: 12/01/2011  
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 ELIZABETHTOWN 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: Township of Hillside, County of Union, in the State of New Jersey  
PREMISES COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1491 Liberty Avenue, Hillside, NJ 07205  
TAX LOT # 3 BLOCK # 405  
APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 47'x 102'  
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Clark Street  
**Taxes:**  
1st Quarter of 2012 due = \$1,748.60 (good through 2/1/12)\*  
\*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: \$219,612.89**  
**\*\*\*Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SIX HUNDRED TWELVE AND 89/100\*\*\***  
Attorney:  
PARKER MC CAY - ATTORNEYS  
7001 LINCOLN DRIVE WEST  
THREE GREENTREE CENTRE - P.O. BOX 974  
MARLTON NJ 08053-0974  
(856)596-8900  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$240,875.76 \*\*\*Two Hundred Forty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five and 76/100\*\*\*  
February 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2012  
U289691 UNL (\$174.44)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LINDEN/ROSELLE**  
**LINDEN ROSELLE**  
**SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**  
**RESOLUTION #02-12**  
**WHEREAS**, Article IV Section 1 of the By-laws provides that the Annual Meeting of the Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority for the election of its officers and for transactions of such business as may properly come before it, shall be held the first day of February at 8:00 P.M. or at any time thereafter on or before the regular meeting in the month of February as may be fixed by resolution adopted at the regular meeting preceding the Annual Meeting.  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on the 25th day of January, 2012 that the Annual Meeting of the Authority for the purposes set forth in the By-laws of the Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority, be fixed as February 22, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the principal offices of the Authority at 5005 South Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey, and that the regular meeting shall commence immediately thereafter.  
I, Robert F. Bunk, Acting Secretary of the Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority; do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted at the meeting held on January 25, 2012. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal of the Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority this 25th day of January, 2012.  
Robert F. Bunk, Acting Secretary  
U289644 PRO Feb. 9, 2012 (\$22.05)  
**ELIZABETH**  
**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000315  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F1157508  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: LYNX ASSET SERVICES, LLC  
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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)

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)

ROSELLE

ROSELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTICE OF 2012 BOARD MEETINGS The Board of Trustees of the Roselle Public Library will meet at the Library, 104 West Fourth Avenue, at 7:15 pm on the following dates to conduct business: Thursday February 19 Thursday March 22 Thursday April 19 Thursday May 17 Thursday June 21 Thursday July 19 Thursday August 16 Thursday September 20 Thursday October 18 Thursday November 15 Thursday December 20 Thursday January 17 2013 for reorganization Meetings are open to the public. Tammy Lee Director U289627 PRO Feb. 9, 2012 (\$15.19)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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)

LINDEN/ROSELLE

LINDEN ROSELLE SEWERAGE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD The Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority has awarded the following contract(s) as fair and open professional services contract(s) pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(A) and N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. at a meeting held on January 25, 2012. The contract and resolution authorizing same are available for public inspection in the offices of the Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority, and the Clerks of the City of Linden and the Borough of Roselle.

CONTRACT AWARDED TO: Weiner Lesniak LLP SERVICE: Special Litigation Services Contract Amendment CONTRACT PERIOD: 1/25/12- 2/27/12 AMOUNT: Contract amendment of \$15,000 for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$65,000.

CONTRACT AWARDED TO: Weiner Lesniak LLP SERVICE: Special Litigation Services CONTRACT PERIOD: 2/1/12- 1/31/13 AMOUNT: Not to exceed \$30,000

CONTRACT AWARDED TO: CDM Smith Inc. SERVICE: Annual Engineering Services Contract Amendment CONTRACT PERIOD: 1/25/12-2/27/12 AMOUNT: Contract amendment of \$9,900 for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$111,350 U289628 PRO Feb. 9, 2012 (\$21.56)

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. prevailing time, at Highway Towing, 548 Trumbull Street, Elizabeth, New Jersey, the Township of Hillside will offer for sale at public auction the following motor vehicles which came abandonment by owners: CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR ABANDONED VEHICLES

Table with 4 columns: Vehicle #, Year, Make, Model. Includes entries for 1997 Ford, 1993 Acura, 2002 V W, 2001 Honda, and 1997 Ford.

