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## Board meets on 'reign of tenure'

Last week's Kean trustee meeting not enough time to decide president's fate

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

Dawood Farahi's position as university president remained undecided as *LocalSource* went to press Tuesday night.

The Kean Board of Trustees, however, was scheduled to meet yesterday at 5 p.m. when a decision on Farahi's fate was expected. An updated article on last night's meeting can be seen online at *LocalSource.com*. Click on any town and scroll down for the article on Kean University.

According to a reliable source close to the board of trustees, last week members could not agree on whether the information brought forth by the Kean Federation of Teachers in November warranted calling for his resignation. Figuring significantly into the decision making process, though, was expected to be the results of the investigation conducted by the allegedly independent legal firm hired by the board: McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter.

But, while the board said in

**After reading about last week's meeting, check online at [www.localsource.com](http://www.localsource.com) to find out what happened at last night's meeting.**

December this particular law firm was independent and not connected to the university, that proved to be inaccurate. A resolution passed by the board of trustees June 29, 2009 stipulated that the same legal team was retained to begin contract negotiations with KFT legal representatives.

And according to the resolution passed by the board of trustees, it was approved based on the fact it was "the president's recommendation to hire McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney, LLP to represent the university in these matters."

The KFT has questioned  
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Photo By Lee Burrell

At last week's Kean Board of Trustees meeting, comments from the public were heard both in favor and opposed to Dawood Farahi's position as president of the university. After meeting in closed session for over three hours, the board decided they needed more time before deciding his fate. A decision was expected last night. Check online at [www.thelocalsource.com](http://www.thelocalsource.com) to find out what happened.

## Conflicted: A detailed account of Elizabeth BOE investigation

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

ELIZABETH — Although a former superior court judge found the state's daily newspaper was biased and unfair in its reporting of the Elizabeth School District last year, that decision may be tainted by an ethical dilemma.

The school board hired former State Supreme Court Justice Gary Stein in June to investigate *The Star-Ledger* articles, which documented more than \$1 million in secret settlements to former and current employees who brought lawsuits against the school board.

A source close to the board revealed Stein was paid

\$750,000 by the Elizabeth School District to investigate the allegations brought out by *The Star-Ledger*.

The articles also exposed that board members were hiring relatives and officials were cheating in order to obtain free lunches from a federally funded program for their children.

Former employees also informed *The Star-Ledger* they were heavily pressured to make campaign contributions as well as volunteer to work during board of education elections in exchange for jobs and promotions.

But, while Stein's report lambasted *The Star-Ledger* for their reporting efforts and how they con-

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## D.A.R.E. is scrapped by Hillside Township

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

Police Chief Robert Quinlan moved ahead with canceling the township's D.A.R.E. program following a recommendation from an outside consultant hired to perform an assessment of police and fire departments to save money and increase efficiency.

However, school and township officials expressed surprise at the news that the D.A.R.E. program was cancelled, saying they only received the report a week prior

and have not met to review its findings.

The report was completed by Municipal Resources Inc., or MRI, an independent management firm specializing in municipal services. MRI was hired by the township about a year ago for \$22,000.

Mayor Joseph Menza said the study is part of an effort to find a long-term solution to the township's financial difficulties. Menza said 70 percent of the township's budget is salaries and wages, and

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# Citing study, town decides to cut D.A.R.E.

*Police chief unhappy with township's study-based decision, hopes to renew it next year*

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 70 percent of salaries and wages is police and fire.

"If you want to get anywhere, you have to start with things that affect the majority of your budget," Menza said.

Menza said the reassigning of two officers from D.A.R.E. responsibilities to patrol would reduce the cost of overtime, according to the study, but that ending the program had never been discussed among council members.

In a Feb. 6 statement Police Chief Robert Quinlan expressed regret that he cancelled the program after more than 15 years in operation. Quinlan objected strongly to the results of the study.

"If you want to call it a study," Quinlan added.

"Regrettably, I have received no communications from Mayor Menza or Superintendent Deo that lead me to believe they support my efforts to save the program or oppose the MRI study," Quinlan stated.

D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Awareness Resistance Education and was founded in Los Angeles in 1983, according to their website, and is now being implemented in 75 percent of the nation's school districts and in more than 43 countries around the world.

Interim Superintendent Frank Deo, who is also a member of the Township Council, said he had not expected any movement on the report until there was dialogue by town officials.

"He (Quinlan) must have felt police needed to be back on the streets," Deo said.

Menza said it was "premature" for Quinlan to cancel the program.

"We have not actually sat down yet to decide what we want to implement and what we don't want to implement," Menza said.

Quinlan said it was his responsibility to implement the recommendations the town sent him, regardless of his objections.

"They gave me a list of recommendations and I implemented them," Quinlan said.

Quinlan said the two officers involved in D.A.R.E. will continue their regular assignments. One is a detective, the other worked in the records department.

Menza said the governing body may well decide to keep the D.A.R.E. program by changing the hours or asking if the schools can pick up the costs.

"There are many options we can explore," Menza said.

Menza said the report contains many recommendations, but it is unclear how many the township

will implement. In some cases, the recommendations must be addressed through collective bargaining agreements.

Among these are the suggestion the department change its shift system, which currently uses five days on duty and five days off duty, to a more common system involving four days on and three days off.

Menza said the study is critical of the department's hierarchy and staffing. It suggests the department hire more civilians to do paperwork, freeing sworn officers to focus on patrol duties.

Menza said he does not agree with everything in the report, such as one recommendation the police cease pursuing non-indictable offenses such as shoplifting.

"We need a strong police department. We border three cities with high crime rates," Menza said.

In his letter, Quinlan stated he understands Menza and Deo are advocates of the MRI study and favor implementing its recommendations. He suggested any residents or parents who have questions or concerns related to the end of D.A.R.E. in Hillside contact them.

Quinlan could not be reached for further comment.

Deo said he is not aware of any complaints from parents regarding the cancellation.

"Our business is education," Deo said. "We will move forward with the education of the children whether we have the DARE program or not."

Deo said while he does not consider the D.A.R.E. program vital, it is an asset and a nice way for kids to get information and interact personally with policemen.

"It's a loss," Deo said. "I'm disappointed when any program that allows for school and government interaction is cancelled."

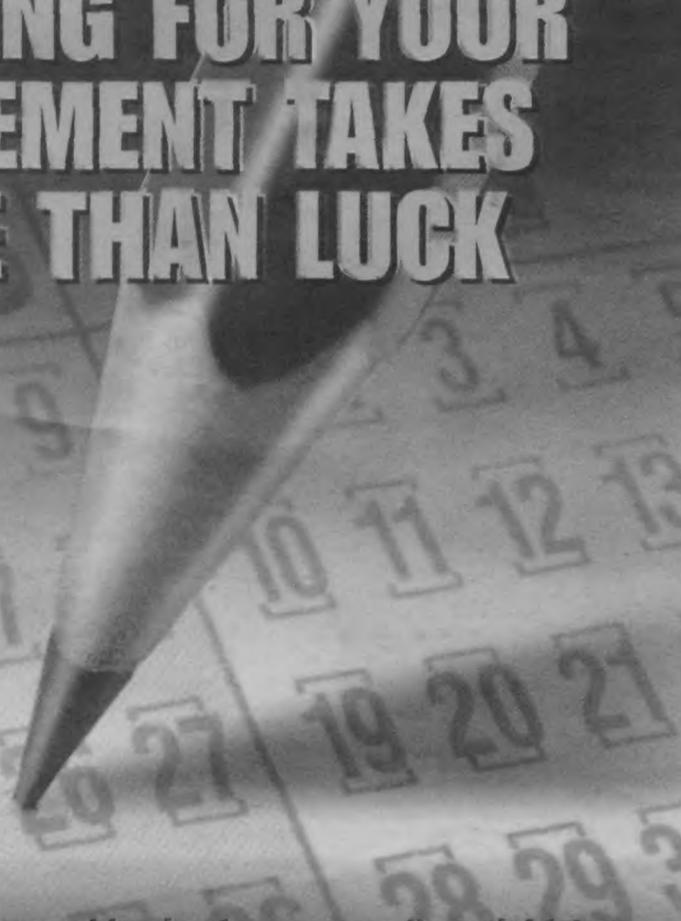
Quinlan said there are actually two reasons for the program's cancellation, the other being a lack of funding. In the past, the D.A.R.E. program was funded with several thousand dollars in grant money that is no longer available.

"Regardless of the consultant's recommendations, there's no funding set aside for this," Quinlan said.

Quinlan said he hopes the town will budget for the money so the program can be re-instituted next year.

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# Gov. Christie warmly received at Westfield Armory

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

More than 700 people filled the Westfield National Guard Armory last week in anticipation of the governor's second townhall meeting in Union county in the last six months.

But the town hall meeting, which usually runs like clockwork, began with a bang, and ended with one too.

Right after Christie made his entrance to thunderous applause from the audience, tossed off his jacket and began what would become a 25-minute speech, everything came to a halt. But the governor never flinched when the 40-foot stage backdrop curtain and huge sign collapsed, much to the dismay of the guests in the reserved seating section who had to quickly move out of harms way.

"We try to keep these things interesting," Christie said as his staff members and others scurried to catch the backdrop curtain and return it to an upright position.

After everything was restored to normal, Christie continued his speech, chuckling when someone in the audience yelled out "Check for Democrats."

Touting his latest reform "New Jersey Comeback," the governor admitted that although things were kicking off, "it's not here just yet." But Christie said he hoped to move things along by putting some extra money in residents' pockets.

"I proposed in the State of the State address that we cut income taxes for everyone in New Jersey by 10 percent over the next three years," the governor said, adding that he intended to do this because people in New Jersey have been making all the sacrifices, so they should be the ones to now reap the benefit. The governor also said he expects to restore the earned income tax credit for working families.

Christie then went over what he

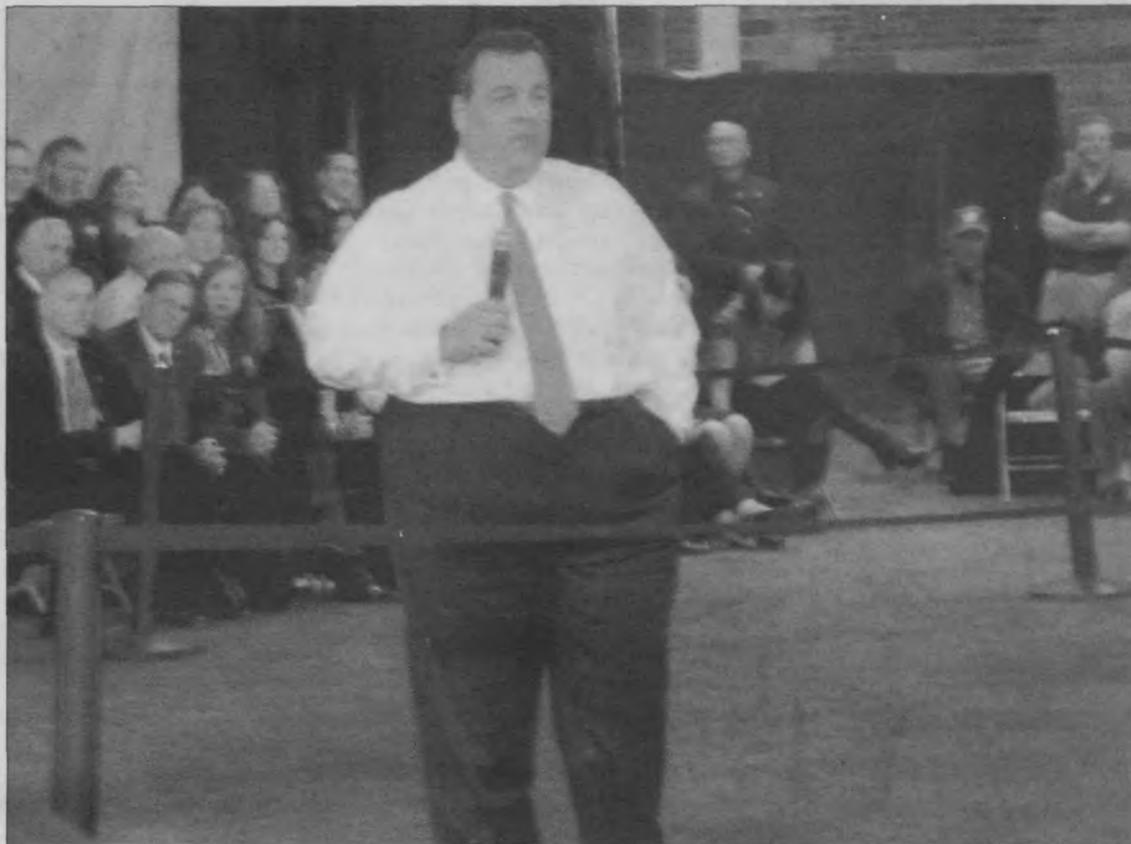


Photo By Cheryl Hehl

Gov. Chris Christie spoke during a townhall meeting on Feb. 8 at the Westfield Armory, touting his recent 'New Jersey Comeback' message. He received a warm greeting from the more than 700 in attendance.

has accomplished over the last two years, including getting pension and health benefit legislation signed into law last June. This measure, he said, will provide savings of over \$120 billion during the next 30 years and an additional \$3.1 billion over the next ten years, from health benefits reform.

Among the other things Christie noted was that he closed \$13 billion in deficits without raising taxes, and ensuring a lasting tax relief by putting in place a 2 percent cap on property taxes.

Before taking office Christie noted that taxes in the state increased 70 percent in ten years, but with the 2 percent cap in place the governor said it was the first step toward lasting property tax reform.

And, despite his battles with

the New Jersey Education Association, the governor assured that he will put a quality education within the reach of every New Jersey child, "no matter their zip code or economic circumstances."

According to a flier handed out at the town hall meeting, Christie expects to see significant savings from the bipartisan pension and health benefit reform legislation, as much as \$267 million this year alone.

In Union County, for example, Cranford is expected to see \$584,771 in savings, Linden, \$1.9 million, Elizabeth \$4.6 million and Westfield, \$874,489.

At the county level, Christie projected a savings of \$4.5 million this year.

"Let's have people pay a fair share of their health benefits

cost," the governor said.

Before the governor began taking questions from the audience, he let them know that "if you give it, you are going to get it right back." Christie was referring to his shoot from the hip style of responding, which in the past has led to some verbal sparring.

While questions centered on a variety of issues, including shutting seven group homes for the developmentally disabled, education reform and anti-bullying in the schools, Christie did not mince words when it came to whether he could provide help on the spot.

When asked about shutting the group homes, Christie admitted it was difficult to have "a dispassionate discussion about a passionate issue," but pointed out there would always be a need for these facilities

in the state. The governor said the decision to close some facilities had nothing to do with state budget issues but rather the need to save money that can be reinvested to maximize each developmentally disabled individual's potential.

The governor fielded a question from Westfield resident Jill Brown, who asked if Christie supported the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights, which came under fire in January for being unconstitutional by a state panel because the state did not provide any funding to satisfy the new ruling.

"I won't allow this law to go away," the governor responded, adding that he would "fix it by putting more money towards it."

"This is a bill that has tremendous support on both sides of the table. If it takes more funding to get it fixed then we will find the money," he added, mentioning, though, that "it shouldn't be that kids in Westfield get good training and a kid in East Orange doesn't."

Christie said he would be getting input in the next 6 to 8 weeks from schools in order to see what direction he needed to go.

The governor ended the townhall meeting by focusing on where the state has been and where he would like to see it head.

"We lost our way. The government has a role to play but we have to start saying no to people," he said, touching on his own experience growing up in New Jersey.

"We're all products of where we come from," Christie said, mentioning that he had an Irish father and Sicilian mother.

"My mother taught me to always be myself because then you don't have to remember who you pretended to be yesterday," the governor said.

"I know if she was alive today she would tell me you have an obligation to tell people what you feel," Christie said, adding that "sometimes that will be pretty and sometimes not so pretty."

## RAHWAY BRIEFS

### Fishing flea market to celebrate 16th year

The Rahway Spring Fishing Flea Market will celebrate its 16th year at St. Thomas Church Hall, 14000 St. George Ave, on March 17.

A variety of salt and fresh water fishing tackle will be on display for anglers. New, used, antique, custom fishing and boating items will be available. Door prizes will be distributed every half hour, which include rods, reels and tackle.

Food and refreshments will be sponsored by the St. Thomas Holy Name Society. Show hours will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be an admission price for adults; children under 12 will be admitted free of charge.

For additional show or vendor information, visit [www.fishingfleamarkets.com](http://www.fishingfleamarkets.com), or call 732-381-2165.

### 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.

### AARP meets Thursdays

The Rahway section of AARP meets the second Thursday of each month at the Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. All those 55 and older are invited to join.

### Senior Center schedules

The following clubs meet at the Rahway Senior Center. Contact club presidents for information.

- Rahway Retired Men's Club, Mondays

at 1 p.m. Call George Geduldig at 732-388-0272.

- Merck Retirees, the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. Call Cliff Lenox at 732-572-2251.

- Ladies Golden Age Club, Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. Call Dolores Bilodeau at 732-382-3463.

- Retired Railroaders Group 2, the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. Call Edward Witos at 732-738-7189.

- AARP Chapter 607, the second Thursday of each month at noon. Call Dolores Franklin at 732-499-7986.

- St. Joseph's Guild, the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Call Anastasia Sosnowski at 732-382-4671.

- Union County Minority Task Force, every other Friday at noon. Call Lillian Wilder at 732-381-7406.

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# Details of report show multiple conflicts, on all accounts

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ducted their investigation of complaints made by employees, information obtained by LocalSource indicated Stein himself had a conflict of interest in taking on the investigation. Primarily because his son's law firm does legal work for the district.

Michael Stein, a partner at Pashman Stein, serves as outside council to the Elizabeth School Board, earning more than a half million dollars from the Elizabeth School district in 2012.

At the Jan. 19 board of education meeting, according to board minutes obtained by LocalSource, the board approved paying Pashman Stein \$573,807.06. Of that number, \$438,458 was billed for an internal review, while \$138,348 was for other legal services the firm performed.

The report issued late last week by Judge Stein focused on the ethical condition of the school district when it came to political patronage, shakedowns and nepotism, but failed to mention his son's work for the district.

The former judge placed all blame on *The Star Ledger's* reporting and the interference by two very well known Democrat politicians in Union County — Sen. Ray Lesniak and Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage.

"*The Star Ledger*, knowingly or unknowingly, improperly failed to disclose that the sources relied on for those allegations were biased," Stein said in his lengthy report to the school district. He also tied this directly to Lesniak and Bollwage, strongly suggesting that the state newspaper purposely did not address the political animosity that fueled the state newspaper articles.

"I have also concluded *The Ledger* articles unfairly omitted any description of the severe and intense political hostility generated by the organizations headed by Senator Lesniak and Mayor Bollwage and directed at the Elizabeth board," the former justice said.

He also found that without a clear understanding of the intensity of the efforts by the senator and mayor, *The Star Ledger* readers failed to understand how complex the issue was or grasp it fully.

Stein said that based on the "distorted and unfair portrayal" of the Elizabeth school system by the series of articles published by the newspaper, the school board was justified in being concerned that parents of the 23,000 students would lose trust in the school district's educational mission.

Stein also felt the political battle being waged annually in Elizabeth over board seats since the mid 1990s bore significant weight because of the sheer number of members on Lesniak and Bollwage's side.

The judge also said he discovered *The Ledger* failed to disclose that the majority of sources they relied on were former employees involved with the political organizations headed by Lesniak and Bollwage.

Stein also delved into the political climate. He noted, for example, that between 1996 and 2005, the political rivalry between the Lesniak/Bollwage organizations and the Elizabeth school board made it difficult for the district to make changes in the school system.

"Senator Lesniak's persistent harassment of the Elizabeth school board was aggressively supported by Mayor Bollwage," Stein said in the report, adding that at one point Bollwage even strongly suggested to then Gov. Jon Corzine that the board was guilty of "mismanagement and misuse" of government funds.

Bollwage, the judge said, even went as far as to urge the governor to consider allowing the state to take over the school district.

Stein sums up the report saying he found it "astounding" that with 590 school districts in the state, *The Star-Ledger* would "single out Elizabeth as the target for so harsh, unfair and

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unsubstantiated series of articles."

The former superior court judge noted in his report that 532 district employees were contacted for interviews. Of that number 243 never responded, while 139 declined to be interviewed and 19 were not interviewed because of scheduling conflicts.

Of the 131 employees Stein interviewed, 41 percent said they never donated to a board election campaign. Out of 117 employees responding to a question about volunteering, 63 percent indicated they never volunteered in a board election. Approximately 1.5 percent, though, did feel pressure to donate funds to the school district during campaigns.

Prior to 2008, Stein explained, there were no regulations in place governing nepotism by school boards. However, while the state department of education did pass a regulation in July 2008, the school district was way ahead of them.

Although the board was not required to establish a suitable nepotism policy until October 2008, it had already passed its own resolution on March 16, 2006 adopting a policy.

In March 2007, the policy was amended to prohibit, among other things, the hiring of board member's relatives.

Subsequent revisions in 2008, 2009 and 2010 further defined the definition of "relative" and "immediate family member."

Stein found that upon close examination of the district's records that no board member's relative currently employed by the district is in violation of the board's nepotism policy.

Of those who are related, eight out of 15 were hired prior to the board member being appointed or elected to a seat, Stein said.

Elizabeth School district spokesperson Don Goncalves said the district was "humbled and thankful that such a respected independent investigator has vindicated all the hard work that teachers and administrators do in this district every day."

Board vice president Fernando Nazco said the expansive findings by Stein, "whose integrity and ethics are beyond reproach," should be reviewed by our educational community who rely on the board to provide top flight education for their children."

He also touched on the political connections found by Stein.

"This report cites countless politically motivated investigations and audits generated by Lesniak and Bollwage. We regret the time and money spent on these baseless allegations," Nazco said in a prepared statement from the board.

*The Star-Ledger* Editor Kevin Whitmer defended the state newspaper's reporting on this issue, maintaining that it was justified based on several factors.

"The reporting was based on on-the-record interviews and internal documents. Beyond that, lets stop for a minute and consider there are now four active investigations from county, state and federal agencies into the board and its members. A half-million dollar PR campaign can't and won't gloss over what our reporting revealed," said Whitmer.

Neither Lesniak nor Bollwage responded to calls regarding Stein's report.

# What's Going On?

**FLEA MARKET**

**SATURDAY**

**February 25, 2012**

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

**OTHER**

**SATURDAY**

**March 3rd, 2012**

**EVENT:** St. Patrick's Day Dance  
**PLACE:** Roselle Catholic High School, 1 Raritan Road, Roselle  
**TIME:** 8:00PM - 12 Midnight  
**PRICE:** Tickets \$35.00 per person  
To reserve your table or to order tickets, contact: Erin Sweeney at RC: 908-245-2350 or  
Email: [esweeney@rosellecatholic.org](mailto:esweeney@rosellecatholic.org)  
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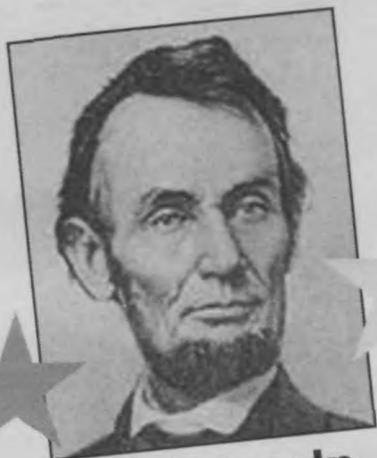
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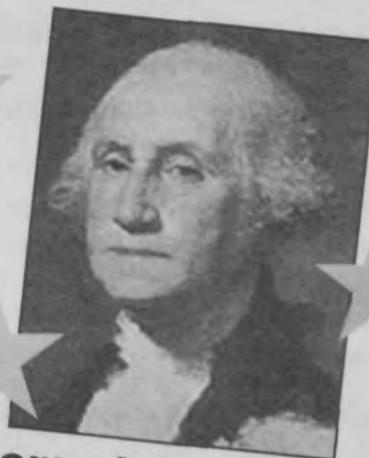
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Glen Mortimer, a councilman from Mountainside, looks at an exhibit on the Civil War's impact on Union County which was unveiled last week at a ribbon cutting ceremony at the County Courthouse. The display, titled "Preserving the Union" features uniforms, gowns, documents, books and photographs from the 1860s.

## County unveils new Civil War exhibit at Elizabeth courthouse

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

ELIZABETH — Anyone paying a visit to the Union County Courthouse may find themselves enjoying an unexpected visit to the 1860s, thanks to a new historical exhibit focusing on Union County during the Civil War.

The display, titled "Preserving the Union" features uniforms, gowns, documents, books, and photographs from the 1860s that showcase this challenging period in U.S. history and its impact on Union County residents.

Also available is information on noted soldiers who hailed from Union County such as Robert McCandless, an Elizabeth resident who served during the war as a drummer boy and lived until 1945, or Alfred Thayer Mahan, who performed blockade duty along the coast and went on to serve as a leading naval historian, authoring several important works on the subject.

An opening for the exhibit was held Feb. 9 and drew scores of people. Speakers at the event included Assignment Judge Karen Cassidy, Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella, and Rev. Robert Higgs, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth.

Musical historians Linda Russell and Christa Patton entertained the audience with performances of period music such as the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" in period garb. They sang and played guitar and flute as well as historic instruments like the bodhrán and the hammered dulcimer.

"One has to have a certain inspiration to pick up instruments that are not that normal or modern," Patton said.

Russell said music can be a useful way to understand the past.

"I believe music brings history to life. I enjoy singing the songs of the past. It makes it much more vivid," Russell said. "You can understand how they felt about war, about love — it's all in the songs."

Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski publically thanked

*The Civil War commemorative exhibit will be on display until 2015 and the displays will change periodically. Residents or local historical societies can loan artifacts to the exhibit if they so desire.*

the many individuals and organization that helped make the exhibit possible.

"This commemoration project represents the work of many hands and many hearts across Union County," Kowalski said.

Politicians from both parties could not resist the lure of so much history. Mountainside Councilman Glen Mortimer was present in his capacity as a constituent services representative for Republican Congressman Leonard Lance. Mortimer said he was eager to take a look around at the different exhibits.

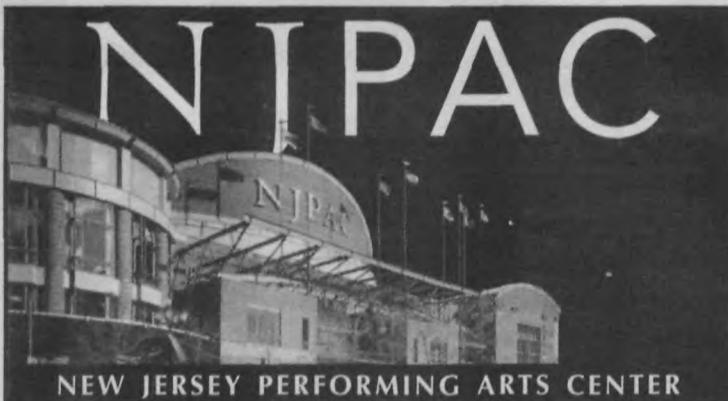
"It certainly is something everyone needs to know about," Mortimer said.

The Civil War commemorative exhibit will be on display until 2015 and the displays will change periodically. Residents or local historical societies can loan artifacts to the exhibit if they so desire.

Not to be forgotten during Black History Month are the many black soldiers from New Jersey who overcame distrust and prejudice to fight in the armed forces during the war. These men are commemorated in a separate exhibit in the nearby Union County Administration Building.

The exhibit centers on vintage photographs of "Union County Black Soldier and Sailors of the Civil War", from a book of the same name by Ethel M. Washington, designer and curator of the show. The exhibit included period documents and photos.

This display will remain in place through March 2. Paul Greulich can be reached at 908-686-7700 ext. 121, or at thelocalsource@gmail.com.