The vehicles listed above will be sold at Public Auction in excess of the lien cost to the towor, no bid will be accepted which does not exceed the amount that the towing company has, as vested interest in the cars to be auctioned, pursuant to the contract between the Township of Hillside and the towing contractor. Terms: Fifty (50%) percent down payment in cash or certified check payable to the Township of Hillside due immediately upon acceptance of bid. Sale to be consummated within seventy-two (72) hours by the successful bidder paying the Township of Hillside, the balance in cash or by certified check at the Clerk's Office, Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, Hillside, New Jersey. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof, to waive any informalities therein and to accept any bids which as it may deem necessary in the best interest to the Township of Hillside and shall reserve the right to place a minimum bid per vehicle to cover towing and storage. Inspection: The aforesaid vehicles may be inspected from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Failure to inspect will not be considered grounds for any claim or adjustment of bid offered.

U289814 UNL February 9, 2012 (\$39.20)

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 8/1/2009, 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 8/1/2009, 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time, at L & J Towing, 720 Boulevard, Kenilworth, New Jersey, the Township of Hillside will offer for sale at public auction the following motor vehicles which came abandonment by owners: CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR ABANDONED VEHICLES

Table with 4 columns: Year, Make, Model. Includes entries for 1999 CHR, 2001 YAH, 2001 VOL, and 2001 YAH.

The vehicles listed above will be sold at Public Auction in excess of the lien cost to the towor, no bid will be accepted which does not exceed the amount that the towing company has, as vested interest in the cars to be auctioned, pursuant to the contract between the Township of Hillside and the towing contractor. Terms: Fifty (50%) percent down payment in cash or certified check payable to the Township of Hillside due immediately upon acceptance of bid. Sale to be consummated within seventy-two (72) hours by the successful bidder paying the Township of Hillside, the balance in cash or by certified check at the Clerk's Office, Municipal Building, Liberty and Hillside Avenues, Hillside, New Jersey. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof, to waive any informalities therein and to accept any bids which as it may deem necessary in the best interest to the Township of Hillside and shall reserve the right to place a minimum bid per vehicle to cover towing and storage. Inspection: The aforesaid vehicles may be inspected from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Failure to inspect will not be considered grounds for any claim or adjustment of bid offered.

U289815 UNL February 9, 2012 (\$36.26)

PUBLIC NOTICE

\*\*\*Four Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand and 00/100\*\*\* 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: \$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)

PUBLIC NOTICE

SPRINGFIELD

Springfield Free Public Library - In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, the Springfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees advises that the schedule of meeting dates for the year 2012/2013 is as follows: February 16, March 22, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19 (if necessary), September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20, January 17, 2013. U289712 OBS Feb. 9, 2012 (\$6.86)

SUMMIT

Take Notice That the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit, New Jersey, will hold a hearing February 28, 2012 at 7:30PM in the City Hall Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, to consider an application affecting the property whose street address is known as 150 Woodland Avenue, Block 1102, Lot 7.

PUBLIC NOTICE

HILLSIDE

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR ABANDONED VEHICLES

Table with 4 columns: Year, Make, Model, VIN. Includes entries for 1999 CHR, 2001 YAH, 2001 VOL, and 2001 YAH.

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

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof, to waive any informalities therein and to accept any bids which as it may deem necessary in the best interest to the Township of Hillside and shall reserve the right to place a minimum bid per vehicle to cover towing and storage. Inspection: The aforesaid vehicles may be inspected from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Failure to inspect will not be considered grounds for any claim or adjustment of bid offered.

U289815 UNL February 9, 2012 (\$36.26)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION

LEGAL NOTICE

Take notice that the undersigned shall expose for sale, as salvage, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:10A-1 at public auction on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012 in Office of Director of Public Safety, 1976 Morris Avenue, Township of Union, New Jersey, the below described motor vehicles which came into possession of the Township of Union through abandonment of owners to claim same.

The motor vehicles shall be examined at the following location: SISBARRO TOWING, 2345 US HIGHWAY 22, UNION, NEW JERSEY, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., 48 hours preceding the aforesaid date and time only.

As vehicles are sold on an "as is and where is" basis, failure to inspect will not be considered grounds for any claim or adjustment of bid offered. Bids will be accepted on a per vehicle basis, multiplied by the number of vehicles in a lot.

Cash or certified check, payable to The Township of Union, in the amount of 50% of the total bid price per lot must accompany each proposal. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid no later than 72 hours from the date of sale.