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The Argo, an amphibious rescue vehicle, was purchased by Rahway to aid the city during times of extreme flooding.

# Rahway purchases amphibious vehicle

By Paul Greulich  
Staff Writer

RAHWAY — Rahway public safety officials are augmenting their capabilities with new vehicles and a new volunteer organization specifically geared toward flood response. Police Chief John Rodger said that while the police and fire departments have become very adept at dealing with the city's longstanding flood issues, experiences during Tropical Storm Irene last summer illustrated the need for a still faster response.

The storm left certain parts of the city cut off by floodwaters. The city put a small rescue boat to use transporting residents to safety, but found this method too slow to deal with the large number of people in need.

"It was such a widespread emergency it just wasn't fast enough with the boat," Rodger said.

Rodger said he made himself a promise after the storm to prevent this from happening again.

"It's kind of scary when you don't have the ability to get to people," Rodger explained. "Short of buying a helicopter, this is the best I can do."

Rodger's answer to the problem is the amphibious all-terrain vehicle known as an Argo. Manufactured by an Ontario-based company also called Argo, the vehicle is designed to transition seamlessly from land into water and back again.

With the ability to hold six people, a top land speed of about 20 miles per hour and a top speed in water of eight or nine miles per hour, the Argo may not sound like much, but its unique versatility makes it a decisive and valuable tool where flood conditions are present.

At \$18,000, the vehicle also proved cheaper than Rodger initially expected. The purchase was made with city capital funds.

The city has also begun improvising with existing equipment, such as an old public works jeep that is being extensively modified for water fording.

"We'll be able to drive through flooded areas and at least provide some assistance to people until we can get them out," Rodger said.

However, the new equipment will only go so far without adequate manpower to staff it. The Rahway Office of Emergency Management is seeking volunteers to join the Flood Rescue Team.

These volunteers will act as supplemental staff during an emergency, assisting in rescue operations, rendering aid and supplies. All members of the team must complete the Community Emergency Response Team training program. Once training is complete, members of the Flood Rescue Team will even be allowed to drive the Argo into action.

So far more than 40 people have come forward, many of them already involved in police and EMS. Some members of the Rahway Yacht club are also interested in serving.

Rodger is not aware of any other Union County towns that have purchased vehicles like this, but several municipalities have expressed an interest in learning more about Rahway's unit, including Cranford.

"I think one of the reasons not a lot of people have Argos is not a lot of people know about them," Rodger said.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Flood Rescue Team can contact Detective William Eicholz at 732-827-2079.

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# Adjunct leader to trustees: 'Please don't let this continue'

(Continued from Page 1)  
whether the same law firm recommended by Farahi in 2009 should have been hired to investigate whether the university president falsified his academic credentials.

Whether this turns out to be reason enough to remove Farahi, who has been in the position since 2003 and is paid \$293,550 annually and is expected to earn a \$200,000 bonus when he signs a new contract next year, depends heavily on whether the media storm over this issue has irreversibly damaged Kean University's reputation.

At the Feb. 9 board meeting, more than 200 people, including faculty members, students and media, filled Kean Hall to capacity, with the spillover filling the hallways outside.

The board went into closed session only to return a short hour later to hear comments from the public prior to their deliberation.

Although only six people approached the microphone, all spoke passionately and in several cases, with voices raised in frustration and anger.

KFT President James Castiglione was the first to address the board, explaining that earlier that day more than 200 faculty unanimously approved a motion calling for Farahi's resignation.

"This represents the clear intention of the faculty and other members of the staff to restore the academic integrity and reputation of Kean University on behalf of the entire Kean Community, including employees, administration, students and alumni," the KFT president said.

Farahi has been engaged in a power struggle with faculty union over his determination to reform the 16,000-student public university.

Jesus Diaz, a Kean professor of philosophy, stood strongly behind Castiglione, leaving little room for interpretation about his feelings on the issue before the board.

"The evidence is out in the public. The evidence is undeniable," he said, adding that the board had "a fiduciary duty" to keep the Kean reputation intact. He also warned the board that if they kept Farahi, it would not bode well for the university.

"If you allow Dawood Farahi to stay, this institution will lose integrity," Diaz added, but noted that "he not only has to leave the presidency but also the faculty."

Gilda Del Risko, a former assistant professor at Kean, now an executive director appointed by Farahi and making \$100,000 annually, came out in support of the university president, blasting the KFT and all those who were trying to get him removed as president.

"We know for years the KFT has been trying to get rid of Dr. Farahi," she said, adding that the faculty union had a vendetta

against the university president. "What you are doing is destructive to the university and students."

Jose Sanchez, another Kean executive administrator who began earning \$146,000 a year after Farahi moved him to the position, said what was being done to the university president was "sadistic and wrong."

"You don't know him, I do. You may think you will have victory, and you may get a win but it will be a loss for Kean," Sanchez said.

But it was when Sanchez added that Farahi "was an honest man" that the audience erupted into laughter.

Kean student Ashley Kraus, a junior, read the schools academic integrity policy, pointing out that "academic integrity" is the obligation of all Kean students.

"If we have to abide by it, shouldn't you?" she asked the board.

Prior to the board going back into closed session to deliberate for three additional hours, Board of Trustees member Robert Cockren asked Kathleen Mary Henderson, President of the Kean University Adjunct Faculty Federation, Local 6024, if she wanted to make any statement to the board on behalf of her union. But the representative made it clear that this was not the time.

"I have emailed my statement to the board members whose email I had," she said, adding that in the 13 years she represented the 1,075 adjunct professors at Kean, "not one board of trustees member has responded to any email I sent."

"At this point Kean's reputation is at stake," Henderson added.

LocalSource exclusively obtained a copy of the email Henderson sent to the board, which went into detail about the lack of communication between the trustees and faculty — adjunct, tenured and otherwise.



Photo By Lee Burrell

Kean President Dawood Farahi at last week's Board of Trustees meeting. The board deliberated in private for more than three hours last week before deciding they needed more time. The board was expected to meet yesterday, after LocalSource's Tuesday deadline. Check online for an update of last night's meeting.

"My local has always been ready to talk, until that one day a few years ago when one influential board of trustees member persuaded all board members to shut down all lines of communication with Kean's faculty and staff and its duly elected representatives," she said.

"The trustees from that time on have been left in the dark, blind and incommunicado, forcing any communication to you, to go one way only, through the university president," Henderson said, adding "now here we are today."

The adjunct professor representative said if anyone was to blame for where they were at this point, it was the board of trustees.

"I must sadly say most of it goes to the trustees and the firm Kean's trustees relied on to do the background checks," she said, aware that the board had a heavy decision to make.

"I am aware that you have a Solomon like decision to make

today in the best interest of Kean and its students, parents, faculty, staff, alumnae and patrons of Kean," Henderson said. "Many other good and most dedicated faculty staff and administrators have left us within this past year, having given their all, and been discarded, frustrated and left unappreciated."

"Please don't let this continue," she urged the board.

These remarks were not read out loud at the meeting. But after the public comments were completed, the board then went back into closed session for three hours, leaving those waiting to mill around to pass the time.

LocalSource spoke with many of those awaiting the board's return to open session, and while the majority expressed strong opposition to Farahi's reign over Kean University, Assistant Professor of Social Work Maureen Himchik had mixed feelings on the issue that had brought such public exposure

to the university.

Himchik admitted candidly that there has been "tremendous growth," with positive changes at the university, including the addition of new buildings. However, she did have a problem with how Farahi treated staff.

"I received tenure under President Farahi and he treated me fairly, but what I have found is that there have been changes in this area but with no consistency for tenure or promotion," she said. But, although she is a member of the KFT, she also did not agree with how they handled issues either.

"I don't like the union's stance," Himchik said, adding that "they are like longshoremen."

The professor said the KFT "is constantly bashing administration, and their whole demeanor is not academic."

Himchik said the KFT had "been at Farahi since day one," but she felt the university president had brought Kean "to a higher level."

"Are there issues that should be addressed? Yes, but things are not as bad as the KFT presents to the public," she added.

Farahi, who appeared tightlipped at times during the public portions of the meeting, spent the night smoking cigarettes outside Kean Hall. He did not participate in the board of trustees deliberation process, according to a source observing the university president that evening.

When the board came out of closed session well after 10 p.m., Board President Ada Morell announced they would need additional time for deliberation before a decision could be reached on Farahi's fate.

Late Friday the board posted on its website the next meeting would be held Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. It was expected that a decision on Farahi would be announced after that deliberation was over.

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# Park to be built at old Schechter site

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

CRANFORD — When the township decided to buy the former Solomon Schechter school they had no idea what they would do with this land. Now they do.

A committee tasked with exploring possible uses of the property proposed a park be constructed and named Roosevelt Park after the school that was sold to the owners of Solomon Schechter school in the late 1970s.

“Our purpose has always been to protect the land,” said Dan Westervelt, a member of the committee that investigated uses for the land. He also noted that the park they envisioned was not “grandiose.”

The park would include trees along the edges of the land and walking paths. The committee also proposed building a playground that could be used by all children, including those with physical limitations.

Another idea was that the park have a community garden, which was well received by the governing body. The committee said that there was a number of ways this could be accomplished financially, including obtaining grants from the state or seeking money from private companies.

Although the school itself was dismantled, outbuildings still have to be dismantled, including an old playground. The site also needs to be cleaned of old cement slabs and other debris.

The governing body agreed that the land could not stay as it was

because it presented a safety problem. Commissioner Kevin Campbell said he felt it was a liability for the township and that “we need to get it cleaned up.”

Mayor Dave Robinson said he would ensure that the proposal is added to the 2012 engineering priorities but cleaning up the site should be the first step in preserving the property.

The school had been vacant since 2008 when the Solomon Schechter Day School closed its Union County campus and consolidated students to a Essex County location. The building, which originally housed Roosevelt school, a township operated facility, was sold by the Cranford Board of Education in 1979.

The township bought the property in June 2010 despite the controversy it brought among committee members at the time. Former mayor Dan Aschenbach was bitterly opposed to the move, noting that the township could not afford to spend that kind of money.

However, the governing body, as well as residents living in the area, were concerned the property would be sold to a developer who would add more homes.

In the end the township approved the move 4 to 1, bonding \$19 million with a \$100,000 down payment.

The committee made sure at the time that the ordinance passed included that it would be used only for open space and recreation, but a specific plan was not included at the time.

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The Kenilworth Rotary Club, which has been serving the needs of Kenilworth for 65 years as part of Rotary International whose motto is “Service Above Self,” has announced that its new website is available and still meets weekly on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. for lunch and a program.

The club is seeking new members, who are community-minded and service oriented, to join the club. Those residing in and around Kenilworth, can view [www.kenilworthnjrotary.org](http://www.kenilworthnjrotary.org) or call Club President Sylvan Hershey at 908-276-1644, ext. 515.

### Bus trip to Mohegan Sun on Feb. 25

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

A bus will depart from Kenilworth at St. Theresa’s School parking lot at 8 a.m. and return to Kenil-

worth at approximately 9 p.m. The cost will include motor coach transportation, an approximate six-hour visit to the casino, which additionally houses a wide range of shops and restaurants; a \$10 coupon for free bets, and a \$10 coupon for food. There will be complimentary door prizes on the trip.

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

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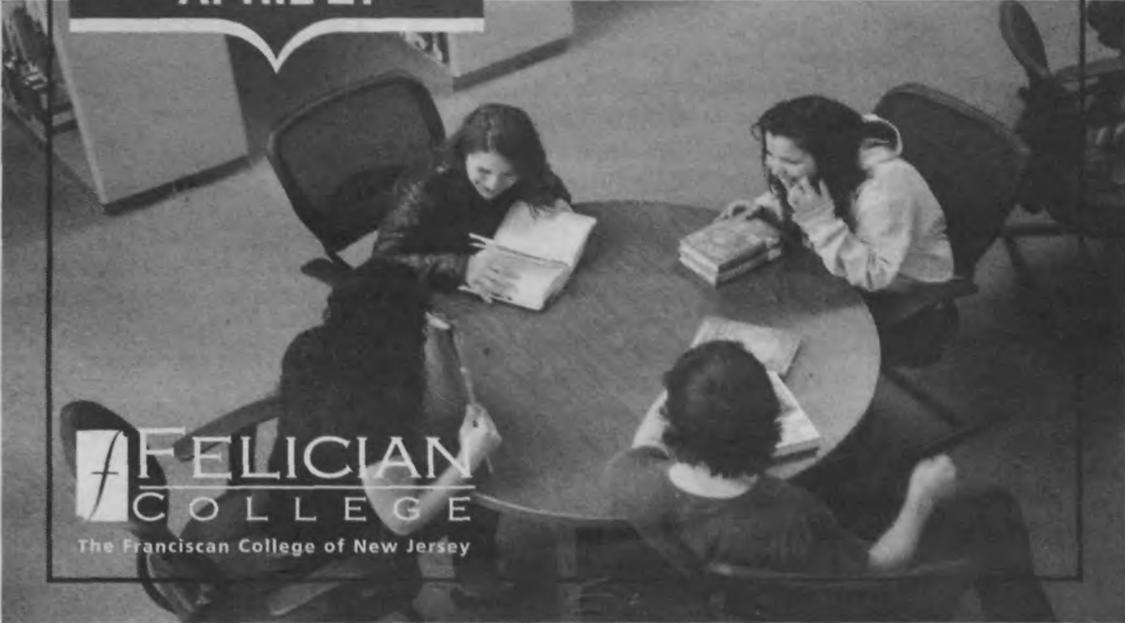
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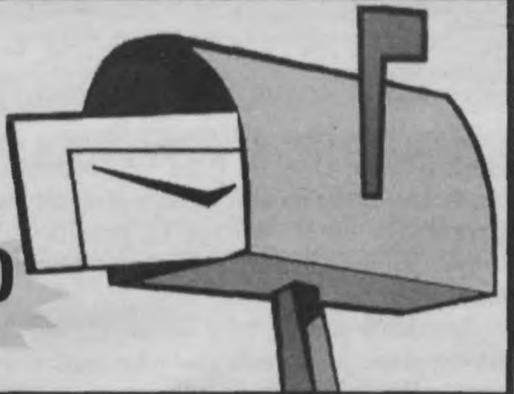
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# Black History Month continues

Black History Month has begun. The annual observance is held each year during February. The original purpose of Black History Month, which began in 1926 as Negro History Week, was to draw attention to the long history of blacks in America. The founder of the observance, Carter Godwin Woodson, believed this history was being neglected by his contemporaries, and he felt the full narrative of the black experience in America should be known.

A brief word about Woodson, who provides a story of American achievement. Born in the South in 1875 to freed slaves, he was primarily self-taught until his late teens, when he entered high school, from which he graduated after two years. He became a school principal, a district supervisor, received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Chicago, and a Ph.D. in history from Harvard, in 1912. He then taught and held administrative posts at the university level for many years. During his life, he wrote 30 books and scores of articles on black history. He was a serious, respected scholar, and in 1926 he called for a "Negro History Week," to be held during the second week of February, between the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Negro History Week later was renamed and expanded to become Black History Month.

As always, there is much to do in Union County during Black History Month. For example, The Newark Museum Speakers Bureau will present a PowerPoint program, "Exploring African Art," on Feb. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave. The Newark Museum is home to one of the most extensive and oldest collections of African art in the nation and is the only museum in the country with a gallery devoted to a permanent collection of contemporary African art.

Also this month, on Feb. 28 and Feb. 29, Union County College will be hosting a series of events, including a lecture by Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad, participation in the National African American Read-In, and ending with a concert by the Newark Boys Chorus and the North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club.

In addition, this newspaper features two columns about black history. One, on Page 12, focuses on Cranford's first black law enforcement officer and elected official, Joshua Bryant. The other, on Page 11, provides a glimpse of Union County's black history prior to, and around the time of, the Civil War.

Residents should take advantage of the many programs taking place this month, and take more than a moment to recognize Black History Month.



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**WARM REGARDS** — Union County Freeholder Angel G. Estrada, left, presents a resolution to Sergeant Vladimir "Ricky" Calderon of the Rahway Police Auxiliary congratulating and commending the auxiliary officers for organizing the fifth annual Rahway Police Auxiliary Coat Drive to benefit local churches and families. They are joined by Rahway Mayor Rick Proctor.

## A political game of cat and mouse

By Cheryl Hehl  
Staff Writer

Politicians never seem to change and neither does their agenda. But sometimes, this observation is so glaringly apparent it's like a slap in the face.

I suppose I have become desensitized to how politicians cover their trail, their butts, and their political parties at any cost. But last week at Gov. Chris Christie's town hall meeting in Westfield, I saw just how far a legislator will go to avoid discussing what amounts to an elephant in the room.

To be clear here, this has nothing to do with the governor. Personally, and as a journalist, I happen to like Christie's shoot from the hip approach to governing this state, because that is how I handle things as a reporter. No one ever has to wonder where this governor stands. He tends to make it crystal clear and doesn't apologize for being blunt. Too bad his fellow party members haven't learned anything from his political stance.

Don't get me wrong. I don't always agree with the governor's policies. He is no demigod to me. I like his ability to say what he means and mean what he says. Perhaps that is why he draws such huge crowds for his town hall meetings. It's actually quite entertaining to hear him speak.

The Westfield Armory was filled with "suits" Feb. 8, the morning of Christie's town hall meeting. So many that I had to chuckle at the turnout. It reminded me of groupies at a concert. These loyal followers were there to peruse the room, wave, smile and shake hands. It was easy to spot them because of their expensive dark suits, brilliant smiles and ability to

## Reporter's Notebook

By Cheryl Hehl

move quickly and smoothly through a crowd without stopping long enough to be cornered. It's a political art form that is perfected over time and quite useful when used correctly.

As these politicians moved through the huge armory it was easy to see their ultimate goal was to either reach the safety of the "reserved section." This was, of course, behind the podium and to either side — obviously where they would have safety in numbers. The huddled masses, of course, sat in the middle, on the floor or lined up in groups along the wall.

The press was corralled to a special area in the very back section of this cavernous room. I, however, unlike my fellow journalists, was not about to mill around in this segregated area until Christie arrived. Not by a long shot.

I zeroed in on Republican Sen. Tom Kean Jr. the minute he entered the armory, keeping him in my line of vision while he did the usual political nice guy pumping of hands, waving and pointing. There also was the predictable broad smiles and attention to the star struck residents who just wanted to bask in the glory of this Westfield resident's political fame. Me, not so much.

My agenda was to catch Kean off guard and question him about the ongoing allegations over the Kean University president falsifying his academic credentials. I

mean, I hate to say it but Kean is his last name, right? And since this representative refused to return any of the calls I made to him, I decided this town hall meeting provided the perfect opportunity for a showdown.

I took off like a shot, weaving through the crowd of people, my eye constantly on the back of his expensive dark suit, making sure he would not disappear into the throngs of people who clamored for his attention.

What I didn't expect was that he would see me and begin moving quickly toward the safety of the reserved front section filled with his political allies. But he was not quite fast enough. I managed to reach him and touch his arm, and he had to stop or risk looking as though he was avoiding the press.

He turned and flashed me an engaging political smile of surprise, acknowledging immediately, although somewhat sharply, that he knew who I was. I sensed that he was uncomfortable, but I was not about to let him off the hook. Not this time. He knew why I was chasing him down.

"Senator, since your last name is Kean, can you tell me why you haven't come out with any statement regarding the allegations that Kean University President Dawood Farahi falsified his academic credentials?" I asked without taking a breath. I saw the barest flinch flash across his face and I knew I would have to work fast or he would be gone.

He scanned the room, remarking that he was looking for his wife. I could have cared less and told him he was avoiding my question, reminding him again that his fami-

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# Sorry I Kean't be of more help

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ly name is Kean. I even told him that if my name was Kean, I'd have plenty to say on this issue. He flinched again, and stammered out a few words that sounded very much like he was hoping to avoid the topic. That's when I knew he was not going to give me anything "on the record."

I backed down slightly, offering to go off the record, which us reporters do all the time. I had gone to the place every politician feels the most comfortable — where his own words will not hurt him politically.

But, even off the record Kean was very uncomfortable discussing anything to do with Kean University. That was puzzling since the Republican party hasn't played any public part in what has unfolded concerning this issue over the last few months. Which is no different from the Democrats.

I continued to rapid fire questions at him, his eyes darted around the room and the carefully honed politician's smile quickly faded. I could see he was trying to catch the eye of a fellow party member who could rescue him.

As he inched slowly away from me, smiling and waving at the crowd, acknowledging certain individuals by pointing to them and flashing a smile, I kept hammering away, asking one question after another, but not getting anything

more than a darting glance my way and a growing sense that he was about to take off in a run.

On the record the only thing Kean would say is that "it all comes down to appointing the right people to the university board of trustees." That's it. That was a given. What about taking a stand? Where was the outrage or plans to launch an investigation? Where was some of his father's famous spunk?

I suppose Kean was concerned because it was former Republican Governor Christine Todd Whitman who deregulated higher education so colleges and universities were free to do what they wanted. Yeah, I imagine that could be a mine field.

It was evident to me that this polished, elected official that represents a good chunk of Union County at the state level was not going to take a stand. Even for his family name. So I let up and watched him disappear into the crowd of people who gazed at him adoringly, looking after him while shaking my head.

I'm not naive. I know all kinds of deals are made in Trenton, particularly with the opposing party. That is just the name of the game. But I would have hoped this issue was different and this man, this representative whose name just happens to be Kean, would take a stand. I expected more from him.

I spoke to many Republican

elected officials that day, shook all their hands, made small talk and generally played the room. It was a meet and greet event. Again, not surprising, because that is how this game of politics is played. Sometimes very safely.

Kean kept a safe distance from me for the remainder of the town hall meeting and even later when the armory was empty and only reporters and cameramen remained for a press conference with the governor.

I did, however, manage to snap a picture of him, arms folded, looking at the media — from a distance, of course.

For the record, not one politician in Union County has had the guts to talk about the Kean University situation. Not one. No guts, no glory, right? You would think so. But, I have a theory. It is based on 22 years of listening to and observing politicians. All kinds of politicians; strong, weak and those who fit somewhere in between. No doubt about it, folks. Not talking about an issue, even off the record, smacks of either fear of reprisal — the Whitman deregulation thing — or a deal with the opposing party.

For some reason this issue has been deemed a no touch zone. What a tangled web, huh? It's probably more tangled than anyone realizes. I think its time to start untangling things. What do you think?

## A glimpse of UC's black history

*Editor's Note: As a tribute to February being Black History Month, B. E. Bernzott, founding president of the Linden Historical Society, has provided glimpses of African-American history in Union County prior to, and around the time of, the Civil War.*

### Black History Month

Since 1976, February has been black history month in the United States and Canada. Historian Carter J. Woodson was the first to spotlight black heritage when he held a "Negro History Week" in 1926.

### Slavery in colonial Elizabeth Town

At the port of Elizabeth Town, which was comprised of what are currently Union County municipalities, blacks were frequently sold. Advertisements of the domestic slave trade included this one on April 27, 1752, "A lively parcel of Negro boys and girls who had Small Pox for sale." This advertisement was placed by Cornelius Hetfield who was on the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church. One sale was completed by Benjamin Hines who sold a black girl named Lydia to John Dunham for \$40.

### Runaway slaves sought

## From the pages of history

By B. E. Bernzott

When runaway slaves couldn't be tracked by dogs, wanted posters were nailed to trees and advertisements were placed in newspapers. This one appeared in the New Jersey Journal, "Runaway, a Negro boy named Robin at 15 years old, wearing an old felt hat, white waistcoat, white woolen overalls, blue stockings and shoes without buckles. Handsome reward to be paid to person who secures him for his Master. A generous payment for trouble."

**Slavery history written in blood**  
In 1741 a race war broke out in New York. A plot was discovered on the part of the blacks to burn the city and kill the whites. Buildings were burnt and fires broke out all over the city. On the testimony of a servant girl, 154 blacks and 20 whites were imprisoned. The amount of blacks hanged was 18

and 14 were burned at the stake. It was suspected some blacks fled for safety to Essex County, New Jersey. "Two Negroes have been arrested in Essex County and burned at the stake by Sheriff William Chetwood of Elizabeth," the report said. Essex County used to include all of Union County.

### Clark Railroad Stop

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hartshorne built a house on Lake Avenue in Clark Township in 1740. On the property was an outer building with a hidden sub cellar that housed the runaway slaves until it was safe for them to move on to the next stop on the Underground Railroad.

### Where there's a will ...

In his last will and testament, Thomas Clark made provision for his slave Rose, that Tobe and Peter with their mother Rose "be set free at his wife's intermarriage or decease on condition they support their mother Rose during her life." In her will, Charity Freeman freed her "Negro Benjamin."

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# Black History Month: Cranford's Joshua Bryant

Joshua Bryant was not a man to let obstacles stand in his way. Bryant was one of a number of African-Americans who migrated to Cranford from the American South, particularly from Virginia, in the last third of the nineteenth century. Through his ability and resourcefulness, he established himself as a prominent figure in Cranford.

Without formal training and despite prevailing attitudes, he became Cranford's first African-American law enforcement officer, the first African-American elected to public office in the township, and an influential figure in local politics.

Joshua Bryant was born in Virginia, probably in 1852, the son of George and Rachel Nelson Bryant. Nothing is known about his parents or his early life. As he was born in a slave state thirteen years before slavery was abolished, the question naturally arises as to whether Bryant was born a slave. This is just one of several intriguing questions about his life for which we have no answers as yet.

Bryant came to Cranford about 1873, and lived here for the remainder of his life. During the 1870s, he worked for a time as a coachman. When Bryant arrived in New Jersey, he probably found life a little different from what he had known in Virginia.

During the Civil War, there had been widespread support for the Confederacy in New Jersey, and many of the attitudes and prejudices of the war years were carried into the postwar era. There was particular opposition to proposals for extending political equality to blacks.

In February 1870, for example, the New Jersey legislature voted against the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, which would protect the right of all citizens to vote regardless of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

Despite this opposition, the amendment received the necessary support in other states and was declared ratified the following month, thus becoming part of the United States Constitution. New Jersey, however, held firm.

Not until 1875, ten years after the conclusion of the Civil War, did the state strike the word "white" from its suffrage laws and official-

## Joshua Bryant

By Robert J. Fridlington

ly grant the right to vote to its black citizens.

At the same time, conditions in New Jersey did offer a measure of self-respect and some possibility for future advancement. Bryant was not a passive participant and wasted little time. In 1876, he appeared before the town clerk, paid the required \$1 poll tax and qualified himself to vote. But this was only the beginning.

Like most African-Americans of his day, Bryant was a staunch Republican and although blacks frequently complained that the G.O.P. was virtually ignoring them, they continued to give their allegiance to the party of Lincoln and Emancipation. Bryant displayed considerable skill in dealing with men and events, and before long he was wearing the mantle of black leadership in Cranford. He worked energetically on behalf of the party and within a few years he had become, according to the Cranford Citizen, "quite prominent in Republican politics."

On Feb. 26, 1880, when he was about 27-years-old, Bryant married Miss Margaret Taylor in the Baptist Church in Westfield in a ceremony witnessed by the congregation. The Bryants lived on Mulberry Street, or Retford Avenue today, which at that time ran between Lincoln Avenue and Cherry Street.

In 1881, Bryant was elected constable and became the first African-American to hold elective office in Cranford. Although the position was part-time, it conferred the authority of a sworn officer of the law and it carried with it the celebrity that goes with public office. A constable, after all, represented the police power of the community.

From the police blotter and reminiscences of E.K. Adams, who was Bryant's friend as well as Captain of the Cranford Thief Detecting Society, one gains a picture of Bryant as an able and fearless officer of the peace. Certainly the residents of the town must have been pleased with the way he carried out his duties, because they re-elected him as constable in 1883, 1887, and



Joshua Bryant

1890, each time for a three year term.