In the event said vehicles are not removed within 5 days from the date of sale, namely MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2012, they shall be readvertised and resold, and the original bidder shall have no claim. The cost of advertising and resale shall be charged to the purchaser.

No dismantling of vehicles is to be done by the bidder on the premises; they shall be moved in the condition in which they are at the time of the bidding. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or any part thereof, as it may deem necessary in the best interest of the Township of Union, and shall reserve their right to place a minimum bid per lot to cover towing and storage due the Township's towing contractor.

The successful bidder will be responsible in that if the vehicles moved or delivered to an area within The Township of Union as junk vehicles, they shall be delivered or stored only at a duly licensed junkyard within The Township of Union.

TOWNSHIP OF UNION VEHICLE AUCTION

LOT #1

Table with 4 columns: YR, MAKE, MODEL, VIN. Includes entries for 1998 LINCOLN, 1999 MAZDA, 1984 LINCOLN, 1998 NISSAN, 2001 INFINITI, 1998 NISSAN, 1991 BMW, 1994 EAGLE, 1995 FORD, 1997 DODGE, 1989 BMW, 1999 PLYMOUTH, and 2000 DODGE.

U289689 UNL February 9, 2011 (\$52.92)

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The conditions affecting this property and the reason for the application being heard are as follows: Variance requested to accommodate "squaring off" existing triangular deck; rear yard set back required is 35', 35.6' is proposed; building coverage 18% max, 19.04% is proposed, lot coverage 35% max, 42.24% is proposed.

Applicant requests any other waivers or variances as may be required by the Board or its professionals at the time of the hearing.

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John and Kimberly Polivko Applicants U289808 OBS Feb. 9, 2012 (\$18.62)

MOUNTAINSIDE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Mountain-side Board of Education originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2012, has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at the Beechwood School Susan O. Collier Media Center located at 1497 Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, NJ 07092. U289716 OBS Feb. 9, 2012 (\$6.86)

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SUMMIT  
NOTICE OF HEARING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Planning Board of the City of Summit, New Jersey, will hold a hearing on February 27, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey, to consider an application affecting the property whose street address is known as 10 Highland Drive, Summit, New Jersey, and identified as Block 5305, Lot 8, on the City of Summit tax maps (the "Property").

The conditions affecting this Property and the reason for the application being heard is as follows: The applicants, Harry Allan and Alicia Connaughton ("Applicants"), propose to subdivide the property into two (2) lots: westerly Lot 8.01 and easterly Lot 8.02. Two (2) single family dwellings are proposed. In connection with the application, the Applicants seek: (i) minor subdivision approval; (ii) variances as to minimum lot area for proposed Lots 8.01 and 8.02 (average lot area in neighborhood is 17,153 square feet, whereas each lot will have 15,798 square feet of lot area); (iii) variances as to minimum lot width for proposed Lots 8.01 and 8.02 (average lot width in neighborhood is 123.95 feet, whereas Lots 8.01 and 8.02 will have 91.71 and 91.85 feet of lot width, respectively); (iv) variance or waiver/exception to permit driveway grades to exceed 10% (15% grade for proposed Lot 8.01 to match grade for existing driveway on Lot 8.02); and (v) variance or waiver/exception to permit placing a building foundation within 10 feet of a steep slope limit (Lot 8.02).

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25 Independence Boulevard  
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(908) 647-1022  
Attorneys for Applicants,  
Harry Allan and  
Alicia Connaughton  
U289709 OBS Feb. 9, 2012 (\$33.81)

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The Zoning Board held a meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012 and memorialized the following resolution(s).

1. The Connection for Women and Families  
79 Maple Street  
Block 3202, Lot 1  
ZB-07-1271- Request for modification to Site Plan Approval
  2. Kristopher and Joy Carney  
3 Plymouth Road  
Block 5102 Lot 15  
ZB-11-1562- (c) variances to construct an addition
  3. Chris and Lisa Hatch  
8 DeBary Place  
Block 2609 Lot 32  
ZB-11-1563- (c) and (d) variances to enclose a covered porch
  4. Jack and Joanne Paris  
141 Hobart Avenue  
Block 2303 Lot 7  
ZB-11-1561- (c) variances for building coverage, front yard setback, steep slope, height and accessory structure to construct an addition and exterior renovations
  5. Basset Associates  
28, 30 and 32 Maple Street  
Block 2704 Lot 6  
ZB-11-1560 - Interpretation
  6. Stephen and Evelyn Sipe  
15 Irving Place  
Block 2613 Lot 10  
ZB-11-1555 - (c) variance to eliminate required garage
- Dennis M. Galvin, Secretary  
Zoning Board of Adjustment  
U289631 OBS Feb. 9, 2012 (\$24.50)

SPRINGFIELD

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

Take notice that the following decision was made at the regular meeting of the Planning Board held on Wednesday February 1, 2012, at Springfield Town Hall, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, NJ:

Application # 5-2011-S  
Applicant: FARGO PROPERTIES  
Site Location: 32 & 36 Commercial Street  
Block 3001 Lot(s) 57 & 58  
For: Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval & Parking Variance  
Was Approved

All documents and plans related to this application, including but not limited to the memorialized Resolution are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Adjustment, Annex Building, 20 North Trivet Avenue, Township of Springfield, NJ and are available for public

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inspection.  
Board Administrator  
Jennifer Law  
E289764 OBS Feb. 9, 2012 (\$15.68)

SUMMIT

TAKE NOTICE THAT the zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit, New Jersey, will hold a hearing on February 28th, 2012, at 7:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 512

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Explanation: This amends Chapter II of the Township Code entitled, "Administration" by adding subsection 2-85.8 entitled, "Pay to Play"

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
ORDINANCE NO. 2012-02

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THAT A BUSINESS ENTITY WHICH MAKES POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES AND MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY POLITICAL PARTIES IN EXCESS OF CERTAIN THRESHOLDS SHALL BE LIMITED IN ITS ABILITY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC CONTRACTS FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

WHEREAS, large political contributions from those seeking or performing contracts with a municipality raise reasonable concerns on the part of taxpayers and residents as to their trust in government and its business practices; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, a municipality is authorized to adopt such ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws as necessary and proper for good government, as well as the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to P.L.2005, c.271 (codified at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-51) a municipality is authorized to adopt by ordinance, measures limiting the awarding of public contracts to business entities that have made political contributions; and limiting the contributions that the recipient of such a contract can make during the term of a contract; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of good government, the people and the government of the Township of Springfield desire to establish a policy that will avoid the perception of improper influence in public contracting and local elections

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, it shall be the policy of the Township of Springfield to create such a regulation which states that a Business Entity which makes political contributions to municipal candidates and municipal and county political parties in excess of certain thresholds shall be limited in its ability to receive public contracts from the Township of Springfield; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION I: Section 2-85 entitled, "Budget and Finance" is hereby amended by adding subsection 2-85.8 entitled, "Pay to Play" to the Township Code. The new entry shall read as follows:

2-85.8 Pay to Play

DEFINITIONS  
As used in this ordinance:

(a) "Campaign Committee" means (i) every candidate for township of Springfield elective municipal office, (ii) every candidate committee established by or for the benefit of a candidate for township of Springfield elective municipal office, (iii) every joint candidate committee established in whole or in part by or for the benefit of a candidate for township of Springfield elective municipal office, (iv) every political party committee of the township of Springfield, (v) every political party committee of the County of Union, and (vi) every political committee, continuing political committee, or other form of association or organization that regularly engages in the support of candidates for the township of Springfield municipal or County of Union elective offices or township of Springfield municipal or County of Union political parties or political party committees. The terms in the foregoing paragraph have the meaning prescribed in N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7.

(b) "Contribution" has the meaning prescribed in N.J.A.C. 19:25-1.7. By way of illustration, and not limitation, this definition includes pledges, loans, and in-kind contributions.

(c) A "contract for professional or extraordinary services" means all contracts for "professional services" and "extraordinary unspecified services" as such term is used in N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

(d) For purposes of this Ordinance, a "Business Entity" whose contributions are regulated by this ordinance means (i) an individual including the individual's spouse, and any child/children, (ii) a firm, corporation, professional corporation, partnership, limited liability company, organization, association, and any other manner and kind of business entity, (iii) any person who owns 10% or more of the equity or ownership or income

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Springfield Ave, Summit, NJ, to consider an application affecting the property whose street address is known as 17 Windsor Road, Block 96F, Lot 55.