A highly visible community leader, Bryant was a prominent member of the original congregation of the First Baptist Church of Cranford and was active in the local Sons and Daughters of Charity Society. He was best known, however, as a political activist and as a leader of the local Republican Party. And he was no stranger to controversy. In 1896, the Republican Party in Cranford was in turmoil and Bryant was one of several prominent Republican dissidents who broke with the leadership and bolted the party. Throwing his support to the opposition, he helped to unseat two Republican stalwarts.

Bryant's action took a great deal of political courage. He had been a respected member of his party. The future looked bright. But now, with feelings running high, his political career appeared to be over. The actual events that led Bryant to defy the party regulars are not

leader of the Cranford Republican Party. "Without Josh Bryant on Election Day," the paper gibed, "George Littell is like a wagon without wheels." Bryant would have enjoyed that.

Following a lingering illness, Joshua Bryant died of complications from asthma on Oct. 12, 1898. Only 46-years-old at his death, he lived in Cranford for 25 years. His funeral at the First Baptist Church was one of the largest ever held in Cranford up to that time. The Reverend W.A. Harris conducted the service, assisted by members of the Passaic Lodge of Odd Fellows from Newark, seventy of whom escorted the funeral procession from the church to Fairview Cemetery in Westfield where he was buried.

In 1994, the Cranford Historical Society and Police Chief Harry Wilde spearheaded the effort to find the unmarked grave of Joshua Bryant. Soon, a Joshua Bryant Memorial Committee was formed to create a memorial in honor of Joshua Bryant. With the support of The Friends of Joshua Bryant, a granite head stone was purchased. On May 26, 1996, a memorial service took place at Fairview Cemetery to unveil and dedicate the head stone.

It is unfortunate that not more is known about Joshua Bryant's life and work, for his is unquestionably a remarkable story. A man of talent and strong conviction, who overcame great odds, he successfully joined his dedication to public service with his love of practical politics and in the process served his neighbors and community well. Today, Bryant is remembered as Cranford's first African-American law enforcement officer and the township's first African-American to hold elective office. But he should also be remembered as someone who helped make Cranford a better place for generations who followed.

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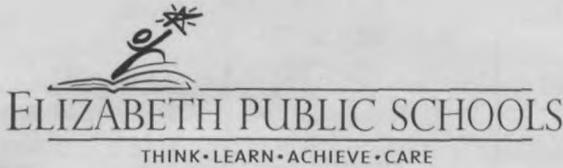
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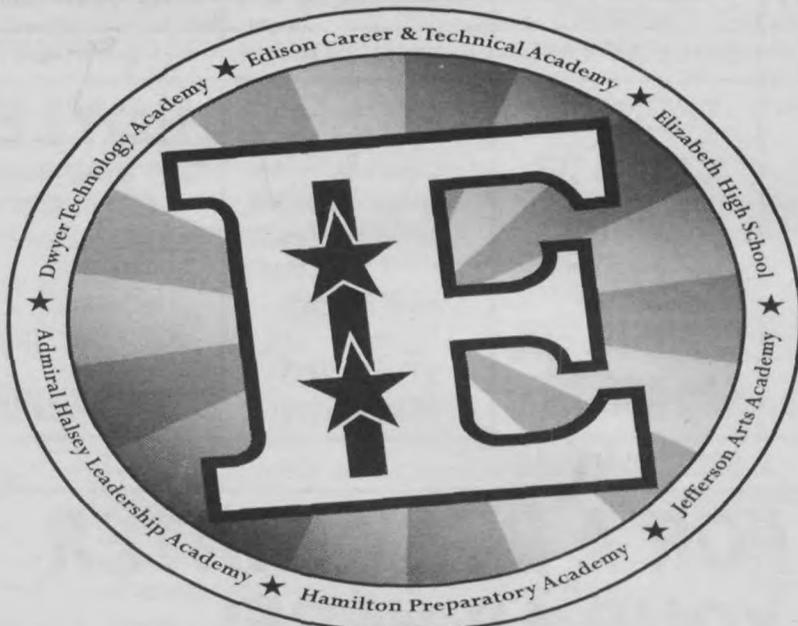
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Further information can be obtained by calling Mike G., chairman, at 908-289-4641.

### A knock-out event on Friday

A pro wrestling fundraiser is scheduled

for the Union Elks Lodge, 281 Chestnut St., Feb. 17 by the National Wrestling Superstars in Union. Headlining the benefit will be Tommy Dreamer, with Short Sleeve Sampson, Danny Inferno, "Tough" Tony Scorace and Steve "The Gipper" Gipke, Steve Scott and Nick Talent, Mike Dennis and his father, John Dennis, Chris D'Andrea and his father, Dave D'Andrea, among others.

Tickets can be purchased at the Kenilworth Diner, 614 Boulevard, Micro Max Computers, 628 Boulevard, and Union Land Farms, 541 Boulevard, all Kenilworth; Proud Pappa's Pizza, 470 Chestnut St., and DiPaolo & Son Bakery, 1275 Stuyvesant Ave., both Union; Crystal's Barber Shop, 13 West Westfield Ave., Roselle Park, and Pads, Paws & Claws, 25 North Avenue, Cranford.

Tickets also will be available for purchase by calling the NWS box office at 732-888-1704.

### 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.

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## The jean genies



Students at Franklin School in Rahway are participating in the 'Teens for Jeans' campaign. Students donated their old jeans to help fight teen homelessness. Franklin School collected 94 pairs of jeans which will be donated to homeless teens. Back row from left, Kayla Las, Ashley Celis, Amanda Soto and Keren Lebron. Front row from left, Bryanna Fleischman and Anasia Summersett.

## SPRINGFIELD BRIEFS

### Film festival is a go for March 15

The Spring International Film Festival will begin at Springfield Free Public Library on March 15. The library will screen "A Matter of Size," 2009, at 1 and 7 p.m. This is a comedy about a "coming out" of a different kind; overweight people learning to accept themselves. It is filmed Hebrew and Japanese with English subtitles and will run for 90 minutes. The movie is not rated.

The festival will continue in April 19 and May 17 with screenings of "Toast" and "Piano in a Factory."

Funding for the film program has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served. Assistive listening devices are available upon request. The library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. For more information, call 973-376-4930 or visit [www.sfplnj.org](http://www.sfplnj.org).

### Church holds March events

The First Presbyterian Church of Springfield will conduct free events in March within the Parish House located at 37 Church Mall.

For registration and information, call the church office at 973-379-4320. On March 4, there will be a "Positive Discipline with Children" seminar from 3 to 5 p.m. It 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, this interactive, informative presentation will be facilitated by Kathleen McClay, certified Positive Discipline Parent educator and classroom educator. It is recommended for parents, teachers, childcare providers and youth

workers. Childcare will be provided with advanced registration. Attendees must arrive by 2:45 p.m.

There will be a free eight week Chair Yoga for senior citizens and beginners. Class size is limited to 25. It will be held each Tuesday beginning March 20 and run through May 8 at 1:30 p.m.

A free eight week Vinyasa Yoga for experienced and more flexible participants will be held. Class size is limited to 25. It will be held each Wednesday in March and April at 9:15 a.m.

Childcare is available to all pre-registered families. It is requested that one bring a mat. A limited number of mats will be available for sale on the first day. To reserve a mat for purchase, e-mail Sandra at [ptspin@hotmail.com](mailto:ptspin@hotmail.com).

### Find out why she left the Amish

Saloma Furlong, author of the memoir, "Why I Left the Amish," will speak at Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., on Feb. 23 at 1 p.m.

For more information, call 973-376-4930 or visit <http://www.springfieldpubliclibrary.com/joomla15/>.

In "Why I Left the Amish," Furlong recounts how she made the difficult break with the strict religious community in which she grew up. She will tell her story in the upcoming PBS American Experience program, "The Amish," which premieres on Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.

"There are two ways to leave the Amish — one is through life and the other through death," writes Furlong, who grew up in an Amish community in Ohio. "To leave through life, one has to deliberately walk away."

Furlong's return to the Amish community for her father's funeral frames the story of how she came to leave 24 years earlier. One of seven siblings in a dysfunctional family, Furlong endured many traumatic and turbulent trials. She recounts a life defined by the austere traditions of the Amish.

## River Association holds walking tour

The Rahway River Association, in cooperation with Seton Hall University, the South Mountain Conservancy and the New Jersey Conservation Foundation's 16th Annual Land Conservation Rally, will sponsor a field trip to Essex County's South Mountain Reservation on March 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The trip will include a walking tour to observe some of the deer enclosures that are at the heart of regenerating the forest understory.

Marian Glenn, RRA board member, forest ecologist and co-director of environmental studies at Seton Hall University, South Orange, will describe the history and on-going efforts of this long-term project in ecological restoration undertaken by Essex County Parks Department with volunteer support organized by the South Mountain Conservancy.

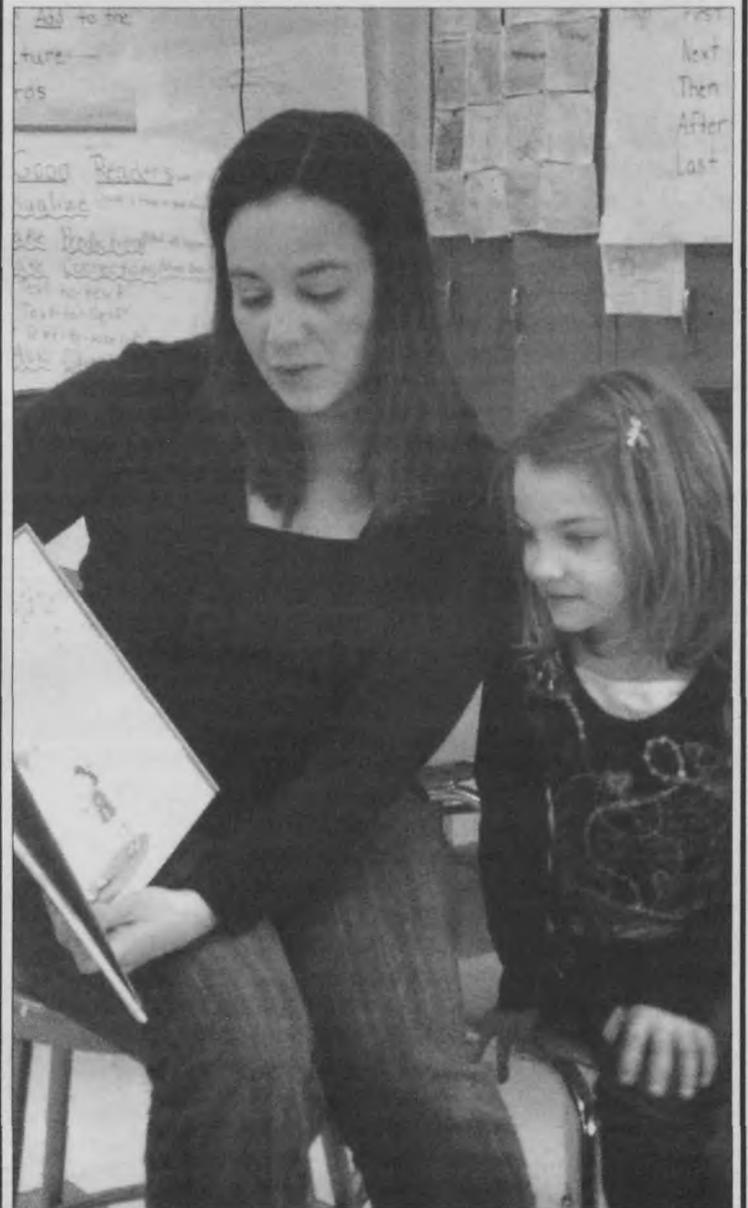
The project employs both professional and volunteer efforts to manage the deer herd by annual culling, construction of numerous enclosures, planting native species and removing invasive species.

The South Mountain Reservation, established in 1895, is the largest park in Essex County. Located in central Essex County, the park covers more than 2,000 acres in three municipalities, West Orange, Millburn and Maplewood. The park includes 19 miles of trails and carriage roads, historic sites, a zoo, ice arena, and part of the Rahway River.

Registration is required, and space is limited, it was announced. A fee will include lunch. Register by March 5.

For more information, and to register, visit <http://njconservation.org/conservationrally.htm> or contact [carol@njconservation.org](mailto:carol@njconservation.org).

## Mystery solved



Mrs. Brede, a parent, was the mystery guest reader for Ms. Kelleher's second grade class at the Valley Road School in Clark on Friday. She reads to the second graders as her daughter, Alexis Brede, looks on.

# Linden police arrest knife-wielding robber

On Jan. 22, a robbery arrest was made of Matthew Sanchez, 18, of Linden.

At 2:42 p.m., a 19-year-old man from Linden was walking on Bower Street at Essex Avenue when a red Volkswagen pulled up alongside of him, according to police.

A male passenger allegedly got out of the front seat and approached him. The male told the victim, "Run your pockets," while pulling out a folding knife and holding it to the victim's side, police said. The victim turned over \$37 in cash that he had, and the suspect got in the Volkswagen and left.

The victim told police officers that he thought he recognized the suspect from high school, police said. After a two-week investigation by Linden Det. Ken Mikolajczyk, Matthew Sanchez, was arrested on Feb. 8 and charged with robbery, possession of a weapon for unlawful purpose and unlawful possession of a weapon.

He was transferred to the Union County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail with a court date set for Feb. 15.

## Cranford

• Jan. 24: An arrest was made at 8:39 p.m. at Centennial Avenue at Hayes Street by Cranford Police Officer Steven D'Ambola of Steven Almeida, 20, of Linden and Michael M. Kossup, 20, of Linden for possession of CDS (under 50g. marijuana), possession of CDS paraphernalia, possession of CDS in a motor vehicle and maintenance of lamps. Officer D'Ambola stopped a 2001 VW Passant for improper maintenance of lamps in the area of Centennial Avenue and Hayes Street. After a brief investigation on the scene, an amount of suspected marijuana was located, and both Almeida and Kossup were arrested and charged with possession of under 50g of marijuana and possession of CDS paraphernalia. Almeida, the driver, also was issued summonses for maintenance of lamps and possession of CDS in a motor vehicle. Both Almeida and Kossup were released, and their cases are pending Municipal Court proceedings.

• Jan. 28: Kevin M. Griffith, 41, of Roselle Park was arrested at 2:31 p.m. on North Avenue at Lincoln Avenue West for possession of CDS (heroin), possession of hypodermic and possession of CDS paraphernalia. Officer Spencer Durkin stopped a 1997 Ford Explorer for a motor vehicle violation the area of North Avenue West. After a brief on scene investigation, Officer Durkin located suspected heroin within the vehicle. Griffith was arrested and charged with possession of CDS (heroin), possession of a hypodermic needle, possession of CDS paraphernalia and obstruction of view.

He was released pending Superior Court proceedings.

## POLICE BLOTTER

• Feb. 2: Patrolman Robert Jordan arrested Gregory W. Harms, 27, of Union at 12:27 a.m. on Centennial Avenue at the Green State Parkway, Exit 136 for possession of CDS (cocaine) and possession of CDS paraphernalia. Officers Jordan and Christopher DiFabio stopped a 1993 Jeep Cherokee because they observed the driver not wearing his seat belt.

After a brief on scene investigation, Officer Jordan located an amount of suspected cocaine on the person of Gregory W. Harms. Harms was arrested and charged with possession of CDS (cocaine), possession of CDS paraphernalia and failure to wear a seat belt. Harms was released pending Superior Court proceedings.

• Feb. 4: Patrolman Christopher DiFabio arrested Kevin B. O'Connell, 28 of Monmouth Beach at 2:45 a.m. on Raritan Road at the Garden State Parkway, Exit 136, for careless driving. Officer DiFabio stopped a 1999 Honda Civic in the area of Raritan Road and the Garden State Parkway, 136 exchange for driving in a careless manner. While conducting an on scene investigation, Officer DiFabio detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage on the driver's breath. Subsequent to administering standardized sobriety tests, Officer DiFabio arrested and charged O'Connell for driving while intoxicated and careless driving. O'Connell was eventually released with Municipal Court proceedings pending.

• Feb. 4: Patrolman Spencer Durkin arrested Abdul Q. Livingston, 47, of Newark at 11:45 a.m. on Raritan Road at Coleman Avenue for possession of CDS (Xanax), possession of CDS paraphernalia and contempt of court. Officer Durkin stopped a 1992 Buick Century when the officer observed that the driver was not wearing his seat belt.

After a brief on scene investigation, it was determined that the driver, Abdul Q. Livingston, has an active warrant for contempt of court out of Mount Olive Township.

Subsequent to arresting Livingston on the active warrant, Officer Durkin located Xanax pills on Livingston's person. Livingston was charged with Contempt of Court, Possession of CDS (Xanax) and possession of CDS paraphernalia. He was released with a Cranford Municipal Court date of Feb. 15.

• Feb. 5: Officer Nelson Hearn arrested Christian Jurado, 24, of West Orange at 3:34 a.m. on Centennial Avenue at Cayuga Road for DWI and wrong way on a one way street. Officer Hearn stopped a 1996 Ford Explorer after observing

the vehicle driving the wrong way through the jug-handle at Cayuga Road and Centennial Avenue. While conducting an on scene investigation, Officer Hearn detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage on the driver's breath. Subsequent to administering standardized sobriety tests, the officer arrested Christian Jurado and charged him with driving while intoxicated and going the wrong way down a one-way street. Jurado was eventually released with a Cranford Municipal Court date of Feb. 22.

## Union

• Feb. 4: Union police arrested an individual at 1509 Morris Ave., for obstruction and issued summonses for failure to stop for police officers.

• Feb. 4: Police investigated a fight in progress at 1784 Burnet Ave. A report was made of a large fight with a black man with a gun. The establishment closed doors and wouldn't let anyone back in. The crowd dispersed, and no gun was located.

• Feb. 5: Police responded to a disorderly persons report and arrested Zamar McDaniel and Joseph Nelson.

• Feb. 5: A CDS arrest on Erhardt Street was made by police of Ian Ortiz and Steven Silva for possession of CDS.

• Feb. 5: Police investigated a criminal damage report at 517 Chestnut St., Padonnos Pizza. There was damage to two front windows. It appears that no entry was gained.

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• Feb. 5: A DWI arrest was made by Union police at 2800 Morris Ave. of Edward Musa Jr.

• Feb. 6: Police made an arrest at 2400 North Third St. of one juvenile male for aggravated assault.

• Feb. 6: An investigation was made by police officers of a motor vehicle burglary on Oakway Parkway. There was a theft of cash, wallet and vehicle credentials.

• Feb. 6: Police arrested Piot Knopacki on Green Lane for burglary after being observed in a garage by a witness.

• Feb. 7: An arrest was made by Union police on Manor Drive of one male for DVA/terrorist threats. He also was charged with possession of a weapon.

• Feb. 7: Police investigated a criminal mischief report on Lehigh Avenue. The rear window of a vehicle was shattered.

• Feb. 7: Police responded to a burglary on Colonial Avenue. Entry was gained through a second floor rear window. Jewelry was taken.

• Feb. 8: Police responded to a burglary on Twin Oaks Road. Pry marks were located on the rear door. A screen also was removed. No entry was gained at this time.

• Feb. 8: An arrest was made at 2401 Route 22 at a motor vehicle stop of Isiah Gibbs and Albert McClinton for warrants. McClinton also was charged with hindering.

• Feb. 9: Police arrested Kevin Smith and Daniel Barrientos at a pedestrian stop on Tucker Avenue for possession of burglar's tools. Smith also was charged with possession of CDS and burglary.

• Feb. 9: Police arrested Steven Silva and Ian Ortiz on Winchester Ave. for possession of a weapon and criminal mischief.

## Rahway

• Feb. 7: Rahway Police Officer Philip Withers investigated a theft on E. Milton Avenue.

• Feb. 7: Officer Steven Guinta

responded to a theft on Madison Avenue.

• Feb. 7: Officers Marie Deering and Noel Martinez investigated a report of a theft on West Grand Avenue.

• Feb. 8: A theft was reported on Madison Avenue, and Officer Philip Withers responded.

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• Feb. 8: Police Officer Marie Deering investigated a theft on Charlotte Place.

• Feb. 9: A report of a theft on West Scott Avenue was investigated by Marcus Giammetta.

• Feb. 11: Officer Robert Dedics responded to a theft on West Grand Avenue.

• Feb. 11: A report of a theft on New Brunswick Avenue was investigated by Police Officers Richard Pannone and Marcus Giammetta.

• Feb. 12: A burglary report at Campbell Street with criminal damage was reported, and an investigation was made.

## IN MEMORIAM

- AHERN — Harold "Red" J., of Summit; Feb. 2.  
 BALDING — Phyllis, formerly of Cranford; Feb. 7.  
 BENETATO — Christine M. Pendergast, of Linden; Feb. 9.  
 CHEREGO — Josephine, of Clark; Feb. 10.  
 COGAN — Jack, of Clark; Feb. 6.  
 CORREIA — Eduardo Augusto, of Roselle Park; Feb. 11.  
 DOMINO — Frances, of Roselle Park; Feb. 10.  
 EDWARDS — Nelson C., of Roselle Park; Feb. 9.  
 FLEMING — Helena, formerly of Cranford; Feb. 12.  
 FUENTES — Emily, of Linden; Feb. 5.  
 GLASSER — Richard J., formerly of Union; Feb. 8.  
 GROSS — Florence M. "Sis," formerly of Summit; Feb. 7.  
 HARTONG — Gloria Jean, of Clark; Feb. 8.  
 HOWLETT — Susan, formerly of Springfield; Jan. 27.  
 JORGENSEN — Frida, formerly of Union; Feb. 6.  
 KAZALSKI — John P., of Union; Feb. 8.  
 KUNYZ — Joseph J. Sr., of Springfield; Feb. 9.  
 LIPNICK — Betty, of Union; Feb. 7.  
 MARGETON — Joseph Stephen, of Clark; Feb. 7.  
 MATUSAITIS — Ronald, formerly of Rahway; Feb. 10.  
 MERLINO — Sofia "Sally," formerly of Clark; Feb. 10.  
 MUUSE — William, formerly of Cranford; Feb. 2.  
 PANICHI — John P., of Kenilworth; Feb. 9.  
 PARISE — Dorothea Ann, of Summit; Feb. 11.  
 PIGFORD — Rosa Lee, of Hillside; Feb. 1.  
 POLASKO — Anna, of Linden; Feb. 10.  
 RUSSO — John, of Cranford; Feb. 6.  
 RUSSO — Peter, of Kenilworth; Feb. 7.  
 SEARIGHT — Senobia B., of Linden; Feb. 7.  
 SLATER — Viola T., formerly of Union; Feb. 4.  
 STANZIONE — Marie, of Mountainside; has died.  
 SZEWCZYK — Katherine R., of Linden; Feb. 5.  
 URBANSKI — George J., of Rahway; Feb. 10.  
 VERESCHAK — Andrew M., of Linden; Feb. 7.  
 WERSON — William G., of Linden; Jan. 9.  
 WILLIAMS — John Fredrick, of Rahway; Feb. 7.  
 WILLIAMS — Mamie Rose, of Linden; Feb. 9.  
 WITTMAN — Steven "Lee," of Clark; Feb. 7.  
 WOLTERS — Thomas M., of Union; Feb. 9.

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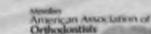
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# Read-In celebrates black history

The youth members and staff of Community Access Unlimited will be host to a Read-In Feb. 25, as part of the 23rd National African American Read-In celebration, designed to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month.

The Read-In will be held at 11 a.m. at CAU's facility at 80 West Grand St., Elizabeth.

The event is open to the public and those who wish to read or listen is invited.

The CAU provides support services to people with disabilities and at-risk youth that enable members to live independently within the community.

As part of that effort, CAU provides at-risk youth with life skills training, including literacy training. A large segment of CAU's youth members are black.

"I thought the national Read-In effort was an ideal tool for us to celebrate Black History Month while also integrating our concentration on literacy as a life skill that our members need to continually strengthen," said Wanda Watson, clinical director for CAU's Transitional Opportunities Program for its youth members.

"We always want to instill that spirit of reading and literacy. We also want our members to broaden their horizons and what better way to do that than through the inspiring words of African American writers."

The CAU is being a partner with teachers from Elizabeth High School, local college sororities, Prevention Links, a nonprofit dedicated to fostering communities through education, collaboration and linkages to resources, and other groups to support and promote the event.

The National African American Read-In was started in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English and has since been endorsed by the International Reading Association. More than a million readers from the United States, West Indies and Africa have participated.

Read-In hosts are chosen for their interest, experience and knowledge in organizing groups, selecting appropriate reading materials and promoting literacy.

Participants who would like to read at the CAU event are asked to select something short written by a black author.

"People are invited to bring something they'd like to share with the audience or to just join us and listen," Watson said.

## Dads hold Atlantic City trip

The Dads Club of Roselle Park High School will hold a fundraising bus ride the Atlantic City on March 11 to the Tropicana Casino. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the front of the high school. Coffee and a light breakfast on the bus will be served. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Joe at 908-612-1961 or Vinay at 908-245-2681.

## Corned beef, cabbage, and St. Pat's offered at Casano

The Casano Community Center of Roselle Park will sponsor its annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage luncheon on March 3 from noon to 3 p.m. This year it will feature live musical entertainment by Don Anthony, the Irish Dancers from the DeNogla School of Irish Dance and a "Pot of Gold" 50/50. Along with the day's festivities will be the traditional meal of corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread, dessert, and coffee or tea will be served. Tickets for the event are currently available at the Casano Community Center and the cut off date for the purchase of tickets is Feb. 27. For more information, call the Casano Community Center, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., or Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 908-245-0666.

## Signup for summer camp now

The Roselle Park Summer Camp this year will start on June 25 and run through Aug. 17. The camp will offer a full day pre-school and a full range of activities for students in grades K through eight.

In addition to the regular program, there are sports camps offered which are conducted by the high school coaches, as well as academic

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classes with certified teachers as hosts.

It is suggested that early registration should be made. Registration last year had to close early due to a full enrollment. Open registration this year will take place on March 22 and May 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Roselle Park High School.

For more information, contact the summer camp office at 908-241-2851/2890 or send an email at [summercamp@rpsd.org](mailto:summercamp@rpsd.org).

## RSHS making strides in technology education

Roselle Park High School reportedly is making great strides in technology education with new grants, curriculum and programs.

Science, technology, engineering and mathematics teachers, Danielle Romero, Raymond Bangs and Dennis Dagounis won the PSE&G Environmental Education grant.

It will create an innovative, interdisciplinary project geared to foster student involvement and interest in STEM disciplines.

The project is called STEMming Across the Disciplines and will allow students in various science and technology-engineering classes to design, plan and construct a Learning Lean-To outdoor environmental education center in the courtyard of the high school to be used by STEM classes across the school district.

Additionally, technology teachers, Danielle Romero and Jameson Chin, were accepted into the Engineering by Design New Jersey Initiative's Pilot Cohort. The goal of the program is to enhance the quality of STEM education in New Jersey. Roselle Park is one of 14 "elite" districts to be chosen to receive integrative STEM (iSTEM) curricula and assessments that will raise the bar for technology and engineering education. Technology Foundations will be a

new class added to the high school as a result of the Engineering by Design curriculum. This class will be one of many advanced offerings in the high school's new honors program — Science and Technology Preparatory Institute. Select gifted freshman will be accepted into this rigorous program, which focuses on STEM education. Students will be emerged in innovative classes, preparing them for college and careers in these competitive fields. With small class sizes, project based learning, and their own personal computers to keep, students will be prepared to take classes for credit at local universities by their senior year.

## Library events include chess, English classes

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

## First Alert Network informs residents of emergency

Roselle Park Police use the Union County First Alert Network to contact residents during a crisis. The UC First Alert Network delivers important emergency alerts, notifications and updates individual email, cell phone, pager and smartphone. When an incident or emergency occurs, authorized senders will instantly notify you. The UC First Alert Network is your personal connection to real-time updates, instructions on where to go, what to do, who to contact and other important information. In order to receive the alerts and broadcasts users must register.

## A view from The Gallery



Summit Free Public Library and the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey announce an exhibition of pastels by Alexis Joseph in The Gallery at the Summit Public Library, through March 31. Alexis uses vivid colors and layered textures to paint scenes of the Northeast US, the Caribbean, and France. With her usual humor, Alexis seeks out scenes with unusual shadows and light, and subjects and structures with lots of character. For more

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### Film fest kicks off March 12

Summit Free Public Library will begin the spring session of its International Film Festival on March 12 with "A Matter of Size." This is a comedy about a "coming out" of a different kind; overweight people learning to accept themselves. There will be two showings: at 2 and 6:45 p.m.

On March 16 at 12:30 p.m. the next title in the Film Movement Series will be "Queen of Hearts."

The films are in the original languages, subtitled in English. Admission is free, and open to all. Seating is limited, and is on a first-come first-seated basis.

Doors open 15 minutes before each showing. The Summit library is located at 75 Maple St. More information can be obtained by calling 908-273-0350 or by visiting [www.summitlibrary.org](http://www.summitlibrary.org).

### Old Guard hears tales of international travel agent

Fountaine Gatti, a travel agent from Travelong in Summit, who visited Vietnam, Laos and Korea last year, will speak on her travel-

ing experiences to the Summit Old Guard on Feb. 21 at the New Providence Municipal Center. Her slide presentation will cover the beauty that she observed in the cities that she visited.

Gatti is a full-time travel agent and has covered all seven continents. She has lectured to the Old Guard on a trip to Cuba that was well received.

All area 50-plus active men are invited to attend meetings of the Summit Area Old Guard on Tuesday mornings at the New Providence Municipal Center at 360 Elkwood Ave. A coffee hour will start at 9:15 that is followed by a 10 a.m. brief business meeting.

Old Guard members participate in sports, bridge, hikes, trips, plays, concerts and cultural events.

Call Ralph Ortega at 908-244-4384 for more information or visit [www.summitold-guard.homestead.com](http://www.summitold-guard.homestead.com).

### Oak Knoll School holds information session

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child has invited students and parents to visit the

Upper School for an information session on Feb. 17 from 8:15 to 10 a.m.

Oak Knoll's Upper School provides opportunities for young women in grades seven through 12 to focus on developing self-confidence and to explore and discover their voices as they become independent adults.

Current research has validated, and Oak Knoll proven, that girls in a single-sex learning environment are setting high educational goals, breaking gender barriers, and emerging as leaders. At Oak Knoll, the girls experience academics, the arts, competitive athletics, community service and social interactions that challenge and encourage them to stand up, speak out, think critically outside the box, and take risks.

Contact the admissions office to RSVP and/or with questions at 908-522-8109. More information also is available at [www.oakknoll.org](http://www.oakknoll.org).

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child is an independent Catholic day school enrolling boys and girls in kindergarten through grade six; and young women only in grades seven through 12.

### Summit library can aid in your employment search

Looking for a way to improve your job search? Summit Free Public Library will be offering a free workshop on the Job and Career Accelerator database on Feb. 29 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attendees will explore how to organize their job search, explore new occupations, and create professional resumes and cover letters.

The database also contains millions of job listings, as well as online tutorials for popular computer programs such as Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop, Windows 7, and Mac OS X.

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

Attendance at the workshop is free, but seating is limited. Register by calling the Reference Desk at 908-273-0350, ext. 3. Details about upcoming programs can be found on the library's website at [www.summitlibrary.org](http://www.summitlibrary.org). The Summit library is located at 75 Maple St.

# WORSHIP CALENDAR

## ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

**CALVARY ASSEMBLY OF GOD** "One Great Church - Two Locations!" Main Campus: 953 West Chestnut St., Union. 2nd Campus: 172 Springfield Ave., Berkeley Heights. [www.CalvaryAssembly.tv](http://www.CalvaryAssembly.tv) 908-964-1133.

(Please note: All events and services are held at the Union campus unless otherwise noted.)

Sunday Schedule:

Morning Worship - 8:45am & 11:00am  
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

(includes Adult Bible Study, Boys & Girls programs)

Youth Night - Fri @ 7:30pm

College & Career - Fri @ 7:30pm

\*Visit us at: [www.CalvaryAssembly.tv](http://www.CalvaryAssembly.tv)\*

## UKRAINIAN EVANGELICAL ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

2208 Stanley Terrace, Union (908) 686-8171

Rev. Walter Cebala, Pastor

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

(Ukrainian & Spanish translation available)

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.

## JEWISH-TRADITIONAL CONSERVATIVE

**CONGREGATION B'NAI AHAVATH SHALOM**, 2035 Vauxhall Road (corner of

Plane Street), Union. Tel: (908) 686-6773. Dr. Leon J. Yagod, Rabbi Emeritus; Oscar Newman, Cantor; David Gelband, President. Congregation B'Nai Ahavath Shalom is a traditional conservative congregation with a full range of programs. DAILY SERVICES: Sun: 8:30am; Mon-Fri.: 7:30am; Friday evening: 8pm; SATURDAY: 9:00am. Torah class half hour before each service. Hebrew School: Sundays 9:30am.

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**BETHELAFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
241 Hilton Ave.,

**Vauxhall NJ 07088**  
Phone: 908-964-1282  
Pastor: Rev. Dennis E. Hughes  
Sunday - Church School 9:AM  
Worship Service 10:AM  
Wednesday - Bible Class 6:30 to 7:30  
ALL ARE WELCOME

## COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

301 Chestnut St.,  
Roselle Park, NJ 07204  
Phone: 908-245-2237  
[www.roselleparkumc.org](http://www.roselleparkumc.org)  
Pastor: Rev. Glenn A. Scheyhing  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
10:30 AM Sunday School  
Childcare Available

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF UNION**, Berwyn Street at Overlook Terrace, Union. Rev. James G. Ryoo, Pastor. Jonathan Schneider, Music Director. Church Office 687-8077. Parsonage 686-2412. Worship Service 11:00 A.M., Sunday worship includes a children's sermon, followed by Sunday School, and communion on the first Sunday of each month. All welcome. United Methodist Men's, Women's and Youth groups. Home Bible Studies 3rd Saturday each month.

## 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.

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

**JESUS THE ROCK FELLOWSHIP THE CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS**  
[www.JTRF.org](http://www.JTRF.org) (You can hear services)  
2 Denman Ave., Clark. Gerry Gregoire, Senior Pastor. Church: 908-358-6089; Pastor: 908-419-5640 Sun. Services 3:00 PM, Tues. Prayer 7:00 PM, Sat. 6:00 PM 1st Bible Study; 6:00PM 2nd Men/Women's Fellowship/6:00PM; 3rd Healing Service 4th Outreach TBA.

**KENILWORTH GOSPEL CHAPEL**  
Newark and 23rd Street, Kenilworth, 908-272-6131, Pastor Donald Dunkerton. Sunday

9:15 am Communion, 11:00 am Family Bible Hour and Sunday School for all ages. Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer and Bible Study, (childcare provided), Friday 7:00 pm Youth Activities for Grade School age, Jr. High and Sr. High. [kenilworthgospel.org](http://kenilworthgospel.org)

## MOUNTAINSIDE CHAPEL

1180 Spruce Dr., Mountainside,  
Bible taught by Dr. G. Hagg, Minister  
Sunday: Service 10:30 AM  
Christian Education for all ages 9:30 AM  
Wednesday: Youth Group 6:30 PM  
Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM  
For more info, please call 908-232-3456  
or [mountainsidechapel@comcast.net](mailto:mountainsidechapel@comcast.net)

## PRESBYTERIAN

**COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, 1459 Deer Path, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092. You are invited to join us in Worship Services on Sundays at 10:30 am. This is a place for you to enjoy uplifting music and relevant messages that will energize and inspire you. We offer a warm and friendly environment with Bible study, Sunday school and active adult and youth groups. For further information, please contact Dr. Christopher Belden, Pastor at 908-232-9490.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RAHWAY** Corner of West Grand Ave. & Church St., RAHWAY. Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. Worship Service on Sundays at 10:30 am; Fellowship Hour 11:30 am; Nursery 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Office Hours: Mon - Thurs 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. 732-382-0803 [www.rahwayworship.org](http://www.rahwayworship.org).

**TOWNLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 829 Salem Road, Union. Worship and Church School Sundays at 10:00 A.M. Nursery Care during all services. Holy Communion the first Sunday of each month. We offer opportunities for personal growth and development for children, youth, and adults. We have two children's choirs and an adult Chancel Choir. We also have a youth fellowship, regular adult Bible Study, a Book Club and Summer Vacation Bible School. Come and worship with friends and neighbors this Sunday. Townley Church is a growing congregation of caring people. Church Office 686-1028. Rev. Christopher Taylor, Pastor.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD** 210 Morris Ave. at Church Mall, Springfield, NJ 07081, 973-379-4320. Rev. Victoria Ney, Pastor. Sunday Worship

begins at 10:15am followed by Fellowship Hour. Church time nursery and Sunday School for infant to second grade avail. Sunday School for grades 3-12 begins at 9:00am in the Parish House @ 37 Church Mall. For more information about Church groups and community activities or to contact Pastor Ney, please call the Church Office at 973-379-4320, or e-mail [FirstPCOffice@verizon.net](mailto:FirstPCOffice@verizon.net).

## ROMAN CATHOLIC

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**ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE PARISH COMMUNITY**, 45 South Springfield Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey 07081.973-376-3044. [www.saintjamesparish.org](http://www.saintjamesparish.org). SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 5:00pm (anticipated), Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30am and 12:00 noon. WEEKDAY MASS: Monday-Friday 7:30am, Saturday 8:00am. RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11:00am (any time by appointment).

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## Get caught up in Christie's 'The Mousetrap'

By Bea Smith  
Staff Writer

There must be something rather extraordinary about a play that is running for nearly 60 years in one theater and is still drawing large crowds and breaking records. The phenomenal stage mystery is Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap," and the name of the site is the West End Theater in London, England.

Its appeal, no doubt, is so overwhelming that "The Mousetrap" has made its way in our direction, to the United States and right here in Cranford at the Cranford Dramatic Club Community Theatre on Winans Avenue. And with our own highly talented local actors, it's here to mystify, entertain and frighten anxious theater-goers, particularly mystery fans, who love to be mystified and entertained. And, of course, frightened.

Perhaps there may have been theater patrons on opening night last Friday, who had witnessed a production of "The Mousetrap" at this theater 35 years ago. At least, credit must be given to Bob Pells, current director, a member of the CDC for 46 years, who actually served in the same capacity that many years ago.

If he did as well then as he is doing now — and it is not an easy job — with doors opening and closing, people coming and going; everyone looking suspicious, and still attempting to maintain a heavy aura of mystery, he is truly exceptional.



Detective Sgt. Trotter, played by Ty Jacobs, center, reviews the details of a murder with some of the suspects at Monkswell Manor. From left, Major Metcalf (Rod Hilton), Molly Ralston (Theresa Lyons), Miss Casewell (Alicia Cordero), Mr. Paravicini (Sam Rosalsky, seated), and Giles Ralston (Michael Miguel). Agatha Christie's murder mystery 'The Mousetrap' is playing at CDC Theatre in Cranford.

Among the frightening moments especially is when the whole theater becomes dark, and the murderer is in the background, humming the strange children's song, "Three Blind Mice." In fact, with the reality of a snowstorm building outside of this isolated house on a hill, the audience could almost feel the icy cold and the need to warm itself before the fireplace up on the stage.

The mystery, as only Agatha Christie could create, concerns several murders, one, however, at Monkswell Manor, a new guest house, owned by a young husband and wife, Mollie and Giles Ralston, played by Theresa Lyons and Michael Miguel, respectively, both of whom are warmly convincing. Their house guests, so suspicious-looking, that any one of them could be the culprit, are stranded

within, due to the stormy weather.

Among them are the childlike, rather effeminate Christopher Wren, marvelously played by David Ciampichini; the strangely quiet Miss Casewell, convincingly portrayed by Alicia Cordero; Leslie Riccio, as the sophisticated Mrs. Boyle, outstanding in the role; Major Hilton, significantly played by Rod Hilton, and the odd-looking Mr. Paravicini, por-

trayed by Sam Rosalsky, who has the audience convinced that he is the most suspicious character.

Then, of course, there's Detective Sgt. Trotter, a police officer, sharply enacted by Ty Jacobs, who manages to use skis to get the house — all the roads are closed — to investigate a murder — or two.

Unquestioningly, suspicions run rampant, and although this reviewer, and several others in the audience, managed to resolve the mystery by picking out the right character as the murderer, many had lots of fun making the attempt to aggressively uncover the real killer.

Every member of the cast was especially creative in utilizing British accents in this British play. It was a job well done.

The living room setting of "The Mousetrap," with its doors and couches and lamps, was especially effective, thanks to Marc Chandler, particularly with a large window, showing the snow-filled outdoors and the light and darkness of the changing daylight to evening. Mark Reilly, lighting designer, is to be congratulated; with hats off to Bill Chamis, producer.

"The Mousetrap" will run Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. plus a 2 p.m. show on Sunday, Feb. 19, through Feb. 25. This splendid production happens to be a wonderful tribute to the renown Christie and an invitation to all mystery fans to take advantage of an opportunity to appreciate Agatha Christie at her best.

## A redbud explosion offers new varieties and options

With all the noise about European debt, American presidential elections and the plague of reality television, you may not have noticed that we are in the midst of a redbud explosion.

Breeders have taken the common Eastern Redbud — *Cercis canadensis* — and dressed it in flashy foliage, changed its growth habit, and adorned it with lighter or darker blossoms. Catalogs offer an array of redbud options. If the trend continues, there will soon be enough redbud varieties to rival the current avalanche of heucherellas, tiarellas and heucherellas.

In the beginning there was the species, a wonderful, small native tree belonging to the bean, or Fabaceae, family. This family relationship is most obvious in the fruits, which come in cases that look like bean or peapods.

### The Gardener's Apprentice

By Elisabeth Ginsburg

Mature redbuds grow 20 to 30 feet tall, with a nearly equal spread and a rounded crown. The trunks tend to divide relatively close to the ground, which, I can say from youthful experience, make them great climbing trees. The leaves are heart-shaped and glossy green, while the tiny pink to purple-pink, pea-like flowers will sweep you off your feet. Closely clustered on the stems and trunks, they appear by the thousands in early to mid spring, before the leaves make their

seasonal debut.

Traveling through Virginia last spring I saw scores of redbuds blooming in wooded areas, something I don't see as much in the northeast, though the trees are hardy over a wide range, from USDA zones 4 to 9. The flowering trees are showy for a couple of weeks in the spring before fading gracefully into the background.

But, in this day and age, when people and plants must multitask, breeders have added to the tree's traditional virtues. I opened a catalog the other day to see a multi-colored flash bright enough to trigger a migraine. It was *Cercis canadensis*, Rising Sun.

Catalog photos are sometimes enhanced, so I take them with a large grain of salt, but the copy told an enticing story. Rising Sun boasts flowers in the normal purple-pink

colors, but the foliage bursts to life in shades of green, apricot, and peach. This color scheme is a seasonal flash in the pan; leaves fade to yellow, then to summery green. Eventually the flair returns in fall and the leaves color up again in orangey-gold, before leaving the scene. The tree is relatively small and grows only about 12 feet tall.

Forest Pansy is a redbud cultivar that has been around for awhile. Its bronze-purple new foliage is eye-catching enough to inspire hyperbole from the University of Georgia's woody plant guru, Dr. Michael Dirr. In his "Manual of Woody Landscape Plants," Dirr writes that the variety's young foliage is "a screaming, shimmering red-purple." Seasonal change dials this color back a bit, but its leaves remain in the purple realm.

A little controlled hanky-panky

at North Carolina State University between Forest Pansy and Covey, a weeping variety, resulted in the birth of Ruby Falls. This dwarf grows only 6 to 8 feet tall and has the weeping habit of Covey and the purple foliage of Forest Pansy. The leaves turn green in the summer.

Forest Pansy, apparently amenable to all kinds of hook-ups, also begat Merlot. Merlot's other parent was *Cercis reniformis*, Texas White, a white-flowered tree. The advantage to the 12- to 15-foot Merlot is that its purple foliage stays purple all season. It has the usual rosy-tinged blooms, but another *Cercis canadensis* variety, Royal White has large, white blossoms.

For those who like variegated foliage, there is Silver Cloud, which has white blotches and

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## Trailside offers 'wit and wisdom' with an Abraham Lincoln event

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders has announced that there will be a special program at Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside to celebrate Presidents' Day weekend. "The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln," a dramatization and lecture, will be presented on Friday at 7 p.m. for adults, 18 and older.

This hour-long program is made possible in part by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Admission is free, but it was announced that donations will be appreciated. Pre-registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome as space permits.

"We are pleased to offer such premier talent for this dramatic portrayal of Abraham Lincoln, as part of the 2012 Winter Adult Program Series at Trailside," said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella. "We hope that many people will take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy an engaging and enlightening historical presentation."

Christian Johnson, a dramatist with the American Historical Theater since 1989, portrays Lincoln with resonance, giving insight into his strength of character. Johnson trained as an actor with the Neighborhood Playhouse of New York. In 2008, he was chosen to portray

Lincoln in Paris for the United Nations UNESCO. In his work, Johnson combines entertainment and education. He has appeared in such venues as the White House Visitors Center, Independence Hall, National Archives, Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

For information about the lecture/dramatization: "The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln," or other adult programs or upcoming events at Trailside, call 908-789-3670 or visit [www.ucnj.org/trailside](http://www.ucnj.org/trailside). Trailside Nature & Science Center is located at 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

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 Durr notes that some leaves invariably revert to plain green and mentions that the flowers may be less numerous on this variety. Floating Clouds, which may well be a Silver Cloud offspring, has more reliable variegation. Silver Cloud and Covey got together and became the parents of Whitewater, a spanking-new, weeping redbud with somewhat-fleeting variegation. Liberally splashed with white in spring, the leaves turn green as summer progresses.

Chartreuse or yellow-green foliage has been fashionable for some time, and the fashion-forward redbuds have not been left behind. Hearts of Gold grows about 15 feet

tall and 18 feet wide, and sports the usual rosy flowers and heart-shaped golden-green leaves. Its proponents claim it has the vigor of regular, green-leaved varieties, plus a rapid-growth habit.

They are available from the following sources: Forestfarm, 990 Tetherow Road, Williams, OR, 97544; 541-846-7269; [www.forestfarm.com](http://www.forestfarm.com); or Rare Find Nursery, 957 Patterson Road, Jackson, NJ 08527; 732-833-0613; [www.rarefindnursery.com](http://www.rarefindnursery.com).

**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>.**

## 'February Festivities' offered Presidents Day weekend

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Community Renewal have announced a lineup of programs for families and adults at Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside during the Presidents' Day holiday weekend, from Friday through Feb. 20.

"February Festivities" will include various types of family programs recommended for families with children ages five and older. Pre-registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted. Walk-ins will be accommodated as space permits, it was announced.

"The weekend 'February Festivities' will entertain and educate while offering families a chance to experience the beauty and wonder of the Watchung Reservation during the winter," said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella. "Whether you want to learn

how real maple syrup is made, enjoy an action-packed matinee, use your creativity during the EcoArt Extravaganza, or walk in the woods to see wildlife, there is something for everyone."

A special Monday magic matinee, "Hocus Pocus: It's Joe Fischer!," on Feb. 20 is recommended for children ages four and older.

Beginning the "February Festivities" Friday from 7 to 8 p.m., will be "The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln," a dramatization-lecture for adults, ages 18 and older. Christian Johnson, a dramatist with the American Theatre Organization, will portray President Lincoln and give insight into his strength of character.

This program is sponsored in part by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities and is free of charge, although, it was announced, donations will be appreciated.

On Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, families with children ages five and older can use their creativity during Trailside's "EcoArt Extravaganza" anytime between 10 a.m. and noon. They will be able to use their artistic abilities to make crafts from recycled objects. Participants will see paper rolls become snakes, cereal boxes and magazine pictures become colorful bookmarks and egg cartons transformed into beautiful flower arrangements. There will be a fee. Pre-registration is not required for this program.

On Feb. 18, families can join a Trailside staff member at 3 p.m. for Story Time and listen to stories of the season. Families should meet on the lower level of the Visitor Center by the bird viewing area. There is no fee for Story Time but donations are appreciated.

Also Feb. 18, from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.,

families can see how 100 percent real maple syrup is made from the sap of a sugar maple tree in "The Journey of Sap to Syrup." Visitors will be able to find out what equipment is needed to collect sap and to take part in a taste test to try to identify the real thing. This program will be repeated on Feb. 20, from 10 to 11:15 a.m. There will be a fee. Pre-registration is required.

Another highlight of this weekend will be the matinee, "Hocus Pocus: It's Joe Fischer!" on Feb. 20 from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. This show is a blend of magic, audience participation and comedy. Magician Fischer will baffle his audience. He has a rapport with children and an ability to engage audiences of all ages. This matinee is recommended for children ages four and up. Tickets go on sale at 1 p.m. on Feb. 20 at the Visitor Center Service Desk. Strollers are not permitted in the auditorium.

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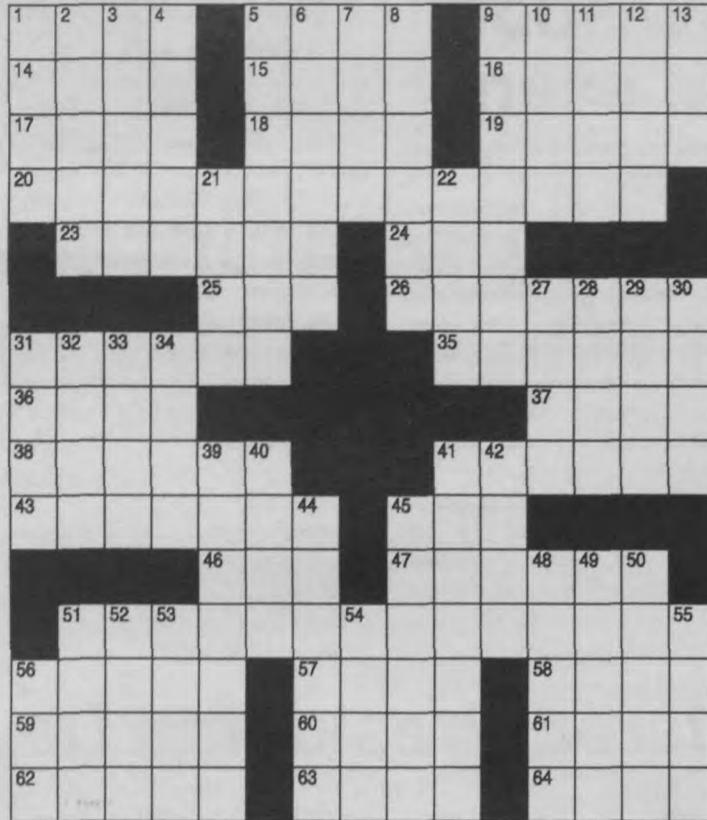


Photos By Dave VanDeventer

The Merchants and Drovers Tavern Museum, once used to entertain General and future first president George Washington, is a popular Rahway museum depicting and preserving early tavern life and stagecoach transportation, located at the intersection of St. George's Avenue and Westfield Avenue.



# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## CLUES ACROSS

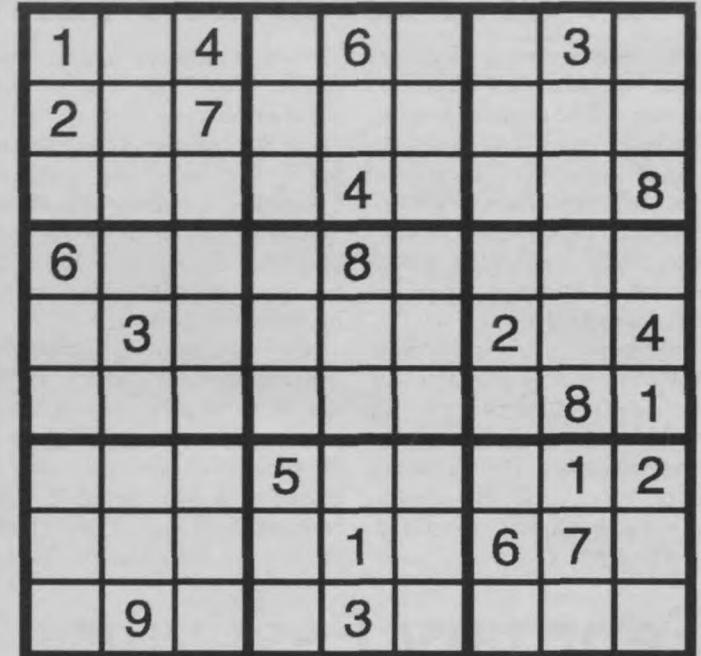
- 1. Undergarments for women
- 5. Periods of time
- 9. Dramatist Henrik
- 14. Any thick messy substance
- 15. Examination
- 16. Japanese city
- 17. Daze with a blow
- 18. With fireplace residue
- 19. Synthetic acrylic fabric fiber
- 20. Pittsburgh University
- 23. Scorched
- 24. Potato state (abbr.)
- 25. Anger
- 26. Suitable for use as food
- 31. To wipe out, obliterate
- 35. Used of unskilled work, esp. domestic
- 36. Loose earth, soil
- 37. Petrol container
- 38. Great (60's slang)
- 41. Conditions of balance
- 43. Foes
- 45. Sec. of Energy Steven
- 46. 6th day (abbr.)
- 47. Without qualification or exception
- 51. Sarah's title
- 56. Leisurely stroll
- 57. Austr. Army History Unit
- 58. Bowfin genus
- 59. S.A. mountain chain
- 60. \_\_\_ Scott Case 1857
- 61. Mound
- 62. Springfield, IL candy founder Martin
- 63. Frambesia
- 64. Reduced price event

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pear variety
- 2. The Sator-\_\_\_ Square
- 3. Light purplish-blue
- 4. Plants of the genus Cassia
- 5. Shelf unit for ornaments
- 6. Live in
- 7. Arthur \_\_\_, Wimbledon champion
- 8. A thwarting and distressing obstruction
- 9. Cut off from others
- 10. Tree trunk outgrowth
- 11. Tower used for storing silage
- 12. Br. public boys school
- 13. \_\_\_ Ling mountain range
- 21. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
- 22. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 27. Peruvian province
- 28. Diagonal cut of cloth
- 29. A narrow path or road
- 30. Fraternal Order of \_\_\_
- 31. The boundary of a surface
- 32. Granular old snow
- 33. Rt. angle cleaving tool
- 34. Irreducible material
- 39. Oldest man-made rayon fiber
- 40. Affirmative! (slang)
- 41. Burial cloths
- 42. Surface layer of grass & roots
- 44. Not shaky
- 45. Kidney-shaped nut
- 48. Nursemaids in India
- 49. Alkali bee genus
- 50. Warble
- 51. A citizen of Denmark
- 52. Approves food
- 53. Golf ball supports
- 54. Pearl Harbor actress Rue
- 55. Coarse curly-leafed greens
- 56. Cancer detecting smear

ANSWERS APPEAR IN OUR CLASSIFIED SECTION

# SUDOKU



Level: Intermediate

## Here's How It Works:

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

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# HOROSCOPES

## Feb. 19 to 25

**ARIES**, March 21 to April 20: Aries, expect others to gravitate toward you this week. Your decisions will carry extra weight and others will look to you for guidance and support.

**TAURUS**, April 21 to May 21: Taurus, you're thinking of creative ways to pass some time, but relaxation might be the best solution. Use the down time to recharge your batteries.

**GEMINI**, May 22 to June 21: Gemini, hold your tongue to avoid stepping on other people's toes this week. Reserve your comments for when people ask for them, and you'll be happy you did so.