The conditions affecting this property and the reason for the application being heard are as follows: to seek relief from the current zoning rules to allow the addition of a covered porch to an existing single family home. Front yard setback- 35' min. 35' 44' existing, 29' 65' proposed (5' 35' in violation).

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interests in a person or entity as defined in sections (i) and (ii) above and their spouses and child/children, (iv) all partners or officers of such an entity in the aggregate, and their spouses and child/children, (v) any person, subcontractor, subsidiary, corporation, firm, partnership, limited liability company, organization or association who has received or indefeasibly acquired the right to receive, from a person described in subparagraph (i) above more than \$100,000.00 in compensation or income of any kind (including by way of illustration, and not limitation, wages, salaries, sums paid to independent contractors, benefits, dividends, profit-sharing, pension contributions, deferred contributions, stock, stock options or gifts), in any twelve (12) month period prior to the award of or during the term of a contract subject to this ordinance, and (vi) all persons who are an "affiliate" of a Business Entity as defined in sections (i), (ii) and (v) above, as such term is used in 11 U.S.C. 101(2).

2-85.8.1- PROHIBITION ON AWARDING PUBLIC CONTRACTS TO CERTAIN CONTRIBUTORS

(a) To the extent that it is not inconsistent with state or federal law, the township of Springfield, and any of its departments, instrumentalities or purchasing agents shall not enter into any agreement or otherwise contract to procure "professional services" as such term is defined at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6) and used at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(i) and/or banking, insurance or other consulting services (hereinafter "Professional Services") nor "extraordinary unspecified services" as such term is defined at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(7) and used at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii) and/or media, public relations, lobbying, parking garage management or other consulting and/or management services (hereinafter "Extraordinary Unspecified Services") from any Business Entity, such Business Entity has solicited or made any contribution to (i) a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee of any candidate for elective municipal office in township of Springfield or a holder of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or (ii) to any township of Springfield or County of Union political committee or political party committee, or (iii) to any continuing political committee or political action committee that regularly engages in the support of township of Springfield municipal or County of Union elections and/or township of Springfield municipal or County of Union candidates, candidate committees, joint candidate committees, political committees, political parties, political party committees (hereinafter "PAC") in excess of the thresholds specified in subsection (c) within one calendar year immediately preceding the date of the contract or agreement.

(b) No Business Entity who submits a proposal for, enters into negotiations for, or agrees to any contract of agreement with the township of Springfield or any of its departments or instrumentalities, for the rendition of Professional Services or Extraordinary Unspecified Services shall knowingly solicit or make any contribution to (i) a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee of any candidate for elective municipal office in township of Springfield, or a holder of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or (ii) to any township of Springfield or County of Union political committee or political party committee, or (iii) any PAC between the time of first communication between that Business Entity and the municipality regarding a specific agreement for Professional Services or Extraordinary Unspecified Services, and the later of the termination of negotiations or rejection of any proposal, or the completion of the performance or specified time period of that contract or agreement.

(c) The monetary thresholds of this Ordinance are (i) a maximum of \$300 per calendar year for each for any purpose to any candidate or candidate committee for mayor or governing body or \$500 per calendar year for any joint candidates committee for mayor or governing body or \$300 per calendar year to a political committee or political party committee of the township of Springfield, (ii) \$500 maximum per calendar year to a County of Union political committee or political party committee, and (iii) \$500 maximum per calendar year to any PAC. However, for each Business Entity party to a contract for Professional or Extraordinary Unspecified Services as defined in subparagraph (a), or engaged in negotiations for a contract defined in subparagraph (a), when such Business Entity's Contribution is aggregated with all "persons" defined in subparagraph (d) of "Definitions" above by virtue of their affiliation to that Business Entity party, a maximum of \$2,500 to all township of Springfield candidates, candidate committees, joint candidate committees, and holders of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, all Township of Springfield or County of Union political committees and political party committees as described herein combined, without violating subsection (a) of this section.

2-85.8.2 - CONTRIBUTIONS MADE PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE

No Contribution or solicitation of contributions made prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall be deemed to give rise to a violation of this Ordinance.

2-85.8.3 - CONTRACT RENEWAL

No contract subject to this Ordinance may be renewed, extended or materially modified unless the resulting renewal, extension or modification would be allowable under the provisions of this ordinance if it were an initial contract.