**CANCER**, June 22 to July 22: Cancer, mixing business with pleasure could prove disastrous. Better think again before you take this route in the next few days. Romantic ties may break if you let them.

**LEO**, July 23 to Aug. 23: Leo, it

may be time for a complete makeover. You've earned the right to some indulgence, so treat yourself to a mini-vacation and some pampering.

**VIRGO**, Aug. 24 to Sept. 22: Virgo, you're very good at marching to the beat of a different drummer. But sometimes it can be to your advantage to fall in line with the pack if it serves your best interest.

**LIBRA**, Sept. 23 to Oct. 23: Not every day can be an exciting day, Libra. If you make the most of what you're working with, you can make boring moments a little more enjoyable, especially with friends.

**SCORPIO**, Oct. 24 to Nov. 22: Scorpio, expect to tackle work projects with renewed vigor this week. That extra hop in your step will enable you to get everything done without breaking a sweat.

**SAGITTARIUS**, Nov. 23 to Dec. 21: Sagittarius, speak your mind when others ask your advice. Don't be afraid to share your opin-

ions, even if those opinions are bound to ruffle some feathers.

**CAPRICORN**, Dec. 22 to Jan. 20: Capricorn, this week provides the perfect opportunity to reconnect with old friends. Use some unforeseen downtime to do just that and enjoy the much-needed respite.

**AQUARIUS**, Jan. 21 to Feb. 18: Aquarius, others prove especially grateful of your efforts this week. Be gracious when accepting praise and spread some of your own as well. Wednesday proves to be fun.

**PISCES**, Feb. 19 to March 20: Pisces, you have a lot of supporters who want to help you with whatever they can. Make the most of this generosity.

**Famous folks' birthdays**  
 Feb. 19, Victoria Justice, actress, 19. Feb. 20, French Stewart, comic actor, 48. Feb. 21, Charlotte Church, singer, 26. Feb. 22, Lea Salonga, actress, 41. Feb. 23, Aziz Ansari, actor, 29. Feb. 24, Billy Zane, actor, 46. Feb. 25, Sean Astin, actor, 41.

## Cooking

on the Block

with Chef Ellie Espo

## STUFFED PEPPERS WITH SAUSAGE AND SPINACH

### Ingredients

- 2 red or yellow Holland peppers, halved,
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 sausage links, removed from casings and crumbled
- 6 oz. cubed asiago cheese, not aged
- 1 bag baby spinach
- 1 cup chopped Italian parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- Pinch nutmeg
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 2 cups tomato sauce
- Salt and pepper
- Bread crumbs
- White wine

### Method

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place pepper halves in an oiled baking dish, season with salt and pepper and set aside. Saute onion and garlic in a little olive oil until caramelized. Add sausage to pan, breaking it up as it browns.

Add a few tablespoons white wine and reduce, allowing the sausage to remain a little pink. Add spinach and cook until wilted. Remove from heat and add cheese, parsley, oregano, nutmeg and pepper flakes. Season lightly with salt and pepper. Add just enough bread crumbs to allow the mixture to hold together in the palm of your hand. Fill the pepper halves, topping them with a little salt and black pepper. Surround the pepper halves with the white wine and tomato sauce. Cover with foil and bake 25 to 30 minutes. Remove the foil and continue baking till the peppers are tender, about another 20 to 25 minutes, about 50 minutes total. Serve with extra tomato sauce, if desired. Serves 4

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Photos courtesy of Mary Alice Zavocki

Above, from left, Dayton's Anna Lies and GL's Alyssa Polimeni reached 1,000 career points Monday night. Below, Dayton seniors, from left, Emily MacDonnell, Jen Kuczynski and Anna Lies, all reached 1,000 career points this season.



## Lies, Polimeni are grand in lifting teams to victory

### Dayton, GL seniors net 1,000 milestone

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

CLARK — The most important thing Dayton needed to accomplish Monday night was beating a Kathy Matthews-coached Union Catholic squad a third time in three tries — which is never an easy task.

In addition, Dayton senior guard Anna Lies needed just three points to become the third Bulldog this season to reach 1,000 career points — a rare feat for a team to have three obtain the milestone in the same season.

Lies took three shots within the first 20 seconds, the last one a three-point attempt. None went in.

After shooting 0-for-4 in a first quarter Dayton won by just two points, Lies attempted another three-pointer inside the first minute of the second quarter. This time her long-range field goal — from the top of the key — came down and hit nothing but net, giving her exactly 1,000 for her career.

Much to her and the team's satisfaction, Lies reached the milestone in an important first round Union County Tournament victory, with third-seeded Dayton going on to post a convincing 57-35 triumph over 14th-seeded Union Catholic in one of the two nightcap games at Johnson.

Dayton previously swept Union Catholic in Union County Conference-Mountain Division play.

#### UCT QUARTERFINALS Thursday, Feb. 16

##### At Rahway

5-Summit vs. 4-Roselle Catholic, 6 p.m.  
9-Union vs. 1-Gov. Livingston, 7:30 p.m.

##### At Roselle Catholic

6-Linden vs. 3-Dayton, 6 p.m.  
7-Oak Knoll vs. 2-Cranford, 7:30 p.m.

Dayton, which captured its second straight to improve to 16-6, won the second quarter 28-17 for a 34-21 halftime advantage and never looked back. Union Catholic had a two-game winning streak snapped and fell to 10-12.

The Bulldogs are now one win away from returning to the semifinals.

"We were just trying to focus on the win," Lies said. "Coach told the whole team and I told the whole team not to even think about my points because we knew it was going to come. We just really wanted to win."

The first two Dayton seniors to reach the milestone this season were Emily MacDonnell in a home win Jan. 20 and then Jen Kuczynski in a home triumph Jan. 24.

"It's unbelievable," said Lies, who finished with 20 points to increase her career total to 1,017. "This is something the three of us have been working toward and dreaming of together since our freshman year."

MacDonnell led Dayton with 25 points to increase her career total to 1,088. Kuczynski added three, with her career total moving to 1,097.

"It's unreal," Lies said. "I'm glad that it finally happened."

In contrast to facing a team for the third time in the first round, Dayton will next face an opponent it has not played this season — sixth-seeded Linden — in a quarterfinal tonight at Roselle Catholic.

Dayton came very close to almost knocking off Linden as the lower-seeded team two years ago in a first round game at Johnson.

"We're just trying to make a good run and play our best while we're in the tournament," Lies said.

Linden, which improved to 16-6, also advanced by beating a team for the third time in three times — that foe being 11th-seeded Scotch Plains (9-14 and has lost four in a row) by the score of 61-54 in one of Monday's 6 p.m. games at Johnson.

"The competition is very tough," Lies said. "We're just excited to be playing."

In Monday's other nightcap in Johnson's other gym — the one down the hallway at the left — fans waited for GL senior Alyssa Polimeni to become the latest Union County standout to reach 1,000 career points. Polimeni needed 13 and netted seven of those by halftime of an eventual 60-17 Highlander triumph over 16th-seeded Kent Place (13-6).

After missing the first two field goals she attempted in the second half, Polimeni drove to the basket for consecutive layups to put her at 11 points for the game and 998 for her career with 42 seconds left in the third quarter.

Polimeni then missed two three-point attempts from the left side before she was fouled in the act of shooting with 16.3 seconds remaining, putting her on the free throw line for two foul shots. Polimeni made the first one, with point No. 999 in the books. However, her second free throw attempt hit off the rim.

The third quarter ended with GL leading 45-15 and Polimeni still needing one more point for 1,000.

After she missed another three-point attempt from the same left side of the court, Polimeni was fouled once more in the act of shooting and awarded two more free throw attempts.

This time — with 6:41 remaining — she didn't miss, with her first of two free throws giving her 1,000 career points. Similar to what Lies experienced just a brief time ago in Johnson's other gym when she reached 1,000 points the game was stopped briefly for Polimeni to be recognized for her scoring achievement.

Polimeni finished with 14 points and will now add to a career total that is at 1,001.

#### Cranford's Miller reaches 1,000, Page 27

"Now we can just worry about playing basketball," said Polimeni, who has played AAU basketball (New Jersey Crusaders) with Lies in addition to each player being four-year varsity starters. "Our main focus is the county tournament now."

Polimeni, like Lies, has had a great deal to do with making other players around her better by what she does on the court besides scoring. Important fundamentals that come into play include passing, moving around without the ball and rebounding.

"I'm always trying to do what it takes for our team to win and scoring is a part of it," Polimeni said. "I'm so excited to look for my teammates that are open and they look to get me open and that's how I've been scoring."

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# Competition to heat up as squads vie for semis

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After taking the lead at 3-2, Union led eighth-seeded New Providence (12-9) the remainder of the game, downing the Pioneers 42-35 in one of the two 6 p.m. games at Johnson.

GL - which Monday night joined second-seeded Cranford as the first two Union County teams to reach 20 wins - was decisive in beating Union 52-30 at home in a Jan. 12 conference-crossover clash in Berkeley Heights.

"They're definitely going to come out with a lot of energy," Polimeni said. "In the county tournament anything can happen, so we're just going to come out and give it our all."

Union went on a 9-0 run to take a 17-5 lead against New Providence with 3:37 left in the second quarter. The Farmers had two 13-point advantages in the third quarter before New Providence fought back to pull to within four at 31-27 at the onset of the fourth quarter. That was the closest the Pioneers would get.

Leading the way offensively for Union was sophomore forward Wendy Berry, who scored five of her team-high 14 points in the fourth quarter.

In the regular season game against GL, the 30 points Union scored was its second-lowest output of the season.

The Farmers lost at home to Roselle Catholic 38-25 in Watchung Division play.

This is how Polimeni remembers the game: "we pushed the ball well in transition. We got some big defensive stops, so we're going to try to do that in the next game."

Union - which improved to 12-11 and a season-best four-game winning streak - is also sparked by the play of senior point guard Jamiyah Bethune, who scored 12 points vs. New Providence. Bethune also reached 1,000 career points on Jan. 24 when she scored 16 in a 54-29 Watchung Division home win over Westfield.

"We've just got to play together," Bethune said. "Fundamentals are the most important thing, such as rebounding and boxing out. Everybody's got to touch the ball."

Bethune remembered Union's regular season game against GL (Mountain Division champs are now 20-1 and winners of three straight) quite well and knows that her team is up for the challenge of trying to knock out the top seed.

"The first time we had a couple of lapses and they got a couple of baskets on the run," Bethune said. "We have to lock down, play defense and rebound. That's our game."

"We also have to score, that's what we have to do. Our defense is there. Offense is our main problem. Everyone's got to knock down shots and work the ball."

The top side of the bracket quarterfinals will be at Rahway today, featuring fifth-seeded Summit vs. fourth-seeded Roselle Catholic at 6 p.m. and ninth-seeded Union vs. top-seeded GL at 7:30 p.m.

In Watchung Division play, eventual repeat champion Roselle Catholic swept Summit, winning 33-31 at home on Dec. 22 and then 33-26 in Summit on Jan. 28.

Roselle Catholic improved to 17-5 and has won four in a row and nine of 10. Leading the way Monday night at Rahway in a 36-18 win over 13th-seeded Westfield (9-14) was junior guard Marcia Senatus with a game-high 15 points and six rebounds and junior forward Niavanni Grant with six of her 10 points in the third quarter, in addition to seven rebounds.

Sophomore center Tori Pozsony contributed seven points and a team-high nine rebounds.

Roselle Catholic finished 3-0 vs. Westfield this year, including two Watchung Division triumphs. RC won the last three UCTs, with Westfield winning the year before in 2008.

Summit, which captured the UCC's first Watchung Division title two years ago, had to defeat 12th-seeded Plainfield (7-15) a third time in three tries, including the first two in Watchung Division competition.

On Monday at Rahway, Summit won this time by the score of 44-38.

The Hilltoppers (16-4) had won seven straight and 14 of 15 after a 2-3 start. The only setback in that 15-game stretch was their division home loss to Roselle Catholic.

"Until someone knocks off Roselle Catholic, I feel they're still the team to beat in the county tournament," Summit head coach Brian Erickson said.

RC has now won 12 straight UCT games, including all four in 2009, all four in 2010, all three in 2011 and its first one in 2012. The Lions were last defeated in a UCT game on Feb. 14, 2008 when they were edged by eventual finalist Elizabeth 45-43 in a quarterfinal clash at Rahway.

Today's bottom side of the bracket games include sixth-seeded Linden vs. third-seeded Dayton at 6 p.m. and then seventh-seeded Oak Knoll vs. second-seeded Cranford at 7:30 p.m.

In Monday's first round games at Roselle Catholic, Oak Knoll defeated 10th-seeded Johnson for the third time in three tries - this time by a 50-29 count - while Cranford held off 15th-seeded Hillside 61-55, outscoring the Valley Division champions 23-20 in the fourth quarter.

Oak Knoll, which won its third straight to improve to 13-9, previously swept Johnson (7-14 and had two-game winning streak snapped) in Mountain Division play.

Cranford won its 11th straight game to improve to 20-3, while much-improved Hillside fell to 16-4. If the Comets defeat Roselle Park at home when that game is made up, they will be the only boys' or girls' UCC division winner to capture their division title undefeated.

The UCT win was Cranford's first in two years after the Cougars were upset by Dayton 43-42 in last year's quarterfinals at Rahway.

Cranford swept Oak Knoll in Mountain Division competition.

## FIRST ROUND RESULTS

Monday, Feb. 13

### At Johnson gym to the right

Union 42, New Providence 35  
Dayton 57, Union Catholic 35

### At Johnson gym to the left

Linden 61, Scotch Plains 54  
Gov. Livingston 60, Kent Place 17

### At Rahway

Summit 44, Plainfield 38  
Roselle Catholic 36, Westfield 18

### At Roselle Catholic

Oak Knoll 50, Johnson 29  
Cranford 61, Hillside 55

**NOTES:** The semifinals are scheduled to be played Monday night at a gym or gyms still to be announced. The site or sites will not be determined until the quarterfinals are complete.

The championship game is scheduled for Feb. 26 at 5 p.m. at Kean University's Harwood Arena in Union. The junior varsity UCT championship game will take place at Kean on the same day at 3 p.m.

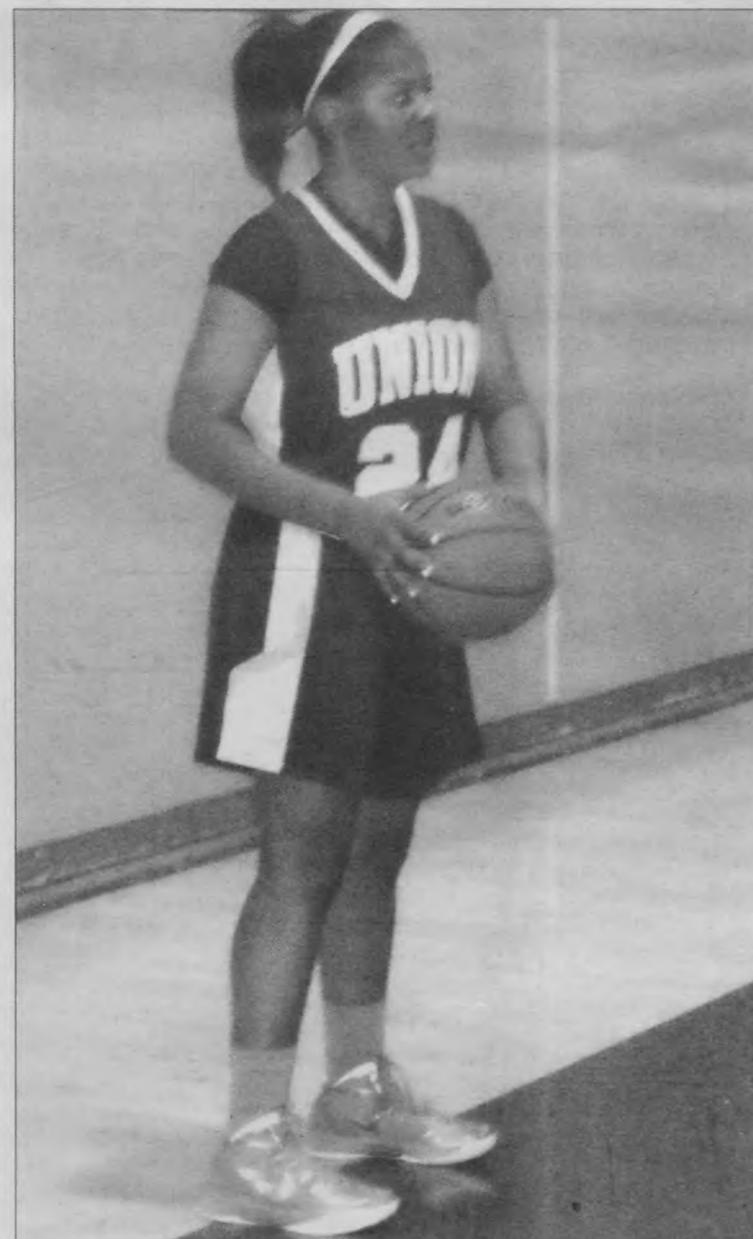
Summit won last year's JV UCT championship, defeating Johnson in the final.

State tournament play will commence around the state Feb. 27, with Groups 3 and 1 to go Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Groups 4 and 2 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.



Photos by JR Parachini

Above, GL senior Alyssa Polimeni is about to make this free throw for her 1,000th career point. Below, sophomore Wendy Berry paced Union with 14 points in Monday night's 42-35 UCT first round win at Johnson over New Providence. See UCT scores and schedule on Page 27.



### 37TH ANNUAL FRANK J. CICARELL GIRLS' BASKETBALL UCT

**SEEDS:** 1-Gov. Livingston. 2-Cranford. 3-Dayton. 4-Roselle Catholic. 5-Summit. 6-Linden. 7-Oak Knoll. 8-New Providence. 9-Union. 10-Johnson. 11-Scotch Plains. 12-Plainfield. 13-Westfield. 14-Union Catholic. 15-Hillside. 16-Kent Place. 17-St. Patrick. 18-Rahway. 19-Elizabeth. 20-Roselle.

#### PRELIMINARY ROUND

**Friday, Feb. 10**

##### At Rahway

Kent Place beat St. Patrick by 6.  
Westfield 42, Roselle 30

**Saturday, Feb. 11**

##### At Johnson

Union Catholic 37, Elizabeth 28  
Hillside 63, Rahway 40

#### QUARTERFINALS

**Thursday, Feb. 16**

##### At Rahway

5-Summit vs. 4-RC, 6 p.m.  
9-Union vs. 1-GL, 7:30 p.m.

##### At Roselle Catholic

6-Linden vs. 3-Dayton, 6 p.m.  
7-Oak Knoll vs. 2-Cranford, 7:30

#### SEMIFINALS

**Monday, Feb. 20**

TBA (depending on teams alive)  
6 and 7:30 p.m.

#### FINALS

**Sunday, Feb. 26**

##### At Kean

**JV:** 3 p.m.

**Varsity:** 5 p.m.

#### CHAMPIONS

2011 - Roselle Catholic  
2010 - Roselle Catholic  
2009 - Roselle Catholic  
2008 - Westfield - first time  
2007 - Scotch Plains  
2006 - Cranford - first time  
2005 - Scotch Plains  
2004 - Scotch Plains - first time  
2003 - Roselle Catholic - first time  
2002 - Roselle - first time  
2001 - Union Catholic  
2000 - Union - first time  
1999 - Summit - first time  
1998 - Union Catholic  
1997 - Elizabeth  
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1995 - Elizabeth - first time  
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1992 - Union Catholic  
1991 - Linden - first time  
1990 - New Providence - first time  
1989 - Union Catholic  
1988 - Union Catholic  
1987 - Union Catholic  
1986 - Union Catholic  
1985 - Hillside - first time  
1984 - Plainfield  
1983 - Plainfield  
1982 - Plainfield  
1981 - Plainfield  
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1979 - Plainfield - first time  
1978 - Mother Seton - first time  
1977 - Union Catholic - first time  
1976 - Benedictine - first time



Photo by JR Parachini

Cranford senior Morgan Miller is surrounded by her teammates and coaches after scoring 15 points to reach 1,000 for her career in last Friday's 61-44 home conference-crossover win over Scotch Plains.

## Cranford hoop star Miller scores her 1,000th point

### *Drives the lane for field goal that does it*

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

CRANFORD — Two of Union County's best seniors reached the 1,000 point career milestone on the same day Jan. 24 — those players being Jamiyah Bethune of Union during the day and then Jen Kuczynski of Dayton at night.

Two more were most likely to reach the plateau on the same day — this past Monday night — in gyms down the hallway from each other at Johnson High School in Clark during first round Union County Tournament play.

Those players were to be Anna Lies of Dayton, who was just three points away, and Alyssa Polimeni of Governor Livingston, who was only 13 points shy.

Johnson was to host four of the eight first round games Monday night, with GL the home team at one of the gyms and Dayton the home team in the other gym for the 7:30 games.

It could have worked out for fans to see Lies reach the milestone first and then for them to have walked over to the other gym to see Polimeni achieve the feat.

Top-seeded GL faced 16th-seeded Kent Place, while third-seeded Dayton battled 14th-seeded Union Catholic.

Last Friday afternoon at Martin Gymnasium, Cranford senior Morgan Miller had the spotlight all to herself. After scoring 25 points in her team's 57-26 conference-crossover home win over Benedictine Academy last Thursday, that set her up for Friday's conference-crossover home clash with Scotch Plains.

All Morgan needed was 15 points to reach 1,000. She didn't disappoint a home crowd that wanted to see her reach the milestone as she scored exactly that much — pouring in five in the first quarter and the final 10 in the third — in a 61-44 Cougar triumph.

"It's a big accomplishment for me," said Miller, who as a sophomore helped lead Cranford to a sectional title and this year as a senior would like to help spark the Cougars to their second UCT crown and first since 2006.

Miller shot 6-for-15 from the floor, connecting on three two-pointers and three three-point field goals. She fell to the floor with 32 seconds left in the first quarter and was shaken up a bit, coming out of the game.

Miller left the gym and did not start the second quarter. However, when she returned to the gym with 5:37 left in the second, she received a big ovation. She re-entered the game with 5:16 left in the first half and took four shots in the second quarter, missing all of them.

After falling short with the first two shots she attempted in the third quarter, Miller connected on her final four. Miller's second-to-last shot was her third and final three-pointer, giving her 998 career points.

To the delight of the crowd, Miller drove the lane and filled the basket with a shot that was good for two points with 1:18 to go in the third quarter to give Cranford a 52-21 lead.

More importantly, they were career points Nos. 999 and 1,000.

"I just tried to treat this game as any other," Miller said.

Miller began the game passing the ball more than shooting it and was credited with three assists early on. Her teammates were cognizant of getting her the ball, but still played their game and were successful in getting the Cougars their 10th straight victory.

Miller and junior guard Jenna Goeller paced Cranford with 15 points each, while junior forward Jessica McCoy added 11.

After the Cougars led 29-17 at the half, Cranford outscored Scotch Plains 25-7 in the third quarter to put the game away.

Once Miller reached 1,000 points, she was taken out and did not play the rest of the game.

Scotch Plains was led by junior guard Taylor Sebolao's game-high 19 points and sophomore guard Katie Harper's 12.

Sebolao is on pace to reach 1,000 points early in her senior season next year.

Cranford improved to 19-3 overall and finished in second place in the Union County Conference's Mountain Division with a 12-2 mark.

"We continued to play really good defense today," Miller said.

"We're all just trying to play basketball the way it's supposed to be played."

• See more of this story at [www.localsource.com](http://www.localsource.com) - Union County Navigator.

### 76TH ANNUAL FRANK J. CICARELL BOYS' BASKETBALL UCT

**SEEDS:** 1-Plainfield. 2-St. Patrick. 3-Roselle Catholic. 4-Elizabeth. 5-Linden. 6-Rahway. 7-Roselle. 8-Union Catholic. 9-Scotch Plains. 10-Westfield. 11-Cranford. 12-Dayton. 13-St. Mary's, Elizabeth. 14-Gov. Livingston. 15-Hillside. 16-New Providence. 17-Union. 18-Oratory Prep. 19-Summit. 20-Johnson.

#### PRELIMINARY ROUND

**Saturday, Feb. 11**

##### At Johnson

Rahway 93, Summit 57  
Cranford 62, GL 50 (OT)

**Sunday, Feb. 12**

##### At Rahway

St. Mary's 57, Dayton 55  
Union Catholic 52, Union 40  
Hillside 49, Westfield 46  
Scotch Plains 57, New Prov. 50  
Linden 63, Johnson 33  
Roselle 58, Oratory Prep 46

#### FIRST ROUND

**Wednesday, Feb. 15**

##### At Rahway

9-Scotch Plains vs. 8-UC  
13-St. Mary's vs. 5-Linden

##### At Roselle Catholic

15-Hillside vs. 7-Roselle  
11-Cranford vs. 6-Rahway

#### QUARTERFINALS

**Saturday, Feb. 18**

##### At Rahway

SP/UC vs. 1-Plainfield, 6 p.m.  
SM/Linden vs. 4-Elizabeth, 7:30

##### At Johnson

Hill/Ros vs. 2-St. Patrick, noon  
Cran/Rah vs. 3-RC, 1:30 p.m.

#### SEMIFINALS

**Tuesday, Feb. 21**

##### At Roselle Catholic

Top side of the bracket, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 22**

##### At Kean

Bottom side of the bracket, 7:30 p.m.

#### FINALS

**Saturday, Feb. 25**

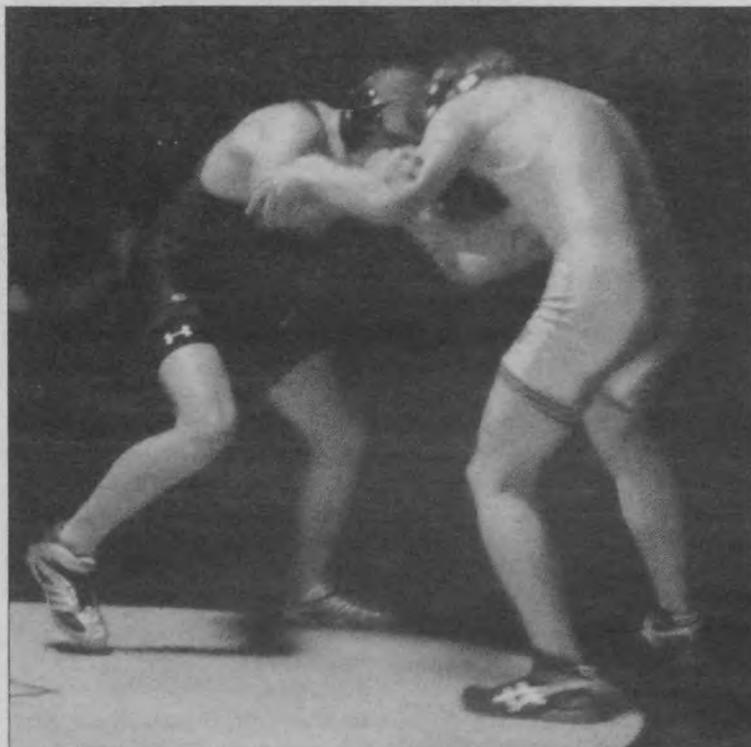
##### At Kean

**JV:** 4 p.m.

**Varsity:** 6 p.m.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SCORES SINCE 1993:

2011: St. Patrick 70, Linden 58  
2010: St. Patrick 82, Plainfield 45  
2009: St. Patrick 89, Elizabeth 72  
2008: St. Patrick 67, Linden 56  
2007: Linden 63, St. Patrick 51  
2006: St. Patrick 65, Plainfield 52  
2005: St. Patrick 77, Linden 68  
2004: Elizabeth 58, St. Patrick 51  
2003: St. Patrick 68, Linden 62  
2002: Elizabeth 75, St. Patrick 61  
2001: Linden 76, St. Patrick 59  
2000: St. Patrick 69, Linden 55  
1999: St. Patrick 52, Union 43  
1998: St. Patrick 76, Union 45  
1997: St. Patrick 61, Elizabeth 48  
1996: St. Patrick's 65, Elizabeth 47  
1995: Elizabeth 50, St. Patrick 49  
1994: St. Patrick 63, Hillside 47  
1993: St. Patrick 45, Elizabeth 41



Photos by JR Parachini

Above, GL sophomore Ryan Hoy, at left, defeated Brearley senior Mike Disko 7-5 at 138 pounds. Below, GL senior John Bohrer, top, blanked Brearley's Dylan Oliva 5-0 at 126.