2-85.8.4 - CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT BY BUSINESS ENTITY

(a) Prior to awarding any contract or agreement to procure "Professional Services" or "Extraordinary Unspecified Services" from any Business Entity, the Township of Springfield or its purchasing agents and departments, as the case may be shall receive a sworn statement from said Business Entity which is the intended recipient of said contract that he/she/it has not made a Contribution in violation of subsection 2-85.8.1 of this Ordinance. The township of Springfield, its purchasing agents and departments shall be responsible for informing the Township Committee that the aforementioned sworn statement has been received and that the Business Entity is not in violation of this ordinance, prior to awarding the contract or agreement.

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2-85.8.5 - RETURN OF EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS

A Business Entity that is a party to a contract for Professional Services or Extraordinary Unspecified Services may cure a violation of subsection 2-85.8.1 of this Ordinance, if, within 30 days after the date on which the applicable ELEC report is published, said Business Entity notifies the municipality in writing and seeks and receives reimbursement of the Contribution from the recipient of such Contribution.

2-85.8.6 - EXEMPTIONS

The contribution limitations prior to entering into a contract in subsection 2-85.8.1(a) do not apply to contracts which (i) are awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefor within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4, or (ii) are awarded in the case of emergency under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6. There is no exemption for contracts awarded pursuant to a "Fair and Open Process" under N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq.

2-85.8.7 - PENALTY

(a) It shall be a material breach of the terms of a township of Springfield agreement or contract for Professional Services or Extraordinary Unspecified Services when a Business Entity that is a party to such agreement or

contract has: (i) made or solicited a Contribution in violation of this Ordinance, (ii) knowingly concealed or misrepresented a Contribution given or received; (iii) made or solicited Contributions through intermediaries for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the source of the Contribution; (iv) made or solicited any Contribution on the condition or with the agreement that it will be re-contributed to a candidate, candidate committee or joint candidates committee of any candidate for elective municipal office in Township of Springfield, or a holder of public office having ultimate responsibility for the award of a contract, or any township of Springfield or County of Union political committee or political party committee, or (v) engaged or employed a lobbyist or consultant with the intent or understanding that such lobbyist or consultant would make or solicit any Contribution, which if made or solicited by the professional Business Entity itself would subject that entity to the restrictions of this Ordinance.

(b) Furthermore, any Business Entity that violates subsection 2-85.8.7 (a) (i-viii) shall be disqualified from eligibility for future Township of Springfield contracts for a period of four (4) calendar years from the date of the violation.

(c) Any person who knowingly, purposefully or recklessly violates any provision of this ordinance, or who conspires with another person to violate any provision of this ordinance, or who with the purpose of promoting or facilitating a violation of this ordinance, solicits another person to commit it, or aids or agrees or attempts to aid another person in planning or committing it, shall be subject to punishment including fines and/or imprisonment as fixed by law for violations of the ordinances of the Township of Springfield.

2-85.8.8 - CITIZENS PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION

In addition to any rights that were heretofore available, or which may hereafter be available, to citizens, taxpayers, or associations, to challenge violations of this ordinance, every person aggrieved by a violation of the ordinance, or any taxpayer or resident of the Township of Springfield has the right, consistent with the Rules of Court, to file charges in a court of competent jurisdiction and/or to pursue a civil action for a violation of this ordinance in a court of competent jurisdiction, and to seek and obtain declaratory, injunctive, or other legal or equitable relief, including but not limited to, attorneys fees and costs, arising from or related to a violation of this ordinance.

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SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

Linda M. Donnelly, does hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, and that said Ordinance shall be submitted for consideration and final passage at a regular meeting of said Township Committee to be held on February 28, 2012, Springfield Municipal Building at 7 p.m., at which time and place any person or persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance. Copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office of the Township Clerk.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC  
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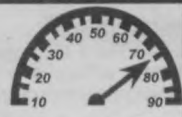
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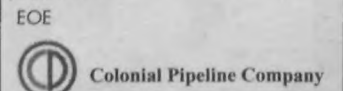
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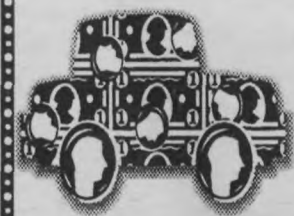


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