# Brearley wrestlers grab 5th straight N2, G2 title

## Edged by Delsea in Group 2 semifinals

By JR Parachini  
Sports Editor

KENILWORTH — While Brearley managed just one more victory than visiting Governor Livingston, it was the manner in which the Bears garnered their wins and tempered their losses which proved quite beneficial in the long run.

Brearley produced three wins by major decision and two by fall, while limiting GL to only one win by major decision and just one victory by fall en route to hanging on for a hard-fought 30-28 win in last Friday night's North 2, Group 2 final.

"Not giving up bonus points was big," said Brearley senior 145-pounder Nick Lospinoso, who scored his team's first six points when he defeated GL junior Jeremy Klein by fall in 1:02. "We were hoping to get GL at home and get another shot at them, so this is very satisfying."

Brearley improved to 9-5 and captured a seventh straight sectional championship and fifth in a row in North 2, Group 2.

GL slipped to 19-3, falling to a Union County opponent for the first time this season.

"We graduated seven seniors, but won the conference this year and took Brearley all the way down to the wire here tonight," 11th-year GL head coach Rick Iacono said. "This team overachieved the entire season. When we got down tonight we didn't quit and gave everything we had."

"I'm very proud of the way we competed. We've pulled out close matches all year, including our win at Voorhees (in the sectional semifinals)."

"We didn't have a full lineup for half the season," second-year Brearley head coach Scot Weaver said. "We graduated eight of 14 kids and have been without (junior) Anthony Rice for the whole season."

GL - which defeated Brearley 31-29 at Brearley on Jan. 5 - came back to pull to within 30-25 going into the final bout at 132. The Highlanders won by decision at 113 and 126 and in between at 120 were awarded six points by forfeit.

GL sophomore Ryan Hoy had to defeat Brearley senior Mike Disko at 132 by fall to give his team the victory. A major decision would not have been enough and a win by technical fall would have only tied the match.

Hoy jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead with a takedown 20 seconds in before Disko came back with a point. Hoy led 4-1 at the end of the first period and then 5-1 at the conclusion of the second.

Hoy, working Disko's left leg, managed another takedown for a 7-1 lead with 1:09 to go. In an effort to try to get Disko on his back for a match-clinching fall, Hoy was overtaken by Disko, who managed one takedown with 46 seconds left and a final one with 29 ticks to go for the final 7-5, three-point win by Hoy.

Disko preventing Hoy from winning by fall was just as important as any of Brearley's seven victories. Hoy defeated Disko 8-4 in the regular season match, with each team winning seven bouts in that matchup as well.

Brearley lost to GL, Roselle Park and Westfield in regular season matches that were all decided in the 14th and final bout.

That was the case again Friday night, but this time Brearley was on the winning end.

"We didn't have Joey Balboni and Andrew Scarillo the first time we wrestled GL and tonight they both had big victories," Weaver said.

Joey Balboni, a sophomore, won a 24-11 major decision over GL junior Ryan Dobbs at 170, which was two matches after Scarillo, a junior, defeated GL senior Victor Orozco 8-4 at 152.

"I thought 152 was pivotal," Weaver said.

Scarillo led 4-3 after the first period, with all the scoring in the first two minutes coming at the very end. Scarillo then scored another takedown late in the second period for a 6-3 lead. He went ahead 8-3 with 1:23 to go in the third.

"Andrew has been up and down all year and a little unlucky lately," Weaver said. "I think GL thought it was going to win there, so to me that's the match."

Weaver also pointed to junior John Balboni defeating GL junior Shane Haddad 10-3 at 160 as a big win for the Bears. In the regular season match, Balboni defeated Dobbs by fall in 1:41 at 160, while Haddad - at 170 - scored a 17-5 major decision victory over Brearley senior Anthony Scorese.

"That was a high profile match between Balboni and Haddad and they both went after it," Weaver said. "John was sick all week, but he came through with two big wins for us, including (last) Wednesday night vs. Becton."

Two GL grapplers who won bouts after losing in the regular season match against Brearley were seniors Willy O'Sullivan and Tony Manganiello. With the match starting at 138, Sullivan gave the Highlanders their only lead at 3-0 when he won an exciting 4-2 overtime decision over Brearley's Owen Savonna. O'Sullivan scored a bout-winning takedown with 10.59 seconds left in the one-minute overtime period.

On Jan. 5, O'Sullivan was defeated by Brearley's Eoghan Savonna 8-3 at 138. Eoghan Savonna also wrestled at 138 Wednesday night vs. Becton.

Manganiello was defeated by Brearley senior Mike Christian by fall in 1:27 a month ago before he came back to beat him 3-1 Friday night. Christian led 1-0 after the first and second periods and then Manganiello tied the bout at 1-1 with 1:35 to go in the third.

Christian shoved Manganiello off the mat late in the third period, but the score remained tied 1-1, much to the chagrin of the GL fans in attendance who thought a point should have been awarded to Manganiello for poor sportsmanship on the part of Christian.

That only seemed to motivate the Lehigh (for football)-bound Manganiello. When the wrestlers resumed Manganiello was able to take down Christian with 3.3 seconds left for a 3-1 triumph.

"Willy did a fine job and so did Tony," Iacono said. "Tony missed a month with an injury."

GL was 9-0 vs. Union County teams before Friday night and was the only Union County school not to lose to a Union County squad before falling to the Bears in the sectional final.

### GROUP 2 SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS:

North 1 - High Point

North 2 - Brearley

Central Jersey - Raritan

South Jersey - Delsea

On Jan. 28 in a tri-meet at Brearley, the host Bears defeated High Point 36-34 and lost to Raritan 42-25.

Sunday's results at the Pine Belt Arena at Toms River North in Toms River included:

### Group 2 semifinals:

Delsea 36, Brearley 34

Raritan 31, High Point 18

### Group 2 final:

Raritan 30, Delsea 28

\* See GL-Brearley agate and additional coverage at [www.localsource.com](http://www.localsource.com) - Union County Navigator.

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## District wrestling is tomorrow, Saturday

The wrestling season is down to three weekends, with district competition set to begin tomorrow and conclude Saturday afternoon.

District 10 takes place at Union where Seton Hall Prep is the defending champion. The Pirates finished first and Roselle Park second last year after Roselle Park repeated as champion in 2010, with Seton Hall Prep placing second.

District 11 takes place at Westfield where Brearley and Cranford tied for the championship last year. Brearley won the crown in 2010 in its first year in the district. Brearley won District 10 in 2006, 2007 and 2008 and was second in 2009.

District 12 takes place at South Plainfield where South Plainfield wins every year by a wide margin. GL competes in District 12.



# Rahway boys' track team wins another section title

The Rahway winter boys' track team won its fourth straight sectional title last week, winning North 2, Group 2 in Toms River. Senior Jerrel Wilson set a meet record with a time of 50.09 seconds in the 400-meter dash and another record in his leg of the 4x400.

Senior Jamel Presley-Bolden joined Wilson in the record-breaking 4x400 and set another record in the hurdles in 7.54. Senior Jalyn McCoy won the 800-meter run in 2:00.26 and senior Dion Dawkins the shot put with a throw of 49-11¼ feet.

At left, the Rahway winter boys' track team captured the North 2, Group 2 crown.

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### 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

#### UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The Union Township Board of Education having found certain items of school equipment no longer necessary for school use offers them for public sale. A public sale will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28th, 2012 at which time sealed proposals will be received in the office of the Board Secretary, Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ 07083.

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

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

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

By Order of the Union Township Board of Education, Township of Union, County of Union, New Jersey, U290134 UNL Feb. 16, 2012 (\$32.34)

#### UNION

#### TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on February 14, 2012.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266.66.2 "RESIDENTIAL PERMIT EXEMPTIONS" BY THE TOWNSHIP

### PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. (This ordinance affects Midland Blvd. and Alfieri Court) U290040 UNL Feb. 16, 2012 (\$10.78)

#### 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 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: 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 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)

#### UNION

#### TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on February 14, 2012.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DESIGNATION OF RESTRICTED PARKING SPACES FOR USE BY PERSON WITH SPECIAL VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CARDS, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. (This ordinance deletes previously created handicap parking spaces on Crawford Terrace, Dewey Street, Hadfield Avenue, Hollywood Avenue, Schmidt Avenue, Stiles Street, Arcadia Place and Burnett Avenue)  
U290031 UNL Feb. 16, 2012 (\$13.72)

#### HILLSIDE

#### SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000497  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F1346110  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: EVERBANK VS  
Defendant: ALEXANDER BENKHEN, BRUCHA BENKHEN, HIS WIFE, BRIS AVROHOM CENTER  
Sale Date: 03/14/2012  
Writ of Execution: 12/19/2011

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

The property to be sold is located in the TWP OF HILLSIDE, County of UNION and State of New Jersey. Commonly known as: 1025 SALEM AVE, HILLSIDE, NJ 07205.

Tax Lot No. 28 in Block No. 1712  
Dimension of Lot Approximately: 33 X 99  
Nearest Cross Street: MADING TERRACE

BEGINNING at a point in the southeasterly sideline of Salem Avenue said point being distant 67.00 feet measured southwesterly along said southeasterly sideline of Salem Avenue from the intersection with the southwesterly sideline of Mading Terrace, running thence "THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION"

PRIOR LIENS/ENCUMBRANCES 2012 1ST QTR TAXES OPEN

\$1,413.23

TOTAL AS OF JANUARY 24, 2012

\$1,413.23

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

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$250,266.34  
\*\*\*Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Six and 34/100\*\*\*  
Attorney: FEIN, SUCH, KAHN & SHEPARD, PC  
SUITE 201  
PARSIPPANY NJ 07054  
(973)644-3287  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich

A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$261,650.62 \*\*\*Two Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty and 62/100\*\*\*  
February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2012  
U289836 UNL (\$164.64)

#### UNION

#### TOWNSHIP OF UNION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberger Park, Union, New Jersey, on February 14, 2012.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266-59 SCHEDULE XVIII ENTITLED "TIME LIMIT PARKING" BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (This ordinance applies to Berwyn Street, Midland Blvd., Alfieri Court and Morris Avenue)  
U290041 UNL Feb. 16, 2012 (\$11.76)

#### UNION

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

#### BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENTS AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Governing Body of the Township of Union, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on February 14, 2012 and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at not cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

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

Purpose(s): The upgrading of the Township's Fire Department's radio system, including all work and materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

Appropriation: \$1,710,834  
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$1,625,290  
Section 20 Costs: \$233,000  
Useful Life: 7 years

EILEEN BIRCH  
Township Clerk  
County of Union, New Jersey  
U290027 UNL Feb. 16, 2011 (\$30.87)

#### UNION

#### NOTICE

The Township Committee of the Township of Union has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: January 24, 2012

Awarded to: County of Union

Services: Meals on Wheels Program

Costs: \$4,880.00

Duration: January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012  
U289858 UNL Feb. 16, 2012 (\$13.72)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### UNION

#### THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION

#### 48 HOUR NOTICE

PURSUANT TO C231, PUBLIC LAW OF NEW JERSEY, 1975, THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, HEREBY PROVIDES "48 HOUR NOTICE" OF A PUBLIC MEETING.

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SCHEDULED A SPECIAL HEARING TO DISCUSS THE ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATION FOR RT. 22 BAR & RESTAURANT, LLC AND A SPECIAL A.B.C. HEARING FOR THE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR ROUTE 22 BAR AND RESTAURANT, LLC.

(FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

TIME: 6:00 P.M.  
DATE: MARCH 5, 2012 (MONDAY)  
LOCATION: MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MAIN MEETING ROOM  
1976 MORRIS AVENUE  
UNION, NEW JERSEY  
07083

EILEEN BIRCH, TOWNSHIP CLERK  
February 16, 23, 2012  
U289859 UNL (\$36.26)

#### UNION

#### NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARD

The Township Committee of the Township of Union has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
Eileen Birch, Township Clerk

Dated: January 24, 2012

Awarded to: MorphoTrak, Inc.  
113 South Columbus Str.  
4th Floor  
Alexandria, Va. 22314

Services: Maintenance of a proprietary computer system in the Township of Union

Costs: not to exceed \$2,349.00  
U289882 UNL Feb. 16, 2012 (\$14.70)

#### HILLSIDE

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION TOWNSHIP OF HILLSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Hillside Board of Education shall hold the following meeting in the month of February 2012:

Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 16, 2012 - 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Administration Building, 195 Virginia Street, Hillside, NJ.

Following the opening of the meeting the board will adjourn to closed executive session. Open session will resume approximately 7:00 p.m.

The board reserves the right of taking action on other items not known at this time.

HILLSIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Kenneth R. Weinheimer  
Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary  
Date: 2/10/12  
U289988 UNL Feb. 16, 2012 (\$14.21)

#### UNION

#### UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE there will be a special meeting of the Township of Union Board of Education on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at the

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

James Caulfield Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey 07083.  
The purpose of this meeting is to approve the proposed 2012-2013 budget for submission to the Executive County Superintendent for approval. Action will be taken.

JAMES J. DAMATO  
BOARD SECRETARY/  
GENERAL COUNSEL  
U289853 UNL Feb. 16, 2012 (\$10.29)

**UNION**

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that an ordinance, the title of which is hereinbelow set forth, was finally passed and approved by the Township Committee of the Township of Union in the County of Union, at a public meeting held at the Municipal Building, Friberg Park, Union, New Jersey, on February 14, 2012.

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO COMCAST TO CONSTRUCT, CONNECT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
U290029 UNL Feb. 16, 2012 (\$12.25)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ROSELLE**

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000592  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F1239210  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC  
VS  
Defendant: MARCELO SOSA, MRS. SOSA, WIFE OF MARCELO SOSA, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST MAGNUS FINANCIAL CORPORATION  
Sale Date: 03/14/2012  
Writ of Execution: 01/05/2012

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.

MUNICIPALITY: Roselle  
COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.  
STREET & STREET NO.: 119 Independence Drive  
TAX BLOCK AND LOT:  
BLOCK: 5902 LOT: 11  
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 55' X 101.69'  
NEAREST CROSS STREET: Colonial Road  
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE  
The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$255,848.86  
\*\*\*Two Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Eight and 86/100\*\*\*

Attorney:  
POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS  
728 MARNE HWY  
P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200  
MOORESTOWN NJ 08057  
(856)802-1000  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$267,139.37 \*\*\*Two Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Nine and 37/100\*\*\*  
February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2012  
U289837 PRO (\$148.96)

**ELIZABETH**

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000315  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F1157508  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: LYNX ASSET SERVICES, LLC  
VS  
Defendant: WELLINGTON TEIXEIRA, CELEBRITY MORTGAGE, LLC  
Sale Date: 02/22/2012  
Writ of Execution: 01/04/2012  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.  
PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ELIZABETH, COUNTY OF UNION AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.  
PREMISES ARE COMMONLY KNOWN

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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-12000591  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F05268510  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC  
VS  
Defendant: MARIA G. DE LA CRUZ, AMANDO CASTELLANO  
Sale Date: 03/14/2012  
Writ of Execution: 12/28/2011  
By virtue of the above-stated writ of execution to me directed I shall expose for sale by public venue, at the UNION COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, 10 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day. All successful bidders must have 20% of their bid available in cash or certified check at the conclusion of the sales.

MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth  
COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.  
STREET & STREET NO.: 34 Cedar Avenue  
TAX BLOCK AND LOT:  
BLOCK: 6 LOT: 136  
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 100.00' x 25.00'  
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 125.00' from South Elmora Avenue  
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE

The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.  
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$279,461.15  
\*\*\*Two Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-One and 15/100\*\*\*

Attorney:  
POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS  
728 MARNE HWY  
P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200  
MOORESTOWN NJ 08057  
(856)802-1000  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$288,038.95 \*\*\*Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Thirty-Eight and 95/100\*\*\*  
February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2012  
U289948 PRO (\$143.08)

**LINDEN**

Storage Post, Inc., will sell at Public Auction under New Jersey Lien laws for cash only on March 14, 2012 at 11:00AM and on such succeeding days and times as may be necessary at 401 S. Park Ave., Linden, NJ 07036 the property described herein as belonging to:  
Fabiana L. Godinho #1134: cartons, table, chairs; Regina D. Miller #2002: cartons, washer, dryer; Derrick W. Webb #2019: clothes, Dorcas F. Taylor #2201: bins, bags; Mark Rosario #2225: futon, cartons, birdcage; Shantiqua T. Greene #2233: bins, table, chairs; Tammy M. Washington Thompson #2252: bags, cartons, exercise bench; Joyce D. Faulks #3133: cartons, TVs, bin; Tyla N. Trawick #3194: TV, clothes, table, Edward W. Green #3253: bins, bags, luggage; Elizabeth R. Nichols #3351: china closet, table, chairs; Chantel Saintlouis #6045: refrigerators, TV, dresser; Jennifer Jones #2086: couches, cartons, bikes; Du Quan M. Bell #7012: cartons, bags, chairs.  
Donald Bader & Patrick Williams, Auctioneers as Agents. Storage Post reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel the auction for any reason.  
February 16, 23, 2012  
U289991 PRO (\$34.30)

**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 6/1/2009, in the amount of \$50,868.79 to Plymouth Park Tax Services LLC  
Subject to Tax Sale. Subject to Additional Fees  
Pursuant to a municipal tax search dated December 22, 2011, Lot: 494 Block: 7  
Being more commonly known as: 655 Franklin Street Elizabeth, NJ 07206

Subject to:  
3rd quarter 2011 taxes \$2,430.92 open + penalty  
4th quarter 2011 taxes \$2,430.91 open + penalty  
1st quarter 2012 taxes- to be determined  
Lien: 2007,2008 3rd party lien, Cert No. 08-00187 sold on 6/1/2009, in the amount of \$49,516.78 to U.S. Bank-CUST/SASS MUNI V DTR  
Lots: 494 and 928; Block 7 on the Tax Map of the City of Elizabeth  
Nearest Cross Street: Seventh Street  
Approximate Dimensions: 49.80ft x 75.00ft x 91.75ft x 184.97ft x 5.22ft x 200.00ft

Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.  
THE SHERIFF HEREBY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADJOURN THIS SALE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE THROUGH PUBLICATION  
JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$435,000.00  
\*\*\*Four Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand and 00/100\*\*\*

Attorney:  
HILL WALLACK LLP  
202 CARNEGIE CTR  
CN 5226  
PRINCETON NJ 08543-5226  
(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)

**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.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**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)

**ELIZABETH**

**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
Sheriff's File Number: CH-12000588  
Division: CHANCERY  
Docket Number: F05208210  
County: Union  
Plaintiff: AURORA LOAN SERVICES, LLC  
VS  
Defendant: JOSE MARTINEZ, ANITA GARGES  
Sale Date: 03/14/2012  
Writ of Execution: 01/06/2012  
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.

MUNICIPALITY: Elizabeth  
COUNTY: UNION STATE OF N.J.  
STREET & STREET NO.: 11 Stewart Place  
TAX BLOCK AND LOT:  
BLOCK: 6 LOT: 1385  
DIMENSIONS OF LOT: 115' x 15.31'  
NEAREST CROSS STREET: 200' from Roseshill Place  
SUPERIOR INTERESTS (if any): NONE

The Sheriff hereby reserves the right to adjourn this sale without further notice through publication.  
Surplus Money: If after the sale and satisfaction of the mortgage debt, including costs and expenses, there remains any surplus money, the money will be deposited into the Superior Court Trust Fund and any person claiming the surplus, or any part thereof, may file a motion pursuant to Court Rules 4:64-3 and 4:57-2 stating the nature and extent of that person's claim and asking for an order directing payment of the surplus money. The Sheriff or other person conducting the sale will have information regarding the surplus, if any.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: \$352,756.16  
\*\*\*Three Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Six and 16/100\*\*\*  
Attorney:  
POWERS KIRN - COUNSELORS  
728 MARNE HWY  
P.O. BOX 848 - SUITE 200  
MOORESTOWN NJ 08057  
(856)802-1000  
Sheriff: Ralph Froehlich  
A full legal description can be found at the Union County Sheriff's Office  
Total Upset: \$360,079.54 \*\*\*Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Seventy-Nine and 54/100\*\*\*  
February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2012  
U289949 PRO (\$141.12)

**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:

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**

**City of Linden  
Board of Adjustment**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DECISION is hereby given to all persons that a meeting and public hearing of the Board of Adjustment of the City of Linden was held on January 9th, 2012 at which the following application(s) were called for public hearing.

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

Case# ZBA-01-2012  
LINDEN PROFESSIONAL TOWER, LLC  
Represented by: Charles N. Winetsky, Esq.  
Property: 210 West St. George Avenue, Block 308/Lot #4 and 6  
Zone: C-2 (100)  
Proposed - Building Addition/Improvement  
STATUS: APPROVED

Said application(s) were granted or denied as indicated. The Board adopted and memorialized said resolution at its February 6th, 2012 meeting. Decisions are on file with the Board's Secretary and are available for inspection at the Construction Code Department between 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

Brian C. Fritzsche  
Secretary of the Board  
U289946 PRO Feb. 16, 2012 (\$24.01)

**LINDEN/ROSELLE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**THE LINDEN ROSELLE  
SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

The Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority proposes to modify the Industrial Discharge Permit for the following:

North East Linen Supply  
Company Inc.  
2400 East Linden Avenue  
Linden, NJ 07036

The Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority will consider the approval and granting of this permit modification at its regular meeting on March 28, 2012. The meeting will be held at the Franklin Hudson Building at the Authority's Facilities at 5005 South Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey. Comments from the public pertaining to this action will be received until 3:30 PM on March 16, 2012 and considered by the Authority before taking final action.

Comments may be forwarded to the Authority by personal delivery or by mailing to: The Linden Roselle Sewerage Authority, PO Box 4118, 5005 South Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ 07036-8118.  
This permit modification will be available for public inspection at the Authority's facilities between 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Gary G. Fare  
Executive Director  
DATED: February 16, 2012  
U2290043 PRO Feb. 16, 2012 (\$21.56)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SUMMIT**

**NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED**

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract under the procedures for Competitive Contracting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 et seq. This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Sand Castle  
For the Period: 2012-2016 Seasons  
Services: Food Concession at the Family Aquatic Center  
Cost:  
2012 - \$17,501.00  
2013 - \$18,001.00  
2014 - \$18,501.00  
2015 - \$19,001.00  
2016 - \$19,501.00

David L. Hughes, City Clerk  
Dated: 2/7/12  
U290011 OBS Feb. 16, 2012 (\$14.21)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SUMMIT**

**BID NOTICE**

**CITY OF SUMMIT**

**PROJECT: PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

**DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Department of the City of Summit, Union County, New Jersey at 11:00 A.M. prevailing time, Tuesday, March 13, 2012 in the Council Chamber, First Floor, City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey for:

**PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

in accordance with the specifications and proposal forms for same which may be obtained at the office of the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, N.J. during regular business hours, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday.

A pre-bid conference will be held on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., in the Department of Community Services (DCS) Conference Room, Summit City Hall, Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901. Attendance is strongly encouraged. Failure to attend does not relieve the bidder of any obligations or requirements.

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

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

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

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

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

David L. Hughes, City Clerk  
Dated: February 7, 2012  
U290015 OBS Feb. 16, 2012 (\$41.16)

**SUMMIT**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Summit, New Jersey, will hold a hearing on March 5th, 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 14 Blackburn Place, Block 2805, Lot 9.

The conditions affecting this property and the reason for the application being heard are as follows: Owner desires to construct an addition in the rear of the home which requires variances for 1) Building coverage 2) FAR (floor area ratio).

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

The application forms and supporting documents are on file in the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, and may be inspected on any workday during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any interested party may appear at the hearing and participate therein, subject to the rules of the Board.

Beatrice & John Fagan  
Applicants  
U289967 OBS Feb. 16, 2012 (\$18.62)

**SUMMIT**

**NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED**

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: John Linson  
For the Period: April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013  
Services: City Forester Services  
Cost: Not to exceed \$32,000.00

David L. Hughes, City Clerk  
Dated: 2/17/12  
U290012 OBS Feb. 16, 2012 (\$11.27)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SUMMIT**

**BID NOTICE**

**CITY OF SUMMIT/SUMMIT CITY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM (#192SCCPS)**

**PROJECT: 2012 MICRO-SURFACING PROJECT - TYPE A**

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Department of the City of Summit, Union County, New Jersey, on behalf of the Summit City Cooperative Pricing System (#192SCCPS) at 11:00 A.M. prevailing time, Tuesday, March 6, 2012, in the Council Chamber, First Floor, City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey for:

**2012 MICRO-SURFACING PROJECT - TYPE A**

in accordance with the specifications and proposal forms for same which may be obtained at the office of the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, N.J. 07901, during regular business hours, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday.

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

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

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

The Common Council, for the City of Summit and on behalf of the Summit City Cooperative Pricing System (#192SCCPS), reserves the right to reject all bids or proposals, waive any minor defects, and in the case of a tie, award on the basis of reasonable grounds, or accept the bid that in its judgment will be for the best interests of the City of Summit and the Summit City Cooperative Pricing System (#192SCCPS), and consider bids for sixty (60) days after their receipt.

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

David L. Hughes, City Clerk  
Dated: February 7, 2012  
U290019 OBS Feb. 16, 2012 (\$39.69)

**SUMMIT**

**NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED**

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Skoloff & Wolfe  
For the Period: January 1, 2012-December 31, 2012

Services: Tax Counsel  
Cost: Per Agreement - Not to exceed \$175,000.00

David L. Hughes, City Clerk  
Dated: 2/17/12  
U290009 OBS Feb. 16, 2012 (\$13.23)

**SUMMIT**

**NOTICE OF CONTRACT AWARDED**

The Common Council of the City of Summit has awarded a contract without competitive bidding as a professional service (or extraordinary, unspecifiable service) pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a). This contract and the resolution authorizing it are available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Awarded to: Heyer, Gruel & Associates  
For the Period: January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012  
Services: Affordable Housing Technical Planning Advice and Consultant Services  
Cost: Not to exceed \$10,000.00

David L. Hughes, City Clerk  
Dated 2/17/12  
U290014 OBS Feb. 16, 2012 (\$12.74)

**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 8:00 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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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).

Applicants request any other waivers, exceptions, variances or other relief as may be required by the Board or its professionals at the time of the hearing.

The application forms and supporting documents are on file in the Department of Community Services, 512 Springfield Avenue, and may be inspected on any workday during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any interested party may appear at the hearing and participate therein, subject to the rules of the Board.

Robert F. Simon, Esq.  
Herold Law, P.A.  
25 Independence Boulevard  
Warren, NJ 07059  
(908) 647-1022  
Attorneys for Applicants,  
Harry Allan and  
Alicia Connaughton  
U290101 OBS Feb. 16, 2012 (\$33.81)

**SPRINGFIELD**

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD**

**NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE 2012-04 AND SUMMARY**

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, on February 14, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Township Committee to be held at its meeting room in the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey, on February 28, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

**Title:** BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,400,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

**Purpose(s):** Undertaking of the Jonathan Dayton High School Athletic Field Improvements Project at Block 802, Lots 1 and 2 on the Springfield Tax Map, consisting of the installation of a multipurpose athletic field, construction of tennis courts, a refreshment stand/restroom building and bleachers, site improvements and installation of lighting, field fixtures, appurtenances and other amenities in, by and for the Township.  
**Appropriation:** \$3,400,000  
**Bonds/Notes Authorized:** \$3,238,000  
**Grants (if any) Appropriated:** \$-  
**Section 20 Costs:** \$100,000  
**Useful Life:** 15 years

This Notice is published pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-17.

Linda M. Donnelly, RMC  
Township Clerk  
Township of Springfield  
County of Union  
State of New Jersey  
U290021 OBS Feb. 16, 2012 (\$36.26)

**SUMMIT**

**BID NOTICE**

**CITY OF SUMMIT**

**PROJECT: INCIDENT COMMAND VEHICLE**

**DEPARTMENT: Fire Department**

Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Department of the City of Summit, Union County, New Jersey at 11:00 A.M. prevailing time, February 28, 2012 in the Council Chamber, First

Floor, City Hall, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey for:

**INCIDENT COMMAND VEHICLE**

in accordance with the specifications and proposal forms for same which may be obtained at the office of the Fire Department, 396 Broad St., Summit, N.J. during regular business hours, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday.

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

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

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

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

David L. Hughes, City Clerk  
Dated: February 7, 2012  
U290020 OBS Feb. 16, 2012 (\$35.28)

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD**

**PLANNING BOARD**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MJK Enterprise of NJ, Inc.  
Applicant  
U290037 OBS Feb. 16, 2012 (\$36.26)

**MOUNTAINSIDE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that decisions were made at a public meeting by the Mountainside Planning Board at a special meeting on January 19, 2012. Mountainside Municipal Building, 1385 Route 22, Mountainside, NJ 07092.

Thomas Nicholson, Jr. and MaryJo Scuderi Nicholson, 1487 Deer Path, Block 3.1, Lot 22.D, and Joseph and Filomena Scuderi, 1491 Deer Path, Block 3.1, Lot 22.C - Major subdivision to re-subdivide and reconfigure two existing and adjoining properties, with

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variances.

APPROVED

Ruth M. Rees  
Secretary  
U290048 OBS Feb. 16, 2012 (\$11.27)

**SUMMIT**

**CITY OF SUMMIT PENDING ORDINANCE #12-2971**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH 2011 FEES FOR OPERATING AND MAINTAINING THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF SUMMIT, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY". (Cancel delinquencies/refunds)**

WHEREAS, the State Tax Code permits the cancellation of tax refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and

WHEREAS, it is advisable to apply such a philosophy to permit the cancellation of domestic sewer user refunds and/or delinquencies of less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

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

Section 1. That a Section 4 be added to the above mentioned ordinance to read as follows:

Section 4. That the appropriate municipal employees be and they are hereby authorized to process the cancellation of domestic sewer user fee delinquencies and/or refunds of less than ten Dollars (\$10.00) retroactive to October 24, 2011.

Section 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this Ordinance shall be effective upon final passage and publication according to law.

**NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE**

The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Summit, in the County of Union, New Jersey, held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a regular meeting of said Common Council in the Council Chamber at 512 Springfield Avenue in said City on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. During the weeks prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office in said City Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

David L. Hughes, City Clerk  
Dated: 2/17/12  
U290000 OBS Feb. 16, 2012 (\$34.30)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CLARK**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Clark Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Meeting on February 27, 2012 at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Court House, 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, at which time the following application will be heard:

CAL # 3-12 Application of: Steve Pelardis  
FOR: Addition on existing one-family home  
LOCATED: 13 Lupine Way, Clark, NJ  
Block: 176; Lot 41 in a R-75 District  
Violation of Chapter 34  
Section: 34-6.4b-2, 34-6.4d-6(b), 34-10.3 a-1, 34-10.3c3, 34-10.3(b)3

The file papers for the above application are available at the Clark Township Building Department, 430 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey, for public review during 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Steve Pelardis  
Applicant  
U290024 EAG Feb. 16, 2012 (\$14.70)

**CLARK**

**TOWNSHIP OF CLARK PUBLIC NOTICE**

Please take notice that on January 4, 2012, pursuant to Ordinance No. 10-04, Section 32-13 of the Township Code, following administrative review, the Township of Clark granted an application for minor site plan approval filed by Target Corporation in connection with Target's expansion of the existing Target store, currently designated as Block 70, Lots 4, 7 and 28.01, more commonly known as 45 Central Avenue, Clark, New Jersey. A copy of the approved application and related documents are available for inspection at the Clark Township Building Department, Clark, New Jersey between 9AM and 4PM, Monday through Friday.  
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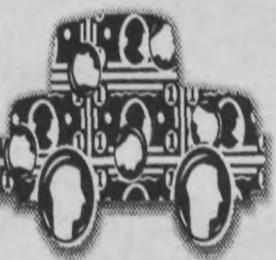
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# Arts Guild of New Jersey offers winter workshops

Registration is open for one-day winter workshops for adults at Arts Guild New Jersey, formerly The Arts Guild of Rahway.

The Arts Guild will be offering two new workshop options taught by Julian Tejera: Alla Prima Painting Technique and Dynamic Figure Drawing and Anatomy. Francesca Azzara's Encaustic Painting workshop once again will be offered.

All workshops will take place on Saturdays in a newly renovated studio classroom space on the corner of Esterbrook and Milton Avenues in Rahway.

For more information about these workshops, access the online course catalog at [www.agnj.org](http://www.agnj.org), art classes page, or call 732-381-7511 to request a printed flyer.

Registration is accepted online, as well as in-person or by mail. To register in person, visit the office at 1670 Irving St., Rahway, on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon or from 1 to 4 p.m.

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Encaustic Painting will be held on Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Encaustic, or wax painting, is a technique that dates back to ancient Greece and Egypt, where it was used to decorate naturalistic portraits and tomb paintings. The process involves working with molten beeswax and colored pigments as a paint and applying it with brushes to a rigid surface or a wood panel.

This workshop will be an in-depth session exploring encaustic processes including collage, stenciling, painting, and a variety of other uses for the wax medium. Basic techniques will be reviewed and several original pieces can be completed in this session. A material list will be provided at registration. This workshop is limited to six students. There is a fee.

The instructor for this session will be Westfield artist Francesca Azzara, who has used encaustic exclusively for her own work for the past 10 years. She has exhibited her art extensively at the Arts Guild and other venues and has conducted 15 workshops at the Arts Guild to date.

Quick, gestural, and full of vibrant energy, Alla Prima Painting Technique captures the essence of the subject matter with just a few well-placed strokes. Though a seasoned artist can make it look easy, it requires confidence that can only be achieved with many years of practice, trials, and errors, it was reported. This workshop will provide the building blocks allowing students to paint with bravura. Technical issues such as drawing, value modeling and color choices will be discussed as students work toward realizing multiple paintings with this approach. While students do not need to have prior experi-

ence with the Alla Prima Painting Technique, this is not an introductory painting class, and students should already be comfortable painting with oils. This workshop will be held on March 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee.

Intended for students with some life drawing experience, Dynamic Figure Drawing and Anatomy will put one's drawing abilities to the next level. The core objective of the workshop is to see the gesture of the model and accurately place it on the paper. Along the way students will learn to exaggerate and enhance the pose with demos by the instructor illustrating anatomical construction and landmarks. While not an in-depth anatomy class, the subject will be addressed in order to better grasp the mechanics of the human body. This workshop will take place on March 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a fee. It will include a live model.

Tejera, instructor for both the

Alla Prima and Dynamic Figure Drawing workshops, received a BFA degree in illustration from the Art Institute of Boston in 2008. After graduation he began working at the Montclair Art Museum, where he continues to teach teen and adult classes. He also has taught at the Visual Art Center in Summit, Riverdale Art Center, and summer camp at his alma mater in Boston.

To see examples of his work, visit <http://painterification.blogspot.com>.

All class space is limited, so early registration is encouraged to ensure enrollment.

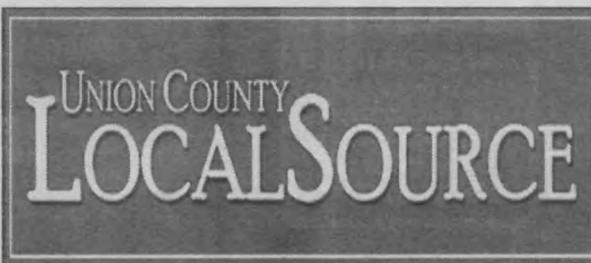
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# Activities outside class can help a child in many ways

Parents and students who want to improve grades and classroom performance may want to look to extracurricular activities. There is evidence that some after-school activities can actually help promote better results inside of the classroom, even helping to mediate symptoms of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Activities such as sports, band, cheerleading, martial arts, among other extracurricular events, can promote good feelings about school and offer lessons that carry over into the classroom environment, helping students become more successful.

A study by the U.S. Department of Education revealed that students who participate in cocurricular activities are three times more likely to have a grade point average of 3.0 or better than students who do not participate in cocurricular activities. In a 2003 study published in *Sociology of Education*, researchers found that there are positive associations between extracurricular participation and academic achievement. Many adolescents who participate in extracurricular activities report higher grades, more positive attitudes toward school and higher academic aspirations.

Extracurricular activities also may be able to correct behaviors associated with boisterous children or those who have been diagnosed with a clinical medical condition, such as ADHD. In a study titled, "The Effects of Mixed Martial Arts on Behavior of Male Children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity



Studies indicate that children who participate in extracurricular activities, such as becoming a member of the cheerleading squad, learn many lessons of life that can help their classroom performance.

Disorder," researchers found that a martial arts program two times per week helped increase the percentage of completed homework, frequency of following specific classroom rules, improved academic performance and improved classroom preparation of male children ages 8 to 11 with ADHD.

There is also evidence that simple physical activity can promote better opportunities for learning. Studies largely conducted by the California Department of Education have found a correlation between physical activity

and increased performance. Physically active youths tend to show improved attributes such as increased brain function and nourishment, higher energy/concentration levels, increased self-esteem, and better behavior, each of which can help a student perform better in the classroom.

Beyond this, there are many ways that extracurricular activities can support improvements in the classroom.

• Most activities promote physical stamina and patience.

• Students develop self-esteem and good relationships.

• Students are able to apply theories learned in the classroom in a real-world context.

• A healthy measure of competition is developed.

• Students learn to value teamwork and achieve a goal through common values.

• Children are able to exert energy in a constructive way.

• Extracurriculars promote good attendance and participation in order to excel.

• Students learn self-motivation.

• Students can realize success that is not measured by test scores.

• Many extracurricular activities have a basis in rules that can keep students in check.

• Students participate in a social setting, learning through activities that they truly enjoy.

Extracurricular activities can lead to improved test scores and better behavior in the classroom. This makes the activities attractive to parents of students hoping to mold well-rounded children.

It's important to note that, in some instances, too much of a good thing may be detrimental. If a student is so busy with a packed schedule of extracurricular activities, he or she may actually fall behind in school work. Therefore, it's vital to keep a balance so that students can successfully manage what goes on inside of and outside of school.

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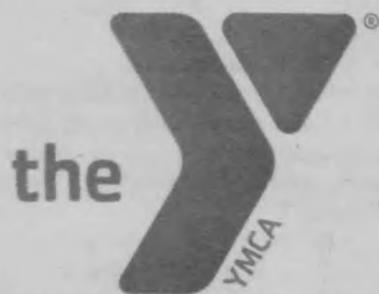


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# Need a tutor? Many options are available to parents



Outside assistance can help a child better understand the courses they are taking in school. Parents should select a qualified tutor with whom their child seems comfortable since the tutor may work with the child for months at a time.

Parents of children who are having difficulties grasping school lessons routinely turn to tutors to provide the added measure of instruction some students need to succeed. When selecting a tutor, parents should ask questions and keep important things in mind.

Tutors provide a much-needed service to students and can be welcome helpers for teachers. According to reports from state and federal government tutoring advisors, close to \$10 million dollars annually is spent on tutors in the United States alone. Although many teachers try to tailor lessons to students with various learning capabilities, there may be instances when some students still fall behind. What's more, some students perform better with the one-on-one teaching style of tutors than they do in a group setting.

There are certain signs a student may need a tutor. These include students consistently earning failing grades, complaining about or giving excuses why they don't want to do homework, behaving badly at school, or complaining that they simply don't want to go to school. All of these issues may be a child's way of masking difficulty grasping lessons. A tutor can step in to catch a student up with lessons and help him or her find a system of learning that works.

The first step to finding a tutor is working with the student to determine what type of tutor may be ideal. Tutors come in different forms:

- Students who volunteer their time help-

ing fellow classmates. There are also alumni who provide tutoring services for low or no cost.

- Teachers who may offer tutoring after school hours.

- Some churches or other organizations offer tutoring availability.

- There are online services where students can get homework help or assistance in different subjects.

- Private tutors that come to the student's home and provide instruction.

- Tutoring companies and franchises where tutoring may take place in a learning facility.

#### Selecting a tutor:

- When interviewing prospective tutors, parents and students should be sure the tutor is qualified. Experts suggest finding a tutor who has five or more years of experience. If the tutor will be offering lessons in a particular subject, certification or a degree in that area is very helpful but not always necessary as long as the tutor is effective.

- Students often meet with a tutor one to three times a week per session. The tutoring arrangement can stretch on for several months. With this in mind, the tutor-student relationship should be a good one. The child should feel comfortable with the tutor.

- Tutors should know the material but also be able to explain it in layman's terms to the student. A good tutor will outline a plan on how he or she will help improve performance

but also how the tutor will check up and be sure the student maintains improvement.

- Find a tutor who will be open to interaction with the student's primary teacher. This way lessons can be geared around schoolwork and coincide with what's already being learned.

- Parents will need to be hands-on and take an interest in what the tutor and the teacher have to say. Observing the tutor in action can help determine whether the fit is right or a new tutor needs to be brought in. Parents can wait for five to eight sessions to pass before determining if the tutor is clicking with the child.

- Select a tutor who agrees to periodic progress reports. It is not too ambitious for parents to expect marked academic performance after a month or more of tutoring.

- Cost is always a factor when selecting a tutor. A higher hourly rate isn't always indicative of a better tutor. Depending on the subject matter and certification of the tutors, costs can range from \$20 an hour to \$50 or more. Shop around for a tutor and remember to emphasize the tutor's relationship with the student more than what the tutor charges per hour.

Tutoring is often a helpful way for students who are falling behind in the classroom to redeem themselves. Hiring a tutor should be done at the first signs of learning difficulty, not when it seems things are too late to institute change.



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Parents should look for an after-school program which is both fun and stimulating for the child.

## Many factors to consider for after-school programs

When choosing an after-school program, parents can make note of several factors.

- **Condition of the facility:** A rundown facility that does not appear clean is not the ideal place for a child to spend time after school. A good facility will have adequate ventilation and light. What's more, children should be visible to the staff at all times. Avoid facilities in which children can easily sneak off.

- **Staff interaction:** How the staff interacts with children is of the utmost importance. A welcoming atmosphere should be among the program's goals, and the staff should embody that goal. Staff should be encouraging toward the children and know each child's name. Many after-school programs also have a philosophy with respect to behavior toward children within the program. Parents should discuss this philosophy before choosing a program.

It's also important for parents to inquire about the staff's credentials. What is their educational and employment background? Is anyone on the staff trained in handling emergency medical needs?

- **Environment:** The environment both inside and outside the facility should be

closely examined. How much space is there for children indoors? Since much of the school year takes place during the colder winter months, the inside environment should have enough space for kids to relax comfortably as well as sufficient space where children can quietly do homework.

As for the facility's external grounds, look for one that has ample and safe play equipment. Facilities with a wide expanse of property can ensure kids won't be confined to a single blacktop but given some room to roam and enjoy warm afternoons.

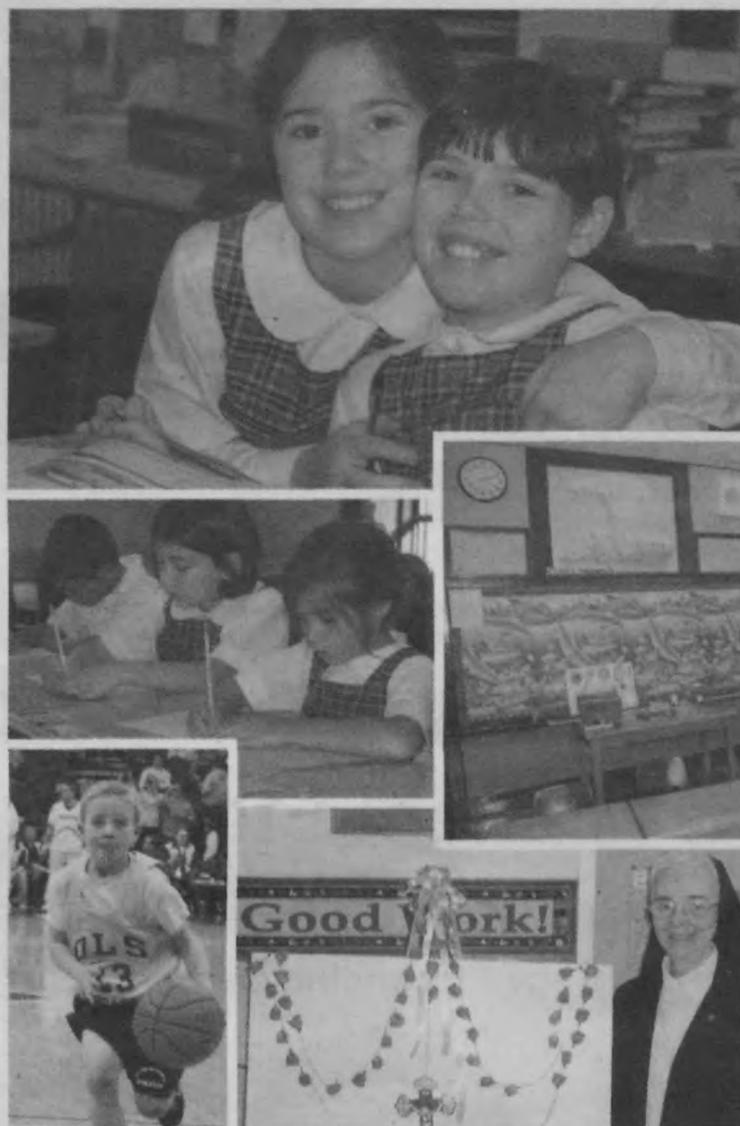
- **Activity schedule:** A good after-school program should have a host of activities available for the kids. Children often tire of doing the same thing every day, and not all activities are ideal for every child. A facility with an array of activities will ensure every child has something to look forward to. The activities should also be stimulating. Watching television, for example, would not make for a stimulating activity. In addition, activities should be suited to the child's age.

When choosing an after-school program for children, parents should exercise due diligence to find a facility that's both fun and stimulating for kids.

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# Research, discuss and visit camps before choosing

It can be difficult to envision warm summer days during the winter months when the cold wind is blowing and the snow has been falling forever.

However, the winter months are a great time for parents and their children to explore summer camp options. In fact, many camps have strict enrollment timelines that require decisions to be made prior to the beginning of the spring camping season.

Attending summer camp has been a tradition in the United States for more than 150 years. Current statistics indicate that approximately 30 million American children attend summer camp each year.

There are many benefits to summer camp. Camp enables children to stay engaged during the summer when there may be limited interaction with school friends. It also gives parents both a safe and viable day-care solution during the summer.

Summer camp pulls together children from different neighborhoods, social classes and backgrounds, which can make it a good place to meet new people — some of whom may become lifelong friends.

Camps also can provide a variety of activities that can challenge children to attempt and succeed at new things that go beyond their comfort zones.

Some children are very receptive to the idea of attending summer camp. Others need a little coaxing.

But summer camp should never be forced



Parents and their children should gather information on several different camps and then spend the winter months considering what would be best for the child. The final selection should be made after a visit to the camp and a talk with camp administrators.

on a child who does not want to go. In such instances, consider local daytime programs that may fill the void instead of programs that require being away from home.

Once the decision for summer camp is made, there are some questions to answer.

- What are your finances like? Do you

have a budget for summer camp?

- What size camp do you desire?
- Should the camp be co-ed or single sex?
- How far do you want your child to travel for summer camp? What are the options in your area?
- Are there any camps that have been rec-

ommended by your friends or members of your family?

- What kinds of activities do your children enjoy?

These types of questions will help you narrow down your options. Then you can visit and interview camps to find one that is the best fit.

When visiting camps, go armed with a checklist of questions. Some of these can include:

- What is the philosophy of the camp?
- Can you explain a typical day?
- What are the types of activities and facilities offered?
- What is the camper-to-counselor ratio?
- What is the camp's drug/alcohol policy?
- Does the camp have insurance and security personnel?
- What percentage of staff return each year? How are staff selected and trained?
- What kind of health care is provided?
- Can you tell me about the policy on phone calls and family visits?
- What do you do in the event of emergencies?

There are many different camps available. Some offer a "little bit of everything." Others cater to academics, sports, specific hobbies or even religious preferences. Don't wait too long to research and sign up for camps because many fill up quite early or have an extensive waiting list. That is why choosing a camp should be part of a winter to-do list.

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# Curb stress with exercise, a healthy diet and rest

In light of the country's economic downturn, few topics are as prevalent as stress. In the course of the last year, many families have suffered the loss of their income, and many more have even lost their homes.

The reality of a recession always illustrates the problem of stress. But for the nation's students, stress is a reality that, unlike economic woes, is more permanent than it is temporary.

Handling stress is a large part of being successful in the classroom, particularly as students advance through high school and into higher education. But handling stress is different for everyone, and there are myriad healthy ways in which students can cope with stress.

- Combine regular exercise with a healthy diet. Studies abound as to the mental benefits of exercise. Exercise not only improves a person's physical health, but also has a positive impact on mood, often-times making it easier to cope with stress.

Part of that is because exercise relieves muscle tension, which can build up greatly in individuals suffering from significant stress. In addition there are many other negative effects of stress, among them being weight gain and other damaging physical effects, making exercise especially important for those under constant stress.

While a healthy diet can be difficult for the nation's college students, that doesn't mean it isn't important. Recognizing that,



There's no doubt that trying to make the most of each day can lead to stress for the modern student. But there are many things a student can do to help them withstand the pressures of their academic lives.

many of the nation's universities have increased their efforts to provide students with healthier fare at dining halls or other campus eateries. Students should take advantage of this whenever and wherever possible because the benefits that can be derived from such a diet far outweigh any inconvenience they present.

Eating well can also help reduce stress

for students, as a balanced diet will provide both the energy and nutrients necessary to handle a full load.

- Learn to take a breather. Adults often take breaks when going through the daily grind, and students should make note and follow suit.

Studying for too long without taking a break can be counterproductive, as concen-

tration will begin to wane after too long, making it increasingly difficult to soak in studies. Schedule breaks into each study session, whether it's to go for a walk, jog or simply fit in a healthy meal.

But don't allow break time to become too big a distraction.

- Determine the root cause of the stress. Work is typically the root cause of adult stress, and school is often the cause for students. Many students stretch themselves too thin, hoping to gain as much as they can from their high school or college experience and therefore filling their schedules. But students who feel as though they're being pulled in too many directions should drop an activity or two.

For instance, playing a varsity sport while holding down a part-time job and having a full course load is simply doing too much. If a class is getting to be too much to handle, students should consult a teacher and explain the situation.

Don't be afraid to speak about stress. Many students find it healthy and rejuvenating to simply speak about their levels of stress.

This helps to get things off their chest, and it also inadvertently gives them time away from studies. Be it sharing experiences with stress among fellow students or simply talking to Mom and Dad, students should speak about stress in an effort to combat its ill effects.



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## Sports offer more than just exercise

The spring season heralds several things, including the start of many youth-based sporting activities. Little Leagues and Pee-Wee teams all across the country begin anew with eager anticipation from many children.

Participation in a youth league has many advantages for children, primarily in the area of personal health. Playing a team sport is a fun way to introduce regular exercise to a child, which can help battle obesity and promote overall physical health.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that obesity has tripled in recent years among the nation's youth. The prevalence of obesity among children aged 6 to 11 years increased from 6.5 percent in 1980 to 19.6 percent in 2008. The prevalence of obesity among adolescents aged 12 to 19 years increased from 5 percent to 18.1 percent.

Obesity occurs when caloric intake exceeds energy use to burn off said calories. Instead of hitting the gym, youngsters can take to the field or the court and participate in a sport that will burn those calories and also offer other benefits.

Another advantage to team sports is that they promote social interaction and can help a shy kid break out of his or her shell. Sports teams can boost self-esteem and help children relate to other children.

Even toddlers can get in the act. There are sports teams for very young children if parents do their research. These can teach social skills at an early age and introduce young children to an organized activity and promote teamwork before school starts.

Parents looking to enroll their children in a sports activity can follow these tips.

- Talk to your child and find out what activities he or she is most interested in. Then explore the possibilities in that arena.

- Find out which team activities are available in your area. Consult with other parents to find out what sports their children play and how to sign up.

- Visit the leagues in action and see how the teams play, their equipment and the condition of the fields before signing up.

- Consider the cost and time factor. Team sports require practices, games and often volunteer work from parents. Be sure that the entire family is able to make the commitment to a team sport and cheer on the player. There also may be an enrollment fee or other expenses that come up, such as gear and uniforms.

Be sure that a team sport fits with the lifestyle of the family and is something that the child really wants to do. The spring season can be ideal for getting outdoors and enjoying a sport with teammates.



Not all sports are right for all children. But the right sport can provide a child many benefits and a lifetime of enjoyment.

## Top 10 majors at universities

Each year, college kids across the country face the difficult decision of choosing a major. Some schools allow students to choose a major at their own pace while others require students to pick a major freshman year.

Though capricious college kids are known to change their majors from time to time, according to the Princeton Review, a resource to help students, parents and educators achieve the best results at every stage of their educational careers, the following 10 majors are currently the most popular among the nation's college students.

- Business administration and management/commerce
- Psychology
- Nursing
- Education
- Economics
- English language and literature
- Biology/biological sciences
- Communications studies, speech communication and rhetoric
- Political science and government
- Computer and information sciences

Though these majors are popular, the Princeton Review notes they are not necessarily the majors that garner the most demand in the job market, particularly in the current economy.

When choosing a major, it's best for students to choose a field that interests them, regardless of how popular or potentially lucrative that field might be.

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# Child's activity should match their interest and age

Today's kids are busier than ever before. Be it the increasingly competitive nature of scholastic life or the increase of two-income households where kids need something to do other than come directly home after school, children today are much busier than their school-aged counterparts of yesteryear.

While it can be fun and beneficial for kids to participate in extracurricular activities, finding the right fit isn't as easy as it sounds. When helping kids find an extracurricular activity, it's best to consider a host of factors. Especially keep in mind that not all kids are the same with respect to interests. And what was enjoyed by their parents won't necessarily be enjoyed by them.

The best place to start is to speak to kids about their interests. Just because Dad loved playing football doesn't mean Junior is destined to be a gridiron great. Kids have their own interests, and those interests can be cultivated with the right extracurricular activity. For example, a creative child might enjoy an after-school art class a couple of times per week.

Parents should also consider extracurriculars that can help kids grow as people. For instance, a child who's shy in public but loves hamming it up at home might embrace an after-school theater program.

Once options have been discussed with kids, take in a session or two before committing to anything. The shy youngster might visit the local theater program and enjoy it



Many different activities are available for children, but parents should guide the child toward one that meets their interest and is age appropriate for their skill level.

thoroughly, or they might decide against it. Either way, a visit will give kids and parents a sense of what the program is like and whether or not it's the right fit. When visiting, observe the nature of the program. Is it an encouraging, vibrant environment? Do the adults and kids involved appear to be having fun?

Parents want their kids to be as safe after

school as they are during it. When looking for an extracurricular activity, inquire about the staff-to-child ratio and about the staff's professional background. Any staff-to-child ratio that is greater than 12:1 likely indicates a program that is understaffed, which could mean kids won't get the attention they need. Also, ask for the staff's references and work history in the field of child care. If certifica-

tion is necessary or recommended, make sure the staff meets all requirements.

Parents should also inquire about program costs. Though many programs are upfront about fees, some have hidden fees that can add up. Such fees can be for uniforms, equipment, class trips, among other items. Extra fees don't have to exclude a program from consideration, but it's better to know about them in advance than have them come as a surprise.

A child's age and grade level should also be considered when choosing an extracurricular activity. Consult teachers about finding an age-appropriate extracurricular activity. For example, less competitive activities that emphasize fun might be more appropriate for kids in kindergarten and the first grade. For second graders, activities not offered at school, like learning to play an instrument, can help cultivate a child's interest in a non-competitive environment. As kids reach third grade and beyond, consider more rules-based activities, including team sports, as kids at that age are more capable of understanding rules and handling losing than younger kids. As children get older and move on to middle school, look for activities that reinforce learning and help develop a young person's character, including their ability to interact with others.

When looking for an extracurricular activity for kids, parents should consider a host of factors, including the child's interests and age.

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- **Dry erase markers:** Schools are increasingly moving away from traditional chalk boards, which tend to be messy. In rooms where computer equipment is located, dry erase boards are often the preferred choice for teachers. As such, teachers tend to ask students for a steady supply of dry erase markers to use on the large whiteboards. Some classrooms also employ individual dry erase boards.

- **Laptop computers or tablets:** A personal computer can store a wealth of information and connect students with tons of information through the Internet. Instead of spreading school budgets thin by equipping classrooms with computers, some schools encourage students to purchase their own devices for use at school and at home.

- **Flash/thumb drives:** Students who want to transfer files from school to home can use convenient thumb drives. These small storage devices can hold a significant amount of information.

- **Copy paper:** Tightened school budgets may force teachers to ask for donations of supplies, like reams of paper. These will be used to print out the different worksheets and notes sent home to parents and students.

- **Cable television:** In many classes, particularly those that deal with history or current events, teachers assign homework that require watching certain programs and then reporting back what they learned. Although cable or satellite television is largely universal in today's homes, it may require a few people who don't have the service to sign up.

- **Newspaper subscription:** The same way assignments are given to watch shows on TV, some teachers prefer to utilize



The arrival of the digital age has revolutionized the kinds of supplies that are necessary in the modern classroom. Also, with school budgets tight, students sometimes are being asked to provide items such as paper which formerly were available to them at no cost.

newspapers when teaching current events. Having a weekly subscription or at least purchasing the paper a few days of the week enables students to keep abreast of what's going on in the world.

- **Graphing calculator:** Although computers can perform many of the tasks of handheld calculators, it's easier to carry

graphing calculators around school than it is to cart around a laptop. Graphing calculators perform many different types of math. They may be required for algebra, calculus and geometry. They are also useful for plotting lines. Once purchased, a graphing calculator can be used for years.

- **Planner:** Students once wrote down assignments in a paper planner or on a calendar. Although many choose to do it the same way today, some opt to go the digital route, entering reminders and tasks into a PDA or a phone with these capabilities.

- **E-reader:** Students taking a foreign language or avid readers may opt to invest in an e-reader. This way they can store a dictionary, thesaurus, or even some of their favorite books in one place.

- **Scanner:** A scanner can be an invaluable tool for copying material from books or scanning in photos and other items for use in projects. Many scanners come in all-in-one printer/fax/scanner machines, which can be a good investment.

- **Printer:** A desktop printer will enable students to print out homework assignments or reports.

- **Internet access:** The Internet has proven an invaluable resource for today's students. Students frequently have to go online to do assignments. Many teachers also have Web sites where they post a syllabus or assignments. Some teachers prefer students contact them through e-mail.

- **Standard supplies:** Pens, pencils, staplers, folders, binders, notebooks, rulers, protractors, compasses, and the other traditional school supplies are still in demand.

School supplies have evolved over the years. Parents and students may have to adjust accordingly to get the items they need to do well in the classroom. Considering some of these supplies can be costly, parents may want to investigate refurbished devices that are often backed by warranties.

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## Fracture drilling can go far toward healing regional economy

By Rod Hirsch

Significant reserves of natural gas close to home and the potential for large quantities of supplies coming on line in 2012 bode well for the New Jersey economy, promising a low-cost, reliable and long-term source of energy for industrial, commercial and residential users.

The Marcellus Shale formation, which stretches across West Virginia, Pennsylvania and upstate New York, contains natural gas reserves expected to last several decades, according to energy experts. Much of that supply can be easily transported to New Jersey through an existing network of transmission lines.

Fracture drilling, or fracking, for natural gas trapped in the shale deposits is ongoing in Pennsylvania, with New York State expected to begin granting permits this year. Energy companies are also running fracking operations in West Virginia.

"Fracking" is short for hydraulic fracturing, or hydrofracking. It is the process of injecting frack fluid – a mixture of water, sand and chemicals – into shale at high pressures to fracture the rock, thereby releasing trapped natural gas.

The Marcellus Shale formation rivals some of the richest producing shale gas formations in the nation and its vital importance to the energy needs of the northeast has been acknowledged from the White House to the Statehouse in Trenton. President Obama stressed the importance of natural gas in his State of the Union address last month while Gov. Chris Christie mentions the Marcellus Formation and the importance of natural gas in New Jersey's Master Energy Plan.

An abnormally warm winter season has contributed to a surplus of natural gas supplies but the confirmed existence of this vast reservoir of clean-burning natural gas will continue to depress prices and present opportunities for significant energy savings for businesses in New Jersey, experts predict.

"New supplies opened by fracking will ensure prices stay low for many years to come," said Jim Hughes, dean of the Bloustein School of Public Policy at Rutgers University, which helped to craft New Jersey's Energy Master Plan.

Those abundant supplies, added to known reserves, could go a long way toward convincing American industry to find even more applications for natural gas in the workplace, according to Tim Sherwood, vice president of Gas Supply Operations for AGL Resources, parent company of Elizabethtown Gas.

"Given the nature of a long-term investment you want to make sure you have a long-term abundant, affordable and dependable supply to make that investment," Sherwood

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Source: Independent Oil and Gas Association of New York

## Chemical industry bubbly over benefits of shale gas

By Rod Hirsch

New Jersey's chemical industrial complex relies on natural gas as a raw material, or "feedstock," to develop thousands of chemical products that impact American lives morning through night – from hand soap and shampoo to dinner plates and late-night television.

Natural gas from the Marcellus Shale formation in New York can lead to new investment, jobs, wages and tax revenue for New Jersey, according to a report by the American Chemistry Council (ACC), "Shale Gas and New Petrochemicals Investment: Benefits of the Economy, Jobs

and U.S. Manufacturing."

The report summarizes the potential impact on New Jersey and the ancillary benefits from lower prices derived from the new source of natural gas that lies below the surface in an expansive shale formation stretching from West Virginia through Pennsylvania and into upstate New York.

"We're getting some benefits from it now," said Elvin Montero, director of communications/issues management for

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# The Canterbury Sales

Hiring and educating the right vice president of sales  
Crisis for small and middle market firms

By Andy Gole

CEOs and business owners require a strong executive team. Since strong leadership is a limiting or catalyzing factor in business survival and growth, selection of executives is a critical top management function. Building a competent sales and sales management machine can boost your sales 10-20 percent.

It can take years to train a top executive. What about the vice president of sales, which is the lifeline of almost every business? Do you have an effective method for selecting and educating this key executive?



Conventional views on selecting the vice president of sales include:

- A. Promoting a strong salesperson
- B. Hiring a candidate from a competitor
- C. Hiring a candidate from another industry
- D. Moving an owner into the position

Choices A and D provide industry and organizational knowledge; the candidates are known quantities. Choice B offers industry knowledge but not the same level of loyalty. Choice C is expected to deliver professional sales management but loyalty is uncertain.

Are any other qualities needed in the vice president of sales, in addition to traditional management qualities?

Assume you are looking for true business development – opening new profitable accounts – and/or your key account management requires:

- Up-selling/cross-selling products/services
- Introductions to other departments/divisions
- Selling in a cutthroat commodity environment

In addition to traditional sales management skills, you need a sales department with strong entrepreneurial and business-development leadership skills. These consist of:

**Entrepreneurial Skills** – Managing uncertainty, acting on a “do-or-die” (vs. best efforts) basis. This includes forward-looking metrics to evaluate the sales pipeline and individual salesperson effectiveness. This is particularly important for evaluating new sales team members.

**Teaching Skills** – To impart the entrepreneurial skills to the team and bring new sales team members up to speed.

**Transformational Skills** – Typically needed for a cultural shift, to lead the team through value and behavioral changes – from social-selling to business-selling and from best efforts to “do or die.”

**Paradigm Building Skills** – To develop a standard sales call and a sales management system based on urgency.

To identify the best candidate for vice president of sales, it might be desirable to invite in special, short-term outside expertise.

A consultant can build the sales machine by:

- Designing the sales and sales management process
- Leading the sales team through a transformation

Once the machine is up and running, the vice president of sales can operate and tweak it. The consultant will mentor him or her through the change process.

An ideal change process has seminars in week one, one-to-one discussion with each sales team member in week two, seminars in week three, etc.

This still leaves open the question of recruiting the candidate. Involving the consultant early in the recruiting process will help you identify the candidate who not only meets your management criteria but also is a fit for an entrepreneurial/business-development machine.

The consultant also can help you identify performance criteria for the vice president of sales, to support your management of the sales executive and mentor him/her, providing a school for vice president of sales.

If you define the vice president of sales assignment as operating the sales machine, you will have a much richer candidate pool, including internal candidates.

If you have the right sales executive in place, someone you have trained and trust, the consultant can complete the education.

It will be more costly in the short term to bring in special expertise. But the economic justification becomes clear when you consider the opportunity cost of lost sales and sales department turnover.

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the New Jersey Chemistry Council, referring to drilling operations that are producing large quantities of natural gas from the shale deposits in Pennsylvania. "Because we are so close to the source it does give economic advantages to companies in the manufacturing sector."

The White House notes the importance of the Marcellus Shale deposit in a report focused on companies that are bringing jobs and investment back to the United States.

"Since the mid-2000s, the discovery of new natural gas reserves, such as the Marcellus Shale, and the development of hydraulic fracturing techniques to extract natural gas from these reserves has led to rapidly growing domestic production and relatively low domestic prices for households and downstream industrial users," the report states.

"If harnessed in a safe and responsible manner, natural gas resources present an extraordinary opportunity to lower input costs for many manufacturers and to create, according to most analyses, several hundred thousand new manufacturing jobs in the coming years."

That is a formula the chemical industry embraces.

"America's chemistry industry is glad to see the White House connecting the dots, linking stable and plentiful natural gas supplies to U.S. economic prosperity and jobs," said Cal Dooley, president and CEO of the ACC. "We're now looking to the Obama administration, Congress and state officials to make sure policies and regulations allow us to capitalize on the significant domestic energy source while protecting our environment."

"Access to untapped supplies of natural gas is one of the most important domestic energy developments in 50 years," Dooley added. "This report is further evidence that natural gas is a game changer – for the chemistry industry, U.S. manufacturers and America."

Ethane, a derivative of natural gas, is a primary feedstock used to produce ethylene, a building block chemical used in thousands of products, including adhesives, tires,

plastics and more.

The ACC analyzed the impact of a hypothetical but realistic 25 percent increase in ethane supply on growth in the petrochemical sector. New Jersey is the seventh-largest chemical-producing state in the United States and would realize the following benefits under this scenario:

- \$3.5 billion investment in an ethylene production complex that could generate a total of \$4.8 billion in additional chemical industry output, bringing the state's industry revenues to more than \$30 billion
- More than 16,000 permanent jobs created in the chemical industry and through the supply chain, from trade and craft jobs to highly-skilled knowledge workers
- Nearly \$1.3 billion in wages for New Jersey workers, generating \$181 million in state tax revenue and \$281 million in federal revenue.

Nationally, the 25 percent hypothetical increase would generate:

- 17,000 new knowledge-intensive high-paying jobs in the U.S. chemical industry
- 395,000 additional jobs outside the chemical industry
- \$4.4 billion in incremental annual federal, state and local tax revenue
- \$32.8 billion increase in U.S. chemical production
- \$132.4 billion in U.S. economic output (\$83.4 billion related to increased chemical production and \$49 billion related to capital investment by the chemical industry)

Increased ethane production is already occurring as gas processors build the infrastructure to process and distribute supplies from shale gas formations, according to the ACC report.

Because the price of ethane is low relative to oil-based feedstock used in other parts of the world, U.S.-based chemical manufacturers are contributing to strong exports of petrochemical derivatives and plastics, according to the report. In 2010, exports in basic chemicals and plastics were up 28 percent from 2009, with the trade surplus in basic chemicals and plastic surging to a record \$16.4 million.



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said.

"Shale gas from the Marcellus Formation creates that opportunity in the northeastern United States and has real benefits," he added. "Even if only a portion of those reserves comes on line, we anticipate it will keep gas very economical for years to come."

The United States is now estimated to possess 2,552 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves, 32 percent of which is shale gas which until a few years ago could not be extracted economically. This translates into an additional supply of 36 years at current rates of consumption, according to the American Chemistry Council. Total U.S. natural gas resources are estimated to be large enough to supply more than 100 years of demand. In the decades ahead, shale gas could provide 25 percent of the United States natural gas demand, compared to 8 percent in 2008.

This has enabled the United States to sharply curtail its imports of natural gas from Canada, according to energy industry experts.

"For many years New Jersey and the Northeastern United States (have) been a net importer of natural gas," said Duane Brown, vice president of marketing for Sprague Energy, a third-party supplier of natural gas and electricity in New Jersey and the Northeastern United States. "If we include Marcellus we will potentially see an outflow of natural gas going to other regions."

The increase in local supplies also should translate to an increase in local consumption, Brown added.

"We've seen much more commercial interest in natural gas in the marketplace," he said. "We've seen quite a few apartment and office buildings expressing greater interest in natural gas to save on energy costs."

"Businesses, manufacturing facilities, commercial buildings, office buildings, shopping malls, there's been quite a bit of conversion to natural gas already. The larger consumers

have very likely already converted. However, because sustained low prices have existed for a long time now, more and more smaller businesses are thinking of converting to natural gas."

Michael Fallquist, president of Viridian, another third-party supplier serving New Jersey, agrees.

"Any time you bring more supply into an area, costs are likely to go down," Fallquist said. "However, the real impact on pricing will also depend on the development of additional access of the fuel to specific areas."

"If natural gas in the area is subject to sustained lower prices, demand is likely to go up as customers convert. This will be particularly true as large commercial users consider converting to natural gas from traditional fossil fuels."

"For businesses already using natural gas, the abundance of supply should result in lower prices. This is a great time for business consumers to consider long-term gas supply contracts."

Tapping the natural gas reserves in the Marcellus Shale formations is an integral part of the New Jersey Energy Master Plan released last year.

"The pipelines that serve New Jersey benefit from increased production by the Marcellus Shale region," the plan states. "Existing pipeline connections allow for the transportation of shale gas from Marcellus in addition to conventional production from the Gulf Coast. Shale gas is expected to increase substantially in the decade ahead, and may continue to capture increased market share for decades."

"There are a number of competing new pipeline proposals that are expected to expand pipeline deliverability into New Jersey and the New York metropolitan area, which would provide Marcellus Shale gas producers with improved access to these

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markets," the plan continues. "New Jersey's pipeline and (local distribution company) infrastructure is likely to be strengthened by these new pipelines. The Christie Administration seeks to leverage New Jersey's natural gas infrastructure to foster the State's environmental and economic goals."

"Gas prices are extraordinarily low," Hughes said. "The gap between oil prices, propane prices and natural gas is as wide as it's ever been. That's a positive for the economy. Consumers in New Jersey (who) have natural gas as heating fuel have been getting reduced bills for a period of time because of the surpluses. Same thing for commercial customers, office buildings and manufacturing that use enormous amounts of

energy.

"It will help with electricity prices, too. If we use more natural gas for electrical generation, it will make the region more competitive and lower the cost of doing business."

End users already are seeing the benefits of the brightening natural gas outlook for the region. PSE&G residential customers will see an average \$30 reduction in their February bills because of lower prices paid by the utility for its gas supplies, according to Karen Johnson, a spokesperson for the utility.

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### IRS Strikes out again

A couple weeks ago I received a Form 1099K in the mail from one of the companies that processes the chamber's credit cards. It looks pretty much like any other 1099. The form reports the charges that were processed by this company and, due to the Housing Assistance Act of 2008, all businesses that accept credit cards are supposed to receive it.

Upon reviewing the form a little more carefully, I was immediately disconcerted because not only did it contain the chamber's business information, it also had my personal name and tax ID. Most credit card processors require the tax information of the principals of a business just as a bank does when they open an account. The problem is that when I do my personal tax return, the IRS is going to have information indicating I had all this income from these credit card transactions.

I have a really good accountant and I am sure I can get all this worked out on the personal side. The business side is another story, however.

Because of this new law, all business tax returns are going to become much more complicated. In fact, I'm not sure a business will be able to balance their 1099K with their other income. With charge backs, cash refunds and credited accounts, this is going to be an accounting nightmare.

And this is really the story. The process of filing and paying taxes is becoming more and more complicated. I'm pretty astute but several years ago I threw in the towel and started having my taxes prepared professionally. It costs a good amount of money and I still have to spend time pulling everything together, but it is well worth it.

So why do we have the new 1099K and why are taxes getting more complicated? The answer is easy.

The government is broke and they need to squeeze as much blood out of the stone as they can. So Congress comes up with neat programs like the Housing Assistance Act or the Affordable Care Act that need to be paid for. They then start with the premise that everyone cheats on their taxes and they have the IRS design a new reporting program that prevents cheating, thereby raising the revenue needed to cover the program.

The key to this strategy is that the government does not pay the cost of compliance. So if they're maximizing their tax revenue, they will tax to the point that additional revenue equals additional cost. Since the government does not pay the expensive accounting bills to comply with these regulations, revenue is pretty much pure profit, at least until the additional deduction caused by increased accounting costs is taken into account.

So if a business pays an additional \$1,000 to comply and pays the government an additional \$1, the government comes out ahead.

This is the third time in the last year these kind of crazy rules have come out. The first was from the Affordable Care Act that was going to mandate 1099s be issued to anyone who received money from a business, including all vendors. The second was a mandate that federal, state and local governments would be required to withhold 3 percent of payments to any government vendors.

The uproar from the business community deep-sixed both of these. New legislation, the 1099K Overreach Protection Act, was just introduced to deal with the most recent. I have no doubt that Congress will come to its senses and pass this legislation, as well. However, I would recommend that you contact your congressman and senators to encourage them to do so.

I continue to be troubled by the premise of many in our government that people in general and business people in particular are dishonest and that there is a need for ever more onerous reporting requirements. With a fair and simple tax system, compliance would be much better.

However, a system where nearly half the population pays no federal income tax and 1 percent pays 40 percent is not sustainable, as we are rapidly finding.



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## Where the Chamber Stands...

### Finally someone is listening

When President Obama called for requiring students to remain in high school until graduation or they turn 18 in the State of the Union address, what sounded like a comment on education reform actually was a demand that the nation better prepare its future workers for the economic realities of both today and tomorrow.

This is something the Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce has proposed for years.

The United States has failed in its primary obligation to its youth, to prepare them for success in adult life. In striving to enable every child to go to college and achieve the American Dream, we too often have denied them the basic requirement for reaching that goal – employability. For if a 25-year-old with a high school or college degree does not possess the skills needed to find a job, then the American Dream will remain just that – a dream. Dropouts, with no skills, stand an even lower chance.

Consider these statistics:

- 22 percent of U.S. businesses claim they cannot find qualified candidates, with 52 percent reporting difficulty filling critical positions.
- 40 percent of employers rate new hires as "deficient" for their entry-level position.
- Three out of four high school graduates entering college are not prepared and require at least one remedial class.

That's the bad news. The really bad news is that far too many U.S. students do not even attain a high school degree. Nearly 30 percent of high school students do not graduate high school on time and nearly 12 percent do not attain a degree by the time they are 35.

So mandating that young people stay in school longer is a good start but it is just a start. How and what we teach them is critically important, as well.

The *Huffington Post* recently reported that Siemens Corp. has more than 3,000 job openings throughout the nation and that more than half require science, technology, engineering and math-related skills. Yet fewer than 15 percent of current U.S. college undergraduates are pursuing degrees in science or engineering.

To ensure our students are employable upon leaving high school or college we must enable them to keep up with developing technology that drives today's businesses.

In a recent article in *The Atlantic*, Adam Davidson reported that "in the 10 years ending in 2009, (U.S.) factories shed workers so fast that they erased almost all the (employment) gains of the previous 70 years; roughly one out of every three manufacturing jobs – about 6 million in total – disappeared."

At the same time the manufacturing output of the United States skyrocketed to all-time highs. Industry is replacing unskilled labor with machines that need very highly educated and trained workers to operate.

From the dawn of the Industrial Revolution, technological and business process advances have displaced one set of workers while simultaneously creating demand for new sets with different skills. And workers have acquired the training and/or education needed to fill those new spots.

Yet today changing technology and improving business processes are outpacing the ability of workers to keep up. How we educate our young people – our future workers – must change if we are to survive in a global economy where 60 percent of high school students in South Korea take extra tutoring in order to remain competitive in their pursuit of college and, later, good-paying jobs.

President Obama is correct. We must keep our students in school, if only for their own good – their future employability. Yet we must better educate them while in school for the realities of the job market they will face. The most popular college majors remain communications, criminal justice and marketing – not exactly what Siemens is looking for in its quest to fill those 3,000 job openings.

Equally important, we must introduce career and technical training as early as junior high school. And we must be willing to steer future workers away from higher education. Of the 25 fastest-growing occupations in the United States between 2008 and 2018, 13 require no more than an associate's degree while nine call for only on-the-job training. Those are jobs waiting to be filled.

The New Jersey Legislature appears to be listening, as well. The Senate and Assembly Education committees recently approved a bill to raise the dropout rate in New Jersey to 18. So President Obama is not alone.

Whether they realize it or not, they are finally hearing the plea of the nation's employers to send help – qualified help.

# Capital Page...

**Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski (D-9), Deputy Speaker**

## *The State of Our State*

In this year's annual State of the State address, Gov. Christie offered a number of proposals for legislators to consider in the coming year. Some are likely to find bipartisan support such as his proposal to provide drug treatment instead of jail for non-violent drug offenders.

There are also areas such as education where Democrats and Republicans can agree on the problems but differ on the strategies to solve them. I was encouraged to hear the governor recognize in his remarks that the majority of New Jersey students perform well. In the heated debate over education reform, it seemed that he had lost sight of that fact.

His recent comments that the growth of charter schools should be focused in school districts where we are failing our children is also a relief to those of us who had a growing concern about the good schools that were losing education funding to local charters. If all parties involved are able to maintain a civil discussion, we may have an opportunity to make progress on tough issues such as teacher tenure reform.

Then there are areas where there are stark disagreements with the governor, both in his assessment of the current state of our state and his proposals moving forward. Nowhere is this contrast more evident than in his assessment of our current fiscal state and his tax proposals.

Before I discuss those disagreements, let me note one area of agreement on taxes. Restoring the earned income tax credit for New Jersey's working poor has the potential to garner wide support in the Legislature. For the governor to have cut this credit, which even Ronald Reagan supported, was a grave injustice to those who struggle to provide for a family despite their work. My only concern is that this proposal should not be held hostage to his more contentious proposal for an across-the-board income tax cut.

The governor's income tax cut proposal is both inequitable and does nothing to address New Jersey's true tax problem – property taxes. In fact, it stands a very good chance of making property



taxes an even greater problem.

While the governor is quick to claim that property taxes are under control, he turns a blind eye to the fact that his policies have significantly raised the average property tax burden in New Jersey. According to an analysis done by NJ Spotlight, an online news service, when property tax credits and rebates are included in the calculations, the average New Jersey homeowner saw a net increase of 20 percent in their property tax burden in the last two years – from \$6,244 in 2009 to \$7,519 in 2011. That \$1,275 increase is more than the entire income tax bill for a New Jersey family of four earning \$75,000.

The governor's income tax proposal would also, once again, disproportionately favor the wealthy. The same family of four who saw a property tax increase of \$1,275 would receive just \$112 from the income tax cut when fully phased-in. By contrast, someone earning \$1 million would reap \$7,266.

Most egregious, however, is the fact that the governor has ignored major fiscal problems on the near horizon.

While he may claim to have made some progress on New Jersey's pension liabilities, he also has planned for the state's contributions to the pension fund and to fund transportation infrastructure to grow by \$5 billion in the next few years. Despite his claim of having made tough decisions, he has resorted to the same borrow and "kick the can down the road" fiscal strategies for which he has criticized his predecessors.

The first step in solving any problem is recognizing it. With his State of the State address, Gov. Christie has failed to clear this first hurdle. Until he does, New Jersey can not truly begin to solve its problems.

## Insight *The costs and benefits of natural gas fracking*

By Kurt Rotthoff

There has been a boom in natural gas and oil fracking across the United States. Fracking has received attention from the media and was even part of the State of the Union address.

However, most people still do not understand what it is. More importantly, is the fracking boom a good or bad thing for our country?

To assess an activity we must first know (a) what it is, (b) its benefits and (c) its costs. To fully appreciate if this process is good or bad, we need to analyze the net effects of both the costs and benefits on our economy.

### **What is fracking?**

Hydraulic fracturing, i.e. fracking, is a technique to extract natural gas and oil from deep shale rock formations. Although the natural gas has always been there, only recently have technologies allowed for an efficient extraction process.

To make fractures in the rock, drilling equipment uses controlled explosions to fracture the shale. These openings are then pressurized and filled with a combination of water, sand and chemicals, forcing the natural gas out. The natural gas is contained and prepared for transportation – eventually to be used as an energy source.

When completed correctly, there are chemicals left in the shale, replacing the natural gas, keeping the structural integrity of the shale formation.

### **What are the benefits?**

The biggest benefit of fracking has been the increased supply of available natural gas. As the supply has increased, the price of natural gas has decreased. For example, in 2008 natural gas sold for more than \$12 per thousand cubic feet and is currently selling for under \$2.50. This drastic decrease in price, especially during difficult economic times, has been a benefit to all consumers. It allows us to spend less on natural gas, freeing up more money for other goods.

This boom in natural gas extraction also has had an impact on employment. Unemployment numbers are lower in fracking regions; some of these areas have unemployment rates half the

national rate.

Finally, for those concerned with energy independence for America, fracking has helped. The use of natural gas and shale oil has displaced the consumption of foreign oil. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, American oil imports hit a high of 60.3 percent in 2005 and have fallen to 45.2 percent in 2011. This is the lowest level since 1995.

### **What are the costs?**

Enjoying low-cost natural gas today could put the U.S. in danger in the future because it decreases the necessity for research and development of new energy alternatives. The incentives to research hydro, solar and wind power have decreased drastically. The push to develop these technologies came with the fight for energy independence and high gas prices.

The cost to the environment also is a big issue. In towns where fracking has occurred there are ground water health concerns as well as speculation of an increase in the number of earth quakes. These are both serious issues. However, with an increase in transparency in the process, i.e. the knowledge that the process is being done correctly, the overall worry of these events decreases.

### **Good or bad?**

The use of natural gas is expected to continue to increase in the future. According to the "BP Energy Report 2030," the use of oil as an energy resource will decrease, coal will remain relatively flat and natural gas will increase. These three fossil fuels are expected to represent 26-27 percent of overall energy consumption each, with non-fossil fuels (hydro, nuclear and renewable) expected to make up about 7 percent each.

As populations around the world increase, as well as the world's demand for energy, assuming it is done in an appropriate and transparent manner, fracking allows for an energy source to meet these demands.

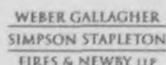
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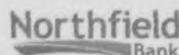


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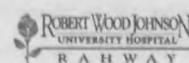
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